Alumni News
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Dr. Reuben E. Ashbaugh is involved in a mixed practice in Rockwell City, Iowa where he and his wife now reside. The Ashbaughs have four children, Karen—28, Debra—23, Scott—20 and John—18. Dr. Ashbaugh is also active as a Presbyterian Church officer.

Now in his 25th year in a mixed practice in Muscatine, Iowa is Dr. Glen E. Barrington. He has two partners, Dr. Dale Longtin (ISU '58) and Dr. Donald Fick (ISU '64), who have been in practice with him since their graduation. Since the completion of their new facility in 1966, they have been an AAHA member hospital. He and his wife, Ila, have two children, Gwen—26, a lab-technician and part-time student in LaCrosse, Wisconsin, and Mark—22, completing his work toward an M.S. in accounting at Drake University. Dr. Barrington has been active in local and state veterinary associations. He is currently a board member of the Eastern Iowa Assn., and a past board member of the IVMA. Locally, he is director of the Muscatine Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Mayor of Muscatine's Advisory Council, and serves as an advisor to the Vocational Agriculture Department of the high school.

Currently involved in teaching veterinary public health and epidemiology is Dr. George W. Beran. Dr. Beran is involved in research in the epidemiology of pseudorabies, rabies and other zoonoses. He is also studying disease transmission hazards of livestock waste handling systems. After graduation, Dr. Beran worked a short time in a mixed practice then spent two years in the U.S. Public Health Service in zoonoses investigation. From 1960-1973 he served as a missionary in Demaguete City, Philippines working in community service in veterinary medicine and public health. Since 1970 Dr. Beran has served as a consultant for the World Health Organization in veterinary public health and rabies control. ISU has been fortunate to have him on staff since 1973.

Dr. Beran has received numerous awards and citations including his PhD (Kansas University School of Medicine—1959) and his LHD (Silliman University, Demaguete City, Philippines—1975). In 1975 he received the ISU Distinguished Teacher Award. In 1978 he received the Outstanding Teacher Award from the American Association of Veterinary Food Hygienists. Later this year he will be presented the International Award by the International Veterinary Epidemiological Society.

Dr. Beran and his wife, Janice, have three children; Bruce—23, Anne—21, and George—16.

Dr. John A. Bush has had a mixed private practice in Carroll Co., Flora, Indiana, since graduating from ISU in 1954. He and his wife, Virginia, have four children, Jennifer—23, an Operating Room Technician; Jane—21, an Animal Technician Registered; Randy—19, a sophomore at Purdue; and Jay—18, a senior in high school. Dr. Bush is member of the AVMA, AASP, Indiana VMA, Northwest Indiana VMA, Charter member of the Indiana Veterinary Academy, Flora Community Club, 4-H Exhibit Association, F.F.A. sponsor, past church lay-leader and school board member.

Dr. Ted Cox has been practicing at the Armour Veterinary Clinic in Armour, South Dakota, ever since graduation. He is associated with Dr. Jim Wasson (ISU '74) in a primarily large animal practice with clinic facilities. His wife, Carmen, and he have two daughters, both of whom are married. Jan—25, teaches at the University of Utah. Jody—21, lives in Sioux Falls and is a nurse at Sioux Valley Hospital. Dr. Cox is a member of the Lutheran church and has served on most of its boards. In the past, he has spent about ten years on the City Council and has been Mayor. He has been on several committees in
the South Dakota VMA and presently is the 2nd Vice President of the association. Dr. Cox is also a past President of the Interstate VMA and is also sec.-treas. of the Douglas Co. Republican Central Committee.

Following graduation, Dr. Wayne H. Faber joined a general practice in LeMars, Iowa, in association with Dr. Ronald E. Severson (ISU '50) and has been there for 25 years. He was married to Ruth Marie Peterson in 1957. They now have three children, Ana—19 (a sophomore at ISU), Jay—18 (a freshman at ISU) and Heidi Lea—10. Dr. Faber is a member of the Iowa VMA, Minnesota VMA, Interstate VMA, Northwest Iowa VMA, AVMA, AABP, and AASP. He is a member of the Phi Zeta and Alpha Zeta Honorary Fraternities, has served as Secretary for St. John's American Lutheran Church and president of the Lions Club, and belongs to the Masonic and Elk Lodges. Dr. Faber was also a member of Veterinary People to People Tour of Europe and World Veterinary Congress in Paris, France in 1967.

Dr. J. D. Francis is currently engaged in a mixed practice in Ottumwa, Iowa. He and his partner, Dr. F. E. Trafton (ISU '60), are the owners of the Eastview Animal Hospital in Ottumwa. Dr. Francis and his wife, Kathie, have three children, one son and two daughters, all three of whom are married.

For the first year following graduation, Dr. John C. Haromy was associated with Dr. R. L. Riedel in a mixed practice at Fort Pierce, Florida. In May of 1955 he moved to Lake Wales, Florida where his original mixed practice has grown to the point of having to give up the large animal practice. His family consists of his wife, Barbara (ISU '54), a daughter in law school, a son in pre-vet, and a son in high school. Dr. Haromy's professional activities include memberships in Florida VMA, AVMA, and affiliate member of AAHA. He has held various offices in the local VMA. Dr. Haromy's civic activities include the JayCee's, Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis, and the Knights of Columbus. His association with the Audubon Society affords him many opportunities to utilize his training in avian medicine.

In December, 1977, Dr. Merle H. Lang was appointed to the position of Iowa State Veterinarian. Prior to this appointment he was in a private practice in Davenport, Iowa, for 23 years. His associates at Kimberly Crest Veterinary Hospital were Drs. K. R. Knutstrom, D. J. Lantow, and R. W. Laimans. Dr. Lang is a past president of the Eastern Iowa VMA and the Iowa VMA. Dr. Lang and his wife, Bonnie, have five children and three grandchildren.

Dr. George W. Meyerholz is an Extension Veterinarian-Professor at the University of Florida at Gainesville, Florida. From 1954 to 1963 he was the Stephenson County, Illinois, Veterinarian. Following five years as Extension Veterinarian at the University of Illinois he accepted his current position. Dr. Meyerholz is a past president of the American Association of Extension Veterinarians and has been active in numerous professional and industrial organizations. He has received two awards from the Florida VMA for "outstanding contributions to veterinary medicine." Dr. Meyerholz has published more than 400 articles in professional journals, farm press and university publications. Presently he is a member of the Publications Committee of the JAVMA. Dr. Meyerholz and his wife, Dolores, have three children and one grandchild: Linda—26, Steven—25, Larry—23, and Christopher—1.

Dr. H. C. Nicoll served two years in the Army Veterinary Corps following graduation, after which he went into a mixed practice and was in partnership for 18 years in Riceville, Iowa. After leaving practice, he was Director of Technical Services at Syntex-Diamond Laboratories from 1976 to 1978. In 1978, he joined Dellen Laboratories, Inc., a Tech America Company in Omaha, Nebraska as Vice-president of Marketing and is currently Vice-president of Operations.

Dr. H. A. Petersen and his associate Dr. W. R. Hunter are involved in a mixed practice in Alexis, Illinois. Dr. Petersen and his wife, Jane (ISU '54), have five children. Brent—23, attends Rush Medical School at Chicago, Julie—22, has attended Iowa State and Mankato State Universities, David—20, is a sophomore at Iowa State University, Scott—18, and Barry—16, are in high school.

After graduating from ISU in 1954, Dr. M. D. Pitcher practiced in Freeport, Illinois, for two years. He then moved to Maquoketa, Iowa, where he is still in general practice (85% large and 15% small) at the Maquoketa Veterinary Clinic with Dr. R. W. Deegan (CSU '74). Dr. Pitcher has served in various positions in the Methodist Church, was a
member of the Maquoketa School Board for 12 years, active in scouting for a number of years, and is presently active in the 4-H. He and his wife, Else (ISU '54), have four children, Paul—Pre-vet at ISU, Anne—music major at Drake, Alan—9th grade and Miriam—6th grade.

After graduation, Dr. William O. Reece spent one year in practice in Wisconsin and then six years in the Research Laboratory of Swift & Co. The past 17 years he has been on the faculty at Iowa State in Veterinary Physiology. Currently on leave of absence from July '78—June '79 at Tuskegee Institute, Alabama, Dr. Reece is serving as acting head of the Department of Physiology and Pharmacology and teaching veterinary physiology. His present research interest is related to fluids, electrolytes and acid-base balance. Dr. Reece married Shirley Bruckner (ISU '54) and they now have six daughters and one son. His membership in professional associations includes the AVMA, IVMA and ISU Veterinary Medical Alumni Association.

Following graduation, Dr. S. C. Romans spent two years in the Army before settling into private practice. In 1956 Dr. Romans located in Mason City, Iowa, where he was engaged in a mixed practice which has since been scaled down to small animals only. Dr. Romans was a member of the Iowa Veterinary Examining Board from 1975-1978 and is a member of the Mason City city council at large. He and his wife, Patricia, have three children, Beth—19, John—17 and Cathy—14.

Dr. Conrad S. Steiner operates a solo small animal practice in Lexington, Kentucky. Following graduation he went into practice with his father, A. J. Steiner (ISU '18). Shortly thereafter he served two years in the Army Veterinary Corp. Dr. Steiner then returned to practice until 1961 when he was recalled to the army through the reserves. After ten months of service as a captain he returned to his practice. During the past 25 years he has held various offices in the Central Kentucky Small Animal Hospital Association and the Central Kentucky VMA. Dr. Steiner and his wife, Betsy, who is an organist and directs a hand bell choir, have two children: Linda—16 and David—13.

Currently the president of Vet-Way Feeds in Forreston, Illinois is Dr. Kenneth L. Turner. He and his wife, Fay, have a large family of nine children: Marta—29, Alett—26, Keni Fay—23, Leanne—20, Elise—18, Robb—16, Kelly—14, Edel—10 and Eden—10. Dr. Turner was involved in a three man large animal practice for 19 years before working full-time with Vet-Way for the past 6 years. He is a member of the AVMA, AABP, Lions Club, director of the Forreston County Mutual Insurance Co., and is active in church work.

Now living in Palm, Pennsylvania, Dr. Robert N. Warner is involved in a private small animal practice. Three years ago he gave up the large animal facet of the practice to a former associate. Dr. Warner and his wife, Carol, have four children, Harry—21, Glenn—19, Sandra—16 and Barbara—14. He has been active as an officer in various organizations including the Lehigh Valley VMA, Rotary, PTA, and the Scouts. Right now Dr. Warner lists playing the trumpet in a church orchestra in the winter and in the Red Hill Band during the summer as his only outside activity.

Upon graduation, Dr. Dale K. Welbourn went into partnership with Dr. L. V. Johanson at Thompson, Iowa, and practiced there for 4½ years. While at Thompson, he organized the park board there. In January of 1959 he moved to Neola, Iowa, and went into partnership with Dr. Don F. Lee (KSU '50) where he has been practicing ever since. Dr. Welbourn and his wife, Norma Jean, have two daughters, Lona—19, currently in nurse’s training at Iowa City, Iowa, and Nancy—15. He is a member of the IVMA and AVMA, has served on the Presbyterian Church Board, and is a member of the Neola Park Board.

After spending two years in the Army Vet. Corps in Oklahoma, Dr. John Wilson started a private small animal practice in Neenah, Wisconsin. Presently he is an instructor at the Madison Area Technical College which has a two year Animal Technician Program. It is located in Madison, Wisconsin, where Dr. Wilson and his wife, Carole, now live. They have seven children: Lorrie Sue, Tim, Leanne, Marty, Tricia, Drew, and John. Dr. Wilson’s activities have included being a member of the Wisconsin State Board of Examiners from 1965-76, President of the Northeastern Wisconsin VMA in 1964, being a member of the school board in Neenah from 1964-70 and acting as a delegate from Wisconsin to
the National Association of Veterinary Exam Boards in 1973.

Dr. Harry W. Yoder, Jr. is a research veterinarian at the USDA Southeast Poultry Research Laboratory at Athens, Georgia. In 1963 Dr. Yoder received his Ph.D. in Veterinary Bacteriology at ISU. Following this he began his research on avian mycoplasma infections at the Southeast Poultry Research Laboratory. Dr. Yoder is a member of the AVMA and a past president of the American Association of Avian Pathologists. Dr. Yoder and his wife, Patricia, have three children who attend the University of Georgia. Greg—25, is a graduate student in Business Administration, Janet—23, is an Animal Technician student, and Michael—21, is a junior in Zoology.

Groundbreaking for New Veterinary College

Groundbreaking ceremonies were recently held in Blacksburg, Virginia, for the regional College of Veterinary Medicine at Virginia Tech. Three phases of construction are expected to be completed in 1984 at a total cost of $16 million. Enrollment in the college’s four year program is expected to reach a maximum of 320 by 1985. Each class of 80 students will include 50 Virginians and 30 out-of-state students. The faculty will total 85 when recruiting is completed in 1982.

The veterinary medical program will focus primarily on food and fiber animal medicine, public health medicine, and large animal veterinary medical research. The program will emphasize veterinary medical support of the animal industries in Virginia and the mid-Atlantic region, according to Dean Richard B. Talbot.

Antibody Deficiency Can Cause Death in Foals

SCHAUMBURG, Ill. — A lack of naturally occurring antibodies can cause disease and death in newborn foals if not detected in time, according to Drs. G. E. Rumbaugh, A. A. Ardans, A. Trommershausen-Smith, and Mr. D. Ginno of the School of Veterinary Medicine, University of California at Davis. Their report appeared in the February 1 issue of the Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association (JAVMA).

"Because the foal is assaulted by a myriad of microorganisms immediately after birth, it is essential," according to the authors, "that the necessity for IG (antibody) supplementation be evaluated soon after birth."

Ideally, the newborn of all mammalian species receive temporary immunity through the transfer of colostrum in the milk. A review of veterinary medical literature and field studies by the authors showed only small amounts of colostrum detectable in foals before suckling and little evidence that mares are unable to produce adequate amounts of useful colostrum.

In horses, factors which may cause deficient transfer and absorption of colostrum include premature lactation (secreting of milk), placental inflammation or separation, birth of twins, premature birth, stress at labor, retarded access to the mare, delayed suckling, or small intestinal malabsorption.

"Some mares just 'leak' milk a few hours to a few days before foaling. . . . Because colostrum is secreted only one time during each pregnancy, a steady loss over a short period can reduce the total IG content markedly," according to the report.

Five different tests which veterinarians can use to detect colostrum deficiency are described in the JAVMA article. Once identified as deficient, foals 18 to 24 hours of age may be given oral colostrum supplementation. Older foals may receive cell free plasma intravenously from a carefully selected equine donor.

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