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Dr. J. L. Moad and his wife Marie now live in Pisgah, Iowa. Following graduation, Dr. Moad engaged in general practice in Pisgah where he remained for 51 years. He is now semi-retired. In the past, Dr. Moad has taken an active part in town government, serving on the town council and as mayor. In 1976 he was honored by the town Community Club for 50 years of veterinary practice in Pisgah. In 1979 he was honored as a 50 year member of the Masonic Lodge. The Moads have one son, Joe Jr., and one grandson, Joseph.

In 1971 Dr. Glade V. Chapin retired from 44 years of general mixed practice in Masson, MN. He has been a member of the AVMA and Minnesota VMA for over 50 years. He was a school board member for 9 years and has been active in Boy Scout work in the community. Dr. Chapin and his wife Mildred are planning to celebrate their golden wedding anniversary on June 18, 1980. They have two children, Elizabeth Chapin Cady and Dr. Russell Chapin who received his DVM from ISU in 1961.

Dr. Merle C. Hawn and his wife Geneveve now call Fargo, ND home. The Hawns have two children: Bernard and Elizabeth. Following graduation, Dr. Hawn performed graduate work at the Universities of Wisconsin and Minnesota and North Dakota State University. He was a member of the NDSU veterinary staff for six years. Dr. Hawn then located in Fargo, N.D. in a mixed practice where he remained for 40 years. He has been a member of the AVMA and the NDVMA for 50 years and a member of the North Dakota Examining Board for 18 years (15 of those as Secretary). Dr. Hawn was instrumental in formulating the rules and starting the voluntary inspection program of practices and facilities for the NDVMA. He was named North Dakota Veterinarian of the year in 1975 and received an award from the NDVMA for 45 years of faithful service to the veterinary profession of North Dakota that same year. Dr. Hawn is now retired.

Following graduation, Dr. Robert J. Haxby returned to his home town of Clarinda, Iowa and joined a general practice with his father, Dr. John W. Haxby. He was married to Bessie Battles (ISU—Home Ec ’27) in 1927. Dr. Haxby was a Second Lieutenant in the Army Reserve for five years after graduation, was a member of the AVMA and IVMA for over 50 years, and served as president of the Southwest Iowa VMA. Since 1947, two partners were added to his practice, A. B. Tarrant (KSU) and D. L. Glenn (KSU).

Dr. Haxby and his wife celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary in 1978. They are members of the First United Methodist Church and have three children: Ronald, Caroline, and Diane. Dr. Haxby has also spent over 50 years as a member of Masonic Nodaway Lodge #140.

Retired since 1969, he has enjoyed an active retirement hunting, fishing, golfing, gardening, and working in his workshop. Dr. Haxby and his wife now spend their winters in the South.

Prior to his retirement in 1971, Dr. Charles Curtis Lawrence (ISU ’27) was engaged in mixed practice for 25 years. He was with the US Bureau of Animal Industry in Bellingham, Washington, for one year and was an Iowa Area Veterinarian for 17 years. He is a life member of AVMA and has a 50 year certificate from the Masonic Lodge. Dr. Lawrence and his wife Edna Dena live in Clear Lake, IA. They have two daughters, Jacqueline McCaffrey and Shirley Ward.
Upon graduation, Dr. Chester D. Lee, retired Professor Emeritus of Veterinary Pathology at ISU, entered into general practice in Rockwell City. In July of 1927, Dr. Lee returned to ISU as House Surgeon in the Veterinary Clinics. In 1928 he transferred to Vet Pathology and a year later became supervisor of the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory in that department. In 1934, Dr. Lee transferred to Veterinary Research Institute to do research in poultry diseases. Twelve years later he became an Extension Poultry Pathologist and remained in this function until retirement in 1974. Dr. Lee and his wife Betty have two daughters, Amy, and Peggy, and one son, Bill. The Lees also have two granddaughters.

An active member of the AVMA, IVMA, and the Eastern Iowa VMA, Dr. Lee has held numerous offices in these organizations. Outside of the veterinary profession, he has served on the City of Ames Public Safety Committee, the Ames Board of Adjustment and Review and was Commander of the Ames Post 37 American Legion in 1937 as well as the 6th district commander in 1938. He has also been active in the Ames Elks Lodge, his local church, the SAE fraternity and is a retired colonel in the US Army Reserve. Dr. Lee has received numerous awards for his many efforts including the Iowa Veterinary Medical Presidents Award (1974), and the Iowa Turkey Federation Award (1973). Dr. Lee and his wife still live in Ames.

Class of 1928

Dr. Kenneth L. Bullis received his DVM from ISU in 1928 and an M.S. in Bacteriology form the University of Massachusetts in 1939. He also attended Bradley Polytechnic Institute from 1922–1925 and the University of Michigan during the summer of 1938. Dr. Bullis' wife Katherine taught chemistry at University of Massachusetts from 1942–1961. The Bullis have no children.

Dr. Bullis began his career at a small animal hospital in Chicago Heights, Illinois, in 1928. During 1929, he inspected ships for the California Department of Agriculture as part of a program to eradicate Foot and Mouth Disease. Later that year he joined the Department of Veterinary Science at the University of Massachusetts and was involved with Pullorum Disease eradication, followed by work in the Poultry Diagnostic Laboratory. Dr. Bullis served as the Head of the Department of Veterinary Science at the U. of Massachusetts for 1951–1969.

During his college career at ISU, Dr. Bullis was elected president of SCAVMA and Kappa Sigma Fraternity. He served as District Officer of Kappa Sigma Fraternity from 1946–1955 and was Trustee of the Scholarship Loan Fund of the Massachusetts VMA. Dr. Bullis is a member of the VMA, Massachusetts VMA, International Academy of Pathology, and the New York Academy of Science. He is also involved with the World Veterinary Poultry Association, American Association of Avian Pathologists, American Association for the Advancement of Science, Conference of Public Health Veterinarians, and the National Society for Medical Research. Dr. Bullis belongs to the L. F. Rettger Branch of the American Society of Bacteriologists, Sigma XI, and was a member of the 12th, 15th, 16th, and 17th International Veterinary Congresses.

While in Massachusetts, Dr. Bullis was trustee and deacon of the First Congregational Church and co-chairman of the Amherst Community Chest for three years. He is presently an associate member of the Community United Presbyterian Church and Director of the Lemon Bay Chapter of the Nature Conservancy. He belongs to the Rotary International, A.F. and A. Masons, and B.P.O.E.

Dr. Bullis' research interests include Pullorum Disease, diseases caused by fungi, avian neoplasia, avian encephalomyelitis, and infectious bronchitis. Literary contributions by Dr. Bullis include a chapter on diseases caused by fungi in the first three editions of Diseases of Poultry, unusual conditions in poultry, kerato-conjunctivitis (ammonia blindness) in poultry, the history of the Massachusetts VMA for their 75th Anniversary in 1959, and the history of Pullorum Disease, fowl typhoid, and Salmonellosis in the U.S. for the American Association of Avian Pathologists in 1978.

Prior to retirement, Dr. C. R. Collins was engaged in a six-man mixed practice in Dixon, Illinois, where he had been working since 1939. His associates were F. F. Densmore (ISU '51), J. R. Collins (ISU '60), R. D. Collins (ISU '70), G. L. Balstor (ISU '70), and
Collins (ISU '70), G. L. Balstor (ISU '70), and B. A. Smith (Auburn '74).

While still in college, Dr. Collins enrolled in the Army Veterinary Corps from 1924-1927 and received a commission as 2nd Lt. before graduating with a DVM in 1928. He joined a mixed practice in Osceola, Nebraska, and was active in state and local programs and participated at the AKSARBEN Field Clinic at Omaha. Dr. Collins was one of seven veterinarians in the U.S. to use Live culture vaccine for the control of Swine Erysipelas under the supervision of Dr. L. Van Es of the U. of Nebraska. While in Osceola, Dr. Collins married Ruth Henn Dunn in 1932. They have two sons, both graduates of the ISU College of Veterinary Medicine: Dr. Jim Collins (ISU '60) and his wife Elizabeth have family of three; Dr. Rich Collins (ISU '70) and his wife Beth have two children.

Dr. Collins has served as president of the Northern Illinois VMA and the Illinois VMA and is a member of the Executive Board of the Illinois VMA, where he received a 50 year pin in 1977. He serves on the Advisory Board for the U. of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine, is a life member of the ISVMA and honorary member of the AVMA and Mississippi Valley VMA. Other memberships include the Osceola Rotary Club, Dixon Rotary Club, First United Methodist Church, Dixon Chamber of Commerce, Masonic Lodge #7-A.F. & A.M., Freeport Consistory, and the Tebala Temple of Rockford. He has served two 3-year terms on the Dixon Board of Education, been on the Administrative Board and Trustees of his church and is Past Master of the Osceola Masonic Lodge. Dr. Collins enjoys athletics, hunting, fishing, political science, and national events.

Following graduation in 1928, Dr. H. R. Ellerman, spent one year in a general practice in Granger, IA, followed by three years in a small animal practice in Evanston, IL. In 1932 he began 9 years of public health service in St. Louis, MO, working with meat inspection and milk control. From 1942 to 1952 he managed a milk processing plant in Washington, MO. In 1952 he purchased a milk processing plant in Hannibal, MO., which he sold to Beatrice Foods in 1961. Although semi-retired, he spends time investing in real estate. He and his wife Delores live in Hannibal and spend their winters in Arizona. They have two children: Anne Cary, graduate of Missouri University and John Ellerman a graduate of Stetson University.

Dr. Dale W. Glascock spent 12 years in a large animal practice followed by 30 years in the US Department of Agriculture Meat Inspection Service. He is a member of the AVMA and from 1959 to 1969 served on the Public Health and Regulatory Veterinary Medicine Council. He and his wife, Ivo Quire, who received her Masters Degree from Columbia and is a teacher, live in Sun City West, AZ.

As a 1928 graduate Dr. Russell McNellis began his career as a veterinarian with the US Food and Drug Administration in connection with the Import Milk Act. One year later he was employed as superintendent of Livestock for United Fruit Co. Tanes, Oriente, Cuba, for 3½ years. He accepted a commission as Second Lieutenant in the US Army in 1932. He served 32½ years on active duty and was the only Iowa State Veterinarian to advance to the rank of Brigadier General. As Brigadier General he was Chief of the US Army Veterinary Corps until his retirement. During his Army career, he served at several stations in the US and in several foreign countries. While on duty with the US Military Mission to Peru, he organized and directed the new National Veterinary College of San Marcos in Lima, Peru. After retirement from the Army, he organized and directed the new Meat and Poultry Inspection Service for the State of Iowa. Dr. McNellis is now fully retired and living with his wife Grace in Manassas, VA. They have three children: Dr. John McNellis who received his DVM from ISU in 1959, Mrs. Joan More and Mrs. Jane Riley.

Dr. Louis D. Mersch retired 16 years ago when his son Robert (ISU '54) took over his practice in Fairfax, Minnesota. Before locating in Fairfax, Dr. Mersch was publicity and advertising manager for the Sioux Falls Serum Company. Following this he worked as the assistant to the General Manager of the ASPCA in New York City, after which he was the executive secretary of the IVMA. Dr. Mersch is the founder and past editor of the Iowa Veterinarian. Community activities for Dr. Mersch include the village council, the local school board, and the local Rotary Club. He and his wife La Verna have six children, two of which have DVM degrees.
Robert (ISU '54), Steven (Minnesota '77), Donald, Alan, Wallace, and Roberta. Dr. and Mrs. Mersch now live in Menomonie, Wisconsin. As well as being active in the IVMA, Dr. Mersch has also been a member of the Minnesota VMA, the Minnesota Valley VMA, and the AVMA.

Class of 1929

For four years following graduation, Dr. William W. Bailey was involved in the testing of cattle for tuberculosis in Nebraska and then New Jersey. He then started into a mixed practice as well as doing some clinical research for the Schering Co. in New Jersey. He retired in 1971. Dr. Bailey has also been a member of the local hospital board and has served as the president of the local health board. Along with two friends, he helped start the North West New Jersey Veterinary Society and later became the president of this organization. He is also the past president of the NJVMA as well as master of the local Masonic Lodge. Dr. Bailey now lives in Sun City, Arizona.

Now retired from a practice of 42 years in New Hampton, IA is Dr. H. L. McCrillis. Prior to this, he was engaged in State and Federal work. Dr. McCrillis has four children: Mary Lea, John, Robert, and Jim.

Following graduation, Dr. Robert B. Mericle was employed by the USDA until his retirement in 1971. He worked on the development and processing of "Ready-to-Cook" poultry in Omaha, Nebraska from 1936-1943, and was Area Supervisor of the Poultry Inspection Program in western states from 1943-1952 and in midwest states from 1952-1971. Dr. Mericle has cooperated with the Veterinary Colleges at the University of Minnesota and ISU with the public health phase of the program. He has been named Honorary Faculty Member of the University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine; received Presidential Citation for improving efficiency and promoting economy in government operations, 1965; and was first of three to receive the Stange award from ISU College of Veterinary Medicine, 1970. Memberships include the Phi Zeta honor society, National Association of Federal Veterinarians, National Association of Federal Employees, and the ISU Veterinary Medical Association.

Dr. Mericle married Olga Dyba, a chemist, and they now have three boys—all graduates of ISU: R. Bruce—PhD Mathematics, Associate Professor at U. of Minnesota; Dale—M.D. Family Medicine, Clinton, Iowa; and Kent—M.S. Domestic and International loan officer for National City Bank in Minneapolis, Minn. The Mericles currently reside in Omaha, Nebraska.

Following graduation Dr. Eric H. Nordstrom was engaged in general practice in Wausa, Nebraska for five years. In 1934 he entered USDA service. Initially he worked on the Cattle Drouth Buying Program and later on the brucellosis and tuberculosis eradication projects in Oklahoma. In 1937 he was transferred to the Meat Inspection Division where he served in Chicago, IL and Storm Lake, IA. In 1940 he was reassigned to the Bureau of Animal Industry to work on brucellosis and tuberculosis eradication in Iowa. He also participated in the foot-and-mouth disease eradication program in Mexico during 1947. Dr. Nordstrom attended a school for special training in the differential diagnosis of vesicular diseases at the Animal Disease Station at Beltsville, MD and served as a diagnostician on the vesicular exanthema program. In 1955 he was one of the veterinarians selected to administer and direct the livestock disease prevention, control and eradication activities at the field level. While serving in Kansas, New Mexico and Nebraska, he has been responsible for administering control and eradication programs, such as, hog cholera, sheep scabies, brucellosis, tuberculosis, and others. In 1953 Dr. Nordstrom received an outstanding award from the USDA and in 1973 he concluded 39 years of service with the Department. He is a member of Nebraska VMA, AVMA, National Association of Federal Veterinarians, AFMA, Scottish Rites Shrine, and Methodist Church. He and his wife Giulia currently reside in Lincoln, NE. They have one daughter, Linda Haase and two granddaughters, Gigi and Ashley.

Dr. R. E. Weber, who has been retired from general practice for many years, and his wife Alice now spend their winters in Arizona. The Webers have four children: Mary Jo, Nancy, Linda, and John.
Dr. Walter R. Anderson first joined a mixed practice in McCook, Nebraska (1930–1933) and then was employed by the Bureau of Animal Industry, USDA (1933–1935). He was then placed in charge of the ambulatory clinic of Veterinary Division, ISU (1935–1939). Dr. Anderson next was involved in a mixed practice in Slater, Iowa (1939–1941), after which he acted as veterinarian for Farmers Hybrid Co., Inc. in Hampton, Iowa (1948–1961). Having recently retired, his last practice was in Hampton, Iowa (1961–1979).

Dr. Anderson is a member of AVMA, IVMA, Reserve Officers Association, and American Legion. He served as Col. in the A.U.S. (1941–1947).

After graduation in 1930, Dr. R. M. Buck, practiced with his father in Howard, SD. In 1933 he moved to Belle Fourche, SD where he still does some small animal and occasionally large animal work. In 1933 there were only two veterinarians in western South Dakota, so he covered a wide area in western South Dakota, northeastern Wyoming and southeastern Montana. In addition to his cattle and sheep practice he was inspector of the Belle Fourche Livestock Auction Sales for 35 years. He was a member of the Belle Fourche city council and was recently recognized by the local Chamber of Commerce for 46 years of contribution to the business community. The Carter County, Montana, Sheep and Cattle Growers Association honored him for his years of service to the Tri-State area ranchers. Dr. Buck and his wife, Lucille, have four children and 13 grandchildren.

Dr. Vurl E. Fisher has been involved in large animal practice most of his career. He served as a member of the Army Veterinary Corps in WW II, where he occasionally lectured to troops in Army Animal Units (Pack Artillery). Dr. Fisher served two tours of duty in Federal Kill Inspection, one tour of duty State Field Veterinarian in California, and extensive duty in the capacity of Independent Contractor in Brucellosis and Tuberculosis testing in Minnesota and California. He has been a member of the AVMA, Minn. VMA, Tristate Veterinary Association, and the Imperial Valley Veterinary Association. He now lives in El Centro, California, and has two sons: Jesse B.—B.S. from San Diego U; and Charles E.—B.S. from U. of California at Berkeley.

Following graduation, Dr. Austin T. Getz entered the Army Veterinary Corps. After retiring in 1946 as a Colonel V.C., Dr. Getz served as the City Sanitarian for Ames, Ia. until 1957. While working for the City of Ames, he served on the Greater Ames Committee and as state president of the Iowa Milk Sanitarians Association. Dr. Getz, now retired, and his wife Loya still live in Ames and have three children.

Dr. Earl D. Hubbard now lives in Grinnel, Iowa after practicing since his graduation in 1930. He and his wife Amy have one daughter, Betty. Dr. Hubbard is Past Grand of the Masons 900F, received meritorious promotion in the USDA, and belongs to the AVMA, IVMA, EIVMA, USKSA, Phi Zeta and Omega Tau Sigma.

Prior to his retirement, Dr. Leland C. Morley was in small animal practice with two of his sons, L. Scott Morley and C. Bruce Morely, at the Rocky Gorge Animal Hospital in Laurel, Maryland. He and his wife Eleanor (ISU '29–30) have another son, Donald, who works for the United Telephone Co. in Fort Meyers, Florida.

Dr. Gordon George Thomas, after practicing a few months in Solon, IA entered medical school and graduated from the University of Iowa in 1958 with an MD degree. While in medical school he worked as a veterinarian for the Institute of Agricultural Medicine. Following his internship, he spent a year as a surgical resident. He then went into general practice in Auburn, Washington until 1969 when he left to take an otolaryngology residency at the Southwestern Medical College in Milwaukee, WI. After this he returned to Auburn where he is currently a surgeon at the Ear, Nose, and Throat Clinic and is on the staff at seven area hospitals. He is a fellow of the American Academy of Otolaryngology and the American College of Surgeons. He has been in the reserves since his first commission in 1954. He is presently on the Doctors Ski Patrol at Crystal Mountain and is also the physician for the Auburn High School Football team. Dr. Thomas and his wife, Marian Hess, have four children: Nancy, Suzanne, Joanne and Charlie.