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Class of 1938

Myron S. Arlein is retired and living in New Jersey with his wife, Helen. They have two sons, Robert and Paul. Dr. Arlein was President and a founding member of the Metropolitan Veterinary Medical Association and President of the New Jersey Veterinary Medical Association. He was listed in Who's Who in Veterinary Science and Medicine in 1991-1992.

Leland S. Hughes is a retired federal veterinarian living in Warroad, Minnesota. He and his wife, Mildred, have a son and two daughters. He is a member of the National Association of Federal Veterinarians, American Legion, Gideons International, Zion Lutheran, Warroad Area Community Center, the Republican National Committee, and many other groups trying to improve the government.

Maurice C. Larson is retired from large animal practice and living in Keystone, Iowa. He and his wife, Charlotte (deceased), have one son, Donn. Dr. Larson has served on the City Council and church council and was President of Keystone (business club) and Chairman of the bank board. He was President and Director of the East Iowa Medical Association and a board member of the IVMA.

Frank J. Linn is retired and living in Sheffield, Iowa, with his wife, Ann. They have three children, Annette, James, and Rebecca. Dr. Linn served in World War II. He has been President of the IVMA, a member of the board of the North Iowa Area College, and has held all the city offices in Sheffield.

Warren R. Marks is retired from practice and living in Emmetsburg, Iowa. He has four children and 3 stepchildren. He has been honored by the Palo Alto Board of Health, Palo Alto County Fair, Iowa State Fair, the Silver Lake Cruisers, and 4-H Club. His partners in practice were William Prevert and Denis Schneider.

Arlye M. McDermid is a retired zoo veterinarian. He lives six months of the year in Wisconsin and six months of the year in Sun City, Arizona. He loves to fish and travel the world. He and his wife Jeanne have four children, Michael, Linda, Mary, and David. He is an honorary member of the AVMA and WVMA. He is a Past-President of the AVMA and was on active duty in the Army Veterinary Corps from 1941-1946. He has received the ISU Key award and the Sertoma Award.

Robert J. Miller is retired from practice and is moving back to Spirit Lake, Iowa, from his current home in Southern Pines, North Carolina. He and his wife have four children, George, Jerry, Judi, and Jeanne. He spent 30 years in the military and was awarded two Legions of Merit.

Earl C. Ritter is retired and lives in Naples, Florida. He and his wife, Florene, have two children, Sue and Jack. He was a councilman for six years, practiced in Sumner, Iowa for 31 years, and then practiced in Hollywood, Florida for another 10 years. He retired in 1979.

Vale U. Thomson is retired and lives in Clearfield, Iowa. He has two children, Dr. John Thomson and Jo Ann Avey. He is a life member of the IVMA and an honor roll member of the AVMA. He is a charter member of the Clearfield Lions Club.

Edward H. Von Glan has retired to Scottsdale, Arizona, where he lives with his wife, Jeanette. He has two daughters, Rev. Aloha Smith and Denene Paddock. In 1939, he was a member of the Bureau of Animal Industry (ARS) in Washington State. In 1940, he entered the Army Veterinary Corps, served in Hawaii, and is a Pearl Harbor Veteran. After serving in the Army, he practiced for 20 years in a large animal practice in Hawarden, Iowa, and subsequently retired in 1966.

Benjamin F. Ward is retired and living with his wife, Marian, in Missouri. He and his wife have seven children, Julianne, Carolyn, Bonnie, Diane, Stephen, Cynthia, and Nancy. He is basically inactive except for golf, bridge and traveling.

Class of 1941

John P. Arnold is retired and living with wife, Margaret, in White Bear Lake, Minnesota. He has two children, Phillip and Mary. He is Professor Emeritus and former Head of the Department of Veterinary Surgery & Radiology at the University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Arnold is Past-President of the Minnesota Veterinary Medical Association and a member of the Minnesota Academy of Veterinary Practice and Minnesota Territorial Pioneers at White Bear Lake.

Class of 1946

James E. Lovell is retired and living with his wife, Francine, in Omaha, Arkansas. He has a
son, John, and a daughter, Rebecca. He worked in private practice before entering the Air Force Veterinary Corps in 1951. After serving, he was an instructor of anatomy at ISU and became Assistant Professor of obstetrics and radiology at ISU. In 1960, he was a research fellow with the National Science Foundation in Oslo, Norway. From 1961-1967, he was an Associate Professor at VMRI. From 1967-1975, he was Professor and Head of the Department of Anatomy at the University of Illinois. From 1975 to the present, he has been running a cow-calf operation in Arkansas and has traveled extensively doing missionary work in over 66 nations.

Class of 1956

Horacio Alberto Cursack is currently living and working in Esperanza, Argentina, the largest dairy belt of South America. He and his wife, Ana Maria, have four children, David, Silvia, Marcelo, and Mariana. Dr. Cursack received an MS at Nottingham University in England and a PhD at the University of Buenos Aires. He taught for 35 years at the University, where he was Professor of Clinics in Large Animals and served as Dean. At present, he is a member of the National Academy of Agricultural and Veterinary Sciences.

Class of 1958

Ted D. Bek is retired and lives in Fairfield Bay, Arizona, with his wife, Sunni. They have four sons and seven grandchildren. He practiced veterinary medicine in a large animal clinic in Monticello, Iowa for 10 years and then built houses and did remodeling for several years. He worked as a federal veterinarian for the USDA in Meat & Poultry Inspection for 26 years until retirement in 1996.

John D. Berthelsen is retired from industrial veterinary work and lives in Kellogg, Iowa, with his wife, Marilyn. He has two daughters, Julie and Karen, and three sons, Mark, Joel, and Phil. He was active in the AVMA, IVMA, AASP (Past-President), American Association of Industrial Veterinarians, Jaycees (Past-President), Lions International (Past-President), Grange Executive Committee, and St. Paul’s ELCA Council (President).

Robert R. Billiar is the owner of the South Sioux Animal Hospital P.C., located in South Sioux City, Nebraska. He and his wife, Shirley, have four children, Jeffery, Timothy, Sue, and Samuel. He summarizes his activities as “my life has been devoted to the world’s greatest profession and will continue to be.” Kelli Thoma, ISU '98 will be Dr. Billiar’s associate after graduating in May.

Lawrence Birchmier is active in regulatory veterinary medicine in Mitchellville, Iowa. He and his wife, Ginie, have five children, Loren, Joel, Debra, Arie, and Sean. Dr. Birchmier was in large animal practice in Colfax from 1958-1989. His partner at that time was Keith Cogley, ISU '60.

John D. Clark is owner of the Orangewood Animal Hospital, an AAHA Member Hospital, in Phoenix, Arizona. He is Chairman of the Board of Phoenix Emergency Animal Clinics, which consists of four clinics owned by 130 veterinarians. He and his wife, Nancy, have three children, Lauren, Lisa, and David. Dr. Clark states that he has had a great ride and does not plan to retire.

Earl DeZeeuw is a retired general practitioner living in Orion, Illinois. He and his wife, Lila, have three children, Delilah, Tim, and Tod. He is a life member of the AVMA and member of the Illinois VMA and AASP.

Paul E. Ehrig is retired and lives in Grundy Center with his wife, Janice. He has three children, Debra, Barry, and Melinda, and four grandchildren.

Lowell R. Fahrni is retired and lives in Glen Ullin, North Dakota, with his wife, Corrin. They have two children, Bradley and Kristin. He is a member of the Board of Directors for the Marion Manor Nursing Home, Glen Ullin Public School Board, Lions Club (35 years), and NDVMA Board of Directors. Dr. Fahrni is also a Scoutmaster.

Larry L. Herbold is a supervisory veterinarian for the Iowa Meat & Poultry Inspection Bureau with the Iowa Department of Agriculture & Land Stewardship. He lives in Ames, Iowa, with his wife, Jane. He has a son, Mark, and daughter, Laura. He practiced in Montgomery County, Iowa, for 31 years. Dr. Herbold is Past-President of the Southwest Iowa VMA, a member of the IVMA & AVMA, and is active in various community activities, including serving as Mayor of Stanton for 6 years, 4-H Club Leader, and Fair Board Member.

Roger M. Hogle is retired and lives in Ames, Iowa, during the summer and in Mesa, Arizona, during the winter. He received an MS from Iowa State in 1967. He and his wife, Sharon, have three children, Dale, Jane, and Jeff. He was a faculty member at the ISU College of Veterinary Medicine for 28 years.

Gifford S. Jacobsen works for the USDA/APHIS in Madison, Wisconsin, where he lives with his wife, Donna. They have two children,
Sherman and Stacy. Dr. Gifford was a member of the US Air Force Veterinary Corps for four years (1958-1962). Since 1963, he has been employed as a Veterinary Medical Officer by APHIS-Veterinary Services. He has served as the Veterinarian in Charge in South and North Dakota, New Mexico, and Louisiana. Since 1986, he has served as the Area Veterinarian in Charge in Wisconsin.

Howard O. Koch is retired after 37 years in a mixed practice in Oswego, Illinois. He now raises and shows quarter horses full-time. He and his wife, Helen, have a daughter, Lea Ann, and a son, Brian. He has been a 4-H Leader for 10 years, is Past-President of the County 4-H Leaders, was Director of the Oswego Community Bank, and is Past-President of the Illinois Quarter Horse Association. He is Director of the American Quarter Horse Association. Dr. Koch owns and shows the World Champion and All-Time High Point Halter Horse of the Quarter Horse breed, Sr Magic Man.

Donald J. Lantow is retired from practice and living in Corpus Christi, Texas. He and his wife, Harriet, have three children, Brian, David, and Kelly. He is a member of the Eastern Iowa VMA, IVMA, and AVMA. He is Past-President of the Midwest Small Animal Association and the Quad Cities VMA. His associates while still in practice were R.W. Laimans ISU '70, Mike Thomsen ISU '90, Ann Taylor ISU '93, and Heidi Houghton ISU '96.

Herbert A Lederer is retired and living in Riverside, Illinois, with his wife, Dolores.

Oliver C. Lock is retired and lives in Sioux City, Iowa, with his wife Dora. He has one daughter, Janice. He is a life member of the IVMA.

Dale W. Longtin is practicing in a mixed animal clinic in Muscatine, Iowa. He and his wife, Midge, have three sons, John, Joel, and Jeff, five grandsons, and two granddaughters. He is Past-President of the IVMA, received the 1997 ISU Stange Award, and is President-Elect of the Midwest Small Animal Association. His associate is Donald Fick, ISU '64.

Gilbert K. Okey is the retired owner of a small animal practice and lives in Tucson, Arizona, with his wife, Audrey. They have one son, Jeff. Dr. Okey is a member of the AVMA, Illinois VMA, IVMAA, and is Past-Chairman of the Board of Emergency Veterinary Service in Lysle, Illinois. He is active in the Evangelical Covenant Church as a member and Sunday school teacher.

Kenneth Rayner is retired and living in New London, Iowa, with his wife, Marianne. They have three children, Reneé, Robyn, and Ross. Before retiring, Dr. Rayner was a general practitioner in New London. From 1958-1978, his partner was Dale Brinkmyer, ISU '51.

Bruce D. Rosenquist retired from practice in 1992 and currently lives in Isabella, Missouri, with his wife, Annette. They have a daughter, Jill, and son, Eric. He worked as a commissioned officer for the U.S. Public Health Service, in a small animal practice in Skokie, Illinois, and became a full professor at the University of Missouri CVM after receiving an MS and PhD at the University of Missouri. He is a diplomate of the ACVM. He is a member or past-member of AVMA, MVMA, CRWAD, American Society of Virology, and International Society for Antiviral Research.

Gerald K. Sandbulte is retired and living in Napa, California, with his wife, Mary. He worked in a small animal practice in Burlingame, California, for 29 years prior to retirement. He was elected to the Iowa State High School Basketball Hall of Fame in 1996.

Wayne C. Sander is active in a mixed practice in New Hampton, Iowa. He and his wife, Jean, have three children, Keely, Karl, and Kevin. He has practiced in New Hampton since 1959 and is a member of IVMA and AVMA.

Eugene H. Scallon is retired and lives in West Covina, California with his wife, Eileen. They have four children, Michael, James, Mary, and Anne.

Russell Schelkopf is retired and living in Kingston, Illinois, with his wife, Bernice. They have three children, Michael, Charles, and Steven. He received an MS from the University of Nebraska and a PhD from Iowa State. He is a member of the Rotary Club, AVMA, AASP, and ILVMA.

Donald P. Shannon is active in general practice in Houghton, Iowa, where he lives with his wife, Jo Ann. They have four children, Sherry, Steve, Cindy, and Sue. Dr. Shannon has been practicing large and small animal veterinary medicine for forty years. He has served as President of the Southeast Iowa Veterinary Medical Association for the last 21 years. In 1996, he received the IVMA's President's Award. This year he was honored as the Lee County, Iowa, Cattleman of the Year. His associates in practice are Mark Muchna, III '83, and Bill Jordan, ISU '89.

Phil Slavens is retired and lives in South Sioux City, Nebraska, with his wife, Marian. They have three daughters, Kristi, Karen, and Elizabeth, and two sons, John and Paul. He is a church el-
der; is a member of the school board, AVMA, and Nebraska VMA, and is Treasurer for the Interstate VMA (27 years).

Charles E. Smith is retired from practice and currently lives in Redwood City, California, with his wife, Esther. They have five children, Deanna, Lisa, Jeff, Jessica, and Jeanne. He is a life member of the Peninsula Veterinary Association and Lions Club International.

Thomas W. Speas is retired and lives in Marshalltown with his wife, Mary Lou. Their children are Steven, Michael, Katherine, Kindera, and Mark. Dr. Speas is the Chairman of the Marshall County Board of Supervisors. He is a life member of the IVMA, ISU Alumni Association, and Gentle Doctor Society, and he assisted in lobbying for funding of the ISU College of Veterinary Medicine. He is serving on the Board of Mental Health Center, North Iowa Juvenile Detention Center, Marshalltown Economic Development Impact Committee, Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Advisory Committee, Marshall County Youth and Violence Board, and Advisory Board of Cherokee Mental Health Institute.

Roger Van Prooien is practicing in a small animal clinic in Hazelhurst, Wisconsin, where he lives with his wife, Ruth. He is a member of the Wisconsin VMA, Minnesota VMA, North Dakota VMA, and the Izaac Walton League.

Thomas H. White is a part-time bovine practitioner in Bernard, Iowa. He and his wife, Betty Jane, have five sons, Phil, Tom, Jeff, Nick, and Mike, and one daughter, Kathy, along with three grandchildren. He is a member of the AVMA, IVMA, AABP, Eastern IVMA, and Dubuque County Veterinary Association. He was a member of the Dubuque County Board of Health from 1965 to 1974 and the Cascade City Council from 1960 to 1966.

Fred J. Wood is a solo practitioner in a small animal, bovine and equine reproduction (including embryo transfer) practice in Osceola, Iowa. He has a son, Frederick, and a daughter, Cynthia, and two grandchildren. He has been involved in the community by serving as a city councilman, Municipal Waterworks Trustee for 24 years, and Director of the Clarke County Development Corporation. He received the Osceola Community Service Award in 1984. He is Past-President (1972-76) of the Iowa Limousin Cattle Association.

Class of 1977

Reynold Stevens is an Assistant Professor at the College of Veterinary Medicine, Colorado State University. He and his wife, Kaye, live in Fort Collins with their five children, Shelly, John, Nikki, Scott, and Maree. He was in private practice for 11 years before completing an MS/residency at the University of Minnesota. He has been a clinician for the Dairy Field Services at CSU for 7 years. He is active in the community by serving on the school board, as Little League baseball coach, leader of the Awana youth club, and member of his church choir. He is a member of the Reproduction Committee for AABP and is board certified by the American College of Theriogenology.

Class of 1986

Joel H. Jess is a small animal practitioner and owner of the Pekin Veterinary Clinic in Pekin, Illinois. He and his wife, Tammy Jo, have three children, Diane, Lauren, and Brian. He is a member of the AVMA, ISVMA, Mississippi Valley Medical Association, Tri-County Emergency Clinic Board, and ISVMA Membership Committee. He is active in the First Baptist Church of Pekin.

Class of 1987

Cynthia L. Marshall is currently a PhD candidate at Yale University studying the growth of ostriches. She spent four years in private practice, completed a ruminant medicine residency at North Carolina State University, and became a clinical instructor in ruminant medicine at NCSU prior to returning to graduate school. She received a Masters of Philosophy in 1997. She is a diplomate of the ACVIM with a large animal specialty.

Kermit D. Smith is practitioner and owner of the Norco Small Animal Hospital in Norco, California. He and his wife, Cecilia, have two children.

Robert J. Stalberger is working in a mixed animal practice in Decorah, Iowa. He and his wife, Marianne, have three children, Jackson, Martin, and Shelby.

Michael D. Todd is a solo practitioner at the Louisa Veterinary Clinic in Columbus Junction, Iowa. He and his wife, Lana, have three children, Seth, Jared, and Kenan, and are expecting child #4 in May, 1998. He is a member of Pheasants Forever, Habitat for Humanity, and is an elder in his church.