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Class of 1939

Dean L. Niffenegger is currently retired from general practice. He lives in Whiting, Iowa. Dr. Niffenegger is a member of the IVMA, the town council, and has served on the community school board for 24 years. He has one daughter, Sarah.

Henry P. Shoeman is retired from general practice where he worked for 24 years. He was a city veterinarian for 10 years, assistant state veterinarian for 2 years, district state vet for 8 years, and taught anatomy and histology at Texas A&M College from 1939 to 1940. He currently lives in Ames, Iowa, with his wife Julia. He is a member of Farm Management, Kiwanis, Palo Alto County Board of Health, and lifetime member of the AVMA and IVMA. He also assisted Dr. Beran in the training of senior veterinary students in the area of health inspections.

Class of 1949

Stan Benbrook is currently retired and lives in Ames, Iowa, with his wife Jane. After being on the faculty at the University of Missouri School of Veterinary Medicine in 1949-1951, he served twenty years in the Army Veterinary Corps. In 1971, after retiring from the Army, Dr. Benbrook moved to the Texas hill country near Austin, where he was a small animal relief practitioner. While in Texas he was president of the Retired Officers’ Association, the local Birders/Wildflower Society, and the local Residents’ Association. His daughter, Susan, is a nurse at the University of Maryland Student Health Center.

Raymond R. Biller presently lives in Balsam Lake, Wisconsin. He was in general practice in Wisconsin until 1965, when he became the District State Veterinarian in the state of Wisconsin. He retired in 1985. His son Mark is the District Attorney for Polk County, Wisconsin.

David R. Bromwell is Chief Veterinarian at the Bureau of Animal Welfare in the Illinois Department of Agriculture. He lives in Springfield, Illinois, with his wife Norma Jean, and has one son, Quentin.

Romaine J. Buzzetti is retired and living in Bella Vista, Arkansas, with his wife Beverly. He has four children, Drs. Robert and Anthony Buzzetti, Ramona Becker, and Diana Boysen. He practiced veterinary medicine for 35 years in Alden, Iowa, 4 years in Florida, and 14 years in Arkansas.

Wayne L. Emerson lives and works in Eagle Grove, Iowa. He has two children, Ron and Robyn. Dr. Emerson has a general practice with his son, Ron Emerson (ISU ’73), and Elaine Sehope (KSU ’92). Dr. Wayne Emerson won the Stange Award in 1987.

William R. Hunter is retired from a mixed practice and lives on a farm near Alexis, Illinois, with his wife Janet. Five of their six children are Iowa State graduates. He is active in local, state, and national veterinary organizations. He is also a member of the Lions Club, his church, and the school board. Currently he breeds Angus cattle and standardbred horses.

Lee H. Ives is presently enjoying retirement in Rogers, Arkansas. Dr. Ives was in large animal practice for 23 years in Perry, Iowa, and did government meat inspection for another ten years. He lives with his wife Barbara, and has five children, David, Richard, Carol, Marcia, and Bruce. Dr. Ives also has nine grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Leo L. Lemonds was in general practice for 34 years in Hastings, Nebraska. He is retired now and lives with his wife, Marcella. He has been a member of the Kiwanis for over 50 years, and is former president and lieutenant governor. He is past president of the American Veterinary History Society and is currently secretary and treasurer. He has written 7 books, in-
cluding *A Century of Veterinary Medicine in Nebraska*, in which Dr. Lemonds and his wife were featured in an autobiographical article. He also appeared in a JAVMA article from 1973.

**Earl Edward Maxwell** is an active member of a practice in Moville, Iowa, where he lives with his wife Helen. They have four children, Dr. Stee, Chantry, Tad, and Reed. He is the chairman of the Siouxland Cancer Drive, Boy Scouts, Chamber of Commerce and past president of the Interstate Veterinary Organization and twice president of the Trial Lodge 532 along with many other organizations. They are members of the Order of the Knoll and all their children are members of the Order of the Knoll Parents and were named Parents of the Year at ISU in 1977. They have been able to travel to over 90 countries. His associate is Stee Logan Maxwell (ISU ’78).

**Quentin F. McDonald** is presently retired. He and his wife Marie live in Rogers, Arkansas.

**John L. Neely** is still active and works for the State of Arizona and with racing greyhounds. He has been working for the State for 19 years and also practiced in Nebraska for 29 years. His wife passed away last September, but he has three children, Sandra, Jay, and Teri. Dr. Neely lives in Scottsdale, Arizona.

**Leroy E. Nelson** is retired from mixed practice and is living in Bricelyn, Minnesota. He lives with his wife Jeanne, and has three children, Paul, Julie, and Nancy. He was honored by Modern Woodmen of America, Albert Lea Chapter, for outstanding service to the Bricelyn Community.

**Theodore Patek** is retired and a resident of Randolph, Wisconsin, where he lives with his wife Jean. Dr. Patek was in large animal practice for forty years.

**Paul A. Pinkert** is retired from practice and lives in Madison, Wisconsin, with his wife, Elinor. They have three children, Ted, Tom, and Teri. He is a member of the Minnesota and Wisconsin VMA.

**William R. Preston** is retired and living in Clear Lake, Iowa, and winters in Mesa, Arizona, with his wife Marie. They have a son, Dennis, and daughter, Diana. He has been a rotary and Lions club member for 20 years.

**William E. Ribelin** is retired from practice and lives in Gulf Shores, Alabama, with his wife, Frankie. He received his MS from Washington State University and Ph.D. from University of Wisconsin. He taught pathology at Washington State University, Auburn, and University of Wisconsin. He is a member of the College of Veterinary Pathologists and American Academy of Toxicology. He has authored books on lab animal pathology and the pathology of fish. He states that he is “a mediocre golfer but an excellent fisherman.”

**Jack Scamman** is retired and lives in Rock Port, Missouri, with his wife, Beverly. They have three children, Jill, Tony, and Todd. He was a member of the local school board for 9 years and a Rotarian for 49 years.

**Elgin S. Scobell** is retired and lives in Wausau, Wisconsin, with his wife, Amy. They have three children. He is a member of Kiwanis, Boy Scouts, and many other community organizations.

**John Siemens** is retired and living with his wife, Marilyn, in Steilacoom, Washington. Their daughter, Sara, has a Ph.D. in Environmental Education, their son, Andy, is an engineer, and other daughter, Sue, is an environmental engineer. He practiced for some years in general practice in Illinois before going to Jackson’s Hole, Wyoming, followed by 30 years at a horse hospital. He is an active horse and mule judge and is a writer for various horse publications. He is still an active back-country horseman. He is a highly recognized animal behaviorist and as he states “a good fly fisherman!”

**Arthur R. Skewes** is retired from practice living in Union Grove, Wisconsin, with
his wife, Helen. He was an equine intern from 1949-51, and then joined a general practice for 2 years. For two years, he was in the U.S. Air Force Veterinary Corp. In 1964, he joined an equine practice in Lexington, Kentucky. In 1987, he retired from general practice. Currently, he is a volunteer for Heifer Project International.

James A. Sloan is an active member in a general practice in Independence, Iowa. He and his wife, Joan, have four children. He is a member of the Fair Board, Assessor Examining board, County Board of Health, school board and his church board.

Donald F. Stoppel is retired from commercial, research, and private practice and now lives with his wife, El Rose, in Colorado Springs, Colorado. They have four children.

Paul L. Thompson is retired from large animal practice. He and his wife, Gloria, live in New Glarus, Wisconsin. He is a member of the AVMA, Wisconsin VMA, and for 40 years has been the treasurer for the Argyle Lutheran Church. He has been the board of education president for 9 years and a member of the American Legions for 48 years.

John E. Tillie is retired and lives with his wife, Juanita, in Muscatine, Iowa. They have four children. He is a member of the Salvation Army Advisory Board, Care Review Committee (Lutheran Homes), and the First Baptist church choir.

Donald O. Wiersig is retired from practice living in Bryan, Texas, with his wife, Bonita. They have three children. He worked at a dairy practice in Wisconsin for 10 years before receiving Ph.D. from ISU in 1967. He retired as professor from Texas A & M University. After retirement, he taught for 2 years at Ross University Veterinary School.

Richard C. Williams retired from mixed practice and lives in East Moline, Illinois, with his wife, Phyllis. They have three children. He has worked in small animal practice and at the race track. He has been a member of his church for over 50 years and is a past president of the Illinois VMA.

Class of 1959

Raymond Abel is working part time in a mixed practice in Mediapolis, Iowa. He and his wife, Patricia, have three sons. He is a member of the local state and national veterinary associations and is an active community and church member, and active in the local bank.

Roger C. Bender retired from USDA-FSIS in March, 1999. He now lives in Spring Grove, Minnesota, with his wife Annette. They have eight children. He practiced for 28 years in a large animal practice before joining the USDA-FSIS doing meat inspection.

William D. Blohni is working part time primarily in bovine-beef medicine at the clinic in Carroll, Iowa. He and his wife, Joan, have three daughters. He is a member of the IVMA, AVMA, AABP, Carroll Visioning Committee, Carroll Trees Forever Committee. He is a past member of the Carroll Community School Board and past director of the First Federal Savings and Loan. He is also a past member of various IVMA committees. His associates are Mike Davis (ISU ‘71), Mitch Hiscocks (ISU ‘89), John Hicks (ISU ‘90), and Bryan Beeker (ISU ‘96).

Donald J. Casey retired from practice in 1994 and he now lives in Paradise Valley, Arizona, with his wife La Deane. They have six children. He is a member of the AVMA, IVMA, Arizona VMA. He states that he is retired but active in the community, church activities, family and sport activities of his grandchildren, and golf.

D. D. Davis is active member of a large animal practice in Tama, Iowa. He and his wife, Melody, have 2 daughters and 1 son. He is a member of the IVMA, AVMA, and a past president of the Eastern Iowa Veterinary Association. His associates are J.D. Okones (ISU ‘84), R.C. Cooper (ISU ‘80), and K.J. Boerm (ISU ‘92).
Dale L. Drum is retired from 37 years of general practice and lives with his wife Marilyn in Remsen, Iowa. They have three children and one son is a DVM in practice at Remsen. He is a member of the AVMA, Iowa VMA, and various local associations. He was on the Board of Education for 18 years. His associates are Duane Drum (ISU ’59) and Edward Henrich (’54).

Duane Drum is retired and lives with his wife, Judi, in Remsen, Iowa. They have four children. He has been a Lions member for 25 years and the church council for 18 years. He is a member of the AVMA, Iowa VMA, American Quarter Horse Association, and several county boards.

Bill Dubbert is a veterinary consultant now living in Falls Church, Virginia, with his wife, Lucylle. They have a son and daughter, Brent and Billinda, and three grandchildren, Alec, Alison, and Abby. He started in general practice in Coon Rapids, Iowa, before working for 33 years with the USDA. Since 1994, he has been a veterinary consultant for the National Pork Producer Council. He received the President Rank Award from the USDA in 1990 and the AVMA’s International Congress Prize in 1997. He was the president of the American Association of Food Hygiene Veterinarians from 1989 to 1991. He is a life member of the USAHA.

James Dunn is retired from teaching and lives with his wife, Lucille, in Amarillo, Texas. They have three children and six grandchildren. He earned a MS and Ph.D. from the University of Nebraska. He worked for a short time as a diagnostic microbiologist followed by 14 years in industry and 8 years in public education. He is member ACVM (emeritus) and a member of the civil air patrol.

Albert L. Eliasen is retired and lives in Waverly, Iowa. He has three children. He was in general practice for 14 years before becoming a clinician at Texas A & M University in 1974. From 1978-1981 he was a Solvay Animal Health Clinician, then moved on to Pitman-Moore, and became a consultant in 1987. He is active in woodworking and fishing.

Phil G. Finney is retired and lives in Girard, Illinois. He is a member of the Shriners, Elks Club, and the High School Alumni Association.

Terry E. Fitzpatrick is working for USDA-FSIS and lives in Lynnville, Iowa. He and his wife, Nancy, have two sons, Shawn and Brian.

Dean C. Frey is an active member of a small animal clinic in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. He and his wife, Rita, have five children. He is diplomate of the American Board of Veterinary Practitioners with a companion animal speciality. He is a member of the Lynn County, Eastern Iowa, and Iowa VMA and the AVMA and AAHA. He is past member of the Iowa Board of Veterinary Examiners. His associates are Barbara Rezabek (Krauss) (ISU ’86), Dixie Reierson (ISU ’89), and Kathy Koopman (ISU ’91).

Carl H. Graham is a veterinary consultant to animal health departments, feed division, Farmland Industries in Kansas City, Missouri. He and his wife, Louise, have four children, Robert, Mark, Reid, and Carla.

Paul J. Geuther has worked the last 16 years at a mixed animal practice in Slayton, Minnesota. He was in mixed practice in Hartly, Iowa, for 12 years before moving to Texas and working in bovine feedlot management.

Charles W. Howe, Jr. is semi-retired from HyLine International but has a small house call practice in Woodward, Iowa. He and his wife, Martha, have 6 children and 12 grandchildren. He is the past mayor and council member of Waukee, Iowa. He has also served on the local school board. He is a member of the Masonic Lodge, Eastern Start, AVMA, AAAP, and the Christian Church.

Irwin H. Huff is retired and lives in Bismarck, North Dakota, with his wife
Carolyn. They have five children. He worked for 34 years with USDA-APHIS after receiving a Masters degree in Preventive Veterinary Medicine from UC-Davis. He is a member of the North Dakota VMA, AVMA, and NAFV.

Duane G. Jacobson is retired from 26 years of working at a mixed animal practice in Thompson, Iowa. He and his wife, Marcia, now live in Ankeny, Iowa, and have four children. He is a member of the Lions Club, Bethany Lutheran Church Board, Upper Iowa VMA, AVMA, and Iowa VMA. He also worked for the USDA-FSIS for 5 years. His associate was L.V. Johanson (ISU '43).

Ken Jennett is retired from general practice and lives in Bedford, Iowa, with his wife Evonne. They have four sons.

Lowell B. Johnson is retired from general practice and the USDA and now lives in Johnston, Iowa, with his wife, Jean. They have two sons. From 1951-1954, he was a captain in the USAF followed by 23 years in general practice in Garner, Iowa. He joined the USDA-FSIS in 1983, worked in slaughter plants after 1992, and then in Washington, DC, for 4 years. He is a Presbyterian Church Elder, school board member, past president of the Northern Iowa and Minnesota VMA, past member of the IVMA Executive Board, and presently Chairman of the IVMA Heritage Committee. His associate was Darrell Neuberger (ISU '77).

Orville Juhler is retired and living in Harlan, Iowa, with his wife, Judy. They have three children. He has been the past director of the school board, area education agency, church board, county fair board, bank, and country club.

Robert H. Keith is retired and living in Monroe, Wisconsin, with his wife Careen. They have four children and seven grandchildren. He is a past president of AABP. He has been awarded Veterinarian of the Year by the Wisconsin VMA, the Stange Award, and Practitioner of the Year by AABP.

Donald Lamb is retired from practice and farming in rural Moorhead, Iowa, where he lives with his wife, Patricia. They have 3 children and 6 grandchildren. He is active in the Iowa DNR and conservation efforts.

Edwin W. Lindquist, Jr., is the senior investigator for the California Dept. of Health Services in San Diego, California. He and his wife, Anne, have two children and three grandchildren. He retired from the Army Veterinary Service after 27 years and is currently peace officer for the Food and Drug Branch, California Department of Health Services for the past 10 years. He has been a guest lecturer at the San Diego State University Graduate School of Public Health and at Mesa College.

Merle Lockwood is retired and living in Charles City, Iowa, with his wife, Helen. They have three children.

Robert L. Maahs is retired from small animal practice and living in Rancho Mirage, California. His clinic was named Hospital of the Year by Veterinary Economics. He is a member of the Rotary club, AAHA, California VMA, and AVMA.

Millard J. Maxfed has been working for 10 years for USDA-FSIS after 30 years in small animal practice. He is the inspector in charge at the Swift and Co. Packing Plant in Marshalltown, Iowa. He and his wife, Jody, have three children. He has received numerous certificates and awards from the USDA and enjoys the regular hours and government employee benefits.

Calvan H. Pals is retired and lives in Bowie, Maryland, with his wife, Lois. They have two sons. He is a member of the District of Columbia VMA, National Association of Federal Veterinarians, and has been the past president of NAFV.

William C. Pewsey is retired now living in Storm Lake, Iowa, with his wife, Barbara. They have four children. He has been a member of the Rotary Club for 34 years, a member of the AVMA, IVMA, and National Pork Producers.
James D. Prewitt is a solo practitioner in Florissant, Missouri, where he lives with his wife, Wilma. They have three children and seven grandchildren. He has been Rotary District Governor, President and other offices in the Rotary Club of Florissant, Treasurer of Show-Me Rotary Pets training, and has held multiple offices in the Greater St. Louis VMA. He is a member of the Halls Ferry Christian Church and Missouri Academy of Veterinary Practitioners.

Richard Ross is Dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine at Iowa State University. He and his wife, Karen, have a son and daughter. He has worked extensively in swine disease research at ISU in addition to his administrative duties.

William D. Speer is retiring this month from a mixed animal practice in DeWitt, Iowa. He and his wife, Norma, have three children and eight grandchildren. Through the years, he has been active in local education, civic organizations, church boards, and committees. His practice has been purchased by Troy J. Stafford (ISU '97) and Phillip C. Reemtsma (ISU '98).

Jack D. Stoakes is a staff veterinarian for Form A Feed in Steward, Minnesota, and lives in Goldfield, Iowa, with his wife, Barbara. Their children are David, Daniel, Douglas, and Debra. He is a member of the Iowa VMA and holds many church offices at the local, district, and national level. He spent some time with the Swine Group at the University of Minnesota.

Andris Zervins is retired and lives with his wife, Judith, in Punt Gorda, Florida. They have three children and three grandchildren. He is a member of Sigma Xi and past member of the Aerospace Medical Association, American Public Health Association, National Safety Council (R&D Section), American Society of Microbiology, Royal Society of Health, and American Association of Industrial Veterinarians.

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