FACULTY NEWS



Staff Members Active in Various Meetings

Dr. M. S. Hofstad of Veterinary Medical Research Institute went to Lincoln, Nebraska, on January 3, 1956, where he served as an expert witness for the Food and Drug Administration.

Mr. Kenneth E. Collins of Veterinary Medical Research Institute attended a Conference on Radioactive Isotopes in Agriculture at East Lansing, Michigan, January, 11-15, 1956.

Dr. Wallace R. Bauriedel has resigned from the staff of Veterinary Medical Research Institute to accept a position as biochemist with the Agricultural Chemical Research Division, Dow Chemical Company, Midland, Michigan.

Dr. William P. Switzer of Veterinary Medical Research Institute attended a meeting of the NC-13 Committee Executive Council on Baby Pig Losses in Chicago, Ill., November 25–28, 1955.

Dr. L. H. Schwarte of Veterinary Medical Research Institute attended the Conference of Research Workers in Animal Diseases in North America held November 27-30, 1955, in Chicago, Ill.

Dr. M. S. Hofstad of the VMRI went to Chicago, November 25, 1955, to attend the NC-6 meeting concerning study of Respiratory Diseases of Poultry. He remained for the Conference of Research Workers in Animal Diseases in North America.

Dr. B. W. Kingrey, Department of Medicine and Surgery, will present papers on "Lameness in Cattle," and "Digestive Disturbances in Cattle" at the Illinois Veterinary Medical Association meeting on Feb. 20 and 21. He will also be chairman of a symposium on large animal surgery at the meeting.

Dr. R. L. Lundval, Department of Medical and Surgery, gave a talk at the Des Moines Saddle and Country Club early in February on general care of horses.

Dr. Robert Getty attended a meeting of the American Association of Equine Practitioners held at Chicago, Illinois on December 16-17, 1955. Clinical problems in surgery, medicine and topical anesthesia, as well as findings in basic research applicable to equine disases were dealt with in the papers and demonstrations. Dr. Getty presented a paper on "Local Anesthesia and Nerve Block in Equine."

Dr. Robert D. Whiteford was elected to the National Association for Research in Ophthalmology on November 23, 1955.

Dr. W. J. Zimmermann presented a paper before the annual meeting of the American Public Health Association in Kansas City, Mo. His subject was "Incidence of trichiniasis in swine, pork products and wild life in Iowa."

Dr. M. S. Hofstad of VMRI met with other section officers of the American Medical Association in San Antonio, Texas, October 29, to November 1, 1955.

Dr. L. Meyer Jones gave a talk at the District Veterinary Meeting at Sheldon, Iowa, on February 7, and at Storm Lake on the 8th. He spoke on certain phases of Pharmacology pertaining to Veterinary practice.

Dr. H. E. Biester and Dr. L. H.Schwarte attended the meeting of the United States Livestock Sanitary Association in New Orleans, La., November 14–19, 1955.

Dr. D. L. Baker, Department of Medicine and Surgery, is presenting a paper on canine geriatrics at the Southwest Iowa Veterinary Medical Association at Council Bluffs, Iowa. The meeting is to be held early in April.

On February 8, **Dr. R. A. Packer** presented a paper entitled, "Current Trends On Bovine Mastitis," at the Farm and Home Week of Kansas State College.

Dr. Samual R. M. Reynolds under the sponsorship of the Veterinary Physiology Seminar gave two talks on March 2. The one in the afternoon was entitled "The Changes in Fetal Circulation at Birth." In the evening he spoke on "The Gestation Mechanism." Dr. Reynolds is Professor of Anatomy at the University of Illinois Medical School.

Kenneth E. Collins of Atomic Energy Commission was appointed to the staff of Veterinary Medical Research Institute as Research Associate in October, 1955. His work will be concerned primarily with the effects of radiation on biological materials. Mr. Collins is a graduate of San Jose State College in California and received the M. S. Degree from Iowa State College.

On November 25, 1955, **Dr. H. E. Biester** attended the American College of Veterinary Pathologists meeting in Chicago, Ill.

VETERINARY CONFERENCE

The Annual Conference for Veterinarians will be held in air conditioned rooms, Memorial Union, Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa on July 17 and 18, 1956.

The technical program has been divided into Large and Small Sections with closed circuit television programs interspersed between technical papers.

A special feature will be a banquet and dedication ceremonies in honor of the completion of the large Iowa State Diagnostic Laboratory.

Dr. John Herrick and Dr. D. L. Baker are co-chairmen of the conference.

BIRTHS

A boy, Douglas Cameron, was born September 30, to **Dr. and Mrs. L. E. Barnes** in Ames, Iowa. Dr. Barnes is a member of the Department of Veterinary Hygiene at Iowa State College.

Vaginal specula in dogs should be of the bivalve type. Urethral specula (human) are the right size for small dogs and anal specula (human) can be used on large dogs.

Abortions caused by *Vibrio fetus* occurred between 2½ and 8½ months of pregnancy in a group of 24 cows examined at Wisconsin. These animals were negative for brucellosis and trichomoniasis.

The California Experiment Station is working on a device to take nails, wire and other bits of iron out of hay and silage as a means of reducing the incidence of so-called "hardware disease."