

# Versatile Veterinary Student

He is not an unusual looking man, and no one would ever guess that he has spent nine of his thirty-one years in college and five of them in India.

Theodore Millen was born in Monmouth, Illinois February 5, 1908, where he attended grade and high school and Monmouth College, receiving a B. S. degree in 1930. On commencement day he was on his way to India. He didn't see his diploma until his return five years later. His route to India included Paris, France, Egypt and Arabia.

As an instructor in the Woodstock school for missionaries' children he taught manual arts, biology and general science. He served also as a warden for one of the boys' dormitories and was a cub master for a group of about fifty boys. A cub master, he told me, is similar to a scout master in the United States. During the three month vacation, he spent most of his time hunting big game, proof of which he has in the form of skins from a variety of his catch. An interesting detail was the incident he told of having had a goat which he milked and used for bait for the trap simultaneously. This, he said was against the principles of the natives. Either one alone was all right but the two-purpose idea didn't suit them.

## Visited Legislature

Among other interesting experiences in India he visited the legislative council and was entertained by a Bombay merchant.

On his return trip he managed to include a sight seeing tour through the Orient, visiting Singapore, Shanghai and other Oriental cities. This tour may have had a definite bearing on the unusual meeting of him and the girl he was to marry. His brothers met him in Canada and they motored back through western United States. He went home for a week's

visit, then came to Iowa State College where he and his brother lived in a trailer house for about ten weeks of the fall quarter. At this point he convinced the one and only that two months was long enough to court a girl, and they were married at Thanksgiving time. The girl was Charis Murley whom he met at the Cosmopolitan club where both were guests of Oriental students. She is a graduate of Northwestern University. They now have a daughter a year old.

Last winter quarter he received the Master of Science degree, and in June he expects to receive a D. V. M. degree. He is now assistant to Dr. Eveleth, the biological chemist at the research farm where they are studying mainly the inorganic elements of blood as they are affected by nutrition.

## Hobbies

His hobbies are closely related to his work. Bees seem to be of primary interest at the present time. During his work in obtaining his degree he proved for the first time that the drone progeny of laying workers is virile. He also showed that worker bees can be larger than drones due to the size of the cell.

Chickens are also included among his hobbies. He crossed a bantam breed (Silkies) with Wyandottes by artificial insemination.

When asked if he had any bad habits, Mrs. Millen suggested only one. "Ideas", she said, "which he cannot keep up with." She insisted he is a good husband and father.

He is a student elder in the Presbyterian church at Ames and has taught a class of boys ever since he has been at Ames.

When asked about plans he indicated he hopes to continue in research work after graduation and may even return to India in the future.—I. C. Hember.