



CHARLES HENRY STANGE

Dean of Veterinary Division

1909 - 1936

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In the death of Charles Henry Stange, on April 26, 1936, veterinary medicine lost one of its most prominent educators and scientists. He was an attentive and interested observer of veterinary educational systems, and through the application of this knowledge he became recognized as a leader in the field of veterinary medical education.

Dean Stange was born in Cedar County, Iowa, May 21, 1880. Upon completion of his preliminary schooling from Lowden High School, in 1896, he worked on a farm. Shortly following his graduation from Iowa State College in 1907, he became affiliated with the U. S. Bureau of Animal Industry in New Mexico, but resigned to do post-graduate work in pathology and bacteriology, subjects of intense interest to him, at the University of Chicago. In 1908 he returned to Iowa State College to join the veterinary faculty as assistant professor of veterinary medicine, and in 1909 he was made dean of the division, in which capacity he served for 27 years, until his death.

Dean Stange's activities did not cease with his appointment to the deanship. It was through his efforts that the division was organized into five departments for teaching and research in their respective fields, and one department for research only. He also organized the State Biological Laboratory for the production and distribution of anti-hog cholera serum and virus. He established the Department of Veterinary Investigation, which is now the Veterinary Research Institute, to conduct research work in animal diseases. In 1924 the American Veterinary Medical Association honored him with the presidency. During the 29 years of his membership he was in regular attendance and served his society capably and tirelessly as a member of the executive and other committees. He was an active worker in the United States Live Stock Sanitary Association.

Dean Stange felt that the advancement of professional veterinary medicine and the recognition of this advancement depended upon the improvement of educational standards through the medium of the veterinary colleges. He did considerable work on this problem, and in 1928 was selected by the Bureau of Education of the United States Department of the Interior, to make a survey and to report on veterinary education in the United States. This was an extremely important assignment and a distinct recognition of Dean Stange's outstanding ability in the field of veterinary education. The recent advancements in veterinary educational standards can be attributed largely to the findings contained in his report.

In recognition of Dean Stange's contributions and proposals for the advancement of the veterinary medical profession, at a meeting of the Iowa State College student chapter of the American Veterin-

ary Medical Association, on May 6, 1936, the following resolution was adopted:

Whereas, Dean Charles Henry Stange was in life and in memory one of the pioneers of veterinary education, a farsighted curriculum builder, a capable administrator, the guiding spirit of a great school, and an ever understanding friend of the student, and

Whereas, The advancement of his school and profession was always his chief interest, and

Whereas, This proposed modern clinic building will stand in actuality as a lasting tribute to his constant and untiring efforts to aid veterinary progress, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Iowa State College student chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association urge that the proposed Veterinary Clinic Building at Iowa State College be named the Charles Henry Stange Memorial Veterinary Clinic.

The clinic building has been constructed and bears the name as recommended by the society in the resolution. This modern building is to be officially dedicated on May 17, 1939.



South Hall, originally the home of President Welch, where first instruction in Veterinary Science was given.

North Hall, the second building occupied by the Veterinary Division, in conjunction with the Botany Department.

