

# Extension Veterinary Medicine Has Moved

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The College of Veterinary Medicine now houses Extension Veterinary Medicine—the first time since Extension Veterinary Medicine came into being back in 1913. Dr. Herrick, Dr. Nelson and Dr. McKean moved into their new quarters the last of March, 1978 from Kildee Hall. Dr. Herrick, chairman of the group, stated that “in keeping with the College Administration Policy of having extension personnel housed with subject matter groups, extension veterinarians made the move into facilities within the College of Veterinary Medicine.” Dr. Herrick further stated that the housing with animal science extension personnel and other segments of agriculture was beneficial throughout the years due to the exchange of information and joining in interdisciplinary educational efforts. Herrick states, “Veterinary medicine, particularly the aspects of dealing with animal protein production, cannot function efficiently without the knowledge and efforts of others dealing with the different facets of production in an interdisciplinary program.”

Extension veterinary medicine has a multifaceted educational approach. Educational programs directed towards livestock organizations and producers are an important part of their endeavors. These programs are held in cooperation with regulatory veterinarians, practicing veterinarians, animal science extension, agricultural engineering and other related agricultural subject matter specialists. Programs directed towards disease

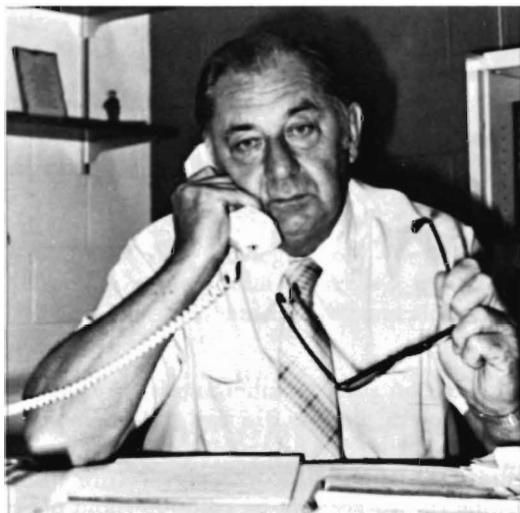
eradication such as tuberculosis, brucellosis, hog cholera, poultry diseases and others have been spearheaded by extension veterinarians. Preconditioning, feeder pig certification, swine record keeping by computer and other such programs have been generated in recent months and are in action at the present time.

Continuing education for veterinarians in Iowa was spearheaded by extension veterinarians as far back as 1946 with strong programs ongoing since that time. One of the major endeavors of extension veterinary medicine is programming and scheduling continuing education offerings from the College of Veterinary Medicine. They work closely with the education committee of the IVMA as well as with the Iowa Academy of Practitioners. Dr. Herrick, who serves as chairman of the Continuing Education Committee of the College of Veterinary Medicine, praised the entire staff of the College of Veterinary Medicine for their willingness to participate in continuing education endeavors. Iowa has been one of the leading states in continuing education and now that compulsory continuing education is required for all veterinarians, continuation of past programs is necessary.

Extension veterinary medicine prepares a monthly communication, which brings to all Iowa veterinarians continuing education offerings and information covering the various facets of the veterinary profession.

Extension serves as a liaison between the veterinary profession and the animal agriculture industry by belonging or serving on some twenty different animal and poultry associations. Likewise, they are extremely active in organized veterinary medicine activities. Dr. Herrick has served as president of both the Iowa and American associations. Dr. Nelson is past president of the Iowa

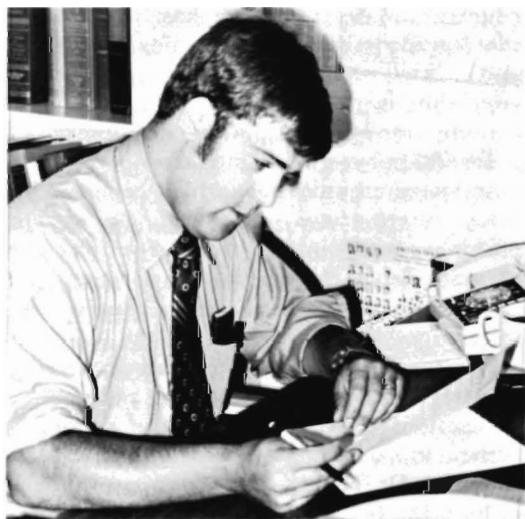
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association and Dr. McKean is presently serving as secretary of the American Association of Swine Practitioners. They also serve on many state and national committees of organized veterinary medicine.

It may be difficult to find extension veterinarians in their new quarters. They are a busy lot, usually at their desks shortly after 7:00 A.M. and will average four to six meetings "in the field" per week with at least half of them being night meetings. Herrick, who used to travel 50,000 miles a year, states the college planes are the biggest time savers ever. The only drawback to flying is that they don't have time to visit with as many



Dr. McKean

veterinarians while in the field. If an hour or so is spent with extension, you will find the phone ringing constantly, five to ten letters per day to be written, plus several publications per year under preparation.

Last year's records indicate—and extension veterinarians must keep weekly records—that extension veterinarians conducted a total of 101 swine meetings; 15 feeder cattle meetings; 19 cow calf meetings; 14 dairy meetings; 8 equine meetings; 12 poultry meetings; 6 companion pet meetings; and 3 public health meetings. Eighteen committee meetings of various associations were attended by extension veterinarians. The three veterinarians participated in 18 continuing education offerings for veterinarians.



Dr. Nelson

Extension veterinarians are now finding that they have many more students in their excellent group of offices. They are finding that their publications are rapidly moving out, yet they are happy to work with the students. Their move from Kildee and non-veterinarian co-workers took them away from the mainstream of traffic composed of agribusiness, yet this group is also finding the extension veterinarians' new offices.

Herrick stated, "We are delighted to be with the staff within the College of Veterinary Medicine and we hope we can continue to serve all phases of veterinary medicine."