

# FACULTY NEWS



## SPEAKING TOUR

High school career days, in which Dr. C. H. Covault has been representing the Division of Veterinary Medicine at Iowa State College since they were organized 10 years ago, were recently completed for the 1953-54 school year. Career days are organized on a city, county, or district basis. This year, Dr. Covault counseled with students from 80 Iowa high schools. As many as 48 vocational fields were represented. The purpose of high school career days is to acquaint high school students with all phases of the vocations and professions in which an interest has been manifested upon a preliminary survey.

Dr. O. W. Whitcomb spoke at the Des Moines Saddle Horse Club meeting at the McNiel Highway Hotel at Des Moines on April 6, and led a discussion of the lamenesses, feeding and care of horses.

At the annual Iowa meeting of the Medical Society on April 26, Dr. E. A. Benbrook, head of the Department of Pathology, spoke to the Iowa Association of Pathology on "Gross Pathology of Animals." Dr. William S. Monlux, professor of Pathology, was elected an affiliate member of the Medical Society at this meeting. Dr. Benbrook and Dr. Monlux are the only two veterinarians who are members of the Society.

Dr. E. A. Benbrook, head of the Department of Pathology, presented the topic "Animal Pathology" to the pre-vets at their meeting May 4.

## SAILING TOUR

The latest word from Dr. L. M. Jones, who has been lecturing in Austria under a Fulbright scholarship for the past year, is that he plans to return to Iowa State College about August 1. He said he was having difficulty in booking passage for the homeward voyage because of the heavy tourist traffic. Dr. Jones says the experience has been great but it isn't like living in the United States.

The Iowa State College Athletic Council has been kept very busy this year. They have selected a new football and basketball coach as well as organizing an improved sports program for ISC. Dr. R. A. Packer, Dept. of Hygiene, is chairman of this group.

Dr. E. A. Hewitt, head of the Department of Physiology, attended the annual meeting of the American Physiological Society in Atlantic City, N. J., April 9-19.

Drs. E. A. Hewitt and J. G. Graca were in Galesburg, Ill., April 29-30, where both presented seminars to the staff of the Galesburg Research Hospital. They were guests of Dr. and Mrs. Harold Himwich. Dr. Harold Himwich is director of research at the hospital, and his wife, Dr. Willamina Himwich, is in charge of the biochemical research. She received her Ph.D. in nutrition at Iowa State College, working under Dr. Pearl Swanson.

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Dr. H. E. Biester attended the dedication of the Haskell Laboratory for Toxicology and Industrial Medicine, Wilmington, Del. on March 29. While there he conferred with Dr. Zapp and others on problems of trichloroethylene poisoning of domestic animals.

Dr. L. H. Schwarte presented a paper on hog cholera before the Southwest Veterinary Medical Association meeting in Council Bluffs on April 6.

Dr. M. S. Hofstad attended a meeting of the North Central Technical Committee held Feb. 15 at St. Paul, Minn. Respiratory diseases was the topic for discussion.

On March 14, Dr. J. C. Picken went to Peoria, Ill., to consult with NURB personnel on research on fractionation of the toxic factor in trichloroethylene soybean oil meal.

Hog cholera research was the subject of a discussion presented by Dr. L. H. Schwarte on Jan. 27, at the meeting of the Minnesota State Veterinary Medical Association in St. Paul.

Dr. H. E. Biester visited the National Institute of Health, Bethesda, Md., in April and conferred with staff members there.

W. R. Bauriedel and F. R. Parchen of VMRI staff attended the national meeting of the American Chemical Society in Kansas City, Mo., March 29.

Dr. L. H. Schwarte attended the dedication of the Sanitary Engineering Center of the USPH at Cincinnati, Ohio, April 8.

Dean I. A. Merchant attended the 1954 Midwest Live Stock Sanitary Officials Conference at Sioux City on Thursday, April 29, where he spoke on the subject "Research Needed for Better Animal Disease Control."

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Dr. R. A. Packer has been appointed chairman of the Advisory Board to the Y.M.C.A. for the ensuing year, 1954.

Drs. Robert Getty and M. A. Emmerson attended a meeting of the A.V.M.A. Research Council Fellowships Awards Committee April 26, in Chicago, as members of a committee which grants fellowship awards to graduate veterinarians of the United States and Canada. Dr. Getty is secretary of the committee.

Dr. Getty directed the agenda for the newly formed A.V.M.A. Committee on Motion Pictures and Television, of which he is chairman. The purpose of this committee is: to review and classify all existing veterinary motion pictures and visual aides; to evaluate the standards and techniques of production; to stimulate further productions; and to classify them for showing to lay audiences.

Drs. M. A. Emmerson and John Herrick conducted a shortcourse on sterility to a group of veterinarians in Waterloo, Iowa, on April 21 and 22.

On April 24, Drs. T. F. Bartley and O. W. Whitcomb attended the Southwestern Minnesota Association meeting at Windom, Minnesota. Dr. Whitcomb and Dr. J. P. Arnold, Department of Surgery, University of Minnesota, gave a demonstration of large animal anesthesia and restraint.

**SPARROWS AS CARRIERS OF NEWCASTLE VIRUS.** Studies were made to determine whether or not newcastle disease is transmissible from infected chickens to immature English sparrows and from infected sparrows to chickens. The results indicate that under simulated natural conditions such transmission was possible with the GB strain of newcastle disease virus and that natural occurrence of newcastle disease in a sparrow has been observed.

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