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### **Dr. Wolfgang J. Jöchle Has Died**

Dr. Jöchle, a charter member of our Society and a judge in the J.F. Smithcors Student Veterinary History Essay Contest for the past seven years, died in Manahawkin, New Jersey, on November 14, 2013 at the age of 86. A graduate of the Ludwig Maximilian University in Munich, he had taught in German veterinary universities before 1976 when he began working for pharmaceutical companies. He was a diplomate of the American College of Theriogenologists and a founder of the journal *Theriogenology* on whose editorial board he served. When working for Syntex in Mexico, he discovered a yam with a high content of sterols, enabling the chemists to produce a practical pill to control short range reproduction in people. Dr. Jöchle had continued to work for a long range chemical alternative to spaying of small animals that is already marketed in Europe. Not surprisingly, we are advised that memorials to him may be made to the Alliance for Contraception in Cats and Dogs, 11145 N.W., Old Cornelius Pass Road, Portland, OR 97231.

Dr. Jöchle's experience on editorial boards and as a frequent reviewer for journals made him an especially perceptive judge of the student essays in our contest. He

apparently looked up some of their resources and made a point of warning students to stop quoting large portions from their references without attribution.



In Dr. Jöchle's absence, Dr. Sebastian E. Heath, AVMHS past president and former essay judge, has graciously agreed to serve as the third reader for the 2014 contest.

### **Smithcors History Essay Contest Prizes**

A grant from the Donaldson Charitable Trust in the fall of 2012 supported the Elizabeth Atwood Lawrence prizes in the J.F. Smithcors Veterinary Student History Essay Contest in 2013. The grant balance remains large enough to cover the four prizes (\$1200, \$1000, \$800, \$500) again in May 2014, as well as \$1000 for travel and lodging reimbursement for a winner to present a paper at the AVMHS Annual Meeting during the AVMA Convention in Denver.

However, more funding will be needed for 2015. Thus, the Society is now submitting a proposal to the Donaldson Charitable Trust for further assistance. This application will include results of a survey sent to those who submitted essays in 2013. The J.F. Smithcors essay contest Chair, Dr. Russell Currier, said of that survey in a report last fall, "...we are happy to note that the increased prize funding was a definite plus as the amounts were increased substantially and numerically from three to four prizes as well as funding to present their paper at the AVMHS meeting."

AVMHS Members, if you have any contacts with veterinary schools, or with students, please urge that

classes in veterinary history be established and that students enter our contest. After all, this J.F. Smithcors contest is our most important contact with students, and we all need to help take more veterinary history to them and to provide this venue for them to use their own ingenuity to delve into some aspect of it.

The current essay contest submission deadline is **Tuesday, April 15, 2014**. The contest is open to all DVM students enrolled in veterinary schools in the United States, Canada, and West Indies.



### Deadline for 2014 Young Scholars Award

The winner of the 2014 Young Scholars Award Competition will present his or her original essay on any topic relevant to the history of the veterinary field at the 41<sup>st</sup> WAHVM meeting in London in September 10-13, 2014. In addition to the First Prize of 1000E (about \$1350 USD) plus up to 1000E travel expenses to London, there will be a 400E (about \$540 USD) Second Prize and 200E (about \$270 USD) Third Prize. Young Scholars must be less than 38 years of age and have submitted their essays for judging by **Friday, February 28, 2014** to the WAHVM Executive Board either Prof. Susan D. Jones at [jone0996@umn.edu](mailto:jone0996@umn.edu) or Prof. Dr. Peter Koolmees at [P.A.Koolmees@iras.uu.nl](mailto:P.A.Koolmees@iras.uu.nl). More information can be found at: <http://wahvm.org/2014/01/>

### Program for AVMA 2014 in Denver

President-Elect – Program Chair Dr. Ronnie Elmore has been working in conjunction with past president Dr. Howard Erickson on an informative program for our meeting in Denver. Given Dr. Elmore's ongoing interest in education, the theme will focus on its history in the United States. Speakers for this program under preparation are as follows:

#### *History of Veterinary Medical Education in the United States*

Monday, July 28, 2014

8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Location and room to be announced later

8:30 a.m. - 8:40 a.m. - Welcome and Introductions – *Dr. Ronnie Elmore* (Kansas State University)

8:40 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. - Overview of the History of Veterinary Medical Education in the United States - *Dr. Donald F. Smith* (Cornell University)

9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. - The Kansas City Veterinary College - *Dr. Howard H. Erickson* (Kansas State University)

10:00 a.m. - 10:40 a.m. - History of the AAVMC - *Dr. Andrew McCabe* (AAVMC)

10:40 a.m. - 11:10 a.m. - History of Veterinary Technician Programs - *Ms. Jacqueline M. Paritte* (Oklahoma State University) 1<sup>st</sup> Prize Winner in 2013 Smithcors Essay Contest.

11:10 a.m. - noon - Early African-American Graduates of Kansas State University - *Dr. Ronnie Elmore* (Kansas State University)

Lunch Break

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. AVMHS Business Meeting – *Dr. Helen Wojcinski*, Presiding

To complement this program, our exhibit hall booth theme this year will likely also focus on the history of veterinary education and highlight some of the early veterinary schools.

AVMA 2014 meeting registration is now open (with an early registration discount effective until April 28) at <http://www.avmaconvention.org>

### Veterinary Museum Directory Updated

When Dr. Harold J. Davis from Springville, Utah compiled an AVMHS list of veterinary museums in the United States in 2001, he intended it to guide veterinarians who might be traveling around the country and wanted to visit a veterinary museum or historical exhibit. Several years later the list was updated by Dr. Robert McClure and C. Trenton Boyd from Columbia, Missouri in 2005. With the closing of the American Museum of Veterinary Medicine in Birdsboro, Pennsylvania, it seemed time to update the list yet again.

In order to include contact information, brief descriptions, and photos, two publications have been created for the new 2014 edition. The summary brochure is attached to this issue of *News & Comment* while the more extensive descriptive guide will soon be available for viewing and printing from the AVMHS web site at <http://avmhs.org/museums.html>.

Suggestions and changes are welcome at any time. AVMHS Secretary-Treasurer, Susanne Whitaker ([skw2@cornell.edu](mailto:skw2@cornell.edu)) wishes to acknowledge the assistance of many individuals in compiling these publications, including Dr. Harold J. Davis and Paul Maravelas (Minnesota Veterinary Historical Museum).



1890 Veterinary Surgeon's Office at the Carroll County Farm Museum, Westminster, Maryland. AVMA Charter and Life Member Dr. R. Gary Roop shown in the picture is one of the curators and volunteer guides from the Maryland Veterinary Medical Association.

### Proposed History Program for AVMA Convention in Boston - 2015

In order for our speakers to be included on the main AVMA program schedule, it is necessary to plan more than a year in advance. With his experience in planning the successful Smithcors Symposium in Chicago, we are pleased that Dr. Howard Erickson has thought ahead toward Boston in 2015. He proposes submitting a program for AVMA approval which can be coordinated with the 2014-2015 President-Elect-Program Chair when elected this summer. On the possible theme of "Veterinary Medicine in Boston and Massachusetts," presentation topics could include: Dr. George Dadd, the Boston Veterinary Institute, Harvard University Veterinary Department, early USVMA presidents from Massachusetts, Middlesex University School of Veterinary Medicine, Massachusetts native and early woman veterinarian Florence Kimball, establishment of the Tufts University Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine, and a Smithcors essay contest winner. Suggestions and comments are welcome.

### AMVM Books Are in Wisconsin

On Monday, November 4, 2013, a significant historical ceremony marked the transfer of more than 2600 books from the collection of the former American Museum of Veterinary Medicine (AMVM) to the University of Wisconsin Library System in Madison. While the heavy, very rare copy of the 1776 edition of George Stubb's remarkable illustrated book, *The Anatomy of the Horse*, rested on a nearby lectern, a copy of its less weighty 1965 edition was ceremonially presented to Dr. Fred Born, by Judy Herman, widow of AMVM President Dr. Max Herman, and Judy Ressler, who had categorized much of

the collection. Dr. Born who had been critically instrumental in facilitating the acceptance of the collection by the University of Wisconsin, noted the roles of various others in the exchange and then passed *The Anatomy of the Horse* to Emeritus Dean Barney Easterday, who had played a key role in the collection's acceptance. After expressing appreciation for the collection on behalf of the veterinary school, Dean Easterday passed the book to the Curator of the Library System's Special Collections, Dr. Robin Rider, who closed with thanks to everyone connected with the transfer.



l-r: Emeritus Dean Barney Easterday, Dr. Fred Born, Mrs. Judy Herman and Ms. Judy Ressler with the 1766 Stubbs folio.

This vast book collection was begun by two resourceful members of our Society and founders of Pennsylvania's Eastern Veterinary Historical Society (EVHS), Drs. Richard Detwiler and Max Herman. Over the years, they had rescued old veterinary textbooks being discarded by the University of Pennsylvania, and received from Dr. Robert R. Shomer, a past-president of the American Veterinary Medical History Society, his outstanding collection of early veterinary works. In 2007 the American Museum of Veterinary Medicine was formally founded in Birdsboro, Pennsylvania, and received all of the EVHS books. There Dr. Detwiler's niece, Judy Ressler, took over the classification of 250 additional books donated by the Rev. Dr. Robert P. Lawrence, husband of Dr. Elizabeth Atwood Lawrence, a former president of our Society and a pioneer in veterinary studies of animals in other cultures. In addition, through the leadership of AMVM President Max Herman and Dr. Detwiler, 24 other veterinarians had also donated their libraries, with the result that when the AMVM closed its doors in 2012, it had a massive veterinary library of texts,

journals and periodicals. Over 300 of the volumes are rare books, with one having been printed as early as 1551.

Those who believe in the value of old books as they were originally published owe a debt of gratitude to the University of Wisconsin Library System, because more and more libraries are saving space by putting classics onto CDs. There the old content remains accessible, but not the things themselves with the auras of their times. Kudos to Dr. Fred Born for devoting so much time and effort to shepherding the veterinary-related portion of the AMVM book collection to libraries at the University of Wisconsin.

### JAVMA Correction

If you don't already know who is who in our Society, you'll get the wrong idea from page 1498 of the December 1, 2013 issue of *JAVMA*. The picture of people should have identified from left to right: Dr. Howard Erickson, Susanne Whitaker, and Dr. Fred Born. This article describing the "History of AVMA" exhibit can be found at: "All good things must come to an end." *JAVMA* 3013 Dec 1;243(11):1498.

### Dr. James H. Steele's Connection to Dr. John Gamgee

Dr. James Harlan Steele, a faithful and very supportive AVMHS member, lived his incredibly productive life to half-way between 100 and 101 years of age (April 3, 1913 – November 10, 2013). He was as tall, 6'7", as his pioneering life was long. *News & Comment* is not equipped to do justice to the story of the effects of Jim Steele on the awareness of and the public health activities related to zoonotic diseases and their mitigation and control. For that, your reporter recommends that you read a lengthy obituary, "James H. Steele, Pioneer in Veterinary Public Health, Dies at 100" in the November 21, 2013 issue of *The New York Times* at [http://www.nytimes.com/2013/11/22/us/james-h-steele-pioneer-in-veterinary-public-health-dies-at-100.html?\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2013/11/22/us/james-h-steele-pioneer-in-veterinary-public-health-dies-at-100.html?_r=0)

Also, we look forward to the publication of an amazing paper by former AVMHS President, Dr. Russell W. Currier. It places Dr. Steele in a line of historic thinkers in veterinary medicine. He calls it "A One Health Chain from John Gamgee to James H. Steele." The paper's genesis lay in Dr. Steele's having been awarded the World Veterinary Association's prestigious John Gamgee Gold Medal in 2013. This rare medal -- only the sixth given since 1863—is conferred by the WVA on a veterinarian for outstanding global influence on human

and animal health and the veterinary profession. <http://www.worldvet.org/news.php?item=64>



Dr. John Gamgee (1831-1894)

Photo from: *A Cornell Heritage: Veterinary Medicine 1868-1908*, pg. 6 ; See also, *The Remarkable Gamgees: A Story of Achievement*, by Ruth D'Arcy Thompson. Edinburgh: Ramsey Head Press, 1974.



Dr. James H. Steele (1913-2013), pioneer in foodborne disease research, prevention and control.

Photo from: [http://dhs.wifss.ucdavis.edu/headcontent/newsletter/2009Jul\\_newsletter.php](http://dhs.wifss.ucdavis.edu/headcontent/newsletter/2009Jul_newsletter.php)

Dr. Steele is widely considered "*The Father of Veterinary Public Health*" as he introduced the principles of veterinary public health to the United States and other countries around the world.

The WVA has stated, "By promoting the One-Health concept, Dr. Steele has enhanced considerably the lives of animals and humans."

## Research on Early Kansas & Missouri Veterinary Schools

Many of our members are conducting extensive historical research that deserves recognition. In particular, we would like to point out the work currently being done by Dr. Howard Erickson from Kansas State University. He indicates, "I have been working on the history of the Kansas City Veterinary College [for some time]. We have posted much of this on our college web site at <http://www.vet.ksu.edu>. Click on "About the College" in the left column, then scroll down to find the history of our college and the KCVC, including biographies of many of the graduates." Also viewable are diplomas, faculty rosters, class composite photos, and extracurricular activities.

Furthermore, "Cheri Ubel, our Alumni Coordinator, who recently retired, encouraged me to post some of the information about the Kansas City Veterinary College and St. Joseph Veterinary College on our website. She hired a journalism student last summer who helped with the project. When these schools closed, some of their records were transferred to K-State. We continue to get inquiries from grandchildren of the graduates."

"As you may know, I hope to publish the history of the KCVC sometime." In addition to these detailed web pages, we look forward to Dr. Erickson's book which will make a valuable contribution to the veterinary historical record.



St. Joseph Veterinary College and Hospital

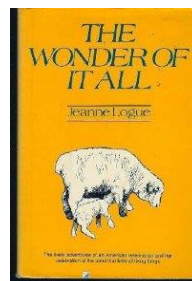
### Dr. Jeanne Logue – A Significant Loss

Dr. Jeanne Neubecker Logue, 92, (COR-44) died on August 19, 2013. A member of the American Veterinary Medical History Society for decades, Dr. Logue will be remembered by veterinary scholars and others for her very well-written book titled, *Beyond the Germ Theory: The Story of Dr. Cooper Curtice*. It clarifies the role Dr.

Curtice played in the proof by veterinarians that an arthropod can serve as the vector of a mammalian disease. It shows, too, how Curtice dedicated his life to wiping out Texas fever in cattle.

Dr. Logue was also the author of *The Wonder of It All*, a sensitive memoir of about a dozen years as a mixed animal practitioner in upstate New York. Your reporter considers this the best writing she has read by any veterinarian about work in practice. All in good humor, Dr. Logue takes the reader with her as she meets doubtful farmers, and she deals poignantly with the loss of pets. We discover -- with her -- how difficult it was to find family time in a solo mixed practice. So, she abruptly gives it up and joins a colleague working only with small animals. Thus, both of them find more time for their families.

After her retirement in the late 1970s, Dr. Logue wrote the two books already mentioned. She had also worked on a novel based on her scholarly studies of the life of Salihotra, who organized veterinary care in the Indus Valley about 1800 B.C., and whose name survives today in the word for an Indian army veterinary medical officer, "salutrti". In 2010, Dr. Logue wrote about Salihotra in one of the earliest AVMHS Time-Bites for the Veterinary Information Network (VIN). She called it "The First Recorded Veterinarian in History". If you happen to be interested in the 35 sources Dr. Logue used for this Time-Bite about Salihotra, just let your reporter know via one of the methods listed at the end of this *News & Comment*.



Dr. Logue in 1944



### In Memoriam: Jack R. Horton, DVM

Born in Kansas City in 1933, AVMHS member Dr. Horton passed way on December 25, 2013. He was a 1957 graduate of the University of Missouri School of Veterinary Medicine. He served as a captain in the United States Air Force Veterinary Corps before returning to Columbia, Missouri in 1960 to establish the Horton Animal Hospital. "The Gentle Doctor" retired on Jan. 1, 1999, after 39 years in practice. In addition to AVMHS, he was a member of the AVMA and Missouri

Veterinary Associations, where he served as chairman of the Legislative Committee for many years.

[http://www.columbiatribune.com/obituaries/jack-  
horton/article\\_bee59d0e-6f29-11e3-81b6-  
10604b9f1ff4.html](http://www.columbiatribune.com/obituaries/jack-horton/article_bee59d0e-6f29-11e3-81b6-10604b9f1ff4.html)

### Human Rights and Animal Rights

Animal welfare officially took off when Henry Bergh started the ASPCA in 1866 in the United States, and was given big boosts by two books, *Black Beauty*, regarding horses, in England in 1877, and *Beautiful Joe*, about a true Canadian dog in 1892. However, the idea of animal rights didn't really commence until after the mid-20th century, according to the powerful "Bookworm" program which analyzed the appearance of the words "animal rights" in five million books digitized by Google Books. A graph based on the percentage of the number that had been reached by the year 2000 indicates that only a sprinkling of "animal rights" began appearing shortly before 1950, after which it rose gradually, and then started growing very swiftly after 1985.

In sum, the graph shows that five kinds of rights had been examined by "Bookworm" between 1945 and 2000. The expression "civil rights" had appeared strong earliest, "women's rights" next, and "children's rights", third. "Gay rights" had climbed rapidly after 1970, and "animal rights" had zoomed after 1985. Because of the growth of this variety of rights from 1945 to 2000, Steven Pinker calls the latter half of the 20th Century a period of Rights Revolutions. Source: Pinker, Steven. *The Better Angels of Our Nature: Why Violence Has Declined*. NY: Viking, 2011. pg. 380.

### New Registry of Veterinary Heritage Practice

We are pleased to welcome a new Registry member:  
*Lewis Animal Hospital* (Cincinnati, OH), Estab. 1914

### AVMHS Office Telephone Number Change

You may now reach the AVMHS Secretary-Treasurer, Susanne Whitaker, at 607-257-9248. Her mailing address and email remain the same at 23 Wedgewood Drive, Ithaca, NY 14850-1064 and [skw2@cornell.edu](mailto:skw2@cornell.edu). After 37 years of providing information services to Cornell University's veterinary college faculty and students, she retired from the Library in December, 2013.

### Meeting Calendar

<u>2014</u>	
July 28	AVMHS Annual Business Meeting and Program, Denver, Colorado
Sept. 10-13	41 <sup>th</sup> WAHVM International Congress, Imperial College, London, England <a href="http://www.veterinaryhistorylondon.com/">http://www.veterinaryhistorylondon.com/</a>
Sept. 17-20	World Veterinary Association (WVA) 150 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Prague, Czech Republic
<u>2015</u>	
July _____	AVMHS Annual Business Meeting and Program, Boston, Massachusetts

### New Books

Greenhill, Lisa M. *Navigating Diversity and Inclusion in Veterinary Medicine*. West Lafayette, IN: Purdue University Press, 2013. 168 pgs. ISBN: 9781557536365  
Includes a chapter on "The aerial mosaic: a historical picture of diversity in veterinary medicine" by Billy E. Hooper.

Massey University. Faculty of Veterinary Science and New Zealand Veterinary Association. *50 Years of Veterinary Education: A History, 1963-2013*. Palmerston, North, New Zealand: Massey University, 2013. 15 pgs.

Roloff, Jim. *Mending God's Creatures: True Stories of a Small-Town Veterinarian*. Mustang, OK: Tate Pub., 2014. 367 pgs. ISBN: 9781628549294

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## Recent Journal Articles & Chapters Related to the History of Veterinary Medicine

Copies of articles may be obtained through interlibrary loan services provided by your local college or public library, or from the AVMHS Secretary-Treasurer if unavailable from other sources.

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