



INTERIM NEWS & COMMENT

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REMINDER: Regional Meeting at Ames



President Russ Currier has put together a full day program for Friday, September 16, 2011, in conjunction with support from the Iowa Veterinary Medical Association. It is scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m. with a luncheon from 11:30 to 12:30. There is a \$35 registration fee, which will include the luncheon. To register in advance, please contact Dr. Russell Currier at ruscurrier@yahoo.com or 515-710-2331.

Topics are: Veterinary Education and History in Iowa: An Overview of a Success Story; Establishing a Veterinary Museum in Illinois: From Concept to Reality; Richard Shope: His Contributions to Influenza Research and Veterinary Medicine; History of Milk Hygiene: Profiles of Advocates for Change, 1880-1920; The Early History of the Horse Doctor; Women Pioneers in Veterinary Medicine; History of Hog Cholera and Its Eradication; and The Iowa Cow Wars. At 4 pm a tour of the ISU Packer History Museum will close this 3rd Regional AVMHS Meeting.

Meeting News from St. Louis

New officers are President-elect Dr. Martha Littlefield of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and two new Board Members at Large, Lesley Gentry of Beloit, Kansas, and Dr. Ronnie Elmore of Manhattan, Kansas. Continuing are President Russ Currier of Des Moines, Iowa, Immediate Past President Howard Erickson of Manhattan, Kansas, Secretary/Treasurer Susanne Whitaker of Ithaca, New York, and Board Members Dr. Maryanne Ash of Lafayette, Indiana, and Dr. C. B. Chastain of Columbia, Missouri. Appreciation was gratefully extended to retiring Board members Dr. Fred Born of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin and Dr. Linda Schlater of Ames, Iowa.

There were 14 members and three guests present. Dr. M. Bayer Darmal came all the way from Nangarhar University in Afghanistan. Dr. Carla Case McCorvey, a 4th generation veterinarian from Savannah, Georgia, came to give us a presentation about one of the oldest

Heritage Veterinary Practices recognized by our Society. Dr. Robert Neal Gouge from Sedalia, Missouri has a 3-generation practice recently placed on the National Register of Historic Places. (See Dr. Gouge's article in the current issue of *Veterinary Heritage* and his hospital's picture on our journal's cover.)

Progress was reported toward the republication of *Veterinary Medicine in America* by Bert W. Bierer. More donations to help pay for the agreed-upon transcription are needed. Please consider the request when your annual dues notice arrives.

Our Booth at St. Louis



The AVMHS Vet2011 Display Booth at the 148th AVMA Annual Convention in St. Louis, MO was a huge success. It all began when Dr. Fred Born, AVMHS Board member, offered to design and construct a three ft. by eight ft. display of the 250th Anniversary of the First Veterinary School in the modern World, essentially the founding of the veterinary profession. Dr. Born printed out twenty-nine photos with limited text and built a professional display. The design and construction of the booth took six months.



The display was just part of the booth. There were forty-five 18th century veterinary instruments on display in front of the graphic display. Also, we added a fourth table to complete an outstanding array of over a hundred-forty 19th century veterinary instruments. All of these instruments were on loan from the Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association veterinary museum at the Galloway House & Village in Fond du Lac, WI.

On Sunday and Monday, we had hundreds of AVMA members stop and take pictures of the complete display. Even, Claude Bourgelat was there to pose for pictures, as a full-life-cut-out. Many AVMA delegates stopped to have their picture taken with "Claude." As an example, Dr. Thomas Meyer, AVMA Delegate from Vancouver, WA, was very pleased to stand with "Claude."



Prof. Jean-François Chary (center) with Dr. Fred Born (right)

The French officials from Lyon, France, spent over a half an hour at the AVMHS display booth, on Sunday. The senior official, Prof. Jean-François Chary, was very impressed with the collection of old postcards of the school of Lyon, which former AVMHS Board member Trenton Boyd had in his collection. It made Prof. Chary even happier to know that Trenton would arrange to send him copies of all of these historic postcards.

NOTE: For this event, the AVMHS produced a Limited Edition of 500 sets of Historical Commemorative Postcards related to Vet2011. The set of seven is selling for \$5.00 plus postage and handling. These sets can be ordered from Dr. Fred Born by email at fjborn@att.net or by phone: 920-921-6534.

Special News & Comment

Susanne Whitaker was honored by a Special *Interim News & Comment* issue distributed at the 2011 annual meeting. It included early history of the Society and some of the related current projects being furthered by the unique capability of Secretary/Treasurer Susanne Whitaker. For those who did not get to St. Louis, a copy is being included with this August-September *N&C*.

A Nebraska Veterinary Practice

Veterinary Views of the Nebraska VMA features a Heritage Veterinary Practice in its July/September issue. In two pages it tells a remarkably detailed history of the Green Acre Animal Clinic, from its roots set in Wahoo in the late 1890s by William Edward von Nordheim (Chicago Veterinary College 1905) through its relocation south of Wahoo in 1965 by Drs. Harold E. Hedlund (ISC-1945) and John D. Little (AUB-1947). Not only does the article go into the series of veterinarians who have owned the practice, it also names veterinarians who have worked there and veterinary students who have interned there. Since 1990, this Heritage Veterinary Practice has been owned by Dr. Ronald A. Dobesh (COL - 1982).

The article was written by a past owner, Dr. Harold Hedlund, with revisions by a past intern, Dr. Howard Erickson (KSU - 1959), the Immediate Past-President of our American Veterinary Medical History Society. Not surprisingly, the article ends with a full description of criteria for the AVMHS Registry of Heritage Veterinary Practices and mentions that the Ord Veterinary Clinic in Ord, Nebraska is also on the Registry.

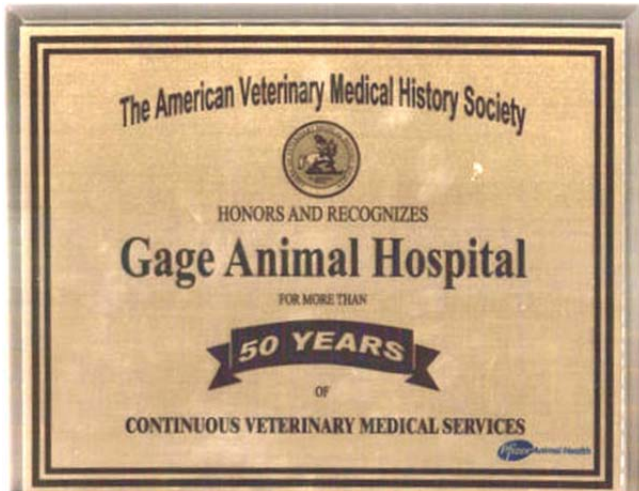


Green Acre Animal Clinic, Wahoo, Nebraska, was established in the 1890's.

Plaques Awarded to Heritage Practices

This past April, we were pleased to learn that Lesley Gentry's request for funding had been approved. This generous grant from Pfizer Animal Health has made it possible for AVMHS to produce and distribute wooden wall plaques honoring 27 heritage practices for 50 or more years of service to their communities. These plaques, such as the one for the Gage Animal Hospital, were mailed in presentation boxes to the practices in June. Lesley also reports having contacted many of the local newspapers in each of the plaque recipient's towns to inform them of this historic occasion.

This is an exciting opportunity, both for Pfizer's support as well as providing another way to honor these long-standing practices. If you know of practices in your area which might qualify, please contact Lesley at lgentry@nckcn.com



Veterinary Heritage Articles Needed

You probably noticed that your May copy of *Veterinary Heritage* came late. Among other problems, our earnest editor, Professor David Williams, has been facing a shortage of articles. One of the duties of all members of the AVMHS Board of Directors is to help locate good material for our journal. In addition, all members are encouraged to send in papers, including ones they may have delivered at one of our meetings. In this way, all members get a chance to learn from one another. So, take a look in your files. If you see something that may fit *Veterinary Heritage*, adapt it, massage it with the "Instructions to Authors", and help our editor out. Or, if you would like to contact him about it first, his phone is 765-494-1146 and his e-mail is djw@purdue.edu

Call for AVMHS Papers in 2012

Program Committee Chair/President-Elect Martha Littlefield is looking forward to our meeting in San Diego in 2012. She would welcome suggested program ideas and offers of presentations. If you expect to be at the AVMA Convention next year, you can contact Dr. Littlefield at 225-933-3996 or fatkitty2002@me.com

Required History for Students?

In March of 2011, the Spanish Veterinary History Experts issued a very strong declaration. Because the history of the sciences contributes to all of the humanities, they called for the inclusion of the history of veterinary medicine in all veterinary schools. The declaration placed it in the last two years and valued at six credits. The Spanish history experts did not limit this call to their own country; they expected it to include all European countries.

Their extremely strong declaration had a moderating sentence stating that the teaching can be done in an isolated manner or complementing other subjects. Interestingly, the latter is how Dr. Howard Erickson's history course at Kansas State University College of Veterinary Medicine began. He required his physiology students to write a paper, and allowed them to choose one on history. Now, he teaches a one-credit course in veterinary history, as well as the physiology course with a history writing opportunity. In 2011 Kansas State provided most of the 41 papers submitted to the AVMHS student veterinary history essay contest.

Your reporter would like to inform AVMHS members about courses or ways of including veterinary history in other courses in colleges in this hemisphere. Please let her know about current ones familiar to you.

Famous German Museum Closing

Professor David Williams, Editor of *Veterinary Heritage*, tells us that the Board of Berlin's university hospital, the Charité, are planning to close its medical-historical museum, an institution founded in 1899 by the pioneering pathologist Rudolf Virchow as his pathology museum. (See http://www.bmm.charite.de/museumtransparent/pathmuseum_e.htm and <http://www.berlinonline.de/berliner-zeitung/berlin/charite-museum/355127.php> [in German]). Times are tough, the financial situation of the Charité is dire, and according to press officer Stefanie Winde, running a museum does not form part of the core competencies of a university hospital. It most certainly did for Virchow!

We know that the American Museum of Veterinary Medicine in Pennsylvania is still in storage waiting for a building in a new location. But, do members close to other veterinary medical museums in this country know of any on the verge of being shut down or being cut back significantly for economic reasons?

“From Craft to Profession” Exhibit

Anyone visiting the Washington, DC area before Friday, October 7, 2011 might want to view the latest exhibition at the National Library of Medicine’s History of Medicine Reading Room in honor of Vet 2011 titled, “From Craft to Profession: The Transition from Horse Farrier to Professional Veterinarian”. It showcases original illustrated manuscripts and early printed books from the Library’s collection featuring the treatment of horses over the past five centuries. For more information, contact Michael North at northm@mail.nih.gov or 301-496-9204 or go to http://www.nlm.nih.gov/news/hmd_exhibit_horse_vet.html or see a virtual slide show at <http://www.flickr.com/photos/esteemedhelga/sets/72157627057355897/show/>



Wounded Horse Chart. Walter von Nitschwitz, et al., *Rosfarzneibuch [Miscellany of Hippiatric Treatises]*, Southwestern Germany, 1583.

Cross-Border Connections in Canadian and U.S. Veterinary History, June 15, 2012

As previously announced, we look forward to the next regional history program to be held at Guelph near Toronto, Canada, in June, 2012. Dr. Brian Derbyshire indicates that the meeting’s Web site is now up at http://ovc150.ca/en/celebrate/AVMHS_meeting.asp

Meeting Calendar

- 2011**
- Sep 16 AVMHS-Iowa VMA Regional History Program
- Nov 30 Veterinary History Society (U.K.), Autumn meeting, Belgravia House, RCVS, London. Small animal practice theme.
- 2012**
- Feb Medical History of WWI Conference
- June 15 AVMHS Regional Meeting at OVC, Guelph, Ontario, Canada, “Cross-Border Connections...”
- Aug 7 AVMHS Program and Annual Meeting, during AVMA convention, San Diego
- Aug 22-25 40th WAHVM International Congress, Utrecht, The Netherlands
<http://www.veterinaryhistory.nl/pages/scientific-program>
- 2013**
- July 20-23 AVMA Sesquicentennial Convention, Chicago

Historical Books for Texas A & M

In case you missed the news item in the June 15, 2011 issue of *JAVMA*, Texas A & M University Libraries recently acquired a collection of more than 900 rare books about treating animals and animal care with emphasis on horses and farriery. Purchased from Dr. John G. P. Wood in England, many are unique and some are nearly 500 years old, including a copy of *Vegetii Renati Artis Veterinariae* (1528). They will be cataloged as the “Veterinary Medicine and Equine Science Collection” and housed in the Cushing Memorial Library and Archives at College Station.

New AVMHS Members

We are pleased to welcome:

Dr. Deborah Schrenzel, Alexandria, VA

New Registry of Veterinary Heritage Practices

We welcome new Registry members:

Button Veterinary Hospital, Tacoma, WA, 1920

Gage Animal Hospital, Topeka, KS, 1950

NVVA Falls Church Animal Hospital, Falls Church, VA, 1958

New Books

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Rossdale, Peter, Peter Jackson, and Timothy Cox, editors. *History of Veterinary Practice Newmarket 1831-2011* Newmarket, Suffolk, U.K.: Romney

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