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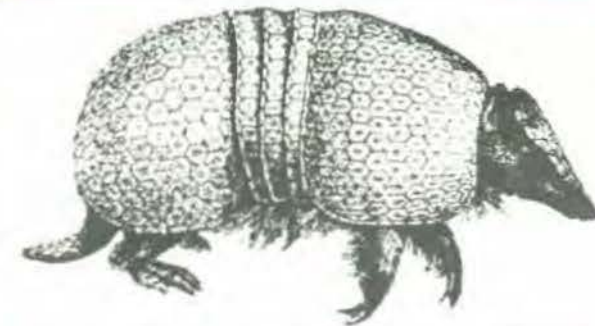
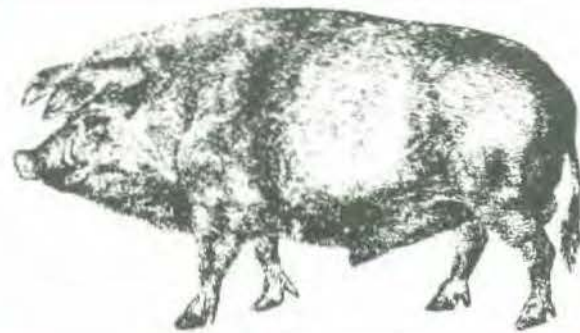
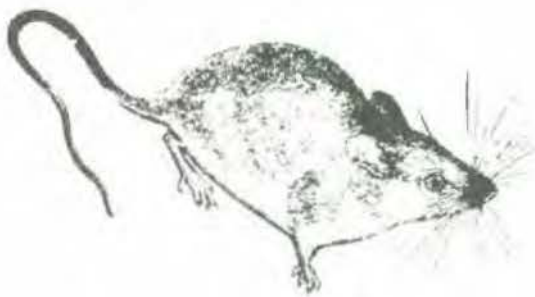
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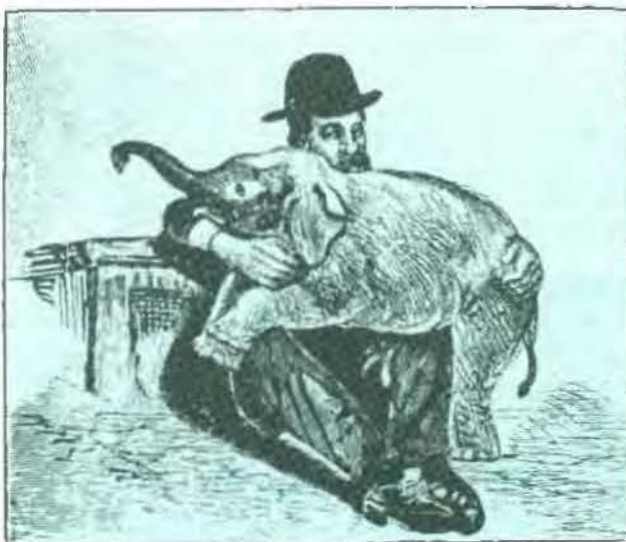
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HAPPY NEW YEAR



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At a faculty meeting on July 17, 1945, Dr. A. Newton Richards, vice president for medical affairs at the University, announced that he was in receipt of a letter from Dean George A. Dick indicating that he wished to resign as soon as someone could be found to replace him. Dr. Dick had served the School faithfully for fifteen trying years and had strived valiantly to improve its situation. However, he had received little support from the University, and without this support, his efforts were severely limited. Those who knew Dr. Dick well, report that he was not reluctant to give up the deanship, and, in fact, was relieved to do so.

In a meeting with the subcommittee of the Alumni Society Departmental Committee, in 1945, Dr. Richards acknowledged that neither he nor others in the University had given the School the support that it needed, but that his future goal would be to create a Veterinary School of the first order. In preparation for the future, Dr. Richards, accompanied by Dr. John D. Beck, professor of medicine, visited several veterinary schools in order to inspect their physical plants and become more familiar with their programs. Dr. Richards also consulted with a committee of the Alumni Society, chaired by Dr. Samuel F. Scheidy, to elicit recommendations for a new dean.

At an Alumni Society meeting on January 8, 1946, Brigadier General Raymond A. Kelsner was introduced as Dr. Dick's successor. In his remarks to the Society, Dr. Kelsner stressed that "in order to maintain a faculty at top proficiency, it is important to promote research work." This was one area in which the School had been very deficient. Dr. Kelsner had an established background as a researcher and administrator, two of the qualities which the University desired in a dean for the Veterinary School.

In agreeing to come to Penn, Dr. Kelsner had obviously been given assurances by the University that he would receive a measure of support which had not been given to his predecessor. Evidence of this was shown by immediate increase in the semiannual state appropriation, and the erection of a third floor on the north wing of the quadrangle building. During the six years in which Dr. Kelsner served as dean, there was a marked upswing in the quantity and breadth of research. Dr. Kelsner personally received a grant from the Grayson Foundation for work on equine infectious anemia, and Drs. David K. Detweiler and John E. Martin conducted a study on the action of atropine in the horse under a contract to the Army Chemical Center. Drs. Evan L. Stubbs and Alfred Wallbank were the recipients of a grant from the U.S. Cancer Research Institute for research on Strain 13 chicken sarcoma virus, and Dr. Mark W. Allam was engaged in comparative studies in the Medical School on peripheral nerve paralysis. Most important, Dr. Detweiler and Dr. John T. McGrath initiated their work in cardiology and neuropathology, respectively, a prelude to major research efforts that would take place during the next three decades.

Dean Kelsner was an abrupt, authoritative individual, a decided contrast to Deans Louis A. Klein and George A. Dick. His approach was so different that it disturbed some older members of the faculty and some alumni. However, younger faculty believed that his methods offered an oppor-

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tunity for the School to progress. One of Dean Kelser's first moves was to secure all departmental budgets in the Dean's Office, and to announce that funds would be available only to those who produced. He followed this by declaring that in the future the faculty would not be permitted to take the entire summer as a vacation period. These were rather stern measures when compared to life at the Veterinary School in the previous thirty-five years! Despite the fact that Dean Kelser "ruffled some feathers," he provided the type of medicine the School needed in 1946.

Dean Kelser died suddenly on April 16, 1952 and was buried at Arlington Cemetery with full military honors. His stay at the Veterinary School was brief but it pointed the way to a brighter future. Upon his death, Dr. Mark W. Allam was appointed acting dean.



*Dr. Raymond Kelser
Dean, 1946-1952*

*Dr. A. Newton Richards
Former Vice President for
Medical Affairs*



The School of Veterinary Medicine closed its books on June 30, 1982, having raised \$5,979,000 in new gifts and subscriptions from the private sector.

This total includes \$3.191 million from individuals, and major among these were the gifts establishing the Elizabeth and William Whitney Clark Chair in Nutrition and the Grace Lansing Lambert Chair in Cell Biology.

The School also received \$658,000 from corporations, \$2.031 million from foundations, and \$99,000 from associations.

Annual Giving received \$195,941 from 761 donors, and 1,114 gifts to the Friends of the Small Animal Hospital totaled \$64,035. Gifts totaling \$41,793 from 106 donors were made to the Friends of New Bolton Center and the Kline Center Fund.

We received grants totaling \$20,000 from the Mrs. Cheever Porter Foundation for metabolic studies in medical genetics and to establish the Mrs. Cheever Porter Internship in the Small Animal Hospital. Dr. Robert Washabau, V'82, was named the first Mrs. Cheever Porter Intern.

The Dietrich Foundation awarded a grant of \$3,000 to the aquatic veterinary medicine program, and the Knapp Foundation supported this program with a grant of \$36,595.

The Animal Rescue League of Philadelphia has awarded us an additional grant of \$2,100 for equipment for the Intensive Care Unit in the Small Animal Hospital. The Robert H. Winn Foundation for Cat Research awarded \$5,000 to Dr. David Knight's project on echocardiographic study of cardiomyopathy in cats.

An additional grant of \$5,000 from the Janet A. Hooker Charitable Trust will support continued research on kidney disease in the dog, and a gift of \$1,000 from the Harrisburg (PA) Kennel Club will help equip a new hematology laboratory in the Veterinary Hospital.

Throughout the year, we receive many gifts from many canine and feline organizations. Most of these are for the Friends of the Small Animal Hospital, and the following clubs contributed to this fund in the year ending June 30th:

Allentown Dog Training Club (PA)
American International Border Collie Club
American Bouvier des Flanders Club
Anne Arundel Kennel Club (MD)
Australian Terrier Club of America
Back Mountain Kennel Club (PA)
Badger Kennel Club (WI)
Berks County Kennel Club (PA)
Boardwalk Kennel Club (NJ)
Bucks County Kennel Club (PA)
Bucks-Mont Owner Handler Association (PA)
Bull Terrier Club of Philadelphia
Capital Cat Fanciers Club (DC)
Carroll Kennel Club (MD)
Cat Fanciers Club of Washington
Catonsville Kennel Club (MD)
Columbia Kennel Club (SC)
Dayton Kennel Club (OH)
Devon Dog Show Association (PA)
Doberman Pinscher Club of the National Capital Area

Dog Owners Educational League (NJ)
Dog Training Club of Maryland
Dog Training Club of York (PA)
Durham Kennel Club (NC)
Elm City Kennel Club (CT)
Empire Alaskan Malamute Club
Forsyth Kennel Club (NC)
Fox Terrier Club of Maryland
Galaxy Cat Club (CA)
Garden State Siberian Husky Club (NJ)
Golden Valley Kennel Club (CA)
Greater Lancaster Feline Fanciers Club (PA)
Greater Miami Dog Club
Greater Philadelphia Dog Fanciers Association
Greenwich Kennel Club (CT)
Hathoro Dog Club (PA)
Hyattsville Dog Training Club (MD)
Keeshond Club of the Delaware Valley
Keeshond Club of Palisades (NJ)
Kennel Club of Buffalo,
Kennel Club of Philadelphia
Kennel Club of Texarkanna
Kennesaw Kennel Club (GA)
Keystone English Spring Spaniel Club (PA)
Ladies Kennel Association of America
Laurel Highlands Kennel Association (PA)
Lehigh Valley Kennel Club (PA)
Lenape Tracking Club (NJ)
Liberty Bell Cat Club (PA)
Long Island Owner Handler Association
Long Island Kennel Club
Longview Kennel Club (TX)
Los Encinos Kennel Club (CA)
Luzerne Dog Training Club (PA)
Maryland Boxer Club
Mason-Dixon German Shorthaired Pointer Club (MD)
Mattaponi Kennel Club (VA)
Mid-Atlantic Basenji Club
Monmouth County Kennel Club (NJ)
Montgomery County Kennel Club (PA)
National Capital Kennel Club
New Brunswick Kennel Club (NJ)
New Jersey Boxer Club
New-Penn-Del Newfoundland Club
Northwestern Connecticut Dog Club
Olean Kennel Club (NY)
Pennsylvania Federation of Dog Clubs
Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club of America
Potomac Afghan Hound Club
Potomac Valley Standard Schnauzer Club
Progressive Dog Club of Wayne County (MI)
Putnam Kennel Club (NY)
San Fernando Kennel Club (CA)
Sand and Sea Kennel Club (NJ)
San Gabriel Valley Kennel Club (CA)
Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of America
Somerset County Dog Obedience Club (NJ)
South Jersey Dog Obedience Club
Staten Island Kennel Club
Suburban Dog Training Club (PA)
Yosemite Kennel Club (CA)

Other kennel, breed, and cat clubs have given restricted gifts—in support of medical genetics, the scholarship fund, the virus diagnostic laboratory, ophthalmology—and these will be listed in the next issue of **BELLWETHER**.