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## A Salute to a Remarkable Lady: Dr. M. Josephine Deubler

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**I**987 marks the fifty-third year of Dr. M. Josephine Deubler's association with the Veterinary School. She entered the School as a student in 1934, and in 1938 she became the first woman graduate. After receiving her V.M.D. degree, Jo, as she is affectionately known to a multitude of friends, earned her master's degree in 1941, and in 1944 she was granted a Ph.D. degree. These were the first graduate degrees received by a woman veterinarian.

Dr. Deubler's choice of veterinary medicine as a career has a strong hereditary aspect. Her father, Dr. Ernest C. Deubler (V'11) was a well-known practitioner and played a key role in the early development of the Veterinary School. Her brother, Dr. James A. Deubler (V'43), has a bovine practice, and, in addition, an uncle was a veterinarian, as are two cousins.

Beginning in her early years, Jo had a close relationship with farm animals, dogs, and horses. As a young lady she won many ribbons and trophies for horse show competition.

When Dr. Deubler entered veterinary school, she had a serious hearing problem which she compensated for by lip reading during lectures. Also, she became a voracious reader of veterinary literature, a practice which has continued. Her graduate thesis was on periodic ophthalmia in horses, and after receiving her Ph.D. she spent two years teaching tropical medicine at Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia. Dr. Deubler was appointed as an assistant in pathology in the Veterinary School in 1941, and in 1955 she became



assistant professor of pathology, a position which she still holds. During the years 1946 to 1952, she worked with Dean Raymond A. Kelsler in bacteriology, including research on feline panleukopenia and bovine keratitis. She was in charge of the clinical pathology laboratory from 1950 until 1959.

One of Jo's lifelong interests has been the Veterinary School Alumni Society. She has served as historian of the Society since 1949 and has endeared herself to hundreds of graduates through this and many other duties.

Jo began judging at dog shows in 1960 and is now an internationally known judge. Over the years she has owned and bred Smooth Fox Terriers, Irish Terriers, Kerry Blues, Dachshunds, and her favorite, Dandie Dinmont Terriers. Her Dandies won Best of



Show at the Dandie Dinmont Terrier Club of America Show in 1957, '58, and '59. In 1956 she won Best of Breed at the Westminster Show with her Dandie Dinmont, Salismore Silversand.

Dr. Deubler currently judges all hound breeds, all terrier breeds, and best in show. She is show chairman of the Montgomery County K.C. and Bucks County K.C. shows. The Montgomery County Show is the largest Terrier Show in the world.

Without question, Dr. Deubler is the premier ambassador of the Veterinary School to the dog world. For many years she was a columnist for the publication, *Popular Dogs*, and she writes the widely acclaimed column, "Animal Crackers" for the Veterinary School's newsmagazine, *Bellwether*. On three occasions Jo has received the "Fido Award," one of the most prestigious awards in the dog world.

We salute Jo Deubler for her unstinting devotion to the School of Veterinary Medicine, and we wish her all of the best in the years to come.

—John E. Martin, V.M.D.

The School and many of her friends honored Dr. Deubler on June 3 during a dinner. Here Dean Marshak announced that the M. Josephine Deubler Scholarship Fund has been established at the School. He stated that \$82,000 had been raised for the fund so far.

## David George Jones

Mr. David George Jones died at his residence on Sunday, April 12, 1987, at the age of 85.

David Jones, the husband of the late Marion Dilley, was a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania Wharton School, Class of 1924.

Mr. Jones pursued many avenues of business. In 1924, he became production manager of Miller Lock Company. He moved on to assume responsibilities as an executive of N. W. Ayres Company, and then in 1940 as the manager of radio station WLAW in Massachusetts. Later, he was an executive at the publishing house of McGraw Hill, a post he held for many years and from which he retired in 1960.

David Jones was very active in local affairs, serving as past president of the Marlton Rotary Club. He also chaired the Evesham Township Planning Board for five years.

As a member of the Philadelphia Society for Promoting Agriculture and the Quaker City Farmers, he contributed much to the advancement of agriculture. An avid dairy farmer in New Jersey, Mr. Jones also served as president of the New Jersey Society of Pennsylvania. Through his interest in conservation, he acquired a sizable tract of land in Maine, which he maintained as timberland until shortly before his death.

In 1977, he created "The Marion Dilley and David George Jones Allam House Fund" to support and maintain the Allam House on the New Bolton Center campus.

In 1983, a charitable remainder unitrust was formed by David Jones as a tribute to the work of the School of Veterinary Medicine. With commendable foresight, this distinguished University of Pennsylvania alumnus



has provided for support of the Allam House, the Marion Dilley and David George Jones Chair in Reproduction associated with The Georgia and Philip Hofmann Center for Animal Reproduction, and also student aid.

Mr. Jones is survived by three sisters, Gertrude Welker and Edythe Geesey, both of Wilkes-Barre, and Margaret R. Hardin of Winnetka, Illinois.

## New Laboratory Director

Dr. Elaine D. Watson, Research Assistant at the University of Bristol (England) Veterinary School, has accepted a position of Assistant Professor of Reproduction, Department of Clinical Studies, New Bolton Center, School of Veterinary Medicine, University of Pennsylvania, effective June 1, 1987.

Dr. Watson will be the Director of the Endocrinology Laboratory for the Section of Theriogenology and the Widener Hospital at New Bolton Center, as well as having clinical responsibility in the Hofmann Center and Widener Hospital, teaching veterinary students, and conducting research in her areas of expertise

## Luce Fellowship

Dr. Gary Tabor (V'87) will spend a year as a Luce Scholar, living and working in an Asian country selected by the Henry Luce Foundation. Dr. Tabor hopes to extend his knowledge of tropical ecology and to apply his passion for conservation and wildlife veterinary medicine to new environments in Asia through his Luce fellowship.

Although he has not yet been to Asia, Dr. Tabor has already seen a great deal of the world's shrinking natural habitats. After earning his bachelor's degree in biology and ecology from Cornell University, he spent three years as a field technician in nature preserves from East Africa to Central America.

He has studied chimpanzees in Uganda, bears in Alaska, and birds in Panama. While a veterinary student at Penn, he served as class president and as vice-president of the wildlife service.

He also took time away from his studies at Penn to complete a six-week internship at the Center for Disease Control's Division of Environmental Hazards and Health Effects.

Tabor, a native of Baltimore, looks forward to contributing eventually to the development of conservation strategies for wildlife on a global scale.