

Harry W. Orr
(1895-1956)

Harry William Orr was born at Mystic, Iowa, August 9, 1895 and died January 14, 1956.

He served as a second lieutenant in the Army during World War I.

He received the degrees of Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (1917) and Master of Science (1930) from Iowa State College.

Dr. Orr was on the staff of the Oklahoma A. and M. College for 36 years. He came to the College as assistant professor of veterinary science; he became Professor and Head of Department of Physiology in 1948 and Dean of the School of Veterinary Medicine in 1953.

His membership in professional organizations included: American Association for the Advancement of Science, Oklahoma Academy of Science, New York Academy of Science, American Society of Veterinary Physiologists and Pharmacologists, American Veterinary Medical Association, and Oklahoma Veterinary Medical Association.

His fraternal memberships included AF&AM, Blue Lodge, Consistory, Phi Kappa Phi, Phi Eta Sigma, and Phi Sigma. He was a member of the Kappa Sigma social fraternity.

Dean Orr was well known and received state, national, and international honors in his professional field. In 1955 he was one of six graduates of Iowa State College chosen to receive an award for meritorious service to his fellowmen. In 1952, he attended the Second International Congress of Physiology and Pathology in Copenhagen, Denmark.

He served as president, vice-president, and long-time member of the Oklahoma Board of Examiners in the Basic Sciences.

When informed of his death, Dr. A. E. Darlow, Acting President of the Oklahoma A. and M. College said: "The College and its School of Veterinary Medicine have suffered a most serious loss in the untimely death of Dean Orr. His eminence as a scholar, his competence as an administrator, and his stature as a man have endowed his school and the college with a rich inheritance. It is our conviction that this endowment will be a permanent one."