

Erwin L. Jungherr

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VETERINARY SCIENTIST, TEACHER, FRIEND

Erwin L. Jungherr, born in Austria just before the turn of the century, was sensitively proud of his origin, but even more fiercely loyal to his adopted homeland. After coming to the United States in 1923 he spent several years in the West before settling as head of the Department of Animal Pathology at Storrs Agricultural Experiment Station—now the University of Connecticut.

There, through the years he singlehandedly wrought a new specialty—avian histopathology and established its place as a major tool in diagnosis and control of poultry diseases. His more than 100 scientific papers brought national and international recognition including the Borden Award (Poultry Science), and have contributed greatly to the science of avian disease control. He was co-editor of "Advances in Veterinary Science."

Among a few of the more important contributions of his "Connecticut group" was the development of the first workable classification for the avian leukosis complex, the differentiation of avian encephalomalacia from avian encephalomyelitis, the characterization of fowl plague and Newcastle disease; pioneer work on the cause, effect, and control of *Mycoplasma gallisepticum* infection, and many productive



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studies on the epizootiology, pathology, and immunology of avian respiratory diseases such as infectious bronchitis, laryngo-tracheitis, Newcastle disease and CRD.

After thirty years in Connecticut he "retired" to do research in the field of simian neuropathology for Lederle Laboratories of the American Cyanamid Co. But his interest and contributions to the field of avian diseases continued unabated until his death on April 16, 1965. He was engaged up to the last on a pioneer work dealing with the neuroanatomy and neuropathology of the domestic fowl.

As a member of numerous scientific and professional societies, a charter member of the American College of Veterinary Pathologists, a charter member of American Association of Avian Pathologists and a member of the editorial board of *Avian Diseases* since its first issue, his wise counsel and incisive thinking will be greatly missed.

Erwin L. Jungherr made his mark in the veterinary literature of the world as investigator, editor and lecturer. But his other side—his inspiration and guidance of younger workers—has had even greater and more far reaching influence. A man of keen intellect, Erwin L. Jungherr appreciated and enjoyed life and work. He championed much research and was never too engrossed to encourage and help the non-initiate. He could and did set inexperienced speakers at ease with a smiling suggestion to relax. He argued mightily and some people might have considered him stubborn. But he was a man of principle and logic. Dr. Jungherr's influence on students, associates and friends is his greatest and most lasting memorial.

We shall miss him.

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