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About the cover

Dr. Raymond A. Bankowski 1914–1993

Born in Chicago in 1914, Dr. Bankowski received his DVM from Michigan State University in 1938. World War II interrupted his postgraduate studies in the Veterinary Science Division of UC Berkeley while he served in the U.S. Army Veterinary Corps, after which he completed his PhD in 1946 and subsequently joined the faculty. In 1950 he moved and became a founding faculty member of the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine. There he served as chair of the Department of Avian Medicine and retired in 1978 although, as an emeritus professor, maintained an active laboratory research program. His research focused on the study of infectious diseases of animals with a special interest in viral diseases of poultry. In 1948, when this picture was taken, he discovered that Newcastle disease virus particles could be recovered from the air as a result of natural infection. He was also the first in identifying a new virus which he named *Paramyxovirus Yucaipa* and a new avian influenza virus affecting turkeys in the San Joaquin Valley. His research also included Marek's disease, infectious bronchitis, laryngotracheitis, fowl pox and ornithosis. Dr. Bankowski served as an expert scientist on many technical and scientific advisory committees. Ray received many recognitions and awards and was invited to visit and consult with the governments of several countries. He was a founder and charter member of several associations including the AAAP where he was elected a life member in 1983.