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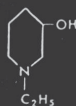
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If all the present plans for construction of medical buildings in Tulsa materialize, professional office space may become a drug on the market . . . Hillcrest Hospital is now taking bids on a seven-story office building . . . A Tulsa dentist, after long legal difficulties, has finally secured a zoning permit for a medical center on Utica near St. John's Hospital . . . It is rumored to be a \$400,000 structure designed by leading architects of medical buildings . . . Add the new Sheridan Medical Center at Admiral and Sheridan . . . And the new Yale Medical Center at 31st and Yale . . . The result is going to be a lot of available doctors offices . . . Several downtown buildings have had office space formerly occupied by doctors standing vacant for several months . . . Apparently, a lot of builders are gambling that Tulsa will continue to have its heavy influx of new doctors as experienced in the last three years . . . Or that the new space will have more appeal than present quarters . . . All of this construction, coming on the heels of Utica Square, Ranch Acres, the Kramer Clinic, etc., leads us to wonder . . . Dr. Marshall O. Hart made a point at a recent meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Tulsa County Medical Society that bears passing along . . . Too often in our busy practice, we neglect to take a few minutes off to pay our respects to the members of the Society who have passed on . . . Several recent funerals of deceased doctors have been remarked for the absence of professional friends . . . Its a gesture we should not fail to make . . . The Tulsa Child Guidance Clinic has proposed the addition of a full-time psychiatrist and clerical worker to its present staff . . . The expansion depends upon additional financing and approval from the Clinic Board. An impressive job: Dr. Elmer Hess's inaugural speech at the American Medical Association convention at Atlantic City, June 7th . . . From personal observation we believe Dr. Hess will be a firm leader of American Medicine.



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EXTENSIVE HEALTH SURVEY COMPLETED

**Tulsans Urge Creation Of Emergency
Medical Call Plan Although Few Have
Experienced Actual Need Of One.**

The results of an extensive health and medical survey of the City of Tulsa were announced last month by the Tulsa Council of Social Agencies and the Tulsa County Medical Society, co-sponsors of the project.

The principal findings of the study, which sampled 485 Tulsa families through the use of eighteen trained interviewers, are:

1. Eighty-seven per cent of Tulsans have a regular doctor to whom they turn in times of illness.

2. Only 37 per cent of Tulsans have had a physical examination in the last year, and for 16 per cent of the group it has been three years or longer since the last physical check-up.

3. Only 32 per cent have had a chest x-ray in the last year although 74 per cent have had one at some time in the past. Sixty per cent of those who have never had a chest x-ray are over the age of 40.

4. Only 62 per cent of the children under six in the survey have been inoculated for diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus.

5. Only 21 per cent of the children under six have been vaccinated for small-pox.

6. Nineteen per cent of Tulsans have had an actual medical emergency within the last year. Of this number, ten per cent experienced difficulty in promptly obtaining the services of a doctor. Eighty-three per cent of the informants were of the opinion that a system of assuring emergency medical care should be estab-

lished in Tulsa. In analyzing the comments of the informants, however, it appears that few persons have experienced any difficulty in securing a doctor. The emergency medical call plan appears to be desired more as an element of community security than for its actual need.

7. Eighty-four per cent of Tulsans think a doctor should discuss his fees in advance.

8. Twenty-nine per cent of Tulsans think medical fees are too high.

9. Tulsans are more or less evenly divided about the preferred location of their doctor's office. Forty-six per cent favor a residential area location, 23 per cent favor downtown, and 31 per cent have no preference between the two.

10. Eighty-three per cent of persons having a member of their family hospitalized within the last year in a Tulsa hospital were satisfied with the services rendered.

11. The basic causes of dissatisfaction with services at Tulsa hospitals are: shortage of nurses, excessive cost of services, poor services generally (which included complaints of poor personal attention and an indifferent attitude by nurses and nurses aides), and noise from other parts of the hospital.

12. Thirty-two per cent of Tulsans think hospital charges at Tulsa hospitals are too high.

13. Eighteen per cent of Tulsa families have no health insurance of any type.

The survey was undertaken eighteen months ago as a joint project of the

Health Division of the Tulsa Council of Social Agencies and the Tulsa County Medical Society. Dr. John G. Matt was Chairman of a Steering Committee, which included Mr. N. D. Helland, Executive Director of the Blue Cross-Blue Shield Plans of Oklahoma; Mr. Vincent M. Kelly, Comptroller of Warren Petroleum Company; Mr. Jack Spears, Executive Secretary of the Tulsa County Medical Society; Mr. Parker M. Ledbetter, Manager of the Research & Statistics Department, Tulsa Chamber of Commerce; Mr. Milton Searl and Dr. Marshall Milligan, statisticians; and Miss Lois Tubb, Secretary of the Health Division, Tulsa Council of Social Agencies.

The technical details of the study, including statistical tabulation, were under the supervision of a committee from the Tulsa Chapter of the American Statistical Association comprising Mr. Milton Searl, Chairman, Dr. Marshall Milligan, Mr. Robert Spears, and Mr. Richard Warwick. Additional assistance was given in a review of statistical tables and technical details by Mr. Lyndral Marcum, statistician for the Blue Cross-Blue Shield Plans of Oklahoma.

Medical details of the study were reviewed by a special committee from the Tulsa County Medical Society comprising Dr. John G. Matt, Chairman, Dr. Frank J. Nelson, Dr. Wilkie D. Hoover, Dr. Homer A. Ruprecht, and Dr. R. M. Wadsworth.

The basic purposes of the study were to determine the need for an emergency medical call plan in Tulsa, the extent to which preventive health measures are practiced by families, information about doctors services and fees, and opinions

of the public as to hospital costs and adequacy of care.

The interviews were made in accordance with accepted sampling procedures. Most informants were women. Ninety-one per cent of the informants were white, and nine per cent were negroes, indians, japanese, chinese, and other non-white races. The survey also obtained information as to the size and income of each family interviewed.

The results of the study have been published in a 26-page bound report, copies of which are available upon request of the Tulsa County Medical Society, B9 Medical Arts Building, Tulsa.

Although very few Tulsans have been unable to obtain a doctor in times of emergency, most favor the establishment of an Emergency Call Plan. Eighty-two per cent of white informants favored it, while among negroes the ratio rose to ninety-six per cent in favor.

Each interviewee was asked to comment as to why he thought the Emergency Call Plan was necessary. The principal reasons given were:

1. A large group reported they did not think they would ever need it themselves but thought it would be of use to newcomers and others.

2. Difficulty had been experienced in obtaining a doctor in the past.

3. The patient's doctor may be absent from the City on business or vacation.

4. The plan offered a measure of community security like the Fire and Police Departments.

The survey noted as "critical areas for the medical profession of Tulsa" the following: inadequate arrangements for prompt locating of the regular doctor, failure of some doctors to secure alternates when out of town or temporarily unavailable, and the failure of some doctors to make house calls. The latter point is not reflected very much in the interviews, however, but did occur; the survey suggested in its analysis that such doctors should provide an alternate who could make house calls for both emergency and non-emergency situations.

Dr. Frank J. Nelson, President of the Tulsa County Medical Society, said that the Society's Public Policy Committee had

NEW ROSTER COMING

The annual membership roster of the Tulsa County Medical Society will appear in the August issue of *The Bulletin*. Physicians planning to move their offices should notify the Executive Secretary not later than July 15, 1955. The roster will be available in separate reprints about August 15, 1955.

been studying an emergency call plan and would recommend a specific program to the membership this Fall. (Proposals to create an emergency call plan, advanced by special committees under the direction of Dr. Homer A. Ruprecht and Dr. H. J. Rubin were defeated in 1948 and in 1951). Dr. Nelson said the plan would probably utilize an existing answering service or the telephone switchboards at the two major Tulsa hospitals. Participation is likely to be on a voluntary basis.

"We feel this project should be instituted not so much from actual need but as a service to the community, particularly to newcomers," Dr. Nelson stated.

The survey made no effort to determine the extent of the difficulty in securing a doctor, but merely took the word of the informant that difficulty had been experienced.

Tulsans appear to be following the suggestion of organized medicine that a regular doctor be obtained by each family in advance of actual need. With 87 per cent having a regular doctor, the bulk of those not having a regular doctor were comparative newcomers to Tulsa. Only 48 per cent of those who had lived in Tulsa less than one year had a regular doctor.

Less impressive is the record for regular physical examinations by Tulsans. Only 37 per cent had had a check-up in the last year, 16 per cent had not had a check-up within the last three years, and two per cent had never had a physical examination. A slightly higher percentage of women have had physicals during the past year. Despite the importance of such physicals for persons over 40 years of age, decidedly fewer in the 50-60 age group had been examined within the past year. (This is explained in some measure by the fact that pre-employment and life insurance physicals usually take place during earlier years of life).

In contrast, more persons in the 40-60 age group had had a chest x-ray than in the younger age groups. Seventy-nine per cent of the negroes interviewed had had a chest x-ray compared to seventy-four per cent of the white informants.

Probably the most startling result of the study is the low rate of inoculation and vaccination for contagious diseases in

children under six years of age. Only sixty-two per cent had been inoculated for diphtheria, whooping cough or tetanus. Only four per cent had received as many as one of the three injections, twenty-seven per cent had not been inoculated at all, and only sixty-six of those inoculated received the shots in the first year as recommended by medical authorities. Eighty-six per cent of those inoculated received the shot during the first 24 months of life.

The Board of Trustees of the Tulsa County Medical Society, acting at its meeting of May 25, 1955, authorized a citywide project to assure a greater inoculation and vaccination of children in the pre-school years. The project will be concentrated in a single period of one or two weeks next Fall, and will be conducted in cooperation with other medical, health and school groups. Dr. Frank J. Nelson, President, said the project would be conducted jointly by the Public Policy and Public Health committees of the Society.

Also surprising was the low figure of only 21 per cent of pre-school children having been vaccinated for small pox. Again, the bulk of these had been vaccinated during the first 24 months of life.

Tulsans were generally emphatic that medical fees should be discussed between the doctor and his patient in advance. Most gave as the reason the need for budget planning, particularly where extensive surgery or prolonged treatment is indicated. Some informants were highly critical of some doctors for failing to do this. Those who did not believe in advance discussions (only seven per cent of the total) felt it was a matter of propriety. These persons expressed confidence in the doctor to render a just state-

NEW TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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ment of fees after services were completed.

Twenty-nine per cent of Tulsans think medical fees are too high. The majority of those complaining in this respect are to be found in the lower income groups (\$3,000 annually or less). As the in-

come rises, the satisfaction with the fees charged rises. Percentage-wise, more Negro respondents judged that medical fees were too high; this variation between the Negro and white populations is probably due to income differences.

Tulsa doctors who have worried about moving to a residential area may put their concern to rest; similarly, those who prefer to remain downtown need not worry. Twenty-three per cent of Tulsans favor a downtown location, forty-six per cent a residential area location, and thirty-one per cent have no preference between the two. While this gives a theoretical edge to the residential area, the figures are still close enough not to cause undue concern.

Tulsans were generally satisfied with the services rendered at Tulsa hospitals. One out of every four families interviewed reported at least one member had been hospitalized during the last year. Eighty-three per cent were satisfied, seventeen per cent were not.

While the survey did not name the hospitals by name, studies were made as to the degree of satisfaction for each individual hospital. The hospitals were tabulated and reported by code letter. At Hospital A, 92 per cent were satisfied with hospital services; at Hospital B, 72 per cent; at Hospital C, 86 per cent; and for four smaller hospitals, 69 per cent.

By and large the principal objections were in relation to nursing service, the most common being the lack of personal attention which the patient felt should have been rendered. These complaints included a shortage of nurses, indifferent attitude of nurses and nurses aides to patients, delays in securing the nurse when needed, inadequate number of baths, poor service at mealtimes, etc.

Hospital charges represented a second major cause of complaint. At Hospital A, 77 per cent of those hospitalized considered the charges reasonable; at Hospital B, 54 per cent; and at five smaller hospitals, 52 per cent.

Individual comments by the dissatisfied informants are of interest. Some felt the charges were too high in view of poor services and shortage of nurses. Others

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FELIX T. GASTINEAU, M.D.

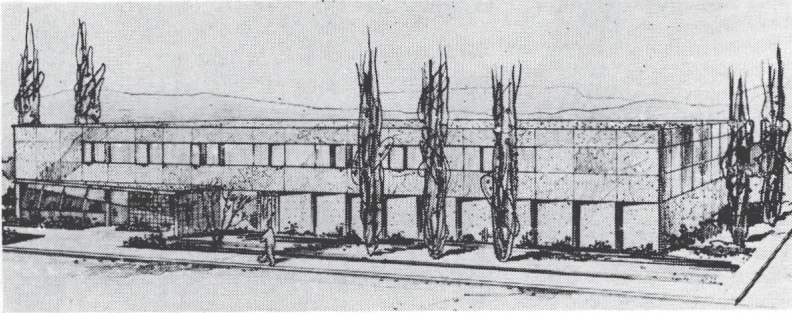
1888 - 1955

Dr. Felix Thomas Gastineau, 66, Tulsa ophthalmologist, died at his home on June 3, 1955, following a heart attack.

Born in Indiana, Dr. Gastineau was educated at Southwestern Normal School of Weatherford, Oklahoma, and was a graduate of the University of Oklahoma. He received his medical degree from the University of Oklahoma School of Medicine, Class of 1918. His internship was served at University Hospitals. His resident training in Ophthalmology was obtained at the Chicago Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat College and at Tulane University Medical School, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Dr. Gastineau practiced for several years at Pawnee, Oklahoma, before joining the staff of Eastern Oklahoma State Hospital at Vinita, where he remained from 1923 to 1939. He then served seven years as Director of the Student Health Service of the University of Oklahoma at Norman. Since 1945 he had been in practice at Tulsa. Dr. Gastineau was formerly a member of the faculty of the University of Oklahoma School of Medicine as Instructor in Pathology and Hygiene.

A former President of the Cleveland County Medical Society, Dr. Gastineau was also active in Tulsa masonic and church affairs and in the Men's Rose Club. Survivors include the widow and two sons, Dr. C. F. Gastineau of Rochester, Minnesota, and Dr. Robert M. Gastineau, now serving with the Army Medical Corps in Newfoundland. Services were held June 7th.



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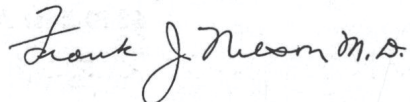
PRESIDENT'S PAGE

In this issue of The Bulletin you will find an analysis of the extensive health and medical survey of Tulsa recently completed by the Tulsa County Medical Society and the Health Division of the Tulsa Council of Social Agencies. This project was in preparation for more than a year and required the services of fifty individuals to complete. Dr. John G. Matt and his associates are to be commended for a fine and useful study. I hope that each member of the Society will read this summary carefully; you will find it both interesting and informative. If you are interested in more details, the complete printed copy is available from the Executive Secretary.

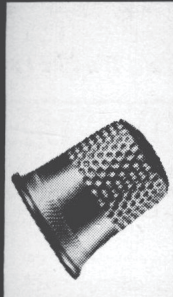
On the whole this survey reflects very favorably upon the medical profession of Tulsa. I believe we may safely conclude that it demonstrates a public confidence in the medical profession, a satisfaction with its services and charges, and a generally high level of professional competence and community good health. A few deficiencies are pointed up—notably our poor rate of vaccination and inoculation of pre-school children against contagious diseases. The Society has already inaugurated steps which are expected to result in an improvement of this situation.

The problem of an emergency call plan is again raised by the survey. Here is the curious paradox of an overwhelming demand for such a service, and yet its need is almost negligible on the basis of the survey figures. I personally feel that despite the lack of any demonstrated need for such a plan, that the Medical Society must eventually come to the establishment of the service as a measure of community security, as part of our public relations program. It has been suggested that an educational program to acquaint the public with what to do in a medical emergency would be more desirable. I would appreciate your suggestions and comments on this situation. The deficiency, while not serious, apparently does exist. More important, it enjoys a disproportionate importance in the public mind. With that consideration in mind, can we afford to ignore it further?

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AMA DISAPPROVES OSTEOPATHIC LIAISON

House of Delegates of the American Medical Association Condemns Osteopathy for Cultist Aspects. Dr. Dwight H. Murray of California Named As President-Elect.

After more than three years of consideration, the House of Delegates of the American Medical Association voted last month to disapprove a proposed program of greater cooperative liaison with Osteopathy.

In an action taken at its annual meeting at Atlantic City, New Jersey, June 6-10, 1955, the House adopted a minority report of a reference committee which noted that "an appreciable portion of current education in colleges of Osteopathy definitely does constitute the teaching of 'cultist' healing, and is an index that the 'osteopathic concept' still persists in current osteopathic practice." The report then recommended:

"1. That the report of the Committee for the Study of Relations Between Osteopathy and Medicine be received and filed; and that the Committee be thanked for its diligent work, and be discontinued.

"2. That if and when the House of Delegates of the American Osteopathic Association, their official policy-making body, may voluntarily abandon the commonly so-called 'osteopathic concept', with proper deletion of said 'osteopathic concept' from catalogs of their colleges; and may approach the Trustees of the American Medical Association with a request for further discussion of the relations of Osteopathy and Medicine, then the said Trustees shall appoint another special committee for such discussion."

The controversial issue first arose three years ago when a special committee headed by former AMA President Dr. John W. Cline of San Francisco was appointed to study the relationships of Osteopathy and Medicine. In a series of reports the Committee had recommended a closer liaison between the two groups with a paramount aim being the improvement of osteopathic colleges to such a point that they would meet requirements for accreditation as regular medical schools.

While most House members recognized the desirability of consolidating the two

professions under educational and ethical standards now maintained by Medicine, they also insisted that Osteopathy discontinue the 'cultist' aspect or 'osteopathic concept' of its profession. A reference committee of the House, after day-long hearings, split on the issue with a majority of members (including Oklahoma's Dr. John F. Burton) favoring adoption of the report. After a prolonged and frequently acrid discussion the House of Delegates dissented with the Committee and adopted a minority report submitted by one member.

The immediate effect of the action will continue the present AMA ruling that it is unethical for members of the Association to teach in osteopathic colleges. While far from closing the door on any future medical-osteopathic cooperation, it clearly sets forth the position of the AMA that such cooperation will not be possible as long as Osteopathy adheres to its 'cultist' teachings or to the so-called 'osteopathic concept.'

Other significant actions taken by the House of Delegates at its June session included:

1. Amended the Code of Ethics to restate certain sections in broad principles rather than in interpretative detail. Specifically eliminated was a section making it unethical for physicians to participate in the ownership of a drug store in his medical practice area. The House substituted a broad statement which read: "It is not unethical for a physician to prescribe or supply drugs, remedies, or appliances so long as there is no exploitation of the patient." This does not basically change the AMA position of opposition to physician ownership of drug stores, but does make it possible for doctors to supply drugs in areas where there are no commercial drug stores or pharmacies.

2. Continued an extensive survey on the content of internships and adopted a so-called "one-fourth rule" whereby any internship program that in two successive

years fails to obtain one-fourth of its stated complement shall be disapproved for intern training.

3. Appointed a committee to study dissatisfaction with the present functioning of the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Hospitals.

4. Reaffirmed confidence in the Salk polio vaccine and the manner of its scientific application. At the same time the House went on record as opposing the purchase and distribution of the vaccine by any agency of the federal government (except for those unable to procure it for themselves).

5. Commended the "Medic" television show. ("Medic" is now seen each Monday evening at 7:00 P.M. over Television Station KVOO in Tulsa).

6. Reaffirmed its previous recommendation that the United States withdraw from the International Labor Organization.

7. Reaffirmed its opposition to the Doctor Draft Law.

8. Warned against the danger embodied in state legislative proposals designed to restrict the entire field of visual

care to the profession of optometry.

9. Approved a special report on medical relations which stated that "the only public relations program of any permanent value is the private and public relations of the individual doctor."

Dr. Dwight H. Murray of Napa, California, Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the past four years, was named President-Elect. He will assume office in June, 1956, succeeding Dr. Elmer Hess of Erie, Pennsylvania.

The resignation of Dr. James Stevenson of Tulsa from the Council on Constitution & By-Laws was announced.

The 1955 Distinguished Service Award of the American Medical Association went to Dr. Donald G. Balfour, surgeon, author and research scientist of the Mayo Clinic of Rochester, Minnesota.

Upwards of 25,000 physicians and guests attended the AMA Annual Meeting, hearing several hundred scientific presentations, attending specialty group sessions, and visiting the extensive scientific and commercial exhibits in the Convention Hall.

Dr. Averill Stowell of Tulsa was among the scientific exhibitors. Other Tulsa doctors in attendance included Dr. Robert M. Shepard, Jr., Dr. John E. McDonald, Dr. Edward L. Moore, and Dr. R. M. Shepard.

SILAS S. MOHRMAN, M.D.

1878 - 1955

Dr. Silas S. Mohrman, 77, veteran Tulsa general practitioner, died at his home on May 22, 1955, after an illness of four months.

A native of Greenfield, Illinois, Dr. Mohrman was a graduate of the St. Louis College of Physicians and Surgeons, Class of 1906. He came to Tulsa the following year and remained until his death except for two years service in the Army Medical Corps during World War I. In 1917, prior to entering service, Dr. Mohrman attended the Illinois Postgraduate Medical College of Chicago, Illinois, for special training in surgery.

Dr. Mohrman was active in Tulsa masonic affairs and in the American Legion. Survivors include the widow and two sisters. Services were held May 25th at the Boston Avenue Methodist Church. He was a Life Member of the Tulsa County Medical Society.

DR. JAMES B. THOMPSON has been named as Delegate to the Tulsa Council of Social Agencies from the Tulsa County Medical Society. He succeeds DR. HERBERT J. FORREST, who has entered upon a residency in Plastic Surgery at the University of Kansas Medical Center, Kansas City, Kansas. Dr. Thompson was also elevated to the Chairmanship of the Clinic Committee of the Tulsa County Medical Society, and DR. N. C. GADDIS has been added to that Committee.

DR. WALTER E. BROWN has been elected President of the Tulsa Tennis Club.

DR. RAYMOND W. BRYANT, Tulsa physician now taking a residency at the Ochsner Clinic in New Orleans, was married last month. Sorry, but we didn't get the young lady's name.



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- Eastman Kodak Company, Medical Division, Rochester, Minnesota.** Members of the Fifth Inter-American Congress of Radiology held in Washington, D. C., April 24-29, 1955. 96 pp., with photographs.
- Dr. H. D. Murdock.** *Current Therapy*, 1950. Latest approved methods for the practicing physician. Howard F. Conn., M.D., Editor. 730 pp., W. B. Saunders Company, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1950.
- New York Academy of Sciences.** *Reserpine in Treatment of Neuropsychiatric, Neurological and Related Clinical Problems*. 280 pp., originally published by the Academy in the *Annals of the New York Academy of Sciences*, Volume 61, Article 1, pages 1-280, April 15, 1955.
- Professional Drug Shop.** One year subscription to *Postgraduate Medicine*, July, 1955-June, 1956.
- Dr. James Stevenson.** *A Look at Modern Health Insurance; A Survey Of The Voluntary Health Insurance In The United States*. Chamber of Commerce of the United States, 176 pp., Washington, D. C., 1954.
- Dr. R. M. Wadsworth.** One year subscription to *Journal of Pediatrics*, July, 1955-June, 1956.

RECENT ACQUISITION—:

- Surgery of the Heart.** By Charles F. Bailey, M. D., Professor and Head of the Department of Thoracic Surgery, Hahnemann Medical College and Hospital, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. 1,062 pp., illustrations, includes references, Lea & Febiger, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1955.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE TULSA COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY—:

- Dr. Eugene S. Cohen.** Book Review of Ciba Collection of Medical Illustrations, Volume 2; *The Reproductive System*. *Journal of the Oklahoma State Medical Association*, 48:156 (May) 1955.
- Dr. Paul E. Craig.** A digest of a recent article on nausea and vomiting of pregnancy, originally appearing in the *Journal of the Oklahoma State Medical Association*. *Audio-Digest*, *Obstetrics & Gynecology Section*, Vol. 2, No. 11. (*Audio-Digest*, is a tape recorded review of current medical literature sponsored by the California Medical Association).

The Librarian recently returned from the 54th Annual Meeting of the Medical Library Association at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, May 16-24. Approximately 275 medical librarians from over the nation attended.

An entire session of scientific papers was presented by the faculty of Marquette University Medical School, including Dr. Abraham B. Schwartz, Dr. Armand J. Quick, Mr. Leo C. Massopust, and Dr. G. K. Tallmadge. Another session at the University of Wisconsin at Madison featured Dr. Lloyd G. Stevenson and Dr. E. H. Ackernecht. One session was devoted to library buildings and special constructions.

The 1956 meeting of the Association will be at Los Angeles, California.

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CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL GIRL WINS SOCIETY ESSAY CONTEST

Miss Cheryl Johnson, 16, a junior at Central High School of Tulsa, was named winner of a \$25.00 cash prize in an essay contest sponsored among high school pre-med clubs by the Tulsa County Medical Society this Spring. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Luther Johnson, 1514 East 35th Place, Tulsa.

The winning essay, selected by Dr. R. M. Wadsworth's Health Education and Schools Committee, was written on the designated subject of "Why I Want To Become A Doctor." Miss Johnson's contribution follows:

"Books and lectures by doctors who spoke to our Central High School Medical Club influenced my decision to become a doctor.

"My interest has always been in the field of science. In fact, when I was in the sixth grade, I was going to be an

astronomer. Sometime during the first part of my sophomore year I decided to become a doctor—probably a Ph.D. in a field of science. One thing was certain—I wanted to do research or some other scientific work. It was not until the middle of the year that I read a book, "Calling Doctor Marcia", that I decided to be a doctor of medicine. The field of medicine seemed to offer me the best and greatest chance to serve God and my fellow man.

"It was then I joined the Medical Club. Hearing the doctors of the Tulsa County Medical Society tell about their various specialties made my determination stronger.

"Since then I have read many books in the medical sciences. Some of them are biographies of Elizabeth Blackwell and Rosalie Slaughter Morton, also the stories of Paul de Kruif, Darwin's "Origin of
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Pretty Cheryl Johnson, 16-year old Central High School junior, is shown above as she receives a \$25.00 check from Dr. Frank J. Nelson, President of the Tulsa County Medical Society, as first prize in the Society's recent high school essay contest. In the center is Mr. Aubrey Baer, sponsor of the Central High School Pre-Med Club.

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Donald G. Clements, M.D., B-7 Medical Arts Building, Tulsa. Medical Degree, University of Oklahoma School of Medicine, 1947. Interned Milwaukee County General Hospital, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 1947-48; Enid General Hospital, Enid, Oklahoma, 1948-49. Civilian physician, Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 1949. Fellow in Oncology, Tumor Clinic, University Hospitals, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 1949-50. Resident in Radiology, University Hospitals, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 1950-51. In military service, Captain, Army Air Forces Medical Corps, 1951-53. Resident in Radiology, University Hospitals, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 1953-54. Resident in Radiology, Wesley Hospital, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 1954-55. Specialty, Radiology. Recommended by Dr. Sol Wilner and Dr. Dave B. Lhevine.

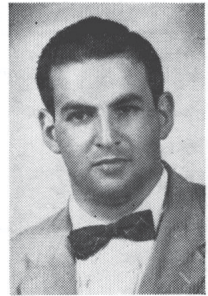


Lawrence A. Ratchford, M.D., 1701 East 19th, Tulsa. Medical Degree, St. Louis University School of Medicine, 1951. Interned Fitzsimmons General Hospital, Denver, Colorado, 1951-52. In military service, First Lieutenant, Army Medical Corps, 1951-53. Resident in Anesthesiology, University of Kansas Medical Center, Kansas City, Kansas, 1953-55. Specialty, Anesthesiology. Recommended by Dr. H. B. Stewart and Dr. Carl C. Morgan, Jr.



Leon Horowitz, M.D., 1916 South

Utica, Tulsa. Medical Degree, New York University College of Medicine, 1952. Interned Lenox Hill Hospital, New York, N. Y., 1952-53. Resident in Pediatrics, Bellevue Hospital, New York, N. Y., 1953-54. Resident in Pediatrics, Lenox Hill Hospital, New York, N.Y., 1954-55. In military service, Private, Army, 1943-45. Diplomate, National Board of Medical Examiners. Specialty, Pediatrics. Recommended by Dr. H. J. Rubin and Dr. Sol Wilner.



DR. WENDELL L. SMITH has taken new professional offices at Ranch Acres Medical Center.

DR. FRANK J. NELSON and DR. HUGH C. GRAHAM attended the graduation of their sons from Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, June 10th.

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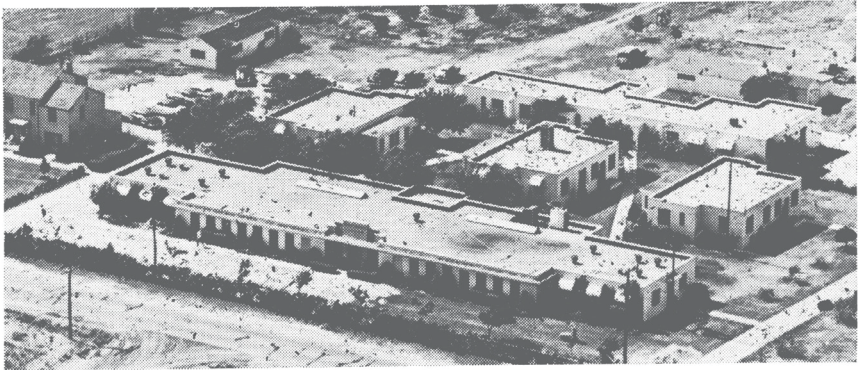
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JULY MEDICAL CALENDAR

FRIDAY, July 1st:

Second installment of annual membership dues, Tulsa County Medical Society, due and payable on this date.

St. John's Isotope Committee Meeting, St. John's Hospital, 8:30 A.M.

St. John's Tumor Clinic, Clinical Conference, 8:30 A.M.

X-Ray Conference, Hillcrest Medical Center, 3:00 P.M.

MONDAY, July 4th:

The Executive Offices of the Tulsa County Medical Society will be closed in observance of Independence Day.

Medical Telecast, "Medic" series, Television Station KVOO, 7:00 P.M. Subject: "I Climb The Stairs."

TUESDAY, July 5th:

St. John's Tumor Clinic, 8:00 A.M.

Postgraduate Study Course in Medicine, Hillcrest Medical Center, 5:30 P.M.

Staff Meeting, Hillcrest Medical Center, 8:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, July 6th:

St. John's Isotope Clinic, St. John's Hospital, 8:30 A.M.

Postgraduate Study Course in Surgery, Hillcrest Medical Center, 12:30 P.M.

THURSDAY, July 7th:

Interns and Residents Lecture, St. John's Hospital, 12:00 Noon.

FRIDAY, July 8th:

St. John's Isotope Committee Meeting, St. John's Hospital, 8:30 A.M.

St. John's Tumor Clinic, Clinical Conference, 8:30 A.M.

X-Ray Conference, Hillcrest Medical Center, 3:00 P.M.

MONDAY, July 11th:

Medical Telecast, "Medic" series, Television Station KVOO, 7:00 P.M. Subject: "Laughter Is A Boy".

No Tulsa County Medical Society meeting on this date. Meetings suspended until Monday, September 12, 1955.

TUESDAY, July 12th:

Postgraduate Study Course in Medicine, Hillcrest Medical Center, 5:30 P.M.

St. John's Tumor Clinic, 8:00 A.M.

WEDNESDAY, July 13th:

St. John's Isotope Clinic, St. John's Hospital, 8:30 A.M.

Postgraduate Study Course in Surgery, Hillcrest Medical Center, 12:30 P.M.

Board of Trustees Meeting, Tulsa County Medical Society, 2020 South Xanthus, Tulsa, 1:00 P.M.

Clinical Pathological Conference, Hillcrest Medical Center, 7:00 P.M.

THURSDAY, July 14th:

Interns and Residents Lecture, St. John's Hospital, 12:00 Noon.

JULY MEDICAL CALENDAR

FRIDAY, July 15th:

Copy deadline for the August issue of The Bulletin.
 St. John's Isotope Committee Meeting, St. John's Hospital, 8:30 A.M.
 St. John's Tumor Clinic, Clinical Conference, 8:30 A.M.
 X-Ray Conference, Hillcrest Medical Center, 3:00 P.M.

MONDAY, July 18th:

Medical Telecast, "Medic" series, Television Station KVOO, 7:00 P.M. Subject:
 "Break Through The Bars."
 Clinical Pathological Conference, St. John's Hospital, 7:15 P.M.
 Staff Meeting, St. John's Hospital, 8:00 P.M.
 Twenty-First Annual Meeting, Postgraduate Medical Assembly of South Texas, Houston, Texas, opens for three-day meeting.

TUESDAY, July 19th:

St. John's Tumor Clinic, 8:00 A.M.
 Postgraduate Study Course in Medicine, Hillcrest Medical Center, 5:30 P.M.
 Medical Assistants Society of Tulsa Meeting, Michaelis Cafeteria, 6:30 P.M.
 Surgical Section Meeting, Hillcrest Medical Center, 8:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, July 20th:

St. John's Isotopic Clinic, St. John's Hospital, 8:30 A.M.
 Postgraduate Study Course in Surgery, Hillcrest Medical Center, 12:00 Noon.

THURSDAY, July 21st:

Interns and Residents Lecture, St. John's Hospital, 12:00 Noon.

FRIDAY, July 22nd:

St. John's Isotope Committee Meeting, St. John's Hospital, 8:30 A.M.
 St. John's Tumor Clinic, Clinical Conference, 8:30 A.M.
 X-Ray Conference, Hillcrest Medical Center, 3:00 P.M.

MONDAY, July 25th:

No meeting of the Tulsa Academy of General Practice on this date. Meetings suspended until September 26, 1955.
 Medical Telecast, "Medic" series, Television Station KVOO, 7:00 P.M. Subject:
 To Be Announced.

TUESDAY, July 26th:

St. John's Tumor Clinic, 8:00 A.M.
 Postgraduate Study Course in Medicine, Hillcrest Medical Center, 5:30 P.M.
 Obstetrics and Gynecology Section Meeting, Hillcrest Medical Center, 8:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, July 27th:

St. John's Isotopic Clinic, St. John's Hospital, 8:30 A.M.
 Postgraduate Study Course in Surgery, Hillcrest Medical Center, 12:30 P.M.
 Medicine Section Meeting, Hillcrest Medical Center. Dinner 5:45 P.M., followed by grand rounds.

THURSDAY, July 28th:

Interns and Residents Lecture, St. John's Hospital, 12:00 Noon.

FRIDAY, July 29th:

St. John's Isotope Committee Meeting, St. John's Hospital, 8:30 A.M.
 St. John's Tumor Clinic, Clinical Conference, 8:30 A.M.
 X-Ray Conference, Hillcrest Medical Center, 3:00 P.M.

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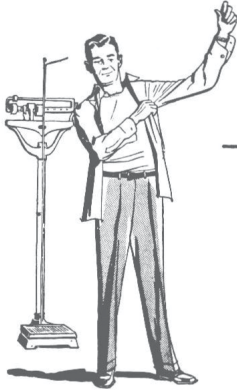
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Tulsa Osteopathic	6	1	16.7%
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The Tulsa Community Chest last month approved a \$1,800 remodeling job at the Tulsa County Red Cross Blood Center. The action of the Chest Board of Directors made available 800 additional square feet of space in the Community Welfare Building. The Chest will pay half of the cost and will also contribute \$250 towards the cost of a new tile floor at the Center. The project is expected to be completed in July.

The expansion program is part of a project to bring the Tulsa Center up to licensing standards of the National Institute of Health, an agency of the United States Public Health Service. Licensure will bring additional benefits, including a sizeable financial allotment, from the national chapter of the American Red Cross.

Most of the new space will be used for an enlarged laboratory. Approximately \$6,000 worth of new equipment is being purchased, including a new blood refrigerator, centrifuges, a glass drying oven, and blood incubator. The bulk of these items will be purchased by the national Red Cross. Local expenditures will amount to only \$1,000.

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The air-conditioned structure will be 45 feet wide and 90 feet deep with a total floor space of 8,100 square feet. Facilities will include laboratory and x-ray quarters and a minor operating room. The building will be constructed in crab orchard stone. A parking area will provide space for 75 cars.

The new medical center will be ready for occupancy by September 1st. It will be known as Sheridan Medical Center, Mr. Elgin said.

DR. THEODORE E. DILLMAN has moved his practice to Vancouver, Washington.

DR. and MRS. ROBERT E. NATHAN are the parents of a new baby boy, born June 11th.

DR. WALTER E. BROWN has returned from St. Louis where he attended a reunion of his graduating class at Washington University School of Medicine.

More proud parents: DR. and MRS. THOMAS W. TAYLOR, a boy, born June 13th; DR. and MRS. A. B. EDINGTON, a girl, born June 11th; and DR. and MRS. H. KENNETH IHRIG, a girl, born May 18th.

DR. ROBERT D. GRUBB has returned to his office after an illness at St. John's Hospital.

DR. J. D. SHIPP attended the annual meeting of the American Proctological Society in New York, June 1-4, 1955.

DR. WILLARD L. MCGRAW took top golfing honors among Tulsa doctors at the 1955 Annual Golf Tournament of the Oklahoma State Medical Association at Tulsa Country Club, June 15th. Dr. Lynn Harrison of Oklahoma City was the tournament winner. The Pfizer Laboratories were hosts for the event. DR. SIMON POLLACK was in charge of arrangements.

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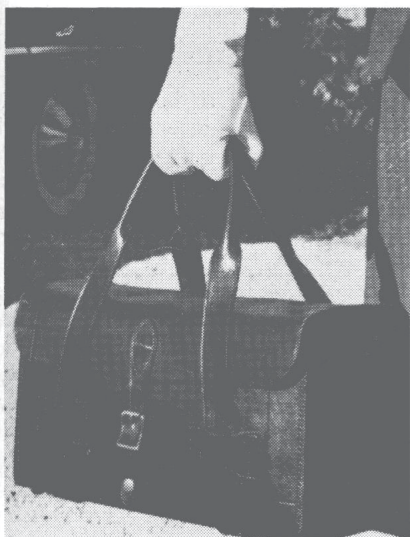
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the Species" and books by Dr. Morris Fishbein; these not only make the field sound fascinating but also emphasize the importance of hard work to attain my goal. I have made many successful attempts at growing bacteria cultures, chemical gardens, and various small experiments at home.

"A personal reason is the desire to help persons when they are ill. In helping them I mean not with pity but with kindness, understanding and medicine.

"Money is not the main idea—this may sound strange—but it's the way I feel; even though the world practically revolves around money there are some people who do certain things for the sake of doing them and not for financial gain.

"True, what we hear about medicine is the "glamorous" side, the dramatic fight with nature for a life, the timeless operations when either life or death may be victorious. Little or nothing is written about the many years of college preparation, studying long hours day and night, the night calls, or calls during that delicious Thanksgiving turkey dinner.

"Knowing about the years of study and hard work after you have graduated and finished your internship and residency, I would still want to be a doctor more than anything. I feel that even though sometimes the going may be rough, in the end I will be satisfied that I have done my part, however small, for the betterment of humanity and the world."

Second generations: DR. WILLIAM R. R. LONEY, JR. graduated from the University of Minnesota School of Medicine last month and is now interning at Kansas City General Hospital; DR. JAMES C. PEDEN, JR. graduated from Washington University School of Medicine and is interning at Barnes Hospital of St. Louis.

DR. DAVE B. LHEVINE was guest speaker for the Ninth Councilor District Meeting of the Arkansas Medical Society on June 6th at Springdale, Arkansas. His subject was "Radio Isotopes in the Treatment of Thyroid Conditions."

HEALTH SURVEY*(Continued From Page 10)*

criticized high operating room costs, excessive number of laboratory tests and x-ray (actually a criticism of the doctor who ordered the tests and x-rays), and other "extras".

Many criticisms were made of some—but not all—hospitals for being required to make financial arrangements in advance of admission. Many informants felt the time was not propitious and that such action contrasted with the public conception of a hospital's responsibility to the community.

Only 13 per cent of those hospitalized said any delay had occurred in being admitted to the hospital. None of these were for emergency cases and were apparently confined to cases of elective surgery or non-emergency medical attention.

Dr. John G. Matt, Chairman of the Survey Steering Committee, said last month that the questions regarding fees of doctors and charges and services of hospitals could be considered only as an indication of public opinion. "The survey recognized that many persons were not in a position to evaluate whether the costs of such services by doctors or hospitals were too high. An effort was made only to determine the level of public opinion on the matter. Naturally, many persons tend to consider all costs too high, whether it be food, clothing, housing, or medical and hospital care. These results can only be considered as an expression of public thinking," Dr. Matt stated.

In a study of health insurance coverage, 73 per cent of the informants had hospitalization coverage, 32 per cent had surgical coverage, 48 per cent had obstetrical coverage, 43 per cent had poliomyelitis care coverage, and 51 per cent had some type of accident insurance.

Thirteen per cent of the informants thought that doctors charge more if the patient has insurance coverage.

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DR. EDWARD L. MOORE has returned from a vacation trip to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

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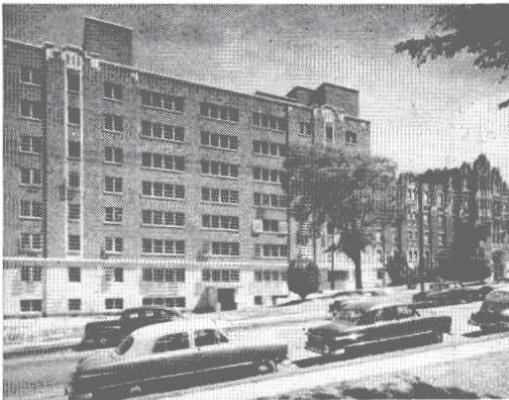
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