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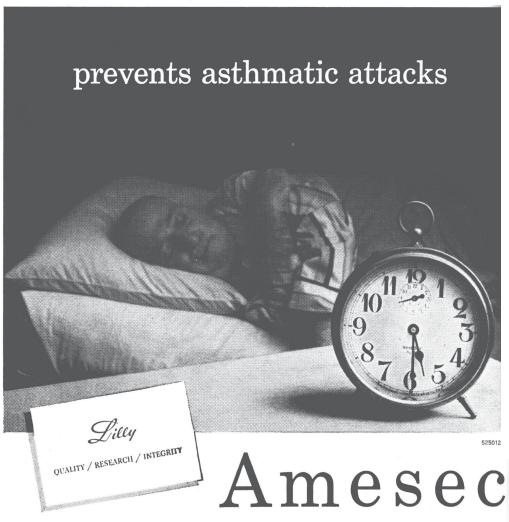
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# With The Editor . . .

The Tulsa Chamber of Commerce is estimating the year-end population figure for Tulsa at 225,700 (Tulsa city limits only) . . . Excluding retired physicians and those in practice outside of Tulsa proper, the City has one doctor for every 755 persons, well above the minimum standards of one per 1,000 prescribed by the American Medical Association . . . Actually, of course, Tulsa doctors care for a sizeable number of patients from outside the City, both in terms of regular patient practice and referrals from other cities and towns in the area . . . The Tulsa Chamber of Commerce says at least 7,000 more residents may be expected by the end of 1956 . . . In case you're wondering, the special assessment of \$35.00 voted by the House of Delegates of the Oklahoma State Medical Association hasn't been forgotten . . . Actual collection has been delayed until the Association can prepare a brochure for members outlining the project and picturing the proposed building . . . A group policy of term life insurance for State Medical Association members is in the offing . . . If approved by the Council, the plan will offer sizeable amounts of term coverage at an extremely low premium . . . The University of Oklahoma School of Medicine has started an artery bank, storing healthy arteries for ultimate use in arterial surgery . . . The Tulsa County Heart Association is cooperating in the project, and Tulsa doctors will share in the facilities of the bank . . . Arteries are taken from persons not over forty at death, processed for preservation and vacuum packed . . . The Heart Association has advanced \$150.00 towards the project, and each artery section will henceforth cost the patient about \$50.00 . . . Arrangements will be made for providing the specimens free to indigent patients . . . A summary of the Tulsa County Medical Society-Tulsa Council of Social Agencies' recent Health Survey was published in the Journal of the American Medical Association last month . . . Hillcrest Medical Center observed its fifteenth anniversary last month.



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### **FOUNDERS DAY CLINIC ON NOVEMBER 9-10**

Four Visiting Distinguished Guest Speakers Set for Annual Event. Eight papers to be Featured. Heavy Attendance Expected.

Several hundred area doctors are expected to attend the Tulsa County Medical Society's Third Annual Founders Day Clinic to be held Wednesday and Thursday, November 9-10, 1955, to hear an outstanding scientific program presented by four visiting distinguished guest speakers.

Headling the program will be:

John W. Kirklin, M. D., Assistant Professor of Surgery, Mayo Clinic Foundation, Rochester, Minnesota.

Charles L. Martin, M. D., Professor of Radiology, Southwestern Medical School, Dallas, Texas.

William C. Baum, M. D., Associate Professor of Urology, University of Michigan School of Medicine, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

L. Maxwell Lockie, M. D., nationally known specialist in Arthritis and Rheumatic Diseases, Buffalo, New York.

The Clinic will open with a dinner meeting at 6:30 P.M. at The Mayo on Wednesday, November 9, 1955, at which Dr. Kirklin will deliver the Dr. W. Albert Cook Lecture. He will present an illustrated paper devoted to the mechanical pump oxygenator system for intracardiac surgery as developed by the Mayo Clinic team of which he is a member. The lecture is presented annually in honor of the original founders of the Tulsa County Medical Society in 1907 and is named after Dr. W. Albert Cook, first President of the group. Dr. Cook will be a special guest.

A day-long program will follow at the

Blue Cross-Blue Shield Building Auditorium on Thursday, November 10, 1955, with the eight speakers presenting seven papers in the various fields of medicine.

The annual postgraduate study event is being sponsored by the Society in cooperation with the Tulsa Academy of General Practice, the Tulsa County Heart Association, the Eastern Oklahoma Chapter of the Arthritis and Rheumatism Foundation, and the Oklahoma Division of the American Cancer Society.

All medical doctors are urged to attend. There is no registration fee and the only cost is for the dinner and luncheon. Members who cannot attend the dinner and luncheon are invited to attend the scientific portions of the meeting.

Reservations for the Wednesday evening dinner of November 9th are now being taken by the Tulsa County Medical Society. Tickets may be purchased in advance from the Executive Offices, B9 Medical Arts Building, or reservations may be picked up at the door. Members of the Tulsa County Medical Society will be billed, if desired, for the meals. The dinner and social hour will be \$5.00 per person. The event is limited to doctors only and their guests.

Reservations must also be made for the luncheon of Thursday, November 10th. A cold buffet will be served at 12:45 P.M. in the Blue Cross-Blue Shield Auditorium. Tickets will be \$1.50 per person.

The complete program for the Third Annual Founders Day is as follows:

Wednesday, November 9, 1955

6:30 P.M. Social Hour, Ivory Room, The Mayo.

7:00 P.M. Dinner, Ivory Room, The

Mayo.

8:00 P.M. Scientific Program, Ivory Room, The Mayo. Dr. Frank J. Nelson, President, Tulsa County Medical Society, presiding. The Dr. W. Albert Cook Lecture: "The Use of Mechanical Pump-Oxygenator System and Other Techniques for Intracardiac Surgery." Dr. John W. Kirklin, Rochester, Minnesota.

Thursday, November 10, 1955

9:30 A.M. Registration, Auditorium, Blue Cross-Blue Shield Building, 1215 South Boulder, Tulsa.

Dr. Earl I. Mulmed, Chairman, Postgraduate Study Committee, Tulsa County

Medical Society, presiding.

10:00 A.M. "Treatment of Cancer of the Oral Cavity With Irradiation." Dr. Charles L. Martin, Dallas, Texas.

10:30 A.M. "Sexual Failure: Its Investigation and Treatment." Dr. William C. Baum, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

11:00 A.M. Intermission. Coffee and

cold drinks.

11:15 A.M. "The Place of Steroids In Present-Day Therapy of Arthritis." Dr. L. Maxwell Lockie, Buffalo, New York.

11:45 A.M. "Surgery For Aortic Occlusions and Aneurysms." Dr. John W. Kirklin, Rochester, Minnesota.

12:15 P.M. Discussion with ques-

tions and answers.

12:45 P.M. Buffet Luncheon, Auditorium, Blue-Cross Blue Shield Building.

Dr. F. L. Flack, President-Elect, Tulsa County Medical Society, presiding.

#### AMA SETS INTERIM MEET

The 1955 Interim Session of the American Medical Association will be held at Boston, Massachusetts, November 29-December 2. The A.M.A. will also sponsor a medical public relations conference on November 28, 1955. Physicians planning to attend should write now for hotel reservations to A.M.A. Convention Bureau, 80 Federal Street, Boston, Massachusetts.

1:45 P.M. "Treatment of Cancer of the Uterine Cervix." Dr. Charles L. Martin, Dallas, Texas.

2:15 P.M. "A Logical Approach to the Treatment of Urinary Tract Infections." Dr. William C. Baum, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

2:45 P.M. Intermission. Coffee and

cold drinks.

3:00 P.M. "Gout and Gouty Arthritis." Dr. L. Maxwell Lockie, Buffalo, New York.

3:30 P.M. Discussion with questions and answers.

4:00 P.M. Adjournment.

"The Third Annual Founders Day Clinic promises to be a very fine scientific event for Eastern Oklahoma," said Dr. Earl I. Mulmed, Chairman, last month. "We hope to have a record turnout, and we particularly urge as many physicians as possible to attend the dinner meeting of November 9th. Dr. Kirklin's presentation of an unusual advance in cardiac surgery will interest all doctors."

Dr. John W. Kirklin is a graduate of the University of Minnesota and received his medical degree at Harvard Medical School in 1942. He interned at the University of Pennsylvania Hospitals in Philadelphia and subsequently spent thirty months in the Army Medical Corps during World War II. Most of his surgical training was obtained at Children's Hospital of Boston and at the Mayo Clinic Foundation, where he has been a member of the surgical staff since 1950. He is also Assistant Professor of Surgery at the Graduate School, Mayo Clinic Foundation, University of Minnesota, Rochester. Minnesota. He is a diplomate of the American Board of Surgery and member of numerous medical and surgical organizations.

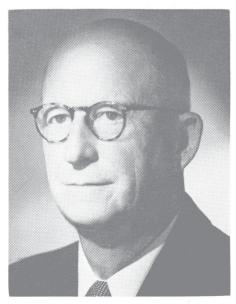
Dr. Charles L. Martin is a graduate of the University of Texas and obtained his medical degree from Harvard Medical School in 1919. He served his internship and a residency at Massachusetts General Hospital of Boston, and soon afterwards entered practice at Dallas, Texas. He is presently director of his own x-ray and radium clinic and serves as radiological consultant to Gaston, Baylor, Parkland

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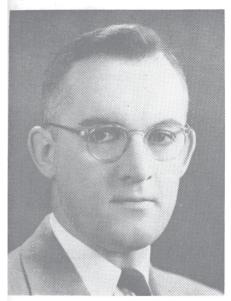
# FOUNDERS DAY GUEST SPEAKERS



JOHN W. KIRKLIN, M.D. Rochester, Minnesota



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WILLIAM C. BAUM, M.D. Ann Arbor, Michigan



L. MAXWELL LOCKIE, M.D. Buffalo, New York



#### GALVESTON SURGEON SPEAKS HERE ON NOVEMBER 14TH

Dr. Robert M. Moore, Professor and Chairman of the Department of Surgery, University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, Texas, will be guest speaker for the Tulsa County Medical Society on Monday, November 14, 1955, at 8:00 P.M. His subject will be "The Rationale of Splenectomy".

The meeting will again be held at the Blue Cross-Blue Shield Building, 1215 South Boulder, Tulsa. Telephone service is available by calling LU 5-9149. All medical doctors are invited to attend.

Dr. Moore received his degree in medicine at Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis, Missouri, Class of 1926. He interned and completed a threeyear residency in surgery at Barnes Hospital of St. Louis, and was also a fellow in physiology at Harvard Medical School for two years. In 1929 he entered practice at Galveston, Texas, and was appointed to the faculty of the University of Texas Medical Branch. Since 1947 he has been Chairman of the Department of Surgery. During World War II Dr. Moore served as a Colonel in the Army Medical Corps for three and a half years, including two years spent overseas. He is a diplomate of the American Board of Surgery, member of the American Sur-

gical Association, American College of Surgeons, Southern Surgical Association, Western Surgical Association, Southwestern Surgical Congress, and other medical groups. Dr. Moore is a former officer of several of these organization and is a former examining member of the American Board of Surgery.

Dr. Moore replaces Dr. Louis H. Buie of Rochester, Minnesota, as guest speaker. Illness of Dr. Buie necessitated the cancellation of his appearance in Tulsa. Dr. Moore will be introduced by Dr. Donald

L. Brawner of Tulsa.

The Tulsa County Medical Society's annual business meeting and election of officers has been scheduled for Monday, December 12, 1955. No scientific program is planned.

# BLUE CROSS PLAN NAMES NEW PHYSICIAN RELATIONS HEAD

The appointment of Mr. Carl E. Behle as Physician Relations Supervisor for the Blue Shield Plan of Oklahoma has been announced by Mr. N. D. Helland, Executive Director.

"The appointment of Mr. Behle has made so that we can better serve the physicians of Oklahoma with information and assistance on subjects relating to the Blue Shield and Blue Cross plans," Mr. Helland said.

Mr. Behle was formerly Assistant Director of Public Relations for the Blue Cross-Blue Shield Plans of Oklahoma and served as editor of the monthly house organ. He is a graduate of Temple University and was formerly associated with the Wall Street Journal and Television Station KOTV of Tulsa.

Miss Velma Neely, who has been Physician Relations Supervisor, will now devote full time to Hospital Relations.

DR. WILLIAM S. CRAWFORD has returned to his office after an illness at St. John's Hospital.

DR. and MRS. ROBERT W. SPEN-CER are the parents of a girl born September 28th.

DR. ROBERT L. ANDERSON was speaker for the Creek County Medical Society at Bristow, Oklahoma, October 11, 1955.



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# PRESIDENT'S PAGE

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Second, as citizens, we should contribute our share to this one civic enterprise in which every person in the community is asked to participate in a financial way. Tulsa is an outstanding city. Each one of you came here to practice medicine because you thought Tulsa was a good place to live in, to earn a living, and to enjoy the privileges of its schools, churches, cultural and recreational advantages. If you had intended to do missionary work alone, you would have gone to India, Africa, or some other such place. I believe that from the humanitarian, the civic, and particularly, the public relations viewpoint, each doctor should contribute as much as he can to this well worthwhile campaign. Please give promptly and as generously as you can.

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# Another Step Towards State Medicine

## COST OF DISABILITY BENEFITS RUINOUS

Proposed Social Security Amendments Unsound

With the convening of the second session of the 84th Congress early in January, 1956, the nation's lawmakers will decide the fate of legislation of the greatest importance to American Medicine since the abortive attempts to enact a system of federal compulsory health insurance sev-

eral years ago.

The controversial act is H.R. 7225, popularly known as the Social Security Amendments of 1955, which passed the House of Representatives last summer in a well planned blitzkrieg that saw approval of the bill without public hearings and virtually no debate on the floor. As detailed in the October issue of The Bulletin, the primary objection of Medicine to this bill is a provision to make totally and permanently disabled persons eligible to receive cash social security benefits at age 50 rather than the present age 65. The proposals have been criticized by the American Medical Association as another step toward a complete "cradle-to-grave" social security system, including the ultimate creation of national compulsory health insurance and employment of physicians by the federal government.

H.R. 7225 was halted in its jetpropelled course through Congress by the intelligent thinking of Virginia's Senator Harry Byrd, who wisely postponed action on the proposal by his Senate Finance Committee until January. This gave opponents of the bill several months respite in which to marshal their forces. Unlike the House Ways and Means Committee, the Senate group plans to hold extensive public hearings. While Washington observers believe most of the provisions will remain intact, more controversial sections are expected to be amended or eliminated

altogether.

A persuasive theoretical case has been made for total disability benefits in the Federal Social Security System by Mrs. Oveta Culp Hobby and her successor in the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. Total disability is a distressing serious catastrophe involving quences for those whom it overtakes and for their dependents. The solution as proposed by H.R. 7225 not only obligates taxpayers to a tremendous additional burden (estimated at not less than two billion dollars annually for the next twenty years and at three billion annually thereafter), but paves the way for an even greater extension of such benefits. Proposals have already been heard for placing all permanently and totally disabled persons, regardless of age, on the federal dole plus providing them with free federal hospitalization and medical care.

Soon after World War I, life insurance companies began the inclusion of total and permanent disability income provisions in life insurance policies. The popularity of this was evident in the record sales, and life insurance companies issued huge amounts of such coverage. In the disastrous economic depression of the 1930's these companies learned by hard experience that insurance of this type cannot be issued safely except under severe restrictions as to benefit provisions, high premium charges, rigid selection of risks, the most careful scrutiny of claims, and an adequate follow-up of those receiving disability incomes. It is true that much of the heavy losses suffered were in connection with the over-insurance of well-to-do persons who built up disability income coverage to unsound levels. However, the hazard of disability coverage which was clearly evident in group insurance was that the rates of disability during the depression rose to a greater extent than did the rates under ordinary insurance. This group experience is much more significant as a criterion in considering total disability on a contributory basis in a social security system because it is related to wage earners, was issued on a wholesale basis without adverse selection by the insured, and was free from the over-insurance characteristics of business issued on an individual basis. Total disability benefits cannot be included in the Federal Social Security System with any reasonable assurance that claims can be limited to the type of disability envisaged when the program is adopted. They will get out of hand just as they did in the life insurance experience.

The breakdown of the system invariably occurs in periods of unemployment and is likely to occur in more prosperous periods. Very serious difficulties begin to develop when unemployment begins to assume serious proportions; under such conditions there is tremendous pressure applied to attempt to prove disability to the extent necessary to get on government benefit rolls.

At first glance it might appear easy to prevent such abuses, but practically (as the life insurance companies discovered in the 1930's) it is difficult to handle. The crux of the problem is that it is next to impossible to evaluate total disability when there is a determination to attempt to prove that one is disabled in order to obtain a potential life income from the government. Claims exceedingly difficult to evaluate are those alleging disability which prevents one from working which are subjective in nature and next to impossible to disprove — for example, the various manifestations of "rheumatism," feigned or imaginary angina pectoris, and nervous disorders.

Once a person is on the benefit rolls, it becomes difficult to get him off again. In many instances the income from work, after various deductions, is not sufficiently attractive to induce him to return to work; this is particularly true when it is considered that the work performed by persons of questionable physical ability is generally of low recompense. More serious, returning to work removes the sense of security occasioned by being on the benefit rolls. Most prefer a small income with security to a larger income with what they consider to be insecurity. Particularly would this be true in times of unemployment when jobs were difficult to obtain.

In times of unemployment, it is likely that the first workers to be laid off would be those whose efficiency was failing and who would fall into the group potentially most eligible for disability benefits. Reemployment would be difficult.

Workmen's compensation would be of little value in evaluating most such cases because they generally arise from accidents and are relatively easy to appraise.

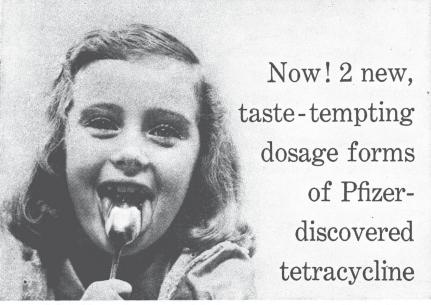
Another serious aspect of the problem is that the security of a guaranteed life income tends to discourage any rehabilitation which might otherwise take place. Although H.R. 7225 provides for a rehabilitation program, how effectively it will operate remains to be seen.

The most important difficulty is the theory that total disability benefits, being supported by taxation, are a right to which the worker is entitled. This colors the fundamental atitude toward the system and intensifies the demand for benefits not actually warranted by the alleged disabilities. Moreover, if one person thinks another has received benefits when no more disabled than he, he will contend for similar treatment for himself. Such an attitude encourages the use of political pressure; congressmen are sure to be appealed to for assistance to have claims approved. This places the congressman in a difficult spot; for those willing to curry favor at the expense of the federal treasury, the situation offers great opportunities.

Furthermore, many government officials do not feel a sense of responsibility for economical and judicial administration of their duties. Unlike the private company, where savings represent greater opportunities for personal enrichment through dividends or increased incomes, the government is looked upon by many as an endless source of money. Government employees administering the plan, given wide discretionary powers, would be easily tempted to accede to the pressure for approval of claims rather than risk criticism.

Proof of disability must be obtained by the applicant. It is not difficult to forsee a wide demand for a mechanism whereby such medical services can be obtained

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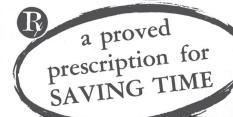
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#### PUBLICATIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE TULSA COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY:

Dr. Robert A. Nelson, et al. Comparison of the Effects of Pressor and Depressor Agents and Influences on Pulmonary and Systemic Pressures of Normotensive and Hypertensive Subjects. American Heart Journal, 50:2 (August) 172-187.

One of the more unusual books in the Library of the Tulsa County Medical Society is "The Illustrations from the Works of Andreas Vesalius of Brussels." First published in 1543, these detailed anatomical drawings gave new stature to the study of medicine. The brilliant Belgian physician was one of the foremost medical leaders of the Renaissance. His anatomical and other medical studies disproved many of the teachings of the old Grecian and Roman physicians. The book contains many of the original pages from the Vesalius textbooks, each significant for some new phase of medical practice. For doctors seeking a few hours of diversion, this book offers a rare opportunity.

#### DUPLICATE JOURNALS NOW AVAILABLE TO TULSA DOCTORS

The Library of the Tulsa County Medical Society now has a sizeable supply of duplicate copies of many leading national medical journals. These will be given without charge to any member of the Society who would like them for his private library. Many of these are complete bound volumes and all are in excellent condition. The supply may be examined at the Library at any time during the regular hours. Those not taken after thirty days will be disposed of to other sources.

The Library Committee wishes to thank Mrs. Felix T. Gastineau for her services at the Medical Library during the recent illness of the Librarian.

### **BLOOD CENTER NEWS**

#### DISTRIBUTION & REPLACEMENT REPORT September, 1955

	Bloods	Replace-	
Hospital:	Used:	ments:	% Repl.
St. John's	533	145	27.2%
Hillcrest	390	185	47.4%
Tulsa Osteo.	7	2	28.5%
Osteopathic	67	22	32.8%
Mercy	5	5	100.0%
Broken Arrow	11	15	136.3%
Moton	4	3	75.0%
Byrne	12	6	50.0%
Other	32	39	121.9%
Totals	1,061	422	39.8%

The newly remodeled Tulsa County Red Cross Blood Center is now on a par with similar centers in New York, Detroit, and other American cities, Dr. Raymond V. Barnes of St. Louis, regional medical director for the American Red Cross, reported last month.

In a visit to the Center on October 12th, Dr. Barnes praised the blood program in Tulsa and said "it is as fine as there is in any city of comparable size." His visit to Tulsa was preliminary to the Center's application for licensure by the National Institutes of Health, a unit of



Dr. Betty Conrad, Medical Director of the Tulsa County Red Cross Blood Center, demonstrates one of the new centrifuges installed at the Center for use in separating red cells for manufacture of plasma.

the United States Public Health Service, which inspects and approves laboratories.

Dr. Felix R. Park, Chairman of the Blood Center Committee, said last month that the Center expected to have its NIH license by January 1, 1956. An open house will be held shortly afterwards to permit Tulsans to see the expanded, remodeled and newly equipped Center.

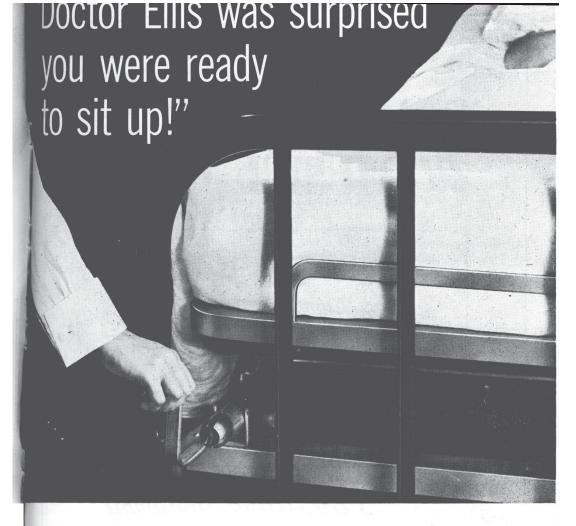
Actual remodeling of the Center's quarters at 602 South Cheyenne is now virtually complete. Floor space has been doubled to include 2,000 square feet. Rooms have been arranged to facilitate the handling of the donor in a chronological manner. The laboratory has also been widely expanded and a second registered technologist has been added to the staff. Facilities for conversion of outdated blood into plasma have been installed; red cells are removed and sent to manufacturers for use in preparing serum albumen and gamma globulin.

The Tulsa County Red Cross Blood Center Advisory Committee last month approved a change from the use of the so-called Baxter H-9 blood bottle to the standard Red Cross blood bottle now in use elsewhere. This is not only more economical, but it will permit a more easy interchange of blood under emergency conditions. While the Center will continue to operate exclusively for the benefit of Tulsa County hospital patients, it will be equipped to take or receive large quantities of blood under disaster conditions. Now handling about 1,100 donors monthly, the Center has personnel and facilities for handling 500 every twentyfour hours under emergency conditions.

DR. EMANUEL N. LUBIN was guest speaker for the Kay-Noble County Medical Society at Blackwell, Oklahoma, on October 11, 1955. His subject was "Urology in General Practice."

DR. JOE E. TYLER was guest speaker for the Tulsa County Bar Association on October 7th.

DR. E. G. HYATT has completed a special training course in Internal Medicine conducted by the American College of Physicians at the University of Michigan School of Medicine, Ann Arbor, Michigan, during October.



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GENERAL PRACTICE ACADEMY TO HEAR DR. STEWART WOLF

Dr. Stewart G. Wolf, Jr., Chairman and Professor of the Department of Medicine, University of Oklahoma School of Medicine, will be guest speaker for the Tulsa Academy of General Practice on Monday, November 28, 1955, at 6:30 P.M. at Hotel Tulsa. His subject will be "Evaluation of Gastro-Intestinal Symptoms."

The meeting will be a dinner. Reservations may be made by calling LUther 2-5904. The scientific program will begin at 8:00 P.M. All medical doctors, including those who are not members of the Academy, are invited to attend.

Dr. Wolf is a native of Baltimore, Maryland, and attended Phillips, Andover and Yale universities for his pre-medical training. He graduated in medicine from Johns-Hopkins School of Medicine and took his internship at New York Hospital. Dr. Wolf subsequently served as a resident in medicine in Bellevue Hospital of New York and as a research fellow at the Harvard Neurological Unit of Boston City Hospital. He was a Major in the Army Medical Corps and served in the South Pacific area during World War II. Later, he was Associate Professor of Medicine at Cornell University Medical School, and in 1952 was appointed to his present post at the University of Oklahoma School of Medicine. He is the author of more than 100 articles appearing in national medical journals, has contributed to five textbooks, and published several monographs. He has done research in gasteroenterology, physiology, diabetes, and other fields.

#### MRS. MILTON L. BERG NAMED AUXILIARY PRESIDENT-ELECT

Mrs. Milton L. Berg has been named President-Elect of the Auxiliary to the Tulsa County Medical Society. She will serve in 1956-57, succeeding Mrs. George H. Miller.

Other officers named by the group are Mrs. Harold A. White, Vice-President; Mrs. C. S. Lewis, Jr., Secretary; Mrs. Walter F. Sethney, Treasurer; Mrs. W. R. Loney, Historian; and Mrs. Charles G. Stuard, Parliamentarian, Mrs. William R. Turnbow will be District Eight Councilor to the State Chapter with Mrs. Herbert S. Orr as Vice-Councilor.

DR. SAMUEL GOODMAN has returned to his office after an illness at St. John's Hospital.

Speakers for the Central High School Pre-Med Club last month included DR. MARTIN LIEBOVITZ, DR. GIFFORD H. HENRY, and DR. ROBERT M. SHEPARD, IR.

DR. MARSHALL O. HART attended a meeting of the Hospital Committee of the American Academy of General Practice at Kansas City, Missouri, September 29-30, 1955.

DR. THOMAS L. OZMENT and DR. DONALD L. MISHLER attended the American Academy of Ophthalmology and Otolarygology at Chicago, Illinois, October 9-14, 1955.

DR. D. L. GARRETT has returned from New York where he attended the 1955 World Series.

DR. EDWARD L. MOORE has returned from a visit to his former home at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and to the regional meeting of the American College of Surgeons in Chicago, Illinois.

DR. T. PAUL HANEY has returned from a two-weeks vacation with relatives

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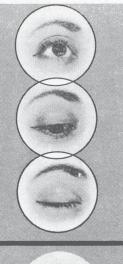
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## NOVEMBER MEDICAL CALENDAR

#### TUESDAY, November 1st:

St. John's Tumor Clinic, 8:00 A. M. Grand Rounds, Medicine Section, Hillcrest Medical Center, 7:30 P. M.

#### WEDNESDAY, November 2nd:

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

#### THURSDAY, November 3rd:

Didactic Lecture in Surgery, Hillcrest Medical Center, 12:30 P. M. Speaker, Dr. Martin Leibovitz.

#### FRIDAY, November 4th:

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

St. John's Tumor Clinic, Clinical Conference, 9:30 A.M.

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

#### MONDAY, November 7th:

Staff Meeting, Hillcrest Medical Center, 8:00 P. M. Medical Telecast, "Medic" series, Television Station KVOO-TV, 8:00 P. M.

#### TUESDAY, November 8th:

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

Grand Rounds, Medicine Section, Hillcrest Medical Center, 7:30 P.M.

#### WEDNESDAY, November 9th:

St. John's Isotope Clinic, St. John's Hospital, 8:30 A. M.
Annual Founders Day Clinic, Tulsa County Medical Society, Dinner Meeting, The Mayo, 6:30 P. M. Subject: "The Use of Mechanical Pump Oxygenator and Other Techniques for Intracardiac Surgery." Speaker, Dr. John W. Kirklin, Assistant Professor of Surgery, Mayo Clinic Foundation, Rochester, Minnesota. Clinical Pathological Conference, Hillcrest Medical Center, 7:30 P. M. Staff Meeting, Byrne Memorial Hospital, 8:00 P. M.

#### THURSDAY, November 10th:

Annual Founders Day Clinic, Tulsa County Medical Society, Blue Cross-Blue Shield Building, 1215 South Boulder, 10:00 A. M. For complete program see Pages 7-9. Didactic Lecture in Surgery, Hillcrest Medical Center, 12:30 P. M. Speaker, Dr. Martin Leibovitz.

#### FRIDAY, November 11th:

St. John's Isotope Committee Meeting, St. John's Hospital, 8:30 A. M. St. John's Tumor Clinic, Clinical Conference, 9:30 A. M. X-Ray Conference, Hillcrest Medical Center, 3:00 P. M.

#### MONDAY, November 14th:

Annual Meeting, Southern Medical Association, opens at the Shamrock Hotel, Houston, Texas. Continues through November 17, 1955.

Scientific Meeting, Tulsa County Medical Society, Blue Cross-Blue Shield Building, 1215 South Boulder, Tulsa. Program: "The Rationale of Splenectomy." Speaker, Dr. Robert M. Moore, Chairman of the Department of Surgery, University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, Texas.

#### TUESDAY, November 15th:

Copy deadline for the December issue of The Bulletin.

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

Medical Assistants Society of Tulsa Meeting, Michaelis Cafeteria, 6:30 P. M. Grand Rounds, Medicine Section, Hillcrest Medical Center, 7:30 P. M.

Board of Directors Meeting, Tulsa County Public Health Association, 808 South Peoria, Tulsa, 7:30 P.M.

## NOVEMBER MEDICAL CALENDAR

#### WEDNESDAY, November 16th:

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

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

#### THURSDAY, November 17th:

Didactic Lecture in Surgery, Hillcrest Medical Center, 12:30 P.M. Speaker, Dr. Martin Leibovitz.

Medical Postgraduate Conference, University of Oklahoma School of Medicine, Room 118, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 7:30 P.M. Subject: "Total Hypophysectomy In Clinical Medicine." Speakers, Dr. Leonard P. Eliel, Dr. Henry H. Turner, Dr. Harry Wilkins, Dr. Peter E. Russo, Dr. A. C. Lisle, and Dr. R. Palmer Howard.

#### FRIDAY, November 18th:

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

St. John's Tumor Clinic, Clinical Conference, 9:30 A. M. X-Ray Conference, Hillcrest Medical Center, 3:00 P. M.

#### SATURDAY, November 19th:

Regional Legislative Conference, American Medical Association, Baker Hotel, Dallas, Texas, 10:00 A.M.

#### MONDAY, November 21st:

Clinical Pathological Conference, St. John's Hospital, 7:15 P. M.

Staff Meeting, St. John's Hospital, 8:00 P. M. Medical Telecast, "Medic" series, Television Station KVOO-TV, 8:00 P. M.

#### TUESDAY, November 22nd:

St. John's Tumor Clinic, 8:00 A. M. Grand Rounds, Medicine Section, Hillcrest Medical Center, 7:30 P. M.

#### WEDNESDAY, November 23rd:

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

#### THURSDAY, November 24th:

The Executive Offices and Library of the Tulsa County Medical Society will be closed all day in observance of Thanksgiving Day.

#### FRIDAY, November 25th:

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

St. John's Tumor Clinic, Clinical Conference, 9:30 A.M.

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

#### MONDAY, November 28th:

Public Relations Conference, American Medical Association, Boston, Massachusetts. Scientific Meeting, Tulsa Academy of General Practice, Hotel Tul,sa, 6:30 P.M. Subject: "Evaluation of Gastrointestinal Symptoms." Speaker, Dr. Stewart G. Wolf, Jr., Chairman of the Department of Medicine, University of Oklahoma School of Medicine, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Medical Telecast, "Medic" series, Television Station KVOO-TV, 8:00 P.M.

#### TUESDAY, November 29th:

Interim Meeting of the American Medical Association opens at Boston, Massachusetts. Continues through December 2. 1955.

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

Grand Rounds, Medicine Section, Hillcrest Medical Center, 7:30 P.M.

#### WEDNESDAY, November 30th:

Any member of the Tulsa County Medical Society who has not paid all of his 1955 combined membership dues is suspended from membership privileges as of this date. St. John's Isotope Committee Meeting, St. John's Hospital, 8:30 A. M.



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# FIVE GUEST SPEAKERS SET FOR TUMOR CONFERENCE

The Oklahoma Division of the American Cancer Society has announced its Third Annual Tumor Conference for Friday, December 2, 1955, at the Huckins Hotel, Oklahoma City.

The one-day teaching program for Oklahoma physicians will feature five nationally known medical personalities as visiting distinguished guest speakers.

Scheduled to appear are:

Luke W. Abel, M.D., Professor of Pediatric Surgery, Baylor University School of Medicine, Houston, Texas.

Charles S. Cameron, M.D., Medical Director, American Cancer Society, New

York, N. Y.

H. Close Hesseltine, M.D., Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, University of Chicago School of Medicine, Chicago, Illinois.

Samuel F. Marshall, M.D., Surgeon, The Lahey Clinic, Boston, Massachusetts.

David A. Wood, M.D., Director of Cancer Research Institute of the University of California School of Medicine, San Francisco, California.

The program, held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the Oklahoma Division of the American Cancer Society, will feature two papers by each of the guest speakers. A clinical pathological conference will kick off the program at 8:00 A.M. in the Crystal Hall of the Huckins Hotel. The scientific papers will follow at 9:00 A.M.

The teaching program, concerned entirely with malignancies, is the third in a series of annual meetings to be conducted by the Oklahoma Division. The program was prepared under the direction of Dr. Joseph W. Kelso, Chairman of the Professional Education Committee of the Division, Oklahoma City.

There will be no registration fee. However, doctors are requested to register in advance by writing the Oklahoma Division, American Cancer Society, 937 Commerce Exchange Building, Oklahoma City. Reservations are needed for the noon luncheon and an evening session.

The program will close with the Annual Dinner of the Oklahoma Division of the American Cancer Society at 7:00

P.M. at the Huckins Hotel, to which all doctors are particularly invited. The guest speaker will be Dr. Charles S. Cameron, Medical Director of the American Cancer Society, New York, N. Y.

# BED OCCUPANCY DECLINES AT MAJOR TULSA HOSPITALS

Hospital bed occupancy at major Tulsa hospitals dipped for the third quarter of 1955 but remained above the 80 per cent considered normal, figures released last month indicate.

St. John's Hospital reported its beds were 87.8 per cent occupied during July, August and September, as compared with 95 per cent during the previous quarter. Hillcrest Medical Center's occupancy fell from 87 per cent to 80.5 per cent. Oklahoma Osteopathic Hospital dropped to 92 per cent from a figure unreported for the second quarter.

Dismissals during the three-months period at Hillcrest Medical Center were 1,695 in July, 1,732 in August, and 1,536 in September. St. John's reported 924 dismissals in July, 2,070 in August, and

1,968 in September.

Tulsa doctors attending a special meeting of the Oklahoma State Heart Association in Oklahoma City, September 15th, were DR. SAFETY R. FIRST, DR. PAUL T. STRONG, DR. HOMER A. RUPRECHT, and DR. JAMES C. PETERS. The group met with Mr. Rome A. Betts, Executive Director of the American Heart Association, for a discussion of national policy problems.

Named to membership on the Executive Committee of the Health Division of the Tulsa Council of Social Agencies for the coming year were DR. HOMER A. RUPRECHT, DR. WILLIAM B. PERRY, DR. JOE E. TYLER, DR. T. PAUL HANEY, DR. JOHN G. MATT, and DR. EARL I. MULMED. The appointments were made by DR. FRANK J. NELSON, newly appointed Chairman of the Health Division.

DR. I. H. NELSON, DR. EMIL E. PALIK, and DR. LEO LOWBEER attended the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Clinical Pathologists at Chicago, Illinois, October 10-14.



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Bert E. Throne, M. D. 1321 South

Main, Tulsa. Medical Degree, University of Oklahoma School of Medicine, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Class of 1950. Interned Wesley Hospital, Oklahoma City, 1950-51. Resident in Obstetrics & Gynecology, St. Anthony's Hospital,



Oklahoma City, 1952-54. In private practice, Shawnee, Oklahoma, 1954-55. Specialty, Obstetrics & Gynecology. Military Service, Army, 1942-44. Recommended by Dr. Lowell L. Stokes and Dr. Charles E. Wilbanks. By transfer from Pottawatomie County Medical Society.

The following physician is an applicant

for membership:

Lloyd E. Cauwe, M. D. Medical De-

partment, Carter Oil Company, National Bank of Tulsa Building, Tulsa. Medical Degree, State University of Iowa School of Medicine, Iowa City, Iowa, Class of 1951. Interned Pierce County Hospital, Tacoma, Washington, 1951-52. Military



Service, Lieutenant, Navy Medical Corps, 1952-54. In private practice, Marengo, Iowa, 1954-55. Specialty, Industrial Medicine. Recommended by Dr. Tom Hall Mitchell and Dr. William S. Crawford. By transfer from Iowa County Medical Society (Iowa).

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DR. SAFETY R. FIRST was guest speaker for the Tulsa Internist Club on September 21, 1955.

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DR. KARL F. SWANSON has been enjoying the hunting in North Dakota. Another party of North Dakota vacationers included DR. WALTER B. SANGER and DR. ROY K. GODDARD, JR.

DR. DANIEL M. MacDONALD has returned from Portland, Oregon, where he spent several weeks vacationing.

DR. JOHN E. McDONALD appeared on the program of the Annual Meeting of the Clinical Orthopedic Society at Oklahoma City, October 6th. Later in the month he attended medical meetings at Boston, Massachusetts, and Chicago, Illinois

In attendance at the Annual Meeting of the American Heart Association in New Orleans, Louisiana, October 23-26, were DR. JAMES C. PETERS, DR. HOMER A. RUPRECHT, and DR. C. S. LEWIS, JR.

In attendance at the Southern Urological Society meeting at San Antonio, Texas, October 16-19, were DR. E. N. LUBIN, DR. BERGET H. BLOCKSOM, DR. WILLIAM F. BOYER, DR. MAXWELL A. JOHNSON, DR. HENRY S. BROWNE, DR. HOWARD M. COHENOUR, and DR. JACK O. AKINS.

DR. MAXWELL A. JOHNSON will appear on the program of the Southern Medical Association at Houston, Texas, November 14-17.

Recent vacationers in Mexico have included DR. WILLIAM J. OSHER and DR. BERGET H. BLOCKSOM.

Speakers at a series of educational clinics in rheumatic fever conducted October 20-21 by the Tulsa County Public Health Association at county public health centers included DR. MARION K. LEDBETTER, DR. PAUL K. HEERWAGEN, DR. EVELYN M. RUDE, and DR. GEORGE R. KRIETMEYER.

Its a girl for DR. and MRS. THOMAS L. OZMENT, born October 18th at St. John's Hospital.

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and the Veterans Administration hospitals of Dallas. Dr. Martin is a Past-President of the American Radium Society, the American Roentgen Ray Society, the Dallas Southern Clinical Society, and the Dallas County Medical Society, More than 75 articles in radiology have been published in national and regional journals by Dr. Martin, as well as sections on treatment of cancer in two standard text books. He is presently Professor of Radiology at Southwestern Medical School of Dallas. He is a diplomate of the American Board of Radiology.

Dr. William C. Baum is a graduate of the University of Michigan with A. B. degree in 1938 and M.D. degree in 1942. He interned at University Hospitals, Ann Arbor, Michigan, and served in the United States Navy Medical Corps during World War II. He subsequently served a four-year residency in Urology at the University of Michigan Hospital, and in 1950 joined the faculty of the University of Michigan School of Medicine. He is co-author of two texts on Fundamentals of Urology and Physiopathology of the Genito-urinary tract, as well as numerous articles in medical journals. He is a fellow of the American College of Surgeons and diplomate of the American Board of Urology.

Dr. L. Maxwell Lockie is one of the foremost leaders in the field of arthritis and rheumatism in America. A graduate of the University of Buffalo School of Medicine, Class of 1929, he took his postgraduate training at Buffalo General Hospital and Johns-Hopkins Hospital. He later established the arthritis clinics at Johns-Hopkins Hospital and at three hospitals in Buffalo, New York. Since 1934 he has been active in the affairs of the American Rheumatism Association and has served as Chairman and member of many committees in that group. Dr. Lockie is now Chairman of the Committee for Cooperation with the Food and Drug Administration and the American Medical Association's Council on Research, Pharmacy and Chemistry. He is the author of numerous papers in the field arthritis and rheumatology.

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It is to be hoped that the Senate Finance Committee will realize the seriousness of the proposals contained in H.R.

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(Editor's Note: This is the second in a series of articles dealing with the current Social Security crisis. Another in the series will appear in a forthcoming issue.)

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