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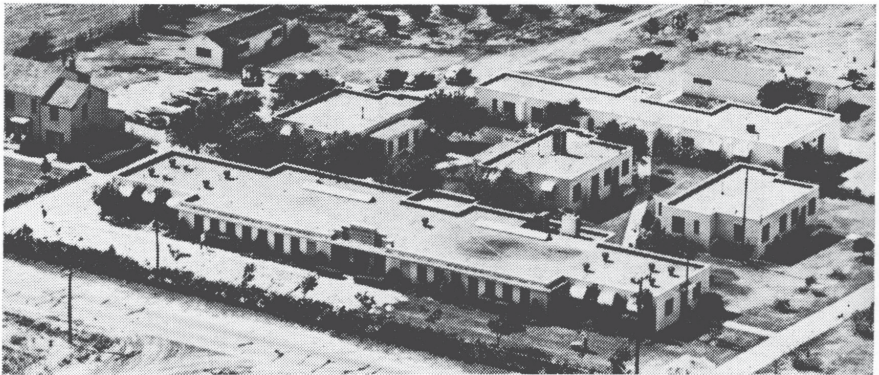
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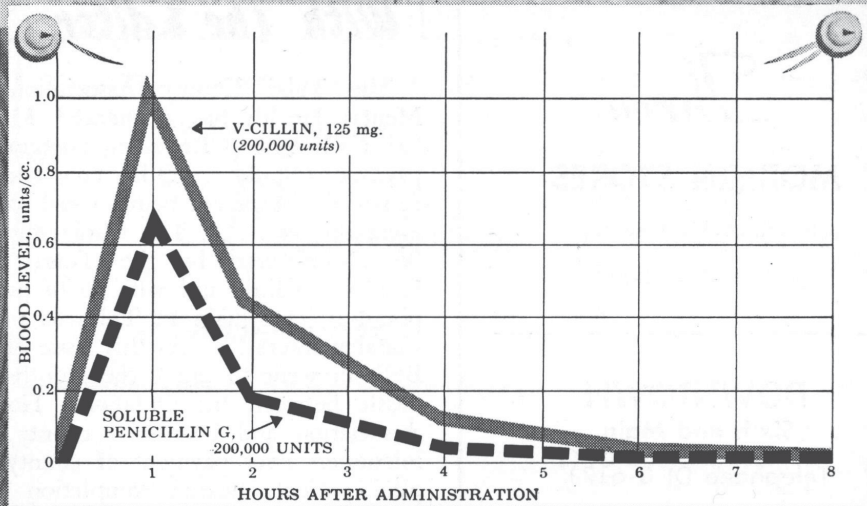
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With The Editor . . .

The Tulsa County Association For Mental Health has earmarked \$500.00 for a scholarship financing postgraduate psychiatric study . . . Other civic and professional groups are being asked to augment the sum . . . The scholarship will be administered by the Tulsa Child Guidance Clinic and will go to persons planning to remain in Tulsa as professional workers . . . As this issue of The Bulletin went to press, the months-long hassle between the Oklahoma Hospital Association and boards of county commissioners over payment of county hospital patients neared completion . . . County officials were hopeful that government food surpluses could be diverted to the hospitals as partial payment and indicated willingness to make some monetary increase in the present day rates . . . Governor Gary is being urged to use a four million dollar surplus in the state welfare fund to alleviate the situation . . . Meanwhile, the State's hospitals announced plans to bill the counties for actual hospital charges beginning July 1st . . . The U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare publicly warned against the Hoxsey Cancer Treatment last month, alleging the Dallas "cancer specialist" was purveying a "worthless treatment" . . . Noting that the "treatment" cost \$460.00, the Department said it would "yield nothing of any value in the cure of cancer" . . . The public warning said the Hoxsey method utilized several pills of different color containing such substances as licorice, red clover blossoms, poke root, prickly ash bark, potassium iodide, pepsin, and cascara sagrada . . . The Department also announced its intention of prosecuting Hoxsey if he violates a 1953 injunction forbidding shipping his medicines over state lines . . . The "March of Medicine" teleseries sponsored by Smith, Kline & French are wonderful . . . Too bad they can't appear more frequently . . . This type of medical public relations is tremendously effective . . . Another winner: the beautiful closed circuit color television at the OSMA convention last month.



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STATE ASSOCIATION NAMES NEW OFFICERS

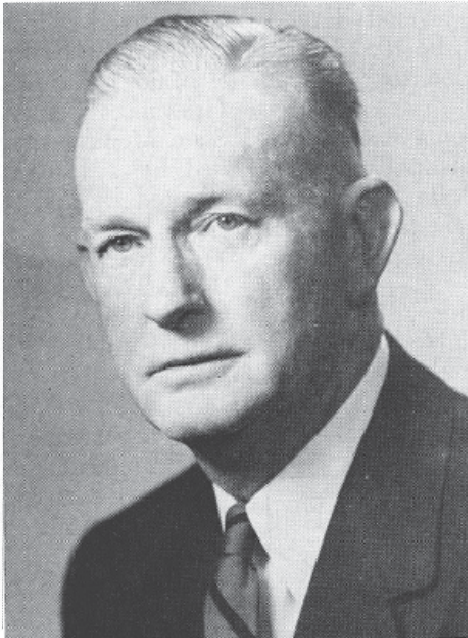
Dr. H. M. McClure of Chickasha Assumes Office as President of State Organization. Tulsan Named Delegate To American Medical Association.

Dr. John F. Burton, Oklahoma City plastic surgeon, was named last month as President-Elect of the Oklahoma State Medical Association. He will serve in 1957-58, succeeding Dr. H. M. McClure, Chickasha surgeon, who assumed office at the Association's annual meeting in Oklahoma City, May 6-9.

In addition to Dr. Burton, the Association House of Delegates named the following officers: Dr. Forrest Etter, Bartlesville, Vice-President; Dr. Wilkie D. Hoover, Tulsa, Delegate to the American Medical Association; Dr. Thurman H. Shuller, McAlester, reelected Alternate Delegate to the AMA; Dr. Clinton Gallaher, Shawnee, reelected Speaker of the House of Delegates; and Dr. J. Hoyle Carlock, Ardmore, Vice-Speaker of the House of Delegates. Dr. W. W. Rucks, Jr. of Oklahoma City has another year to serve as Secretary-Treasurer.

Dr. Hoover was elected to complete the unexpired term of the late Dr. James Stevenson of Tulsa, which runs through

1956, and also to fill a two-year term beginning January 1, 1957. Dr. Hoover will assume his new duties at the meeting of the AMA House of Delegates in Chicago, June 10-15, 1956.



DR. H. M. McCLURE

In its annual session on May 6th in Oklahoma City, the House of Delegates of the Oklahoma State Medical Association also took the following action:

1. Approved a resolution condemning the inclusion of any professional benefits in the Blue Cross Plan of Oklahoma.

2. Revised the personnel and procedures of the Grievances Committee of the State Association.

3. Called on Oklahoma doctors to stop treating private patients in United

States Veterans Administration hospitals who are covered by workmen's compensation or private insurance, noting that such insurance proceeds are being used for purposes determined by the hospital staffs.

4. Directed the Oklahoma delegates to the American Medical Association to

oppose any increase in AMA dues or special assessments until payment of AMA dues becomes compulsory for all states.

5. Reserved any expression of opinion on the proposed national legislation to provide medical care for dependents of military personnel until the final bill could be studied.

6. Defeated an amendment to the By-Laws proposed by the Tulsa County Medical Society calling for thirty days advance notice of the nature of all suggested special assessments to be considered by the House of Delegates.

7. Reduced from two years to one year the period during which new members of the Association are required to pay only half dues.

8. Slapped a \$35.00 initiation fee on all new members of the Association as their contribution to the organization's new headquarters building, but provided that the fee may be paid \$5.00 per year over a period of seven years if desired.

9. Fixed the dates of the 1957 annual meeting of the Association for May 5-8 at Tulsa.

10. Asked the Oklahoma State Health Department to review its policy in the allocation of Salk Anti-Polio Vaccine and to make 80 per cent of the supply available to private physicians instead of the present 50 per cent.

The resolution striking at the Blue Cross Plan came as a result of the Plan's inclusion of microscopic tissue examinations in its revised policy to go into effect on July 1st. An original resolution,

subsequently watered down by the House, was sharply critical of the inclusion of any professional benefits in a hospital plan, and asked that any physician performing such services for hospitals on a salaried basis be adjudged guilty of unethical conduct. Opponents to the resolution pointed out that (1) passage of the resolution would create a hardship in many areas where private pathological laboratories are not available, and (2) that it would pose a difficult problem for doctors owning hospitals. The final decision, couched in more general terms, stated the Association's opposition to Blue Cross paying to any hospital a fee for professional services performed. The action strikes directly at pathology and radiology services performed by employed physicians for which the hospital itself receives remuneration. As this issue of The Bulletin went to press, officials of the Blue Cross Plan reported that no action had been taken by the Plan's Board of Directors to remove the tissue examination benefits from the revised policy.

Major changes in the framework of the Grievances Committee of the Oklahoma State Medical Association as recommended by a special study committee and adopted by the House of Delegates include:

1. An increase in the membership of the Grievances Committee from five to seven, each member to represent two adjoining councilor districts.

2. Members to serve a term of three years with a limit of two consecutive terms per member.

3. Members to have a minimum of ten years membership in the State Association and local county medical society, and to be selected from physicians having served the state and local organizations with distinction.

4. The Grievances Committee is to have a regular specified monthly meeting.

5. The Committee is given the power to refer cases to the local county society for disposition. A report of such disposition is to be made to the Committee. If dissatisfied with the handling at the local level, the Committee is empowered to report the matter to the Council for

REREGISTRATION FEE DUE

Oklahoma doctors are reminded that under State Law payment of the Annual Reregistration Fee of \$3.00 to the Oklahoma State Board of Medical Examiners must be made by June 10th of each year. A statement of the fee has been sent to all physicians and payments should be made in accordance with the attached instructions. The fee is to renew validity of license to practice.

NEW HOSPITAL TO OPEN JUNE 1, 1959

Construction of St. Francis Hospital Expected to Begin in One Year. Approximately Twenty-four Months Are Required for Completion.

Construction of St. Francis Hospital, Tulsa's new \$4,000,000 institution to be built by the William K. Warren Foundation, will begin about June 1, 1957, it was announced last month. With another twenty-four months required for completion of the 250-bed hospital, it is expected to be ready for occupancy on June 1, 1959.

The project moved a step nearer completion in May with the signing of three contracts for architectural and engineering services. The contracts are with Dr. Herman Smith, prominent Chicago hospital consultant; Schmidt, Garden & Erickson, architects and engineers, also of Chicago; and Frank M. Olston, Tulsa architect.

Dr. Smith has served as a hospital building consultant on more than 27 hospitals constructed throughout the United States. The Chicago architectural and engineering firm specializes in hospital architecture and has supervised the construction of more than 200 major projects in the United States, South America, and the Orient.

The preliminary program for the St. Francis Hospital will be reviewed on June 8-9, at which time Foundation officials will meet with the architects, engineers, consultants, and local physicians. Dr. William Orlando Smith, Dr. Felix R. Park, and Dr. Wilkie D. Hoover, all members of the Board of Directors of the William K. Warren Foundation, will serve in an advisory capacity.

Preliminary drawings are expected to be ready sometime in September, 1956. The working drawings, which will include details of exterior and interior construction, will require another nine months to complete.

In addition to the main 250-bed building, the project will include a nurse's home, convent, and chaplain's residence. The hospital is being designed to allow for easy expansion to a bed capacity of 500. The design will include all services

of a general hospital, including psychiatric facilities.

St. Francis Hospital will be operated by the Order of Adorers of the Most Precious Blood of Wichita, Kansas. Mother Mary Patricia and Sister Regina of Wichita, and Sister Mary Lucille and Sister Mary Stella of Enid, Oklahoma were in Tulsa last month to attend meetings of the hospital construction committee. Mr. Charles W. Dohnalek, Tulsa attorney, has been named Chairman of the Committee, and with Mr. Villard Martin, Sr. will serve as attorney for the project.

It was also announced last month that title had been acquired to the 38-acre site previously selected as the location of the hospital. The property was acquired from Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Conkwright at an undisclosed price. The site is framed by 21st street, an unpaved continuation of 23rd street, Darlington avenue, and Hudson avenue. It is approximately two and three-quarter miles from St. John's Hospital and three and three-quarter miles from Hillcrest Medical Center, thus placing it into accessibility from Tulsa's other major hospitals.

Bids on the construction will be called at the completion of major blueprints, probably in about nine months, Foundation officials announced.

Dr. Herman Smith, hospital consultant for the project, said the St. Francis Hospital would be erected in accordance with the most modern principles of hospital construction. Arrangement of facilities will be effected for maximum efficiency and to insure ease of expansion. Dr. Smith predicted the present rate of growth of Tulsa would dictate an addition to the new institution within a few years.

The new hospital is being made possible by a grant of \$4,000,000 from the William K. Warren Foundation, a philanthropic organization set up by Mr. and Mrs. William K. Warren of Tulsa. Mr. Warren is President of Warren Petroleum Company.

PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Recently a defense test called "Operation Alert" showed clearly that extensive mobilization of medical personnel would reduce the nation's health services to a dangerously low level.

The nation's chance to survive would depend upon the ability of large numbers to work. Thousands of people have become dependent upon others or are almost total invalids. A large percentage of these could have rehabilitation, releasing a vast army of skilled medical and technical aid so urgently needed in time of disaster.

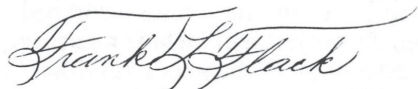
In an analysis of ninety-seven unselected custodial cases at the Goldwater Memorial Hospital, it was found that only seven were in need of continual hospitalization and two of these were considered questionable.

One thing for Civil Defense authorities to think about is the restoration of function and usefulness of a vast number of people who should not be relying upon others. Neglect or delay in correcting remedial disabilities is much more expensive than a planned program of rehabilitation which returns these invalidated people to a life of value.

Proper placement in jobs may greatly increase efficiency and it is known that physical and mental strength rapidly diminish with inactivity. An existence without constructive and worthwhile productivity is, to say the least, undesirable. Many people without actual necessity are requiring the services of a large amount of able-bodied medical help which can better be used in more needy channels.

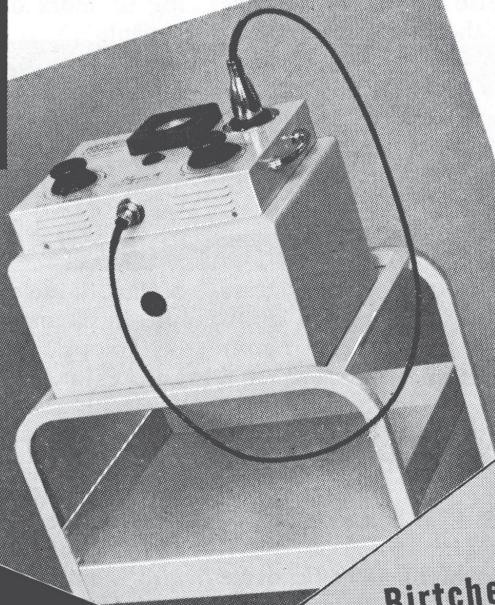
It is inspiring to see the success in restoring victims of spinal paraplegia to useful and valuable lives and to watch them become independent by the use of wheel chairs and crutches. The greatest advances that have been made in traumatic surgery have been those in the field of rehabilitation.

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President

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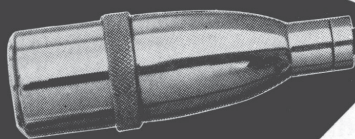


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BLUE CROSS PLAN INCREASES DUES, ADDS MORE BENEFITS

A sizeable increase in dues for the Blue Cross Plan of Oklahoma accompanied by expanded benefits will go into effect on July 1, 1956, it was announced last month by N. D. Helland, Executive Director.

Its companion program of surgical and obstetrical care, the Blue Shield Plan, will undergo benefit changes but dues will remain the same.

Monthly Blue Cross dues will increase 40 to 70 cents for single person memberships and \$1.30 to \$1.80 for family memberships. The increase, the first since 1952, was necessary because of a 26 per cent increase in the cost of hospital care to Blue Cross in the past three years.

New Blue Cross benefits effective July 1st will include:

1. The addition of microscopic tissue examinations as a benefit under laboratory services.

2. Up to 90 days of hospital care for each hospital confinement. Previously, the benefit had been limited to 90 days per contract year.

3. Thirty days benefits during any 12-month period for nervous and mental conditions, previously excluded.

4. Application of the \$3.00 daily deductible feature of Series IV contracts to the first thirty days only of each hospital confinement.

5. All individual members of series III and IV will be given an option of paying on a quarterly or monthly basis instead of a quarterly basis only.

New Blue Shield benefits are:

1. In-hospital medical benefits — which begin on the 4th day of hospitalization—will be increased from 30 days per contract year to 30 days per hospital confinement.

2. Twenty-seven days in any 12-month period will be added for nervous or mental disorders.

3. An indemnity allowance for microscopic tissue examinations will be included when the statement for it is filed by the physician.

Mr. Helland said the Blue Cross Plan's Board of Trustees elected to increase dues rather than lower benefits,

pointing out that along with rising costs such action would simply result in shifting of more of the hospital bill to the patient.

"Blue Cross members will just be budgeting a little more each year so that when care is needed they will be adequately protected," he said.

GIRL SCOUT EXAMINATIONS SET FOR NEXT THREE MONTHS

Physical examinations for 350 Girl Scouts to determine their eligibility to attend summer camp will be conducted by Tulsa doctors in their private offices during June, July and August.

Health examinations are required of all campers and staff members, and an official Health Record Form will be presented to the doctor for completion. Conditions of the feet, skin, heart, lungs, eye, ear, nose and throat are charted. If the girl is normal she may enjoy the complete camp program; others may be restricted to certain activities suitable to the individual physical handicaps. Doctors are urged to make a careful screening of girl with contagious sore throats, impetigo, plantar warts, and childhood diseases. The Health Record Form will be brought to the physician's office at the time of examination and should be signed and completed not more than a week before the camp opens.

O. U. OFFICIAL ASKS RETURN OF SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRES

The University of Oklahoma School of Medicine is requesting all physicians who have not completed the questionnaire entitled "Survey of Oklahoma Physicians Engaged in Some Activity Related to Industrial Medicine or Surgery" to do so and return it by July 1, 1956.

The response to the questionnaire, part of a study of industrial medicine activities in Oklahoma, has been excellent. Dr. J. S. Felton of Oklahoma City, director of the study, said a more complete representation would assure reliable statistics and conclusions.

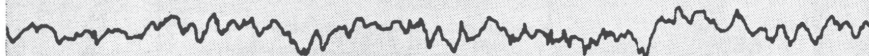
Additional copies of the questionnaire, if needed, may be obtained from the University of Oklahoma School of Medicine, 801 N.E. 13th, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A TRANQUILIZER AND A SEDATIVE?

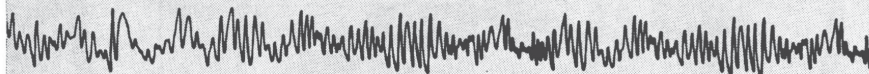
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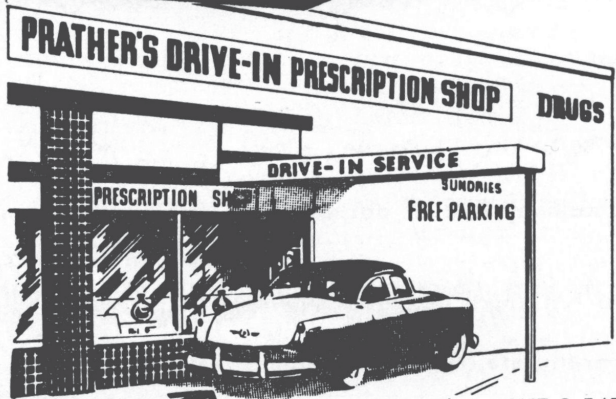
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GIFTS OF THE MONTH—:

- Dr. Berget H. Blocksom and Dr. Maxwell A. Johnson.** Miscellaneous issues of various medical journals.
- Dr. Scott P. Bowyer.** Open Wider, Please!—The Story of Dentistry in Oklahoma. By J. Stanley Clark. 391 pp., illustrated, University of Oklahoma Press, Norman, Oklahoma, 1955.
- Italian Consulate, St. Louis, Missouri.** Scientia Medical Italica. English Edition, Volume 3, 1954-55. A quarterly published under the auspices of the High Commissariat for Hygiene and Public Health and of the National Industrial Injuries Insurance Institute, Rome, Italy.
- Miles-Ames Research Laboratory, Elkhart, Indiana.** Symposium on Sedative and Hypnotic Drugs. Held under the auspices of the Miles-Ames Research Laboratory and the Sumner Research Laboratory, Elkhart, Indiana. 111 pp., illustrated, Williams & Wilkins Company, Baltimore, Maryland, 1954.
- Little-Brown & Company, Boston, Massachusetts.** Experimental Tuberculosis, Bacillus and Host. With an addendum on Leprosy; a Ciba Foundation Symposium. Editors: G. E. W. Wolstenholme and Margaret P. Cameron. 396 pp., illustrated, Little-Brown & Company, Boston, Massachusetts, 1955.
- Dr. Paul O. Shackelford.** Handbook of Diseases of the Skin. By Richard L. Sutton, M.D., Emeritus Professor of Dermatology & Syphilology, University of Kansas Medical School, and Richard L. Sutton, Jr., M.D., Associate Professor of Dermatology & Syphilology. 749 pp., illustrated, C. V. Mosby Company, St. Louis, Missouri, 1949.
- Dr. Paul O. Shackelford.** Occupational Diseases of the Skin. By Louis Schwartz, M.D., Medical Director, U. S. Public Health Service, Chief Dermatosis Section; Louis Tulipan, M.D., Clinical Professor of Dermatology and Syphilology, New York University College of Medicine; and Samuel M. Peck, M.D., Dermatologist, Mount Sinai Hospital, New York, N. Y. Second Edition, thoroughly revised, 964 pp., illustrated, Lea & Febiger, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1947.
- Dr. Paul O. Shackelford.** Henrici's Molds, Yeasts and Actinomycetes; A Handbook For Students of Bacteriology. Second Edition. By Charles E. Skinner, M.D., Assistant Professor of Bacteriology, University of Minnesota; Chester W. Emmons, Principal Mycologist, Division of Infectious Diseases, National Institute of Health; and Henry M. Tsuchya, Research Associate, Hormel Institute, Division of Microbiology, University of Minnesota. 409 pp., illustrated, John Wiley & Sons, Inc., 1947.

RECENT ACQUISITIONS—:

Integrated Gynecology, Principles and Practice. By I. C. Rubin, M.D., formerly Clinical Professor of Gynecology, College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University; and Josef Novak, M.D., Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, University of Vienna. Three volumes, illustrated, The Blakiston Division, McGraw-Hill Publishing Company, New York, N. Y., 1956.

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

Dr. F. L. Flack, Dr. Charles J. Bate, and Dr. W. Norvell Coots. Repair of Massive Sliding Hernias With Tantalum Mesh. *American Journal of Surgery*, 91:856-857 (May) 1956.

A new medical journal, *Survey of Ophthalmology*, is to present the best material from current periodicals in the field of ophthalmology. The first issue appeared in February, 1956. It will include critical editorial comments, occasional original reviews, and a section on refraction. The editor is Frank M. Newall, M.D., Chief of the Section on Ophthalmology and Associate Professor of Ophthalmology at the University of Chicago. Publishers are Williams & Wilkins Company, Baltimore, Maryland. The journal will be published bi-monthly. The annual subscription is \$9.00.

DR. CRAWFORD RETIRES AS CARTER MEDICAL DIRECTOR

Dr. William S. Crawford, Medical Director of Carter Oil Company, last month announced his retirement from the post after 26 years of service. He will be succeeded by Dr. Tom Hall Mitchell, a member of the Carter medical staff since 1938.

A graduate of the Medical College of South Carolina, Class of 1914, Dr. Crawford practiced at various locations in South Carolina, and Michigan, as well as serving ten years as an Army Medical Corps officer. In 1930 he was appointed Medical Director of Carter Oil Company and has been responsible for a marked expansion in the Company's medical program. After an automobile tour through the Southern states this summer, Dr. Crawford plans to reside at his farm near Owasso, Oklahoma.



Dr. Crawford

Dr. Mitchell, a graduate of the Medical College of Virginia, was a practicing urologist at Mobile, Alabama, before joining Carter in 1938. During World War II he served in the Army Air Corps, attaining the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. Working as an administrative team for the past 18 years, Dr. Crawford and Dr. Mitchell have been directly responsible for the expansion of Carter's medical program to its employees. The Department performs an annual average of 1600 physical checkup examinations and 800 preplacement examinations. The Company renders no patient treatment but stresses precautionary physical examinations for its employees. This program is conducted at both the Company's modern offices in Tulsa and in a completely equipped mobile medical examination unit, which permits physicals for Carter employees at locations throughout the Company's 27-state operating area. A sub-unit is also maintained at the Billings, Montana refinery.

SEVERAL TULSANS TO ATTEND AMA CHICAGO CONVENTION

The 105th Annual Meeting of the American Medical Association will be held in Chicago, Illinois, June 11-15, 1956, with estimates of a near-record attendance.

Visiting physicians will attend general scientific sessions at the University of Illinois Gymnasium and at Navy Pier, which will also house several hundred commercial and scientific exhibits. Specialty sections will meet in various Chicago hotel and medical school locations.

The House of Delegates will meet June 11th at the Palmer House. Oklahoma delegates are Dr. Wilkie D. Hoover, Tulsa, and Dr. John F. Burton, Oklahoma City. Dr. W. A. Showman of Tulsa will attend as Alternate Delegate for the Section on Dermatology. Other Tulsans expected to attend are Dr. John E. McDonald, member of the Legislative Committee of the AMA; Dr. F. L. Flack, President of the Tulsa County Medical Society; Dr. Marshall O. Hart; Dr. W. Albert Cook; and Dr. Averill Stowell, who will appear on the scientific program.

A complete program appears in the April 28, 1956, issue of The Journal of the American Medical Association. Hotel reservations are available by writing to the AMA Sub-Committee on Hotels, Chicago Convention Bureau, 134 N. LaSalle, Chicago, Illinois.

DR. LEO LOWBEER attended the annual meetings of the International Academy of Pathology and the American Association of Pathologists and Bacteriologists at Cincinnati, Ohio, April 23-28.

DR. DAVE B. LHEVINE is recuperating from a fractured ankle suffered in a fall last month.

DR. M. V. STANLEY has been added to the Medical Staff at Douglas Aircraft Corporation installations in Tulsa.

DR. AVERILL STOWELL was a guest lecturer at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Neurology at St. Louis, Missouri, April 23-28. DR. TOM R. TURNER also attended the same meeting.

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SURGICAL SHORT COURSE SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 13TH

A surgical short course on Anesthesiology has been scheduled for Wednesday, June 13, 1956, by the University of Oklahoma School of Medicine, Oklahoma City. Part of a series of postgraduate programs, the course will begin at 3:30 P.M. Following dinner at the University Hospital Cafeteria a second session is scheduled for 6:30 P.M.

The program will feature the following subjects:

"Evaluation of Anesthetic Risk." A discussion of preoperation evaluation, choice of agents, and technique in poor risk patients.

"Techniques and Complications of Regional Anesthesia."

"Cardiac Arrest." A panel discussion.

Participants will include Drs. Carl Krieger, Reuben Mayberry, Lawrence Stream, and Joseph White, all members of the Departments of Anesthesia and Surgery.

Registration will be \$3.00.

DOCTORS NEVER FREE OF THREAT OF MALPRACTICE

Oklahoma physicians were warned last month that they were still subject to a counterclaim or cross-petition for malpractice although the Statute of Limitations may have expired on the collection of a delinquent debt.

Mr. Robert L. Shepherd, attorney for the St. Paul-Mercury Company, carriers of the official Oklahoma State Medical Association group policy of malpractice insurance, said the misconception was widely held by Oklahoma doctors.

"The Statute of Limitations for collection of a delinquent medical account is three years; the Statute for filing of malpractice actions is two years. Most doctors erroneously believe that they may sue for their bill during the third year without fear of a crosspetition or counterclaim for malpractice," Mr. Shepherd said.

The attorney pointed out that Title 12, Section 273 of the Oklahoma Statutes provides that a counterclaim or crosspetition shall not be barred by the statutes of limitations until the claim of the

plaintiff is also barred. Such counterclaims or crosspetitions must, of course, arise out of the same transaction.

Mr. Shepherd's opinion followed a misstatement of the situation appearing in the April issue of The Bulletin of the Tulsa County Medical Society.

The Tulsa attorney also told members of the Insurance Committee of the Society that malpractice may be used as a defense in the collection of the bill by legal measures although no crosspetition or counterclaim is filed. If such a defense is sustained, the doctor may not collect his bill but would not be liable for payment of any damages. It is more likely, however, that the crosspetition or counterclaim would be filed, the attorney said.

At the end of three years from the last effective date of the account, the doctor cannot sue for his fee. Neither can he be sued for malpractice (except in instances where a charge of fraud can be proven to set aside the Statute of Limitations).

CLINIC BUILDING ANNOUNCED

Plans for a medical and dental clinic building at 4926 East 21st Street were announced last month by James E. Nuckolls, prominent Tulsa builder. The project contemplates the conversion, improvement and enlargement of a structure now at the site to provide space for several doctors, a dentist, laboratories, and a pharmacy. Dr. Eugene W. Lewis, Tulsa dentist, is associated in the project. Details of construction have not been completed.

DR. HOWARD A. BENNETT appeared on the program of the Oklahoma Society of Anesthesiologists in Oklahoma City, May 6th, discussing "Operating Room Fatalities."

DR. MAXWELL A. JOHNSON has returned from New York, N. Y., where Mrs. Johnson has been recuperating from surgery.

DR. JAMES W. KELLEY has returned from Toronto, Canada, where he attended the annual meeting of the American Association of Plastic Surgery May 16-18.

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JUNE MEDICAL CALENDAR

FRIDAY, June 1st:

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, 3:30 P.M.
 Journal Club, Hillcrest Medical Center, 6:00 P.M. Subject: "Prevention and Treatment of Incisional Hernia." Speakers, Dr. Donald L. Brawner and Dr. Jed E. Goldberg.

MONDAY, June 4th:

Executive Committee Dinner Meeting, Hillcrest Medical Center, 6:00 P.M.
 Medical Telecast, "Medic" series, Television Station KVOO-TV, 7:00 P.M.
 Staff Meeting, Hillcrest Medical Center, 8:00 P.M.

TUESDAY, June 5th:

St. John's Tumor Clinic, 8:00 A.M.
 Interns and Residents Lecture, St. John's Hospital, 12:30 P.M. Subject: "Renal Failure." Speaker, Dr. John W. Gaddis.

WEDNESDAY, June 6th:

St. John's Isotope Clinic, St. John's Hospital, 8:30 P.M.
 Board of Trustees Meeting, Tulsa County Medical Society, Utica Square National Bank, Board of Directors Room, 1:00 P.M.
 Medical Motion Picture, Hillcrest Medical Center, 5:30 P.M. Subject: "Nephropexy." Speaker, Dr. Howard M. Cohenour.

THURSDAY, June 7th:

Interns and Residents Lecture, St. John's Hospital, 12:30 P.M. Subject: "Urinary Infections." Speaker, Dr. Maxwell A. Johnson.

FRIDAY, June 8th:

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, 3:30 P.M.

SUNDAY, June 10th:

Final date to pay annual reregistration fee of \$3.00 to Oklahoma State Board of Medical Examiners. Please pay in accordance with billing instructions.
 Public Relations Conference, American Medical Association, Palmer House, Chicago, Illinois, 1:00 P.M.

MONDAY, June 11th:

No Tulsa County Medical Society on this date.
 Annual Meeting, American Medical Association, opens at Chicago, Illinois. Continues through June 15th.
 Medical Telecast, "Medic" series, Television Station KVOO-TV, 7:00 P.M.

TUESDAY, June 12th:

St. John's Tumor Clinic, 8:00 A.M.
 Interns and Residents Lecture, St. John's Hospital, 12:30 P.M. Subject: "Organization of an Office for Practice of Medicine." Speaker, Dr. C. S. Lewis, Jr.
 Postgraduate Lecture in Internal Medicine, Hillcrest Medical Center, 5:30 P.M. Subject: "Endocrine Problems." Speaker, Dr. Robert D. Grubb.

WEDNESDAY, June 13th:

St. John's Isotope Clinic, St. John's Hospital, 8:30 P.M.
 Surgery Short Course, University of Oklahoma School of Medicine, Oklahoma City, 3:30 P.M. Subject: "Anesthesiology." Speakers: Drs. Carl Krieger, Reuben Mayberry, Lawrence Stream, Joseph White, and others.
 Clinical Pathological Conference, Hillcrest Medical Center, 7:30 P.M.

THURSDAY, June 14th:

Interns and Residents Lecture, St. John's Hospital, 12:30 P.M. Subject: "Organization of an Office for Practice of Medicine." Speaker, Dr. Edward L. Moore.

JUNE MEDICAL CALENDAR

FRIDAY, June 15th:

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, 3:30 P.M.
 Journal Club, Hillcrest Medical Center, 6:00 P.M. Subject: "Lung Cancer." Speaker, Dr. Martin Leibovitz.
 Copy deadline for the July issue of The Bulletin.

MONDAY, June 18th:

Intern-Resident Day Program, University of Oklahoma School of Medicine, Oklahoma City. Details to be announced.
 Medical Telecast, "Medic" series, Television Station KVOO-TV, 7:00 P.M.

TUESDAY, June 19th:

St. John's Tumor Clinic, 8:00 A.M.
 Interns and Residents Lecture, St. John's Hospital, 12:30 P.M. Subject: "Psychotherapy in the Practice of Medicine." Speaker, Dr. John F. Gray, Jr.
 Medical Assistants Society of Tulsa Meeting, Michaelis Cafeteria, 6:30 P.M.
 Surgical Section Meeting, Hillcrest Medical Center, 7:30 P.M.
 Board of Directors Meeting, Tulsa County Public Health Association, 808 South Peoria, 7:30 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, June 20th:

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

THURSDAY, June 21st:

Interns and Residents Lecture, St. John's Hospital, 12:30 P.M. Subject: Psychotherapy in the Practice of Medicine." Part Two. Speaker, Dr. John F. Gray, Jr.

FRIDAY, June 22nd:

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, 3:30 P.M.

MONDAY, June 25th:

No meeting of the Tulsa Academy of General Practice on this date.
 Medical Telecast, "Medic" series, Television Station KVOO-TV, 7:00 P.M.

TUESDAY, June 26th:

St. John's Tumor Clinic, 8:00 A.M.
 Postgraduate Lecture in Internal Medicine, Hillcrest Medical Center, 5:30 P.M.
 Roundtable discussion of problems in internal medicine.
 Obstetrical Section Meeting, Hillcrest Medical Center, 8:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, June 27th:

St. John's Isotope Clinic, St. John's Hospital, 8:30 P.M.
 Medical Section Meeting, Hillcrest Medical Center, 6:15 P.M.

FRIDAY, June 29th:

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, 3:30 P.M.

SATURDAY, June 30th:

Final date to pay first installment on annual membership dues to the Tulsa County Medical Society.



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Tulsa Doctors Attend State Medical Convention

Members of the Tulsa County Medical Society are pictured as they attended the 63rd Annual Meeting of the Oklahoma State Medical Association in Oklahoma City, May 6-9, 1956.

In the pictures, from left to right, reading counter clockwise, are:

1. Dr. R. M. Shepard and Dr. Wendell L. Smith discuss the exhibit of the United States Veterans Administration.

2. Dr. Robert W. Spencer is shown as he assembles the exhibit of the University of Oklahoma School of Medicine Department of Ophthalmology on retinal photography. At right is Dr. Joseph Henke, senior resident at University Hospital, Oklahoma City.

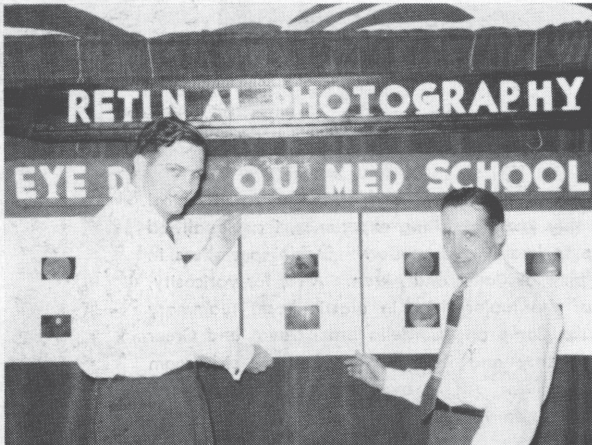
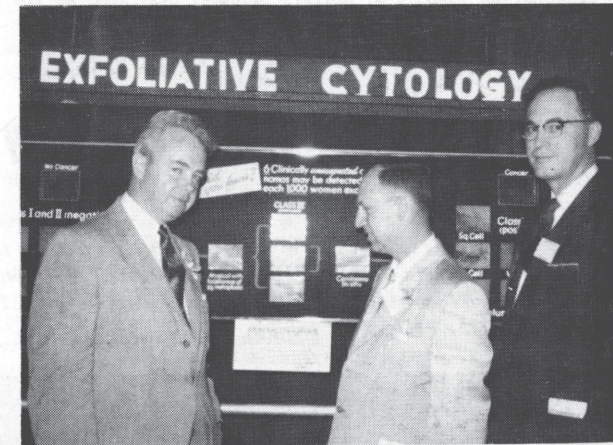
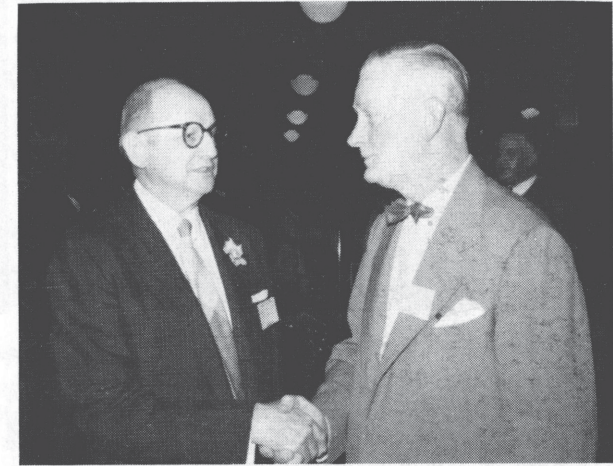
3. At the registration desk Dr. John E. McDonald (center) chats with Dr. W. Albert Cook (right).

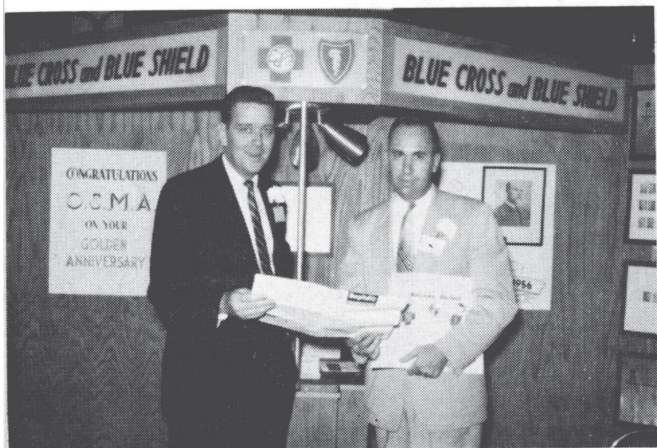
4. Dr. John F. Burton, Oklahoma City (left), is congratulated by Dr. Hugh J. Evans upon his election as President-Elect of the Oklahoma State Medical Association.

5. The Ladies Auxiliary was well represented too. Here are Mrs. Harold A. White, Mrs. George H. Miller, and Mrs. Milton L. Berg. Mrs. White is new President-Elect of the Tulsa County Auxiliary, Mrs. Miller is immediate Past-President, and Mrs. Berg is currently serving as President.

6. Dr. Edward L. Moore, Dr. Lucien M. Pascucci, and Dr. Logan A. Spann visit an attractive technical exhibit.

7. Dr. Ralph A. McGill congratulates Dr. H. M. McClure of Chickasha (right) upon his inauguration as President of the Oklahoma State Medical Association.

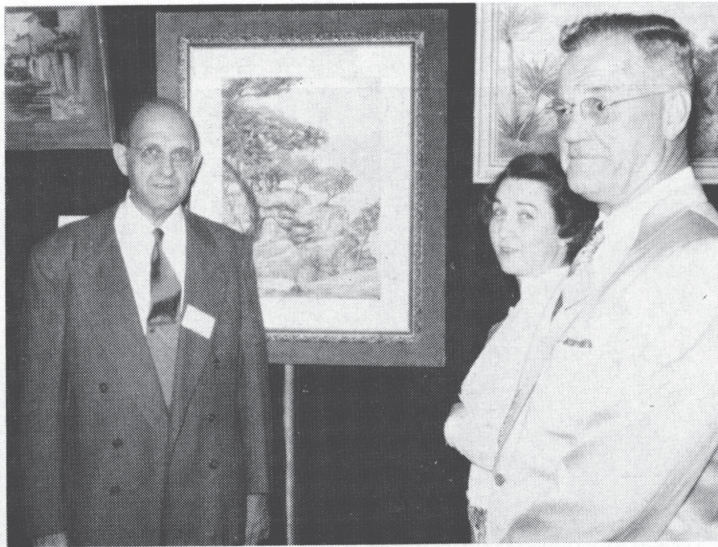




More annual meeting photos show (left above) Dr. Harlan Thomas visiting with Mr. Carl E. Beble, Professional Relations Director, at the Blue Cross-Blue Shield Booth. At right, Dr. William R. R. Loney stands in front of a beautiful rug which he made as a spare time hobby. The rug was part of an exhibit of doctors' hobbies presented by the Auxiliary to the Oklahoma State Medical Association.

At The Oklahoma City Meeting

At left, below, Dr. Walter E. Brown is seen on the speaker's podium as he delivers a paper on Hodgkin's Disease. At right, a group of Tulsans—Dr. William A. Meyers, Mrs. Marshall O. Hart, and Dr. Marshall O. Hart—enjoy the doctors' art exhibit.



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DOCTORS URGED TO MAKE USE OF HOME NURSE SERVICE

Tulsa doctors were urged last month to make greater use of the home nursing service of the Tulsa County Public Health Association by Dr. N. C. Gaddis, Medical Advisor.

Pointing out that many Tulsa doctors are apparently unaware of the service, Dr. Gaddis reiterated that nursing care was available for any patient upon request of the attending physician. The amount of nursing care is prescribed by

the doctor and is rendered as often and as long as is necessary. The PHA nurses do accept orders for care of the sick at home for an indefinite length of time.

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Dr. Gaddis stressed that the program is not only a nursing care program, but a demonstration and teaching program as well. Nurses instruct persons in the family who are able to give care, familiarizing them with the various procedures necessary for the welfare of the patient.

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DR. MABEL M. HART, former Tulsa physician from 1927 to 1951, was a Tulsa visitor last month. Dr. Hart has been practicing at Sayre, Oklahoma, and plans to remove her practice to the State of Washington.

Physicians contributing their services to the Tulsa Lions Club summer camp program for indigent disabled children during May include DR. ROBERT L. IMLER, JR., DR. LEON HOROWITZ, DR. ROBERT A. NELSON, and DR. PAUL O. SHACKELFORD.

DR. LUCIEN M. PASCUCCI has been named President of the Oklahoma State Radiological Society for 1956-57. Other officers selected by the group at its annual meeting on May 6th in Oklahoma City were DR. SIMON POLLACK, Vice-President, and DR. SOL WILNER, Secretary-treasurer.

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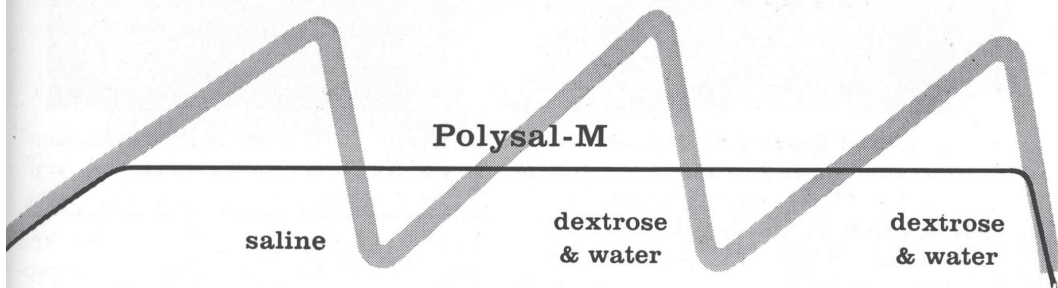
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Richard Boone, TV's popular "Dr. Konrad Styner" (left), chats at the Oklahoma City airport with Jack Spears, Executive Secretary of the Tulsa County Medical Society.

MEDICINE HAS GREAT STORY TO TELL, SAYS TV ACTOR

Actor Richard Boone, star of TV's popular "Medic" series, told Oklahoma medical officials last month that greater public approval of authentic medical television programs must be manifested if they are to remain on the air.

In Oklahoma City to appear before the Medical Assistants Society of Oklahoma on May 5th, Boone said program sponsors pay considerable attention to mail from TV viewers. Pointing out that "Medic" had shocked some people with its frankness, Boone said there was little question but that the majority of viewers appreciated the program for its educational value and dramatic appeal.

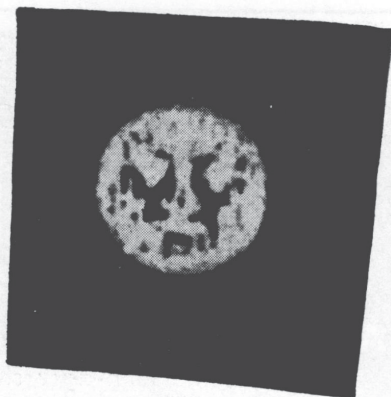
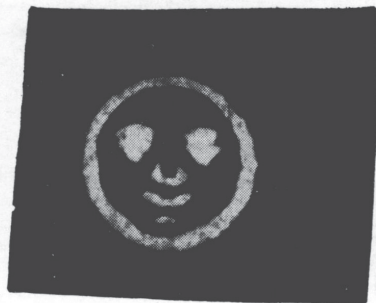
"All doctors know the tremendous public relations value of our series," Boone said. "Certainly, the American Medical Association's strong support of the program has shown that. Yet, our sponsors and network officials need first-

hand evidence of public reaction and more important—the reaction of the profession itself." He urged both doctors and patients to write frankly their opinion of the program.

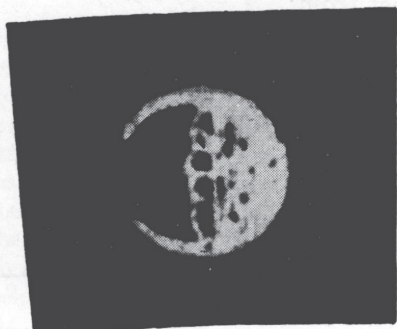
"Medic" is sponsored by the Los Angeles County Medical Association and is now rated one of the ten most popular television programs. Boone said he was most impressed with the attention to detail given the program by the Association and noted that from four to sixteen practicing physicians were on the set at all times as medical advisers.

The rangy, friendly actor delighted his audience with accounts of his experiences as "Dr. Konrad Styner." Pointing out that not everyone approved his characterization, Boone said an elderly lady had struck him with an umbrella on a New York street. He receives sacks of mail from people seeking medical advice and wanting referrals to reputable physicians.

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The Tulsa County Red Cross Blood Center was formally licensed last month by the National Institutes of Health for the production of Citrated Whole Blood (Human). The licensing followed an extensive remodeling of Blood Center quarters, expansion of personnel, and the purchase of several thousand dollars worth of additional equipment.

Following an official inspection visit by Dr. J. T. Tripp on March 13, 1956, the Center submitted blood for exhaustive testing by the Division of Biologic Standards in Washington, D. C. The NIH, a division of the United States Public Health Service, issued the license on April 6th although formal notification was not received until last month.

The National Institutes of Health has the responsibility of regulating the safety and potency of biologicals in interstate commerce. The NIH license enables the Tulsa County Red Cross Blood Center to work in the serum albumin program and to participate fully in the exchange of blood and blood credits with all Red Cross Blood Centers, including those in Canada, and the blood banks which are members of the American Association of Blood Banks. The NIH license is a recognition of high standards in blood bank facilities and procedures.

All members of the Tulsa County Medical Society are urged to inspect the expanded and improved center at their convenience.

Dr. Betty Conrad, Medical Director of the Blood Center, spent the week of May

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RICHARD BOONE

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"I've gotten a tremendous respect for the medical profession in working with them," he said, "and I feel that 'Medic' is doing much to counteract some of the absurd characterizations of doctors which have appeared in movies and in TV in past years. Medicine has a great story to tell, and it can be told no more effectively than by the medium of television."

In attendance at the annual meeting of the American Association For Thoracic Surgery at Miami Beach, Florida, May 7-9, were DR. MARTIN LEIBOVITZ and DR. ROBERT L. ANDERSON.

DR. MILFORD S. UNGERMAN has been named President of the Oklahoma Society of Neurologists and Psychiatrists for 1956-57. Other officers named at the annual meeting of the group on May 6th at Oklahoma City included DR. JOHN F. GRAY, JR., Vice-President, and DR. H. F. FLANIGIN, JR., member of the Board of Directors.

DR. PAUL O. SHACKELFORD has been elected Secretary-Treasurer of the Oklahoma Dermatological Society for 1956-57.

DR. WENDELL L. SMITH was in charge of arrangements for a special postgraduate study program presented in Tulsa on May 14th by the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation in cooperation with the University of Oklahoma School of Medicine.

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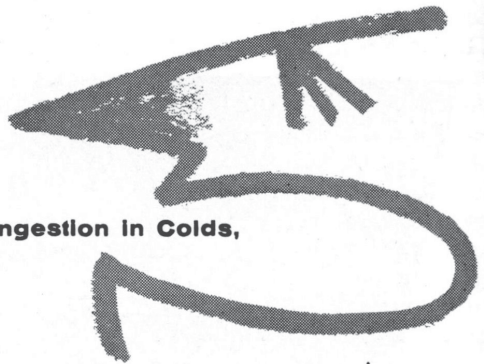
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final decision.

6. Physicians failing to appear before the Committee upon proper notice or failing to properly cooperate with the Committee may be cited before the Council for unethical conduct.

An amendment, proposed by Dr. Marshall O. Hart of Tulsa, to limit the Committee's services to patients only failed to pass. The action, in effect, continues to make the Committee available to third parties to a grievance (such as insurance companies).

A resolution introduced by the Tulsa County Medical Society calling for a united opposition to an increase in AMA dues was unanimously approved. Noting that only 18 states now have compulsory AMA dues and that only 65 per cent of American doctors were AMA members, the resolution suggested that any increase in revenues of the national organization should come the remaining 35 per cent. The resolution argued that the AMA should initiate an action to make

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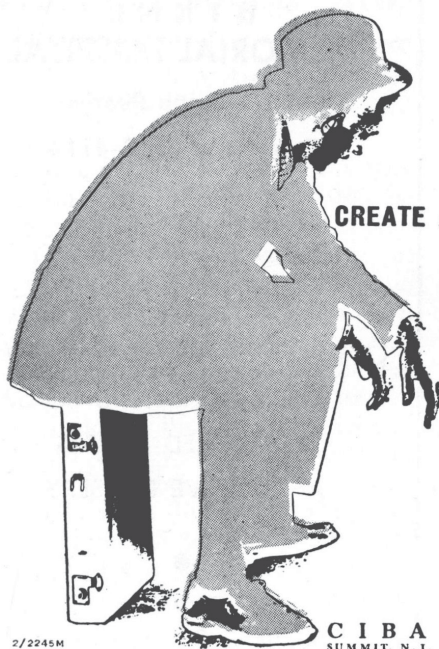
their dues compulsory at the state level. (Some indication has been seen that the AMA will either request an outright increase in dues at its June session in Chicago or that it will ask a special assessment to benefit the American Medical Education Foundation).

The creation of a \$35.00 initiation fee for new members of the Association is to give such physicians a part in the Association's new headquarters building now under construction in Oklahoma City. Advocates of the fee reasoned that new members would receive the benefit of the Building and should contribute towards it. The money raised in this fashion will be used to defray maintenance costs. To avoid creating a hardship on physicians entering practice for the first time, the House of Delegates directed the fee could be paid in \$5.00 annual installments.

A surprise move was a Council recommendation cutting in half the period in which new members are required to pay only half dues. Instead of two full years, new members will now pay the reduced rate of dues for their first year of practice only. Unless certified as a hardship case, the member will also begin to pay AMA dues at the end of his first full year of practice; AMA dues are not now charged during the first two years.

An increase in allocations of Salk Anti-Polio Vaccine appeared likely as a result of the House of Delegates action. Now distributed half and half between private physicians and state health department clinics, a new ratio of 80-20 favoring private practitioners is advocated. Observers believe the present short supply will become more plentiful by August, 1956.

In his inaugural address, the new Association President, Dr. H. M. McClure of Chickasha, called on Oklahoma doctors for united support and pledged a continuation of the policies of his predecessor. Dr. R. Q. Goodwin of Oklahoma City, retiring President, praised the action of the Association in constructing its own building and asserted the organization had now taken its place as one of the leading state medical associations in the United States. Dr. Goodwin was presented with a plaque commemorating his services to the Association.



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Members of the Tulsa County Medical Society were asked to contribute to a fund to employ an Executive Secretary. A resolution passed at the monthly meeting "requested" a \$10.00 contribution from each member.

At the same meeting the Society protested that some Tulsa hospitals were charging a fee for professional services rendered by interns in hospital emergency rooms.

Dr. C. W. Young of Cleveland announced his retirement.

DR. WILLIAM B. SCIMECA has been appointed Assistant County Physician.

Speakers for the Central High School Pre-Med Club last months included DR. R. M. WADSWORTH and DR. ROBERT L. ANDERSON.

DR. THOMAS J. HARDMAN has returned from a western vacation, during which period he attended the annual meeting of the Southwestern Surgical Congress at Phoenix, Arizona, April 16-19.

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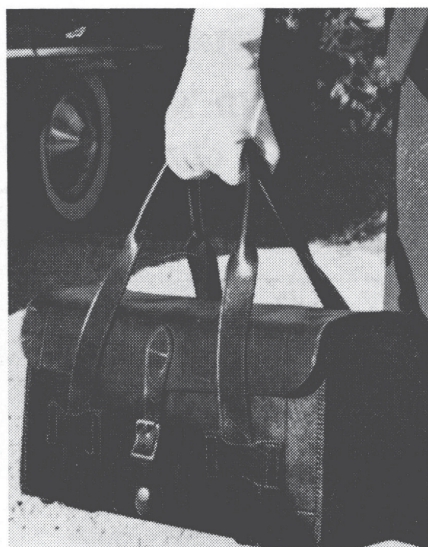
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