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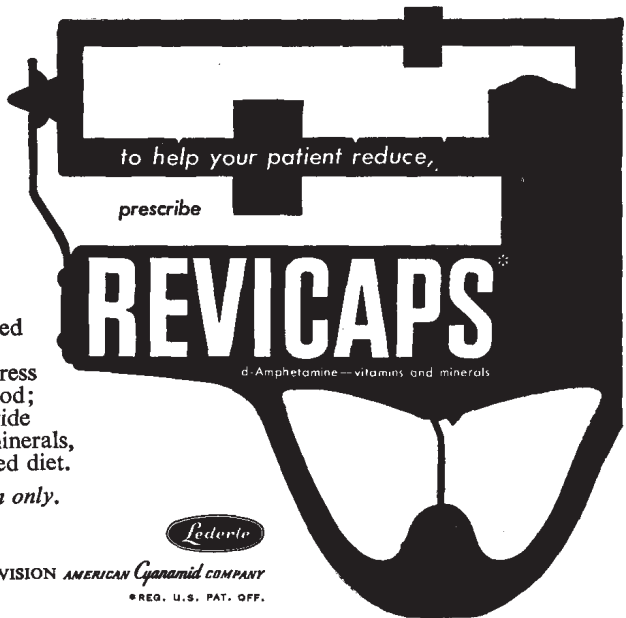
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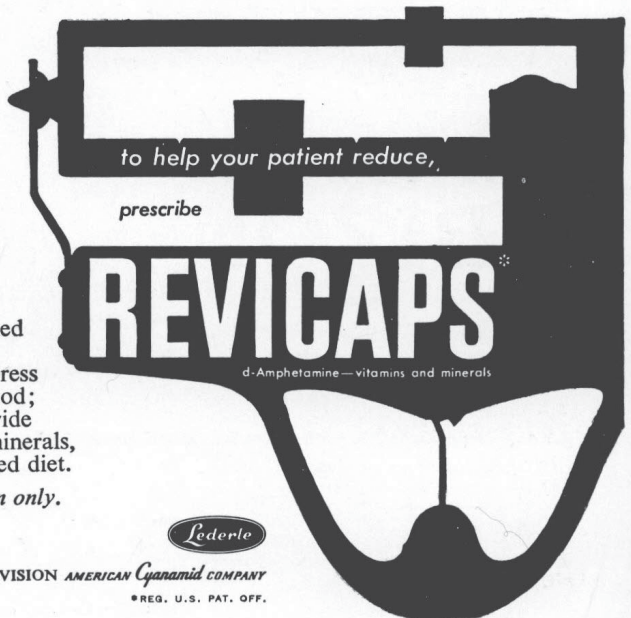
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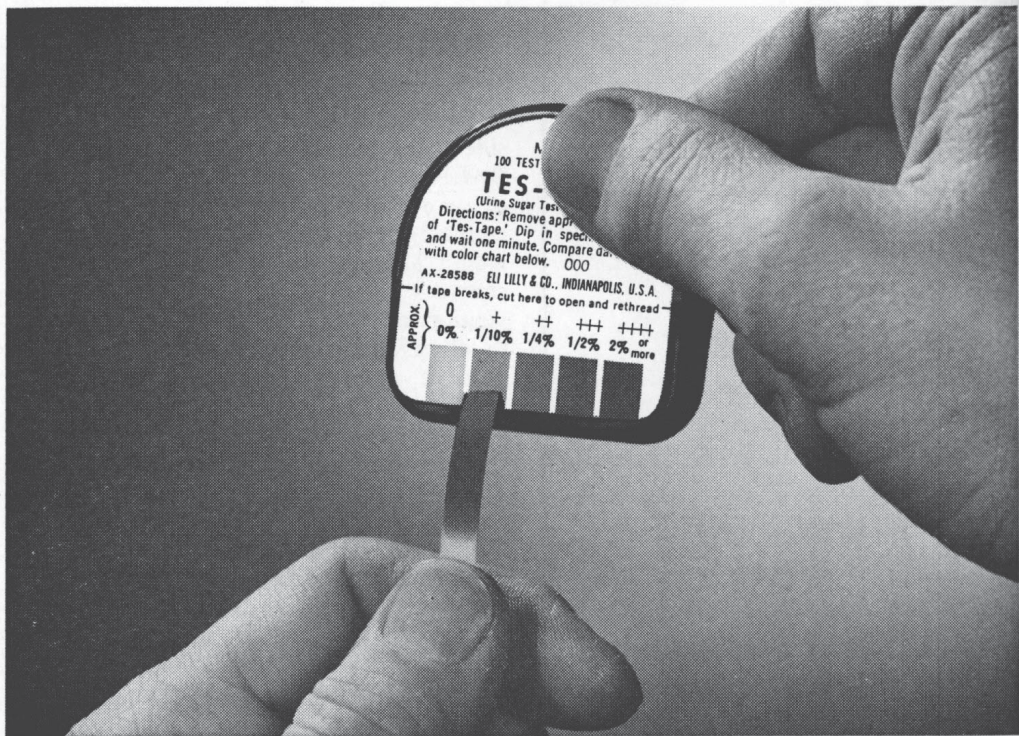
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With The Editor . . .

The Board of Trustees of the Tulsa County Medical Society has under consideration a proposed amendment to the By-Laws creating a probationary period of six months for all new applicants for membership . . . The waiting period would allow time for an indoctrination course (particularly in malpractice prevention and defense) and to determine by observation that the applicant's standards of practice and conduct were of the best . . . At present applicants must wait only for two successive readings of the application before the Society, or about thirty to sixty days . . . Most county societies, including Oklahoma County, now have an average probationary or waiting period of six months . . . If the amendment is passed, arrangements for temporary hospital privileges must be worked out at St. John's and Hillcrest hospitals, both of which now require Society membership for admission to staff . . . The proposed amendment will be submitted to the membership of the Society for consideration at an early Fall meeting . . . The Tulsa County Medical Society's Fourth Annual Founders Day will be November 1, 1956 . . . Dr. Robert M. Shepard, Jr.'s Postgraduate Study Committee is now lining up speakers for the event . . . Whatever happened to the plans for a medical research unit at the University of Tulsa as advanced several years ago? . . . Congratulations to Dr. Robert E. Funk and his Clinic Committee for some marked improvements in the Tulsa County Medical Clinic . . . Several new clinics have been added, the volunteer staff increased, and the laboratory facilities overhauled . . . New economics produced by changes in the pathology and laboratory procedures have permitted the employment of a much-needed Assistant County Physician . . . The Auxiliary did a beautiful job in publicizing Doctor's Day on April 6th with some tasteful tributes via newspapers and television . . . The Dinner Dance at Oaks Country Club, honoring Dr. John F. Gorrell as Doctor of the Year, provided a suitable climax.



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BLUE CROSS PLAN ENROLLMENT INCREASES

Tulsa Doctors Paid \$858,928 By Blue Shield In 1955. Total Payments to Physicians Exceeded Two And A Half Million Dollars.

Tulsa doctors were paid a total of \$858,928 by the Blue Shield Plan of Oklahoma in 1955, a study of the organization's annual report for last year indicates. The figure was nearly \$100,000 above the amount paid in 1954. For the State as a whole, Blue Shield payments to physicians reached \$2,634,279, an increase of nearly \$130,000 over the previous year. The bulk of the payments were for surgical and obstetrical procedures with limited amounts for anesthesia and medical care.

In Tulsa County payments by Blue Shield represented 47.5 per cent of the total charges to the patient. Blue Shield benefits paid less of the total cost in 1955 than for the previous year when payments averaged 48.5 per cent of physicians' charges.

For the year as a whole Blue Shield showed an increase in reserves of \$423,000 and an increase in income of \$581,000. Membership increased from 367,000 to 408,000. Payments to physicians represented 77.2 per cent of total premium income.

In the Blue Cross Plan of Oklahoma, companion plan of hospital insurance, a less favorable picture was presented. The Plan's annual report for 1955 showed utilization of hospital care at a dangerous point as to per cent of income—91.6 per cent. With operating expense at a near record low of 7.7 per cent of premium income, the Plan has a low margin for accumulation of reserves. Indications were seen in the annual report that Blue Cross may increase member

premiums in the near future. Complicating the high rate of utilization is the steady increase in hospital costs. The cost of hospital care to Blue Cross increased 33¢ a day in 1953, \$1.20 per day in 1954, and last year rose to \$1.58 per day. This latter represents an increase of 11 per cent in total hospital costs over the amount paid in 1954.

Public support of the Blue Cross Plan is increasing steadily, the annual report for 1955 indicates. As of December 31, 1955, membership stood at 464,390, or 20.8 per cent of the total population of Oklahoma. This figure represents a net increase of 38,904 over the previous year, the largest single annual increase since 1949.

Utilization of Blue Cross in Tulsa County last year represented 98.3 per cent of premium income. With operating costs at 7.7 per cent, this means the County as a whole operates substantially in the red. While many counties exceed 100 per cent of premium income, most have a scattered enrollment. The seriousness of the situation is reflected in the fact that 56.5 per cent of Tulsa County residents are enrolled in Blue Cross.

Among other large counties, Oklahoma County had a utilization rate of 73.1 per cent of premium income; Muskogee County, 75.0 per cent; and Comanche County, 98.2 per cent.

Blue Cross' operating expense of 7.7 per cent in 1955 was a near record bettered only by 7.6 per cent in 1953. The figure for last year represented a marked reduction of the 8.2 per cent record-

ed in 1954. The Blue Shield Plan operated at 11.8 per cent of income, a decrease from the 12.5 per cent in 1954.

The total payments of Blue Cross Plan to member hospitals for in-patient cases in 1955 was \$5,344,341.14, representing 55,962 in-patient cases at an average cost per case of \$95.50. The total number of patient days was 352,229, an average of 6.3 days per case at an average per day cost of \$15.17. The Plan also paid 8,140 out-patient cases at a cost of \$37,953.70, or an average per case cost of \$4.66.

Payments to non-member hospitals and to the Blue Cross Inter-Plan Bank accounted for another \$507,472.09 in in-patient claims and \$8,889.95 for out-patients. Total payments of all types for in-patient cases in 1955 amounted \$5,851,813.23 and for out-patient cases, \$46,843.65.

Blue Cross ended the year with a reserve per participant of \$2.74 and a reserve per contract of \$7.69. Both figures represent reductions over 1954.

Among medical cases, Blue Cross recorded the greatest number of admissions for diseases of the respiratory system, followed in order by diseases of the digestive system, diseases of the circulatory system, and diseases of the genito-urinary system. For surgical cases, tonsillitis with tonsillectomy recorded the largest group of admissions, followed closely by injuries and poisoning, diseases of the genito-urinary system, and neoplasms. For all cases as a whole, diseases of the respiratory system were first in number, followed by diseases of the digestive system and pregnancy with delivery.

Female adults continued to be the greatest users of Blue Cross insurance, utilizing 45.9 per cent of the total days of hospital care. Another 12.8 per cent was represented by obstetrical patients. Adult males accounted for 25.9 per cent; minor males, 8.7 per cent; and minor females, 6.7 per cent. Blue Cross paid for 7,772 babies in 1955; this figure has been steadily decreasing from the high of 8,118 recorded in 1952.

Payments to physicians under the Blue Shield Plan have risen steadily through the years to the record high of \$2,917,631.61 for 1955. Estimates for 1956

place the figure at upwards of \$3,250,000.00. Blue Shield also recorded its largest reserves in 1955 with a reserve of \$3.08 per member, \$8.67 per contract. This latter figure is nearly two dollars larger than for 1954.

Blue Shield had 18.3 per cent of the population enrolled as of December 31, 1955, including 50.1 per cent of Tulsa County or 126,012 individuals. The utilization of Blue Shield income for Tulsa County in 1955 was 74.3 per cent, a figure virtually identical with the state average.

A breakdown of Blue Shield payments to physicians for 1955 shows \$2,088,808 for surgical and obstetrical charges, \$737,877 for anesthesia and radiology, and \$424,011 for limited medical benefits. In Tulsa County, \$684,878 went for surgery and obstetrics, \$59,085 for medical charges, and \$114,965 for radiology and anesthesia. These figures for Tulsa County represent 49.3 per cent of the total charges to patients for surgery and obstetrics, 41.4 per cent for medical charges, and 41.4 per cent for anesthesia and radiology. This compares to 55.1 per cent, 45.7 per cent, and 47.6 per cent for the state as a whole.

In Blue Shield adult females again proved to be the greatest users with 39.8 per cent of total paid cases for them, not including an additional 7.1 per cent for obstetrical charges. Adult males accounted for 20.8 per cent; minor males, 20.6 per cent; and minor females, 11.7 per cent.

The greatest number of procedures covered by Blue Shield by groups was for diseases and injuries of the skin including neoplasms, followed in order by diseases and injuries of the bones, muscles and tendons; tonsillectomies; circumcisions; and diseases and injuries of the nervous system and sense organs. This does not include diseases and injuries of the genito-urinary system or the digestive system, both of which were broken down in more specific procedures. A sampling of the latter groups shows 1,823 appendectomies, 1,416 hysterectomies, 927 hernias, and 1,243 hemorrhoidectomies.

Blue Shield also paid for 6,419 normal deliveries in 1955, 386 by caesarean sec-

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PLANS COMPLETE FOR STATE CONVENTION

Attendance At Annual Meeting Of Oklahoma State Medical Association Expected To Reach 800. Color Television Clinics Scheduled.

An estimated 800 physicians are expected to attend the 63rd Annual Meeting of the Oklahoma State Medical Association in Oklahoma City, May 7-9, 1956, with indications of a large delegation from Tulsa County.

Highlights of the convention will include:

1. Presentation of twenty-four scientific papers in various fields of medicine and surgery by a panel of nine visiting distinguished guest speakers and by members of the State Association.

2. Television clinics, including one in color, prepared by the University of Oklahoma School of Medicine and Hospitals.

3. The President's Inaugural Dinner Dance on Tuesday, May 8th, featuring a social hour, inaugural program, and four hours of dancing to the famous music of Ted Weems and His Orchestra.

4. Sixty commercial exhibits by drug and pharmaceutical manufacturers, surgical supply distributors, x-ray equipment manufacturers, scientific book and journal publishers, and other firms with services and products of interest to doctors.

5. Forty scientific exhibits prepared by members of the Oklahoma State Medical Association and other professional groups.

6. A Clinical Pathological Conference.

7. Daily roundtable luncheons offering opportunities for group discussions

with visiting guest speakers.

8. The annual meeting of the House of Delegates of the Oklahoma State Medical Association on Sunday, May 6, 1956, at 1:00 P.M. at Municipal Auditorium.

9. A special program open to the public, to be held Monday evening, May 7th, featuring Major David G. Simons, Space Biology Chief at the Aero Medical Laboratory, Holloman Air Development Center, New Mexico as guest speaker. Major Simons will discuss "The Challenge of Space Medicine."

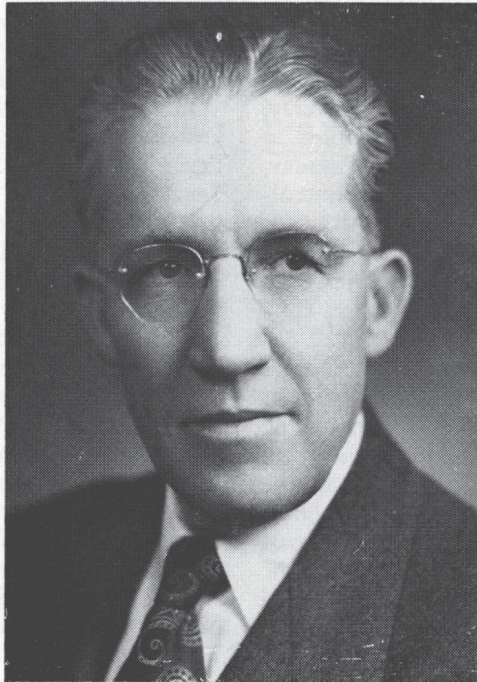
10. A special program of events for Auxiliary to the Oklahoma State Medical Association.

11. The annual golf tournament of the Oklahoma State Medical Association to be held Wednesday, May 9th, at Twin Hills Country Club.

12. Scientific programs by medical specialty groups meeting immediately before or during the convention proper.

Lt. Col. John P. Stapp, medical officer in charge of deceleration tests at Holloman Air Development Center, will not appear on the program as originally announced. Colonel Stapp was ordered last month to Oslo, Norway, to attend sessions of the NATO. He will be replaced by Major Simons, his principal associate, in the scheduled presentations.

Major Simons first began his studies in weightlessness in 1947 at the Wright-



N. FREDERICK HICKEN, M.D.

Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, where he was project officer for rocket experiments with the use of monkeys. Since 1952, Major Simons has been at Hollomon studying the biological hazards of primary cosmic radiation at altitudes of 85,000 feet and over. In these studies experimental animals are sent as high as 120,000 feet in small gondolas attached to rockets; the animals are recovered and thoroughly examined for physiological effects. Major Simons is a graduate of Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia, Class of 1946, and served his internship at Lancaster (Pennsylvania) General Hospital. He is a diplomate of American Board of Preventive Medicine.

The television program on Monday, May 7th, will feature a clinic devoted to cases of corrective surgery. On Tuesday, May 8th, clinics in proctology, dermatology and pediatrics will be broadcast in color. This is the first year color television has been employed. All telecasts will emanate from the University Hospitals.

The President's Inaugural Dinner Dance will open with a social hour at 6:00 P.M. in the Persian Room of the Skirvin Tower Hotel. The dinner and dance will follow at 7:00 P.M. in the same room. As this issue of The Bulletin went to press, it was not planned to have a formal dinner speaker. Music for dancing will be provided by Ted Weems and His Orchestra, popular Deca recording artists and nationally known for their dancing rhythms.

DINNER DANCE TICKETS

Tickets to the President's Inaugural Dinner Dance on Tuesday, May 8, 1956, are now on sale at the offices of the Oklahoma State Medical Association. Doctors planning to attend are urged to send their checks now. Tickets will be mailed. The price is \$6.50 per person, which includes the social hour, dinner, inaugural program, and the Ted Weems Dance. Unsold tickets will be available at the Registration Desk at Convention Hall.

Guest speakers for the convention will include:

E. Grey Dimond, M.D., Chairman of the Department of Medicine, University of Kansas Medical School, Kansas City, Kansas.

Perry D. Hudson, M.D., Professor of Urology, Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York, N. Y.

N. Frederick Hicken, M.D., Associate Professor of Clinical Surgery, University of Utah School of Medicine, Salt Lake City, Utah.

John W. Henderson, M.D., Professor of Ophthalmology, The Mayo Foundation, Rochester, Minnesota.

Theodore C. Panos, M.D., Associate Professor of Pediatrics, University of Texas School of Medicine, Galveston, Texas.

William T. Lhamon, M.D., Professor of Psychiatry and Neurology, Baylor University Medical College, Houston, Texas.

Edward C. Holmblad, M.D., Managing Director, Industrial Medical Association, Chicago, Illinois.

William E. Masters, M.D., Associate Professor of Obstetrics & Gynecology, Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis, Missouri.

Paul C. Aebersold, Ph.D., Director of the Isotopes Division, United States Atomic Energy Division, United States Atomic Energy Commission, Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

Tulsa doctors appearing on the program include Dr. Walter E. Brown, Dr. Edward L. Moore, and Dr. G. R. Russell.

A complete program of events has been mailed to all Oklahoma doctors and also appears in the current issue of The Journal of the Oklahoma State Medical Association.

Former presidents of the State Association will be guests of the Blue Shield Plan for breakfast on Monday, May 7th, at 8:00 A.M. at the Skirvin Hotel.

All sessions of the scientific program will be held in the Zebra Room of Municipal Auditorium, which will also house the scientific and commercial exhibits.

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Dr. Edgar A. Hines, Jr., internist at the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota, will be guest speaker for the Tulsa Academy of General Practice on Monday, May 28, 1956, at Hotel Tulsa. His subject will be "Examination of the Patient for Peripheral Vascular Disease."

The meeting will be a dinner to be held at 6:30 P.M. with the scientific portions scheduled for 8:00 P.M. Dinner reservations may be made by telephoning LUther 2-5904. All physicians are invited to attend both the dinner and program.

Dr. Hines is Professor of Medicine at the Mayo Foundation Graduate School, University of Minnesota, and is head of a Section in Medicine at The Mayo Clinic. A native of South Carolina, he received his medical degree in 1928 from the Medical College of South Carolina.

In 1931 Dr. Hines was appointed a Fellow in Medicine at the Mayo Foundation. Three years later he joined the regular staff of the Mayo Clinic and has risen rapidly. He is co-author of a textbook entitled "Peripheral Vascular Diseases," published in a second edition in 1955. Dr. Hines is a fellow of the American College of Physicians, member of the Editorial Board of "Circulation."



Dr. Hines

STAR OF "MEDIC" SERIES WILL BE GUEST SPEAKER

Actor Richard Boone, star of the popular "Medic" series of television programs, will be the principal guest speaker at the annual meeting of the Medical Assistants Society of Oklahoma, May 4-6, at the Biltmore Hotel, Oklahoma City. Approximately 200 office assistants and nurses are expected to attend.

Boone, who portrays the role of Dr. Konrad Styner in the TV series, will appear at the annual dinner dance of the organization on Saturday evening, May

5th. He will describe some of his experiences in the filming of the dramatic medical program.

Other guest speakers for the program will include:

Mrs. Carol Towner, Department of Public Relations, American Medical Association, Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. N. D. Helland, Executive Director, Blue Cross-Blue Shield Plans of Oklahoma, Tulsa.

Mr. Don Meredith, Director of Trade Relations, The Upjohn Company, Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Mr. James Babcock, Director of Medical Archives, University of Oklahoma School of Medicine, Oklahoma City.

Mrs. Towner will discuss plans for a proposed national organization of medical assistants. The program will also feature a business session and election of officers.

LIFE INSURANCE PROGRAM REMAINS OPEN TO MAY 15TH

The Oklahoma State Medical Association's program of group term life insurance will continue to be open to new applicants until May 15, 1956, it was announced last month. After that date physicians who apply for coverage must present evidence of insurability as determined by physical examination.

The group policy went into effect on March 15, 1956, with over 400 Oklahoma physicians enrolled. Underwritten by the Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company, it offers \$10,000 annual life insurance protection. Extended benefits, purchasable at a small additional premium, cover loss of limbs, eyesight, etc.

Complete information and application blanks are available at the Executive Offices of the Tulsa County Medical Society, B9 Medical Arts Building, Tulsa.

It was also announced last month that all newly admitted members of the State Association will be eligible for coverage without examination providing they apply within 31 days of the date of election to membership privileges.

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TULSA MEDICAL ACTIVITIES RANK HIGH

American Medical Association Survey Indicates Tulsa County Medical Society Leader In Professional and Public Services. Lack of Emergency Call Plan Seen As Major Criticism.

In its professional and public service activities the Tulsa County Medical Society ranks high among 1,225 county medical societies recently surveyed by the American Medical Association.

The study, results of which were published last month, indicates there are few accepted functions of the county medical society which are not incorporated into the regular program of the Tulsa County Medical Society. The most glaring exception is the Society's failure to operate an emergency call plan or some system whereby the public can obtain the services of a doctor in an emergency from a central agency.

For the most part, however, the Tulsa County Medical Society was seen to have taken the lead in creating and developing many activities which are now a standard part of county medical society programs over the nation. Its medical library, established in 1932, was one of the first to be completely owned and operated by a county society with a full-time librarian. With the employment of an Executive Secretary in 1938, the Tulsa organization became the fifteenth county society in the United States to employ a paid director. The creation of the Medical Credit Bureau, the Society's credit and collection agency, made it a forerunner of many similar society owned services.

The A.M.A. study was based on an analysis of the work programs of 1,225 county medical societies, or about 64 per cent of all societies in the nation. The groups in the survey represent a membership of approximately 132,000 physicians. For purposes of comparison the various societies were segregated according to size with the Tulsa County Medical Society falling into the largest group—those with 300 members or more.

In an investigation of the nature and attendance of regularly scheduled meetings, the Tulsa County Medical Society follows a standard pattern among organizations of similar size. It falls among

75 per cent of societies meeting monthly; of the remaining 25 per cent, virtually all societies in that group met less frequently than once a month. Only two per cent met more frequently. For societies with more than 300 members, attendance at regular meetings averaged 25 to 49 percent of the membership—Tulsa recorded close to 40 per cent attendance in 1955.

In content of program, Tulsa again followed the standard pattern in that scientific programs tremendously outdrew programs dealing with socio-economic and business matters. The survey indicated that film programs had virtually no draw; this is true in Tulsa unless the film is coupled with a scientific program. While officials of the local Medical Society base the success of its high attendance record on well known guest speakers, most societies said the importance of the surgical or medical problem under consideration was the more important factor. Highly specialized programs not of general appeal were universally seen as a cause for poor attendance. For most county medical societies, regardless of size, attendance is increasing at the regularly scheduled meetings. This is more true among larger societies (300 members or over) than in the smaller, a situation probably due to concentrated efforts to produce better programs, ability to obtain better known speakers, and availability of financing for programs.

Only about half of the societies in the Tulsa County Medical Society range provided other types of postgraduate courses, such as the Society's Annual Founders Day Clinic or the series of Basic Sciences Refresher courses conducted a few years ago. Curiously enough, the number of societies sponsoring additional scientific programs of one type or another is steadily declining. Many observers attribute this to the growing number of hospital meetings, postgraduate courses conducted by specialty organizations and universi-

ties, and educational programs of national drug houses (such as closed circuit television presentations). The tremendous increase in the number of scientific medical journals has also contributed to this reduction.

Although 212 of the 1,225 county medical societies reported the operation of a medical library, a study of the Medical Library Association records indicate that only 20 societies operate a library with a full-time librarian and without the assistance of another agency in financing. Among societies of 300 members or more, 36 operate a library under one arrangement or another. Of the twenty societies maintaining a full-time librarian and operating within its own financial structure, only five are smaller than the Tulsa County Medical Society.

Twenty-nine of the 1,225 societies surveyed reported ownership of its own collection agency; eighteen of these were by societies with 300 members or more.

The Tulsa County Medical Society participated in the following standard functions: grievance committee, liaisons with volunteer health agencies, publication of bulletin, public health activities, indoctrination courses for new members, sponsoring of blood bank, legislation committee, civil defense committee, speakers bureau, radio and television programs, cancer control program, poliomyelitis control program, legislative newsletter, press code, press-radio-TV conferences, Welcome Wagon participation, school education programs, indigent care program (through the Tulsa County Medical Clinic and other groups), essay contests, aid to medical assistant groups, community projects (such as health council participation), ethics committee, hospital relations committee, labor relations committee, fraudulent practices control, etc.

Society shortcomings were seen in the following:

1. Failure to maintain an emergency call system to provide doctors for emergencies through a central agency. A total of 710 of the 1,225 societies surveyed maintain such facilities. (In a study of the public relations program of

the Tulsa County Medical Society conducted three years ago, an official of the American medical Association said Tulsa was virtually the only city of its size not to provide such a service.

2. Lack of a committee or committees on such medical problems as geriatrics, rehabilitation, chronic illness, mental health, and maternal and child care.

3. Lack of Society sponsored programs for medical students, interns and residents.

4. Lack of a continuing television series of health education for the public.

5. No program of physician assistance for (a) assisting new doctors to enter practice, (b) members suffering hardship due to age or physical disability, and (c) needy families of deceased physicians.

6. Failure to have a longer probationary period for new members. A period of six months was the most commonly noted period. (The Board of Trustees of the Tulsa County Medical Society, at its meeting of April 4, 1956, directed the Constitution & By-Laws Committee to prepare a suggested amendment which would increase the waiting period from the present sixty days to six months; this will be presented for consideration of the membership early next Fall).

7. A virtually non-existent relationship between the Society and the Ladies Auxiliary. Although the latter group conducts a very useful program, it is not coordinated to the local Society's program and little use is made of the services of that organization.

8. Lack of an interprofessional committee to discuss mutual problems with the nursing, dental, pharmaceutical, and legal professions.

Seen as among the Society's best functions were its sponsorship of the Tulsa County Red Cross Blood Center, maintenance of its own medical library and collection agency, operation of the Tulsa County Medical Clinic, malpractice control program, scientific education program, public relations activities, and community services.

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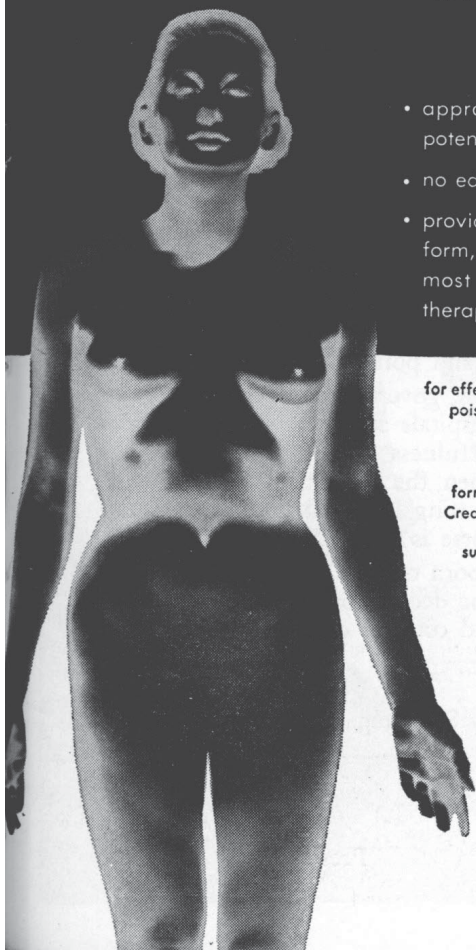
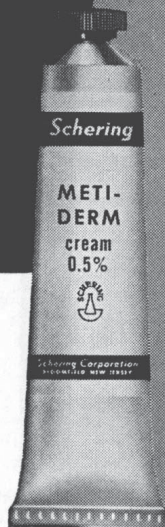
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The most far-reaching change in the present century has been in the advancement of science. In the forefront have been the great accomplishments in Medicine, more particularly in American Medicine. If Medicine continues to advance, it must not be hampered by government bureaus and forced to struggle against legal limitations.

Socialistic medicine is certainly no substitute for genius. No amount of bureaucracy could have discovered insulin. Our advancements in medicine have been due to the unfettered honest efforts of individual workers. Medicine is now struggling against the indifference of individuals and limitations likely to be imposed by law.

In this day of cults a man is the boss of his own life, if he chooses, he may have his back manipulated while an ulcer perforates. Baseball classifies its leagues from Class D to the Majors, and you may know what you will see, but the batting and fielding averages of Doctors of Medicine is not published.

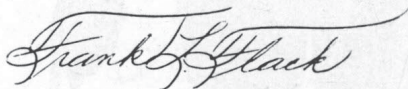
The laments from persons about so many people not having adequate medical care are the howls from persons who have no knowledge of what good medical care consists and are often from chronic meddlers.

Government control of hospitals and doctors is certainly progressing to more serious proportions, and we stand bewildered and amazed at the prospect of seeing the great structures of scientific medicine which we have built destroyed by bureaucratic and political intruders.

It will not be smart for government or lay bodies to assume management of hospitals and patients. True, government may find the usefulness of doctors has been impaired by bureaucracy when the Medical Profession will be in a Class C League batting less than 200. Let us not lock the barn after the horse is stolen.

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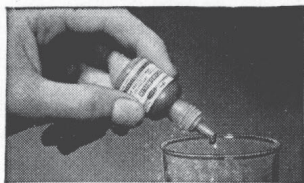
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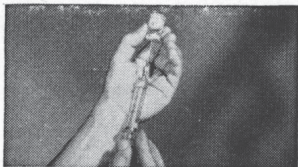
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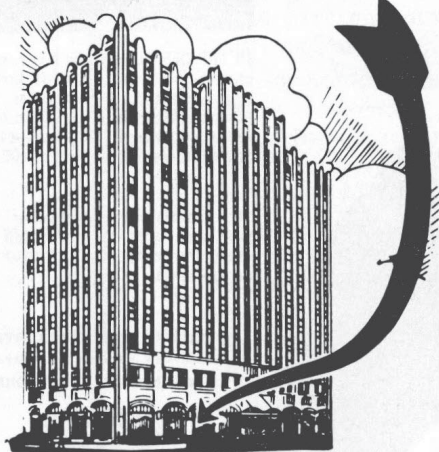
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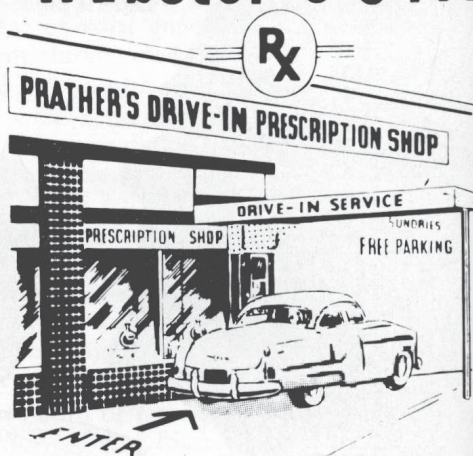
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MAY MEDICAL CALENDAR

TUESDAY, May 1st:

Final date to pay first installment on 1956 annual membership dues to the Tulsa County Medical Society. Members who have not paid by this date are automatically suspended from membership.

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

Interns and Residents Lecture, St. John's Hospital, 12:30 P.M. Subject: "Analgesia and Anesthesia in Labor." Speaker, Dr. Dixon N. Burns.

Medical Assistants Society Training Course, Blue Cross-Blue Shield Building, 7:30 P.M. Subject: "Personal Appearance and Grooming Habits." Speaker, Chief Stewardess, American Airlines.

WEDNESDAY, May 2nd:

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

Board of Trustees Meeting, Tulsa County Medical Society, Utica Square National Bank, 1:00 P.M.

Medical Motion Picture, Hillcrest Medical Center, 4:30 P.M. Subject: "Uretoro-Intestinal Anastomosis." Speaker, Dr. Howard M. Cohenour.

THURSDAY, May 3rd:

Interns and Residents Lecture, St. John's Hospital, 12:30 P.M. Subject: "Office Urology." Speaker, Dr. E. N. Lubin.

Postgraduate Study Course in Surgery, Hillcrest Medical Center, 4:30 P.M. Subject: "Postoperative Care in Fracture of Neck and Femur." Speaker, Dr. Myra A. Peters.

FRIDAY, May 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, 3:30 P.M.

Journal Club, Hillcrest Medical Center, 6:00 P.M. Subject, "Management of Pancreatic Diseases." Speaker, Dr. Robert D. Grubb.

Reception, Medical Assistants Society of Oklahoma, The Biltmore, Oklahoma City, 6:00 P.M.

SATURDAY, May 5th:

Annual Meeting, Medical Assistants Society of Oklahoma, opens at Biltmore Hotel, Oklahoma City, 9:30 A.M. Continues through May 6th.

Annual Meeting, Oklahoma State Urological Association, opens at Lawtonian Hotel, Lawton, Oklahoma, 9:30 A.M.

Council of the Oklahoma State Medical Association, Skirvin Hotel, Oklahoma City, 7:00 P.M.

SUNDAY, May 6th:

House of Delegates Meeting, Oklahoma State Medical Association, Municipal Auditorium, Oklahoma City, 1:00 P.M.

MONDAY, May 7th:

63rd Annual Meeting, Oklahoma State Medical Association, opens at Municipal Auditorium, Oklahoma City, 8:30 A.M. Continues through May 9th.

Executive Committee Dinner Meeting, Hillcrest Medical Center, 6:00 P.M.

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

Medical Telecast, "Medic" series, Television Station KVOO, 8:00 P.M.

TUESDAY, May 8th:

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

Interns and Residents Lecture, St. John's Hospital, 12:30 P.M. Subject, "Rheumatic Fever and Rheumatic Pancarditis." Speaker, Dr. Philip M. Schreck.

Postgraduate Study Course in Internal Medicine, Hillcrest Medical Center, 5:30 P.M. Subject: "Liver Diseases." Speaker, Dr. Henry A. Brocksmith.

Medical Assistants Society Training Course, Blue Cross-Blue Shield Building, 7:30 P.M. Subject: "Medical Terminology." Speaker, Dr. Robert I. Lubin.

MAY MEDICAL CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, May 9th:

St. John's Isotope Clinic, St. John's Hospital, 8:30 A.M.
Clinical Pathological Conference, Hillcrest Medical Center, 7:30 P.M.

THURSDAY, May 10th:

Interns and Residents Lecture, St. John's Hospital, 12:30 P.M. Subject, "Rheumatic Fever and Rheumatic Pancarditis—Part Two." Speaker, Dr. Philip M. Schreck.
Medical Motion Picture, Hillcrest Medical Center, 12:30 P.M. Subject, "Complete Neck Dissection." Speaker, Dr. Martin Leibovitz.

FRIDAY, May 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, 3:30 P.M.

MONDAY, May 14th:

No Tulsa County Medical Society meeting on this date.
Medical Telecast, "Medic" series, Television Station KVOO, 8:00 P.M.

TUESDAY, May 15th:

Copy deadline for the June issue of The Bulletin.
St. John's Tumor Clinic, 8:00 P.M.
Interns and Residents Lecture, St. John's Hospital, 12:30 P.M. Subject, "Diseases of the Biliary Tract and Treatment." Speaker, Dr. Lester I. Nienhuis.
Surgical Section Meeting, Hillcrest Medical Center, 7:30 P.M.
Medical Assistants Society Training Course, Blue Cross-Blue Shield Building, 7:30 P.M. Subject, "The Doctor, the Patient, and the Law." Speaker, Mr. T. Austin Gavin, Attorney.
Board of Directors Meeting, Tulsa County Public Health Association, 808 South Peoria, 7:30 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, May 16th:

St. John's Isotope Clinic, St. John's Hospital, 8:30 A.M.
Medical Motion Picture, Hillcrest Medical Center, 4:30 P.M. Subject, "Use of the Artificial Kidney." Speaker, Dr. Howard M. Cohenour.

THURSDAY, May 17th:

Interns and Residents Lecture, St. John's Hospital, 12:30 P.M. Subject, "Diseases of the Biliary Tract and Treatment—Part Two." Speaker, Dr. Lester I. Nienhuis.
Medical Postgraduate Conference, University of Oklahoma School of Medicine, Oklahoma City, 7:30 P.M. Subject: "An Evaluation of New Diuretic Agents." Speakers: Drs. Paul W. Smith, James A. Hagans, M. L. Clark, and L. L. Conrad.
Postgraduate Study Course in Surgery, Hillcrest Medical Center, 4:30 P.M. Subject: Orthopedic Office Equipment for the General Practitioner." Speaker, Dr. Myra A. Peters.

FRIDAY, May 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, 3:30 P.M.
Journal Club, Hillcrest Medical Center, 6:00 P.M. Subject, "Current Trends in Surgery and the Extrahepatic Biliary Tract." Speaker, Dr. Harold J. Black.

MAY MEDICAL CALENDAR

MONDAY, May 21st:

Medical Telecast, "Medic" series, Television Station KVOO, 8:00 P.M.

TUESDAY, May 22nd:

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

Interns and Residents Lecture, St. John's Hospital, 12:30 P.M. Subject, "Arthritis." Speaker, Dr. Sumner Yale Andelman.

Postgraduate Lecture in Internal Medicine, Hillcrest Medical Center, 5:30 P.M. Subject: "Renal Diseases." Speaker, Dr. Theodore Turnbull.

Byrne Memorial Hospital Staff Meeting, 7:30 P.M.

Medical Assistants Society Training Course, Blue Cross-Blue Shield Building, 7:30 P.M. Subject: "Public Relations." Speaker, Mr. Carl E. Behle.

Obstetrical Section Meeting, Hillcrest Medical Center, 8:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, May 23rd:

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

Medical Section Meeting, Hillcrest Medical Center, 6:15 P.M.

THURSDAY, May 24th:

Interns and Residents Lecture, St. John's Hospital, 12:30 P.M. Subject: "Arthritis—Part Two." Speaker, Dr. Sumner Yale Andelman.

Medical Motion Picture, Hillcrest Medical Center, 12:30 P.M. Subject: "Excision of Thyroglossal Duct." Speaker, Dr. Martin Leibovitz.

Pfizer Medical Golf Tournament, Indian Hills Country Club. Golfing Begins 12:00 Noon.

FRIDAY, May 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, 3:30 P.M.

MONDAY, MAY 28:

Tulsa Academy of General Practice, Scientific Program, Hotel Tulsa, 6:30 P.M. Subject, "Peripheral Vascular Disease." Speaker, Dr. Edgar A. Hines, Internist, The Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota.

TUESDAY, May 29th:

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

Interns and Residents Lecture, St. John's Hospital, 12:30 P.M. Subject: "Meningeal Disturbances." Speaker, Dr. James W. White.

WEDNESDAY, May 30th:

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

Postgraduate Study Course in Surgery, University of Oklahoma School of Medicine, Oklahoma City, 3:30 P.M. Subject: "Surgery of the Neck and Oral Cavity."

THURSDAY, May 31st:

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

Interns and Residents Lecture, St. John's Hospital, 12:30 P.M. Subject: "Meningeal Disturbances—Part Two." Speaker, Dr. James W. White.

MEDICAL SOCIETY ANNOUNCES FALL SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMS

The Tulsa County Medical Society has recessed its monthly scientific meetings until September 10, 1956. The meeting for May was cancelled due to the annual meeting of the Oklahoma State Medical Association in Oklahoma City, May 6-10, and no meetings will be held during the summer months.

Dr. Walter E. Brown, Chairman of the Program Committee, said last month that scientific programs for the Fall months had been completed and would feature the following visiting distinguished guest speakers:

Israel Davidsohn, M.D. Chairman of the Department of Pathology, University of Chicago Medical School, and Director of Laboratories, Mount Sinai Hospital, Chicago, Illinois, to speak September 10, 1956.

Isadore Meschan, M.D., Chairman of the Department of Radiology, The Bowman Gray School of Medicine, Wake Forrest College, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, to speak October 8, 1956.

J. Huber Wagner, M.D., Chief Surgeon, United States Steel Corporation, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, to speak November 12, 1956.

The annual business meeting and election of officers of the Society will be held December 10, 1956. Tentative plans of the Program Committee call for an inaugural dinner dance to open the 1957 series of programs on January 14th.

SURGICAL SHORT COURSE SET BY O.U. MEDICAL SCHOOL

The University of Oklahoma School of Medicine has scheduled a postgraduate study course on Surgery of the Neck and Oral Cavity on Monday, May 30, 1956, at Oklahoma City.

The program will be presented in two sessions, the first at 3:30 P.M. After an hour's break for dinner in the University Hospital Cafeteria, the second session will commence at 6:30 P.M. Both sessions will be in the main university building at 800 N.E. 13th Street, Oklahoma City.

Topics and speakers for the event include:

"Congenital Lesions of the Neck." Robert B. Howard, M.D.

"Salivary Gland Neoplasm." James R. Riggall, M.D.

"Management of Oral Cavity and Lip Neoplasm." Ira O. Pollock, M.D.

"Practical Considerations of the Thyroid Gland." F. M. Lingenfelter, M.D.

A panel discussion on "Current Trends in the Treatment of Thyroid Disease" will close the course. Dr. Lingenfelter will moderate with Drs. Howard, Riggall, Pollock, and Philip C. Johnson as panelists.

Registration is \$3.00. Advance registration is suggested.

CONTRIBUTIONS SOUGHT FOR MEDICAL EDUCATION FUND

The Auxiliary to the Tulsa County Medical Society is now conducting the Eighty Dimes Campaign—one dime for each medical school—in behalf of the American Medical Education Fund. Contributors are being asked to give \$8.00 to the national fund for improvement of medical education facilities and personnel.

The campaign, part of a national drive conducted in cooperation with the Auxiliaries of the American Medical Association and the Oklahoma State Medical Association, was formally endorsed by the Board of Trustees of the Tulsa County Medical Society last month. The campaign began during National Medical Education Week, April 22-28, and will continue for an indefinite period. Mrs. Harlan Thomas is Chairman of the local drive.

Each member of the Auxiliary is asked to contribute \$8.00 to the fund and also to secure a similar contribution from three lay friends.

DR. MATTHEW B. MOORE, DR. LUCIEN M. PASCUCCI, and DR. BYRON W. STEELE, JR. conducted a Mobile Cancer Clinic at Okmulgee, Oklahoma, on April 9th. Seventy-eight patients were seen. On the same evening the doctors presented a panel discussion on cancer at the regular meeting of the Okmulgee County Medical Society.



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GIFTS OF THE MONTH—:

Oklahoma Division, American Cancer Society. Tumors of the Thymus Gland. By Benjamin Castleman, M.D., Chief, Department of Pathology and Bacteriology, Massachusetts General Hospital; Clinical Professor of Pathology, Harvard Medical School. (Atlas of Tumor Pathology, Section V-Fascicle 19) 1955.

Oklahoma Division, American Cancer Society. Tumors of the Female Sex Organs. Part 1—Hydatidiform Mole and Choriocarcinoma, by Arthur T. Hertig, M.D., Shattuck Professor of Pathological Anatomy, Harvard Medical School, and Hazel Mansell. (Atlas of Tumor Pathology, Section IX-Fascicle 33) 1956. Published by the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology under the auspices of the Sub-Committee on Oncology of the Committee on Pathology of the National Research Council, Washington, D.C.

American Medical Association. Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals: Accredited Hospitals, December 31, 1955.

American Medical Association. A Planning Guide for Establishing Medical Practice Units. Edited by the American Medical Association and published through a grant by the Sears-Roebuck Foundation.

Dr. Safety R. First. Transactions of the American College of Cardiology. Volume Five, 1955.

E. R. Squibb & Sons. Therapy of Fungus Diseases; An International Symposium. Edited by Thomas H. Sternberg, M.D., Professor of Medicine (Dermatology), Assistant Dean for Postgraduate Medical Education, and Victor D. Newcomer, M.D., Associate Professor of Medicine (Dermatology). Presented June 23-25, 1955, by the Division of Dermatology, Department of Medicine, School of Medicine, and Medical Extension, University of California at Los Angeles. 337 pp., illustrated, Little-Brown & Company, Boston, Massachusetts, 1955.

RECENT ACQUISITIONS—:

Modern Trials. By Melvin M. Belli, of the California State Bar. Three volumes. The Bobbs-Merrill Company, Inc., Indianapolis, Indiana, 1954.

PUBLICATIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE TULSA COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY—:

Dr. Robert L. Anderson. The Surgical Treatment of Coronary Artery Insufficiency. Journal of the Oklahoma State Medical Association, 49:76-81 (March) 1956.

Dr. Howard A. Bennett, et al. Intercostal Nerve Block in Upper Abdominal and Chest Surgery. Current Researches In Anesthesia And Analgesia. 35:123-130, (March-April) 1956.

The following members of the Tulsa County Medical Society have contributed regularly the journals indicated to the Library during 1955.

Dr. Safety R. First: American Journal of Medicine; Circulation; Diseases of the Chest.

Dr. John G. Matt: Science.

Dr. I. H. Nelson: Journal of Biological Chemistry.

Dr. P. P. Nesbitt: Military Surgeon; Southern Medical Journal.

Dr. Lucien M. Pascucci: Yale Journal of Biology and Medicine.

Dr. Leon H. Stuart: Radiology; Ochsner Clinic Reports.

Dr. H. D. Murdock: International Surgical Digest.

DR. and MRS. SUMNER YALE ANDELMAN are parents of a boy, born March 26th.

Guest speakers for the Central High School Pre-Med Club during April included DR. ROBERT A. NELSON, DR. MILFORD S. UNGERMAN, DR. DONALD L. BRAWNER, and DR. DAVE B. LHEVINE.

DR. EVELYN M. RUDE was married to Mr. Chester Bolin in Enid, Oklahoma, on February 7th and is now residing at Sierra Madre, California.

DR. HOWARD A. BENNETT has been named Director of District 16 of the American Society of Anesthesiology.

Named as delegates to the Tulsa Council of Social Agencies from the Tulsa County Medical Society are DR. JAMES W. KELLEY, DR. DONALD L. BRAWNER, and DR. ROBERT E. FUNK. Dr. Funk will represent the Tulsa County Medical Clinic.

DR. WILLIAM S. JACOBS, DR. JAMES C. PETERS, and DR. TERRELL COVINGTON, JR. have been named to a special committee of the Tulsa County Heart Association to work out details of a \$1,000 annual scholarship fund to be created by the Association to encourage research and postgraduate study in cardiovascular diseases.

DR. LEONARD L. KISHNER, now serving with the United States Navy Medical Corps at San Diego, California, visited in Tulsa several days last month.

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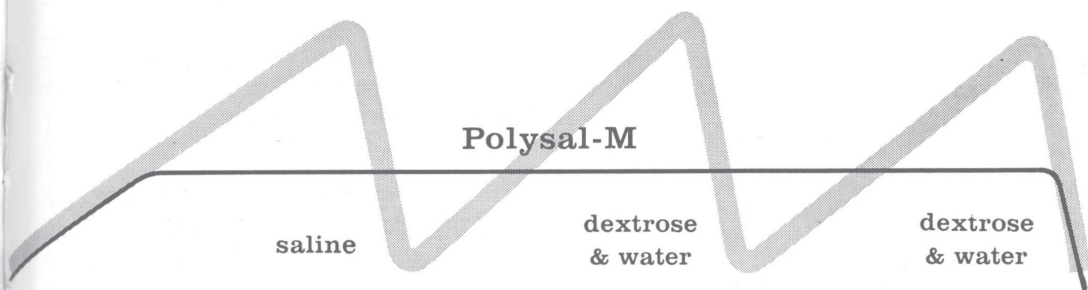
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*Talbot, N. B., Crawford, J. D., and Butler, A. M., "Homeostatic Limits to Safe Parenteral Therapy". *New Engl. J. Med.*, 248, 1100 (1953)

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PLANS FOR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION ANNOUNCED

Preliminary plans for the celebration of the Tulsa County Medical Society's 50th Anniversary in 1957 were announced last month by Dr. Ralph A. McGill, Chairman of a Special Planning Committee.

In a report to the Board of Trustees, Dr. McGill proposed a continuing celebration throughout the year with the major emphasis during a particular week in October or November. The exact dates have not been determined as yet.

During that week the Society hopes to arrange for a special commemorative section in Tulsa newspapers, a Public Affairs Forum program with visiting guest speaker at the Tulsa Chamber of Commerce, commemorative ceremonials at the Annual Founders Day Clinic, and an account of the Society's history in *The Journal of the Oklahoma State Medical Association*.

Also during the year the Society will sponsor one or two Public Health Forums with visiting guest speakers complementing a panel of local physicians. An inaugural dinner dance to be held in January, 1957, with a visiting guest speaker will be the major item of the Society's private celebration. The latter is under the direction of the Program Committee. A commemorative television program over Station KOTV has also been arranged for January. It is planned to tie in the Society's 50th anniversary with the Auxiliary's 25th anniversary at the 1957 Doctor's Day celebration in March.

A gold cover will feature the 1957 issues of *The Bulletin* of the Tulsa County Medical Society, and special commemorative letterheads will be used throughout the year. Dr. McGill said that additional events will be announced later.

"Our 50th anniversary is a splendid opportunity for some excellent institutional publicity about the progress of Tulsa Medicine," Dr. McGill said, "and we hope to make full use of that opportunity."

Other members of Dr. McGill's Committee, which is a sub-committee of Dr. Hugh Perry's Public Policy Committee, are Dr. Frank J. Nelson and Dr. John G. Matt.

PUBLIC HEALTH CENTER TO BE COMPLETED BY AUGUST 15

Tulsa's new Public Health Center, now under construction at 5616 E. 15th Street, will be completed by August 15, 1956, roughly one month ahead of the original schedule, it was announced last month.

Dr. T. Paul Haney, Superintendent of the Tulsa City-County Health Department, said all concrete for the two-story structure has been poured. First-floor brick work is also completed and most installations for air-conditioning, plumbing and heating are nearly finished. The new building will house offices of the Tulsa City-County Health Department, which will entirely vacate its present quarters at 521 North Boulder. Disposition of the Boulder Building has not been determined.

Dr. Haney said that bids for equipment for the new building would be called in May. He also stated it was possible the present lot would be extended fifty feet to permit an entrance from Winston Avenue. The entrance originally planned on 15th street may prove too steep for use without excessive excavation.

DR. JOE E. TYLER and DR. PAUL C. BENTON appeared on the program of the Fifth Annual Mental Health Institute held April 6th at the University of Tulsa.

DR. JAMES H. NEAL has resigned from the staff of the Tulsa City-County Health Department and is retiring due to ill health.

DR. F. L. NELSON has recovered from an illness of several months and is reopening his offices at 2303 East 3rd Street, Tulsa.

Participants in the Public Health Forum of the Tulsa Academy of General Practice on April 17, 1956, included DR. G. R. RUSSELL, DR. ALFRED H. BUNGARDT, DR. CHARLES E. WILBANKS, and DR. MILTON L. BERG. DR. F. L. FLACK, President of the Tulsa County Medical Society, served as Moderator. The Forum, held at Central High School, was devoted to the subject of Poliomyelitis and was organized under the direction of DR. MARSHALL O. HART.

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Dr. A. B. Carney, Chairman, last month announced details of an extensive program of activity by the Public Health Committee of the Tulsa Chamber of Commerce.

The eleven point program will encompass the following:

1. A long range program of air resources planning for Tulsa.
2. Expansion of existing hospital facilities to permit adequate laboratories, operating facilities, hospital beds, and needed parking facilities.
3. Expansion of tuberculosis control programs in the Tulsa area.
4. An evaluation of children's boarding homes and day nurseries.
5. An evaluation of nursing and convalescent homes.
6. Development and strengthening of the meat inspection program.
7. Improved mosquito and insect controls.
8. A liaison program with all medical, health and hospital groups.
9. Revision of the City Charter to call for a non-specified city board of health.
10. Assist in a current program of sub-standard housing studies.
11. Cooperate with the Tulsa County Medical Society and the Tulsa Council of Social Agencies on a current study of indigent medical facilities in Tulsa.

Dr. Carney said portions of the program would be undertaken in cooperation with other civic, health and medical groups in Tulsa County. To carry each project into effective operation, he has appointed a sub-committee of three to five persons.

Dr. Marshall O. Hart was named Chairman of the Hospital Expansion Sub-Committee; Dr. E. N. Lubin, Chairman of the Nursing Home Evaluation Sub-Committee; Dr. T. Paul Haney, Chairman of the Meat Inspection Sub-Committee; Dr. R. M. Shepard, Chairman of the Tuberculosis Control Sub-Committee; and Dr. R. M. Wadsworth, Chairman of the Children's Boarding Home and Nurseries Evaluation Sub-Committee.

Other physicians named to committee

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SOCIETY ACTIVITIES

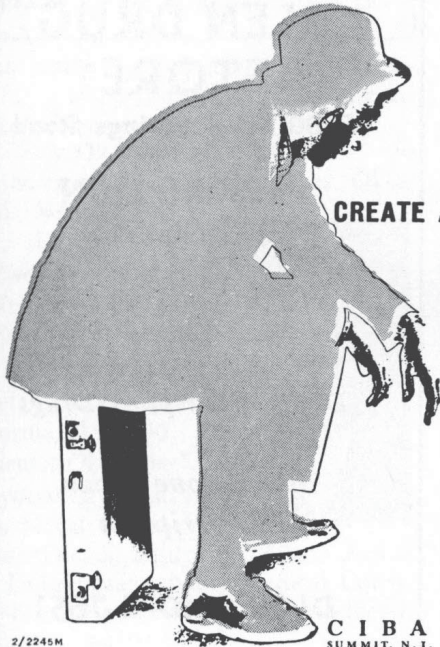
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headquarters building by county medical societies. Seventy-three societies rent office space, thirty-one own their own building, and nine additional societies are now in the process of building. Of the thirty-one owning their own building, seventeen built headquarters specifically for that purpose. Virtually all of the societies owning their own building had memberships of 300 or more.

In the matter of dues there were 26 medical societies whose dues were more than those of the Tulsa County Medical Society. Among societies with more than 300 members, ten had higher dues than the Tulsa group. Considering that \$37.00 of the Society's annual dues of \$68.00 goes to maintenance of a medical library, it may be said that the Tulsa County Medical Society is actually competing with the societies surveyed at an effective dues rate of \$31.00. On this basis there are 117 societies with dues higher than those of the Tulsa County Medical Society. Of the twenty societies maintaining libraries within their dues schedule, fifteen are in cities larger than Tulsa, and many are in metropolitan areas (New York, Chicago, St. Louis, etc.) where membership runs into the thousands.

About ten per cent of the county societies surveyed increased their dues in the last year; only three per cent recorded a decrease. About 25 per cent of the societies reporting had a special assessment in 1955. However, of this number three-fourths were in societies of less than 100 members. Special assessments appear most common in societies where dues are very low or non-existent. Assessments ranged from 50 cents to over \$100.00.

A complete copy of the American Medical Association study is on file at the Executive Offices of the Tulsa County Medical Society and may be borrowed on request.



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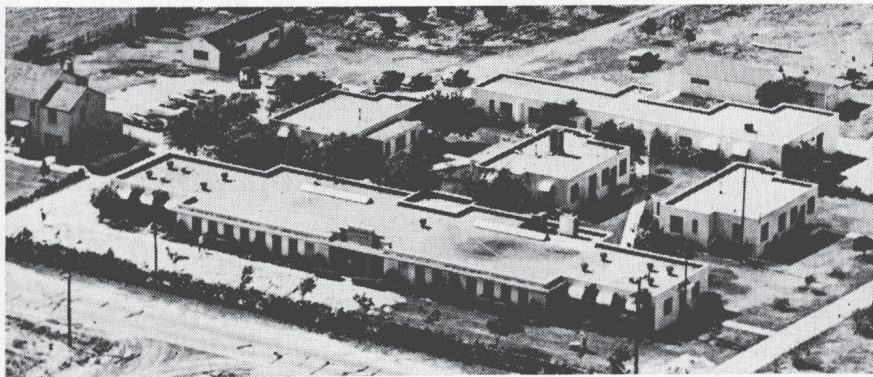


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HILLCREST BUILDING FUND OVERSUBSCRIBED BY GIFTS

An oversubscription of funds necessary to build a six-story addition to Hillcrest Medical Center was announced last month by Mr. Paul E. Taliaferro, campaign chairman. Approximately \$553,880 was raised to augment \$1,196,200 available from government funds and other sources and a grant of \$250,000 from the John E. Mabee Foundation.

The building fund now has over \$2,200,000 in resources. It is expected the sum will make unnecessary any borrowing to complete the present building project. The Hillcrest medical staff and other doctors subscribed over \$100,000 to the fund, with an additional \$50,000 coming from merchants and business houses supplying the hospital with day-to-day services. Campaign expenses amounted to only \$1,495.00.

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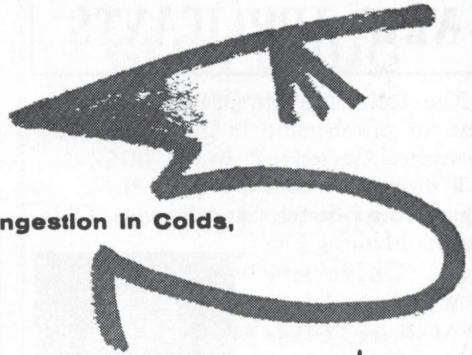
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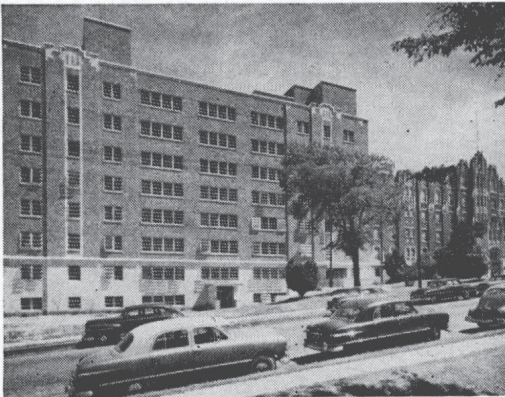
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From the May, 1936, issue of The Bulletin of the Tulsa County Medical Society:

The monthly meeting of the Tulsa County Medical Society was held at Dr. Ned R. Smith's Oakwood Sanitarium on May 25, 1936. There was no scientific program and, as the Bulletin notes, "action begins at 6:00 P.M."

Speakers for the St. John's Staff Meeting on May 18th on "Nasal Conditions" were Dr. William Orlando Smith and Dr. Arthur H. Davis. The Morning-side (Hillcrest) Hospital Staff Meeting of May 4th featured Dr. Joseph Fulcher in a discussion of "Symptoms of Kidney Involvement."

Secretary-Treasurer Dr. David V. Hudson was pleading for reservations for the Annual Golf Tournament to be held in June. The price—shades of days gone by!—was \$1.25.

And the American Medical Association in Kansas City, May 11-13, was a *wow!* Some of those who went up were Dr. James C. Peden, Dr. Maurice J. Searle, and Dr. Carl F. Simpson. (They are still talking about it!).

Guest speakers for the annual meeting of the Southern Branch of the American Public Health Association in Tulsa last April 4-6 included DR. F. L. FLACK and DR. HUGH C. GRAHAM. DR. T. PAUL HANEY was in charge of arrangements for the convention, assisted by DR. DAVID V. HUDSON, DR. FRANK J. NELSON, DR. HOMER A. RUPRECHT, and DR. HUGH C. GRAHAM.

DR. R. M. WADSWORTH has been appointed to the City Board of Health. He succeeds DR. RAYBURNE W. GOEN, resigned.

DR. JOHN E. McDONALD was a guest lecturer for the April 17th session of an eight weeks refresher course being conducted by the Medical Assistants Society of Tulsa. DR. ROBERT I. LUBIN will lecture at the meeting of May 8th, discussing medical terminology.



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Editorial

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The World Medical Association is no paper organization. Conceived in the disorganized post-war years as a democratic instrument for the preservation of free medicine throughout the world, it has grown in membership to 700,000 physicians. Unfortunately, only slightly more than three per cent of American doctors are members—something over 5,000 individual physicians. It maintains a small but efficient secretariat and publishes a particularly fine tri-lingual medical journal.

Some of its activities have included a series of world conferences seeking to standardize medical education in all countries, creation of an international code of medical ethics, studies in the fields of hospital facilities, medical advertising, cult practices, and occupational health, and creation of an international federation of medical students. It is also seeking to protect medical research and to safeguard internationally the rights of individuals discovering new drugs and procedures. It has effectively countered the efforts of international social security organizations to promote socialized medicine in the various countries of the world. These, and many other projects, seek to preserve the freedom of medicine the world over, to encourage research and the dissemination of scientific knowledge, and to give new stature to the medical profession.

There can be little doubt that a program of this significance is of material

importance in preserving world peace through education, understanding, and the specific of relieving personal suffering. This good work is not accomplished without money. As a physician you will be asked to join the World Medical Association; the dues are \$10.00. We believe it will become one of the best investments you have ever made.

BLUE CROSS REPORT

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tion, and 569 cases for complications of pregnancy, a total of 7,374.

The problem of retaining membership growth is still present in both Blue Cross and Blue Shield, although both plans had excellent records in this respect in 1955. Of a record 104,808 new enrollments, cancellations reduced the net increase to 37.1 per cent. Blue Shield recorded 104,352 new enrollments with cancellations cutting the net gain to 40 per cent of that figure, a decrease in retention over 1954.

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of the Plans, covering dread diseases, were applicable to 879 Blue Shield cases, of which 641 were for cancer, 58 for poliomyelitis, and 90 for scarlet fever. Other diseases were scattered in number. Extended benefits paid 63.3 per cent of the total bill after application of Blue Shield charges, and the patient paid an average of only 4.8 per cent of the total bill. The bulk of these additional charges were for cancer cases requiring treatment beyond the terms of the extended benefit coverage.

Complete copies of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield annual reports for 1955 are now on file in the Library of the Tulsa County Medical Society.

DR. FRED E. WOODSON was a guest speaker at the annual meeting of the Southern Society of Anesthesiology at Augusta, Georgia, March 30-31, where he discussed a paper entitled "The Legal Aspects of Anesthesiology."

DR. SAMUEL R. TURNER underwent an emergency appendectomy at Hillcrest Medical Center last month.

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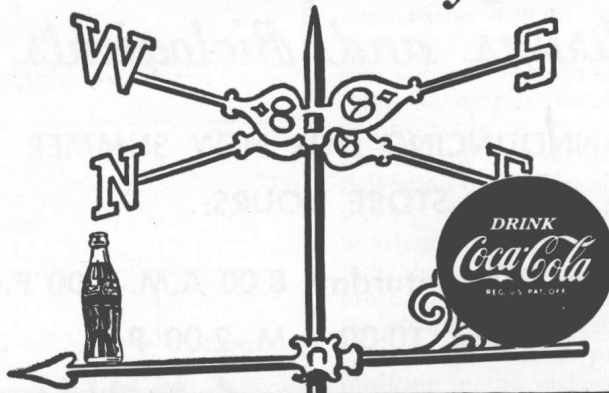
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