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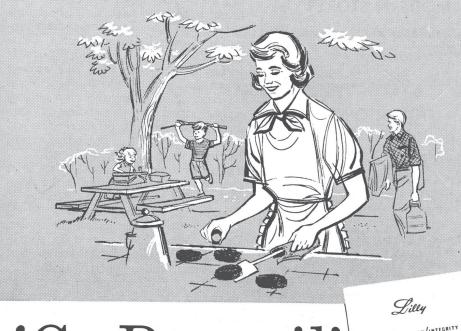
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With The Editor ...

The two Tulsa newspapers will lose their ace medical reporters this month ... Jack Fincher leaves The Tulsa World for a year's study in France as a Fulbright scholarship winner . . . Ned Curran of The Tulsa Tribune has been promoted to capitol correspondent in Oklahoma City . . . Both were highly capable in handling medical news, and we hate to see them go . . . The Southern Medical Association is creating a distinguished service award for outstanding achievement in medicine, surgery, research, and medical education . . . the recipient will receive a fourteen carat gold medal . . . The first winner, who must be an SMA member, will be announced at the Association's Golden Anniversary Meeting in Washington, D.C., November 12-15, 1956 . . . In a Tulsa Tribune interview, Dr. W. Albert Cook, pioneer Tulsa ophthamologist, recalled that he won the first golf tournament ever played in the City . . It was a 36-hole match which took all day to play . . . Dr. Cook's opponent was Ed C. Reynolds, a pioneer hardware dealer . . . Dr. Cook said the match, played in 1904, was slow because of poor quality balls and clubs . . . He won by a margin of 3 and 2 on each 18 holes . . . Now 81, Dr. Cook, first President of the Tulsa County Medical Society in 1907, only gave up golfing three years ago . . . The Oklahoma State Medical Association plans to move into its new headquarters building in Oklahoma City in mid-September . . . Later in the Fall, the Association will hold an open house to show off the beautiful new structure . . . The Insurance Committee of the Tulsa County Medical Society is blueprinting a series of lectures in malpractice prevention and defense to interns and residents of Tulsa hospitals . . . The idea got an enthusiastic reception when proposed to hospital administrators, and the courses will probably begin in October . . . The striking redhead visiting with St. John's Hospital staff members at their Western Hills party last month was Metroperastar Lily Pons . . . She was vacationing there.

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DOCTORS TO HEAR CHICAGO PATHOLOGIST

Dr. Israel Davidsohn To Lecture At Tulsa County Medical Society Meeting Of September 10, 1956. Programs Announced For Balance Of Year.

Regular monthly meetings of the Tulsa County Medical Society will resume on Monday, September 10, 1956, with the appearance of the distinguished American pathologist, Dr. Israel Davidsohn

of Chicago, Illinois, as visiting guest speaker. His subject will be "The Clinical Significance of I m m u n o h e matology."

Dr. Davidsohn is Professor and Chairman of the Department of Pathology at the University of Chicago School of Medicine, and since 1946 has been Director of Research at Mount Sinai Hospital Medical Research Foundation.

The meeting will be at 8:00 P.M. at the Blue Cross-Blue Shield Building 1215 South Boulder, Tulsa. Telephone

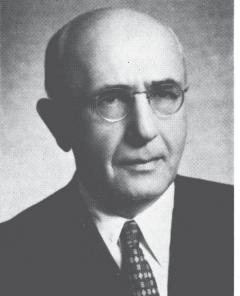
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Dr. Israel Davidsohn has been described as one of America's leading men of medical science, and few are the honors which have not come to him in the course of 35 years of practice. Born in Austria, he graduated from the University of Vi-

enna School of Medicine in 1921 and did postgraduate study in pathology there and at the University of Berlin School of Medicine for two years. In 1923 he emigrated to the United States and several

years later became a naturalized citizen. After an internship at Mount Sinai Hospital of Chicago, he remained as a resident in pathology and in 1925 became resident pathologist at that institution. A year later he joined Mount Sinai Hospital of Philadelphia as a research fellow, returning to Chicago in 1930. Since that time he has been Director of Pathology at Mount Sinai Hospital of Chicago.

Dr. Davidsohn taught at Rush Medical College and later at the University of Illinois School of



DR. ISRAEL DAVIDSOHN

Medicine. In 1947 he was named Chairman of the Department of Pathology at the University of Chicago School of Medicine. Active in many pathology groups, he is now a member of the Board of Trustees and Diplomate of the American Board of Pathology, member of the (Continued On Page 34)

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Physicians Fees Paid Every Two Weeks

BLUE SHIELD CLAIMS QUICKLY PROCESSED

A Bulletin Feature

Tulsa doctors have long taken for granted the ease and expediency with which they collect surgical, medical and obstetrical care fees from the Blue Shield Plan of Oklahoma—a handsome \$858,928 worth last year and headed for a cool million in 1956. For the State as a whole Blue Shield payments hit a record-\$2,634,279 last year, 98 per cent made within two weeks of receipt of the physician's statement.

To process nearly 12,000 cases each month and keep the checks rolling out on time is no mean task. Its all in a day's work to Blue Shield's nine-employee Case Department, however, and a source of pride that it has never failed to meet its twice monthly deadline for mailing checks. Much of its success is due to a well co-ordinated efficiency which characterizes the operation of the Plan and its companion Blue Cross Plan of prepaid hospital insurance.

Another factor is the experienced management of Windham Hill, Supervisor of the Case Department, a tall (6'-1") friendly fellow with a knack of getting things done. His job isn't the easiest in the world. In addition to supervising the Blue Shield Section, he also directs 24 other employees in the Blue Cross Case Department. Here, speed is even more essential as member hospitals must be advised within 24 hours of the acceptability of a claim. Hill insists upon individual consideration to all claims, whether it is for \$4,565.50—one of the largest ever approved by the Department—or a few dollars for minor surgery. This personal attention largely accounts for more than 17,000 pieces of mail which go from the Case Department each month.

The primary function of Hill's Department is to check each case as it is received to determine the member's eligibility to receive benefits and to approve final payment to doctors and hospitals. It also

handles the majority of complaints (relatively few, to be sure) from members, physicians and hospitals. Here again, personal consideration is an absolute must. A third unit of the Case Department, the Service Section, works in close cooperation with the other two sections to convert case information into detailed statistics. The Service Section is also responsible for the handling of the Department's heavy volume of correspondence.

The working day for some Blue Shield employees begins at 6:00 A.M. in the mail room of the beautiful new Blue Cross-Blue Shield Building at 1215 South Boulder, Tulsa. Mail for the Case Department is quickly sorted out and routed to the Department; at 7:00 A.M. an early shift opens it, time stamps and perforates it, and distributes it to the proper desk. By 7:45 A.M. it is ready and waiting for attention by the Department's regular employees.

In contrast to mail for other Departments, the Case Department mail is not opened in the Mail Room. This is because of the highly confidential nature of medical information on case records. By limiting it to the Case Department, the possibility of such personal information becoming known to the Plan's other 185

employees is minimized.

Once the claim has been received in the Blue Shield Case Department it goes through a standard office routine. It is first checked against a tickler file for other correspondence pertaining to the case. This is particularly useful in matching up an anesthesia claim with the surgical claim. The case then goes to the Records Department where it is checked for correctness of the member's name, group number, etc., and most important, to determine the effective date and type of coverage. By Noon the claim has returned from the Records Department. A permanent utilization card, a running in-

ventory of benefits paid for the member through the years, is then brought up to date by entering the current case.

To this time the claim has been handled through several clerical and recordkeeping functions by a clerk-typist. It is then transferred to an Approval Clerk, a more experienced employee who determines the amount of the benefit from a master fee schedule. The claim is marked in accordance with a coding schedule developed for use on a national basis by the Blue Shield Commission and the American Medical Association: these references are used in the subsequent tabulation of case statistics. A postal card showing the amount of the benefit paid to the doctor is also prepared for mailing to the member.

If the claim is routine and presents no problems, it is numbered, posted for pay-

ment and sent to the Tabulating Department. Here, the coded material is punched on an IBM card used in the Plan's system of machine bookkeeping and statistical tabulating. The case is entered upon the doctor's current statement or detail of remittance. At intervals of fifteen days these statements are totalled and mailed to the physician with an accompanying check.

About 85 per cent of the cases processed are routine and need no special handling. For claims presenting a problem, Hill's Assistant Supervisors (A. J. Markham, Randy House and Don Palmer) are able to settle many. Twice daily problem sessions are held on the remainder with Hill, who is usually able to further reduce the number.

Most problem cases result from simple clerical errors in the doctor's office—in-



Windham Hill (left), Supervisor of the Blue Cross-Blue Shield Case Department, explains the operation of an intricate IBM billing machine to a new member of the Tulsa medical profession, Dr. James E. Kraft, ophthalmologist.

complete claim forms, failure of the doctor to sign the claim, or other minor difficulties easily corrected. One principal reason for delay, Hill reports, is the failure of the doctor to report his charge to "Although some doctors the patient. may resent providing this information, it is required by the Oklahoma State Insurance Commission," he said. This information also enables the Company to gauge the effectiveness of its program. By tabulating the information on an annual basis, the Plan can determine the average percentage of the total bill to the patient that was paid as a benefit. If the percentage is too low, the Plan must consider if it is meeting its objective of reducing the costs of unforeseen medical expenses.

Those problems which Hill and his staff cannot handle usually require expert medical advice. These are referred to a Medical Advisory Committee composed of physician-members of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Boards of Trustees and other doctors invited to advise on specialized professional problems. The Committee meets weekly; actually there are two such committees, one in Tulsa and one in Oklahoma City, meeting on alter-

nate weeks.

A special function of the Medical Advisory Committee is to determine the benefit on procedures not covered in the master fee schedule or requiring individual consideration. Many of the problems brought to the Committee merely require an expert medical interpretation to the Plan's lay staff. A few represent controversies which have developed between the Plan and a member or doctor.

The handling of these problem claims by the Medical Advisory Committee is completely impartial. The Committee members are not told the name of the doctor or patient concerned. No identifying information is divulged. Only the pertinent details of the general problem are recounted. The Committee usually reaches an immediate decision but may defer action until more information can be obtained. About 25 cases are handled at each meeting.

The Blue Shield Plan has followed a policy of permitting and encouraging dissatisfied members or doctors to refer con-

troversial cases to the Medical Advisory Committee. It does not publicize the personnel of the Committee, however, as a means of avoiding undue pressures or influences upon individual Committee members.

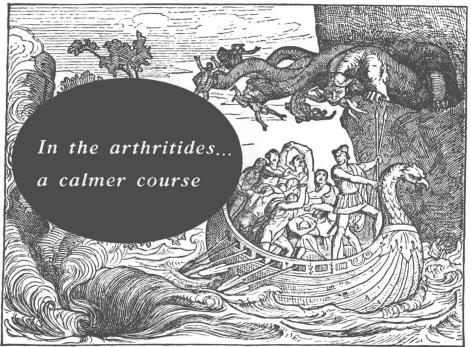
The Case Department can process most claims within 48 hours. Since anesthesia claims are related to the type of surgery performed in the determination of the amount of benefit, they must be delayed until the surgical claim is received. Similarly, the medical care benefits must be correlated to the Blue Cross claim. Doctors have 30 days after the date of service to file claims; only in exceptional cases can this contract stipulation be waived. Blue Shield is now urging physicians to make a habit of filing claims on a daily basis, this not only assures more prompt payment but clears the way for approval of companion cases.

The standard claim form developed by the Blue Shield Plan of Oklahoma has been widely praised for its compactness and brevity. Limited to a single page, it can be completed in a minimum of office time and is more easily handled in the Blue Shield offices. Quantities of the claim form are provided to all new doctors entering practice in Oklahoma. Forms may be recorded by use of a postal card provided for that purpose or by calling the Blue Shield Plan at LUther 5-9141.

"Blue Shield welcomes inquiries from physicians about any phase of its operations," said Mr. N. D. Helland, Executive Director. "If there is any question about an individual case, about our fee schedule, the handling of the claim or the provisions of the contract, please call us."

DR. ROBERT G. TOMPKINS was erroneously listed as a specialist in Obstetrics & Gynecology in the roster of the Tulsa County Medical Society published in the August issue of The Bulletin. Dr. Tompkins specializes in Internal Medicine. The Bulletin apologizes for this error.

DR. RAYMOND S. ECHOLS has been discharged from the United States Navy Medical Corps and will return to the practice of anesthesiology in Tulsa on September 15th. Dr. Echols' office will be at 2010 South Utica.



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The meeting will open with dinner at 6:30 P.M. Reserva-



Dr. Reifenstein

tions may be made by calling LUther 2-5904. The program will be at 8:00 P.M. All physicians are invited to attend both the dinner and the program.

Widely known to Oklahoma doctors as former Director of the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation in Oklahoma City, Dr. Reifenstein comes originally from Syracuse, New York. His father was for many years Professor of Medicine at Syracuse University College of Medicine, and several other relatives are practicing physicians. Dr. Reifenstein received his undergraduate, medical and hospital training at Syracuse University School of Medicine and its affiliated hospitals. Later, he spent six years as an associate of Dr. Fuller Albright Massachusetts General Hospital of Boston, specializing in research in endocrinology and metabolic bone disorders. was subsequently with Sloan-Kettering Institute for Cancer Research of the Memorial Hospital Cancer Center in New York, held important research posts with Ayerst Laboratories and Schering Corporation, and spent several years developing the personnel and program of the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation. his present position with the Squibb Company, he is in charge of medical and scientific research aspects of a new program of special products, especially certain preparations in the hormone field.

Dr. Reifenstein is best known for his work in bone metabolism. His book, "The Parathyroid Glands and Metabolic Bone Disease," was published in 1948 by Williams and Wilkins Company of Baltimore, Maryland. He has published 85 articles in national medical journals, authored sections of eleven books, and served as an editor of five national journals. He has given over 100 lectures to state and county medical societies. Dr. Reifenstein is a fellow of the American College of Physicians and belongs to 20 other leading medical organizations.

PROGRAM TOPICS ANNOUNCED FOR FOUNDERS DAY CLINIC

Program topics for the Fourth Annual Founders Day Clinic of the Tulsa County Medical Society, October 31-November 1, 1956, were announced last month by four visiting distinguished guest speakers.

Dr. Otto Saphir, Chairman of the Department of Pathology at the University of Chicago School of Medicine, Chicago, Illinois, will discuss "The Spread of Human Cancer."

Dr. Walton R. Akenhead, Professor of Medicine at Louisiana State University School of Medicine, New Orleans, Louisiana, has selected "Cardiac Emergencies" for his presentation.

Dr. Saphir and Dr. Akenhead will collaborate in a clinical pathological conference as well.

Dr. A. Buford Word, Professor of Obstetrics & Gynecology, University of Alabama School of Medicine, Birmingham, Alabama, will speak on "Congenital Absence of the Vagina" and "Abnormal Uterine Bleeding."

Dr. Lawrence H. Strug, Professor of Surgery at Louisiana State University School of Medicine, New Orleans, will discuss "Esophageal Hiatus Hernia" and "Surgical Management of Benign Lesions of the Colon and Rectum."

The Clinic will open with a dinner meeting on Wednesday evening, October 31st, at the Tulsa Club where Dr. Word will present his paper on congenital absence of the vagina. Tickets are \$5.00 per person, including social hour, and may be purchased from the Executive Offices of the Society.

DR. JAMES W. KELLEY has been vacationing in Minnesota.

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JOSEPH H. OGURA, M.D., Otolaryngology, Associate Professor of Otolaryngology, Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis, Mo.

HENRY B. TURNER, M. D., Obstetrics & Gynecology, Assistant Professor of Obstetrics & Gynecology, University of Tennessee College of Medicine, Memphis, Tenn.

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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

The Tulsa County Medical Society now has a membership of 335. In the last five years one hundred new members have been received, and at the present time several applications are on file. These new members are from excellent medical schools and their scientific and academic training has been of the very highest character.

Most of these men, however, have not had good training or experience in the art of medicine. They have not had the experience in the physician-patient relationship which is required in private practice. Neither have they had adequate training in physician-public amenities. One of Hutchinson's seven gifts is "A sense of justice, in the first place, to your patient; justice also to your professional brethren, and lastly a sense of what is just to yourself."

This organization has many older physicians who have learned these things from experience, and frequently these experiences have been harsh and costly. Our younger medical men can be helped by the advice and counsel of the older ones in order that they be better equipped and not suffer from learning in such an expensive manner.

A course of indoctrination is being inaugurated in our Society, and several capable and experienced teachers are helping to instruct our newer members in the rudiments and doctrines of medicine. It is earnestly hoped that these meetings will be well attended.

In 400 B.C. the father of medicine wrote in his aphorisms: "Life is short, and the Art long; the occasion fleeting; experience difficult, and judgment fallacious." This is as fresh and true as if written in the 20th Century. The function of the indoctrination work is, among other things, to make the experience of learning the art of medicine less shocking.

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GIFTS OF THE MONTH-:

- Dr. Hugh J. Evans. Miscellaneous issues of various journals.
- Dr. Andrew C. Ivy. Observations on Krebiozen in the Management of Cancer. By A. C. Ivy, M.D., Distinguished Professor of Physiology and Head of the Department of Clinical Science, University of Illinois School of Medicine; John F. Pick, M.D., Head of the Department of Plastic Surgery, Columbus Hospital of Chicago; W. F. P. Phillips, M.D., Department of General Practice, St. Francis Hospital of Evanston, Illinois. 88 pp., tables and illustrations. Henry Regnery Company, Chicago, Illinois, 1956.
- National Nephrosis Foundation, Inc., New York, N. Y. Proceedings of the Seventh Annual Conference on the Nephrotic Syndrome. Edited by Jack Metcalf, M.D. Held at Children's Hospital, Department of Pediatrics, Harvard University Medical School, Boston, Massachusetts, October 21-22, 1955.
- Oklahoma State Department of Health. Public Health Statistics of Oklahoma. Births and Deaths: Marriages and Divorces. First Quarter, 1956.
- Dr. Paul O. Shackelford, in memory of Dr. James Stevenson. Color Atlas of Dermatology. By P. de Graviansky and S. Boulle. Translation and adaptation by Marion D. Sulzberger and Sonia Dobkevitch-Morrill. Year Book Publishers, Chicago, Illinois, by arrangement with Librairie Maloine, Paris, France, 1955. This translation of Atlas de Dermatologie is a four volume set. The first two volumes have been received in the Medical Library and the remaining two are expected later in the year.

PUBLICATIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE TULSA COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY:

- Dr. Byron L. Bailey, and other. Gonadal Dysgenesis and Associated Anomalies (Turner's Syndrome). Report of a case with autopsy findings. A.M.A. Archives of Pathology, 62:41-52 (July) 1956.
- Dr. Leo Lowbeer, and others. Abdominal Cramps, Vomiting, Shock, and Unexpected Death. American Journal of Clinical Pathology, 26:645-652 (June) 1956.
- Dr. John G. Matt. A review of Ciba Foundation Symposium on Experimental Tuberculosis. Bacillus and Host, With an Addendum on Leprosy. G. E. W. Wolstenholme and Margaret P. Cameron, Editors. Little Brown and Company, Boston, Massachusetts, 1955. Journal of the Oklahoma State Medical Association, 49:290 (July) 1956.

Early in February and again a few weeks later, the Medical Library suffered water damage to many of its books and unbound journals. The principal loss was among the various A.M.A. Archives. A few issues have been replaced but the majority are not. Fortunately, many of the recent issues were at the bindery at the time of the accidents. If anyone has any of the following medical journals and will make them available to the Library, they will be received most gratefully:

Anesthesiology, Vol. 14, July, 1953; A.M.A. Archives of Dermatology and Syphilology, Vol. 66, July, December, 1952, and Vol. 73, January-April, 1956; Annals of Internal Medicine, Vol. 44, April, 1954; A.M.A. Archives of Industrial Health, Vol. 3, January-June, 1951, and Vol. 13, January-April, 1956.

A.M.A. Archives of Internal Medicine, Vol. 97, January April, 1956; A.M.A. Archives of Neurology and Psychiatry, Vol. 64, July, December, 1950, and Volume 68, July December, 1952, and Volume 75, January April, 1956; A.M.A. Archives of Ophthalmology, Volume 55, January April, 1956; and A.M.A. Archives of Otolaryngology, Vol. 63, January April, 1956.

BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD SET ANNUAL ENROLLMENT

The fourth annual Blue Cross and Blue Shield individual enrollment for residents of Tulsa County has been scheduled for September 9-22, 1956.

During that period any person under the age of 65 (as of November 1, 1956) may enroll for Blue Cross hospital insurance and Blue Shield surgical and obstetrical care insurance. New enrollees will be placed on a bill-direct basis and may pay their dues either monthly or quarterly.

The enrollment period, conducted only once each year, is designed to meet public demand for making the Plans available to residents who do not qualify for the regular employed groups. This includes persons who work where there are fewer

than 10 employees, or who are unemployed, self-employed, or retired.

Residents enrolling in the Plans during this membership drive will be eligible for the new Blue Cross and Blue Shield benefits which went into effect July 1,

The effective date of coverage on applications received during the drive will be November 1, 1956.

Employee groups will also be opened during the enrollment period, and membership changes may also be made.

The individual enrollment campaign has again been endorsed by the Tulsa County Medical Society and is sponsored by the general hospitals of Tulsa County. Doctors are asked to cooperate by displaying literature and application cards in their waiting rooms.

New Blue Cross benefit changes include (1) the addition of 30 days of benefits during any 12 months period for

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Pictured above is the architect's conception of the new 210-bed addition at Hillcrest Medical Center of Tulsa. The view shows the addition looking West with the unit facing East on Utica Avenue. It will be built North of the present main building, shown in the background to the left. Construction is expected to begin in mid-September and will require a minimum of 16 months to complete.

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SEPTEMBER MEDICAL CALENDAR

MONDAY, September 3rd:

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

TUESDAY, September 4th:

St. John's Tumor Clinic, 8:00 A.M. Staff Meeting, Hillcrest Medical Center, 8:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, September 5th:

Annual Meeting, Colorado State Medical Society, opens at Estes Park, Colorado. Continues through September 8th.

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, 1:00 P.M.

THURSDAY, September 6th:

Medical Section Meeting, St. John's Hospital, 8:30 A.M. Surgical Section Meeting, St. John's Hospital, 8:00 A.M. Urology Section Meeting, St. John's Hospital, 9:00 A.M.

FRIDAY, September 7th:

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, September 8th:

Annual Oklahoma Texas Clinical Conference, Wichita Falls, Texas, sponsored by the Wichita County Medical Society.

MONDAY, September 10th:

Scientific Meeting, Tulsa County Medical Society, Blue Cross Blue Shield Building, 1215 South Boulder, 8:00 P.M. Subject: "The Clinical Significance of Immuno-Speaker, Dr. Israel Davidsohn, Chairman of the Department of Pathology, University of Chicago School of Medicine, Chicago, Illinois.

TUESDAY, September 11th:

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

Pediatric Section Meeting, St. John's Hospital, 9:00 A.M.

Pharmaceutical Demonstration, Hillcrest Medical Center, 12:30 P.M.
Anesthesiology Conference, St. John's Hospital, 3:00 A.M.
Postgraduate Study Lecture, Hillcrest Medical Center, 5:30 P.M. Subject: "Eclampsia." Speaker, Dr. Eugene S. Cohen.

WEDNESDAY, September 12th:

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

Postgraduate Study Lecture, Hillcrest Medical Center, 4:30 P.M. Subject: "Urological Office Procedures." Speaker, Dr. Howard M. Cohenour. Clinical Pathological Conference, Hillcrest Medical Center, 7:30 P.M.

THURSDAY, September 13th:

Medical Section Meeting, St. John's Hospital, 8:30 A.M.
Medical Motion Picture, Hillcrest Medical Center, 12:30 P.M. Subject: "Choecystectomy for Cholecystitis with Choleithiasis.'

FRIDAY, September 14th:

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. Copy deadline for the October issue of The Bulletin.

MONDAY, September 17th:

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

Staff Meeting, St. John's Hospital, 8:00 P.M.

TUESDAY, September 18th:

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

Surgical Section Meeting, Hillcrest Medical Center, 7:30 P.M.

Board of Directors Meeting, Tulsa County Public Health Association, 7:30 P.M. X-Ray Conference, St. John's Hospital, 8:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, September 19th:

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

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

SEPTEMBER MEDICAL CALENDAR

THURSDAY, September 20th:

Obstetrics & Gynecology Section Meeting, St. John's Hospital, 8:30 A.M. Medical Section Meeting, St. John's Hospital, 8:30 A.M.

FRIDAY, September 21st:

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 Meeting, Hillcrest Medical Center, 6:00 P.M.

MONDAY, September 24th:

Scientific Meeting, Tulsa Academy of General Practice, Hotel Tulsa, 6:30 P.M. Subject: "Recent Developments in Endocrinology." Speaker, Dr. Edward C. Reifenstein-Jr., New York, N.Y.

TUESDAY, September 25th:

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

Pediatric Section Meeting, St. John's Hospital, 8:30 A.M.

Postgraduate Study Lecture, Hillcrest Medical Center, 5:30 P.M. Subject: "Headaches." Speaker, Dr. Milford S. Ungerman.

Obstetrics & Gynecology Section Meeting, Hillcrest Medical Center, 8:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, September 26th:

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

THURSDAY, September 27th:

Medical Section Meeting, St. John's Hospital, 8:30 A.M.

Medical Motion Picture, Hillcrest Medical Center, 12:30 P.M. Subject: "Intestinal Obstruction."

FRIDAY, September 28th:

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.



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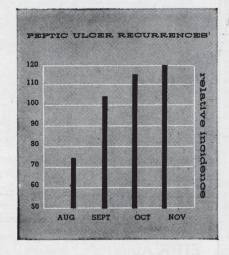
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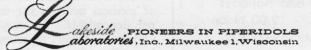
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Hillcrest Medical Center last month began construction of a one-story building to house its new psychiatric outpatient clinic.

The unit, containing 2,048 square feet of space, is located at 1129 South Troost immediately adjacent to the Hospital. A frame house which had occupied the

property was torn down.

A concrete block building, the structure will have eight consultation offices and a large reception room. It is centrally heated and air conditioned throughout. The exterior is modernistic with a windowless front, double glass doors at the entrance, and an overhanging roof.

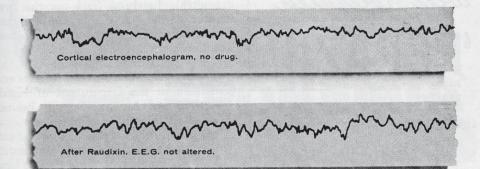
Ground-breaking ceremonies were held in August with major construction slated for September. The unit will house the offices of Dr. Konstantin Geocaris, Director of the Psychiatric Clinic. A portion of the cost of the new building has been pledged by Mr. H. B. Taubman, Tulsa oil man, who has also agreed to underwrite the operating costs up to \$50,-000 annually for the first five years.

BLUE CROSS ENROLLMENT

(Continued From Page 18) nervous and mental conditions; (2) microscopic tissue examinations under laboratory service; and (3) 90 days of hospital care for each confinement rather than 90 days of care per contract year as heretofore. New Blue Shield benefits include (1) the addition of 27 days per contract year for mental and nervous conditions; (2) an indemnity allowance for microscopic tissue examinations when the statement is filed by the physician; and (3) payment of medical care benefits after the fourth day for up to 30 days per confinement rather than per contract year.

DR. WALTER E. BROWN attended a conference called by the American Medical Association in Chicago, Illinois, July 27-28, to study the new federal program of medical benefits for military personnel dependents. He was one of three Oklahoma doctors representing the Oklahoma State Medical Association.

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FOUR SPEAKERS ANNOUNCED FOR REGIONAL CONFERENCE

The Annual Texas-Oklahoma Fall Clinical Conference has been scheduled for Saturday, September 28, 1956, at Wichita Falls, Texas, with four nationally known medical personalities as guest speakers.

Sponsored by the Wichita County Medical Society, the event will feature scientific papers, technical exhibits, a roundtable luncheon, and question and answer period. A dinner dance at the Wichita Falls Country Club will conclude the Conference.

Guest speakers will include:

Frederick J. Stare, M.D., Professor and Chairman of the Department of Nutrition, Harvard Medical School, Boston, Massachusetts.

Milton L. McCall, M.D., Professor and Chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Louisiana State University School of Medicine, New Orleans, Louisiana.

C. Marshall Lee, Jr., M.D., Associate Professor of Surgery, University of Cincinnati School of Medicine, Cincinnati, Ohio.

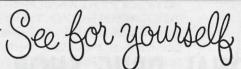
Louis G. Moench, M.D., Assistant Professor of Psychiatry, University of Utah School of Medicine, Salt Lake City, Utah. Registration for doctors will be \$8.00.

INCREASED MEDICAL CARE BENEFITS SET FOR STATE

Aged and needy persons on Oklahoma welfare rolls will benefit from a ten million dollar medical care program for the State as a result of the passage of H.R. 7225, the social security amendments bill, by the last Congress.

The program, financed on a 50-50 matching funds basis, would provide \$5,-152,986 yearly to Oklahoma. This sum would have to be matched. The distribution would be handled by the Department of Public Welfare and would provide payments to recipients of state aid for physicians' fees, hospital care, drugs, and appliances.

Mr. L. E. Rader, State Welfare Director, said last month the State expected to have sufficient matching money from state sales tax revenues. The program would become effective July 1, 1957.



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The Oklahoma Poison Information Center has been established at Oklahoma City to give advisory medical information about diagnosis and treatment of poisoning and to collect and tabulate statistics on poisonings. The project was organized with the cooperation of the University of Oklahoma Medical Center, the Oklahoma State Department of Health, and the Oklahoma State Medical Association.

Doctors may call the Center for information at any time. The office is open daily from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. and arrangements have been made for calls at other times to be transferred to the residence of the Director, Dr. H. A. Shoemaker, or the Associate Director, Dr. T. R. Pfundt.

Oklahoma physicians are asked to report poisoning cases on forms mailed to each physician. This will assist in tabulating the incidence, types and treatments of poisons. It is estimated there were 22 fatalities from poisoning in Oklahoma last year out of 2,500 actual cases.

Complete details of the project appear in the April issue of the Journal of the Oklahoma State Medical Association. Dr. Walter F. Sethney has been named representative for the project in Tulsa County.

ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULED

The Colorado State Medical Society is making a special appeal to area physicians to combine business with pleasure by attending its 1957 Annual Meeting at Estes Park, Colorado, September 5-8. The convention will limit its scientific sessions to the morning with the afternoon left free for sports, sightseeing and relaxation. A program featuring leading medical personalities is on file in the Executive Offices.

DR. LEONARD L. KISHNER has been discharged from the United States Navy Medical Corps after two years service at the Navy Hospital, San Diego, California. He will resume the practice of pediatrics with offices at 1453 South Quaker, Tulsa.

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TULSA DOCTOR-ASTRONOMER MAKES UNUSUAL DISCOVERY

A Tulsa radiologist who has made a hobby of astronomy for fifteen years at-

tracted national attention last month with an unusual photograph of the moon.

The cause of the interest in lunar circles was a picture of the impact of a falling meteor on the moon taken by Dr. Leon H. Stuart of Tulsa. His eightinch reflector telescope photographed



Dr. Stuart

the moon as it was struck by the meteor, the impact producing an incandescence to create light on the moon. Although such occurrences have been observed before, this is believed to be the first time it has been photographed.

Dr. Stuart exhibited the picture to members of the Astronomy League at the organization's annual meeting in Miami,

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The unusual photograph was actually taken on a clear night in November, 1953. Dr. Stuart said the spot of light remained in existence for a period of eight seconds. During that time he made two photographs—one of which was spoiled due to the cold condition of the plate—and carefully checked to assure the point was not a reflection of light from another source. The spot of light was first observed by Dr. Stuart on the ground glass viewer of his camera, ruling out any possibility of a defect in the film.

An official of the Lunar Section of the Astronomy League wrote to Dr. Stuart last month confirming the discovery. "Congratulations on being the first in the world to photograph this," he said.

Dr. Stuart's interest in astronomy is shared by his wife and son. In addition to his eight-inch reflector telescope, he has several other telescopes. He is now working on a six-inch wide field instrument, polishing the lens with commercial rouge. Dr. Stuart has built a permanent mount for his telescope in his back yard and spends several nights each week in observing the stars.

OKLAHOMA CITY CLINICAL SOCIETY MEETS OCT. 22-25

The Oklahoma City Clinical Society has announced the dates for its Twenty-Sixth Annual Conference for October 22-25, 1956, at the Biltmore Hotel, Oklahoma City.

The three and one-half day meeting, approved for credit by the American Academy of General Practice, will feature sixteen visiting guest speakers. A complete list of the teaching personnel appears on Page 13 of this issue of The Bulletin.

Tulsa doctors may register in advance and secure hotel accommodations by writing the Oklahoma City Clinical Society, 503 Medical Arts Building, Oklahoma City.



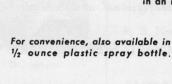
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DR. BROWN, DR. MOORE TO HEAD 1957 OSMA MEETING

Dr. Walter E. Brown, Tulsa radiologist and Secretary-Treasurer of the Tulsa County Medical Society, has been appointed General Chairman of the 51st Annual Meeting of the Oklahoma State Medical Association in Tulsa, May 6-8, 1957.





Dr. Brown

Dr. Moore

In announcing Dr. Brown's selection, Dr. H. M. McClure of Chickasha, President of the Association, also named Dr. Edward L. Moore as Chairman of the Scientific Works Committee. The latter group is in charge of the preparation of the scientific portions of the annual meeting program.

The Tulsa County Medical Society will again handle all arrangements for the 1957 convention including the sale of commercial exhibit space. Mr. Jack Spears, Executive Secretary, will serve as

Convention Manager.

To assist him in his duties, Dr. Brown has appointed the following sub-committee chairmen: Social Events, Dr. Jack L. Richardson; Commercial Exhibits, Dr. Donald L. Brawner; Publicity, Dr. E. N. Lubin; Hotels and Registration, Dr. Robert E. Funk; and Golf Tournament, Drs. Robert Hall Johnson, James W. Kelley, and H. J. Rubin.

Dr. Moore has selected the following as members of the Scientific Works Committee: Dr. G. R. Russell, Dr. Henry S. Browne, Dr. R. W. Goen, Dr. Emil E.

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Dr. Brown has announced that the entire 1957 meeting, including commercial and scientific exhibits, will be held at The Mayo Hotel. The Association's annual business meeting of the House of

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Delegates is scheduled for Sunday, May 5th, and the scientific program will open Monday, May 6th, and continue through Noon on Wednesday, May 8th. The President's Inaugural Dinner Dance will be held on Tuesday evening, May 7th, with a name dance band providing the music.

Dr. Moore said last month that five visiting guest speakers of national prominence had already accepted invitations to appear at the 1957 annual meeting.

CHICAGO PATHOLOGIST

(Continued From Page 7)
Board of Governors of the College of American Pathologists, member and former President of the American Society of Clinical Pathologists, and former President of the Illinois Society of Pathologists. He also serves as Consultant to the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology and to the United States Public Health Service.

He has authored 114 papers dealing with immunologic, rumatologic and pathologic investigation, as well as one book. Dr. Davidsohn is co-author of thirteen other texts. His research in immunohematology is widely known. In 1943 the American Society of Clinical Pathologists awarded him a gold medal for his work on blood groups. In 1954 he was again honored by the same organization with the Ward Burdick Award for his research. In June of this year Dr. Davidsohn was announced as winner of the Morris H. Parker Award of the University of Chicago Medical School for meritorious scientific research.

Dr. Davidsohn will be introduced by Dr. Murray M. Cash of Tulsa.

Dr. Walter E. Brown, Chairman of the Program Committee, has announced the selection of the following guest speakers for October and November:

Dr. Isadore Meschan, Chairman of the Department of Radiology, The Bowman Gray School of Medicine, Wake Forrest College, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, to appear on Monday, October 8th.

Dr. J. Huber Wagner, Chief Surgeon, United States Steel Corporation, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, to speak on Monday, November 12th.

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