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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Tulsa County Medical Society, Inc. January 1 to December 31, 1937

INCOME	EXPENDITURES
Cash in Banks 1-1-37\$1460.62	Salary Librarian\$ 463.50
Outstanding Checks 86.66	Extra Help 15.00
1423.96 \$1423.96	Telephone Service 109.00
Endowment Accounts 94.96 94.96	State Dues Paid 2896.00
Dues received 3239.00	Stationery & Supplies 48.00
Professional Directory 30.00	Stamps and Postage 31.50
Advertising Bulletin 117.00	Gass Printing Co. Advertising 106.30
Resale Auto Insignia 14.00	Commission Advertising 11.70
Interest Received 22.60	Bulletin Expense 63.03
Interest, Endowment 3.91	Repairs, Furniture 17.00
Donations to Library 48.00	General Library 413.53
Library Fines 2.05	Library Reading Room 275.00
From L. S. Willour for State Meeting 250.00	Program Committee 51.56
Advance 1938 Dues 423.00	Flowers 16.01
Total Receipts\$5668.48	Legislative Committee 3.80
	State Meeting 307.99
	Social Security Tax 16.86
	Publication (Med. Economics) 3.60
	Card Index Files 6.11
	Rental Typewriter 6.00
	Bank Service Charges 2.03
	Total Expense\$4863.45
	Cash on Hand and in Banks\$ 805.03

The above statement of account has been prepared by me and is to the best of my knowledge a correct account of the funds of the Tulsa County Medical Society, Inc

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Elect Executive Secretary

Lloyd Stone, advertising man and former secretary of the Tulsa Junior Chamber of Commerce, was elected executive secretary of the Tulsa County Medical Society at the first meeting of the year, Monday, January 10, as the first step in a new program of activities to be launched by the organization this year. This is the first step toward the society's objective of a greater influence in medical relief work in the county.

Stone has lived in Tulsa since finishing high school in 1917 and was a member of the editorial staff of *The World* for eight years. He served as secretary of the Junior Chamber of Commerce for five years and when he left that organization, in 1931, it was the largest in the United States.

Since that time Stone has been engaged in advertising and publicity work in Tulsa and Oklahoma City where he was public relations director for Braniff Airlines.

He takes office with recently elected officers of the medical society, headed by Dr. Maurice J. Searle, president; Dr. A. Ray Wiley, president-elect; Dr. P. P. Nesbitt, vice president, and Dr. Roy L. Smith, secretary-treasurer.

Dr. A. W. Pigford was elected to the board of trustees which is composed of Doctors Henry S. Browne, W. Albert Cook, Charles H. Haralson, Searle, Ned R. Smith and Wiley. The board of censors for the coming year are Doctors Nesbitt, G. A. Wall and V. K. Allen.

The new plan for Tulsa will be similar to that of Wichita, Kansas, in which physicians take an active part in the treatment of relief and "borderline" medical cases. Stone's duties will be similar to a "clearing house." He will handle all details and check on medical aid applicants. The set-up will co-operate directly with county welfare organizations.

Mr. Stone will leave immediately to



study the organization set-up followed by the Detroit and Wichita organizations, where they have assumed direction of all medical matters. Following this survey, it is planned to set up a credit exchange and gradually expand into a number of other activities.

As executive secretary, Stone will have charge of the society publication and will serve as public relations director for the medical society.

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MEDICAL CALENDAR

MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 1938:

County Society will be guests of St. John's Hospital at 8 p. m.

Program: "The Hemolytic Anaemias" by Prof. J. M. Hill, M. D., Baylor University, Department of Pathology, Dallas, Texas. Refreshments will be served following the meeting.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1938:

County Society guests of Morningside hospital at 8 p. m. Program: Colored Motion pictures of operations and case histories. Refreshments will be served.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1938:

Auditorium Medical Arts Building, 8 p. m. Program: "The Autonomic Nervous System", by Dr. Ned Smith. Business meeting.

HOSPITALS ELECT OFFICERS

Morningside and Flower Hospitals have elected new staff officers for 1938 and other hospitals have set election dates. Flower hospital announced the following officers: Dr. J. W. Childs, chief of staff; Dr. James D. Markland, vice chief of staff; and Dr. Roy Dunlap, secretary.

Morningside officers are: Dr. Morris B. Lhevine, chief of staff; Dr. Ralph McGill, vice chief; Dr. A. B. Carney, secretary and committee chairmen as follows: Dr. C. E. Bradley, training;

Dr. A. Ray Wiley, interne; Dr. J. C. Brodgen, grievance and Dr. Carney, publicity. St. Johns hospital will hold its election January 17. Tulsa General Hospital date has not been set but will be late in January while the Sisler hospital will hold its election February 1.

NOTED AUTHOR SPEAKS

Doctor Victor Heiser, internationally known doctor, and author of the current best seller "The American Doctor's Odyssey", will speak in Tulsa in the north Auditorium of Central High school on the night of Monday, Jan. 24. Dr. Heiser is being brought to Tulsa by the Classroom Teachers Association and his lecture will be open to the public. Admission charge will be \$1.00.

AUXILIARY MEETING

The Auxiliary to the Tulsa County Medical Society held the first meeting of the New Year at the home of Mrs. Morris B. Lhevine, 1602 South Madison on January 4.

Mrs. George W. Churchill gave a review of the book, "The Rains Came", by Louis Bromfield. Hostesses were: Mrs. Hugh Perry, Mrs. William J. Bryan, Mrs. Fred Bolton, Mrs. Frank A. Stuart and Mrs. Gifford H. Henry.

MEDIC RULE STIFFENS

Students of medicine who now must study for six years before they may practice, must train for an additional year beginning in 1939, the University of Oklahoma board of regents ruled in January. Acting on the suggestion of Robert Patterson, dean of the medical school, the board extended the premedic training requirement from two to three years.

NEW MEMBERS

Dr. Philip M. Schreck, M. D. was elected to regular membership Monday, January 10. Dr. Schreck was graduated from Baylor University, and comes to Tulsa from Wichita Falls, Texas.

TRANSFERS

Dr. W. L. Alspach, formerly with the Springer Clinic, has located in Orange, Texas, and transferred his membership to the Orange County Medical Society, January 4, 1938.

LEGISLATIVE THREATS

"Our system of medical care in the United States is a logical evolution of personal "independent" medical practice which has gone ahead courageously adapting itself to the needs of the people and its excellence is not even remotely approached by any other nation today," declared Dr. Morris Fishbein, editor of the American Medical Association Journal, in a talk at the Mayo Hotel here Thursday afternoon, January 6.

Dr. Fishbein's discussion of legislative threats and problems facing socialized medicine, climaxed the annual meeting of the Oklahoma Internists association of which Dr. E. Rankin Denny of Tulsa is president.

In his talk, Dr. Fishbein stressed the importance of consolidating the functions of the various medical agencies of the federal government — now scattered through all the departments—under one head, thus making it possible to correlate all the work to reduce the cost and increase its efficiency.

Dr. Fishbein pointed out specifically that such a public health ministry should not be concerned alone with the medically indigent but with the health of the entire nation. However Dr. Fishbein warned against any attempt at "federalization" of medical practice.

"America now leads the entire world in medical care for its people", Dr. Fishbein said. "Organized medicine has maintained a successfully high standard in the communities of the country in the care of indigents and will continue to do so.

"All together the organized medical profession of the country has in the past and will in the future handle threats to the public with success. A high grade, independent medical profession is necessary. If it is under the state, the pay is inadequate, poorly managed and the physicians are overworked.

"Government care of indigents would mean government control of hospitals and that would be unfortunate. Any attempt to put the medical practice on a "full time salary" basis would lower the standard of the profession," he stated.

Germany, Sweden and Russia were cited as places where the general population has inadequate medical care. In each place the doctors are trained at government schools, allowed to practice

with inadequate training, and told when, where and what they must do.

"In many places throughout the United States today, county medical societies already assume fully the burden of medical care for indigents. In some places, under the leadership of the societies, all agencies concerned with the care of the sick, and with preventive medicine, are working on plans to extend such care and at the same time avoid duplication, inhibit waste and prevent neglect," he said.

With biting sarcasm, Dr. Fishbein told of the "physician mourners who on the lightest provocation become articulate on what is wrong with the medical profession and practice".

"All medical advancement in this country since 1905 has been made by the medical profession itself on money contributed by men of the profession".

He lambasted outsiders for their efforts to influence officials at Washington to believe that the American Medical Association did not represent the thought of the medical profession. He told of the subterfuge being resorted to by groups attempting to force legislation circumscribing the independent practice of medicine.

Dr. Fishbein called the compulsory sickness insurance measures, which have been proposed, a threat to the profession but not a very great one. He said that a bill for the corporation practice of medicine had been introduced in the Oklahoma legislature "when the supreme courts of a great number of state have held again such practice".

He complimented the government for its work in supplying money for medical research such as the \$750,000 grant for cancer research. However, he emphasized the pressing need for "modern" and adequate pure food and drug legislation, pointing out that such legislation has failed to keep step with the advancement of modern trends, new living conditions and scientific discoveries. He stated that our pure food and drug law, passed in 1906, has been virtually without change or amendment since that time.

Dr. Fishbein urged the medical profession to take stock of itself and take the lead in directing the future "trends" in medicine.

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CONTAGIOUS DISEASE IS LOW

Cases of contagious disease in Tulsa during 1937 totaled 1,324, which indicates health conditions in Tulsa have been favorable, according to the annual report filed by Dr. J. Jeff Billington, city health superintendent. Of the total number, 423 were whooping cough; 332 chicken pox and 280 scarlet fever. There were four cases of meningitis and seven of typhoid fever.

STATE MENTAL HOSPITALS

Crowded conditions of state mental hospitals has reached the acute stage, according to Lee M. Nichols, chairman of the state board of affairs. The board is expecting a decision soon from the state supreme court on the legality of a bill passed by the Sixteenth session appropriating \$300,000 for a new dormitory and dining hall at the Eastern Oklahoma hospital at Vinita.

A special meeting of the state lunacy board has been called for January 28 to work out some way to remedy the over-crowded conditions. According to Nichols, the state mental hospitals are 40 percent overcrowded and there is at present a waiting list of 250 patients, with more appearing every day.

Mrs. Beil, with the Nurses Official Registry, 4-3737, informs us that she has available just now a Registered Nurse who would make an A-1 office nurse. This girl has had experience in physician's office, and can do laboratory and stenographic work.

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