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Are the Neuritic Symptoms of Pregnancy *due to a deficiency* of vitamin B₁ (thiamine)?

SUCH common neuritic symptoms of pregnancy as pains in arms and legs, muscle weakness, and (less frequent but more serious) paralysis of the extremities may result from a shortage of antineuritic vitamins, recent investigations appear to show. Although neuronitis of pregnancy has long been considered a toxemia, no toxins have ever been identified.

Clinical observations of Strauss and McDonald lead to the conclusion that the condition is a dietary deficiency disorder similar to beriberi, caused by lack of vitamin B₁. They report recovery in their cases receiving this therapy, including dried brewers' yeast.

Hyperemesis as Cause of Avitaminosis

Wechsler observes that all cases of polyneuritis of pregnancy recorded in the literature were preceded by long periods of severe vomiting. "It would seem," he adds, "that because of actual starvation these patients suffered from avitaminosis and consequent neuritis," a view likewise held by Hirst, Luikart, and Gustafson. Plass and Mengert observe that the practice of giving high carbohydrate feedings for hyperemesis gravidarum is still more likely to cause avitaminosis.

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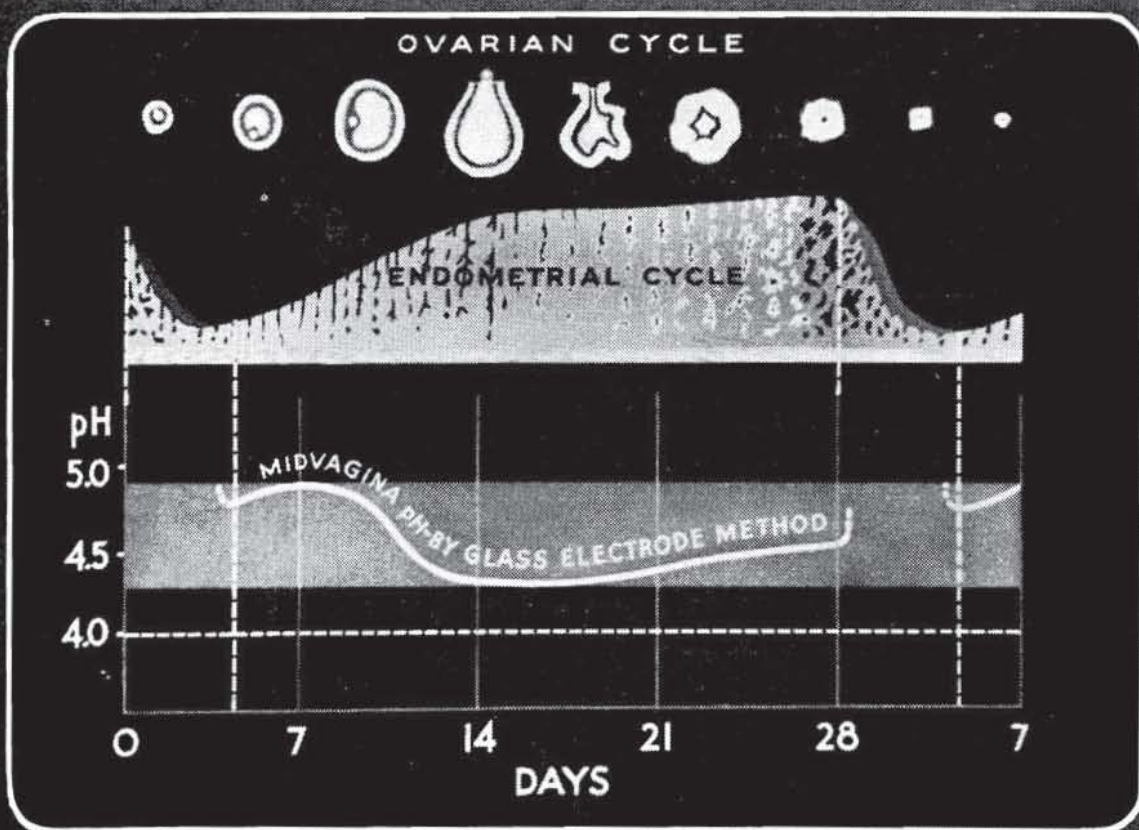
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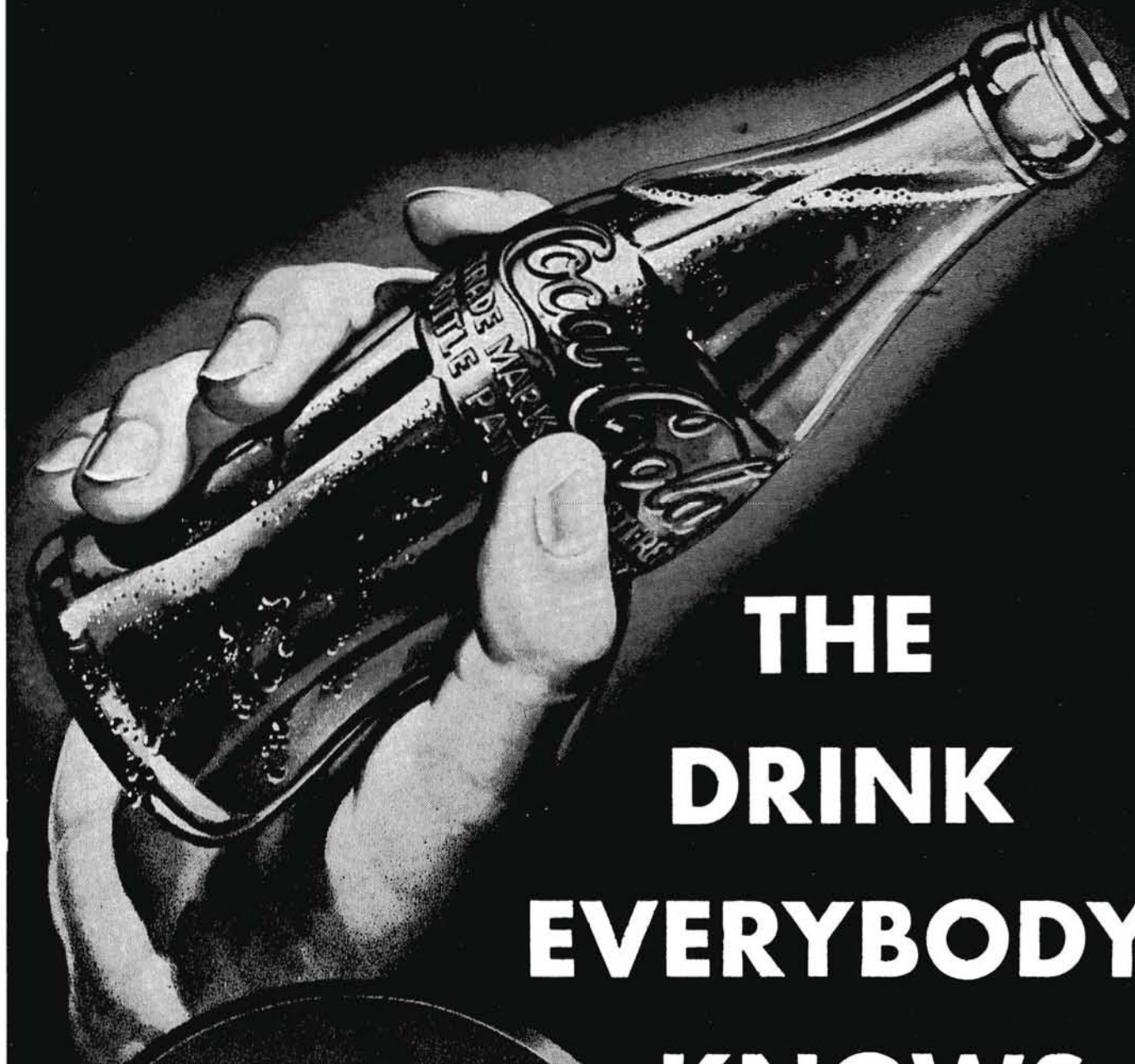
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Dr. H. B. Stewart President-Elect

Dr. J. C. Brogden succeeds Dr. R. C. Pigford as President; Dr. Gifford Henry new vice-president; Dr. Roy L. Smith reelected secretary-treasurer; Dr. Ned R. Smith returns to Board of Trustees.

Dr. H. B. Stewart, during the past year chairman of two of the outstanding committees of the Medical Society, was elected president-elect at the annual election December 9th to succeed Dr. J. C. Brogden, president-elect, who moves up to succeed Dr. R. C. Pigford as president of the Tulsa County Medical Society for the year 1941.

Dr. Gifford H. Henry was named vice-president to succeed Dr. Ralph McGill and Dr. Roy L. Smith was reelected Secretary and Treasurer to serve his fourth successive term of office.

Dr. Ned R. Smith, retiring Trustee was reelected to the Board of Trustees for a five-year term of office. Serving with Dr. Smith are the remaining members of the Board of Trustees: Dr. W. S. Larrabee, Dr. A. W. Pigford, Dr. M. J. Searle, Dr. P. P. Nesbitt, Dr. J. C. Brogden, president; Dr. Gifford

Henry, President-Elect and Dr. Roy L. Smith, Secretary-Treasurer.

Retiring President, Dr. R. C. Pigford, was elected to the House of Delegates for the five year term and will serve with Dr. W. S. Larrabee, Dr. M. J. Searle, Dr. George Osborn, Dr. C. H. Haralson, Dr. R. M. Shepard, and Dr. W. Albert Cook. There still remains one vacancy in the Board of Delegates and this vacancy will be filled at the next regular meeting of the Society. Following are the Alternate Delegates elected: Dr. Ralph McGill, Dr. Roy L. Smith, Dr. H. Lee Farris, Dr. W. A. Showman, Dr. John C. Perry, Dr. Marvin Henley, Dr. W. A. Walker and Dr. J. W. Rogers.

Dr. V. K. Allen was reelected member of the Board of Censors to succeed himself. Serving with Dr. Allen on this Board for 1941 will be Dr. Marvin D. Henley and Dr. M. J. Searle.



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Tom Collins Is Banquet Speaker

Noted speaker to feature program for inauguration of new officers at Mayo Crystal Ballroom Saturday, January 11; Plan for record attendance this year.

Tom Collins, noted newspaper columnist and speaker, will be the principal speaker on the program of the Tulsa County Medical Society Inaugural Banquet and Dance to be held in the Crystal Ballroom of the Mayo Hotel at 7 o'clock Saturday, January 11th, Dr. O. C. Armstrong, chairman of the entertainment committee announced.

This annual party marks the beginning of the 35th year in the history of the Tulsa County Medical Society. The new officers for the coming year, headed by the new president, Dr. J. C. Brogden, will be inaugurated.

Tickets for the annual party, which will sell at \$1.50, are now on sale but the committee plans to send two tickets to every member of the organization and facilitate the task of contacting the members for sale in this manner. Following the dinner, the floor will be cleared and the annual dance will continue from 10 o'clock to 1 a.m. Bridge is being provided for those who prefer playing cards to dancing.

Tom Collins is assistant to the publisher and daily columnist on the Kansas City Journal. Six days a week his column, called "This one's On Me," appears on the editorial page of that paper, and on the front page also appears his daily, pithy, humorous comment on some phase of the day's news, headed "Tom Collins Says." In addition to these two editorial jobs, Mr. Collins is one of the most widely sought after-dinner and inspirational speakers in the country. Every day, for ten months of each year, he makes at least one talk at a banquet, sales meeting, school or before some organization somewhere in the United States.

Last year he made more than 350 talks in forty states and two foreign countries. In all he has delivered more than 2,000 talks before almost every

type of audience. It is significant that in more than 60 per cent of these cases he was "asked back" to do one or more additional talks.

Mr. Collins has been in the news-



TOM COLLINS

paper business since 1922 when he graduated from the University of Kansas, majoring in Psychology. After going through the regular news jobs of reporter, copy reader and city editor on the former Kansas City Journal-Post, he was made Sunday and Literary editor of that paper more than fifteen years ago.

Quickly his fame spread out of his city and state until now there are fewer than a half dozen states in which he has not spoken.

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AND
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of the
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1915—Paul R. Brown	H. P. Price
1916—W. R. Rogers	J. W. Rogers
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1921—A. W. Pigford	Roy W. Dunlap
1922—Chas. H. Ball	C. S. Summers
1923—Roy W. Dunlap	C. H. Haralson
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1925—Horace T. Price	A. Ray Wiley
1926—C. S. Summers	R. Q. Atchley
1927—Geo. R. Osborn	R. Q. Atchley
1928—W. J. Trainor	Ralph McGill
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1931—Henry S. Browne	Carl F. Simpson
1932—C. J. Woods	Carl F. Simpson
1933—C. H. Haralson	Carl F. Simpson
1934—Ned R. Smith	Carl F. Simpson
1935—R. M. Shepard	D. V. Hudson
1936—W. S. Larrabee	D. V. Hudson
1937—Jas. Stevenson	D. V. Hudson
1938—M. J. Searle	Roy L. Smith
1939—A. Ray Wiley	Roy L. Smith
1940—R. C. Pigford	Roy L. Smith

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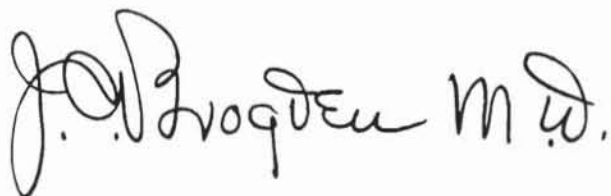
Happy New Year!

And the year 1941 should be a happy new year for organized medicine generally.

The pendulum has been greatly slowed up in its swing toward political control of medicine. The artificially created "public demand" for state medicine has been greatly dissipated. The Wagner health bill has been sidetracked in Congress. The anti-trust suit trial against the A. M. A. and organized medicine has been postponed indefinitely. During the political campaign last fall, both candidates went on record in favor of maintenance of the "personal relationship between the physician and the patient," which is an indication that no radical legislation will be sponsored by the administration for the present.

The medical profession, itself, has done much to bring about this change in sentiment. The speed and thoroughness in which the medical profession took the lead in organizing its resources throughout the nation in the present draft emergency has demonstrated that organized medicine is a very real national asset. The National Physicians' Committee has been doing an intelligent piece of work.

In Tulsa, the Medical Society faces a very bright year. We have many vital problems facing us, but I am certain that with a constructive program of work being laid out for us, and the continued cooperation of the membership 1941 will prove a Happy New Year.



President

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ARE WE STILL ASLEEP?

For the most part, the medical profession of Oklahoma again was asleep at the switch during the past general election when the Basic Science Bill—entitled Cooperative Hospital Bill—was brought before the electorate of the state.

The bill, as bad as it was, actually carried in the vote cast at the polls. To doctors who were informed on the merits of the bill, such a thing seems incredible. To those who saw what little interest the medical profession of the state generally took in the measure, it is incredible that there were 212,701 votes actually cast against the bill. Of course, the answer to the 294,346 votes cast for the measure lies in the fact that the bill was couched in such terms that the uninformed public did not know what it was all about. And with the exception of a few scattered counties, the medical profession sat by and let the public go to the polls—still uninformed.

And the medical profession could have done something about it. In the few scattered counties where an active campaign was waged against the bill, the measure was defeated with an actual "NO" vote. We want to point with pride to the fact that Tulsa County

cast 26,652 votes against the measure to actually defeat the bill with a "NO" vote. But the Tulsa County Medical Society got out and worked for its defeat. Washington County voted a "NO" vote of two-to-one against the bill. But the Washington County Medical Society got out and worked against the bill. Cherokee County cast a majority against the bill; as did Texas and Beaver Counties.

We want to congratulate the medical profession in these five counties for doing something. We congratulate these men, not alone because of the fact that they did defeat the bill in their counties, but more because they demonstrated that the Medical Profession is a force that wields a real power when it is aroused.

We bring this up now, not to crow about the job we did, but to point to the fact that we are going to be forced to organize our strength more than ever during the next three or four months. The Cooperative Hospital Bill—as it is termed—in all likelihood will be introduced again in the State Legislature when it convenes in January. You remember this bill was barely defeated on the final day of the last session on the Legislature. This was the same bill that was defeated at the November polls by the silent vote plus 212,701 actual "NO" votes. This is the bill that will challenge the medical profession again.

It is time now—if it wasn't last November—for the medical profession to come to life. It is possible for the legislative committees or the officers of each County Medical Society to get busy. A month from now will be too late. Right now you can contact your legislators from your county and explain to them just what is wrong with the bill and just how you stand on the issue.

It is quite possible that most of the doctors of the state will still remain asleep at the switch. They will wake up after the time for constructive work is over and find this bill passing. If they do, the medical profession and the public as well will find itself in a mess that will take 25 years to dig out of.

Medical Calendar

SATURDAY, January 4th:

Radio Broadcast at 3:15 p.m. Station KTUL. Dr. H. Lee Farris.

TUESDAY, January 7th:

Clinic Meeting, 1202 Medical Arts Bldg., 12:30 p.m.

Hillcrest Hospital Staff Meeting.

Mercy Hospital Staff Meeting.

FRIDAY, January 10th:

Trustee Meeting, 1202 Medical Arts Bldg., 12:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, January 11th:

Annual Inaugural Ball and Banquet at the Mayo Hotel.

Radio Broadcast at 3:15 p.m. Station KTUL. Dr. J. L. Miner.

MONDAY, January 13th:

Tulsa County Medical Society Meeting, Mayo Hotel, 8:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, January 18th:

Radio Broadcast at 3:15 p.m. Station KTUL. Dr. A. L. Walters.

MONDAY, January 20th:

St. John's Hospital Staff Meeting.

TUESDAY, January 21st:

Flower Hospital Staff Meeting.

Office Assistant's Meeting, Michaelis Cafeteria at 6:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, January 24th:

Trustee Meeting, 1202 Medical Arts Bldg., 12:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, January 25th:

Radio Broadcast at 3:15 p.m. Station KTUL. Dr. Marvin D. Henley.

MONDAY, January 27th:

Tulsa County Medical Society Meeting, Mayo Hotel, 8:00 p.m.

The program will be furnished by the Tulsa Dental Society and will include a talk of especial interest and also a timely motion picture.

Society Accomplished Much In 1940

Hall of Health—Record Medical Convention—Hospital Insurance—and The Medical Clinic are among outstanding achievements; Regular Committees turn in many fine jobs.

By ROY L. SMITH, M.D., Secretary-Treasurer

Looking back over the record of accomplishment which has been written by the Tulsa County Medical Society during the past year, shows a long list of important events which marked 1940 as one of the busiest and most important in the 34-year history of the Tulsa County Medical Society.

It is just like looking at mountains in trying to pick out the most important events of the past year. Every new project completed looks larger than the rest until a survey of the last twelve months shows a path marked with many important milestones of our history.

The 1940 State Medical Convention was the largest in history—The Hall of Health was an educational project the importance of which can hardly be estimated—The Free Medical Clinic in cooperation with the County is probably one of the most important forward steps ever taken by this organization—Group Hospital Insurance was brought into existence principally because of the activity of members of the Tulsa County Medical Society—The Bulletin of the Tulsa County Medical Society has grown until it is one of the largest and finest in the United States, to say nothing of the item of considerable profit which it is showing—the new program series of important guest speakers with the increased attendance at meetings—these and scores of similar accomplishments stand out in the 1940 record of events.

Following is a resume of the year's activities as taken from the reports of the medical committees in charge of the various events:

● State Convention

The 1940 annual convention of the Oklahoma State Medical Association proved one of the most important in the entire history of organized medicine

in Oklahoma, with a registered attendance of 780 physicians, more than half of the entire membership of the state association. The number of commercial exhibitors at this convention more than doubled the number at any previous convention and the entire state meeting was put on without one penny's expense to the Oklahoma State Medical Association or the Tulsa County Medical Society.

M. J. Searle, M. D.,
Chairman.

● Free Medical Clinic

The past year saw the establishment of the Tulsa County Medical Free Clinic as a going institution bringing the finest available medical help to the indigent sick of Tulsa County and at the same time is saving the taxpayers many thousands of dollars annually. Because of the importance of The Clinic, the report of the committee in charge of this work is reproduced in full on pages 14-15.

A. W. Pigford, M.D.,
Chairman.

● The Bulletin

The Bulletin committee of 1940 wishes to report that the Bulletin has been published every month and that it has grown in size from a twenty-four page Bulletin in January 1940 to a thirty-two page Bulletin in November 1940.

There has been a slight increase in the cost of publication compared to last year. The cost was approximately \$1,250.00 in 1939 to \$1,550.00 in 1940. The sale of advertising increased from \$2,100.00 in 1939 to approximately \$3,270.00 in 1940, or a net profit of approximately \$1,700.00.

Logan A. Spann, M.D.,
Chairman.

● **Hall of Health**

Presented as a part of the public educational program of the Tulsa County Medical Society, the Hall of Health brought the story of the achievements of modern medicine to thousands upon thousands in Tulsa and the southwest. With an actual attendance of more than 26,000 persons and hundreds of constructive news stories carried in the press, the story of medicine was told in an impressive way that otherwise would not have been told. Never before has the important story of health and medicine been presented to the public in such a dramatic way and thousands were brought face to face with the important story of health and modern medicine in a most impressive manner.

H. B. Stewart, M.D.,
Chairman.

● **Attendance**

The program committee brought in six out of town speakers during the past year at a cost of approximately \$125.00. The other expenses in connection with the meetings consisted of providing a meeting room at the Mayo Hotel and movie machines and operators and incidentals, totaling about \$75.00.

The best attendance was 135 and the average was 67, representing a substantial increase over any other previous year in the history of the Society.

We respectfully recommend that the policy of having a few out of town speakers be continued next year in view of the good response and increased attendance on the part of the members. We also recommend the participation in the programs of any members who have papers to contribute and we feel that the movies could well be given a more prominent place with a little better selection of subject matter and a freer use of the newer color films.

Gifford H. Henry, M.D.,
Chairman.

● **Legislative**

As this was the off-year for the State Legislature, by that we mean the year when there was no legislative session, there was little real activity for your

Legislative Committee.

However, we have started the ball rolling for the coming session of the legislature.

We will finish this preliminary work between now and the First of January when the next session of the legislature opens.

R. M. Shepard, M.D.,
Chairman.

● **Membership**

First, I want to apologize for the very small amount of work that your committee really did during the past year to assist in building up the membership of the organization.

Second, I want to commend the Secretary, Dr. Roy L. Smith, for the very fine work he did during the year in keeping in after the members and collecting their dues. I am sure that a comparison of the record will show that our membership dues are in better shape than they have been for the past several years.

Third, the following new members have been elected to membership during the year:

Dr. J. O. Akins, Dr. John Edwards, Dr. H. A. Brocksmith, Dr. Simon Pollack, Dr. C. G. Stuard, Dr. L. C. Presson.

Very truly yours,
Hugh Perry, M.D.,
Chairman.

● **Hospital Insurance**

The Committee reports the following accomplishments on the extension of this service since the inauguration of the plan in April, 1940.

	Firms and Organizations	No. conts.	No persons Covered
Tulsa	68	1,810	4,920
Okla. City ..	36	998	2,186
Other Com. ..	55	1,090	2,815
Totals	159	3,898	9,921

It is to be understood that this program, like all others of its nature, progresses in proportion to the extent of public education and understanding of its merits and fundamental principles. This education and understanding is gradually, and just now somewhat rapidly, increasing through enrollments,

word of mouth and other means of publicity.

H. B. Stewart, M.D.,
Chairman.

● Publicity

Your Public Relations Committee has very little constructive achievements to report.

However, the Hall of Health project held early in May in connection with the State Convention, was an educational show which created a great deal of favorable publicity. The newspapers carried scores of stories about the Hall of Health and about medicine itself and they created a great deal of good will.

A special Medical Section was carried in the Tulsa World in May. This is our annual medical section which alternates between the two local daily newspapers.

The sub-Committee in charge of radio has been our most active group with regular weekly radio programs over station KTUL.

We have tried to impress upon the editors of the two papers the importance of printing only authorized news stories concerning the Tulsa County Medical Society. But occasionally stories do have a habit of bobbing up every now and then, with no authorization or foundation. I might say, however, there has been very little in the public press which would reflect unfavorably upon organized medicine.

C. H. Haralson, M.D.,
Chairman.

● Cancer

Dr. Ralph McGill deserves the credit for any constructive work accomplished during the year. He has almost by himself established the Tumor Clinic at the Medical Society Clinic and at this time has seen over 100 cases. Many of these have been operated and a large number are under treatment in the X-ray department at the Clinic.

This Tumor Clinic deserves the support of every member interested in this type of medicine and plans are being made to operate this clinic along the lines laid down by the American Cancer Society with their records beginning

with the new year.

W. S. Larrabee, M.D.,
Chairman.

● Entertainment

At your request I am forwarding to you a report of the activities of the entertainment committee for the year 1940, which consisted of the annual inaugural banquet held January 12, 1940, at the Crystal Ballroom of the Mayo Hotel. As you recall the speaker of the evening was W. W. Baur, director of the bureau of health and public instruction.

There were 201 tickets sold for the banquet which included members of the Oklahoma City, Muskogee, Okmulgee, Pawhuska, Ponca City, Bartlesville, Sapulpa and Chelsea Medical Societies.

The dinner was followed by a dance to the music of Joe Linde's orchestra. There were also about four tables of bridge.

O. C. Armstrong, M.D.,
Chairman.

● Industrial

The Industrial Committee begs to report that we have had three or four meetings during the year.

The Industrial Committee has discussed, between themselves and with the attorneys, the possibilities of a "Third party lien law." However, the information we gained from the attorneys was rather vague as to the benefits to be derived from such a law. Your committee, as well as the various attorneys, were at a loss to draft any form of a measure which might be presented to the legislature upon which to act.

H. Lee Farris, M.D.,
Chairman.

● Library

About the only thing the Library Committee has to report is that the Library itself is in a little better shape than it was when we took over the first of the year.

We did see that all Journals for the two years, 1938 and 1939, were bound. This phase of the work is up to date with only the current 1940 copies to be bound.

Very little can be done without proper

help in the Library and we were unable to secure the proper library assistance.

O. E. Johnson, M.D.,
Chairman.

● Mental Hygiene

On behalf of the Committee on Mental Hygiene I wish to report the following activities of its members:

Dr. Ungermann read one paper before the society and instructs nurses at Hillcrest in neurology.

Dr. Ned Smith made four addresses to groups out of the city on mental hygiene and appeared three or four times on the radio program.

C. S. Summers, M.D.,
Chairman.

● Rural Affairs

The Rural Affairs Committee was composed of the following members: Bunn Harris, chairman, and Dr. R. K. Goddard and Dr. S. E. Franklin.

We had two meetings to consider the proposition of the Farm Security Administration proposed medical program, which was a form of medical group insurance with money loaned the farmer-members by the government.

We presented the matter back to the Medical Society and the proposition was voted down.

This was the only matter presented for our study and attention.

Bunn Harris, M.D.,
Chairman.

● Public Health

While we have not held any specific meeting, Dr. Adams, City Superintendent and myself have met on numerous occasions. We discussed quarantine for different diseases, so the city and county would have the same procedure. We have also met and discussed different sanitary requirements such as septic tank specifications and disposal of trash.

The two Health Departments functioned very closely together during the flood. There was some four thousand indigent and homeless people vaccinated against typhoid fever, and to date the disease has been nil.

The schools over the city and county

have cooperated nicely with both health departments. Dr. Walker and Dr. Hart have been very cooperative.

Dr. Adams was chairman of the Entertainment Committee for the Public Health Meeting that was held in this city October third and fourth. We feel that the meeting was a great success.

Allen C. Kramer, M.D.,
Chairman.

● Welfare

As Chairman of the Welfare Committee, I wish to report that the Committee has functioned only fairly well under my regime and for my success I want to thank Dr. Hudson for her assistance and the interest she has taken.

We have sent flowers to the doctor's we knew were sick, and all too often we heard of illnesses after the recovery. It would be a big help if members of the society would call a member of the Welfare Committee when they know of any members in distress.

It has been a pleasure to serve during the past year and I only wish your Committee could have been more efficient.

J. W. Rogers, M.D.,
Chairman.

● Civic Relations

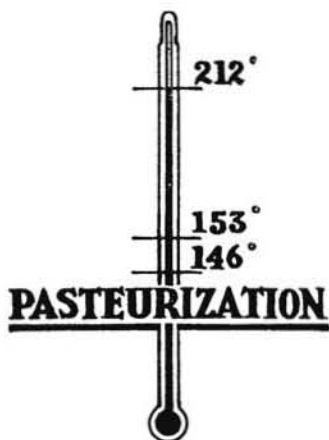
This Committee has had a rather interesting and active year. Continued endeavors were made to bring about a more free relation between the Medical Profession and the Business and Civic Life of Tulsa. Through the efforts of this Committee with the Chamber of Commerce, it was possible to conclude the location in Tulsa of a National Guard Hospital Unit, as well as a National Guard Air Corps Unit. The Chamber of Commerce underwrote an expense of \$300.00 and then raised this amount by popular subscription through a special committee on which your Chairman served.

The Medical Society also cooperated thoroughly in many other civic and welfare endeavors, particularly in the Community Fund and Red Cross Drive.

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By DR. A. W. PIGFORD, Chairman Clinic Committee

It is with a great amount of pride, which we hope is justified, we the members of the Clinic Committee of the Tulsa County Medical Society wish to submit the following report of the clinic and hospital activities which have come under the supervision of this committee during the past year.

We cannot begin to express our appreciation to the members of the Medical Society who have worked week after week at their appointed jobs in the various sections of the clinic and in the hospitals. It has taken thousands of hours of work but we believe the accomplishments will more than repay you for your work and justify your efforts. Approximately 150 doctors have actually served in the various clinics and on various hospital staffs during the past fourteen months during which the clinic has been in operation, since opening the doors November 1, 1939.

And again we wish to state publicly here and now that our present record of accomplishment could not be at all possible without the fine spirit of cooperation which is being given us wholeheartedly by the present Board of County Commissioners, George Shepard, Ralsa F. Morley and Lincoln Sallee.

Because of the wide scope of our many activities and the length of a report which would be comprehensive enough to fully cover each branch, we would like first to summarize our activities.

1. Our actual patient load to date is 27,177 clinic calls with a total patient registration of 4,518. Internal medicine, 10,320; Surgery, 2,518; Dental, 3,130; Pediatrics, 1,095; Gynecology, 2,317; Eye, 1,715; Ear, Nose and Throat, 1,131; Tonsils, 760; Urology, 656; Diathermy, 250; Neurology, 307; Cardiac, 512; Orthopedics, 762; Dermatology,

781; Proctology, 326; Tumor, 203; Varicose, 286; Miscellaneous, 131. Total prescriptions, 20,808; Laboratory tests, 1,637; X-ray pictures, 123; X-ray Therapy, 188; X-ray fluoroscope, 173.

2. Through a gift of Mrs. Waite Phillips and the cooperation of the County Commissioners we have established a very fine X-ray Department which is proving invaluable to the clinic work. During the first two months of its operation, the department reports 123 X-Ray Diagnostic pictures; 188 X-ray Therapy treatments and 173 Fluoroscopic examinations.

The Clinic X-ray is staying well within the budget set up by the County Commissioners. We spent approximately \$350 for installation costs and this amount has been paid by the County. To date, including the amounts spent by the County before we installed our X-ray department, we have spent \$2,410.50. However, since the Clinic X-ray Department has been in operation our costs have dropped to around \$300 per month. This figure does not include installation costs or the cost of toilet facilities which are now being arranged. It is certain that we will be able to complete the year well within our estimated figure of \$450 per month, which was a saving of approximately \$200 per month.

3. Our drug department is operating splendidly. To date our pharmacy has compounded 20,808 prescriptions in addition to furnishing drugs to the County Poor Farm, the County Jail, and the Colored Hospital.

4. Our drug purchases through the county show that we have expended \$7,652.96 of our total budget of \$12,000. While this is slightly more than half of the sum which must run us for the year, we have a well-equipped drug room



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with sufficient drugs on hand or ordered to carry us until late next spring. Of the total \$7,652.96 spent for drugs, \$1,398.75 has been spent in rural areas and did not go through the clinic channels. We are certain that there will be a sufficient balance in this appropriation to carry the clinic through the present fiscal year, ending next June 30th.

5. The County Commissioners established a budget of \$35,000.00 for white hospitals during the present fiscal year, as compared with \$61,000.00 spent the preceding year. Including the first five months of this year, we have spent but \$16,577.78 out of the total of \$35,000.00. This is an average of \$3,300 per month as compared with more than \$5,100.00 per month last year. We are running slightly over the figure necessary to stay within our annual budget but we hope that by spring, we can cut down enough to show a saving of more than \$20,000.00 over last year.

6. Our figures for the first five months of the present fiscal year show that we are operating the Clinic well within the budget of \$17,500.00 which was included in the Operating Budget of the County Commission.

We are now receiving \$300.00 from the County and during the past two months we have held the overhead cost of the Clinic to \$100.00 per month and are certain that there will be a margin of \$2,400 this year for the Tulsa County Medical Society. We wish further to point out that since the clinic was established we have received \$3,975.00 from the county and have spent \$2,680.00 on clinic overhead expenses. This shows a credit balance of \$1,295.00 from the operation of the clinic.

On the Clinic payroll we now have Miss Calhoun, the clinic clerk; Dr. S. C. Venable in charge of the X-ray Department; Mr. Dittman, Pharmacist; Miss Metzger, technician; four nurses and in addition to these we have the three assistants furnished by the NYA organization.

I have attached, but am not going to try to read or further interpret, a complete financial record of the

County Clinic and Hospital records for the present fiscal year. I have outlined the salient points to be gleaned from them but I am presenting them so the incoming clinic committee of 1941 will have them for their information and guidance.

Before we conclude, we would like to present the recommendation of the Clinic Committee made in their final meeting of the year held a week ago, that in the future the policy be changed so that all doctors who work in the clinic and have patients sent to the hospital for operation or treatment, that they follow the patient to the hospital and there follow the case through under the direction of the hospital chief who happens to be on service.

I want you to know that it has been a distinct honor as well as a great personal pleasure for me to have headed this fine committee composed of Dr. P. P. Nesbitt, who has had charge of purchasing equipment; Dr. Henry Brown, who has directed the various clinics; and Dr. S. C. Shepard, who headed the Drug Committee.

**County Medical Clinic Report
For December**

Urology	24
Medicine	678
Pediatrics	70
Dental	141
Gynecology	88
Ear, Nose and Throat	39
Tonsils	26
Diathermy	35
Rectal	42
Neurology	17
Dermatology	31
Tumor	33
Cardiac	26
Varicose	42
Orthopedics	35
Eye	90
Surgery	155
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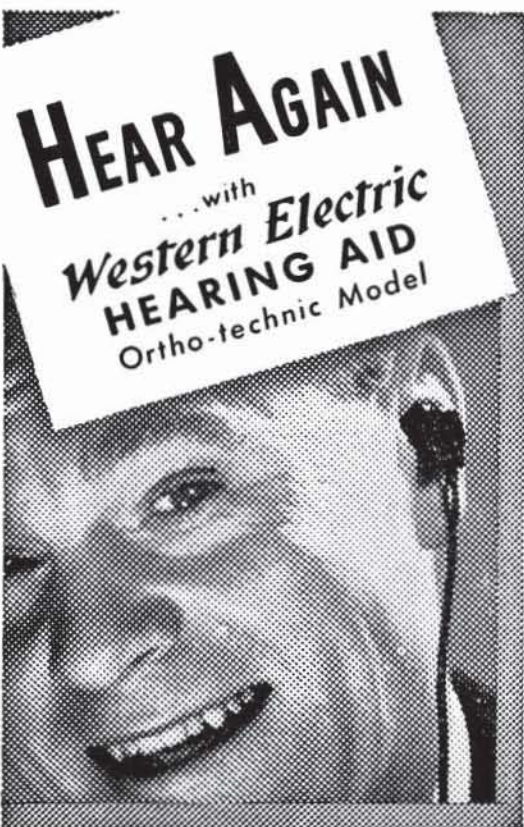


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Propose "Military Membership" Plan

Suggest additional classification addition in Constitution to extend membership privilege to members of Tulsa County Medical Society who are called into the Army for service.

In order to grant official recognition to their outstanding services to their country and to the medical profession and their personal sacrifices, the plan was presented at the December business meeting of the Medical Society to award a "Military Membership" in the Tulsa County Medical Society to enable all members of this organization who are called to military service, to maintain their membership affiliations with this County Society with dues suspended for the time they are in service.

The plan was presented at the last meeting and the Constitution and By-Laws Committee, composed of Dr. M. O. Nelson, Dr. John C. Perry and Dr. D. W. LeMaster, was instructed to prepare the necessary change for the Constitution and present the proposed change at the next meeting of the Society, which will be January 13th.

Under this proposal, any member who is called into service or who volunteers his services during a period of national emergency, this emergency or any future emergency, will remain in status quo in relation to the County Medical Society, without payment of county dues for the period of service.

This proposal will not affect the payment of the Oklahoma State Medical Association dues thus maintaining affiliation with the American Medical Association. If the state organization takes action at some future date, this situation will be altered but for the present it will be necessary for all members to pay at least the amount of the State Membership Dues, which is now \$10.00, to maintain their state and A.M.A. relationship.

In accordance with provisions of the constitution, any change in the Constitution or By-Laws must be presented and read at one membership meeting before it can be voted upon at a subsequent

membership meeting, and such amendment must be sent to the membership or published in The Bulletin at least ten days prior to final vote on such amendment. Under these provisions the Amendment will be read for the first time at the meeting on January 13th and then will be called up for vote at the regular meeting January 27th.

Following is the report of the Constitution and By-laws Committee:

The by-laws of the Tulsa County Medical Society do not at present make any provision for determining the status of members who join the military forces of the United States.

It is proposed therefore, to amend Chapter I to include:

Section 5a. Military Membership.

Any member of the Tulsa County Medical Society who joins the military forces of the United States during a period of national emergency, shall be retained on the rolls of the Society without payment of dues and with the same privileges, except that of ballot, as those to which he was entitled before entering the service. On leaving the service he shall be returned to the status he held before entering.

This clause is not intended to apply to members who join the military service as a career and who remain in the service after the period of national emergency is over.

Committee on Constitution and By-Laws,

**M. O. Nelson,
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The Case of Private Medicine

This Is the Much Commented upon Article which Appeared in the May, 1940, issue of Nation's Business. Because of its great Interest It Is Reprinted Through Courtesy of the Editors of Nation's Business.

About this time, rumors began to circulate to the effect that Relief Administrator Harry Hopkins was carrying about in a portfolio a Ten-Year Plan for the nation's health. Rumors were widespread to the effect that an economic conference had been held in which one group had recommended the spending of \$4,000,000,000 to aid industry and agriculture by pump priming and another group wanted to lay out the same sum on a health pump. It seemed to them that, in the good name of health, it would be possible to drain swamps, build roads, construct hospitals and diagnostic institutions, and spend vastly for supplies and equipment.

The medical profession, through its headquarters in the American Medical Association, tried repeatedly to gain some information as to the nature of the proposed national health program. Important senators and other officials were besought for light as to its content. Every one of them confessed, some with embarrassment, that the existence of the document was known but that it had been absolutely impossible for them to obtain the slightest reference to it. Everything was held back as a mystery to be sprung at the National Health Conference.

How to Run a Conference

Among the remarkable manifestations of our time is the development of the conference as a means of propaganda and promotion. Once men of knowledge, recognized as experts in their field, used to be assembled so that the information and judgment of all could be applied to the solution of serious problems. Soon it became apparent that the trend of thought and the conclusions of such a group might easily be directed toward a certain end, provided those responsible for the assemblage exercised proper astuteness in preparing the program and selecting those who were to attend. The ultimate efficiency was finally attained when the conclusions began to be drawn before the conference assembled, with the certainty that only those conclusions could be the outcome of the entire performance. Such was the National Health Conference which met in Washington in 1938.

When the National Health Conference was called, it was announced that, for the first time, the National Health Program would have a public unveiling. Of those invited to attend, 80 per cent, it was known in advance, would agree to the conclusions that were to be offered. The other 20 per cent were a grudging concession to democracy.

The program on the first morning was carefully devoted to a series of addresses attacking the medical profession of this country as a group primarily concerned with its own income, callous toward illness, oblivious to human suffering, and unaware of either the nature of the problem of medical care or of any procedure by which a solution could be sought. The addresses had been assembled, mimeographed and released to the press in advance.

On the second day, the National Health Conference began really to function. By this time it was discovered that even the seating had been carefully planned, so that no two of the opposition could sit side by side and give each other aid and comfort. Also observers were admitted to the gallery only with tickets issued by Miss Roche and her assistants. For the first time, on the basis of the fallacious statistics of the National Health Survey, it was proposed to increase federal appropriations for health from a current expenditure approximating \$135,000,000 annually for all medical purposes to \$850,000,000 a year for some specific medical purposes. Isidore Falk also proposed that a national assessment of four per cent of the pay roll be levied to provide something like \$2,800,000,000 with which to encourage a nation-wide system of compulsory sickness insurance.

Opponents Are Gagged

At the final sessions of the conference a number of hatchet men performed, all known as much for their forsenic ability as for their absolutely established views in favor of the National Health Program. This section of the Conference was broadcast. It is not recorded that any of the views of any of the opponents of the plan were put on the radio.

Immediately after the National Health Conference, attempts were made to establish small groups in various cities throughout the nation with a view to setting up agencies for promoting the program and winning its adoption. The conference itself and the program were sent to the President, who in turn sent them to the Congress, with a recommendation for careful study.

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Venereal Disease Clinic Report

Huge Tulsa County load is carried for regular treatment in clinic maintained by State and City in connection with Medical Society; 1,142 new patients admitted during 1940.

By DR. D. V. HUDSON

The educational program on syphilis started by Surgeon General, Thomas Parron, stimulated nation wide interest in syphilis clinics for indigent patients. Venereal Disease Clinics had been organized throughout this state both in the full time units, and with the Medical Society in counties which did not have full time health units. These clinics are supported by local, state and federal funds.

It had been a political tradition that Oklahoma and Tulsa Counties had sufficient revenue of their own, and were not entitled to state funds. The Tulsa County Medical Society wanted a permanent clinic in Tulsa, but this never materialized. When the question was put to Commissioner Mathews he said, "It is only fair to give the Tulsa County Medical Society a clinic, the other county medical societies have clinics." Then the ball started rolling.

The Tulsa County Medical Society formally requested a clinic to be operated jointly by the State Health Department, the City Health Department, and the Medical Society. The State Health Department guaranteed sufficient drugs to treat 125 patients weekly, but that load was doubled in less than two months.

The dermatologists assisted in the organization of the clinic, and acted as consultants to the Staff Members until the Tulsa County Medical Clinic organized later in the Community Fund building demanded their time. Over 15 members of the Medical Society have worked in the Clinic since its organization.

The Clinic grew so rapidly that Dr. David Hudson, formerly consultant to the State Health Department on Venereal Disease Control, was assigned to the clinic as director.

The Tulsa Venereal Disease Clinic was started April 20, 1930, in the City Health Department building at 521 N. Boulder. The paint was still wet in the rooms, provided by Commissioner S. R. Smith, so the first Clinic Session was held in the basement. Publicity had been carefully avoided to prevent too many patients at the start so histories and examinations could be secured promptly on admission of patients. In spite of all precautions 73 patients appeared the first day, and doctors working in temporary quarters were swamped. Patients who did not receive physical examinations were given bismuth only until they could be examined and classified. One man applying for typhoid vaccination wandered into the bismuth line, and said he had been getting shots, and wanted more. He was registered, and given a chart. When his history was taken several weeks later he was surprised to find that he was not getting typhoid shots.

New patients came pouring in, and it was over two months before the staff caught up with the histories and examinations. Then spinal fluid examinations were started, and because of the load of routine treatments spinal punctures were done on the most urgent cases. Now the procedure is routine for all patients under 45 years of age unless contraindicated or refused.

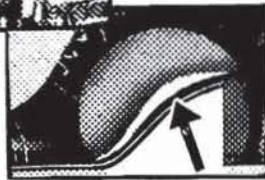
In July the clinic was moved from the second floor to new quarters on the first floor, which makes it possible to handle the large numbers more conveniently and promptly.

Following the organization of the Tulsa County Medical Clinic, consultations in other specialities are provided for the patients, which is of inestimable value. With the gift to the Medical Society of the X-ray equipment by Mrs.



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The chief load in the clinic is syphilis, with gonorrhea far behind but picking up in numbers. Evaluation studies of drugs for gonorrhea are under way, and are providing interesting data.

In accordance with the studies by Joseph Earle Moore and others (in press) patients with late latent syphilis (with negative spinal fluid and X-ray of heart and aorta) are given six months treatment instead of 12 months as has been the routine. This will cut down the treatment load, and make it easier for patients to complete their treatment.

Since January of 1940 the clinic has had its activities tabulated and reported by the Central Tabulating Unit of the U. S. Public Health Service in Washington, D. C. A card is marked for each patient at each visit to the clinic for each unit of service rendered, such as physicals, spinals, blood tests, treatments, etc. These cards are mailed to Washington, D. C., and the data punched on master cards by a machine. Monthly reports come back to the clinic with data, which would take days to record by any other method, and show the activity of the clinic broken up into all divisions. The following data taken from these reports give some idea of the work done in the clinic since January 1, 1940.

New patients admitted during 1940....	1,142
1939 admissions	1,130
Intravenous treatments 1940	12,001
Bismuth treatments	13,121
Physical examinations	1,218
Spinal fluid examinations	392
X-ray examinations	120
Mild reactions	201
Severe reactions	18
Contacts reported	1,547
Contacts examined	869
Contacts found infected	430
Contacts under treatment	363
Interviews (social service and treatment)	3,279
Social service home visits	873
Active patient load, October 1940.....	1,040

DENTAL SOCIETY TO FURNISH PROGRAM

In order to draw a closer feeling between the Tulsa County Medical Society and the Tulsa Dental Society, which are naturally closely allied, the program committee has arranged for the Dental Society to furnish the scientific program for the regular meeting on January 27th. The program will consist of a scientific paper of mutual interest and also an educational motion picture which was prepared by Dr. John F. Glass.



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