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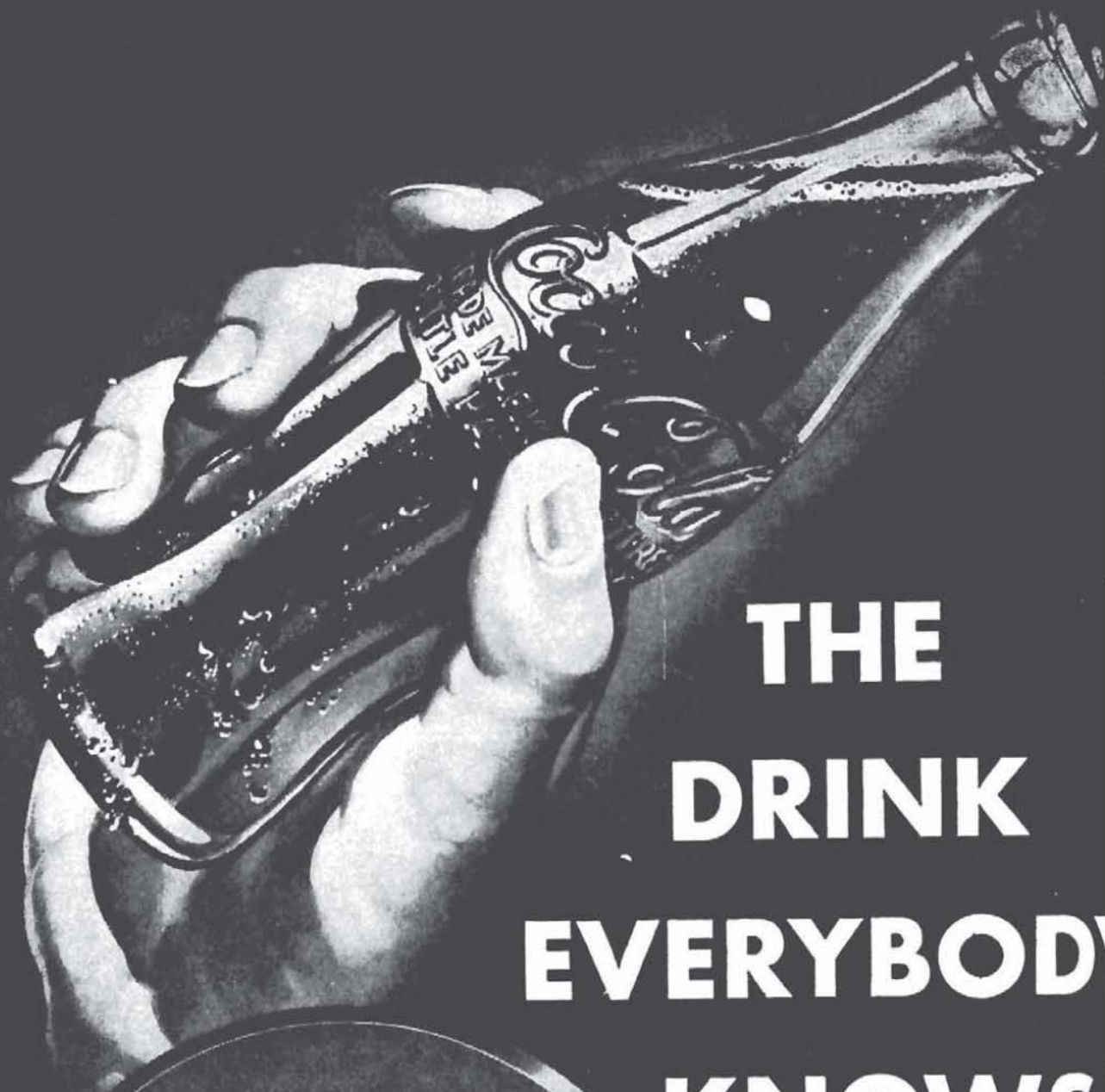
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## MARCH BUSY MONTH FOR SOCIETY

**Proposal to Create Charity Hospital in Tulsa County Gains Momentum. New Series of Dinner Meetings Proves Popular With Membership. High Degree of Committee Activity.**

Judged by activities of the first three months of the year, 1945 promises to be one of the busiest and most progressive years in the history of the Tulsa County Medical Society. The majority of the 21 standing and special committees of Dr. Homer A. Ruprecht's administration were already at work on an enlarged program of activity.

As the Bulletin went to press late in March, an analysis of Society activity included the following:

A project to locate a charity hospital in Tulsa County had gained considerable momentum as a number of civic and professional groups voiced support of such a move. House Bill No. 263, introduced into the Legislature at the request of a group of Tulsa County physicians and providing for the construction of a \$500,000.00 state charity hospital in Tulsa County, appeared to have little chance of passing the Legislature. However, a substitute proposal suggested by Gov. Robert S. Kerr, permitting financing through a combination of privately subscribed local funds with state and federal grants-in-aid, was gaining favor with proponents of the hospital. Several members of the Tulsa County Medical Society, meeting with Governor Kerr on March 12, were told that a legislature measure providing for construction of the proposed charity hospital on that basis would bear the endorsement of the administra-

tion. The governor also called attention to proposed legislative measures bearing the approval of the Oklahoma State Medical Association which would permit the creation of such charity hospitals as contributory units of the teaching program of Oklahoma University School of Medicine. If the governor's suggestion is carried into operation, Tulsa County may secure a structure costing upwards of one million dollars through an approximate outlay of only \$250,000.00 in local funds. This hospital, it is believed, would contain sufficient isolation wards to provide for all cases of communicable diseases. Dr. T. W. Stallings, Dr. George H. Miller, Dr. Fred E. Woodson, Dr. T. R. Roberts, Dr. C. H. Haralson, and Dr. A. B. Carney were among the committee which called on Governor Kerr.

The long advocated project of the Tulsa County Medical Society to consolidate city, county, and city-schools public health units into a single administrative agency was before the State Legislature as the Bulletin went to press. A bill introduced by Rep. Paul Washington of Oklahoma County, drawn under the sponsorship of the Tulsa and Oklahoma City Chambers of Commerce, would permit consolidation of existing public health units in the two cities. Widely supported in both area, the bill drew the fire of the Board of County Commissioners in

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## Members In Service



LT. OLIVER H. THOMPSON, writing from somewhere in Belgium last February 10: "My unit is sitting on the proverbial hot seat, what with the recent counter-offensive and the 'Belgium Bulge'. Also the buzz-bombs have been putting in a rather regular appearance. This is my second trip to the continent since I arrived overseas last summer. I was sent back to England as a patient last September and after several weeks in the hospital was returned to a new unit." Lt. Thompson, formerly associated with Dr. T. J. Lynch in the Stanolind Building, is now with the 15th General Hospital. He entered service in February, 1944, and went overseas within a few months.

LT. COMDR. S. C. SHEPARD, after several months with Naval medical units in the South Seas, is back in the United States Navy Hospital at Norman, Oklahoma. Dr. Shepard is recuperating from a tropical disease contracted while on Saipan Island. He paid a brief visit to Tulsa before entering the hospital. Best wishes for a speedy recovery, Dr. Shepard.

Also on the sick list at the Norman Navy Hospital is LT. COMDR. LUVERN HAYS, who is recuperating from an operation performed in St. Louis, Missouri, last month. The popular Tulsa pediatrician is well on the road to recovery and expects to be back to her Navy duties very soon.

LT. COMDR. HORACE H. PORTER has returned to practice in Tulsa after receiving a medical discharge from the Navy. He has taken offices at 216 Medical Arts Building and is already hard at work. Dr. Porter entered service shortly after Pearl Harbor and at the time of his discharge was with Navy units at Long Beach, California. Dr. H. A. Ruprecht, president of the Tulsa County Medical Society, has named Dr. Porter chairman of a new special committee to handle the Society's relationships with the in-service members. Dr. Porter's first-hand experience will prove invaluable in facili-

tating a program of this character. Welcome back, Dr. Porter. We are glad to have you with us again.

LT. COL. COLE D. PITTMAN has been transferred from his assignment with the Air Transport Command at Great Falls, Montana, to temporary duty in Washington, D. C. After that, he is scheduled to attend the Senior Medical Staff Officers' Course at the AAF School at Orlando, Florida. From there, it is probably overseas for Col. Pittman. Best of luck to you, Dr. Pittman, and let us hear from you again.

LT. CCMDR. K. F. SWANSON is now in the Philippines with Navy medical units. He participated in the Leyte invasion and saw plenty of hot action against the enemy. Dr. Swanson has been attached to an LST, and his craft and crew has twice been named in unit citations for gallant and meritorious service. The former Springer Clinic physician has been on sea duty since last Fall.

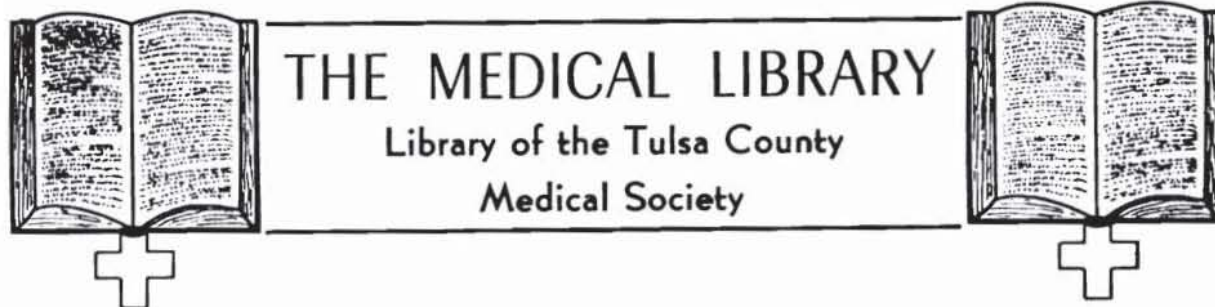
LT. COMDR. LOGAN A. SPANN, following a brief stay at the U. S. Naval Base at Norman, Oklahoma, has checked in at the Naval Air Station at Pensacola, Florida, for new duties. "The weather is fine here," he notes with characteristic brevity.

LT. COL. JAMES H. HAMMOND, following a tour of duty in the Far Eastern theater, is reported back in the United States and assigned to Army Air Forces units in Arizona.

CAPTAIN HENRY A. BROCKSMITH checked into Tulsa in mid-March for an embarkation leave with his family. His unit, previously at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, goes overseas almost immediately.

LT. COL. JOHN E. McDONALD, now with Army Air Forces units in San Antonio, Texas, was a Tulsa visitor last month. Another welcome visitor to Tulsa was LT. COMDR. BERNARD L. BRANLEY, on Navy leave after several months of sea duty with the U.S.S. California. Both men are looking fine.





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### NEW BOOKS RECEIVED—

- Corner George, W., M.D.** *Ourselves Unborn. An Embryologist's Essay On Man.* 188 Pp. 1945. Yale University Press, New Haven Connecticut.
- Kronfeld, Peter, C., M.D., et al.** *The Human Eye In Anatomical Transparencies.* 99 Pp. 1944. Bausch and Lomb Press. Rochester, New York.
- Crossen, H. S., M.D. and Crossen, J. C., M.D.** *Diseases of Women.* New Ninth Edition, Entirely revised and Reset. 948 Pp. 1135 Engravings, Including 53 In Color. 1944. C. V. Mosby Co., St. Louis, Missouri.
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## A HISTORY OF THE TULSA COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

Dr. R. M. Shepard and Dr. Walter S. Larrabee Led The Tulsa County Medical Society Through Two Progressive Years Which Clearly Indicated Increasing Need for a Staff of Professional Secretaries. Scope of Society Activities Widened.

Part Thirteen  
Groundwork of Organization  
1935-36

The year of 1935 was an especially profitable one for the Tulsa County Medical Society. The new officers, Dr. R. M. Shepard as president and Dr. David V. Hudson as secretary-treasurer, were both aware of the value of organization in facilitating projects and proposals of medicine and civic merit.

Publication of The Bulletin of the Tulsa County Medical Society began in January, 1935. It had long been a desire of Dr. Hudson to issue a printed publication to represent the Society, and he was quick



Dr. D. V. Hudson

to put the project into effect with his election as Secretary-Treasurer. Dr. Hudson continued to edit The Bulletin until the employment of an Executive Secretary three years later. The first issues were eight pages and contained such features as an editor's column, a directory, a calendar of medical events for the month, news items, auxiliary information, and biographical features. Cost of the publication was borne by advertising. Later The Bulletin carried a prepared section of medical features which served to increase the stature of the magazine.

At a special call meeting of the Tulsa County Medical Society, members discussed the organization of the Tulsa County Clinical Society. Designed to facilitate the scientific study of medicine, it received the support of some 92 mem-

bers present.

An organization meeting was held a week later and Dr. Ned R. Smith was named to serve as president until the first annual meeting on April 29, 1935. At that time a splendid program was presented, highlighted by an informative address by Dr. Morris Fishbein, editor of the Journal of the American Medical Association. Dr. James C. Brogden, the guiding light behind the Society, was named as president with Dr. R. C. Pigford as vice-president and Dr. R. Q. Atchley as secretary-treasurer. In addition to its Spring meeting, a number of other excellent meetings were held. This organization gave Tulsa additional stature as a medical center and served to greatly improve the facilities for study of medicine by local doctors.

The subject of a plan of prepaid medical care was also considered by the Society in the Spring of 1935. It did not meet a favorable reception with the membership despite much work and research on the part of a special committee headed by Dr. Ned R. Smith and including Dr. Ralph A. McGill, Dr. P. P. Nesbitt, Dr. M. J. Searle, and Dr. John E. McDonald.

The Oklahoma State Medical Association had been working quietly to bring about the approval of a Basic Sciences Act in the Oklahoma State Legislature. It was a monumental task which required the close cooperation of all state physicians to effect. In Tulsa County, a group of medical leaders headed by Dr. George R. Osborn, Dr. P. P. Nesbitt, and Dr. David V. Hudson worked incessantly in behalf of the proposed Act. It was successful in passing the legislature dur-

ing the 1936-37 session after days of stormy debate.

Dr. M. J. Searle headed a committee which laid the original groundwork for a medical credit bureau for the Society. A professional agency was approved as the official bureau for Tulsa County Medical Society members.

Among the other projects of Dr. Shepard's administration were: plans for the creation of a minimum fee or charity clinic, a school health program, a civic relations program, fraudulent practices, etc.

The Society was meeting at the time on the twelfth floor of the Medical and Dental Arts Building and at the various hospitals. The top floor of the Medical and Dental Arts Building was also being used as a storeroom for the Medical Library. A part-time librarian was hired in 1935 also, marking the first real progress towards a medical library.

The idea of an Executive Secretary had been under consideration with the more progressive members of the Tulsa County Medical Society during 1935, but many members feared the additional expense might not be justified. However, the matter was receiving consideration. The Bulletin, in discussing the suggestion, noted that the society "had been pregnant for a long while and it's about time for something to happen." Something did happen very soon.

Scientific study continued excellent and many fine programs were presented at the Tulsa County Medical Society meetings. The membership was well represented at the annual meeting in the Spring of 1935 at Oklahoma City.

Dr. Walter S. Larrabee was named as president for 1936, Dr. J. C. Peden as vice-president, and Dr. David V. Hudson was reelected secretary-treasurer. Dr. Larrabee was a popular clinical pathologist, quite interested in medical society affairs and possessed of considerable energy and enthusiasm. His active administration followed in the patterns set by Dr. Shepard and a comprehensive program of activity was of much benefit to the profession.



**DR. WALTER S. LARRABEE**

Dr. Larrabee was faced with considerable work in the campaign to secure passage of the Basic Science Act. At the annual meeting of the Oklahoma State Medical Association in Enid in April, 1936, extensive plans had been laid to acquaint the public and the legislators with the value of the Act. Dr. Larrabee and Dr. George R. Osborn carried these plans into operation in Tulsa County with the assistance of many interested Tulsa physicians.

The question of treatment of charity patients had long puzzled Tulsa County physicians. During Dr. Larrabee's administration, studies were continued which were to eventually lead to the creation of the Tulsa County Clinic. An investigation into the lay practice of medicine also created considerable interest during the year.

The Tulsa County Medical Society was also giving attention to the project of the Oklahoma State Medical Association of hiring an Executive Secretary to facilitate the work of the state organization. With a similar project being widely discussed by Tulsa County physicians, the

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# PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Public attention has recently been centered upon the increasingly difficult task of securing needed and necessary hospital facilities for the proper care of the sick and aged of Tulsa County. Every member of the Tulsa County Medical Society has been aware that a dangerous situation had begun to exist when Tulsa hospitals must refuse patients for want of space. The social agencies of the area, whose interests lie in the fields of communicable diseases, have long been perturbed that the lack of isolation hospital wards were contributing to the spread of such diseases and to the death of many patients who might otherwise live. The public has been forcibly acquainted with this situation recently with the widespread publicity in connection with the deaths of two small children, both of whom might have had a better chance for survival had they not been denied admission to a hospital which did not have the space for them.

The medical profession of Tulsa has been severely criticized and censured by the public, although it is a condition which arose through no fault of the doctors. It is obvious, however, that the profession is expected to take every possible measure to alleviate this situation. In last month's Bulletin, I urged the support of a charity hospital. A project which will eventually create such an institution in Tulsa County is now being actively prosecuted. Your support in this matter is essential. Your cooperation, too, is required in utilizing the available hospital facilities in the best possible manner. The distribution of hospital space must be made in a judicial manner so as to provide adequate hospital care for all, but at the same time denying such care to no persons because some hospital patients remained longer than was necessary.

Sincerely,



President.



ALBERT W. ROTH, M.D.

1873-1945

Dr. Albert Walton Roth, 72, veteran Tulsa physician and former president of the Tulsa County Medical Society, died Saturday, March 17, 1945, at his home of a heart attack. In ill health for several years, he had been in retirement for the last two years.

Born in 1873 in Fairfield, Iowa, Dr. Roth attended Parsons College in Iowa and later received his degree in medicine from the Hahnemann Medical College and Hospital of Chicago in 1900. Later, he did postgraduate medical study at the Manhattan Hospital of New York City where he received training in his specialty of ophthalmology and otolaryngology.

Dr. Roth practiced in Detroit, Michigan, and Fort Collins, Colorado, before removing to Tulsa in 1910. He won quick recognition as a competent physician and surgeon and built up a large practice. Dr. Roth was elected president of the Tulsa County Medical Society in 1917 and gave the Society a progressive year. His interest in civic and church affairs made him a valuable community leader in Tulsa. His wife, Mrs. Anna Roth, shared his enthusiasm for civic progress and is herself a community light.

Services were held March 20 at the First Presbyterian Church. Survivors include the widow, Mrs. Anna Roth, two sons, a sister, three brothers, and four grandchildren.

# Medical Calendar

**MONDAY, April 2nd:**

Hillcrest Hospital Staff Meeting.

**TUESDAY, April 3rd:**

Medical Broadcast, "The Doctors Talk It Over," Radio Station KOME, 10:30 p.m.

**THURSDAY, April 5th:**

Clinic Committee Meeting, 1202 Medical Arts Building, 1:00 p.m.

**FRIDAY, April 6th:**

Board of Trustees Meeting, Tulsa County Medical Society, 1202 Medical Arts Building, 1:00 p.m.

**MONDAY, April 9th:**

No Tulsa County Medical Society meeting on this date.

**TUESDAY, April 10th:**

Medical Broadcast, "The Doctors Talk It Over," Radio Station KOME, 1:30 p.m.

**THURSDAY, April 12th:**

Fraudulent Practices Committee Meeting, 1202 Medical Arts Building, 1:00 p.m.

**MONDAY, April 16th:**

St. John's Hospital Staff Meeting.

**TUESDAY, April 17th:**

Medical Broadcast, "The Doctors Talk It Over," Radio Station KOME, 10:30 p.m.

**THURSDAY, April 19th:**

Insurance Committee Meeting, 1202 Medical Arts Building, 1:00 p.m.

**FRIDAY, April 20th:**

Board of Trustees Meeting, Tulsa County Medical Society, 1202 Medical Arts Building, 1:00 p.m.

**MONDAY, April 23rd:**

Scientific Program, Tulsa County Medical Society, Mayo Hotel Dinner at 6:30 p.m., program to follow, unless otherwise announced.

**TUESDAY, April 24th:**

Medical Broadcast, "The Doctors Talk It Over," Radio Station KOME, 10:30 p.m.

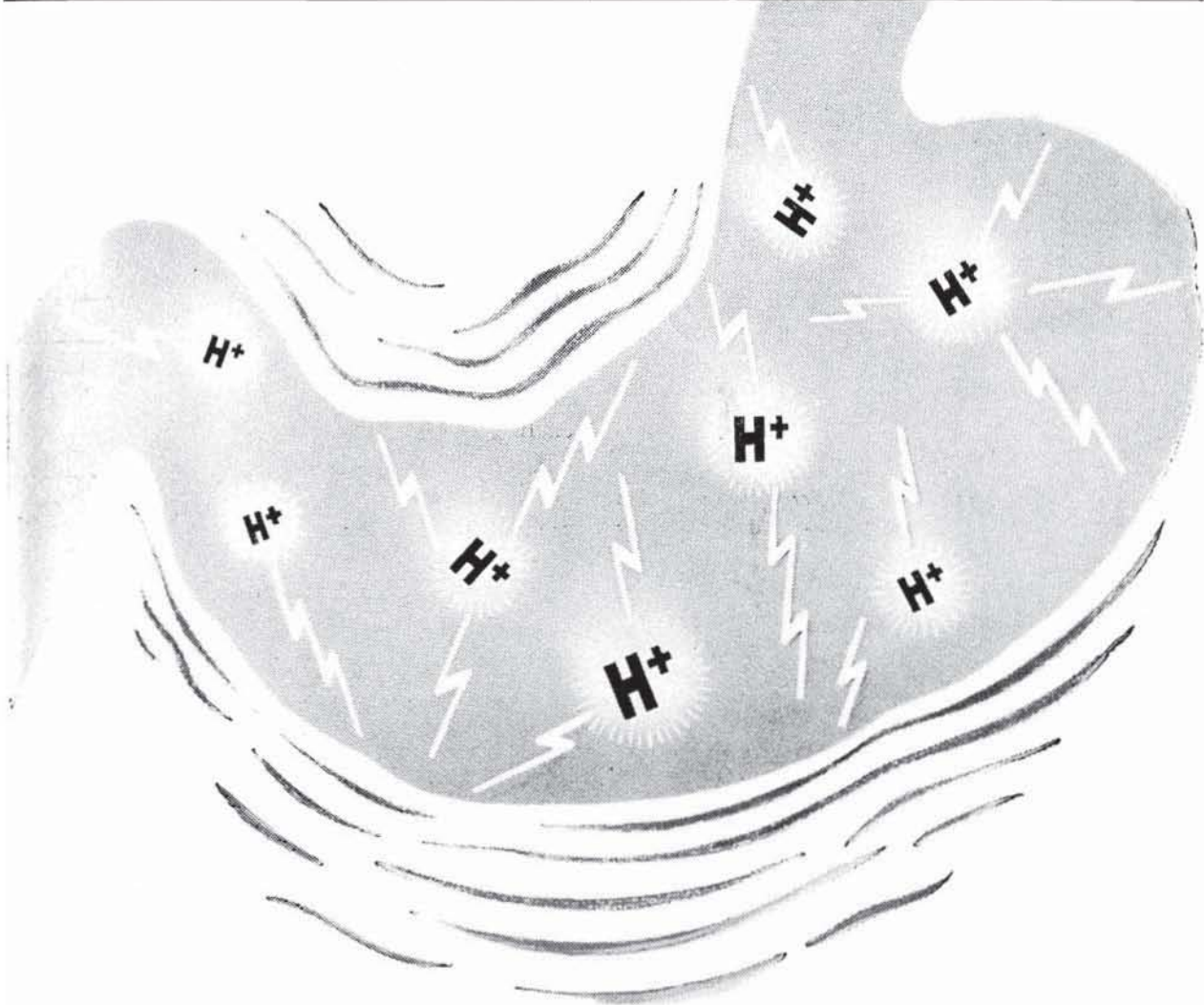
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**A FAIR VIEWPOINT**

Since the outbreak of war in 1941, the medical services of the armed forces have made constant demands upon the medical manpower resources of the civilian communities throughout the United States. Although hundreds of physicians were commissioned as medical officers, the services have periodically made requests for more and more doctors to care for the health and wounds of the serviceman. The Navy, for instance, is now engaged in recruiting an additional 3,000 doctors for immediate service. If American physicians respond as in the past, there is no doubt but the additional medical officers will be obtained.

Despite the excellent (and thankless) efforts of the Procurement & Assignment Service, the agency in charge of coordinating recruiting of physicians, there have been occasional injustices through the lack of a systematic method of recruiting. For instance, in Tulsa County there has been a constant harassing of the younger men under 38 years to enter the medical corps of the Army or Navy. With each new drive these men are sought out by recruiting officials with demands that they enter service. These young doctors are often made to appear in a most unfavorable and unpatriotic light, often so in the public press.

Actually, the facts of the situation are these: There are eight male physicians in Tulsa County under the age of 38. All eight have been refused one to six times by the Armed Forces. All draw a classification of 4-F as a result of physical defects which render them unacceptable for military services. All of these men would welcome an opportunity of entering the service. Since they have not been accepted, they are doing the next best thing in the way of serving their country—caring for the health of the civilian population by working twelve to sixteen hours each day.

Consequently, it seems unfair that these men, and others up to age 55 who have been rejected on the same basis, must be the target of ill-informed recruiting officials, newspapers, medical publications, etc. Their position is one which they cannot remedy until physical standards for the services are lowered.

We make no brief for any physician who is eligible for the service and does not enter—many of these men have personal reasons to justify their action, others may not. We do, however, ask that consideration be given to those doctors who have made a conscientious effort, not once but many times, to enter service and who have been refused through no fault of their own. They, too, are serving on the home front in the next best manner.

**CLINIC REPORT**

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1. When applying for renewal of professional gasoline rations, please apply one week prior to the expiration of your present rations. This will permit ample time for necessary clerical work. Do not wait until you are without gasoline as renewal applications require several days to be processed.

2. When applying for renewal at a date previous to expiration of current ration book, a situation usually occasioned by unusual requirements for professional gasoline, please attach a letter of explanation stating reason for early renewal. Rations will not be renewed until the date indicated on the front cover unless an explanatory letter is attached.

3. Please mark your envelope "Renewal of Supplementary Gasoline."

4. Attach your Mileage Ration Record. If you have lost it, ask your Executive Secretary or the Rationing Board for OPA Form R-194, which must be filed in lieu of your Mileage Ration Record.

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latter were anxious to secure some tangible idea of the value of a professional secretary. The state organization eventually brought their project into operation with the hiring of Mr. R. H. Graham, an energetic young man who soon developed into one of the most competent medical secretaries in the United States.

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Tulsa County, who declined to participate in the move. A permissive bill only, the measure provides that consolidation can be effected only with the consent of the affected agencies. Tulsa County Medical Society committees participated in several hearings on the measure. As the Bulletin went to press, the proposal appeared to have a good chance of passing the Legislature.

An intense recruiting campaign was begun among Tulsa County physicians by the Medical Corps of the United States Navy in an effort to obtain additional doctors for the service. At a special call meeting on March 13, members of the Society heard Lt. Comdr. O. H. Swayze and Lt. W. L. Cox of Houston, Texas, express the Navy's need for medical men. At the end of the month, several Tulsa applicants were awaiting word of acceptance or rejection. Comdr. Swayze emphasized that age limits have been raised to permit enlistment of physicians up to age 60.

A measure to create a governing board for the State Department of Public Health, one of several legislative measures sponsored by the Oklahoma State Medical Association, was still under consideration by Senate committees late in March. Amendments to the bill provided for replacements of three medical doctors on the proposed board with one osteopath, one chiropractor, and one layman. The measure is expected to encounter rough treatment in the Senate. Chances for its

passage in the original form seemed unlikely, but it appeared possible that a bill in amended form might gain approval of the Legislature.

The Medical Credit Bureau continued with substantial collections for February and March. A governing committee announced extension of the Bureau's facilities to Tulsa dentists and the latter are now being enrolled on the Bureau's lists of clients.

In answer to repeated demands from Tulsa County Medical Society members, a series of dinner meetings was arranged for the six monthly meetings through March, April, May, September, October, and November. A season dinner ticket for \$15.00 was made available to the membership and a large number of physicians availed themselves of the opportunity. Dinners are being held at the Mayo Hotel.

The Tulsa County Medical Society during March entered into a cooperative project with Tulsa druggists and representatives of the Pure Food and Drugs Act to secure adherence to laws governing prescriptions of narcotics. Representatives of the groups outlined the situation at the March 26 meeting and measures are being taken to give wider publicity to the regulations.

Other committees meeting during the month to transact routine business included Ethics Committee, Bulletin Committee, Medical Library Committee, Program Committee, Rationing Committee, Legislative Committee, Hospitals Committee, Clinic Committee, and Welfare Committee.

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