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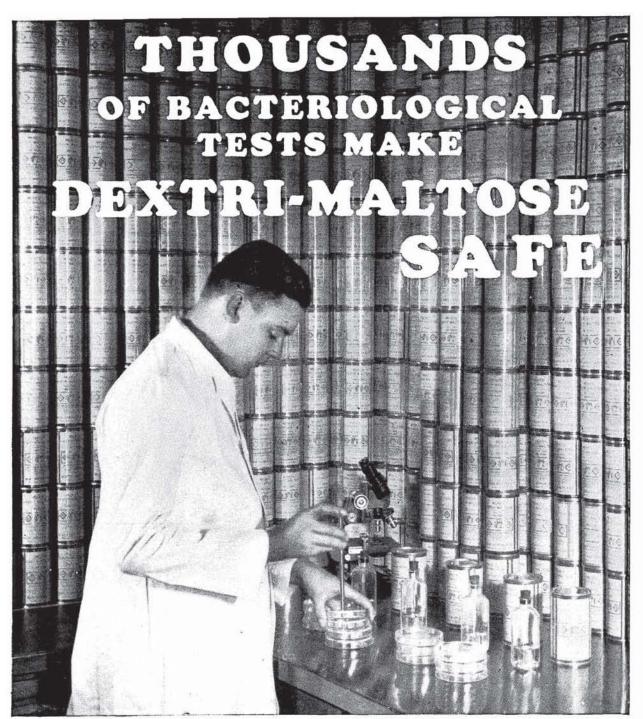
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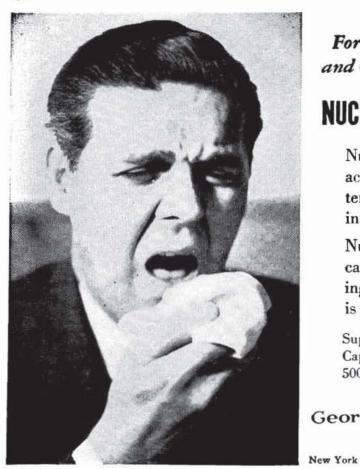
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MIDYEAR REPORT SHOWS PROGRESS

Administration of Dr. H. A. Ruprecht Concentrates On Variety of Projects. Location of Charity Hospital in Tulsa County Major Objective of Society.

A review of the activities of the Tulsa County Medical Society for the first six months of Dr. H. A. Ruprecht's current administration discloses a busy half-year for the Society's officers and committee personnel. Most important of a half-dozen major projects was an extensive move to locate a 200-bed charity hospital in Tulsa County. Routine operations of the organization continued on a high level despite continued heavy demands upon the professional time of the membership.

Answering a challenge flung at the Society by local newspapers in an effort to determine the adequacy or inadequacy of existing hospital facilities, the president appointed a special committee on Hospitals and Nursing to study the situation and make subsequent recommendations. Under the fine leadership of Dr. Frank J. Nelson, this committee met with civic leaders in April to recommend (1) increase of local hospital bed facilities by a minimum of 200 beds, (2) construction of a 200-bed charity hospital in Tulsa County, and (3) location of a state tuberculosis sanitarium in this area.

Later, the Society named Dr. Nelson, Dr. James Stevenson, Dr. Ralph A. Mc-Gill, and Dr. H. A. Ruprecht to serve on a joint committee with the Tulsa Chamber of Commerce in an effort to prosecute the project to secure a charity hospital for Tulsa County. The committee, working through the Society's eecxutive

office, has been securing statistics on hospital and charity facilities in comparable cities. It is expected that a full report of the committee will be shortly presented to the Public Health Committee of the Tulsa Chamber of Commerce in a move to gain civic support for the project.

The Tulsa County Medical Society also enjoyed several busy months with its legislative program. The medical legislation presented to the Oklahoma State Legislature at its last session was warmly supported by the local Society and the important State Board of Health Bill passed through close cooperation of Oklahoma physicians. From a local standpoint, the Society joined in sponsoring an illfated bill designed to legalize consolidation of all public health units in the County into a single administrative agency. Strongly opposed in many quarters, the bill failed but succeeded in bringing to public attention the strong need for such a unified system.

Meeting in April, the Society reaffirmed its support of Oklahoma Physicians Service, the plan of prepaid surgical and obstetrical care insurance developed and sponsored by the Oklahoma State Medical Association. The plan went into operation in June with the check for the first operation rendered under the plan going to a Tulsa physician. In many respects, the success of the new agency represents an accomplishment for the Tulsa County Medical Society. It was the suggestions of the latter group which broke a deadlock of state medical leaders over certain features of the plan.

The executive offices of the Tulsa County Medical Society were remodeled in January, permitting a more efficient use of the twelfth floor of the Medical Arts Building. The Medical Library was considerably enlarged, allowing for muchneeded expansion of reading and storage facilities. Rearrangement of the Medical Credit Bureau also resulted in desirable changes with the office of the Executive Secretary now located adjacent to Bureau.

The Society began a series of dinner programs, featuring prominent medical speakers each month. Success of the project seems assured with the enrollment of about 45 per cent of the membership in the dinner series. Food rationing difficulties have not contributed to the ease of staging these dinners, but members have kindly cooperated in accepting what menus were available. The series was recently discontinued until next Fall with an address by Dr. Thomas G. Orr, professor of surgery at the University of Kansas.

Participation in a county-wide program of venereal disease control was entered last month as the Society announced a speakers bureau of 50 local physicians to assist in publicizing the nature and treatment of venereal diseases.

The Tulsa County Medical Society also is participating in jointly sponsoring a series of medical broadcasts over Radio Station KOME each Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 p.m. The Society will handle approximately six such broadcasts during the balance of the year. Dr. D. W. Le-Master spoke June 27 on a program devoted to rabies.

The Bulletin of the Tulsa County Medical Society appeared with an attractive new cover in color beginning with the January, 1945, issue. As in the past, a large number of county medical journals continued to reprint Bulletin editorials of general medical interest.

Under the leadership of Dr. H. B. Stewart and Dr. Ralph A. McGill, the membership participated in the annual

campaign of the American Cancer Society to secure funds for cancer education and research. Tulsa's quota of \$35,000.00 was over subscribed through generosity of local contributors.

The Medical Credit Bureau recorded normal collections despite a decline in the number of accounts available for collection. With wartime prosperity, many physicians find their number of delinquent accounts negligible. Dr. O. C. Armstrong, chairman of the Credit Bureau Committee, warns physicians not to hold delinquent accounts of defense workers overly-long. Termination of the Douglas Aircraft plant and other defense plants will definitely increase the number of such accounts.

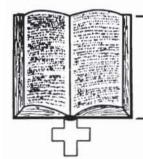
Other routine services of the Society continued without interruption. Purchases of automobile licenses through the Executive Offices reached the highest figure since the service was inaugurated several years ago. Similarly, gasoline rationing applications processed through the Society were at an all-time high.

Dr. Ralph A. McGill's election as vice-president of the Oklahoma State Medical Association was a credit to Tulsa's growing interest and influence in state medical circles.

The armed forces continued to take Tulsa physicians. Dr. B. W. Ward and Dr. D. W. McCauley have entered the Navy recently while several other applicants were rejected for physical disqualifications. The return of Dr. Horace H. Porter and Dr. Charles A. Pigford, both medically discharged from the service, to civilian practice assisted in reducing the heavy work load for remaining physicians.

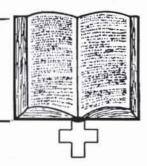
Looking forward to the remaining six months of 1945, the Society hopes to complete the charity hospital project as soon as possible. Since this represents a foremost accomplishment when completed, the Society will give special attention to its prosecution.

DR. LILLIAN ROBINSON has removed her practice to Enid, Oklahoma.



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New Books Received-

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The Journal Of Investigative Dermatology Resumes Publication

The Journal Of Investigative Dermatology, which ceased publication during the early months of the War has again resumed publication. A subscription to this journal, which is complete in the library from volume one, has been presented to the library by a donor who prefers to remain anonymous.

The Bulletin.

A HISTORY OF THE TULSA COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

Second World War Brought New Problems To Organized Medicine In Tulsa County. Total Of 55 Doctors Enter Service As Commissioned Medical Officers.

> Part Sixteen World War II 1942-45

Dr. H. B. Stewart, a nationally known Tulsa anesthetist, guided the Tulsa County Medical Society as president through the first war year of 1942. He faced a multitude of problems, most of which arose from the unsettled and complex economic and social conditions

occasioned by the conflict. With his characteristic energy and directness, however, he prosecuted a valuable program of activity throughout the year.

Dr. Roy L. Smith was elevated to the vicepresidency (later succeeded by Dr.



Dr. J. C. Peden

Ian MacKenzie when he entered service), and Dr. E. O. Johnson began the first of several terms as secretary-treasurer. Mr. Jack Spears, a young Chamber of Commerce official, was named to succeed Mr. Lloyd L. Stone as executive secretary, the latter having entered the private practice of law.

The immediate call for doctors in the armed services was quickly answered by the members of the Tulsa County Medical Society. The younger men were rapidly accepted into both branches of the service although the greater demand for doctors in the army, plus the less stringent physical requirements, channeled most into the army medical units. In later years, the acquisition of Pacific bases and the

greatly expanded American fleet created heavy demands for Navy doctors and most physicians commissioned since January, 1944, have entered the Navy.

Not including those interns and medical students who entered service from this area, Tulsa furnished altogether a total of 55 doctors from resident civilian practice. This represented about 35 per cent of the total number of physicians in active practice in the county in 1941. Of this number, all but two were members of the Tulsa County Medical Society and all were commissioned with the exception of one. In the latter case, the doctor concerned was eventually commissioned after entering the army as a private. Two of these service doctors—Dr. Horace H. Porter and Dr. Charles A. Pigford—have already been discharged from the service and are now back in practice in Tulsa. Two—Dr. Jack O. Akins and Dr. Logan A. Spann—were injured in enemy action. Dr. Akins lost his right leg as a result of machine-gun fire at the Salerno landings. Dr. Spann was slightly wounded in a heroic action in the Guam landing (see June, 1945, issue of The Bulletin). One woman physician, Dr. Luvern Hays, is now in service. All but seventeen of those in service have seen some form of overseas service. A number have been decorated for bravery and gallantry under fire. A commendable record of which every Tulsa County doctor is justly proud.

The loss of a good percentage of civilian practitioners placed a heavy burden on the remaining doctors. The population was rapidly swollen by the local Douglas Aircraft Corporation and by other military and defense installations in Tulsa employing large numbers of workers. Increased availability of funds for medical purposes also prompted a greater degree of medical care. The result was long hours for the Tulsa doctors. The penalty proved severe in physical strain and the loss of a number of physicians—among them the beloved Dr. R. W. Dunlap, Dr. J. Fred Bolton, Dr. Ned R. Smith, Dr. Fred Y. Cronk, and many others—was keenly felt.

The new president set up many new special committees and services within the Society to handle the problems created by wartime measures. The difficult task of supervising the Procurement and Assignment Service relationships in the county was handled competently by an impartial five-man committee headed by Dr. James L. Miner and, later, Dr. Henry S. Browne. Rationing details took much time in the Executive Offices but doctors were repaid in time saving for busy practices. Civic problems were also a large part of the Society's program and under the leadership of the late Dr. Ned R. Smith and Dr. A. Ray Wiley, much of value was accomplished. Despite wartime hardships, the annual convention of the Oklahoma State Medical Association for 1942 was one of the largest and finest meetings in the history of the group. Staged at the Tulsa Coliseum, much of its success was due to the efforts of a competent local committee headed by Dr. R. C. Pigford and Dr. E. Rankin Denny.

Dr. Stewart concluded a harmonious year with an excellent annual report The Society's depleted finances had been restored through careful economies and for the first time in several years a surplus was on hand at the year's end.

The tremendously popular Dr. James C. Peden, a general practitioner, followed Dr. Stewart in office. He continued the policies of his predecessors and added to the Society's prestige and harmony by governing its affairs with complete fairness and respect.

Under his leadership, the Society led a fight to gain use of the Annual Regis-



DR. H. B. STEWART

tration Fund to fight fraudulent practitioners in Tulsa. Though this measure failed, it did serve to inaugurate a strong campaign against medical frauds in Tulsa. The war-related services of the Society continued to grow and many special committees handled various problems as they arose.

Dr. Ralph A. McGill, a well-liked Tulsa surgeon prominent in civic affairs, followed Dr. Peden in office as president for 1944. A supporter of organized medicine and a believer in professional participation in public affairs, he inaugurated many projects of considerable merit. Most outstanding of his accomplishments was the construction and prosecution of an alternate plan of prepaid surgical and obstetrical care insurance which eventually accepted by the Oklahoma State Medical Association and incorporated into the present Oklahoma Physicians Service. It was this plan which broke a deadlock in the House of Delegates over the type of plan to be employed.

In cooperation with other civic groups, Dr. McGill led a fight to secure a consolidated public health system in Tulsa County. Though this much-needed move failed because of political considerations, it did serve to get the project firmly fixed in the public mind. Its eventual

creation seems certain and necessary.

Dr. James Stevenson, who had served the Society as president in 1937, was honored with the presidency of the Oklahoma State Medical Association for 1943-44. He did a splendid job and his office served to bring the Tulsa profession in closer contact with the activities of the state group.

This history of the Tulsa County Medical Society closes with Dr. McGill's administration. Dr. H. A. Ruprecht, Tulsa internist, is now serving as president. He is doing an excellent job directing a full program of work and his annual report will be a creditable account.

The Tulsa County Medical Society now occupies the entire twelfth floor of the Medical Arts Building in Tulsa. Here are located the executive offices, the Medical Credit Bureau, and the Medical Library. A separate article printed recently in The Bulletin has recounted the history of the Medical Library and those details will not be repeated here. Sufficient to say, the Medical Library represents a foremost accomplishment of the Tulsa County Medical Society. It has grown steadily through the years, and is now one of the largest private medical libraries in the Southwest, its value is assessed at many thousands of dollars. In January, 1945, the quarters were remodeled to provide for a much-needed expansion of the library facilities.

The Society continues to direct the Tulsa County Clinic with the membership contributing its services without cost to the county. The Bulletin reaches 1,000 physicians each month. The Medical Credit Bureau operates efficiently as a specialized medical collection credit service on a cost basis. A splendid program of civic and public relations is conducted each year. The annual conventions of the Oklahoma State Medical Association and postgraduate schools of medical study are jointly sponsored by the Society. Regular monthly scientific medical program feature prominent modical leaders. A variety of personal services designed to assist the physician complete the Society's well-rounded program.

With the return of the energetic young physicians from the war, the Tulsa County Medical Society looks forward to greater accomplishments in the future years of peace yet to come.

Service Stripes

Back in the United States for reassignment, LT COMDR. GIFFORD HENRY recently spent 10 days in Tulsa, renewing old acquaintances and visiting his family. Dr. Henry was flown directly to this country from the Philippine Islands, where he has been stationed since last February. He reports that he participated in the battle of Manilla quite by accident, the result of having boarded the wrong plane at his advance base. Dr. Henry was later transferred from the Manilla area after a week in the Philippine capital. "And I don't get a campaign star," he grumbles, "just because I wasn't supposed to be there." Looking tanned and healthy, Dr. Henry expects an assignment in this country.

Friends of LT. COL. THOMAS H. DAVIS are holding their breath. Rumors are current, Dr. Davis writes from his English hospital base, that many medical units now in England are slated for service in the Indo-China area without a furlough home Doctor has piled up 135 points in five years of service and may be discharged from the service soon.

COLONEL CHARLES A. PIGFORD, released from the Army with a medical discharge, is back in civies again. He has taken his old office at 1001 Medical Arts Building, Tulsa, and is already experiencing the burden of a wartime civilian practice. In service for six years, Dr. Pigford was one of the highest-ranking of Tulsa County Medical Society members in service. He is the second doctor to be released from service, LT. COMDR. HORACE H. PORTER having returned to Tulsa several months ago.

An interesting account of his experiences on Saipan Island was told at the

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WAGNER-MURRAY BILL REVIVED

Modifications In Previous Bills Slight As Additional Dental And Nursing Benefits Are Added. Act Seen As Vicious Threat To Free Practice Of Medicine

The long-anticipated reintroduction of the Wagner-Murray-Dingell Bill into the United States Congress came May 24 when Senator Robert F. Wagner presented a voluminous 185-page text designed to create a system of state medicine throughout the nation. Though containing modifications of the previous bill plus some additional features, the act remains basically as a vicious threat to the free practice of medicine in the United States.

Observers in Washington and elsewhere freely predicted that the bill would arrouse much interest in legislative circles. While the general outlook seemed to indicate eventual defeat of the bill, it is probable that amendments may modify the bill into workable legislation which could conceivably pass the Congress. Medical leaders throughout the United States last month called for concerted effort of physicians in defeating the bill. Many observers believe the defeat of this bill would result in a permanent death for it. Congressmen, rumored ready to adjourn in July, scheduled to hear from local medical constituents regarding the bill as they vacationed at home.

The new bill is of special interest to the Tulsa County Medical Society, not only for its widespread provisions affecting the medical profession, but also because of a special feature of the proposal. This is an amended title which would include the provisions of the pending Hill-Burton Bill in Congress, providing for hospital construction programs through federal financing. The Tulsa County Medical Society, currently working for a local charity hospital, has been looking towards passage of the Hill-Burton Bill as a means of assisting to finance such a hospital. Should it become necessary to support the Wagner-Murray-Dingell bill solely because of these provisions, it is certain that such support would not be forthcoming from the local profession. It is believed the Hill-Burton Bill can continue alone, and a hospital construction program obtainable under its provisions is far more certain than under the Wagner Act.

The inclusion of these hospital construction provisions is admittedly a clever move on the part of the proponents of the bill. It not only lends additional impetus for the bill, but will draw support from many quarters which are not interested in other provisions of the act.

The new Wagner-Murray-Dingell Bill (Senate 1050) does not differ radically from earlier proposals under the same title. It fixes the rate of the supporting social security tax at four per cent from employer and four per cent to match from employee. This is in contrast to the earlier figure of six per cent. Self-employed persons pay five per cent and governmental employees pay only two and one-half per cent.

In general, the tax will provide the following basic benefits: (1) retirement and old age, (2) medical care and hospitalization, (3) unemployment insurance, and (4) temporary disability insurance.

Tulsa County physicians will be especially interested in provisions relating to health insurance. Tactfully avoiding the term "compulsory", the Act "makes available to 135,000,000 persons" the following medical benefits: general and "special" medical benefits, dental benefits, home nursing benefits, hospitalization benefits, and general laboratory benefits. The inclusion of nursing, dental, and certain laboratory benefits represent an addition over the original bill.

To indicate the scope of the act, provisions are made for refraction of eyes

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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Several months ago the Tulsa County Medical Society inaugurated a project which has as its goal the ultimate location of a charity hospital in Tulsa County. Despite a serious shortage of hospital bed facilities in this area, and despite an even more serious lack of such facilities for charity patients, the project has not enjoyed the complete support of many influential interests. The Society, in cooperation with the Tulsa Chamber of Commerce will shortly present its case for a charity hospital in a series of formal recommendations. After that has been done, it will remain for the physicians of Tulsa County to demonstrate the need for the facilities proposed in the recommendations.

It is not our intention to argue our case by the drastic method of permitting deaths to occur, or by allowing an epidemic to sweep the county at a time when almost no hospital beds are available for such emergencies. Rather, it is our obligation by prove by facts and statistics, by case records, and by observations of personal experience the acute need for more hospital beds in this area. This is not the easy way for it will require every physician to acquaint himself with the facts and then in turn acquaint the lay public with whom he comes in daily contact. Selling a costly hospital—costly both to construct and maintain—will be a big job. But let's not sit back and wait for the tragedies of an epidemic or emergency to sell the job for us.

The responsibilities of medicine have proceeded beyond the strict limitations of diagnosis and treatment. We have our civic and moral responsibilities as well. Provision of adequate hospital bed facilities is one of those responsibilities. The public looks to us for guidance for we are the men who should best know of these conditions. Let us meet our responsibilities now.

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Sincerely,

President.

Medical Calendar

MONDAY, July 2nd:

Hillcrest Hospital Staff Meeting.

Semi-annual installment of \$17.00 on 1945 membership dues to the Tulsa County Medical Society due and payable on this date.

WEDNESDAY, July 4th:

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

Medical Broadcast, "Holiday Safety", Radio Station KOME, 3:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, July 6th:

Board of Trustees Meeting, Tulsa County Medical Society, 1203 Medical Arts Building, Tulsa, 8:00 p.m., unless otherwise announced.

MONDAY, July 9th:

Members are reminded that scientific meetings of the Tulsa County Medical Society have been suspended for the summer months.

WEDNESDAY, July 11th:

Medical Broadcast, "Safety In The Home", Radio Station KOME, 3:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, July 13th:

Service Relations Committee meeting, Tulsa County Medical Society, 1202 Medical Arts Building, 1:00 p.m.

MONDAY, July 16th:

Hillcrest Hospital Staff Meeting.

TUESDAY, July 17th:

Medical and Dental Office Assistants Meeting. Time and place to be announced.

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WEDNESDAY, July 18th:

Medical Broadcast, "Rationing and Special Diets", Radio Station KOME, 3:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, July 20th:

Board of Trustees Meeting, Tulsa County Medical Society, 1203 Medical Arts Building, Tulsa, 1:00 p.m., unless otherwise announced.

MONDAY, July 23rd:

No Tulsa County Medical Society meeting on this date.

WEDNESDAY, July 25th:

Medical Broadcast, "Physical Examinations For All", Radio Station KOME, 3:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, July 27th:

Bulletin Committee meeting, Tulsa County Medical Society, 1202 Medical Arts Building, 1:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, July 31st:

Last day to pay second dues installment for 1945.

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YOUR RESPONSIBILITY

The members of the Tulsa County Medical Society are exhibiting special interest in the revised Wagner-Murray-Dingell Bill, introduced into the Congress last May 24 by the socially minded Senator Robert F. Wagner. It represents the latest in several attempts to saddle the taxpayers with a burdensome system of state medicine which is unquestionably unworkable and unwanted by the public. We do not mean to imply the American citizen is not desirous of removing himself from the fear of a catastrophic illness which may wreck him financially, or that certain American citizens are not in need of an improved system whereby they can obtain a greater degree of competent medical care. Medicine itself is now attempting to remedy some of the defects of the existing situation in medical care in the United States, but it cannot see a government-operated pork-barrel as the answer to the solution. The Wagner bill is contrary to the principles of American democracy and for that reason its failure is a necessity and a certainty.

The proponents of this bill are attempting to gain support on the basis that the new proposal represents a pooling of medical opinion. Whatever minority medical groups may have advised the Senator, it is a certainty that he has received no encouragement from the American Medical Association and its component member organizations, whose membership numbers in excess of 125,000 physicians. These are the men who know the viciousness of a state medicine system, who see firsthand the practical objections to such a plan. Probably most serious of all is the fact that some 60,000 American doctors now serving in the armed forces have not been consulted.

Thereby is created a fundamental obligation of the American doctor on the home front to the American doctor on the battlefront. With 60,000 physicians fighting for the principle of democracy, it would be a bitter tragedy to have them return to find their rights of freedom of enterprise asumed by the politicians who would degrade medicine to a menial position of government servitude. Every doctor at home who sits idly by contributes to the passage of the Wagner-Murray Bill. Every doctor who does this can never face his brother physician who has fought for him on a multitude of battlegrounds.

The responsibility is yours—what are you going to do about it? The decision should not be hard, doctor.

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last meeting of the Tulsa County Medical Society by LT. COMDR. S. C. SHEPARD, now stationed at the U. S. Naval Hospital at Norman, Oklahoma Dr. Shepard related the manner in which Navy doctors treated Japanese civilians injured and ill on Saipan. Reported to be discharged soon. Dr. Shepard is recuperating from an attack of tropical fever incurred during his tour of duty in the South Pacific.

A note from CAPTAIN W. B. BOONE indicates the former Tulsa doctor is now visiting his family in Indiana after several months in India and China-India-Burma theater of war. Captain Boone believes he will again be assigned to an overseas post, looks to see the Japanese war prolonged several months longer.

Transferred: CAPTAIN J. D. SHIPP to Bradley Field, Connecticut, with Army Air Forces medical units. Until recently, Captain Shipp was at Godman Field, Kentacky, near Louisville.

Another transfer: To the Eagle Mountain Lake Naval Base at Fort Worth, Texas. LT. LOGAN A. SPANN, until recently at the Naval Air Station, Pennsacola. Write us please, Dr. Spann.

CAPTAIN JACK O. AKINS is reported about finished with a long series of operations at McCloskey General Hospital. Temple, Texas, to fit his right leg for an artificial limb. Dr. Akins was wounded at the Salerno invasion in Italy and his spent long months in Army hospitals since that time. He may take refresher courses in medicine before returning to active practice.

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HEALTH BOARD NAMED

Gov. Robert S. Kerr last month named five physicians and four lay persons to the newly created state board of health, new supervisory administrative agency of the Oklahoma State Health Department. Tulsa did not place a physician on the board although one of the lay members, A. G. Reed, a Tulsa osteopath, was named.

Medical members are Dr. C. R. Rountree, Oklahoma City; Dr. C. E. White, Muskogee; Dr. V. C. Tisdal, Elk City; Dr. Catherine Brydia, Ada; and Dr. T. H. McCarley, McAlester. Other members are Reed; R. L. Loy, Oklahoma City hospital administrator; W. F. Schumacher, Lawton engineer; and Dr. Fred Seids, Perry dentist.

DR. DONALD V. CRANE and Mrs. Crane announce the birth of a boy last June 14. Congratulations.

DR. JOHN C. PERRY has been doing postgraduate medical study in Chicago, Ill.

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It is specified that the base to be used shall be determined in any "local area" by the majority vote of the participating physicians. However, the Surgeon-General is empowered to make separate arrangements with such doctors as may dissent from the majority vote. It is also stipulated that the payment shall be "adequate" in terms of "established annual income" of the area under consideration. By what methods or measures, the amount of an "adequate" payment is fixed, is not specified.

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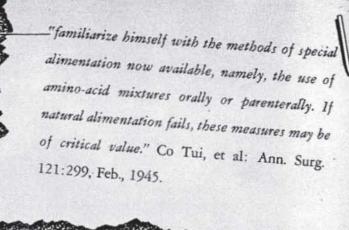
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