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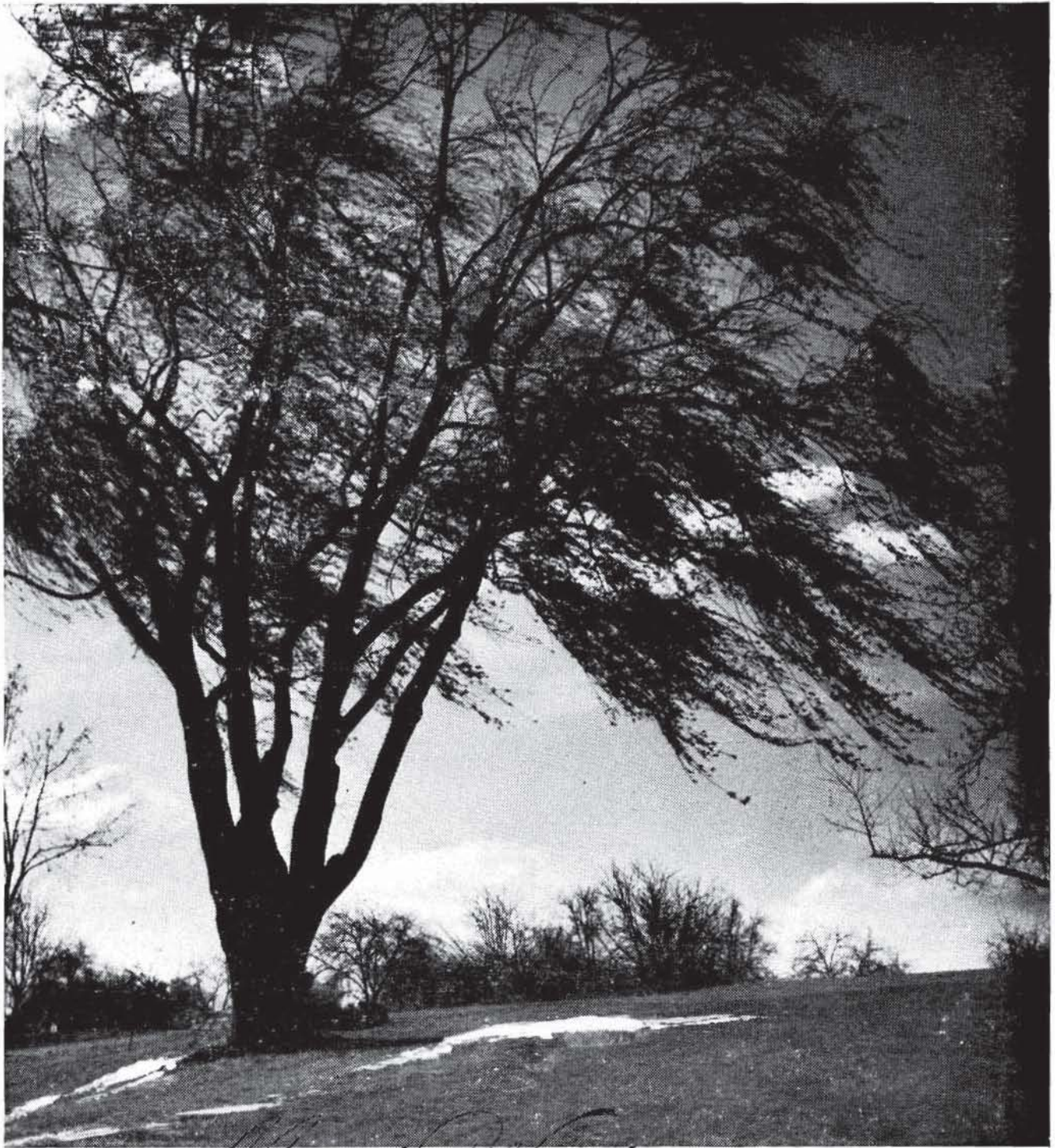
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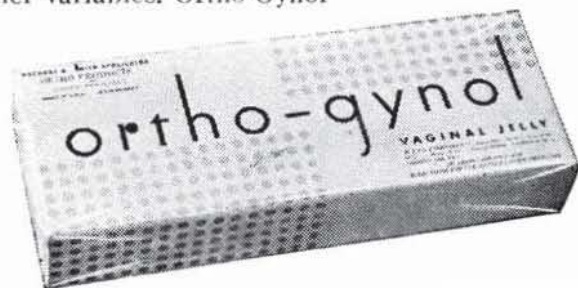


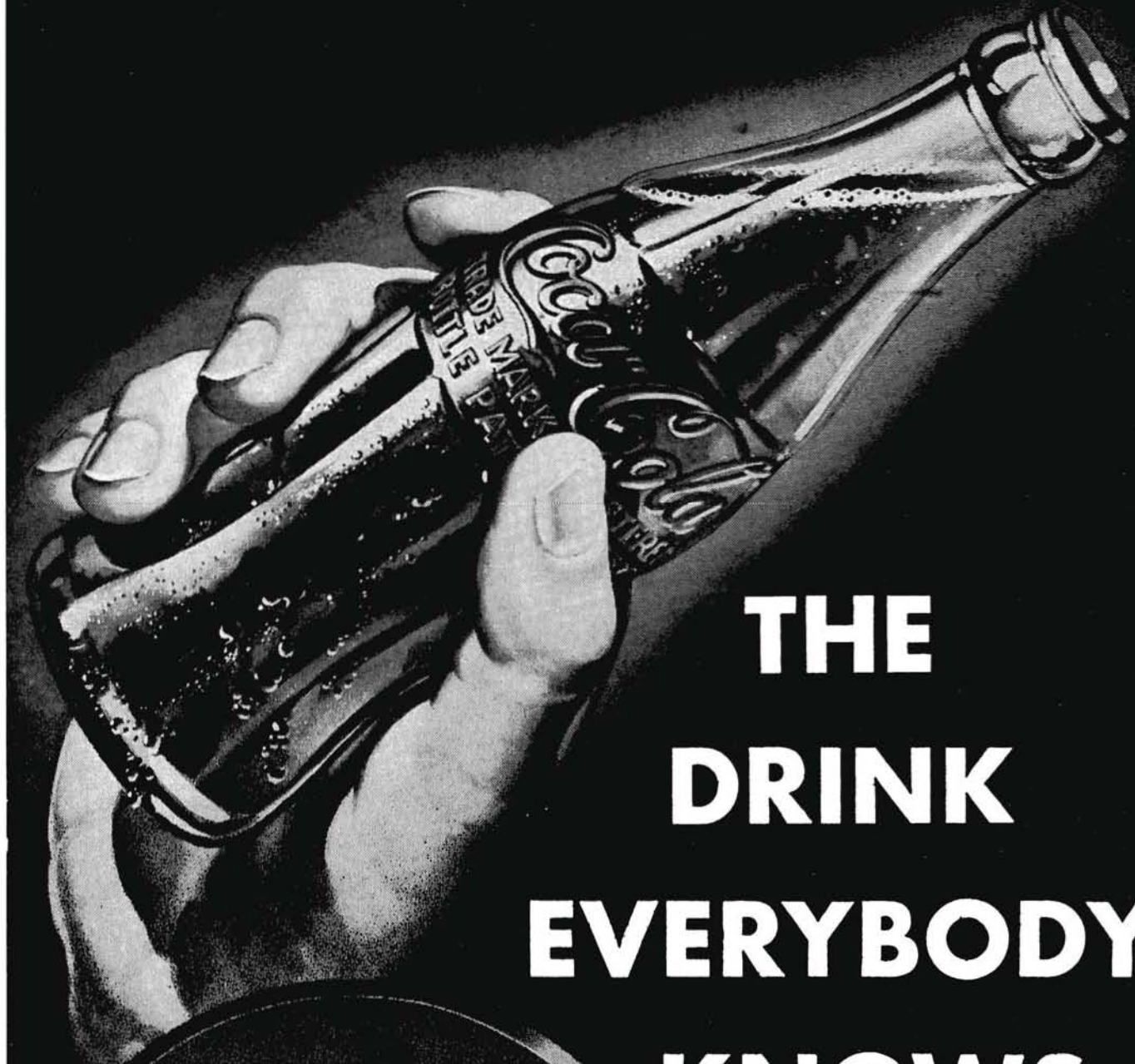
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Users of the Bureau must understand that no collection agency is able to make headway in collecting accounts upon which the Statute of Limitations has already run; the legal term in Oklahoma is three years. Accounts more than three years old, therefore, are exceptionally difficult to collect. While methods can be used to reinstate the legality of such accounts, reinstatement is infrequent.

For further effectiveness, doctors should remember that a constant stream or turnover of accounts is necessary for the most efficient operation of a collection agency. The same is true of the Medical Credit Bureau; a lack of turnover in accounts may lead to a necessary raise in collection fees. Clients can keep these already low fees at their present level by providing a constant source of new business.

Collections for the Medical Credit Bureau are usually received at the collection office of the Bureau, 1202 Medical Arts Building. A very strict system

of record-keeping eliminates all possible chance of error. Triplicate records are maintained: a carbon receipt record, a notation on account cards, and a chronological entry of receipt in bound volumes.

Many persons prefer to pay old or past-due accounts at the office of the doctor or dentist where the debt was originally incurred. In such instances the following procedure should be strictly followed: Office assistants should telephone the amount of the collection. The entire sum of money received should be kept by the doctor. At the end of each month an itemized bill will be sent, indicating the balance due the Bureau.

Special attention should be given to this fact: Since the Bureau operates at cost, it normally does not maintain a large surplus fund of any sort. It is necessary that all amounts due the Bureau be paid promptly so that the Bureau in turn may pay promptly the amounts due doctors. Under no circumstances should doctors permit themselves to become indebted to the Bureau. While the amount of their indebtedness may be eventually overcome by accumulations to their account, this method does not permit the prompt payment of accounts due doctors. Very few physicians or dentists using the Bureau have any regularity in the reoccurrence of debit or credit balances in their accounts. Normally, most physicians will have a balance due them, with occasional balances due the Bureau due to excessive collections in their own office. Unless balances due the Bureau are paid promptly, it may be necessary to raise collection fees to permit the accumulation of a surplus balance sufficient to carry Accounts Receivables.

A monthly statement is now being sent to each doctor with check attached. Normally, the periods covered are submitted within 60 days. Clients should take especial notice that only amounts in excess of \$5.00 are paid. Few users of the Bureau have an average monthly collection less than this amount. In such cases the cause may be invariably traced

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# Convention Plans Completed

Special Committees of Tulsa County Medical Society Appointed to Make Arrangements For State Medical Convention Here April 22-24.

With final arrangements rapidly nearing completion, members of the Tulsa County Medical Society are looking forward to the pleasant duty of playing host to the Oklahoma State Medical Association's fiftieth annual convention, April 22-24.

State society officials, anticipating an attendance of approximately 900 state physicians, have scheduled all general meetings in the spacious Coliseum. The growing attendance at the meetings, plus the difficulties encountered in arranging commercial exhibits, brought about the change of meeting place.

The Mayo Hotel, former scene of the state conventions, has been designated as the official convention hotel. Under present arrangements, the House of Delegates, the Ladies Auxiliary, the annual President's banquet and ball, and other special groups will meet at the Mayo. Only general meetings of the Association, along with commercial and scientific exhibits, will be at the Coliseum.

Dr. H. B. Stewart, president of the Tulsa County Medical Society, has designated chairmen and members for a number of active convention committees. In an effort to streamline committee organization and facilitate completion of necessary arrangements, many local committees formerly named have been combined or entirely dispensed with.

These committees representing Tulsa's role of host, are working with Association committees in developing plans and completing arrangements for the annual meeting. Several of these committees, with Executive State Secretary Richard H. Graham, have had a series of meetings with Tulsa committeemen in the past three months.

Dr. E. Rankin Denny and Dr. W. A. Showman have been named as co-chairmen of the local convention committees. The personnel of other committees ap-

pointed by Dr. Stewart include:

Scientific Exhibits: Dr. I. A. Nelson, chairman; Dr. D. O. Smith, Dr. Frank Nelson.

Commercial Exhibits: Dr. W. A. Showman, chairman; Dr. J. C. Peden, Dr. Joseph Fulcher.

Sports: Dr. Carl Simpson, chairman; Dr. W. A. Showman, Dr. R. B. Witcher.

Entertainment: Dr. C. A. Pavy, chairman; Dr. O. C. Armstrong, Dr. Hugh Evans.

Publicity: Dr. A. Ray Wiley, chairman; Dr. Fred E. Woodson, Dr. F. D. Sinclair.

Women's Auxiliary Committee: Dr. Mary Edna Sippel, chairman; Mrs. J. W. Childs, Mrs. T. B. Coulter.

The complete program for the convention is to be officially announced in the next issue of the Journal of the Oklahoma State Medical Association. Dr. Russell Pigford, Tulsa, is chairman of the program committee.

Reversing the usual practice, the programs for each special section (as Pediatrics, General Surgery, Obstetrics, etc.) will not be held at the same time. Rather, each section's program will follow in a certain order in the same place of meeting. This will enable physicians to attend as many of the special section programs as they care to attend.

The Tulsa County Medical Society is planning to open the convention activities with an informal buffet supper on Tuesday, April 21. A program dealing with medico-legal subjects will follow with an undetermined speaker. The exact place of the supper has not been set as yet.

The Executive Office has reported a large number of commercial exhibitors have arranged for booths at the Coliseum. Each exhibitor must have the approval of the American Medical Asso-

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# PRESIDENT'S PAGE

The most important adjuncts of any skilled or professional group of individuals are the tools and instruments with which they accomplish their daily work. With the physician and surgeon these things include not only the technical devices and mechanical things designed to do a specific job but also a reference library which covers the entire field of medicine in all its ramifications. Every doctor probably has a limited library of his own which he feels partially covers his needs.

The Tulsa County Medical Society now has a large and well developed library which is functioning smoothly and is under the direction of a full time librarian. The Library Committee of the Society has done and is doing a commendable piece of unselfish service in directing the operation of this library. Not many societies the size of Tulsa and with the limited budget available for just one of its many functions has supplied such an institution for the mutual benefit of its members. Textbooks, current journals in complete series and bound in book form; indices of all medical publications, directories and the like make up a vast and sightly array of medical literature. International library membership makes available to our library every piece of scientific material printed anywhere in the medical world.

Personal pride in this library makes it imperative for me to say that this department of your society offers the ideal in the way of service to the membership. Its culmination and efficient successful operation justifies every cent we have expended in its behalf. Many of you are using the library with satisfaction, but it occurs to me many more of you would do well to spend your idle spare moments here and take advantage of its facilities. Many of you can contribute current publications without inconveniencing yourselves and thereby widen the scope of usefulness for the readers. This library is most happy to assist those members of medical societies in the trade territory of Tulsa in solving your medical literary problem.

Sincerely,



President.

# Medical Tax Deductions Listed

Specialized Medical Profession Deductions From  
Income Tax Discussed. Depreciation Deductions  
On Office Equipment Need Careful Computation.

With March 15, the "Ides of March" for income-taxpayers, only two weeks away, many inquiries have come to the Tulsa County Medical Society regarding tax exemptions of the medical profession.

For the benefit of Society members, a brief discussion of income tax deductions will be offered in this article.

The medical profession may make a number of specialized deductions in filing of tax returns. These include:

(1) Depreciation on equipment and fixtures. Most doctors in Tulsa have set up their depreciation on office equipment, fixtures, medical machines, etc., on a ten-year basis, allowing 10 per cent depreciation or each of ten years. It was recently called to the attention of the Executive Office that many doctors have taken this 10 per cent depreciation on equipment and fixtures for a period in excess of ten years. In effect, doctors would actually be paying a tax with a deduction allowed for equipment that was legally already out of existence. In practice, most equipment does not have a life of ten years; doctors, in computing deductions, should take a careful inventory of their equipment, seeing that all new equipment is taken into consideration, and that all depreciated equipment is no longer considered. This may have the effect of lowering the tax.

(2) Collection Fees. All sums paid to any professional bureaus, as the Medical Credit Bureau, or to professional collectors for services rendered in collecting past-due accounts, are deductible. The amount of these fees, in most instances, may be ascertained by a check of monthly collection statements.

(3) Salaries of all employees. Doctors are warned that this does not include any salary allotted to themselves, but may include salaries of office assistants and technicians. Only one deduc-

tion of this nature may be made.

(4) Medicinal drugs and supplies purchased for professional use may be deducted from the gross income. Doctors should be in a position to verify expenditures of this nature, and itemized lists of such purchases may be attached to the tax return. Doctors are warned that they may not take such deductions when acting merely as a purchasing agent, as for hospitals, clinics, etc., unless such expenditure is made from the personal income of the doctor.

(5) Dues to any medical organization, such as the Tulsa County Medical Society, may be deducted. Please note that the amount of dues of the Tulsa County Medical Society is inclusive of the dues of the state organization. Deductions should not be duplicated in this respect. A deduction may also be made for expenses of subscription to medical journals, although not for subscriptions to any other type of literature.

(6) Professional license fees are deductible. These includes the annual state registration fee, any fees paid to secure the original license (during the year covered), and fees paid for narcotic and drug licenses. Other types of personal license deductions are allowed.

(7) Office rent and expense may also be deducted, providing such deductions represent tangible expense. This deduction must not again include deductions for salaries and supplies, if such deductions have already been made.

(8) Insurance Premiums. This includes insurance for malpractice, professional equipment, automobile, and group insurance contributions.

(9) Social Security Taxes of one per cent paid by the doctor as an employer may be deducted. This applies to all salaries paid by the doctor to office and technical assistants.

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Every other year it is the pleasure of the Tulsa County Medical Society to play host to the annual convention of the Oklahoma State Medical Association.

This year playing host is going to mean considerably more than a handshake for the visiting physicians. The present war has brought home to Oklahoma medicine many problems that make attendance at a convention difficult. Increased work loads, brought about by a decreased number of available doctors, do not make it easy for many to devote three or four days to a convention. Automobile, tire, and gasoline rationing have greatly increased costs of transportation, thereby encouraging many to stay at home.

The importance of a state convention at this time cannot be overstated. More than ever in war times does a definite need exist for high medical morale to be maintained. And what better method of maintaining morale exists than by employing the state convention media.

So, this year, Tulsa County Medical Society members must constantly press their many friends in Oklahoma medical circles for attendance at the convention.

Encourage attendance at the Oklahoma State Medical Association Fiftieth Annual Meeting, Tulsa, Oklahoma, April 22-24.

## PERSONALS

DR. and MRS. H. D. MURDOCK entertained at a buffet supper, celebrating the birthday of their son, THURMAN.

DR. and MRS. D. W. LEMASTER were leaders of their set in the Square Dancing Contest at the President's Birthday Ball.

DR. FRANK H. SISLER, JR., nephew of DR. WADE SISLER, has been called to active duty in the U. S. Naval Reserve at New Orleans.

Glimpsed during intermission of "Life With Father" were: DR. and MRS. G. H. HENRY, DR. and MRS. R. B. WITCHER, and DR. and MRS. CARL SIMPSON.

MRS. LORRAINE SMITH HARPER, daughter of DR. NED R. SMITH, has been named assistant teacher at the Lincoln School Room for Crippled Children.

Seen at "Arsenic and Old Lace": DR. and MRS. M. J. SEARLE, DR. and MRS. G. H. HENRY, and DR. and MRS. W. J. BRYAN.

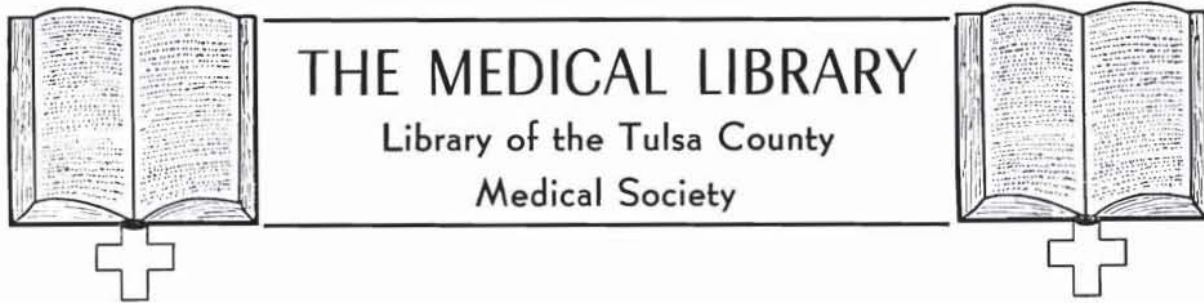
## GIFTS OF THE MONTH

DR. HARRY GREEN has contributed a diathermy treatment machine for use in cauterization in skin diseases to the Tulsa County Clinic, for which the Clinic Committee expresses its thanks.

DR. and MRS. H. B. STEWART have been kind enough to contribute a large globe to library of the Tulsa County Medical Society. It is a welcome and valuable addition for which the Society is grateful.

### Larrabee Tells One

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- Dr. John G. Matt, Archives of Internal Medicine, 1938, 1939 and 1940.
- Dr. H. D. Murdock, Surgical Clinics of North America, 1941 complete. Current issues of Southern Medical Journal and Archives of Surgery.
- Dr. Fred Y. Cronk, Current issues of Surgery, Gynecology and Obstetrics and Industrial Medicine.
- Dr. A. W. Roth, Transactions of the American Academy of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology, November-December, 1941.

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Following is a list of the journals of the various State Societies received in the library:

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|---------------------|-----------|----------------|
| Arkansas            | Louisiana | Pennsylvania   |
| California and West | Maine     | Virginia       |
| Connecticut         | Minnesota | West Virginia  |
| Delaware            | Missouri  | North Carolina |
| Florida             | Nebraska  | Rhode Island   |
| Georgia             | New York  | Texas          |
| Iowa                | Ohio      | Colorado       |
| Tennessee           | Wyoming   | Utah           |

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

A paper entitled "Scarlet Fever Immunization" by Dr. Hugh C. Graham, was published in the Southern Medical Journal for February, 1942. The greater part of Dr. Graham's lengthy bibliography was assembled in the Library. Reprints may be had upon request.

Through the exchange, of the Medical Library Association, we sent out three hundred and forty-five journals to fifty-six libraries last month. This included two shipments to Canada and one to China.

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# Medical Calendar

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**MONDAY, March 2nd:**

Hillcrest Hospital Staff Meeting.

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**FRIDAY, March 6th:**

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

Medical Broadcast, Radio Station KTUL, 4:15 p.m. Dr. Marvin D. Henley, speaker.

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**MONDAY, March 9th:**

Regular Meeting, Tulsa County Medical Society, 8:00 p.m., Mayo Hotel. Dr. L. C. Northrup will exhibit color motion pictures made recently in Guatemala, Central America. Business Meeting.

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**FRIDAY, March 13th:**

Medical Broadcast, Radio Station KTUL, 4:15 p.m. Dr. H. Lee Farris, speaker.

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**MONDAY, March 16th:**

St. Johns Hospital Staff Meeting.

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**TUESDAY, March 17th:**

Medical & Dental Office Assistants Meeting, Michaelis Cafeteria, 6:00 p.m. Program to be announced later.

Flower Hospital Staff Meeting.

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**FRIDAY, March 20th:**

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

Medical Broadcast, Radio Station KTUL, 4:15 p.m. Dr. Marvin D. Henley, speaker.

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**MONDAY, March 23rd:**

Regular Meeting, Tulsa County Medical Society, 8:00 p.m., Mayo Hotel. Medical Symposium, with Special Symposium for Surgeons. Dr. H. A. Ruprecht, Program Director.

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**FRIDAY, March 27th:**

Medical Broadcast, Radio Station, KTUL, 4:15 p.m. Dr. H. Lee Farris, speaker.



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# Of Special Interest!

## PROGRAM PLANS FOR SPRING MEETINGS COMPLETED

Program plans for the balance of the Spring meetings of the Tulsa County Medical Society have been virtually completed, Program Committee Chairman Dr. G. H. Henry advised this week.

Of the six remaining meetings, two will feature separate medical and surgical symposia. Three programs will consist of medical and other motion picture entertainment. Where necessary, business meetings will be combined with the motion picture program. A special feature will be the April 27 appearance of a St. Louis speaker as yet unselected.

The tentative program schedule follows:

March 9th: Dr. L. C. Northrup will exhibit motion pictures made recently in Guatemala. Business meeting.

March 23rd: Medical and Surgical Symposia. Separate rooms will be provided, and each symposium will be open to all members. Dr. H. A. Ruprecht is in charge of arrangements. Subjects to be announced later.

April 13: Motion Pictures.

April 27: St. Louis speaker, as yet unselected.

May 11: Motion Pictures. Business Meeting.

May 25: Medical and Surgical Symposia.

Previous speakers this year have been Major Louis H. Ritzhaupt, Lt.-Col. Read Harding, and Dr. Fred E. Angle of Kansas City.

Program suggestions should be referred to Dr. Henry, Dr. H. A. Ruprecht, or Dr. Eugene Wolff. Meetings will continue as usual at the Mayo Hotel, 8:00 p. m.

**RADIO SPEAKERS FOR MARCH** ARE Doctors H. Lee Farris and Marvin D. Henley.

## TULSA HAS NO DEATHS BY TYPHOID IN 1940

Tulsa was the only one of eight leading South Central cities considered in a recent survey as being entirely free of typhoid deaths in the year 1940.

The American Medical Association, publishing statistics on typhoid deaths in the United States in the January 17 issue of the A. M. A. Journal (1942), noted that Tulsa was also one of 41 other cities which were typhoid death-free. The survey included several hundred major cities in the nation.

Tulsa in 1939 had reported a typhoid death rate of 1.4; for the period 1936-40, the rate was only 0.4. The previous five years were represented by a typhoid death rate of 1.1.

Tulsa's typhoid death rate was considerably under that of Oklahoma City, where a moderate 1.0 rate was reported in 1940, 3.0 in 1939, and 2.6 for 1936-40. The 1931-35 rate was 4.3.

Tulsa rate was far less than those of Oklahoma City, Fort Worth, Houston, New Orleans, San Antonio, Dallas and El Paso in that order.

### CLINIC REPORT JAN. 22—FEB. 20

Orthopedics .....	35
Urology .....	37
Pediatrics .....	42
Medicine .....	1045
Surgery .....	63
Gynecology .....	73
Eye .....	92
Tonsils .....	24
Ear, Nose and Throat .....	70
Dental .....	107
Dermatology .....	35
Ultra-Violet Ray .....	3
Cardiac .....	23
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## CONVENTION PLANS

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ciation for his product or products, and must pay a small fee. Such fees are used to defray the cost if the convention.

Tulsa County has again been asked to contribute a proportionate share of scientific exhibits. The closing date for entrance of scientific exhibits has been tentatively set at April 1, 1942. Application forms may be secured from Dr. I. A. Nelson, chairman of the Scientific Exhibits Committee, or from the Executive Secretary, 1202 Medical Arts Building. No charge is made for these exhibits, of course.

All physicians are reminded that, under no conditions, will they be permitted to attend the annual convention if they have not paid their county and state dues for 1942. After March 1, all unpaid dues are subject to a penalty. Many county medical societies also impose a similar fine or penalty.

Under rules of the State Association, no dues may be paid directly to the state organization at the time of the convention. All payments must be handled through the county society secretary. Each member of a county society in good standing will be certified by the state organization prior to the time of the Convention. Certification of Tulsa County Medical Society members will be early in March.

War is introducing a more serious note into convention plans and proceedings this year. With many Oklahoma medical men already called into service, and the prospect of others to be called in the next two months, attendance may be somewhat reduced. However, a special program in celebration of the fiftieth annual meeting is expected to have additional drawing power. The tire shortage is not expected to seriously damage attendance as physicians may secure priority ratings in obtaining new automobile tires.

Most of the attending doctors will be accompanied by their wives. The Ladies Auxiliary has arranged a special program of entertainment for them.

## CREDIT BUREAU

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to one of two things: an irregular volume of accounts received for collection, or persistent over-age accounts being received.

The Bureau employs three methods of collection. Preliminary letters often bring results, although the bulk of collections are obtained through the medium of the telephone. When these methods fail, accounts may be either returned to the physician as uncollectable, or they may be placed in the hands of an attorney. If the latter method is adopted, direct approval of the action must be given by the doctor. When accounts are placed in this stage of proceeding, the Bureau charges 50 per cent of the collection. All attorney's fees are defrayed by the Bureau. It should be noted that when court action is instigated, the court costs must be borne by the doctor. If a favorable judgment is rendered, which is almost always the case, the court costs must be paid by the debtor. The first money received from him applies to the costs, and this amount is returned without any deductions or service charges of any sort.

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tion in other legalities is borne by the

The Bureau also offers confidential credit information to doctors upon request. This information applies only to persons listed in the files of the Bureau, and may be obtained only by a personal call or telephone conversation. No printed information is furnished. As a member of local credit organizations, the Medical Credit Bureau is in a position to arrange additional credit information as required. No charge is made for this service unless extended investigation is required.

The question often arises: Who may use the services of the Medical Credit Bureau? Any doctor who is a member of his county medical society may send accounts for collection. Any dentist who is a member of his state dental association may use the service. Any recognized hospital or medical organization is eligible. Any person officially representing one of the above groups or individuals may also submit accounts for consideration. The Bureau retains the right to reject any and all accounts.

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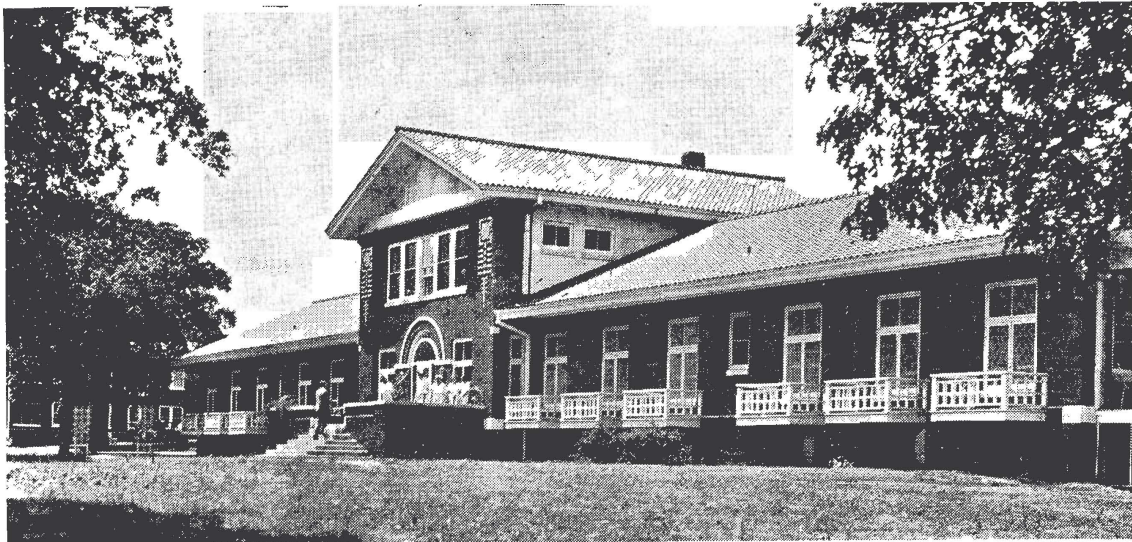
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