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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.

Dried brewers' yeast, as it is far richer than any other food in vitamin B₁ (thiamine), is being used with benefit both in the prevention and treatment of polyneuritic symptoms of pregnancy. Lewy found that additions of yeast to the diet reduced electric irritability of the peripheral nerves and brought clinical improvement. Vorhaus states that he and his associates, after administering large amounts of vitamin B₁ (thiamine) to 250 patients having various types of neuritis, including that of pregnancy, observed in about 90% of cases "varying degrees of improvement, i.e., from partial relief of pain to complete disappearance of all symptoms."

Need for Vitamin B₁ (thiamine) in Lactation

Evans and Burr, Hartwell, Sure and co-workers, and Macy *et al* are among numerous authorities who find that the nursing mother also needs a supplement of vitamin B₁ (thiamine) from 3 to 5 times the normal requirement. It is accepted that during pregnancy and lactation the requirement for vitamin G (riboflavin) is increased.



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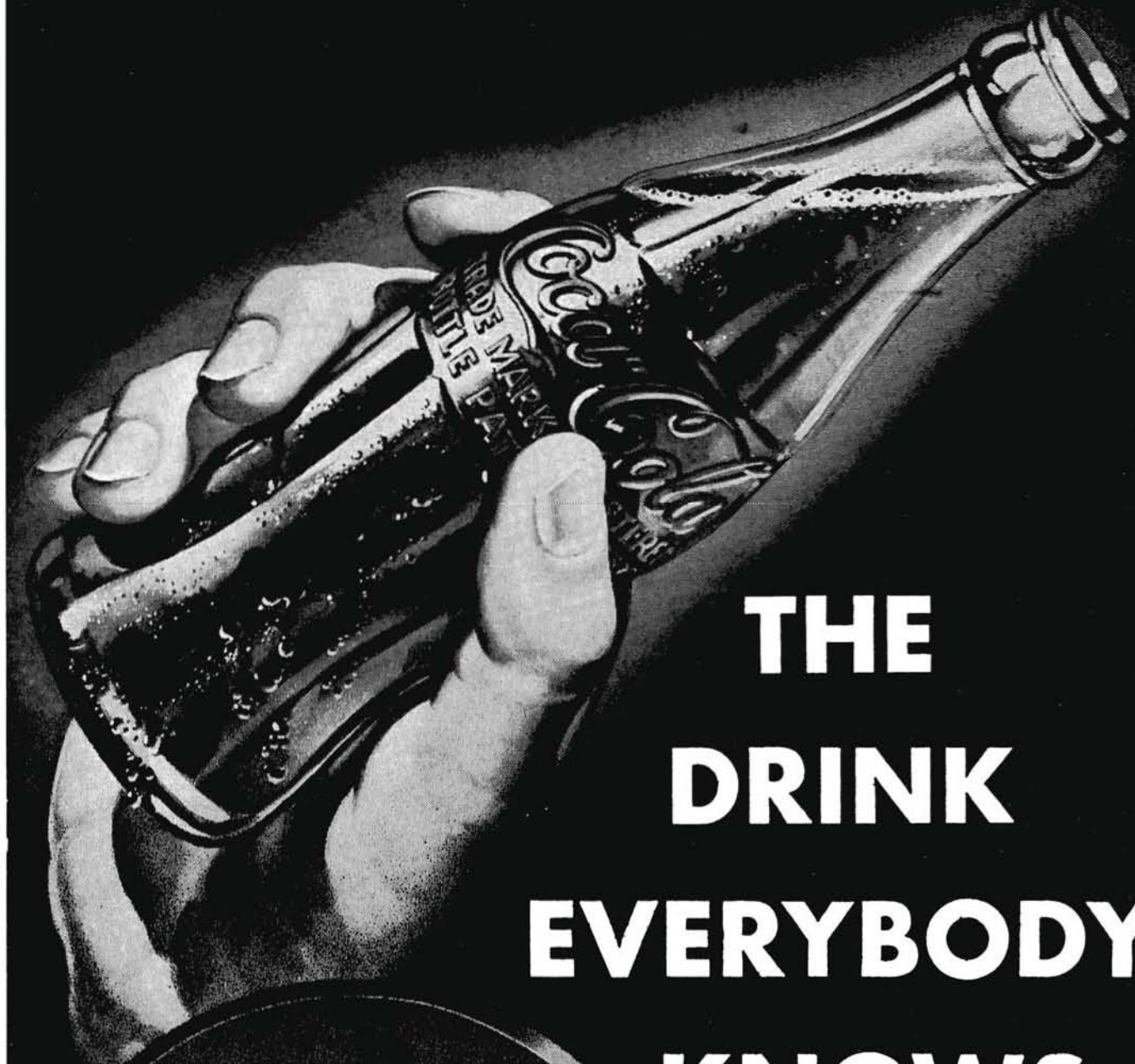
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Drafting The Tulsa Doctor

(Part One)

An Analysis of the Procedure by Which Tulsa County Physicians and Surgeons May Be Called to Service With the United States Army and Navy. Doctors Subject to Selective Service.

Foremost of the many questions facing Tulsa medicine today is the highly problematical futures of many individual doctors in relation to the needs of the armed forces for a trained medical personnel.

The maze of misinformation, rumor, and gossip surrounding the facts of actual drafting of medical men has left many Tulsa physicians and surgeons confused as to their actual status in regard to possible army or navy medical corps service, and as to their rights and privileges in the matter. The misinterpretation of actual facts, together with a lack of certain necessary additional information, has made proper planning for the future difficult, if not impossible.

Recently, a comprehensive discussion of the procedure by which physicians and surgeons would be called to service was conducted at a meeting of the Tulsa County Medical Society. A few additional and clarifying statements are pertinent at this time.

"Under what circumstances will I be called to service, if at all?" is the question uppermost in the minds of every medical man in Tulsa County. Unfortunately, the vagaries of the operation of the Assignment and Procurement Service do not permit this question to be answered by formula at this time. As rapidly as possible, the Assignment and

Procurement Service is ironing the difficulties of its operation, eliminating unnecessary delays, and attempting to provide for a large number of individual cases that do not fall within present provisions.

Basically, the initial operation of the Assignment and Procurement Service, or the first step in the selective procedure, is the preliminary designation of doctors by the local Assignment and Procurement Committee, an area agency of the national and state organization of the same name. This designation amounts to a conscientious grouping of physicians and surgeons into three basic classes:

(1) those who are essential to the community because of their own particular position in community medicine, as determined by a relative analysis.

(2) those who are not acceptable to the army or navy because of age, physical, mental, or moral restrictions.

(3) those who are available and acceptable to the armed forces for active duty.

Naturally, the designation of any individual physician into any class must be made with the utmost of care and in the most conscientious manner. Personalities must be disregarded, financial obligations discarded, and community position unconsidered, except in a medical sense. A wide degree of latitude is

afforded to the local committee, who must take extreme care not to take an undue or selfish advantage of the power which they possess.

The selection of the designating committee, therefore, is of the utmost importance. In Tulsa County, this was rendered much easier through the existence of a Military Affairs Committee of the Tulsa County Medical Society. To this committee, carefully selected months in advance through the foresight of President H. B. Stewart, was entrusted the designation function.

Members of the Military Affairs Committee are: Dr. James L. Miner, chairman, Dr. W. Albert Cook, Dr. John F. Gorrell, Dr. C. C. Hoke, and Dr. Henry S. Browne.

In appraising each physician and surgeon, the Committee kept the following factors constantly in mind:

(1) Age Inasmuch as the Selective Service makes all men under the age of 45 available for military service, all doctors under the age of 45 should in the main be listed as available. Of course, this cannot be adhered to strictly as each man made available should ordinarily have a replacement to carry on his community practice; as physical, mental, and moral qualities must be considered. Furthermore, it should be noted that each individual or the agency employing him shoulders the responsibility for obtaining deferment from the regular draft.

However, since the maximum age for initial appointment in the Army is 55 and the Navy 50, the majority of essential physicians will come from the group above 45. Please bear in mind that this does not preclude a general designation of all physicians as available up to the

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Figures Indicate A Relatively Small Number of Specialists Required Per Million Men.

Extremely important to Tulsa County physicians who may be called to the army for active duty is the possibility of continuing their particular specialty. The following figures represent a total of 5682 specialists required per million men broken down into the various classifications. From these figures, the particular specialists should be able to determine to some extent his chances of continuing his specialty.

Allergists	98
Anesthetists	270
Anesthetists (intra-tracheal)	27
Cardiologists	208
Dermatologists	98
Gastroenterologists	196
General operating surgeons	800
Assistants to operating surgeons	259
Internists	713
Laboratory Specialists (Clin. Pathologists, bacteriologists, etc)	651
Neurologists	196
Neuropsychiatrists	192
Neurosurgeons	134
Ophthalmologists	100
Orthopedic Surgeons	459
Otorhinolaryngologists	281
Plastic and maxillofacial surgeons	136
Roentgenologists	348
Thoracic surgeons	125
Tuberculosis specialists	98
Urologists and syphilologists	293

Fishbein Convention Speaker

American Medical Association Editor to Speak at President's Inaugural Dinner-Dance. Final Arrangements Completed for State Convention Here April 22-24.

An address by Dr. Morris Fishbein, brilliant American medical editor and writer, will feature the fiftieth annual convention of the Oklahoma State Medical Association in Tulsa, April 22-24.

Dr. Fishbein, editor of the *Journal of the American Medical Association* and author of many popular medical volumes, expressed his pleasure at appearing before the Oklahoma group in a recent letter to convention officials. His address will headline the program of the President's Annual Inaugural Dinner-Dance on Thursday, April 23, at the Mayo Hotel. Dr. Fishbein's most recent accomplishment is the publication of the new periodical, "War Medicine," of which he is Editor-in-Chief.

Nine other outstanding figures in American medicine will be guest speakers, one for each special section of the convention. All will take part in a scientific round table on Sulfonamide Therapy on Wednesday, April 22, at the Mayo Hotel, 8:00 p. m.

The guest speakers are:

Dermatology: Dr. Charles C. Dennie, professor of Clinical Dermatology, University of Kansas School of Medicine, Kansas City, Mo.

Pediatrics: Dr. Hugh L. Dwyer, professor of Clinical Pediatrics, University of Kansas School of Medicine, Kansas City, Mo.

General Surgery: Dr. Robert L. Sanders, associate professor of Surgery, University of Tennessee College of Medicine, Memphis, Tenn.

Public Health: Dr. M. Edward Davis, associate professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, University of Chicago, the School of Medicine, Chicago, Ill.

Medicine: Dr. George Herrmann, professor of Clinical Medicine, University of Texas School of Medicine, Galveston, Texas.

Obstetrics and Gynecology: Dr. John C. Burch, associate professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Vanderbilt University, School of Medicine, Nashville, Tenn.

Urology and Syphilology: Dr. T. Leon Howard, assistant professor of Surgery, University of Colorado School of Medicine, Denver, Col.

Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat: Dr. A. B. Reese, assistant Clinical professor of Ophthalmology, Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York, N. Y.

Neurology, Psychiatry and Endocrinology: Dr. Titus H. Harris, professor of Neurology and Psychiatry, University of Texas School of Medicine, Galveston, Texas.

General headquarters for the convention will be the spacious Coliseum where registration for all attending physicians will be held. Visiting doctors, those on military assignment, and guests will not be required to register. It should be noted that no physician will be permitted to attend unless he is properly certified by his county secretary as being in good standing. Dues may not be paid at the registration desk except by the county secretary.

This year an innovation in the program has been made whereby the separate sections shall meet separately and consecutively. This will permit any individual physician to attend any or all of the sections, in contrast to the former method of having each section meet concurrently. The general sessions will begin promptly at 2:30 each afternoon, with special sections meeting each morning at 9:00 a. m. All sections and sessions will meet in the General Assembly hall in the main foyer of the Coliseum.

The schedule for sections is as follows:

April 22, Wednesday: 9:00 a. m., Dermatology and Radiology; 10:30 a. m., General Medicine; 1:00 p. m., Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat.

April 23, Thursday: 9:00 a. m., Obstetrics and Gynecology; 10:30 a. m., General Surgery; 1:00 p. m., Pediatrics.

April 24, Friday: 9:00 a. m., Neurology, Psychiatry and Endocrinology; 10:30 a. m., Urology and Syphilology; 1:00 p. m., Public Health.

Speakers for the separate sections, in addition to the guest speakers listed above, and discussion leaders include:

Obstetrics and Gynecology: Dr. B. R. Hinson, Enid; Dr. Coyne Campbell, Oklahoma City; Dr. E. P. Allen, Oklahoma City; Dr. J. B. Eskridge, Jr., Oklahoma City.

Dermatology and Radiology: Dr. James Stevenson, Tulsa; Dr. John H. Lamb, Oklahoma City; Dr. O. G. Hazel, Oklahoma City; Dr. Harry Green, Tulsa.

General Surgery: Dr. C. C. Hoke, Tulsa; Dr. P. Q. Atchley, Tulsa; Dr. C. J. Hotz, Tulsa.

Pediatrics: Dr. Hugh C. Graham, Tulsa; Dr. J. T. Bell, Oklahoma City; Dr. H. J. Binder, Oklahoma City; Dr. C. M. Pounders, Oklahoma City.

Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat: Dr. Marvin D. Henley, Tulsa; Dr. J. F. Gorrell, Tulsa; Dr. T. O. Coston, Oklahoma City; Dr. J. A. Morrow, Oklahoma City.

General Medicine: Dr. Walker Morledge, Oklahoma City; Dr. Wayne M. Hull, Oklahoma City; Dr. C. M. Pounders, Oklahoma City; Dr. Samuel Goodman, Tulsa; Dr. Paul Cameron, Pryor.

Urology and Syphilology: Dr. J. W. Rogers, Tulsa; Dr. H. H. Hudson, Enid; Dr. E. H. Fite, Muskogee; Dr. R. H. Akin, Oklahoma City.

Public Health: Dr. Isadore Dyer, Tahlequah; Dr. E. N. Smith, Oklahoma City; Dr. E. R. Muntz, Ada; Dr. David V. Hudson, Tulsa; Dr. S. C. Venable, Tulsa; Dr. E. A. Gillis, Oklahoma City.

Neurology, Psychiatry and Endocrin-

ology: Dr. C. E. Leonard, Oklahoma City; Dr. F. M. Adams, Vinita; Dr. M. D. Spottswood, Tulsa; Dr. James A. Willie, Oklahoma City.

Among the Tulsa physicians to act as discussion leaders are Dr. A. Ray Wiley, Dr. R. C. Pigford and Dr. David J. Underwood.

Each of the major guest speakers will have an official convention host as his sponsor. The Society has designated the following sponsors: Dr. Morris Fishbein, Dr. H. B. Stewart; Dr. Charles C. Dennie, Dr. James Stevenson; Dr. George Herrmann, Dr. Ned R. Smith; Dr. John C. Burch, Dr. Carl Simpson; Dr. T. Leon Howard, Dr. Henry S. Browne; Dr. M. Edward Davis, Dr. E. O. Johnson; Dr. A. B. Reese, Dr. C. H. Haralson; Dr. Robert Sanders, Dr. C. C. Hoke; Dr. Titus E. Harris, Dr. M. D. Spottswood; Dr. Hugh Dwyer, Dr. M. J. Searle.

A special program of entertainment for the Ladies Auxiliary has been arranged by a local committee headed by Dr. Mary Edna Sipple, Mrs. T. B. Coulter, Mrs. J. W. Childs, and Mrs. Leon H. Stuart. Among the highlights of this program are the annual meeting and luncheon at the Mayo Hotel, on Thursday, April 23. Tickets for the luncheon are \$1.00 and may be secured from any member of the Tulsa Auxiliary or at the registration desk. Mrs. E. D. Greenberger of McAlester is president of the Auxiliary, with Mrs. Fred L. Flack of Tulsa as president-elect.

Tulsa County members should keep the following facts in mind as regards the convention:

1. Registration of Tulsa County doctors will be conducted at a separate desk. All Tulsa County doctors should register as early as possible to avoid creating unnecessary confusion at the registration booths. Badges will be prepared in advance, so that the registration time will be materially reduced.

2. Tickets for the President's Inaugural Dinner-Dance will go on sale shortly after April 1 at the Executive Office, 1202 Medical Arts Bldg. Tulsa

PRESIDENT'S PAGE

The month of April brings the Oklahoma State Medical Association to Tulsa for its annual scientific meeting. Our society becomes the host society not only for the event as a whole but the individual members become official hosts for each and every member of the state association. It will be our duty individually to assume the role of greeter and entertainer for the out-of-town guests and members. This particular job will be done in the usual Tulsa fashion — complete and long to be remembered.

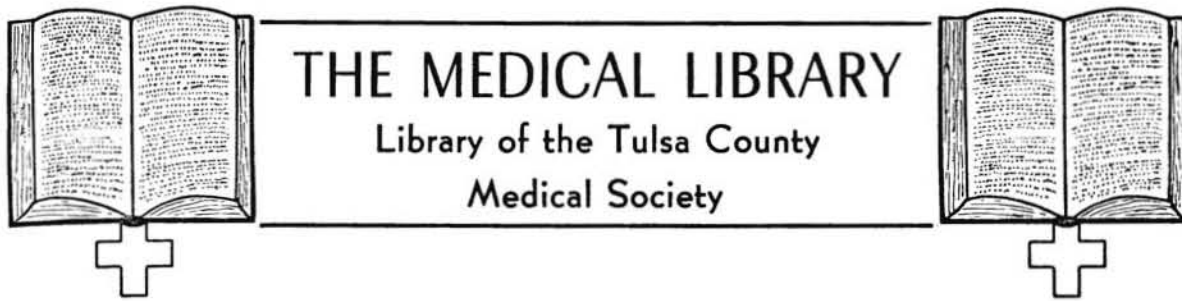
The program of the convention will be a distinct innovation as compared to previous years. It will be novel to some, experimental to the committee on arrangements and I believe highly satisfactory to the great majority. With only one scientific paper being read at any one time it will afford the various specialty groups the opportunity to hear the presentation of all other groups without interruption. This, I believe, will be a good thing for a change. All papers being delivered to a mixed group will assure the speaker a sizeable audience, permit the man in a limited specialty to participate in a variety program and give every listener two presentations in each major field of medicine.

The stag buffet supper, given by the Tulsa County Society on Tuesday evening, April 21, will be a glorious time and occasion to invite your personal state society friends to be your guest and enjoy a real evening of fun, food and entertainment.

Sincerely,



President.



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- Helwig, F. C., M.D., and Smith, Walton H., Liquor, the Servant of Man; the gift of Dr. Merrills Moore.
- Gardiner, Fox, M.D., Doctor at Timberline. The gift of Dr. James S. Stevenson.

Gifts of the Month—

- Dr. Fred Y. Cronk, Industrial Medicine, complete for the year 1941.
- Dr. A. W. Roth, Current issues of the Digest of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology. Bulletin of the American College of Surgeons, January, 1942.
- Dr. A. Ray Wiley, Bulletin of the American College of Surgeons, January, 1942.
- Dr. H. D. Murdock, Surgical Clinics of North America, 1941. Current issues of Archives of Surgery and Southern Medical Journal.
- Dr. William J. Trainor, Current Issues of American Heart Journal.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A paper entitled, "Clinical Conclusions on High Spinal Anesthesia," by Drs. H. B. Stewart and Eugene G. Wolff, is published in the March issue of the Southern Medical Journal.

The Co-operative Clinic is assembling a library pertinent to Public Health, Venereal Disease Control and Social Hygiene. These volumes will be available to members of the profession, interested in these subjects, directly through the Clinic or the Medical Library.

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In a sincere attempt to personalize The Bulletin as much as possible, the editorial staff is planning the creation of a new department which will be designed as Medical Vox Pop for members of the Tulsa County Medical Society who have ideas and opinions that need expression.

Beginning in April, the Executive Office will maintain an "Idea Box" in the library to which members are invited to contribute their suggestions for improvement of the Medical Society and its functions. Particularly, are we interested in receiving questions of general interest which can be answered in these pages.

It is obvious that all contributions may not be of general interest for publication, and that wide latitude must be given the editors in determining what letters will be printed and commented upon. Equally obvious is the fact that the Bulletin cannot be used as medium to sharpen personal axes. Nor can it be used in its function of representing Society opinion to print and publicize certain issues which are best kept within the confines of the Society.

The purpose of this idea box, therefore, is merely for the stimulation of friendly discussion upon general med-

ical issues. Personalities or personal issues cannot be discussed. It is further the purpose of the box and Bulletin to obtain well-meant and valuable ideas for improvement of the Society.

We want the ideas and opinions of every doctor in the Society. Your suggestions and remarks will be given full consideration by the editorial board and published if they so merit. In this way the Bulletin hopes to strengthen the ties that already bind Tulsa County medical men together.

Let's have your ideas and comments now!

SOCIETY FEELS LOSS OF VETERAN SECRETARY

The call of Dr. Roy L. Smith, for six years an active officer of the Tulsa County Medical Society, to active duty with the United States Navy is a loss deeply felt by Tulsa medicine.



Dr. Smith, a graduate of the University of Tennessee College of Medicine, closed his practice March 20 to accept a commission with the Naval Medical Corps. He is at present stationed at New Orleans, La.

MacKENZIE TO OFFICE

Dr. Ian MacKenzie was named by unanimous vote to succeed Dr. Roy L. Smith as vice-president of the Tulsa County Medical Society. He will assume his duties immediately. Dr. Smith's resignation followed his recent call to service with the United States Navy.

Medical Calendar

FRIDAY, April 3rd:

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

MONDAY, April 6th:

Hillcrest Hospital Staff Meeting.

FRIDAY, April 10th:

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. H. Lee Farris, speaker.

MONDAY, April 13th:

Regular meeting, Tulsa County Medical Society, 8:00 p. m., Mayo Hotel. Col. R. C. Baker will speak on "Medical Preparedness for Military Service." A motion picture, "The History of Medicine," will be shown.

FRIDAY, April 17th:

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

MONDAY, April 20th:

St. John's Hospital Staff Meeting.

TUESDAY, April 21st:

Medical and Dental Office Assistants Meeting, Michaelis Cafeteria, 6:00 p. m. Program to be announced later.
Flower Hospital Staff Meeting.
Buffet Supper for Convention Attendants. Stag. 6:30 p. m., Mayo Hotel. Sponsored by the Tulsa County Medical Society.

WEDNESDAY, April 22nd:

Oklahoma State Medical Association's 50th Annual Convention Opens, 8:30 a. m., Mayo Hotel and Coliseum. See program in this issue of The Bulletin for full details.

FRIDAY, April 24th:

The regular Board of Trustees meeting will not be held at this time; the meeting will be scheduled and announced for a subsequent date.
Medical Broadcast, Radio Station KTUL, 4:15 p. m., Dr. H. Lee Farris, speaker.

MONDAY, April 27th:

Regular meeting, Tulsa County Medical Society, 8:00 p. m., Mayo Hotel. Dr. Louis T. Byars, Blair Clinic, St. Louis, will discuss "General Problems of Plastic Surgery."



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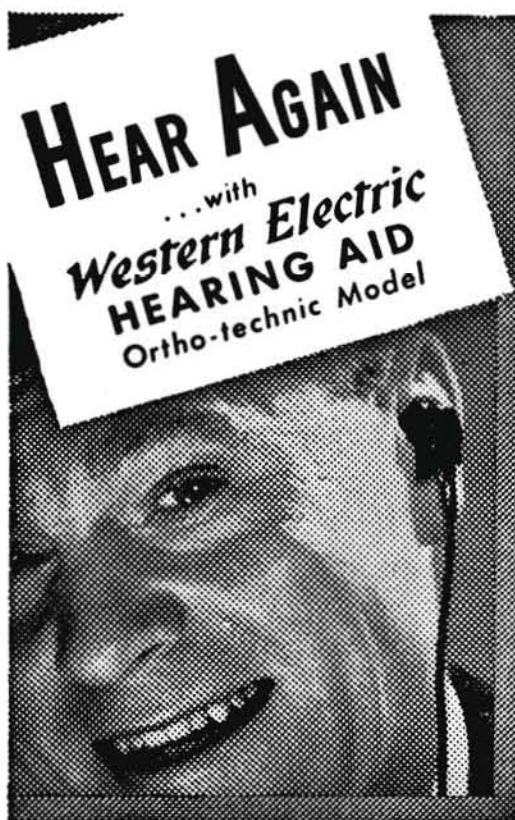
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AMICABLE SETTLEMENT OF CLINIC DISPUTE REVEALED

After several weeks of negotiation, the Clinic Committee of the Tulsa County Medical Society amicably settled its differences with the Tulsa County Board of Commissioners over operation of the Free Medical Clinic. The new agreement was signed Mar. 23.

The terms of the new agreement are practically identical with those of the previous contract dated November 25, 1941. County Physician J. J. Billington reports that no changes in the clinic personnel are anticipated. A copy of the contract is on file at the Executive Office and may be examined by any member upon request, but may not be removed from the office.

IS YOUR LICENSE ON FILE IN TULSA COUNTY?

Warning To All Tulsa County Physicians: A number of Tulsa County physicians and surgeons have not filed their license with the County Clerk as required by Oklahoma State Law. Please check to be sure that you are practicing legally as in the event of a malpractice suit, you may be liable to serious financial and prestige losses. You are not complying with the law if your license is recorded in another county; it must be registered with the county clerk of Tulsa County.

MALPRACTICE POLICY TO STATE ASSOCIATION

Basing its action upon the belief that the Tulsa County Medical Society had accomplished its original objective of drastically reducing malpractice insurance rates for all Oklahoma physicians, the Insurance Committee of the Society on February 10 requested that the Oklahoma State Medical Association assume control of the Master Policy now held

with the London & Lancashire Company.

The request of the committee was accepted by the Council of the Oklahoma State Medical Association, and a new Master Policy has been issued to the state organization.

Two years ago, the Tulsa Medical Society felt that malpractice insurance rates were unduly high. Accordingly, they entered into an arrangement whereby the Society would act as sponsor for promoting a widespread sale of malpractice policies. In this manner, the volume of policies sold would act to reduce rates.

RADIO SPEAKERS FOR APRIL ARE: Doctors H. Lee Farris and Marvin D. Henley. Time: 4:15 p. m. each Friday. Radio Station KTUL.

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DRAFTING

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age of 55. In Tulsa County, the age limit was set at 55, and, barring other deferment bases, all physicians and surgeons under the age of 55 were classified as available.

Reserve Medical Officers with an active status fall under a different classification, and may be called up to the age of 60. In general, the calling of Reserve medical officers to active duty is not a function of the Procurement and Assignment Service. The local Committee merely gives consideration of the Reserve status of any member in judging whether or not they should be deemed essential.

(2) Women physicians are not eligible for commissions in the armed forces, but may be utilized locally. They should be taken into consideration from the point of view that their presence in the community may make available a greater number of male physicians and surgeons.

(3) Part Time Services In A Public Or Quasi-Public Capacity. Such participation of physicians and surgeons in Health Departments, teaching, or other positions are not to be considered as grounds for deeming a physician essential. In certain cases and at the discretion of the local committee, full-time participation may be the basis of an essential rating. In both cases, consideration is given as to whether or not the individual could be displaced by a person over 45 or one disqualified for Military Service.

(4) Private Practice. Obviously, an adequate number of physicians and surgeons must be present to care for the civilian population. In general, no particular importance was attached to the size of the practice of individual Tulsa County doctors; this item was rather governed by the fact that sufficient doctors above the age limit could be listed as essential, with such doctors replacing those who might be called to service. In this county, at least, mere size of the practice was no basis for an essential

rating.

(5) Specialties. In general, the Tulsa County designating group followed the same principle in designating specialists as general practitioners. Eight was given to question of replacement, the number of specialists normally required, and the relative importance of each specialty to community medicine. Specialists were considered to be doctors who devoted 60 per cent or more of their time to a particular type of practice.

On the combined ratings of these five points, each individual physician or surgeon was determined to be in one of the three previously outlined classifications. Unfortunately, the confidential nature of the completed designation report does not permit a published analysis of the Tulsa County groupings. Sufficient to say, the County is more than able to provide its share of medical men for army and navy needs.

By no means, however, is the report of the local designation committee to be considered as final. Each report will be reviewed in detail, and where obvious misratings occur a revision will be ordered. Assignment and Procurement officers are embodied with the power to make such revisions at their own discretion if local committees fail to do so upon request.

Each physician and surgeon has the right to protest his call to service. Sufficient evidence must be presented to justify his contention. If the physician refuses the call without justification, he is liable to stringent action. As well, he is subject to call under the regulations of the Selective Service Act if he is within age regulations.

What does a call to service mean? It means, first of all, a commission in the U. S. Army Medical Corps with the regular rate of pay prescribed for the specified rank. It is only natural that each doctor called to service would like to obtain a military rating in some measure commensurate with his standing, both medical and financial, in civilian life. Unfortunately, this is not often possible to achieve such a happy combi-

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nation. At the present time, there are virtually no commissions in the senior grades available. What the army needs is first and second lieutenants and a smattering of captains. The navy has a primary need for lieutenants, junior and senior grade.

(Editor's Note: Because of the unusual length of this article, and its general interest to doctors, Part II will follow in the May issue of The Bulletin.)

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CONVENTION

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5. Any Tulsa physician or surgeon planning to sponsor a scientific exhibit must immediately contact the Executive Office if he has not previously mailed an application form for the necessary space.

6. Tulsa County Medical Society is playing host to the convention with an introductory buffet supper and program on Tuesday, April 21, Mayo Hotel, at 6:30 p. m. This date is the evening preceding the opening of the convention, and Tulsa physicians should encourage out-of-town friends among convention attendees to be present at the supper. A very interesting program has been arranged dealing with medico-legal subjects.

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