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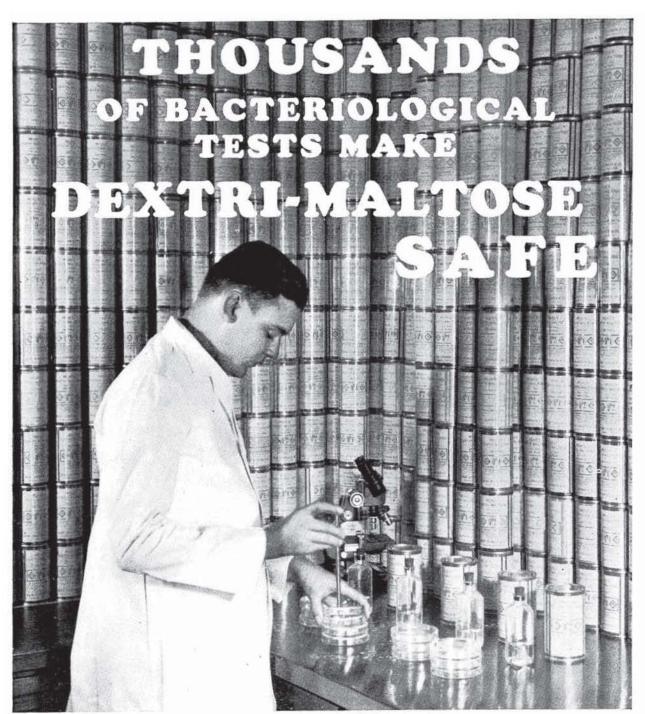
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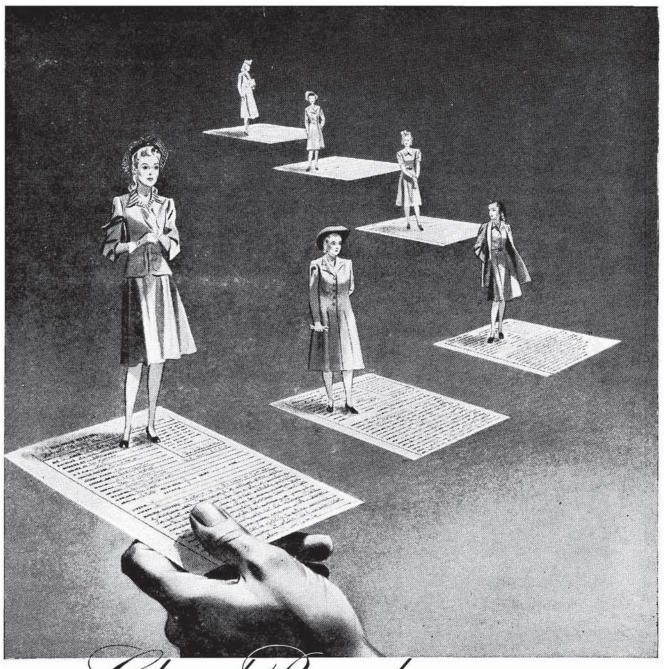
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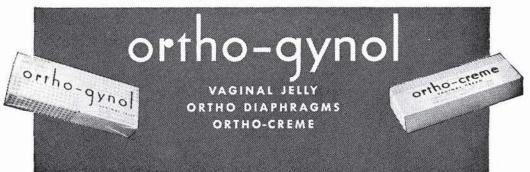
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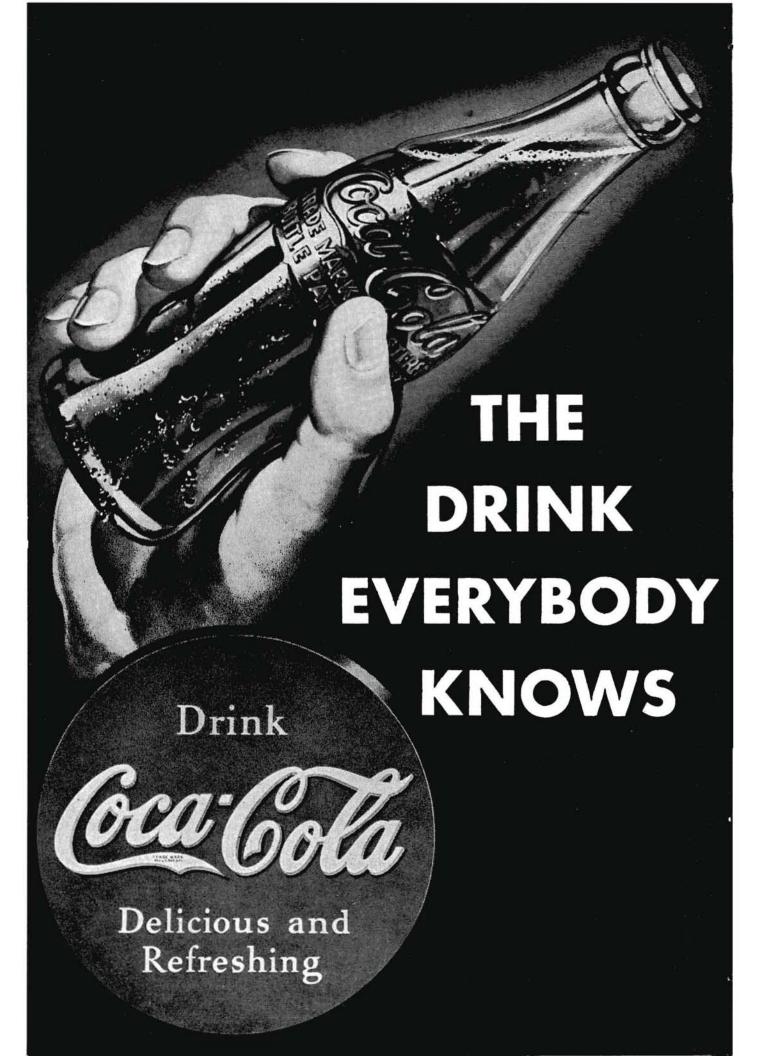
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Your Medical Library

The Phenominal Growth of the Tulsa County Medical Library Is a Story of Patience, Perserverance, and Hard Work. Its Success Is Attested by a Ten-Fold Increase in Attendance and Use.

From a discouraging beginning as an attic of dusty and unwanted medical books to its present position as one of the largest and most modern medical libraries in the state, The Tulsa County Medical Society Library has achieved much of its success by devotion to a principle of effective educational and recreational service to all doctors.

The story of the founding and developing of this library has been one of patient and perservering people unafraid of hard work. It is the story of a small group of people who saw the advantages of an organized library, of pooling the resources of dozens of private medical libraries, and of creating a valuable service to organized medicine.

Today, the library has overcome its once all-important problem of securing sufficient medical literature to meet the needs of the Tulsa profession. Rather, in 1942, it is faced by a problem of acquainting more and more doctors with the service it has to offer, of bringing medical men within its doors for an inspection of its facilities.

The present library, situated atop the 12th floor of the Medical Arts Building, is an outgrowth of the old Journal Club, an organization of Tulsa doctors who contributed books and journals to a private library maintained on the third floor of the Medical Arts Building. In

1934, the Tulsa County Medical Society, foreseeing the need for a group library, took over active sponsorship of the project. Subsequently, the small collection of medical literature was transferred to the 12th floor where an executive office had been established.

The early years of the library were lean and discouraging ones. There was an acute lack of interest in the project, primarily because it was not sufficiently well-cared for to render an effective service to doctors of the county. Only a few interested members kept the library alive, and even this interest did not keep it from remaining little more than an attic room stored with dusty Unclassified, placed on makeshift shelves without much semblance of order, the Tulsa County Medical Library struggled along until 1940 when Dr. J. C. Brogden was named President-Elect of the Society.

From the outset, the new president made it clear that he felt the library the most important phase of Society activity. Even before assuming office in January, 1941, he had laid a definite program of action designed to build the "book collection", as he termed it, into a unified service organization. Outlining his year's program in The Bulletin, Dr. Brogden named the development of the library as the Number One proj-

ect of the year.

An able Library Committee, composed of Drs. E. Rankin Denny, David Hudson, and T. H. West, set to work to carry out Dr. Brogden's instructions. Into the west rooms of the executive offices came the library. So great was the need for space that book shelves lined the recreation room, which was subsequently to be moved.

Most important of a series of remarkable improvements was the hiring of a professional full-time librarian. Mrs. Veneta R. Barlow, University of Tulsa graduate, assumed her position in February, 1941, and immediately began the tremendous task of classifying and cataloguing several thousand books and journals.

The library adopted the Eileen Cunningham system of cataloguing which is designed especially for medical libraries. After several months this work was completed.

In the meantime other changes were taking place. Doctor after doctor was solicited for books and journals, especially the latter. While textbooks and other medical volumes become rapidly outdated as new medical discoveries are made, journals provide a constant source of contemporary thought. Consequently, emphasis was laid upon the maintenance of permament files of medical periodicals.

With its material neatly arranged and classified on crowded shelves, the library began to develop in other directions. Specialized reference material lists were compiled by the librarian. Contacts made with other medical libraries began to pay dividends. A member of the Medical Library Association, the Tulsa County Medical Library now has exchange and borrowing privileges with some of the largest medical libraries in the United States, including those of Harvard, Yale, and the United States Army.

The present administration of Dr. H. B. Stewart, sold on the values of a progressive Society library, has continued to develop the library. Most recently,

the library has been refurnished and redecorated. The Ladies Medical Auxiliary donated \$75 to the library for this purpose, with which a new floor covering was purchased. Dr. David Hudson has added a number of excellent chairs and a table. Dr. H. B. Stewart contributed an attractive globe, and also from the Ladies Auxiliary has come new draperies. Today, the Tulsa County Medical Library is not only one of the most completely equipped libraries in this area but also provides a maximum of comfort.

While the Society urges all doctors to come to the library personally to inspect and utilize its facilities, many busy physicians and surgeons prefer to telephone their requests for information and material. These requests are given prompt attention and the information is made available as readily as possible.

The library has its rules, like all welloperated libraries, but they are kept to a bare minimum. Among the more important regulations are:

- (1) All books are journals may be kept for a period of 10 days with renewal privileges under certain conditions. Current numbers of journals or periodicals may not be removed from the library except for overnight use.
- (2) A fine of five cents per day is made for each day a book is kept overtime. The librarian makes a special effort to see that all borrowers are notified on the date the book is due. Failure to adhere to this rule may result in borrowing and library privileges being withdrawn.
- (3) Non-members are not allowed in the library except from the hours of nine to twelve each morning. Outsiders do not have library privileges but may use the library under certain conditions prescribed by the Library Committee.

In the past the cost of operating the library has been responsible for much of its lack of progress. At present, the library operates on a minimum budget in which allowances are made only for binding, necessary supplies, and the

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Army Officer Pay Rates

What Salary Will You Receive As A Medical Officer in Uncle Sam's Fighting Forces? A Summary of Pay Rates and Allowances for Each Rating in the Medical Corps.

With most Tulsa County physicians and surgeons facing a possible call to service with the armed forces of the nation, many inquiries have been made as to base rates of pay for commissioned medical officers on active duty.

The same pay and allowances are applicable to medical corps officers as for any officer of the Regular Army with the same grade and length of service.

Annual Base Pay Rate

Colonel	\$4,000
Lt. Colonel	\$3,500
Major	\$3,000
Captain	\$2,400
First Lieutenant	\$2,000
Second Lieutenant	\$1,500

An increase in pay for length of service may be computed on the basis of 5 per cent for three full years of service. World War and active duty count full time; inactive duty counts one-half time.

Additional subsistence allowances are made at specified rates. If you are a Second Lieutenant with dependents you will receive 60 cents per day. First Lieutenants and Captains receive \$1.20 per day, with Major and Lieutenant-Colonels rating \$1.80 daily. A full Colonel receives only \$1.20. This is not a typographical error. If you have no dependents, your rate is approximately one-half these amounts.

If the army cannot provide suitable quarters, a rental allowance is granted. First and Second Lieutenants without dependents are allowed \$40 monthly, Captains and Majors \$60 monthly, and Colonels and Lieutenant-Colonels \$80 monthly. With dependents, Second Lieutenants receive \$40 monthly, while First Lieutenants are allowed \$60 monthly. Captains with dependents rate \$80 monthly, Majors \$100 monthly, and Lieutenant-Colonels and Full Col-

onels \$120 monthly.

The government also maintains responsibility for treatment of all wounds and diseases incurred in line of duty, providing medical care, hospitalization, and surgical supplies. During this pay you receive full pay and allowances up to six months after your prescribed tour of duty. After six months, your pay discontinues although the government continues to pay all hospital, medical, and subsistence costs.

The government assumes the cost of burial expenses for any reserve officer whose death occurs while on active duty. This includes transportation costs of the remains to the home of the officer.

Any officer disabled by wounds or disease while on active duty shall be entitled to all benefits of the pension law existing at that time. This does not apply to a training period.

All officers are entitled to maintain their own residence and to live with their families, providing it is feasible and does not conflict with specific orders of the post commander. When ordered to foreign service, certain additional allowances may be made; under present circumstances, wives and families may not accompany the husband-officers into foreign areas.

All notices for publication in THE BULLETIN must be in the offices of the Executive Secretary by the 25th day of each month.

The Tulsa County Medical Library is maintained for your use. If you haven't visited the library, do so at once.

Doctor (about to vaccinate a small boy): "Well, little man, which arm shall we use?"

Boy: "Please, Doctor, mother washed both arms."

PRESIDENT'S PAGE

For the past three or four years the Tulsa County Medical Society has sponsored and gradually developed a department of activity which is well known to many of its members but is entirely foreign to the balance. It is in the spirit of help to the latter group of Society members that I again appeal for participation as well as moral support of its major projects. I refer to the Medical Credit Bureau.

This department of the business office has enjoyed a steady growth from the very beginning. Some of the original objectives of the Bureau have been dropped as not feasible, but by and large the basic principles have produced a sound and valuable service for the collection of professional accounts.

It appears to me every thoughtful and well meaning Society member could well afford to support this Credit Bureau. Any activity which produces revenue and operates without an appropriation is well worth while. If you stop to consider that your accounts are collected for a 'lower than average fee', that legal suit is not instituted without your consent, that your debtors are handled in such a manner as to preserve them as patients, that your accounts are all given equal consideration, that your debtors respect a collection service operated by physicians themselves, that a central medical credit rating is mutually helpful to the profession at large and that the collection fee will indirectly be returned to you through your Society treasury-it is difficult to understand why you would not interest yourself in placing your accounts with your County Medical Society Credit Bureau. Every bit of support you can lend to this Society effort pays cash dividends. A volume of business often means the difference between real success and a mere existence.

Sincerely,

AB Stewart m.D.

President.

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MAY 12th - HOSPITAL DAY

Tulsa hospitals will join May 12th in observance of National Hospital Day, an annual celebration designed to honor the nation's hospitals and those who operate them.

Throughout the United States thousands of people are expected to visit their local hospitals where they will be shown the services and facilities for medical and hospital care that exist in their community. Several Tulsa hospitals are expected to make special arrangements for public visits, although they will not be permitted to interfere with the normal routine.

Tulsa's leading hospitals include:

St. John's Hospital, general, with 250 beds.

Hillcrest Hospital, general, with 225 beds.

Oakwood Sanitarium, a hospital devoted to care of neuro-psychiatric patients, with 42 beds.

Flower Hospital, general, 30 beds. Tulsa General Hospital, general, 75

Mercy Hospital for Crippled Children, 153 beds.

Tulsa Junior League Home for Crippled Children, 35 beds.

These hospitals are expected to participate in the National Hospital Day programs.

A young ensign, very insistent he must have leave, was asked the reason by his commanding officer.

"My wife is expecting a baby," he replied.

"Listen, young man, remember this—you are only necessary at the laying of the keel. For the launching you are entirely superfluous."—Readers Digest.

Of Special Interest

GREEN, SHERWOOD MAKE LIBRARY DONATIONS

Two gifts to the Tulsa County Medical Library recently have been a contribution of \$5.00 by Harry Green to the Dermatology Endowment Fund, and \$25.00 from Dr. R. G. Sherwood for the purchase of "A History of Medicine in the United States" by Packard. This two-volume set is now available in the library.

The disposal of Dr. Green's contribution has not been decided upon by library officials.

Doctors are urged to bear in mind that registration of license under terms of the Annual Medical Registration Act must be completed by June 10 for the current year. Applications shall be made to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Medical Examiners, Oklahoma City, Okla. Each application must be accompanied by a \$3.00 registration fee.

Dr. E. Rankin Denny was a delegate to the American College of Physicians, St. Paul, Minn., April 20-24.

Judge O'Faherty: "Haven't you been before me before?"

Prisoner: "No, yer honor. Oi never saw but one face that looked loike yours and that was a photygraf of an Irish king."

Judge O'Flaherty: "Discharged! Call the next case!"

Drafting The Tulsa Doctor

(Part Two)

A continuation of the Analysis of the Drafting Process for Tulsa County Medical Men, Local Society's Patient-Doctor Ratio Is High.

(Editor's Note: Because of the exceptional length of this article, space limitations made necessary its publications in two parts. Part One appeared in the April, 1942, issue of The Bulletin, page seven.)

However, it should be taken into consideration that under present age regulations, the ratings granted are in keeping with certain minimum and maximum age limits. It is logical to suppose that if the number of men within the present age limits is inadequate, and that an over-supply of senior officers would occur if older doctors were called into a service, a drastic revision of the present age limits would probably be made.

Bear in mind that in these times of emergency, the draft program cannot concern itself with the previous economic or social status of the individual. Of course, the military does recognize the professional skill of the physician and surgeon to the extent of granting commissions, but at the same time it is aware of his limitations as an officer under military orders—limitations which mean confinement of the professional man in the service to one particular phase of an involved and complex program.

However, the physician who is a specialist by reason of practicing a particular type of medicine to the extent of 60 per cent of his practice must not conclude that he will be given preference in the rating for commissions. While this may be true in certain particular instances, most specialists may reasonably expect to be called into service as a general practitioner of medicine. As a recent survey of Tulsa doctors revealed, only about one of ten specialists in service in World War I were permitted to practice their specialty.

What are the needs of the army at this time? Under present estimates, a

minimum of 13 physicians should be on hand to care for each 2,000 soldiers. This means that about 28,000 medical officers are required for an army of four million men; at present, some 12,000 medical officers are needed to meet the proposed army expansion through 1942. The requirements of the war years that may follow will undoubtedly be equally severe.

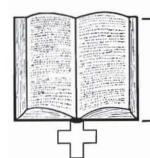
In the Navy, a recent estimate of 3,000 doctors to be required by the end of 1942 has been made. At least 700 more are needed to meet the normal ratio requirements for the present membership of the navy. At the present time the Navy is granting slightly higher ratings of commission, although its requirements as to physical and professional qualifications are more stringent. It is anticipated that the present senior officer commissions will soon meet the present need, and that commissions only in the lower grades will be available.

All physicians and surgeons willing to enlist in either the Army or Navy should remember that all applications are cleared through the Procurement and Assignment Service.

In general, an involuntary recruitment of military personnel may not be expected to take place until it is obvious that the operation of the Selective Service Act will not provide sufficient physicians. The present draft law operates in an indirect manner to attain this end. All men now between the ages of 18 and 45 are subject to military service. Medical men falling in this classification will be offered the opportunity of obtaining a commission. If they fail to avail themselves of this chance, they are subject to induction as a private in the army, with no assurance that they shall at any time be promoted to an officer's berth or even assigned to a medical unit.

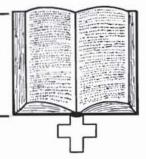
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RECENT ACCESSIONS

Reprints-

Kantor, Colonel John L., Medical Reserve, U. S. Army. The Medical Service at the First Army Maneuvers of 1940, With Special Reference to the Work of the First Evacuation Hospital. Military Surgeon, 1941.

Schoffman, Wm. F., M.D., Phoenix, Arizona. Banana Diet in the Treatment of Typhoid Fever in Children. Journal of Pediatrics, 1941.

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of North America, 1940.

Gifts-

Dr. Frank J. Nelson, A Textbook of General Bacteriology, Seventh Edition by Jordan, Edwin O., Ph.D. Practical Physiological Chemistry, Seventh Edition, by Hawk, Philip B., M.S. Ph.D.

Dr. David V. Hudson, Transactions of the South Central Section of the American Urological Association for 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939 and 1940.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A paper entitled "Foreign Body (Tooth) in the Pharynx," by Dr. Arthur H. Davis was published in the March issue of the Archives of Otolaryngology.

The first shipment of Journals in bound volumes, for the last half of 1941 has been received in the Library and is ready for circulation.

OF INTEREST

The forty-fourth Annual Meeting of the Medical Library Association, of which our Library is a member, will be held in New Orleans, May 7, 8 and 9. Colonel Harold W. Jones of the Army Medical Library, Washington, D. C., will give the principal address.

"An Important phase of Medicine is the ability to appraise the Literature correctly."—Hippocrates.

The BULLETIN

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Elsewhere in this issue of The Bulletin is a comprehensive discussion of the growth of the Tulsa County Medical Library, the story of one of the finest accomplishments of the Tulsa County Medical Society.

It has long been the desire and goal of state medical leaders to have an excellent library established to be known as the Oklahoma State Medical Library. The primary purpose of such a library would be providing of medical literature to hundreds of small town and rural physicians and surgeons who do not have access to a private medical library. At present, the American Medical Association provides a package library service to such men but it does not operate, with the rapidity to be desired; neither does it give its users a feeling that they are using a library which they may consider to be personally theirs.

Here in Tulsa in our own Medical Library is to be found the basic foundation for a state library. It is obvious that a severe difficulty is the starting handicap of having to work from scratch. On the other hand, the Tulsa County Medical Library is not exactly "scratch". Rather, it is one of the largest and most progressive medical

libraries in the Southwest.

We are not suggesting this project merely for the selfish purpose of having a large library located in Tulsa for benefit of Tulsa doctors. It is our aim to provide the basis for the establishment of a fine medical library that would be available to every physician and surgeon in Oklahoma.

Little can be done in the editorial pages of The Bulletin in this direction, although our words can serve to stimulate the keen minds of Oklahoma medical leaders. The value and importance of this idea should not be underestimated. It has not originated in Tulsa County but with state medical personalities who foreseen the tremendous benefit a large state library would provide.

It is something for you to think about and to act upon.

AUXILIARY DONATES \$75.00 TO MEDICAL LIBRARY

In an effort to further the library's progressive program, the Ladies Medical Auxiliary in April voted a gift of \$75.00 to the Tulsa County Medical Library for use at the discretion of library officials.

The Library Committee subsequently employed the money in the purchase of an attractive floor covering for the northwest library room. The check was presented for the Auxiliary by Mrs. T. B. Coulter and Mrs. J. W. Childs to Dr. David Hudson and Dr. M. D. Spottswood, representatives of the Library Committee. Mrs. Frank J. Nelson was chairman of the Gift Committee which promoted the project.

Additionally, the Ladies Medical Auxiliary presented the library with two sets of window drapes. Dr. H. B. Stewart, president of the Tulsa County Medical Society, expressed his thanks for the two gifts before the Society on April 11. At that time, a vote of thanks was ordered.

Medical Calendar

FRIDAY, May 1st:

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

MONDAY, May 4th:

Hillcrest Hospital Staff Meeting.

FRIDAY, May 8th:

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, May 11th:

Regular meeting, Tulsa County Medical Society, Mayo Hotel, 8:00 p. m. Dr. John G. Matt will deliver a paper, "Clinical Diagnosis of Ulcerated Meckel's Diverticulum", with lantern slides. A motion picture will also be shown. Business Meeting.

TUESDAY, May 12th:

National Hospital Day. Special Tulsa program to be announced later.

FRIDAY, May 15th:

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

MONDAY, May 18th:

St. John's Hospital Staff Meeting.

TUESDAY, May 19th:

Medical and Dental Office Assistants Meeting, Michaelis Cafeteria, 6:00 p. m. Program to be announced later. Flower Hospital Staff Meeting.

FRIDAY, May 22nd:

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

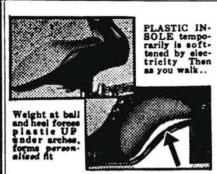
Medical Broadcast, Radio Station KTUL, 4:15 p. m. Dr. H. Lee Farris, speaker.

MONDAY, May 25th:

Regular meeting, Tulsa County Medical Society, Mayo Hotel, 8:00 p. m. A medical and surgical symposia will follow a brief business meeting. Dr. H. A. Ruprecht, program chairman. This will conclude the Spring series of meetings, and no further meetings will be held until Fall.

FRIDAY, May 29th:

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



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Recently an interesting question arose in Tulsa County when a young physician was rejected upon application for a medical corps commission because he failed to meet the physical requirements. However, his physical condition was sufficiently satisfactory for induction into the army under the terms of the Selective Service Act. This meant that a valuable medical man would be placed in a position that could be filled by virtually thousands of regular draftees. While the Procurement and Assignment Service has not been instructed as to this particular case, it appears upon reliable authority that no medical man shall be permitted to enter the army as a private soldier; the exception to this case would be in those instances where the individual arbitrarily refused to accept a medical commission.

The question now arises as to what influence actual community needs will have in retaining an adequate number of doctors for the civilian population. Obviously, civilian health cannot be neglected. But just as obvious is the fact that some sacrifices may have to be made if the American soldier is kept in the state of health and morale necessary to win the war. In Tulsa, there is an excess of physicians necessary to serve the present population. The American Medical Association estimates that one physician to every 1200 persons is the least number which any community should maintain. There are now 275 accredited physicians in the County serving 200,000 people. It is obvious that Tulsa can afford to lose a certain number of doctors and surgeons. This number should not be large, especially in view of the fact that the location of vital defense works in Tulsa demands an adequate medical personnel to maintain good working conditions. Furthermore, many of the 275 physicians previously referred to are not capable of conducting a normal practice because of age or physical infirmities.

One last question should be commented upon briefly: what about the problem of dependents? Frankly, the Assignment and Procurement Service as a military agency is not unduly concerned with the fact that dependents must be cared for by the doctor called into service. It is concerned to the extent of providing an officer's pay sufficient to provide for these dependents, but it obviously cannot be concerned with maintaining the standard of living to which these dependents are accustomed. It is merely another sacrifice which must be made by the American people. Recently, there have been indications that certain Congressional legislation may provide for this problem in the event involuntary recruitment of medical personnel is necessary.

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Urology	5
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