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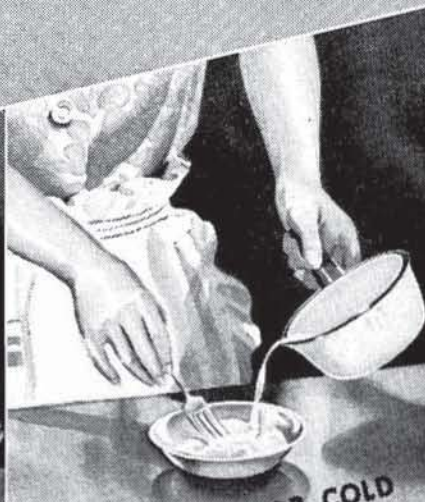
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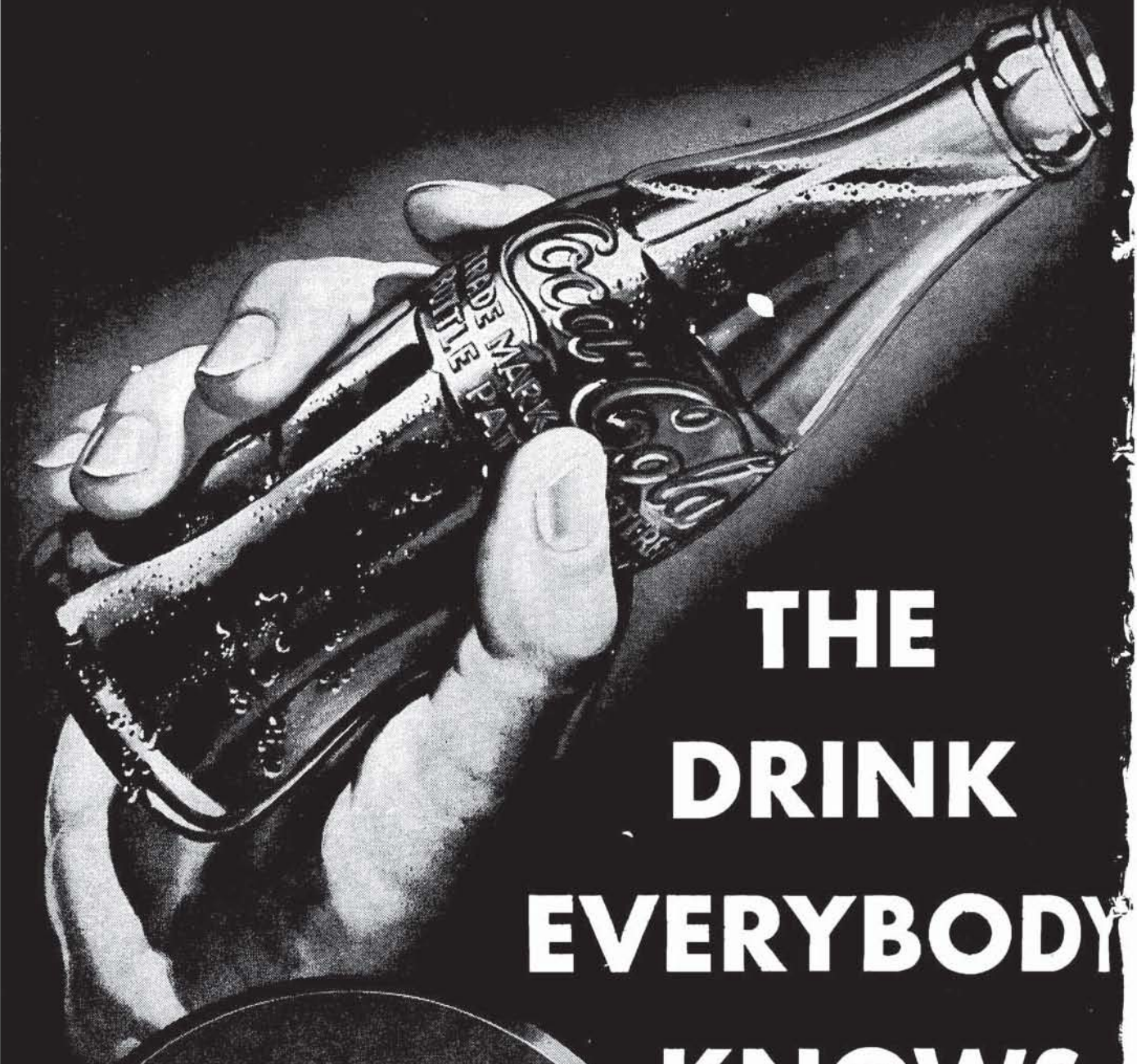
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PROTECTION OF MEDICAL PRACTICES

Chief Among The Post-War Problems Of Organized Medicine Is The Protection Of The Practices Of Service Doctors. The Solutions Are Few And Untried, Dependent Upon Professional Cooperation And Fair Play.

The Tulsa County Medical Society was recently called upon by one of its members during the course of an open meeting to devise a workable plan whereby Society members now in service could return from the war and find their civilian practice intact. It was suggested that the Medical Economics Committee undertake a program of this character.

As noted in the September issue of The Bulletin in the article, "Post War Planning For Medicine," the assimilation of service members after the return of peace is going to be a major problem in Tulsa County. It is probably the most important phase of post-war planning for its effects are widespread. Coupled with other economic factors which will become apparent with the shutdown of defense activity, the return of service men will undoubtedly produce a substantial reduction in the size of medical practices.

Unless some workable program of post-war planning is instigated, the returning doctors are not going to be faced with a pleasant prospect. Defense activities are likely to be substantially curtailed. Whether or not a conversion to peace time production for Tulsa industry can be made is a matter of speculation. It is certain that the volume of employment for peace will not match the high levels necessary for war production. As a result, reduced payrolls will bring

corresponding reductions in medical practice. It isn't that people won't get sick any more, but that they will neglect medical attention because they are unable to afford it. Likewise, there will be a corresponding decrease in the volume of industrial practices as plants slow down or stop.

The possible post-war conditions which may exist need not be recounted again. They have previously been outlined during the course of the articles, "Post-War Planning For Medicine," on pages 9-10 of the September, 1943, issue of The Bulletin.

The important thing now is to determine a solution for these problems.

What is being done elsewhere to protect the interests of the returning soldier? Let's take a look at a few projects sponsored by individual physicians and by medical organizations and publications over the country.

First of all, the doctor must not be forgotten. In many cities the telephone companies have agreed to reserve the telephone number of the doctor and to list that number in the directory. This may result in some unnecessary and useless calls but the physician's name remains before the public. In some cities the telephone company makes a small charge, usually 25 cents per month, and in others it is given free.

Keeping the name before the public is

also possible by retaining the departed doctor's name on the door of his former office quarters. Here in Tulsa, the names of virtually all doctors who have entered the army from the Medical Arts Building are still painted on the doors of their quarters. They are not paying rent, but the present occupants have in nearly all cases asked that the name of the service man be kept on the door. In some cases, a service flag is hung under or beside the name of the doctor in the ranks. The names of doctors in service is also kept on the building directory in the lobby of the Medical Arts Building.

Efforts of this type must not be criticized as advertising of a fashion—these efforts are ethical and creditable, representing a sound and tried idea. To these suggestions, another may be added. The names of doctors in service should be promptly posted in the form of a plaque or testimonial in the leading medical centers of the community. This serves not only to honor these men but to keep their name before the public, to acquaint the public with who has actually been called to service.

The protection of the economic aspects of a medical practice is a difficult problem. Where doctors are in partnership, it becomes easier to solve. The physician who goes to service may (and should) have an understanding with his partner in regard to the division of medical practice after the war. Arrangements should also be made to provide for retention of necessary space in the office to permit the service doctor to resume practice in his old location.

Much is going to depend upon the cooperation of the doctor who remains at home. That type of cooperation is now being granted. While opportunities exist for taking advantage of the service doctor, the physician-partner at home is quick to recognize the obligation which he as an individual and the medical profession as a whole owes to the doctor in service. Fair play is the paramount principle in obtaining a successful solution to the plan.

Medical societies in other parts of the country have devised some ingenious

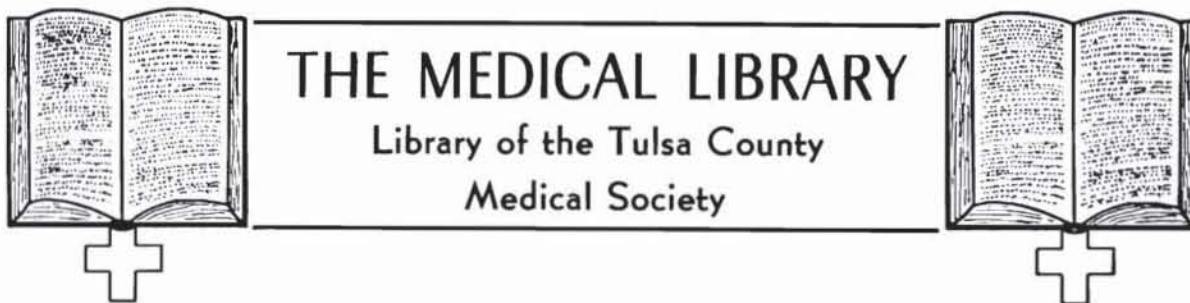
methods of protecting medical practices for service doctors. In one area, doctors are remitting a portion of fees to a special fund for service men. It is customary for each doctor who receives a patient formerly treated by a service doctor to remit 20 per cent of the total fees to the fund. This money is to be credited to the account of the doctor concerned and will be available to him upon his return from service.

This particular plan has its drawbacks. It becomes difficult to determine what doctors have previously treated the patient. Perhaps the patient has had no family doctor, or perhaps he has been treated by a number of service doctors. Objections are also made that the fee rate is too high. The practicing physician must still make his expenses regardless of the derivation of his medical practice.

There are similar plans of this type. While they constitute a nice gesture of appreciation to the men in service, too often they fail in the fundamental aim of the plan—to retain the practice for the men in service. The comment is often made that the selection of a doctor is from habit. Patients who become accustomed to a certain physician during the war years are going to be hesitant to make another change. This is natural, especially if the patient has been satisfied. Such an action does not constitute any reflection of the abilities of the returning service doctor. It is merely an indication of the nature of medical practice.

Some medical societies have passed resolutions whereby doctors will refuse to accept patients of service doctors after the return of the doctor from the war. This will necessitate doctors making notations on their records if this procedure is to be followed. Here again, much will depend upon the doctor. The patient's wishes will have to be respected. Where possible, the doctor should acquaint his patient with this plan. In that manner, it will be an easier matter to dispose of when the proper time comes.

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Traumatic Shock and Hemorrhage by L. A. Alesen, M. D., Los Angeles, California. California and Western Medicine, May, 1943.

The Essential Qualifications Of a Great Surgeon by Ernest Sachs, M. D., St. Louis, Missouri. Journal of the Tennessee State Medical Association, May, 1943.

Adjustment of the Physician to Civilian Needs in Wartime by Edward J. McCormick, M. D., Toledo, Ohio. The Ohio State Medical Journal, May, 1943.

Gifts Of The Month—

Dr. A. Ray Wiley, **Archives of Surgery**, volumes one to thirty-six, which makes the file on this journal complete from the first date of publication to date. Miscellaneous issues of the **Journal of the American Medical Association**, **Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery** and the **Southern Medical Journal**.

Dr. Louis M. Piatt, approximately forty volumes in the various fields of medicine, including a set of **Tice's Practice of Medicine**.

Dr. S. Goodman, miscellaneous copies of the **Journal of the American Medical Association**, **Southern Medical Journal** and **American Journal of the Medical Sciences**.

Library, E. R. Squibb and Sons, **Pencillin, An Annotated Bibliography**, July, 1943.

Library, Winthrop Chemical Co., **Penicillin, Annotated Bibliography With Detailed Subject Index**, June, 1943.

OF INTEREST

The second in a series of articles pertaining to blood plasma by Dr. A. Ray Wiley, entitled, "A Plan For The Use Of Blood Plasma in Rural Communities" was published in the August issue of the Journal of the Oklahoma State Medical Association.

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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

It is now only two months until the Tulsa County Medical Society will meet to elect officers for 1944 and to name a president-elect to serve in 1945. The selection of Society's officials should not be made haphazardly but after a careful survey of potential candidates with a thorough-going estimate of their worth as an officer. Those of us who have served the Society in an executive capacity have learned that time and effort must be expended to successfully execute the Society's expansive program of activity. While much of the detail work is performed by the Executive Secretary and his assistants, it remains for the Society's officers to formulate and direct a worthwhile schedule of work. There are now many young men in the Tulsa County Medical Society who are deserving of consideration for these offices. I urge that you study the roster of members, consider each qualified applicant on the basis of his merits, and nominate accordingly. Through this manner of selecting our officers, the Tulsa County Medical Society may continue to be a progressive and valuable instrument to the organized medical profession in this county.

Sincerely,



President.

MINNESOTA MEETING REVEALING

Congressman Tell Doctors Opposition To State Medicine Must Come From United Efforts Of The Profession. Washington Bureaucracy Over Medicine Can Yet Be Averted, Minnesota Representative Alleges.

Eighteen Congressional representatives of five Northwestern states, brought together last month by the Minnesota State Medical Association for a discussion of medical and other problems in Minneapolis, voiced the opinion that federal regimentation of medicine by a national system of bureaucracy could be successfully headed off by unified opposition of medical men.

The August 16 meeting, of interest to members of the Tulsa County Medical Society and other doctors throughout the nation, brought together the Senators and Representatives of Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin, and North and South Dakota for a face-to-face airing of medical problems with physicians of the five states.

Dr. A. W. Adson, representing organized medicine for the five states, lodged a strong protest over the increasing trend towards regimentation of medicine by the federal government. After lauding the efforts of the profession to meet the problems of war, he struck a sharp blow at confusing medical legislation, at the lack of centralized medical authority, and concluded with a suggestion that a federal Department of Health be created in the cabinet to facilitate medical and health administration.

Minnesota's Congressman August Andresen took issue with Dr. Adson over the idea of a Department of Health to be headed by a physician-cabinet officer. He said: "We may be a bit skeptical about that because it seems to be the procedure to place people who know nothing about the work at the head of government departments. We are just a little bit afraid that they might put Dr. Harry Hopkins or Madame Perkins in the job."

Replying to Dr. Adson's charges of increasing government interference in medicine, Congressman Karl Mundt of South Dakota urged a unified attack by all professions in turning back the growing wave of bureaucracy.

"Could you not," Mundt asked, "call together the heads of all your professions to help us turn our faces away from bureaucratic collectivism? It would be a case of doctors for doctors against the ill-organized machinery now operating, but you would find the majority down in Washington glad to cooperate with you if you would unite and fight as a group, with the strength of numbers, against state socialism."

The pending Wagner-Murray Senate Bill No. 1161 to create a system of state medicine appeared to interest the Congressmen greatly. Congressman J. P. O'Hara of Minnesota pointed out the tremendous popular appeal of the bill and the argument for it on the basis that many people now unable to afford medical care would be able to obtain it via government cooperation.

Dr. Adson, in answer, stated that the bill would kill free enterprise, initiative, and research. He sharply criticized that proposed allotment of 20 per cent of the plan's budget for administrative expenses. Dr. Adson said that physicians seeking appointments to medical bureaus would be so busy playing politics that it would be difficult to find time to practice good medicine. He cited the example of Germany's deterioration in medical service as the result of a medical dictatorship.

"We believe," he said, "that medical service for relief patients should be conducted as it is here in Minnesota. The state welfare agency operates

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COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

A summary of committee activities of the Tulsa County Medical Society for the past few weeks includes:

Medical Economics Committee

A study to determine the most reliable system of determining patient indigency. After consideration of several such systems, a plan established by the Tulsa Public Health Association was adopted. This study arose through a request from officials of the Tulsa Cooperative Clinic that the Tulsa County Medical Society recommend a system whereby patient indigency could be properly determined. The Medical Economics Committee also conducted a survey to determine which doctors were willing to accept referred patients of the Tulsa Cooperative Clinic for venereal disease treatment on a sub-standard fee basis. This activity was also at the specific request of the Clinic officials. Dr. George R. Osborn, Dr. James Stevenson, and Dr. D. J. Underwood participated.

Fraudulent Practices Committee

At a recent meeting, the Fraudulent Practices Committee outlined a program for fall activity. A sub-committee of five members is to be appointed by the president to carry out the program, details of which are not to be announced until later. Dr. L. C. Northrup, Dr. R. Q. Atchley, and Dr. W. H. Calhoun are committee members.

Legislative Committee

Activities of this Committee towards combating the Wagner-Murray Act are discussed at greater length on page seven in September's Bulletin. The Committee is also considering methods whereby necessary alterations can be made in the federal Maternal Care plan now in operation. Dr. R. M. Shepard, Dr. L. C. Presson, and Dr. A. B. Carney are members of the committee.

Library Committee

Selection of new books to be purchased from special gifts and contributions is being made by the Library Committee.

Arrangements were also made for the hanging of a beautiful oil painting of the late Dr. G. I. Garabedian, Tulsa County pediatrician, in the library quarters. The Committee notes that figures on the use of the Library are at their highest since its establishment. Dr. David V. Hudson, Dr. J. C. Brogden, and Dr. Joseph Fulcher participated.

Entertainment Committee

The annual golf tournament of the Tulsa County Medical Society is being postponed until cooler autumn weather. A supper and evening of entertainment will follow the tournament. Committee members are Dr. Carl Simpson, Dr. W. A. Showman, and Dr. R. B. Witcher.

Civic Relations Committee

This committee is now cooperating with the Tulsa Council of Social Agencies in the final details of a survey of Tulsa health facilities. The committee expects to make recommendations concerning local health agencies at the completion of the survey. The committee is also working out an arrangement with local telephone company officials to permit doctors to retain all house telephones when moving their residence. Formerly, WPB rules made necessary the surrender of all telephones except one, failing to allow for necessary extensions for professional purposes. Much of the credit for this arrangement must go to Dr. George R. Osborn and others. Committee members are Dr. A. Ray Wiley, Dr. W. A. Dean, and Dr. Allen C. Kramer.

Credit Bureau Committee

A check on summer activities of the Medical Credit Bureau by the supervising committee last month reveals that collections are holding up excellently despite unusual hot weather. The operation of the income tax withholding law had no effect on collections as the first month of its existence (July) indicated Credit Bureau collections up a gross

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Medical Calendar

FRIDAY, October 1st:

Any member who has not paid any portion of his 1943 dues by this date will be dropped from membership in accordance with constitutional regulations. Doctors not paying the second installment of dues must be certified to hospitals as suspended from membership.

SATURDAY, October 2nd:

If your basic gasoline ration book "A" is dated for expiration on November 1, please contact the Executive Office for renewal applications. Most "A" books are dated January 1, 1944, for expiration.

MONDAY, October 4th:

Hillcrest Hospital Staff Meeting.

FRIDAY, October 8th:

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

MONDAY, October 11th:

Regular scientific meeting, Tulsa County Medical Society, Mayo Hotel, 8:00 p. m. Program to be announced later. Dr. James C. Peden, presiding officer.

SATURDAY, October 16th:

Copy deadline for the November issue of The Bulletin.

SUNDAY, October 17th:

Annual Secretaries Meeting for officers of Oklahoma county medical societies, Biltmore Hotel, Oklahoma City, 2:00 p. m.

MONDAY, October 18th:

Opening of Thirteenth Annual Conference, Oklahoma City Clinical Society, October 18-21. Tulsa physicians are urged to attend. St. Johns Hospital Staff Meeting.

TUESDAY, October 19th:

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

FRIDAY, October 22nd:

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

SATURDAY, October 23rd:

Members of the Office Assistants group of Blue Cross Plan, Group Hospital Service, are reminded that premiums for the three-month period beginning November 1 become due on this date. Make payments to Executive Office, 1202 Medical Arts Building, Tulsa.

MONDAY, October 25th:

Scientific program of the Tulsa County Medical Society for this date cancelled unless members are otherwise notified in advance by mail.

SATURDAY, October 30th:

Final date for filing renewals on Gasoline Ration Book A if dated to expire November 1, 1943.

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MEDICINE IN WASHINGTON

The information that the Oklahoma State Medical Association would introduce or support a resolution asking for the establishment of a Washington office for the American Medical Association came as cheering news to Tulsa doctors at the annual state convention last May. The introduction and discussion of the subject at the AMA House of Delegates in June resulted in a stormy session which managed to confuse the issues at hand and to sidestep the suggestion through inadequate compromises. The possibility of a Washington office for medicine went up in a puff of smoke.

The Tulsa County Medical Society supported the move at that time. It is still convinced of the value of such an office. The establishment of an AMA group in Washington would increase the lobbying efficiency of organized medicine and it would definitely place facts and figures of a medical character at the fingertips of every Senator and Congressman in the capitol. In this manner, legislation based on incorrect or inadequate facts, such as the Maternal Care Plan, would and could logically be prevented.

The lobbying possibilities would defi-

nately be increased at the present time through the creation of a new body of direct authority. The immediate value of a Washington office for the AMA is apparent. It is particularly desirable at a time when state medicine is threatened from all sides.

The officers of the Tulsa County Medical Society are aware that the compromise creation of an AMA council on public relations will do much to correct certain conditions in need of remedy. They are also strong in their belief that the need for a Washington office has not diminished through the establishment of this Council. In keeping with this view, the Society is urging that the component county and state medical organizations continue in this fight and not be discouraged by an initial defeat.

There is every reason to believe that an action of this type will again encounter strong opposition. That should be sufficient to encourage every Tulsa County doctor to work for the establishment of a Washington office for AMA. There is much to be gained by the creation of a strong organization of facts and figures which directly represents the medical profession.

~ Auxiliary News ~

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Tulsa County Medical Society inaugurated its Fall season of programs with a morning coffee at the home of Mrs. Charles H. Haralson, 1 E. 26th Place, on October 1. The special program honored wives of doctors in service and wives of honorary members of the Tulsa County Medical Society. Music was furnished by Mrs. G. Garabedian.

Auxiliary officers for the year are: Mrs. John Perry, president; Mrs. Carl Hotz, president-elect; Mrs. D. L. Garrett, vice-president; Mrs. M. O. Nelson, recording secretary; Mrs. L. C. Northrup, corresponding secretary; Mrs. A. H. Ungerman, treasurer; Mrs. J. Fred Bolton, historian, and Mrs. F. L. Flack, parliamentarian.



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STATE HEALTH DEPARTMENT DROPS MATERNAL CARE PLAN

The Oklahoma State Health Department last month announced that it was withdrawing from participation in the Federal Maternal and Child Care Plan, which provided obstetrical and pediatric care without charge to wives and children of service men.

According to reports from Oklahoma City, a ruling by the Attorney-General of the State gave the right of participation to any person, either a layman or medical man. Under these circumstances, the State Health Department was unwilling to continue its activities further.

Pending further notice, doctors who are caring for patients under the plan should now make other arrangements for remuneration. The American Red Cross, Tulsa County Chapter, has announced that it cannot be responsible for the obstetrical and pediatric expense so incurred. The same is true of the Tulsa Public Health Association. Both of these organizations served to publicize the plan at its inception. The Red Cross does maintain a fund which will make necessary loans for obstetrical purposes to deserving women.

CAPITOL CLINICAL SOCIETY CONFERENCE OCTOBER 18-21

The members of the Tulsa County Medical Society have again been invited to attend the Thirteenth Annual Conference of the Oklahoma Clinical Society, October 18-21, at the Biltmore Hotel, Oklahoma City.

A series of intensive clinics and courses in all phases of medicine will be presented by an outstanding faculty of physicians, including:

Dr. A. H. Aaron, medicine, University of Buffalo; Dr. Vilray P. Blair, plastic surgery, Washington University; Dr. Louis A. Buie, proctology, University of Minnesota; Dr. Leory A. Calkins, obstetrics, University of Kansas; Dr. T. J. Dimitry, ophthalmology, Louisiana State University; Col. F. G. Ebaugh, neuropsychiatry, Eighth Serv-

ice Command, Dallas; Dr. George B. Eusterman, medicine, University of Minnesota;

Dr. C. B. Huggins, urology, University of Chicago; Dr. Clinton W. Lane, dermatology, Washington University; Dr. H. E. Mock, surgery, Northwestern University; Dr. Thomas G. Orr, surgery, University of Kansas; Dr. Louis E. Phaneuf, gynecology, Tufts College; Dr. Robert Schrock, orthopedic surgery, University of Nebraska; Dr. John Toomey, pediatrics, Western Reserve University; Dr. W. L. Simpson, otolaryngology, University of Tennessee, and Dr. Charles T. Way, medicine, Western Reserve University.

The five-day program will feature the usual schedule of roundtable meetings, clinics, suppers, luncheons, and entertainment events. Doctors are urged to make their plans now to attend this valuable school.

CANDIDATES NAMED FOR MEDICAL EXAMINERS' BOARD

In an effort to continue its representation on the State Board of Medical Examiners, the Tulsa County Medical Society at the meeting of September 13 named three official candidates for certification to the nominating board. The three are Dr. Ralph A. McGill, Dr. George Osborn, and Dr. A. W. Pigford.

The names of the candidates, determined by open election, will be recommended as candidates to the Council of the Oklahoma State Medical Association, which in the past has acted as a nominating board.

The vacancy on the board was occasioned by the recent death of Dr. C. E. Bradley of Tulsa.

CLINIC SERVICE SOUGHT

The Clinic Committee of the Tulsa County Medical Society is realigning physician personnel for service at the Tulsa County Clinic. Dr. Ralph A. McGill, chairman, requests the cooperation of all members in serving a minimum of several hours each month.

PERSONALS

DR. VICTOR K. ALLEN has returned from a lengthy vacation in the Minnesota lake region.

DR. HERBERT ORR, formerly an intern at Hillcrest Hospital, has joined the staff of the Medical & Surgical Clinic at 1307 South Main.

DR. NED R. SMITH is still confined at St. Johns Hospital. His condition is reported improved.

DR. A. H. UNGERMAN is recovering from an injury to his hand.

DR. D. W. LEMASTER has returned from a medical conference at Chicago.

DR. W. ALBERT COOK has been under treatment for an eye infection at a St. Louis hospital.

DR. F. L. UNDERWOOD has returned from a brief vacation.

DR. J. D. SHIPP has been promoted from the rank of Lieutenant to Captain in the Army Air Forces medical unit at Shreveport, Louisiana. He was a recent visitor to Tulsa.

DR. J. K. LEE is reported to have left a port of embarkation with his medical unit.

DR. H. A. RUPRECHT and DR. MARCELLA S. RUPRECHT have returned after a brief vacation.

The offices of DR. W. A. SHOWMAN at 409 Medical Arts Building, Tulsa, have been attractively remodeled.

DR. RALPH MCGILL has been vacationing.

DR. LOUIS PIATT has moved to Columbus, Ohio, and will resume practice there.

CAPTAIN JOHN EDWARDS was hospitalized last month at his post at Camp Maxey, Texas, with a severe case of asthma.

The father of MAJOR W. C. EWELL died in Tulsa recently.

MAJOR COLE D. PITTMAN, now stationed at Rosecrans Field, Mo., was a recent visitor to Tulsa.

DR. J. E. WALLACE has returned

to practice after undergoing an operation at Colonial Hospital, Rochester, Minnesota.

DR. A. W. ROTH is vacationing in Canada.

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

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\$400.00, over the previous month. Dr. A. W. Pigford, Dr. H. L. Farris, and Dr. I. H. Nelson are committee members.

Rationing Committee

This always busy committee found a new problem with the reduction in value of gasoline coupons. Many doctors required adjustments in their professional driving allotments, which were handled by the Executive Office. Plans are now complete for the regular three-month renewal of supplementary gasoline rations through the Executive Office. Dr. H. B. Stewart, Dr. W. J. Trainor, and Dr. M. V. Stanley participated.

Insurance Committee

Dr. V. K. Allen's Insurance Committee continued to be one of the most active committees of the Tulsa County Medical Society through its constant supervision over all malpractice insurance matters. Policy renewals, which must bear the approval of the local committee, have been especially heavy this summer. In addition to Dr. Allen, Dr. J. S. Chalmers, and Dr. John Perry participated.

Program Committee

Dr. H. A. Ruprecht, Dr. Ian MacKenzie, and Dr. Arthur H. Davis, committee members, are arranging a series of fall meetings for the Tulsa County Medical Society beginning Monday, September 13. The committee is soliciting suggestions for scientific programs.

Welfare Committee

Continuing in its long-standing practice, the Welfare Committee continued to provide flowers for the sick, to represent the Society at funerals of deceased members, to arrange for suitable resolutions of sympathy. Dr. R. W. Dunlap, Dr. W. A. Walker, and Dr. S. C. Venable head the committee.

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Lay Medical Articles

Medical articles of interest appearing in lay publications included the following:

"Menengitis." By Maxine Davis. *Good Housekeeping*, October, p. 26. Another in a series of valuable medical articles appearing each month in this magazine.

"Spit It Out, Soldier." *Time*, September 13, p. 62. The army is finding new ways of reducing shell shock and battle hysteria.

"Flu Is Through." By John Moreland. *Colliers*, September 4, p. 30. An optimistic note on the decline of influenza in America.

"Not Enough Doctors." By Henry F. Pringle. *Ladies Home Journal*, September, p. 22. A fine analysis of the inadequate medical facilities of boom-town Sault St. Marie, Michigan.

"Alias Doctor Kildare." *Time*, August 23, p. 66. The success story of Dr. L. D. Newman, Louisiana obstetrician.

"Wise Men Pick Pyknic Girls." By J. George Frederick. *Esquire*, October, p. 38. Why do tall men marry short girls, and vice versa, from the psychological standpoint.

"Polio, 1943." *Time*, August 23, p. 66. Notes on the extent of the current epidemic of poliomyelitis.

"Riding For a Fall." By James Thomas Flexner. *Colliers*, September 4, p. 24. Case histories of patients who have fallen great heights and lived.

"Rush On Penicillin." *Time*, August 30, p. 44. The new wonder drug makes headlines as the public pleads in vain for unavailable supplies.

"Life Begins At Four Score." By Gretta Palmer. *Coronet*, September, p. 86. Growing old gracefully—from a medical standpoint.

"Cellophane For Knee Joints."

Time, September 6, p. 58. Wrapping joints in cellophane proves to be new aid in treatment of arthritis and stiff knees.

"Don't Follow Your Husband to Camp." By Leslie B. Hohman, M. D. *Ladies Home Journal*, September, p. 108. A prominent psychiatrist gives advice to army wives.

"Keep Up With Medicine." By Gretta Palmer. *Good Housekeeping*, October, p. 178. Fish juices prove to be life sustaining to marooned soldiers and sailors.

SOCIETY PAYS IN-SERVICE DUES TO STATE ASSOCIATION

The Tulsa County Medical Society by official action at the meeting of September 13 will pay the annual membership dues of \$4.00 to the Oklahoma State Medical Association for each Society member now serving with the armed forces.

The action was taken as a gesture of appreciation to the forty-seven members in Army, Navy and Marine medical units. Payment of the special in-service fee for 1943 will retain all members in good standing for the duration of the war as the State Association has suspended the dues of all members in good standing after January 1, 1944.

The resolution providing for payment called for censure of the Oklahoma State Medical Association for its attitude towards the payment of the service fee. Discussants of the measure on the floor termed the Association's ruling as unfair and in violation of an obligation to service members. Representatives of the Oklahoma State Medical Association pointed out that the action was taken by the House of Delegates, of which Tulsa County has eight members. The motion to censure passed by a majority vote, although many dissenting votes were heard.

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MINNESOTA MEETING

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through local county units in close cooperation with physicians in order to maintain the standards of good medical service and grant the patient free choice of physician."

Congressman W. H. Judd of Minnesota, himself a physician, summed the case for private medicine. Admitting it was true that 10 to 15 per cent of the people in this country do not get adequate medical service, Judd criticized new legislation because it would scrap the entire system now in operation which gives the other 85 per cent good medical care in order to help 10 or 15 per cent of the people. He asserted that this minority could be taken care of by the private physician without wrecking the system which provides for care of the majority.

"The medical and dental professions of the United States have a chance to secure the finest service anywhere in the world for all the people," he said, "and without regimentation."

Commenting on the Minnesota meeting from the point-of-view of the Tulsa and Oklahoma physician, it may be observed that the advice of the Congressman may be applied to the doctors of this state as well as to those to whom it was originally given.

The editors of *The Bulletin* believe that the publication of this analysis may serve to help awaken physicians to the need of unified efforts to preserve the present system of private medicine. The general opinions expressed by the Congressman are also more or less repre-

sentative of the Congressmen of this area. They serve to indicate the attitude of Congress towards medical matters, to suggest a method of procedure, and to express a willingness to cooperate with the profession where an effort is made to rectify conditions which are in need of remedy.

The members of the Tulsa County Medical Society are urged to give strong attention to these problems, to maintain a solid front of opposition to anti-social plans of state medicine. Only in this way can an effective protest be lodged.

Medical insignia for automobiles are no longer available at the Executive Offices as metal necessary for their manufacture cannot be secured.

Pictures of past presidents of the Tulsa County Medical Society are on display in the hallway of the Executive Offices.

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CLINIC REPORT	
August 20-September 16	
Medicine	439
Surgery	69
Cardiac	5
Urology	10
Varicose	10
Pediatrics	11
Eye	38
Rectal	3
Dermatology	16
Tumor	34
Gynecology	12
Dental	21
Diathermy	13
Tonsils	12
Total	693

PROTECTION OF PRACTICE

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Some resolutions indicate a spirit of good intention. Whether they will be successful in actual operation remains to be seen.

Another problem which will face the returning doctor is that of office space. Greatly increased medical practices, occasioned by the dearth of doctors, is now leading many physicians to enlarge their present quarters. In specialized buildings, such as the Medical Arts Building of Tulsa, available space is quickly taken. Returning doctors may be faced with accepting less desirable quarters.

In this respect, the Tulsa County Medical Society has negotiated agreements with building managements which will guarantee space priorities to those doctors who were tenants before the war. Such priorities will be available only to the extent of the actual space to be distributed.

It will be well for doctors who are enlarging quarters to bear in mind that such space may become a burden after the war when their present practices must be divided with returning service physicians and with newcomers.

Virtually all medical societies are retaining their members in good standing without the payment of dues. This is done by the Tulsa County Medical Society and the Oklahoma State Medical Association. Doctors will not be put to the trouble of reapplying for membership upon their return.

From this analysis it is obvious that a workable plan is difficult. It also seems reasonable that the best method of retaining medical practice is dependence upon the cooperation and fair play of home physicians. The doctors in service are making a sacrifice; in the majority of cases most doctors are going to find it necessary to make a fresh start in private practice at the close of the war.

The Medical Economics Committee of the Tulsa County Medical Society is devoting considerable attention to this problem. It feels that much of the actual beneficial results must be ob-

tained in the six months immediately following the cessation of hostilities. But it is not neglecting to promote any plan which would be of value while the war continues.

(Editor's Note: This is the second in a series of three articles dealing with post-war planning for the medical profession. The first, entitled "Post War Planning For Medicine," appeared in the September issue of The Bulletin. Next month, the series will be concluded with a detailed analysis of post-war "musts" for the practice of medicine.)

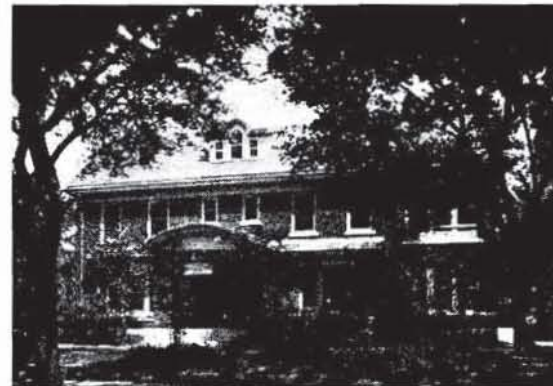
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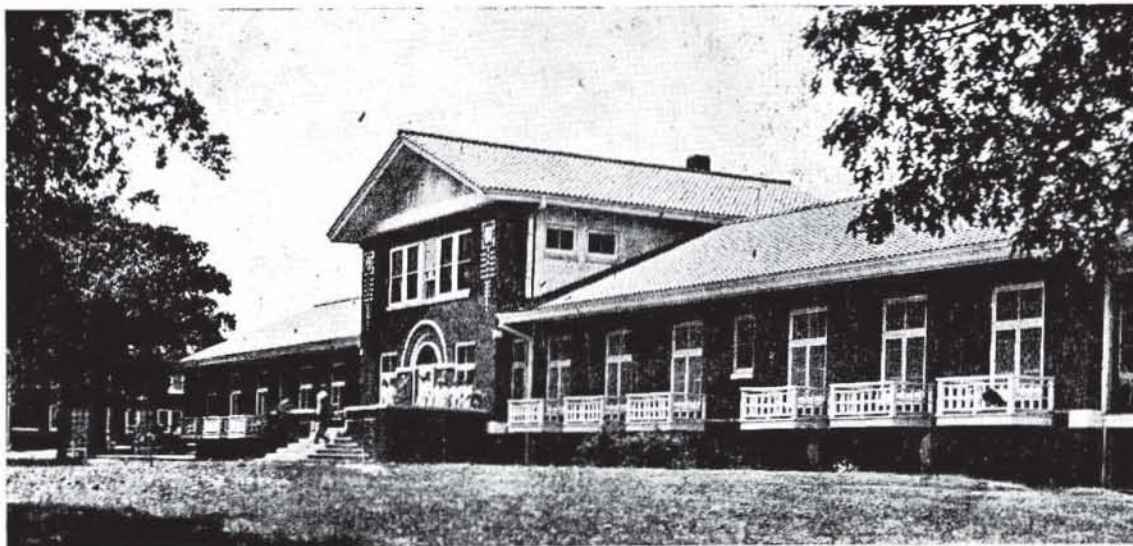
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