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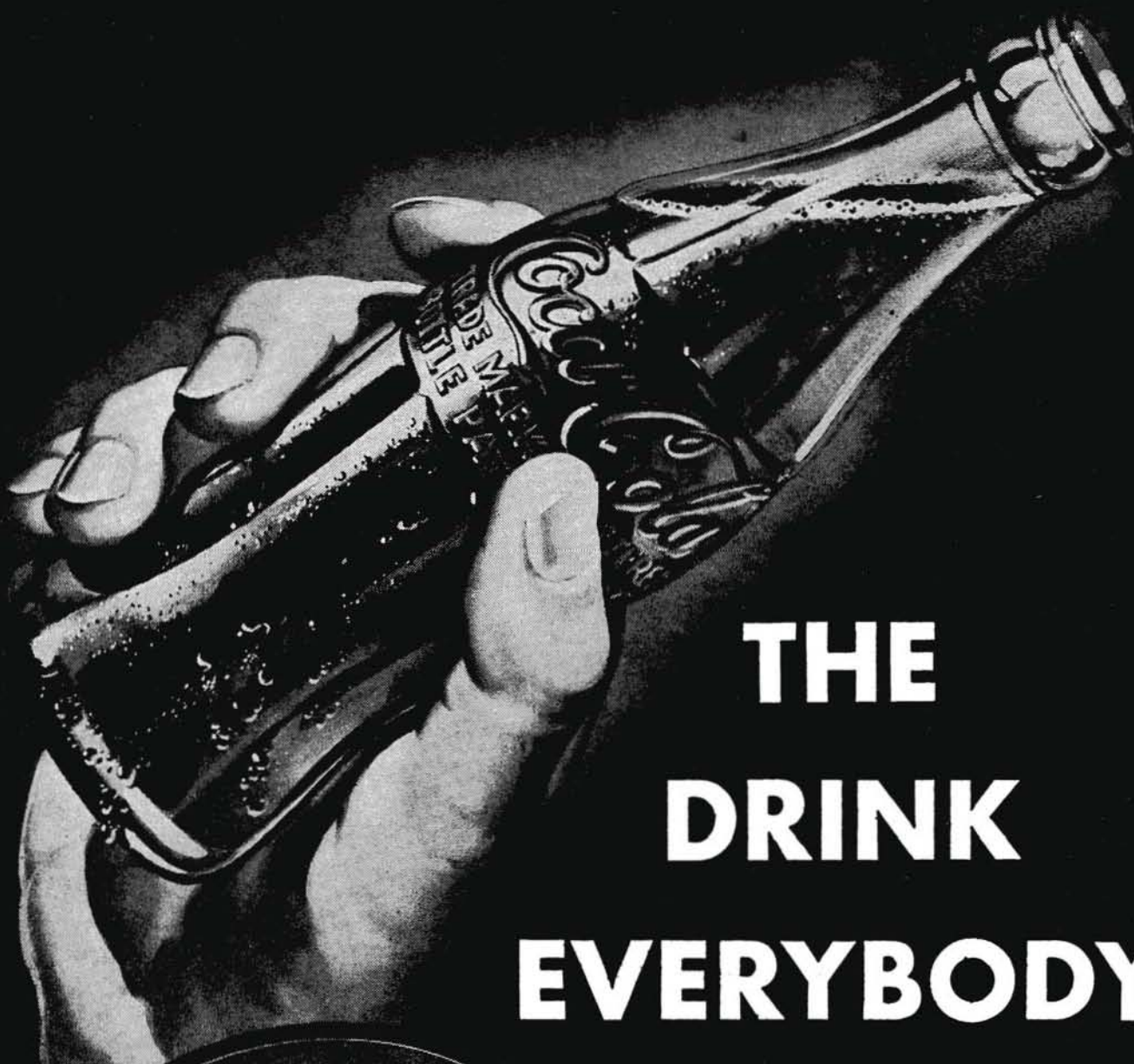


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Recruiting System Altered

Oklahoma To Provide Few Doctors To Armed Forces Pending Determination Of 1943 Quota. Procurement And Assignment Service Sets Up New Method Of Securing Needed Medical Officers.

Tulsa County physicians and surgeons were given reasonable assurances last month that recruiting of medical officers for the Army and Navy from Oklahoma would be light during the early months of the year. However, a tentative requirement of 9,900 doctors for military service this year indicates a further drain upon Oklahoma medical resources may be expected later in 1943.

A memorandum from the Surgeon-General's office in Washington, released in early March, said physicians would not be recruited in Oklahoma except for "interns and residents and special cases for specific position vacancies."

Indicative of the government's intention to call additional doctors to the service from other areas, however, was the taking of a new survey of medical personnel in every state in the Union by the Procurement and Assignment Service. Tulsa County doctors have already received and returned a questionnaire which will be used as the basis for a new system of classification.

Dr. C. R. Roundtree, Oklahoma City physician and assistant state director of the Procurement and Assignment Service, warned the profession against over optimism in regard to loss of members to the services. He pointed out that while Oklahoma has not been assigned a quota to fulfill in 1943 as yet, there is considerable likelihood that one will be assigned if the national quota is to be met. Much

depends, Dr. Roundtree asserted, on the results of the survey now being tabulated. The official noted that the Procurement and Assignment Service is now confining its recruiting to those states which failed to meet their 1942 quota requirements. Oklahoma fulfilled its quota last year by 135 per cent.

The purpose of the new survey now being conducted in this state is to provide information from which an over-all picture of medical facilities and personnel may be obtained and from which a resulting breakdown may be made. The questionnaire sent to doctors is quite similar to those used in previous surveys by the American Medical Association and other organizations. Its questions relate only to basic information concerning marital and dependency status, type and nature of practice, and military status.

Where physicians were formerly classified simply as "essential" or "available", the new classifications are much more numerous and detailed in scope. There are four basic classifications with three or more sub-classifications each. Each physician, after returning his questionnaire properly completed, will be classified by the State office of Procurement and Assignment in one of the following groups:

I. AVAILABLE:

A. Potentiality qualified for service, i.e., has not been rejected by Army:

1. Unmarried or married but not maintaining a home with wife and/or children. (Class 1A-1)

2. Married and maintaining a bona fide home with wife and/or children:

(a) Married with no children. (Class 1A-2 (a)).

(b) Married with 1 child. (Class 1A-2 (b)).

(c) Married with 2 children. (Class 1A-2 (c)).

(d) Married with 3 or more children. (Class 1A-2 (d)).

B. Not eligible, on account of age, physical disability, or other reason for service with the armed forces, but considered available for civilian medical services associated with the war effort. (Class 1B).

II. ESSENTIAL FOR LIMITED DURATION OR UNTIL A REPLACEMENT CAN BE SECURED:

A. For community medical care. (Class IIA).

B. For teaching or war research. (Class IIB).

C. For hospital service. (Class IIC).

D. For public health. (Class IID).

E. For industry. (Class IIE).

III. ESSENTIAL FOR UNLIMITED DURATION:

A. For community medical care. (Class IIIA).

B. For teaching or war research. (Class IIIB).

C. For hospital service. (Class IIIC).

D. For public health. (Class IIID).

E. For industry. (Class IIIE).

IV. NOT AVAILABLE FOR EITHER MILITARY OR EMERGENCY CIVILIAN SERVICES BECAUSE OF—

A. Physical disability or age. (Class IVA).

B. Ethical or professional shortcomings. (Class IVB).

C. Retirement or engagement in work not directly or indirectly connected with the profession. (Class IVC).

This classification will serve as a guide in recruiting physicians in the most fair and efficient manner, taking into consideration marital and depend-

ency status, essentialness to the community or to certain medical and physical condition and age.

In short, Tulsa physicians are now being set up in classifications decidedly similar in construction and purpose to the selective Service Law classifications.

Since the exact method of recruiting of doctors for the armed forces has undergone changes, the new procedure may be noted here. Tulsa County physicians now interested in becoming a commissioned medical officer should apply to the Eighth Service Command Office Procurement Service, 1013 Santa Fe Building, Dallas, Texas. (For Navy commissions, apply Naval Officer Procurement, 217-227 Camp Street, New Orleans, La.) Clearances will then be sought from the Oklahoma City office of the Procurement and Assignment Service. If the applicant is deemed available, his commission will be placed in process. For those physicians who have applied directly to the Surgeon-General's office in Washington the procedure will be the same as the requests will be returned to the Dallas office. Applicants will save time by applying directly to the district headquarters.

If and when Oklahoma is assigned a quota and recruiting is opened up in the state, the following procedure will be used:

State headquarters of the Procurement and Assignment Service will supply monthly lists to the Dallas office. These lists will be taken from the classifications determined in the recent survey. The regional office will then issue an invitation and return card inviting the physician to apply for a commission. All doctors who accept this invitation will return their card to the State office for clearance. These cards will be returned to the proper officials and processing of commissions will begin. The applicant is permitted to express his choice of branch of service and these choices will be observed insofar as is possible.

If a doctor does not accept the invi-

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War and the Medical Society

Post-War Planning By Organized Medical Societies May Preclude The Development Of Serious Threats In The Years After The War Ends. The Tulsa County Medical Society Plans A Systematic Reorganization To Meet Peacetime Requirements.

(Continued from Last Month)

Publication of The Bulletin, official organ of the Tulsa County Medical Society, has also been made more difficult by war. Declining advertising revenues have made serious inroads into many medical publications. Fortunately, The Bulletin has been able to keep advertising income on a fairly normal basis. Printing costs, due to increased costs of labor and paper and supplies, have risen somewhat. The editorial content of the publication now tends to center on war and war-related themes. The editors have been required to acquaint themselves with the military, its needs and services, and with the effect of war on medical economics.

The library of the Tulsa County Medical Society has felt the effects of war also. Binding prices are up, and many shades of binding are no longer available. Transportation difficulties do not make exchange of information as easy as formerly, but it is still successfully accomplished.

The scientific meetings of the Tulsa County Medical Society have been reduced in number. The inability to secure outside speakers, plus the decline in attendance as practice mounts, has resulted in almost a 50 per cent reduction in the number of meetings held during the year.

It has become necessary for the Tulsa County Medical Society to assist the Procurement & Assignment Service by rating members as to their availability. This rating is accomplished by a conscientious committee of five that follows Procurement & Assignment rating instructions to the letter. Its impartial manner is to be commended.

Rationing has brought its headaches to the medical societies as well as to the

individual. The Tulsa County Medical Society, following its established policy of serving the doctor, has been able to eliminate these headaches to some extent by providing and collecting forms for rationing, by working out agreements with rationing boards as to physicians privileges, and by facilitating distribution of gasoline coupons. Physicians of Tulsa County have been provided with information concerning rationing, and those availing themselves of the Society's services have in all cases received their rationing books with a minimum of trouble.

The Tulsa County Clinic, which the Society sponsors, has had a reduction in the number of patients treated. This is due primarily to the improved financial status of patients, many of whom are now employed in war jobs.

The Tulsa County Medical Society drew up a plan to provide medical care for defense workers on a common basis of remuneration. This plan was not, however, considered by leading defense industries located in Tulsa.

Since the beginning of war, the Tulsa County Medical Society has also been faced with an increased number of medical quacks who are not properly licensed physicians. Through the efforts of the Fraudulent Practices Committee, a number of these have been exposed. However, it becomes a more and more difficult problem to cope with them. Several are developing a substantial practice among defense workers; the potential results are serious in scope. Improper treatment by illegitimate practitioners of medicine may result in many lost hours of manpower, to say nothing of the personal damage to the person "treated".

The Society has found its relations

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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

The Tulsa County Medical Society has long felt that the system of classifying civilian doctors for medical officer service with the armed forces has been highly inadequate and lacking in systematic standards. Consequently, it was with considerable pleasure that the Society received notice of a new classification system now being perfected by the Procurement and Assignment Service. The details of this method are printed elsewhere in this issue of *The Bulletin*, but sufficient to say the new system of classification clearly outlines and creates standards whereby a physician may be classified for potential service on a comparative basis of age, physical condition, marital and dependency status, and essentialness to the community.

The old simple classification of either "available" or "essential" not only made abuse of the drafting process possible but it created much ill-will among certain members of the profession. With the enlargement of the classifications to include the points listed above, it now becomes possible for a doctor to know exactly his prospects of entering service. It eliminates the haphazard method of obtaining medical officers and places all civilian doctors on a comparative basis similar to the classification system of Selective Service.

The Tulsa County Medical Society wishes to commend the Procurement and Assignment Service for the development of this new impartial system, and to express the hope that the commissioning of medical officers will proceed along the lines indicated by the classifications. If this is not done, the value of the plan is negligible. This new method represents a contribution to the morale of the medical profession. It must not be endangered by incompetent administration.

Sincerely,



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New Books—

McBride, Earl D., M.D., Disability Evaluation, Principles of Treatment of Compensable Injuries, third edition, 1942, the gift of Dr. H. Lee Farris.

Gifford, Sanford R., M.D., A Handbook of Ocular Therapeutics, third edition, 1942, the gift of Dr. A. W. Roth.

Pillsbury, Donald, M.D., Sulzberger, Marion, M.D., and Livingood, Clarence S., M.D., Manual of Dermatology, 1942, one of a series of Official Military Medical Manuals, the gift of Dr. James Stevenson.

Various Authors, under the direction of the Division of Medical Sciences of the National Research Council, the Official Military Surgical Manuals, 1942.

Plastic and Maxillofacial Surgery, the gift of Dr. H. D. Murdock.

Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology, the gift of Dr. Marvin D. Henley.

Abdominal and Genito-Urinary Injuries, the gift of Dr. Joseph Fulcher.

Orthopedic Subjects, the gift of Dr. Ian MacKenzie.

Burns, Shock, Wound Healing and Vascular Injuries, the gift of Dr. Ralph McGill.

Thoracic Surgery, Neurosurgery and Peripheral Nerve Injuries, the gift of Dr. Fred A. Glass.

Gifts of the Month—

Dr. W. Albert Cook, Transactions of the American Academy of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology, complete for the year 1942.

Dr. Paul Grosshart, a total of twelve texts, principally in the fields of Surgery, but including the first edition of Sir William Osler's, the Principles and Practice of Medicine, of which the library also has the latest edition by Henry A. Christian, M.D., as well as several intervening editions.

BRIEF ABSTRACTS

The value of sulfanilamide as a prophylactic agent in rheumatic fever is discussed by Caroline A. Chandler, M.D., and Helen B. Taussig, M.D., in the Bulletin of the Johns Hopkins Hospital. According to the authors, out of a total of forty-one patient-seasons over a two year period, only one patient receiving sulfanilamide developed a questionable recurrence of rheumatic fever. Due to present circumstances they were unable to extend the study over a five year period as originally planned, so do not feel that of necessity it is complete, but will tend to corroborate the findings of earlier investigators.—Bulletin of the Johns Hopkins Hospital, 62:42, 1943.

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Members In Service



CAPTAIN HARRY GREEN writes from Camp Sibert, Alabama, that he is greatly enjoying his new assignment of organizing a dermatology section for Sibert's new 1,700 bed hospital. "We are miles and miles from nowhere, the fellows are grand, nurses are scarce, and the food—well, I won't go into that," Captain Green notes. "Please convey my regards and very best wishes to one and all in our medical society." (Captain Harry Green, Station Hospital, Camp Sibert, Ala.)

LT. EARL M. LUSK became CAPTAIN EARL M. LUSK last March 8th shortly after his transfer from Camp Bowie, Texas, to Camp Maxey, Texas. Captain Lusk is now with the 69th Medical Regiment. Only 230 miles from Tulsa, he hopes to be back for a visit soon. (Capt. Earl M. Lusk, 69th Medical Regiment, Camp Maxey, Texas).

LT. W. B. BOONE popped into Tulsa early last month en route to Randolph Field, Texas. Formerly stationed at nearby Kelly Field, Lt. Boone spent a few weeks at Carlisle Barracks, Pa., before orders came to report back to Texas. He expects a transfer to overseas duty in a few weeks. (Lt. W. B. Boone, Station Hospital, Randolph Field, San Antonio, Texas).

LT. S. C. SHEPARD, latest Tulsa County doctor to enter service, reports his address as 189 W. Liberty, Covington, Tennessee, where he is on duty as a Naval Medical Officer.

LT. ROY L. SMITH, United States Navy, writes that he is "sailing the bounding plains of Texas," bemoans that after a year in service he has yet to see any water. Lt. Smith expresses the hope that some of his Tulsa friends will remember that he still enjoys quail. (Lt. Roy L. Smith, U. S. Naval Training School, College Station, Texas).

LT. LOGAN A. SPANN is now on active duty with the United States Navy in the South Pacific area. Mrs. Spann

is now back in Tulsa, residing at 2619 E. 14th Street. A cablegram from Navy headquarters said that Lt. Spann had arrived at his destination in the South Pacific area, but did not enlarge upon details of his location.

CAPTAIN COLE D. PITTMAN, now flight surgeon at Bolling Field, Washington, D. C., has kindly sent the Tulsa County Medical Library several copies of his new and excellent paper, "The Middle Ear and Nasal Accessory Sinuses From A Flight Surgeon's Point Of View". It is a pertinent and comprehensive study of a timely subject. (Capt. Cole D. Pittman, First Mapping Group, Bolling Field, Washington, D. C.)

CAPTAIN JOHN EDWARDS is another Tulsa doctor now stationed at Camp Maxey, Texas. A March visitor, Captain Edwards spent several days renewing old acquaintances in Tulsa. (Capt. John Edwards, Station Hospital, Camp Maxey, Texas).

LT. M. D. SPOTTSWOOD sends along some attractive pictures of his new station, the National Naval Medical Center at Bethesda, Maryland. The Tulsa County Medical Society wishes to thank Lt. Spottswood for the loan of some very attractive furniture to the Library. (Lt. (j.g.) M. D. Spottswood, National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Maryland).

MAJOR E. RANKIN DENNY, now hospital supervisor at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, personally accompanied a soldier patient to Texas recently. Stopping off at Tulsa on the way back, Major Denny had occasion to see himself in a government-produced motion picture film on exhibition at a local theater. (Major E. Rankin Denny, Station Hospital, Camp McCoy, Wis.)

MAJOR FRANK STUART spent a weekend in Tulsa last month checking business matters. (Major Frank Stuart, Station Hospital, Amarillo Field, Amarillo, Texas).

Medical Calendar

THURSDAY, April 1st:

Members who have not paid at least their first half of annual dues to the Tulsa County Medical Society are reminded that they can no longer be listed as members in good standing until payment is made. Membership in the Oklahoma State Medical Association is also discontinued as of this date for delinquent members.

SATURDAY, April 3rd:

Medical Broadcast, "Doctors At War", Radio Station KVOO, 4:00 p.m.

MONDAY, April 5th:

Hillcrest Hospital Staff Meeting.

FRIDAY, April 9th:

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

SATURDAY, April 10th:

Medical Broadcast, "Doctors At War", Radio Station KVOO, 4:00 p.m.

MONDAY, April 12th:

Scientific meeting, Tulsa County Medical Society, Mayo Hotel, 8:00 p.m. A sound motion picture in color, "The Physiology of Anoxia", will be shown. Scientific papers will also be presented, subject and speaker to be announced later.

FRIDAY, April 16th:

Final date for doctors to apply for membership in the Tulsa Group Hospital Service, Blue Cross Plan. Applications should be directed to the Executive Secretary, Tulsa County Medical Society, 1202 Medical Arts Building, Tulsa. Details in this issue of The Bulletin.

SATURDAY, April 17th:

Medical Broadcast, "Doctors At War", Radio Station KVOO, 4:00 p.m.

MONDAY, April 19th:

St. Johns Hospital Staff Meeting.

TUESDAY, April 20th:

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

WEDNESDAY, April 21st:

Copy deadline for the May issue of The Bulletin.

FRIDAY, April 23rd:

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

SATURDAY, April 24th:

Medical Broadcast, "Doctors At War", Radio Station KVOO, 4:00 p.m.

MONDAY, April 26th:

Meeting of the Tulsa County Medical Society for this date cancelled unless members are otherwise notified.

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TOMORROW'S FUTURE

The medical profession has long heard rumors that the federal government has been quietly perfecting a proposed plan of all-inclusive Social Security benefits for operation in the post-war period. Such rumors, in fact, were first heard shortly after the close of the first World War but fortunately did not materialize. Recently, these rumors resolved themselves into a fact with the announcement by the President of the United States of a "cradle to the grave" system of Social Security protection. The details of the plan are still secret and probably will not be aired until the close of the present conflict, but it is certain such a plan will definitely include hospital benefits. Already, the prospects of extending the proposal to cover medical and surgical care are being heard.

The doctor does not need to be told of the serious difficulties which state medicine is certain to bring. The layman, unfortunately, is blind to the obvious objections of such a plan. Consequently, it is going to be the duty of each medical man in the United States to see that the public is informed, and informed why, state medicine will be one of the most disastrous events in the

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history of the United States. Not only is such a plan contrary to medical ethics, but it is contrary to the interests of the public and most of all, it is contrary to the principles of democracy.

The American medical profession must not treat this matter lightly. The proof of the seriousness of the government's intentions can be read in the front-page headlines of your daily papers. Since it appears unlikely that much can be accomplished in this direction until the close of the war, the profession and its friends should take advantage of every full moment of time to prepare for the legislative conflict which is certain to come. Already the Congress of the United States has had bills before it to provide for compulsory hospital benefits. The introduction of government administration into the Nation's hospitals, even if only in a supervisory capacity, is the "foot in the door" for state medicine.

If these be plain words, then let them be plainer in the minds of the medical doctors of America. The handwriting on the wall is plain, the course of action for organized medicine is plain. In the interests of the scientific progress of medicine, the medical profession must remain unhampered. Certainly, the accomplishments of the present system speak plainer for itself than any appeal could do.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS FOR HALL, BEESLEY, REYNOLDS

The Tulsa County Medical Society last month honored three veteran members by awarding lifetime honorary memberships as tokens of appreciation of their service to the Society. The doctors are:

Dr. Gilbert H. Hall, genito-urinary specialist, Palace Building, Tulsa.

Dr. J. L. Reynolds, eye, ear, nose, and throat specialist, Alexander Building, Tulsa.

Dr. W. W. Beesley, general practitioner, 1733 S. Lewis, Tulsa.

All of these men have been members of the Tulsa County Medical Society for many years, serving the Society as officers and committee members.

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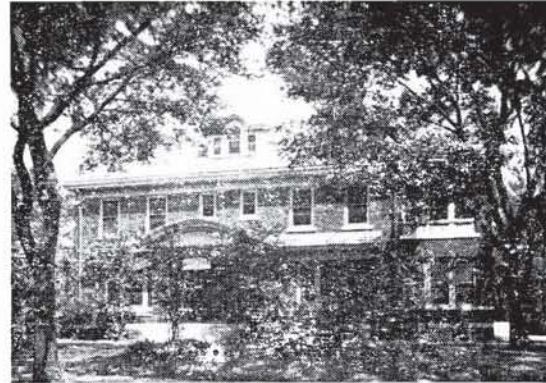
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Individuals pay \$5.50 on application, this sum covering a six-months premium of \$4.50 plus \$1.00 registration fee. Doctors desiring to extend coverage to a wife or one dependent pays \$9.10, or the six-months premium of \$8.10 plus the \$1.00 registration fee. Coverage for the entire family is \$10.00, or \$9.00 for the first six-months premium plus the \$1.00 registration fee. Checks should accompany applications and must be made out to Group Hospital Service.

Premiums are due and payable each June 1 and December 1. There is no other charge besides premiums other than the \$1.00 registration fee. The Tulsa County Medical Society will serve notice when premiums are due and acts as a collection agency.

Members of Blue Cross, a non-profit plan operated by hospitals, receive a maximum of 30 days hospital care in a two-bed room, general nursing care, meals and special diets, operating room, ambulance service, and ordinary dressings, drugs, and laboratory service. Maternity care is provided for members of 10 months duration with a maximum of 10 days care, including delivery room and nursery care.

Application blanks have been mailed to all members of the Tulsa County Medical Society along with descriptive folders. The plan bears the official approval of the Society, and more than one-third of the Society membership are members in the local Blue Cross Plan.

OPA ASKS COOPERATION OF DOCTORS IN DIET RATIONING

The Office of Price Administration has asked the Tulsa County Medical Society to circulate the following information to local doctors:

"In all cases of special diets and applications for supplemental rationing points to cover these requirements, the Rationing Board must be informed over the signature of the prescribing physician the quantity of certain foods or total point value of these foods to cover certain periods of time in order that the Board may establish a basis on which to issue a certificate for proper point values. The Board would like to know also whether the case is one of temporary diet or permanent."

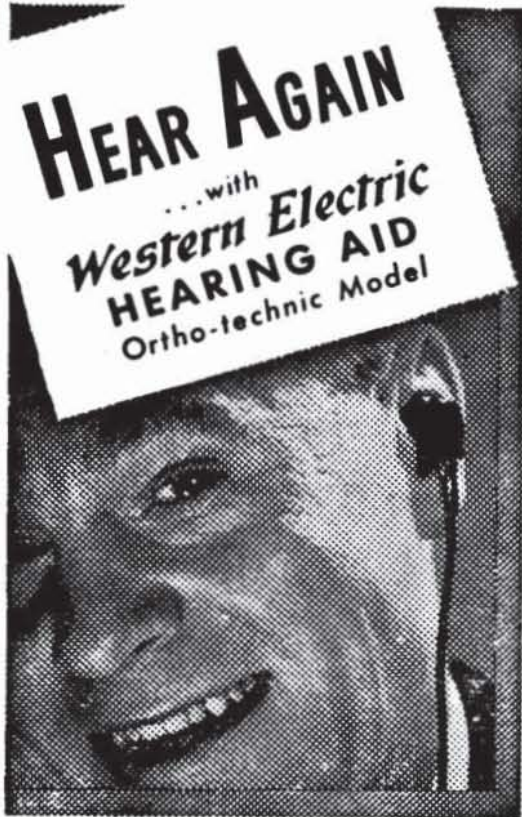
A. W. Mitchell, chairman of the Food Rationing Panel, said that the cooperation of doctors would not only facilitate issuing of such certificates but would avoid unnecessary loss of time through improper applications for additional food.

Please notify the Executive Offices if you do not receive your Bulletin promptly each month. The publication date is the 3rd day.

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Medical articles of interest to both physician and patient appearing in lay magazines during March include:

"Exercise Vs. Eyeglasses". Time, March 15, p. 44. The Neumueller method of correcting vision defects.

"Truth About Pain". By William Atlas. Coronet, March, p. 77. Battlefield wounds produce no more pain than the dentist chair, war mothers and wives are told.

"How To Fake Heart Disease". Time, March 8, p. 63. The heart disease swindle is now being used by draft dodgers.

"Safe Painless Childbirth". By Morris Fishbein. Reader's Digest, March, p. 38. Anesthesia in childbirth eliminates labor pains.

"Greek Tragedy-Valor Vs. Famine". By N. Pappas. Colliers, March 27, p. 13. A doctor in starving Athens.

"Obese Persons". Time, March 1, p. 66. The truth about fat people.

"How's Your Heart?" By Maxine Davis. Good Housekeeping, April, p. 26. Sensible advice on a confused subject.

"Miss America Takes Up Home Nursing". Saturday Evening Post, March 20, p. 84. A valuable wartime project for emergency peacetime use.

"First Aid For Worry". By Edith M. Sterne. Coronet, March, p. 108. Worry from a medical standpoint.

"Dental Cripples". Time, February 22, p. 63. A proposal to rehabilitate potential soldiers now deferred for dental defects.

"Ultra Violet-Miracle Worker". By Lawrence Galton. Coronet, March, p. 144. Sound information on the ultra violet ray.

Doctors entering service who desire to dispose of office furniture are requested to contact the Executive Secretary, Tulsa County Medical Society, 1202 Medical Arts Building.

PERSONALS

DR. M. V. STANLEY has moved into new office quarters at 307 Medical Arts Building.

The Tulsa County Medical Society welcomes two new doctors into membership: DR. MARGARET INGRAM, pediatrician, of 915 S. Cincinnati, and DR. JOSEPH S. BOWERS, general practitioner, of 2812 W. 40th Street.

DR. A. W. PIGFORD has been named chairman of the Medical Credit Bureau Committee.

DR. J. JEFF BILLINGTON has taken new office quarters at 706 Medical Arts Building.

DR. IAN MacKENZIE has returned from a medical meeting at New Orleans, La., where he heard Sister Kenny discuss her method of treating polio.

DR. J. C. PEDEN served as toastmaster at the Institute on Wartime Industrial Health in Tulsa, March 18th.

DR. MABEL HART appeared before the State Legislature on behalf of the Immunization Bill which a group of prominent Tulsans are sponsoring.

DR. GEORGE R. OSBORN has returned to practice after a brief illness.

DR. M. O. NELSON is now located in new office quarters at 510 Medical Arts Building.

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INDUSTRIAL MEDICINE MEET DRAWS 100 DOCTORS

About 100 physicians and industrialists of Eastern Oklahoma attended the all-day session of The Institute on War-time Industrial Health, a valuable conference of industrial medicine leaders, in Tulsa last March 18.

The attractive program was highlighted by addresses by Dr. J. J. Bloomfield, U. S. Public Health Service, Washington, D. C.; Dr. Carl Petersen, American Medical Association, Chicago, Ill.; Dr. Clarence Selby, General Motors Corp., Detroit, Mich.; Dr. Adolph Kammer, Inland Steel Company, Chicago, Ill.; and Dr. Louis Schwartz, U. S. Public Health Service, Washington, D. C.

The meeting was sponsored by the Postgraduate Medical Teaching Committee of the Oklahoma State Medical Association and the Oklahoma State Health Department. Local doctors who assisted in the arrangements were Dr. F. L. Flack and Dr. J. S. Chalmers.

URGE DELEGATES TO RESERVE HOTEL ROOM

With the annual convention of the Oklahoma State Medical Association set for May 11-12 at Oklahoma City, Tulsa doctors are urged to make their hotel reservations in advance. Crowded housing conditions may make accommodations difficult to obtain at the last moment.

Mr. R. H. Graham, executive secretary of the Oklahoma State Medical Association, reports that convention plans are proceeding very well with the program almost complete. Reduced to a two-day session because of war stringencies, the convention this year will feature a program of Oklahoma medical leaders.

All special sections of the Association will meet with roundtable discussions scheduled for noon on both days. The inaugural banquet is to be Wednesday, May 12, at which time Dr. James Stevenson, Tulsa physician, will assume the reins of office. All meetings will be at the Skirvin Hotel.

SERVICE MEN MUST PAY \$4.00 STATE ASSOCIATION DUES

Tulsa County Medical Society members now in service are again reminded that annual dues of \$4.00 are required by the Oklahoma State Medical Association for in-service members. Membership dues for the Tulsa County Medical Society are suspended for the duration.

The \$4.00 fee is to cover the cost of mailing The Journal, official state association publication to members, and to retain membership in the American Medical Association. Checks should be sent to the Executive Offices of the Tulsa County Medical Society.

WAR-MEDICAL SOCIETY

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with the community tempered by the war. The general result of the war on the Tulsa County Medical Society has been beneficial insofar as it has enabled the Society to demonstrate its flexibility, to promote confidence by successfully meeting the new problems.

It is not too early to look forward to the post-war period when the Tulsa County Medical Society will again be faced with problems of an entirely new character. The return of physicians to private practice, the probable business depression, and potential effects of post-war social economy as affects medicine will present grave problems to be solved. Reasoned plans should be developed for that period by far-sighted and clear-thinking members.

For the balance of the war period, be it a year or five years, the Society intends to continue to meet its war-time problems in the most effective manner possible. The loss of more doctors, the possibilities of increased rationing, the likelihood of even heavier schedules of practice, and the imminent danger of increased degrees of state medicine do not present an encouraging picture. These problems must be met before any real thought can be given to the post-war period.

RECRUITING SYSTEM

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tation to apply for a commission within two weeks of receipt, his name will be referred to the State Director of Selective Service as non-essential unless they are needed for relocation.

This new system, while not materially different in the details of its operation, is of advantage over the old system. The hap-hazard selection of military medical personnel is replaced by a fair classification system that takes into consideration all affecting factors. Commissioning is facilitated through a standard system.

The Tulsa and Oklahoma doctor is reminded that he is not particularly affected by this new reclassification as yet. However, when the state is assigned a quota and recruiting is begun again, the doctor with the low classification number may expect a call to service.

It is pointed out that Tulsa and Oklahoma doctors are still wanted in the medical corps of the forces. Commissions will be granted where proper clearance is made. Doctors seeking special positions should continue their efforts for they will receive full consideration.

Physicians should note that there is no compulsion to accept a commission. However, doctors who do not accept commissions are subject to the natural operation of Selective Service. This should be considered by every doctor who is invited to apply for a commission.

Finally, it is called to the attention of all doctors that the questionnaires distributed in March must be returned promptly. They must not be ignored. All questions should be answered fully in order that a correct classification may be made. Physicians should advise Procurement and Assignment Service of any change in their marital or dependency status, or of any other factors affecting their classification.

Further questions in this respect should be addressed to the Executive Secretary, Tulsa County Medical Society, 1202 Medical Arts Building, Tulsa.

NOTICE TO DOCTORS

Each Tulsa County doctor will be required to renew his gasoline ration allotment for the period beginning June 1 not later than May 1. The renewal forms will be available through the Executive Office and all doctors will receive notice of the exact date. Failure to reapply promptly results in delay in securing necessary gasoline rations.

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