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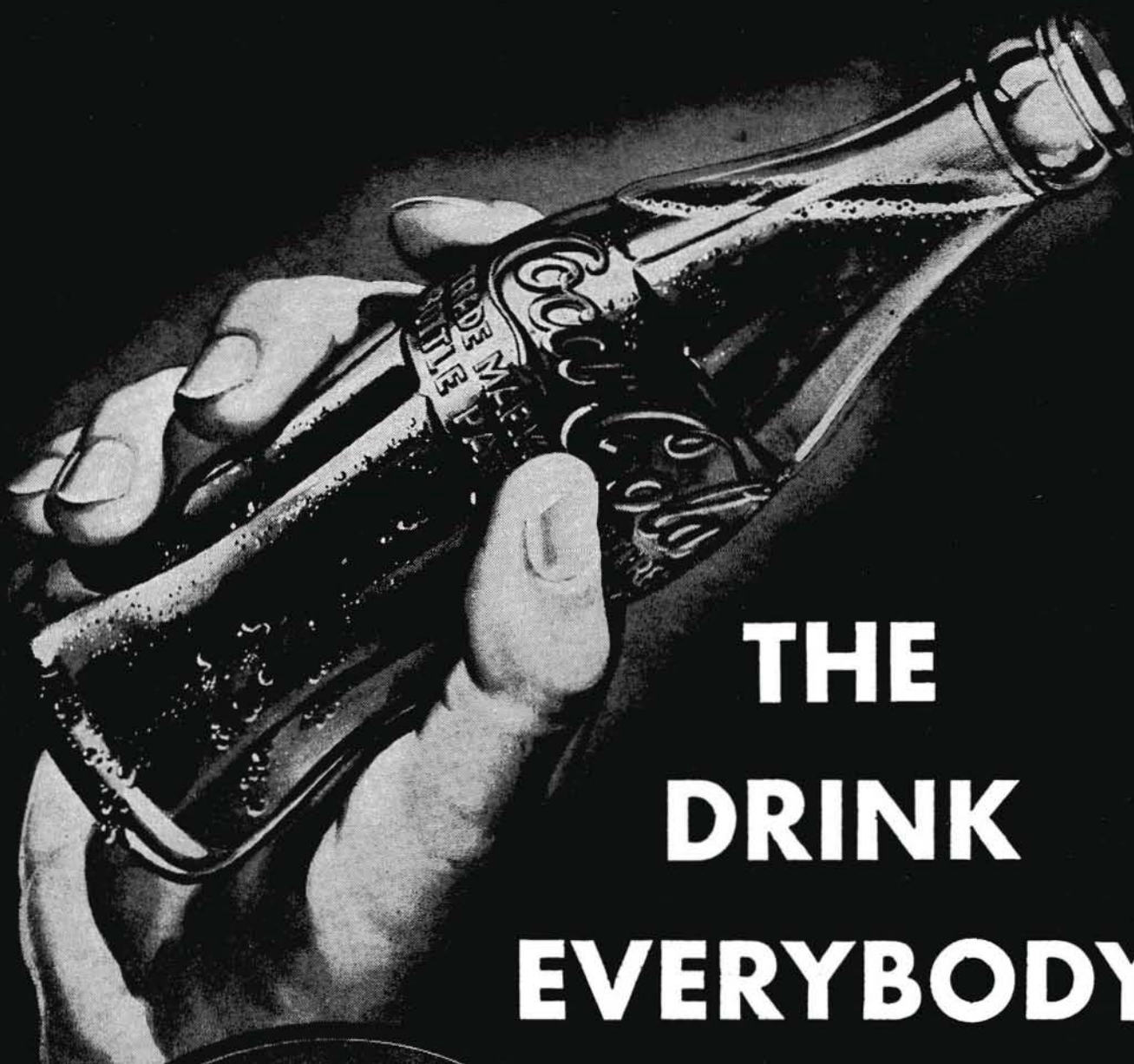
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## STATE MAY LOSE MORE DOCTORS

**Procurement and Assignment Service Official Foresees Probability Of Further Draft On Oklahoma State Medical Resources. Annual Convention Proves Popular In Streamlined Form Despite Limitations Imposed By The War Situation.**

Speaking before delegates to the 51st annual meeting of the Oklahoma State Medical Association, Dr. Frank Lahey, prominent Boston clinician and national director of the Procurement and Assignment Service, warned that a further draft on Oklahoma medical resources may be necessary this year if Eastern seaboard states continue to fail to meet pre-established quotas.

Dr. Lahey spoke harshly of states in the New England area for their persistent failure to supply a proportionate share of medical officers for the armed services. The official stated that fully half of a current requirement for 10,000 additional medical officers this year should come from the states of New York, Connecticut, and Massachusetts. He criticized the reticent doctors of these states as "a small group who would negative the war effort" by placing undue burdens on states where heavy recruiting has already taken place.

The clinician paid tribute to Oklahoma for its patriotic contribution in meeting the medical officer quota of last year by 135 per cent. Noting that the state is now closed to recruiting of doctors, Dr. Lahey said that Oklahoma may yet be called upon to supply additional medical officers this year if other states continue to lag behind their quotas.

Denying that the army had sufficient

medical officers, Dr. Lahey observed: "There are not enough doctors in the service. The army needs a minimum of 11,500 additional medical officers this year. Doctors are being well utilized in the services, and there is a good distribution of specialists."

Among other things commented upon by the Procurement and Assignment chief were:

Success of the army and navy medical corps in treatment of burns, use of the Stadler splint, and the weeding out of true neurotics.

Success of the operation of Procurement and Assignment Service on a "democratic principle".

Possibilities of compulsory relocation of doctors in shortage areas.

Hinderance of the war effort by unjust criticism of civilian and military medical administration by "Ph.D.'s in Print".

Dr. Lahey's address climaxed a buffet dinner tendered 500 delegates and guests of the Oklahoma State Medical Association at their annual meeting last May 11-12 in Oklahoma City. The dinner was sponsored by the Oklahoma County Medical Society.

### Roundtree Named President-Elect

Dr. C. R. Roundtree, prominent Oklahoma City bone-and-joint specialist, was named as President-Elect of the

Oklahoma State Medical Association. He succeeds Dr. James Stevenson, Tulsa, who was inaugurated as President.

Other officers are Dr. James G. Edwards, Okmulgee, vice-president, and Dr. L. W. Moorman, Oklahoma City, reelected as secretary-treasurer. Dr. J. V. Athey, Bartlesville, continues in office as councillor of District No. 6, which embraces Tulsa County.

In his annual report to the House of Delegates, Dr. Athey paid tribute to Tulsa County for its program of work during last year. Especially commended were The Medical Credit Bureau, The Medical Library, and The Bulletin. Dr. Athey had also many kind words for the Society's operation of the Tulsa County Clinic. Tulsa does "big things in a big way", the councillor said.

#### **Tulsa Resolution Fails**

In the House of Delegates, legislation introduced by the Tulsa County Medical Society received a quick setback. A resolution asking assistance of the Reregistration Act Fund for investigation and prosecution of certain violators of the Medical Practice Act here in Tulsa County barely passed the Resolutions Committee. Later, on the floor of the House, it drew the fire of members of the Board of Medical Examiners who protested that the funds created by the Act could not be used to investigate alleged offenders but only to prosecute after a case had been otherwise prepared. A representative of the Board admitted the Act defective in this respect. Following a thirty-minute discussion of the problem, the resolution was tabled and the Tulsa County Medical Society apparently denied the use of the fund.

An invitation to the Oklahoma State Medical Association to meet in Tulsa in 1944 was extended by the Tulsa County Medical Society and subsequently accepted.

Representing the Tulsa County Medical Society were Dr. W. S. Larrabee, spokesman, Dr. John Perry, Dr. M. V. Stanley, Dr. W. Albert Cook, Dr. W. A. Showman, Dr. Ralph A. McGill, and Dr. M. J. Searle.

#### **Insurance Experiment Approved**

Other highlights on the House of Delegates agenda were:

Approval of a prepaid medical and surgical care plan to be conducted on a limited group as a guinea-pig experiment by the Group Hospital Service and with the approval of the Oklahoma State Medical Association. Details appear elsewhere in this issue of The Bulletin.

Elimination of the annual membership fee of \$4.00 required previously of members of the Oklahoma State Medical Association in service.

Acceptance of a sound insurance program developed by a committee headed by Dr. V. K. Allen of Tulsa and designed to secure ultimate reductions in malpractice insurance rates.

Recognition of the efforts of Dr. Henry H. Turner, Oklahoma City, in his administration of the Postgraduate Schools in Oklahoma.

Official support to an immunization program now being reorganized by state school and civic leaders.

#### **Streamlined Program Popular**

Streamlined to meet the war emergency requirements, the 51st annual meeting of the Oklahoma State Medical Association did not apparently suffer from the reduced program. Scientific portions of the program were commendable and although almost entirely confined to state speakers, measured up to the high standards set by previous conventions.

Tulsa doctors who delivered papers were Dr. David V. Hudson, "Syphilis In Industry"; Dr. David J. Underwood, "The Rh Factor"; Dr. M. J. Searle, "Common Orthopedic Conditions in Childhood"; Dr. H. A. Ruprecht, "Unusual Findings in Coronary Disease"; Dr. Donald V. Crane, "Surgical Indications in Glaucoma"; Dr. M. O. Nelson, "Fractional X-Ray Treatment of Skin Cancer"; Dr. Henry S. Browne, "Verumontanitis and the Uses of the Sex Hormones"; Dr. Joseph Fulcher, "Management of Late Syphilis"; Dr. A. B. Carney, "Comparative Symptoms in

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## MEDICAL CARE INSURANCE APPROVED

**Oklahoma State Medical Association Sponsors Pre-paid Medical and Surgical Care Plan In Limited Experiment. Group Hospital Service To Administer Service. Seen As Counter-Attack To Extension of Governmental Control To Medicine.**

Termed "the most important development in the history of Oklahoma medicine," a project setting up a prepaid medical and surgical care plan of insurance for an experimental group for a limited period of time was approved by the House of Delegates of the Oklahoma State Medical Association at the annual meeting last May 11-12 in Oklahoma City.

By their action, the House empowered the Group Hospital Service, administrators of the Blue Cross Plan of hospital insurance for the state, to set up a "guinea-pig" group of workers to participate in a medical and surgical plan of prepaid insurance. The purpose of this experiment is to determine the practical value of such a plan and to obtain a definite idea of its limitations. Since Group Hospital Service operates at the direction of the Oklahoma State Medical Association, control of the experiment and its subsequent developments shall remain with organized medicine of the state.

The broad purpose of the project is to create a buffer to state medicine and to any medical plans or schemes which are directly administered by governmental agencies. Speakers in behalf of the plan at Oklahoma City foresaw the extension of Social Security benefits to medical care and warned that control over standards of medical practice would pass from the profession to the government in a few years unless an effective form of prevention was employed.

Advocates of the project expressed the belief that a plan of medical care was being, or has already been, perfected by the federal government for operation in the Post-War period. Medical care provided on this basis would be of severe detriment to medical standards of education, care, and ethics. Speakers warned

that unless the medical profession foresaw this danger and acted accordingly, control by federal agencies was almost certain.

The plan as approved by the Oklahoma State Medical Association does not call for the instigation of a prepaid medical care plan on a state-wide basis or even on a local basis. The operation of the plan will be limited to a small group of workers who shall voluntarily participate. The failure or success of this experimental group will determine the future course of the Association in this respect.

Group Hospital Service of Oklahoma, a non-profit organization of doctors and hospitals, will set up the plan and administer it through the trial period. Of the funds so collected from members of the insured group, 10 per cent shall be used to meet operating expenses. Another 10 per cent shall be placed in a reserve fund to meet future expansion, if any. The balance of 80 per cent shall be placed in a fund to pay the cost of medical care for the insured.

Each participant in the plan will do so of his own free will. Each participant will have free choice of his physician. While certain governing limits must be set up, the plan will be sufficiently wide to cover all types of medical care. The experimental group has not been designated as yet.

The plan will be put into operation with the active support and control of the Prepaid Medical and Surgical Service Committee of the Oklahoma State Medical Association. Much credit for the development of the project is due Dr. John F. Burton, Oklahoma City, and chairman of the group. Much additional detail is yet to be effected, Dr. Burton reported to the assembled delegates, but

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# 1943 COMMITTEES LISTED

Official standing and special committees of the Tulsa County Medical Society appointed by President James C. Peden are published below. The Civilian Defense Committee has been dropped and will be replaced by a new special committee to handle rationing problems. All committees serve throughout 1943.

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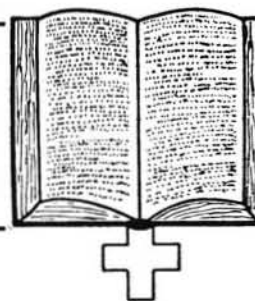
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### New Books—

**The Physiological Basis of Medical Practice**, by Charles H. Best, M.D., and Norman B. Taylor, M.D. New third edition, 1943. The gift of Dr. R. G. Sherwood.

**Anatomy of the Human Body**, by Henry Gray, M.D., F.R.S. New twenty-fourth edition, thoroughly revised, the gift of Dr. R. C. Sherwood.

**Sulfonamide Therapy**, by Wesley W. Spink, M.D. New second edition, 1943, the gift of Dr. R. G. Sherwood.

**Manual of Industrial Hygiene and Medical Service In War Industries**. Issued under the Auspices of the Committee on Industrial Medicine of the Division of Medical Sciences of the National Research Council, William M. Gafafer, D.Sc., Editor. The gift of the Auxiliary to the Tulsa County Medical Society.

### Reprints Received—

**Observations on the Circulatory System of Combatants During World War I**, by Franz M. Groedel, M.D., New York. *Experimental Medicine and Surgery*, 1943.

**Continuous Caudal Anesthesia In Obstetrics**, by Waldo B. Edwards, M.D., and Robert A. Hingson, M.D., New York. *American Journal of Surgery*, 1942.

**The Sprue Syndrome. A Symposium**, by John L. Kantor, M.D., Howard B. Shookhoff, M.D., and Joseph M. Alper, M.D., New York. *The Review of Gastroenterology*, 1942.

**The Orthopedic and Medical Management of Arthritis**, by Daniel H. Leventhal, M.D., and Catharine E. Logan, M.D., Chicago. *The Journal-Lancet*, Minneapolis, 1943.

**The Distribution of Nicotinic Acid In Food**, by L. J. Teply, F.M. Strong and C. A. Elvehjem. Department of Biochemistry, University of Wisconsin, Madison. *Journal of Nutrition*, 1942.

### Gifts of the Month—

Dr. S. J. Bradfield, *Dietetics For The Clinician*, by Milton A. Bridges, M.D., third edition, thoroughly revised, 1937.

## BRIEF ABSTRACTS

There is no relationship between the development of cardiac damage and the character of rheumatic fever, number of recurrences and the age of the patient at onset. Patients patient's resistance is the determining factor whether or not permanent valvular damage patient's resistance is the determining factor whether or not permanent valvular damage will develop. Morton G. Brown, M.D. (Lt. Col., M.C.) Boston. *American Heart Journal*, 25:686:1943.

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# PRESIDENT'S PAGE

It has been a source of constant encouragement to the officers and members of the Tulsa County Medical Society to note the increasing success of our Medical Credit Bureau. The information carried in the May issue of *The Bulletin* that monthly collection records had again been shattered was happily repetitive, and there is little doubt but what future editions of this publication will contain the same welcome news.

The Medical Credit Bureau represents one of the most valuable projects of the Tulsa County Medical Society. By eliminating the profit element and placing collection fee rates on a cost basis, the Medical Credit Bureau has enabled the collection of delinquent medical accounts at a cost far below that of professional agencies. Guided by a committee of doctors, the Bureau has profited by the application of medical principles and viewpoints to the collection procedure—something which is almost invariably lacking in the professional collector. Credit information limited to medical credit has been invaluable to the Tulsa County Medical Society.

I want to urge you to recognize the value and benefits of this project, to take cognizance of the successful results which are being obtained, and to bear in mind that it is fulfilling the purpose for which it was originally intended. It merits your support on the basis of these observations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. S. Peger". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name "President.".

President.

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**LEGISLATION NEEDED**

Since 1941 the members of the Tulsa County Medical Society and some 1,200 other Oklahoma doctors have paid an annual fee of \$3.00 as required by law to secure reregistration of their medical license. The primary purpose of this legislation, which originally bore the support of original medicine of the state, was to establish a fund for "the investigation of alleged violations of the Medical Practice Act of Oklahoma." With this understanding of the nature of the tax, state doctors have cheerfully complied with the terms of the Act. It was considered as a desirable and worthwhile piece of protective legislation.

Unfortunately, the Act has not provided the benefits which it originally was intended to create. This has been partially due to the apathy of county medical societies who have neglected to request the use of the fund in uncovering and prosecuting fraudulent medical practitioners. It has been partially due to the inability of the administrators of the Act to secure a full-time investigating attorney. It has been partially due also to a misinterpretation of the purpose of the Act by its administrators.

At the recent annual convention of the House of Delegates, Oklahoma State

Medical Association, a resolution was introduced by the Tulsa County Medical Society which sought the services of this fund in remedying a serious local situation where much violation of the Medical Practice Act is alleged. The resolution was in no way intended to embarrass the administrators of the Act but simply to secure needed assistance in carrying out a commendable project. During the course of discussion on the Act two important facts came out:

1. The act was for purposes of prosecution only and not for investigation of alleged violations. This means that a complete case must be presented to the Fund before a prosecutor can be employed. Obviously, if a case could be prepared the expense of prosecution could be saved by demanding the prosecution of the offenders by the County Attorney.

2. The act is not properly worded to permit investigation and consequently is virtually valueless until amended by the state legislature. There was no explanation as to why no attempts at amendment were made at the legislative session just concluded.

Needless to say, the resolution of the Tulsa County Medical Society was tabled and assistance from the fund denied. The Society drew the assurance that assistance was available if and when a complete case was presented for prosecution.

It is obvious, therefore, that the Annual Reregistration Act is not serving the purpose for which it was intended. At the present time, in fact, it is merely a method whereby funds are permitted to accumulate without any benefits received. The frauds of Tulsa County go unrestrained.

There is clearly but a single course of action for the doctors of Oklahoma—to insist upon the amendment of the Act to permit its administration in accordance with the original purpose of the legislation. The unfortunate part is that such action cannot be consummated for a full two years—two important war years

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## **SOCIETY CREATES SERVICE MEMBERSHIP PRIVILEGES**

Under the terms of a new amendment to the By-Laws, the Tulsa County Medical Society now extends membership privileges to all commissioned medical officers who are stationed within the confines of Tulsa County. Such membership is known as a service membership and is automatically conferred. Privileges are withdrawn when the service member leaves Tulsa County. No dues are charged and service members do not have the privilege of voting. All such officers so qualifying are invited to send their name to the Executive Secretary, 1202 Medical Arts Building, for certification.

### **Text of Amendments**

The text of the new amendments, approved by the membership at the meeting of May 24 is published below for the record. Members previously received copies of the proposed changes by mail.

Amendment IV. Section 3 of Chapter I of the By-Laws shall be amended to read as follows:

Transfer Membership. Any physician, accompanying his application for membership with a transfer card from a component medical society of this or any other state within sixty (60) days of the issuance of said card, shall be admitted without fee on a majority vote of the members present at the meeting at which the application is submitted. Such applications must be approved by the Board of Censors prior to their submission to the membership. All transfer members must meet the same requirements for membership as prescribed by the Society. No dues shall be charged for transfer members for the current year providing the same have been paid to the Society from which the applicant comes.

Amendment V. A new section to the By-Laws to be known as Section IV-A, Chapter I, shall be constructed to read as follows:

Service Memberships. All physicians who are members of the armed forces of the United States and who are stationed within the confines of Tulsa County while in pursuit of their official duty shall be granted service memberships for the duration of such service within the County. Such memberships shall be without fee and shall contain all privileges of membership except the vote. Service memberships shall be granted automatically when the applicant demonstrates evidence of having met the above conditions.

## **SOCIETY TAKES SUMMER LAYOFF UNTIL SEPTEMBER**

The Tulsa County Medical Society will take its annual summer lay-off from scientific meetings during June, July, and August. The next regularly scheduled program will be Monday, September 13. In the event of any special meetings to be held during these months, members will be notified in advance.

The Bulletin will continue to be published each month and the regular facilities of the Executive Offices will be available daily from 8:30-5:00 except Saturday when the hours are 8:30-1:00. The offices are closed each Sunday although the recreation room remains open at all times.

## **JUNE 10 IS LAST DAY TO REREGISTER YOUR LICENSE**

Thursday, June 10, is the last day on which doctors may comply with the Annual Reregistration Act by remitting the \$3.00 reregistration fee as required by law. Doctors who have previously registered need send only their check with name and address. Doctors who are registering for the first time should secure the official registration blank from the Executive Offices of the Tulsa County Medical Society, 1202 Medical Arts Building, Tulsa. Checks should be sent to Dr. J. D. Osborn, Secretary, Board of Medical Examiners, Frederick, Oklahoma. Failure to reregister carries a fine ranging from \$25.00 to \$200.00.

## HOSPITAL INSURANCE PREMIUMS NOW PAYABLE

All doctors who are members of the Physician and Surgeons Group, Blue Cross Hospital Insurance Plan, are reminded that current six-months premiums due must be paid not later than Saturday, June 19, to avoid cancellation. Each member has been notified of the amount due. Payments should be made directly to the Executive Offices of the Tulsa County Medical Society, 1202 Medical Arts Building, Tulsa. All checks should be made out to the Group Hospital Service and not to the Medical Society.

Doctors who entered the group during the recent anniversary date opening are paid in full through December 1, 1943. The present premium due covers the period from June 1 to December 1.

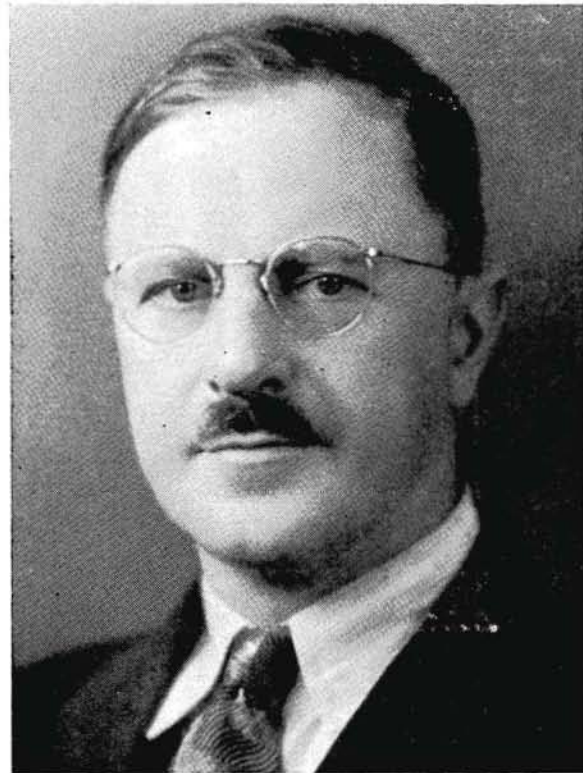
The Tulsa County Medical Society is now acting as collection agent for the Medical and Dental Office Assistants policy. Payments should be made at 1202 Medical Arts Building upon notification.

In-service doctors are no longer required to pay a \$4.00 fee to retain their membership in the Oklahoma State Medical Association. This fee has been dropped by the House of Delegates and no charge is made for members in service.

### Reprints Available

Reprints of a noteworthy article entitled "Hearing Devices" which originally appeared in the April issue of Good Housekeeping magazine may be obtained by any physician or assistant from the Audiphone Company, 913 Tulsa Loan Building, Tulsa, without charge. The article is non-commercial in character and has considerable reference value. Maxine Davis, noted medical reporter, is the author. Copies are also available at the Medical Library, 1202 Medical Arts Building, Tulsa.

## Assumes Office



**DR. JAMES STEVENSON**

The reins of office as President of the Oklahoma State Medical Association were conferred upon Dr. James Stevenson, prominent Tulsa dermatologist, at the annual inaugural ceremonies last May 12 in Oklahoma City.

The new executive is a graduate of the University of Illinois College of Medicine and later did graduate study at the Harvard Medical School. Dr. Stevenson has been active in Tulsa County Medical circles since 1925. He served as president of the Tulsa County Medical Society in 1937 and has held many other offices.

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## Lay Medical Articles

Medical articles of interest to doctor and patient appearing in lay publications last month included:

**"Exit Granny Midwife."** By Edith M. Stern. *Coronet*, May, p. 33. Education for midwives in rural areas reduces death ratio in childbirth.

**"Equality For Woman Doctors."** *Time*, April 26, p. 46. Congress authorizes commissioning of woman doctors in the armed services.

**"If You Can't Go To Sleep."** By Max Mann. *The American*, June, p. 92. Insomnia and neurotics.

**"Hats Off To The 1-B's."** By J. C. Furnas. *Colliers*, April 24, p. 24. How selectees with minor physical defects are cared for at the Army's Camp McCoy, Wis.

**"The Vegetative Life."** *Time*, April 19, p. 92. Connecticut's Dr. Peter J. Steincroft makes the point that exercise after forty is definitely harmful.

**"Women Doctors."** *Glamour*, May, p. 52. The woman doctor's place in the war effort.

**"Immersion Foot, Airman's Hand."** *Time*, May 10, p. 75. Immersion Foot, the problem of World War I comes again in the current conflict.

**"How A Baby's Mind Grows."** *Saturday Evening Post*, May 15, p. 20. Development of the infantile mind.

**"Man Who Saves Faces."** By Paul Healy. *Coronet*, May, p. 90. Plastic surgery assumes new importance in the modern world.

**"Marriage Under A Microscope."** By Gretta Palmer. *Colliers*, May 15, p. 12. Heredity and ideal mating from a medical standpoint.

**"Patient, Please Be Patient."** By Thomas Vance. *Esquire*, June, p. 56. A humorous viewpoint of life in a hospital.

**"What's New In Medicine."** By Gretta Palmer. *Cosmopolitan*, June, p. 19. After the sulfa drugs—what then?

**"Appendectomy At Sea."** By J. D.

Ratcliff. *Colliers*, May 8, p. 18. How the Navy meets emergency operations at sea.

### CLINIC REPORT

April 21-May 18

Medicine .....	489
Surgery .....	39
Dental .....	85
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Skin .....	13
Tumor .....	27
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Diathermy .....	18
Pediatrics .....	13
Obstetrics .....	4
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<h2>PERSONALS</h2>
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Attending the regional meeting of the American College of Physicians at Kansas City on May 8 were: DR. FRANK NELSON, DR. R. M. SHEPARD, DR. ARNOLD H. UNGERMAN, DR. W. J. BRYAN, and DR. E. G. HYATT.

LT. R. M. SHEPARD, JR., son of DR. R. M. SHEPARD, Tulsa, is now stationed at Victory Field, Vernon, Tex., in the capacity of flight surgeon.

LT. JOHN G. MATT spent a week's furlough during May in Tulsa with his family. He is now stationed at Camp Howze, Texas.

MAJOR FRANK STUART and CAPTAIN FRED PERRY, former Tulsa County doctors, were among the army medical corps personnel attending the Oklahoma State Medical Association convention in Oklahoma City last May 11-12.

DR. JAMES G. EDWARDS, newly elected vice-president of the Oklahoma State Medical Association, is the father of DR. JOHN EDWARDS, Tulsa County doctor now in service at Camp Maxey, Texas.

LT. W. R. TURNBOW is overseas at an unannounced assignment.

DR. THEODORE WILLIAMS, former Tulsa doctor more recently practicing at Pryor, has reopened offices at 214 Medical Arts Bldg. His application for membership in the Tulsa County Medical Society has been submitted.

Responsible for negotiating the Diet Rationing Pact with the local Ration Board were DR. H. B. STEWART, DR. W. J. TRAINOR, and DR. H. A. RUPRECHT.

New additions to the staff of Tulsa Clinic are DR. C. L. AMOS, DR. J. R. BUNCH, and DR. F. P. ROBINSON.

LT. COM. K. F. SWANSON reports his address as Dispensary, Camp Elliott, San Diego, California.

### DIETICIANS AVAILABLE TO PREPARE RATION FORMS

Representatives of the Tulsa County Medical Society have completed arrangements with the War Price and Ration Board for a new system designed to facilitate the granting of additional food ration points for diet purposes.

All physicians prescribing special diets which necessitate additional food rationing points above the standard allotment should instruct these patients to make application at the War Price and Ration Board, 902 South Cincinnati, Tulsa, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. each Tuesday or 10 a.m. and Noon each Thursday. At these hours, trained dieticians will be on duty to assist in determining the number of necessary points required and to assist in completing application blanks. Patients are urged not to apply at hours other than those listed above.

Each doctor must prepare a copy of the prescribed diet, attested by his signature, for presentation to rationing officials. Diets should be as complete as possible for as long a period as possible.

The arrangement relieves the physician of the almost impossible task of properly determining the number of required rationing points necessary. Mrs. Allen Oak and Mrs. F. M. Orelop have each agreed to contribute their services as dietician-registrars.

Members of the committee negotiating the agreement were Dr. H. B. Stewart, Dr. W. J. Trainor, and Dr. H. A. Ruprecht.

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Second-half membership dues are due and payable June 30, 1943. The final date for payment of this installment is August 1, 1943.

## MEDICAL CARE PLAN

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the plan will be put into operation as quickly as possible. The Oklahoma State Medical Association has agreed to advance up to \$500.00 as an enabling loan to set up necessary administrative facilities.

Dr. James Stevenson, Tulsa dermatologist and newly-elected president of the Oklahoma State Medical Association, made a strong appeal for support of the experiment.

"The action of the House of Delegates involves no revolutionary changes in the practice of medicine or care of the sick," Dr. Stevenson said. "Neither did it point out that any one definite procedure be followed. It merely limits any Oklahoma county medical group to carry out such a plan on a purely experimental basis and on a limited group of those in the low income brackets, of health insurance against catastrophic illness.

"Such experiments are being conducted by medical societies in many parts of the country, but there is no thought of making this widespread through Oklahoma until it has proven sound on a smaller group."

## STATE MAY LOSE

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Peptic Ulcers and Cholecystitis in Two Hundred Cases".

Tulsa doctors who led discussions were Dr. W. A. Showman, Dr. D. M. MacDonald, and Dr. M. J. Searle. Sectional chairmen from Tulsa included Dr. Ralph A. McGill, Dr. David J. Underwood, Dr. James Stevenson, Dr. J. W. Rogers, Dr. A. Ray Wiley, and Dr. M. J. Searle.

Around 50 Tulsa County doctors were in attendance. Those observed at the convention, with apologies for any omissions, were: Dr. W. A. Showman, Dr. James L. Miner, Dr. W. Albert Cook, Dr. M. V. Stanley, Dr. David V. Hudson, Dr. A. B. Carney, Dr. J. C. Peden, Dr. James Stevenson, Dr. Fred

Perry, Dr. Hugh Perry, Dr. John Perry, Dr. Ruric Smith, Dr. R. A. McGill, Dr. J. W. Rogers, Dr. W. S. Larrabee, Dr. A. W. Pigford, Dr. H. A. Ruprecht, Dr. Marcella Steel, Dr. L. C. Presson, Dr. M. J. Searle, Dr. C. H. Haralson, Dr. Carl F. Simpson, Dr. G. R. Russell,

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