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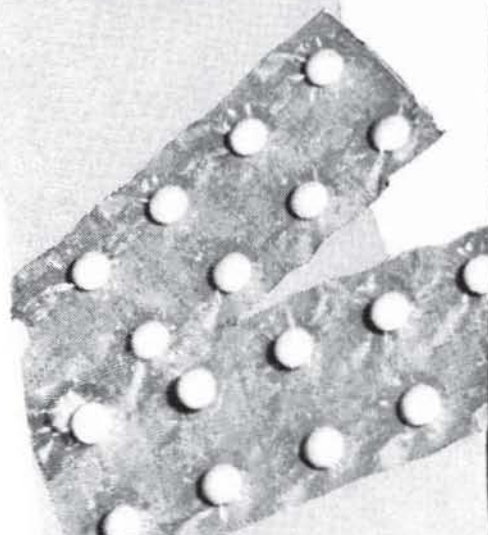
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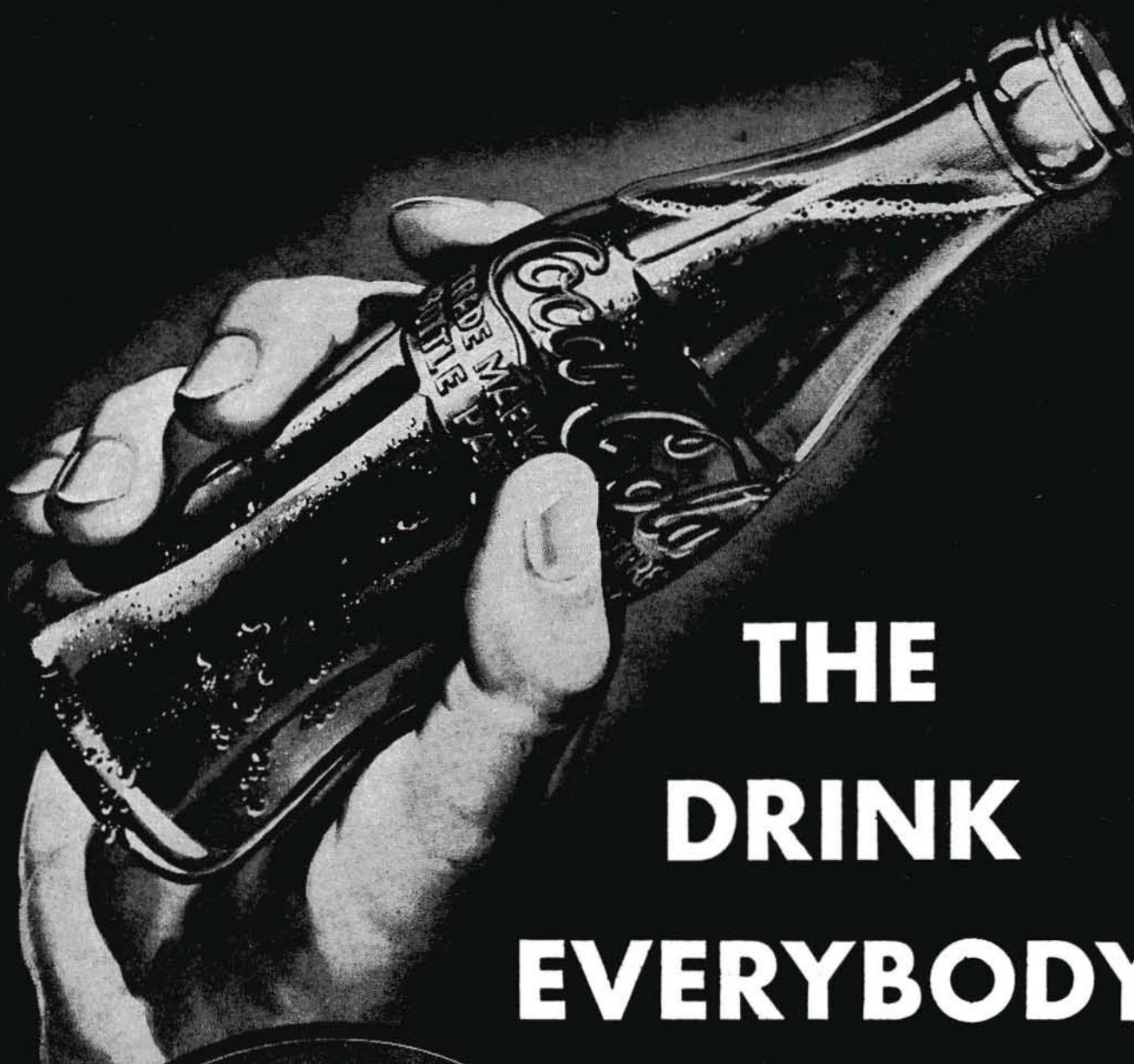
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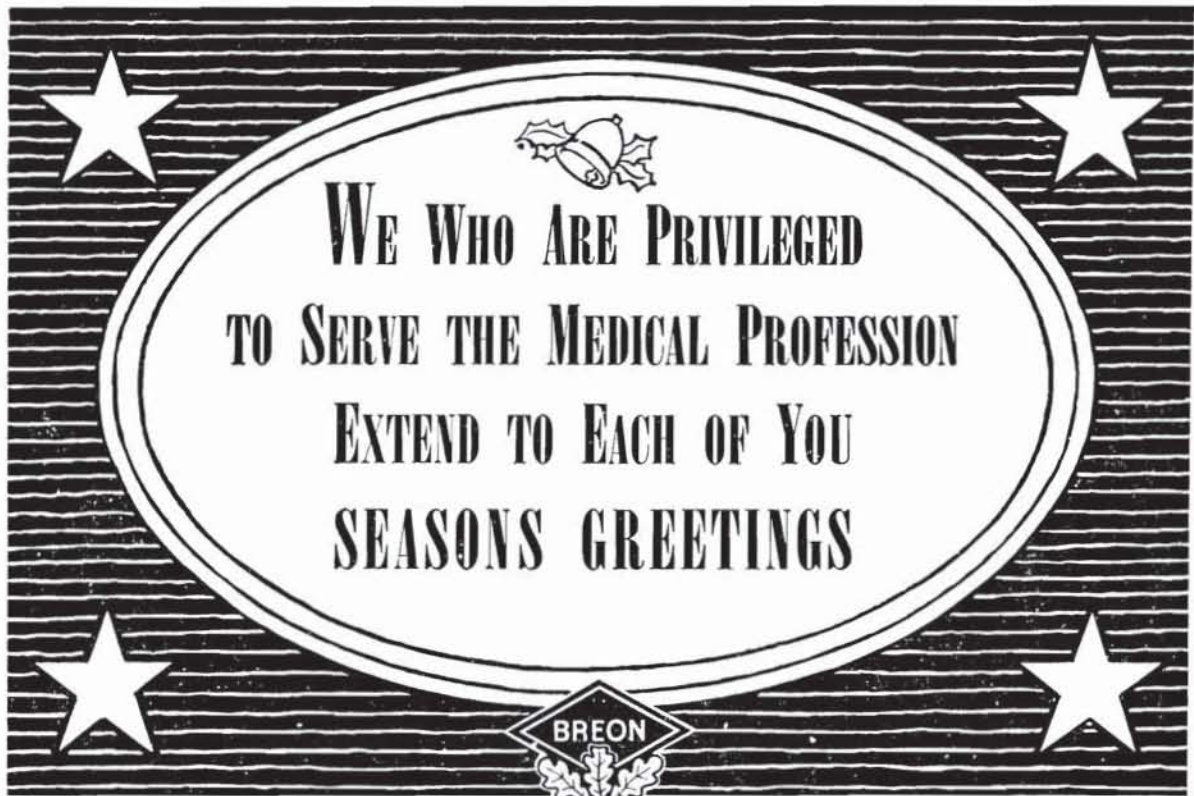
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ELECTION OF OFFICERS SCHEDULED

Fifty-one members eligible for fourteen posts of the Tulsa County Medical Society. Annual Business Meeting slated for December 11, 1944, at the Mayo Hotel, Tulsa.

Members of the Tulsa County Medical Society will meet December 11, 1944, for the annual business session and election of officers. Fourteen officials will be selected from a list of 51 eligible candidates, and members will hear annual reports for 1944 of twenty standing and special committees.

Officers to be selected are President-Elect, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, one member of the Board of Trustees, one member of the House of Delegates, eight alternate members of the House of Delegates, and one member of the Board of Censors. All will serve next year except for the President-Elect, who will assume office as President in 1946. Dr. Homer A. Ruprecht, Tulsa heart specialist who was elected at the annual meeting of 1943, will hold office as President next year.

To be eligible to be a candidate for office, any member must have attended at least fifty per cent of the regular scientific and business meetings during the current year. A total of 51 members, eleven more than last year, are on the eligible list this year. They are:

Allen, V. K.
 Armstrong, O. C.
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 Browne, Henry S.
 Childs, J. W.
 Clulow, G. H.
 Etherton, M. C.
 Ford, H. W.

Forry, W. W.
 Garrett, D. L.
 Graham, H. C.
 Haralson, C. H.
 Hart, M. O.
 Henderson, F. W.
 Henley, M. D.
 Hotz, Carl J.
 Hudson, D. V.

Johnson, E. O.
 Larrabee, W. S.
 Lhevine, M. B.
 McCauley, D. W.
 McGill, R. A.
 MacKenzie, Ian
 Mazarella, Vincent
 Miller, G. H.
 Miner, James L.
 Murdock, H. D.
 Murray, P. G.
 Nelson, F. L.
 Nelson, I. H.
 Nesbitt, P. P.
 Osborn, G. R.
 Peden, J. C.
 Perry, John C.

Pigford, A. W.
 Robinson, L. H.
 Rogers, J. W.
 Ruprecht, H. A.
 Showman, W. A.
 Simpson, C. F.
 Smith, D. O.
 Stanley, M. V.
 Stevenson, James
 Stewart, H. B.
 Underwood, F. L.
 Ungerman, A. H.
 Walker, W. A.
 Wallace, J. E.
 Wiley, A. Ray
 Woodson, F. E.

Dr. P. P. Nesbitt is the retiring member of the Board of Trustees. Holdover members are Dr. James C. Peden (1945), Dr. John C. Perry (1946), Dr. H. B. Stewart (1947), and Dr. W. A. Showman (1948). Dr. Peden is completing the term of the late Dr. Ned R. Smith. Trustees serve five years each when regularly elected.

Dr. Marvin D. Henley is the retiring member of the Board of Censors. Holdover members are Dr. J. S. Chalmers (1945) and Dr. Ian MacKenzie (1946). Censors serve three years each.

Dr. W. Albert Cook is the retiring member from the House of Delegates. Holdover members are Dr. W. A. Showman (1945), Dr. Ralph A. McGill (1946), Dr. Marvin D. Henley (1946). Dr. John C. Perry (1947), Dr. L. C. Nor-

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A HISTORY OF THE TULSA COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

**Determination of Standards For Medical Practice
Accomplishment of the Tulsa County Medical
Society in Post-War Years. Dr. A. V. Emerson
And Dr. H. T. Price Lead Society.**

**Part Nine
Solidification of Ideals
1923-25**

With the annual convention of the Oklahoma State Medical Association for 1923 a pleasant memory, the doctors of Tulsa County returned to a busy schedule of medical and surgical practice. The late Dr. R. W. Dunlap, serving as president, found much of his time occupied with the affairs of the Tulsa County Medical Society.



Dr. P. P. Nesbitt

In an effort to restrict the use of Tulsa hospitals to reputable medical practitioners, the Tulsa County Medical Society had entered into an agreement with the hospitals whereby none but Society members would be permitted to send patients to the cooperating institutions. A disgruntled non-member, irritated at his exclusion, brought suit against the Society in an attempt to break the agreement. Society attorneys fought the suit on the grounds of high standards of medical practice and public health, and the suit was decided in favor of the Society. The plaintiff was discouraged from further activity when the trial judge informed him that in all subsequent suits, it would be necessary to serve each member of the Society separately. A valuable advantage of organized medicine to public health was thus upheld.

Along the line of improving standards

for hospitals and qualifications for staff members, Morningside Hospital qualified for approval by the American College of Surgeons in 1923. It was the first hospital in Eastern Oklahoma to meet the requirements. A staff was organized in that year with a governing committee created for its regulation. This Executive Committee consisted in 1923 of Dr. A. W. Pigford, Dr. A. W. Roth, Dr. W. Albert Cook, Dr. Ralph V. Smith, and Dr. G. A. Wall.

The Tulsa County Medical Society was an interested observer to a private feud between the County Superintendent of Health and the County School Systems over the employment of Christian Scientists as school teachers. The Superintendent maintained that such teachers refused to recognize the existence of illness among their pupils, failed to take any measures towards treatment, and thus encouraged the extension of communicable diseases. The dissension perpetrated a public row which did not reflect to the credit of physicians. The Superintendent in question was rewarded with a reduction in salary, which perpetrated further controversy.

The year ended quietly without additional problems arising. D. H. T. Nesbitt, Mayo Clinician, made the long trip from Rochester to address the Tulsa County Medical Society. His address was well received by a substantial crowd at the final meeting of the year.

With transportation facilities improving and the automobile becoming more

and more reliable for long distance travel, Tulsa County doctors were increasing their travel program. Dr. H. D. Murdock and family toured California and Mexico in an open touring car in the summer of 1923. Dr. W. Albert Cook was another California visitor from Tulsa as Oklahoma delegate to the American Medical Association meeting at San Francisco. Dr. Robert B. Witcher was doing postgraduate medical study at the University of Edinburgh in Scotland. Dr. A. W. Roth summered in Colorado and Dr. H. W. Ford toured the Grand Canyon. Medical meetings in Chicago and St. Louis attracted many Tulsa physicians.

Heading the Tulsa County Medical Society in 1924 was Dr. Arthur V. Emerson, a native of Rochester, Minnesota, who was later to intern at St. Mary's Hospital, Rochester. Son of an Indiana farmer, Dr. Emerson was born in 1879. His professional degree was obtained in 1902 at the University of Illinois. He practiced in Rochester and later at Perry, Oklahoma, where he had been president of the Noble County Medical Society. Removing to Tulsa in 1913, he became a leading civic figure and an outstanding surgeon and gynecologist.

Dr. Charles H. Haralson was selected as secretary-treasurer. The young ophthalmologist had done most of the work in that post in 1923 due to the illness of Dr. Horace T. Price. The latter was elected as president-elect to serve in 1925. Dr. J. H. Laws, Broken Arrow, was elected vice-president.

Dr. Emerson had a sound administration throughout 1924, and surprisingly enough, enjoyed an unusually good attendance at the scientific meetings. Emphasis was laid on two features: (1) scientific medical study, and (2) legislative activities. At the outset of his year of service, Dr. Emerson had announced his intention of working towards remedy of certain medico-legal situations which existed under the state laws of the day. The first of these was an attempt, eventually successful, to obtain repeal of the oppressive Harrison Narcotic Tax. This was a war measure which taxed narcotics



DR. ARTHUR V. EMERSON

used by the physician in his practice, and as such represented an unfair tax, particularly since the war had been over for a period of five years.

The Legislative Committee was also supporting a controversial measure designed to bring the qualifications of osteopaths and chiropractors under the regulation of the State Board of Medical Examiners. The latter group was headed in 1924 by Dr. Charles D. O'Hern, and had proposed legislation which was finally embodied in the Medical Practice Act and Basic Science Act in later years.

The war on quackery in Tulsa County continued strong, but it was hampered by a lack of funds to secure prosecutions of offenders and by the lack of regulatory legislation. Advertising in hotel lobbies and public places of amusements was also strongly hit. Dr. Charles D. Johnson was named chairman of a special committee of the Tulsa County Medical Society to carry the fight into the courts. He was assisted by Dr. A. W. Pigford, Dr. J. C. Peden, the late Dr. G. Garabedian, Dr. N. W. Mayginnes, Dr. C. H. Ball, and Dr. C. H. Haralson.

The Tulsa doctor who had lost his suit against the Tulsa County Medical society for his exclusion from the hospital staffs again made trouble in 1924. He instigated a libel suit against the Tulsa County

Medical Society for a cool half-million dollars. (This, no doubt, was quite a compliment to the Society's financial standing, especially since the net balance in the treasury at the end of 1923 was \$415.84). The plaintiff contended he had been unjustly expelled from membership, denied hospital privileges, publicly condemned for his use of an Abrams diagnostic or "oscilloclast" machine. The latter was true as the machine was known to be an outright fraud. The case was eventually dismissed, and the complaining doctor removed his practice elsewhere. The suit served only to cause much unfortunate publicity, some unjust criticism for a well-meaning medical society, and much expense. As a matter of fact, the costs of fighting the suit required an assessment of \$10.00 for each member.

The hospital situation was growing steadily worse in Tulsa. St. John's Hospital remained uncompleted due to a lack of funds. Morningside Hospital alleviated the condition somewhat by the completion of a 21-room addition, which enabled a minimum of 80 beds to be installed. The new addition was opened in June, 1924, and with the purchase of considerable new equipment became one of the best hospitals in the state. Dr. Emerson appointed Dr. A. Ray Wiley chairman of a special committee to investigate the hospital space situation and make recommendations.

By 1924 the membership had grown to 156, including 21 located in Tulsa County towns outside of Tulsa proper. A large number of these men attended the annual meeting of the Oklahoma State Medical Association at Oklahoma City, which was again marked by a program with few Tulsa doctors as speakers. Dr. P. P. Nesbitt, then of Muskogee, was named to the presidency of the state association to serve in 1925. He was immensely popular with Tulsa doctors, and the local profession was pleased when he later removed to Tulsa.

Dr. Emerson's administration ended on an unhappy note when internal dissention, relating to the expulsion of two members of the Society, caused much hard feelings.

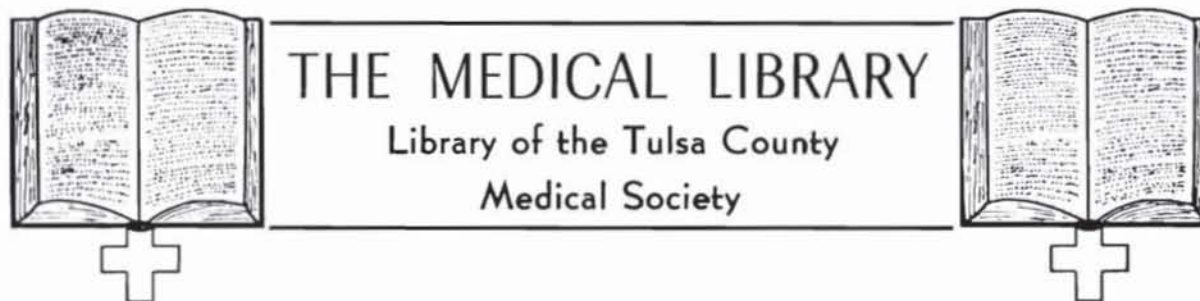
The Tulsa County Medical Society's attempts to regulate its own members and to secure adherence to a code of medical ethics were naturally fraught with difficulty, but the results obtained were of immeasurable value. The better thinkers among the profession prevailed. There was an eventual solidification of Society spirits. The ethics and regulations of the local profession were definitely determined. They remain today a monument to the few men who took the lead in the fight against medical quackery and questionable ethics.

Scientific study continued paramount and few meetings featured less than three scientific papers. The majority of the speakers were Tulsa men with occasional guests highlighting the programs. Dr. Morris Fishbein of the American Medical Association spoke in Tulsa and elsewhere in Oklahoma in the Fall of 1924 and did much to encourage progressive scientific study by organized medical groups.

Serving with Dr. Horace T. Price as president in 1925 were Dr. C. T. Hendershot, vice-president, and Dr. A. Ray Wiley, secretary-treasurer. Dr. Price, a respected general practitioner, was born in 1876. His interest in medicine led to his study and graduation at the St. Louis University School of Medicine in 1912. Though not in the best of health, Dr. Price made an excellent president for the Tulsa County Medical Society and did much to smooth over the hard feelings occasioned by the legal tangles of the year before.

The new administration created a number of new committees and set to work on a program which emphasized scientific study of medicine. There was little room for other matters during the year, however. Beginnings towards the establishment of a Physicians malpractice insurance policy were made. Dr. R. W. Dunlap did much work in this direction. The Society was not able to secure a tailor-made policy, as was eventually possible in later years, but it did manage to bring about some modification in rate schedules and coverage. A revision of

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- Hoffman, Jacob, M.D., *Female Endocrinology, Including Section on the Male*. Pp. 788. Saunders, Philadelphia. 1944.
- Moore, R. A., M.D., *A Textbook of Pathology*. Pp. 1338. Saunders, Philadelphia. 1944.

Gifts of the Month—

- Dr. F. J. Nelson, *Medical Clinics of North America*, volumes 24, 25 and 26. Miscellaneous journals and reprints.
- Dr. P. P. Nesbitt, *Current issues of the Journal of the American Medical Association, Journal of the Oklahoma State Medical Association, Southern Medical Journal and The Military Surgeon*.
- Dr. Ralph A. McGill, *Current issues of the American Journal of Surgery and Annals of Surgery*.
- Dr. Nolie Mumey, *Denver, Colorado, A Study of Rare Books by Dr. Mumey*. Classon, Denver. Pp. 572. 1930.
- Anonymous, *The Kenny Concept of Infantile Paralysis by Pohl, John F., M.D.* Pp. 365. Bruce, Minneapolis. 1943.
- Merck and Co., *Biotin, Annotated Bibliography*, 1944.

Reprints Received—

- Jewett, Hugh J., M.D., *A New Method of Ureteral Transplantation In Cancer of the Bladder*. *Journal of Urology*, November 1942.
- Carcinoma Of The Bladder; Importance of Recto-Abdominal Palpation Under Anesthesia, In The Selection Of Cases For Total Cystectomy*. *Journal of Urology*, January, 1943.
- Uretero-Intestinal Implantation*. *Southern Medical Journal*, January, 1942.
- Mumey, Nolie, M.D., *Preservation Of Surgical Specimens*. *Colorado Medicine*, 1934.
- Town, Arno E., M.D., *First Aid For Eye Injuries*. *Sight Saving Review*, September, 1942.

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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Within a very few days I shall be privileged to join that group of Tulsa County physicians known as past-presidents of the Tulsa County Medical Society. The process of becoming a past-president has been an interesting and educational experience, although at times it seemed to be unduly fraught with a complexity of problems. How successful the administration has been attained has been made possible through the splendid cooperation which the members have given the officers in prosecuting the annual program of work of the Tulsa County Medical Society. It has been gratifying to observe the interest of the members in the Society, and their sincerity through the expenditure of valuable professional time in behalf of the Society.

Where controversial problems have been encountered, the officers have attempted to be as fair and impartial as possible in arriving at a conclusion or course of action. Individual considerations have been laid aside, and the interests of the opposing groups have been respected and given the benefit of thorough thinking. Where individual members may have differed, they have recognized the Democratic principle of majority rule and have given their support to a course of action once determined.

I wish to thank the membership for their confidence in electing me to office, for the privilege of serving you. I also want to thank the trustees, censors, delegates, committees, members, and employees for their cooperation and interest. Only in this manner can anything of value be accomplished.

Sincerely,



President.

Medical Calendar

FRIDAY, December 1st:

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

Blue Cross Hospital Insurance Premiums, Physicians and Surgeons Group, became payable at 1202 Medical Arts Building, Tulsa, on this date

Final date to collect new withholding tax exemption certificates from employees.

MONDAY, December 4th:

Hillcrest Hospital Staff Meeting.

MONDAY, December 11th:

Annual Business Meeting and Election of Officers, Tulsa County Medical Society, Mayo Hotel, 8:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, December 15th:

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

Quarterly income tax reports due from all physicians.

SATURDAY, December 16th:

Copy and advertising deadline for the January issue of The Bulletin.
Final date to pay Blue Cross Hospital Insurance premiums.

MONDAY, December 18th:

St. Johns Hospital Staff Meeting.

TUESDAY, December 19th:

Medical and Dental Office Assistants Meeting, Christmas Party. Time and place to be announced later.

SATURDAY, December 23rd:

The Executive Offices will be closed December 23 through December 25 in observance of Christmas holidays. Reopen Tuesday, December 26th.

SATURDAY, December 30th:

Annual membership dues for 1945 payable on this date.



Members In Service



LT. COM. LUVERN HAYS, the Tulsa County Medical Society's only woman physician in service, is continuing her specialty in pediatrics at the Norman Hospital, Norman, Oklahoma, where she treats children of resident officers and men of the U. S. Navy. Local doctors who saw her at the Oklahoma City Clinical Society meeting in October report that she looks fine, is getting a big kick out of her new duties.



Dr. G. H. Henry

most immediately after his enlistment. Best wishes for a speedy recovery, doctor!

Promoted: LT. COL. JOHN E. McDONALD attained that rank in October at his station with the Aviation Cadet Training Center at San Antonio, Texas. He is the sixth member of the Tulsa County Medical Society to become a Lieutenant-Colonel. Congratulations, Doctor.

Also on the sick list: LT. COL. CHARLES A. PIGFORD, now recuperating from a rheumatic ailment at the Army and Navy General Hospital, Hot Springs, Arkansas. He is not certain when he will return to his duties with the Army Air Forces at Marianna, Florida.

CAPTAIN CHARLES H. EADS paid a brief visit to Tulsa last month en route to Oklahoma City to visit a sick relative. Captain Eads is on the staff of the Army and Navy General Hospital at Hot Springs, Arkansas.

LT. OLIVER H. THOMPSON, after several months service with invasion troops in France, is bedded with a stomach ailment at an English hospital. In service for only ten months, Lt. Thompson was sent overseas al-

CAPTAIN HENRY A. BROCKSMITH is another recent visitor to Tulsa. After a brief sojourn at the Army Medical Center at Washington, D. C., he has been assigned to duty with medical units at Fort Bliss, Texas. CAPTAIN JOHN EDWARDS has recently been at Fort Bliss also, but has subsequently been assigned elsewhere. He has not reported his present address to the Executive Offices. Another Tulsa County Medical Society member at Fort Bliss is MAJOR W. C. EWELL.

LT. COM. W. D. HOOVER, after several months of active duty in New Guinea and other South Pacific bases, is back in the United States at the Naval Air Station, Glenview, Illinois. Recently promoted, he is now treating Navy pilots for combat fatigue. Last minute success in finding an apartment prevented the Hoovers from living in a tent at the new assignment.

CAPTAIN FRED PERRY is back at his old assignment at Will Rogers Field, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, after several months with the Army Air Forces at Muskogee, Oklahoma. Dr. Perry has just returned from a visit in New Jersey.



Dr. Earl Lusk

CAPTAIN EARL M. LUSK has been stationed in the Netherland East Indies since last September. He reports that the air raids are frequent, but that he and three other officers have a DeLuxe Fox-Hole with flak-proof roof. The heat is terrible and frequent rains make the red clay a miserable mire. But it is great experience, the doctor says.

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To The 51 Members Of
The Tulsa County Medical Society

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FALSE OPTIMISM

A growing spirit of optimism among the general public as to the length of the present war is not shared by the in-service members of the Tulsa County Medical Society who are now serving overseas. These doctors, men who should be able to judge accurately from first-hand experiences, foresee a long and bitter war to wrest the Japanese from their conquests in the Philippines and the South Pacific. Despite current advances in that area, the general hopes of the fighting men seem to be "Golden Gate In '48". From the European front, the determined stand of the Germans on their borders is mute evidence that it will not be an easy ride in to the gates of Berlin.

The Tulsa County medical man likewise is under no delusions as to the possibility of a quick discharge after victory is won. Months of tedious repairs on wounded men will be necessary in hundreds of hospitals. The lingering and permanent effects of tropical diseases, many of which are virtually unknown to medicine, will require a large staff of competent medical officers for treatment. Rehabilitation of wounded and the mentally sick will necessitate more physicians. The rehabilitation of civilians in areas of conflict will also fall to Allied army and

navy doctors in part.

From these observations there can be little doubt but that the strain on the physician and surgeon at home will continue unabated, especially as far as prospects for relief through return of service doctors are concerned. The return of peace, when it does come, will not be the signal for a wholesale slackening in the amount and quality of medicine care. Rather, it will require a continuation of heavy schedules of practice until returning service doctors can alleviate the situation.

The American People fight on two fronts—on the actual war fields and on the home front. The doctor is a busy officer of the latter. Many have become casualties through the requirement of a wartime practice. The doctor must not delude himself through false optimism that his part in the struggle is almost over. The way ahead is bright, but it is a long way.

A STEP FORWARD

Legislation proposed by the Oklahoma State Medical Association to place the Oklahoma State Health Department under control of a governing board of physicians wins the whole-hearted support of the members of the Tulsa County Medical Society. Doctors of Oklahoma have long believed that political interference and machinations had no place in the maintenance and administration of a sound program of public health. It has only been through the efforts of the capable Dr. Grady F. Mathews, a straight-thinking and public-minded Director, that the Oklahoma State Health Department has been enabled to operate with a minimum of political pressure.

The proposed legislation is not in final form, and many of the operative details have yet to be determined. The principle of a state health department under an authoritative supervisory board of medical doctors has been already embodied into the proposal, however. It is only common sense that doctors and not politicians administrate public health units.

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**MEDICAL LEGISLATION
PROPOSED BY COMMITTEE**

Of interest to members of the Tulsa County Medical Society are three legislative projects of the Public Policy Committee of the Oklahoma State Medical Association, all approved at the recent meeting of the House of Delegates in Oklahoma City. The three proposed bills, none of which are in final form at present, cover the following subjects:

1. A law to create a governing board of seven members for the Oklahoma State Health Department, a majority of which shall be medical doctors, thereby placing control of the Department within medical circles.

2. A law designed to replace the present antiquated coroner system of Oklahoma with a Medical Examiner System, providing that medical doctors shall replace lay persons in performing the duties of coroner.

3. An amendment to the Basic Science Act to permit issuance of certificates to medical doctors, osteopaths, and chiropractors who were licensed at the time of the passage of the act. This will enable these doctors to transfer under rules of state reciprocity, not possible at the present time for this group.

The bills will be introduced at the next session of the Oklahoma Legislature.

CLINIC REPORT

October 24 - November 21

Medicine	473
Surgery	80
Gynecology	5
Rectal	15
Dental	38
Dermatology	13
Tumor	26
Pediatrics	14
Urology	11
Ophthalmology	50
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MEMBERS IN SERVICE

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CAPTAIN ERIC M. WHITE is believed to be with the Philippine invasion forces although the report has not been definitely confirmed. His unit was last stationed in Hollandia in the South Pacific.



Dr. Logan Spann



Dr. C. H. Eads

LT. COM. GIFFORD H. HENRY has been reported in Australia with a Naval Hospital Evacuation Unit.

LT. HERBERT ORR has arrived in England with the 395th Medical Detachment. He complains of a lack of medical literature and mail and reminds his friends to write. Dr. Orr has been in service since last April, went overseas from Camp Maxey, Texas.

MAJOR EUGENE WOLFF reports that the Members In Service page in The Bulletin is like a letter from home. If the editors could persuade more service members to write of their activities, the page would appear more often. How about it, fellow?

CAPTAIN WILLIAM R. TURNBOW says it "tain't so" that he is in Southern France. He's still with the American

forces in Northern Italy, eating mud and wondering when those rotation leaves will get around to him.

LT. COM. BERNARD L. BRANLEY is now aboard the U. S. S. California out of San Francisco. Another sea dog is LT. R. G. RAY, who has returned to the South Seas area with his Navy Medical Unit.

Just for the record, it is LT. COM. HAYS R. YANDELL, and not the lower rank as reported in our last Members In Service page. Sorry, doctor. Dr. Yandell was a recent visitor to Tulsa from his assignment at Norman Naval Hospital, Norman, Oklahoma.

LT. COM. LOGAN A. SPANN arrived in Tulsa in mid-November on leave from his Navy duties. Dr. Spann saw action in the South Pacific and suffered slight wounds in the invasion of Guam on July 23.

CAPT. JACK O. AKINS was another welcome visitor to Tulsa last month. Wounded at Salerno last year, Dr. Akins has been recuperating at McCloskey General Hospital, Temple, Texas. He expects to receive a medical discharge within a few weeks and will return to practice in Tulsa shortly thereafter.

ANNUAL ELECTION

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thrup (1947), Dr. Walter S. Larrabee (1948), and Dr. H. B. Stewart (1948). Delegates serve five years each.

Eight alternates will be selected, each to serve for one year. Alternates this year were Dr. M. V. Stanley, Dr. D. J. Underwood, Dr. Hugh J. Evans, Dr. W. A. Walker, Dr. J. J. Billington, Dr. James L. Miner, Dr. F. L. Underwood, and Dr. David V. Hudson.

All committee chairmen will be furnished with a summary of committee activity during the year by the Executive Secretary. This summary will be read in the event the chairman is not present at the meeting. Reading of the committee report is mandatory by the By-Laws.

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SOCIETY HISTORY

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the antiquated constitution and by-laws was undertaken and much of the excessive verbage was eliminated. A committee was appointed to help facilitate the completion of St. John's Hospital. School clinics, designed to improve the health of public school children, were undertaken in cooperation with the Board of Education. The hygienic conditions of the new Spavinaw Water System were investigated by a special committee from the Society. An effort to eliminate osteopaths from participating in the public school systems health departments was instigated. The fight against quackery and irregular medical ethics continued.

The Oklahoma State Medical Association met in Tulsa May 12-14, 1925, at the Mayo Hotel. Dr. R. W. Dunlap was general chairman for the convention with Dr. R. Q. Atchley, Dr. C. T. Hender-shot, and C. H. Haralson as associates. The program featured a representative number of Tulsa speakers. The meeting was saddened by the death of Dr. Charles H. Ball, who suffered a cerebral hemorrhage while reading a paper before the section on Dermatology. Dr. P. P. Nesbitt assumed the reins of the state association and gave it a splendid year of progress.

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EDITORIAL

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The qualifications of medical men are scientific, not prompted by motives of money or power.

The Tulsa County Medical Society will watch with interest the progress of this proposal, giving assistance where at all possible. It represents a progressive and much-needed step forward in Oklahoma Medicine.

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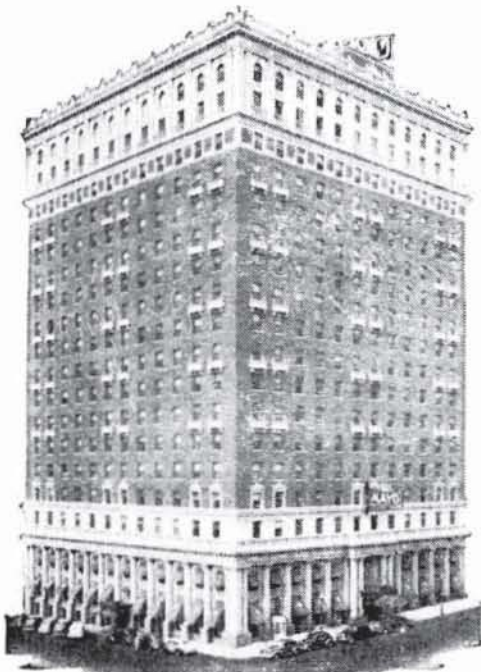
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