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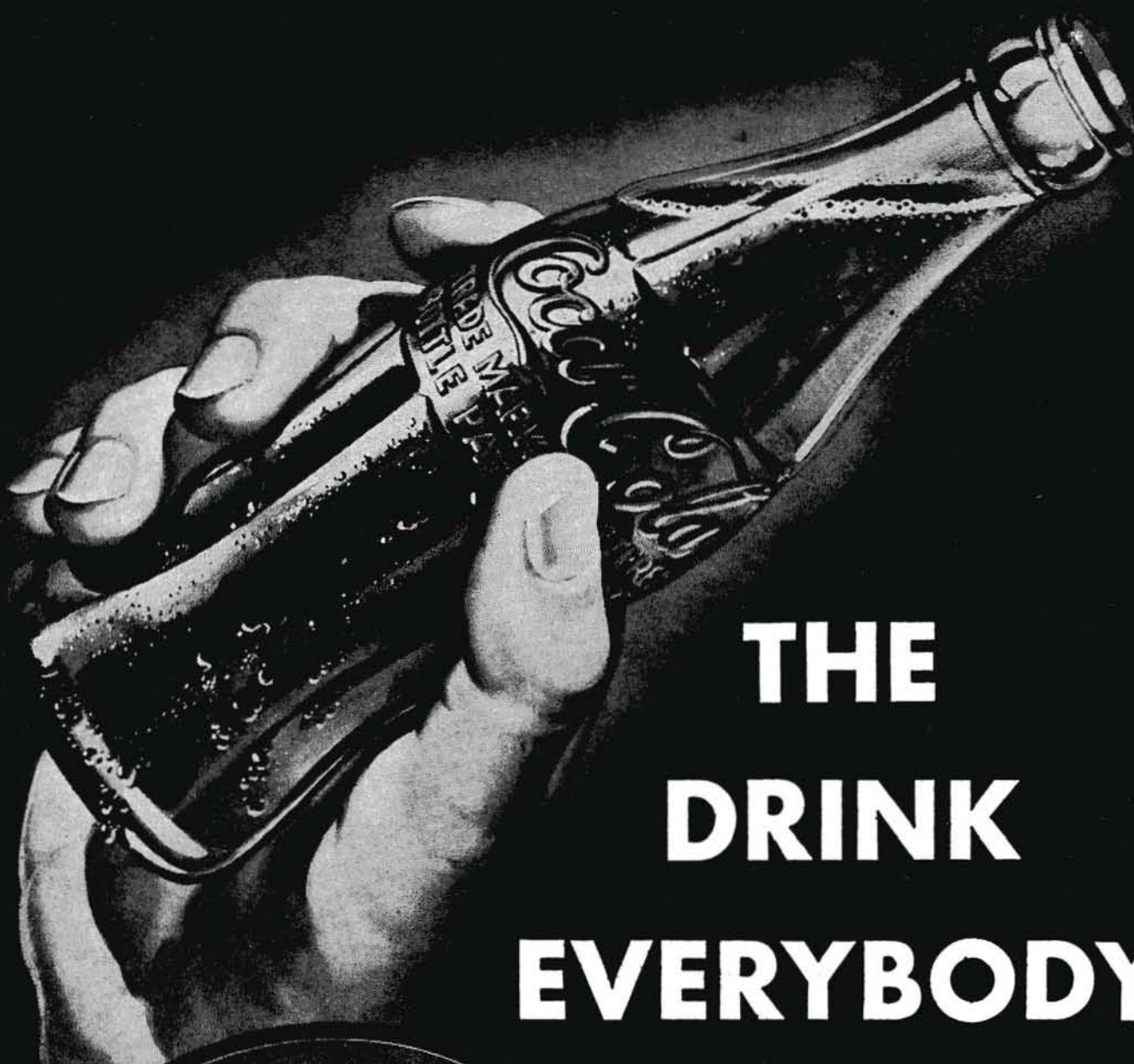
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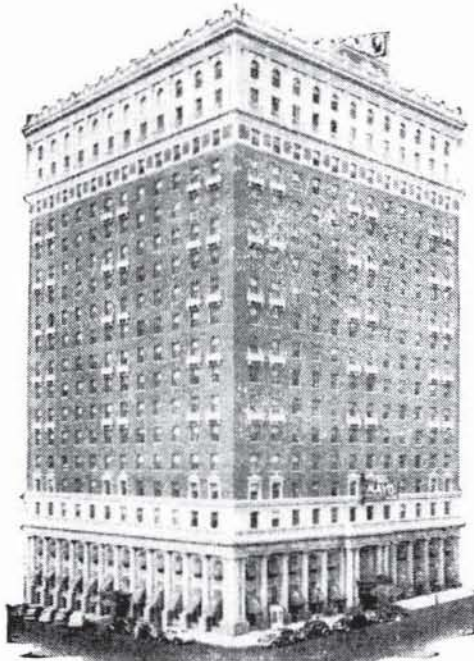
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## REREGISTRATION FUND CRITICIZED

**Fraudulent Practices Committee Report To The  
 Tulsa County Medical Society Terms Fund Of No  
 Benefit To Oklahoma Physicians As Money Col-  
 lected For Purposes Of Investigating Medical  
 Frauds Is Not Being Made Available.**

Indications of a growing displeasure of Oklahoma physicians with the administration of the Annual Reregistration Act Fund were observed at the close of 1943 as the Fraudulent Practices Committee of the Tulsa County Medical Society recommended an investigation by leading county medical societies of the state to determine why the fund was not available for the purpose set forth by the Act—the investigation and prosecution of violations of the Medical Practice Act of Oklahoma.

The Committee noted that while every physician of the state pays an annual reregistration fee of \$3.00 each and has paid such a fee each year since 1941, apparently none of the several thousand dollars so collected has been used in an attempt to prosecute alleged offenders of the Medical Practice Act.

In its annual report rendered to the membership last December 13, the Committee called attention to a growing number of renegade medical "practitioners" in this county who are guilty of irregular medical practices. "The Tulsa County Medical Society is not in a financial position to investigate such practices and bring their perpetrators into court. Funds for this purpose should come from the Annual Reregistration Act Fund as provided by law, or the enabling act should be repealed," the Committee Report said.

Attention was also directed to a reso-

lution introduced by the Tulsa County Medical Society at the annual meeting of the House of Delegates of the Oklahoma State Medical Association last May. This resolution, which sought the services of an investigator to look into certain irregular practitioners and frauds in Tulsa County, was hastily tabled after a poor hearing of the facts. The Committee criticized this action on the basis that the request was perfectly proper and entitled to a detailed consideration of its merits.

The Annual Reregistration Act (Laws of Oklahoma, 1941, Title 59, Chapter 1) was originally passed at the insistence of state doctors who felt the need for some methods of investigating alleged violations of the Medical Practice Act. The Reregistration Act put teeth into the Medical Practice Act. Both acts were the results of considerable effort and expense over a long period of years.

Specifically, the Annual Reregistration Act had two purposes: (1) provision of funds to maintain the offices of the State Board of Medical Examiners, and (2) to employ "an attorney to investigate alleged violations of the Medical Practice Act of Oklahoma and to assist authorized State and county officers in prosecuting or restraining violations of said Act . . ." The latter is a direct quote.

Physicians are required to pay not



later than June 10 of each year the sum of \$3.00 each for the purpose of "re-registering" his medical license, thereby permitting him to legally practice medicine for the fiscal year beginning June 30 of each calendar year. Failure to pay this sum constitutes practice of medicine without a license and opens the offender to fines ranging from \$25.00 to \$200.00 and possible suspension or revocation of his medical license.

It is estimated that 2,000 state physicians (approximately) now contribute to the Fund through the medium of this fee. This presumes an annual income of approximately \$6,000. With the collection of the 1944 fee, the total income in four years of the Act's existence will be in excess of \$24,000. This, minus the clerical cost of maintaining the State Board of Medical Examiners, should be sufficient to insure a reasonable amount of activity in prosecuting offenders.

In general, it is believed that a few effective prosecutions of illegitimate medical practitioners and frauds would be sufficient to discuss similar frauds from attempting to "practice" in the State.

The Committee report noted that such frauds are, in general, confined to the larger cities. Tulsa and Oklahoma City, both swollen with defense workers and members of the armed forces, have been easy prey for medical frauds. Tulsa has encountered the diagnostic machine (Abrams Machine), the nature doctors, the indian herb doctors, the great variety of "women" and "men" specialists, the patent medicine peddler, mentalists, etc. Some of these have been forced to discontinue through complaints to the Better Business Bureau and Tulsa police. The majority, however, have gone unbridled for a lack of proper investigation by a trained attorney. County medical societies do not have the funds or facilities to make such investigations. They must be made by an agency organized for that purpose. That was the purpose of the Annual Reregistration Fund as understood by the fee-paying doctor.

### TEXT OF SECTION THREE

Here is the complete text of Section Three of the Annual Reregistration Act:

**RENEWAL FEES:** All renewal fees paid to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Medical Examiners under the provisions of this Act shall be deposited by him with the State Treasurer, who shall place the same in the regular depository fund of the Board. Said fund, less the ten per cent (10%) gross fees paid into the General Fund of the State under the provisions of Chapter 88, Oklahoma Sessions Laws, 1933, shall be expended in the manner and for the purposes now provided by law, and in paying a salary of not to exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00) per month to the Secretary-Treasurer for performing the duties enjoined on him by this Act, in purchasing necessary blanks, records and equipment, in securing necessary clerical and stenographic assistance, and in employing an attorney to investigate alleged violations of the Medical Practice Act of Oklahoma and to assist authorized State and county officers in prosecuting or restraining violations of said Act. Provided, that said expenditures shall not be a charge against the State, but that same shall be paid solely from the Board's said depository fund.

The problem of the advertising doctor the unethical "come-ons" of complete examinations for two or three dollars, the infringement on medical practice by untrained oculists, pharmacists, etc., are all matters to be handled through this Fund.

The objection lies not in the collection of the three dollars fee. The funds so accumulated would of value and would provide a valuable service to the medical profession if expended for the purpose for which collected.



## NEW AMA COUNCIL PROGRESSES

**Survey Among Tulsa County Doctors Reveals Dissatisfaction With Slow Rate of Progress By The Newly Created Council on Medical Service Of The American Medical Association. Urgent Need For Action Seen.**

The Tulsa County Medical Society has long supported the move for a Washington office of the American Medical Association. Like many other state and local medical organizations, it has felt that medicine's inadequate representation in the nation's capital was resulting in increased regimentation for the medical profession of the United States.

Accordingly, the Society was happy to lend support to a movement in June, 1943, to bring the matter to a head before the AMA House of Delegates annual meeting in Chicago. At that time, the Oklahoma State Medical Association and other state organizations made a vigorous campaign to secure the establishment of an office of information in Washington under AMA auspices. Unfortunately, that movement did not succeed, due primarily to organized groups within the Association.

As a compromise action, the American Medical Association, acting through its House of Delegates, created a Council on Medical Service and Public Relations. The primary objective of this council was to devise plans for better distribution of medical care, thereby lessening the pressure for state medicine as exerted by dissatisfied and uncared-for economic groups.

Much to the disappointment of organized medicine throughout the nation, the new Council failed to make any substantial progress. It was termed a "snail-like" organization. Local county medical societies, through their journals, condemned the Council for its lack of activity. This condemnation, in which the Tulsa County Medical Society also joined, was more general in view of the pending Wagner-Murray Bill in the United States Senate. It was uniformly felt that if ever a need for immediate action existed, that need existed at this

time. Failure to distribute effective combative information could well result in the passage of the Wagner-Murray Bill creating state medicine, or in a modification of the bill.

At the end of the year, there was some indication that the Council on Medical Service and Public Relations had finally begun to function. A publication of the general policies was effected last November. Preliminary establishment of liaison committees in local medical societies was begun. (The Tulsa County Medical Society has already certified its committee to the AMA). It had "analyzed" the Wagner Bill, although considerable question has since arisen as to the need and value of the analysis. It was also reportedly at work studying the government-subsidized program of maternity and pediatric care for wives and children of service men.

A survey made by the Executive Offices of the Tulsa County Medical Society among representative members reveals considerable dissatisfaction with the Council's first half-year record. This is in keeping with a survey conducted by a medical magazine among representative members of the profession over the nation.

The general concensus of opinion among those interviewed was that urgent action to combat state medicine is needed immediately. One Tulsa doctor expressed the opinion that any further delay, even of a few weeks, might prove fatal. Another prominent doctor stated that the need was for tangible results, not the wasting of time in determining basic policies. While the doctor admitted that a set of basic policies were essential, he did not believe that their creation necessitated six months of effort.

There were questions in return from

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# PRESIDENT'S PAGE

This year, on April 24-26, the Tulsa County Medical Society will again enjoy the privilege of playing host to the several hundred doctors attending the annual convention of the Oklahoma State Medical Association. Plans for this meeting have been underway for several months and are virtually complete at this time. Dr. W. A. Showman is General Chairman of the Convention. He will need the services of many members of the Tulsa County Medical Society to carry these plans into operation.

It is not my intention to create any rivalry between this Society and its good friend, the Oklahoma County Medical Society. However, I must admit that it is going to take considerable hard work on the part of our members to match the excellent meeting last year at Oklahoma City. I believe the Tulsa County Medical Society can do it, however.

In connection with our state meeting, let me also urge members to consider any suggestions which they have to make to the House of Delegates. It is through this agency that organized medicine in this state operates. It provides the opportunity to correct evils, to improve on present policies and projects, and to progress with new ideas.

Your suggestions in regard to the annual convention will be appreciated by the General Chairman and the Convention officials.

Sincerely,



President.

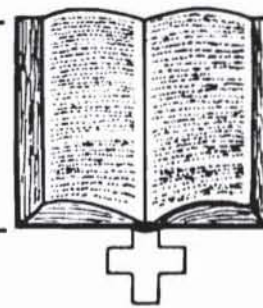




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## RECENT ACCESSIONS

### New Books—

**Transactions Of The American Therapeutic Society**, Francis M. Pottenger, Jr., Editor. 1942.

**Nasal Medication** by Noah D. Fabricant, M. D. The Williams and Wilkins Co., 1942.

### Reprints Received—

**A Combined Method For The Treatment Of Delayed Menstruation.** Haig Carapetyan, M. D., New York. J.A.M.A. 122:81:1943.

**Our Debt To Aristotle**, Lewis J. Moorman, M. D., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Annals of Internal Medicine, 2:11:1929.

**We Owe A Cock To Aesculapius.** Lewis J. Moorman, M. D., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Southern Medical Journal, 25:1197:1932.

**Francis Adams Of Banchory.** Lewis J. Moorman, M. D., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Southern Medical Journal, 29:435:1936.

**Multiple Calcifications In The Spleen.** Lewis J. Moorman, M. D., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. American Review of Tuberculosis, 36:3:1937.

**Accessory Stomach In The Right Thorax.** Thomas Lowry, M. D., and Lewis J. Moorman, M. D., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The American Review Of Tuberculosis. 38:27:1938.

**On the Road To Heaven.** Lewis J. Moorman, M. D., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Medical Times, September, 1942.

### Gifts of the Month—

**Dr. H. D. Murdock**, Surgery, Gynecology and Obstetrics, volumes sixty-six to seventy-five. Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery, volumes twenty to twenty-four. American Journal of Surgery, volumes forty-seven to fifty-six. Surgical Clinics of North America, volumes twenty and twenty-one.

**Anonymous**, The Doctors Mayo, by Clapesattle, H. B. University of Minnesota Press, 1941.

Physiology In Modern Medicine, by Macleod, J.J.R., M. D. C. V. Mosby Co., Seventh Edition. 1935.

Methods Of Treatment, by Clendening, Logan, M. D. C. V. Mosby Co., Sixth Edition. 1937.

Treatment In General Practice, by Beckman, Harry, M. D. W. B. Saunders Co., Third Edition. 1938.

The Physiological Basis Of Medical Practice, by Best, Charles H., M. D. and Taylor, Norman B., M. D. William Wood and Co. 1937.

**Dr. Scott P. Bowyer.** A total of seven textbooks and four volumes of current journals pertaining to dentistry.

## MEDICAL CARE EXPENSES DEDUCTIBLE

**Complicated Income Tax Regulations For 1943  
Permit Deductions For Medical And Dental  
Charges In Excess of Five Per Cent Of Net In-  
come. Dues To Tulsa County Medical Society  
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Tulsa County physicians and surgeons, like other American citizens, are faced this year with completing the most detailed and complicated income tax return yet devised. Unless a careful study of the tax regulations is made, doctors are liable to make serious errors which may result in unnecessary overpayments or in underpayments which must later be corrected.

The addition of the Victory Tax, reported on the same form, further complicates the filing of tax returns. While a simplified form is available, most physicians, by reason of an income in excess of \$3,000 annually, must use the so-called long form in arriving at the amount of their tax. Final date for filing is March 15, 1944.

While a complete discussion of the income tax law features cannot be made in the brief space available here, a few points are of interest to the physician and surgeon.

One of these—the deductions allowable for medical and dental expense incurred—are of more interest to the patient than the doctor, but the latter is certain to be questioned on the subject. Since 1942, the government has permitted an allowable deduction for medical and dental expense and related expenses therein. This amount is that portion of the expenses which exceed five per cent of net income for the tax year. This deduction is computed by subtracting five per cent of your income from the amount of the expenses incurred.

In most cases, the deduction so incurred will be very small or non-existent. It will be a boon to those persons who have paid heavy doctor, hospital, and related expense items during the year.

There are other restrictions in this regard that must be taken into considera-

tion. The expenses must have been actually paid and not those which were incurred and which are still due. Secondly, such expenses must not have been covered in remuneration or compensation from insurance companies or otherwise during the current year. Finally, a maximum deduction of \$2,500.00 is permitted per married couple or for the head of a family, \$1,250.00 for single individuals.

Deductions must be made by the person who actually paid the bill. A bona fide marital or family relationship must exist between the person paying the bill and the person for whom paid at either the time the bill was incurred or at the time at which it was paid.

Medical expenses include payments to anesthetist, private mental asylums, convalescent homes, licensed chiropractors and osteopaths, authorized Christian Science practitioner, druggists, dentists, laboratories, graduate nurses, practical nurses, opticians, optometrists, oculists, podiatrists, roentgenologists, hospitals, medical doctors, etc.

Also a part of medical expense are such items as false teeth, artificial limbs, trusses, vitamins, wheel chairs, eye glasses, elastic hosiery, back supports, auditory devices, ambulance hire, arches, radium therapy, physio-therapy treatments, sacroiliac belts, splints, etc. Travel to and from points for rendition of medical services is also allowable. Premiums for membership in group hospital or medical care plans, for accident insurance, and for general health insurance policies may also be deducted.

Where husband and wife file returns, either jointly or separately, on income earned separately, it should be determined which is the most advantageous way of filing. It might result in substantial savings.



# Medical Calendar

**TUESDAY, February 1st:**

All members of the Tulsa County Medical Society are advised that annual membership dues must be paid not later than February 29 to avoid suspension. Checks should be mailed to the Executive Offices, 1202 Medical Arts Building, Tulsa, or to Dr. E. O. Johnson, Secretary-Treasurer, 209 Medical Arts Building, Tulsa. Dues are \$34.00 annually. Members living outside of Tulsa proper pay only \$20.00.

**SATURDAY, February 5th:**

Medical broadcast, "Doctors At War", Radio Station KKVOO, 3:30 p. m.

**MONDAY, February 7th:**

Hillcrest Hospital Staff Meeting.

**FRIDAY, February 11th:**

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

**SATURDAY, February 12th:**

Medical broadcast, "Doctors At War", Radio Station KKVOO, 3:30 p. m.

**MONDAY, February 14th:**

Scientific program, Tulsa County Medical Society, Mayo Hotel, 8:00 p. m. Program to be announced later.

**FRIDAY, February 18th:**

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**SATURDAY, February 19th:**

Medical broadcast, "Doctors At War", Radio Station KVOO, 3:30 p. m.

**MONDAY, February 21st:**

St. Johns Hospital Staff Meeting.

**TUESDAY, February 22nd:**

Medical and Dental Office Assistants Meeting, Michaelis Cafeteria, 6:30 p. m. Program to be announced later.

**FRIDAY, February 25th:**

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

**SATURDAY, February 26th:**

Medical broadcast, "Doctors At War", Radio Station KVOO, 3:30 p. m.

**MONDAY, February 28th:**

No scientific meeting on this date unless members are notified by mail in advance.

**TUESDAY, February 29th:**

Final date to pay 1944 membership dues.

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## A MORAL OBLIGATION

It is considerably encouraging to note that doctors serving in the British armed forces have demanded a postponement of any contemplated action to establish a system of state medicine in the British Empire. It demonstrates that the young men of medicine, the majority of whom are now risking life and limb in the combat areas, do not propose to be pushed around in the Post-War era. It further indicates that these men are aware of the dangers of a Beveridge Plan to organized medicine, and that they are not of the complacent character which marks so many of the older practitioners of Harley Street.

Here in America there is every reason to believe that the same attitude has developed among American army and navy doctors. From our own Tulsa County Medical Society members, serving in Guadalcanal and Italy, have come queries of "what in hell is going on there at home?" The hell going on at home, of course, is the Wagner-Murray Bill, designed to bring the medical profession into the control of bureaucrats and the political pork-barrels.

If the threat of state medicine can be avoided until the end of the war, then the profession will benefit by the entrance of young service doctors into pri-

vate practice. These men are going to be men who have sacrificed for democracy and its principles. They are not likely to be men who will be complacent in the face of state medicine. They know what they are fighting for now—it is not for the privilege of being a hireling in a system of government medicine.

The in-service doctors are not in a position to do much to fight the Wagner-Murray Bill or any other plan of regimented medicine. They are at present much too busy saving the lives of wounded men, rehabilitating them for peace. Service regulations may be, and have been, invoked to forbid the service men from any participation in any form of political activity or movements concerning government policy.

The responsibility of maintaining a free system of the private practice of medicine rests squarely on the shoulders of the private practitioner of today. To prevent the establishment of state medicine is an obligation of every American doctor to his fraternal brothers in service. If it is not done, American medicine is going to have much to answer for when the war is finally won.

## Thanks!

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### FIRST USE OF PENICILLIN IN TULSA COUNTY REPORTED

Penicillin, medicine's new wonder drug, made its first appearance in Tulsa last month when twenty ampules were made available for the treatment of a patient suffering from osteomyelitis. Dr. Ian MacKenzie, physician in charge, said it was the first use of the rare manufactured drug in Tulsa.

Quantities of penicillin are now being commercially manufactured, but only minute amounts have been made available to the public. The greater proportion has been directed into the battle areas for treatment of wounded soldiers.

Indications from the drug field are that penicillin will be available in greater amounts for public consumption within a few weeks due to increased manufacturing facilities. It is probable, however, that the drug will be stored in regional depots and not stocked locally until after the war.

### "DOCTORS AT WAR" SERIES OF BROADCASTS RESUMED

"Doctors At War", the popular series of radio broadcasts dramatizing medicine's part in World War II, has been resumed under the sponsorship of the American Medical Association. The programs are heard each Saturday afternoon over Station KVOO, Tulsa, at 3:30 p.m.

The success of the first series last year prompted their continuation over the National Broadcasting Company networks. The programs are part of a series of health broadcasts heard over NBC for the eleventh consecutive year under AMA sponsorship. Dr. W. W. Bauer, director of the Bureau of Health Education of the American Medical Association, supervises the series.

Members of the Tulsa County Medical Society are urged to listen to their entertaining and educational programs. They are well constructed and presented.

Renewal applications on all gasoline ration books should be filed in the Executive Offices ten days before expiration date.

### MATERNITY CARE FEES UPPED TO \$50.00 TOP

As the Maternal and Child Care Plan of Oklahoma announced boosting of the complete pre-natal and delivery fee to \$50.00 last month, the neighboring state of Arkansas dropped a similar plan after statewide protest from the medical profession.

Dr. W. B. Grayson, state health officer of Arkansas, said the State Board of Health voted to withdraw from participation in the Federal Children's Bureau program of maternity aid to wives of service men after the Arkansas Medical Association condemned the project. Dr. Grayson also expressed dissatisfaction at the "red tape" of the negotiations with the federal agency.

In Oklahoma, the complete maternity care fee was quietly upped to \$50.00 with corresponding pro-rata increases for proportionate amounts of care. The action followed extensive complaints of the state medical profession at the unusually low fees previously offered.

### SOCIETY PURCHASES BONDS

The Tulsa County Medical Society has voted the purchase of war bonds totaling \$3,750.00. The decision to invest a portion of its cash surplus came after the Society authorized the Board of Trustees to invest in war bonds at its own discretion. The bonds are to be kept in a safety deposit box at a local bank.

### THE HONOR ROLL

On the honor roll of the Tulsa County Medical Society as the first ten to remit annual membership dues for 1944 are:

1. S. J. Bradfield, M. D.
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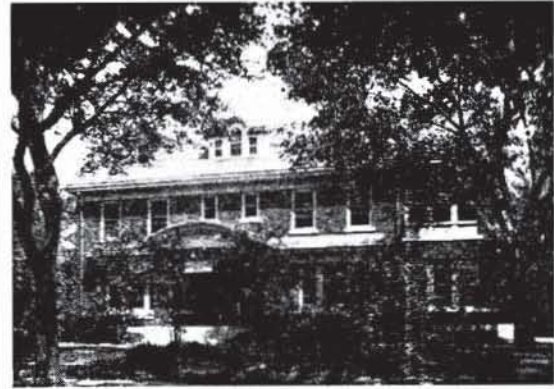
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## Lay Medical Articles

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

**"Penicillin Is No Panacea"**. By Arthur Mann. *Coronet*, January, p. 32. Debunking some popular misconceptions about the new wonder drug.

**"Blood Glue"**. *Time*, December 27, p. 86. A woman doctor from Belgium introduces the use of a tissue glue in skin-grafting operations.

**"Death Before Birth"**. By Vera Conneliv. *Colliers*, January 22, p. 11. Illegal abortions bring a high rate of death and misery to American women each year.

**"Survival On One Foot"**. *Time*, January 3, p. 53. The amazing story of the Paratrooper who lived after a fall to earth from a height of 700 feet.

**"How We Screen Out Psychological 4-F's"**. Dr. Carl Binger. *Saturday Evening Post*, January 8, p. 19. Emotionally unstable men are not fit for Uncle Sam's army. Eliminating them is often a difficult task for examining doctors.

**"Mechanics Of Man"**. By Arthur J. Steinhaus. *Coronet*, January, p. 99. The human body illustrated as the perfect mechanical instrument when good health prevails.

**"Admirable M & B"**. *Time*, January 10, p. 75. What happens when a famous patient, England's Winston Churchill, contracts pneumonia.

**"Murder, Incorporated."** By J. D. Ratcliff. *Colliers*, January 1, p. 28. American soldiers volunteer to try out the Army's new processed rations.

**"Wounded Will Live"**. By Allen Raymond. *Saturday Evening Post*, January 1, p. 16. The United States Navy Medical Corps brings them back alive from the South Pacific and European battle grounds.

**"Daily Doubles"**. By William F. McDermott. *Colliers*, January 8, p. 25. Twins—the phenomena of medicine, how and why.

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## CONVENTION COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY PRESIDENT

Final arrangements for the forthcoming convention of the Oklahoma State Medical Association here in Tulsa next April 24-26 were speeded last month as President R. A. McGill appointed five special convention committees from the membership of the Tulsa County Medical Society.

These committees, together with an additional committee to be appointed later to represent the Ladies Auxiliary, will conclude details of the meeting this month. The scientific program is to be published in the March issue of *The Journal*.

The committees appointed are:

Commercial Exhibits: Dr. Joseph Fulcher, chairman, Dr. I. H. Nelson, and Dr. Donald V. Crane.

Entertainment: Dr. Hugh J. Evans, chairman, Dr. H. A. Ruprecht, and Dr. Hugh Perry.

Sports: Dr. C. H. Haralson, chairman, Dr. Robert B. Witcher, and Dr. Carl F. Simpson.

Publicity: Dr. Marvin D. Henley, chairman, Dr. A. Ray Wiley, and Dr. Walter S. Larrabee.

Hotels: Dr. Philip M. Schreck, chairman, Dr. H. Lee Farris, and Dr. Paul Grosshart.

Preliminary convention details will be reported in the March issue of *The Bulletin*. Dr. W. A. Showman is general chairman with Dr. H. B. Stewart as vice-chairman.

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## A Look to the Future

An anonymous "L. B.", writing in *The Tulsa Tribune* of January 17, has no illusions regarding conditions of medical care under the system of state medicine proposed by the Wagner-Murray Bill, to wit:

"The Wagner-Murray Bill, now before the senate, is designed to socialize medicine. It will take 6 per cent out of your pay and the employer will kick in another 6 per cent, or 12 per cent of all pay rolls. If you work yourself you will hoop off 7 per cent of your income, but government employees have only 3.5 per cent deducted. They are not overworked and are healthier and live longer.

"This will only create a slush fund of twelve to fifteen billions to create a bigger and better bureau under the surgeon-general in Washington. You will be governed by rules and regulations as prescribed by a bureaucrat. Johnny gets the hub-jubs that calls for an enema, cathartic or purgative that must be prescribed by a doctor of your choice, but he will be bound by rules and regulations. You will be required to fill out a form with a history including the cause of the death of your great-great-grandfather. This form will be no less than a yard long and printed on both sides. After weeks of delay you will get a request for more information. By the time you get the government's consent, the boy will be dead or grown-up and going to college, and the information will be all wrong which will subject you to ten years imprisonment and \$10,000.00 fine for making a false claim."

The Bulletin suspects "L. B." is entirely correct in his predictions.

## REREGISTRATION FUND

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There is nothing to be gained by the repeal of the Act. It is not desirable to repeal the Act. Such action would serve only to eliminate the only means by which the State Board of Medical Examiners is properly supported, and to



also nullify the hard work and efforts of Oklahoma medicine to secure a protective fund to prosecute quacks and frauds.

Last May, the resolution requesting funds for investigation of alleged medical frauds in Tulsa County brought about a short and one-sided discussion on the floor of the House of Delegates. At that time, a member of the State Board of Medical Examiners, which administers the Reregistration Fund, said that the Act did not permit hiring of an investigator for such purposes. The speaker contended the Act was deficient in this respect.

This contention does not appear to be correct for the Act states specifically (as directly quoted above) that an attorney shall be hired to investigate violations of the Medical Practice Act. The State Board of Medical Examiners has assured the county medical societies that it will cooperate if each society will assemble necessary evidence against an offender. This is of no value inasmuch as any County Attorney would be legally bound to do the same. Furthermore, county societies, not having the money, personnel, or facilities for such investigations, would not be aware when a legal case could be sustained from the evidence collected.

### NEW AMA COUNCIL

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those interviewed. Extreme interest is indicated in the objective of devising a plan to better distribute medical care. The interest is not in the structure of the plan, but rather in how the plan is going to be made operative. The opinion was that a 100 per cent effective plan might require legislation. Such legislation is to be in keeping with the principles of regimentation which now motivate the federal administration.

In general, and aside from the impatience at the Council's slowness to produce tangible results, the Tulsa County doctors interviewed expressed a willingness to reserve judgment until the Council attained a maximum of activity. The general concensus, again, was that the Council would, and could, not replace a Washington office in value.

Criticism was also directed at the Council's recent statement of policies. Most doctors seemed to feel that the policies merely reexpressed the general principles of organized medicine, that it failed to provide for tangible progress, and that little was accomplished through their construction.

Tulsa County doctors are urged to contribute their opinions to *The Bulletin*.

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Tonsils .....	2
Cardiac .....	8
Skin .....	1
Pediatrics .....	3
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>702</b>

### *Dues Are Payable*

Membership dues for 1944 are now payable by members of the Tulsa County Medical Society. Final date for payment to avoid suspension is February 29, 1944. The amount is \$34.00, except for doctors living outside of Tulsa proper, who pay only \$20.00. These figures include the annual dues of \$12.00 charged by the Oklahoma State Medical Association. Members may pay in two equal installments of \$17.00 each, one due immediately and the other on July 1, 1944. This does not apply to members who pay the \$20.00 rate.

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