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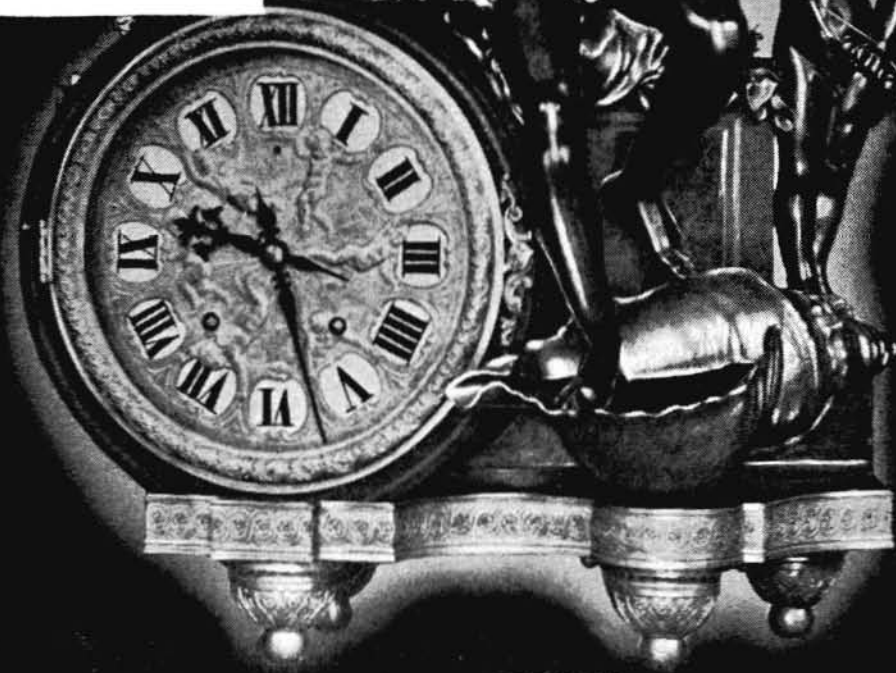
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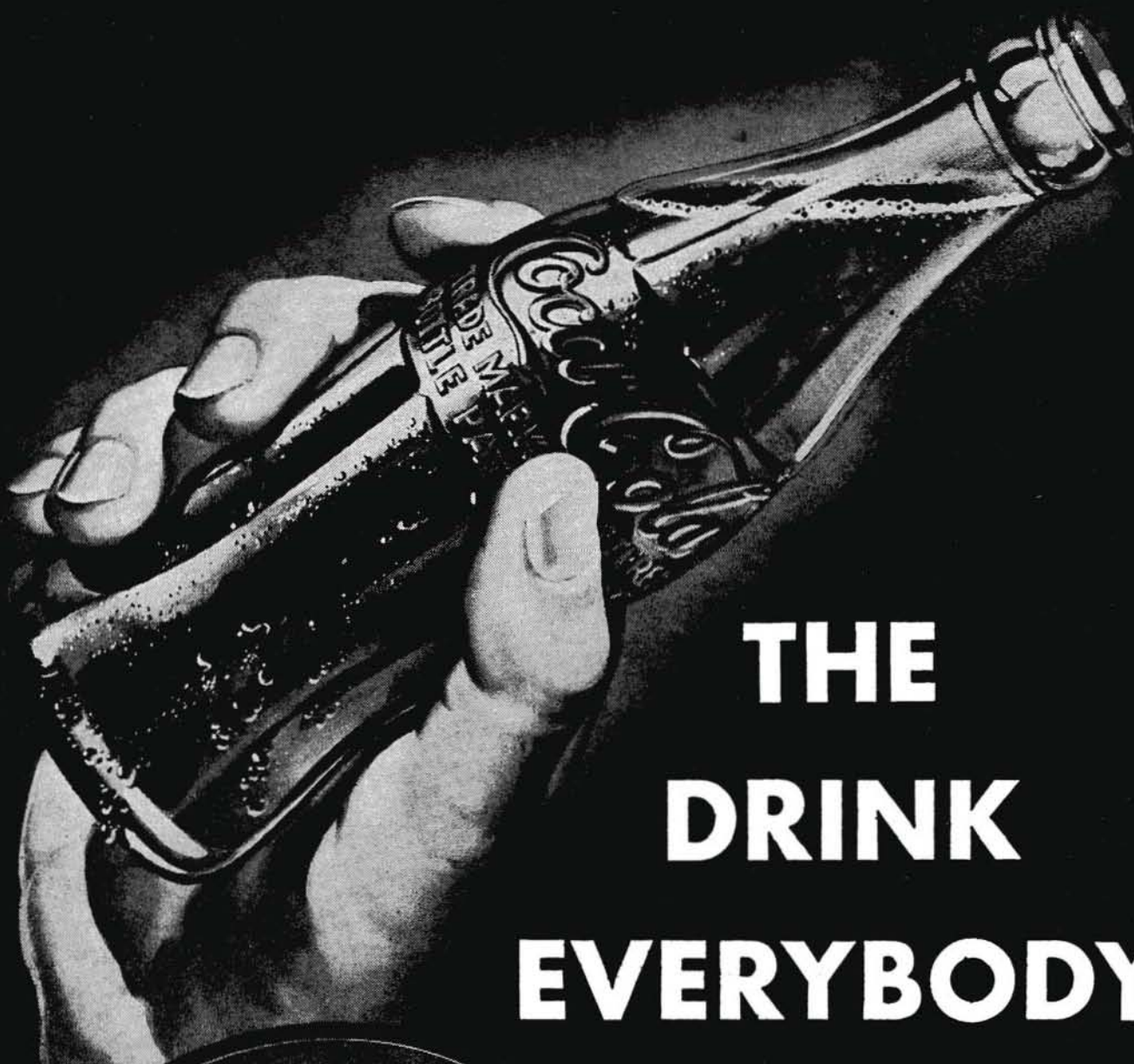
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WAR SESSIONS PROGRAM ANNOUNCED

American College of Surgeons to Meet in Tulsa on Tuesday, April 4, 1944, in One-Day Discussion of Problems of Medical Science and Current Economic Situations. Hospital Conference Scheduled.

A tri-state regional War Session of the American College of Surgeons will feature an outstanding scientific program for doctors of Oklahoma, Kansas, and Arkansas in a one-day meeting April 4, 1944, at the Mayo Hotel, Tulsa. The session is one of a series of twenty-one being held in all parts of the United States in lieu of a national convention of the group.

The program will feature two separate sections, one for Physicians and Surgeons and a second for Hospital Representatives. While the bulk of the program is technical and scientific in character, it will also include problems of medical economics.

Dr. A. W. Pigford, Tulsa, chairman of the local committee, emphasized that that attendance at this valuable meeting is not limited to members of the American College of Surgeons and that every doctor and hospital administrator of the three-state area is cordially invited to attend. There is no registration fee although each person pays for his own luncheon and dinner.

In accordance with the policies of the War Sessions Committee, the names of the speakers are not announced in advance of the meeting. While identical programs are presented in each of the twenty-one series, various speakers feature each program. Dr. Pigford stated that only the most outstanding lecturers and authorities were invited to appear

on the program.

Registration opens at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday morning, April 4. Both sections will witness three motion pictures from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. These are "Activities Of The Medical Department of the United States Army in Theaters Of Operation", a film produced by the War Department, and "Medical Activities And Installations of the United States Navy in The South Pacific" and "The Medical Department of the United States Navy in Amphibious Assault", both produced by the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery of the United States Navy.

The program continues with separate sections for doctors and hospital administrators after 9:30. The program for physicians and surgeons is as follows:

9:30-11:30 a.m. "Experiences In The Theaters of Operations". By representatives of the Surgeons-General of the United States Army and Navy.

11:30-12:00 noon. "Wartime Problems In Communicable Disease Control". By a representative of the United States Public Health Service.

Luncheon, 12:15-2:00 p.m. Joint meeting of doctors and hospital representatives.

"Current Problems In Relation to the Accelerated Program for Pre-Medical and Medical Education". By the Dean of a Medical School.

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A HISTORY OF THE TULSA COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

Beginning an Account of the History of The Tulsa County Medical Society and The Physicians and Surgeons Who Made it a Leading Medical Organization of the United States.

Part One:
The Early Years
1907-1910

The year of 1907 was an important one to the small but fast-growing Oklahoma town of Tulsa. With the Indian Territory admitted that year into the Union as the State of Oklahoma, Tulsa was experiencing a substantial boom in prosperity brought about through the development of the famous Glenn Pool (discovered in 1905) and other nearby oil fields. That same year saw the Midland Valley Railroad come to Tulsa, the opening of Tulsa's first hospital, and the beginning of the present Carnegie Library of Tulsa. Among other things, 1907 saw the organization of the Tulsa County Medical Society.

The Tulsa of 1907 is a far-cry from the modern and progressive city which it is today. Although it had passed beyond recognition as a mere "cow town", it had yet to attain the wealth, influence, and physical beauty which the discovery of oil eventually brought about. It was a town of frame buildings, many showing signs of hasty construction to accommodate a growing population, with but few substantial constructions. The downtown district was not entirely devoid of well-built business buildings, however, for a number of civic and commercial organizations were housed in structures which rose abruptly on the Tulsa skyline to distinguish it as a city of progress and accomplishment. Even so, the real progress for Tulsa lay ahead, not in its past history.

The history of medicine in Tulsa up to 1907 had little to distinguish it from

the history of medicine in other American frontier towns. Perhaps the Oklahoma outlaws and renegade Indians had accounted for more bullet wounds among the early settlers, and perhaps Tulsa experienced a high ratio of broken heads resulting from personal grievances among the followers of the oil boom. In general, however, the capable and reputable doctors of the day practiced a type of medicine that went with rough life in the open, with a horse and buggy for transportation, with an unending fight against habit and superstition, with inadequate knowledge of ills and their cures, with too limited supplies of drugs and surgical instruments, and with the bitter competition of the medical frauds who existed so well in the unregulated conditions of the state.

By 1907, however, Tulsa had begun to resolve itself into the leading city of Oklahoma. Its physicians and surgeons had already begun to attain reputations as men of skill and ability. It is not surprising, therefore, that leading Tulsa doctors had begun to feel the need of an organized medical society shortly after the turn of the century. The Oklahoma State Medical Association had been in existence for some years, but it failed to create the desired fraternity among the local members of the medical profession.

Actually, the Tulsa County Medical Society had its beginnings as early as 1906 when informal discussions were held among professional men at irregular

intervals in varied meeting places. An organization known as the Tulsa Medical Society came into being on the evening of November 9, 1906, when a dozen leading Tulsa physicians met in the offices of Dr. C. L. Reeder and Dr. C. Z. Wiley at the old Malcomb Building on East Second Street. A temporary organization was set up that night with the following charter members: Dr. Reeder, Dr. Wiley, Dr. W. Albert Cook, Dr. G. H. Butler, Dr. T. F. Dailey, Dr. S. D. Hawley, Dr. J. E. Webb, Dr. S. H. Kimmons, Dr. N. W. Mayginnnes, Dr. C. T. Hendershot, Dr. R. S. Wagner, and Dr. W. H. Rogers.

The purpose of this original Tulsa Medical Society was set forth as the advancement of scientific study. For several months, the Society held fortnightly meetings in the offices of various members. "Some very interesting papers came before the Society," an old record observes. Dr. Charles L. Reeder, a prominent general practitioner, served as Chairman of the group, Dr. N. W. Mayginnnes as vice-chairman, and Dr. C. T. Hendershot as secretary-treasurer.

Of all the original members of the Society, death has overtaken almost all. Dr. W. Albert Cook remains an active practitioner and a recognized specialist in ophthalmology and otolaryngology. Dr. S. DeZell Hawley passed away only last month (March, 1944) and Dr. G. H. Butler a few months earlier.

At that time a number of Tulsa doctors belonged to a regional medical society known as the Indian Territory Medical Society, whose purpose was reportedly more social than scientific. It was rather closely tied in with the Oklahoma State Medical Association and had in fact been the actual predecessor of that organization as the representative medical society of the state. The Indian Territory Medical Society had entertained the Oklahoma State Medical Association at its annual convention of 1905 in Tulsa. Some opposition to the Tulsa Medical Society arose early in 1907, principally from the members of



Dr. W. Albert Cook

the regional Indian Territory Medical Society. The objection to the new organization was principally that it constituted a competitive organization.

Unfortunately for the sake of romanticism, this rivalry did not develop into open enemy among the Tulsa doctors. Rather, through the diplomacy and tact of several medical leaders, representatives of both units were brought together and it was decided to combine the two organizations into a single society to be known as the Tulsa County Medical Society and to affiliate as a unit of the Oklahoma State Medical Association.

This affiliation was duly accomplished early in the Spring of 1907 when Dr. James Vance of Checotah, a councilman for the state association, met with Tulsa doctors in a reorganization meeting. In this manner the Tulsa County Medical Society, as such, came into being. Dr. W. Albert Cook was selected as the first president and Dr. C. T. Hendershot as the first secretary-treasurer. The Society sent its first delegates, consisting of Dr. Cook, Dr. Hendershot, and

Dr. J. C. Bland, to the state convention of 1907, held in May of that year at Shawnee, Oklahoma.

There was no standard meeting place in the early years of the Society. Many were held at the newly organized Oklahoma Hospital, others at the old Commercial Club, at the offices of various members, and in rooms provided at the First National Bank Building. Programs were primarily scientific, but were distinguished by occasional dinners, social meetings with the wives, and by certain extra treats. In the later category were the free circulation of fruit, nuts, and candy.

Somewhere along the wayside, the financial records of the early years have been lost. Some veterans insist the initial annual dues were only \$5.00, others remember them as \$10.00, and some recall no dues at all. It appears likely that the figure of \$10.00 is the more correct one, and that necessary additions to the treasury were made by assessment.

Much of the Society's success during its first year was due to the energetic young physician who served as the first president, Dr. W. Albert Cook. A native of Charles City, Iowa, Dr. Cook had practiced there after his graduation from Rush Medical College of Chicago in 1897. He came to Tulsa in 1902 and attained a ready success, first as a general practitioner and subsequently as an eye, ear, nose and throat specialist. Dr. Cook and his wife, the late Irene Lowe Cook, were both prominent in Tulsa and Oklahoma civic and social circles.

Another early-day Tulsa physician, Dr. R. S. Wagner assumed the presidency in 1908, with Dr. Hendershot reelected as secretary. For some reason, possibly that the Society was growing financially, a separate office of treasurer was created with Dr. S. D. Hawley serving in that capacity. After an uneventful year, Dr. W. Q. Conway became president with Dr. Walter E. Wright as secretary, both serving through 1909. Both of these years, from available records, do not appear to be par-

ticularly important except that the Society met regularly and engaged in scientific discussion.

It is unfortunate that membership records of the Society's first five years have lost or poorly preserved. A history of Tulsa published in 1921 indicates that the Tulsa County Medical Society had over 50 members in 1909. This is probably substantially overestimated as the membership roll for the following year of 1910 reveals only thirty members.

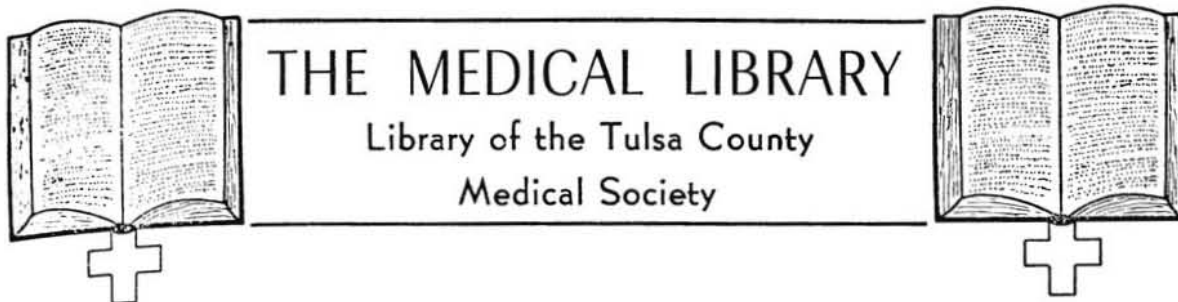
The financial situation of the Society apparently improved during the first three years as it is recorded that over a thousand dollars were invested in furniture for a permanent meeting room at the old First National Bank Building. Like the membership record, this amount is probably overstated. One of the mysteries to a historian of the Tulsa County Medical Society is the eventual disposition of that furniture. No one seems to recall. It is likely that it grew worn and was disposed of when the Society abandoned the Bank Building to meet in various places from time to time.

Dr. G. H. Butler, Jr., who was named as president in 1910, was the son of an old-time country doctor of Adamsville, Tennessee. Inspired by his father's devotion to medicine, young Butler studied at the University of Louisville, graduating in 1892. For several years he practiced in Missouri, coming to Tulsa in 1905 where he made a quick reputation as a competent surgeon.

Dr. Butler was extremely interested in the activities of organized medicine and was well-fitted for his duties as President of the Tulsa County Medical Society. In the earlier days of organization in 1907, Dr. Butler had been a temporary chairman of the Society. He was denied office until his election as president in 1910. There appears to be little doubt but that Dr. Butler's administration was capable and progressive.

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- Dr. P. P. Nesbitt, Current issues of the Journal of the American Medical Association, Southern Medical Journal and The Military Surgeon.
- Dr. A. W. Roth, current issues of the Bulletin of the American College of Surgeons, Transactions of the American Academy of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology and Dietetics For The Clinician by Bridges, Milton A., M.D., 1935.
- Captain Clarence S. Hoekstra, a collection of reprints pertaining to Curare, Convulsive Shock Therapy and Myasthenia Gravis.
- Dr. Fred S. Clinton, a collection of reprints entitled, The First Indian Territory, Oklahoma Branch of the American Red Cross, Some Trail Blazers of Medicine and Essential Phases of the Hospital.
- Mrs. Charles L. Reeder, the complete library of her husband the late Dr. Charles L. Reeder, pioneer physician of Tulsa, approximately two hundred volumes.
- Anonymous, Doctors Aweigh, The Story of the United States Navy Medical Corps In Action, by Oman, Rear Admiral Charles M., (MC) U.S.N.

OF INTEREST

The American-Soviet Medical Society, organized in the Spring of 1943 for the exchange of Medical Information and promotion of cooperation, between the members of the medical and allied professions of the United States of America and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, has established a library of information at its Editorial offices. With the cooperation of VOKS, the All-Union Society for Cultural Relations with Foreign countries in Moscow, arrangements have been made to forward all recent Russian medical publications and journals, in return for which the society will collect and send books and medical journals to the Soviet Union to help rebuild their libraries, which have been destroyed by the enemy. The American Review of Soviet Medicine, the publication of the American Soviet Medical Society is currently received in the library. We invite your inspection of this timely periodical.

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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

During the month of April the Tulsa medical profession is privileged to play host to doctors of Oklahoma and surrounding states at two important scientific meetings, the regional war session of the American College of Surgeons on April 4 and the annual convention of the Oklahoma State Medical Association April 24-26. Both of these meetings feature attractive programs of scientific study and social activity, providing the doctor not only with opportunities for professional education but much-needed relaxation.

Tulsa is signally honored by the selection of the city as host to the regional war session of the American College of Surgeons on April 4. Although only one day in length, it is an important meeting to the doctors of this area. The annual convention of the state association, as always, is a high spot on the medical calendar of the Oklahoma doctor each year. I want to take this opportunity to welcome every state and area doctor to either or both of these meetings, to urge your attendance at at least one of them, and to offer the facilities and services of the Tulsa County Medical Society to the visiting members of the profession. I believe you will find the loss of time from your heavy practices justified by the benefits of the excellent program.

Let me also avail myself of the opportunity to thank the many Tulsa doctors who have worked so tirelessly on the arrangements for these two meetings. The success of the meetings will depend in large measure on the ability of those responsible for the program and attendant arrangements. That success is already assured through the unselfish efforts of many of our members. Our thanks to you.

Sincerely,



President.

Medical Calendar

SATURDAY, April 1st:

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

MONDAY, April 3rd:

Hillcrest Hospital Staff Meeting.

TUESDAY, April 4th:

Regional War Session, American College of Surgeons, Mayo Hotel, Tulsa 8:30 a.m. Full details published in this issue of The Bulletin.

FRIDAY, April 7th:

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

SATURDAY, April 8th:

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

MONDAY, April 10th:

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

SATURDAY, April 15th:

Copy deadline for the May issue of The Bulletin.

Final date on which to file first quarter estimates on 1944 income with the Collector of Internal Revenue.

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

MONDAY, April 17th:

St. Johns Hospital Staff Meeting.

Official caucus, delegates and alternates, House of Delegates, of the Tulsa County Medical Society, 1202 Medical Arts Building, 1:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, April 22nd:

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

MONDAY, April 24th:

Opening of the 1944 Annual Convention of the Oklahoma State Medical Association. Registration, Mayo Hotel, 9:00 a.m. Tulsa County Medical Society Complimentary Buffet Supper, Mayo Hotel, 6:00 p.m. House of Delegates, Mayo Hotel, 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, April 25th:

Scientific programs, Annual Convention of the Oklahoma State Medical Association, Mayo Hotel, 9:00-4:00 o'clock. Alumni Luncheon, Tulsa Club, 12:15 p.m. Inaugural Dinner Dance, Mayo Hotel, 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, April 26th:

Scientific programs, Annual Convention of the Oklahoma State Medical Association, Mayo Hotel, 9:00-5:00 o'clock.

SATURDAY, April 29th:

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

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THE \$64.00 QUESTION

Within a few weeks the members of the Tulsa County Medical Society, like every other doctor in Oklahoma, will again be receiving the customary slips from the offices of the State Board of Medical Examiners informing them that the annual reregistration fee of \$3.00 is again due. The 1944 payment will mark the fourth successive payment of that fee. State physicians and surgeons paid their first reregistration fee three years ago most willingly for it was understood by the profession that such fees were to be expended in the investigation and prosecution of alleged violators of the Medical Practice Act of Oklahoma. At that time, the enabling act represented a Godsend to the state profession, a much-needed method of combating the inroads of medical frauds and fraudulent practitioners. Consequently, it has been with a sense of increasing futility that the doctors have paid their annual reregistration fee. That futility arose from the knowledge that no effort has been made to employ the fund for the purpose so intended, and from a true observation that medical quackery is on the increase in the state of Oklahoma.

It has now come the time to ask questions, to inquire what has become

of the motivating purposes of the Annual Reregistration Act. Apparently, there has been no use of the fund to investigate and prosecute alleged offenders of the Medical Practice Act. Certainly, that is not due to a lack of alleged offenders. In Tulsa, for instance, we are treated to a spectacular display of medical quackery—the cross-eye straightened without operation, the diagnosis via the Abrams machine, the Indian herbman, the enema specialist, etc. The same is true elsewhere, particularly where there are concentrations of people in defense areas, army camps, transportation terminals, for it is here that the medical fraud is finding easy prey to his quack cures.

There must no longer be evasions to the questions which the doctors of this state are asking. The existence of the Annual Reregistration Fund must be justified by employing the money for the purposes stated in the enabling act, or means must be found to relieve the doctor of the obligation of contributing to a purposeless fund.

It is the intention of the administrators to permit this fund to accumulate into infinity? Or is it their intention to make use of this fund for the valuable purpose stated in the enabling act—"to investigate alleged violations of the Medical Practice Act of Oklahoma . . ."? The medical profession of this state must know the answer so that it may govern its future activities.

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"Conquest Of Pain." By J. D. Ratcliff. *Colliers*, March 18, p. 73. New frontiers of surgery and medical progress have been opened through the development of anesthesia.

"Plant Poisoning." By Maxine Davis. *Good Housekeeping*, April, p. 95. Poison ivy and other plants may infect the skin with serious and painful results.

"Jeep Disease." *Time*, February 28, p. 72. Polonidal cyst disorders at the base of the spine are found to be caused in soldiers by bouncing about in rough-riding jeeps.

"The Wounded Have A Future." By Lt. LeRoy Vance. *Saturday Evening Post*, March 11, p. 20. The mental and physical rehabilitation of war casualties is a chief problem of wartime medicine.

"The Deaf Shall Hear." By Sig-mund Sameth. *Coronet*, March, p. 137. The dangerous Lempert Operation to restore hearing is becoming more safe and effective to use.

"New Orleans Cleans House." By J. D. Ratcliff. *Colliers*, March 11, p. 22. How one American city rid itself of a high ratio of venereal disease cases.

"X-Ray Locates Shell Fragments." *Life*, March 13, p. 97. New system of locating imbedded shrapnel eliminates unnecessary surgical incisions, promotes rapid recovery.

"Hand Maker." *Time*, March 13, p. 43. Sculptor Beaver Edwards finds new uses for his art in the making of life-like artificial arms and hands.

"Block That Cold." By C. Ward Crampton. *Colliers*, March 25, p. 24. The body sends warning of impending colds, permitting preventative measures.

"All Is Not Posture That Poses." By Arthur J. Steinhaus. *Coronet*, March,

p. 31. Medicine finds posture is responsible for a great variety of human ills.

"Keep Up With Medicine." *Good Housekeeping*, April, p. 95. This worthwhile column of medical news deals with the growing benefits of protein in the diet.

DR. OLIVER H. THOMPSON ENTERS MEDICAL CORPS

Dr. Oliver H. Thompson, Tulsa, became the forty-eighth member of the Tulsa County Medical Society to enter the armed forces with his commissioning as a First Lieutenant in the Army Medical Corps early in February.

A graduate of the University of Texas School of Medicine, Dr. Thompson came to Tulsa as staff physician of the Tulsa Aircraft Assembly Plant. Later he became associated with Dr. Thomas J. Lynch with offices in the Stanolind Building.

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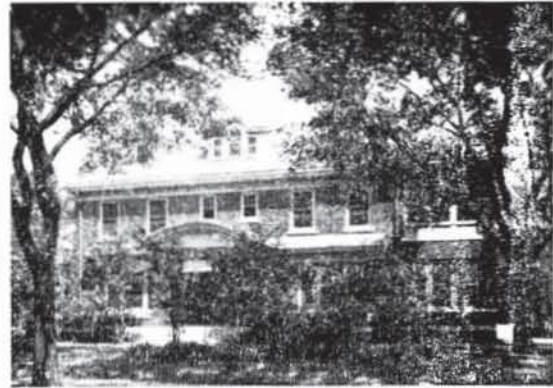
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WAR SESSIONS

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"Current Problems in Medical Manpower for the Armed Forces, Hospitals, and the Civilian Population". By a representative of the Procurement and Assignment Service.

2:15-5:30 p.m. "War Wounds of the Extremities". By a representative of the Surgeon-General of the United States Army in the respective Service Command.

"Navy War Surgery". By a representative of the Surgeon-General of the United States Navy.

"Expansion of the Program of Graduate Training in Surgery and the Surgical Specialties by the American College of Surgeons". By an official of the American College of Surgeons.

"The Current and Postwar Program of the United States Veterans' Administration". By a representative of the United States Veterans' Administration.

"Emergency Medical Service in Wartime Disasters". By a representative of the Office of Civilian Defense.

"Medical Service in Industry". By a representative of Medical Service in Industry.

Another joint dinner meeting begins at 6:15 p.m., featuring a forum discussion of some topic of interest presented during the day with all speakers participating.

The Hospital Conference opens at 9:30 a.m. with a two-hour discussion of "Wartime Hospital Problems". These will be interpreted from the standpoints of (1) Increased demands for service, (2) Maintenance of standards of nursing care, (3) Maintenance of standards for maternity and newborn infant care, and (4) The hospital's part in providing graduate training programs for returning medical officers.

11:30-12:00 Noon. "Wartime Problems In Communicable Disease Control". By a representative of the United States Public Health Service.

2:15-5:30 p.m. Roundtable Conference: "Relation of Government Agen-

cies and Voluntary Organizations to Hospitals in the Solution of Their Wartime Problems". This will include a discussion of the 9-9-9 Plan for Interns and Residents, the recruitment of student nurses, volunteer hospital workers, hospital furnishings and equipment, purchase of hospital care under Maternal and Child Health programs, wartime service bureau activities of the American Hospital Association, maintaining hospital standards, and hospital service plans.

HOSPITAL INSURANCE AVAILABLE

The Physicians and Surgeons Group of Blue Cross Hospital Insurance is now open for additional applications. Members of the Tulsa County Medical Society must file applications with \$1.00 fee not later than Saturday, April 15, in the Executive Offices. All members have been mailed information concerning the services provided and the annual cost. Doctors will not have the opportunity to join again until next year. Protection begins June 1, 1944.

First quarter estimates on 1944 income, together with payment, must be filed by all physicians not later than April 15, 1944, with the Collector of Internal Revenue.

CLINIC REPORT	
February 18—March 16	
Medicine	475
Surgery	53
Gynecology	14
Obstetrics	1
Cardiac	11
Varicose	15
Dental	54
Pediatrics	14
Eye	27
Urology	17
Dermatology	20
Tumor	29
Tonsils	15
Rectal	8
Total	753

SOCIETY HISTORY

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ciation again came to Tulsa in 1910, meeting for the three days of May 10-12. Dr. Butler's address of welcome apparently made a good impression on the visitors for he was later complimented at length at the annual banquet. Whether or not it may be attributed to the fact that Tulsa was the host and reticent to participate at length in the program or that the Tulsa doctors were not invited to appear is not known, but at any rate the program was singularly devoid of Tulsa speakers. Dr. C. L. Reeder was accorded the honor of being elected first vice-president, and the chairmanship of the Surgical Section went to Tulsa's Dr. Ross Grosshart. Dr. Walter E. Wright was named a delegate to the AMA House of Delegates.

A feature of the 1910 convention in Tulsa was a resolution asking the Governor to permit the state association to name the physician to be appointed as a member of the Board of Regents of the University of Oklahoma. The high-point was the annual banquet with Tulsa's Dr. Fred S. Clinton as toastmaster. The Tulsa County Medical Society received a resolution of thanks "for their efforts in procuring entertainment of a splendid character never before equalled in the State."

The 1910 roster of the Tulsa County

All members of the Oklahoma State Medical Association are reminded of the annual convention to be held in Tulsa, April 24-26, 1944, at the Mayo Hotel. An attractive program has been arranged, designed to provide valuable scientific information and discussion, with additional social events strictly for relaxation. You are cordially invited to attend a complimentary buffet supper as the guests of the Tulsa County Medical Society at the Mayo Hotel on Monday, April 24, 6:00 p.m.

Medical Society is interesting from a historical standpoint although most of the doctors listed have since passed away. Dr. P. H. Mayginnes, Dr. W. Albert Cook, and Dr. S. S. Mohrman are still active practitioners. Dr. Fred S. Clinton and Dr. C. O. Hood are alive but in retirement. It may also be observed that Dr. Ross Grosshart was the father of Dr. Paul Grosshart, a prominent Tulsa surgeon of today, the same being true of Dr. C. Z. Wiley, father of Dr. A. Ray Wiley, and Dr. H. F. Zink, father of Dr. Roy A. Zink.

Dr. J. N. McCormick of Bowling Green, Kentucky, an official of the American Medical Association, visited the Tulsa County Medical Society in 1910 to arrange for a course of post-graduate medical study. This course was to be provided by local physicians from material purchased from the AMA. Despite Dr. Butler's interest in the project, it died a hurried death from a general lack of interest. Dr. McCormick's visit of October 30, 1910, to the Society was an occasion of an elaborate dinner.

The Tulsa County Medical Society's first four years were not particularly outstanding. Its members practiced a competent grade of medicine, but had not yet become the leaders of organized medicine in the state. Oklahoma City physicians were the ramrods of the state organization with much additional support gained from Muskogee and Shawnee. Only a few Tulsa doctors, namely Dr. Fred S. Clinton, Dr. W. Albert Cook, Dr. N. W. Mayginnes, Dr. C. L. Reeder, and Dr. G. W. Butler took an active part in the Society affairs

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