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\*Frazer, J. G.: The Golden Bough, vol. 1, New York, Macmillan & Co., 1928



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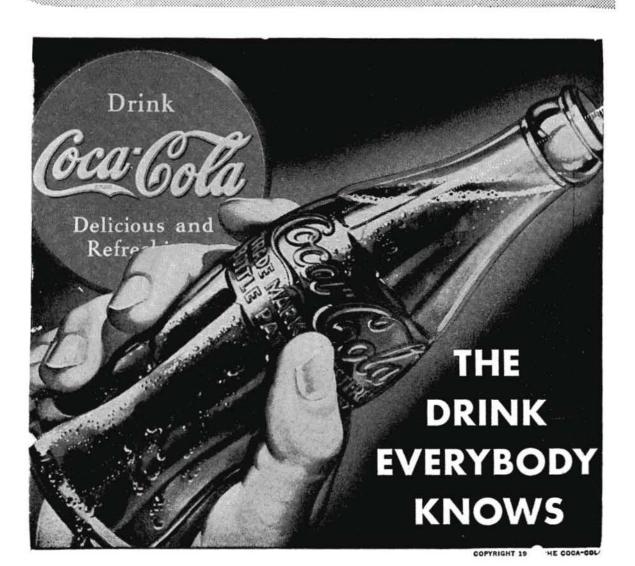
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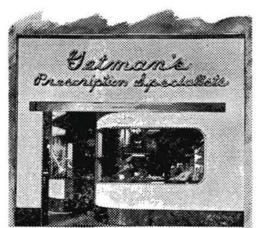
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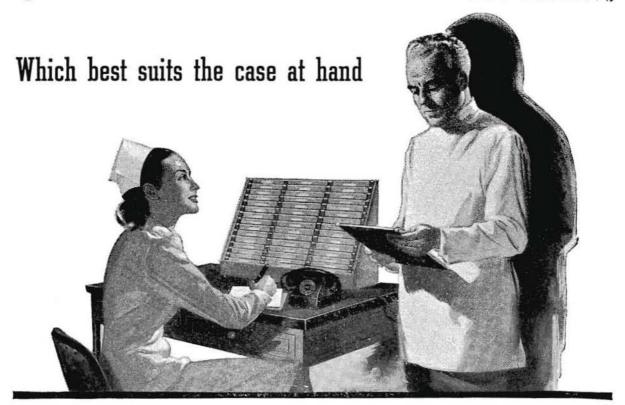
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#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS SLATED

Eighteen Posts In Tulsa County Medical Society Will Be Filled from List of 61 Eligible Members. Kansas City Ophthalmologist Will Be Speaker at December 9 Meeting.

Members of the Tulsa County Medical Society will meet Monday, December 9, 1946, in an annual business session and election of officers. Eighteen officials will be selected from a list of 61 eligible candidates. Preceding the business session, members will hear Dr. John A. Billingsley, associate professor of ophthalmology at the University of Kansas School of Medicine, Kansas City, Kansas, lecture on "Differential Diagnosis of the Red Eye".

A call will also be issued for annual committee reports by Dr. John C. Perry, president. Publication of most committee reports has been made in this issue of The Bulletin, and the membership at its option may approve such reports without reading in open meeting. Committees not publishing a report must present an oral report at this meeting.

Officers to be elected are President-Elect (to serve as President in 1948), Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, one member of the Board of Trustees, one members of the Board of Censors, three members of the House of Delegates, and ten alternate members of the House of Delegates. Dr. E. O. Johnson, Tulsa obstetrician elected last year, assumes office as President for 1947.

The membership must also approve an official budget for 1947 to be recommended by the Finance Committee with the approval of the Board of Trustees, and must fix dues in the necessary amount to cover expenditures under such budget.

Dr. Frank J. Nelson is the retiring

member of the Board of Trustees. Elected in 1945, he was named to serve out the unexpired term of Dr. John C. Perry, who resigned upon assuming the presidency. Dr. Perry's term had but one year to go to completion. Holdover members of the Board of Trustees are Dr. H. B. Stewart (1947), Dr. W. A. Showman (1948), Dr. Ralph A. McGill (1949), and Dr. H. A. Ruprecht (1950). Trustees serve a five-year term.

Dr. Ian MacKenzie is the retiring member of the Board of Censors. Holdover members are Dr. V. K. Allen (1947), and Dr. Marvin D. Henley (1948). Censors each serve a term of three years.

Because of the increase in the membership of the Tulsa County Medical Society, it will be entitled to 10 seats in the House of Delegates of the Oklahoma State Medical Association this coming year. Three delegates will be elected, one new delegate and two to replace Dr. Ralph A. McGill and Dr. Marvin D. Henley, whose terms expire this year. Holdover delegates are Dr. John C. Perry (1947), Dr. L. C .Northrup (1947), Dr. Walter S. Larrabee (1948), Dr. H. B. Stewart (1948), Dr. M. V. Stanley (1949), Dr. H. A. Ruprecht (1949), and Dr. W. A. Showman (1950). Ten alternates will be selected.

The office of Vice-President is now held by Dr. Ian MacKenzie, and Secretary-Treasurer by Dr. John E. McDonald.

Under the regulations of the By-Laws, all officials must be selected from a list of members who have attended not less

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# PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Within a very few days I will have completed my term of office as president of the Tulsa County Medical Society. Serving you in this responsible position has been not only a privilege but an interesting and enjoyable experience as well. I will not deny that the responsibilities of the office are often burdensome and trying to the patience, but the gratification in seeing certain objectives accomplished is more than adequate compensation for such difficulties. These objectives are attained, as any past-president of the Society will tell you, not through the effort of any one individual but rather through a harmonious and cooperative working together of the membership as a whole. I believe I have enjoyed a splendid spirit of cooperation from the individual Society members, and from the group as a whole, and for these invaluable contributions may I express sincere thanks.

As to the success of the 1946 administration, you must judge the results for yourself. A sincere effort has been made to carry out the dictates of the Society, to work in beneficial channels for the profession and public alike, and to represent the interests of the profession at all times. An examination of the annual committee reports will reveal the widespread extent of the Society's activities. From personal observation as an officer of the Society, I belive the organization will continue to grow into an increasingly dominant force in the community and in state and national medical circles.

The Tulsa County Medical Society will face new problems with each succeeding year, as representative of the medical profession, and the success or failure in solving such problems will contribute to the success or failure of the profession as a whole in maintaining its present high strandards of freedom and scientific progress. For this reason, may I encourage each member to give increased attention to the Society and its program of activities, and to the problems of the profession. To me, that will be a solid blow struck in defense of our democratic rights.

Sincerely,

John C Verry

President

#### 1946 COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### Bulletin

The Bulletin, official publication of the Tulsa County Medical Society, was published each month for distribution to Oklahoma physicians. As in the past, it continued to emphasize medical news and features, and no scientific articles were published. The editorials were widely reprinted in numerous medical publications over the United States, and at least two were reprinted in local Tulsa newspapers. An attractive format was employed, and careful attention was given to the typographic appearance. Without fear of contradiction, The Bulletin Committee believes that the publication is distinctly above the average of similar publications. Advertising revenues will be slightly higher for this year than for 1945, and although costs of publication have been increased slightly, a substantial surplus will be shown on operations of The Bulletin. The Bulletin Committee welcomes all comment, criticism, and suggestions from the membership. E. O. Johnson, M. D., Chairman; William C. Eller, M. D., I. H. Nelson, M. D.

#### Cancer

The Tulsa County Medical Society was privileged to participate in a widespread program of cancer control activities in cooperation with the Oklahoma Division of the American Cancer Society. The success of this program was due in large part to approximately 40 Tulsa physicians who participated in one phase or another of the various cancer projects. In March, 1946, the Tulsa County Medical Society handled arrangements for a Mobile Cancer Clinic in Tulsa at the Tulsa County Clinic and the Variety Club Health Center. Over 200 persons were examined. In addition, the Society furnished the medical personnel for approximately 25 clinics held in Eastern Oklahoma and at Oklahoma City during the Spring and Fall months. Arrangements for such clinics were handled locally by the Tulsa County Medical Society, and the Cancer Committee wishes to thank the numerous Tulsa doctors who so generously gave of their time. Several organizational dinners were arranged during the year for discussion of Tulsa cancer problems, and the Tulsa County Medical Society also directed the medical division in the American Cancer Society's annual drive for funds last April. Cancer literature was distributed in some quantity by the local Society. The Cancer Committee wishes to compliment the Oklahoma Division of the American Cancer Society on the splendid progress shown during the year, and also to thank many Tulsa lay persons who directed several phases of the Division's annual program. Prospects for 1947 are bright, but will definitely entail the continued cooperation of the membership of the Tulsa County Medical Society. Ralph A. McGill, M. D., Chairman; Homer A. Ruprecht, M. D.; Walter S. Larrabee, M. D.

#### Civic Relations

The Tulsa County Medical Society throughout 1946 continued to take an active part in civic affairs. Although the bulk of civic activities were in connection with the proposed Citizens Hospital, which will be reported by another committee, the Society did send representatives to many civic projects. Among these, the Society supported and endorsed a City Schools Spastics Clinic, placed in operation this Fall at Lincoln School as a joint project of the Oklahoma Crippled Childrens Commission, the City School System, and member agencies of the Tulsa Council of Social Agencies. Cooperation was given to a number of civic groups in solving medical problems which faced them. A public relations program was again in operation with the public being given requested medical information. An average of ten to fifteen calls were received daily in the executive offices, with doctors being recommended in rotation in accordance with a long-established system. Information as to medical services available in Tulsa was provided as well and always on an impartial and factual basis. The civic relations program appears to be gaining in importance each year, and is now so widespread as to require attention by several committees, each acting on specialized phases. A. B. Carney, M. D., Chairman; Hugh C. Graham, M. D.; A. Ray Wiley, M. D.

Clinic

The Tulsa Medical Clinic at 212 West Sixth Street, Tulsa, continued to operate under the supervision of the Tulsa County Medical Society. Members of the Society donated their services to weekly clinics in various specialties. At the present time the number of physicians serving at the Clinic is small, and it is desirable to bring more members into participation. Many younger doctors, and members returned from military service, have been doing excellent work in staffing the Clinic. The Committee reports an increase of about 15 per cent in the total patient load, and the economic conditions existing at present will tend to encourage further increases. The Clinic Committee surveyed the Clinic in mid-year and estimated that additional equipment in the amount of \$1,000.00 was needed, although the present facilities are in the main most adequate. Physical improvements in the property are needed, especially repainting and some minor repairs. Personnel is adequate, and the employed medical personnel has been meeting the requirements of the Committee. The Committee urges that greater attention be given to the Clinic problems, especially the matters of physician personnel for the increased patient load, additional equipment, and physical improvement to the property. The inability to augment the medical care given at the Clinic with proper hospitalization is nullifying much of the value of the Clinic. H. A. Ruprecht, M. D., Chairman; Marvin D. Hanley, M. D.; Donald L. Mishler, M. D.

#### Credit Bureau

The Medical Credit Bureau, official collection agency of the Tulsa County Medical Society, continued to extend credit and collection services to members on a non-profit basis. Collections totaled approximately \$13,000 for a 12-months period, or considerably less than was collected during the prosperous war years. This reduction was a natural result of reduced employment, abandon-

ment of many defense plants in the Tulsa area, and increased costs of living through post-war inflation. Collections have declined most in the past six months. During the same period, collections in most physicians offices have materially decreased for the same reasons as stated above. There has been a substantial increase, however, in the number of delinquent accounts placed with the Bureau in the past six months. Unfortunately, too many of these accounts are for defense plant personnel who have since left the The operations of the Credit Bureau were extended to a total of 94 clients during 1946, approximately half of which are clients referring delinquent accounts every month. The Bureau is pleased to receive accounts from many returned service members and new members of the Tulsa County Medical Society. There is a comparative dearth of delinguent accounts, as during the war years, as most doctors still effect a high ratio of collections on all accounts in their offices. The Executive Secretary of the Tulsa Medical Society, who is the manager of the Bureau, has advised the Committee that he will recommend an increase in the present fees for collection. This will be a problem for next year's Committee, and it should be given careful study and attention. John F. Gorrell, M. D., Chairman; G. R. Osborn, M. D.; C. G. Stuard, M. D.

#### Constitution & By-Laws

The Constitution & By- Laws Committee has not been active during the year. A suggestion received earlier this month was that new members of the Society be placed on a probationary period for one year or more, and that no member be named as president until he will have completed five years or more of active service in other offices and as members of Committee personnel. The present Constitution & By-Laws is rapidly becoming inadequate for the present standards of operation, and it should be a point for future consideration of activities of this committee. James L. Miner, M. D., Chairman; R. R. Johnson, M. D.; H. W. Ford, M.D.

#### Entertainment

The principal entertainment function

of the year was the annual golf tournament held at the Indian Hills Country Club in April. It was well attended and enjoyed by all. In this event, a special golf tournament committee gave splendid cooperation in completing arrangements, and special thanks are due to Dr. Marvin D. Henley, Dr. R. Q. Atchley, and Dr. C. H. Haralson. Entertainments were also arranged for a number of visiting speakers. All costs of such events were borne by members themselves, and the Society expended none of its own funds for such purposes. John E. McDonald, M. D., Chairman; Carl F. Simpson, M. D.; Horace H. Porter, M. D.

#### Fraudulent Practices

The Fraudulent Practices Committee is pleased to report that some definite progress is being made in Tulsa against a number of fraudulent medical practioners. The Oklahoma State Board of Medical Examiners has engaged Mr. B. E. Harkey of Oklahoma City as an investigating attorney, and the first series of projects in Tulsa County have been in connection with advertising physicians. Mr. Harkey has been working in close cooperation with the Society and the Executive Secretary, and some fruits of this campaign have already been in evidence. The Committee does not wish to make public the details of its plans, but members may discuss the progress of the program in greater detail with the Executive Secretary. The Fraudulent Practices Committee wishes to thank the Oklahoma State Board of Medical Examiners for its cooperation and assistance in these matters. While the Committee has been critical of the State Board of Medical Examiners in the past for its failure to employ an investigating attorney as specified by the Annual Reregistration Act, it believes the recent actions of the Board compensates for its earlier attitude. As in the past, the usual sprinkling of frauds made their appearance, most of them mulcting the public and disappearing from sight within a few days. The Society referred many complaints to the proper authorities, and were able to terminate the activities of several practitioners. With the present cooperation

from the State Board of Medical Examiners, the Society has a splendid opportunity for increased efforts in this direction. L. C. Northrup, M. D., Chairman; Paul Grosshart, M. D.; Robert E. Funk, M. D.

#### Ethics

The Ethics Committee has not been in receipt of any formal complaints during the current year, and congratulates the membership for its continued good behaviour. Philip M. Schreck, M. D., Chairman; T. S. Williams, M. D.; C. A. Pavy, M. D.

#### Finance

(As this issue of The Bulletin went to press, the Finance Committee had not completed its final report. A preliminary report was awaiting approval by the Board of Trustees, and a complete report will be presented at the annual business meeting on December 9, 1947.

Hospitals

The Hospitals Committee of the Tulsa Medical Society wishes to report that the Society's participation in a project to locate a 200-bed \$1,250,000 Citizens Hospial has been extensive. to instructions of the Society, the Committee has continued the work begun in March, 1945, and with the cooperation of numerous civic and professional groups, has succeeded in bringing the matter before the voters in a county bond election presently scheduled for December 17, 1946. This project has been a major activity of the Tulsa County Medical Society. The many physicians who have been active in the project have worked

The annual reports of standing and special committees of the Tulsa County Medical Society, with one or two exceptions are printed herewith. They have been shortened in length and each committee has reported its activities only in briefest detail. The membership may, at its option, accept these published reports in lieu of an oral presentation at the meeting of December 9, the Society's annual business session. Reports not included herein must be presented at this meeting.

the basic Hospitals Committee which represents Society interests, and this is the report of that Committee. A second special Hospital Committee works cooperatively with the Tulsa Chamber of Commerce in the formulation of the studies of need. Members of this Committee are Dr. Ralph A. McGill, Dr. H. A. Ruprecht, Dr. James Stevenson, and Dr. Frank J. Nelson, chairman. This special committee completed its work in September when the Tulsa County Medical Society was instrumental in securing a public hearing on Tulsa's hospital requirements. This hearing, held September 19, was attended by a large group of civic leaders with over ten doctors and interested lay persons offering testimony during a three-hour meeting. At the conclusion of the hearing the Board of County Commissioners fixed the date of November 26, 1946, for a special county bond election of \$1,250,-000 to create estimated construction costs of the Citizens Hospital. This date was later advanced to December 17, and at this time it appears likely that the bond issue will be approved by a huge majority. Subsequent to the public meeting, a citizens committee was organized to conduct an education campaign in behalf of the proposed hospital. Dr. H. A. Ruprecht has done a commendable job as director of this Committee, and he has been assisted by a large number of interested physicians. The campaign has included over 100 speaking engagements before civic and professional groups, with Tulsa County Medical Society members appearing before virtually all of the popular civic groups in this area. There have been 15 radio broadcasts of fifteen minutes or more duration, each devoted to some phase of the proposed hospital. These broadcasts were prepared by the Executive Offices. Printed material and mimeographed information has been distributed. News and publicity material has been widely circulated to local publications. The hospital has been endorsed by

incessantly, averaging one or more meetings each week for the past year. Act-

ually, there have been several committees at work on the project. There is, first, scores of civic, professional, and labor groups. For publicity purposes, architects have prepared drawings and floor plans of the hospital as it may eventually appear. There have been widespread contributions of funds and services to develop the project. Motion picture trailers are being prepared for exhibition in Tulsa theaters the week prior to election. Announcements have been placed on the public address systems at football, hockey. and wrestling sporting events. The details of the Committee's work have been published throughout the past two years in successive issues of the Bulletin, and greater detail will not be included in this report. The success of the election will create for Tulsa a much-needed and valuable addition to its medical facilities. encouraging thereby the development of Tulsa as a medical center. The Committee wishes to again thank the dozens of physicians who have been of such valuable assistanc to the project, and for the invaluable assistance of leaders among the laity.

The Hospitals Committee also performed a number of other services, the most importance being an analysis of medical staff regulations for the Moton Memorial Hospital, Tulsa negro institution. The Committee approved the proposed rules with a few minor changes and suggestions, such action being taken at the specific request of Moton Memorial Hospital. The Committee served also as liasion agent to the American Medical Association in providing information requested by the national group. Frank J. Nelson, M. D., Chairman; G. R. Russell, M. D.; James C. Peden, M. D.; C. C. Hoke, M. D.; W. J. Trainor, M. D.

#### Insurance

The Insurance Committee of the Tulsa County Medical Society has had three major functions during 1946. The first of these was to assist in encouraging the sale of the new Physicians & Surgeons Liability Insurance, developed by this Committee and a corresponding committee of the Oklahoma State Medical Association, during the Fall of 1945. Sales to the Tulsa group were completed

early in 1946 with approximately 70 per cent of eligible members purchasing the policy. The Committee has also advised new members and returned service members concerning the policy, and many additional sales were made from time to time during the year. Policyholders in the Tulsa group who have had occasion to utilize the benefits report prompt attention and payment of all claims. A second function of the Committee was to continue in developing the sale of the London & Lancashire policy of malpractice insurance, originally created by the Tulsa County Medical Society and now sold on a statewide basis. This valuable tailormade malpractice insurance policy is well suited to needs of physicians and sold at a nominal cost. The Committee regrets to report that a number of Tulsa County Medical Society members have not availed themselves of this policy. It may be purchased from 25 Tulsa agents, names of whom will be supplied on request by the Executive Offices. Claims against Tulsa physicians have been very small, and with one exception none have been brought to court. The Committee's third function has been to serve as liasion agent for the London & Lancashire Company, screening out undesirable physicians who may have a pplied for insurance. No reputable physicians have been denied the policy, and only those with unsavoury records, and who are ineligible for purchase of the policy, have been disapproved. The policy has not been denied to any member of the Tulsa County Medical Society. The Committee wishes to close its report with the observation that the benefits of this specially created insurance program are part of the privileges of membership in the Tulsa County Medical Society. Doctors who do not participate are denying themselves cash savings and protective privileges afforded by organized medicine. V. K. Allen, M. D., Chairman; C. H. Haralson, M. D.; Marcia Fite, M. D.

#### Legislative

The work of the Legislative Committee has been virtually negligible for the year, inasmuch as the State Legislature has not been in session. During the Fall months

is did secure expressions of opinions concerning local and state medical subjects from candidates for office and such information was forwarded to the Oklahoma State Medical Association and to local members for proper distribution. The reports obtained were all favorable, and the Committee recommends to the members that attention be given as to the manner in which the individual elected officials maintain their attitude on medical problems. The Committee has done some work to keep alive the desireability of legislation to consolidate city and county health units of Tulsa, and it believes that another definite approach on this subject should be undertaken within the next two or three years at most. H. B. Stewart, M. D., Chairman; W. A. Showman, M. D.; H. P. Price, M. D.

#### Medical Economics

The Medical Economics Committee wishes to report that it again concentrated its efforts in expressing the Tulsa County Medical Society's formal opposition to the Wagner-Murray-Dingell bills for socialized medicine, and to similar pieces of such legislation. Over 50,000 pieces of literature were obtained by the Society and distributed to the public. The methods of distribution were via mailings, public meetings, schools, civic and professional organizational meetings, inclusion in doctor's monthly statements, etc. A number of speaking engagements on socialized medicine were arranged by the Society for local and area groups, and it is to be regretted that this program has not been developed more extensively. Earlier in the year, the Committee recommended that the Society undertake a series of full-page newspaper advertisements condemning the Wagner-Murray-Dingell bills, but this suggestion was not approved by the Society. Following the opening of the Fall school term, the Society created a number of packaged kits of information concerning socialized medicine. These were prepared for use of high school debate teams in debating the subject of compulsory federal medicine. This subject is national for school debate teams. The demand for these kits was so heavy as to quickly exhaust the 25 which

were prepared. Additional kits will be available shortly. R. K. Goddard, M. D., Chairman; Uca Frances Simms, M. D.; F. E. Rushing, M. D.

Medical Library

(The report of the Medical Library Committee will be made at the annual business meeting of December 9, 1947.

Prepaid Medical Care

The Prepaid Medical Care Committee is pleased to report that Oklahoma Physicions Service, companion surgical and obstetrical care plan of prepaid insurance to the existing Blue Cross Hospital Insurance Plan, has entered a new phase of development with initial organizational difficulties left behind. The plan is now on a sound financial basis. The numerous physicians, including many Tulsa doctors, and lay persons who subscribed the initial requirement of operating funds have been repaid with interest. The plan is being expanded as rapidly as possible to present Blue Cross groups, and participation is growing daily. Participating physicians have expressed approval of the generous fee schedule, and a recent month's allocation to Tulsa doctors was in excess of \$5,000 for services rendered. When the plan becomes widespread, the monthly income to Tulsa doctors should be tremendous. Physician cooperation has been excellent. The success of the plan is now assured and its eventual extension to all parts of Oklahoma will widely benefit state physicians. Oklahoma Physicians Service was originally created, principally through the actions of the Tulsa County Medical Society, as a practical method of averting forms of state medicine. The Committee believes this objective will be accomplished as similar plans continue to develop in the other states of the Union. James Stevenson, M. D., Chairman; Onis Franklin, M. D.; H. D. Murdock, M. D.

Program

The Program Committee is pleased to report that the Tulsa County Medical Society was privileged to entertain 11 speakers for a series of 10 scientific programs. These speakers were selected from the various specialty fields of medicine, with the advice of local specialists, and

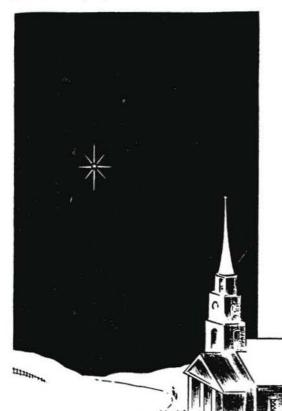
included only the most outstanding physicians in the United States. Attendance has increased from an average of 50 to 100 for these meetings, and in one or two instances reached as high as 150 mem-Visiting physicians from Northeastern Oklahoma were in evidence at every meeting, and on one occasion 40 physicians from the Oklahoma County Medical Society chartered a bus to visit the Tulsa County Medical Society. The Program Committee suggests that this courtesy be returned at an early date One meeting was held jointly with the Tulsa County Dental Society, an enjoyable function which should be repeated at least once each year. Speakers for the year included: Dr. Howard W. Snyder, Winfield, Kansas; Dr. W. R. Turnbow. Tulsa; Dr. Evarts A. Graham, St. Louis; Mo.; Dr. Joseph P. Osterloh, San Francisco, Calif.; Dr. A. E. Kanter, Chicago, Ill.; Dr. T. E. Jones, Cleveland, Ohio: Dr. Raymond W. McNealy, Chicago, Ill: Dr. James E. Plant, Newark, N. J.; Dr. U. H. Eversole, Boston, Mass.; Dr. W. Alton Ochsner, New Orleans, La.; and Dr. J. A. Billingsley, Kansas City, Kansas. The average cost of these programs was 38 cents per member per program. The Committee believes the 1946 series of programs the best in the history of the Tulsa County Medical Society.

The Program Committee also arranged numerous programs for county medical societies in Northeastern Oklahoma, and programs were presented at Miami, Pawhuska, Muskogee, Salisaw, Bartlesville, Ponca City, and McAlester with Tulsa County Medical Society members as speakers. John C. Perry, M. D., Chairman; E. O. Johnson, M. D.; Ian Mac-Kenzie, M. D.

Postgraduate Medical Care

The Postgraduate Medical Study Committee was appointed to facilitate the Oklahoma State Medical Association's Course in Surgical Diagnosis, held in Tulsa last June. Seventy physicians were in attendance at a special series of 10 lectures held during a two-weeks period. The Committee made arrangements for the meetings, promoted sale of tickets,

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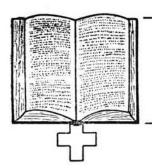
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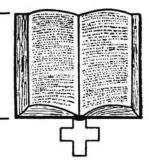
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#### THEY SHALL LIVE

During the past six months the library has lost two staunch friends, but their gifts will live on to perpetuate their memory and give knowledge to the physician whose work is yet to be done.

Dr. James C. Braswell whose untimely death occurred in May, had great plans for the library, had he lived, but his estate will carry on. His personal library has been presented to us, monies for future expansion and the Journal of Aviation Medicine, from Volume 1 to date. This complete set is one of the very few in the country and through the Braswell estate will be sent to the library indefinitely, and bound into volumes.

During October we lost Dr. I. A. Nelson, who made his plans before death intervened but whose family and friends will likewise carry on. Dr. Nelson's personal library of about three hundred fifty volumes was presented to us in September, with the comment "This is where I want my books, this is where they will do the most good, for the clinical man and for the technologist." These will form the nucleus for the Dr. I. A. Nelson Memorial Library for which funds are being received. The Society of Medical Technologists' plans for enlargement of the project are as yet indefinite.

It is gifts such as thse that make our library great, not only as a scientific institution for the storage of facts gained by experience and research, but one mellowed by those who have gone before, whose books will aid in the dissemination of knowledge to the healers of minds and bodies—our physicians.



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#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

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handled publicity, and arranged the retinue of Dr. Patrick Wu, lecturer for the series. An excellent reaction to the course was obtained, and the School met the same high standards as prevailed for previous courses of postgraduate study. Frank J. Nelson, M. D., Chairman; Fred A. Glass, M. D.; H. D. Murdock, M. D.

Publicity

The Publicity Committe handled all matters of publicity and public relations for all Society projects except the Citizens Hospital and Postgraduate Medical Study Course. Excellent relationships were enjoyed with the local Tulsa newspapers, both of which have been most cooperative in keeping medical publicity within the bounds of good taste and prescribed medical ethics. There was virtually no unfavorable publicity to appear. A number of medical feature articles on various subjects of public interest were arranged. Excellent publicity was given to our programs. Medical news was disseminated by the Committee and many items were reprinted or published in state and national medical publications.. The Committee also continued to handle the "How's Your Health?" series of radio broadcasts heard each Tuesday at 3:15 p. m. over Radio Station KOME. Over 20 Tulsa physicians appeared on 26 broadcasts held during 1946 and special thanks are due them for their courtesies. Broadcast scripts were prepared by the Executive Offices. The Society also enjoyed cooperation of many organizations and agencies in the program series, with the balance of 26 programs being prepared by other groups. The Committee recommends continuation of these health and medical broadcasts throughout 1947. Ian MacKenzie, M. D., Chairman; L. A. Munding, M. D.; Donald V. Crane, M. D.

#### Public Health

The Public Health Committee acted in an advisory capacity in several matters affecting public health problems, and was principally active in assisting the YWCA of Tulsa in creating an examining medical staff. The Committee has also been advisory in matters pertaining to the City Health Department and to the proposed Citizens Hospital. R. M. Shepard, M. D., Chairman; Marcella R. Steel, M. D.; Tom R. Turner, M. D.; R. M. Adams, M. D.; W. A. Dean. M. D.

#### Service Relations

The Service Relations Committee wishes to report that several projects were undertaken as a method of assisting returning service members to promptly resume their medical practice. Considerable attention was given earlier in the year to obtaining a downtown office building, or several floors, for the use of returning service members. Much sincere effort was exerted in behalf of this project, but it could not be consumated because of the tremendous investment (\$60,000) required by the building owners. The Committee and Eexecutive offices gave what assistance they could to relocating returning service members, but the problem was a difficult one to solve. The Committee commends the group of returned service members who converted the upper floors of the Court Arcade Building to the use of medical doctors for their initiative and foresightedness. The Committee, at the instructions of the Society, provided each returning service member with 500 printed announcements and a formal newspaper notice, all without cost to the service member. The Society's 53 service members have all returned to practice in Tulsa with the exception of seven who have located elsewhere. The Committee, in behalf of the Society, welcomes these men back into active practice and expresses hope that they will assume a position of leadership in local and state medical affairs. D. O. Smith, M. D., Chairman; William R. Turnbow, M. D.; P. P. Nesbitt, M. D.

#### Welfare

The Welfare Committee wishes to report that it continued to arrange for floral offerings and personal visits to members of the Tulsa County Medical Society who were ill during the year The Committee regrets any oversights, and made a sincere attempt to know the health and welfare of the Society members. The Society was saddened by the passing of Dr. James C. Braswell, Dr. W. W. Bees-

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ley, Dr. I. A. Nelson, and Dr. George H. Clulow. The committee arranged presentations at their services and appropriate floral offerings. C. S. Summers, M. D., Chairman; E. W. Reynolds, M. D.; Herbert Orr, M. D.

#### ELECTION SLATED

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than 50 per cent of the total number of regular scientific meetings held during the year. It is also required that the list contain only names of members who have been members of the Society for a period of five full years or more. Returning service members have been graded for eligiblity on the basis of the number of meetings attended since their discharge from service.

A total of 61 members are eligible for office this year, according to records in the Executive Offices. This figure is ten more than for 1945. A large number of physicians were short only one meeting of attaining eligibility, while many members elected in the last five years did meet the attendance requirement.

The following members are eligible for office:

Akins, Jack O. Allen, V. K. Armstrong, O. C. Atchley, Roger Q. Browne, H. S. Carney, A. B. Chalmers, J. S. Cook, W. Albert Davis, T. H. Dean, W. A. Farris, H. Lee Flack, F. L. Ford, H. W. Forry, W. W. Glass, F. A. Green, Harry Grosshart, Paul Haralson, C. H. Hardman, T. J. Hart, M. O. Henley, M. D. Hoke, C. C. Hotz, Carl J. Johnson, E. O. Larrabee, W. S. Lhevine, M. B. Lusk, Earl M. McDonald, J. E. McGill, R. A. MacKenzie, Ian Miller, G. H.

Murdock, H. D. Neal, J. H. Nelson, F. L. Nelson, Frank J. Nelson, I. H. Nesbitt, P. P. Perry, John C. Pollack, Simon Reynolds, E. W. Rogers, J. W. Ruprecht, H. A. Russell, G. R. Searle, M. J. Showman, W. A. Stallings, T. W. Stanley, M. V. Stevenson, James Stewart, H. B. Stuard, C. G. Stuart, F. A. Trainor, W. J. Turnbow, W. R. Underwood, D. J. Underwood, F. L. Ungerman, A. H. Wallace, J. E. Ward, B. W. Wiley, A. Ray Woodson, F. E. Yandell, Hays R.

#### KANSAS OPHTHALMOLOGIST SPEAKS AT DEC. 9 MEETING

Dr. John A. Billingsley, Chief of the Department of Ophthalmology at the University of Kansas School of Medicine, Kansas City, Kansas, will be principal speaker for the Tulsa County Medical Society at the regular scientific program of Monday, December 9, 1946. His subject will be "Differential Diagnosis of the Red Eye."

Dr. Billingsley, recognized as one of the nation's foremost opthalmologists, is a fellow of the American Academy of Opthalmology, vice-president of the Southwest Clinical Society, chief of eye service at Bethany Hospital of the Kansas State Medical Society. A graduate of the University of Kansas School of Medicine in 1928, he has been professor of opthalmology and departmental head for several years.

#### HOSPITAL BOND ELECTION NOW SET FOR DECEMBER 17

A Tulsa County bond election of \$1,250,000 to create estimated construction costs of a 200-bed Citizens Hospital, as proposed by the Tulsa County Medical Society and other cooperating groups, was postponed last month by the Board of County Commissioners from November 26 to Tuesday, December 17. The action followed discovery of an error in legal papers prepared for the original election.

Meanwhile, chances for the success of the issue were highly favorable. Little or no opposition to the subject had manifested itself by the month's end and public sentiment was strongly in favor of the much-needed institution. A Citizens Hospital Education Committee, under the direction of Dr. H. A. Ruprecht, former president of the Tulsa County Medical Society, was engaged in acquainting voters with the facts of need and details of the proposed structure. The campaign was utilizing newspapers, radio, publications, printed matter, motion pictures, personal contacts, organizational speeches, and other media. Approximately 100 persons were comprising a speakers bureau, with numerous doctors included.

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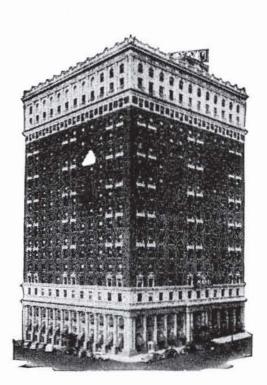
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