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CURING RICKETS in the CLEFT of an ASH TREE

FOR many centuries,—and apparently down to the present time, even in this country—ricketic children have been passed through a cleft ash tree to cure them of their rickets, and thenceforth a sympathetic relationship was supposed to exist between them and the tree.

Frazer* states that the ordinary mode of effecting the cure is to split a young ash sapling longitudinally for a few feet and pass the child, naked, either three times or three times three through the fissure at sunrise. In the West of England, it is said the passage must be "against the sun." As soon as the ceremony is performed, the tree is bound tightly up and the fissure plastered over with mud or clay. The belief is that just as the cleft in the tree will be healed, so the child's body will be healed, but that if the rift in the tree remains open, the deformity in the child will remain, too, and if the tree were to die, the death of the child would surely follow.

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



It is ironical that the practice of attempting to cure rickets by holding the child in the cleft of an ash tree was associated with the rising of the sun, the light of which we now know is in itself one of Nature's specifics

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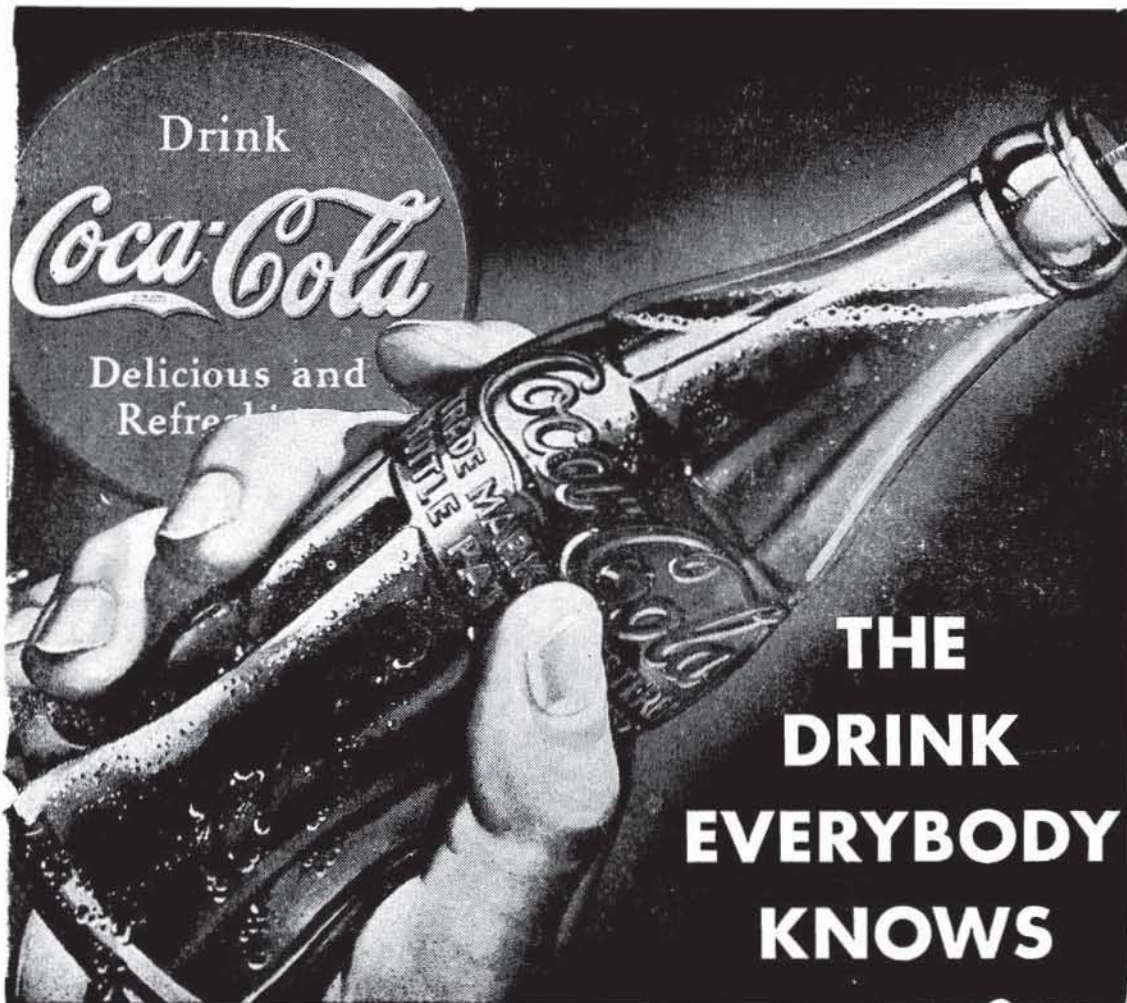
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SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMS ANNOUNCED

**Nine Leading Physicians and Surgeons to Com-
prise List of Guest Speakers of the Tulsa County
Medical Society in 1946. Programs Feature
Lecturers in All Medical Specialties.**

Details of an outstanding program of scientific medical lectures for the Tulsa County Medical Society featuring nine nationally known physicians and surgeons were announced last month by Dr. John C. Perry, president. Announcement of the program evoked widespread comment among the medical profession of Eastern Oklahoma and promised to draw an attendance from doctors of ten counties.

The 1946 schedule marks the first year since 1941 that the Society has been enabled to bring out-of-town speakers to Tulsa in any considerable number. The difficulties of transportation plus accelerated wartime practice made it virtually impossible to secure speakers from points beyond 250 miles during the war years.

All major fields of medicine are represented in the program although it is believed that the subject matter chosen by individual specialists will be of interest to all physicians. Selection of the speakers was made through a poll of members in the principal specialties. Duties of the usual program committee are being handled by an Executive Committee composed of Society officers. Each of the nine speakers will be entertained at a small dinner preceding the meeting as the Society's membership dinners have been discontinued.

This marks the first year that an entire annual program has been set up in advance. In the past, the Society has arranged for speakers from time to time.

It is believed that the creation of a twelve months program in advance will serve to publicize the meetings to greater extent and thereby improve attendance.

The program opened January 28, 1946, at the Mayo Hotel when Colonel Howard E. Snyder, former consulting surgeon to the Fifth Army, delivered a paper entitled "War Wounds of the Abdomen." The Winfield, Kansas, surgeon's lecture was well received, as was a supplementary paper, "Anesthesia in Abdominal War Wounds," presented by Dr. William R. Turnbow, Tulsa physician recently discharged from the services.

Other speakers scheduled to appear in 1946 are:

Evarts A. Graham, M.D., Professor of Surgery, Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis, Mo. Dr. Graham will speak on "What The General Practitioner Should Know About Bronchiogenic Carcinoma" at the meeting of Monday, February 25, 1946, 8:00 p.m., Mayo Hotel.

Joseph T. Osterloh, D. D. S., San Francisco, California. Subject to be announced. Dr. Osterloh will be the principal speaker at a joint meeting of the Tulsa County Medical Society and the Tulsa County Dental Society on Tuesday, April 2, 1946, 8:00 p.m., Mayo Hotel.

A. E. Kanter, M. D., Professor of Gynecology and Obstetrics, University of Illinois School of Medicine, Chicago, Ill. Subject to be announced. Dr. Kanter

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Members in Service



With the lowering of discharge requirements for medical officers, more and more service members of the Tulsa County Medical Society have been enabled to return to civilian practice. Latest reports from physicians still in service indicate that most anticipate discharge not later than September 1, 1946, with most slated for release within the next ninety days. The Society welcomes these service members back and requests each returning physician to contact the Executive Offices upon his return.

Back at his former professional quarters in the Wright Building in the popular industrial surgeon, LT COMDR. BENJAMIN W. WARD, after two years service with the United States Navy. Dr. Ward saw several months sea duty in South Pacific waters aboard the U. S. S. Baxter. Later he was temporarily assigned to the United States Naval Hospital at Norman, Oklahoma, and more recently enjoyed a shore assignment with Navy units at Cocosola, Panama. Welcome back, Dr. Ward.

Another returning service member is LT. COL. WILLIAM C. EWELL, back with the Medical and Surgical Clinic at 1307 South Main Street, Tulsa, after five years service. Dr. Ewell was saved from the indignity of a tailored burlap bag suit by a kind-hearted St. Louis clothier who found two excellent suits in his "Reserved For Army Men" file. Dr. Ewell saw most of Texas before he was assigned to the Philippine Island occupation units late in the war. He will do obstetrics as a specialty. Welcome back, Dr. Ewell.

LT. COL. THOMAS J. HARDMAN is another Tulsa County Medical Society member who has traded the uniform for civilian clothes. He has resumed his former offices at 502 Medical Arts Building, Tulsa, where he will specialize in diagnosis and surgery. After a long assignment with Army Air Forces medical units at Dodge City, Kansas, Dr. Hardman was alerted for overseas duty just as the

war closed. A change of orders took him to Ellington Field near Houston, Texas, where he remained until his discharge in early January. Welcome back, Dr. Hardman.

MAJOR J. D. SHIPP, recently promoted to that rank, is now on terminal leave and reentering private practice in his former offices at 1001 Medical Arts Building, Tulsa. Dr. Shipp solved the housing shortage with the purchase of an attractive new home. He plans to specialize in the field of proctology, hopes to do some postgraduate medical study on the subject within the next year. Welcome back, Dr. Shipp.

The many friends and associates of COMDR. GIFFORD H. HENRY were pleased to learn of his recent discharge from the United States Navy. Dr. Henry is back in his former quarters at 801 Medical Arts Building, Tulsa, doing general and industrial surgery. His last Navy assignment was at the huge Marine training base at Santa Margarita Ranch near Oceanside, California. Prior to that, Dr. Henry had a long series of South Pacific assignments, culminating in the Philippine Islands invasion and occupation. Welcome back, Dr. Henry.

CAPTAIN RALPH LEE BEST was a welcome visitor to the executive Offices last month. Dr. Best reported that he may be back in Tulsa sometime in February or March to reopen his offices. Meanwhile he is vacationing and visiting friends and relatives at his home in Arkansas. Last heard of two years ago at his assignment at LaGarde General Hospital in New Orleans, Dr. Best has since participated in the fighting in France and Germany with an occupation hospital unit. "It was an interesting experience," he states, "but not one I'd care to repeat."

CAPTAIN WILLIAM R. TURNBOW and CAPTAIN W. B. BOONE have reopened their Red Fork Clinic at 2112 West 41st Street, Tulsa, where they fill a strongly-felt need for capable medical

care. Dr. Turnbow was a speaker at the January 28 meeting of the Tulsa County Medical Society where his account of the use of anesthesia in abdominal war wounds was greatly enjoyed. His war record is an unusual one of which every physician may be proud. Dr. Turnbow served with the 56th Evacuation Hospital unit which participated in the fighting in North Africa and later in Italy. The bloody Anzio beachhead landings inflicted heavy losses on his unit when it suffered several direct hits by German artillery. Later, in the Italian campaign, Dr. Turnbow was awarded the Legion of Merit for his ingenious use of discarded war materiel in constructing anesthesia equipment. Dr. Boone served in China, a coincidental return to the country in which he was born of American parents. Welcome back, Drs. Boone and Turnbow.

Also back in civies is MAJOR JOHN G. MATT, now occupying new professional quarters at 1001 Medical Arts Building, Tulsa. Dr. Matt's assignment for most of the war was as commandant of a hospital ship unit which kept him commuting between California and the South Pacific. His promotion to Major came coincidental with his discharge. Congratulations and welcome back, Dr. Matt.

After a brief vacation and some business trips, LT. COMDR. HAYS R. YANDELL has returned to civilian practice at 404 Medical Arts Building, Tulsa. Dr. Yandell's studies in the treatment of war burns in Australian hospitals brought him much professional recognition and a nice bow from the war correspondents. Welcome back, Dr. Yandell.

Another Navy man now enjoying the privations of being a civilian is LT. COMDR. R. G. RAY, who is again associated with the Tulsa Clinic at 915 S. Cincinnati, Tulsa. Dr. Ray saw sea duty in the Pacific area and was stationed for some time at the United States Naval Base on Mare Island near San Francisco. Welcome back, Dr. Ray.

COMDR. BERNARD L. BRANLEY visited the Executive Offices last month to report that he and COMDR. R. C.

PIGFORD, both presently stationed at the United States Naval Hospital at Norman, Oklahoma, are anticipating discharge in February or March. Both will resume the private practice of medicine in Tulsa.

MAJCR ERIC M. WHITE, now on terminal leave and back in practice at 312 Medical Arts Building, Tulsa, asserts he saw every island in the South Pacific during his three years of service. One of his most pleasant surprises was to discover MAJOR EARL M. LUSK (now discharged and back at his Tulsa practice) living in a tent a mile up the road. Welcome back, Dr. White.

CAPTAIN CHARLES H. EADS has been a recent Tulsa visitor to survey the office space situation in line with an anticipated discharge. CAPTAIN JACK O. AKINS and COLONEL E. RANKIN DENNY were both Christmas visitors to Tulsa, both attending the annual Christmas party in the library. Dr. Eads is now stationed at the Army and Navy General Hospital, Dr. Akins is doing post-graduate study at Dallas, and Dr. Denny is at Chicago's Gardiner General Hospital.

MAJOR DAVID L. EDWARDS reports that he expects to be back in practice in Tulsa in early March. He is at present stationed with Army Air Forces units at Coral Gables, Florida.

COMDR. RICHARD B. FORD reports from his station at the United States Naval Hospital, Pasco, Washington, that he plans an eventual return to Tulsa practice but doesn't know exactly when.

MAJOR FRANK A. STUART has been transferred to Keesler Field, Boloxi, Mississippi, after a long stay with Army Air Forces units at Lincoln Field, Lincoln, Nebraska.

CAPTAIN HARRY GREEN, just back from the South Pacific, was awaiting a new assignment when he visited the Executive Offices in January. Dr. Green plans a refresher course in medicine and dermatology at an eastern university after his anticipated discharge in March. By mid-summer, he hopes to be back in civilian practice in Tulsa.

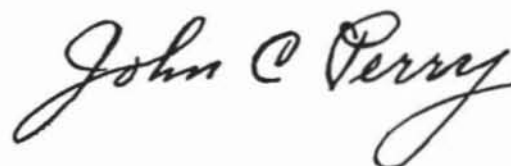
PRESIDENT'S PAGE

To me personally, and I am sure to every other member of the Tulsa County Medical Society, it has been a sincere pleasure to welcome back to civilian practice some 23 service members. It is only after renewing old friendships that we realize how much we missed these men, both personally and professionally. The returning veterans of the Tulsa County Medical Society represent a group of young physicians and surgeons whose progressive and broadened viewpoints designate them as the coming leaders of the medical profession. In line with this belief, I have appointed as many service members as possible to responsible committee posts. I hope that each man so appointed will enter upon his duties with serious intent. This type of training is invaluable and should qualify many of our returning medical officers to serve as officials of this organization.

I want to take this opportunity to say that the problem of providing desirable office space for the returning veteran has been one of paramount importance to the Society. As this issue of The Bulletin goes to press, there are some most encouraging prospects of alleviation of this situation. If present plans of the Society and its Service Relations Committee materialize, upwards of 36 professional suites will be reserved for doctors in two downtown structures of desirable location. Should the plans not materialize, other plans will replace them for it is the intention of the Society to provide a solution to this critical situation.

I am sure that our returning service members have, in the course of their wartime travels, gathered many new ideas pertinent to medical progress. I hope that these veterans will feel free to advance such ideas and suggestions to the Society so that those of merit may be incorporated into our program. It is in this manner that progress occurs.

Sincerely,



President

1945 COMMITTEE ACTIVITY HIGH

**Active Program for the Administration of Dr.
Review of Annual Committee Reports Reflects
H. A. Ruprecht.**

Annual committee reports filed in the Executive Offices last month reflect a high degree of varied activity for Dr. Homer A. Ruprecht's administration of the Tulsa County Medical Society for 1945. Foremost among a list of valuable projects was the Society's extensive survey of Tulsa area hospital facilities and subsequent recommendations for a 200-bed charity hospital, termed by civic leaders the most important public health document of Tulsa's recent history.

In legislative fields, the Society's long fight to consolidate Tulsa city and county public health units into a single agency crystalized in a permissive bill introduced before the Oklahoma State Legislature in March. Defeated by adverse political interests, the move nonetheless paved the way for a subsequent campaign planned for 1946 and 1947.

The problem of providing adequate professional office space for returning service members grew in importance as the lowering of discharge scores brought more and more Tulsa County physicians back to private practice. At the year's end, efforts were being made to establish a second professional building in the downtown area as a solution to the growing problem.

Two years of investigation of health and accident insurance by Dr. V. K. Allen's Insurance Committee culminated late in the year with the approval of a Physicians and Surgeons group policy of health and accident insurance. Specially tailored to meet the needs of the medical profession, it offers a wide degree of protection not available in standard individual commercial policies. Success of the project was indicated by sales of the policy to more than 60 per cent of the Society membership.

In the Society's standard functions additional improvements are observed. The Medical Library in expanded and remodeled quarters made rapid strides ahead under the supervision of an efficient com-

mittee headed by Dr. Joseph Fulcher. Operation of the Tulsa County Clinic assumed added importance as a long-awaited upswing in patient attendance began. The Medical Credit Bureau, official collection bureau of the Society, closed the year with a record number of clients. The Society's public relations program was more extensive in 1945 than had been recorded since the administrations of Dr. A. Ray Wiley and Dr. M. J. Searle, at which time an effective public relations program brought about the creation of the Tulsa County Clinic.

In summary form, necessarily brief because of space limitations, the work of the various committees is outlined below:

Bulletin Committee

Publication of The Bulletin under the editorship of Dr. James D. Markland continued to emphasize news and feature articles of interest to the medical profession of Tulsa. Bulletin editorials were widely reprinted in other medical publications from Washington to New Hampshire. An attractive color cover first appeared with the January issue with good effect. Advertising revenues were at an all-time high in 1945 with an increased amount of national advertising available. In September, the Committee sponsored the publication of "A History Of The Tulsa County Medical Society," a collected series of articles appearing in 1944 and 1945 in individual numbers of The Bulletin. This 52-page booklet aroused wide interest and requests for additional copies were received in considerable number.

Civic Relations Committee

Efforts of the Tulsa County Medical Society to bring about a much-needed consolidation of city and county public health units, first begun in 1944, were culminated early in the year when the Society jointly sponsored a permissive bill in the Oklahoma State Legislature to accomplish this result. Working in cooperation with the Tulsa Chamber of

Commerce, an effective bill was drafted, and subsequently introduced by Rep. Paul Washington of Oklahoma City. Although defeated by adverse political interests, it served to create much favorable publicity. Through the Civic Relations Committee, the Society also participated in an extensive venereal disease control program conducted on a city-wide basis. More than 50 members contributed their services to a speakers bureau for the campaign. Among other projects handled by the Committee were a Veteran's Rehabilitation program, a program of narcotics control, the recurring question of immunization legislation, a project designed to locate a state tuberculosis sanitarium in Tulsa, a mental health clinic, the recent diagnostic clinics for tuberculosis, operation of the doctors referral service for the public, sale of automobile licenses and drivers licenses, sale of dog licenses, and other personal services rendered by the Executive Offices. Chairman of the Civic Relations Committee was Dr. Walter S. Larrabee.

Clinic Committee

The Tulsa County Clinic, 602 South Cheyenne, operated for indigent patients under the supervision of the Tulsa County Medical Society, recorded a total of 10,046 patient visits for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1945. An additional 1,000 house

calls were made by the county physician and his assistants. Attendance at the Clinic by the membership was adequate but in need of greater participation. As the year ended the patient load was swinging sharply upward, indicative of the growing need for the Clinic service. Relationships with the Board of County Commissioners continued most friendly and some minor difficulties early in the year were quickly eliminated. A need is foreseen for a plan of long-range operation, improvement of physician attendance at individual clinics, some replacement of equipment, and increased supervisory attention by the Society. Dr. Ralph A. McGill was chairman of the Clinic Committee.

Credit Bureau Committee

The Medical Credit Bureau, official collection agency of the Tulsa County Medical Society, ended the year with a total of 69 Tulsa physicians as clients. The total amount of collections has remained consistent with previous years although it is estimated that physicians are now supplying only about 10 per cent as many accounts as in pre-war years. This great drop is attributed to improved office collections where the rate of collection has risen from an estimated 55 per cent in depression years to a present 97 per cent. The Bureau collects about 75 per cent of the accounts received as against 40 per cent in pre-war years. A complete collection service, including legal and out-of-town agents, is now offered at cost to Society members. Fees range upward from 20 per cent to a maximum of 50 per cent for special service accounts. Dr. O. C. Armstrong was chairman of the Clinic Committee.

Fraudulent Practices Committee

Several outright medical frauds made their appearance in the county during 1945, but most were forced to discontinue their "practice" when the Society filed complaints with the Tulsa Police Department, County Attorney's office, or the Better Business Bureau. Those included

CLINIC REPORT

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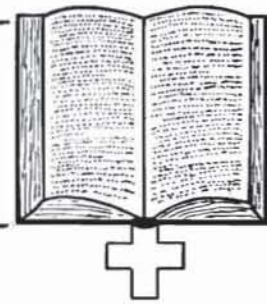
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| Pediatrics | 31 |
| Obstetrics | 18 |
| X-Ray | 129 |
| Laboratory | 143 |
| Varicose | 19 |
| Eye | 21 |
| Dental | 42 |
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| Tumor | 11 |
| Urology | 8 |
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RECENT ACCESSIONS

NEW BOOKS RECEIVED—

- Dodson, A. I., *Urological Surgery*. C. V. Mosby Co., 1945.
Clark, K. C., *Positioning in Radiography*. New fourth Edition. 1945. Mosby.
Davison, F. R., *Synopsis of Materia Medica, Toxicology and Pharmacology*. New third Edition. Mosby. 1944.
Crossen and Hoffert, *Gynecologic Nursing*. New third Edition. Mosby. 1946.

GIFTS OF THE MONTH—

- Dr. Robert E. Funk. *Magic In A Bottle. The Story of the Men Behind the Chief Drugs in Modern Medicine* by Milton Silverman. Macmillan. 1943. *Fundamentals of Internal Medicine* by Wallace Yater. New Edition, D. Appleton Century. 1946.
Dr. Ian MacKenzie. *Pediatric X-Ray Diagnosis* by J. A. Caffey. Year Book Publishers. 1946.
Dr. C. W. Williams, Pawhuska. Two hundred and fifty volumes in the field of otolaryngology; numerous reprints and current periodicals.
Dr. S. C. Venable. *Gastro-Intestinal Tract. Handbook of Roentgen Diagnosis* by Fred J. Hodges. Year Book Publishers, 1945.
Anonymous. *Crossen, Operative Gynecology*. Fifth and last Edition. Mosby. 1939. *Pathology of Internal Diseases*. New Fourth Edition. Lea and Febiger, 1945.

REPRINTS RECEIVED—

- Dr. V. K. Allen and Dr. Leo Lowbeer, *Rectal Ulcers with Perirectal Fistula As a Port of Entrance for Torula Encephalitis*. Reprint of their paper given before the Southern Medical Association in 1944. Also seventy five reprints in the field of proctology from Dr. Allen.
Dr. A. Ray Wiley, Approximately two hundred and fifty reprints. This is Dr. Wiley's own private collection, all in the field of surgery.
Dr. Berthe Margolin and Dr. Judah K. Lee, approximately three hundred reprints, their own private collection in various fields.

NEW JOURNALS IN THE LIBRARY

The following members of the medical society will donate six journal subscriptions to the library for the current year. With the exception of one, all are new periodicals not previously received.

- Dr. Fred A. Glass. *Surgery*.
Dr. George R. Osborn. *Journal of the History of Medicine*.
Dr. George H. Miller. *Proceedings of the Society for Experimental Biology and Medicine*.
Journal of Industrial Hygiene and Toxicology.
Bulletin of the New York Academy of Medicine.
Medicine.

These gifts bring the total number of periodicals received at the present time to ninety.

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Medical Calendar

FRIDAY, February 1st:

Board of Trustees Meeting, Tulsa County Medical Society, 1:00 p.m.,
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MONDAY, February 4th:

Hillcrest Hospital Staff Meeting.

TUESDAY, February 5th:

Medical Broadcast, "How's Your Health?" series, Radio Station
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FRIDAY, February 8th:

Constitution & By-Laws Committee, Tulsa County Medical Society,
1:00 p.m., 1202 Medical Arts Building.

MONDAY, February 11th:

No Tulsa County Medical Society meeting on this date.

TUESDAY, February 12th:

Final date to pay Blue Cross Hospital Insurance premiums.
Medical Broadcast, "How's Your Health?" series, Radio Station
KOME, 3:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, February 15th:

Board of Trustees Meeting, Tulsa County Medical Society, 1:00 p.m.,
Medical Arts Coffee Shop.
Copy deadline for the March issue of The Bulletin.

MONDAY, February 18th:

St. John's Hospital Staff Meeting.

TUESDAY, February 19th:

Cancer Committee Meeting, Tulsa County Medical Society, 1:00 p.m.,
1202 Medical Arts Building.
Medical Broadcast, "How's Your Health?" series, Radio Station
KOME, 3:30 p.m.

MONDAY, February 25th:

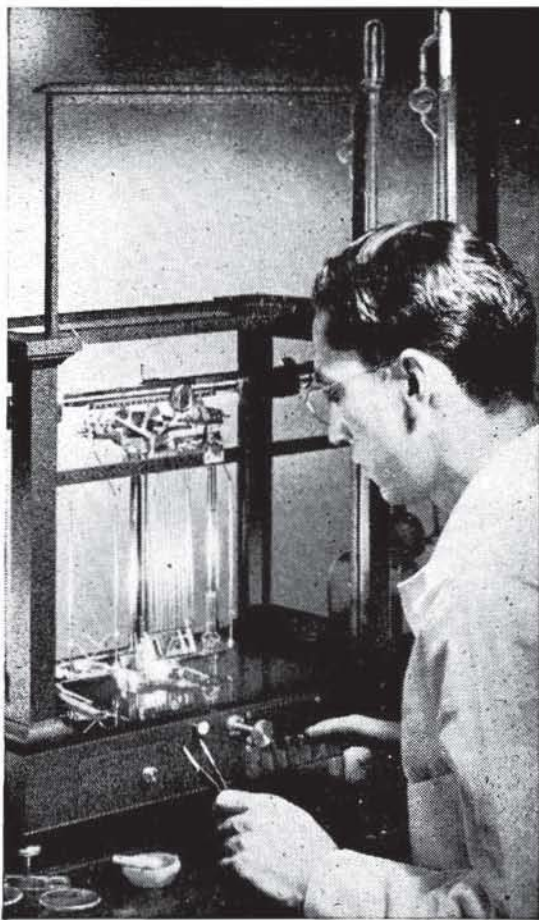
Scientific program, Tulsa County Medical Society, Mayo Hotel,
8:00 p.m. Speaker: Dr. Evarts A. Graham, professor of surgery,
Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis, Mo.

TUESDAY, February 26th:

Medical Broadcast, "How's Your Health?" series, Radio Station
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THURSDAY, February 28th:

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RETURNING THE CHALLENGE

Early last year the Tulsa County Medical Society was the recipient of some considerable public criticism for its alleged failure to acquaint the community with the numerical deficiency of hospital beds in the Tulsa area. To remedy this condition the Society undertook an extensive survey, results of which published last October in a 32-page booklet indicated an estimated shortage of 600 hospital beds in Tulsa County. This report was subsequently confirmed by a private survey of the Oklahoma State Health Department. Now, some four months since the issuance of the report, the Society feels impelled to direct some pointed criticism at the very persons who were so critical of the Society earlier. Reliable information has been prepared which shows an inescapable conclusion: that private hospital beds must be augmented, and that some specific provision must be made for the hospitalization of the charity patient. To be frank, it appears that many influential civic, commercial, and political interests are deliberately dodging or confusing the issue which has been placed squarely in their laps. Fortunately, the medical profession, as represented by the Tulsa County Medical Society, and two influential allies, the Tulsa Chamber of Commerce and the Tulsa Council of Social Agencies, do not

intend to permit this matter to quietly die. It is unfortunate perhaps that the results of the survey do not permit any compromise as the indicated course of action will be an expensive one to the community. The Tulsa County Medical Society is not concerned with the expense—its interest has been to show a conclusive need of deplorable extents. That need has been shown beyond the merest shadow of a doubt. No criticism can ever be directed to the medical profession of Tulsa for their failure to recognize a dangerous situation, but criticism can forever be heaped upon the heads of those who propose to ignore a glaring need.

In all fairness, there has been disagreement among no one as to the correctness of the report but a mere agreement that we need additional hospital facilities is not the answer to the problem. The doctors and lay persons who authored the report have made a suggestion for solution. Not being financiers, they have not devised details of financial operation. The doctors do not feel that that is their responsibility to any greater degree than any other person. The need has been shown. What are you going to do about it, Mr. Community Leader?

DUES ARE PAYABLE

Members of the Tulsa County Medical Society who have not paid their 1946 annual dues are reminded that the deadline for payment is March 1, 1946. At that time delinquent members will be suspended from privileges until payment is made. Dues are \$34.00 annually, \$20.00 for first-year members and members outside of Tulsa proper, and \$12.00 for the first year of returned service members.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Dr. Walter S. Larrabee is pleased to announce the association of Dr. Walter E. Brown in the Medical Arts Laboratories, 411 Medical Arts Building, Tulsa. Dr. Brown will specialize in Radiology. Dr. Larrabee wishes to report to his friends that he has returned to his offices after a short illness.

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PROGRAM ANNOUNCED

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will speak at the meeting of Monday, April 22, 1946, 8:00 p.m., Mayo Hotel.

T. E. Jones, M.D., Chief Proctological Surgeon, Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, Ohio. Dr. Jones will speak on "Diagnosis and Surgical Management of Lesions of the Colon" at the meeting of Monday, May 27, 1946, 8:00 p.m., Mayo Hotel.

Raymond W. McNealy, M.D., Associate Professor of Surgery, Northwestern University School of Medicine, Chicago, Ill. Subject to be announced. Dr. McNealy speaks at the meeting of Monday, September 23, 1946, 8:00 p.m., Mayo Hotel.

W. Alton Ochsner, M.D., Professor of Surgery, Tulane University School of Medicine, New Orleans, La. Subject to be announced. The exact date of Dr. Ochsner's appearance has not been fixed but will be during the month of October, 1946.

Urban H. Eversole, M.D., Chief of Anesthesia Department, The Lahey Clinic, Boston, Massachusetts. Dr. Eversole will speak on "The Role of the Anesthesiologist in the Care of Medical and Surgical Patients" at the meeting of Tuesday, November 12, 1946, 8:00 p.m., Mayo Hotel. The date has been fixed on a Tuesday to avoid a conflict with the Armistice Day holiday.

John A. Billingsley, M.D., Professor of Ophthalmology, University of Kansas School of Medicine, Kansas City, Kansas. Dr. Billingsley will speak on the subject, "Differential Diagnosis of the Red Eye," at the meeting of Monday, December 9, 1946, 8:00 p.m., Mayo Hotel. This program will be followed by the annual election of officers.

Dr. Perry in his announcement urged all members and visitors to attend these important programs. Business matters will be kept to a minimum.

Planning to attend the coming regional meeting of the American College of Surgeons are DR. A. B. CARNEY, DR. RALPH A. MCGILL, DR. IAN MACKENZIE, DR. A. RAY WILEY, and DR. PAUL GROSSHART.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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an Indian herb doctor and his "pills to prevent pregnancy", sale of worthless drug products by two employees of a local defense plant, a so-called electric shock treatment for arthritis retailing for \$175.00 per treatment, and others. More difficult to control are licensed medical doctors who operate advertising clinics and engage in unsavoury financial practices. The Committee again recommends use of the Annual Reregistration Fund in financing the investigation and prosecution of medical frauds in the County. Dr. C. A. Pavy was committee chairman.

Hospitals Committee

Busiest of some 21 standing committees was the Hospitals Committee, which conducted a survey of Tulsa area hospital facilities in an effort to determine the numerical adequacy of local hospitals. Following several months of study, the special Joint Committee on Hospital Care, a subsidiary committee working in cooperation with the Tulsa Chamber of Commerce, released a 32-page outline of the survey results. The Committee's recommendations included civic support of plans of two local hospitals to build additions, creation of special facility hospital wards, and an all-important recommendation that a 200 bed charity hospital be built. A shortage of 600 hospital beds was observed by the report, later to be confirmed by an independent survey of the Oklahoma State Health Department. Later, the committee report was formally approved by many leading civic organizations. Wide publicity and support given the project indicates considerable chances for the eventual prosecution of the project. Special commendation is due Dr. Frank J. Nelson, chairman, Dr. Ralph A. McGill, Dr. James Stevenson, and Dr. H. A. Ruprecht for their work in a note worthy civic project.

Legislative Committee

In cooperation with the Tulsa Chamber of Commerce and other civic and professional groups, the Society caused to be introduced into the Oklahoma State Legislature a bill permitting consolidation

of existing public health units in Tulsa County. The bill did not succeed, due primarily to the complicated and cumbersome structure of the wording and partially to adverse political influences. It is hoped that the bill can be revived in a more practical form in time for the next session of the Legislature. Strong support was also lent to the legislative program of the Oklahoma State Medical Association. The Executive Secretary spent two days in Oklahoma City interviewing Tulsa County representatives and senators on the subject of the Board of Health Bill. While the bill passed, it did not enjoy the support of the Tulsa representation. Legislative information was made available to the membership on all national medical bills. Dr. H. B. Stewart was committee chairman.

Medical Library Committee

A review of the splendid accomplishments of Dr. Joseph Fulcher's Medical Library Committee was published in the January issue of The Bulletin and will not be repeated here. Sufficient to say, the progress of the Medical Library in

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Insurance Committee

As outlined above, Dr. V. K. Allen's Insurance Committee recommended the adoption of a specially-written Physicians and Surgeons Health and Accident Insurance policy, written on a group basis for members of the Oklahoma State Medical Association. The project originated locally with the Tulsa County Medical Society two years ago and was later transferred to the state group to insure wider coverage. The new policy represents a splendid achievement and a real benefit to Oklahoma doctors.

Service Relations Committee

Under the leadership of Dr. Horace H. Porter, a special committee of returned service members prosecuted a program designed to assist service members in the return to private practice. Although beset by problems of office space, all returning service members have been cared for to date. The Committee also secured the creation of a large fund of money, contributed by Society members, for use in their program. Special attention has been given to the needs and problems of the returning service doctors and measures designed at assistance and correction given.

Publicity Committee

Beginning in April, 1945 Dr. Marvin D. Henley's Publicity committee jointly sponsored a series of medical broadcasts entitled "How's Your Health?" and heard each Tuesday afternoon over Radio Station KOME. Seventeen physicians participated as speakers and many practical health programs were presented. Scripts were prepared in the Executive Offices or by the speakers. The Committee also arranged for a number of medical lectures by members before lay groups. Pleasant press relationships permitted the effective use of newspaper and radio publicity as required.

Program Committee

A total of eleven meetings of the Tulsa County Medical Society were held in 1945, seven for scientific purposes and four for discussion of business matters. Five

out-of-town speakers appeared and two programs with local discussants were presented. Dr. Ralph A. McGill served as program chairman.

Of other standing committees, space does not permit a lengthy account of their activities. Mention should be made of Dr. Henry S. Browne's Military Affairs Committee and its effective work as liaison with the Procurement and Assignment Service, Dr. James Stevenson's Prepaid Medical Care Committee and its successful efforts to acquaint doctors with the value of the Oklahoma Physicians Service plan of prepaid surgical and obstetrical care insurance, Dr. Hugh J. Evans' Entertainment Committee for its handling of social affairs, Dr. J. F. Gorrell and the Finance Committee for prompt attention to financial matters, Dr. J. J. Billington's Ethics Committee for its review of ethical procedure, Dr. E. G. Hyatt's Rationing Committee for facilitation of the almost-forgotten rationing system of the war, and to Dr. J. W. Rogers' Welfare Committee for efforts in behalf of the sick. Although conducted independently of the Society, thanks are due to Dr. T. W. Stallings and a group of physicians for their work relative to a state-supported hospital in Tulsa, and to Dr. David Hudson for his work in prosecution of a program of venereal disease control.

To conclude this report mention should be made of the work of the officers and members of the Board of Trustees, without whose coordinating efforts the program would have suffered greatly.

New members of the Tulsa County Medical Society are DR. R. W. GOEN, Braniff Building; DR. B. H. BLOCKSOM, Springer Clinic; DR. WALTER E. BROWN, 411 Medical Arts Building; and DR. FELIX R. PARK, 603 Medical Arts Building. The application of DR. WILLIAM C. ELLER, 1415 E. 15th Street, is pending.

DR. E. P. NESBITT has retired from active practice and is now residing in Michigan. He was recently elected an honorary member of the Tulsa County Medical Society.

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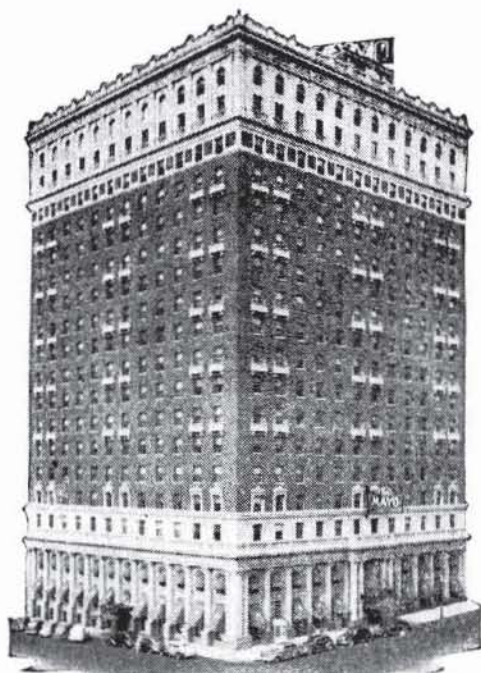
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