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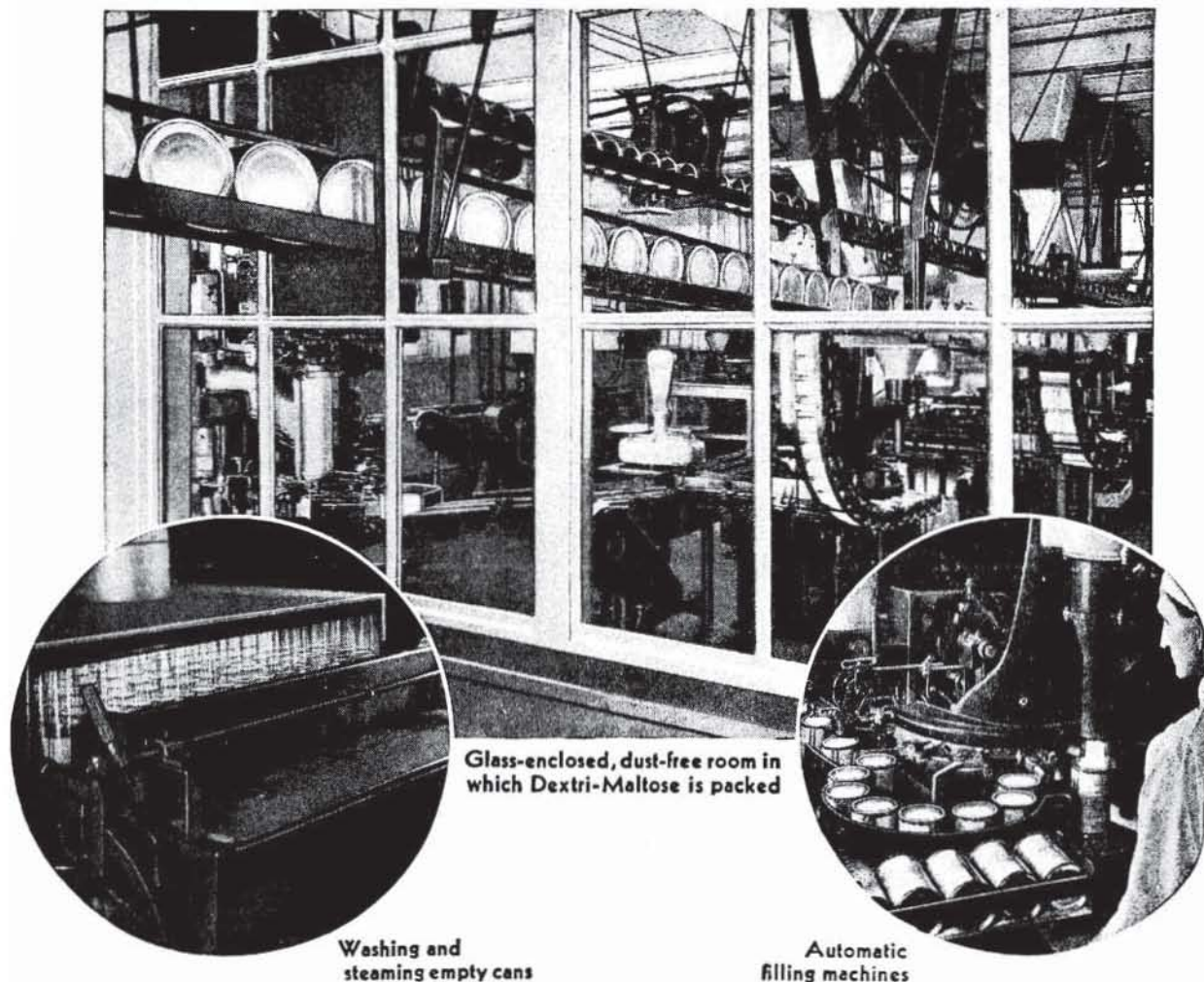
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## TULSA DOCTOR SHORTAGE ALLEVIATED

**Return of 28 Service Doctors and Location of 15 New Physicians in Tulsa County Relieves Acute Medical Shortage. Officials Predict 50 More by End of Year.**

A growing alleviation of Tulsa County's wartime shortage of doctors was seen last month as the Tulsa County Medical Society reported the return of 28 service members to private practice within the last twelve months. Supplementing that group was an additional 15 physicians, mostly war veterans, entering practice in the County for the first time.

The Executive Offices of the Tulsa County Medical Society reported that the number of inquiries regarding opportunities for private practice in Tulsa is now averaging four or five each week, or almost one inquiry daily. Some of these are made in person by physicians anxious to secure suitable locations, while others are written inquiries directly to the Society, individual physicians, or to the Tulsa Chamber of Commerce.

Society officials believe that the acute shortage of professional office space is limiting the number of new physicians who might enter private practice in Tulsa County. With downtown space virtually non-existent and with dim prospects for improvement, most physicians have been cool towards residential or suburban center locations. Most of the doctors making inquiry at the Executive Offices desire to enter individual practice although some are anxious to become associated with established physicians, either on a salary or partnership basis. At the present time there appear to be few such opportunities although some established doctors are known to be seeking partners or assistants whose qualifications are sufficiently high.

Virtually all doctors making inquiry are discharged war veterans, the bulk with substantial overseas records. Generally speaking they fall into two classes: (1) younger doctors who have not previously been in private practice, having entered the services from medical schools or hospital internships or residences, and (2) older doctors who are dissatisfied with pre-war locations or who are prevented by circumstances from returning to their previous locations.

Society officials called attention to an unhealthy situation gaining in importance—the desire of physicians in small-town or rural area locations to relocate in Tulsa or other larger medical centers. While this desire is a natural reaction, occasioned by the availability of hospitals, cultural, educational, and social advantages in the larger cities, it serves only to further penalize already undermanned small town or rural areas. In Oklahoma especially the trend away from small-town or rural practice is very alarming. Situations of this character are conducive to state medicine or government-operated systems of medical care, Society leaders predicted.

Returning service physicians are advised that the Oklahoma State Medical Association has prepared an extensive report, based on a statewide survey, relative to prospective locations for physicians in Oklahoma. This information is available by contacting the Association

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## MEMBERSHIP ROSTER SUPPLEMENT

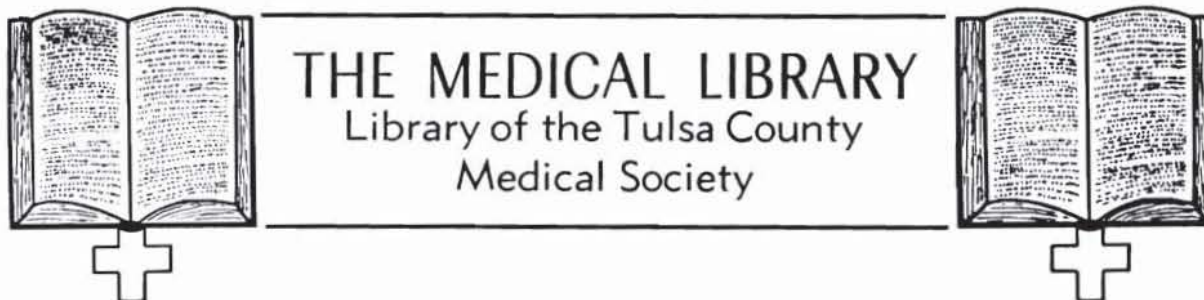
The following physicians, members of the Tulsa County Medical Society prior to their entrance into the armed forces, have returned to private practice in Tulsa County. The list is compiled as of February 15, 1946:

Name	Office Address	Telephone
Akins, Jack O.,	908 Medical Arts Building	2-8233
Boone, Wilmot B.,	2112 W. 41st	5-0653
Davis, Thomas H.,	404 Medical Arts Building	2-9176
Denny, E. Rankin,	915 S. Cincinnati	4-0177
Eads, Charles H.,	B-1 Medical Arts Building	3-1330
Ewell, William C.,	1307 S. Main	3-0151
Hardman, Thomas J.,	502 Medical Arts Building	2-5684
Hays, Luvern,	604 S. Cincinnati	7156
Henry, Gifford H.,	517 Medical Arts Building	3-5542
Lusk, Earl M.,	915 S. Cincinnati	4-0177
Matt, John G.,	1001 Medical Arts Building	2-1014
McDonald, John E.,	412 National Mutual Building	2-9273
Munding, L. A.,	1001 Medical Arts Building	4-0964
Orr, Herbert,	1307 S. Main	3-0151
Perry, Fred,	804 Atlas Life Building	3-5111
Pigford, Charles A.,	1001 Medical Arts Building	7307
Pollock, Simon,	1923 S. Utica	6-2161
Porter, Horace H.,	216 Medical Arts Building	4-1272
Ray, R. G.,	915 S. Cincinnati	4-0177
Shepard, S. C.,	807 Medical Arts Building	3-7023
Shipp, J. D.,	1001 Medical Arts Building	4-5670
Spann, Logan A.,	203 Braniff Building	2-0216
Stuard, Charles G.,	310 Medical Arts Building	3-0873
Turnbow, William R.,	2112 W. 41st	5-0653
Ward, Benjamin W.,	804 Wright Building	3-0081
White, Eric M.,	312 Medical Arts Building	3-1181
Wolff, Eugene G.,	1923 South Utica	6-8851
Yandell, Hays R.,	404 Medical Arts Building	2-9176

The following physicians have been admitted to membership, or application is pending, in the Tulsa County Medical Society since September 1, 1945:

Name	Office Address	Telephone
Atkins, Paul N., Jr.,	210 Braniff Building	3-7493
Blocksom, B. H.,	604 S. Cincinnati	7156
Brill, Francis,	201 Stanolind Building	7115
Brown, Walter E.,	411 Medical Arts Building	4-3111
Buchan, William,	203 Braniff Building	2-0228
Craig, Paul E.,	411 Daniels Building	4-9674
Dague, John C.,	412 National Mutual Building	2-9273
Eller, William C.,	1415 E. 15th	4-8657
Gastineau, Felix,	205 Medical Arts Building	4-2416
Goen, R. W.,	100 Braniff Building	3-7257
Park, Felix R.,	603 Medical Arts BBuilding	4-3141
Perry, Daniel,	804 Atlas Life Building	3-5111
Smith, Raymond O.,	3242 E. 11th	6-0743
Stokes, E. Malcolm,	1415 E. 15th	4-8657
Turner, Thomas R.,	604 S. Cincinnati	7156





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### RECENT ACCESSIONS

#### NEW BOOKS RECEIVED—

- Geschickter, Charles F., *Diseases of the Breast*. J. B. Lippincott. 1943.  
 Bunnell, Sterling. *Surgery of the Hand*. J. B. Lippincott. 1944.  
 Orr, Thomas G., *Operations of General Surgery*. W. B. Saunders. 1945.  
 Wiener, Alexander S., *Blood Groups and Transfusions*. Charles C. Thomas. 1945.  
 Templeton, Frederic E., *X-Ray Examination of the Stomach*. University of Chicago Press. 1945.  
 American Medical Association. *New and Non-Official Remedies*. 1945.

#### GIFTS OF THE MONTH—

- Dr. I. H. Nelson. *Homicide Investigation by Le Moyne Snyder*. 1945.  
 Dr. Robert E. Funk. A subscription to the new publication, *Geriatrics*, the official publication of the American Geriatric Association, devoted to research and clinical study of the disease processes of the aged and aging.  
 Dr. W. H. Wilson. *Journal of the American Dental Association*. Volumes 12 to 26, 1931 to 1939.  
 Dr. Eugene W. Wise. *Journal of the American Dental Association*. Volumes 30 to 32, 1943 to 1945.  
 Dr. Scott P. Bowyer and Dr. W. B. Swartz. Approximately fifteen volumes in the field of Dental Surgery.  
 Dr. H. D. Murdock. *Good's Study of Medicine* in four volumes. This rare and valuable set of books, published in 1823 by Wells and Lilly, Boston, is a distinct addition to our historical section.  
 Mrs. Bertha Smyers. *The Art and Science of Nutrition* by Hawley and Carden, 1944 Diet Manual. University of Kansas Department of Nutrition. 1944. *Food and Menu Dictionary*. J. O. Dahl. 1938.  
 Mr. Bryce Twitty. Subscription to four hospital journals, *Hospitals*, *Southern Hospitals*, *Hospital Management* and *The Modern Hospital*.  
 Anonymous. Subscription to the *Journal of Gerontology*, a new journal which began publication in February.

### AN UNUSUAL REQUEST

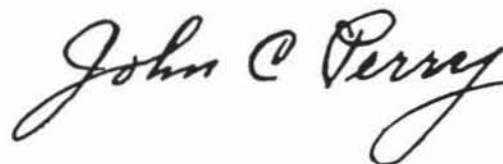
Mrs. Helen Monahan, librarian at the Charlotte Medical Library, Charlotte North Carolina, has probably had the most unusual reference question ever received. A captain in the Army wanted to know the cause of fluorescence in man. He had a man whose sweat glands would glow, especially after he consumed a quart of liquor before mowing the lawn. He looked like a neon sign. The question was never answered.—*Bulletin of the Medical Library Association*, 1946.

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# PRESIDENT'S PAGE

It is my belief that the members of the Tulsa County Medical Society, like most doctors throughout the United States, have taken far too little interest in what is happening in the national Congress as affects the medical profession. While all of us know that a Wagner-Murray bill to create state medicine is pending in the Congress, very few of us have any real idea of the contents of the bill. While there are at least three other important pieces of medical legislation now pending, I doubt that the average doctor could name one of these bills and state its main purpose. And, I must confess, I am in that very same group. The sections of the Journal of the American Medical Association summarizing current medical legislation, are, and for good reason, known as "No Man's Land"—a correct appellation because few doctors trouble to read them, preferring to interest themselves instead in the scientific sections. You may in rebuttal state that that is as it should be. To this, I cannot agree. I believe sincerely that it is our duty, both as individuals and as organized groups, to keep abreast of medical legislation, to fight the bad bills and to promote the good ones. In an effort to keep you better acquainted with medical legislation, I am suggesting that the Legislative Committee prepare and distribute a monthly bulletin summarizing such legislation. I believe that a moment of your time to read such a summary will be of benefit in keeping you advised of what is happening to your profession at the hands of lay thinkers who do not always know whereof they speak. Let me have your comments along this line. I will appreciate them.

Sincerely,



President

## DEVILS, DRUGS, AND "DOCTORS"

**A Medical Feature Designed To Illustrate That  
The Fraudulent Medical Practitioner Still Exists In  
A Nation Supposed To Be The Best Educated On  
Earth.**

Tulsa physicians who chuckled over memories of the infamous Abrams diagnostic machine as related in a national magazine recently will no doubt be surprised to learn that a variation of the machine was in use in Tulsa as recently as 1943. Its unlicensed manipulator — not a medical doctor — succeeded in defrauding a gullible clientele for several weeks until legal authority brought him to an abrupt halt. His case, one of a large number on record at the Tulsa County Medical Society, is clear evidence that medical quackery cannot be suppressed until an effective program of public education in health and medicine is prosecuted.

As in other states, medical quackery has had a long history in Oklahoma. Through the years a gradual elimination of the quack has been effected, partly through the efforts of an organized medical profession and partly through improved standards of health education. Although most of the cases recounted below will prove amusing to the intelligent reader, there can be no real humor when it is realized that much costly harm was done to the uninformed persons who were victimized.

The Abrams Machine appears to have enjoyed its greatest popularity in Tulsa shortly after the close of World War I. Its use was widely employed by numerous osteopaths and chiropractors and by many lay persons professing to have medical education. As used in Tulsa, most of the Abrams machines (they were known by at least six other commercial names) were small sealed boxes alleged to contain intricate electrical equipment capable of making a diagnosis of the physical condition of a person. In manner of operation, there were several variations. Some were supposed to make the diagnosis from a drop of blood absorbed into a blotter. Others, used mostly by "practitioners" catering to the less intelligent, required the usual Abrams routine — facing west

in a dim light, the patient was to concentrate upon the nature of the ailment. The machine in turn indicated upon an electrical panel board the exact diagnosis. This was done through the medium of various colored panel lights and tabulators which could be "read" only by a person experienced in the Abrams method. While this procedure sounds ridiculous to any sane person, it is surprising that the machine enjoyed the popularity that it did. It is even more surprising that the machine continues in a limited use even today.

A group of Tulsa physicians recall that they once sent a blotting of pure tomato catsup to the Abrams headquarters and shortly received a diagnosis that the "patient" suffered from anemia. Later, some other Tulsa doctors opened an Abrams box — a "forbidden" procedure — to find that it contained a small coil of wire and nothing else. In 1923, a doctor who had been expelled from the Tulsa County Medical Society for his use of the machine brought suit against the Society for \$500,000.00 damages. The Society prepared such a barrage of damaging evidence against the machine and its fraudulent nature, that the suit was never brought to trial.

The late Dr. R. W. Dunlap commented dourly in 1924 that a good doctor couldn't practice good medicine because of all the racket made by the machines in the offices of nearby Abrams "practitioners". This was before the days of a professional building in Tulsa and was undoubtedly true.

In 1943, the attention of the Tulsa County Medical Society was called to a person who was a graduate of a school of chiropractic medicine but who had never licensed himself as such. This person pretended to be a physician and publicly advertised his diagnostic machine which he termed an "Oscillometer". An officer of a Tulsa oil company made a visit to the "doctor" for purposes of gaining in-

formation. A report of the visit filed with the Society was filled with amusing accounts of the healer's eccentricities. The "Oscillometer" proved to be a small rectangular box about 10 inches high, 18 inches in width, and 10 inches in length. The front side was slightly inclined from the base and contained a panel board very similar to the instrument board of an automobile except that a number of unidentified meters were present. Each meter was accompanied by a small dial. At the top of the panel a row of small various colored lights was located. The machine was painted a dark brown. The rear of the box, not readily seen by the patient, was open. A plug connected the equipment to electrical current. Attached to the front side was an electrical cord which led from the machine to a small ordinary-looking hand microphone.

Our guinea-pig patient explained to the "doctor" that he seemed to suffer from heart disorders. Without bothering to even take off the patient's suit coat, the doctor placed the microphone against the patient's heart and switched the machine on. The panel board sprang into life with the many-colored lights flickering off and on. When the "doctor" seated himself and placed his left hand behind the machine and out of sight of the patient, the lights all became red in color. "See those red lights?" the healer asked. "You have a bad case of heart trouble." The diagnosis was as quickly made and the treatment, consisting of the doctor's special prepared medicine, was even more quickly prescribed. Curiously enough, the treatment required at least six months of daily doses. The cost of this "cure" was a mere \$100.00.

Asked why he kept his hand behind the machine, the doctor explained that a "wire was loose" and had to be held in place. As the patient was leaving, having pleaded lack of funds as his reason for not buying the "treatment", the doctor approached the patient in a confidential manner and advised that his machine had therapeutic values as well as diagnostic. For a series of weekly "treatments" by the machine, it was possible to insure

one's wife against unwanted pregnancy. The patient finally escaped, made a visit to his own doctor to determine that his heart was perfectly sound and then to local authorities. The "doctor" terminated his practice hastily on the next day.

Indian herb-doctors seem to recur in Tulsa with startling regularity. Several years ago one such healer was conducting a flourishing business from a small auto trailer parked on a vacant lot near Sand Springs. This particular herb-doctor appeared to gather his herbs from the very same vacant lot as a sample of them presented to the Tulsa County Medical Society were identified as ordinary weeds. Placed in a bathtub with the ill patient, they were supposed to work a miracle cure. The climax to this herb-doctor's career came when he attempted to throw the "spell of the Devil" on a complaining patient. Undaunted, the patient applied for a protector from the Tulsa County Medical Society. The protector turned out to be two burly policemen who called on the "doctor" and presented him with walking papers. Within 24 hours the doctor and his trailer had moved on to greener pastures.

More recently, in 1945 to be exact, a 65-year old herb-doctor professing to be a full-blood Sioux indian established a professional office in the negro area of Tulsa. From these unpretentious surroundings he calmly mailed his circulars, advertising a variety of products for virtually every ailment. A best seller was "Pills to Prevent Pregnancy" at only \$10.00 per dozen. There were also a variety of salves for skin ailments, including an inkish looking substance absolutely guaranteed to remove warts. For an additional fee, the doctor would do a war dance about the patient to insure the immediate liquidation of any evil spirits. Tulsa County Medical Society officials interested a local newspaper in sending two reporters to visit the great man. He gave them a full account of his cures and consented to pose in full ceremonial dress. The resultant publicity prompted a visit by local investigators of the county attor-

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## Members in Service



COLONEL E. RANKIN DENNY, prominent Tulsa internist prior to his entrance into service in 1942, last month became the 24th member of the Tulsa County Medical Society's in-service group to return to private practice. Dr. Denny has announced his association with the Tulsa Clinic, 915 South Cincinnati, Tulsa, where he will again specialize in internal medicine. Dr. Denny was commissioned as a Major upon his entrance into service and after a brief assignment with Army units at New Orleans was assigned to Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, as chief of medical service. It was here that he had an opportunity to work with the Army's famous rehabilitation battalions early in the war. Subsequently, Dr. Denny rose to the rank of Colonel, being later transferred to Gardiner General Hospital at Chicago, Illinois. Welcome back, Dr. Denny.

MAJOR SIMON POLLOCK, veteran of the South Pacific and Philippine Island campaigns, has been appointed chief of the Radiology Department at St. John's Hospital, Tulsa. He entered upon his duties early last month. Dr. Pollock, associated with the Tulsa X-Ray and Pathological Laboratories before his entrance into service, had several assignments before going overseas. While in the Philippines he assisted in the organization of medical depots and base hospitals for American Army units. Welcome back, Dr. Pollock.

CAPTAIN CHARLES H. EADS, popular Tulsa obstetrician, has been discharged from the United States Army Medical Corps and has resumed his Tulsa practice at B-1 Medical Arts Building. Dr. Eads will continue to specialize in obstetrics and gynecology. Following his entrance into service in 1942, Dr. Eads was attached to medical units at March Field, California. Subsequently he was transferred to the Army and Navy General Hospital at Hot Springs, Arkansas. Although eligible for discharge, Dr. Eads

was placed on terminal leave earlier than had been anticipated. Welcome back, Dr. Eads.

COMDR. RICHARD B. FORD writes that his discharge from the Navy will probably not be until "about July 1st". At that time he plans to return to private practice in Tulsa. Dr. Ford is now stationed at the U. S. Naval Hospital at Pasco, Washington.

Tulsa friends of CAPTAIN HERBERT N. SCHWARTZ will be interested to learn that he has opened offices at 99 Pratt Street, Hartford, Connecticut, where he will specialize in diseases of the eye. Formerly associated with Dr. Walter A. Huber prior to his entrance into service, Dr. Schwartz served with army units in France and England.

As The Bulletin went to press, CAPTAIN JACK O. AKINS was in Tulsa making arrangements to reopen his offices for private practice. Now on terminal leave, Dr. Akins is presently at 908 Medical Arts Building, Tulsa, where he is planning to eventually specialize in Urology. Wounded in the Salerno landings in 1943, Dr. Akins has spent almost three years at McCloskey General Hospital, Temple, Texas. Welcome back, Dr. Akins.

Also at press time comes word from a Washington, D. C., naval hospital that COMDR. BERNARD L. BRANLEY will be discharged from the services late in the month. Dr. Branley anticipates reopening his Tulsa offices in March.

CAPTAIN RALPH LEE BEST writes that he accepted an offer to locate his civilian practice at Birmingham, Alabama, and will not return to Tulsa. He plans to do general medicine and surgery at his new location. Dr. Best was discharged from the Army in December after three years service, much of it spent overseas in France and Germany. Good luck on your new endeavours, Dr. Best.

Another welcome returning service

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# Medical Calendar

**FRIDAY, March 1st:**

Members of the Tulsa County Medical Society who have not paid their 1946 annual membership dues by this date are suspended from membership privileges until payment is made.

**MONDAY, March 4th:**

Hillcrest Hospital Staff Meeting.

**TUESDAY, March 5th:**

Medical Broadcast, "Teaching Children To Eat," Radio Station KOME, 3:30 p.m.

**TUESDAY, March 5th:**

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

**FRIDAY, March 8th:**

Board of Trustees Meeting, Tulsa County Medical Society, Medical Arts Coffee Shop Mezzanine, 1:00 p.m.

**MONDAY, March 11th:**

No Tulsa County Medical Society meeting on this date.

**TUESDAY, March 12th:**

Medical Broadcast, "Health Habits In The Nursery School," Radio Station KOME, 3:30 p.m.

**FRIDAY, March 15:**

Federal and state income tax returns for 1945 due on this date.  
Legislative Committee Meeting, Tulsa County Medical Society, Medical Arts Coffee Shop, 1:00 p.m.

**SATURDAY, March 16th:**

Copy deadline for the April issue of The Bulletin.

**MONDAY, March 18th:**

St. John's Hospital Staff Meeting.

**TUESDAY, March 19th:**

Medical Broadcast, "Posture And Health," Radio Station KOME, 3:30 p.m.

**FRIDAY, March 22nd:**

Publicity Committee Meeting, Tulsa County Medical Society, 1202 Medical Arts Building, 1:00 p.m.

**MONDAY, March 25th:**

Members of the Tulsa County Medical Society are advised that the next Society meeting has been advanced to Wednesday, April 3, when a joint meeting with the Tulsa County Dental Society will be held. Speaker, Dr. Joseph T. Osterloh.

**FRIDAY, March 29th:**

Board of Trustees Meeting, Tulsa County Medical Society, Medical Arts Coffee Shop mezzanine, 1:00 p.m.

**TUESDAY, March 26th:**

Medical Broadcast, "Protecting The Family Health," Radio Station KOME, 3:30 p.m.

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## A WORKABLE IDEA

The Tulsa County Medical Society learns with considerable interest that a project is now under discussion whereby medical service representatives—the detail men—will be organized into a society for mutual benefit. This idea, which stems from the successful operation of such groups in Texas, and some Eastern states, has considerable merit. The purpose of such organization is for the exchange of beneficial information, creation of fellowship, prosecution of one or more non-professional projects, and proper accrediting of recognized representatives. As operated in Texas and some other states, members are issued a card which readily identifies them to the physician. The doctor, in turn favors the detail man with an audience. Such an arrangement, while naturally beneficial to the representative, is also of value to the doctor. Many a physician has granted time to some person in the belief that he is either a patient or a representative of a reliable firm. Often, the presumed representative or patient turns out to be a peddler or solicitor who rapidly consumes much professional time. Proper identification will enable the doctor to meet the representatives which he is interested in seeing, and at the same time will save the time ordinarily devoted to

th time-consuming solicitor or peddler.

Of course, such an organization must conduct itself under the best principles of fairness. It obviously cannot arbitrarily refuse admission to accredited representatives of firms whose products bear the approval of the council of the American Medical Association. Similarly some distinction must be made in order not to abuse the privileges created by the organization. The success of such an arrangement is dependent in some measure upon the medical profession, and the latter in turn would look to the maintenance of friendly and cooperative relationships between the physician and the detail man.

The medical service representative has become an integral part of the medical profession. He is one of the means whereby the doctor can keep abreast of the advances in medicine, and most physicians now agree that the representatives can be of further service in carrying back to his company the needs of the profession. This in turn leads to further research. Through the medical service representative, a strong link is created between the profession and practical medical research and scientific study.

The Tulsa County Medical Society will observe with interest the project to organize the medical service representatives. It appears on its face to have much merit, and under the leadership of the qualified detail men who are assigned to the Tulsa area should be a progressive and valuable organization.

## NEW DOCTORS

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secretary at 210 Plaza Court, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

A total of 188 physicians are now entered upon the Tulsa County Medical Society roster. An additional 15 to 20 service members are expected to be returned to private practice in Tulsa County within the next nine months. Society leaders believe that an additional 20 to 25 new doctors may locate here by the end of 1946 if sufficient office space can be located.



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**MEMBERS IN SERVICE**

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member is MAJOR FRED PERRY, who has resumed private practice at 804 Atlas Life Building, Tulsa. Dr. Perry served with Army Air Forces units and had a long assignment at Will Rogers Field, Oklahoma City. Welcome back, Dr. Perry.

MAJOR EUGENE G. WOLFF, prominent Tulsa anesthetist prior to his entrance into military service, has been placed on terminal leave and is now back at his former offices at St. John's Hospital. Dr. Wolff will again be associated with Dr. H. B. Stewart. Most of Dr. Wolff's army experiences were at Oliver General Hospital at Augusta, Georgia, where he served as Chief of the Anesthesiology Department. Welcome back, Dr. Wolff.

DR. VINCENT MAZZARELLA has removed his practice to Hominy, Oklahoma.

DR. PAUL E. CRAIG has enlarged his quarters at 411 Daniel Building.

**CLINIC REPORT**

January 23 — February 18

Medicine .....	482
Surgery .....	56
Urology .....	17
Obstetrics .....	15
Pediatrics .....	33
X-Ray .....	135
Pathology .....	117
Dental .....	44
Varicose .....	15
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**MEDICAL FRAUDS**

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ney's office. Charges were dropped when the "doctor" agreed to leave town. Later it was learned that the offender had carelessly mailed his products to patients in Kansas, the "patients" being agents of the Pure Food and Drugs Administration. Outcome of the federal charges had not been determined.

Much harm has also been done in the past through the sale of worthless home-made medical preparations. While the food and drug officials have virtually eliminated these offenders, an occasional case will arise. The persons selling these products practice medicine in a sense for they seize upon a person's real or imaginary ailments as an excuse for the sale of their product. Last year, a case brought to court by the County Attorney revealed that two defense plant employees had been averaging over \$1,000.00 monthly profits in the sale of home made patent medicines which were absolutely worthless. A few years ago, another Tulsa defense worker was arrested for selling a compound to reduce menstrual flow. The product had exactly the opposite effect and produced serious hemorrhages in the unfortunate purchasers. These persons are usually quickly located and their activities halted.

Cures for arthritis are another favorite of the medical fraud. In recent years a type of electric shock treatment, declared worthless by competent physicians, has made an occasional appearance in Tulsa. They are usually purveyed by itinerant "doctors" or "nurses" who prey upon unsuspecting arthritis sufferers. Since many such sufferers are of advanced age, their senile condition tends to encourage their susceptibility to such frauds. A team of "doctors" who made a three-day appearance in Tulsa last year milked victims of \$175.00 for a two-hour electric shock treatment which was completely fraudulent.

Earlier in the war years another lay "physician" opened a "clinic" in Tulsa for the treatment of glandular diseases. One of his first victims eventually came

to a reputable doctor with a huge knot on her neck. The patient related that the quack doctor had given her a hypodermic injection for a stiffness in the neck. Within a few hours the lump had risen. When attempts were made to learn what had been injected, the fraudulent doctor refused to tell, stating that it was his own "secret method". Later he asserted that Tulsa County Medical Society members were attempting to steal it for sale to the axis powers. "They are just Hitler's helpers," he said. Shortly thereafter "physician" was committed to an asylum for the insane. It was his third such trip to a mental institution.

There are similar shocking stories which could be related. They are recounted here only to illustrate that the medical fraud still does exist. In most cases, these fraudulent doctors are itinerant persons who move from city to city for the briefest of stays. In the cases related above, the activities of the "doctor" were limited to only a few days before legal or police action halted them. Even so, much harm can be done in just a few days, both in a physical and financial sense.

Such cases should be reported promptly to the Tulsa County Medical Society. While the Society attempts to keep track of all such fraudulent practitioners, it is very easy for such persons to slip quietly into Tulsa and commence "practice." Often they may have been operating for several days before the nature of their activities becomes known. Everything will be done to quickly terminate any fraudulent practices within the county.

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DR. GEORGE H. CLULOW has removed his practice to Woodward, Oklahoma.

DR. E. MALCOM STOKES has removed his offices to 1415 East 15th Street, where he will be associated with DR. WILLIAM C. ELLER.

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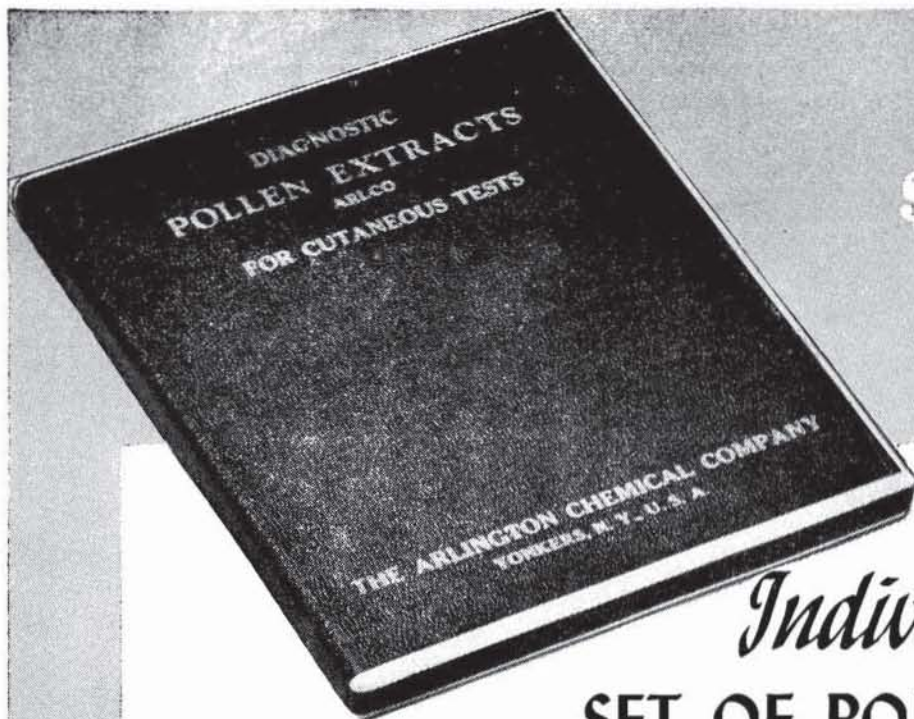
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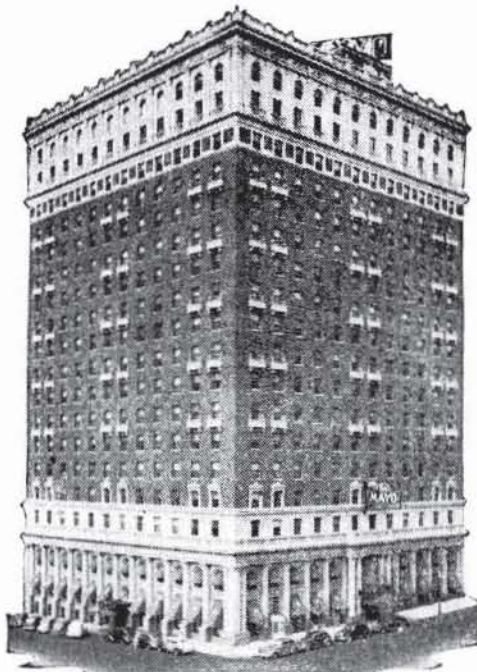
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