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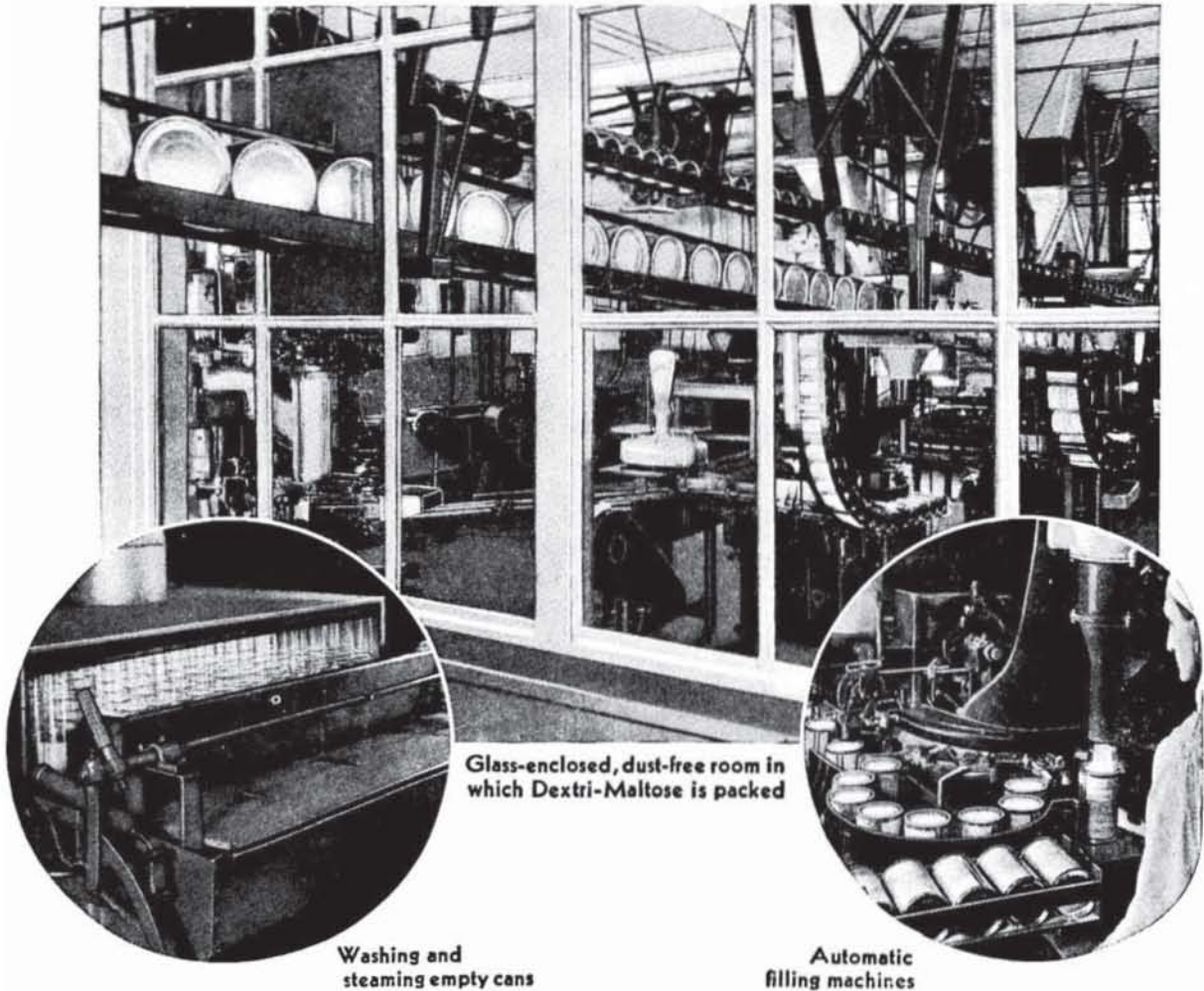
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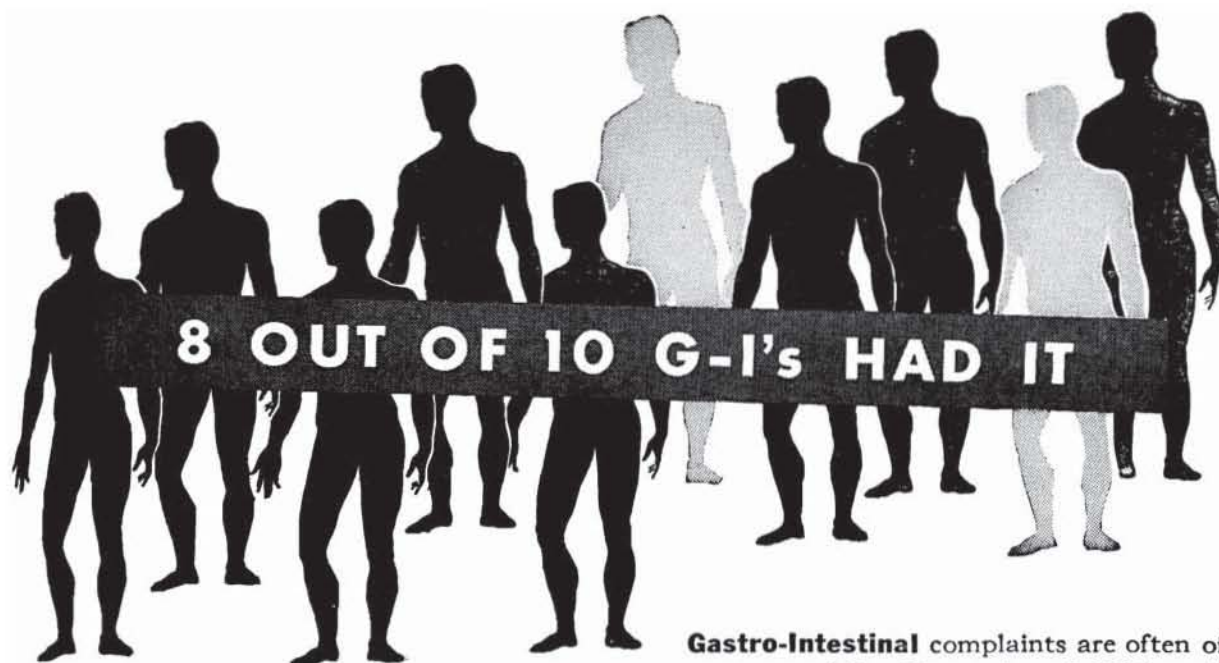
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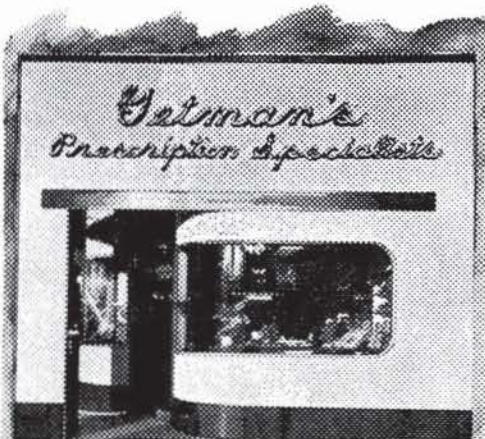
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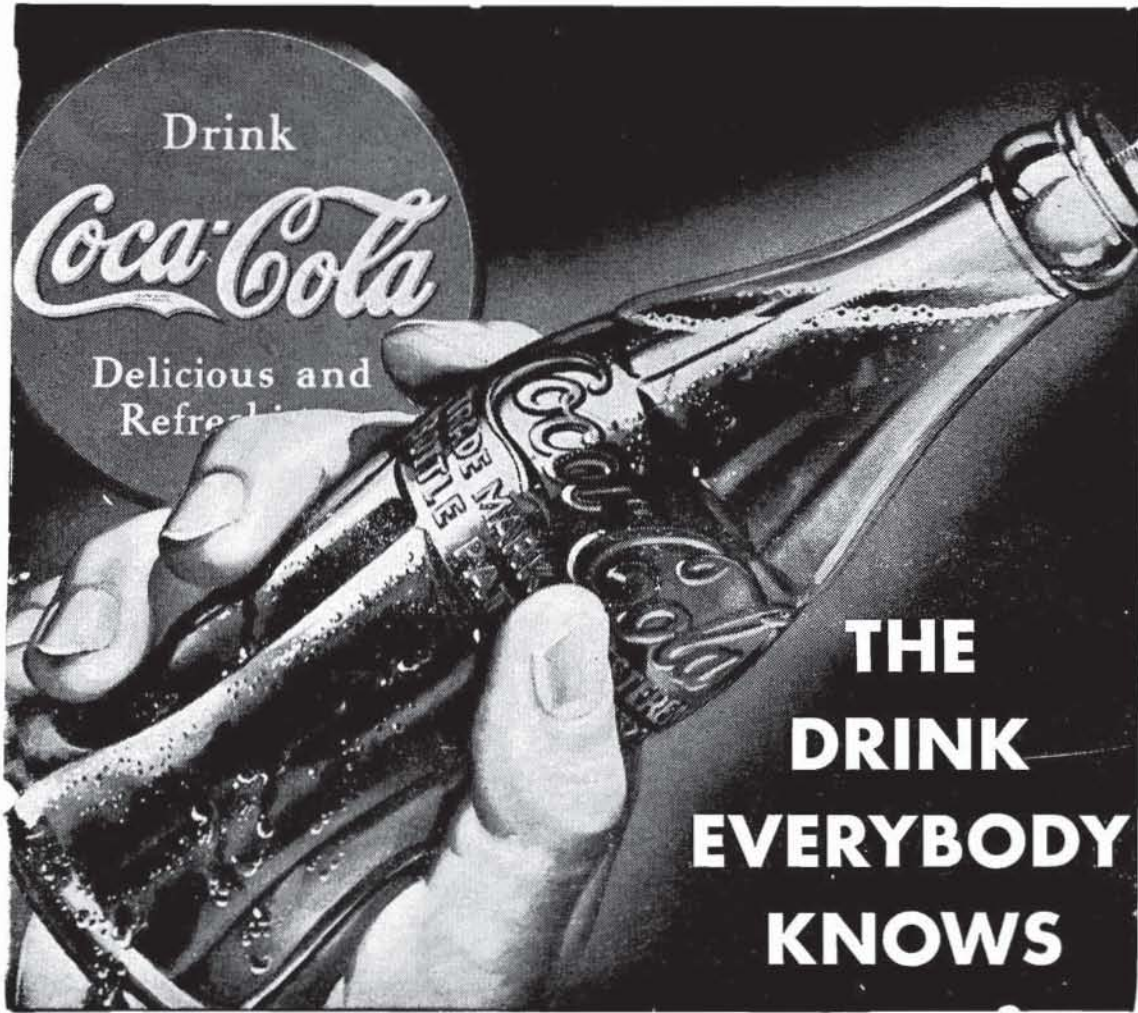
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## MOBILE CANCER CLINICS UNDERWAY

**Cancer Detection Program Opens In Oklahoma  
On A Wide Scale. Tulsans Active In New Pro-  
gram Of Public Education For Cancer Control.**

Success of the unique Mobile Cancer Detection Clinic of the Oklahoma Division of the American Cancer Society was assured last month when initial clinics in Tulsa, Oklahoma City, Bartlesville, and other Oklahoma communities drew widespread praise from lay and medical leaders throughout the State. Instigation of the clinics preceded by several weeks the beginning of the second annual drive for funds for the Society, presently scheduled for April, 1946.

A well-publicized clinic for cancer detection held in Tulsa on March 5 drew 110 patients. A similar clinic in Oklahoma City on March 19 recorded a larger figure of 125 examinations. The Tulsa clinic was staffed by a group of Oklahoma City physicians while the capital city clinic was under the guidance of a group of Tulsa specialists. Smaller clinics in Bartlesville and Tonkawa were staffed by volunteers from the larger communities and by local doctors.

The Mobile Cancer Detection Clinic, by way of explanation, consists of a large reconverted Ford truck which has been completely equipped with diagnostic equipment, necessary supplies for complete examinations, drugs, tables, instruments, and clerical facilities. This unit is to be taken into virtually every area of Oklahoma where patients with suspected cancer conditions will be given thorough diagnostic examinations by a panel of volunteer specialists. Patients are accepted only upon recommendation of the family physician. Complete case

histories and results of the clinic examinations are sent directly to the consulting or family physician, who then prescribes a necessary course of treatment. The clinic does not offer curative treatment and is engaged only in the proper detection of cancer.

The project is part of a widespread program of cancer control and public education now in progress under the auspices of the Oklahoma Division of the American Cancer Society. A very successful campaign for funds conducted in April, 1945, permitted the establishment of an executive office headed by Mr. Hugh Payne as executive secretary. Mr. Payne is a veteran public health official with a valuable background of medical economics. Headquarters for the group have been established in the Braniff Building, Oklahoma City. A budget for the current year contemplates a program costing in excess of \$75,000.00. The entire program is widely backed by lay and medical leaders. Mr. L. C. Griffith, president of the Griffith Theater Corporation, is president of the Oklahoma Division, and local Tulsa leaders include Mr. Ralph Talbot, Tulsa theater owner, and Dr. Ralph A. McGill, prominent cancer leader in Oklahoma.

The Tulsa cancer clinic, held March 5, was widely publicized for several days preceding the date. Cooperation of Tulsa newspapers and radio stations permitted the distribution of much information to the public. The Tulsa County Medical

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## Members in Service



With demobilization of wartime Army and Navy units nearing completion, a total of 40 Tulsa County medical officers had been released from service by the end of March, 1946. Of this number all but five had returned to their former practice in Tulsa or were making plans for resumption within the next few weeks. Shortages of office space continued to hamper returning service doctors in their efforts to rapidly resume peacetime practice.

LT. COL. DAVID L. EDWARDS, recently promoted to that rank from Major, returned to his Stanolind Building offices on April 1st after a month's vacation. Discharged in February from the Army Air Forces, Dr. Edwards had previously enjoyed a long assignment at Coral Gables, Florida, and more recently with AAF units at Fort Worth, Texas. He will specialize again in ophthalmology in association with Dr. William Orlando Smith. Welcome back, Dr. Edwards.



MAJOR JUDAH K. LEE, former Tulsa general practitioner, was released from the Army Medical Corps in late February. Dr. Lee entered service in 1942 and served in Washington state and in Alaska. He is now making plans to reopen his Tulsa offices. Welcome back, Dr. Lee.

COMDR. RUSSELL C. PIGFORD, Tulsa internist and former president of the Tulsa County Medical Society, was placed on terminal leave in March. Dr. Pigford served with Navy medical units at the United States Naval Hospital at San Diego, California, and later aboard the U. S. S. Thomas Jefferson in the Pacific and Japanese homelands areas. Dr.

Pigford will resume his specialty of internal medicine in Tulsa within the very near future. Welcome back, Dr. Pigford.

MAJOR FRANKLIN D. SINCLAIR, Tulsa obstetrician, has returned to his practice and is again associated with the Springer Clinic of Tulsa. Dr. Sinclair had only one assignment during his four years service, that as a member of the staff of Kennedy General Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee. Welcome back, Dr. Sinclair.

LT. COMDR. MAURICE D. SPOTTSWOOD, popular young Tulsa psychiatrist, was a welcome Tulsa visitor last month. Now on terminal leave, Dr. Spottswood plans to return to his Tulsa practice after a long vacation. He was trained for the Navy psychiatric service at the National Naval Medical Center at Bethesda, Maryland, and more recently was assigned to Navy medical units at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Welcome back, Dr. Spottswood.

Another returnee is Tulsa's MAJOR TOM HALL MITCHELL, who has resumed his former position as Chief Medical Director of the Carter Oil Company. Dr. Mitchell was assigned to various Army Air Forces medical units in Texas and Tennessee. First of his problems as a civilian was to locate a residence, second to



find the almost non-existent civilian clothes. Dr. Mitchell's offices are in the National Bank of Tulsa Building, where he will confine his practice to his industrial duties. Welcome back, Dr. Mitchell.

A Tulsa visitor in March was CAPTAIN OLIVER H. THOMPSON, now

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## RECENT ACCESSIONS

### NEW BOOKS RECEIVED—

**Gutman's Drug Encyclopedia, Therapeutic Index, New Modern Drugs and Binder.**  
New Edition, 1946.

### GIFTS OF THE MONTH—

**Dr. William C. Eller and Dr. E. M. Stokes, American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology, volumes 49 and 50, 1945.**

**Dr. A. Ray Wiley, Miscellaneous copies of several current medical journals.**

**Dr. George R. Osborn, American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology, volumes 47 to 50; California and Western, 1944 and miscellaneous copies of Southern Medical Journal.**

**Dr. E. O. Johnson, Miscellaneous journals and reprints pertinent to Obstetrics and Gynecology, current issues of the Journal of the American Medical Association and Oklahoma State Medical Association.**

**Dr. Joel S. Hooper.** Approximately ten volumes in various fields, including several on medical history.

### REPRINTS RECEIVED—

**Eller, William C., M.D., Tulsa, Okla., and Randall, John H., M.D., Iowa City, Iowa, Nausea of Pregnancy Treated by Forced Hydration. American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology, November, 1945.**

**Krusen, Frank H., M.D., Rochester, Minn., The Future of Physical Medicine. Journal of the American Medical Association, 1945.**

**Brunner, Hans, M.D., Therapeutic Value of Lipiodol in Paranasal Sinus Infections. Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Monthly, August, 1945.**

**Tietze, C., M.D., and Hagaman, John B., M.D., Baltimore, Md., The Acceptability and Effectiveness of the Condom As a Contraceptive Method. American Journal of Medical Sciences, 1945.**

## NEW JOURNAL IN THE LIBRARY

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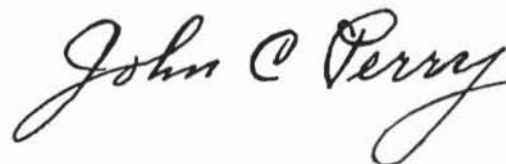
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# PRESIDENT'S PAGE

The medical profession of the United States is now being encouraged, both by far-sighted physicians and by sound-minded lay friends, to conduct an extensive and enduring program of public relations in behalf of the general interests of the profession. The American Medical Association in a recent reversal of its previous conservative attitude shows promise of directing the profession into a valuable program designed to educate the public as to the values of a free system of medicine. Local and state medical societies, organized scientific groups, and other professional units have in many areas begun extensive campaigns designed to protect the interests of the profession—interests that are parallel and coincident to the general public good. Our own Tulsa County Medical Society, at this moment of writing, is considering a program to combat the odious Wagner-Murray Bill of state medicine now pending in the National Congress. It is my sincere hope that our Society, again demonstrating its characteristic progressiveness, will have approved this program by the time this article appears in print. Regardless of that, however, it is going to be necessary that the medical profession of America adopt blunt and direct tactics to fight this monster of state medicine which is so surely consuming us at present.

I hope that every Tulsa County Medical Society member will agree with me that we, as physicians, cannot continue to follow the conservative and dated path that we have been pursuing. We have everything to fight for, we have little to be ashamed of—and indeed, our shortcomings in providing necessary medical care for many areas may be more quickly eliminated if we rise to correct the evils within the profession. In other words, let's be progressive in our thinking and let's do our own thinking.

Sincerely,



President



## BLUE CROSS PLAN AT NEW HIGH

**Twenty Per Cent Of Population Of Tulsa County Now Subscribers To Oklahoma Blue Cross Plan Of Hospitalization Insurance. New Expansion Planned.**

A total of 20 per cent of the population of Tulsa County, or 42,932 persons, are now enrolled as participants in the Oklahoma plan of Blue Cross hospitalization insurance, figures released last month indicated. The annual report for 1945 of Group Hospital Service, administrative agency, reveals a total of 122,119 persons now participating in the plan throughout the State of Oklahoma, or a net total of six per cent of the state population.

Evidence of the phenomenal growth of the Oklahoma plan was seen in the complete and extensive statistics contained in the lengthy annual report. Beginning with an initial enrollment of 418 participants in the month of April, 1940, the plan has grown consistently throughout six years of operation to its present high figure. Sales of new contracts were at an all-time high in 1945, although the dislocation of employees caused by the termination of the war resulted in many cancellations and only a moderate net gain in total number of participants served. The ability of the company to constantly increase the number served has been due to an efficient and enlarged sales staff, and in some measure to the increased benefits now offered to subscribers of the plan.

Mr. N. D. Helland, executive director of Group Hospital Service, looked to continued progress in 1946 when the beneficial results of additional sales and administrative personnel will be most noticeable. Plans are underway for the particular extension of the plan to smaller communities and in the Oklahoma City area where only seven per cent of the population of Oklahoma County is enrolled.

Progress of the newly instigated Oklahoma Physicians Service, companion plan of Blue Cross for surgical and obstetrical benefits, was also reflected in the annual report of that company issued last month.

Administered by the same personnel, the new surgical and obstetrical care plan went into operation in May, 1945, after almost two years of organizational activity by interested medical groups. At the year's end, a total of 2,611 participants had been enrolled from a small number of selected employed groups. Expansion of the surgical care plan will take place on a much wider scale throughout 1946.

Oklahoma Physicians Service was moving towards a sound financial position, corporation records indicate. Benefits paid to subscribers in 1945 totaled \$2,200.00 on a total of 46 cases. Tonsillectomies headed the list in the individual classifications with appendectomies, gynecological operations, and rectal disorders following in the order named. Operative obstetrical benefits were not available to subscribers in 1945 as the required waiting period of ten months had not elapsed.

Originally formulated by active Tulsa groups in the Oklahoma State Medical Association and the Tulsa County Medical Society, Oklahoma Physicians Service is operative only in counties where approval to the plan is given by the local county medical society. Tulsa was the first county society to approve the plan and subsequently seventeen other county units followed suit. Further expansion is anticipated through additional approvals in other counties.

During 1945, the two companies moved into attractive new quarters on the eighth floor of the American Airlines Building at 915 South Boston, Tulsa, where room for additional expansion of personnel and facilities is available.

Group Hospital Service's strong financial position is reflected in its annual financial statement for 1945. Total assets at the year's end amounted to \$246,798.89. This sum, less accumulated liabilities, gives the company a net re-



serve of \$119,823.98. The plan is non-profit and any excess of income over expenses and reserve for contingencies is directed into increased benefits to subscribers. Figures for 1945 indicate that hospitalization expense represented 76.2 per cent of the total amount paid into the plan by subscribers. From the balance must come administrative costs and reserves for depreciation and contingencies. In a breakdown of these figures, it is observed that the hospitalization expense on full family contracts averaged 84.4 per cent of the income while two-persons contracts recorded 75 per cent expense. The single employee or one-person contracts had the lowest cost of 72.4 per cent of the income. These figures are for the semi-private room plan, which is the bulk of contracts sold, and indicate a total of

79.5 per cent of income for hospitalization expense. This figure is lowered slightly through inclusion of the lower expense ratios of the ward plan, which is sold only to selected rural groups.

The amount expended from the income for hospitalization expense has shown a steady trend upward, rising from 52.5 per cent in 1940 to 76.1 in 1945. This rise is explained through increased benefits offered subscribers, inclusion of all representative groups (some of which have a naturally higher ratio of sickness due to certain factors), and in some measure to the increased desire of subscribers to go to hospitals (encouraged by pre-paid hospital bills).

Tulsa County Medical Society members will also be interested in the utilization statistics of Group Hospital Service. In member hospitals, the total number of cases paid for by the Blue Cross Plan of Oklahoma has risen from 356 in 1940 to a present figure of 9,748 in 1945. The cost of such service in member hospitals has risen similarly from \$12,419.03 in 1940 to \$374,313.80 in 1945. For both member and non-member hospitals, a total of 408 cases in 1940 at a cost of \$13,878.68 may be compared to the 1945 figures of 11,852 cases at a cost of \$446,932.38. The average cost per case in 1945 was \$37.70. In member hospitals the average cost per day in 1945 to Blue Cross was \$6.03. The utilization is now 11.4 hospital admissions per 100 participants in the Plan.

Doctors may also be interested in a statistical breakdown of the total number of cases and patient days by the character or nature of the illness requiring hospitalization. In member hospitals, 29.64 per cent of the total number of patient days paid for by the Blue Cross Plan in 1945 were for patients with diseases of the digestive system. This represents a total of 35.50 per cent of the total number of cases served. Judging from the available statistics, diseases of the intestines and diseases of the buccal cavity were the leading cause for hospitalization of Blue Cross subscribers. Third on the list was disease and condi-

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### **ELUE CROSS PLAN NOW ACCEPTING NEW MEMBERS**

Members of the Tulsa County Medical Society wishing to join the Physicians and Surgeons group of Blue Cross hospitalization insurance may make application up to Saturday, April 13. After that date, no applications will be accepted until the month of April, 1947. Any member is eligible to join and may secure application blanks and information from the Executive Offices, Tulsa County Medical Society, 1202 Medical Arts Building, Tulsa.

Medical assistants employed by doctors may also join their group up to Saturday, April 13. This includes X-ray and laboratory technicians, office personnel, nurses, receptionists, and general assistants.

The plan covers all members of a family group except married children and dependents over the age of 21 years. Persons over 65 years of age may not enroll. Mothers or fathers of employees are not entitled to participate in a family contract. Premiums are paid at the Tulsa County Medical Society offices. Doctors pay semi-annually, assistants on a quarterly basis.

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# Medical Calendar

**MONDAY, April 1st:**

Hillcrest Hospital Staff Meeting.

Members of the Tulsa County Medical Society who have not paid annual dues on this date are suspended from membership privileges pending payment.

**TUESDAY, April 2nd:**

Medical Broadcast, "Public Health Nursing In Tulsa," Radio Station KOMA, 3:30 p. m. Speaker, Mrs. C. C. Hoke.

**WEDNESDAY, April 3rd:**

Special joint meeting of the Tulsa County Medical Society and the Tulsa County Dental Society, Mayo Hotel, 8:00 p. m. Speaker, Joseph P. Osterloh, D.D.S., Captain, M.C. Subject: "Facio-Maxillary Problems And Their Management."

**FRIDAY, April 5th:**

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

**MONDAY, April 8th:**

No Tulsa County Medical Society meeting on this date.

**TUESDAY, April 9th:**

Medical Broadcast, "Health Promotion Through Recreation," Radio Station KOMA, 3:30 p. m. Speaker, Mrs. Ruth Ramey.

**FRIDAY, April 12th:**

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

**MONDAY, April 15th:**

St. John's Hospital Staff Meeting.

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**TUESDAY, April 16th:**

Medical Broadcast, "Food Preservation," Radio Station KOMA, 3:30 p. m. Speaker to be announced.

**FRIDAY, April 19th:**

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

**MONDAY, April 22nd:**

Scientific program, Tulsa County Medical Society, Mayo Hotel, 8:00 p. m. Speaker, Dr. A. E. Kanter, professor of obstetrics and gynecology, University of Chicago School of Medicine, Chicago, Ill. Subject: "The Vaginal Approach to Pelvic Surgery."

**TUESDAY, April 23rd:**

Medical Broadcast, "Cancer Control—A Public Health Problem," Radio Station KOMA, 3:30 p. m. Tentative speaker: Dr. Ralph A. McGill.

**TUESDAY, April 30th:**

House of Delegates meeting, Oklahoma State Medical Association, Skirvin Hotel, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 8:00 p. m.

Medical Broadcast, "Heart Damage," Radio Station KOMA, 3:30 p. m. Tentative speaker, Dr. H. A. Ruprecht.

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**A BID FOR SUPPORT**

Over a period of almost twenty years the Tulsa County Medical Society has persistently advocated the consolidation of the public health units of Tulsa County and the City of Tulsa into a single coordinated agency. With parrot-like repetition, it has sought the elimination of the multiple system of public health administration and has urged the creation of a powerful unit free from political fortune and debt. Only in recent years has the Society gained much support for its project, but with the City of Tulsa settling into the patterns of a responsible city after the wild irresponsibility of its youth, Tulsa citizens and their leaders are at last awakening to the advantages of the unified system. In 1945, the move for consolidation culminated in a lengthy legislative permissive bill that entered the Oklahoma State Legislature under highly unfavorable conditions—conditions which included a cumbersome method of effecting a legal consolidation and the hampering effects of an apathetic support by some Tulsa representatives and senators. The bill died painlessly in committee hearings despite the efforts of Tulsa civic and professional groups and the Tulsa newspapers to keep it alive.

It is now more than eight months until the Oklahoma State Legislature again

convenes—eight months in which to set the legislative wheels rolling for a show-down vote on the proposed consolidation. The Tulsa County Medical Society refuses to be discouraged by the failures of last year. It does believe that the required permissive bill to be presented to the Legislature should be simple and straightforward, unencumbered by the strangling provisions of the 1945 fiasco. It believes that the proper groundwork should be laid for the bill. It believes that the public should be acquainted with the facts of the proposal and the advantages contained therein. The Society believes that the bill should be introduced by a legislator of great personal reputation and popularity. It believes that the Tulsa County representatives and senators should be made to understand the importance of this bill. It believes that the bill should be strictly local in character and that the Legislature should permit the decision on the bill to rest with the Tulsa County representatives and senators.

The Society will shortly make an appeal for support on such a project to the community's leaders, its civic groups, its professional men, its business interests, and its newspapers. It is to be hoped that the matter will not be permitted to die because of the errors which caused its failure in 1945.

**A DEBT OF GRATITUDE**

A very sincere vote of thanks is due from the American doctor to the American showman—the theater and entertainment industry which has for so long been an active and ardent supporter of progress in medicine. Without these showmen who have contributed so freely of their time and effort, many medical projects of public benefit would not have been possible. Through their support, the Oklahoma Division of the American Cancer Society, for instance, has been enabled to spend a large sum of money in educating the public in cancer control. This was made possible by the generosity of the theatermen in publi-

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"The Vaginal Approach to Pelvic Surgery" has been selected as the topic of an address by Dr. A. E. Kanter, University of Chicago gynecologist who will appear before the Tulsa County Medical Society membership on Monday, April 22, at 8:00 p. m. Dr. Kanter's lecture is the fourth in a series of scientific programs sponsored by the Society during 1946 and featuring outstanding medical speakers. A large attendance is expected by Society officials.

Dr. John C. Perry, president of the Tulsa County Medical Society, last month announced that Dr. Alton Ochsner, Tulane University surgeon, had confirmed the date of October 29 for his lecture before the Society. The date of Dr. Ochsner's address had previously not been set.

The Spring program of the Society will conclude Monday, May 27, when Dr. T. E. Jones, nationally known surgeon and proctologist of Cleveland Clinic, will be the principal speaker. Fall speakers, in addition to Dr. Ochsner, include Dr. U. H. Eversole, Lahey Clinic anesthetist; Dr. Raymond W. McNealy, Northwestern University surgeon; and Dr. John A. Billingsley, prominent Kansas City ophthalmologist.

**PERSONALS**

Recently elected to membership in the Tulsa County Medical Society were DR. WILLIAM C. ELLER, obstetrics, 1415 E. 15th Street; DR. JOHN C. DAGUE, orthopedics, 412 National Mutual Building; and DR. STUART W. DITTMAR, obstetrics, 1735 E. 15th Street.

Membership applications pending before the Tulsa County Medical Society include DR. H. J. RUBIN, pediatrics, 1102 Medical Arts Building; DR. LOWELL STOKES, general practice, 212 West 6th Street; and DR. ALBERT W. WALLACE, internist, Springer Clinic.

DR. J. O. LOWE has closed his offices for an extended vacation.

DR. MAURICE J. SEARLE has been vacationing in Mexico.

DR. J. WALTER BEYER has returned to his offices after a lengthy illness.

DR. W. ALBERT COOK is vacationing in South America.

DR. CHARLES H. EADS has taken attractive new quarters at B-1 Medical Arts Building.

DR. ALLEN C. KRAMER has been named a director of the new Farmers and Merchant's State Bank of Tulsa.

DR. JAMES STEVENSON spoke before the Kiowa County Medical Society at Hobart last March 19.

DR. RALPH A. MCGILL outlined the activities of the Oklahoma Cancer Society to members of the Sand Springs Rotary Club at their luncheon meeting of March 15.

DR. ARTHUR H. DAVIS has returned from an Eastern vacation, as has DR. A. RAY WILEY.

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**MEMBERS IN SERVICE**

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on terminal leave from the Army. As The Bulletin went to press, Dr. Thompson was undecided about his future plans but indicated he may return to practice in Tulsa. He served overseas in France and Germany with infantry units, spent several weeks bedded in an English hospital with a stomach ailment. Prior to his enlistment, Dr. Thompson was associated with Dr. Thomas J. Lynch in the Stanolind Building.

MAJOR S. E. FRANKLIN, recently discharged from the Army after several months of South Pacific duty, has announced that he will divide his practice between Broken Arrow and Tulsa. Dr. Franklin plans to handle surgery cases during the morning at the Franklin Clinic of Broken Arrow. Afternoons, he will have Tulsa office hours. Dr. Franklin served for many months at the Ninth General Hospital on Guadalcanal. Later, he was assigned to units which participated in the battle of Okinawa. Office quarters for Dr. Franklin will be announced later. Welcome back, Dr. Franklin.

Visiting in Tulsa last month was COMDR. RICHARD B. FORD, former Tulsa surgeon recently discharged from the United States Navy. Dr. Ford expects to resume his Tulsa practice in about two months, specializing in general surgery. In service for six years, he served in the Pacific area and at several Navy shore posts, most recently at Pasco, Washington, and Corpus Christi, Texas. Dr. Ford will vacation for several weeks in Texas before returning to Oklahoma. Welcome back, Dr. Ford.

**BLUE CROSS PLAN**

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tions of pregnancy.

The following summary will give physicians some idea of the classifications of illnesses requiring hospitalization of Blue Cross subscribers:

1. Diseases of the Digestive System. 3,459 cases with a total of 18,852 pa-

tient days stay, or 35.50 per cent of the total cases and 29.64 per cent of the total days stay. Average total days stay was 5.5 days at an average per case cost of \$32.97.

2. Diseases of the Circulatory & Respiratory Systems. 1,291 cases with a total 9,137 days stay, or 13.25 per cent of the total cases and 14.36 per cent of the total days stay. Average total stay was 7.1 days at an average per case cost of \$39.74.

3. Diseases and Conditions of Pregnancy. 1,273 cases with a total of 10,256 days stay, or 13.06 per cent of the total cases and 16.13 per cent of the total days stay. Average total stay was 8.1 days at an average per case cost of \$46.48.

4. Diseases of the Genito-Urinary Tract. 1,108 cases with a total of 10,369 days stay, or 11.37 per cent of the total cases and 16.31 per cent of the total days stay. Average total stay was 9.4 days at an average per case cost of \$54.26.

5. Diseases of Bones, Organs of Locomotion, and Diseases of Skin and Tissue. 717 cases with a total days stay of 4,907, or 7.36 per cent of the total cases and 7.71 per cent of the total days stay.

**CLINIC REPORT**

**February 19 - March 21**

Medicine .....	564
Surgery .....	51
Pediatrics .....	38
Laboratory & X-Ray .....	259
Cardiac .....	19
Urology .....	18
Ophthalmology .....	54
Orthopedics .....	1
Proctology .....	2
Dermatology .....	24
Otolaryngology .....	5
Tumor & Cancer .....	34
Dental .....	40
Varicose .....	14
Obstetrics .....	7
General Physicals .....	3
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>1,133</b>

Average total stay was 6.8 days at an average per case cost of \$37.92.

6. Miscellaneous Conditions (Mostly Contusions and Lacerations). 687 cases with a total days stay of 1,751 days, or 7.05 per cent of the total cases and 2.75 per cent of the total days stay. Average total stay was 2.5 days at an average per case cost of \$15.39.

7. Infectious and Parasitic Diseases. 465 cases with a total of 2,926 days stay, or 4.77 per cent of the total cases and 4.59 per cent of the total days stay. Average total stay was 6.29 days at an average per case cost of \$36.67.

8. Diseases of the Nervous System and Special Senses. 345 cases with a total of 2,259 days stay, or 3.54 per cent of the total cases and 3.55 per cent of the total stay. Average total stay was 6.5 days at a per case cost of \$36.41.

9. Cancer and Other Tumors. 245 cases with a total of 1,828 days stay, or 2.51 per cent of the total cases and 2.87 per cent of the total days stay. Average total stay was 7.5 days at an average case cost of \$42.06.

10. Rheumatic, Nutritional, and Glandular Diseases. 154 cases with a total of 1,328 days stay, or 1.58 per cent of the total cases and 2.09 of the total days stay. Average stay was 8.6 days at an average case cost of \$50.39.

A total of 9,744 cases was recorded in member hospitals in 1945 with a total of 63,613 patient days stay. This represents an average total stay of 6.5 days at an average per day cost of \$.96, and an average case cost of \$37.98.

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### CONVENTION DATES SET

The 1946 annual convention of the Oklahoma State Medical Association has been set for May 1-3 at the Skirvin Towers Hotel, Oklahoma City. The formal program will be mailed to doctors later this month. Physicians planning to attend are urged to make hotel reservations at the earliest possible date. The House of Delegates will meet the night of April 30 for its first session.

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### EDITORIAL

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Society acted as local representative for the clinic, with Society officials estimating that over 200 telephone calls of inquiry were received in the five days preceding the clinic. The Society provided names of physicians upon request to persons not having a family doctor. Physicians were recommended in accordance with a standard procedure adopted by the Society several years ago.

Facilities of the Tulsa County Medical Clinic at 212 West 6th Street, Tulsa, were employed for the white clinic, with Negro patients being examined at the Variety Club Health Center at 407 E. Oklahoma Street. The Oklahoma State Nurses Association kindly contributed the services of several members to assist in the Clinic, and clerical personnel was furnished by the Tulsa County Medical Clinic.

The clinics accomplished their objective of directing suspected cancer sufferers to a physician.

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### CANCER CLINIC

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cizing the drive for funds in a successful manner of which only they were capable of doing. Similarly, the fight against infantile paralysis, tuberculosis, and occupational disease has been widely supported by the amusement industry. Millions of dollars have been raised in behalf of such efforts. The showmen themselves, notably through their famous Variety clubs, have sponsored and constructed dozens of hospitals, children's homes, and health projects. Notably are are centers for Negro health education in Tulsa and Oklahoma City. In the war effort, it was the showmen whose herculean efforts raised war bond sales to unpredicted heights.

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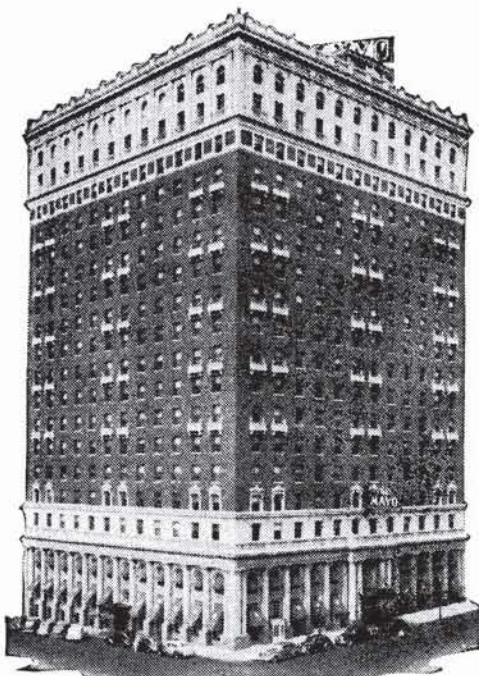
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