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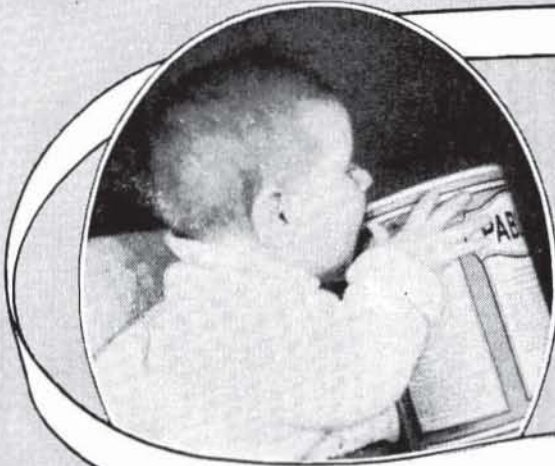
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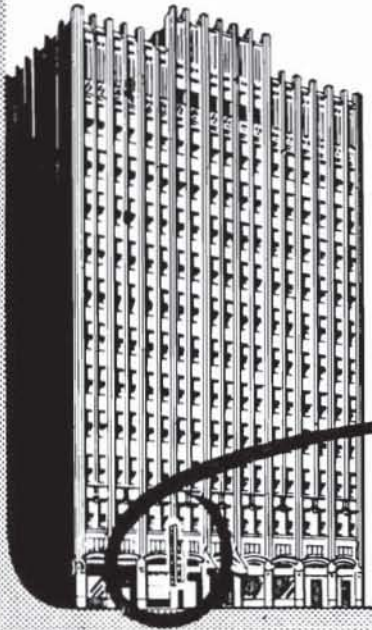
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### DR. ALLEN NAMED PRESIDENT-ELECT

**Tulsa County Medical Society Fixes Annual Membership Dues at \$72.00 for 1947. Members Name Seventeen Doctors to High Society Posts.**

Dr. Victor K. Allen, prominent Tulsa proctologist, was named President-Elect of the Tulsa County Medical Society at the annual business meeting of the organization on December 9, 1946. He will serve in 1948, succeeding Dr. E. O. Johnson, Tulsa obstetrician elected a year ago to direct the Society throughout 1947.

Other officers named by the medical group are Dr. David J. Underwood, pediatrician, Vice-President; Dr. John E. McDonald, orthopedic surgeon, re-elected Secretary-Treasurer; Dr. Marshall O. Hart, general practitioner, member of the Board of Trustees; Dr. Thomas J. Hardman, surgeon, member of the Board of Censors; and Dr. A. B. Carney, surgeon, and Dr. W. A. Dean, obstetrician, members of the House of Delegates.

By unanimous action of the members present and voting, annual membership dues for 1947 were fixed at \$50.00. The Oklahoma State Medical Association 1947 dues will be \$22.00. The total sum of \$72.00 will be payable \$36.00 on January 1, 1947, and an identical sum on July 1, 1947. This figure will apply to all members, including those admitted to the Society for the first time and those members living outside of Tulsa proper.

Annual committee reports for 1946 were approved as published in The Bulletin last month, with the exception of re-

ports of the Medical Library and the Finance Committee. Both of the latter were approved after an oral rendition by Dr. Fred E. Woodson, for the Library Committee, and Dr. James D. Markland, for the Finance Committee. In his splendid report of library progress during the year, Dr. Woodson thanked the many members who gave generous contributions of money and books to the Medical Library. The Society also accepted the resignation of Mrs. Veneta R. Osborn, librarian since 1941, effective January 1, 1947. Mrs. Osborn in a letter to the membership stated she was resigning because of increased duties at home and need for attention to personal affairs. A new librarian will be selected by the Medical Library Committee.

The substantial increase in membership dues, as reported by the Finance Committee in its annual report, was attributed to the assessment of rent on the Society's quarters in the Medical and Dental Arts Building. Heretofore, the space has been contributed by the building management. In a letter to the Board of Trustees of the Society early in December, the building management stated a monthly rental of \$222.50 would apply effective January 1, 1947. Efforts to have this amount reduced were not successful. Additionally, the Society must be host to

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Dr. E. O. Johnson  
*President*



Dr. W. A. Dean  
*Delegate*



# PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Much of the success and progress of the Tulsa Medical Society in past years has been due in some measure to a desire of each successive president to duplicate or exceed the accomplishments of his predecessor in office. Having been privileged to serve as President in 1947, I can scarcely hope to duplicate the commendable and progressive administration of Dr. John C. Perry, much less exceed it. With our Society ever widening its scope of activities, new problems and projects will arise throughout 1947 which will require cooperative effort of the officers and members in obtaining equitable solutions. I am desirous that each member, therefore, communicate to me at all times his suggestions and criticisms in the conduct of the Society affairs. Similarly, I shall expect the cooperation of each member in prosecuting a program of activity, the nature of which shall be determined in accordance with the majority wishes of the Society. Within a few days, the personnel of the standing committees for 1947 will be announced, and I trust that each doctor who agrees to serve on a committee will devote a diligent attention to his duties.

May I express my thanks to you for the manner in which you have honored me, and at the same time communicate to you my sincere desire for a progressive administration throughout the coming year.

Sincerely yours,



President





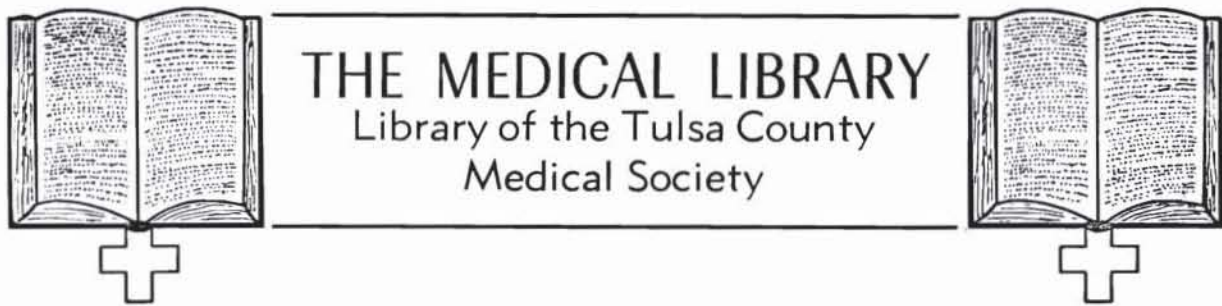
## VICTOR K. ALLEN, M. D.

*President Elect, Tulsa County Medical Society*

Dr. Victor K. Allen, widely known Tulsa proctologist, was named President-Elect of the Tulsa County Medical Society at the annual business meeting of the organization on December 9, 1946. He will serve in 1948 succeeding Dr. E. O. Johnson in the presidency. Long active in local and state medical circles, Dr. Allen's election culminates a long series of similar honors and responsibilities placed upon him.

A native Arkansan, born in 1888, Dr. Allen was educated at Tulane University School of Medicine where he received his Doctor of Medicine degree in 1915. He interned at the Illinois Central Hospital of New Orleans and entered private practice at Lecompte, Louisiana, in 1916. During World War I, Dr. Allen served overseas with Army medical units and was discharged in 1918 with the rank of Captain. In 1922, Dr. Allen removed his practice to Tulsa where he quickly assumed a role of leadership in professional and civic activities. He served as county physician in 1923-24. In recent years Dr. Allen has been instrumental in the development of the malpractice and physicians indemnity insurance programs of the Oklahoma State Medical Association and the Tulsa County Medical Society.

A specialist in proctology, Dr. Allen is a fellow of the American College of Surgeons, the International College of Surgeons, member of the Founders Group of the American Board of Proctology, the American Proctological Society, and local, state, and national medical organizations. In 1943, he served as Chief of Staff at Hillcrest Memorial Hospital of Tulsa, where he initiated the publication of the Hospital's published proceedings.



## *Nineteen Hundred and Forty-six*

As the library completes its sixth year under the immediate supervision of a full time medical librarian it is well to share with you the high points of that year of achievement.

The library increased in size by 1,309 volumes; 854 textbooks were donated by members of the profession; 413 current journals and gifts from outside the profession made up the grand total. 560 reprints were received, 50 duplicate books and journals were sent to Manilla to aid in the rebuilding of their library which was destroyed during the war. An additional 800 duplicate journals are to be distributed among various libraries in exchange for journals needed by us, to complete volumes.

Twelve new journal subscriptions, not previously received, were donated by members of the profession and at the present time 34 physicians contribute 41 current journal subscriptions, the largest number on record, and the largest increase over any other year. A total of 120 journal subscriptions are received at the present time.

The financial condition of the library is excellent. The appropriation allocated by the medical society for the library was adequate and the year closed with a small balance on hand. The special gifts account was increased by numerous contributions, the largest of any one year, which amounted to \$1,454.08, of which \$1,401.14 is on deposit.



Equipment was added in the form of a new card-catalog which should take care of the index for many years, at the present rate of growth; a reading table and four Windsor chairs and a book truck—all are in solid light oak, which conforms to other furnishings in the library. A new mimeograph machine was also presented by a member of the Medical Society.

The Library Committee, the governing body of the library, met quarterly, with one dinner meeting, as guests of the chairman. The librarian attended the medical library convention at Yale Medical Library in New Haven, Connecticut, and learned much of value to further the development of this library.

One of the valuable but little publicized assets of the library is its rapidly growing list of library patrons to which several names were added during the year, and which includes the layman as well as the physician. All of our physicians are not library patrons but those who have aided in the building of the library more than they realize. Their gift of one book or more or a journal subscription has not only developed their own interest but has inspired others to do likewise. Webster defines a patron as "one who countenances, supports and protects, a benefactor, an encourager." Those who should receive special mention in that category are: The Auxiliary to the Tulsa County Medical Society, Tulsa County Public Health Association, Mrs. J. Fred Bolton, Mrs. G. Garabedian, Mrs. Ned R. Smith, Mrs. S. J. Bradfield, Mr. Early R. Cass, Dr. Morris Lhevine, Dr. Ian MacKenzie, Dr. George Miller, Dr. Fred Woodson, Dr. John Perry, Dr. J. E. McDonald and Dr. James Stevenson.

It was a year of phenomenal growth, outstanding in gifts, both of books and money, in interest and in patronage.

*Veneta R. Osborn, Librarian.*



## JANUARY MEDICAL CALENDAR

**WEDNESDAY, January 1st:**

The Executive Offices, Tulsa County Medical Society, will be closed all day in observance of New Year's Day.

Annual membership dues for 1947, Tulsa County Medical Society, are due and payable as of January 1, 1947. Make payment at 1202 Medical Arts Building, Tulsa. The amount is \$72.00 annually, or \$36.00 semi-annually.

**THURSDAY, January 2nd:**

Automobile license tag applications may be placed through the Executive Offices throughout the month of January. This service is for members only.

**FRIDAY, January 10th:**

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

**MONDAY, January 6th:**

Hillcrest Hospital Staff Meeting.

**TUESDAY, January 7th:**

Medical Broadcast, "How's Your Health?" series, Radio Station KOME, 3:15 p.m. Speaker and subject to be announced later.

**MONDAY, January 13th:**

No Tulsa County Medical Society meeting on this date.

**TUESDAY, January 11th:**

Medical Broadcast, "How's Your Health" series, Radio Station KOME, 3:15 p.m. Speaker and subject to be announced.

**WEDNESDAY, January 15th:**

Copy deadline for the February issue of The Bulletin.

**MONDAY, January 20th:**

St. John's Hospital Staff Meeting.

**TUESDAY, January 21st:**

Medical Broadcast, "The Rh Blood Factor," Radio Station KOME 3:15 p.m. Speaker to be announced.

**FRIDAY, January 24th:**

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

**MONDAY, January 27th:**

Tulsa County Medical Society, Scientific Program, The Mayo, 8:00 p.m. Subject: "The Health Challenge Of Our Schools." Speaker: Dr. W. W. Bauer, American Medical Association, Chicago, Ill.

**TUESDAY, January 28th:**

Medical Broadcast, "Thyroid Disease," Radio Station KOME, 3:15 p.m. Speaker to be announced.



# HOSPITAL BOND ISSUE DEFEATED

**Voters Hand Charity Hospital Project Defeat By Five-to-Three Margin. Failure Attributed To Irresponsible Attacks by Anonymous Critics.**

A proposed 200-bed Citizens Hospital, long sought by the Tulsa County Medical Society and numerous other organizations as a community necessity, was defeated by a substantial margin as Tulsa County voters failed to approve \$1,250,000 in enabling bonds at a special bond election December 17, 1946. Proponents of the measure attributed the defeat to a series of irresponsible attacks by anonymous critics in a Tulsa morning newspaper, and to the resulting confusion created in the mind of the average voter.

Polling was comparatively light in contrast to general elections but heavy for a special bond election. As this issue of *The Bulletin* went to press, unofficial returns from all but eight of 190 precincts reported 5,814 votes against the proposal, 3,050 in favor. A \$280,000 bond issue for construction of a much-needed Arkansas river bridge near Jenks, also on the December 17 ballot, was approved by a three-to-one margin.

Dr. Homer A. Ruprecht, chairman of a citizens committee which prosecuted the project and long personally active in the campaign, issued a statement December 18 thanking the scores of organizations and individuals that had endorsed the project for their active support. He reiterated that the failure of the bond issue did not solve the appalling shortage of hospital beds, particularly for charity and contagious cases, and warned the community that some alternate solution must be found if Tulsa County was to maintain a high standard of public and personal health.

"Regardless of the outcome of this election," Dr. Ruprecht said, "the need for hospital facilities still exists. The situation whereby the indigent sick are permitted to be neglected when hospitalization is needed still exists. The need for special hospital facilities for contagious diseases, mental and tuberculosis holdover cases, and poliomyelitis still exists. Some adequate solution must be found to these problems or Tulsa County will remain

in a constant health peril."

Proponents of the project announced their intention to seek an alternate solution to the problem during the coming year. The Tulsa Chamber of Commerce has placed hospitalization studies high on its 1947 calendar of activities.

The public campaign for the proposed Citizens Hospital was in many ways unusual and of apparent wide public interest. The result of two years of intensive study, the proposal was brought before the public when the Board of County Commissioners agreed after a public hearing last September 19 to call a special bond election. First set for November 26, the election was postponed three weeks when an alleged error was discovered in legal papers covering the election call. After the Commissioners fixed the second date of December 17, attempts to have the election delayed further were made by anonymous opponents of the proposal.

Under the direction of a private citizens committee, which included widely-known civic and professional leaders, an education campaign began on October 1. Newspaper, radio, public lectures, organizational meetings, printed literature, motion pictures, and signboards were among the publicity media employed. Scores of prominent Tulsans publicly endorsed the project, and over 50 organizations gave written endorsement to the proposal. These included school, professional, church, labor, industrial, political, and racial groups. Many organizations were actively in the forefront of the campaign with individual members contributing their time to the project.

There was apparently no opposition to the project until early in December when a Tulsa morning newspaper began a vicious series of articles which contained repeated departures from the true facts. These allegations were not attributed to any person or group, nor was any source named of the factual material used in the articles. Only seven individuals and one organization were definitely quoted as



being opposed to the bonds. All other critics were apparently anonymous. Most of the facts attributed to anonymous sources were completely incorrect. In addition, the undercover opposition threw the voters into confusion by drawing into the campaign completely unrelated but controversial matters. These included, for instance:

1. An allegation that passage of the bonds would deny much needed increases in salary for Tulsa County schoolteachers, an obvious falsehood since financing of the hospital in no way affected school funds. Endorsement by such school groups as the Tulsa Council of Parent-Teacher Associations and the Tulsa County School Superintendents Association was evidence of this fact.

2. An allegation that the bonds did not include equipment costs (specified by the opposition at \$500,000) when they did definitely include the maximum equipment cost of \$100,000.

3. An allegation that passage of the bonds would require dismissal of one-half

of the County Courthouse employees, despite the fact that all three county commissioners endorsed the project. Here again, the bonds in no way affected the courthouse employment situation. One observer suggested that should the allegation be correct it might be desirable to build two hospitals and eliminate the courthouse altogether.

4. An attempt to stir up racial opposition by the assertion that Moton Memorial Hospital, Tulsa negro institution, would have to be closed if the Citizens Hospital project was approved. This allegation had no basis in fact whatsoever.

5. An allegation that the project had never been approved by either of its two principal supporters—the Tulsa Chamber of Commerce and the Tulsa County Medical Society. The former organization endorsed it without reservation on two separate occasions. The Tulsa County Medical Society first approved its principle on March 6, 1945. It was approved specifically by the Society Board of Trustees on September 14, 1945, and by the membership on December 10, 1945, when the report of the Hospitals Committee specifically included such endorsement. These actions are a part of the Society minutes and do not indicate any dissenting votes to the question of endorsement.

Many other misstatements were also made by the anonymous opposition which consistently refused to take part in any public debates of the questions.

#### **ADAMS RESIGNS AS CITY SUPERINTENDENT OF HEALTH**

Dr. Richard M. Adams, superintendent of the Tulsa City Health Department for the past eight years, resigned his post effective December 1, 1946. He has joined the Interstate Oil Pipeline Company as medical director with offices in the National Bank of Tulsa Building. Dr. James H. Neal, city jails physician, is temporarily serving as superintendent of health. Selection of a successor to Dr. Adams by the City Board of Health has been complicated through the City's apparent inability to pay a salary commensurate with remuneration now drawn by qualified physicians with the degree of Doctor of Public Health.

#### **RICHARD B. FORD, M.D.**

1900-1946

Dr. Richard Bland Ford, 46, former Tulsa physician widely known in Oklahoma, died November 30, 1946, at Corpus Christi, Texas, where he was engaged in private practice. Death followed a heart attack which occurred as he was dressing at his home.

A graduate of the Oklahoma University School of Medicine, Class of 1928, Dr. Ford practiced at Monroe, Oklahoma, and elsewhere before locating in Tulsa in 1938. One of the earliest Tulsa County Medical Society members to go into service, he entered the United States Navy Medical Corps in 1940. Dr. Ford was discharged with the rank of Commander in March, 1946, and entered into private practice at Corpus Christi shortly thereafter. At the time of his death, he was a member of the Tulsa County Medical Society and the Oklahoma State Medical Association.





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## OSMA ANNUAL MEETING MAY 13-16

**Dr. John E. McDonald Named Convention Chairman As State Group Plans To Streamline Meeting. Dr. M. J. Searle To Direct Scientific Work Program.**

Officials of the Oklahoma State Medical Association last month fixed the date of the annual meeting of 1947 for May 13-16 at Tulsa. Subject to approval by the House of Delegates, the meeting will be streamlined to include only two or three basic meeting groups rather than include all nine of the specialty sections. As this issue of The Bulletin went to press, final details of this proposed change had not been announced.

Dr. John E. McDonald, secretary-treasurer of the Tulsa County Medical Society, has been appointed by President E. O. Johnson to serve as general convention chairman. Dr. McDonald will work with five special committees to be appointed later this month, each dealing with one phase of the convention activity. The scientific program will be under the direction of Dr. Maurice J. Searle, Tulsa pediatrician and chairman of the Association's Scientific Work Committee. Dr. Searle will be assisted by Dr. W. A. Showman and Dr. H. A. Ruprecht of Tulsa, and by three Oklahoma City physicians who are members of the Committee.

The 1947 meeting will headquarter at The Mayo with exhibits and general sessions scheduled to occupy the entire sixteenth floor. Additional meetings will be held on the Mezzanine. The annual President' Inaugural Dinner and Dance will be at Hotel Tulsa in the Topaz Room on Friday evening, May 16. The Ladies Auxiliary is also expected to have its headquarters at Hotel Tulsa. Some possibility that the YWCA ballroom might be utilized for the daily roundtable luncheons also exists. The Tulsa County



Dr. J. E. McDonald

Medical Society's complementary buffet supper will be held Tuesday evening, May 13, probably at The Mayo. The first session of the House of Delegates will convene shortly after the conclusion of the buffet supper. Location of the annual dinner of the Oklahoma University School of Medicine Alumni Association has not been announced.

Early in November it appeared that the meeting might have to be scheduled at Oklahoma City because of inadequate hotel accommodations here. The growth of the annual meeting, both in attendance and number of exhibitors, as well as increased educational and entertainment events, necessitates a large number of meeting rooms. Advised by Tulsa hotels that a desirable number of such facilities were not available, the Oklahoma State Medical Association considered returning the meeting to the capitol city. This proposed action was protested by Dr. John C. Perry, president of the Tulsa County Medical Society, on behalf of the Tulsa profession. Subsequently, Association officials met with the Board of Trustees of the Tulsa County Medical Society and approved the streamlining of the sectional meetings. If this action wins approval of the House of Delegates, it is probable that only basic sectional meetings of Medicine and Surgery will be held, thereby reducing the requirement for meeting rooms.

Dr. L. C. Kuyrkendall, McAlester, president of the Association, said that while the streamlining would not please many specialists, it would have the effect of making a more rounded and educational program for the general practitioner.



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## AMA OFFICIAL TO SPEAK AT JANUARY 27 MEETING

Dr. W. W. Bauer, director of the Bureau of Health Education of the American Medical Association, will be guest speaker for the Tulsa County Medical Society at the regular meeting of Monday, January 27, 1947. Dr. Bauer will speak on the subject, "The Health Challenge Of Our Schools."

For many years director of the A.M.A. Bureau of Health Education, Dr. Bauer's work concerns radio, transcriptions, question and answer correspondence, literature, lecture, bibliographs, and cooperative efforts. His lecture will be at The Mayo, Tulsa, at 8:00 p.m.

## NEW APPLICANTS

Applicants for membership in the Tulsa County Medical Society to be voted upon at the meeting of Monday, January 27, are:

**Thomas, William F., Jr.:** Born DeQueen, Arkansas, 1911. Graduate, University of Arkansas, 1933; M.D., Tulane University School of Medicine, New Orleans, 1937. Intern training, Charity Hospital, New Orleans, La., four years including residencies. Military service, three years, Army Air Forces, Medical Corps, Captain. Specialty, Obstetrics and Gynecology. Address: 100 Braniff Building, Tulsa. Telephone 4-1642. Recommended by Dr. R. W. Goen and Dr. E. Malcolm Stokes.

**Palik, Emil E.:** Born Iowa City, Iowa, 1909. Graduate, State University of Iowa, 1936; M.D., Same, 1936. Intern training, Iowa State University Hospitals, Iowa City, Iowa, one year. In practice New Orleans, Louisiana, 1937-46, as Associate Director of Laboratories, Charity Hospital, later Assistant Professor, Department of Pathology and Bacteriology, Louisiana State University, College of Medicine. Specialty, Pathology. Now Director of Laboratories, St. John's Hospital, Tulsa. Address: 1923 South Utica. Telephone 6-2161. Recommended by Dr. M. J. Searle and Dr. J. E. McDonald.

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the annual meeting of the Oklahoma State Medical Association on May 13-16, 1947, which will require an expenditure of approximately \$1,000.00. This sum is the cost of the complementary buffet dinner rendered visiting members by the host Society, a custom established for several years. The Finance Committee also pointed out that operating costs in the Executive Offices were rising, due in part to the costs of handling approximately 85 new and returned service members in Tulsa during the past 18 months.

The choice of Dr. Victor K. Allen as President-Elect was widely approved by the membership. Long active in Society affairs, particularly the development of a splendid program of insurance, Dr. Allen is equally well known in professional circles. The new President-Elect indicated last month his intention to participate fully in Society activities throughout 1947 preparatory to assuming office.

The election of all officers was by unanimous vote, except for the offices of President-Elect and member of the Board of Trustees. Dr. Allen was opposed by Dr. W. A. Showman, and Dr. Hart by Dr. Frank J. Nelson, incumbent.

Also elected were nine alternate delegates to the House of Delegates. They are: Dr. R. G. Ray, Dr. Charles G. Stuard, Dr. J. S. Chalmers, Dr. Russell C. Pigford, Dr. Logan A. Spann, Dr. William R. Turnbow, Dr. Frank A. Stuart, Dr. John G. Matt, and Dr. Jack O. Akins. Alternates serve only one year.

**TULSA PHYSICIAN RECEIVES  
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Dr. E. Rankin Denny, prominent Tulsa internist, has been awarded the Legion of Merit by the United States Army in recognition of his outstanding medical record as wartime chief of the medical service at Gardiner General Hospital of Chicago. The presentation was made November 12, 1946, by Col. A. A. Fryerson. Dr. Denny's studies in penicillin therapy during the war years gained national attention in medical circles.



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