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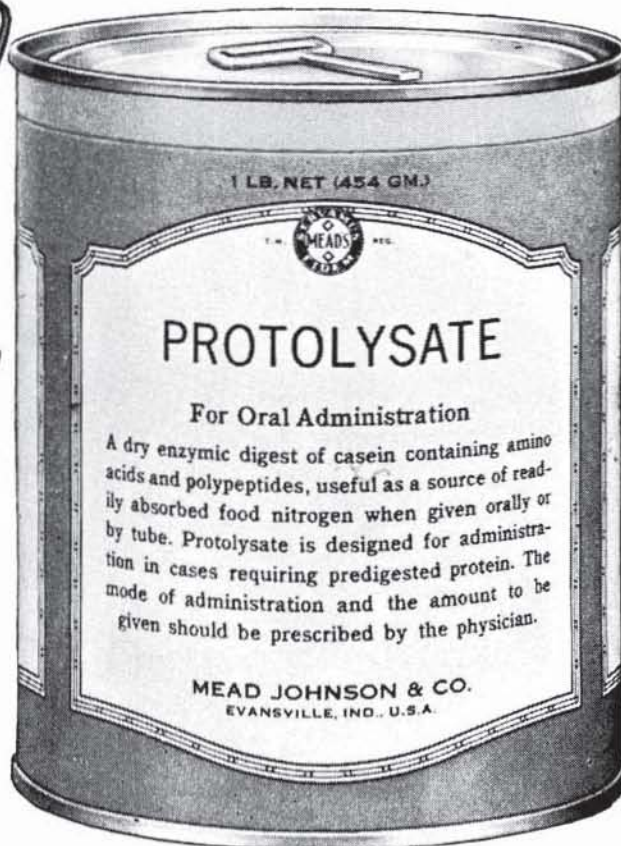
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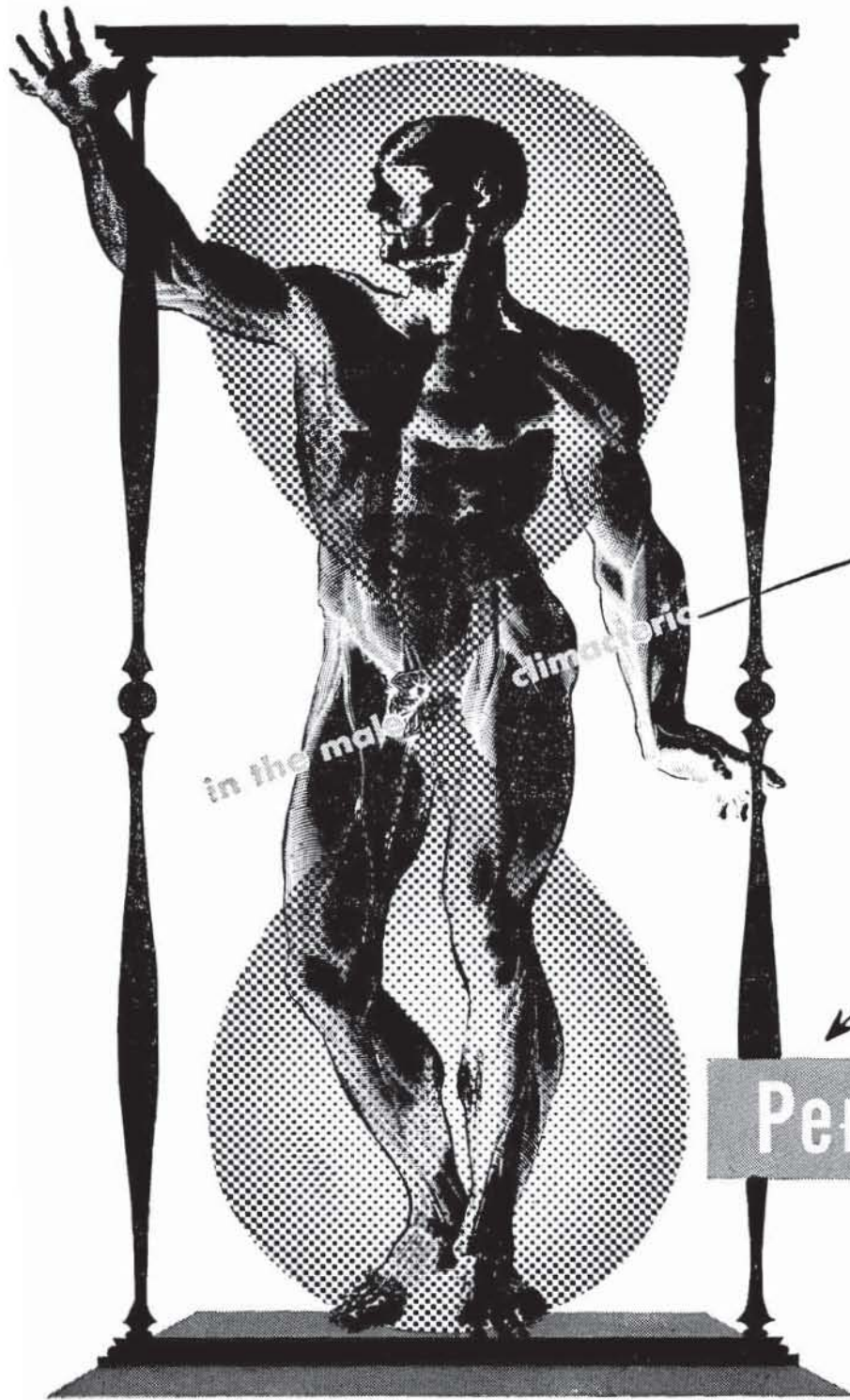
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BENEFICIAL LEGISLATION APPROVED

Medical Laws Tightened Through Passage of
Legislation by Oklahoma Solons. Certain Types
of Medical Advertising Prohibited.

The Oklahoma State Legislature, prior to its sine die adjournment last month, passed a number of acts of medical legislation designed to tighten laws of medical practice and counteract harmful activities of questionable practitioners of the healing arts. The legislation was termed by the Tulsa County Medical Society's Legislative Committee as being the most valuable medical legislation passed since the Medical Practice and Basic Science Acts, except for the Board of Health Bill of 1945.

Chief in importance of numerous acts relating to medicine were the following four:

H. B. 278. Prohibits any person from using the term "Doctor" or the abbreviation "Dr." in connection with his name unless he has been duly licensed by an examining board in the healing arts, and prohibits such persons from engaging in the healing arts unless duly licensed. In other words, any person holding himself out to be a doctor—by reason of prima facie evidence of employment of the term "Doctor" or abbreviation in connection with his name—must have a license from a duly constituted examining board in the healing arts. This bill will have the effect of eliminating all cultist practitioners professing to be doctors, confining the use of the term "Doctor" to medical doctors, osteopaths, chiropractors, dentists, optometrists, and chiropodists. Physiotherapists, naturopaths, colonic irrigators, etc., may not use the term and may not practice so long as they hold themselves out to be persons engaging in or qualified to engage in the diagnosis and/or treat-

ment of human ills. As this issue of The Bulletin went to press, Governor Roy J. Turner had not signed the bill into law. However, medical interests were confident the bill would be signed before the final date of May 23 despite a regular flood of protests from adversely affected interests.

House Bill 226. Prohibits any doctor, clinic, or group from advertising a price for a health service where a prior diagnosis is concerned. This bill will prohibit advertising of prices, for example, for grinding of eye-glasses by prescription or manufacture of dental plates. Also, no doctor or group will be enabled to advertise prices for straightening of cross-eyes, tonsils removal, or any other operation or health service where a prior diagnosis has already been made. Unaffected, unfortunately, will be the doctors or clinics who persist in advertising complete physical examinations.

House Bill 159. Requires that every person using the term "Doctor" and licensed by an examining board in the healing arts, to state his degree or words to indicate his degree immediately after his name on his door, stationery, and other printed, painted, or lettered matter. This prohibits indiscriminate use of the term "Doctor". All medical doctors, for instance, must now bill themselves "John Jones, M.D." instead of the conventional "Dr. John Jones". A check of offices in the Medical and Dental Arts Building of Tulsa discloses only a very few offenders. The changes must be made, and the Oklahoma State Board of Medical

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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

I doubt that there is any member of the Tulsa County Medical Society who is not familiar with the proposed Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation now being organized by the Alumni Association of the University of Oklahoma School of Medicine. Yet, few Tulsa doctors are attaching to the project the significance and utmost importance which it has to the medical profession of Oklahoma. Its potentialities are generally unrealized by the average physician, primarily because medical research has been very limited in the Southwest. To most of us, away from research centers for many years, the emphasis has been on curative medicine. Research has been the career only for the professional scientist. The few who have undertaken research have done so on an infinitesimal scale, hampered by lack of funds and facilities, discouraged from lack of an organized interest and support.

It is not inconceivable that some miracles of medical history might be born in the laboratories of the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation, stemming from the stimulated medical research scientists already present in the Oklahoma profession. The opportunities for the development of medical science are tremendous and the potential results beyond any cursory limitations. The creation of this three million dollar research center represents the most important thing in the history of Oklahoma Medicine. I am anxious that each Tulsa doctor come to realize the merit of this project, to lend it active support and encouragement, and to assist in suppressing the pessimistic viewpoints concerning its future. There is something tremendous here, and I think the Oklahoma doctor is big enough to see and believe in its potentialities.

Sincerely,



President.



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Dr. E. Malcolm Stokes. Annals of Surgery. One Year's Subscription.

Dr. R. M. Wadsworth. Journal of Pediatrics. One Year's Subscription.

The Mead Johnson Company, Evansville, Indiana. Paregon—1947. An unusual collection of art works by medical doctors throughout the United States. Greatly enlarged over the earlier editions.

Dr. Victor K. Allen. International Who's Who In World Medicine. 1947. A guide to medical leaders in all parts of the world.

The Medical Library is continuing to purchase outright subscriptions to a number of medical journals. Members of the Tulsa County Medical Society who personally subscribe to such journals, who might wish to contribute them to the Library, are invited to discuss the matter with the Librarian. Savings in this manner would permit other journals to be purchased, thereby enlarging the current file of periodicals. Journals now purchased by the Library are listed below:

American Journal of Digestive Diseases.
American Journal of Pphthalmology.
American Journal of Surgery.
American Journal of Syphilis, Gonorrhoea, and Venereal Diseases.
American Review of Soviet Medicine.
Archives of Dermatology & Syphilology.
Archives of Neurology and Psychiatry.
Archives of Ophthalmology.
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TULSA MEDICAL REVIEW

Tulsa County Clinic Repainted

The Tulsa County Medical Clinic, indigent patient clinic operated under auspices of the Tulsa County Medical Society, was benefited last month by extensive repainting and redecorating. Attractive new light colors have been applied to both floors of the Clinic, permitting a higher degree of cleanliness and sanitation and improving the general appearance considerably. Repairs to the flooring and handrails of the staircases have already been completed. Installation of new WDT x-ray therapy tubes has also been made. The clean-up campaign followed recommendations of the Society's Clinic Committee, which plans purchase of several items of needed equipment.

Physician-Rose Growers Commended

The abilities of three Tulsa physicians as rose growers came in for commendation last month by two Tulsa publications. Magazine Tulsa, in an article devoted to the rapidly growing hobby, commented on the successful efforts of Dr. W. A. Showman and Dr. J. W. Childs in developing unusual varieties of the flower.

A Tulsa newspaper commended Dr. Marshall O. Hart, whose 350 roses surrounding the Hart clinic on South Boulder street, have attracted city-wide attention. Many other Tulsa doctors are actively interested in the hobby.

Pharmacy Laws Enforced Locally

A county-wide inspection of 102 drug stores in Tulsa county last month by agents of the Oklahoma State Board of Pharmacy brought charges against three Tulsa druggists for permitting non-pharmacists to dispense drugs in violation of state pharmacy laws. Defendants were arraigned on warrants filed by County Attorney Elmer W. Adams on the basis of information furnished by W. D. Patterson, El Reno, secretary of the state board of pharmacy, and E. R. Weaver, Stillwater, state inspector. At the same time, investigators learned that three Tulsa drugstores do not have a registered pharmacist employed at any time, but no charges were filed in lieu of evidence that drugs were being dispensed. Proceedings have been initiated to revoke the pharmacy licenses of the latter stores. The tightening-up of the pharmacy regulations came as part of a pledge by Patterson to enforce statutory laws and board regulations. The survey indicates that 59 Tulsa County drugstores have one pharmacist on duty, 20 with two, two with three, one with four, two with five, one six, and three with none. Warnings were also heard unofficially last month that Federal Narcotics Agents were again making close checks on Tulsa County druggists and physicians to apprehend any violators of narcotic prescription regulations.

Society Takes Summer Recess

The Tulsa County Medical Society, in accordance with its usual custom, will discontinue monthly meetings for the months of June, July, and August. The next regular scientific meeting will be on September 22 with a speaker as yet unselected. Dr. E. Rankin Denny, Chairman of the Program Committee, has announced that Dr. George Crile, Jr., surgeon with the Cleveland Clinic, Cleve-

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REREGISTRATION FEE DUE

Under provisions of the Annual Registration Act of 1941 (Oklahoma Laws, Title 51, Chapter II), all medical doctors licensed in Oklahoma are required to annually renew their certificate by payment of a fee of \$3.00 not later than June 10 of each year. The reregistration fee for 1947 should be mailed to The Oklahoma State Board of Medical Examiners, 813 Braniff Building, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Please note the change of address. Physicians may be fined if payment is not made on or before June 10, 1947. Physicians reregistering for the first time should accompany their check with information forms available at the offices of the Tulsa County Medical Society. Other doctors need only send their check or money-order for the fee.

NORTHCUTT TO HEAD STATE GROUP

Ponca City Physician Elected President-Elect of Oklahoma State Medical Association. Dr. Paul B. Champlin of Enid Heads Group for 1947-48.

Dr. Clarence E. Northcutt, Ponca City surgeon, was named President-Elect of the Oklahoma State Medical Association by unanimous vote of the House of Delegates, meeting in Tulsa during the 54th Annual Meeting of the Association last May 13-16. He will serve in 1948-49, succeeding Dr. Paul B. Champlin of Enid, who was inaugurated in ceremonies closing the four-day conclave. Dr. L. C. Kuyrkendall of McAlester is the retiring president.

Other officers named by the organization were Dr. Shade Neely, Muskogee urologist, vice-president; Dr. Lewis J. Moorman, Oklahoma City tuberculosis specialist, re-elected secretary-treasurer and editor of *The Journal*; and Dr. Charles R. Rountree, Oklahoma City orthopedist, re-elected delegate to the American Medical Association. All will serve for the current administration of 1947-48.

Dr. Northcutt's election followed several years of leadership in Oklahoma State Medical Association activities, including most recently several terms on the Council. The new President-Elect is widely known throughout the State for his interest in both scientific and organized medicine.

Climaxing the convention of 675 Oklahoma physicians and surgeons was the President's Inaugural Dinner-Dance at Hotel Tulsa on Friday, May 13. Dr. Paul B. Champlin was officially inaugurated and handed the gavel of office. Elected

last year, the Enid physician is especially known for his activities and interest in the organization and operation of the Oklahoma Division of the American Cancer Society. Dr. Champlin has indicated that he will announce committee appointments very shortly. Speaker for the inaugural ceremonies was Dr. Roscoe L. Sensenich, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the American Medical Association. A dance, featuring the Joe Linde Orchestra, followed in the Topaz Room of Hotel Tulsa.

Activities of the House of Delegates, business unit of the Oklahoma State Medical Association, were comparatively quiet. Major issue determined by the body was the decision to continue a public relations program by

the Association, although not necessarily a continuation of the current advertising program in effect in 67 Oklahoma newspapers. With comparatively little discussion, the House of Delegates authorized continuation of the program with only three dissenting votes. To finance this program, the House fixed the annual membership dues for 1948 at \$42.00 per member. This represents an increase of twenty dollars over the current figure of \$22.00. All delegates from Tulsa County voted for each measure.

Dr. Louis H. Ritzhaupt led a discussion on medical legislation approved by the Oklahoma State Legislature which adjourned sine die May 9. A member of the Legislature, the Guthrie physician



DR. PAUL B. CHAMPLIN

highly commended three measures passed by the lawmakers designed to tighten statutes pertaining to advertising, misrepresentation and fraud by licensed medical doctors, osteopaths, and chiropractors. A discussion of these bills will be found elsewhere in this issue of The Bulletin.

The House conferred honorary membership privileges upon a large group of Oklahoma doctors including Dr. A. W. Pigford, former president of the Tulsa County Medical Society.

Dr. M. V. Stanley of Tulsa served as sergeant-at-arms for the House session.

Comments on the 54th Annual Meeting were generally favorable from physicians in attendance. A registration of 675 was below expectations because of heavy rainfall and inability of many state doctors to attend during the later days of the week. Highlighting the convention was an outstanding scientific program which

included nine nationally known guest speakers from all fields of medicine, as well as many Oklahoma doctors. Tulsa doctors featured on the program were:

Dr. Homer A. Ruprecht, Dr. Arnold H. Ungerman, Dr. E. O. Johnson, Dr. Joseph Fulcher, Dr. Walter F. Sethney, Dr. Philip M. Schreck, Dr. Charles H. Haralson, Dr. Walter E. Brown, Dr. William F. Thomas, Jr., Dr. H. J. Rubin, and Dr. Thomas R. Turner. Dr. Charles G. Stuard of Tulsa served as Chairman of one section of the Surgery section. Moderator for a Symposium on Modern Therapy was Dr. H. A. Ruprecht. Dr. Maurice J. Searle was Master of Ceremonies at the President's Annual Dinner-Dance, with Dr. M. O. Hart, Dr. M. B. Lhevine, and Dr. C. G. Stuard featured on the program of the Dinner of the Alumni Association of the University of Oklahoma School of Medicine.

Dr. John E. McDonald was general chairman for the convention, with Dr. Maurice J. Searle as chairman of the Scientific Works Committee. The personnel of other convention committees included the following:

Publicity. Dr. E. Rankin Denny, chairman, Dr. Henry S. Browne, and Dr. F. D. Sinclair.

Entertainment. Dr. W. A. Showman, chairman, Dr. Robert E. Funk, and Dr. Paul Grosshart.

Commercial Exhibits. Dr. Frank J. Nelson, chairman, Dr. Bernard L. Branley and Dr. G. H. Henry.

Registration. Dr. Walter S. Larrabee, chairman, Dr. Fred E. Woodson, and Dr. J. D. Shipp.

Hotels. Dr. H. B. Stewart, chairman, Dr. Frank A. Stuart, and Dr. Hays R. Yandell.

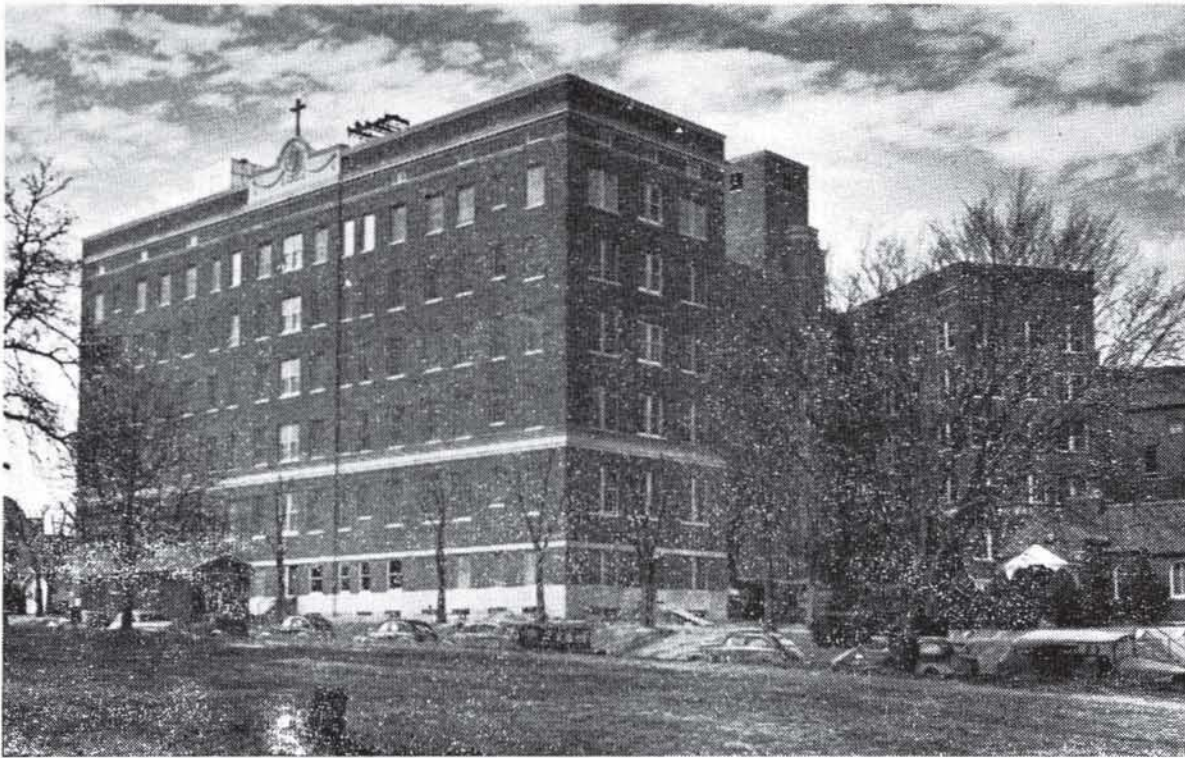
Program. Dr. M. J. Searle, chairman, Dr. H. A. Ruprecht, and Dr. W. A. Showman.

Daily roundtable luncheons were presided over by Dr. Benjamin W. Ward, Dr. W. Carl Lindstrom, and Dr. Paul T. Strong.

A dinner honoring Tulsa doctors was held May 26 at The Bengalair by the Tulsa County Medical and Dental Office Assistant's Association.

A NOTE OF THANKS

As General Chairman of the 54th Annual Meeting of the Oklahoma State Medical Association held in Tulsa last May 13-16, I should like to thank a large number of persons and groups whose individual efforts contributed towards the success of the convention. The Scientific Works Committee is to be congratulated for a splendid scientific program which highlighted the meeting, and the efforts of six other committees from the Tulsa County Medical Society were uniformly excellent. The physicians who contributed time and effort in behalf of their duties are to be sincerely thanked. Those doctors who appeared on the program and who officiated at various meetings are to be complimented. The cooperation of the management of The Mayo and other Tulsa hotels, and the aid of the Tulsa Chamber of Commerce were invaluable. And finally, may I thank the employed personnel of the Oklahoma State Medical Association and the Tulsa County Medical Society for their assistance.—
John E. McDonald, M.D., General Chairman.



This attractive seven-story 166-bed addition to St. John's Hospital, 1923 South Utica, is seen as it nears completion last month. View is looking Northwest from Twenty-First Street. Photo by Bob McCormack.

ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL OPENS NEW WING

A Medical Feature

St. John's Hospital of Tulsa last month opened an attractive new wing to its Nurses Home and Educational Building as construction neared completion on a 166-bed addition to the major Hospital structure. The opening of the new wing was timed to coincide with National Hospital Day on May 12 with hundreds of Tulsans inspecting the new classrooms, nurses quarters, library, and recreational facilities of the unit.

Opening day for the much-needed addition to the general hospital facilities has not been definitely announced, but Hospital officials are hopeful that occupancy may begin in the summer months. The seven-story unit is constructed in matching red brick and an architectural style similar but more modernistic than the original buildings. Located to the immediate South of the present structure, it will bring St. John's total bed capacity to approximately 450 beds.

The new wing to the Nurses Home and Educational Building has been under construction since February 11, 1946, with numerous materials and labor shortages contributing to the delay. The four-story structure is attractively furnished and decorated, modernly lighted and equipped with air conditioning, a public address system, and reversible type windows. Four large airy classrooms have been constructed as well as two modern laboratories. The kitchen is constructed in a modern and efficient manner with dozens of cabinets and built-in facilities. A remodeled auditorium is equipped with motion picture and sound reproduction equipment. The Nurses Library is modeled along standard library construction and permits a maximum of concentration for student nurses.

St. John's Hospital is now organizing a new class of 30 student nurses to begin training on June 23. A second class of 30 will commence training on September 8. "Nursing is not the drudgery it used to be," Sister M. Gratiana, nursing supervisor, reports. "Our girls have two hours of bedside service for each hour of instruction—very much like college courses requiring two hours of laboratory work for each hour of lectures. The girls study and work 48 hours a week."

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THE DANGER POINT

As physicians anxious to promote the general interests of the medical profession and to improve standards of public and individual health in Oklahoma, the members of the Tulsa County Medical Society would do well to give concerted attention to the increasing seriousness of the doctor shortage in the small towns of the State. At the annual meeting of the Oklahoma State Medical Association just concluded in Tulsa, local doctors had the opportunity of learning just how critical the situation is becoming. Numerous towns and areas are totally without medical doctors. Others are dependent upon a single and often aged general practitioner who cannot begin to carry the burden placed upon him. The result of such a situation is an obvious and dangerous neglect of public and individual health that must be remedied at the earliest possible date. The remedy is, however, not of easy or simple proportions and may not be applied at all if present conditions of medical economics continue.

The return of many medical officers from the armed forces, plus the location of young doctors entering practice for the first time, has not corrected the situation in many localities. Many such areas were pitifully undermanned to begin with, and the deaths of older physicians have further reduced the ranks. Some Okla-

homa towns are now offering a young capable physician a deed to a house, a guaranteed annual income, and a loan without interest to purchase necessary equipment, if the doctor will permanently locate in the town. The normal reaction of inquiring physicians is good until he is advised that hospital facilities are non-existent or distant, and that no older physician is residing in the area. Upon receiving this information, the young doctor tends to be discouraged and to locate elsewhere—more often in larger cities which may be already overpopulated with doctors. Add to this fact that the general practitioner is a vanishing race, and that specialization is predominant, and another strike will be added to the fate of the small town.

The Tulsa County Medical Society is frank to admit that it does not have a solution to this problem except the obvious one of (1) encouraging general practice, either on a temporary basis or as a permanent career, and (2) construction of needed hospital facilities. The problem is one which cannot be corrected except by a uniform and cooperative effort of the profession at large—not only in this State but elsewhere throughout the nation where an identical problem exists. The first handicap to correction is an antipathy to change and a general indifference to the problem by the average doctor. This is especially true of the medical centers—such as Tulsa and Oklahoma. This slumbering attitude must be overcome at the outset before any real progress can be made. A definite interest must be aroused.

As leaders of the Oklahoma profession, we wish to propose an immediate and well-defined program of correction for this problem. If it is not done, there is an opened door to the expansion of other cultist and inadequate healing arts, and a ripe opportunity for the spread of the propaganda of state medicine. By making Oklahoma medically adequate, a tremendous contribution to the welfare and progress of this State can be made. Doctors—let's get behind the problem and find a solution to it! Never has the trite-sounding phrase, "It is later than you think," been more true than it is for this situation.

JUNE MEDICAL CALENDAR

MONDAY, June 2nd:

Hillcrest Hospital Staff Meeting.
Physicians & Surgeons Group, Blue Cross Hospital Insurance, semi-annual premium due on this date. Pay in accordance with statement at Tulsa County Medical Society offices, 1202 Medical Arts Building, Tulsa. Final date for payment, Tuesday, June 10, 1947.

TUESDAY, June 3rd:

Medical Broadcast, "How's Your Health?" series, Radio Station KOME, 3:15 p.m. Program under auspices of Tulsa Dairy Council.

FRIDAY, June 6th:

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

MONDAY, June 9th:

Members of the Tulsa County Medical Society are reminded that scientific meetings have been suspended for the months of June, July, and August. The next regular meeting of the Society will be Monday, September 22.

TUESDAY, June 10th:

Final date to pay Annual Reregistration Fee of \$3.00 for 1947.
Medical Broadcast, "How's Your Health?" series, Radio Station KOME 3:15 p.m. Organ music and health hints.
Final date to pay semi-annual premium, Blue Cross Hospital Insurance, Physicians and Surgeons Group.

FRIDAY, June 13th:

Constitution & By-Laws Committee meeting, Tulsa County Medical Society, 1:00 p.m., Mezzanine, Medical & Dental Arts Coffee Shop.

MONDAY, June 16th:

St. John's Hospital Staff Meeting.

TUESDAY, June 17th:

Medical Broadcast, "How's Your Health?" series, Radio Station KOME, 3:15 p.m. Speaker, Dr. Marvin D. Henley.

WEDNESDAY, June 18th:

Bulletin Committee meeting, Tulsa County Medical Society, 1:00 p.m., Mezzanine of Medical & Dental Arts Coffee Shop.

TUESDAY, June 24th:

Medical Broadcast, "How's Your Health?" series, Radio Station KOME, 3:15 p. m. Organ music and health hints.

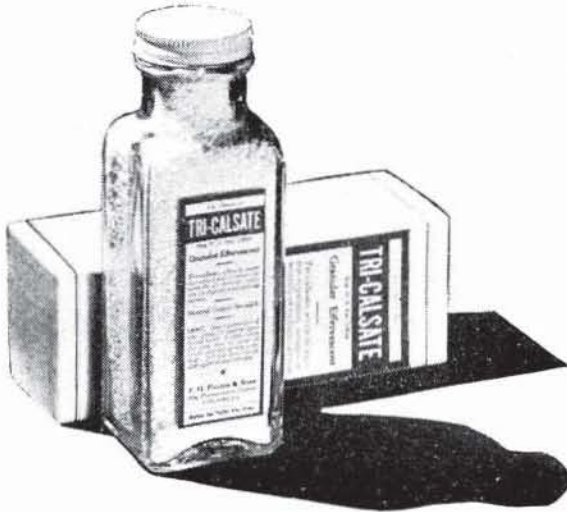
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BLUE CROSS INCREASES CURRENT PREMIUM RATES

Members of the Tulsa County Medical Society who are policy-holders in the Physicians and Surgeons Group of Blue Cross Hospital Insurance will find semi-annual premium rates slightly higher beginning with the premium due June 1, 1947. Increases authorized by Group Hospital Service to meet increased benefits, higher hospital operating costs, and increased utilization of service contracts will make the following premium rates in effect:

One-Party Contract, \$5.10 semi-annually (formerly \$4.50).

Two-Party Contract, \$9.00 semi-annually (formerly \$8.10).

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The increases were authorized last year by Group Hospital Service officials, but do not become effective until the anniversary date of the group.

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Recent radio speakers in behalf of the Moton Memorial Hospital Drive were DR. JOHN C. PERRY and DR. MARCELLA R. STEEL.

DR. RALPH A. MCGILL has returned to his Tulsa practice after an extensive vacation in Tucson, Arizona. Also just back from Tucson is DR. JAMES L. MINER.

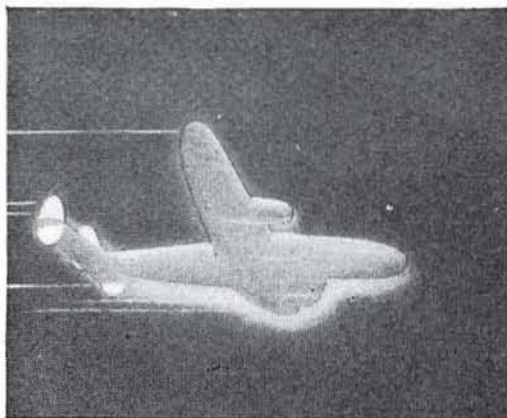
DR. E. O. JOHNSON has returned from a week's vacation in Mexico City.

DR. W. A. SHOWMAN was a recent speaker before the Washington-Nowata County Medical Society.

DR. BEN GORRELL is continuing his postgraduate medical training in New York City until July 1, 1947.

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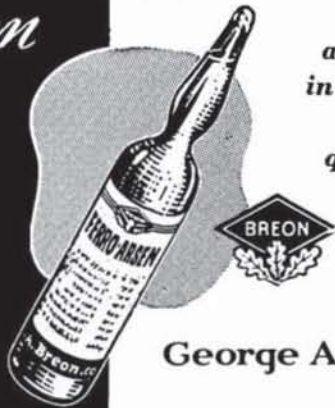
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MEDICAL REVIEW

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land, Ohio, will be the guest speaker for October 27. Dr. Crile will lecture on the subject, "The Present Status of the Treatment of Diseases of the Thyroid." The Medical Library and Executive Offices will be open daily throughout the summer.

Dr. Rucker Named Vice-Councilor

Dr. Ralph Rucker of Bartlesville has been named vice-councilor for District Number Six of the Oklahoma State Medical Association. He will serve as alternate for Councilor Ralph A. McGill of Tulsa, whose term expires in 1949. The new system of vice-councilors or alternates was adopted by the House of Delegates to permit representation for all districts on the Council in cases of illness or inability of the regular councilor to attend.

Tulsa Doctors Congratulated

Tulsa doctors who were active in the clinics and operation of the Tulsa County Public Health Association last year have been commended and thanked by action of the Board of Directors on May 20. The Association is staffed by volunteer groups in each of several fields of medicine.

The second annual meeting of the Medical Service Society of America, detailers organization, was held May 24-25 in Oklahoma City. Mr. Charles Swart, Executive Assistant to the General Manager, American Medical Association, was the principal speaker.

Published staff proceedings of Hillcrest Memorial Hospital for April 7 include case reports by DR. R. W. GOEN, DR. IAN MacKENZIE, DR. E. MALCOLM STOKES, DR. A. B. CARNEY, and DR. LEO LOWBEER.

DR. JOHN E. McDONALD was a recent speaker before the Sebastian County Medical Society of Fort Smith, Arkansas.

DR. EARL M. LUSK has returned to his home for a recuperative rest after several months at the U. S. Veterans Hospital at Excelsior Springs, Missouri.

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MEDICAL LEGISLATION*(Continued from Page 7)*

Examiners has announced its intention of prosecuting offenders. This bill will have the effect of encouraging a patient's discrimination in the various types of doctors, and no longer need any person be deceived into thinking that a cultist is holder of a legitimate medical degree.

House Bill 122. Creates a governing and supervisory board over mental health institutions in the State and makes certain changes in the manner of committing insane persons to state institutions. Penalties are provided for mistreatment of inmates. Included on the new supervisory board will be the Dean of the Oklahoma University School of Medicine, a general medical practitioner, and a psychiatrist certified by the American Board of Psychiatry, as well as several lay members.

The passage of House Bill 278 by the Senate came in the last hours of the Legislature after a long series of delays and attempts of opposition to kill the act through introduction of amendments. At one time, the Senate was unable to vote on the bill when it was discovered that it had been stolen from the Senate files. The vote was finally forced by Senator Louis H. Ritzhaupt, Guthrie physician, who was credited with spearheading most of the proposed medical legislation. Senator Arthur L. Price of Tulsa voted against House Bill 278.

A furore arose over House Bill 278 immediately after its unpublicized pas-

sage by the House early in the session. In Tulsa and Oklahoma City, in particular, adverse interests were at work to becloud the real purpose of the act. Many groups, such as the operators of beauty parlors, massage parlors, electrologists, physiotherapists, etc., were advised that House Bill 278 would completely prohibit them from practicing their professions. This was found to be untrue in the light of unofficial rulings by the Attorney-General of Oklahoma, and was undoubtedly a "red herring" placed in the way of the progressive legislation by certain cultist groups. It is understood several thousands of dollars from Tulsa alone were poured into the fight against the Bill. After its passage, Governor Turner is reported to have received hundreds of letters and telegrams urging veto of the bill, all from interests adversely affected by the bill. While he had not signed the bill at presstime, indications from the Executive Offices were entirely favorable.

The crux of House Bill 278 as regards its extent is whether or not a person holds himself out to be a doctor as qualified to engage and must have a license from an examining board in the healing arts.

House Bill 226 is expected to curtail advertising by physicians and health groups by at least 50 per cent. Since a majority of advertising physicians and health services are considered unreliable by standards of organized medicine, the public will be insured greater protection and be less encouraged to patronize questionable physicians and firms.

House Bill 159 will emphasize the differences in the various degrees of medical education, permitting patients to be more discriminatory in selection of a physician. While it is true that many doctors will be put to additional expense in making necessary changes in the lettering on their doors and stationery, the advantages of the act will be tremendous.

YOUR HELP WANTED

The Boy Scouts of America have asked the Tulsa County Medical Society to assist in obtaining volunteer doctors to give final check-up examinations at the Tulsa Camp near Locust Grove, Oklahoma. Doctors are needed for each Sunday beginning June 15 and continuing through July 19. The examinations begin promptly at 1:00 p.m. and require one or two hours. Transportation furnished. If you are willing to help this program for one or more Sundays, contact the Executive Offices of the Tulsa County Medical Society.

Next month in *The Bulletin*: A Discussion of The National Health Act of 1947; Summary of Society Activities for January-June, 1947; Your Medical Library—A Feature.

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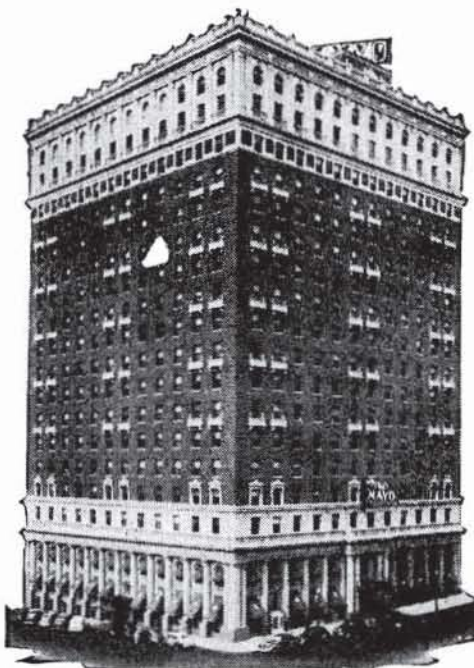
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