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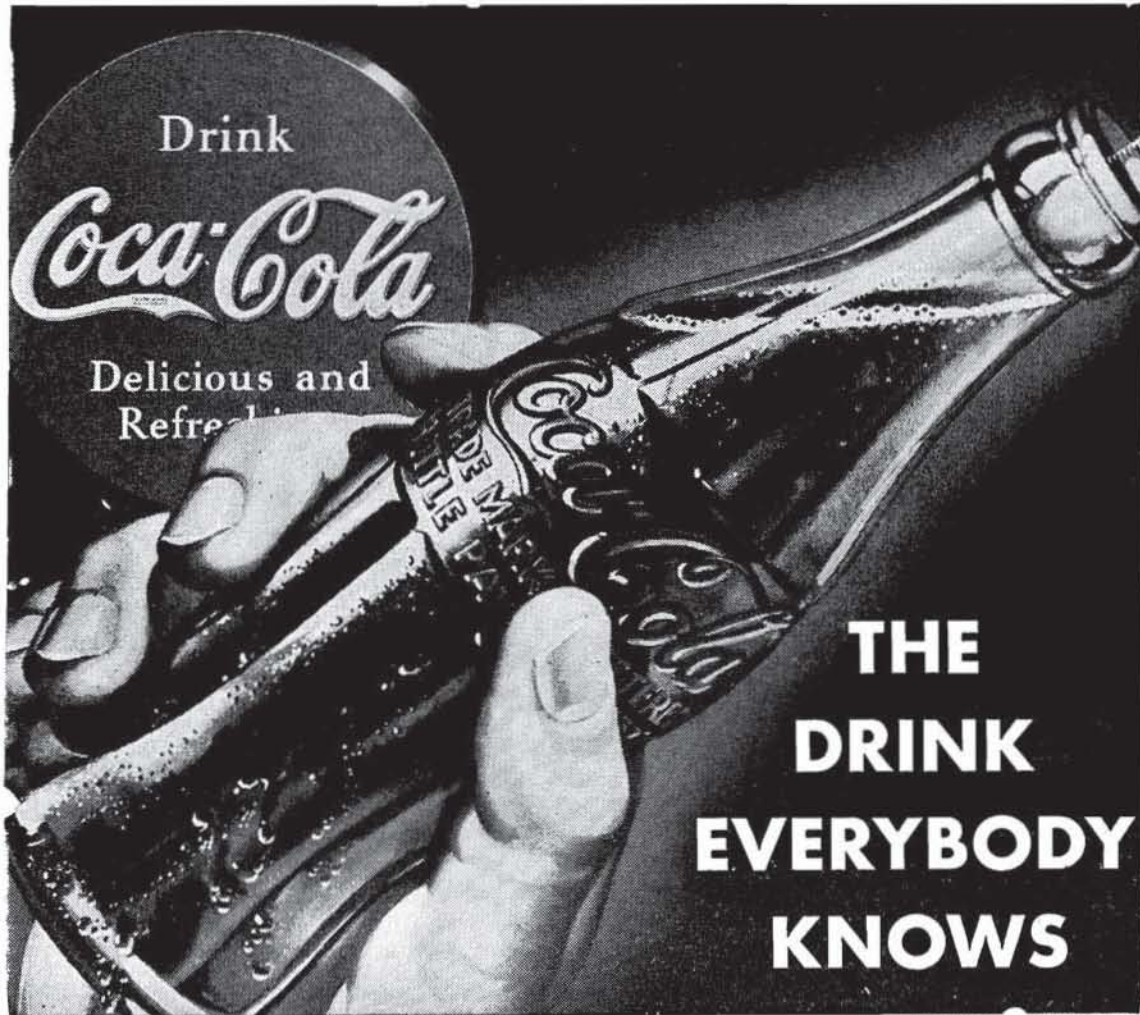
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SOCIETY MID-YEAR RECORD GOOD

Progress Noted in Summary of Committee Activities for First Six Months of 1947. Library Adds to Special Purchases Fund.

A high degree of activity for the first six months of 1947 by special and standing committees of the Tulsa County Medical Society is indicated by a mid-year report to the membership issued late last month by the Executive Offices. Virtually all committees appointed by President E. O. Johnson have met one or more times to initiate and prosecute definite work objectives.

Among the major activities to June 30 were the following:

Development of the 54th annual meeting of the Oklahoma State Medical Association in Tulsa last May 13-16, a combined activity of six special committees.

A wide range of cancer education and control activities under the direction of a reorganized Cancer Committee.

Employment of a new librarian and development of additional policies and activities for the Medical Library, including the raising of over \$1,300 in gifts by the Medical Library Committee.

Activities of the Legislative Committee which assisted in the passage of at least three important medical bills by the Oklahoma State Legislature.

Repainting and remodeling of the Tulsa County Medical Clinic, reorganization of Clinic staffs, and purchase of additional equipment.

Initiation of a fraudulent practices prosecution program following the tightening of medical statutes by the Oklahoma State Legislature.

A planned civic relations program designed to increase doctor participation in Tulsa civic affairs.

A revitalized publicity and public re-

lations program in newspapers and on the radio in behalf of organized medicine and health education.

Activities of an efficient Insurance Committee in promoting the sale of malpractice insurance, and additional efforts in assisting in the preparation of the defense of malpractice cases.

Continued operation of the Medical Credit Bureau, official collection department of the Tulsa County Medical Society.

A scientific program schedule featuring nationally known medical leaders and prominent Tulsa physicians.

Investigation of a permanent office building or structure to be acquired by the Tulsa County Medical Society.

Publication of The Bulletin under a supervisory committee.

Rewriting of the present outmoded Constitution & By-Laws of the Tulsa County Medical Society.

Continued participation and cooperation with local and state organizations and agencies in the furthering of projects beneficial both to medicine and the public.

Personal service activities and information services.

The 54th annual meeting of the Oklahoma State Medical Association, held in Tulsa last May 13-16, represented several months of intense activity by six special committees under the direction of Dr. John E. McDonald, general chairman. Comments from visiting physicians indicate the convention to have been highly successful. An attendance of 675 Oklahoma doctors has been exceeded only once in the history of the Association.

Preparation of the splendid scientific program was under the direction of Dr. Maurice J. Searle. The Tulsa County Medical Society entertained visitors and wives with a party preceding the President's Annual Dinner-Dance, with arrangements under the direction of Dr. W. A. Showman. All local details of the convention were handled by other special committees headed by Dr. E. Rankin Denny, Dr. H. B. Stewart, Dr. Frank J. Nelson, and Dr. Walter S. Larrabee. A full report of convention activities and proceedings of the House of Delegates has been published in the June issue of *The Bulletin*.

Much valuable work has been done by the Medical Library Committee under the direction of Dr. Robert E. Funk, Chairman. Faced with an initial problem of employing a librarian to succeed Mrs. Veneta R. Osborn, resigned, the Committee interviewed numerous applicants and corresponded with medical libraries in all parts of the United States in an effort to secure a competent librarian. In February, the Committee employed Mrs. Billie-David Anderson, former librarian with the Main Navy Library at Washington, D. C. The Committee has developed many new regulations to insure more efficient operation of the Medical Library, and has secured the approval of the Board of Trustees for a constitutional amendment which will permit appointment of Library Committee members on a staggered, three-year basis. This amendment will be presented to the membership for approval next fall. A lengthy list of gifts and contributions to the Library has been published each month in *The Bulletin*. A paramount accomplishment of

the Committee has been to increase the Library Special Purchases Fund by more than \$1,300, most of which has been voluntarily contributed by members of the Society. A new section of attractive shelving has been added to accommodate the growing accumulation of books and journals. In addition to Dr. Funk, other Committee members include Dr. John G. Matt, Dr. W. A. Showman, Dr. Morris B. Lhevine, and Dr. Fred E. Woodson.

Dr. Emil E. Palik's Cancer Committee has been unusually active in promoting cancer control and education projects. In cooperation with the American Cancer Society, the Committee arranged for the voluntary personnel to staff Mobile Cancer Clinics in Eastern Oklahoma during February, March, and April. Over 25 Tulsa doctors participated, contributing time and services to the project. In connection with several such clinics, Tulsa doctors appeared on programs of county medical societies in Eastern Oklahoma, and in a few instances spoke before lay groups. Another activity was a series of special cancer education programs for Tulsa industrial firms where employees heard a Tulsa doctor lecture on the nature of cancer. These lectures were followed by motion pictures shown through the courtesy of the Oklahoma Division of the American Cancer Society. Here again, numerous Tulsa doctors participated. The lectures were prepared by the Executive Offices. The Committee also gave assistance to the annual drive for funds of the American Cancer Society, with Tulsa County Medical Society members participating as solicitors. Three radio broadcasts on cancer have been presented, each with a Tulsa doctor as speaker, and the Executive Offices has also prepared two other broadcasts on cancer for use of other organizations.

Legislative activities by the Legislative Committee, under the chairmanship of Dr. R. C. Pigford, have also been extensive during the first six months of 1947. The introduction of a number of medical bills, some valuable and some detrimental to medicine, into the Oklahoma State Legislature required careful analysis of each bill to determine its merit. Members were kept advised of legislative bills pend-

SEMI-ANNUAL DUES PAYABLE

Members of the Tulsa County Medical Society who pay 1947 membership dues in semi-annual installments are advised that the second and final payment of \$36.00 is now due and payable. Members are delinquent after August 1, 1947. Payment of dues may be made at Tulsa County Medical Society, Executive Offices, 1202 Medical Arts Building, Tulsa.

ing. and in many instances were asked individually to act in behalf of certain measures. Three bills of particular importance were approved (HB 278, HB 226, and HB 159), all of which have been analyzed and explained in the June issue of *The Bulletin*. The approval of these three bills has paved the way for expanded activities of Dr. Marshall O. Hart's Fraudulent Practices Committee. This latter group, long handicapped by inadequate medical legislation, is now enabled to strike directly at violators of new statutes governing medical advertising, use of the term "doctor," extension of practice by cultists beyond their qualifications, careless use of medical degrees, etc. Conferences with the Tulsa County Attorney and the attorney for the Oklahoma State Board of Medical Examiners predicate further action against offenders.

The Tulsa County Medical Clinic at 212 W. 6th Street, indigent patient clinic operated under auspices of the Tulsa County Medical Society, continues to observe an increased patient load. To care for this increase, many younger physicians are being utilized on the daily panels in the various fields of specialty. Admission of county patients to hospitals is still low. In a discussion of this subject by the Clinic Committee, members foresaw the necessity of raising the existing \$4.00 daily rate for county patients at private hospitals, or the alternate of securing specialized hospital facilities for such patients in present hospitals or in separate structures. The Clinic has been completely repainted, the furniture cleaned and repainted, and some necessary repairs made. A new ambulance entrance is to be constructed at the rear of the Clinic. New WDT therapy tubes and other x-ray equipment have been installed, and plans have been made to purchase an electrocardiograph and additional laboratory equipment. Dr. James W. Rogers is chairman of the Clinic Committee, which plans to entertain representatives of the Oklahoma County Medical Society interested in establishment of a similar county clinic in Oklahoma City.

Dr. Charles G. Stuard's Civic Relations Committee has outlined a series of goodwill programs in behalf of health and medicine for presentation before Tulsa

ANNUAL ROSTER COMING

The August issue of *The Bulletin* will contain the annual membership roster of the Tulsa County Medical Society. All members who contemplate moving their professional offices prior to August 1 are requested to advise the Executive Offices of the new location. All members whose telephone number has been changed during the past year are also requested to notify the Society. This will serve as a double protection, insuring correct publication of the roster. The roster will be later republished separately. Each doctor professing to be a specialist will be designated accordingly.

civic clubs this fall. Tulsa physicians will be speakers. The Committee has also approved a resolution encouraging the construction of a Civic Center in Tulsa, as presently proposed by the Tulsa Chamber of Commerce. The Committee is cooperating with the Chamber in its 1947 public health program. Supervision of the Society's reference program (referring to physicians) by the Committee continues, with doctors referred in accordance with an established rotation system. An estimated increase of 20 per cent in the number of such calls indicates the public's growing reliance on the Tulsa County Medical Society for medical information.

The Publicity-Public Relations Committee, directed by Dr. Maurice J. Searle, has arranged a new series of medical broadcasts heard each Tuesday afternoon at 3:15 p.m. over Radio Station KOME with Tulsa doctors as speakers. Scripts are specially prepared by the Executive Offices, and the present schedule will run through October 28 with 16 physicians participating. The Society also arranged for KOME to air the "Time Out For Good Health" transcribed broadcasts of the American Medical Association. The initial series of 13 weeks has been completed and a second series will be aired later this year. Several excellent newspaper stories have been arranged on various medical subjects. Magazine *Tulsa*, publication of the Tulsa Chamber of Commerce, in-

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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Elsewhere in this issue of The Bulletin appears a review of the activities of your Tulsa County Medical Society for the first six months of 1947. I am most anxious that each member will read this report carefully so that he may fully understand what efforts are being made by the Society to progress in beneficial channels. As this analysis will show, the Society's activities are widely diversified and no longer confined exclusively to the problems of the medical profession alone. We are becoming increasingly significant in a civic sense and are being constantly looked to for the support and leadership of many projects of mutual benefit to the profession and public alike. Yet, in this growing strength we become better able to diagnose our own professional ills and correct them in an effective manner.

I am pleased to report that virtually all of the standing and special committees appointed at the beginning of the year have met at least once, most of them many times. The personnel of these committees has been most patient in the demands made upon their time and service, and they have encountered some problems which have made unusual demands upon them. The interest and enthusiasm with which most of these groups have entered upon their duties is gratifying, and as a Society we are all grateful and appreciative of what their efforts have accomplished.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "E. O. Johnson". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

President.



Mrs. Billie-David Anderson, Librarian to the Tulsa County Medical Society, is seen here in the North room of the Medical Library as she assists a library patron in securing necessary information. Photo by Bob McCormack.

LIBRARY HAS DIVERSIFIED FUNCTIONS

A Medical Feature

A working girl has her troubles—especially if she's librarian to the Tulsa County Medical Society. Most of the difficulties, asserts Mrs. Billie-David Anderson, custodian of the Medical Library's thousands of books and journals, are not from the doctors but from inquisitive lay persons interested in a free course of self-diagnosis and medication. There are few days, she finds, that do not produce at least one person who "just wants to read up on what's wrong with me." Most such visitors calmly accept Mrs. Anderson's reply that the Medical Library is open only to medical doctors, but some think the reservation of these privileges is just another plot of organized medicine to keep the patients on a paying basis.

Actually, this problem has been one which the governing Medical Library Committee has given close study. Since the bulk of the material in the Library is of a highly scientific and technical nature, its proper interpretation by the aver-

age layman is out of the question. Aside from an abundance of technical nouns, most of the discussions presuppose a basic knowledge of medicine by the reader. The case histories described therein must be tempered with a general knowledge of the subject matter. Furthermore, the specific conditions of an ailment vary in the individual, necessitating variations in methods of treatment. The folly of permitting the layman to use the Medical Library indiscriminately is obvious, Committee members feel. It is not inconceivable that such persons could seriously harm themselves through medication and treatment administered on the basis of mistaken impressions gained through reading scientific medical textbooks and journals. Publishers of such material have long recognized this fact and refused to distribute medical textbooks and journals to any but qualified individuals, libraries, and organizations.

Lay persons are welcome to use the

Medical Library, Mrs. Anderson reports, providing they have a signed privileges card from a member of the Tulsa County Medical Society. Some doctors occasionally prefer that patients read certain specific articles, usually in connection with the patient's ailment so that a better understanding of the difficulty may exist. Similarly, the privileges of the Medical Library are open to others with legitimate needs for such scientific material. Pre-medical students, medical students on vacation, laboratory technicians and employees, and nurses in training are all users of the Library.

The interest in the Medical Library among lay persons is unusually high, a fact attested by the large number of gifts which it has received from lay persons in the fifteen years of its operation. Seven endowments, though small, are all maintained through gifts from interested Tulsans. Sums of money have also been donated for specific purposes, such as the purchase of strip-film machines and special bindings. Most of these gifts have come unsolicited.

Another problem which Mrs. Anderson and the Medical Library Committee encounter is in connection with gifts of books and journals from practicing and retired physicians, and from the estates of deceased doctors. The problem is partially one of space—necessary physical shelving and storage facilities—as the Library's limited quarters at 1203 Medical Arts Building permit only a minimum expansion. In the past six years, the Library has tripled in size, yet has actually only

30 per cent more floor footage to handle this expansion. If it continues to grow at its present pace, the Medical Library will require a separate structure within a very few years.

The Medical Library accepts all gifts of books and journals from doctors, receiving much valuable and needed material, but does so with a proviso that duplicate or obsolete material can be returned or otherwise disposed of. The Committee reviews contributions carefully, adds to the permanent collection any books of historical value and all material of scientific interest. That which is not accepted—duplicate copies in most instances—has a definite value, however. Some of it can be traded to other medical libraries through the Medical Library Association for material which the Tulsa organization does not have. In this way, incomplete files can be completed and additional material obtained through mutual exchanges. Also, many medical societies and medical schools are now building medical libraries. In these young libraries, the donation of material is warmly received. Medical libraries are also being rebuilt in many countries ravaged by the recent war. Last year, the Tulsa County Medical Library contributed many boxes of duplicate journals and books to medical libraries in the Philippine Islands which had been destroyed or mutilated by the Japanese invasion.

It is also becoming increasingly difficult for the Medical Library to accept and maintain separately complete libraries of deceased physicians. This is again a problem of space, but the Library will make arrangements to accept complete libraries which have definite merit. Many members of the Tulsa County Medical Society have also remembered the Library in their wills with generous bequests.

Mrs. Anderson has recently recorded a substantial increase in the amount of material borrowed from other leading medical libraries throughout the nation for members of the Tulsa profession. This service has only recently been given wide publicity, and many members were previously unaware that material not available in the Tulsa County Medical Library

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NOTICE TO LIBRARY-USERS

Effective July 15, a fine of five cents per day will be imposed by the Medical Library on each book or journal kept beyond the date of return unless renewed. All books and journals, except those marked "For Reference Only," may be kept ten days and renewed for a similar period. The rules regarding length of time which material may be kept, and the fining of violators, is part of the rules and regulations approved by the membership last year.

JULY MEDICAL CALENDAR

TUESDAY, July 1st:

Final semi-annual installment on Tulsa County Medical Society membership dues for 1947 due and payable on this date. Pay at 1202 Medical Arts Building, Tulsa. The amount is \$36.00.

Medical Broadcast, "New Advances In Radiology," Radio Station KOME, 3:15 p.m. Speaker, Dr. Walter E. Brown.

WEDNESDAY, July 2nd:

Board of Trustees Meeting, Tulsa County Medical Society, 1:00 p.m., Mezzanine of Medical Arts Coffee Shop. Meeting date advanced because of Independence Day.

FRIDAY, July 4th:

The Executive Offices of the Tulsa County Medical Society will be closed July 4-5 in observance of Independence Day.

MONDAY, July 7th:

Hillcrest Hospital Staff Meeting.

TUESDAY, July 8th:

Medical Broadcast, "Modern Obstetrics," Radio Station KOME, 3:15 p.m. Speaker, Dr. John C. Perry.

FRIDAY, July 11th:

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

MONDAY, July 14th:

Members of the Tulsa County Medical Society are reminded that scientific programs have been discontinued for the summer months. Next regular meeting will be Monday, September 22, 1947.

TUESDAY, July 15th:

Medical Broadcast, "The Amino Acids," Radio Station KOME, 3:15 p.m. Speaker, Dr. H. Lee Farris.

SATURDAY, July 19th:

Copy Deadline for the August issue of The Bulletin.

MONDAY, July 21st:

St. John's Hospital Staff Meeting.

TUESDAY, July 22nd:

Medical Broadcast, "The Doctor And The Pharmacist," Radio Station KOME, 3:15 p.m. Speaker, Mr. O. L. Prather.

MONDAY, July 28th:

No Tulsa County Medical Society meeting on this date.

TUESDAY, July 29th:

Medical Broadcast, "The Medical Library," Radio Station KOME, 3:15 p.m. Speaker, Dr. Robert E. Funk.

THURSDAY, July 31st:

Medical & Dental Office Assistants Group, Blue Cross Hospital Insurance, quarterly premiums due on this date. Final date for payment, August 10.

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ECONOMY AND EPIDEMICS

A special committee appointed recently by Mayor Lee Price to investigate the Tulsa City Health Department has come forward with the suggestion that \$10,000 of the Department's proposed annual budget of \$80,000 be set aside for the employment of a qualified medical superintendent. This proposal is one which has the full accord of the medical profession of Tulsa—doctors who recognize the value of an efficient public health unit under trained leadership—but one that is not likely to be popular with the city administration and the taxpayer. To a city government accustomed to paying less than half of this sum to its top officials, the idea is feared to have precedent-setting features which will play havoc with an already inadequate and strained budget. The prospect of Tulsa taxpayers doling out additional sums to finance the city government is extremely slim, especially at a time when rising costs of normal operations and demands for economy from the taxpayer are in conflict. In fairness to our Tulsa officials, any opposition they may have stems solely from already inadequate sources of income to operate the City. An increase in operating costs must be matched by additional income, and the derivation of such income is unknown. Yet, the apparent inability of the City to employ a physi-

cian with a degree in public health and years of on-the-job experience at an annual salary of \$10,000 does not eliminate the desirability of such action. It is certain that this kind of medical talent is not available today at the \$5,460 which has been paid in the past to the City Superintendent of Public Health.

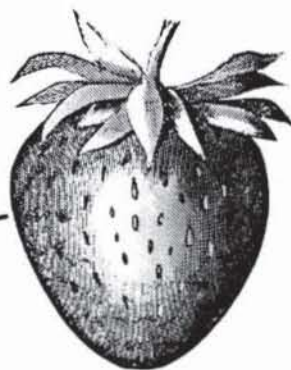
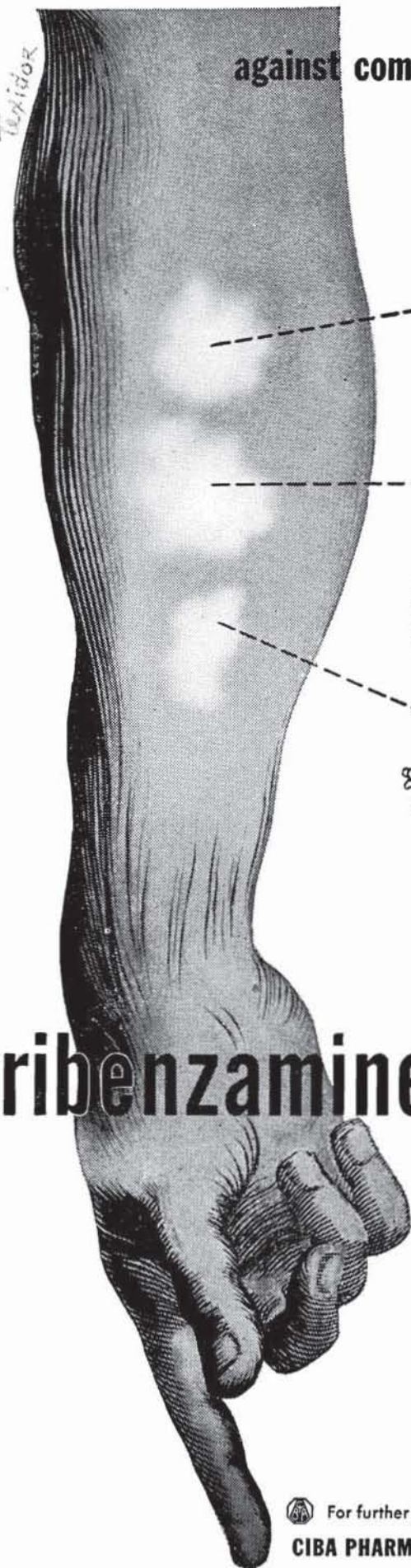
The Tulsa City Health Department has long been the step-child of the city administrations, constantly hamstrung by inadequate appropriations and occasionally confused by political interference. There have been periods in the past when the Department received an annual budget sufficient to meet its actual needs for only a few months, necessitating dependence upon the City Commission for a month-to-month handout on which to operate. This procedure has not been limited to the Health Department alone, however, but often applied to all city agencies. Such haphazard arrangement precludes planned programs of activity and requires the City Superintendent to be as much of an expert politician as a health official. The amount of money allocated to public health each year has been small. Recognized public health organizations have fixed \$1.00 per person annually as the minimum expenditure for public health maintenance, yet in Tulsa the actual expenditure has been only a fraction. The proposed budget of \$80,000, considerably higher than in past years, would mean an expenditure of only 40 per cent of the minimum requirement.

In spite of these handicaps, some excellent work has been done by the City Health Department in past years, a condition due primarily to the interest and loyalty of the employees. Several months ago the Department lost a capable superintendent who could not be blamed for entering private practice and benefiting from a 100 per cent increase in income. Since that time the City Board of Health has conducted a thorough but fruitless search for a successor. The Board has not contacted any desirable prospective Superintendent who would agree to work for less than \$7,500 annually. An apparent stalemate has been reached in the situation.

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RESEARCH FOUNDATION BEGINS TULSA CAMPAIGN

Members of the Tulsa County Medical Society are spearheading a drive to raise a minimum of \$100,000 in behalf of the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation in the three counties of Tulsa, Creek, and Rogers. The campaign is part of a million-dollar goal which doctors of medicine have set as their contribution to the Foundation, proposed research unit of the University of Oklahoma School of Medicine.

A kick-off dinner for the three-county drive was held June 11 at The Mayo with Dr. J. William Finch, Hobart, as the principal speaker. The campaign is expected to continue until the quota has been obtained. Doctors are being asked to contribute \$100.00 annually for ten years, or \$1,000 during a ten-year period, payable in any manner agreeable to the donor.

Dr. Fred E. Woodson is chairman of the division campaign with Dr. Ralph A. McGill and Dr. John C. Perry as co-chairmen. Division leaders are Dr. A. B. Carney, Dr. E. O. Johnson, and Dr. John E. McDonald. Assistance is also being given by local members of the Foundation's Board of Trustees including Mr. Charles Follansbee, Tulsa attorney; Mr. W. G. Skelly, oil executive; Dr. James Stevenson, dermatologist; and Mr. Fred L. Dunn, Tulsa banker.

OPS BENEFITS EXTENDED TO INCLUDE ANESTHESIA

Benefits of Oklahoma Physicians Service, companion plan of prepaid surgical and obstetrical care insurance to the Blue Cross hospital insurance plan, have been extended to include anesthesia, it was announced last month. The non-profit organization has fixed \$10.00 for major surgery anesthesia, and \$5.00 for minor surgery, such as tonsilectomies. Membership dues will not be increased.

Officials of the plan pointed out that the participating anesthetists will continue to fix their own fee for the services rendered. Acceptance of the fee offered by Oklahoma Physicians Service does not necessarily constitute payment in full, and anesthetists may bill patients for any

excess. This feature is made clear to policyholders in literature of the plan.

Anesthetists must complete the very brief required form before payment can be made. Blank forms are available at offices of the Tulsa County Medical Society and completed forms should be mailed directly to Oklahoma Physicians Service, 910 South Boston, Tulsa. Checks in payment of claims are mailed weekly.

In a statement issued April 30, 1947, Oklahoma Physicians Service' sound financial condition was illustrated by a net reserve for contingencies of \$50,345.07.

MEDICAL BROADCASTS BEGIN NEW SCHEDULE

The Tulsa County Medical Society's series of medical broadcasts entitled "How's Your Health?" heard weekly over Radio Station KOME of Tulsa were resumed June 10 with local physicians participating in an 18-weeks schedule. The programs are aired each Tuesday at 3:15 p.m., featuring discussions of medical subjects. Scripts are prepared by the Executive Offices.

The resumption of the live broadcasts follows a series of 13 transcribed programs jointly sponsored in this area by the American Medical Association. A second series of AMA transcriptions will begin in November.

Speakers who will appear on the series are Dr. Walter E. Brown, Dr. H. Lee Farris, Dr. Thomas J. Hardman, Dr. Marcella R. Steel, Dr. Fred E. Woodson, Dr. J. J. Billington, Dr. James L. Miner, Dr. Marvin D. Henley, Dr. Donald V. Crane, Dr. Paul T. Strong, Dr. John C. Perry, Dr. Robert E. Funk, Dr. W. D. Hoover, and others yet to be scheduled. Several of the programs will be presented by the Dairy Council of Tulsa.

Dr. William B. Perry, administrator of Moton Memorial Hospital of Tulsa for the past 15 months, has resigned his post to enter private practice. Mrs. C. J. Hale, superintendent of nursing, has also resigned.

Dr. E. O. Johnson has been named Chairman of the Health and Safety Council of the Tulsa Area Council, Boy Scouts of America. Members of the Society par-



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MID-YEAR REPORT

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cluded an informative and illustrated review of Tulsa medical facilities in its May issue. This widely read article, prepared by the Executive Offices, received much comment and portions of it were later reprinted in a feature article in the Tulsa World.

The Insurance Committee, under the chairmanship of Dr. Ian MacKenzie, has met several times to review insurance problems. Sales of malpractice insurance have been increasing, and the Committee reviewed all applicants to determine their eligibility for coverage. The Committee also gave assistance to Tulsa physicians in defending malpractice suits, arranging for competent testimony and providing reliable information on controversial medical subjects. One such suit recently tried was thrown out of court by the trial judge.

Scientific programs have included Dr. W. W. Bauer, American Medical Association official of Chicago; Dr. Justin J. Cordonnier, Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis; Dr. William K. Ishmael, University of Oklahoma School of Medicine, Oklahoma City; and Dr. Emil E. Palik, Tulsa radiologist, as speakers. A postgraduate course in Obstetrics will be held later this year in cooperation with the Oklahoma State Medical Association. Dr. E. Rankin Denny's Program Committee has announced the appearance of Dr. George Crile, Cleveland surgeon, for the program of October 27. Scientific programs have been discontinued for the summer, resuming on September 22 with a speaker yet to be selected.

The Medical Credit Bureau, official collection agency of the Tulsa County Medical Society, is continuing to show a high ratio of collections despite a general decline in office collections among physicians. Ten new clients have been added in the last six months. Supervision of the Bureau is under the Medical Credit Bureau Committee of Dr. Donald V. Crane.

Other committees have been active in several important projects. The Constitution and By-Laws Committee will present

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a suggested new constitution to the Society next fall, according to an announcement by Dr. James C. Peden, Chairman. The Housing Committee, a special group headed by Dr. Samuel Goodman, is investigating possibilities of the Society purchasing a permanent structure for offices and library facilities.

The *Bulletin*, under the editorship of Dr. G. H. Henry, continues to be published monthly in an attractive format with emphasis on news and feature articles.

Other medical activities of interest during the first six months included the appointment of Dr. John C. Perry, immediate past president of the Tulsa County Medical Society, to the Oklahoma State Board of Medical Examiners; development of the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation, proposed research unit of the University of Oklahoma School of Medicine at Oklahoma City; and expansion of Tulsa's St. John's Hospital will be the opening of a new Nurses Home and Educational Building.

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could be borrowed by mail from other library institutions. The American Medical Association, the American College of Surgeons, and the Army and Navy Medical libraries are among the nation's finest medical libraries with lending privileges for the members of the Tulsa County Medical Society. Such material is sent by mail or express with no charge to the doctor except for actual postage or express charges of transportation. This material does have a very brief limit of time which it may be kept—usually five days—and must be returned promptly. Foreign medical literature and rare backdated issues of medical publications are also available in this manner.

The interest and appreciation of the Tulsa doctors for the Medical Library is evidenced not only by their use of the facilities and services afforded but also by their own contributions of books, journals, physical facilities (such as furniture), and cash. Cash contributions to the Library have exceeded \$1,300.00 in the

first six months of 1947, exclusive of a large sum donated by more than 35 doctors for the purchase of specific textbooks and journal subscriptions. None of the funds so contributed by the membership are used in meeting operational expenses, all of which are included in the Society's annual budget. Users of the Library have full privileges through payment of the regular membership dues, and no special assessments are levied for the library. All contributions are voluntary, and the majority of them are unsolicited. The number of textbooks and journals contributed each year by members runs into the hundreds.

Mrs. Anderson, employed last February, finds her work fascinating and a liberal education in itself. Formerly associated with the Main Navy Library in Washington, D. C., and later as director of seven engineering libraries in Canada and Alaska, she brings a substantial background of library experience to her new role as Librarian to the Tulsa County Medical Society.

MURDOCK HEADS NSN

Dr. H. D. Murdock has been renamed President of the Nu Sigma Nu Alumni Chapter of Tulsa, with Dr. Maurice J. Searle as Secretary-Treasurer. Election of officers was held at a recent outing of the group on Grand Lake. Members of the local chapter are Dr. Murdock, Dr. Searle, Dr. B. H. Blocksom, Dr. Walter E. Brown, Dr. A. B. Carney, Dr. T. B. Coulter, Dr. E. Rankin Denny, Dr. D. L. Edwards, Dr. Robert E. Funk, Dr. H. H. Porter, Dr. D. O. Smith, Dr. R. B. Witcher, and Dr. Paul B. Cameron of Pryor.

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The Tulsa County Medical Society is unable to indicate any solution to the situation to the city fathers, to point out the source of income necessary to finance such increased appropriations, to prevent similar demands for increased salaries by other qualified city officials. Yet the problem remains.

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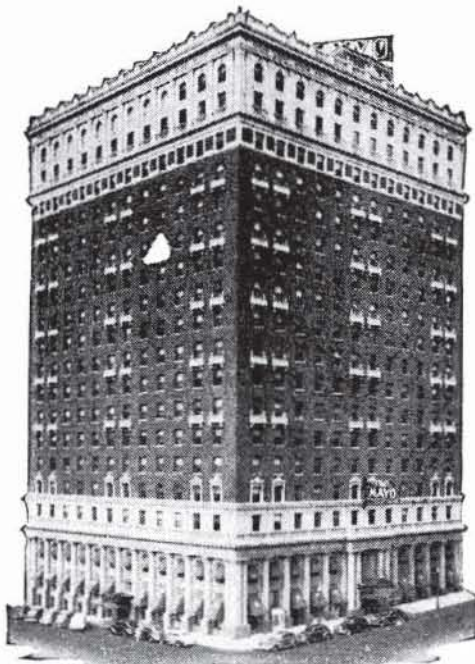
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