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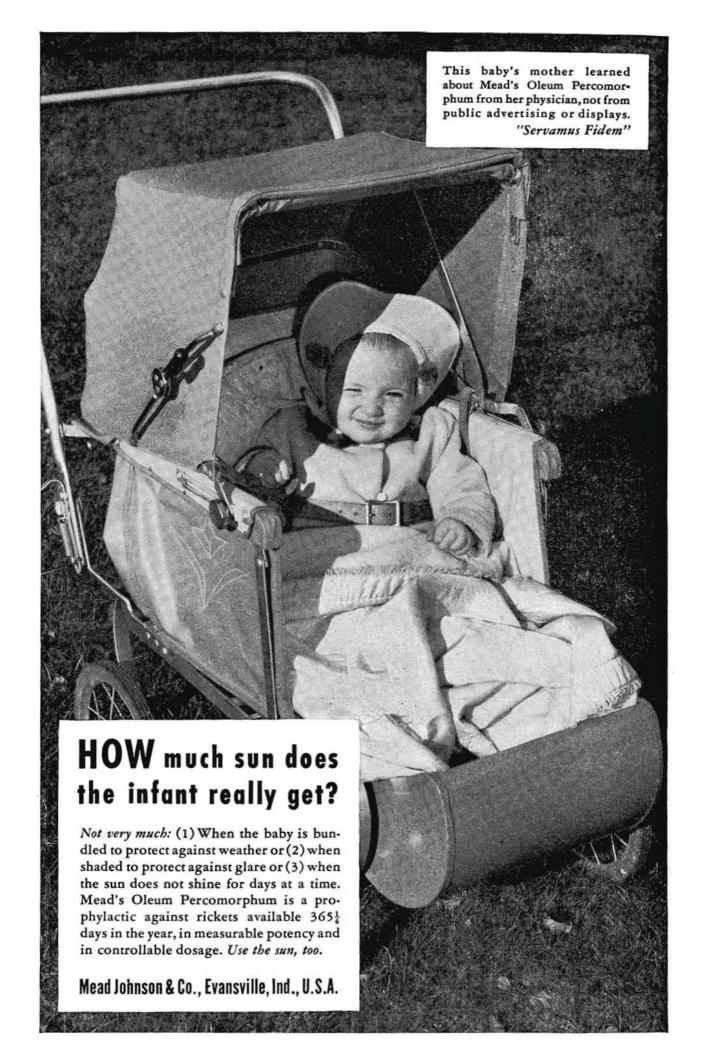
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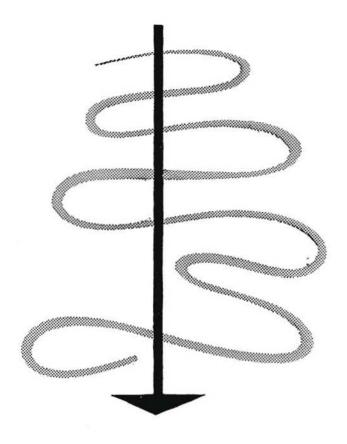
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ELECTION OF OFFICERS SCHEDULED

Annual Business Meeting Slated for Monday, December 13, 1948, By Tulsa County Medical Society. Total of 45 Members Eligible to Hold Office.

Members of the Tulsa County Medical Society will meet Monday, December 13, 1948, in an annual business meeting and election of officers. Eighteen officials will be elected from a list of 45 eligible members. Annual committee reports will be made by the Chairman of each standing and special committee, and the membership will fix the amount of dues for 1949. The meeting will be in the Ivory Room at The Mayo and will begin promptly at 8:00 p.m. There will be no scientific program.

All committees which have been active during the year will be expected to report with the Chairman or other Committee member reporting orally. A copy of the annual report of each committee must also be filed with the Secretary-Treasurer. The report of the Executive Secretary will be mailed to members during the first week of December.

Officers to be elected are President-Elect (to serve as President in 1950), Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, one member of the Board of Trustees, one member of the Board of Censors, two regular members of the House of Delegates, a provisional member of the House of Delegates, and ten alternate delegates. Dr. John E. McDonald, Tulsa orthopedist elected last year, will assume office on January 1, 1949, as President of the Tulsa County Medical Society, succeeding Dr. Victor K. Allen.

The membership will be presented with a suggested operating budget for 1949, prepared by the Finance Committee and approved by the Board of Trustees. Approval of the budget makes it

mandatory to vote or assess an adequate amount of membership dues to support such a budget. The present Tulsa County Medical Society dues are \$58.0 annually. The dues of the Oklahoma State Medical Association have again been fixed by the House of Delegates at \$42.00 for the coming year.

Dr. W. A. Showman is the retiring member of the Board of Trustees. Holdover members are Dr. Ralph A. McGill (1949), Dr. Homer A. Ruprecht (1950), Dr. Marshall O. Hart (1951), and Dr. Maurice J. Searle (1952). Trustees serve a term of five years each.

Dr. Marvin D. Henley is the retiring member of the Board of Censors. Holdover members are Dr. Thomas J. Hardman (1949) and Dr. J. D. Shipp (1950). Censors serve a term of three years each.

Dr. H. B. Stewart and Dr. Walter S. Larrabee are retiring members of the House of Delegates. Holdover members are Dr. M. V. Stanley (1949), Dr. Homer A. Ruprecht (1949), Dr. W. A. Showman (1950), Dr. W. A. Dean (1951), Dr. A. B. Carney (1951), Dr. Charles G. Stuard (1952), Dr. John G. Matt (1952), and Dr. W. D. Hoover (1952). The Society will be entitled to two more delegates and if the membership increases over 250, a third delegate. A provisional delegate will be elected. Ten alternate delegates will be elected. Delegates serve five years and alternates one year each.

In order to hold office in the Tulsa County Medical Society under the provisions of the Constitution & By-Laws, a member must have attended at least 50 per cent of the total number of regular meetings during the year and must have been a member at least five years. This year's eligibility list represents a decrease of 34 over the 79 members eligible last year. This reduction is due primarily to the lower attendence of members who have five years membership in the Society. A large number of younger and newer members admitted in the last three years had fine attendence records but still failed to qualify for the eligibility list. The attendance book placed at the door at each meeting is used as the sole guide for qualifying members, and this record may be inspected upon request by any member of the Society.

A complete list of members eligible for office appears below:

Allen, V. K.
Atchley, R. Q.
Brocksmith, H. A.
Browne, H. S.
Calhoun, W. H.
Carney, A. B.
Chalmers, J. S.
Cook, W. A.

Larrabee, W. S. McDonald, J. E. McGill, R. A. Matt, John G. Neal, J. H. Nelson, I. H. Nesbitt, P. P. Orr, Herbert S.

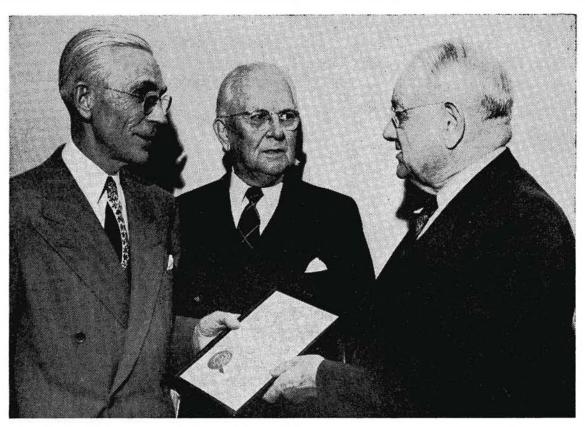
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Pollack, Simon
Ray, R. G.
Shipp, J. D.
Showman, W. A.
Spann, L. A.
Stevenson, James
Stewart, H. B.
Stuard, C. G.
Underwood, D. J.
Underwood, F. L.
Walker, W. A.
Wiley, A. Ray
Woodson, F. E.
Yandell, H. R.

SOCIETY ADOPTS PROPOSED CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

By action of the membership at the meeting of November 22,1948, the Tulsa County Medical Society adopted a new Constitution & By-Laws drawn up by a special committee during the past several months. With the exception of one major change, the membership accepted the Committee's proposed document with only minor changes of wording and structure.

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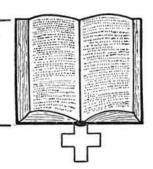


Dr. P. P. Nesbitt, veteran Tulsa physician (right), is shown above as he receives a placque from Dr. C. E. Northcutt, Ponca City, President of the Oklahoma State Medical Association, in recognition of his services as President of the Association in 1925. Dr. W. Albert Cook, Tulsa (center), was presented with a gold pin in recognition of more than fifty years in the private practice of medicine. The presentations were made November 22, 1948, at the regular meeting of the Tulsa County Medical Society. Dr. P. H. Mayginnes, who also received a 50-Year Club pin and a plaque of Honorary Membership in the Association, was prevented by illness from attending the ceremonies. (Photo by Howard Hopkins).



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GIFTS OF THE MONTH-:

- Dr. W. A. Showman. Fishbein, Medical Writing. Second Edition, Blakiston Company. 1948. 292 pp.
- New York State Library. Reports of the Joint Legislative Committee to Study the Problem of Cerebral Palsy. Submitted to the New York State Legislature, 1948.
- Dr. William B. Swartz. Delafield and Prudden, Textbook of Pathology. Fourteenth Edition, William Wood & Co. 1927. 1329 pp.
- Dr. Russell C. Pigford. 1948 Service Volume for the Cyclopedia of Medicine.
- Dr. Berget H. Blocksom. Journal of Urology. Renewed for 1949.
- Dr. Robert E. Funk. Geriatrics. Renewed for 1949.
- Dr. James Stevenson. Journal of Investigative Dermatology. Renewed for 1949.

The increased cost of texts and journals from twenty to fifty per cent over 1948 is well explained in the following paragraph of a letter received last month from the Charles C. Thomas Publishing Company of Springfield, Illinois:

"Typesetting, which we were having done a few months ago at from \$1.50 to \$2.50 an hour, is now costing from \$6.50 to \$7.50 an hour. What these new prices will lead to in increases for costs in reprintings we are not prepared to say, but we predict that the retail prices of these specialty books are apt to be higher than the present quotations."

The following journals are needed to complete volumes for binding. If any doctor has one or more of these issues and will contribute them to the Medical Library, his gift will be most appreciated.

American Journal of Medical Sciences. May and July, 1946.

American Journal of Diseases of Children. March and December, 1946.

American Journal of Clinical Pathology. May-September, November-December, 1947.

PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Within a few days I shall come to the end of my term as President of your Tulsa County Medical Society. Like those fine doctors who have preceded me in this office, I retire from my duties with an entirely altered concept of the functions of the Society. As President one comes into a complete understanding of what the Society does, the directions in which it works for betterment of the profession, and the dependence of the organization upon the cooperative efforts of the individual member. It is a rare and interesting experience which leaves any President of the Society with a tremendous respect for what can be accomplished by working together in harmony and free of personal interests. At the same time, there is a companion feeling that our power is not completely utilized, that our potential energies are left undrained, and that much which might be accomplished has been lost for one reason or another.

Before relinquishing the reins of office to my capable successor, I would like to thank the Society for the confidence which it displayed in electing me to office. I have been honored and it has been a privilege to serve you. I can only hope that you have been pleased with the administration of this year, and to point out that whatever has been accomplished has been done through the cooperation of the other officers, committee members, and the general membership. Without the work of these individuals and sacrifices of time nothing could have been attained. I am appreciative to them for their efforts and hopeful that they have been rewarded by the merit of the products of their labor.

Sincerely,

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HARRIS P. PRICE, M.D.

1887 - 1948

Dr. Harris Pierce Price, 61, prominent Tulsa eye, ear, nose and throat specialist, died November 11, 1948, following a heart attack at his home. He had been in failing health for several months.

Born in Pierce City, Missouri, Dr. Price came to Tulsa as a child in 1890. He was educated at public schools of Tulsa and at the University of New Mexico. Later he entered the University of Oklahoma and became widely known as fullback for the football teams of 1910, 1911, and 1912. Dr. Price was awarded his medical degree in 1913 from the University of Oklahoma School of Medicine and did postgraduate medical study as a member of the resident staff of Manhattan Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Hospital of New York City. He became prominent in civic and professional affairs in Tulsa, and during World War I served as a First Lieutenant in the Army Medical Corps.

Dr. Price was a member of the Tulsa County Medical Society and prominent in its affairs for many years. He was a fellow of the American College of Surgeons, member of Kappa Alpha fraternity, the American Otolaryngological Society, active in Masonic circles, and a member of the Kiwanis Club of Tulsa.

Funeral services were conducted November 13, 1948, at the Stanley Funeral Chapel. Survivors include the widow, a daughter, two sisters, and four brothers.

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A COMMENDABLE PLATFORM

Some very good work in behalf of the medical profession is being done quietly and efficiently by the Medical Service Society of America, an organization of professional representatives — the called "detail men" - of manufacturing and wholesale drug firms. The Tulsa Chapter, formed two years ago, is an energetic group under intelligent leadership with a well-defined program of activity. While the Society does have a basic motive in improving the conditions under which products are detailed, it has concurrent objectives formulated to strengthen and benefit the medical profession. Additionally many small services are rendered by the individual members which have a high collective value. For instance, distribution of the programs of the last annual meeting of the Oklahoma State Medical Association, is estimated to have increased attendance by at least twenty per cent over normal expectations. The medical profession, already indebted to these men for the information which they dispense about the progress of modern medicine, has a deep obligation to the Medical Service Society. In this small way, through the columns of this publication, the grateful thanks of the Tulsa County Medical Society is extended with a pledge of continuing

cooperation and endorsement.

The Principles of Ethics of the Medical Service Society of America are worthy of attention of every doctor and reflect the sincerity of purpose upon which the organization is founded. These Principles follow:

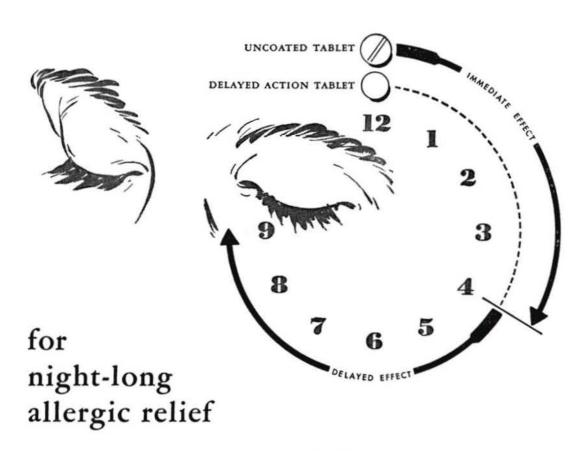
- 1. A member of the Medical Service Society shall always conduct himself in a manner becoming to a gentleman.
- 2. He will be loyal to his employer and respect his colleagues' same right.
- 3. He shall not use his membership in the Society for personal gain.
- 4. He will not berate his fellow members, or anyone of his profession or allied professions.
- 5. He will never detract or interfere with a colleague's interview.
- 6. He will not use subversive means to undermine a colleague or competitor and will at all times adhere strictly to his company's policies in relation to detail procedures, prices, etc.
- 7. He will respect a doctor's professional status and not abuse the privileges and courtesies extended to him in his line of duty

This is a commendable platform, and one which should do much to elevating the present high level of professional representation in this area

FORCE OF EVIL

The surprise reelection of President Harry S. Truman and a Democratic Congress in the upset balloting of last month has created much unrest in the medical profession. With a campaign platform which leaned heavily upon a national system of compulsory government health insurance, Mr. Truman may be expected to move sharply towards this goal. The general complexion of the new Congress as to state medicine has not, as yet, been definitely determined, but it may be safely assumed that our legislative body is going to be well impressed by the President's personal strength and influence. Mr. Truman might well assume that his reelection constitutes a mandate in favor of government medicine. His insistence upon such a project might conceivably bear fruit with many new elec-(Continued On Page 19)

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Charles H. Benning, M.D. Medical Degree, McGill University, Montreal, Canada, 1917. Interned Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal. Formerly an officer with the United States Public Health Service in various parts of the world. U. S. Veterans Facility, Flint, Michigan, 1945-46. Director of Public Health, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, 1946-1948. Appointed City Superintendent of Public Health, Tulsa, April, 1948. Office, 521 N. Boulder. Public Health. Recommended by Dr. H. A. Ruprecht and Dr. H. D. Murdock. By transfer from Roane County Medical Society (Tennessee).

Elected at the meeting of November 22, 1948, was:

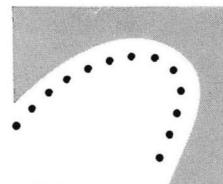
J. L. Richardson, M.D. Medical Degree, Columbia University Medical School, New York, N. Y., 1939. Interned Charity Hospital, New Orleans, Louisiana. Resident in Orthopedic Surgery, University of Illinois, 1941-44. In military service, 1944-46, United States Navy Medical Corps. In private practice, Williamson, West Virginia, 1946-48. Office, 19 West 10th Street. Orthopedic Surgery. Recommended by Dr. J. J. Billington and Dr. J. D. Shipp.

Dr. Marshall O. Hart underwent an appendectomy late last month. Also on the sick list is Dr. J. W. Childs, ill at Hillcrest Hospital as The Bulletin went to press.

Dr. W. A. Showman presented a paper entitled "Contact Dermatitis" at the Interim Session of the American Medical Association in St. Louis on December 3, 1948.

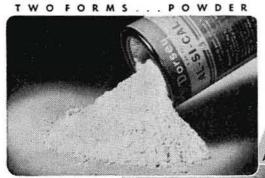
Dr. James W. White has joined the staff of Springer Clinic, Tulsa, for the practice of Pediatrics.

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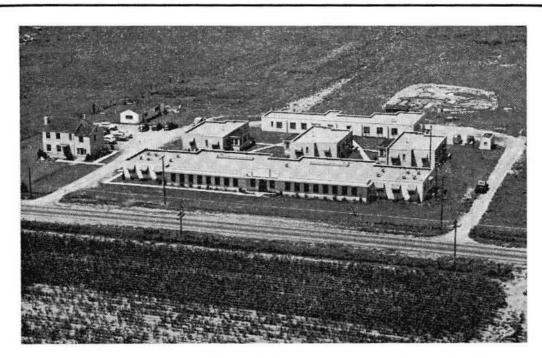
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DECEMBER MEDICAL CALENDAR

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Board of Trustees Meeting, Tulsa County Medical Society, 1411 S. Quaker, 8:00 P.M.

Semi-Annual Premiums, Physicians & Surgeons Group, Blue Cross Hospital Insurance, due and payable on this date. Final date for payment, December 10, 1948.

MONDAY, December 6th:

Hillcrest Hospital Staff Meeting.

TUESDAY, December 7th:

Medical Broadcast, "Story Of The Spastic," Radio Station KOME, 4:45 P.M. Speaker, Dr. Charles E. Brighton. St. John's Tumor Clinic, 8:30 A.M.

WEDNESDAY, December 8th:

Board of Trustees Meeting, Tulsa County Medical Society, 1411 S. Quaker, 8:00 P.M.

FRIDAY, December 10th:

Final date to pay semi-annual premiums, Blue Cross Hospital Insurance, Physicians & Surgeons group only.

MONDAY, December 13th:

Annual business meeting and election of officers, Tulsa County Medical Society, The Mayo, 8:00 P.M.

TUESDAY, December 14th:

Medical Broadcast, "A Surgeon's World," Radio Station KOME, 4:45 P.M. Speaker, Dr. H. Lee Farris.

WEDNESDAY, December 15th:

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MONDAY, December 20th:

St. John's Hospital Staff Meeting.

TUESDAY, December 21st:

St. John's Tumor Clinic, 8:30 A.M.

Medical Broadcast, "Surgery Of The Heart," Radio Station KOME, 4:45 P.M. Speaker, Dr. Benjamin W. Ward.

FRIDAY, December 24th:

The Executive Offices and Liabrary will be closed all day in observance of the Christmas holidays.

SATURDAY, December 25th:

Merry Christmas!

MONDAY, December 27th:

No Tulsa County Medical Society meeting on this date.

TUESDAY, December 28th:

St. John's Tumor Clinic, Clinical Conference, 8:00 P.M.

Medical Broadcast, "Modern Pediatrics," Radio Station KOME, 4:45 P.M. Speaker, Dr. E. Malcolm Stokes.

FRIDAY, December 31st:

Final date to pay 1948 membership dues. Members in arrears on this date are subject to expulsion.

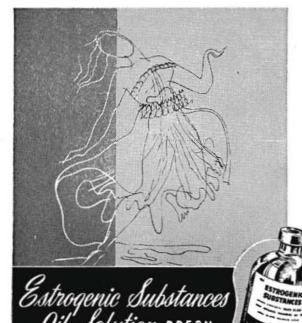
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ted senators and representatives.

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1. Many strong personalities are still in Congressional office, most of whom are opposed to socialization on general principles and state medicine by virtue of its undemocratic taint, impractical operation, tremendous cost, and failure in other nations.

2. An innocent public has not yet been made to realize, partly through the fault of medicine itself, that they are likely to be taxed an additional six to ten per cent to pay for such a system. Some public education on this score will undoubtedly subdue much of the clamor for what is believed to be a Santa Claus system of government medical and hospital care.

3. State medicine is failing in England, despite the whistling in the dark which Attlee-Bevin-Webb disciples are doing. Time Magazine reports excessive abuses of the system, both by the public and by the English medical profession which is deliberately bent upon systematic sabotage of socialized medicine in Great Britain.

4. Individual, privately owned and operated plans of medical and hospital care, such as Blue Cross and Blue Shield, are making great progressive strides. With enrollment spiraling upward, the inevitable delay before Mr. Truman's program passes the Congress may spell a permanent end to efforts to socialize medicine. By that time millions more will benefit from such valuable and inexpensive protection.

On the other hand, certain factors are discouraging to the picture. The most significant and alarming is the sudden depression which has marked the medical profession since the national elections. It is not characteristic of the doctor to be so passive about state medicine. The despairing attitude that all is lost is both uncalled-for and not substantiated by the evidence. To literally give up at this time is unthinkable. Rather, the profession is more than ever required to grid its loins and begin anew the fight. As doctors we have a major interest in democracy that

must be maintained. We can have no part of the rotten bureaucracy which will mark state medicine, pork barrel politics, atrophied incentive, and the alien principles of socialism. These things are not for us.

Dr. Victor K. Allen and Dr. A. B. Carney attended the annual meeting of the International College of Surgeons in St. Louis last November 13-17. Dr. John E. McDonald has been admitted to membership in that organization.

Speakers for the Tulsa County Medical Society's "How's Your Health?" series of radio broadcasts last month were Dr. Ben F. Gorrell, Dr. Sumner Y. Andelman, Dr. H. Lee Farris, and Miss Esther Musil of the Dairy Council of Tulsa.

Dr. James Stevenson is in St. Louis attending the Interim Session of the House of Delegates of the American Medical Association in his official capacity as Delegate.

Named to head a new committee in Postgraduate Medical Instruction of the Tulsa County Medical Society are Dr. Fred E. Woodson, Chairman, Dr. J. D. Shipp, and Dr. A. Ray Wiley.

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SOCIETY ENDORSES PROGRAM OF VD CONTROL IN TULSA

The Tulsa County Medical Society has joined with five other sponsors in a campaign designed to promote a fair employment policy for workers with venereal diseases. Officially endorsed by the Society, the campaign seeks to discourage termination or non-employment of persons with syphilis and gonorrhea in non-infectious stages.

The program represents a combined effort of the Society, the Tulsa Chamber of Commerce, the Tulsa County Social Hygiene Association, the Tulsa Junior Chamber of Commerce, the Tulsa Department of Health, and the Oklahoma State Health Department. Distribution of literature to major Tulsa employees last month constituted the first stage of the campaign. Companies are urged to send employees to physicians for examination, returning them to work or employed when rendered non-infectious, and to follow up with emphasis that continued employment depends upon seeing treatments through to completion.

Dr. David V. Hudson, Tulsa venereal disease control officer, explained the program at the Tulsa County Medical Society meeting of November 22, 1948.

NEW CONSTITUTION

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The membership voted heavily against a proposed method of balloting by mail, preferring to retain the present system of electing officers by nominations from the floor and a majority vote following. An analysis of the differences between the old and new document appeared in the November issue of The Bulletin.

Dr. V. K. Allen, President of the Society, praised the special committee which wrote the new Constitution & By-Laws, calling attention to the time consumed in the task since last April when deliberations began. Dr. A. B. Carney, Chairman, Dr. M. O. Hart, Dr. D. L. Garrett, and Dr. A. Ray Wiley were commended for their efforts.

A complete copy of the new Constitution & By-Laws will be sent all members shortly after January 1, 1949. D. L. KINCAID (Kinney) RAYMOND EWERS

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