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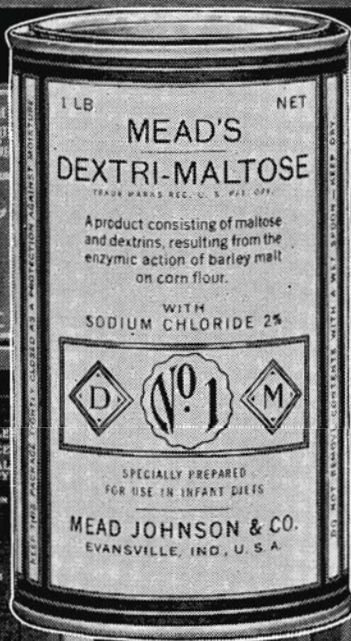
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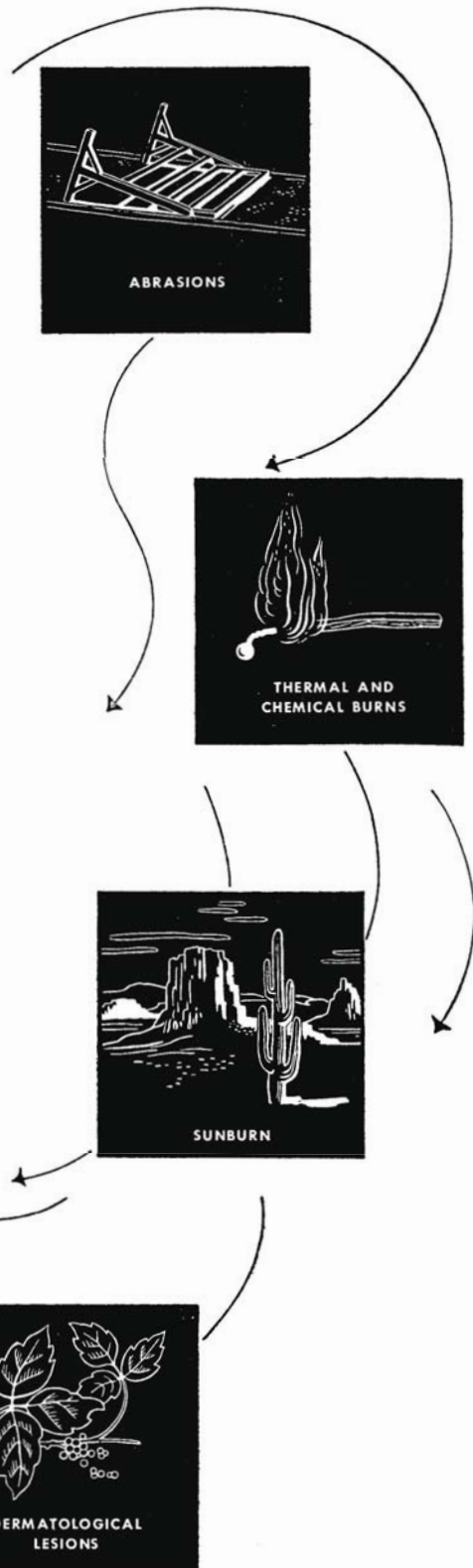
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SOCIETY ACTIVITY AT HIGH LEVEL

Mid-Year Committee Reports Reflect High Degree of Effort by Tulsa County Medical Society for First Six Months of 1948. Approval of Blood Bank Seen as Major Accomplishment.

A review of activities of the Tulsa County Medical Society for the first six months of Dr. V. K. Allen's administration discloses widespread effort by the 1948 officers and committee personnel. A high level of scientific education has been maintained with extensive participation by the Society in civic, professional, and hospital affairs.

Virtually all of two dozen standing and special committees have met at least one time, and several committees are now meeting monthly or more often to complete its annual program of work. Speaking to the Board of Trustees at the meeting of June 4, 1948, Dr. Allen praised the committee personnel for conscientious effort and pointed out that many members, given an opportunity to participate in Society activities, were emerging as new leaders of the profession in Tulsa County.

Foremost among Society achievements for the half-year are:

1. Endorsement and co-sponsorship with the Tulsa Red Cross of a Blood Donor Center, designed to provide adequate supplies of whole blood for transfusion to patients in Tulsa hospitals.

2. Return of the Society to two monthly scientific meetings, one featuring out-of-the-city and nationally known physicians as speaker, and the second with lecturers drawn from the membership of the Tulsa County Medical Society.

3. Investigations of a Housing Committee preparatory to recommending

removal of the Executive Offices and Library to a permanent home.

4. Revision of the Constitution & By-Laws to meet the requirements of an enlarged program of activity.

5. Improved standards of operation at the Tulsa County Medical Clinic.

6. Continuation of the splendid efforts of the Fraudulent Practices Committee to curb the activities of illegal or unethical practitioners.

7. Constitutional revision of the governing policies of the Medical Library, approved late last year, has enabled long-range planning of Library development and improved standards of efficient operation.

8. A widespread degree of Society participation in civic affairs, particularly projects designed to consolidate public health agencies in Tulsa, creation of a Mental Hygiene Clinic for Children, and expansion activities of major hospitals.

9. A survey of legislative needs in the field of medicine and public health.

10. Expansion of the public relations program of the Society, and cooperation with the Oklahoma State Medical Association in its newly-instituted public relations project.

A summary of committee activity for the first six months of 1948 follows:

Blood Bank

A special investigating committee concluded more than six months of study in May, 1948, with recommendations that the Tulsa County Medical Society

join with the Tulsa County Red Cross in co-sponsoring a Blood Donor Center patterned upon the project now in operation at Wichita, Kansas, and other cities. This recommendation was accepted and the project endorsed by the Society on May 11, 1948, with one dissenting vote. Operation of the Center will create a ready supply of blood for administration to patients of Tulsa hospitals. The proposal was subsequently endorsed by both of the City's major hospitals, by action of the governing boards, and committees from the Medical Society, the Red Cross, and the hospitals are now at work on actual operating details. A full report of this project can be found in the June, 1948, issue of *The Bulletin*. Special credit is due the Blood Bank Committee and its personnel, Dr. John G. Matt, Chairman, Dr. Felix R. Park, and Dr. Thomas J. Hardman.

Bulletin

The Bulletin Committee has prescribed new editorial policies for the Society's monthly publication, one of which provides for increased use of pertinent editorials and discussions of local and national medical problems. Editorial duties are now divided among Committee members, each serving as Editor for a period of four months. Advertising revenues are up by almost 50 per cent and possible expansion of the size of *The Bulletin* is foreseen. A number of changes in typographic make-ups have been made to insure easier readability and attractiveness. Members of The Bulletin Committee are Dr. Gifford H. Henry, Chairman, Dr. Felix R. Park, and Dr. B. W. Ward.

Cancer

Although not a project of the Tulsa County Medical Society itself, the newly opened St. John's Tumor Clinic of Tulsa reflects the efforts of many leading Tulsa physicians to create a long-needed diagnostic and treatment center for cancer cases in this area. Operated with the financial assistance of the Oklahoma Division of the American Cancer Society, the St. John's Tumor Clinic, locat-

ed in the Phillips Memorial Building of St. John's Hospital, offers a full range of diagnostic facilities, modern therapy and treatment, a highly-qualified professional staff, and efficient record keeping and clerical management. Full details of this project are to be found in the March issue of *The Bulletin*. The Cancer Committee of the Tulsa County Medical Society gave assistance in publicizing this project, arranged for professional personnel for a number of Mobile Cancer Clinics held in this area under the sponsorship of the Oklahoma Division of the American Cancer Society, distributed quantities of cancer control information, and laid plans for a one-day clinic in cancer diagnosis and treatment to be conducted in the Fall. Dr. Ralph A. McGill is Chairman of the Cancer Committee, assisted by Dr. Emil E. Palik, Dr. John C. Perry, and Dr. Walter E. Brown.

Civic Relations

The Tulsa County Medical Society continued to participate in civic activities, cooperating with numerous clubs and civic groups in the discussion and execution of beneficial projects. A typical example of such activity was the arranging of volunteer staffs of physicians to examine Tulsa Boy Scouts attending the Boy Scout Camp near Locust Grove, Oklahoma. Efforts of this type definitely contribute to the prestige of the profession and assure improved public relations. Dr. E. O. Johnson is Chairman of the Civic Relations Committee, with Dr. Philip M. Schreck and Dr. Walter F. Sethney as members.

Clinic

An active Clinic Committee early in the year conducted a thorough study of the facilities and operating efficiency of the Tulsa County Medical Clinic, indigent care center operated by the Society in cooperation with the Board of County Commissioners. Recommendations for the purchase of additional equipment have been made, and the medical staffs for the various daily specialty clinics have been strengthened. The pharmacy has also been inventoried and many

items stocked to insure prompt filling of all prescriptions. The Committee visited with members of the Board of County Commissioners and discussed in detail the operation of the Clinic. The furniture at the Clinic has been cleaned and repainted, completing the job of renovation begun last year. Dr. Hugh Boyd was appointed as Assistant County Physician. The Clinic Committee is headed by Dr. J. D. Shipp, Chairman, with Dr. Hays R. Yandell, Dr. Allen C. Kramer, and Dr. Jack O. Akins as members.

Constitution & By-Laws

A monumental task in revising and modernizing the Society's now out-dated Constitution & By-Laws is about half completed with members of the Constitution & By-Laws meeting monthly in an effort to submit the final draft to the Society by Fall. The work of revising was not begun until after a study had been made of the governing articles of other county medical societies over the United States, and information as to inadequacies in the present Constitution & By-Laws obtained from the Board of Trustees. Dr. A. B. Carney heads this hard-working group, with Dr. Marshall O. Hart, Dr. D. L. Garrett, and Dr. A. Ray Wiley as members.

Entertainment & Golf

The Tulsa County Medical Society's Annual Golf Tournament and Dinner at Indian Hills Country Club last May 13 was well attended by the membership and guests. Conducted in cooperation with the Tulsa County Dental Society, the tournament offered prizes contributed by twenty-four Tulsa merchants. An ideal day for golfing brought many participants into the tournament, which concluded with a steak dinner and presentation of prizes. The excellent arrangements were due to Dr. R. Q. Atchley's Golf Committee, with Dr. Simon Pollack and Dr. E. Malcolm Stokes as members.

Ethics

The Ethics Committee heard several complaints brought to its attention and adjudicated these matters with a min-

imum of publicity. The Committee is headed by Dr. Marvin D. Henley, with Dr. H. B. Stewart, Dr. J. K. Lee, and Dr. M. J. Searle as members.

Finance

The Finance Committee will meet later in the year to prepare the annual budget for 1949, and to examine the Society's finances for the current year. Members of the present Committee—Dr. William R. Turnbow, Chairman, Dr. C. H. Eads, Dr. E. G. Hyatt, and Dr. Nevin W. Dodd—sat in on meetings with last year's Committee in order to become familiar with its duties.

Fraudulent Practices

Under the active leadership of Dr. Marshall O. Hart, the Fraudulent Practices Committee has made a continuing effort to curb the activities of fraudulent and unethical practitioners. The Committee continues to be hampered by lack of adequate protecting legislation, and lack of machinery to investigate complaints, but has managed to have one offender arrested and fined during the past three months. The Committee met with the Oklahoma State Board of Medical Examiners to discuss its problems and received an assurance of cooperation in its campaign. The County Attorney's office is also actively cooperating, and additional results are hoped for by the end of the year. Dr. T. R. Roberts and Dr. Hugh C. Graham are other members of the Committee.

INSIGNIA AVAILABLE

A small number of the official Tulsa County Medical Society automobile insignia are now available for sale at the Executive Offices, 1202 Medical Arts Building, Tulsa. Made of heavy metal, the insignia is in four durable colors and stamped with the words "Tulsa County Medical Society, Tulsa, Oklahoma." These insignia are manufactured by the American Medical Association and sell for \$3.00 each. Insignia can be sold only to members of the Society.

Housing

The Housing Committee, a special group appointed at the direction of the Board of Trustees, has been investigating the possibilities of the purchase of a permanent home for the Society. Recognizing the need for space for the Library and Executive Offices, and for a desirable meeting place, the Housing Committee expects to submit a concrete proposition to the Society for approval at an early Fall meeting. A number of properties have been investigated, and the Committee is also considering the possibility of building. Dr. H. A. Ruprecht, Chairman, Dr. John F. Correll, and Dr. Morris B. Lhevine are members of the Housing Committee. Some considerable assistance has been given this Committee by the Ladies Auxiliary, and by the Liasion Committee with the Ladies Auxiliary, headed by Dr. Marcella R. Steel.

Insurance

Dr. John E. McDonald's Insurance Committee is performing routine functions relative to the Society's insurance program. Participation in the malpractice, health and accident, and hospitalization policies by the membership continues at a high level. The number of malpractice suits in Tulsa County is very small, a fact reflected in some measure by the educational functions of the Insurance Committee. Other members of the group, in addition to Dr. McDonald, are Dr. Hugh Perry, Dr. R. G. Ray, and Dr. Logan A. Spann.

Legislation

A survey by the Legislative Committee to determine the most acute needs for medical legislation brought a 70 per cent response of the membership. Replying to questionnaires, members saw consolidation of city and county public health units, necessity for legislation controlling medical advertising, and enactment of statutes governing licensure of physicians committed to state institutions for the insane as major legislative needs in Oklahoma. Attention was also directed to the desirability of repeated effort to secure enactment of the

Medical Examiner Act introduced into the last session of the Oklahoma State Legislature. The report of this survey was presented to the Committee on Public Policy of the Oklahoma State Medical Association and incorporated into the report of that Committee to the House of Delegates. Portions of the suggested program will be advocated by the State Association. Dr. Walter S. Larrabee is Chairman of the Committee, assisted by Dr. R. M. Shepard and Dr. R. M. Wadsworth, with a bow and vote of thanks to Dr. Marshall O. Hart for some special assistance and representation.

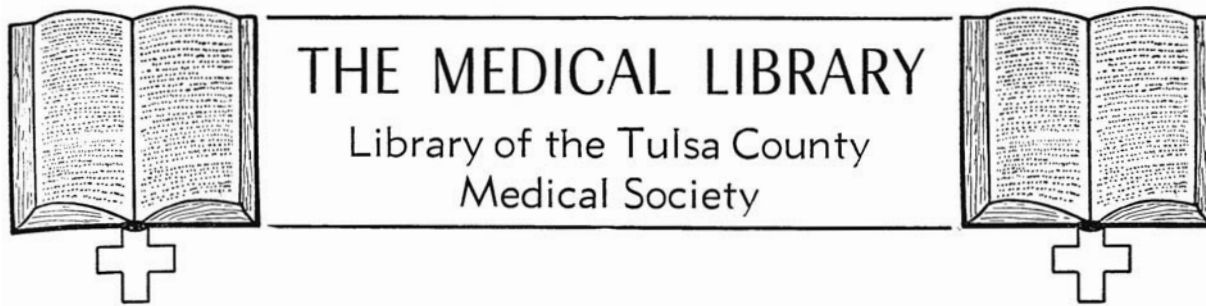
Library

The Library of the Tulsa County Medical Society is now functioning under a Committee appointed for staggered terms of office, as provided by a Constitutional amendment approved by the Society last December. With a greater degree of permanency assured for the Committee personnel, long-range planning and policy-making has been possible. The Committee is supervising the functioning of the Library and has instituted many beneficial policies and services. Miss Irma A. Beehler, formerly with the staff of the Tulsa City Library, was named Librarian in April, 1948, and has devoted herself to her new duties. Plans for a permanent endowment fund for the Library are now being made. Complete reports of Library activities are to be found in the monthly Medical Library pages appearing in each issue of *The Bulletin*. Dr. Morris B. Lhevine is Chairman of this hard working group, with Dr. John G. Matt, Dr. Robert E. Funk, Dr. Fred E. Woodson, and Dr. W. A. Showman as members.

Medical Credit Bureau

The Medical Credit Bureau, official collection and credit agency of the Tulsa County Medical Society, continues to offer an experienced and efficient collection service for Tulsa doctors and dentists. During the last six months, rising costs of living have reduced average monthly payments of debtors and

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GIFTS OF THE MONTH—:

Dr. Felix T. Gastineau. A number of volumes dealing with psychiatry and public health, including the following:

Oliver. Psychiatry and Mental Health.

Turner. Personal and Community Health. 7th Edition.

Rice. Living.

French. Psychiatric Social Work.

Ebaugh. Psychiatry in Medical Education.

Noyes. Textbook of Psychiatry. 3rd Edition.

Appel. Practical Examination of Personality and Behavior Disorders.

Dr. Thomas J. Hardman. One year's subscription to Science.

The Tulsa Public Library. Various issues of the Bulletin of the American College of Surgeons for the past four years, needed to complete our files. Also various issues of the Bibliographies of Infantile Paralysis to replace those missing from our files.

The Librarian appreciates the opportunity of attending the 50th anniversary meeting of the Medical Library Association, held in Philadelphia last May 28-30. The various sessions were held in Temple University College of Physicians, the University of Pennsylvania College of Medicine, and Jefferson Medical College. The principal speaker was Dr. O. H. Perry Pepper, member of the faculty of the University of Pennsylvania College of Medicine. Much valuable information was exchanged and many new developments in library science described.

The Library of the Tulsa County Medical Society is in need of the February, 1948, issue of Annals of Internal Medicine, and the Journal of the Oklahoma State Medical Association for June, 1947, and April, 1948. The contribution of these missing issues will be appreciated.

The Library again calls the attention of Tulsa physicians to a large number of new books recently placed on the shelves. A complete listing of these new volumes is to be found in the June issue of The Bulletin, Page Ten. Members of the Society are invited to inspect these new books at their earliest convenience.

USE YOUR LIBRARY

PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Elsewhere in this issue of The Bulletin you will find a summary of the activities of the special and standing committees of the Tulsa County Medical Society for the first six months of 1948. I am hopeful that you will read that article carefully in order that you may fully realize what your Society is doing in behalf of you and the medical profession and the community in which we live. I will appreciate your comments regarding the program which is now being prosecuted by the officers and these committees.

I cannot begin to estimate how many hours of effort have been contributed by officers and members of the Society in behalf of this program. Many of the committees have been at work since last October and November. Often a committee will meet four to five hours in a night session. Many of these members also attend meetings over the City, representing the profession at discussions of pertinent subjects of civic and medical interest. As President, I have seen members cancel an entire day's appointments to do some task for the Society. Many members go at their own expense to represent us at meetings over the United States, bringing back much valuable and accurate information. As doctors you have also volunteered for extra-curricular duties in such projects as the Boy Scout Camp Examining Panels, the Mobile Cancer Clinics, and the "How's Your Health?" broadcasts. To this must be added the time and effort of the officers and trustees, and the daily services of the Executive Secretary and his staff. The net result is hundreds, even thousands of hours of effort in behalf of organized medicine. Tremendous energy and concentration are going into this extensive program in your behalf. The Society is indebted to all of you who serve so freely, and, in turn, each of us is indebted to the Society for the collective results which it has and is obtaining.

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A NEED FOR PERSPECTIVE

The spectre of Socialized Medicine confronts our profession constantly and in recent years vigorous, organized efforts have been made to overcome it. No comment is needed in respect to such efforts as they have received financial and other forms of support. However, by maintaining our perspective we doctors can accomplish much through improvement of our public relations.

With increasing frequency we hear stories of patients in modest and low income groups being charged large surgical fees. The basis for these charges is the possession of hospital and surgical care insurance policies. It should be stated at once that the writer heartily endorses the right of the individual physician to set his fee. This right is not being questioned. However, the judgment of the individual doctor who doubles his usual fee because the patient is covered by insurance is being challenged. The layman points out that he carries such insurance in order to protect himself *and his medical attendant* against hospital and surgical charges he could otherwise ill afford to pay. When he is called upon to maintain the insurance policy and still find about the usual surgical fee *in addition* to that covered

by insurance, it seems that he has a just complaint.

It should be noted that certain types of surgery are very inadequately compensated by the fee schedule of the usual policy. For instance, a partial gastrectomy provides little more than an appendectomy. It is certainly understood that the patient must expect to pay a reasonable additional fee depending upon his income. This phase of the situation is not a source of grievance. To be specific, recently a young woman, unmarried and earning less than \$100.00 monthly, with parents in straightened circumstances, was charged \$200.00 for an uncomplicated appendectomy. An insurance policy provided by her company defrayed most of the hospital expense and provided a \$100.00 surgical fee. It seems obvious that the whole purpose of this type of insurance is being defeated by such practices. The most damaging aspect of the situation is the reaction of the laity. The only fair solution seems to be a charge based on the service rendered with due consideration to the patient's financial status and *without regard to insurance coverage.*

Neither the profession nor the laity would welcome a return to the old slipshod bookkeeping methods of our medical grandfathers . . . those who sent bills once a year when they remembered to send them at all and then only guessed at the amount. However, it is still consistent with the best medical tradition and the newer fiscal policies of doctors to gauge fees on a basis of ability to pay; to remember the intimate human relationship that should always obtain between doctor and patient. Such a course leads away from Socialized Medicine.

DR. FRANKLIN D. SINCLAIR has taken new professional quarters at 209 Medical Arts Building, Tulsa.

DR. WALTER E. BROWN has joined the staff of the Glass-Nelson Clinic, 2020 South Xanthus, Tulsa.

It's a daughter for DR. and MRS. EMANUEL N. LUBIN, born May 29.

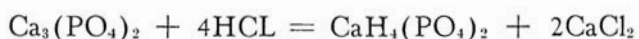
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JULY MEDICAL CALENDAR

FRIDAY, July 2nd:

Board of Trustees Meeting, Tulsa County Medical Society, 1202 Medical Arts Building, 1:00 P.M.

SUNDAY, July 4th:

Independence Day
Medical Broadcast, "Rabies," Radio Station KOME, 10:15 P.M. Speaker, Dr. H. Lee Farris.

MONDAY, July 5th:

The Executive Offices of the Tulsa County Medical Society will be closed all day in observance of Independence Day.
Hillcrest Hospital Staff Meeting.

TUESDAY, July 6th:

St. John's Tumor Clinic, 8:30 A.M.
Members of the Postgraduate Study Course in Basic Sciences are reminded that meetings have been suspended until September.

SUNDAY, July 11th:

Medical Broadcast, "Organized Medicine in Tulsa," Radio Station KOME, 10:15 P.M. Speaker, Dr. Victor K. Allen

MONDAY, July 12th:

Scientific meetings of the Tulsa County Medical Society have been suspended until September, 1948.

TUESDAY, July 13th:

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

THURSDAY, July 15th:

Copy deadline for the August issue of The Bulletin.

SUNDAY, July 18th:

Medical Broadcast, "Diseases of the Liver," Radio Station KOME, 10:15 P.M. Speaker, Dr. Charles A. Hulse.

MONDAY, July 19th:

St. John's Hospital Staff Meeting.

TUESDAY, July 20th:

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

SUNDAY, July 25th:

Medical Broadcast, "Modern Nutrition In Good Living," Radio Station KOME, 10:15 P.M. Program under the auspices of the Dairy Council of Tulsa. Miss Esther Musil, Speaker.

MONDAY, July 26th:

No Tulsa County Medical Society meeting on this date.

TUESDAY, July 27th:

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

FRIDAY, July 30th:

Board of Trustees Meeting, Tulsa County Medical Society, 1202 Medical Arts Building, 1:00 P.M.

SATURDAY, July 31st:

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MEDICAL BRIEFS

A renewed effort by the Tulsa Chamber of Commerce and other civic and professional groups to effectively consolidate the Tulsa City Health Department, the Tulsa County Health Department, and the Tulsa City Schools Health Department into a single administrative agency is moving along rapidly with considerable public support. The proposal is now in the hands of attorneys for the three groups, who will develop a working agreement to permit the consolidated unit to function under the supervision of the Oklahoma State Health Department.

Dr. C. H. Benning, newly appointed Superintendent of Public Health for

Tulsa is gaining wide public approval with his periodic announcements of beneficial changes and proposed changes in the public health structure of Tulsa. With the backing of an alert City Health Board, Dr. Benning hopes to remedy the deteriorated state of public health in the City. His estimate of budget needs for the coming fiscal year represents a \$100,000 increase over the current year, a figure not likely to be approved by city officials for want of available funds.

DR. JACK O. AKINS has taken attractive new quarters at 1101 Medical Arts Building, Tulsa.

DR. W. W. FERRY was slightly injured in an automobile accident last month.

DR. BERGET H. BLOCKSOM was a recent speaker for the Lions Club of Bristow.



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COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

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necessitated greater collection effort. The volume of delinquent accounts has also risen sharply. Members of the Society who are not now using this service may obtain full details from the Executive Secretary. Dr. Donald V. Crane is Chairman of the Medical Credit Bureau Committee, assisted by Dr. James D. Markland and Dr. I. H. Nelson.

Prepaid Medical Care

Dr. James Stevenson, Chairman of the Society's liaison committee with the Blue Cross-Blue Shield plans of hospital and surgical care insurance, reports a steady growth in membership of the two plans. The offices of the organization are now located in new quarters in the Akdar Theater Building, 315 S. Denver, Tulsa. A slight increase in premiums, necessitated by rising costs of hospitalization, go into effect on July 1, 1948, as outlined in the June issue of The Bulletin. Many Tulsa doctors continue to be active in the work of this organization, notably Dr. Stevenson, Dr. Ralph A. McGill (who spoke at the national convention of Blue Cross-Blue Shield plans in Los Angeles last March), Dr. H. B. Stewart, and Dr. Victor K. Allen. Members of Dr. Stevenson's committee are Dr. William F. Thomas, Jr., and Dr. Frank A. Stuart.

Postgraduate Medical Study

Plans for a course of postgraduate medical study in Tulsa next Fall are now being laid by the Committee on Postgraduate Medical Education of the Oklahoma State Medical Association. Arrangements will be handled for this series by the local Committee. The lectured and field of medicine has not been announced. In cooperation with the University of Oklahoma, the Society jointly sponsored a post-graduate lecture in Psychosomatic Medicine on June 8, 1948, with Dr. T. A. Watters, New Orleans psychiatrist, as speaker. Dr. D. J. Underwood is Chairman of the Committee with Dr. T. J. Hardman, Dr. Ian MacKenzie, and Dr. Joseph Fulcher as members. A series of lectures in the

basic sciences, inaugurated late last year, continued through the first five months of 1948 with members of the faculty of the University of Oklahoma School of Medicine as speakers. The group of approximately 80 members has met weekly, and meetings will be resumed in September, 1948. Dr. J. D. Shipp is Chairman of a special supervisory committee, assisted by Dr. W. J. Campbell, Dr. Edward L. Moore, Dr. John C. Dague, and Dr. Hays R. Yandell.

Program

For the first time since 1942, the Tulsa County Medical Society reverted to two meetings monthly. Nationally known physicians from leading medical centers feature the program on the second Monday of each month, while Tulsa physicians lecture on the fourth Monday of each month. Business sessions have been held only once each month. The Program Committee has attempted to vary the programs by the use of roundtable discussions, open forums, and organized discussion. Among the speakers this year were Dr. A. Graham Asher, Kansas City internist; Dr. M. E. DeBakey, New Orleans surgeon; Dr. E. H. Reinhard, St. Louis radiologist; Dr. George H. Rezek, Chicago obstetrician; and Dr. J. D. Herrmann, Oklahoma City neuro-surgeon. Local speakers have included Dr. C. G. Stuard, Dr. Averill Stowell, Dr. John C. Dague, Dr. B. W. Ward, Dr. Hays R. Yandell, Dr. Fred A. Glass, Dr. A. B. Carney, Dr. J. D. Shipp, Dr. Simon Pollack, and Dr. H. A. Ruprecht. A special program in March featured members of the Oklahoma State Health Department personnel. The Society's next scientific program will be Monday, September 13, when Dr. Paul H. Holinger, Chicago surgeon, will speak. Members of the Program Committee are Dr. E. Rankin Denny, Chairman, Dr. Paul N. Atkins, Jr., Dr. W. Carl Lindstrom, and Dr. Paul T. Strong.

Public Health

The Public Health Committee of the Tulsa County Medical Society has joined with the Tulsa Chamber of Commerce Public Health Committee in a program

of activity, most important of which is a long-needed project to consolidate public health units of the county and city. Dr. R. M. Adams is Chairman of the Committee, assisted by Dr. J. W. Rogers and Dr. W. A. Dean. Special mention should be made also of the splendid work of the City Health Board of Tulsa, supervisory agency of the Tulsa City Department of Public Health. Reorganization of the Department is nearing completion with the recent employment of Dr. C. H. Benning as Superintendent contributing much to improved standards of community public health. Dr. H. A. Ruprecht is Chairman of Board, with Dr. A. Ray Wiley, Dr. H. D. Murdock, Dr. Frank J. Nelson, and Dr. Hugh C. Graham as members.

Publicity & Public Relations

The Publicity and Public Relations Committee has handled all publicity for Society projects, with the clippings in the scrapbook indicating wide coverage for the first six months. Cooperation by Tulsa newspapers has been excellent. The Society's radio series, "How's Your Health?" is heard each Sunday evening at 10:15 P.M., featuring interview-type

broadcasts on subjects of health and medical content. Eighteen members appeared on the first 26 broadcasts. Scripts are written in the Executive Offices. The Society is indebted to Radio Station KOME for its cooperation and kindness in making the broadcast time available. Dr. W. D. Hoover is Chairman of the Committee, assisted by Dr. Wendell L. Smith, Dr. H. J. Rubin, and Dr. D. L. Edwards.

Welfare

Floral offerings were arranged by the Welfare Committee for all members who were ill, and delegations from the Society attended services for members who passed away. The Society has been saddened by the deaths of Dr. E. L. Cohenour and Dr. Roy A. Zink in recent months. Dr. M. V. Stanley is Chairman of the Welfare Committee, with Dr. F. L. Underwood and Dr. L. A. Munding as members.

CRACK-DOWN ON VIOLATORS OF MEDICAL ACT ORDERED

The Oklahoma State Board of Medical Examiners last month ordered a crack-down upon Oklahoma physicians who are not observing the terms of Senate Bill 159, enacted by the last Legislature, in properly identifying their degree on stationery, office doors, and building directories.

Dr. Clinton Gallaher, Secretary of the Board, told county medical society officers that offending physicians would be made examples in a drive to secure a 100 per cent observance of the law by medical doctors. Pointing out that certain interests were already threatening an action to repeal the valuable law if medical doctors failed to comply, Dr. Gallaher said the Board had no intention of permitting such repeal to take place.

In substance, the Act requires a doctor to use the term "M.D." after his name on all stationery and office forms, office doors, and building directories. Similar requirements exist for all other branches of the healing arts. Indiscriminate use of the term "Doctor" without proper identification of the degree is in violation of the provisions of the law.

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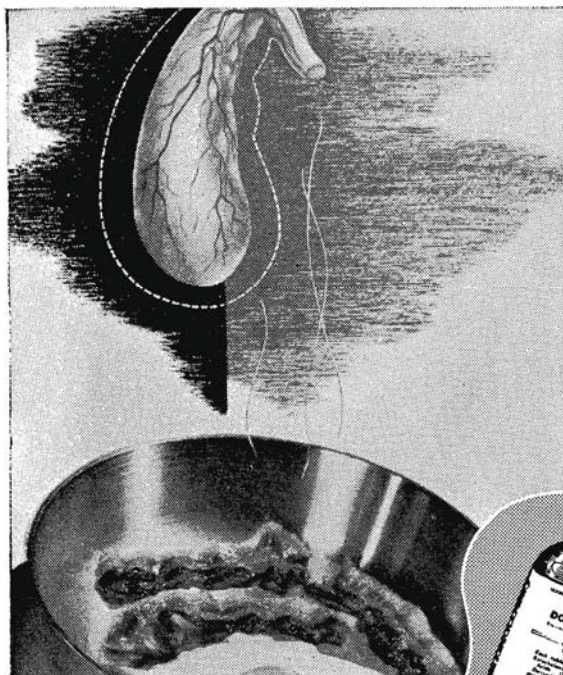
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