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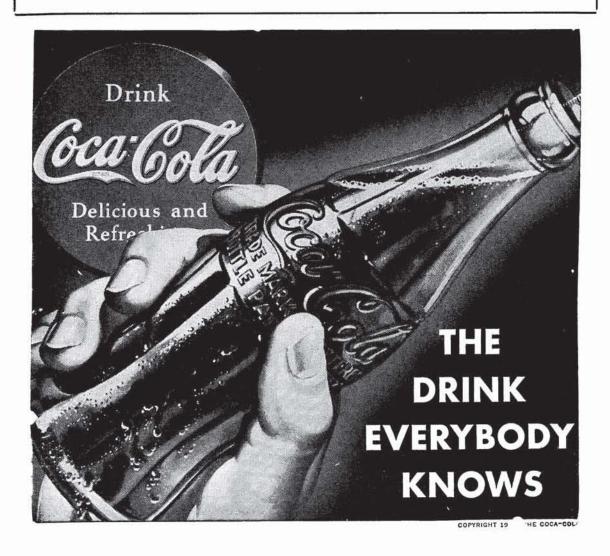
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ANNUAL MEETING SURVEY CONDUCTED

Members of Tulsa County Medical Society Rate 1949 Annual Meeting of Oklahoma State Medical Association As Good To Excellent. Humorous Banquet Speakers Preferred

Members of the Tulsa County Medical Society last month indicated a high degree of satisfaction with the 56th Annual Meeting of the Oklahoma State Medical Association held in Tulsa last May. Replying to a questionnaire circulated as a means of determining meeting reactions, Tulsa doctors had few specific complaints against any phase of the convention proceedings.

Asked to rate the annual meeting on an overall basis, local physicians gave it a uniform "good" to "excellent" with only two ratings in the third or "fair" classification and none below. Comments ranged from "the best meeting we have ever had" and "well managed and entertaining" to a caustic "average." Virtually all complaints were in regard to individual phases of activities within the meeting, and even these were considerably limited.

Among the most important points brought out by the survey were:

- (1) General approval of the roundtable luncheons despite a comparatively poor attendance.
- (2) Approval of the policy of having only two basic sections in surgery and medicine, rather than the individual specialty sections once held, although by a small margin only.
- (3) Preferences for humorous speakers at the President's Annual Dinner Dance by a landslide majority.
- (4) Satisfaction with the golf tournament held during the convention.
- (5) A wide demand for a stag party, or for individual stag meetings for each

specialty section, to be held at night and combining education and entertainment.

- (6) Considerable demand for resumption of the scientific exhibits, dropped during the war years for lack of space.
- (7) Approval of a suggestion that a \$2.00 registration fee be charged as a means of financing a more extensive and improved meeting.
- (8) Inability of members to agree upon the most preferable days of the week with Sunday-Monday-Tuesday dates tied up evenly with Thursday-Friday-Saturday and moderate support for a midweek series.
- (9) Appreciation of the courtesy and attention shown by commercial exhibitors.
- (10) General dissatisfaction with the size of the President's Dinner Dance—a surprisingly frequent comment from doctors who evidently prefer a much smaller audience in attendance.

Taken item by item, the survey reveals the following facts:

Scientific Program: Rated "good" to "excellent" in all cases except for a lone dissenter who termed it "fair." A few comments criticized the program for the manner in which papers were scheduled, the writers apparently favoring a solid grouping of all papers within one specialty. Asked to express their preference as to continuation of the basic medicine and surgery sections now held or a return to individual section meetings, voters gave a slight edge to the present system. It was evident, however, that Tulsa specialists were desireous of a program emphasizing papers designed for the specialist. (The

programs are presently constructed with more consideration for the state-wide predominance of general practitioners.) There was some complaint of the projection of slides and motion pictures at the meeting, a recurrent problem which cannot be solved with the equipment at hand.

Roundtable Luncheons: Termed by several as "the best feature of the meeting," the roundtable luncheons were generally praised. Doctors were unable to account for a comparatively poor attendance although some suggested it was due to lack of adequate publicity. To the question as to whether or not they should be continued, there was not a single vote in favor of dropping the roundtable luncheons. Some suggested more organization to the program, which was designed to be an informal question-andanswer period. Only a scattering considered the \$2.00 luncheon fee too high.

President's Annual Dinner Dance: Tulsa doctors voted about four to one in favor of a humorous speaker, such as this year's Cal Tinney, in preference to a more serious presentation. There was a general feeling that the Dinner program should be more definitely limited, to permit dancing to begin more promptly. Some suggested a separation of the two functions as individual items on two successive nights. The survey indicates many doctors were dissatisfied with the huge size of the crowd, many of whom stated that such a large audience was not conducive to the success of the meeting. Doctors questioned were markedly in favor of setting a deadline on the sale of dinner tickets, thereby preventing a repetition of this year's unpleasant situation when nearly 100 late ticket-buyers could not be accomodated. Some held this would be a hardship upon local Tulsa doctors, asserting that the demands of their practice did not permit them to purchase their tickets rrior to the banquet hour.

Annual Golf Tournament: The general reaction of the golf tournament was excellent although some complained that it should be held the day preceding the scientific sections to avoid conflict. The vote was in favor of continuing the golf tournament, though many non-golfers

had little interest in the question one way or the other.

Commercial Exhibits: Reaction to the 34 exhibits of commercial firms was generally good, although some complained of a sameness of content and annoying similarity in decoration to that of previous years. Virtually all who replied expressed their appreciation of the kindness and consideration of exhibitors.

Registration Fee: Members of the Society were queried as to their reaction to a \$2.00 registration fee, designed to help pay the huge cost of the meeting and to improve the general quality of the convention. This was favored by a vote of four to one, the dissenting minority expressing the belief that the convention should be a benefit of the annual membership dues. Of those who did favor it, many specified the additional revenue be used to obtain the highest quality talent for the scientific programs with a few favoring the employment of theatrical personalities to entertain at the President's Annual Dinner Dance.

Boquets and Brickbats: Specific complaints against the meeting, other than those mentioned above, were few. Most of these pointed out the inadequacy of the hotel to properly stage a meeting of the convention. On the debit side, the Tulsa County Medical Society's social hour preceding the Dinner Dance was widely praised, there was considerable commendation for the management of the meeting, and some individual program speakers were singled out for praise.

The principal suggestions for improvement of the meeting centered around the following pints:

- (1) The necessity for more intimate meetings of the specialty groups. Many doctors suggested the free night during the convention be utilized for specialty meetings, to be arranged by the specialist groups themselves with a program divided between a scientific presentation and a fellowship period.
- (2) The desireability of resuming scientific exhibits.
- (3) The need for local doctors to attend in greater numbers and to assume a greater responsibility in encouraging

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GIFTS OF THE MONTH-:

Dr. Victor K. Allen. Medical Pocketbook. Author unknown except the initials J. E., published in Great Britain in 1781. It is bound in calf and printed on the right side of the page only. The blank pages have been used for annotations and prescriptions written by the original owner. One of the prescriptions is for Dyspepsia and calls for a mixture of hickory ashes, soot and water. Another is a cure for Drunkenness and prescribes asefetida, ipecac, and any kind of spirits one wishes to shun. This is supposed to be effective for one year. These are but two of the many interesting annotations. The book is a valuable collector's item and will fascinate anyone interested in old and rare books.

Dr. W. Albert Cook, Canned Food Reference Manual. A publication of the Research Division of the American Can Company, New York, N.Y., 1949, 3rd edition

pp. 638.

Dr. Robert E. Funk. Peale, N. W., Guide To Confident Living. Prentice-Hall, Inc., 1949, pp. 248.; Rehfuss, M.E., M.D., Indigestion, Its Diagnosis and Treatment.

W. B. Saunders Co., Philadelphia, 1943, pp. 556, ill.

Dr. J. E. Wallace. Various textbooks including Sajou's Analytic Cyclopedia of Practical Medicine, 13 volumes and four supplements, revised, F. A. Davis Company Philadelphia, 1925-32; Bryant, J.D., M.D., and Buck, A.H., M.D., American Practice of Surgery, 8 volumes, William Wood & Company, New York, 1907.

RECENT ACQUISITIONS -:

Ackerman, L. J., M.D. and Regato, J. A. del., M.D. Cancer Diagnosis, Treatment and Prognosis. C. V. Mosby & Company, St. Louis, 1947, pp. 1,115 with 725 text illustrations including 42 color reproductions.

Amberson, W. R., Ph.D., and Smith, D. C., Ph.D. Outline of Physiology. Appleton-Century-Crofts, Inc., New York, 2nd Edition, 1948, pp. 502. Illustration by Norris Jones and William Loechel.

Bacon, H. E., M.D. Anus, Rectum and Sigmoid Colon, Diagnosis and Treatment. J. B. Lippincott Company, Philadelphia, two volumes, 3rd edition, 1949, pp. 1127, ill. Meleney, F. L., M.D. Clinical Aspects and Treatment of Surgical Infections. W. B.

Saunders Co., Philadelphia, 1949, ill.

Orr, Thomas G., M. D. Operations of General Surgery. W. B. Saunders Co., Philadelphia, 2nd edition, 1949. 1,700 step by step illustrations and 721 figures. pp. 890. Te Linde, R. W., M.D. Operative Gynecology. J. B. Lippincott Company, Philadelphia,

1946, 309 illustrations in black and white, 15 subjects in color.

Wiener, Kurt, M.D. Skin Manifestations of Internal Disorders (Dermadromes). C. V. Mosby Company, St. Louis, 1947, pp. 690, with 386 illustrations and six color plates.

Weiss, Edward, M.D., and English, O. G., M.D. Psychosomatic Medicine. W. B. Saunders Co., Philadelphia, 2nd edition, 1949, pp. 803.

Subscription to the American Journal of Pathology, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Ten years ago this month the Tulsa County Medical Clinic opened its doors for the care of the indigent sick, a project of the Tulsa County Medical Society. In the decade which followed the members of the Society contributed their professional talents for more than a half-million patient visits. This has been done quietly in performance of a community obligation which must necessarily fall in large measure upon the doctor. Except for the newspaper notoriety occasioned by one or two early incidents when the Clinic was subjected to attempted political influences, the Clinic and its volunteer staff has received little or no public recognition of its splendid efforts. In terms of dollars and cents the Clinic has saved the taxpayer an annual average of \$50,000, which means that the medical profession has made a gift of more than a half-million dollars to the community since 1939. Had the half-million patient visits been charged at regular private fees, the cost would be in the neighborhood of three million dollars, considering that in addition to office calls there has been a contribution of surgery, obstetrical deliveries, diagnostic and therapeutic radiology, and pathological services.

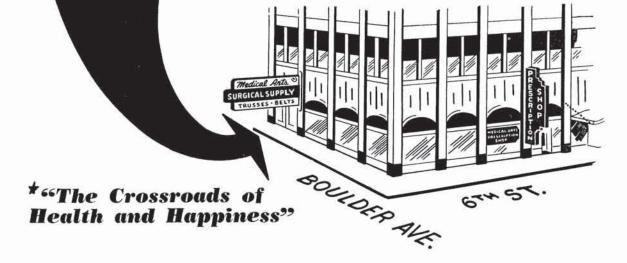
We do not seek any public adulation for performing this service, which we do voluntarily and with sincere motives. We set out originally to improve the quality of care rendered to the indigent sick and to eliminate political abuses present under the old system. Both of these objectives have been accomplished, and the financial saving is incidental from our point of view. I do believe we have much to be proud of in the Clinic, and to those who have contributed their time and effort to its success I offer the sincerest thanks of the profession.

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A WORD OF THANKS

A word of thanks is due to those dutiful ladies who are the members of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Tulsa County Medical Society for a particular kindness which they rendered last month. Through the contribution of their time to staff the Oklahoma State Medical Association's booth at the Tulsa State Fair, it became possible to distribute many thousand pieces of literature to Oklahomans who visited the Fair. This literature, in turn, served to carry the facts about state medicine and its fallacies to the public, and we are hopeful it has accomplished its objective in educating the people who read it. This could not have been accomplished without the volunteer services of these ladies, many of whom neglected home and husband to be of service. We have long been indebted to the Auxiliary on many previous occasions and will no doubt be similarly indebted in the future. The efforts of this organization in behalf of American Medicine are much appreciated.

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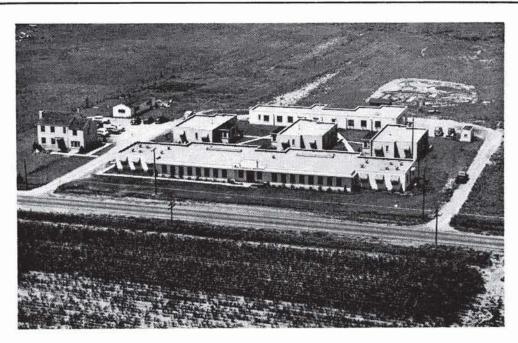
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Dr. Peter G. Danis, prominent St. Louis pediatrician and Chairman of the Department of Pediatrics at St. Louis University School of Medicine, will be guest speaker for the Tulsa County Medical Society at the regular meeting of Monday, October 10, 1949. His paper will be entitled "Problems of Nutrition in the Infant."

Second speaker of the month will be Dr. Emil E. Palik, Chief Pathologist at St. John's Hospital, Tulsa, who will speak on the subject "The Treatment of Leukemia" at the meeting scheduled for Monday, October 24, 1949. Both meetings will be at 8:00 P.M. at The Mayo Hotel.

Dr. Danis is a graduate of the St. Louis University School of Medicine, Class of 1931. His intern training was obtained at St. Mary's Hospital, St. Louis, and additional resident training in Pediatrics at Fell Hospital, St. Louis, and later at the St. Louis University Group Hospitals. For several years he has been Pediatrician-In-Charge at the latter, as well as Associate Professor and Chairman of the Department of Pediatrics at St. Louis University. He is a diplomate of the American Board of Pediatrics and member of the American Association of Pediatricians. His paper will be discussed by Dr. Walter F. Sethney.

Dr. Palik, well known in Oklahoma medical circles, is a graduate of State University of Iowa College of Medicine, Class of 1936. He was later Associate Director of the Department of Pathology at Charity Hospital, New Orleans, and Assistant Professor of Pathology at Louisiana State University School of Medicine. Since 1946 he has been Chief Pathologist and Director of Laboratories at St. John's Hospital. He is now a visiting lecturer on the faculty of the University of Oklahoma School of Medicine. His paper will be discussed by Dr. M. J. Searle.

The Program Committee of the Tulsa County Medical Society has scheduled an unusual scientific program for Monday, November 21, 1949, when Dr. R. Willis, Chief Pathologist to the Royal Cancer



PETER G. DANIS, M.D.

Hospital of London, England, will be guest speaker. Author of the authoritative text. "The Pathology of Tumors," Dr. Willis will be on a four weeks tour of Texas and Oklahoma medical centers during November. A fellow of the Royal College of Physicians, he was formerly a member of the faculty of the University of Melbourne School of Medicine at Melbourne, Australia. The regular St. John's Hospital staff meeting of November 21, 1949, will be postponed to permit all doctors to hear Dr. Willis.

The 1949 schedule of scientific programs will close on November 28 when Dr. Edward L. Moore, Tulsa surgeon, speaks on the subject, "The Use of Surgery For Peptic Ulcers."

DR. JAMES B. THOMPSON has taken new professional quarters at 1001 Medical Arts Building, Tulsa, for the practice of General Surgery.

DR. JOHN D. CAPEHART has taken new office quarters 814-A North Osage Drive, Tulsa, where he will do General Practice.

NEW APPLICANTS

Among the applicants for membership in the Tulsa County Medical Society to be voted upon at the regular meeting of October 24, 1949, are:

J. E. Tyler, M.D. Springer Clinic, 604 South Cincinnati, Tulsa. Medical Degree, Vanderbilt University School of Medicine, 1942. Interned Rochester General Hospital, Rochester, New York, one year. In practice United States Army Medical Corps, 1943-46, discharged with rank of



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Glenn A. West, M.D. Perry Clinic, 222 East 5th Street, Tulsa. Medical Degree, St. Louis University School of Medicine, 1947. Interned St. John's Hospital, Tulsa, Oklahoma, one year. In practice Kiowa Indian Hospital, Lawton Oklahoma, 1948-49. Pediatrics and General Practice. Recommended by Dr. Richard E. McDowell and Dr. Hugh Perry.

Louise Wilcox, M.D. 908 Medical Arts Building, Tulsa. Medical Degree, University of Texas Medical School, 1948. Interned Hillcrest Hospital, Tulsa, one year. Anesthesiology and General Practice. Recommended by Dr. H. D. Murdock and Dr. Fred E. Woodson.

Elected by transfer at the meeting of Monday, September 12, 1949, was:

William C. Pratt, M.D. Springer Clinic, 604 South Cincinnati, Tulsa. Medical Degree, Washington University Medical School, 1938. Interned Geisinger Memorial Hospital, one year. In practice, United States Army Medical Corps, 1940-45; Surgical Fellowship, Mayo Clinic Foundation, 1946-48; private practice, Muskogee, Oklahoma, 1949. General Surgery. Recommended by Dr. Karl F. Swanson and Dr. Carl J. Hotz.

DR. P. N. CHARBONNET is seriously ill at St. John's Hospital, Tulsa.

DR. JAMES C. PETERS has returned from the East where he has been doing postgraduate study in electrocardiology.

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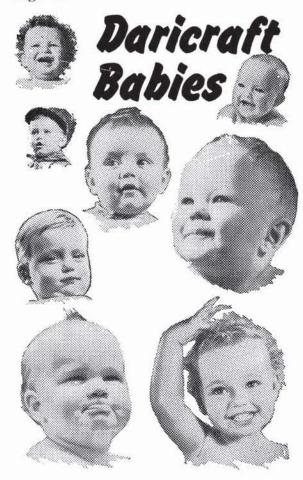
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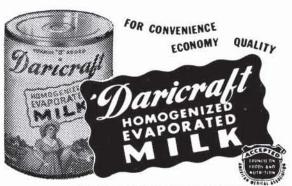
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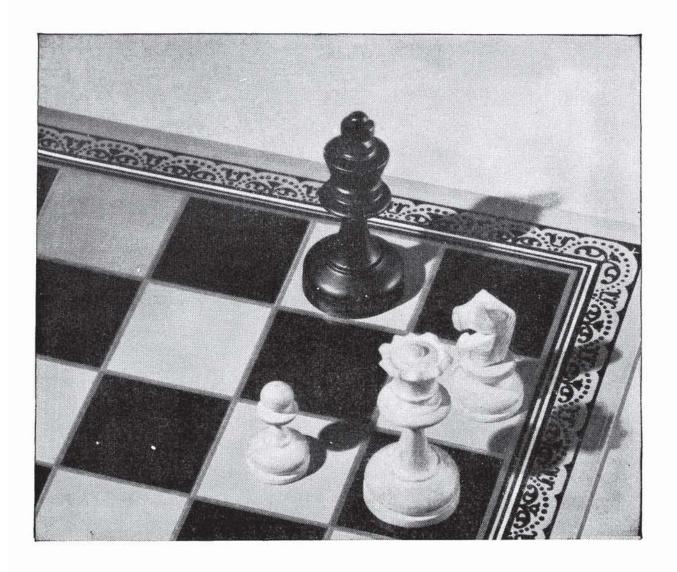
attendance. Many commented that a large percentage of the profession gave scant heed to the meeting, either due to disinterest or demands of practice. "We will not have a truly successful meeting," wrote one doctor, "until we all get behind it and add our personal efforts to drawing the crowd and entertaining and educating them when the meeting is in progress. It is admittedly difficult to do this and practice at the same time, but more attention to our role of host is essential despite these sacrifices."

A detailed account of the survey will be filed with the Oklahoma State Medical Association for its value in planning future meetings.

DR. A. RAY WILEY has returned from three months in England, Holland, France, and Italy.

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On page 402 of the September, 1949, issue of The Journal of the Oklahoma State Medical Association is to be found an important document entitled "Principles of Medical Ethics Restated and Revised." This is a verbatim copy of the principles of medical ethics adopted by House of Delegates of the American Medical Association at Atlantic City last June. It is the result of several years work and study by the Judicial Council of the A.M.A. to restate and modernize the principles of medical ethics and to cover many new problems of medical ethics which have arisen in recent years in connection with group practice, educational information, contract practice, etc. It is not so much a change in the ethics which have been recognized for the better part of a hundred years by the A.M.A., and by physicians in general for centuries, but rather an addition to those principles which have served the profession so well for so long. It is to be hoped that every member of the Tulsa County Medical Society will carry this issue of The Journal to his home or office where in some quiet moment he may carefully read and digest this document.



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