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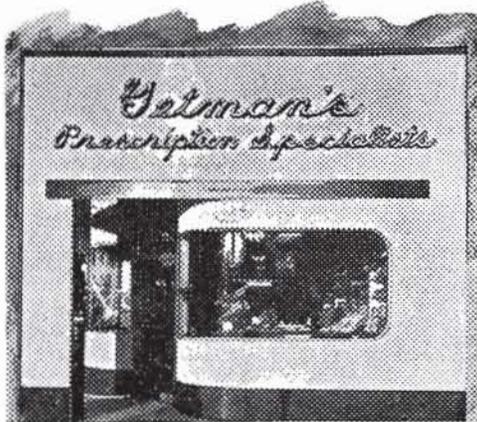
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### AMA SPECIAL ASSESSMENT NOW DUE

House of Delegates of the Oklahoma State  
Medical Association Adopts Resolution Approving  
the AMA Action.

The House of Delegates of the Oklahoma State Medical Association last month officially confirmed the \$25.00 special assessment of the American Medical Association with the adoption of a resolution creating the assessment as a special assessment upon the membership of the State Association. The House fixed May 1, 1949, as the final date for payment with penalties of suspension and expulsion for members who fail to pay.

Terms of the resolution, as approved by the House at a special call meeting on Sunday, February 20, 1949, at Oklahoma City, included the following:

(1) Recognition and endorsement of the proposed public relations program of the American Medical Association directed against a current Congressional and Administration effort in behalf of national compulsory health insurance.

(2) Collection of the \$25.00 special assessment by the secretary-treasurer of each county medical society by May 1, 1949. Members who fail to pay will be subject to the penalties provided by the regular provisions of the Constitution & By-Laws of the Oklahoma State Medical Association.

(3) Exemption of honorary and life members from payment of the assessment, although inviting such members to make voluntary contributions to the fund.

(4) Exemption of members from payment of the assessment in "hardship" cases to be determined by the individual county medical societies. Such cases are to be determined upon the basis of financial inability to pay.

(5) The assessment is to be levied upon all new members entering the Association during the year of 1949, except for (a) new members who have paid the assessment to another county society of which they were previously a member, and (b) doctors who have actively practiced less than one year.

(6) Creation of the assessment as a legal assessment of the Oklahoma State Medical Association under the terms of the Association's Constitution and By-Laws.

(7) Authority to determine procedures of collection was vested with the Council of the Oklahoma State Medical Association.

The action of the House following several hours of explanation of the American Medical Association's Proposed public relations program. Speakers included Dr. John F. Burton, Chairman of the Public Policy Committee of the Oklahoma State Medical Association, and Dr. Charles R. Rountree, Oklahoma City, and Dr. James Stevenson, Tulsa, Oklahoma delegates to the American Medical Association.

The vote of the House of Delegates was unanimous. There was no protest of any type by any member. The perilous position of American Medicine and the dangerously strong support of the Wagner-Murray-Dingell Bill proponents was repeatedly stressed by speakers from all parts of the State.

A discussion of the proposed public relations program of the American Medical Association elicited many com-

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# PRESIDENT'S PAGE

For some time I have been increasingly concerned with the problem of the night house call and with the adverse public reaction which refusal of these calls by the doctor invariably creates. Coming at a time when the profession stands in need of as much public support as it can gain in the struggle against the inroads of state medicine, the problem is rapidly reaching an acute stage where some definite solution must be devised. The Board of Trustees has discussed this matter at some length and our very energetic Public Relations Committee is now studying various attempts at solution which have been employed in other major cities. This Committee will shortly recommend a specific plan to be tried in the Tulsa area, and this proposal will be presented to the membership for discussion and ultimate disposition. It is certain that no plan can be presented which will not depend upon a sincere spirit of cooperation by the members of the Society, and any approved plan which does not enjoy active participating cooperation by all members is foredoomed to failure.

In approaching this problem, we are not unaware of the doctor's position in the matter. From my personal experience, I know as all doctors do that probably ninety per cent of night calls are unnecessary, that they are generally unremunerative, and that the loss of needed rest at night tends to impair the efficiency with which we care for our daily practice. The public is not responsive to these views, recognizing only a principle that the sick must be cared for. Failure to come when called leads only to bitterness and loss of prestige. We have a public responsibility here which we must shoulder. This can best be done by coordinated planning.

Sincerely,



President

## TUMOR CLINIC COMPLETES FIRST YEAR

Total of 208 Cases Seen in First Twelve Months  
By St. John's Tumor Clinic. Thirty Doctors Com-  
prise Staff.

The St. John's Tumor Clinic, diagnostic and treatment center for cancer patients of Northeastern Oklahoma, completed its first year on March 1, 1949, with a report of 112 cases of malignancy in a total of 208 cases seen. A project of a group of Tulsa physicians with the financial support of the American Cancer Society and the Oklahoma State Health Department, the Clinic anticipates a steady growth in its case load throughout this year as area physicians become more and more familiar with the services of the unit.

Dr. Ralph A. McGill, Director, said the Clinic Staff was well pleased with the results of the initial year's program and expressed the belief the Clinic had filled a long-felt need in the Tulsa area. "During this first year it has become possible to perfect the organization of the St. John's Tumor Clinic and to create the machinery for an efficient and effective diagnostic and treatment center," Dr. McGill said. "The Clinic has met the high standards prescribed by the American College of Surgeons, enabling it to secure the confidence and trust of the medical profession in Northeastern Oklahoma."

A complete report of the first year of the Clinic will feature the regular meeting of the Tulsa County Medical Society on Monday, March 14, 1949, at 8:00 P.M., when Dr. McGill will describe the Clinic's operation and comment upon its progress. A summary of the clinical results of the year will be presented by Dr. Lucien Pascucci of the Clinic's radiological department.

Considerable progress has been made by the St. John's Tumor Clinic in its first twelve months in many respects. Facilities for diagnosis and treatment have been greatly improved through the addition of much-needed equipment of all types. Two huge deep therapy x-ray units have been installed at the Clinic. A new 400,000 volt deep therapy and 140,000 volt machine, in addition to

the present 200,000 volt therapy unit, are now available. An excellent system of records has been set up, enabling much valuable statistical information to be collected. Progress towards clinical studies of cancer and tumor has been made, and the Clinic may soon embark upon a moderate program of cancer research.

The St. John's Tumor Clinic is an excellent example of cooperative effort among forward-minded individuals and community service groups. It represents a joint effort of some thirty medical doctors who comprise the staff. St. John's Hospital has provided quarters for the Clinic in the Waite Phillips Memorial Building, has made accessible the splendid and extensive x-ray facilities of the Hospital, and has contributed thousands of dollars in hospital services to charity patients under the care of the Clinic.

The American Cancer Society, through its Oklahoma Division, has made extensive grants to the Clinic for the purchase of radium (of which 150 mg. are now available), large quantities of supplies and equipment, and certain maintenance costs. About \$10,000 was spent from this source in the first year of operation. Additional funds are also made available by the Oklahoma State Health Department, which has given splendid cooperation to the project.

The routine of the St. John's Tumor Clinic is of particular interest to all physicians who encounter cases of malignant growth. A patient must first present to the Secretary of the Clinic, Miss Lois Taylor, a letter of admission from a private physician or county health officer. While it is desirable that the official admission form be used, copies of which are obtainable from the Clinic, a letter upon the professional stationery of the doctor is acceptable. No patient is admitted unless referred by a doctor—a hard and fast rule strictly observed.

Upon presentation of the proper letter of admission, the patient is interviewed

by the Secretary and briefed in the Clinic routine. The patient is scheduled for the diagnostic clinic held each Tuesday morning at 8:00 A.M. Here, the case history is taken by a Hospital intern prior to a thorough examination by a member of the Clinic Staff. The results of this examination are then presented to the Staff for a clinical discussion and determination of diagnosis and treatment. These findings are dictated immediately for transmission to the doctor referring the patient.

If the diagnosis is not immediately determined, or if further study is advisable to confirm an earlier diagnosis, the patient may be hospitalized for as long as three days. The hospitalization costs during this three-day period during which the diagnosis is "worked up" are paid by the Oklahoma State Health Department from funds which are available for cancer control. These funds have been appropriated by an Act of Congress.

Most of the cases with a positive diagnosis of malignancy have been returned by the referring physician to the Clinic for treatment. If the patient can desirably be treated on an out-patient status he receives x-ray and radium treatment at appointed hours Monday through Saturday. If hospitalization is indicated, the Clinic arranges for the patient to be admitted to the Hospital as either (1) a pay patient, or part-pay patient, (2) county patient, or (3) Hospital charity patient. This is done immediately or as soon as a bed is available. Treatment continues as long as desirable. Duplicate records on Hospital cases are maintained in the regular records of the Hospital and also in the case records of the Tumor Clinic.

The Clinic has very complete case histories on all patients and a strict follow-up is done on all patients who are discharged or who voluntarily discontinue treatment. Photographic equipment owned by the Hospital permits pictures of the malignancy to be made from time to time.

The thirty physicians who now constitute the Staff serve without any re-

muneration and contribute their services as required. Where surgery is required, the patient is admitted to the Hospital on the charity service of the Staff member who has been assigned the case. It should be made clear that the St. John's Tumor Clinic is primarily for indigent patients. In 46 cases requiring x-ray therapy, as seen in the first year, only four persons were able to pay the costs of treatment. Of these four, only one paid the total cost with the other three paying only a portion of the charges. Forty-two other patients requiring x-ray therapy, but unable to pay anything, received it without charge.

For patients recommended from outside of Tulsa County, it may be necessary for them to remain in Tulsa for x-ray therapy. When the patient is unable to pay the cost of board and room while in Tulsa for such treatment, arrangements are made for them to stay in Tulsa boarding homes. This item of room and board is paid for by the Oklahoma Division of the American Cancer Society. Transportation to and from the Clinic may also be paid for when the patient lives outside of Tulsa County.

Other social services are rendered the patient as the need arises. Many times arrangements are made for the patient to receive special medication in the home, especially in terminal cancer patients. The Public Health Association of Tulsa has been of great service to the Clinic in this respect.

The fundamental purposes of the Clinic are:

(1) To insure better care for patients through clinical consultation of specialists, exchange of information, and maintenance of accurate and uniform records.

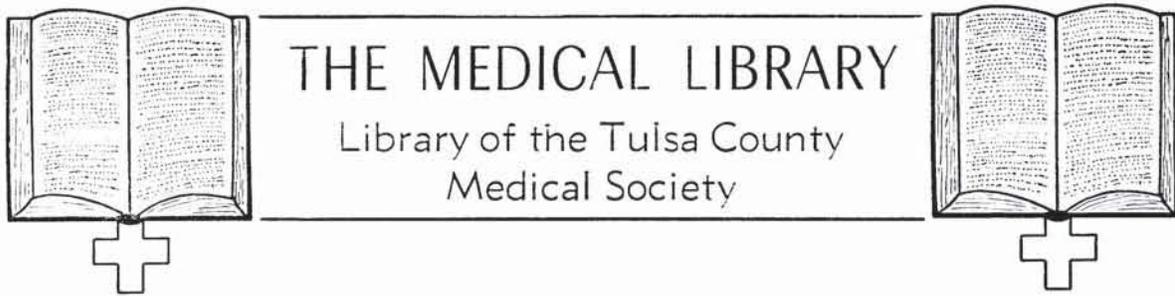
(2) To educate specialists in oncology by concentration of material for study.

The benefits derived from group consultation, such as is employed in the Clinic, include:

(1) Accurate diagnosis based on pathological studies.

(2) Careful survey of individual problems from pathological, surgical, and medical standpoints.

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**GIFTS OF THE MONTH—:**

**Dr. Marque O. Nelson.** A subscription to the Canadian Medical Association Journal, 1949.

**Dr. A. Ray Wiley.** A copy of the Ewing report of Compulsory Health Insurance.

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Journals are now being prepared to send to the bindery. If any doctor has any material he wishes to have bound the librarian will be glad to assist in the necessary arrangements for shipping. This is a regular service of the Library of the Tulsa County Medical Society.

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A recent purchase has been made of the Sixth Edition of Hamilton Bailey's **Emergency Surgery**. It is to appear in five volumes, two of which are now off the press and which should be received in the Library by the time this issue of *The Bulletin* is placed in the mail. The other three volumes and index will be published at intervals of two or three months. Volume One contains 180 pages with 289 illustrations, many in color.

The theme of this work is when to operate, when not to operate, and how to operate. Casualties have greatly increased due to the expansion and speed-up of modern industry and all types of transportation. A text of this type should be of considerable value to all physicians.

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A printers' strike which occurred in Chicago during the early part of 1948 seriously incapacitated the press of the American Medical Association, resulting in the delayed publication of some fifteen special journals published by the AMA. Many of the issues originally scheduled for 1948 have yet to appear. This has, in turn, handicapped the preparation of bound volumes by medical libraries. The American Medical Association now plans to publish its 1949 issues at the regularly scheduled dates, while the missing issues for 1948 will be published at intervals until complete. Many of the issues are being printed in Minneapolis and Memphis. It is one of the few times the AMA has gone outside of its own printing plant.

Many inquiries have also been received concerning the long promised new edition of the Directory of the American Medical Association. The AMA reports portions of the huge book have been printed, but that the bulk of the sections listing physicians have yet to be sent to the printer. No definite publication date has been promised. Since an issue of the Directory has not been published since 1940, the huge amount of corrections and additions has been a monumental task. Upon publication, a copy will be placed in the Library of the Tulsa County Medical Society.

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## THE FIGHT FOR FREEDOM

It is unfortunate that every member of the Tulsa County Medical Society could not have attended the special call meeting of the House of Delegates of the Oklahoma State Medical Association in Oklahoma City last February 20th. It was an illuminating experience that provided a ready answer to the question on the lips of every American doctor today—How does the American Medical Association propose to spend the three and a half million dollars which the special assessment of \$25.00 on each physician will create? What assurance have we that it will be spent in an effective manner to accomplish the purpose for which levied?

It was a skeptical House which assembled that Sunday morning, a group of serious-minded doctors representing the 1,600 members of the medical profession of Oklahoma. The rumblings in the grass roots against the AMA assessment had been concerned mainly with the national organization's ability to project an effective program of education to the general public. Most doctors knew from past experience that the AMA had long been weak on public relations, and many attributed the inroads of political medicine to the outmoded policies practiced by the AMA up until the close of World War II.

With most Oklahoma doctors, it was not a question of \$25.00—recognized by all but a few defeatists as an infinitely small price to pay for a democratic ideal of free enterprise.

For more than two hours the members of the House sat in rapt attention as Dr. John F. Burton, Chairman of the Association Public Policy Committee, unveiled the details of the American Medical Association's proposed program. They heard, point by point, how the AMA expected to conduct its fight against state medicine. It was quickly evident that the program was no ill-considered, patched-up job of public relations planning, but a masterful attack in the interests of the American Doctor. It was evident, too, that the public relations firm engaged by the AMA—Whitaker and Baxter of San Francisco, who lead the successful fight against Governor Earl Warren's state medicine program in the California Legislature—were no mere amateurs. Their program was not one of broad generalizations, but a specific plan of attack with marvelous potentialities.

When Dr. Burton had concluded, there was only a single question asked—What is the procedure to be in collecting the assessment? So well was the House impressed that not one objection was raised. There was, instead, a brighter and more optimistic spirit among the Delegates. Now, said one delegate, we are really "on the ball" . . . "cooking with gas" . . . "fighting!"

At its meeting of Monday, March 14, the Tulsa County Medical Society will hear the details of the AMA program. Dr. Burton has been invited to appear, and to recreate the enthusiasm of the House session. In order that every member shall know in detail the disposition of the special assessment fund, it is asked that a 100 per cent attendance be recorded. The indifferent and complacent attitude which has marked the profession in respect to the state medicine threat must now be thrown aside. Medicine is at the most serious crisis in its centuries-old history. The individual doctor is facing an entirely new system of enterprise where the physician may not call his

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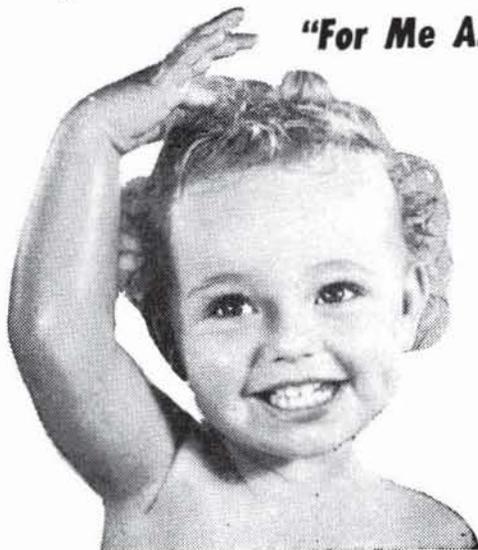


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## DALLAS PATHOLOGIST TO DISCUSS KIDNEY DISORDER

Dr. Ernest E. Muirhead, Associate Professor of Pathology at Southwestern Medical College, Dallas, will be guest speaker at the regular meeting of the Tulsa County Medical Society on Monday, March 28, 1949, at 8:00 P.M., at The Mayo, Tulsa. His subject will be "Acute Renal Insufficiency of Lower Nephron-Nephrosis: Type, Causes and Treatment," a discussion of a common kidney disorder.

The Society's first regularly scheduled meeting of the month on Monday, March 14, 1949, will be devoted to the activities of the St. John's Tumor Clinic. Dr. Ralph A. McGill, Director, will report on the progress of the Clinic since its inception one year ago, with Dr. Lucien Pascucci, radiologist, analyzing the scientific records of the Clinic during its first twelve months of operation. The meeting will be at The Mayo at 8:00 P.M. A brief business meeting will follow.

Dr. Muirhead's subject is of current wide interest and is, in general, a discussion of common kidney complications following burns, shock, and surgery. The paper will analyze the various types of this condition, known medically as Lower Nephron-Nephrosis, with emphasis on the pathology and treatment. Dr. Muirhead recently attracted wide attention in medical circles for his discussion of this subject before the Clinical Congress of the American College of Surgeons in Los Angeles, California, last November.

Born in 1916, Dr. Muirhead attended Baylor University School of Medicine at Dallas (now Southwestern Medical College) and received his medical degree in 1939. His subsequent research and writings, dealing with blood transfusion work, shock, and renal insufficiency, won him an invitation to join the staff of Southwestern as Associate Professor of Pathology. He is presently Director of the Clinical Laboratories and Blood Bank of Parkland Hospital, Dallas, and is now doing research with a group of physicians working with an artificial



DR. ERNEST E. MUIRHEAD

kidney. Recognized as an outstanding young pathologist, his paper in Tulsa is expected to draw a large audience of medical men.

Dr. E. Rankin Denny, Chairman of the Program Committee, has announced the schedule of scientific programs for the Tulsa County Medical Society for the balance of 1949 as follows:

April 11, 1949. "Gastric Vagotomy in the Treatment of Peptic Ulcer." Dr. Lester R. Dragstedt, Chairman of the Department of Surgery, University of Chicago School of Medicine, Chicago, Illinois.

April 25, 1949. Untitled paper in internal medicine, Dr. Felix R. Park, Tulsa.

May 9, 1949. Untitled paper in urology, Dr. Henry S. Browne, Tulsa. (Only one meeting in May due to the 56th Annual Meeting of the Oklahoma State Medical Association in Tulsa, May 16-18).

September 12, 1949. Untitled paper in orthopedics with guest speaker to be selected.

September 26, 1949. "Intractable Pain." Dr. Averill Stowell, Tulsa.

October 10, 1949. "Problems of Nutri-

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## MARCH MEDICAL CALENDAR

### TUESDAY, March 1st:

Members delinquent in payment of 1949 annual membership dues are urged to make payment by April 1, 1949, to avoid suspension from membership privileges.

### WEDNESDAY, March 2nd:

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

### SATURDAY, March 5th:

Medical Broadcast, "Color Blindness," Radio Station KOME, 6:15 P. M. Speaker, Dr. Charles G. Stuard.

### MONDAY, March 7th:

Hillcrest Hospital Staff Meeting.

### TUESDAY, March 8th:

St. John's Tumor Clinic, 8:00 A. M.

### WEDNESDAY, March 9th:

Postgraduate Study Course in Basis Sciences, Hillcrest Lying-In Hospital, 7:30 P.M. Subject, "Applied Anatomy of the GI Tract." Speaker, Dr. Ernest Lachman, University of Oklahoma School of Medicine, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

### SATURDAY, March 12th:

Medical Broadcast, "Diet And Nutrition," Radio Station KOME, 6:15 P.M. Speaker, Miss Esther Musil, Executive Director, Dairy Council of Tulsa.

### MONDAY, March 14th:

Scientific Meeting, Tulsa County Medical Society, The Mayo, 8:00 P.M. Program devoted to the St. John's Tumor Clinic. Speakers, Dr. Ralph A. McGill and Dr. Lucien Pascucci. Brief business meeting to follow.

### TUESDAY, March 15th:

St. John's Tumor Clinic, 8:00 A. M.

### SATURDAY, March 19th:

Medical Broadcast, "The Red Cross Blood Center," Radio Station KOME, 6:15 P.M. Speaker, Dr. Mabel M. Hart.  
Copy deadline for the April issue of the Bulletin.

### MONDAY, March 21st:

St. John's Hospital Staff Meeting.

### TUESDAY, March 22nd:

St. John's Tumor Clinic, 8:00 A. M.

### WEDNESDAY, March 23rd:

Postgraduate Study Course in Basic Sciences, Hillcrest Lying-In Hospital, 7:30 P.M. Subject, "Basic Aspects of Modern Anesthesia." Speaker, Dr. Howard Bennett, University of Oklahoma School of Medicine, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

### SATURDAY, March 26th:

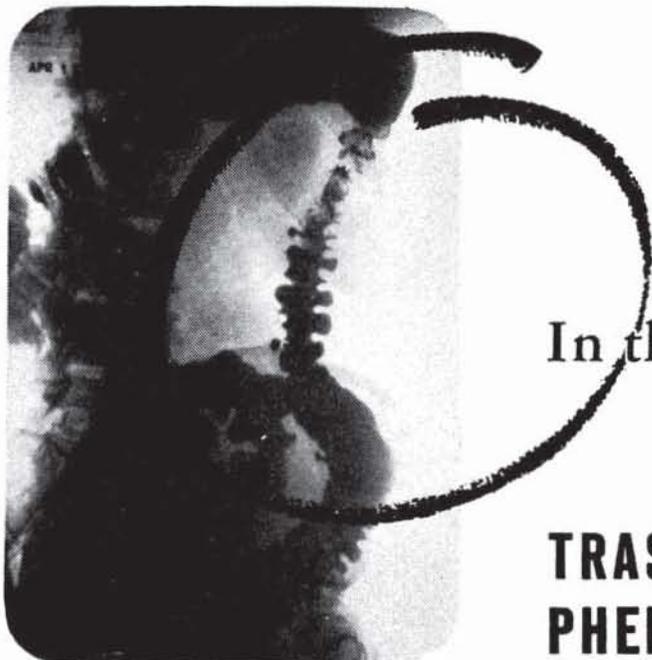
Medical Broadcast, "Facts About Urology," Radio Station KOME, 6:15 P.M. Speaker, Dr. Berget H. Blocksom.

### MONDAY, March 28th:

Scientific Meeting, Tulsa County Medical Society, The Mayo, 8:00 P.M. Subject "Lower Nephron-Nephrosis." Speaker, Dr. Ernest E. Muirhead, Associate Professor of Pathology, Southwestern Medical College, Dallas, Texas. No business meeting.

### TUESDAY, March 29th:

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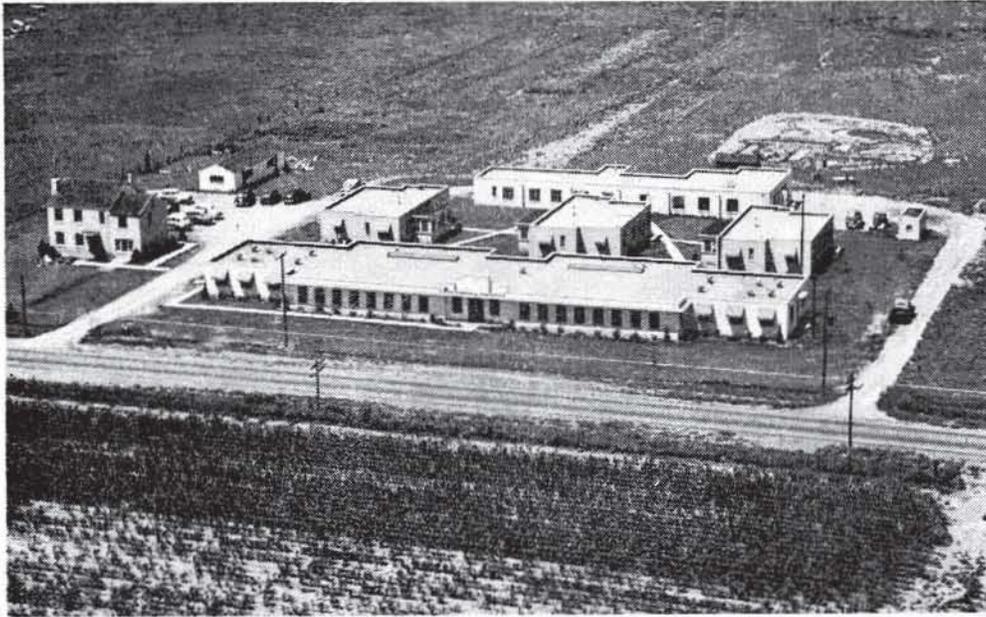
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## NEW MEMBERS

Elected to membership in the Tulsa County Medical Society at the regular meeting of January 24, 1949, was:

**Albert M. Mery, M.D.** 305 Braniff Building, Tulsa. Medical Degree, University of Colorado Medical School, Denver, Colorado, 1943. Interned Cleveland City Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio, one year. In private practice, Denver, Colorado, 1946-48. Internal Medicine. Recommended by Dr. R. W. Goen and Dr. Edward L. Moore. By transfer from Denver County Medical Society, Denver, Colorado.

Elected to membership in the Tulsa County Medical Society at the regular meeting of February 14, 1949, was:

**Robert A. Hayne, M.D.** Springer Clinic, 604 South Cincinnati, Tulsa. Medical Degree, State University of Iowa College of Medicine, 1940. Interned Cincinnati General Hospital, Cincinnati, Ohio, one year. Resident in Surgery, State University of Iowa, 1942-46. Research Assistant, Illinois Neuropsychiatric Institute, 1946-47. Instructor in Neuro-Surgery, State University of Iowa, 1948. Neurological Surgery. Recommended by Dr. Carl J. Hotz and Dr. Albert W. Wallace. By transfer from Johnson County Medical Society, Iowa City, Iowa.

The Tulsa County Medical Society last month named to honorary membership two veteran Tulsa doctors, DR. W. ALBERT COOK and DR. SIDNEY C. VENABLE.

DR. FRANK A. STUART will leave shortly for a month's special duty with the United States Army Medical Corps in Europe.

DR. M. V. STANLEY was married February 5 to Mrs. Alice Reed of Vinita.

DR. PAUL O. SHACKELFORD is Director of the Tulsa Figure Skating Club's annual revue.

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(5) Correlated follow-up of patients.

(6) Evaluation of therapeutic measures.

(7) Cumulative experience of the group over a long period of time.

(8) Contributions in clinical research.

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Now participating in the Clinic are the following physicians: Dr. Ralph A. McGill, Director; Dr. H. B. Stewart, Anesthesia; Dr. Ira McCarty, Dental; Dr. W. A. Showman and Dr. James Stevenson, Dermatology; Dr. P. N. Charbonnet, Dr. William F. Thomas, Jr., and Dr. Franklin Sinclair, Gynecology; Dr. H. A. Ruprecht, Dr. E. Rankin Denny, Dr. Samuel Goodman, and Dr. Frank J. Nelson, Internal Medicine; Dr. Averill Stowell, Neuro-Surgery; Dr. Charles Stuard and Dr. D. L. Edwards, Ophthalmology; Dr. John E. McDonald and Dr. Frank A. Stuart, Orthopedics; Dr. D. L. Mishler and Dr. Ruric N. Smith, Otolaryngology; Dr. Emil E. Palik and Dr. I. H. Nelson, Pathology; Dr. J. D. Shipp and Dr. Victor K. Allen, Proctology; Dr. Carl J. Hotz and Dr. D. L. Garrett, Surgery; Dr. Simon Pollack, Dr. Lucien Pascucci, Dr. Walter E. Brown, and Dr. Morris B. Lhevine, Radiology; and Dr. Joseph Fulcher and Dr. Henry S. Browne, Urology.

## SPECIAL ASSESSMENT

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ments and suggestions from delegates in attendance, some of which had considerable merit. Heated charges that abuses in medical care in the larger cities of Oklahoma were responsible for the present situation were quickly refuted. Policies of the University of Oklahoma School of Medicine and other medical schools over the nation in encouraging specialization by graduates came in for

pointed rebuke. With the exception of two or three charges of this character, the problem was recognized by most delegates as a complex one attributable to a combination of economic and social conditions, professional shortcomings, and deliberate misrepresentation of actual existing conditions by ambitious political leaders.

As this issue of The Bulletin went to press, plans called for the Association to bill each member for the special assessment directly from Oklahoma City. A stamped envelope will be enclosed for remission of the assessment to the Tulsa County Medical Society. All assessments should be paid to the local society and checks should be made payable to the Tulsa County Medical Society. Do not make checks payable to the American Medical Association or to any other organization.

### EDITORIAL

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soul his own. The forces at work against the free system of medicine are vicious and tremendous in concept. Only a unified effort of the American doctors is likely to save the profession from the domination of the political ward-heeler.

The Tulsa County Medical Society believes the special assessment of the American Medical Association is the first real evidence of spirit in this fight, and it encourages every member to make payment as soon as possible. It is but the first step in a struggle for free enterprise, but an important first step.

### PROGRAMS

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tion in the Sick Infant." Dr. Peter G. Danis, pediatrician, St. Louis, Missouri.

October 24, 1949 "Treatment of Leukemia." Dr. Emil E. Palik, Tulsa.

November 14, 1949. Unannounced.

November 28, 1949. Untitled paper in surgery, Dr. Edward L. Moore, Tulsa.

December 12, 1949. Annual business meeting and election of officers. No scientific program.

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