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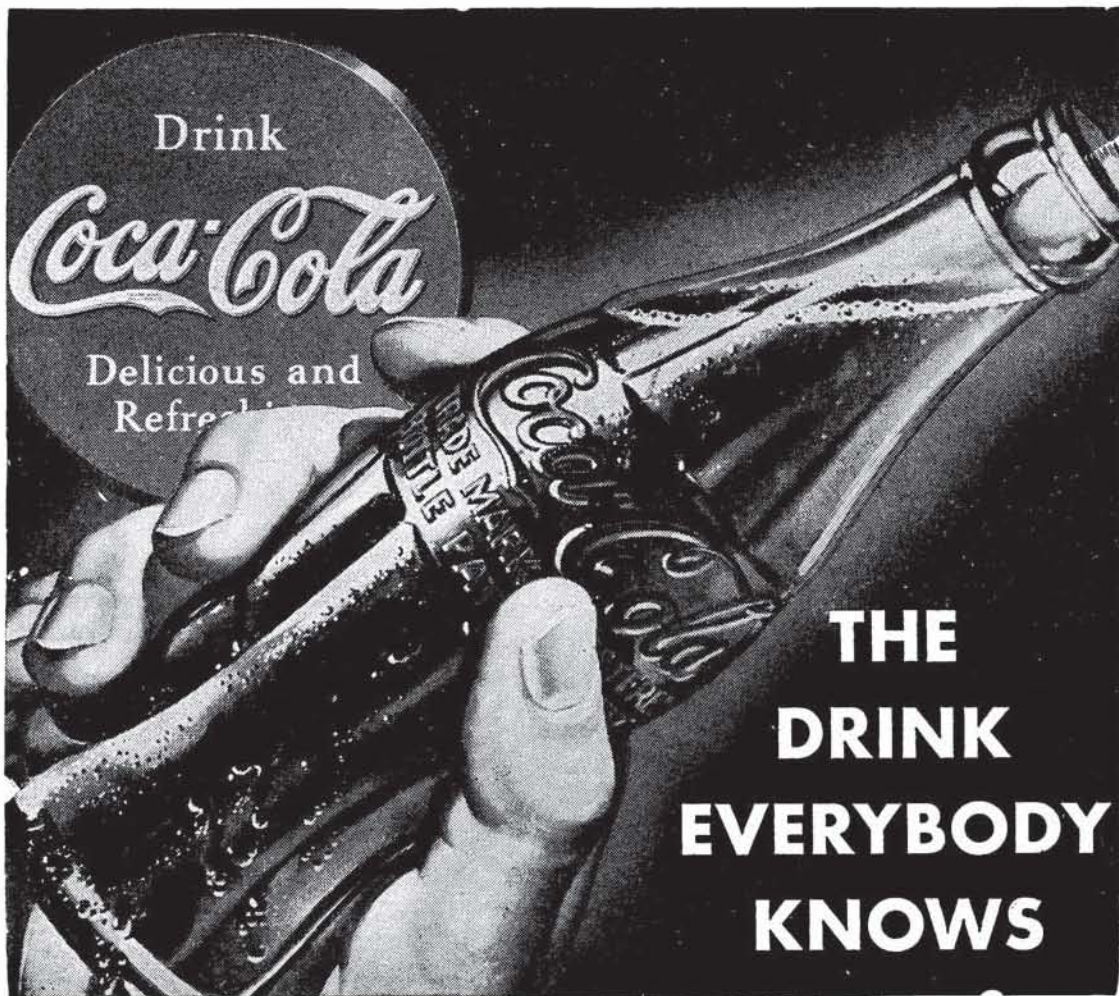
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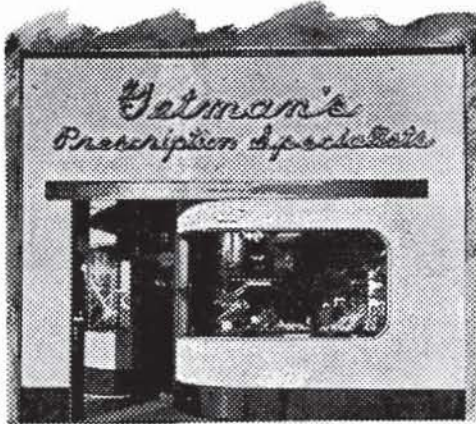
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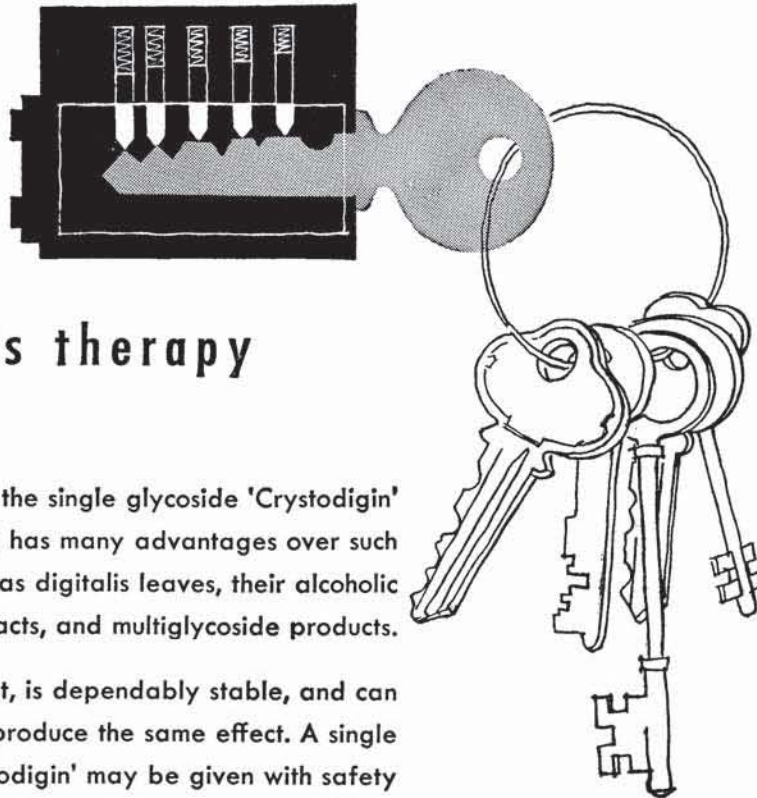
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### PROGRESS OF BLUE CROSS NOTED

**Record 42.4 Per Cent of Tulsa County Enrolled In Hospital Care Plan. Annual Report Shows Marked Increase In Growth of Membership and Benefits.**

The Oklahoma Blue Cross Plan of voluntary hospitalization insurance continued to make marked gains throughout 1948, a study of the annual report of Group Hospital Service indicates. Enrollment in the Plan at the end of the year stood at 269,017 persons, or 11.5 per cent of the State's population, while in Tulsa County a record 42.4 per cent of the population are enrolled.

Similar progress was noted by Oklahoma Physicians Service, companion of surgical and obstetrical care insurance with 119,237 members enrolled as of December 31, 1948. Now in its fourth year, Oklahoma Physicians Service has 5.1 per cent of the population of the State enrolled. Tulsa County membership was again the leader in terms of actual members enrolled, but percentage-wise stood second to Washington County with only 19.6 per cent of the population enrolled as against the latter's record 25.5 per cent.

The Blue Cross Plan of Oklahoma, originally a project of the Tulsa County Medical Society, is now in its tenth year. From its formation in 1940, membership has grown steadily each year from 9,063 to the present 269,017 (as of December 31, 1948. By the end of February, 1949, the total had advanced to 274,966). There has been a coincident increase of member benefits, and payments to individual hospitals have been increased markedly and out of proportion to slight increases in premium rates.

Group Hospital Service of Oklahoma paid out 86.4 per cent of its total 1948

income to hospitals for services rendered subscribers and dependents. Of the balance 12.9 per cent represented annual operating costs and the remaining .7 per cent an addition to the reserve for contingencies. The financial condition of both plans appears sound with substantial reserves for undischarged cases, unreported cases, and other contingencies. Income from the Blue Cross plan stood at \$1,705,911.45 for the year, an increase of almost a half million dollars over 1947. The amount paid to the hospitals for the year was proportionately up over the previous year, jumping from 72.3 per cent in 1947 to 86.4 per cent last year. Operating expenses for the Plan were also reduced over the previous year and officials hope to reach a goal of ten per cent in 1949.

Group Hospital Service continues to write family coverage contracts predominately although one-and two-person contracts are well represented. Utilization of income from family contracts is 92 per cent for hospitalization costs, while two-person contracts require only 86.1 per cent, and one-person contracts only 77.5 per cent, or an average 88.3 per cent. This figure, adjusted by the addition of enrollment fees and interest income, resolves to the total of 86.4 per cent of income expended to meet hospitalization costs.

A study of payments made to member hospitals of the Oklahoma Blue Cross Plan indicates an average cost per case of \$41.94 with an average stay of 5.5

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# PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Many members of the Tulsa County Medical Society have asked me concerning my opinion as to the value of the \$25.00 special assessment of the American Medical Association to finance a national program of public education. My views are quickly and directly stated: I believe the proposed program to be a well-conceived and coordinated program which is of much potential value. I believe it cannot succeed except with the whole-hearted cooperation of medical profession. To me it represents virtually the only fight which is being made against state medicine. The sum of \$25.00 is little enough to pay for the preservation of a basic American principle of free enterprise, for the continuation of our profession on the high standards on which it now rests, and for our own future as practitioners and scientists who will not become the minion of the political ward-heeler. In short, I am in thorough accord with any effective effort to be made on behalf of American Medicine. I do not believe that we can even consider the financial cost of such efforts—that adequate finance will be a basic requirement of our fight is a foregone conclusion.

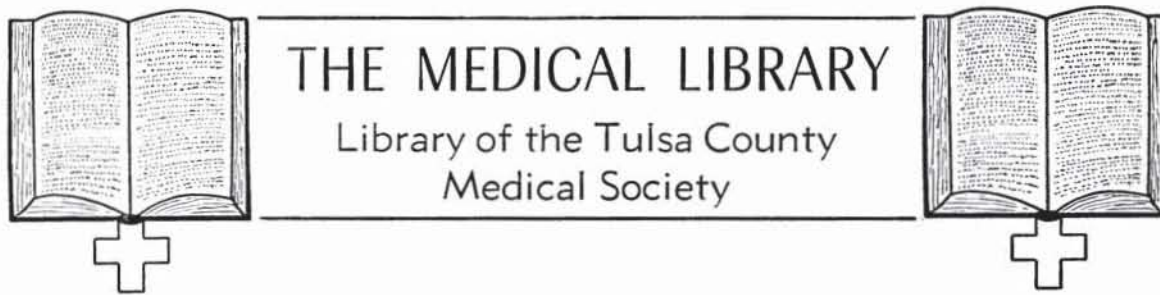
Those few members of American Medicine who feel that a positive opposition to state medicine is beneath the dignity of the profession are no doubt sincere in their thinking. How infinitely more our dignity will suffer if we permit ourselves and the principles for which we stand to be ripped to shreds by the greedy and ambitious political job-holder. Our profession has courage—individual courage which now must be united in a fight against the entire demoralization of medicine. I say let's stand up and make a real fight against these "isms" that have no part of the American Way of Life.

Sincerely,



President



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**GIFTS OF THE MONTH—:**

Dr. Felix T. Gastineau. Obesity, by Edward H. Rynearson, M. D., Associate Professor of Medicine, Mayo Foundation, and Clifford F. Gastineau, M. D., Fellow in Medicine, Mayo Foundation. This is a monograph in American Lectures in Endocrinology, published by Charles C. Thomas, Publishers, 1949, 134 pp. Charts of average weights, composition of foods, and sample menus for the treatment of the obese patient are included. One of the authors, Dr. Gastineau, is a son of the donor.

Dr. W. Carl Lindstrom. Various issues of the American Journal of Obstetrics & Gynecology and the Quarterly Review of Obstetrics.

Dr. Russell C. Pigford. A complete file of the United States Naval Bulletin from November, 1947, to February, 1949.

Dr. James Stevenson. Draft report of the World Medical Association on the medical profession in 23 countries with some recommendations on the principles of medical service.

Mr. Harold V. Courtright. Subscription to Postgraduate Medicine, 1949.

Mr. Jack Spears. George Crile, An Autobiography. Edited, with sidelights, by Grace Crile. J. B. Lippincott Company, 1947. Two volumes, boxed, with illustrations. 624 pp.

Dr. Ivo A. Nelson Memorial Library. Clinical Hematology, by M. W. Wintrobe, Second Edition, 862 pp., 197 engravings and 14 plates including ten in color. Lea & Febiger, 1946.

Practical Physiological Chemistry, by Hawk, Oscar, and Summerson. Twelfth Edition Edition, 1,324 pages. The Blakiston Company, 1947.

Practical Bacteriology, Hermatology and Parasitology by Stitt, Clough, and Branham, Tenth Edition, 991 pp. The Blakiston Company, 1948.

**RECENT PURCHASES—:**

Coley, Bradley L., M. D. Neoplasms of the Bone. 765 pp., 622 illustrations and 53 tables. Paul B. Hoeber, Inc., 1949.

**LARGE CASH GIFT ACKNOWLEDGED**

The Tulsa County Society of Medical Technologists and friends of the late Dr. Ivo A. Nelson have given the Medical Library a substantial sum of money remaining in the Dr. Nelson Memorial Fund. Four books have been ordered, and the three listed above have been received. The balance will be used to complete the binding of the volumes of the Journal of Biological Chemistry which were part of Dr. Nelson's own library. This is a very fine gift which is deeply appreciated and duly acknowledged by the Library Committee.

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## THE EXPERIMENT IN BRITISH MEDICINE

Tempo of Agitation For State Medicine Increased  
As Proponents Allege Success of British Plan,  
Public May Be Mislead By Unguided Lay Press.

Great Britain's new system of socialized medicine, still in its first year, was already being widely proclaimed as a success last month by proponents of a similar plan of compulsory federal health insurance in the United States. A survey of news and feature items published in leading newspapers and periodicals conducted by the Tulsa County Medical Society gave little doubt that a strong directing force was attempting to create that impression.

With state medicine a timely and vital issue, the amount of space devoted to the subject by the press was being constantly increased. During March alone few days passed without the publication of some news or feature item devoted to various phases of socialized medicine. While not all were favorable to the proposals, many appeared to be based on biased information. The American Press in general had apparently not made up its mind concerning federal medicine and most editorial comment called for a factual analysis of both sides of the question—in itself a healthy sign and offering a valuable opportunity for medicine to present its arguments.

In the news columns, however, much space was being given to the reaction of the British man-in-the-street to socialized medicine. In most instances he was being pictured as highly favorable to the plan

and well pleased with the results of the initial operation. One thing was clear, however—that the British counterpart of Dr. Gallup was asking his questions primarily among the lowest income groups of the population, among persons most impressed by the sudden and tangible character of the immediate benefits and yet the smallest contributors to its support.

Another startling observation was the repeated use of the term "free"—most commonly as "free medical care." A visitor to the British Isles is told to be sure and consult a physician if ill. "Its free, you know!" Says a London housewife: "Now I have a feeling of security . . . to receive free treatment . . ." And another, a young mother: "They treated my boy . . . free . . ." A fashion artist notes, conservatively: ". . . I don't like the thought of getting all that treatment free."

*Free!* Free medical care that will cost the Labor Government in excess of one billion dollars . . . twice the original estimates in the first year alone. Free . . . free for a staggering tax that takes half of what many British citizens earn each year. Yet, little or no effort is made to counteract this impression.

Many members of the Tulsa County Medical Society will be asked the question: what about the success of socialized medicine in Great Britain? Why can't it succeed here? The answers are obvious:

First, there is no tangible proof that the system has succeeded. The success of the system cannot be based upon a few months experience, and it is doubtful that five years will tell the tale for state medicine in Great Britain.

Second, the economic burden of the system has yet to be fully felt despite the staggering costs already recorded.

Third, the social effect upon the citizen cannot be counted, and more important, the eventual effects upon the medical profession, the quality of medical care, the

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### SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DUE

All members of the Tulsa County Medical Society are requested to remit the \$25.00 special assessment of the American Medical Association by May 1, 1949. This is the date fixed by resolution of the House of Delegates and members failing to pay by this time will be suspended from membership privileges. Only a few have not remitted. Make check payable to "American Medical Association" and mail to Tulsa County Medical Society, 1202 Medical Arts Building, Tulsa.

## CHICAGO SURGEON WILL DISCUSS GASTRIC VAGOTOMY

Dr. Lester R. Dragstedt, nationally known surgeon and Professor of Surgery at the University of Chicago, will be guest speaker for the Tulsa County Medical Society on Monday, April 11, 1949, at 8:00 P.M., at The Mayo. His topic will be "Gastric Vagotomy In the Treatment Of Peptic Ulcer."

The Society's second regular meeting of the month on Monday, April 25, 1949, will feature Dr. Felix R. Park, Tulsa internist, who will speak on the subject, "Cardiovascular Causes of Sudden Death—Its Prevention."

A graduate of Rush Medical College, Chicago, Class of 1921, Dr. Dragstedt early won medical acclaim for his surgical procedures and perfection of gastric vagotomy as a direct treatment for peptic ulcer. His voluminous writings on the subject are recognized by medical authorities for their clarity of approach and description of specific techniques. A recent issue of *Hygeia*, published by the American Medical Association, credits Dr. Dragstedt for the emergence of surgery in the treatment of peptic ulcer. The difficult vagotomy operation is predicated on the theory that cutting of the vagus nerve will reduce ulcer stimuli from the brain. Although not accepted by all surgeons, the vagotomy has wide support within the medical profession.

Dr. Dragstedt is former President of the American Physiological Society, fellow of the American College of Surgeons, diplomate of the American Board of Surgery, member of the American Surgical Association, Association For Study of Internal Secretions, and Society of Clinical Surgery. He is now attending surgeon at Albert Merritt Billings Hospital of Chicago, and has long held the chair of surgery at the University of Chicago.

Dr. Dragstedt's paper will be followed by a motion picture depicting the various procedures and stages of the vagotomy, showing an actual operation performed by Dr. Dragstedt. The film is in color. There will be no business session so as to permit an uninterrupted discussion of the paper.



DR. LESTER R. DRAGSTEDT

Dr. Felix R. Park, who will speak at the second program on April 25, is a graduate of the University of Michigan School of Medicine, Class of 1930. He did extensive postgraduate medical study subsequently, practicing for several years at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, prior to his entrance into the Armed Forces in 1942. Dr. Park served overseas as Chief of Medical Service with the 115th and 100th Station Hospitals, and was discharged in 1945 with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. He is a diplomate of the American Board of Cardiology, American Board of Internal Medicine, fellow of the American College of Physicians, and member of numerous other medical organizations.

## RED CROSS BLOOD CENTER SEEKS DOCTOR COOPERATION

An appeal to members of the Tulsa County Medical Society to encourage blood donors at the Tulsa County Red Cross Blood Center was voiced last month by Dr. Felix R. Park, Chairman of the Blood Center Committee. Pointing out that the Center must have a minimum of 25 donors each weekday to meet requirements of Tulsa hospitals, Dr. Park urged each Tulsa doctor to impress upon patient-

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**A GOOD JOB WELL DONE**

Some sincere congratulations are due several members of the Tulsa County Medical Society and a number of interested lay persons for their leadership in the formation of the Tulsa County Heart Association. The initial drive for funds which has just been concluded was conducted under difficult circumstances and the handicap of coming at a time when the public was literally besieged for contributions for other worthy causes. Late remittances are expected to produce a total of \$30,000, however, which gives the embryo Association opportunity to conduct upon a well formulated program of public education and clinical investigation. The leaders in this project are to be commended for the excellent performance of this voluntary task, and encouraged in their future plans.

The Tulsa County Medical Society has long felt that the allocation of public funds for medical research and public education should be diverted to those channels where the greatest need exists. For that reason the profession is pleased to observe the success of the Heart Association drive as the generous public response will permit a frontal attack on the nation's number one killer—heart disease. Similarly, we must question the desirability of consistently channelling funds to those

organizations who have already met and conquered their problems. There comes to mind a number of such groups who deal with the problems of physical ailments which are not of major proportions, and often as a cause of death or social inequality are not among the first twenty contenders.

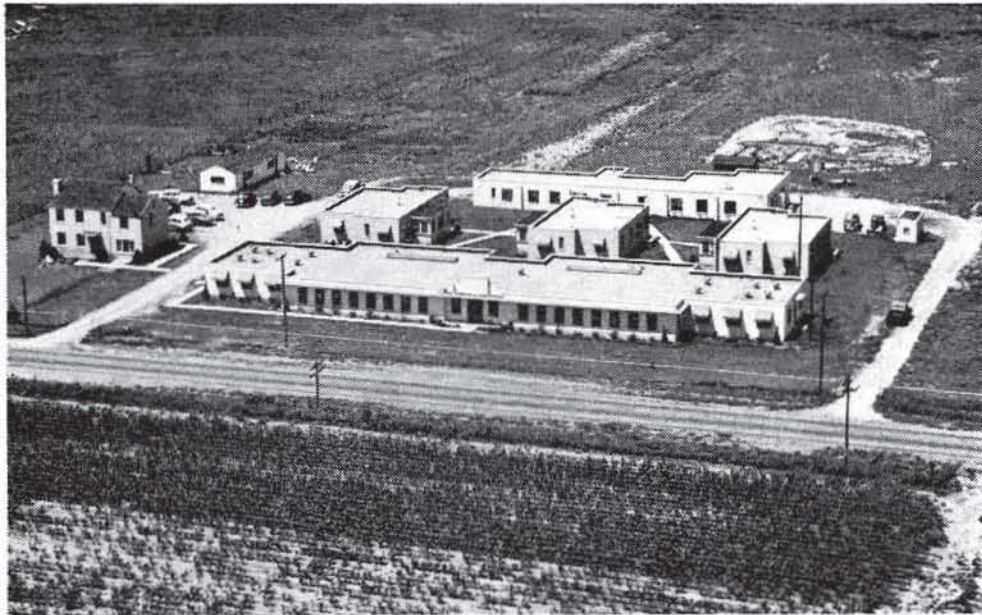
We are aware that in making such suggestions we may incur the wrath of those who are particularly interested in such fields, and of employees who sinecure may be threatened. However, we do not intend to be critical of good efforts or of past achievements, or to encourage the withdrawal of support from specific projects where tangible benefits are obtained. Our suggestion is merely that a constant redistribution of the public funds in accordance with the relative need will insure a more uniform attention to our medical problems. It is unwise to ignore the more needy while continuing to over-emphasize the lesser important areas of need with allocations of money that cannot be used at a maximum effectiveness.

Neither do we subscribe to a defeatist thinking that precludes support of organizations seeking remedy to the diseases of cancer, heart, rheumatic fever, etc. Because the proportions of the struggle are so presently great is no indication that such will always be true. Certainly, nothing will be accomplished without the effort. Let's use our money wisely, and not through force of habit.

**NEW MEMBERS**

Applicants for membership in the Tulsa County Medical Society include the following:

**Richard Chadwick Johnson, M. D.** Sand Springs, Oklahoma. Medical Degree, Yale University School of Medicine, 1945. Interned United States Naval Hospital, Norfolk, Virginia, one year. United States Navy Medical Corps, 1946-48. Resident in Surgery, Hillcrest Hospital, Tulsa, Oklahoma, 1948-49. Diploma of the National Board of Medical Examiners. General Practice. Recommended by Dr. Fred E. Woodson and Dr. A. B. Carney.



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## APRIL MEDICAL CALENDAR

### FRIDAY, April 1st:

Members of the Tulsa County Medical Society who have not paid at least one-half of their 1949 annual membership dues by this date are suspended from membership privileges pending payment.

### SATURDAY, April 2nd:

Medical Broadcast, "The Progress Of Modern Surgery," Radio Station KOME, 6:15 P. M. Speaker, Dr. H. Lee Farris.

### MONDAY, April 4th:

Hillcrest Hospital Staff Meeting.

### TUESDAY, April 5th:

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

### WEDNESDAY, April 6th:

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

Postgraduate Study Course In Basic Sciences, Hillcrest Lying-In Hospital, 7:30 P.M. Subject, "The Blood Sugar Level And Its Regulation." Speaker, Dr. Mark R. Everett, Dean, University of Oklahoma School of Medicine, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

### SATURDAY, April 9th:

Medical Broadcast, "Your Lungs," Radio Station KOME, 6:15 P.M. Speaker Dr. Robert L. Anderson.

### MONDAY, April 11th:

Scientific Program, Tulsa County Medical Society, The Mayo, 8:00 P.M. Subject: "Gastric Vagotomy In The Treatment Of Peptic Ulcer," Speaker, Dr. Lester R. Dragstedt, Professor of Surgery, University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois. No business session.

### TUESDAY, April 12th:

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

### SATURDAY, April 16th:

Medical Broadcast, "The Role Of The Internist In Medicine." Radio Station KOME, 6:15 P.M. Speaker, Dr. Robert E. Funk.

### MONDAY, April 18th:

St. John's Hospital Staff Meeting.

### TUESDAY, April 19th:

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

### WEDNESDAY, April 20th:

Postgraduate Study Course in Basic Sciences, Hillcrest Lying-In Hospital, 7:30 P.M. Subject, "Infections Caused By Anerobic and Non-sporulating Bacteria." Speaker, Dr. Florene Kelley, University of Oklahoma School of Medicine, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

### SATURDAY, April 23rd:

Medical Broadcast, "Modern Obstetrics," Radio Station KOME, 6:15 P.M. Speaker, Dr. W. A. Dean.

### MONDAY, April 25th:

Scientific Program, Tulsa County Medical Society, The Mayo, 8:00 P.M. Subject: "Cardiovascular Causes of Sudden Death—Its Prevention." Speaker: Dr. Felix R. Park, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

### TUESDAY, April 26th:

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

### SATURDAY, April 30th:

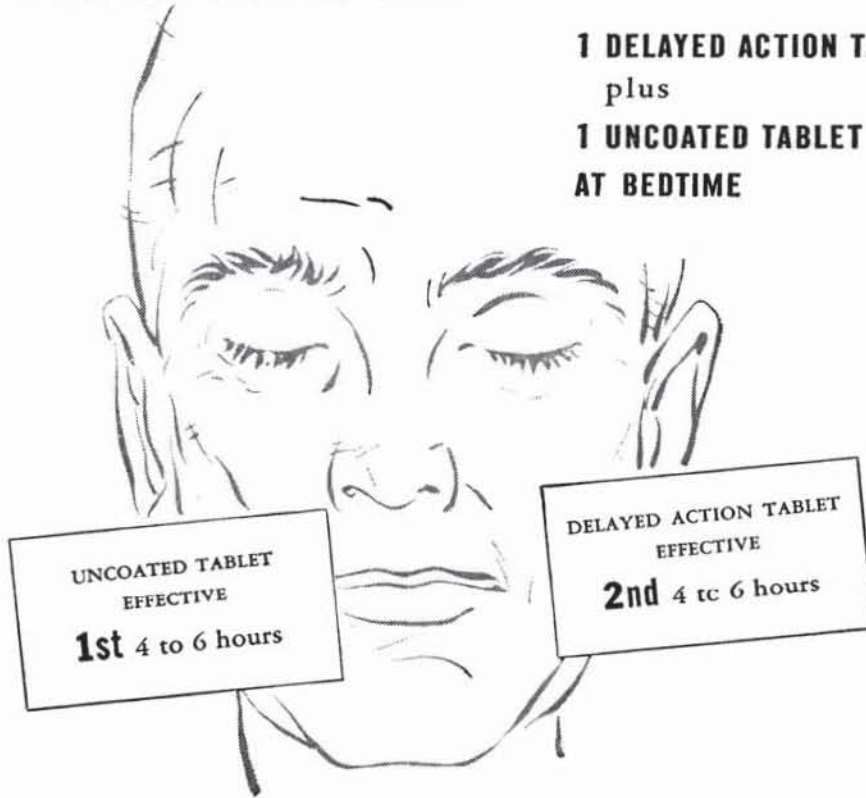
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Medical Broadcast, "Youth And Medicine," Radio Station KOME, 6:15 P.M. Speaker, Dr. H. Lee Farris.

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maintenance of medical ethics, and the standards of medical education. Will Britain break the historical pattern created in other countries: socialization of medicine leading eventually to complete deterioration of medical care? Forward thinking observers think not.

Fourth, there is no doubt but that the proponents of socialized medicine, centered in our own government tax-supported Washington bureaus, are continuing the policy of misrepresentation upon which they have built the whole case for federal medicine.

Fifth, a question in return: Since when does this nation, the greatest, most successful, and wealthiest in the world, derive its patterns of government from the decadent and hostile isms of Europe? Since when do we look for guidance to a nation which has repeatedly failed to solve its own problems, lives in perpetual poverty, and which has depended upon American blood and American Democracy to save it from utter destruction?

**SPECIAL PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE APPOINTED**

A special six-man committee appointed by President John E. McDonald will coordinate on a local level the public relations program of the Tulsa County Medical Society with that of the Oklahoma State Medical Association and the American Medical Association. The special committee will assume complete responsibility for local administration of the state and national educational programs.

Dr. Victor K. Allen, immediate past-president of the Society, has been named to head the Committee, and will additionally be in charge of the visual education section of the program. Other members will include Dr. John G. Matt, newspapers; Dr. Robert E. Funk, radio; Dr. Fred E. Woodson, contests and literature; Dr. M. J. Searle, public speaking; and Dr. J. D. Shipp, professional relations.

DR. RALPH F. MARTIN has removed his practice to Sand Springs, Oklahoma, where he has professional quarters at 111½ Broadway.

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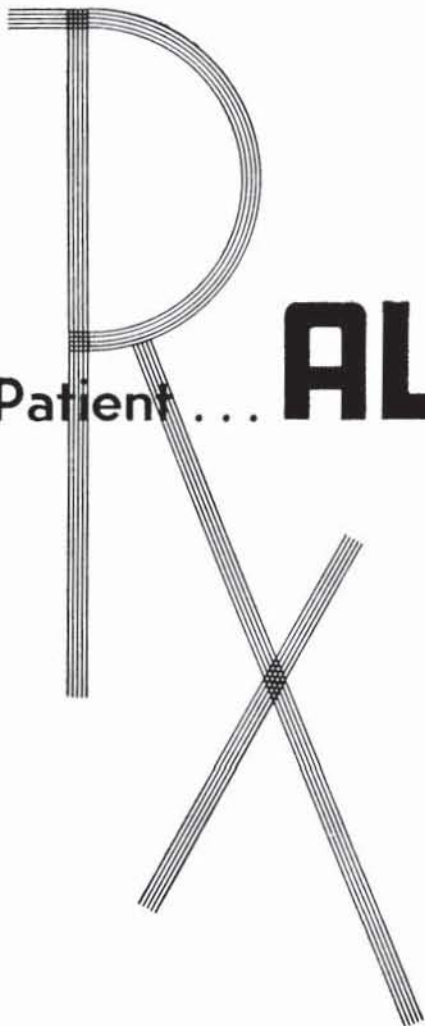
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## BLUE CROSS PLAN

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days. The average cost per day is \$7.58, an increase of \$1.17 over 1947. When both member and non-member hospitals are included, the average cost per case is \$41.17, the average stay 5.6 days, and the average cost per day \$7.40. In 1948, there were 11.5 admissions per 100 participants in the Plan.

Adult females constitute the greatest users of the Plan with 51.7 per cent of all admissions being in this class. Adult males constitute 19.6 per cent, minor males 16.0 per cent, and minor females 12.7 per cent. This marked utilization by adult females is partially accounted for by obstetrical cases, eligible for hospital benefits ten months after admission to the Plan. The average per case cost, however, is not so great with adult males recording an average cost per case of \$43.89 against \$48.57 for adult females. The average cost of hospital care for children ranges from \$25.77 per case for minor males to \$26.20 for minor females.

Cases of pregnancy with delivery again accounted for the greatest number of cases serviced, with 12.7 per cent of all cases being in this group. Tonsillitis with Tonsillectomy ranked second with 12.4 per cent, diseases of the respiratory system third with 11.8 per cent, injuries and poisonings fourth with 11.3 per cent, and diseases of the genito-urinary fifth with 10.6 per cent of all cases. In cost, most groups of cases as catalogued on a diagnostic basis, averaged between \$7.00 and \$7.75 per full day of coverage. Accidents ranked highest in cost at \$8.47 (due to the shorter length of hospital stay as Blue Cross pays slightly more for first and second days of stay), injuries and poisonings second at \$8.37 per day, and tonsillectomies third at \$8.35 average cost per full coverage day.

Oklahoma Physicians Service, Inc. also reports a sound financial condition. Of total income 82.8 per cent was used in paying physicians for surgery and obstetrical cases rendered to subscribers, 12.9 per cent for operating costs, and the balance of 4.3 per cent added to the contingency reserve.

Tonsillectomies accounted for the

greatest number of cases serviced by the Plan, with 23.75 per cent of all cases falling in this group. Diseases of the genito-urinary system were second, injuries and poisonings third, pregnancy with delivery fourth, and neoplasms fifth.

Oklahoma Physicians Service paid benefits to surgeons and obstetricians for 10,275 cases of major and minor surgery and obstetrical delivery, 3,983 cases of anesthesia for major surgery, 2,620 cases of anesthesia for minor surgery, and 840 x-ray cases, or a grand total of 17,718 cases. The amount paid for services was \$517,482.75, all received by doctors.

The Plan is now paying approximately 62 per cent of the total charges made to the patient by the reporting doctor.

DR. RICHARD E. McDOWELL has taken new professional quarters in the McBirney Building, Tulsa, for the practice of Surgery.

DR. A. RAY WILEY is also planning an European vacation for the summer months.

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## BLOOD CENTER

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recipients the necessity for replacement of the blood.

"We are asking that every Tulsa doctor who transfuses blood from the Center request the recipient or members of his family to contribute a pint of blood," Dr. Park said. "This was formerly done when the individual hospitals maintained their own banks. Now that the Red Cross Blood Center has assumed this function, and at a remarkable savings to the patient, it is even more necessary that replacement be made."

Dr. Park pointed out that members of the family and friends of the patient were usually most willing to contribute blood, but overlooked the necessity for it during the period of the patient's illness. Persons wishing to give blood should call 5-3281 for an appointment and diet instructions.

During the first five weeks of operation, the Tulsa County Red Cross Blood Center drew 658 pints of blood for distribution to six major hospitals.

## GENERAL PRACTICE GROUP HOLDS FIRST STATE MEET

Six Tulsa doctors were among a large number of physicians attending the first annual meeting of the Oklahoma Academy of General Practice at Shawnee, March 18-19. These were Dr. John E. McDonald, Dr. M. O. Hart, Dr. E. O. Johnson, Dr. F. L. Flack, Dr. Paul E. Craig, and Dr. W. B. Boone.

The Academy's first national meeting was held in Cincinnati March 7-9, 1949, and attended by 4,500 doctors. The organization now has a paid-up membership in excess of 10,000 and promises to become one of the largest and most effective groups in medicine. Each member is also a member of the American Medical Association.

Information concerning the Oklahoma Academy of General Practice and application for membership blanks may be obtained by contacting Dr. M. O. Hart, 1228 S. Boulder, Tulsa, or Dr. Allen Gibbs, 521 N.W. 11th Street, Oklahoma City.



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