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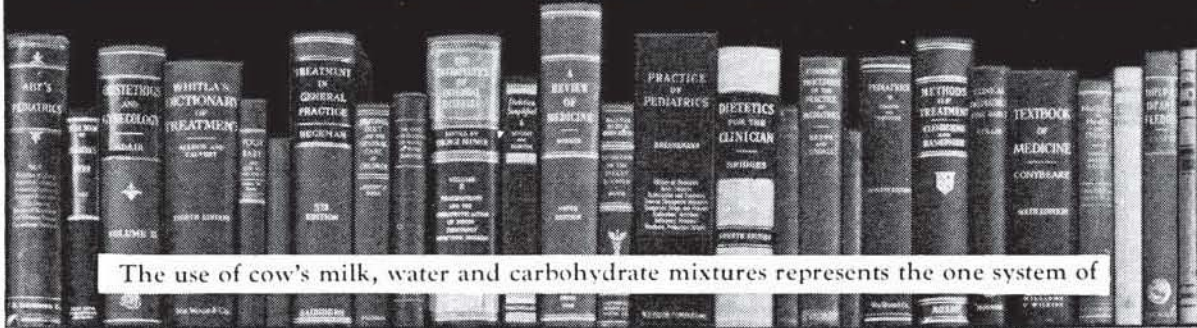


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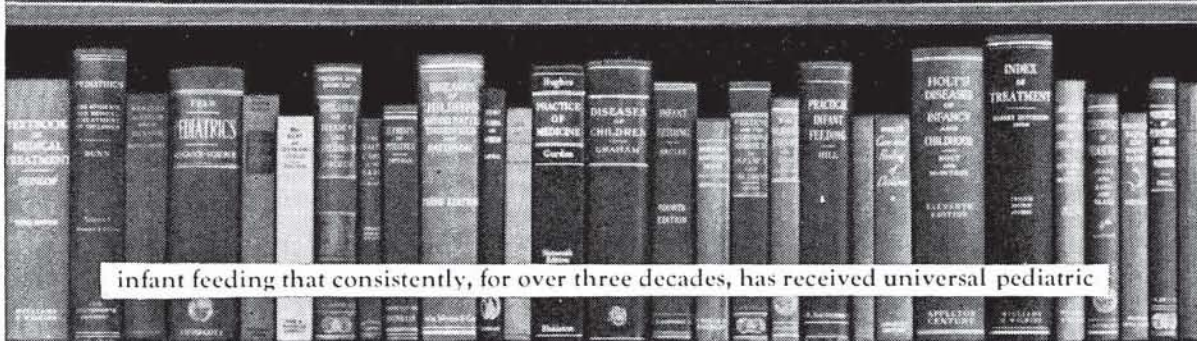
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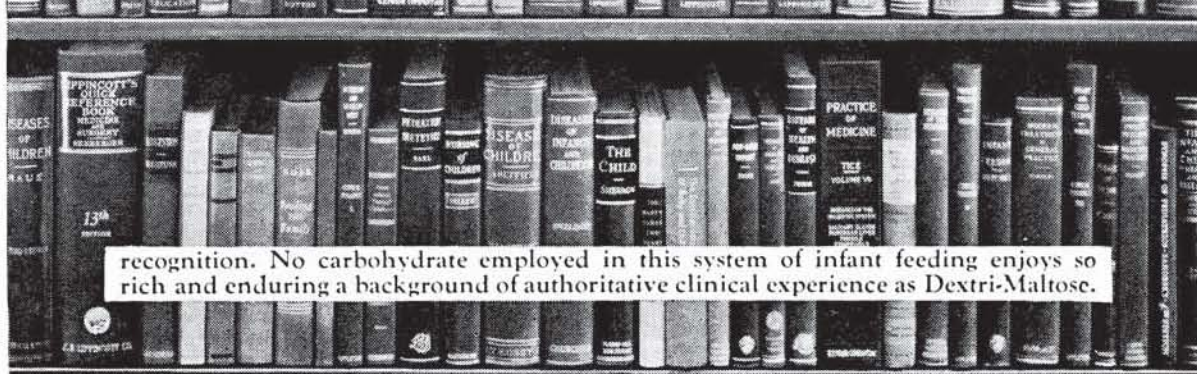
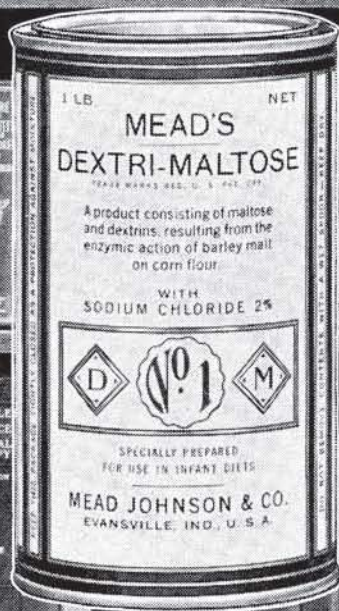
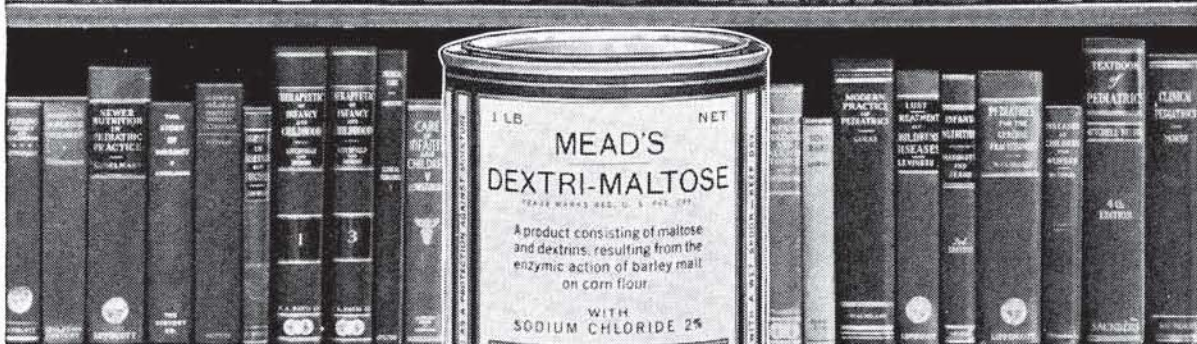
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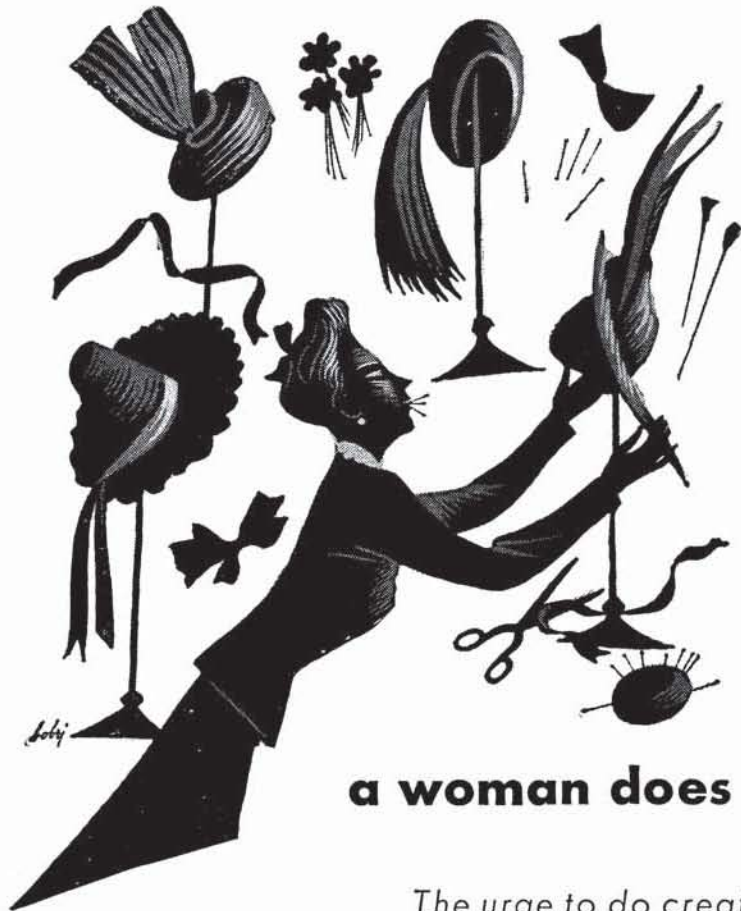
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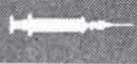




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PROSPECT OF STATE MEDICINE FADES

Public Policy Committee of the Tulsa County Medical Society Reports Wide Program of Activity. Washington Observers See Little Hope of Wagner-Murray Bill Approval.

Chances for approval of a federal system of compulsory health insurance by the national Congress were conceded to be increasingly poor last month as Administration leaders in Washington sought to ditch the controversial issue in exchange for concessions on other Truman objectives. Widespread opposition to socialized medicine by lay and professional groups continued strong over the nation with only scattered support of the current Wagner-Murray-Dingell proposals.

Meantime, hearings on the basic state medicine bill, Senate Bill 1679, and other proposed Congressional legislation continued to be held in the Capitol. Representatives of the American Medical Association delivered a blistering attack on the compulsory health insurance features in hearings held late in May before Senate groups. Testimony heard by the Senate Committee in June and July was of a scattered character with representatives of a great variety of organizations offering both pro-and-con arguments.

In mid-June, President Truman again acted to strengthen his position with a recommendation that Congress create a Department of Welfare, a new cabinet-status administrative agency to be dominated by the Federal Security Administration. The FSA, known to be the ring-leader in government circles advocating state medicine, will benefit enormously from this move. Although Congressional opinion on the proposal is far from settled, it is generally admitted the Presi-

dent's recommendations will get strong consideration. Unofficial observers count Oscar Ewing, FSA Administrator and arch-enemy of medicine, as the Number One candidate for the new cabinet post as Secretary of Welfare.

Indications were that the Administration would drop its active support of the federal health measures for this session of Congress only with a subsequent resurgence of support when more vital issues are out of the way. While there has been no public announcement to this effect from the White House, it is generally understood that President Truman will temporarily sacrifice the proposals in exchange for Congressional support on labor and foreign relations legislation.

Leaders of the medical profession, sensing a renewed attack in the next session of Congress however, called for continued combat against the theories of socialized medicine and marked prosecution of the American Medical Association's public relations campaign.

In Tulsa, Dr. V. K. Allen, Chairman of the Tulsa County Medical Society's Public Policy Committee, reported the local administration of the national program was proceeding at a rapid pace. Activities of his six-man committee include the following:

1. A daily radio program of five minutes duration, devoted to problems of medicine and an explanation of the state medicine fallacies, will probably be heard beginning next month. A commercial sponsor is now being lined up with a

major Tulsa station to air the series.

2. Use of the Fildes painting in office waiting rooms has also picked up considerably in the last 30 days. Large poster-size copies have also been placed in windows of leading Tulsa pharmacists, each of whom agreed to display the painting a minimum of one week.

3. Members of the Tulsa County Medical Society appear frequently at lay and civic groups to explain current proposals of state medicine, usually by invitation.

4. Endorsement by civic and other groups of resolutions opposing state medicine has also been on the increase. Appearing recently before the Tulsa Chamber of Commerce, Dr. John E. McDonald, President of the Society, successfully obtained a blunt condemnation of socialized medicine and compulsory health insurance from the influential civic organization. Later, Tulsa C-of-C representatives carried the attack to the National United States Chamber of Commerce, where a similar resolution was endorsed

by a virtually unanimous vote. Dr. Allen reported that most Tulsa civic clubs and many professional and women's organizations had approved similar resolutions.

5. In Washington, D. C. last June, Congressman Dixie Gilmer told Committee Member Dr. Fred E. Woodson that passage of the Wagner-Murray-Dingell bill in this session of Congress was impossible but warned that government interests favorable to the bill would not discontinue efforts to secure its passage.

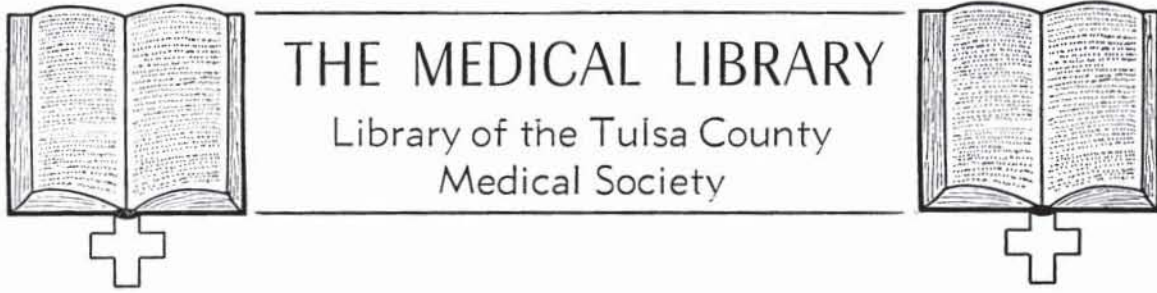
6. The Tulsa State Fair, tentatively scheduled for the week of September 19, will have a booth devoted to medical public relations. Dr. Edward L. Moore will direct the booth's activities, which will be jointly sponsored by the Oklahoma State Medical Association and the Tulsa County Medical Society.

7. Distribution of literature furnished by the National Education Campaign has also trended upward with many doctors enclosing certain leaflets with each mail-

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Members of the Tulsa County Medical Society greet Sir Alexander Fleming, eminent British scientist and discoverer of penicillin, during a stopover at the Tulsa Airport last July 4. Dr. Fleming was conducted on a tour of Tulsa points of interest and visited local hospitals. A day earlier he dedicated the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation building site at Oklahoma City, climaxing several days of Foundation activities. Left to right are: Dr. Frank J. Nelson, Dr. Charles G. Stuard, Dr. Fred E. Woodson, Dr. Fleming, Dr. W. D. Hoover, and Dr. Wendell L. Smith

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Dr. H. D. Murdock. Collected Papers of The Mayo Foundation, Volume 35, 1943.

Dr. Fred E. Woodson. On The Inhalation of the Vapour of Ether in Surgical Operations, by John Snow, M.D., University of London, originally published in 1847. This volume was reproduced by the courtesy of the Boston Medical Library with the assistance of Mr. Thomas Keys of the Library of the Mayo Clinic. The supply of copies has been exhausted and no more will be available, making this a very valuable acquisition.

Association of American Medical Colleges. Fellowships, Funds, and Prizes Available for Graduate Medical Work in the United States and Canada, 1949. A useful record of value to medical doctors seeking assistance in obtaining graduate study.

NEW ACQUISITIONS—:

Markowitz. *Experimental Surgery*. Second Edition, pp. 546, illustrated. Williams and Wilkins, Baltimore, Maryland, 1949.

LIBRARY ASSISTS FOREIGN MEDICAL LIBRARIES

The Library of the Tulsa County Medical Society has recently sent to the University of Chile at Santiago a considerable number of various journals needed to help rebuild its library, which was totally destroyed by fire a few months ago. This occurred just two weeks after the departure of the representative of the Rockefeller Foundation, who had spent two years in organizing it. The Library has, in the past, contributed duplicate material to numerous other medical libraries in foreign countries. A considerable amount went to the Philippine Islands to replace libraries looted and destroyed by the Japanese armies. Material has also gone to England, Cuba, France, Italy, Canada, Alaska, and several South American countries.

The evening hours of 6 to 9 p.m. each Tuesday during which the Medical Library is open are continuing to be popular in spite of the hot weather. Attendance has been very good, and many members of the Tulsa County Medical Society have availed themselves of this opportunity to study and do research work. Comfortable Library chairs and a minimum of interruptions and disturbance are especially conducive to effective study.

An attractive boxed volume celebrating the Sesquicentennial of the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of the State of Maryland has been received in the Medical Library. The history of the Maryland medical profession is described and many interesting anecdotes of nationally known doctors are included. The volume will be of special interest to all graduates of Maryland medical schools and former Maryland residents.

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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

As you will observe from the membership roster published in the last issue of *The Bulletin*, there has been a constant influx of new doctors to Tulsa in the last several years. I am pleased to observe several things about these newcomers, most of whom are beginning private practice for the first time. One is that they are intelligent and well qualified, many with a splendid background of resident training and postgraduate medical study, yet eager and willing to learn from the practical experience of others. Most have a fresh outlook on the problems which face the medical profession today, yet they seek no radical departure from the principles and ethics upon which the profession has been built. They are eager and willing to work in behalf of organized medicine as evidenced by their participation in the Tulsa County Medical Society and its affairs.

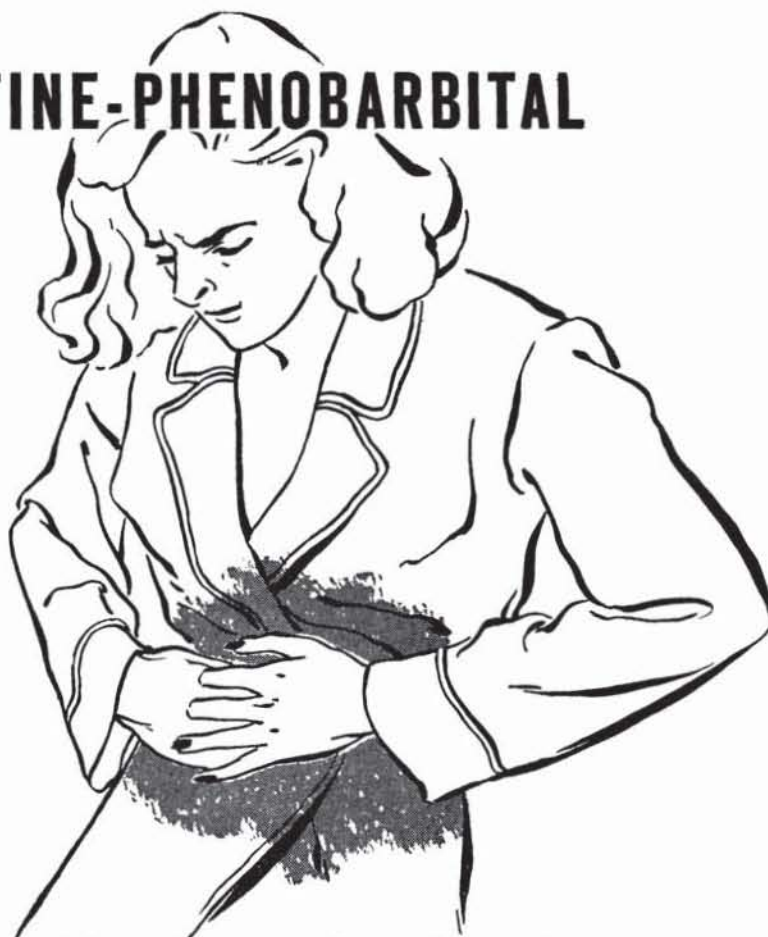
I feel that Tulsa is fortunate in receiving these young men and women into the ranks of its medical profession. It is these same doctors who will be the leaders of the profession tomorrow and who will be responsible for the maintenance of high standards of medicine in Tulsa County. I would like to suggest that each member of the Society make a special effort to become acquainted with our newcomers, to assist them as you can, and to advise them when your counsel is sought or respected. Your interest will help to ease the difficulties of early practice and will promote the greatest harmony and unification among the Tulsa profession.

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ETERNAL VIGILANCE

The present plight of British Medicine is one which draws the sympathy of the American Doctor, sympathy tempered by the realization that the English physicians have apparently contributed to that plight by their willingness to participate in the Plan. This fact has been seized upon by the proponents of State Medicine in this country to illustrate the doctors own faith in Socialism, and the argument has been difficult to refute.

Things are not always what they seem, however — as Dickens has aptly said — and it is only recently that the true story of the acquiescence of the British Medical Association has come to light. With the limitations imposed by the government regulations on dollar exchange, few British doctors have been enabled to come to America to tell their story. Indeed, none have dared to do so for fear of complete excommunication from the British Plan and, in turn, virtual starvation in the practice of medicine.

A few British doctors, most of whom are making a new life in this country, have been fortunate enough to escape and their story sheds new light upon the legal blackmail when the Socialist Government employed to coerce the English profession into participation in the Plan. Speaking at the recent annual meeting of

the American Medical Association in Atlantic City, one escapee (now beginning anew as an intern in a San Francisco hospital) recounts the tragic tale of a freedom-loving profession ensnared in the web of socialized medicine.

In England the patient by custom visits a certain place or office where he receives medical attention. The attraction is not the qualifications or personality of the doctor, as a rule, but rather the strong force-of-habit which leads them year in and year out to the same office. For this reason the sale of medical practices was common in England with selling prices averaging one-and-a-half or two times the last annual gross, or from \$10,000 to \$25,000. Most doctors attempting to create a new practice from scratch, as is the custom in America, found themselves starved out. For most young doctors the purchase of a practice was an economic impossibility, so a number of large British banking firms made substantial sums from lending money for this purpose. These loans were usually repaid by the doctor over a period of ten to twenty years, but became due immediately if the doctor should sell or leave the practice.

The Bevan Government foresaw immense possibilities with a situation of this type. The first step was to appropriate some \$330,000,000 to buy practices outright for those doctors who agreed to join the Plan. As might be expected, there were quite a few takers. The next step was the abrupt passage of a law prohibiting the buying and selling of practices. This left the doctors without a tangible interest in their practices, most of which were heavily mortgaged. But just a moment—the lawmakers were considerate of that, too. The doctor could sell his practice if he sold it to the government by July 5, 1948. Actually, of course, he didn't really sell his practice but just permitted the government to pay off the loan. The only condition of this generous action was that the doctor agree to participate in the Plan.

With this legal blackjack, British physicians were forced into the government system, well aware that if they refused they faced the only alternative of

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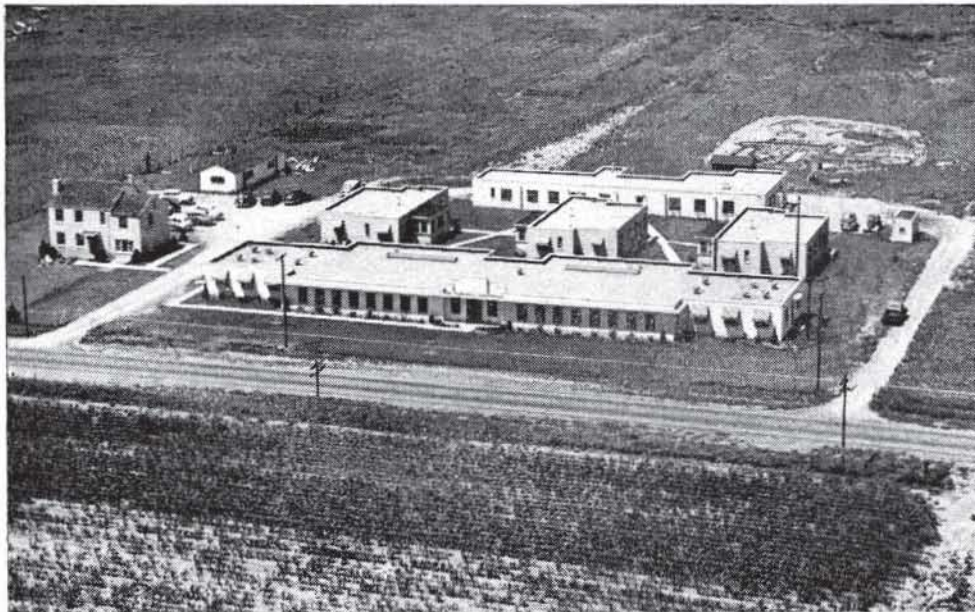


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Located in the heart of downtown Tulsa, the new structure is attractively decorated in modern colors and original patterns of wallpaper. Air-conditioned throughout, its facilities include pathology and x-rays laboratories, several examining rooms, private offices for doctors and dentists, business office, waiting rooms, and recreational facilities for employees. A paved parking lot is immediately adjacent to the Clinic. A sculptured facade on the front exterior pictures the traditional country doctor and the modern medical scientist.

The personnel of the Clinic includes Dr. Hugh Perry, Dr. Daniel Perry, Dr. Richard E. McDowell, and Dr. Glen West, as well as Dr. James Perry and Dr. G. L. McBride, dentists.

PERSONALS

Its a girl for DR. and MRS. E. O. JOHNSON, born July 6 at St. John's Hospital. Congratulations!

DR. JAMES H. NEAL is planning to attend the wedding of his son, Dr. James H. Neal, Jr. to Miss Mary Alice Maguire, at Lancaster, Pennsylvania, early next month. Dr. Neal, Jr. is now Senior Resi-

PAID YOUR AMA ASSESSMENT?

Several members of the Tulsa County Medical Society have not paid the \$25.00 special assessment levied by the American Medical Association to finance the National Education Program. This assessment, which is an official assessment of the Oklahoma State Medical Association, is now several months past due and delinquent members are asked to remit at once. The assessment carries the same status as payment of membership dues, and failure to pay renders the member liable for disciplinary action. Checks should be made payable to the American Medical Association and mailed to the Tulsa County Medical Society, 1202 Medical Arts Building, Tulsa 3, Oklahoma. These assessments are income-tax deductible.

dent Surgeon at St. Joseph's Hospital of Lancaster.

DR. BERGET H. BLOCKSOM has returned from a Mexican vacation.

DR. JOHN E. McDONALD was guest Speaker for the Northwest Arkansas Tri-County Medical Association meeting at Rogers, Arkansas, last July 21. Dr. McDonald also visited friends in Milwaukee for several days last month.

DR. PHILLIP E. GETSCHER has removed his practice to Lincoln, Nebraska.

DR. THOMAS J. HARDMAN has been vacationing in California and the Rockies.

The Tulsa County Medical Society extends its sympathy to DR. H. D. MURDOCK for the loss of his wife, who passed away July 15.

NEW APPLICANTS

The following physicians are applicants for membership in the Tulsa County Medical Society:

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John D. Capehart, M.D. Tulsa Clinic 915 S. Cincinnati, Tulsa. Medical Degree, University of Oklahoma School of Medicine, 1946. Interned Hillcrest Memorial Hospital, Tulsa. United States Navy Medical Corps, 1947-49. General Practice. Recommended by Dr. A. B. Carney and Dr. R. G. Ray. To be voted upon October 24, 1949.

Elnora G. Miller, M.D. 823 McBirney Building, Tulsa. Medical Degree, University of Oklahoma School of Medicine, 1946. Interned St. John's Hospital, New York, N. Y., nine months, and Deaconess Hospital, St. Louis, Missouri, one year. General Practice. Recommended by Dr. Carl J. Hotz and Dr. George H. Miller. To be voted upon October 24, 1949.

James W. Kelley, M.D. 812 Medical Arts Building, Tulsa. Medical Degree, Duke University Medical School, 1940. Interned Duke and Delaware Hospital. In Military Service, 1942-46, discharged with rank of Lieutenant-Colonel, Medical Corps, United States Army. Resident in Plastic Surgery and Instructor in Surgery, Duke University Hospital, 3½ years. Specialty, Plastic Surgery. Sponsored by Dr. A. Ray Wiley and Dr. C. A. Pavy.

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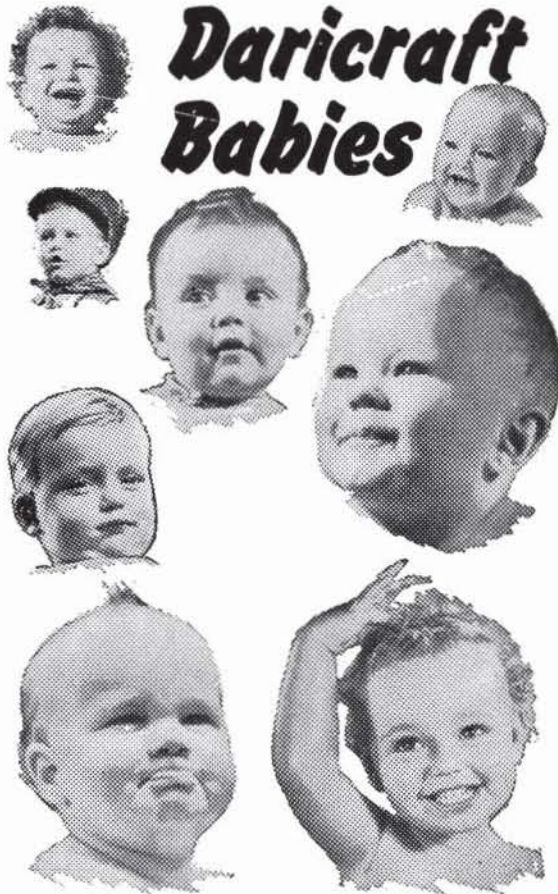
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trying to pay off a huge mortgage on their practice with the few or no private patients which remained. With the vast majority of the population protected under the Plan, participation by the individual doctor became necessary to his economical survival. Given a few face-saving stipulations by the government, the British Medical Association bowed to the weight and entered into morass of socialized medicine.

Today's average British practitioner still finds it difficult to believe that the socialization of medicine has taken place. Up until the last minute he refused to believe that it would really be socialized, confident of the strength of his organized profession to withstand it—and yet, it did happen.

Here in America we face an identical threat, and while the situation which broke the profession in England may not be present here, there are other equally effective means which the power-mad proponent of state medicine will not hesitate to employ. Our personal freedom is at stake and we must not let ourselves be lulled into a passive attitude towards this vital personal problem. Eternal vigilance is the price of our freedom.

Let's don't let it happen here!

A MASTER STROKE

To our way of thinking some of the clearest evidence of the progressive character of the Oklahoma medical profession has been its leadership in the establishment of the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation. From a dream of the late beloved Dean Tom Lowry of the University of Oklahoma School of Medicine, who did not live to see its realization, it has sprung into being through the combination of confidence and trust with good old everyday hard work by the OU Alumni Association. The master stroke which brought Sir Alexander Fleming, discoverer of penicillin, on a 5,000 mile trip from England to dedicate the Variety Club Building at the Foundation was a fitting climax to the effort which has been bestowed on the Foundation. In

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By the end of July of this year we will have lost almost one-third of the physicians and dentists now serving with our Armed Forces. Without an increased inflow of such personnel, the shortage will assume even more dangerous proportions by December of this year.

These losses are due to normal expiration of terms of service. The professional men who are leaving the Armed Forces during this critical period are doing so because they have fulfilled their duty-obligations and have earned the right to return to civilian practice.

Without sufficient replacements for these losses, we cannot continue to provide adequate medical and dental care for the almost 1,700,000 service men and women who are the backbone of our nation's defense.

Normal procurement channels will not provide sufficient replacements!

To alleviate this critical, impending shortage of professional manpower in the three services, I am urging all physicians and dentists who were trained under wartime A.S.T.P. and V-12 programs under government auspices or who were deferred in order to complete their training at personal expense, and who saw no active service, to volunteer for a two-year tour of active duty, at once!

We have written personally to more than 10,000 of you in the past weeks urging such action. The response to this appeal has not been encouraging, and our Armed Forces move rapidly toward a professional manpower crisis!

Many responses have been negative, but worse—a great number of doctors have not replied. It is urgent that we hear from you immediately!

We feel certain that you recognize an obligation to your fellow men as well as to your profession in this matter. We are confident that you will fulfill that obligation in the spirit of public service that is a tradition with the physician and dentist.

There is much to be said for a tour of duty with any of the Armed Forces. You will work and train with leading men of your professions. You will have access to abundant clinical material; have the best medical and dental facilities in which to practice. You will expand your whole concept of life through travel and practice in foreign lands. In many ways, a tour of service will be invaluable to you in later professional life!

Volunteer now for active duty. You are urged to contact the Office of Secretary of Defense by collect wire immediately, signifying your acceptance and date of availability. Your services are badly needed. Will you offer them?

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thousands of American newspapers and magazines, the Foundation garnered wide attention and in turn, the medical profession of Oklahoma spotlighted for its progressive activities. The men and women behind this project are to be congratulated for this wonderful progress, and we are sure none will join us more whole-heartedly in singling out the Foundation General Manager Hugh Payne for special commendation. Hugh has spent a quarter of a century in badgering Oklahoma doctors into a position of leadership in matters of public health, cancer control, and medical research, and we owe more to him than these few brief words can state.

PUBLIC POLICY

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ing from their offices. Two Tulsa pharmacists have already volunteered to use such material at least once monthly with their mailings.

8. Arrangements are being made for all doctors in the Tulsa area to hear recordings of a speech given by Dr. A. Lawrence Abel, British physician, before the American Proctological Society in Columbus, Ohio, last June. It is probably the most complete analysis of the British medical situation yet to be made and provides a great amount of new information on the situation to American doctors.

9. Plans for an essay contest on socialized medicine in the Tulsa Public Schools are also being drawn. It is anticipated prizes of war bonds will be given for the best essay on state medicine to be written by students in various age and grade classifications.

10. Bookings of the American Medical Association motion pictures to be ready this Fall have already been tentatively promised by several Tulsa groups with some prospects for showing in commercial theaters.

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