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STATE MEDICINE ADVOCATES ACTIVE

Washington Bureaucrats Employ New Tactics To
Gain Control of Nation's Medical Care Piece By
Piece. Ewing Booms Free Hospitalization For Aged.

With hopes of Congressional approval for a comprehensive system of federal compulsory medical care buried for the time being—thanks in large measure to the American Medical Association's thorough national education campaign—Washington proponents of socialized medicine are stepping up a new strategy of chipping away the freedom of American Medicine bit by bit.

A study of recent Congressional activity conducted last month by the Public Policy Committee of the Tulsa County Medical Society leaves little doubt that current Administration policies are directed towards a piece-by-piece acquisition of medical care facilities and personnel by the ambitious Federal Security Administration and similar bureaucratic agencies. Apparent, too, is the desire of the Truman regime to make at least some phases of the national medical care picture an issue of the coming 1952 presidential campaign.

Most serious of the new piecemeal threats was a plan proposed last June by Oscar R. Ewing, Federal Security Administrator and chief tub-thumper for state medicine, to provide free hospitalization for persons over 65 (and dependent wives or husbands 65 and over, as well as certain other classes of dependents) entitled to social security cash benefits. Estimated to cover some seven million persons, the plan would necessitate an initial annual outlay of \$200,000,000.00. Yet to make its appearance in the Congressional hopper, the proposed bill is said to have been drafted by FSA's crack legal staff assisted by

labor union leaders. The proposal would vest policy and executive administration with the Federal Security Administrator. Patient benefits would include sixty days' free hospitalization in any hospital for one year and would also include services, drugs, and appliances normally furnished semi-private patients.

News of Mr. Ewing's plan, headlined on Page One of most American daily newspapers last June 26th, was clearly interpreted by most observers as an issue in the 1952 presidential campaign. With the plan as bait for upwards of ten millions of potential votes, it is expected to find immediate favor with social security beneficiaries. Federal medicine opponents were quick to recognize the serious threat posed by the bill and were girding for another all-out fight.

Meanwhile, the Washington legislative mill continued to grind out a series of bills for Congressional consideration, all diverting greater controls over medical care to the federal government under the guise of the current economic and military "emergencies." Some of the more important of these proposals include:

(1) Senate Bill 1328, introduced by Senator Murray, providing for a \$750,000 "survey of sickness" in the United States to be conducted by the Federal Security Administration. The proposal (in committee hearings as this issue of The Bulletin went to press) would waste three-quarters of a million dollars in taxpayers' money to load the guns for state medicine with unreliable statistics and distorted facts. The AMA opposed the bill on grounds that similar surveys of a

reliable nature were in process. More straight-forward opponents called the bill absurd with the militant Marjorie Shearon, bitter foe of the FSA bureaucrats, commenting: "There is no objection to an honest survey, but the FSA crowd could not do an honest job if their very lives depended upon it. Ewing's imprimatur on the title page of the report would guarantee its unreliability."

(2) The Humphrey-Durham bills (S.1186 and H.R.3298) revising the federal prescription code. While containing much of merit, an innocuous provision gives the Federal Security Administrator considerable authority over the administration of prescriptions. The House bill has had this provision stricken out but as this issue of *The Bulletin* went to press the Senate had not yet duplicated the House action.

(3) Proposals to increase the Veterans Administration hospitals by 16,000 beds recently before both houses of Congress will permit greater attention to non-service connected ailments by the VA. Curiously enough, President Truman took occasion to veto H.R.3193 on the basis

it would provide such care for non-service connected ailments. His veto message, however, pointedly stated that "the other (medical care) needs of veterans . . . should be met through comprehensive programs for veterans and non-veterans alike." Some observers saw in this a deliberate effort to create a demand among veterans for a federal system of medicine to care for non-service connected ailments. Despite the pressure of veterans groups for increased VA hospital beds, it was recognized that the inability to staff these additional facilities with medical, nursing, and technical personnel was a telling argument.

(4) H.R.910, now in committee, will make available \$47 million to subsidize nursing education. Though approved (after minor changes) by the American Nurses Association, the proposal is opposed by the American Medical Association which believes it would be impossible to end federal subsidies once nursing schools became dependent upon them. AMA advocates a one-time grant (for construction of physical facilities) on a matching basis and temporary grants to nursing administered through private agencies.

(5) The appointment of Martha M. Eliot, new chief of the Federal Children's Bureau, brings another pro-Ewing into greater power. Dr. Eliot has already boomed for resumption of the EMIC (Emergency Maternity and Infant Care) through approval of S.1245, and federal support of projects to create curative medical care clinics of various nature. One of the latter, a typical example, is the regional blue-baby treatment centers set up recently by the Children's Bureau.

"Any doctor who thinks the spectre of federal medicine has been eradicated is under an erroneous impression," said Dr. W. D. Hoover, Chairman of the Tulsa County Medical Society's Public Policy Committee. "Any casual observer of what is going on in Washington today can see the need for continued vigilance against the insidious approach to the problem which the federal bureaucrats are employing."

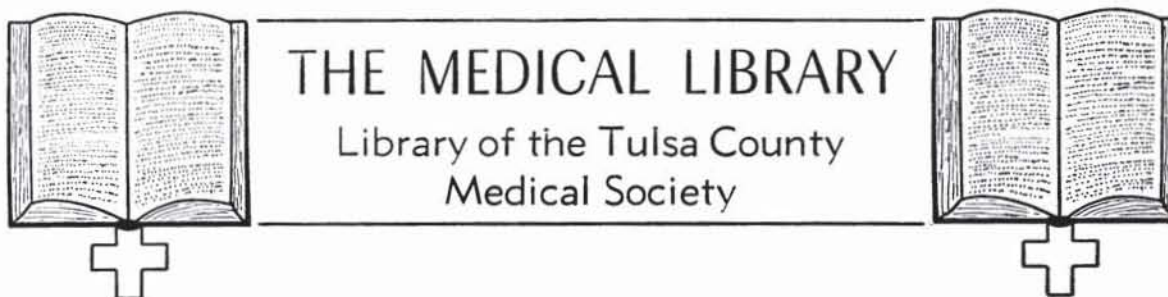
Appropriations for the Federal Security

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ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT TO BE HELD OCTOBER 11TH

The 1951 Annual Doctors and Dentists Golf Tournament will be held Thursday, October 11, at Indian Hills Country Club. A record turnout of members of the Tulsa County Medical Society and Tulsa County Dental Society is expected. Golfing begins at 12:00 Noon with a steak dinner to be served at 7:00 P.M. in the clubhouse dining room. Golfing and dinner will be \$4.50 per person, dinner alone \$3.00 per person. Reservations must be made in the Tulsa County Medical Society offices by 11:00 A.M. of the day of the tournament.

Dr. Paul N. Atkins, Jr., Chairman of the Golf Committee, said all golfers would receive an attractive prize. Tulsa druggists and merchants have already contributed many valuable and useful prizes for distribution to participants. Names of donors of golf prizes will be published in the next issue of *The Bulletin*.

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GIFTS OF THE MONTH—:

- Dr. Berget H. Blocksom. Dakin, Wirt Bradley, M.D., F.A.C.S., Urological Oddities. Pp. 328, illustrated, Los Angeles, California, 1948. Fertility and Sterility, volumes one and two, 1950-51.
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- Dr. H. J. Rubin. The Small Child—Its Diagnosis and Treatment. Journal of the Oklahoma State Medical Association, v. 345-347 (Sept.) 1951.

Three Tulsa physicians gained recognition in national magazines last month for their studies in scientific medical research. Writing in the September 1st issue of Collier's, John Lear recounted the experiments of Dr. John G. Matt, Tulsa proctologist, in the use of adenylic acid as a stimulus of the body substance of Adenosine-5-Tri-Phosphate (ATP). Entitled "Has Science Found the Spark of Life?", the article detailed a long series of research studies over the nation in the nature of ATP. Dr. Matt's experiments were reported in a recent issue of the Southern Medical Journal. The September 10th issue of Quick, pocket news magazine, carried a news story and photographs of the new strectoxic guide developed by Dr. Robert A. Hayne of Tulsa to simplify prefrontal lobotomy. Dr. Averill Stowell of Tulsa has been associated with Dr. Hayne in clinical use of the instrument. Wide interest in this tool has been shown by neurosurgeons over the nation. The device when properly applied indicates to the neurosurgeon precisely how far to insert his scalpel.

PRESIDENT'S PAGE

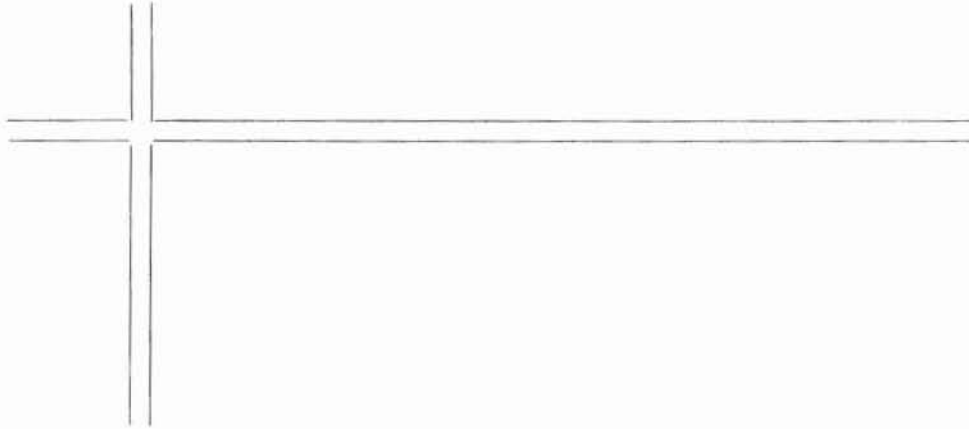
At a Tulsa County Medical Society meeting last month I watched the genial Dr. Alfred R. Sugg confer various honors of the Oklahoma State Medical Association on a half-dozen venerable gentlemen of Tulsa Medicine. I could not help but think what great progress has been made in the fifty years that most of these men have practiced medicine, what changes—not all good—which have come about to create entirely new concepts of the practice of medicine. The young doctor entering practice at the turn of the century came into medicine equipped with a black bag and a lot of self-confidence. Chances are he had a good store of the medical knowledge of the day taught to him by men who had learned their medicine first-hand. Today's crop of doctors are by and large a fine group of young men, too. They probably know more academic medicine at graduation than would have been conceived possible fifty years ago. Including postgraduate study they have spent nearly twice as much time in preparing themselves as the doctor of 1900. They come into practice at a time when Medicine is in a chaotic state of transition and on their shoulders will rest the responsibility for the eventual destiny of our profession.

I believe there is a great deal of merit in a Society-sponsored program of indoctrination for young doctors. Your Board of Trustees has recently authorized such a program similar to those now in operation in other county medical societies over the nation. It is designed to help the young man bridge the gap between the practical complexities of education and clinical practice, to gain a knowledge of workings of medicine, and to create in him a proper assessment of the values upon which American Medicine is built. This program will prepare him for the responsibilities which will quickly be his, will permit a closer liasion between all elements of the profession, and will assist him to assimilate and evaluate the cumulative change which Medicine has encountered since 1900. I think the proposal has great practical merit.

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Dr. Alfred R. Sugg, Ada, President-Elect of the Oklahoma State Medical Association (right), presents certificates of Honorary and Life Membership in the Association to, left to right, Dr. W. Albert Cook, Dr. P. P. Nesbitt, Dr. J. E. Wallace, and Dr. H. Lee Farris.

STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HONORS TULSA DOCTORS

The Oklahoma State Medical Association last month conferred a series of honors upon a group of veteran Tulsa physicians. In ceremonies at the Tulsa County Medical Society meeting of September 10th, Dr. Alfred R. Sugg of Ada, President-Elect of the Association, presented a 50-Year Club Pin to Dr. Gilbert H. Hall, Tulsa surgeon, commemorating the latter's completion of fifty years of active practice.

At the same time Dr. Sugg presented plaques of Honorary Membership to two former presidents of the Association, Dr. W. Albert Cook and Dr. P. P. Nesbitt. Certificates of Life Membership were given to Dr. J. E. Wallace and Dr. H. Lee Farris, and in absentia, Dr. Thomas J. Lynch, Dr. Sidney C. Venable, Dr. J. W. Childs, Dr. Russell C. Pigford, and Dr. P. N. Charbonnet. The latter is now residing in New Orleans, Louisiana.

The Tulsa County Medical Society last month voted Life Membership to Dr. Richard R. Johnson of Sand Springs and to Dr. D. W. LeMaster, the latter now retired to his farm at Wayne, Oklahoma.

DR. PAUL E. CRAIG has returned to his office after a two months tour of Canada.

DR. WENDELL J. WHITE has joined the staff of American Airlines as Tulsa medical director.

DR. JAMES C. PEDEN has been confined to his home as a result of injuries received in a fall.

DR. MARSHALL O. HART attended the annual meeting of the Texas Academy of General Practice at Houston last month.

DR. IAN MacKENZIE and DR. W. ALBERT COOK have combined their offices in the Medical Arts Building through an attractive program of remodeling.

DR. MAXWELL A. JOHNSON is to be associated with Dr. Berget H. Blockson in the practice of Urology in the Medical Arts Building.

DR. R. M. ADAMS has been transferred to Shreveport, Louisiana, by his employers, the Interstate Oil Pipeline Company.

DR. LOWELL L. STOKES is completing an attractive new clinic building at 14th and Main streets, Tulsa.

DR. EDWARD C. REIFENSTEIN SPEAKS HERE OCTOBER 22ND

Dr. Edward C. Reifenstein, Jr., Director of the Oklahoma Medical Research Institute and Hospital, Oklahoma City, will be guest speaker for the Tulsa County Medical Society on Monday, October 22, 1951. His subject will be "Paget's Disease and Chemical Death."



Dr. Reifenstein

The evening of Dr. Reifenstein's appearance on October 22nd has been designated as Oklahoma University Alumni Association Night in honor of the organization which sponsored and built the Oklahoma Medical Research Institute and Hospital. A 100 per cent attendance of OU graduates is anticipated at the buffet dinner to be served to members of the Society at 6:30 P.M. in the Terrace Room of The Mayo. The price will be \$4.25 per plate. Reservations should be made by 2:00 P.M. of the day of the meeting.

Dr. Reifenstein attended Syracuse University in his home-town of Syracuse, New York, and received A.B. and M.D. degrees, the latter in 1934. He interned at Syracuse University Hospital and later served a year's psychiatric residency at the New York State Psychopathic Hospital at Syracuse. Dr. Reifenstein practiced internal medicine and psychiatry at Syracuse until 1940 when he became associated with Dr. Fuller Albright at Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, in the practice of internal medicine and endocrinology. Later he was Executive Director for the Medical and Research Division of Ayerst, McKenna and Harrison, Ltd., New York, N. Y., and research associate to the Sloan-Kettering Institute. Dr. Reifenstein joined the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation on Novem-

ber 1, 1950, where he personally heads the metabolic section. He is a member of numerous medical and professional organizations including the American College of Physicians, American Psychiatric Association, American Federation for Clinical Research, and others. He is a member of the editorial board of G.P., official publication of the American Academy of General Practice, and is also Professor of Research Medicine at the University of Oklahoma School of Medicine.

Two weeks earlier, on Monday, October 8, 1951, the Society will hear Dr. Gifford H. Henry, Tulsa surgeon, in a discussion of the subject of "Conservative Management of Fractures." A brief business session will follow this meeting.

Dr. Gifford H. Henry, who will speak on October 8th, is a graduate of the University of Illinois School of Medicine, Class of 1927. He has practiced in Tulsa since 1930. A leader in the Organized Naval Reserve of Tulsa, he is a member of the American College of Surgeons and diplomate of the American Board of Surgery.

DR. MARSHALL O. HART HEADS GENERAL PRACTICE GROUP

Dr. Marshall O. Hart was named President of the Tulsa Chapter of the American Academy of General Practice at an organizational meeting held September 20th at Hotel Tulsa. Other officers named by some 35 charter members in attendance were Dr. W. D. Hoover, Vice-President; Dr. William R. Turnbow, Secretary-Treasurer; and Dr. Wilmot B. Boone and Dr. F. L. Flack, Directors.

The new group were dinner guests of the E. R. Squibb And Sons organization. Mr. Marvin Fortner, district manager, and local representatives of the firm exhibited a new scientific motion picture at the end of the business meeting.

Dr. Hart said the Chapter would operate through eight standing committees and others to be appointed as necessary. The organization welcomes general practitioners in the Tulsa area as members and application blanks may be obtained at Dr. Hart's office, 1228 S. Boulder, Tulsa.

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mended by Dr. Rayburne W. Goen and Dr. Albert M. Mery.

Harlan Thomas, M.D. 902 Medical Arts Building, Tulsa. Medical Degree, University of Arkansas School of Medicine, 1950. Interned Hillcrest Memorial Hospital, Tulsa, one year. General Practice. Recommended by Dr. O. C. Armstrong and Dr. Fred E. Woodson.

William Stevenson Jacobs, M.D. Court Arcade Building, Tulsa. Medical Degree, University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, 1942. Interned Robert Packer Hospital & Guthrie Clinic, Sayre, Pennsylvania, one year. United States Army Medical Corps, 1943-46. Member of the staff, Ochsner Clinic, New Orleans, Louisiana, 1946-51. Formerly assistant in medicine, Tulane University School of Medicine. Internal Medicine. Recommended by Dr. Gifford H. Henry and Dr. Paul N. Atkins, Jr.

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DR. NEVIN W. DODD and DR. BYRON L. BAILEY, former Tulsa doctors now on active duty in the Pacific with the United States Navy, were recent Tulsa visitors. Both have seen action in the Korean campaign.

DR. EMANUEL N. LUBIN has removed his offices to 303 Medical Arts Building, Tulsa.

DR. JOHN G. MATT has returned to his office after surgery at Albert Billings Hospital, Chicago. Also back on the job after surgery at the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota, is DR. JAMES STEVENSON.

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FOR WORDS OF PRAISE

The editors of The Bulletin have received many compliments on the editorial entitled "Itemize The Bill" appearing in the September, 1951, issue. It is apparent from these comments by numerous Tulsa doctors and friends of the profession that the itemized bill is a major asset to good doctor-patient relationships. The business manager of a large clinic in Tulsa wrote that the use of itemized bills had reduced a large volume of telephone inquiries to "an unbelievably low level." An internist told us that itemized bills had been a major factor in keeping patients happy, maintaining an enduring basis for patient goodwill, and incidentally, in improving collections. The only adverse comments were those reiterating a point noted in the editorial — the high cost in time and personnel necessary to itemize bills. However, as one surgeon told us: "I've itemized my bills through nearly a half-century of practice and regardless of the time or cost, it is the greatest good-will getter I have ever encountered." This is food for thought, doctors!

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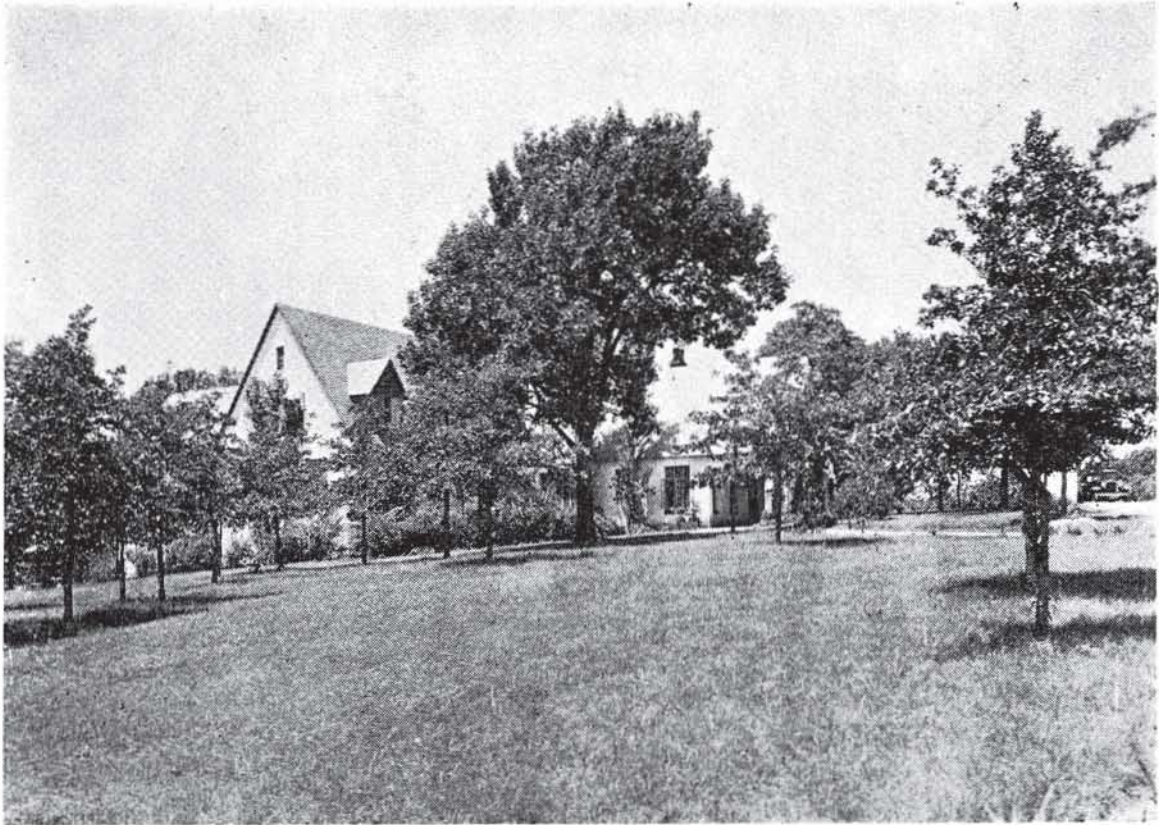
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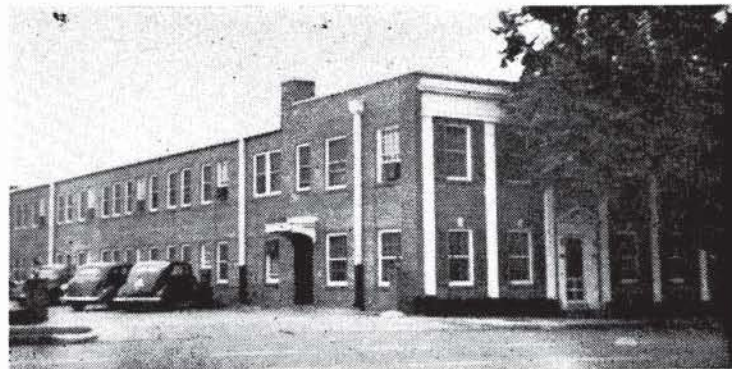
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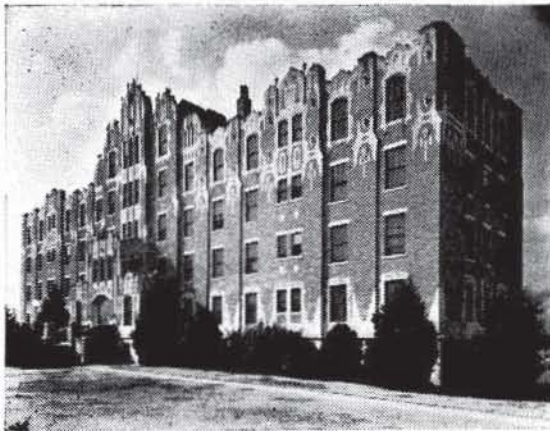
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