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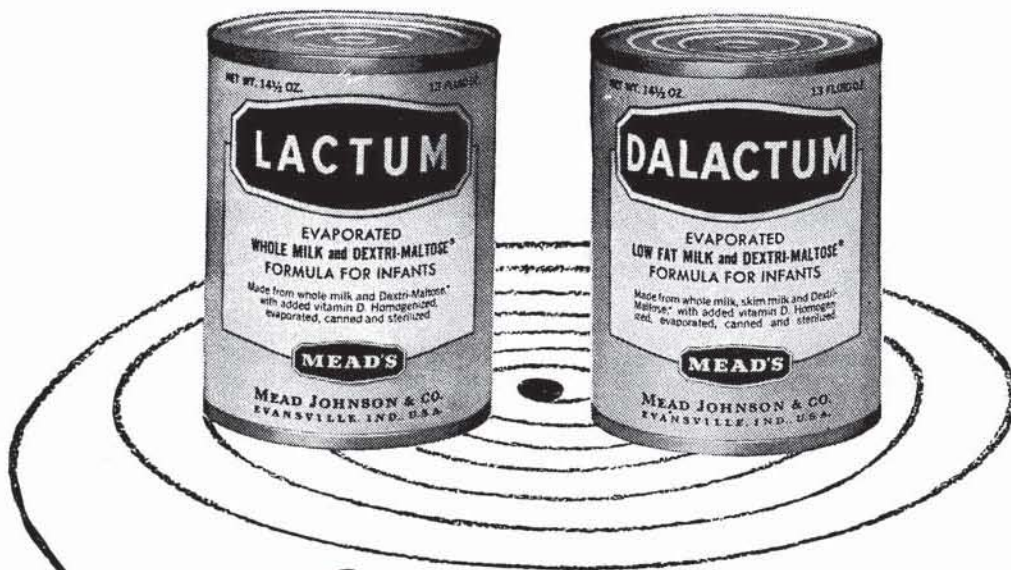
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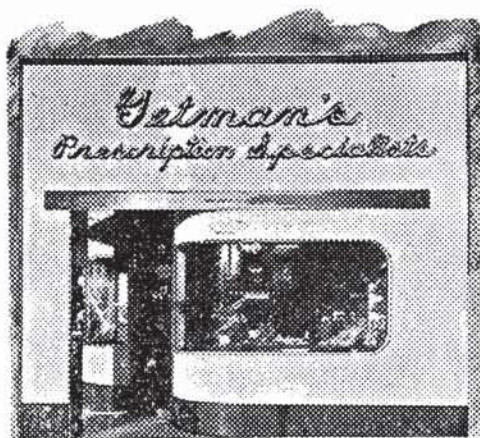


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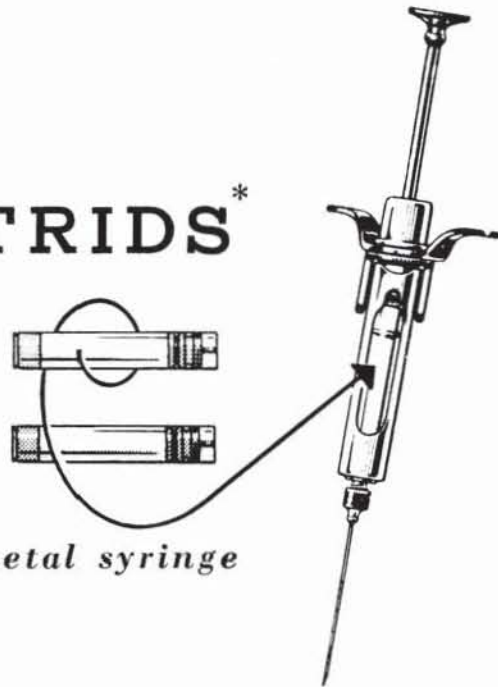
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RADICAL HEALTH CHANGES PROPOSED

Abolition of Moton Hospital and Closing of Tulsa County Medical Clinic Is Recommended By Hiscock Survey. Sharp Criticism of Health and Medical Facilities Made.

A series of radical changes in health and medical facilities of twenty-four Northeastern Oklahoma counties was proposed last month by Dr. Ira V. Hiscock and a team of public health specialists from Yale University School of Medicine. In a lengthy report sharply critical of Tulsa County such extreme changes as the abolition of Moton Memorial Hospital and the closing of the Tulsa County Medical Clinic were proposed.

The survey, undertaken originally by the Tulsa Junior League and with the subsequent co-sponsorship of the Oklahoma State Department of Health, the Oklahoma Crippled Children's Commission, and the Tulsa City-County Health Department, made the following salient points:

1. That Moton Memorial Hospital, a 42-bed institution for Tulsa negroes, be taken over by either St. John's or Hillcrest hospitals of Tulsa for administration and reorganization; that eventually negro patients have full access to both of the latter hospitals with colored physicians admitted to full staff privileges, at which time Moton Memorial Hospital should be abolished.

2. That out-patient departments be established at St. John's and Hillcrest hospitals for the care of indigent patients. Such departments would be financed by the Tulsa Board of County Commissioners with the latter paying full costs of the maintenance of such departments as well as full costs of hospitalization for indigent patients. It is suggested that such a system of indigent medical care replace the pre-

sent Tulsa County Medical Clinic and that it be administered by the Tulsa City-County Health Department.

3. That present public health expenditures in Tulsa County, now 87.1 cents per capita, be doubled.

4. That the standard of medical indigency in Tulsa County be raised to permit greater numbers of persons to be cared for at the Tulsa County Medical Clinic.

5. That efforts be made to increase the number of hospital beds in Northeastern Oklahoma, which was reported to have only 65 per cent of the number of beds necessary to meet minimum standards of adequate hospital facilities.

6. That a full support and utilization be given to the Junior League Convalescent Hospital of Tulsa. In this connection, the report slapped at Hillcrest for an alleged policy of holding polio convalescents on a long-term basis and asserted crowded conditions in polio wards at the Hospital showed "a disregard of fundamental emotional, social and mental development needs of children."

7. That legislation be passed to assure a minimum levy of one mill in each county for purposes of maintaining a full-time health department.

8. That the Oklahoma Crippled Childrens Commission correct numerical deficiencies in personnel and failure to provide crippled childrens clinics throughout the State.

9. That increased grants of state funds be made to the counties for operation of public health units.

10. That considerable revisions be made

in present systems of keeping public health records.

In all, the report outlined some 45 recommendations as suggested improvements upon present health and medical facilities in the area. A complete copy of the printed report, which runs 85 pages, is available in the Medical Library.

Known as the Child Health Study For Eastern Oklahoma, the survey was undertaken late in June by a staff headed by Dr. Ira V. Hiscock, Professor of Public Health at Yale University School of Medicine, and Dr. William R. Willard, also on the Yale faculty. The project originated with the Tulsa Junior League, which conceived it as a guide for determining the future operating policies of its Junior League Convalescent Hospital. Later, the study broadened through the financial support of several additional sponsors, including the Oklahoma State Department of Health, to include twenty-four counties of Northeastern Oklahoma.

The reaction to the report has been of a mixed character and considerable areas of disagreement are known to exist in Tulsa County medical and hospital circles. Mr. Harvey A. Heller, Tulsa oilman and civic leader who served as Chairman of the Study, praised the report and suggested that a full-time administrator be

brought into Tulsa to carry the Hiscock Report recommendations into being. It appeared unlikely, as this issue of *The Bulletin* went to press, that such a project could be accomplished in view of the opposition in many quarters to certain of the suggested changes.

The Tulsa County Medical Society has not yet officially considered the report although it has been scheduled for the February meeting of the Board of Trustees. Principal interest of the Society is centered in recommendations that out-patient departments be created at the two major hospitals for the care of indigent patients with the closing of the Tulsa County Medical Clinic, now operated by the Society in cooperation with the Tulsa Board of County Commissioners. Dr. A. Ray Wiley, Chairman of a special committee set up last year to study the feasibility of out-patient departments at the hospitals, said his Committee was not ready to make any recommendations at this time.

The Hiscock Report made no criticism of the quality of medical care at the Tulsa County Medical Clinic except to note that some additional equipment could be used. However, it struck sharply at the admission policies at the Clinic and charged the two county investigators with refusing to accept many patients deserving of care.

As proposed by the survey, both St. John's and Hillcrest hospitals would establish out-patient departments on its premises, each presumably equipped with separate clerical, social service, and nursing staffs. The departments would be under the supervision of the Tulsa City-County Health Department. The Tulsa County Medical Clinic would be closed and the office of County Physician would be abolished.

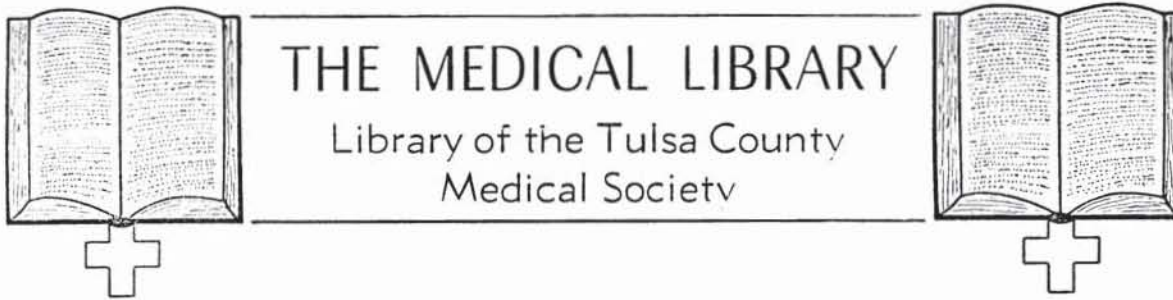
Recommendations of the report were made public at a dinner on January 12, 1951.

COMMITTEES NAMED

The personnel of 22 standing and special committees of the Tulsa County Medical Society for 1951 has been announced by Dr. W. A. Showman, President. A complete listing of committees appears on pages 17 and 18 of this issue of *The Bulletin*.

OPENINGS IN NAVAL UNIT

The Organized Naval Reserve Unit of Tulsa has a limited number of openings for reserve medical officers. As presently constituted, this Unit is to be used for training purposes only and is not expected to be ordered to active duty. Any present Naval reserve medical officer who may be interested in joining this unit is requested to contact Dr. G. H. Henry, Court Arcade Building, Tulsa. A recent statement from the Chief of the Bureau of Naval Personnel indicates that the participation of any naval reserve officer in the Organized Reserved program will not hasten his recall to active duty. The usual benefits in regard to pay, promotion, longevity of service, etc., will prevail for any reserve officer attaching himself to the Tulsa unit.

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GIFTS OF THE MONTH—:

- Dr. W. J. Bryan. Many issues of various journals from which we selected about 100 items needed to fill gaps in our files or to replace paper with cloth covered issues.
- Dr. and Mrs. Fred S. Clinton. Menninger, William C., *Psychiatry In A Troubled World. (Yesterday's War and Today's Challenge)*. Pp. 636, ref. Macmillan Company, New York, N. Y., 1948.
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- Getman Drug Store, Inc. Subscription to the *Journal of the Pharmaceutical Association*, 1951.
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- Dr. Leon H. Stuart. *Sixth International Congress of Radiology, Directory*, 1950. Abstracts of papers read at the Sixth International Congress of Radiology, London, England, July 23-29, 1950.
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- Dr. Joe E. Tyler. Fodor, Nandor and Gaynor, Frank (ed.), *Freud: Dictionary of Psychoanalysis*. Pp. 208. Philosophical Library, Inc., New York, N. Y., 1950.
- Dr. Milford S. Ungerman. Madison M.E., *Psychology, Principles and Applications*. Pp. 403, ill. C. V. Mosby Company, St. Louis, Mo., 1950.

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- Dr. Emanuel N. Lubin. *Non-specific Urethritis and Prostatitis*. Proceeding of the Staff Meeting of Hillcrest Memorial Hospital, 8:235-238 (October), 1950.
- Dr. Berget H. Blocksom. *Cystitis in the Female*. Proceedings of the Staff Meeting of Hillcrest Memorial Hospital, 8:238 (October), 1950.
- Dr. Jack O. Akins. *Infection in Obstructive Uropathy*. Proceedings of the Staff Meeting of Hillcrest Memorial Hospital, 8:240-242 (October), 1950.
- Dr. Howard M. Cohenour. *Medical Versus Surgical Renal Infections*. Proceedings of the Staff Meeting of Hillcrest Memorial Hospital, 8:242-243 (October), 1950.
- Dr. Joe E. Tyler. *Goals In Psychotherapy*. *Journal of the Oklahoma State Medical Association*, 43:526-528 (December), 1950.

PRESIDENT'S PAGE

The recent remarks of President Truman regarding the increased tax program for the ensuing year—"it is necessary to tax until it hurts"—will have some indirect reflection upon our own Tulsa County Medical Society. We are well aware of the spiraling cost of living, mounting overhead in the operation of our professional offices, and increasing taxes, yet the successful operation of any organization will depend upon a sound financial structure. The Tulsa County Medical Society is no exception. We are faced this year with demands by our component state and national organizations that their dues be paid in full by March 30th. For that reason the Board of Trustees has found it necessary to request each member to pay his 1951 dues in full by that date.

Some members may feel that this is burdensome and without doubt the Society must make more liberal arrangements for some of our younger members who are just beginning practice. However, I am sure that a concerted effort by the established physicians to meet these obligations is something we should be willing to do in order to perpetuate our American free way of living and to assure us of the continuation of our singular privileges. For most of us it will be possible to comply with the request of the Board without undue hardship, considering that a period of three months is permitted for the payment of the dues. Your cooperation in this respect will be sincerely appreciated.

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EMINENT WOMAN SCIENTIST SPEAKS HERE FEBRUARY 26TH

Dr. Zola K. Cooper, Professor of Pathology at Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis, Missouri, will be guest speaker for the Tulsa County Medical Society on Monday, February 26, 1951. Her subject will be "Tumors of the Skin."

The Society will also hear Dr. Terrell Covington, Jr., Tulsa internist, on Monday, February 12, 1951, in a discussion of the subject, "Gastroscopy—An Aid To Diagnosis." Both meetings will be at 8:00 P.M. at the Mayo hotel.

One of the most prominent women scientists in America, Dr. Cooper was educated at Washington University, St. Louis, where she progressively received her A.B., M.S., and Ph.D. degrees in zoology. Appointed to faculty of that school in 1926, she was engaged at the Barnard Free Skin and Cancer Hospital of St. Louis in research in problems of dermatology and cancer. In 1938 she was appointed associate pathologist of Barnard Hospital and in 1940 was named Instruc-



Dr. Covington

tor in Pathology at Washington University School of Medicine. She left this post in 1946 to join the faculty of the University of Oklahoma School of Medicine, returning last year to Washington University. In 1947 she was honored by the American Academy of Dermatology for her research studies in skin diseases. Dr. Cooper is also a consultant to the Atomic Energy Commission, member of the Society For Investigative Dermatology, the Society Of Experimental Biology, and many other organizations. Among her research studies have been skin tumors, skin structure, histological study of the integument of the armadillo, and *Tatusia novemcincta*.

Dr. Covington is also a graduate of Washington University, receiving his A.B. degree in 1940 and his medical degree in 1943. He interned at Patterson General Hospital and was subsequently attached to the staff of the United States Veterans Administration hospitals. Dr. Covington has practiced in Tulsa since last June, specializing in gastroscopy and internal medicine.

A buffet dinner will precede the meeting of February 26th with an attractive menu to be served in the Terrace Room of The Mayo beginning at 6:30 P.M. Reservations should be made by 2:00 P.M. of the day of the meeting. The dinner will be \$4.00 per plate. There will be a business session at the meeting of February 12th only.

Other speakers as announced by Dr. S. C. Shepard, Program Chairman, for the balance of the Spring schedule of the Tulsa County Medical Society include:

March 12, 1951. Dr. H. O. Loyd, Tulsa cardiovascular disease specialist. Subject to be announced.

March 26, 1951. Dr. John W. Huffman, Associate Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Northwestern University, Chicago, Illinois. Subject, "Stress Incontinence."

April 9, 1951. Speaker and subject to be announced.

April 16, 1951. Dr. John V. Goode, Professor of Surgery, Southwestern Medical College, Dallas, Texas. Subject, "Intestinal Obstructions."



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AN OLD PROBLEM

From present indications the 1951 Annual Meeting of the Oklahoma State Medical Association, to be held in Tulsa next May 21-23, will be one of the finest conventions yet staged for Oklahoma doctors. Dr. Robert E. Funk and his Annual Meeting Committee began six months ago to make plans for the event. The panel of guest speakers comprises a veritable "Who's Who In Medicine" and seldom has such an assembly of internationally known men of medicine been brought together on the same program. The selection of the papers to be presented by Association members has been thoughtfully made with an eye towards a representation of all fields of medicine, a predominance of practical medical subjects, and yet with a smattering of the new and unusual in modern medicine. The entire meeting has evolved in accordance with certain principles obtained in a wide survey of Oklahoma doctors, conducted last June by the Annual Meeting Committee, to determine their likes and dislikes, criticisms, and suggestions in regard to the convention. The product of this careful planning should be one of the best annual meetings in Association history. The attendance should reach record proportions. With the seriousness of the international situation and the outlook for

war, the 1951 annual meeting may well be the last time for many years that a full-blown convention can be staged in Oklahoma.

If anything has limited the scope of the 1951 meeting, it has been the familiar problems occasioned by inadequate facilities in Tulsa for a convention of this size. By proper planning, it has been possible to circumvent most of these problems, but the observation must be made that so much more could be added to the enjoyment of this and any Tulsa convention through proper and numerically adequate facilities. The need for a municipal auditorium, complete with a spacious exhibits hall, individual meeting rooms, and catering facilities, has long been felt in Tulsa. If this great City of ours has failed in any respect, it has been in its failure to meet the significant need for such facilities. Our energetic Chamber of Commerce, admittedly one of the finest in the United States, has belatedly realized that Tulsa is losing dozens of conventions each year through its inability to physically handle them. The addition of a Conventions secretary and the development of a concerted program within the Chamber of Commerce has helped greatly, but such a program can proceed only to the limit of the physical facilities available for conventions.

In the best interests of this community, and aside from our personal interest in the problem, we feel a definite start towards solution of this vexing situation should be made at once. Admittedly, this is not the best time to undertake such a project, but the chances are that material and labor shortages are going to be with us for some time. We should at least have workable plans in concrete detail to be placed into operation as quickly as feasible. If this is not done, we face the appalling situation of seeing Tulsa imperil its growth by failing to keep pace with many physical needs. Let's start now to do something about this situation!

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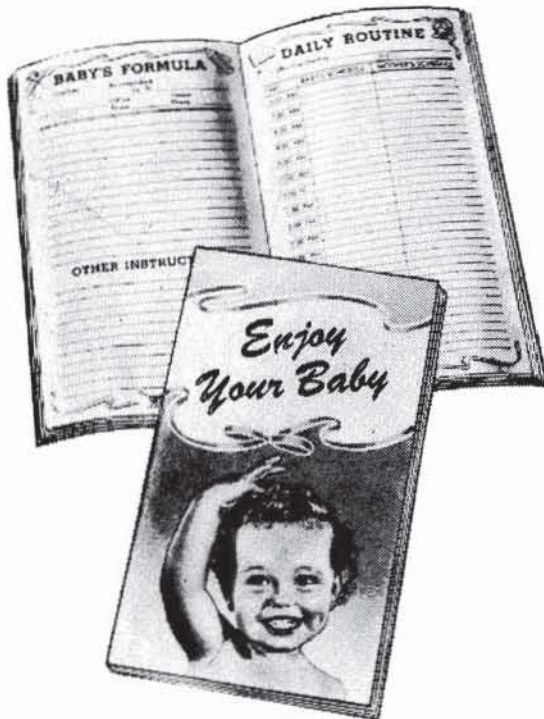
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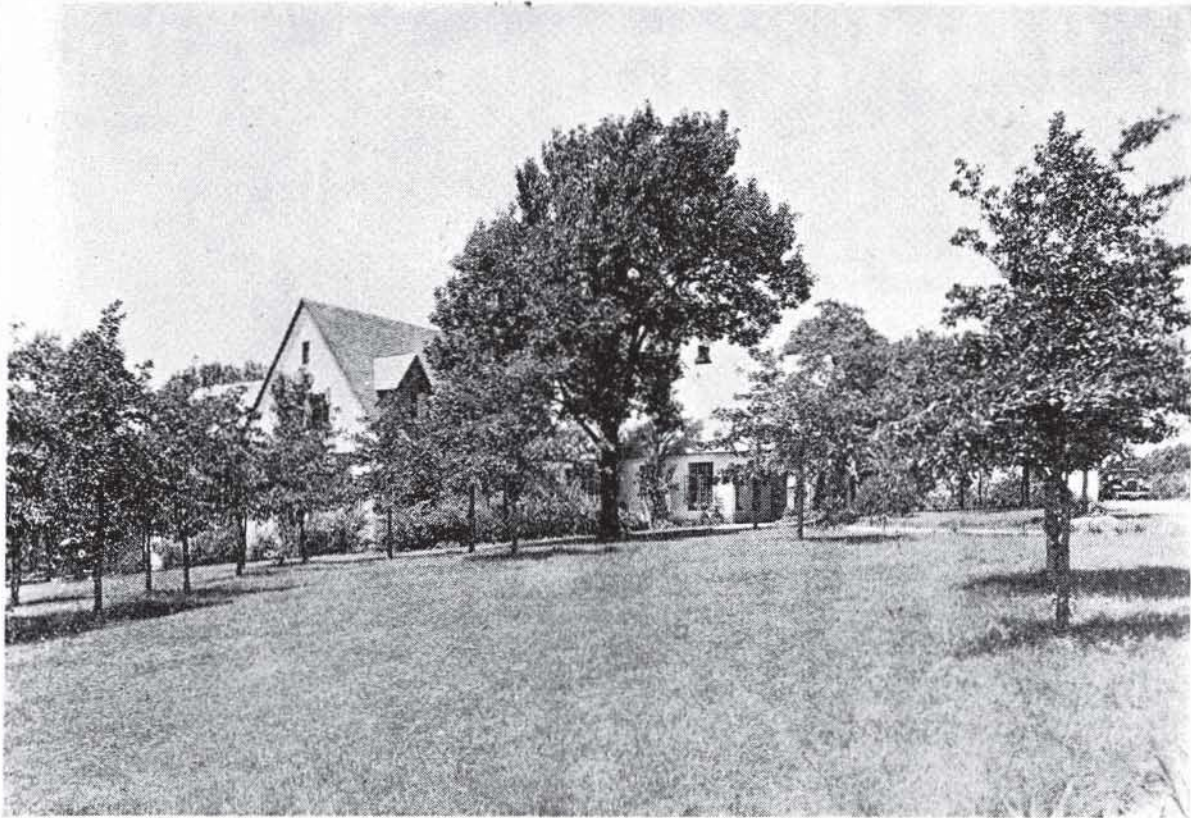
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Dr. Anton J. Carlson, Professor of Physiology, University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois, "Our Food and Our Future" and "Ignorance and Quackery In Medicine."

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Dr. James G. Hughes, Professor of Pediatrics, University of Tennessee School of Medicine, Memphis, Tennessee, "Acute Nephritis" and "Surgical Conditions In The First Weeks of Life."

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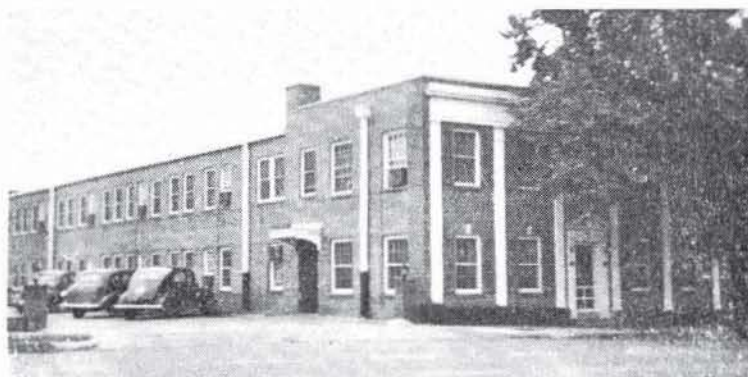
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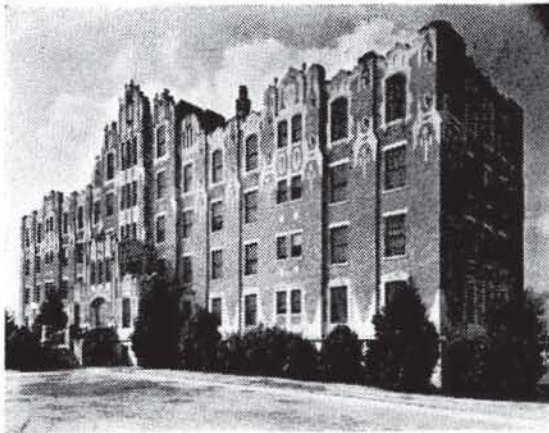
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