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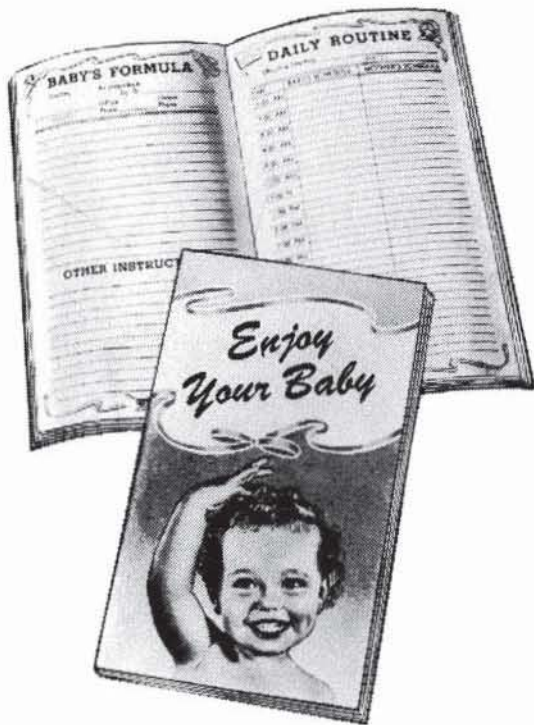
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## TUMOR CLINIC COMPLETES THIRD YEAR

**St. John's Tumor Clinic Reports Total Of 3,100 Patient Visits To Date. Sixty Per Cent Of Patients Found To Have Cancer. Twenty-Five Counties Served.**

A total of 3,100 patient visits to the St. John's Tumor Clinic of Tulsa were recorded as the diagnostic and treatment center for indigent cancer patients of Northeastern Oklahoma observed its third anniversary on March 2, 1951. Of this number, 894 represented the total number of individual patients seen plus 2,206 follow-up clinic visits.

Fifty-eight Tulsa doctors, contributing their services without fee to the Clinic, have diagnosed and treated 541 cases of malignancy. About 60 per cent of the patients referred to the Clinic are found to have malignancy in some form or another.

The Clinic has reported a steady increase in the number of new patients seen each year. A total of 187 were recorded in 1948, 294 in 1949, and 352 in 1950. Sixty-one were seen in the first sixty days of 1951. These patients have been referred from 25 counties of Oklahoma and also from Arkansas, Texas, and Kansas. Tulsa County leads the list of Oklahoma counties served with 515 patients referred, following in order by Creek with 124, Rogers with 36, Adair with 33, Washington with 29, and Craig, Nowata, and Mayes, 21 each. In smaller numbers patients have been referred from Okmulgee, Ottawa, Muskogee, Pawnee, Osage, Cherokee, McIntosh, Delaware, Wagoner, Seminole, Sequoyah, Kay, Pittsburg, Harmon, Okfuskee, Hughes, and Comanche counties. There has been a steady increase in the number of doctors serving on the staff, the figure rising

from 32 at the end of the first year to the present 58.

"We are well pleased with the progress of the St. John's Tumor Clinic," said Dr. Ralph A. McGill of Tulsa, Medical Director. "We feel the success of this program of cancer detection and treatment for indigents has been reflected in the steady growth of the number of patients served each year. As all of these patients must be referred by private physicians, it indicates as well a growing awareness of the value of the Clinic by practicing medical doctors. The value to the patient can be counted in human lives saved and to the doctor in terms of useful training in the character of cancer diagnosis and treatment."

The St. John's Tumor Clinic now holds its clinical sessions each Tuesday morning in the Clinic quarters in the Waite Phillips Memorial Building of St. John's Hospital. Each Friday morning a clinical conference for staff members and visiting doctors provides an opportunity for case studies and discussions of general Clinic problems.

Financed primarily by funds allocated by the Oklahoma Division of the American Cancer Society, derived from the annual Spring campaign, the Clinic draws some additional financing from funds made available by the Oklahoma State Health Department for certain purposes. An additional factor in maintenance of the Clinic is the kindness of St. John's Hospital in making available the Clinic quarters and certain equipment and services without charge.

# PRESIDENT'S PAGE

I am happy to report that the prospects for converting the Tulsa County Red Cross Blood Center into a regional blood center serving most of Northeastern Oklahoma appear quite good at this time. If present plans materialize the regional center should be in operation sometime in the Fall of 1951. This project will assure hospital patients in approximately sixteen counties of Northeastern Oklahoma adequate quantities of whole blood, and the general level of medical care in those counties should be materially increased just as it has increased in Tulsa County since the opening of the Blood Center two years ago. As co-sponsor with the Red Cross of this important adjunct to medicine, the Tulsa County Medical Society can be justly proud of its part in this contribution to better medical care.

The success of the Blood Center has been made possible in considerable measure by the confidence and respect accorded it by Tulsa County doctors, and by their cooperation in the recruitment and replacement program necessary to insure an adequate supply of donors. This confidence and respect has been gradually built up as the doctors came to recognize the practical assets of the program and to appreciate its part in improving surgical and medical therapy. As doctors, we have an obligation in behalf of our patients to continue our support and cooperation of the Blood Center, and I hope that no doctor will neglect his duty to encourage donors—particularly replacement donors—to give blood. We have helped to create a fine instrument of medical care. Through your constant cooperation greater opportunities exist for the Tulsa County Red Cross Blood Center.

Sincerely,



President

## TOP DANCE BAND SET FOR CONVENTION

**Dick Jurgens And His Orchestra To Play For President's Annual Dinner Dance. President-Elect Of American Medical Association Added To List Of Guest Speakers.**

Dick Jurgens and His Orchestra, one of America's top-flight dance bands, will play for the President's Annual Dinner Dance on Tuesday, May 22nd, a feature of the 58th Annual Meeting of the Oklahoma State Medical Association in Tulsa, May 21-23, 1951. Three and one-half hours of dancing to Jurgens' music will follow a brief program featuring Dr. R. B. Robins of Camden, Arkansas, Vice-President of the American Medical Association, as guest speaker.

Other convention news announced last month include:

Dr. John W. Cline of San Francisco, California, President-Elect of the American Medical Association, will be guest speaker at a Public Relations Luncheon to be held Monday, May 21, 1951, at 12:30 P.M., at The Mayo. Dr. Cline will review medicine's public relations activities on the local, state, and national levels.

Colonel Richard H. Eanes, Medical Director of the Selective Service System, Washington, D. C., has been added to a discussion of the medical military situation on Wednesday, May 23rd. This event, designed to acquaint doctors with the latest information on their prospects for military service, will also feature Brigadier-General Paul I. Robinson, Chief of Personnel, Office of the Surgeon-General, Department of the Army, Wash-

ington, D. C.

All members of the Oklahoma State Medical Association will receive a complete printed program about April 15th. The final program will also be printed in the May issue of The Journal of the Oklahoma State Medical Association.

Meanwhile, the Hotels Committee has reported a heavy advance request for hotel accommodations. While rooms are not available at The Mayo at this time, visiting doctors can be quartered in attractive accommodations at all of Tulsa's other major hotels. Requests for reservations should be addressed to the Tulsa County Medical Society, 1202 Medical Arts Building, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

With the signing of Dick Jurgens and His Or-



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chestra, the President's Annual Dinner Dance promises to be an unusual evening of top entertainment. The event will open with a Social Hour in the Main Lounge of the Tulsa Club at 6:00 P.M., Tuesday, May 22nd. Dinner will be served in the Main Dining Room at 7:00 P.M. followed by the introduction of guests, inauguration of Dr. L. Chester McHenry of Oklahoma City as President, and the address by Dr. Robins. Known for his wit and humor, as well as for the tremendous energies which brought him to the Vice-Presidency of the American Medical Association, Dr. Robins will

speak on the subject, "Medical Chitchat." Dr. Robins has just returned from San Francisco where he was a guest speaker at the annual banquet for the 1951 convention of the American Academy of General Practice. After a brief intermission necessary to clear the floor, dancing to Dick Jurgens and His Orchestra will begin at 9:30 P.M. and continue until 1:00 A.M.

One of the nation's top ten bands, Jurgens has a wide reputation for smooth dance music. Now on a nation-wide tour, the Jurgens band has broken attendance records at the Hollywood Palladium, the Chicago Trianon Ballroom, and the famous Astor Roof at the Hotel Astor, New York. Heard on the Coca Cola Spotlight Revue and the Fitch Bandwagon, the group is regularly aired over NBC and Mutual broadcasting systems. Jurgens top hits, recorded by Columbia, include "Elmer's Tune," "One Dozen Roses," and the current "Cecilia."

Attendance at the President's Annual Dinner Dance will be limited to the capacity of the room, 425 persons. Tickets will go on sale in Tulsa on May 1st. The price will be \$6.50 per person. As a capacity crowd is expected, members of the Association are requested not to invite any persons to the event except visiting medical doctors.

Augmenting the regular scientific program of the Oklahoma State Medical Association, featuring eight nationally known medical personalities as guest speakers, will be numerous meetings of various specialty groups and related medical organizations. The Oklahoma Rheumatism Society will have a day-long scientific session on Sunday, May 20, 1951, in the Open Parlors of the Mayo. Dr. Otto Steinbrocker, Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine, New York University, Post Graduate Medical School, New York, N. Y., will be guest speaker.

The Oklahoma Society of Psychiatrists and Neurologists will meet Sunday, May 20th, at The Mayo, as will the Oklahoma Society of Anesthesiologists. The Oklahoma State Radiological Society plans a luncheon on Tuesday, May 22nd, and the Oklahoma Society of Medical Technologists will meet May 19-20 at Hotel Tulsa.



#### **SOUTHWESTERN SURGEON TO SPEAK HERE APRIL 23RD**

Dr. John V. Goode, Professor of Surgery at Southwestern Medical College, Dallas, Texas, will conclude the Spring series of scientific lectures for the Tulsa County Medical Society on Monday, April 23, 1951, at 8:00 P.M. at The Mayo. His subject will be "Intestinal Obstruction".

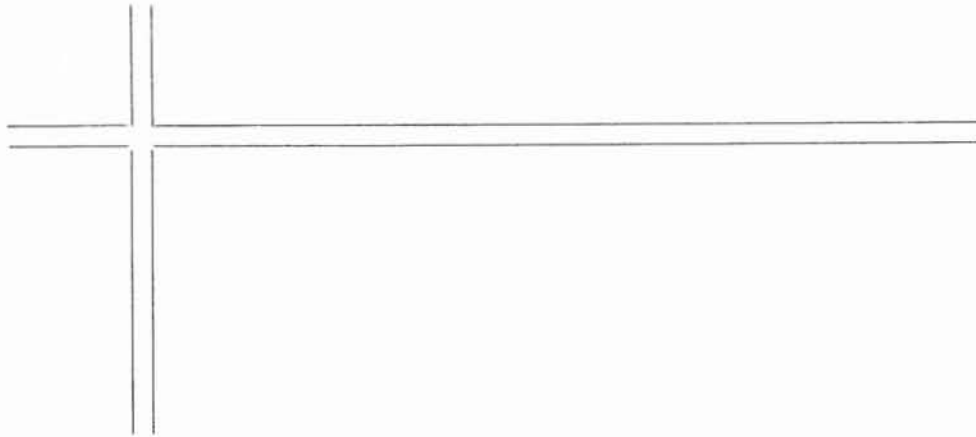
Two weeks earlier, on Monday, April 9, 1951, the Society will hear Dr. Delmas B. Jones, Tulsa radiologist, in a discussion of the subject "Roentgen Therapy of Bursitis and Tendinitis".

The 58th Annual Meeting of the Oklahoma State Medical Association in Tulsa, May 21-23, will replace the Society's regular meetings in May, and the Society will not meet in May, June, July, or August, 1951. Regular meetings will resume on Monday, September 10th.

Dr. Goode, a native Texan, is a graduate of Johns Hopkins Medical School, Class of 1925. He interned at Johns Hopkins Hospital for two years and later served as Assistant Resident and Resident in Surgery at Cincinnati General Hospital. For several years he has been in practice at Dallas, Texas, where he has risen to be Professor and Chairman of

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Few medical doctors have had more honors come to them or have demonstrated a greater capacity for creative effort than Dr. Howard T. Karsner, dean of American pathologists and one of eight medical personalities scheduled as guest speakers at the 58th Annual Meeting of the Oklahoma State Medical Association in Tulsa, May 21-23, 1951.

Take, for instance, his medical writings alone—more than 200 scientific publications on pathology and biology have appeared in the world's leading medical journals by-lined with his name. Then there are four textbooks. The first, "Principles of Pathology", written with Dr. E. E. Ecker, appeared in 1921. Five years later came Dr. Karsner's famous "Human Pathology" with no less than seven subsequent editions, the most recent of which appeared in 1949. "Calcific Disease of the Aortic Valve", written with Dr. S. Koletsky, appeared in 1947, and in the same year the American Lecture Series published his "Acute Inflammation of Arteries". When he isn't writing, he's editing other material as a member of the Editorial Board of the American Journal of Pathology, probably the foremost scientific publication in the field. Dr. Karsner has also edited five editions of the popular "Yearbook of Pathology", including the editions of 1947, 1948, and 1949.

Now Consultant to the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery of the United States Navy with offices in Washington, D. C., Dr. Karsner has spent much of his life in teaching. A graduate of the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, Class of 1903, Dr. Karsner returned there after five years of hospital residencies to teach pathology. In 1911 he was appointed Assistant Professor of Pa-



Dr. Karsner

thology at Harvard Medical School and in 1914 began an association with the faculty of Western Reserve University at Cleveland, Ohio—an association which was to last 35 years. With his retirement in 1949 came another honor, an honorary LL.D. degree from Western Reserve.

Dr. Karsner is not the type of man to be content with merely being a member of an organization. His initiative and driving energies have brought him to the helm of many such groups. In 1921 he was President of the American Association of Pathologists and Bacteriologists, the following year President of the important American Society For Experimental Pathology. He has also been an officer of the American Board of Pathology, the National Research Council, the Section on Pathology and Physiology of the American Medical Association, and the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology. In 1950, as a result of his long interest in medical licensure, he was honored with the post of President of the National Board of Medical Examiners.

A member, too, of Alpha Kappa Kappa, Sigma Xi, Alpha Omega Alpha; honorary member of the Argentine Society of Normal and Pathological Anatomy, the Brazilian College of Anatomy, and the Association of Clinical Pathologists of Great Britain.

Dr. Karsner has long ago lost count of the lectures he has given in all parts of the United States, in Europe, and in South America. When the American Medical Association sought a speaker for its Centennial Address in Pathology in 1947, it was Dr. Karsner who came readily to mind, and it was Dr. Karsner who gave the first James Ewing Memorial Lecture in New York in 1946.

A former medical officer who served in France in World War I, Dr. Karsner has long been an advisor to various armed forces groups, and he takes great pleasure in his present post with the Navy. Too old for combat duty, he served in World War II as an advisor to the Army and Navy.

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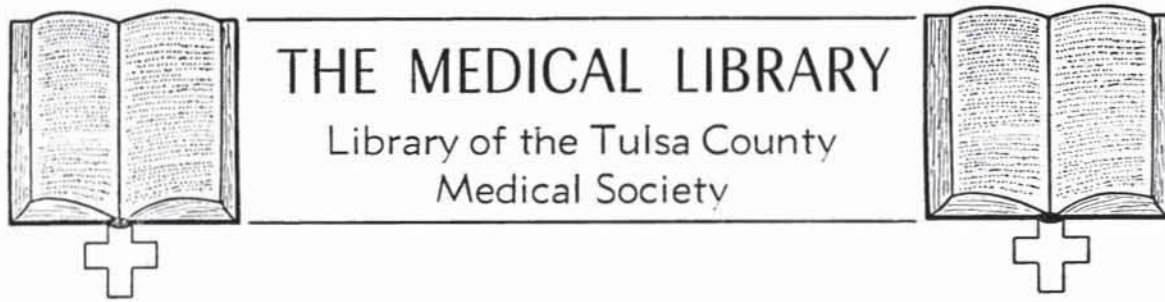
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**IN MODERATE REBELLION**

Last month members of the Tulsa County Medical Society began receiving the Journal of the American Medical Association each week as a benefit of the annual membership dues of \$25.00 levied by the AMA House of Delegates. For most Tulsa doctors, and for their professional brothers over the nation, it was the first time in years, perhaps a lifetime, of practice that they experienced any direct connection with the American Medical Association. Prior to this year some 100 Oklahoma doctors were subscribers to the Journal, less than one out of fourteen among the State's 1,475 medical doctors. This linking of the professions to its national organization comes belatedly, but fortunately it has come about. Whatever the motivations were behind the original proposal, most members of the AMA House of Delegates saw in the distribution of The Journal a justification for a new and enduring levy of membership dues. If it came as salve for the wounds of the profession's more narrow and penurious elements, it will remain as an enduring asset to a close relationship between the AMA and the individual doctor. The development and strengthening of that relationship has long been the fundamental problem of American Medicine. United in a close understanding of its own problems, American doctors will find little difficulty in effecting workable solutions yet

retaining their own individuality and maintaining high standards of medical care among their patients.

Until some four or five years ago the American Medical Association justly deserved much of the criticism which it received from the medical profession. While many of its standard functions were most creditable, particularly in the improvements brought about in medical education and in the fight against medical quackery, it lacked a progressive point of view in its halting semblance of a public relations program. Much of its work was done by other groups, notably the National Physicians Committee, until at last a forceful element of progressive young men invaded the ranks of AMA authority. The resulting metamorphosis has provided American Medicine with a sound, progressive organization that is demonstrating initiative and intelligence, and commanding respect.

Much of the AMA's troubles, as we see it, can be attributed to its failure to publicize its activities among its own members. The average doctor, even today, has little conception of the magnitude of the work done by the American Medical Association, and to too many doctors of the United States it continues to remain the ivory tower at 535 North Dearborn, Chicago, a mysterious citadel which shapes the destiny of American Medicine.

If we can venture to make a few suggestions, the AMA will do well to strengthen its relationship with the individual doctor. We feel the national organization fails to recognize the importance of the individual doctor and the county medical society—the so-called "Grass Roots" of Medicine. In the last analysis, the fundamental problems of American Medicine are going to have to be solved on the local level, right down into the sanctuary of the individual doctor's professional offices.

We feel the more opportunities there are to reach the individual doctor, as by such means as a 100 per cent distribution of The Journal for example, thus are the opportunities to educate ourselves strengthened.

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## EDITORIAL

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We believe the relationship of the county medical society and the AMA could be beneficially tightened. We should like to see more of the type of training meetings provided by the Grass Roots Conference; if such meetings could be held regionally with a well planned effort to bring county medical society officials into participation, much of value could be accomplished. Such meetings might be advantageously held as frequently as three times each year.

We would like to see the American Medical Association put a small but efficient staff of public relations men into the field to meet with county medical societies and individual doctors, assisting them in the shaping of public relations programs.

We think that planned programs of public relations which could be accomplished by small county medical societies, not the large organizations staffed with paid employees, would do much good.

We think a concerted effort to bring individual doctors to the annual meetings of the AMA would be productive, and that at least one of these two annual meetings should be conducted on a regional basis with the most attractive scientific and social programs.

Doubtless there can be some observations on these suggestions, one to the effect that the chain of authority and initiative should begin with the county society and extend upwards to the AMA. We think this works well both ways and that a powerful, well organized national unit can be of assistance on the local levels, certainly to the extent of being a source of information.

What do you think?

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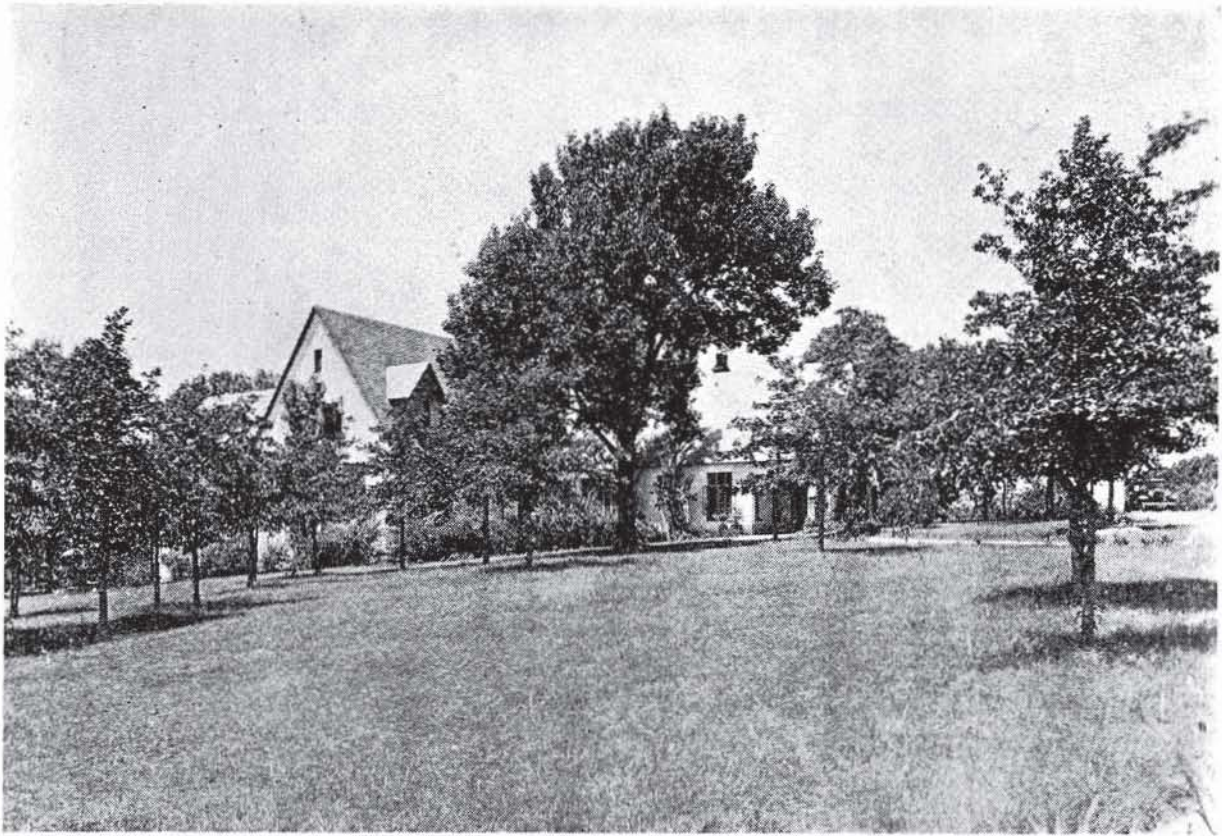
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the Department of Surgery of Southwestern Medical College. He is a diplomate of the American Board of Surgery, fellow of the American College of Surgeons, member of the Southwestern Surgical Association, and numerous other medical organizations. Dr. Goode will be a speaker for the Dallas Southern Clinical Society in April.

A buffet dinner will be served in the Terrace Room of The Mayo immediately preceding the meeting of April 23rd, beginning at 6:30 P.M. Reservations should be made by 2:00 P.M. of the day of the meeting. The price will be \$4.00. There will be no business session.

Dr. Delmas B. Jones is a graduate of Northwestern University Medical School, Class of 1939. He interned at Ohio Valley General Hospital, Wheeling, West Virginia, and was later in practice at Monogah and Fairmont, West Virginia, and at Pryor, Oklahoma. From 1945 to 1948 he served as resident in radiology at Augustana Hospital, Chicago, Illinois. In practice at Tulsa since 1948, he specializes in Radiology.

A brief business session will follow the scientific program on April 9th.

LT. COL. THOMAS H. DAVIS has been separated from military service and is now back in private practice at the Glass-Nelson Clinic in Tulsa. Prior to his discharge Dr. Davis was medical officer with the 45th Division at Camp Polk, Louisiana.

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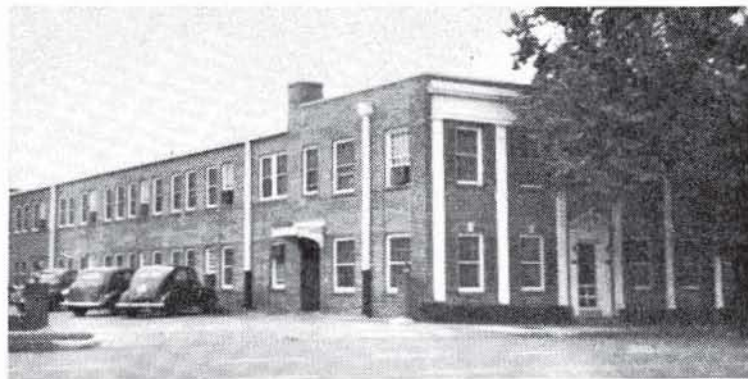
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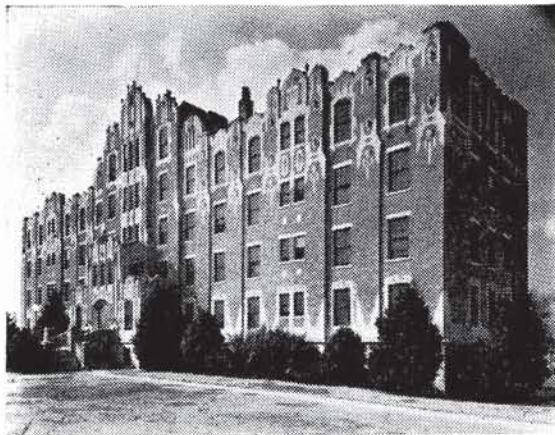
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