

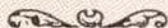
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The refusal of the Tulsa City Commission to authorize the long-sought flouridation of the City water supply after a lengthy hearing on January 6th must be chalked up to political motives . . . Certainly no one who heard the sound and well-documented arguments of such proponents as the Tulsa County Dental Society and the City-County Health Department could question the merit of the proposal . . . Yet, the Commission apparently found the frequently inane outbursts of a minority of opponents — mostly food fadists — grounds for postponing a decision . . . More than two years of work have gone into the project by the Dental Society . . . The endorsements of adding fluorine to the water have come from a long list of major civic, professional, and educational organizations . . . It is backed to the hilt by Tulsa newspapers . . . The only serious and sincere opposition has come from the Christian Science Church, whose representatives made a concise statement of their objections on religious grounds . . . We wonder how the City Commission, in the face of such overwhelming evidence, presented in detail by qualified professional men and backed by clinical evidence of its worth, can ignore the wishes of such a large segment of the Tulsa population? . . . Especially with finance no particular objection . . . It is a shortsighted move which does no credit to our Commission . . . St. John's Hospital of Tulsa has announced plans for a new six-story wing to cost over two million dollars . . . Construction must await completion of financing plans . . . Plans for a polio hospital in Tulsa are also being advanced by a group of businessmen and parents of polio sufferers . . . Latest information indicates practically all doctors in Group III, those with no military service, must undergo a physical examination preparatory to possible commissioning . . . Earlier plans called for examination only through age 42; new plans will reach through the maximum age 50.

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COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS ANNOUNCED

**Series of Amendments to By-Laws Strengthens
Committee Structure. Dr. Hugh Perry to Head
Head New Public Policy Committee.**

Dr. John G. Matt, President, has announced the personnel of seventeen standing and seven special committees of the Tulsa County Medical Society for 1953. The appointments, approved by the Board of Trustees at its January meetings, are listed on Pages 8 and 9 of this issue of The Bulletin.

A series of four amendments to the By-Laws, approved by the membership at the regular meeting of January 12, 1953, will considerably strengthen the Society's permanent committee structure. Changes effected by the amendments are as follows:

(1) The Press Relations, Publicity & Public Relations, and Legislative committees have been combined into a new standing committee to be known as the Public Policy Committee. Although the Society has had a special committee under the latter name for several years, its functions have overlapped those of other committee groups. The general effect of the amendment is to consolidate all activities dealing with public relations and legislation under a single administration.

(2) Two supervisory committees, the Medical Credit Bureau and Red Cross Blood Center committees, were elevated from the status of a special committee to that of a standing committee. (Special committees are temporary committees appointed for one year only while standing committees are permanent with members serving staggered terms of three years each).

(3) The Finance Committee, formerly a standing committee, was abolished en-

tirely. Sponsors of this amendment pointed out that the Board of Trustees, because of its familiarity with the Society's finance problems, must necessarily perform the functions previously assigned by the By-Laws to the Finance Committee. All finance matters will now originate in the Board of Trustees with final action by the membership.

The organizational structure of the Public Policy Committee now provides for a general chairman and five sub-committee chairmen in the fields of Legislation; Press, Radio and Television; Health Education and Schools; Civic Affairs and Hospital and Allied Professional Relationships; and Speakers' Bureau. Each sub-committee chairman will be assisted by two sub-committee members.

In general, senior members of standing committees were designated as the Chairman of the Committee, although in several instances outstanding committee chairmen serving in 1952 were retained for another year. In some cases this was done to insure a greater continuity in completing current projects. Dr. Robert E. Funk continues as Chairman of the Clinic Committee for another year, Dr. Felix R. Park was reappointed for his fifth successive year as Chairman of the Red Cross Blood Center Committee, and Dr. Jack O. Akins will serve his third successive term as Chairman of the Military Affairs Committee. Others retained are Dr. Lucien M. Pascucci, Chairman of the Cancer Committee, and Dr. Fred E. Woodson, Chairman of the Insurance Committee.

1953 COMMITTEE PERSONNEL

STANDING COMMITTEES

Bulletin

Douglas T. Ferraro, M.D., Chm. (1)
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 William Buchan, M.D. (3)

Cancer

Lucien M. Pascucci, M.D., Chm. (1)
 Herbert S. Orr, M.D. (2)
 William M. Benzing, M.D. (3)

Clinic

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 Herbert J. Forrest, M.D. (2)
 James B. Thompson, M.D. (3)

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 A. B. Carney, M.D. (2)
 Terrell Covington, Jr., M.D. (3)

Entertainment and Golf

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 Paul N. Atkins, Jr., M.D. (3)

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 E. Lee Gentry, M.D. (2)
 Berget H. Blocksom, M.D. (3)

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Marshall O. Hart, M.D., Chm. (3)
 Hugh B. Nicholas, M.D. (1)
 Raymond G. Ray, M.D. (2)

Grievances

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 W. A. Showman, M.D.
 Marshall O. Hart, M.D.
 Fred E. Woodson, M.D.

Insurance

Fred E. Woodson, M.D., Chm. (1)
 Frank A. Stuart, M.D. (2)
 Benjamin W. Ward, M.D. (3)

The term of office served by members of the Standing Committees is indicated by the numeral immediately following the name. Those whose name is followed by a "(3)" serve until December 31, 1955; by a "(2)" until December 31, 1954; and by a "(1)" until December 31, 1953. The Grievances Committee is composed of the five immediate living past-presidents. Members of the Public Policy Committee serve one year only, as do all members of special committees.

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 Tom R. Turner, M.D.
 T. Paul Haney, M.D.
 Ian MacKenzie, M.D.
 D. L. Garrett, M. D.

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 R. M. Wadsworth, M.D.
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 H. J. Rubin, M.D.
 James Stevenson, M.D.
 Homer A. Ruprecht, M.D.

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DR. WILLIAM J. TRAINOR has announced plans to retire from the practice of medicine on May 1, 1953. The date will mark the completion of fifty years of practice.

EXECUTIVE OFFICES MOVED TO NEW BASEMENT QUARTERS

The Executive Offices of the Tulsa County Medical Society have been moved to attractive new quarters at B-9 Medical Arts Building. Included in the move effected last January 15th is the Medical Credit Bureau, official collection agency of the Society.

The new quarters consist of two large rooms, one to house the clerical staff and a private office and conference room for the Executive Secretary. A combination vault provides a large amount of shelving for much-needed storage space. Both rooms have been recently redecorated and are completely air-conditioned. The new offices are located in the basement immediately opposite the elevators.

The quarters formerly occupied on the 12th floor of the Medical Arts Building are being added to the Library of the Tulsa County Medical Society, which will now occupy the entire floor. A stack room will be built to accommodate the Library's annual additions to its bound journals and textbooks. Portions of the space will be used for a work room for the Librarian.

TURNBOW NAMED TO HEAD GENERAL PRACTICE ACADEMY

Dr. William R. Turnbow was elected President of the Tulsa Academy of General Practice at the annual business meeting of the organization held last December 22, 1952. At the same time the Academy named Dr. Linus A. Munding as President-Elect. Dr. Turnbow is serving in 1953 and Dr. Munding will serve in 1954.

Other officers named were Dr. Marshall O. Hart, retiring President elected as Secretary-Treasurer, and Dr. W. D. Hoover and Dr. Logan A. Spann, elected as members of the Board of Trustees. Dr. W. B. Boone is a holdover trustee.

DR. BYRON L. BAILEY has been separated from the United States Navy after two years service in Korea and Pacific waters. He will serve as Resident in Medicine at University Hospitals, Oklahoma City, for one year before returning to his Tulsa practice.

PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Last week, for the first time, I attended a session of the Grievances Committee of the Tulsa County Medical Society. I was deeply impressed by the sympathetic, impartial deliberation which these doctors accorded to the complaints presented to them. Four of the five committeemen were present at this meeting which lasted almost two hours. This amounts to a whole working day sacrificed to the cause of harmony between medicine and the public.

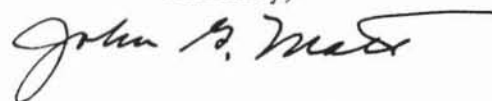
As charge and counter-charge developed it became apparent to me that a fairly uniform pattern fits most of these cases. First, most complaints seem to come from people who make excessive demands on their physicians. These folk are sick, or, just as bad, they think they are sick. The doctor should realize that these demands are a part of the symptom complex of his patient and should be accorded the same careful attention that he would give to, say, swelling of that patient's feet and ankles.

The other major factor seems to be that the physician usually can prove that his position is right and since he is right the complainant be damned. While, in pure logic, this stand is justifiable we must remember that the laity is seldom logical when they or their family are ill. Hence, we again are the ones who should yield the point.

A friend of mine, a merchandising expert with Chicago's great Marshall Field Company, once told me that his store has learned that some women will "buy" an evening gown and then on the day after the ball, return the soiled dress to the store for a refund based on a specious complaint. The store never objects to the return of the goods even under such circumstances. He remarked that this is a part of the policy which has helped M-F become one of the merchandising marvels of the world.

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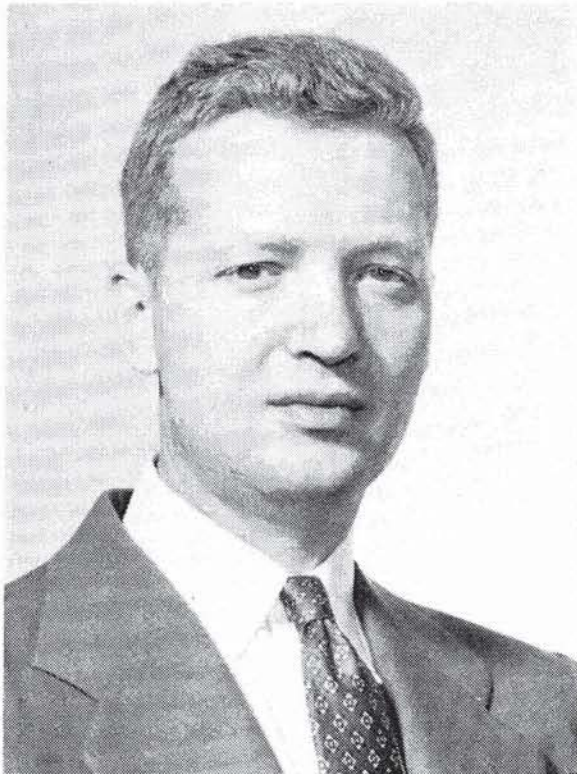
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DALLAS PEDIATRICIAN TO SPEAK HERE FEBRUARY 9TH

Dr. Gilbert B. Forbes, Professor and Chairman of the Department of Pediatrics at Southwestern Medical College, Dallas, Texas, will be guest speaker for the Tulsa County Medical Society on Monday, February 9, 1953, at 8:00 P.M. at The Mayo. His subject will be "Diagnosis and Management of Tetanus."

The attention of members is called to the location of the meeting, which will be at The Mayo Hotel. Original plans to hold a series of meetings at the University of Tulsa were discontinued after the University notified Society officials the room would be required to house night study courses beginning in February. Another suitable room is not available. Meetings will continue at The Mayo until further notice.

Dr. Gilbert B. Forbes is a graduate of the University of Rochester, Class of 1940. He interned at Strong Memorial Hospital of Rochester, New York, and subsequently served a three-year residency in Pediatrics at St. Louis Children's Hospital, St. Louis, Missouri. Beginning in 1943 he was a member of the faculty of Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis, and in 1950 was appointed to his

present position at Southwestern Medical College of Dallas. He is a diplomate of the American Board of Pediatrics, member of the Central Society for Clinical Research, Southwestern Pediatrics Society, and the Society for Experimental Biology and Medicine.

A brief business session will follow the scientific program. A special feature of the meeting will be the presentation of honorary and life membership certificates in the Oklahoma State Medical Association by Dr. Alfred R. Sugg of Ada, President of the Association.

G. P. ACADEMY TO HOLD CONVENTION FEBRUARY 16-17

All doctors of Oklahoma have been invited to attend the Fifth Annual Meeting of the Oklahoma Academy of General Practice at the Biltmore Hotel, Oklahoma City, February 16-17, 1953.

The scientific program will be highlighted by the appearance of the following distinguished guest speakers:

Dr. Arild E. Hansen, Professor of Pediatrics, University of Texas School of Medicine, Galveston, Texas.

Dr. J. Milton Singleton, Associate Professor of Obstetrics & Gynecology, University of Kansas Medical School, Kansas City, Kansas.

Dr. Stewart J. Wolf, Professor and Chairman of the Department of Medicine, University of Oklahoma School of Medicine, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dr. Louis J. Levy, orthopedic surgeon of Fort Worth, Texas.

Dr. Frank R. Peterson, surgeon, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

In addition to a two-day program of scientific papers, the meeting will include commercial exhibits, roundtable luncheons, and social events. Mr. Mac F. Cahal, Executive Secretary of the American Academy of General Practice, Kansas City, Missouri, will be guest speaker at the Academy's annual dinner dance on Monday evening, February 16th.

In cooperation with Lederle Laboratories, the Oklahoma Academy of General Practice is sponsoring a Symposium on Acute Infectious Diseases to be held at the Biltmore Hotel on Wednesday, Febru-

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A Special Message
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In the year 1953 I hope the Tulsa County Medical Society and our newspaper can arrive at some method whereby legitimate, ethical and constructive medical news can reach the citizens of Eastern Oklahoma through our columns.

Failure of medical men to publicize the capabilities of their profession has played directly into the hands of fakers and charlatans. Whether through reticence or jealousy among themselves they have created a condition in which only a tiny percentage of the general public understands the wide variety of professional service that is offered in a city the size of Tulsa.

I'm tired of the widespread impression held by our people that "upside down" stomachs must go to Boston, "blue babies" to Baltimore, and that a patient with any other rare ailment is as good as dead if he can't get to Rochester.

Few of our readers realize that operations of immense complexity are being performed daily with good success right here at home.

It would be silly for me to hope for an end to the strange medical code which decrees that only a handful of powerful physicians in this country can enjoy personal publicity for their exploits. I suppose, although our wire reports will continue to laud this handful by name, that we must leave nameless any Tulsa physician who performs with equal boldness and skill.

But, at least, I'd like to advise our readers of the general facts.

Can't the Medical Society appoint a committee to advise us when particularly difficult and unusual operations have been performed in Tulsa with success? Can't we have a plain, non-technical explanation of what it was all about?

Such stories have been hidden from us. Why shouldn't we have them?

I would like one other service, too. At a time when the community is suffering from an "epidemic," whether it be the recent wave of "flu" or a high summer incidence of polio, it would be helpful if we could call some responsible committee of the Medical Society to learn how virulent the disease is, what complications if any are appearing, and how they may best be avoided.

Doctors are understandably horrified at news stories on medical matters that are unscientific and inaccurate. But reporters do their best. If they cannot have access to the most reliable sources they will take what information they can get.

It seems to me that any newspaper publicity cannot fail to have good results for doctors if it demonstrates to our readers that members of the Medical Society are not only well equipped to serve ill people, but are intensely interested in keeping well people well.

Such publicity may be the best answer to pressure for socialized medicine.

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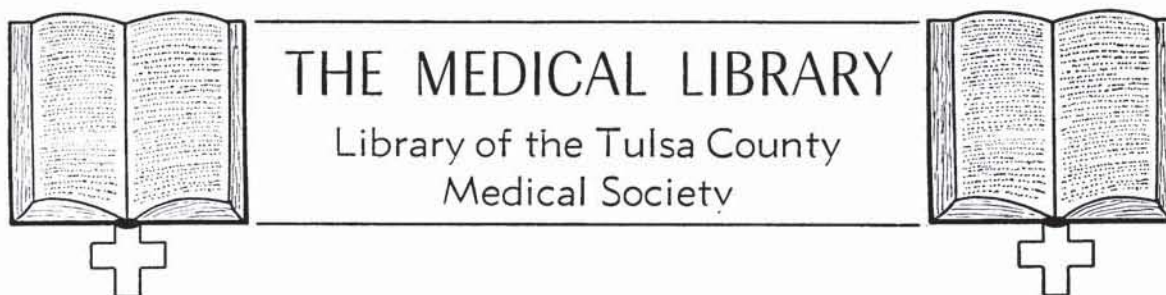
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Drs. Averill Stowell and Robert A. Hayne. The Results of Superior Cervical Sympathectomy and Carotid Jugular Anastomosis in Atrophy of the Brain. Southern Medical Journal, 45:1,145-1,151 (December) 1952.

TULSA DOCTORS REVIEW TEXTBOOKS

The editors of the Journal of the Oklahoma State Medical Association have sent to us on various occasions textbooks and monographs which they have received from the publishers for review purposes. This is with the understanding that we will place them in the hands of members of the Society who will read and write a short review of 300 words for publication in the State Journal. The book is returned to the Library and becomes its permanent property. Many recent books have found homes on our shelves in this way. Each book so received bears a book plate showing it to be the gift of the reviewer.

The following doctors have accepted such assignments during the last two years: Drs. S. Y. Andelman, Safety R. First, Ben F. Gorrell, David V. Hudson, H. O. Loyd, E. N. Lubin, R. E. McDowell, Elnora G. Miller, M. O. Nelson, N. C. Riley, C. G. Stuard, Tom R. Turner, J. E. Tyler, Milford S. Ungerman, R. M. Wadsworth, and James W. White.

The Library Committee hopes that anyone who is asked to review one of these books will accept the assignment with willingness and then return the book to the Medical Library.

NEW APPLICANTS

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

Byron W. Steele, Jr., M.D. 1307 South Main, Tulsa. Medical Degree, Harvard Medical School, 1945. Interned Boston City Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts. In military service, United States Army Medical Corps, 1946-48. Resident in Surgery, Boston City Hospital, 1948-49; U. S. Veterans Administration Hospital, 1949-51; Resident in Surgery, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, 1952. Specialty, General Surgery. Recommended by Dr. William R. Turnbow and Dr. Raymond G. Ray. To be voted upon at the meeting of February 9, 1953.

J. Warner Webb, Jr., M.D. Medical Department, American Airlines, Tulsa. Medical Degree, University of Iowa School of Medicine, 1940. Interned St. Mary's Hospital, Kansas City, Mo. In practice North Kansas City, Missouri, 1942-50, and Chandler, Arizona, 1950-52. Specialty, Aviation Medicine. Recommended by Dr. Allen C. Kramer and Dr. Samuel J. Bradford. To be voted upon at the meeting of February 9, 1953.

Robert T. Cronk, M.D. Glass-Nelson Clinic, 2020 South Xanthus, Tulsa. Medical Degree, Duke University School of Medicine, 1944. Interned Duke Hospital, Durham, North Carolina. Resident in E.N.T., Duke Hospital, 1944-46. In military service, United States Army Medical Corps, 1946-48. Resident in Medicine, U. S. Veterans Administration Hospital, Oklahoma City, 1948-50. Member of the Staff, U. S. Veterans Administration Hospital, Fayetteville, Arkansas, 1950-52. In private practice, Muskogee, Oklahoma, 1952-53. Specialty, Internal Medicine. Recommended by Dr. Fred A. Glass and Dr. D. L. Edwards. Elected by transfer on January 12, 1953.

DR. ALBERT M. MERY has accepted a position with the Medical Department of Phillips Petroleum Corporation at Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

DR. and MRS. HAYS R. YANDELL are the proud parents of a son, John Hays, born December 20, 1952, at St. John's Hospital. Congratulations!

DR. CEYLON S. LEWIS has taken attractive new professional quarters at 501 Medical Arts Building, Tulsa.

DR. THOMAS J. BRUMFIELD has opened new professional offices at 6626 East King Street, Tulsa, for general practice.

Its a boy for DR. and MRS. WILLIAM J. O'MEILIA, born December 26, 1952, at St. John's Hospital.

DR. J. D. SHIPP has been elected Chief of Staff Elect at St. John's Hospital. He will serve in 1954, succeeding Dr. D. L. Edwards, Chief of Staff for 1953.

DR. J. JEFFREY BILLINGTON has removed his practice to Stigler, Oklahoma.

DR. SILAS MURRAY, veteran Tulsa obstetrician, and his office partner, DR. J. W. CHILDS, general practitioner, retired from the active practice of medicine on January 1, 1953, and have closed their offices in the Medical & Dental Arts Building.

More proud parents: DR. and MRS. GEORGE M. ADAMS, a daughter, born December 29th at Hillcrest Hospital.

DR. ROBERT I. BARICKMAN is serving a one-year residency in Ophthalmology at Boston City Hospital.

DR. NEVIN W. DODD has been named as Medical Director of the Tulsa County Medical Clinic, succeeding Dr. Jeffrey Billington, resigned.

DR. W. J. BRYAN attended a meeting of the National Diabetes Council at Toronto, Canada, January 19-21.

DR. SOL WILNER spent Christmas with relatives in New York City.

DR. W. M. BENZING was guest speaker for the Medical Assistants Society on January 20th.

G. P. CONVENTION

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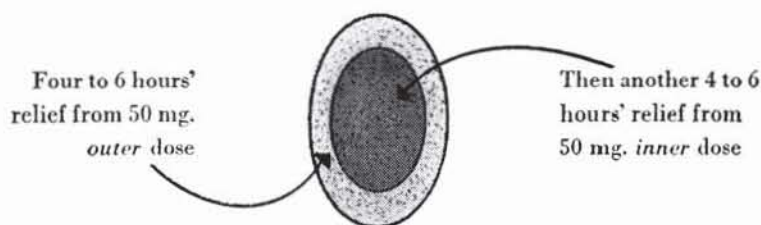
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TWELVE TULSA DOCTORS TO SPEAK AT ANNUAL MEETING

Twelve members of the Tulsa County Medical Society will appear on the program of the 60th Annual Meeting of the Oklahoma State Medical Association to be held in Tulsa, April 13-15, 1953, according to an announcement of the preliminary program by Dr. Berget H. Blocksom, Chairman of the Scientific Works Committee.

Tulsans who will present papers are Dr. Robert M. Shepard, Jr., Dr. Arnold H. Ungerman, Dr. William M. Benzing, Dr. Milford S. Ungerman, Dr. Dixon N. Burns, Dr. Paul C. Benton, Dr. W. R. Turnbow, Dr. F. L. Flack, Dr. William S. Jacobs, Dr. John C. Dague, Dr. Averill Stowell, and Dr. Robert A. Hayne.

General sessions are to be held each morning and afternoon, Monday and Tuesday, April 13-14, and on the morning of Wednesday, April 15. Motion pictures will be shown each morning. On Monday afternoon a sectional meeting in Neurology & Psychiatry will be held, on Tuesday afternoon a sectional meeting in Urology, and on Wednesday afternoon a panel discussion in Industrial Medicine.



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Two roundtable luncheons have been scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday, April 14-15, at The Mayo. Convention visitors will have the opportunity to ask questions from the floor of a panel of visiting distinguished guest speakers. Present plans call for the appearance of the following at the Tuesday luncheon: Dr. W. Alton Ochsner, New Orleans surgeon; Dr. F. Bayard Carter, Durham, North Carolina, obstetrician and gynecologist; Dr. James C. Sargent, Milwaukee urologist; Francis J. Braceland, Hartford, Connecticut psychiatrist; and Dr. Allan P. Bloxsom, Houston pediatrician. On Wednesday the panel guests will include Dr. Carl A. Moyer, St. Louis surgeon; Dr. Paul H. Holinger, Chicago otolaryngologist; and Dr. Wendell G. Scott, St. Louis radiologist. Another guest speaker, Dr. Garfield G. Duncan, Philadelphia internist, will be present on Monday, April 13, only and will not participate in the roundtable luncheons.

Convention visitors will be guests of the Blue Cross-Blue Shield Plans of Oklahoma at a complimentary buffet luncheon on Monday, April 13.

Dr. William Orlando Smith, Chairman of the Social Committee, has announced that the President's Inaugural Dinner Dance will be held in the Crystal Ballroom of The Mayo. To enable visitors to take full advantage of four hours of dance music by Ralph Flanagan and His Orchestra, one of the nation's top name bands, there will be no after-dinner speaker. The event will kick off at 6:00 P.M. with a social hour tendered by the Tulsa County Medical Society. A steak dinner will be served at 7:00 P.M. with dancing to commence at 9:00 P.M. and continuing until 1:00 A.M. A brief inaugural ceremony will follow the dinner as Dr. John E. McDonald of Tulsa is inaugurated President of the Oklahoma State Medical Association. Dinner dance tickets will go on sale at the Medical Society offices, B-9 Medical Arts Building, on March 1, 1953. The price will be announced later.

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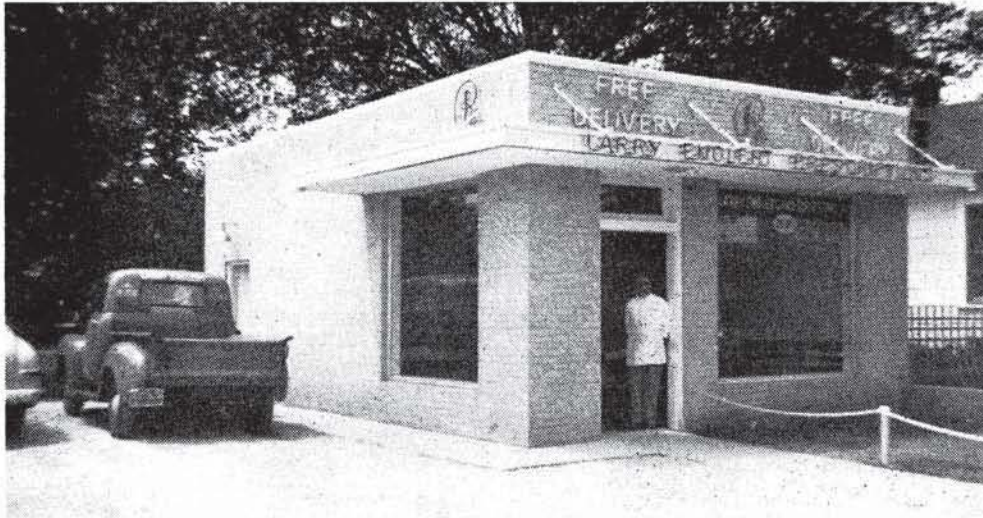
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a case study

Editor's Note: Beginning in this issue, The Bulletin will publish periodically a report of a case brought to the attention of the Grievances Committee of the Tulsa County Medical Society. This is being done in an effort to acquaint the membership with the various types of complaints which the Committee is hearing and so that doctors can have a greater understanding of the things in medical practice which the patient believes objectionable. The actual cases have been carefully disguised, the situations changed, and all methods of identification of either doctor or patient removed. In this manner there can be no embarrassment to any individual. The records of the Grievances Committee are secret as to names, places, and dates, and only a report of the general nature of a complaint is made public.

The Case: The husband of Mrs. A experienced a heart attack and the family physician was called to the home. After emergency care the patient was removed to the hospital. Mrs. A. did not discharge the family doctor from the case but gave him the impression that he was to continue in charge of the patient. However, Mrs. A. did retain the services of a heart specialist and failed to advise either physician that another doctor was already on the case. This duplication was not discovered by the physicians concerned until three days later. Meanwhile, the original physician on the case called in a total of five consultants, two of which were surgeons, two heart specialists, and the other a general practitioner. Each of these doctors saw the patient one or more times. When the duplication of services was discovered, Mrs. A. was requested to make a choice or to clarify the relative status of the physicians on the case. Mrs. A. retained the heart specialist she had originally engaged. The family doctor who first saw the patient was discharged and requested to send a statement. Mrs. A. subsequently received statements from

him and the five consultants totaling \$100.00. She filed a complaint with the Committee alleging the family physician had called the consultants without her knowledge and in an unnecessary number. Mrs. A. requested the reduction of her bill to a "reasonable figure." Mrs. A. also represented that the five specialists called into consultation by the original doctor on the case had failed to agree and that she had thus failed to receive consideration for the charges made.

The Decision: Detailed information concerning this case was obtained by the Grievances Committee from all doctors concerned and from the patient. The degree of cooperation from all parties was excellent. A long discussion by the Committee gave each member ample opportunity to express his views. The Grievances Committee felt that both the patient and the original doctor on the case, the family physician, were subject to censure for certain aspects of the situation.

In respect to the patient, the Committee felt that Mrs. A., acting for her husband, erred in failing to advise both of the physicians on the case of the presence of the other. Although many patients do not know of the regulation of the Code of Ethics (Article II, Section 3) which specifies only one physician in actual charge, it seems indicated by the principles of good faith that the patient not retain one physician without the knowledge or discharge of the other. Having failed to perform her obligation in this respect, Mrs. A. is thus liable to compensate both physicians for their professional services to the patient.

In respect to the doctor against whom the complaint was filed, the physician originally called on the case, the Committee was critical of his failure to request permission for consultation from Mrs. A. References in Section 3 of Article II and in Sections 1 and 2 of Article III of the Code of Ethics indicate consultants are

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not to be called, except under emergency circumstances, unless the permission of the patient or his family is obtained. Secondly, the Committee felt there was no occasion for five consultants, particularly when three of those called appeared to have no special training to qualify them as consultants in a cardiac condition. The Committee was critical of those physicians for consenting to serve as consultants. While ethically the attending physician has the right to call in as many consultants as he sees fit, subject to the approval of the patient or his legal agent, these requests for consultations must be made within accepted limitations and with consideration of the ultimate cost to the patient.

The point arises in this case as to the position of the consultants called into the case. Assuming the request for consultation was made with the consent of the patient or his agent, they acted in good faith, rendered a professional service, and were thus entitled to a reasonable fee. The consultation fee submitted by each was adjudged reasonable by the Committee. The fact that the consultants failed to agree does not eliminate the responsibility of the patient to compensate them.

In the final decision, the Grievances Committee expressed to both parties their errors in the situation. The physician against whom the complaint was brought agreed to meet with Mrs. A. to discuss a reasonable settlement. Mrs. A. subsequently reported to the Committee that the bill had been adjusted to her satisfaction. She did, however, make compensation to the consultants on the case. The doctor was censured for calling in an excess number of consultants, some of whom may have not been qualified to serve as such.

The Moral: Do not call in consultants without permission of the patient or a member of his family who is legally acting for him. Make sure the number of consultants is agreed upon and that the patient understands he will be responsible for payment of their fees. Make sure consultants are qualified to serve as such; where a specialized consultation is indicated, consultants should possess reasonable qualifications on the basis of experience or education.

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Other	35	16	45.7%
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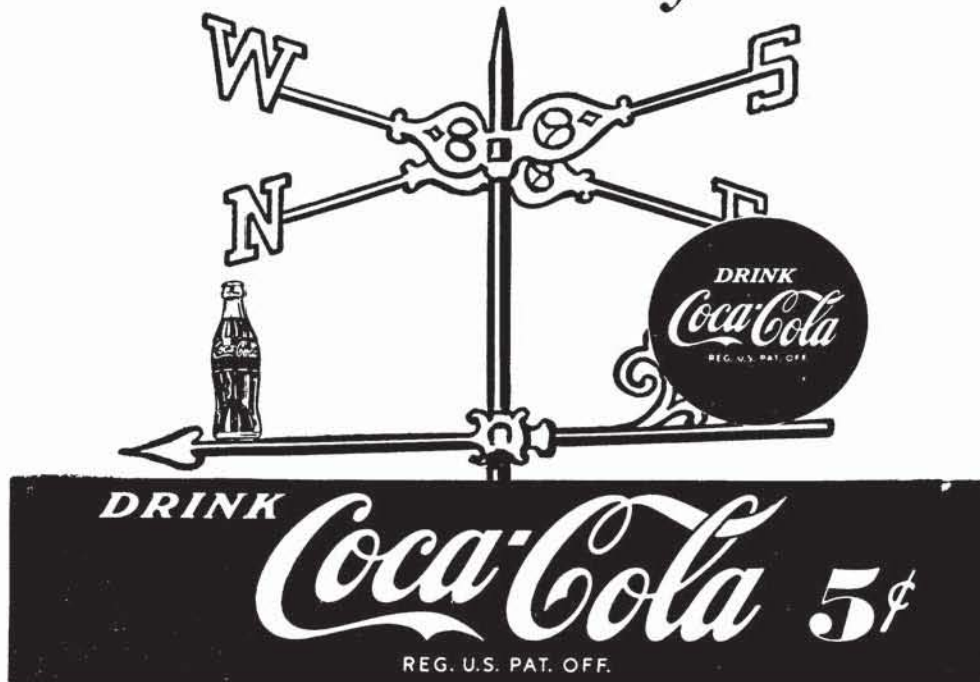
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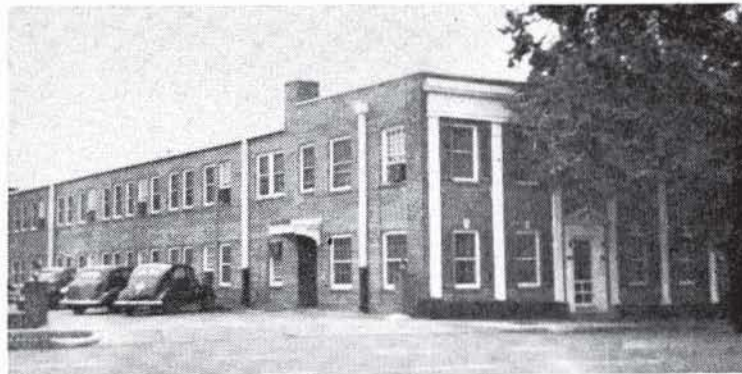
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