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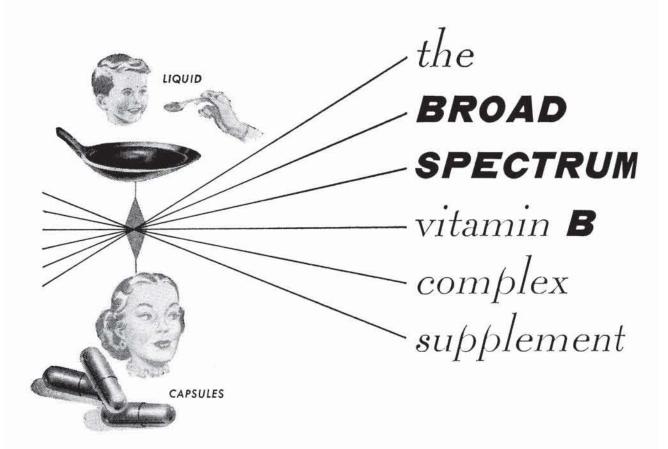


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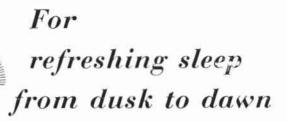
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### With The Editor . . .

The 60th Annual Meeting of the Oklahoma State Medical Association in Tulsa, April 12-15, appears to have been a solid success . . . The only complaint, but an important one, was the inadequate meeting room on the stage of the Cimarron Ballroom . . . Too small, poorly lighted, and unattractive in appearance, it made a poor setting for the galaxy of medical talent on the program . . . How to overcome this problem in 1955 will be a major problem . . . Happiest were the commercial exhibitors, pleased at a beautiful exhibit in spacious quarters . . . Another solid hit: the Will Rogers 100voice chorus at the annual banquet . . . Their songs were a masterpiece of entertainment, thanks to Director Wyatt C. Freeman . . . The credit for the bang-up meeting goes to Dr. Gifford H. Henry and his Committee — Drs. W. O. Smith, Berg, Sundgren, Goen, Ward, Bill Thomas, and Ed Moore . . . And for the top program, special plaudits to Dr. Berget H. Blocksom . . . The action of the OSMA House of Delegates in stirring up the Hawley controversy is of questionable value . . . However deep the resentment at Dr. Hawley's charges, the repetitious publicity serves only to destroy public faith in the Profession . . . The matter is best kept within professional circles . . . Two more medical buildings announced for construction, one at 31st and Harvard. and one near 17th Street and Utica . . . The latter is planned as a four-story structure with 75 offices at a cost of a million and a half dollars . . . With the Utica Square professional building nearing the start of construction, office space for doctors and dentists may become over abundant . . . A nod of thanks of Judge Elmer Adams who denied the injunction against fluoridation of the City water supply . . . Thus ends a long campaign of the Tulsa County Dental Society to bring this protection to Tulsa children . . . Selective Service has halted examinations and induction of all Class III doctors over thirty ... Move is expected to be temporary only.



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#### TULSAN INAUGURATED STATE PRESIDENT

Dr. Bruce Hinson of Enid Named as President-Elect of Oklahoma State Medical Association. Group Pledges Support in Narcotics Investigation.

Dr. John E. McDonald, prominent Tulsa orthopedic surgeon and civic leader, was inaugurated President of the Oklahoma State Medical Association in cere-

monies at the Mayo Hotel last April 14. In a brief inaugural address, he pledged continuation of a progressive program of activity and urged doctors to take an increasing role in civic and community affairs.

Dr. McDonald's inauguration climaxed the 60th Annual Meeting of the Association in Tulsa, April 12-15, 1953, which saw a near-record attendance of 658 doctors and over 200 other guests. The figure was exceeded only

by attendance records of 1951 when 704 physicians and approximately 200 guests registered.

Other news highlights of the convention included:

1. Election of Dr. Bruce Hinson, Enid, as President-Elect; Dr. Ralph A. Smith, Oklahoma City, Vice-President; and Dr. Lewis J. Moorman, Oklahoma City, reelected Secretary-Treasurer. Dr. John F. Burton, Oklahoma City, was returned to

the House of Delegates of the American Medical Association for another term.

2. The Oklahoma House of Delegates struck sharply at Dr. Paul Hawley, Execu-

tive Director of the American College of Surgeons, and demanded that he show proof of widely - publicized charges of unnecessary surgery, ghost surgery, and feesplitting.

3. The House of Delegates offered to cooperate in current legislative investigations of the narcotics traffic in Oklahoma and also of the administration of certain mental health institutions of Oklahoma. The passage of two watered-down reso-



DR. JOHN E. McDONALD

lutions on these subjects brought angry charges from certain members of the Oklahoma State Legislature that the Association was ducking its responsibilities. As this issue of The Bulletin went to press the OSMA Council had requested Governor Johnston Murray to call a joint meeting of concerned parties to further the investigations.

 Dues to the Oklahoma State Medical Association for 1954 were continued at \$42.00 per member. Members must also pay the American Medical Association levy to be fixed at the June meeting of the AMA House of Delegates in New York.

Dr. McDonald's inauguration as President of the State group climaxes a long career in medical circles. A graduate of St. Louis University School of Medicine, Dr. McDonald entered practice in Tulsa in 1928 and quickly established himself in the field of orthopedic surgery. During World War II he served as a Lieutenant-Colonel in the United States Army Air Forces, Medical Corps. He was elected Secretary-Treasurer of the Tulsa County Medical Society in 1946 and served two terms. In 1949 he was elevated to President of the Tulsa organization and the following year began the first of two terms

#### H. LEE FARRIS, M.D. 1875-1953

Dr. Hansford Lee Farris, 77, veteran Tulsa surgeon, died April 10, 1953, in a Tulsa hospital. He had been ill for several days with a heart ailment.

A native of London, Kentucky, Dr. Farris studied medicine at the University of Louisville and graduated from the Medico-Chirurgical College of Philadelphia in 1900. He practiced at Memphis, Tennessee, and Paris, Texas, before coming to Tulsa. A specialist in surgery, Dr. Farris was serving as Medical Director of the Douglas Aircraft Corporation plant in Tulsa at the time of his death, a post which he also held for several years during World War II. He was a fellow of the American College of Surgeons.

Dr. Farris was credited with assisting the late Dr. William L. Rodman of Philadelphia with the first major surgical operation performed under spinal anesthesia. In 1901, Dr. Farris also devised a motor-driven ambulance to replace the horse-drawn ambulances in use at the time. In 1950 he was honored by the Oklahoma State Medical Association for the completion of fifty years of practice and presented with a gold pin.

The widow and one son survive.

as Chairman of the important Public Policy Committee of the Oklahoma State Medical Association. He has served as President of the Tulsa County Chapter of the American Cancer Society, is a member of the Board of Directors of the Tulsa Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the Board of Directors of St. John's Viennay Home. He has long been an active leader in the affairs of the Tulsa Community Chest, the Tulsa Council of Social Agencies, and St. John's Hospital of Tulsa. Dr. McDonald is a member of numerous medical organizations including the Orthopedic Board of Surgery, American College of Surgeons, American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons, International College of Surgeons, and many others.

#### SOCIETY VOTES MAY 11TH ON SPECIAL ASSESSMENT

Members of the Tulsa County Medical Society will vote May 11th on two proposals of wide importance:

(1) A special assessment of \$20.00 to establish a fund designed to eventually permit the construction or purchase of the Society's own building to house the Library and Executive Offices.

(2) An amendment to the By-Laws giving the Board of Trustees the right to elect applicants to membership during the summer interim when the Society does not meet. If approved by the Board of Censors, applicants would be admitted only upon a unanimous vote of the trustees.

Both proposals were introduced at the Society's meeting of March 23, 1953. Copies have been mailed to all members The action will come at a business session following the scientific program at the meeting of Monday, May 11, 1953, at The Mayo.

DR. HAROLD A. WHITE has been vacationing in New Orleans, Louisiana.

DR. W. D. HOOVER has been added to the Medical Advisory Staff of the Junior League Hospital.

DR. FRED E. WOODSON attended sessions of the Council of the Southern Medical Association, of which he is Chairman, in Memphis, Tennessee, last April 13-14.

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## Guest Editorial

A Special Message
By Ken Miller,
News Director, Radio Station KVOO



Where does professional life end and community life begin? That might be a good question to ask the Medical Profession.

As a news man, working both with newspapers and radio, it has been my pleasure to contact many doctors, over a period of many years. And with some of these contacts has come a personal knowledge of the great service being rendered by them from a professional standpoint; but at the same time, I have been struck by the exclusion of civic and community life from their professional spheres.

Only a few wekes ago, a doctor admitted to me that he belonged to no civic clubs, took no part in civic campaigns or drives. Why? He explained to me that after all, he was a professional man; a doctor, if you please.

There are few who would question the fact that the Medical Profession serves in a most valiant manner the people of the community, with fees attached.

But at the same time, we laymen quite often form the opinion that the medical men have draped over their shoulders a cloak of professionalism which shuts out from their lives the intrusion of such commonplace events as Chamber of Commerce activities, Boy Scout drives, participation in Parent-Teacher meetings, and dozens of similar pursuits which actually supply the lifeblood of a community.

The opinion must be well founded for it is a common experience to hear a doctor claim immunity from such participation because of his professional cloak.

It is true that medical men are, each day, rendering a service to their fellow men. But at the same time, it might be questioned, if they are rendering a service to themselves by shutting themselves up within their own world of doctor-patient relationships. The clergyman, the doctor and the lawyer are often named as the three individuals exerting the most influence upon our daily lives. But there actually is no line of demarcation where the duties of any of these professions should begin or end.

Undoubtedly, if the doctor writes a prescription to help alleviate the suffering and prolong the life of the individual citizen, that doctor can also write a prescription for the well-being of the community which supports him.

The best prescription of all is active participation in the life of that community. A few minutes taken from the daily routine of thermometers, pill boxes and surgical instruments to indulge in prescribing some of his own influential personality for the big patient, the community, would pay dividends not only to the community but to the civic minded M.D.

We'll welcome them to our fold.

Sincerely yours,

News Director, Radio Station KVOO



## CARDIOVASCULAR SURGEON SPEAKS IN TULSA MAY 11TH

Dr. Claude S. Beck, Professor of Cardiovascular Surgery at Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio, will be guest speaker for the final Spring meeting of the Tulsa County Medical Society on Monday, May 11, 1953, at 8:00 P. M. at The Mayo. His subject will be "Operation for Coronary Artery Disease."

One of the nation's most distinguished leaders in the field of heart surgery. Dr. Beck is a graduate of Johns Hopkins University, Class of 1921. He served a number of surgical residencies at New Haven Hospital of New Haven, Connecticut, and at Peter Bent Brigham Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts. Later, he was a fellow in Surgery at Harvard Medical School under the tutelage of Dr. Arthur Tracy Cabot Fell. In 1926 he entered practice at Cleveland, Ohio, and quickly established himself as a distinguished surgeon. During World War II he served as a Colonel in the Army Medical Corps. Dr. Beck is a diplomate of the American Board of Surgery, fellow of the American College of Surgeons, member of the American Association of Thoracic Surgeons, the American Surgical Society, and numerous other professional groups. A prolific writer on

medical subjects, he has been a member of the faculty of Western Reserve University since 1933.

Dr. Edward L. Moore will introduce the speaker. A business session will follow. The May 11 meeting will be the final meeting of the Society until Fall with scheduled programs resuming Monday, September 14, 1953.

#### AMA CONVENTION JUNE 1-5

The American Medical Association will hold its 1953 Annual Meeting in New York City, June 1-5. The Annual Public Relations Conference will be May 31st at the Waldorf-Astoria. Members of the Tulsa County Medical Society planning to attend should write now for hotel reservations, using the reservation blank appearing in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

#### CONTAMINATION TALK SET

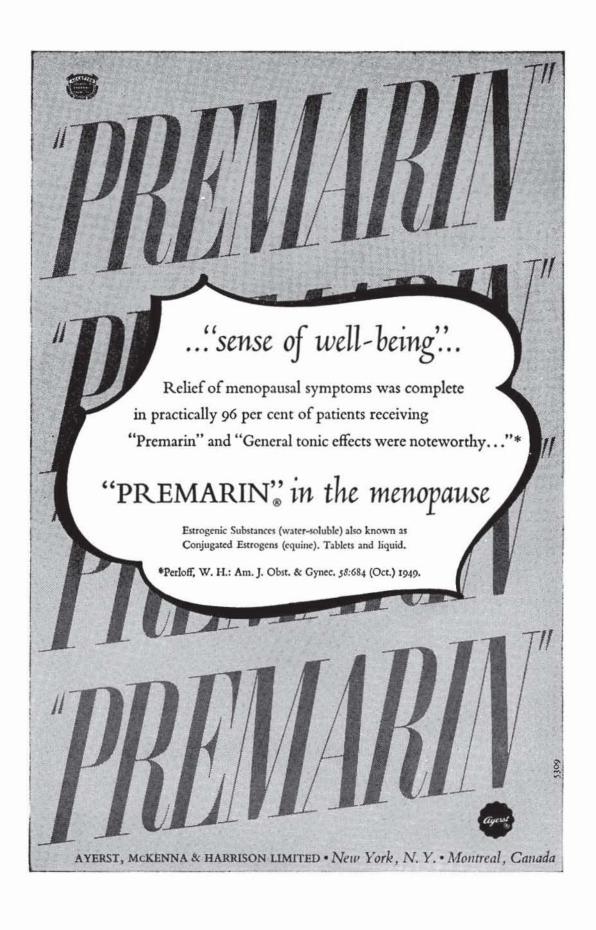
All members of the Tulsa County Medical Society are invited to attend a meeting of the Tulsa First Aid Instructors Association at 7:30 P.M. on Monday, May 18, 1953, when a special program on air contamination will be presented by Mr. G. M. Kentz, United States Bureau of Mines, Dallas, Texas. The meeting will be at the Horace Mann Junior High School Auditorium and will deal with the medical aspects of asphyxiation through contaminated air.

DR. VANCE LUCAS has been named a Diplomate of the American Board of Thoracic Surgery.

DR. LEO LOWBEER attended the annual meeting of the American Association of Bacteriologists in St. Louis, March 31-April 4, where he read a paper entitled "Granular Cell Myoblastomies-Unusual Locations."

DR. DAVE B. LHEVINE has returned to his office after two weeks active duty with the United States Navy at Corpus Christi, Texas.

DR. WILLIAM A. GEIGER, JR., has removed his practice to Fairfax, Oklahoma. He will be associated with DR. PRESCOTT HARALSON, until recently a surgical resident at St. John's Hospital of Tulsa.



## PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Last month the Board of Trustees of your Tulsa County Medical Society had the opportunity of meeting with several of the leading labor officials of Tulsa to discuss a subject of mutual interest. It was enlightening to learn, as the conversation progressed, of labor's attitude towards many things in our social order. We were able to gain a new insight into some of the problems which labor is encountering and at the same time to learn of some of their objectives. The men whom we met were sincere, well meaning individuals, and while they were cognizant of the far poles of difference which must apparently always exist between labor and management, they seemed genuinely interested in developing an economic order in which both groups can exist on a mutually beneficial plane.

It is one of the goals of my administration to develop a greater liaison between labor and medicine, and to this end the Board of Trustees has authorized the appointment of a committee to effect this liaison. How successful we will be, I cannot say; certainly, there is no intention on our part to enter into the struggle between management and labor, or to line up our forces on either side. I will be well content if we can obtain only a clear understanding of the problems of labor as they affect medicine. By learning of labor's attitude towards Medicine first hand, and its estimate of the Profession's values and shortcomings, I feel we will be on the road to solving these medico-labor problems. Certainly, we are not likely to accomplish anything by continuing the isolated position which we have taken for innumerable years.

To compensate and balance the picture, the same liaison is necessary with industry and management. The same critical analysis must be made of their professional problems. It is a sizeable undertaking, but one which I feel will pay dividends in the long run. It cannot be accomplished over night, and it is unlikely that a small organization as ours can ever find a total solution. But at least we can stimulate the profession in what appears in our judgment to be new

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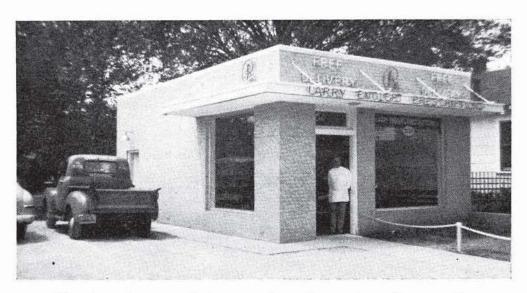
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#### GIFTS OF THE MONTH-

Dr. Henry S. Browne. A contribution to the Library Fund in memory of Dr. James S. Chalmers.

Dr. Maxwell A. Johnson. The following volumes:

A Textbook of Histology, by Alexander A. Maximov and William Bloom. Third Edition, completely revised, 668 pp., illustrated (part in color), W. B. Saunders Co., Philadelphia, Pa., 1938.

The 1945 Year Book of Surgery. Editor: Evarts A. Graham, M.D. 736 pp., illus-

trated, The Year Book Publishers, Chicago, Ill.

Oklahoma State Medical Association. The following volumes:

Principles of Refraction, by Sylvester Judd Beach. 158 pp., illustrated, C. V.

Mosby Co., St. Louis, Mo., 1952.

Clinical Instruction and Its Integration in the Curriculum,, by Deborah MacLurg Jensen, with three collaborators. Third Edition, 542 pp., C. V. Mosby Co., St. Louis, Mo., 1952.

Ward Administration, by Deborah MacLurg Jensen. 335 pp., illustrated, C. V.

Mosby Co., St. Louis, Mo., 1952.

Hospital Staff Appointments of Physicians in New York City. A report of a two year study of a committee of the Hospital Council of Greater New York. 151 pp., MacMillan Co., New York, 1951.
The Battle for Mental Health, by James Clark Moloney. 105 pp., Philosophical

Library, New York, 1952.

National Research Council. Symposium on Treatment of Trauma in the Armed Forces, March 10-12, 1952. Sponsored jointly by the Division of Medical Sciences of the National Research Council and the Army Medical Service Graduate School,

Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, D. C., 1952. Tulsa City-County Health Department. Third Annual Report on Public Health in Tulsa County. Reported by the Tulsa City-County Health Department, Dr. T. Paul Haney, Superintendent of Health. 62 pp., loose leaf, 1952.

Tulsa Chapter, Arthritis & Rheumatism Foundation. Comroe's Arthritis and Allied Conditions. Edited by Joseph Lee Hollander and seventeen collaborators. Fifth Edition, completely revised and rewritten. 1,100 pp., 399 ill., Lea & Febiger, Philadelphia, Pa., 1953.

#### RECENT PUBLICATIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE TULSA COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY:

Dr. Eugene S. Cohen, et a. Sarcoma Botryoides. American Journal of Obstetrics and

Gynecology, 65:203-207 (January) 1953.

Dr. William S. Jacobs. Renal Excretion of Water, Sodium, and Chloride. Comparisons of the responses of hypertensive patients with those of normal subjects, patients with specific adrenal or pituitary defects and a normal subject primed with various hormones. Circulation, 7:258:267 (February) 1953.

Sample copies of several journals which have recently started publication are in the Library:

Journal of the American Geriatrics Society. Official journal of the American Geriatrics Society, published monthly by Williams & Wilkins Co., Baltimore, Maryland, \$10.00

Journal of Clinical Nutrition. An international journal reporting the practical application of our newer knowledge of nutrition, published bi-monthly by the Nutritional Press,

Allentown, Pennsylvania, \$6.00 per year.

Journal of Histochemistry and Cytochemistry. Official journal of the Histochemical Society, published bi-monthly by Williams and Wilkins Co., Baltimore, Maryland, \$7.00 per year.

#### MAY MEDICAL CALENDAR

FRIDAY, May 1st:

Blue Cross hospital insurance, Medical Assistants Group, quarterly premium due and payable on this date at B-9 Medical Arts Building, Tulsa. Final date to make payment, May 9, 1953. St. John's Tumor Clinic, Clinical Conference, 8:30 A.M.

MONDAY, May 4th:

Hillcrest Hospital Staff Meeting.

Dinner Meeting, Public Policy Committee, The Mayo, 6:00 P.M.

TUESDAY, May 5th:

St. John's Tumor Clinic, 8:00 A. M.

WEDNESDAY, May 6th:

Board of Trustees Meeting, Tulsa County Medical Society, B-9 Medical Arts Building, 1:00 P. M.

FRIDAY, May 8th:

St. John's Tumor Clinic, Clinical Conference, 8:30 A.M.

Postgraduate Course in Internal Medicine, University of Oklahoma School of Medicine, Oklahoma City, 8:30 A.M.

SATURDAY, May 9th:

Final date to pay quarterly premiums, Blue Cross Hospital Insurance, Medical Assistants Group.

MONDAY, May 11th:

Scientific Meeting, Tulsa County Medical Society, The Mayo, 8:00 P. M. Program, "Operation For Coronary Artery Disease." Speaker: Dr. Claude S. Beck, Professor of Cardiovascular Surgery, Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio.

Final date for new applications to be received for Physicians and Surgeons Group, Blue Cross Hospital Insurance.

TUESDAY, May 12th:

St. John's Tumor Clinic, 8:00 A. M.

WEDNESDAY, May 13th:

Byrne Memorial Hospital Staff Meeting.

FRIDAY, May 15th:

St. John's Tumor Clinic, Clinical Conference, 8:30 A.M.

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MONDAY, May 18th:

St. John's Hospital Staff Meeting.

TUESDAY, May 19th:

St. John's Tumor Clinic, 8:00 A. M.

Medical Assistants Society Meeting, Michaelis Cafeteria, 6:30 P. M.

FRIDAY, May 22nd:

St. John's Tumor Clinic, Clinical Conference, 8:30 A.M.

MONDAY, May 25th:

Tulsa Academy of General Practice, Tulsa Hotel, 8:00 P. M. Program: "Thrombotic Obliteration of the Terminal Aorta." Speaker: Dr. Ben A. Merrick, Associate Professor of Internal Medicine, Southwestern Medical College, Dallas, Texas.

TUESDAY, May 26th:

Postgraduate Study Course in Surgery, University of Oklahoma School of Medicine, Oklahoma City, 7:00 P. M. Sessions in Classroom C, University Hospital. Continues each Tuesday for five weeks.

St. John's Tumor Clinic, 8:00 A. M.

FRIDAY, May 29th:

St. John's Tumor Clinic, Clinical Conference, 8:30 A.M.

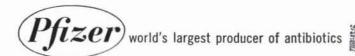
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#### THE GRIEVANCES COMMITTEE . . .

a case study

Editor's Note: This is the third in a series of articles dealing with the work of the Grievances Committee of the Tulsa County Medical Society and the various cases brought to its attention. The actual cases detailed here have been carefully disguised, the situations altered, and all methods of identification of either doctor or patient removed. In this manner there can be no embarrassment to any individual. These cases are published to illustrate the type of cases heard by the Committee and to evaluate the results of the Committee's activities.

The Case: Dr. A, an obstetrician, received as a new patient a young woman in the third month of pregnancy. In the initial conversation with the woman and her husband the doctor specified a total fee of \$100.00 for prenatal care, delivery, and postpartum check-up. In the months which followed the patient had a most difficult time and required much additional attention, both at the office and the home. The delivery was difficult and prolonged, but a healthy live child was produced and the mother responded quickly. The physician, at the termination of the case, billed the patient for \$140.00, basing the additional \$40.00 beyond the agreed fee as compensation for the extra prenatal attention and the difficulties of the delivery. The patient mailed the doctor a check for \$75.00, marked paid in full, with an explanatory note that he had just learned that the same doctor had charged a neighbor only \$75.00 for approximately the same service. When the doctor pressed for payment of the balance of \$65.00, the patient filed a complaint with the Grievances Committee alleging (1) an overcharge beyond the agreed amount of \$100.00, and (2) an overcharge based on comparison of the fee with that of the neighbor.

The Decision: The Grievances Committee felt that this case was a typical example of an instance where dissension

between doctor and patient could have been avoided by the application of some effective public relations principles by the doctor. Numerous cases have been brought to the Grievances Committee where the final charge has exceeded the amount originally specified by the doctor; in virtually all cases the increased fee has been due to unforeseen complications necessitating additional care and attention. The Committee feels that the patient is entitled to know in advance of the exact or approximate amount of the fee as a guide to arranging his personal finances. However, the Committee recognizes that it is frequently difficult to specify a total fee in advance, especially in cases where complications requiring additional attention may occur. The obvious solution is for the doctor to carefully explain to the patient that such circumstances may occur, and that the fee must necessarily be adjusted upward in due fairness to the doctor. It would be further advisable, the Committee feels, for the doctor to remind the patient of this factor at the time it becomes necessary to render additional attention. The only alternative is for the doctor to adhere to his original specified fee, absorbing the charge or adjusting for it through an equalization of his overall fees. There should be few complaints if these contingencies are pointed out in advance and are noted to the patient as they occur. The Committee was critical of the doctor for failing to take a few minutes of his time to explain the reasons for the increased fee at the time the additional services were performed.

A second factor entered into this case. The patient had ascertained that a neighbor had been charged a substantially lower fee for the same service by the same doctor. The patient felt discriminated against. Upon investigation, the Committee found the neighbor to have a lower income and resulting standard of living, and by the doctor's own statement had been charged

a lower fee in consideration of a reduced ability to pay. Here again, some conversation with the patient should have tempered his resentment; although the principal of fees based on ability to pay is not popular with all economic groups, most persons recognize it as a necessity in caring for patients of a lower income class. The doctor should have made an effort to explain these principles in a personal conversation with the patient.

The Committee feels that no patient should take it upon himself to set a physician's fee by sending him a check for an arbitrary amount and marked "Paid in Full." (Legally, the notation "Paid in Full" on a check does not have any effect upon

## JAMES S. CHALMERS, M.D. 1895-1953

Dr. James S. Chalmers, 57, prominent industrial surgeon of Sand Springs, died March 22, 1953, in a Tulsa hospital. Death was attributed to a brain hemorrhage suffered a few hours earlier.

Born in Chicago, Illinois, Dr. Chalmers interrupted his studies at the University of Maryland to serve two years in the infantry in World War One, 1916-18. Later he attended the University of Virginia and secured his medical degree from that school in 1926. He interned at Norton Hospital, Charlottesville, Virginia, and practiced for a year at Appalachia, Virginia. Coming to Oklahoma in 1928, he practiced first at Ada and moved to Sand Springs the following year. He was medical director of many industrial firms in Tulsa and Sand Springs

Dr. Chalmers was a fellow of the International College of Surgeons, fellow of the Industrial Medicine Association, and member of the Southern Medical Association. A leader in the Lions Club and American Legion activities of Sand Springs, he was Chairman of the Salvation Army Advisory Board of Sand Springs at the time of his death.

Survivors include the widow and two sons.

the amount of the obligation, and it cannot be reduced in this fashion). The patient should have taken the matter up with the doctor as a matter of courtesy, if nothing else.

In the final decision on the individual case, the Committee examined the case records and evaluated the amount of attention given the patient, the physician's experience and qualifications, and the accepted fee standards for such work. It was felt the charge was reasonable and the patient so advised. The doctor was censured for his failure to keep the patient advised as to the reasons behind the increased fee.

The Moral: A few minutes of friendly conversation with your patient about fees will always pay dividends. Always keep them advised about your fees and the reasons behind any changes over the agreed amounts. Patients are, on the whole, understanding and reasonable and agreeable to paying a pair fee. The proper interpretation of your fee can save you money, a patient, and a reputation.

DR. JOHN W. DENSER has moved his practice to Bowman, North Dakota.

DR. GERALD E. CRONK has reported for active duty with the United States Army at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

DR. NOLAN C. RILEY, now serving with the United States Army Medical Corps, embarks May 4th for a new assignment with Army units at Bremerhausen, Germany.

DR. FINIS W. HENDERSON, retired Tulsa physician now living at Kilicen, Texas, has been visiting his son in Tulsa.

DR. LUCIEN M. PASCUCCI, DR. ROBERT M. SHEPARD, JR., and DR. R. W. GOEN were program speakers at the first annual meeting of the Oklahoma Trudean Society at the Tulsa Hotel, April 28th. DR. R. M. SHEPARD, SR. presided at the morning session.

DR. WILLIAM H. HENDERSON and DR. ROBERT L. ANDERSON have been called to military service and have been tentatively assigned to Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

DR. R. M. ADAMS, former Tulsan now living at Shreveport, Louisiana, was a Tulsa visitor last month.

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Dr. Ben A. Merrick, Ass'stant Professor of Medicine, Southwestern Medical School, Dallas, Texas, will be guest speaker for the Tulsa Academy of General Practice on Monday, May 25, 1953, at 8:00 P.M.

at Hotel Tulsa. His subject will be "Thrombotic Obliteration of the Terminal Aorta."

A graduate of Baylor University College of Medicine, Class of 1938, Dr. Merrick served a residency in Internal Medicine at Baylor Hospital, Dallas. En-



Dr. Merrick

tering the United States Army Medical Corps in 1941 he served until 1946, inluding two and a half years overseas in North Africa and Italian campaigns. He is a diplomate of the American Board of Internal Medicine and author of numerous medical papers.

All doctors are invited to attend, Dr. William R. Turnbow, President, announced.

### TULSANS NAMED TO BOARD OF RESEARCH FOUNDATION

Three prominent Tulsa residents, including a former President of the Tulsa County Medical Society, have been named to responsible positions with the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation for 1953.

Elected at the February meeting of the Board of Directors were Dr. Fred E. Woodson, Tulsa anesthesiologist; Mr. John Rogers, Tulsa attorney and civic leader; and Mr. W. G. Skelly, Tulsa oil man and philanthropist. Mr. Rogers was named First Vice-President of the Foundation with Mr. Skelly and Dr. Woodson as members of the Board of Directors.

Recent developments in the research program of the Foundation, a privately owned research institution located adjacent to the University of Oklahoma School of Medicine, Oklahoma City, were outlined to Tulsa doctors at the March 9 meeting of the Tulsa County Medical Society by Dr. Leonard P. Eliel, research associate.

Dr. Eliel said the Foundation's new research hospital, located adjacent to the general research building, has had an average of seven patients daily since its opening last September. The work done there has included studies of osteoporosis of disuse and metabolic bone diseases. Preliminary observations indicate an unexpectedly prolonged activity of certain of the injected steroid substances which will enhance their value in clinical medicine, Dr. Eliel said.

Patients in the clinical cancer research program at the Foundation have included one of the giant follicle type lymphosarcoma, one with a rare protein disorder probably associated with multiple myeloma, and another with extensive bone involvement from Hodgkin's Disease. Others have been treated for adrenal carcinoma, chronic lymphatic leukemia, acute leukemia, and other types of cancerous disease.

Dr. Eliel reported the Foundation was also doing an extensive research program in biochemistry and organic chemistry. The personnel of the Foundation is now over eighty persons. Most necessary equipment has been purchased and installed, and virtually all staff positions have been filled. An active program of research is now well under way.

#### BLUE CROSS DOCTORS GROUP ACCEPTING NEW ENROLLEES

Members of the Tulsa County Medical Society who do not have Blue Cross hispital insurance may now apply for coverage under the Physicians and Surgeons Group up to and including May 11, 1953. Applications may be obtained at the offices of the Tulsa County Medical Society, B-9 Medical Arts Building, Tulsa, and must be returned there also. Protection begins June 1, 1953. The Physicians and Surgeons Group is a semi-annual group with premiums payable at the Medical Society offices each June 1 and December 1. Only doctors are eligible to join. New applicants will not be accepted again after May 11th for a period of one year.

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A revised schedule of donor hours has been announced by the Tulsa County Red Cross Blood Center, effective April 6, 1953. Donors are to be received from 9:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. and from 2:00 P.M. to 4:30 P.M. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday of each week. Each Tuesday the donor hours will be 2:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M., permitting the Center to accommodate donors who cannot come during working hours. On Saturday the hours will be 9:00 P.M. to 12:30 P.M. The Center will be closed each Thursday until further notice for scheduled visits to other Tulsa County towns by the mobile blood unit. The professional personnel will remain on duty at the Center each day until all donors have left the recovery room.

Dr. WILLIAM A. BETTS, former Tulsa pediatrician, has entered practice at Houston, Texas, after several months at Gorgas Hospital, Panama.

DR. T. PAUL HANEY, Superintendent of the City-County Health Department, has returned from Atlanta, Georgia, where he attended the annual meeting of the American Public Health Association.

DR. MARGARET G. HUDSON has taken a leave of absence from the Tulsa City-County Health Department to do postgraduate medical study at the University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvanian. She expects to return June 1st.

DR. ROBERT A. HAYNE, now serving with the United States Army Medical Corps, has been stationed at the Walter Reed Hospital, Washington, D. C.

DR. JAMES W. KELLEY was guest speaker for the Osage County Medical Society on April 21st.



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Murray M. Cash, M.D. 1108 Medical Arts Building, Tulsa. Medical Degree, University of Toronto Medical School, Toronto, Canada, 1940. Interned St. John's Hospital, Tulsa, Oklahoma, one year. Resident in General Medicine, St. John's Hospital, Tulsa, 1941-42. In military service, United States Army Medical Corps, 1942-46. Resident in Clinical Pathology, Cook County Hospital Chicago, Illinois, 1947-48. Resident in Pathology, Mount Sinai Hospital, Chicago, 1948-50. In military service, United States Army Medical Corps, 1950-51, Formerly Instructor in Pathology, Chicago Medical School, Chicago, Ill. Specialty, Clinical Pathology. Recommended by Dr. Thomas J. Hardman and Dr. John G. Matt.

Betty Conrad, M. D. Tulsa County Red Cross Blood Center, 602 South Cheyenne, Tulsa. Medical Degree, University of Oklahoma School of Medicine, 1944. Interned City of Detroit Receiving Hospital, one year. Resident in Medicine, City of Detroit Receiving Hospital, 1945-46. Student Health Service, Oklahoma A. and M. College, Stillwater, Oklahoma, 1946-48. Resident in Psychiatry, Taunton State Hospital, Taunton, Massachusetts, 1948-49. Resident in Internal Medicine, Buffalo General Hospital, Buffalo, New York, 1949-51. Recommended by Dr. Felix R. Park and Dr. Rayburne W. Goen.

The following physicians are applicants for membership in the Tulsa County

Medical Society:

Samuel A. Capehart, M.D. 3303 South Harvard, Tulsa. Medical Degree, University of Oklahoma School of Medicine, 1948. Interned University Hospitals, Oklahoma City, one year. In private practice, Okemah, Oklahoma, 1949. Resident in Surgery, St. Anthony's Hospital, Oklahoma City, 1950-51. United States Army Medical Corps, 1951-53. General Practice. Recommended by Dr. Samuel J. Bradfield

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Gladys Kindred Dolan, M.D. 521 N. Boulder, Tulsa. Medical Degree, Rush Medical College, University of Chicago, 1931. Interned Billings Hospital, Chicago, Illinois, one year. Formerly in practice at



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Instructors for the course will be Dr. Harrell C. Dodson, Jr., Associate Professor of Surgery, and Dr. Irwin H. Brown, Instructor in Surgery and Director of Postgaduate Medical Education, both of the University of Oklahoma School of Medicine.

Tuition will be \$25.00 per person. Each lecture will consist of the presentation of selected surgical cases and a discussion of the diagnosis and therapy. The course has been approved for credit by the Oklahoma Academy of General Practice. Registration should be in advance.

DR. JOHN G. MATT will be a program speaker for the Philadelphia Proctology Society at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, May 5, 1953.

DR. MURRAY M. CASH has returned to his office after minor surgery.



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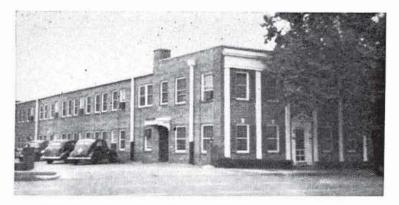
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