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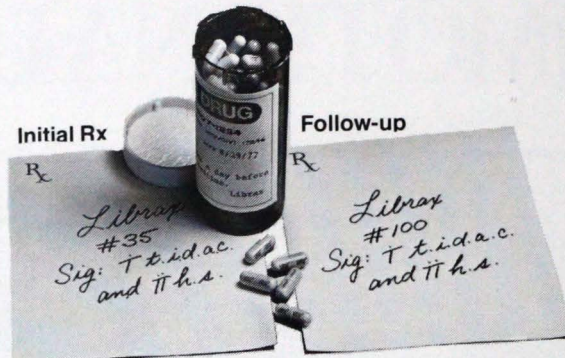


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# Over 800 Attend Western Roundup Days

It was billed the Western Roundup Days and the 79th Annual Texas Osteopathic Medical Association's Scientific Seminar and Convention May 4-6 in Fort Worth proved to have the largest attendance of any previous convention. Over 800 physicians, spouses and exhibitors attended the convention with the number of osteopathic physicians reaching 460. Over 30 lecturers presented programs ranging from headaches in children to hernia repair without disability to osteopathic medicine in a hospital setting.

For the first time, cassette tapes of the CME lecture programs were available to the physicians immediately following the lectures. The tapes were recorded and distributed by the audio-visual department of Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine. They report that approximately 300 tapes were purchased by the physicians.

During the regular meeting of the House of Delegates May 3, resolutions on voluntary cost containment, substitution of drugs and discrimination against osteopathic physicians were passed.

During the convention Gerald P. Flanagan, D.O., of Denton was installed as president of TOMA. Elected to serve with him during the upcoming year are John J. Cegelski, Jr., D.O., of San Antonio, president-elect; and Dwight Hause, D.O., of Corpus Christi, vice president.

Elected to the Board of Trustees for three-year terms were Donald M. Peterson, D.O., of Irving; J. Michael Behrens, D.O., of El Paso; Royce K. Keilers, D.O., of LaGrange; and Jerome L. Armbruster, D.O., of Pearland. Elected to a one-year term on the Board of Trustees is M. Lee Shriner, D.O., of Bowie.

T. Eugene Zachary, D.O., of Richardson was re-elected Speaker of the House and James W. Lively, D.O., of Corpus Christi was re-elected Vice Speaker.

Elected to serve three-year terms as delegates to the AOA House of Delegates were Michael A. Calabrese, D.O., of El Paso, Dr. Flanagan and Dr. Lively. First alternate for the AOA House of Delegates is Frank J. Bradley, D.O., of Dallas with second alternate being Anton Lester, D.O., also of Dallas. Other physicians selected as alternates are George Grainger, D.O., of Tyler; H. Eugene Brown, D.O., of Lubbock; Earl C. Kinzie, D.O., of Lindale; Wiley Rountree, D.O., of San Angelo; Ted Alexander, Jr., D.O., of Wichita Falls and Jimmy Johnson, D.O., of Dallas.

Keynoting the state meeting was William "Fishbait"



Miller, former Democratic Doorkeeper to the U.S. House of Representatives. He provided the convention participants with an inside look at how Capitol Hill operates and some of the experiences he had during his 35-year career in Congress.

Special guests at the state meeting included Donald

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l, D.O., of Dayton, Ohio, president-elect of the American Osteopathic Association (AOA); Mrs. Eli of North Bellmore, New York, president of the Auxiliary to the AOA; Delbert E. Maddox, D.O., of Kansasville, Missouri, president of the American College of Osteopathic General Practitioners in Medicine Surgery; and Robert Krueger, U.S. Representative from New Braunfels.

Dr. Siehl gave the convention participants an update on AOA activities at a breakfast May 6 and Dr. Maddox spoke to the Texas General Practice Society May 5 luncheon. Both Mrs. Stark and Congress-Krueger addressed the Auxiliary members at the annual brunch May 5.

Among the many special events scheduled during the convention was a western party for TOMA Sustaining Members at the ranch owned by Drs. Robert Han and Robert Finch, champagne with the extors, President's Night Dinner/Dance, a picnic led by Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine (TCOM) and a tour of the college's new eight-story Medical Education Building I, which is to open next year. Final activity of the convention was a Fun Night Jamboree complete with country and western enter-

tainment and barbeque.

Honored with Life Memberships to TOMA were Robert B. Beyer, D.O., D.D. Beyer, D.O., Roy B. Fisher, D.O., Richard W. Briscoe, D.O., H.J. Ranelle, D.O., Lloyd N. McAnally, D.O., George F. Pease, D.O., all of Fort Worth; Robert D. Van Schoick, D.O., of Leonard; and Richard Cordes, D.O., and Kenneth Ross, D.O., both of Tyler.

During the TOMA convention the Auxiliary to TOMA was holding its annual state meeting. Installed as president of ATOMA was Mrs. M.L. Coleman of Dallas. Serving with her during the upcoming year will be Mrs. Jerome Armbruster of Pearland, president-elect, Mrs. E.L. Suderman of Pharr, vice-president; Mrs. W.A. Pressly of Fort Worth, secretary; and Mrs. Richard Wiltse of Houston, treasurer.

Throughout the convention various members of the Auxiliary donned a Money Hat covered with \$400 and sold chances on winning the hat to conventioners. Proceeds from the sale amounted to about \$4,000 which will be split equally between scholarships and for TCOM through the Osteopathic Progress Fund. ▲

## Auctions Highlight Fun Night Jamboree

If you were not able to attend the Fun Night Jamboree which brought the 79th Annual Convention to a close, you missed a typical western party complete with a barbeque, dancing and an auction.

This time, it wasn't the cattle that was auctioned. Instead, there were tickets to the ATOMA Money Hat and a book certificate from the TCOM chapter of Sigma Sigma

Before drawing for the winner of the Money Hat (a western hat covered with \$400) the Auxiliary had 10 tickets left to sell. Instead of selling them for the regular price of \$1 per ticket, these tickets were marketed special and auctioned off by Dr. Brad Cobb of Amarillo. A true auctioneer, Dr. Cobb began the bidding and the first ticket went for \$15 to TCOM student/doctor Jens Skarbovig. The second ticket went to Mrs. Karen Hull, wife of student/doctor Chris Hull for \$20.

To keep the students from purchasing all the tickets, Dr. Cobb raised the opening bid to \$50. One of the outstanding bidders for the remaining tickets was Dr. Charles J. Del Marco from Florida who paid \$100 for a ticket.

The Texas D.O.s couldn't let a non-Texan out-bid them, so a coalition of Drs. Gerald Flanagan, Myron McKfeld, Dwight Hause, David Armbruster, Stanley Mey, Norman Leopold, W.R. Jenkins and Mrs. J. Thomas O'Shea joined forces and bought the last ticket for \$770.

Winning the Money Hat was Dr. P.P. Saperstein of Fort Worth. His wife, Kay, said she had purchased all the tickets and had a say in what happened to the hat. Mrs. Saperstein then kept the cowboy hat and returned the \$400 to the Auxiliary to be used for TCOM.

Winning the Sigma Sigma Phi \$75 book certificate was Dr. Jenkins. He sold his certificate to Dr. Cobb for \$100 (which was donated to Sigma Sigma Phi.) The second drawing by Sigma Sigma Phi was for a Merck Index. It was won by Dr. Richard B. Helfrey of Dallas.





The lucky Sustaining member who won this year's steer was Dr. Carl Mitten of Houston.

Winning the door prizes from the exhibitors were Dr. Richard W. Briscoe of Dallas, G.E. Micro II cassette recorder with carrying case; Dr. H. George Grainger of Tyler, 12-cup brew starter coffee maker; Dr. Joe Alexander of Abilene, AM-FM radio and eight-track stereo combination; Dr. Thomas Whittle of Fort Worth, portable bar from Londonaire; Dr. Robert L. Hamilton of Mabank, G.E. Micro II cassette recorder with carrying case; and Dr. Edward Vinn of Houston, Panasonic B&W battery operated portable TV.

Doctors whose names were drawn for door prizes but were not present to win were Dr. Lester Lynch of Tyler, Dr. John Witt of Groom, Dr. R.L. Vinson of Fort Worth, Dr. Stonewall Montgomery of Miami and Dr. L.K. Stubblefield of Dallas.

Recognized as having the lowest gross score in the golf tournament was Dr. John Kennedy of Mt. Pleasant with a 77. Second and third place for gross score went to Dr. H.B. Peters of Arlington and Dr. Richard Wiltse of Houston.

Lowest net score went to Dr. R.A. Lester of Tyler with a 69. Second and third place went to Dr. Robert Hamilton of Mabank and Dr. M.E. Johnson of Fort Worth.

Dr. Horace Emery of Lubbock had the least number of putts and the tail enders award went to Dr.

B.B. Jagers of Midland.

Winners of the tennis tournament were Dr. George Naugles of Fort Worth and Dr. Jerry Cannaday of Mesquite. ▲

## NHLBI Requests

### Physician Cooperation

The National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute has requested the cooperation of physicians in the referral of patients of all ages with sickle cell anemia. Patients who are either on chronic transfusion regimens or who are candidates for such therapy are needed for the studies.

As a part of the study, all patients will receive an initial evaluation in the untransfused state for the extent of organ damage, exercise tolerance, and iron balance followed by partial exchanged transfusion. With the cooperation of the referring physician, each patient will be maintained at less than 50% Hbs for one year before the evaluation is repeated.

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# External Pressures on D.O.s

## Concern Dr. Flanagan



*Editor's Note: Following is the speech adapted for publication that Gerald P. Flanagan, D.O. gave to the members of TOMA at the President's Night Banquet, May 5. It is his first official address to the membership after being installed as president of TOMA.*

Honored guests, friends and members of the Texas Osteopathic Medical Association, it is my very great pleasure to be here tonight. It is great for an old "Cowtown" boy to come home.

With all that has gone before in the way of speeches, I will limit my remarks to three or four areas. I would hope that we continue to be aware of the external pressures being brought on the osteopathic physicians of Texas.

The first area I would like to discuss concerns the Oliver Case. Within the next few days the official family of your association will meet with its counterpart of the TMA for a frank discussion of several problems, one being the Oliver Case. As some of you know, three D.O.s have filed a suit against the Texas Board of Medical Examiners (TBME) for a permanent injunction against Article 4590E of the Texas Medical Practice Act, as being a violation of their constitu-

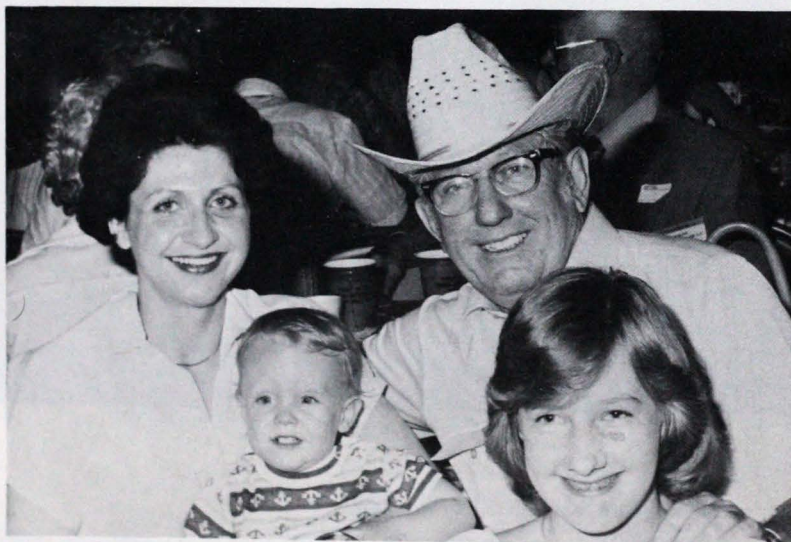
tional rights, thus letting them use the M.D. designation. How can this be? They were educated as D.O.s, licensed as D.O.s and under Texas law practice as D.O.s.

The next area is the National Board of Osteopathic Examiners. The TBME has taken the position that the only acceptable exam is the FLEX exam. It is our official position this gives unfair advantage to the graduates of allopathic schools of medicine. Forty-six of the states accept the National Osteopathic Board. It should be so in Texas.

The third and last area I would like to discuss is the need for expansion of the state office as determined by the Long-Range Planning Committee. My primary concern, of course, is in the area of finance. How do we do it? Utilization of present income is one way, or do we increase dues?

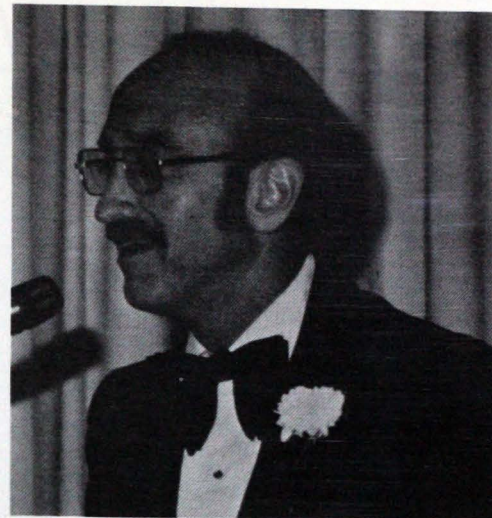
On page 21 of this issue is a print out of a specific outline giving multiple alternatives for expansion. I would hope you, the members of TOMA, can give the Board guidance.

In closing, I want to assure you that the Association is interested in training D.O.s, licensing D.O.s and practicing as D.O.s—Thank you very much.





# Dr. Ganz Reflects on Past Year



*Editor's Note: Following is the farewell speech Samuel B. Ganz, D.O., made at the end of his year as president of TOMA. He gave his talk at the annual President's Night Banquet, May 5.*

Two days ago I spoke to the members of the House of Delegates about our profession and some of my concerns about it. I spoke as the retiring President of TOMA, carrying out one of the final obligations of my term of office.

Tonight, I want to speak to you as myself, and I want to speak from the heart.

Even now, almost a year later, I am deeply touched that you chose me to serve as your leader and spokesman. I consider my life, all of it, to be incredibly blessed, and the opportunity to work with and for you has added greatly to my store of spiritual riches.

I must thank you, of course—thank you for your cooperation and your trust, thank you for your advice and your criticism, thank you for letting me share in your lives, your work, your dreams.

Of all my emotions during these past months, the one which remains strongest is hope. The inherent strength of our profession, its ability to overcome seemingly insurmountable odds, its persistent, consistent demands for an equal opportunity to serve—all these things and more reinforce the bonds which unite us and give us our strength. We are different, you and I, and because of that we should be proud.

I have searched for a way to summarize all this, to express, far better than in my own words, my special feelings tonight, about you, about our pro-

fession and about myself and what this past year has meant to me. I think I have found it, in a poem by Robert Frost called, *The Road Not Taken*.

## The Road Not Taken

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,  
And sorry I could not travel both  
And be one traveler, long I stood  
And look down one as far as I could  
To where it bent in the undergrowth;

Then took the other, as just as fair,  
And having perhaps the better claim,  
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;  
Though as for that, the passing there  
Had worn them really about the same,

And both that morning equally lay  
In leaves no step had trodden black.  
Oh, I kept the first for another day!  
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,  
I doubted if I should ever come back.

I shall be telling this with a sigh  
Somewhere ages and ages hence:  
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I —  
I took the one less traveled by,  
And that has made all the difference.



# California M.D.s Try Again For Kill

The California Medical Association has introduced legislation to the California Legislature which would enable D.O.s to be licensed by the Board of Medical Quality Assurance and to use the suffix M.D. Allopathic physicians could elect to be licensed under the Board of Osteopathic Examiners and use the suffix D.O. The bill also includes provision for increasing the number of members on the Board of Osteopathic Examiners to eleven with the addition of two osteopathic physicians and four public members.

Philip Adler, D.O., AOA president, provided testimony to a subcommittee of the Committee on Health of the California Assembly

on April 26, 1978 along with representatives of the Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons of California and the California Board of Osteopathic Examiners.

Referring to the merger of the California medical and osteopathic associations in 1962, Dr. Adler stated, "Now AB 2691 surfaces at a time when the osteopathic profession is on its way back in California. New D.O.s who have been trained in osteopathic colleges outside the state, at no cost to California taxpayers, are locating here. A new school, the College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific, is in advanced stages of development and has been given preaccreditation status by AOA. . . . Unlike 1962, this is a unilateral attempt on the part of the California Medical Association to have legislation enacted which would impede the growth and development of a competing school of medical practice.

"In effect, the bill asks the legislature to sanction use of a suffix granted by a state agency and not to recognize a degree granted by an educational institution. In addition to misleading the public, AB 2691 makes a mockery of the degree granting process and our country's educational system."

Dr. Adler concluded his testimony by saying, "The clear intent of this bill is to divide my profession and impede its progress and growth in California. AB 2691 asks the legislature to assist the CMA in regulating, controlling and destroying a competing school of medical practice. The bill does not improve the quality of health care, does not add additional doctors to the state's physician force, misleads the public and ignores traditional academic values."

[Reprinted from May 15, 1978 issue of AOA Newsbriefs] ▲

We're doing something

## DISTRICT III

By H. George Grainger, D.O.

Faces in the News. Maurine Kinzie, as president of the Linwood Garden Club, was one of the ladies whose physiognomies (faces) were featured in the Sunday paper the week of Tyler's Big Spring Flower Show . . . Geneva Grainger was featured on the front page of a later issue, along with her elderly husband, looking things over at the posh Tyler Museum of Art Auction.

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Hitched: Little Karla Lynne and one Rickey Ken Ritchie were with it in late March up in Hottel, Oklahoma. Karla is of the famous Troupe Texas Lists.

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Several of our more active practitioners dissipated around the country in early April: Surgeon Moran for a week of required study in California and Radiologist J. to Florida for a week of sunbathing and radiation. Then there was Generalist Pock off to Phoenix for three days of — can you imagine — cosmetic surgery. And we must not omit good old family practitioner Kinzie — Mauvern's husband — who took a weekend course in nephrology, I think it was TCOM.

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What the doctors and their sweethearts do in other East Texas places — I wish they would let their correspondants know. ▲

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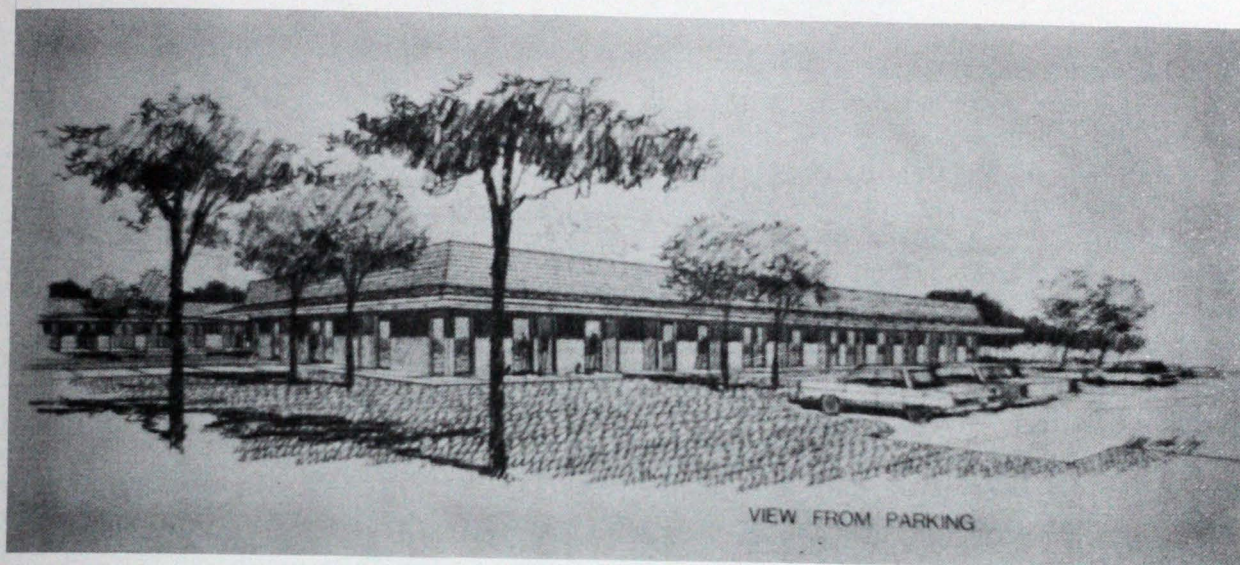
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# TNHA Requests Information

The care of our aged citizens in Texas nursing homes is becoming more and more a public concern. The Board of Directors of the Texas Nursing Home Association has established a Physicians Liaison Committee, which is chaired by W. G. Millington, D.O., of Nixon.

The committee will be composed of members of TOMA and the Texas Medical Association and will only be called to meet on special occasions relative to state legislative matters and matters pertaining to the state health and welfare departments.

As TOMA's liaison office to the Texas Nursing Home Association, Dr. Millington is asking for the following questions to be completed and returned to the TOMA office as soon as possible.

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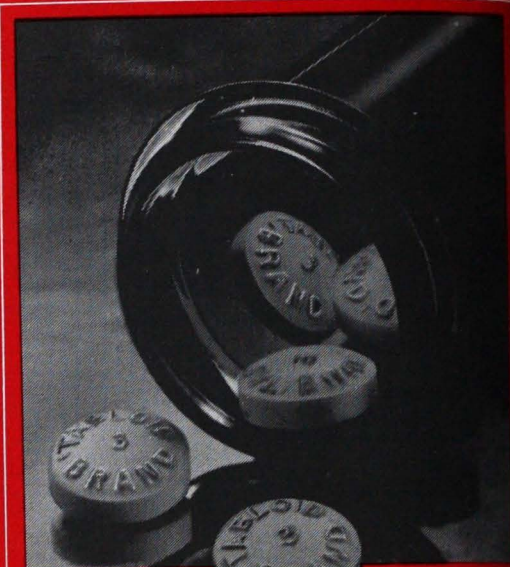
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# Sparks Family Keep Traditions Alive



Randal Sparks, D.O., third from right, reads the plaque presented to his father, Sherman Sparks, D.O., third from left, at the dedication of the Rockwall Family Health Center. Watching the presentation are from left, Mrs. Bertha Patterson, Mrs. Sherman Sparks, Robert Sparks, D.O., and Mrs. Robert Sparks.

Randal Sparks, D.O., and Robert Sparks, D.O., both of Rockwall, kept a family tradition alive during the dedication and open house of the Rockwall Family Health Center, March 5.

It was 32 years ago that the Rockwall Osteopathic Clinic and Laboratory opened and at that time Sherman P. Sparks, D.O., dedicated the clinic to his parents, Drs. Nancy and Ernest M. Sparks.

On March 5, Drs. Randal and Robert Sparks dedicated the new Family Health Center to their father, Dr. Sherman Sparks.

The plaque presented by Dr. Sherman Sparks' sons read:

*Rockwall Family Health Center  
Dedicated to  
Sherman P. Sparks, D.O., A.C.G.P.  
A Far Sighted Pioneer in  
Osteopathic Medicine  
March 5, 1978*

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A buffet at the cabana of Dr. and Mrs. Sherman Sparks on Lake Ray Hubbard followed the official ceremony. At that time J.F. DePetrus, D.O., presented a plaque to Dr. Sherman Sparks which read:

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Rarity In This Country.  
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Walked Through Mud and Storms  
To Be Counselor and Physician  
To The Sick*

In accepting the plaque, Dr. Sparks stated that Dr. DePetrus knew of the rural practices because he had done them himself many times while a rural physician in Royce City.

Dr. Sparks also noted that as older physicians look back, they realize that the true and genuine rewards that exist are those that exist in the minds and hearts of fellow men. ▲

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Wayne O. Stockseth of Corpus Christi presented scholarship awards to Gilberto Diaz and Melissa Martin, standing, at the President's Night Banquet. Watching the presentation are Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Ganz.

## Scholarship Winners Honored

Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine second-year students Gilberto Diaz and Melissa Martin were honored at the 79th Annual TOMA Convention as this year's recipients of the Wayne O. Stockseth Scholarship. The announcement was made at the President's Night Banquet.

A native of Edinburg, Diaz received \$1500. He is married and active in the Student Osteopathic Medical Association (SOMA), American Osteopathic Association (AOA), Atlas Club and Student Chapter of the American College of Osteopathic General Practitioners (ACGP) at TCOM.

Diaz received a bachelor of science degree in biology from Pan American University and has served six years in the Texas National Guard. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesus S. Diaz of Edinburg. Upon completion of his studies at TCOM and a rotating internship, Diaz plans to enter general practice in the Rio Grande Valley.

The recipient of \$1000, Miss Martin is a resident of Fort Worth. She is president of both SOMA and

the Women Students' Organization. She received a bachelor of science degree from Texas A&M University.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack R. Martin of Fort Worth, Miss Martin plans to enter general practice in a small Texas community. She has expressed an interest in either Goliad or College Station.▲

## DOH, District V Establish Scholarship

Dallas Osteopathic Hospital and District V of TOMA are establishing a scholarship fund in honor of Walters R. Russell, D.O., to be given to a student/doctor at TCOM.

Dr. Russell was a prominent Dallas osteopathic surgeon who was shot and killed by a robber just outside his office February 9. He was active in local, state and national osteopathic association affairs and served as a member and chairman of several important committees.

Dr. Russell was known to all throughout the state and influenced many members of his profession with his example of a true physician, servant of mankind and one of the strong supporters of the osteopathic profession, according to Frank J. Bradley, D.O., a member of the Russell Scholarship Fund committee.

Anyone wishing to contribute to the scholarship fund should make checks payable to the Walters R. Russell, D.O., Scholarship Fund and send them to the Russell Scholarship Fund, c/o Frank J. Bradley, D.O., 5003 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75206.▲

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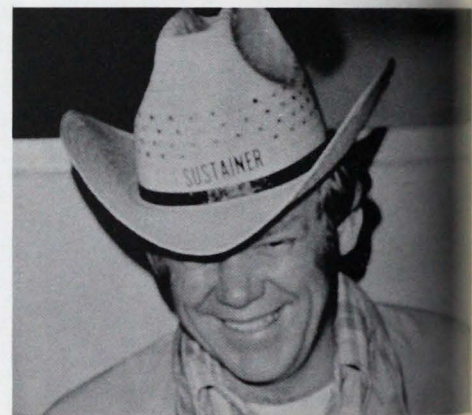


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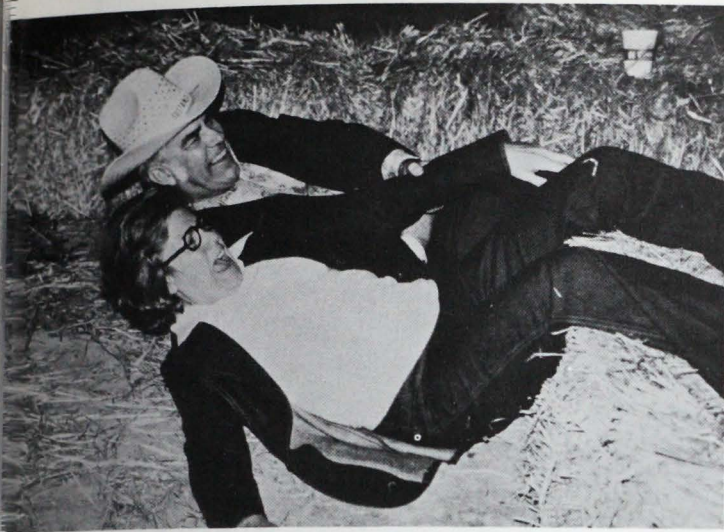




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# IN MEMORIAM

## Lewis N. Pittman, D.O.

Lewis N. Pittman, D.O. of Amarillo, died of a heart attack at his office April 22. Services for the 65-year-old physician were held April 24 with burial in the Llano Cemetery.

Dr. Pittman was born in Amarillo and graduated from Amarillo High School in 1930. He was a graduate of Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine and practiced medicine in Borger from 1941-1958 before moving to Amarillo.

Dr. Pittman was a charter member of St. Peter's Episcopal Church. He was a member of the staff of Southwest Osteopathic Hospital, a member of the American Osteopathic Association, Texas Osteopathic Medical Association, American Academy of Osteopathy, Texas State Society of the American College of General Practitioners, Texas Academy of Osteopathy and the American College of General Practitioners.

He is survived by his wife; one daughter, Judy Pittman of the home; and one brother, J. Shelby Pittman of Amarillo. ▲

## Reginald Platt, D.O.

Reginald Platt, D.O., president of TOMA in 1943-44, died at a Houston hospital May 7. Services for the 73-year-old osteopathic physician were held May 9 in Houston with burial at Forest Park Lawndale.

A native of Silver City, New Mexico, Dr. Platt had been a resident of Houston for 51 years. He was a member of District VI of TOMA, American Osteopathic Association and Presbyterian church. He was a Fellow of the American Academy of Applied Osteopathy and was one of the founders of Houston Osteopathic Hospital.

Dr. Platt was graduated from Des Moines Still College of Osteopathy in 1927 and began practicing in Houston that same year.

He received the Sutherland Award from the Cranial Academy in 1966 and the Andrew Taylor Still Medalion of Honor from the American Academy of Osteopathy in 1971. In 1974 he was made a Life Member of TOMA.

Dr. Platt is survived by his wife; two sons, Reginald Platt III, D.O., of Houston and Geoffrey Thomas Platt of Tempe, Arizona; one sister, Mrs. Charles O. Beaver of Georgetown; and several grandchildren. ▲

## Survey Seeks Opinions On State Office

The Long Range Planning Committee of your Association has brought to the attention of your Board of Trustees that there is a real need for possible expansion of the state office. Before making any drastic or expensive moves, I request that you give me and the Board your thoughts and opinions on this project. Outlined below is some basic information that will help the committee. I request you sign where designated and express any comments you so desire. Please return this form to the state office.

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Comments \_\_\_\_\_

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_, D.O.



# ATOMA News

by Mrs. D.Y. Campbell  
ATOMA News Chairman

There are so many good things to tell you about the convention in Fort Worth that it's a little hard to choose an opener so I'll start with the first event—that was the annual Sustainer's party on May 3, 6:30 p.m. at the Black Champ Ranch owned by Dr. Robert Haman and Dr. Robert Finch. Two bus loads of TOMA Sustainers and wives proved to be hardy (?) pioneer types as they braved the surprisingly chilly wind to enjoy the delicious barbeque and to dance to the music of a very fine band. Black Champ Ranch donated a Chianina steer as a prize for Fun Night, and that was also Chianina meat that was served at the Sustainer's party. This event was held outside under a tall, open building where there were plenty of hay bales to sit on, good food, good drinks, and an atmosphere of congeniality. An unforgettable sight of the evening was that of cattle leaving their grazing and lining up shoulder to shoulder to watch the party-goers eat and dance.

Our House of Delegates had 21 delegates, 14 board members, and 5 past presidents in attendance. There is a growing interest in affairs vital to our profession and ATOMA is growing in recognition of needs and ability to meet them. Did you know that you can attend the House of Delegates although not a delegate? Come as an observer; you don't vote but you are always welcome.

The House of Delegates of ATOMA voted four life memberships to the following members: Mrs. Robert Rawls (Gerry), Mrs. M. E. Coy (Martha), Mrs. George Luibel (Mary) and Mrs. T. Robert Sharp (Marge).

Our Ladies' Luncheon at the Century II Club was an outstanding



ATOMA officers are from left, Mrs. Richard Wiltse, Mrs. W. A. Pressly, Mrs. E. L. Suderman, Mrs. Jerry Armbruster, Mrs. M. L. Coleman and Mrs. Bill Puryear.

event. Rep. Robert Krueger was a dynamic and interesting speaker, and Ryon's Saddle and Ranch Supply of Fort Worth showed beautiful and unique Western fashions featuring lots of leather, gold and silver. Male fashion models were Dr. W.R. Jenkins, Dr. Bill Puryear, Dr. Sam Pearson and Dr. Joe Bob Porter, and they were a real hit. Modeling fashions for the ladies were Mrs. Lynn Powell (Linda), Mrs. Brian Ranelle (Lynn), Mrs. David Beyer (Sally), Mrs. Jim Czewski (B.J.) and Mrs. Irwin Schussler (Myra). This event was well covered by TV and press.

At Fun Night Dr. Paul Saperstein of Fort Worth won the "Money Hat" worth \$400. He graciously donated the \$400 to ATOMA and this made the total realized from the "Money Hat" project slightly over \$3,900. Thanks go to Funds co-chairman Bea Wiltse and Joan McGrath. We are really proud of the District VI ladies who sold \$700 in tickets before coming to the convention.

The Chianina steer donated by Black Champ Ranch was won by

Dr. Carl Mitten.

On Saturday afternoon the TCOM picnic was well attended and enjoyed and our campus is an impressive sight. Be proud of it—and of the people who dreamed of it, and those who made it happen.

At post-convention Board meeting one of the most important actions was the forming of a Legislative Committee, headed by Elaine Armbruster. You'll hear more about this later.

Thank you again, Wanda Puryear, for the great job you did as our president.

Thank you, all you members in Fort Worth for the hard work you did for this convention. It was great and you are lovely hostesses!

New officers and board members are Mrs. Lee Coleman (Faye) of Dallas, president; Mrs. Jerry L. Armbruster (Linda) of Pearland, president-elect and membership chairman; Mrs. E.L. Suderman (Inez) of Pharr, vice president and program chairman; Mrs. Al Pressly (Nell) of Fort Worth, recording secretary.



etary; Mrs. Richard C. Wiltse (Bea) of Houston, treasurer; Mrs. Bill H. Puryear (Wanda) of Fort Worth, past president; Mrs. T.T. McGrath (Joan) of Arlington, parliamentarian; Mrs. Conrad Speece (Kathy) of Dallas, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Ted C. Alexander (Imma Jeanne) of Wichita Falls, historian; Mrs. D.Y. Campbell (Lois) of Houston, auxiliary news;

Also, Mrs. Emmett Dunlap (Shelagh) of San Diego, funds; Mrs. Ann Clark (Jeannie) of Manchaca, public education and relations; Mrs.

Lynn Powell (Linda) of Fort Worth, yearbook; Mrs. Richard Anderson (Bess) of Dallas, lay guild; Mrs. Ed Smith (Cheryl) of Keller, file and supply; Mrs. Robert Maul (Jeannie) of Lubbock, scholarship, Mrs. Arthur W. Kratz (Sandy) of Dallas, convention chairman; and Mrs. David Armbruster (Elaine) of Pearland, credentials. ▲

*Mrs. Brad Cobb models the Money Hat covered with \$400.*



## Open Letter to ATOMA Supporters

O: All supporters of \$MONEY HAT\$—  
THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

The Funds Committee of ATOMA reports with much joy and gratitude that \$3,941 was earned as a result of the \$MONEY HAT\$ project at the state convention in Fort Worth during May. OPF will receive \$1,970.50 earmarked TCOM, and National Scholarship will receive \$1,970.50 from our Texas auxiliary.

The tremendous success of this effort was due to cooperative participation by so many physicians, auxiliary members, and TCOM students and graduates. On behalf of the 1977-78 Board of ATOMA and its President, Mrs. Wanda Puryear, *thanks to everyone who helped bring in these funds.* Convention Fun Night saw Dr. Bradford Cobb from Amarillo auction ten \$1 tickets for almost \$1,500! To those of you who participated in this Saturday night event, an added special word of appreciation, not only for the dollars you contributed, but for the excitement and fun you lent to this special time.

To all of you—remember—your generous contributions and interest will be more far-reaching than we can report here. But this we know, lives will be touched and changed in a positive manner for the osteopathic profession and the patients you serve very far down the road for a long time.

See you again next year during \$MONEY HAT\$ time, and we know you will support Mrs. Liz Cobb and Mrs. Shelagh Dunlap as 1978-79 Co-chairmen with the great enthusiasm you have just demonstrated.

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## In Memoriam

Mrs. T. Robert Sharp (Marjorie), 57, died May 16 at East Town Osteopathic Hospital in Dallas. Funeral services for the wife of T. Robert Sharp, D.O., were held May 20 at St. Stephen United Methodist Church in Mesquite with burial at Restland Memorial Park and Funeral Home.

Mrs. Sharp was born October 24, 1919 in Palmer. She graduated from North Texas State University and attended Kirksville College of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons where she met and married Dr. Sharp in 1944.

In the Auxiliary to TOMA, Mrs. Sharp served as president, president-elect, recording secretary, chairman of the Public Health and Education Committee and a delegate to the national convention. She was recently granted Life Membership in ATOMA. In the Auxiliary to District V, she held the office of chairman of District Affairs, Decorations, Ways and Means and Telephone Committees.

She was a member of St. Stephen United Methodist Church, Kappa Delta Sorority Mothers Club, Sigma Chi Fraternity Mothers Club, Ferris Chapter of Eastern Star and St. Andres Study Club.

She is survived by her husband, one son, Douglas R. Sharp, D.O., of Dallas; two daughters, Mrs. Thomas A. Copeland of Arlington; and Mrs. Thomas A. Horton of Pleasanton, California; parents, Mr. and Mrs. T.C. Hooker, Sr. of Mesquite; one step-brother, T.C. Hooker, Jr., of Dallas; and grandchildren, Thomas, Joshua and Scot Copeland and Leslie Lanier Horton.▲

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## TEXAS CHAPTER OF KIRKSVILLE ALUMNI NAME OFFICERS

Lynn Fite, D.O., of Bonham has been elected president of the Texas Chapter of the Kirksville Osteopathic Alumni Association. Other officers elected are Richard Anderson, D.O., of Mesquite, vice president, and Catherine K. Carlton, D.O., of Fort Worth, secretary.

## SECOND OPINIONS ON SURGERY

Medicare reimbursement may now be made for patient-initiated second physician opinions when surgical procedures that are covered by Medicare are being considered. Payment may be made for the history and examination of the patient, as well as any covered diagnostic services deemed medically necessary in order for the second physician to properly evaluate the patient's condition and render a professional opinion on the medical need for surgery.

## SURVEY ON AMERICAN HEALTH ATTITUDES AVAILABLE

A special report, "A New Survey on Access to Medical Care," based on a study supported by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, reveals that 88 per cent of those who saw a physician in the last year were satisfied with the visit. The report also shows that 37 per cent were dissatisfied with the out-of-pocket cost of care while only 13 per cent were dissatisfied with the quality of care provided. The report also shows that while 88 per cent of the population are satisfied with the health care they received during their visit to a physician, 61 per cent feel that there is a crisis in health care. The report is available without cost by writing to: Special Report—Access, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, P.O. Box 2316, Princeton, New Jersey 08540.

## TEXAS ACADEMY OF OSTEOPATHY ELECTS OFFICERS

Frank McLamb, D.O., of Houston has been elected president of the Texas Academy of Osteopathy. Serving with Dr. McLamb will be Evalyn Hall Kennedy, D.O., of Beeville, vice president; and Catherine K. Carlton, D.O., of Fort Worth, secretary/treasurer.

## DR. FLEMING APPROVED FOR MEMBERSHIP

Brady K. Fleming, D.O., of Harlingen has been approved for membership in the American College of Emergency Physicians. In other news, Dr. Fleming has accepted the position of physician-manager of the Brownsville Medical Center.



# Texas Ticker Tape

## TCOM PROFESSORS RECEIVE GRANTS

Andras G. Lacko, Ph.D., has received \$12,941 from the American Heart Association, Texas Affiliate, for a research project, "Study of LCAT from Procine Plasma." Receiving conditional funding from AHA for his study, "Biosynthesis of Prostacyclin" was Hsin-Hsiung Tai, Ph.D. Both Dr. Lacko and Dr. Tai are associate professors of biochemistry.

## FWOH RECEIVES CERTIFICATE FROM AHA

Hospital Administrative Services has awarded Fort Worth Osteopathic Hospital a Certificate of Recognition on behalf of the American Hospital Association. The certificate recognizes FWOH for its voluntary participation in a management information program designed to contain costs and monitor productivity.

## TOMA RECEIVES AOA FILM

Merck, Sharp and Dohme presented a copy of the AOA film, "The Other DOctor," to TOMA during the recent state meeting. The film is available for loan to interested members through the state office.

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Effective July 1, 1978, new requirements for certification through the American Osteopathic Board of General Practice will become effective. In order to conform with all the specialties in the American Osteopathic Association, the AOA Board of Trustees approved a constitution and bylaws change for AOBGP. The new changes state that all general practitioners who graduated in 1946 or later must have an AOA approved internship and all applicants for certification must submit 900 hours of postgraduate study.

Physicians graduating in 1965 or before may apply for certification before the effective date of change by becoming an active member of the American College of General Practitioners in Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery prior to July 1; and submitting to the AOBGP all the required items for certification prior to July 1. The required items are: a typed completed certification application, recent photograph, examination fee of \$500 and a short statement as to why applicant desires to take the examination. If an applicant fulfills these requirements prior to July 1, he will have three years in which to take and pass the certification examination.

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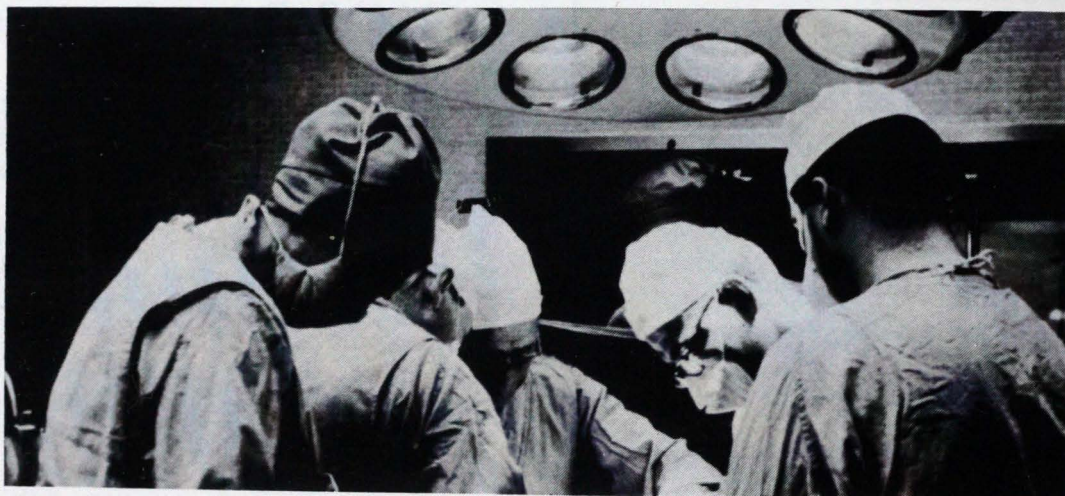
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# Major Actions of the House of Delegates

**MOTION:** That the Environmental Health and Preventive Medicine Committees be combined.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION:** That the changes in the TOMA Bylaws be adopted (as published in the April issue of the Journal).

**CARRIED**

**MOTION:** That Article III, Section 1, Line 190: Change to read as follows: "following year. Annual dues shall apply to the fiscal year and become due and payable on the preceding January 1."

**CARRIED**

**MOTION:** That the Board of Trustees be instructed to place in the hands of the appropriate committee this pursuance of the establishment of an osteopathic college of medicine in Mexico.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION:** That Life Memberships be granted to Kenneth E. Ross, D.O.; Richard E. Cordes, D.O.; Robert D. Van Schoick, D.O.; Robert B. Beyer, D.O.; Roy B. Fisher, D.O.; Richard W. Briscoe, D.O.; D. D. Beyer, D.O.; Hugo J. Ranelle, D.O.; L. L. McAnally, D.O.; George F. Pease, D.O.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION:** That Associate Membership in TOMA be granted to Ray Stokes.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION:** That the AOA Delegation from TOMA support Samuel B. Ganz, D.O., as Speaker of the AOA House of Delegates and that they support David Armbruster, D.O., for a three-year term as a trustee of the AOA.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION:** That the following resolutions be approved:

## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS,** two academic degrees are recognized in Texas for licensure as physician and surgeon, namely D.O. and M.D., and

**WHEREAS,** in both the private and the public sector discrimination still occurs, be it therefore

**RESOLVED,** that the House of Delegates of the Texas Osteopathic Medical Association recommend that a Bill be introduced into the next session of the Texas legislature which would prohibit discrimination as a matter of public policy, and calls upon its members, officers, committees and staff to actively pursue passage of this legislation.

**CARRIED**

## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS,** It is the physician who is responsible for the whole course of a patient's treatment, and

**WHEREAS,** by observing the physical and laboratory responses of the patient, the physician is in the best position to choose the precise drug product required, to adjust its dosage, and to change drugs as indicated during the course of the illness; and

**WHEREAS,** broad-scale clinical trials undertaken by the developers of a new drug help establish its safety and effectiveness, while many of the generic substitutes have not undergone such efficacy studies; and

**WHEREAS,** physicians rely heavily upon their own clinical experiences with a drug product as a basis for prescribing it; and

**WHEREAS,** there are documented instances in which generically and chemically equivalent drugs varied so greatly in therapeutic equivalence that the health and well-being of patients was endangered; and

**WHEREAS,** legal liability on the part of the physician and the pharmacist will increase if the latter dispenses a substitute for the drug product prescribed, causing an increase in malpractice insurance rates, leading to increases in the cost of health care; and

**WHEREAS,** substitution of one drug product for another, after pharmacist-physician consultation, is not prohibited under existing laws and regulations; therefore be it

**RESOLVED,** that the Texas Osteopathic Medical Association support continuance of laws and regulations which prohibit substitution without prior agreement between pharmacist and physician; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** that this resolution be sent to all appropriate legislators if and when legislation or regulations on drug substitution are being considered.

**CARRIED**

## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS,** an article was published in the February, 1978, issue of the *Texas Osteopathic Physicians Journal* that was in poor taste and not in the best interest of the profession, and

**WHEREAS,** much criticism has been generated from both the profession and lay public from this inflammatory article, and

**WHEREAS,** the TOMA Publications Committee did not review the February issue; therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** that controversial material be reviewed and approved by the Chairman of the Publications Committee prior to publication in the *Texas Osteopathic Physicians Journal*.

**DEFEATED**



## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Juanita Roberts was for several years a faithful and innovative employee of this Association, and

**WHEREAS**, her contribution to the Association is manifest by, among other things, the high quality of the present *Texas Osteopathic Physicians Journal*, and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Roberts is no longer in the employ of the Association, therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that this Association, through the House of Delegates, express hereby, our deep appreciation for her devoted services.

**CARRIED**

## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, all members of the Texas Osteopathic Medical Association recognize the value of their participation in the political affairs of our areas, state, and Nation; therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that future meetings of this Association attempt to be scheduled on dates that will not conflict with State and/or Federal, Primary or General Elections.

**CARRIED**

## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, health care costs are now perceived by both provider and consumer to be high and rapidly rising; and

**WHEREAS**, the physician's role in cost containment is significant with doctors controlling, directly or indirectly, 70 to 80 percent of the total expenditures for medical care through the services they provide; and

**WHEREAS**, Public Law 93-641's two main goals of improving access and continuity of quality health care to all people and containing total health costs are in conflict; and

**WHEREAS**, suggested federal mandated cost containment would likely reduce access and continuity of quality health care to all; and

**WHEREAS**, the Congress of the U.S. has challenged health providers to demonstrate an ability to curtail health costs by voluntary means over the next two years; therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the physicians become fully informed about the cost of medical goods and services they commonly order for their patients; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the physician inform patients of their own responsibility in cost of medical care, and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Texas Osteopathic Medical Association support voluntary cost curtailment programs, and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that this resolution be sent to all appropriate legislators and governmental bodies having any dealings with cost containment programs.

**CARRIED**

## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, the TOMA House of Delegates establishes as its official policy the acceptance of the National Board of Osteopathic Examiners by the State Board of Medical Examiners as a means of obtaining a license to practice in the state of Texas, therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of TOMA be directed to implement this policy.

**CARRIED**

## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, the Resolutions Committee hereby expresses the ardent wish of the House of Delegates and warmly thanks the members of District II, the members of the local Auxiliary, the central office, and the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine for the fine facilities and splendid convention program which has been arranged, be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Committee requests the Executive Director to draft this expression of appreciation in the conventional form of a Resolution.

**CARRIED**

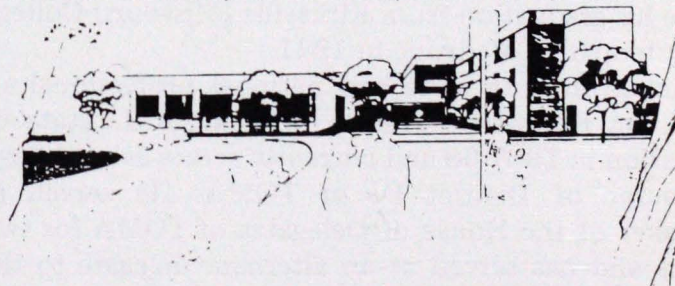
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The House of Delegates observed a minute of silence for the following members who died during the past year. James W. Hanks, D.O., District VI; L. Earl Elsea, D.O., District VIII; Charles L. Curry, D.O., District VIII; Walters R. Russell, D.O., District V; William B. Reed, D.O., District V; Robert L. Lutz, D.O., District V; Lewis M. Pittman, D.O., District I; Arthur C. Brooks D.O., of Lampasas; Arthur M. Mancell, D.O., of Aspermont; B. D. Simsberg, D.O.; and James F. Wortham, D.O., of Austin.

The following were recognized for their years of service in the House of Delegates:

#### 5 YEARS

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#### 19 YEARS

Norman B. Leopold

## Dr. Rountree Named 'GP of the Year'

Wiley B. Rountree, D.O., of San Angelo was named the "General Practitioner of the Year" during the President's Banquet at the TOMA's annual convention in Fort Worth.

The award is presented annually to an osteopathic physician who has provided exemplary service to the profession.

Dr. Rountree has been in practice in San Angelo since his graduation from Kirksville (Missouri) College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1941.

Active in both state and national professional affairs, Dr. Rountree served as president of the state association in 1967-68 and currently serves as secretary-treasurer of District IV of TOMA. He served as Speaker of the House of Delegates of TOMA for two years and has served as an alternate delegate to the American Osteopathic Association's House of Delegates.

Since 1978 Dr. Rountree has served as state chairman of the Osteopathic Progress Fund, which provides scholarships through the use of osteopathic seals.

The San Angelo general practitioner served as president of the Texas Academy of Osteopathy in 1978.

A member of the First Methodist Church in San Angelo, Dr. Rountree also has been active in civic affairs. He served on the local school board for 12 years and as its president for three years. ▲



Dr. Rountree accepts the GP of the Year Award



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