

# TEXAS OSTEOPATHIC PHYSICIANS JOURNAL



*DR. R. H. PETERSON -- MAN OF MANY HONORS*

**AUGUST 1971**

# Roentgen Ray Society Announces Program

Dr. A. G. Bascone, program chairman for this year's annual meeting of the North Texas Roentgen Ray Society, an affiliate of TOMA and the American Osteopathic College of Radiology, has announced that the M. D. Anderson Institute will present two symposiums at its annual meeting to be held at Ranchland, Inc., on August 27, 28 and 29 at Roanoke, Texas.



Dr. Bascone states that the facilities at Ranchland are available for a complete family outing. The weekend should provide good family fun and an informative symposium on cancer.

A social program primarily designed for the wives and children will include planned activities of horseback riding, games, rifle and skeet shooting, fishing, swimming and hiking. There will be egg throwing and calf scrambling contests for the children and adults. A hayride and trail ride barbecue will be held on Saturday evening with a square dance to follow. The whole weekend should provide a very fine family outing.

Registration for the two day symposium will be \$25.00 and registration will be limited. Complete details and reservations can be made through Dr. Bascone at Stevens Park Osteopathic Hospital in Dallas.

Assistance provided by the following companies is gratefully acknowledged: Hambrick Chemical Co., G.A.F. Corporation and E. R. Squibb and Sons.

## FRIDAY — AUGUST 27

Registration, Dinner and Cocktails

## SATURDAY — AUGUST 28

Welcome and Preliminary Remarks — A. G. Bascone, D.O.

The Cancer Problem: Diagnosis and Treatment — Steven Cordas, D.O.

Cancer G.I. Tract Review — Sam Pearson, D.O.

Coffee—Tea Break

Panel on Breast Cancer: M. D. Anderson Institute  
Edgar C. White, M.D., Moderator  
Nylene Eckles, M.D. and George R. Brown, M.D.

Lunch — Main Dining Room

Panel on Lymphoma: M. D. Anderson Institute  
Lillian M. Fuller, M.D., Moderator  
James P. Butler, M.D. and Jess M. Gamble, M.D.

Coffee—Tea Break

Lung Cancer — Charles Farrow, D.O.

## SUNDAY — AUGUST 29 (Main Meeting Room)

Interesting Cancer Cases Panel  
Ray Beck, D.O., Moderator  
C. D. Ogilvie, D.O.; John Kemplin, D.O.; Ed Yurkon, D.O.

Coffee—Tea Break

Cancer: Thyroid Gland — R. W. McConnell, M.D.

Cancer: Cervix — Frank Bradley, D.O.

Surgery, Radiation or Both — Robert Nelson, D.O.

Closing Remarks — A. G. Bascone, D.O.

## SOCIAL PROGRAM

### FRIDAY — AUGUST 27

Registration — Main House

Dinner Buffet — Welcome to Ranchland

Registration — North Ranch

Cocktail Party — North Ranch (Baby sitter for preschoolers)  
Hayride and songfest (older children)

### SATURDAY — AUGUST 28

Breakfast — Main Dining Room  
Continental Breakfast for late risers

Planned activities for wives and children  
(horseback riding, games, swimming, fishing, rifle range, hiking)

Lunch — Main Dining Room

Planned activities for wives and children

Activities for men and families: Volleyball, trap shooting  
(adults only), golf, swimming, horseback riding, etc.

Arena — Adult and children contest (egg throwing, calf scrambling  
etc.) Trail ride, hayride, cook-out barbeque, square dance

### SUNDAY — AUGUST 29

Breakfast — Main Dining Room  
Continental breakfast for late risers

Planned activities for wives and children

Lunch — Main Dining Room

Family Activities (elective)

Check Out

4:00 p.m. — 10:00 p.m.

9:00 a.m.

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12:00 noon — 1:30 p.m.

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8:30 a.m. — 10:00 a.m.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### AUGUST

*TOHA Annual Convention*  
August 11—14, 1971  
Holiday Inn Emerald Beach  
Corpus Christi

*The North Texas Roentgen  
Ray Society Symposium*  
August 27—29, 1971  
Ranchland, Inc.  
Lewisville, Texas

### SEPTEMBER

*DISTRICT III*  
Sat., Sept. 18, 1971  
Ramada Inn, Tyler

*OAO "Whiplash" Seminar*  
Sept. 25—26, 1971  
Camelot Inn  
Tulsa, Okla.

### OCTOBER

*TOMA Mid-Year Board*  
Oct. 23, 1971  
State Office

### NOVEMBER

*Presidential Visit*  
District II  
Tues., Nov. 2, 1971

*AOA—76th Annual  
Convention & Scientific  
Seminar*  
Nov. 15—18, 1971  
Sheraton-Waikiki Hotel  
Honolulu, Hawaii

### DECEMBER

*Texas State Board of Med.  
Examiners — Exam.*  
Dec. 6—8, 1971  
Sheraton Crest Inn  
Austin

*Public Health Seminar*  
Nov. 27—28  
Statler—Hilton Hotel  
Dallas

# Dr. Ralph H. Peterson - -

## *D.O. of Distinction*

On June 18 the State Office received letters from Dr. Allen Fisher and Dr. Wiley Rountree concerning a luncheon held by District IV of TOMA May 30 in Abilene honoring Dr. and Mrs. Ralph H. Peterson—the day before the Doctor's 81st birthday.

We agreed with Dr. Fisher and Dr. Rountree that Dr. Peterson's career was indeed one of distinction which should be an inspiration to his younger colleagues.

Dr. Joe Alexander hosted the dinner at the Abilene Country Club at which a book of remembrances was presented to Dr. Peterson, along with a plaque which read:

To

*Ralph H. Peterson, D.O.*

In recognition of his fifty-five years of service as an

Osteopathic Physician and Surgeon

District IV — Texas Osteopathic Medical Association

*On behalf of the many people to whom he has  
been physician, counselor and friend.*

*His is a kind and healing touch, a wise counsel, a  
leadership of honor, and a source of  
inspiration to all who know him.*

*His heart and hands have been a comfort to many.*

1916—1971

District IV — TOMA

May 30, 1971

Dr. Fisher gives credit to Dr. Ted Alexander and Dr. Rountree for the research they did in compiling the book of remembrances. Dr. Rountree enclosed a capsule biography of Dr. Peterson with his letter, printed in part herewith:

Fifty-five years of continuous osteopathic medical service by Dr. Ralph H. Peterson of Wichita Falls was recognized in Abilene May 30 by members of District IV, TOMA at a luncheon at the Abilene Country Club hosted by Dr. Joe Alexander.

The special meeting featured Dr. Peterson's professional life, as Dr. Wiley B. Rountree emceed the program and members of the District presented phases of his life in a biographical panorama. A composite book commemorating "*This Is Your Life, Dr. Ralph H. Peterson*", was presented to him by the District, along with a plaque which noted his enviable record of service.

Coincidental to his 55-year osteopathic service anniversary was Dr. Peterson's birthday on May 31st—his 81st—and June 3 marked the beginning of his 56th year of osteopathic service, since he graduated from the American School of Osteopathy on that date in 1916.

Following his graduation, Dr. Peterson served an internship at the ASO Hospital in Kirksville, and received his first license to practice osteopathic medicine in Saginaw, Michigan immediately thereafter.

As World War I increased in intensity, Dr. Peterson volunteered for service in the U. S. Army Medical Corp. He saw active duty in Europe where he served in an evacuation hospital of the St. Mehiel and Meuse-Argonne fronts. After the armistice was signed he was stationed with the Army of Occupation in Coblenz, Germany where he was in charge of a hospital unit. He was honorably discharged in July, 1919.

That same month Dr. Peterson located his practice in Henrietta, Texas, but within a few months moved to Wichita Falls and entered a partnership with Dr. A. O. Scharff.

In 1925 Dr. Peterson took a brand-new graduate from Kirksville, Dr. Ted R. Krohn, as a partner and they have practiced together since that time.

Dr. Peterson was born in Monroe, Iowa May 31, 1890, and went to high school there. His father, a Danish horticulturist and landscape specialist who had studied at the Royal Botanical Gardens of Copenhagen, emigrated to New Ulm, Minnesota in 1871. His mother was the daughter of a Lutheran Evangelical minister and of German stock that had come to Pennsylvania in 1734.

A graduate of Tarkio College, Tarkio, Missouri, Dr. Peterson was a star athlete, as well as a leader and office holder in many organizational groups. He continued these activities after entering the American School of Osteopathy in 1912.

He was president of his graduating class of 160 students which marched in a ranked unit to the home of Dr. Andrew Taylor Still who spoke to the class from his porch. The group then returned to the College auditorium for the formal graduation ceremony where Dr. Peterson addressed the class on "Superstition and Therapeutics", a speech that is recorded in the 1916 ASO Yearbook, "The Osteoblast".

One of Dr. Peterson's most important professional responsibilities has been his 24 years of service on the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners. First appointed by Governor James Allred in 1935 for a period of six years, he was again appointed to this Board by Governor Beauford Jester in 1947. He was reappointed by Governor Allan Shivers in 1953 and by Governor Price Daniel in 1959. He served as vice president of the Board for seven and a half years out of the 24.

Following postgraduate study in 1936 in Berlin and Vienna, Dr. Peterson taught EENT at the annual sessions of the Denver Polyclinic and Postgraduate School. In 1944 he received the Honorary Degree of Master of Science from this school.

Dr. Peterson served as president of the Texas Osteopathic Medical Association in 1929-30 and was a delegate from Texas to the AOA House for 20 years. He also served as an AOA trustee for three years. He was chairman of the TOMA Public Health Committee for four years and was a TOMA trustee for 15 years. He has served as president of his district twice.

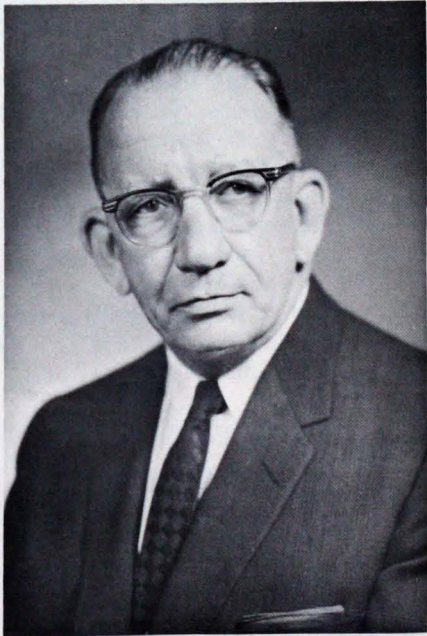
In 1960 he received the General Practitioner of the Year Award given by the Texas Society of General Practitioners in Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery. In 1962 he was named a Fellow in the College of General Practice of the AOA.

*[Editor's note: When we called Dr. Peterson's office in July to check on a date in the above, we found him so busy with his practice of medicine that our questions and his answers had to be relayed through his nurse!]*



*Left, a photo of Dr. Peterson from the TOMA archives—undated. Our guess is that it's from his presidential year — 1929-30. What's yours?*

*The picture at right of Dr. Peterson is well documented. We found it was first printed in the May, 1960 issue of this JOURNAL on the occasion of his having been named G.P. of the Year.*



When Dr. Ralph H. Peterson resigned from the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners in 1965, that Board passed a resolution in his honor, reviewing his services to it and including much biographical material.

Since the biographical material is printed elsewhere in this issue, the following is excerpted from that resolution:

"WHEREAS: Ralph H. Peterson, D.O., has declined to be a candidate for reappointment to the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners, we, the remaining Members thereof, wish to express our appreciation of his long and distinguished service to the people of Texas through his membership on this Board. . . .

"As befits a man of his character and attainments, he has been the recipient of many honors and responsibilities from church, civic organizations, lodges, clubs and social and service groups. . . .

"His profession has bestowed upon him virtually every honor within its purview. . . .

"Dr. Peterson has entered into the deliberations of this Board with mature wisdom and understanding of its many problems. His opinions have been sought and respected by his fellow members. As Vice President of the Board for 7½ years, he has presided with dignity and fairness toward the viewpoint of each Board Member. With genuine regret, his fellow Board Members now contemplate the termination of association with him which has been both rewarding and pleasant.

"NOW BE IT RESOLVED that this resolution be spread upon the Minutes of this Board, and that copies thereof be sent to Dr. and Mrs. Peterson; to the Central Office of the Texas Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons, and to the Central Office of the American Osteopathic Association."

The foregoing resolution was signed by each of the 12 members of the Board and was dated August 13, 1965.



# TMA Overture Just Bear Hug to TOMA

by Lee Jones

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas osteopaths have smarted for many years because medical doctors labeled them "cultists" and treated them as second-class physicians.

But many osteopaths now are spurning advances from the Texas Medical Association, which is ready to recognize them as full-fledged doctors.

The osteopaths say, often in angry tones, that the M.D.s' embrace would be a bear hug, intended to squeeze the breath out of their profession.

Both osteopaths and medical doctors take the same licensing examinations and receive unrestricted licenses to practice medicine from the Texas Board of Medical Examiners.

The TMA's top officials say osteopaths receive about the same education as medical doctors, and the TMA is looking for ways to convert Doctor of Osteopathy (D.O.) degrees to Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) sheepskins.

"It's part of the AMA (American Medical Association) plan to absorb the osteopathic profession and we're against it," Tex Roberts, executive director of the Texas Osteopathic Medical Association, said of the TMA's new approach.

"That's not the object," retorts Dr. James H. Sammons of Baytown, TMA president.

Osteopaths and medical doctors differ mainly in the emphasis that osteopaths place on the body's system of bones—including the spine—and muscles as a key to disease. Osteopaths also employ manipulation to a greater extent in treatment.

The usual treatment of osteopaths by medical doctors was illustrated a few months ago when Gov. Preston Smith suffered stomach pains late one night.

His family doctor, osteopath Elmer Baum, drove him to St. David's Hospital.

When they arrived at the hospital, a medical doctor was called in to take over the case since St. David's has a rule against allowing osteopaths to treat patients there.

Austin's four largest hospitals all limit staff privileges to M.D.s.

Official TMA attitudes began changing four years ago.

In 1967, the TMA's House of Delegates approved an official statement that "doctors of osteopathy who practice scientific medicine on an ethical basis are not cultists."

The following year, the TMA's Board of Councilors issued a far-reaching interpretation of that statement, saying M.D.s could consult osteopaths and even bring them in to assist in operations.

It was left to individual medical doctors to decide if osteopaths whom they wished to consult were practicing ethical and scientific medicine. And finally, the TMA will vote next year on an amendment to its constitution that would allow osteopaths to join the TMA.

Further TMA recognition of osteopaths also is in the works.

"The TMA is going to make recommendations to all medical schools in Texas, hopefully before the end of the summer, on mechanisms by which the school could evaluate each individual for the purpose of converting his degree to an M.D.," Sammons said in an interview.

Sammons said there was a "drive" for this from the "young and young-middle-aged" osteopaths.

Roberts said in an interview that his organization views the medical association primarily "as a political group" which is "dedicated to killing the doctor of osteopathy." He said he doubted many osteopaths would want to join the TMA.

"The doctor of osteopathy feels he earned his degree as a D.O. and is so recognized by the government and health insurance carriers and is perfectly capable of running his own show," Roberts said. "An organizational monopoly over the affairs and minds of physicians is unsound anyway—it's not in the public interest. . . . It borders on slander when they invite the D.O. into the mainstream of medicine—he already is in the mainstream."

Sammons said he had no idea why the osteopaths' association opposes the TMA's efforts to attract D.O.s "other than that if the two professions are amalgamated, somebody isn't going to be president of something."

The TMA's reference committee on scientific work indicated this year that the TMA indeed might be trying to kill off osteopathy as a separate profession.

"The prevailing opinion from the discussion (of osteopathy) was that incorporation as members into the Texas Medical Association of those osteopaths who practice ethical and scientific medicine and who were otherwise qualified would be a means for the eventual

elimination of osteopathy due to decreasing support of osteopathic schools," the committee said in a report.

In the same report, the committee said osteopaths made grades similar to those of M.D.s on licensing tests given by the State Board of Medical Examiners.

"Recent graduates of modern schools of osteopathy have training very similar to graduates of bona fide medical schools," the committee added.

Sammons said it was "wasteful" and "ridiculous" to have such "duplications" of services as separate osteopathic schools and hospitals.

Roberts said, however, that osteopaths have their own philosophy of medicine that stresses general practice while medical doctors tend toward specialization.

Osteopaths slowly are being admitted to the staffs of some medical hospitals in Texas.

Bob English of the Texas Hospital Association estimated 15 or 20 hospitals out of 600 have "mixed

staffs" of medical doctors and osteopaths.

The mixed staffs "apparently have worked out real well since we have had no negative feedback," English said.

The hospital association's House of Delegates voted two years ago to accept mixed staffs and to give osteopathic hospitals all association privileges and services except voting rights.

A new state law provides state aid to the fledgling Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine in Fort Worth, with the State College Coordinating Board administering the program.

Lawmakers appropriated \$150,000 for the coming fiscal year for "Texas osteopathic scholarships."

Dr. Bevington Reed, state commissioner of higher education, said he hopes to make a recommendation to the coordinating board August 27, on the osteopathic college program.

## TCOM First Class is "*First Class*"!



TEXAS COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE  
SOPHOMORES

*Back Row: left to right—Gilbert E. Greene, Sweetwater; Sterling Lewis, New Market, Maryland; Ronald Paul Livingston, Comanche, David A. Ray, Bridgeport; Nelda Cuniff, Fort Worth; Robert G. Holston, Lubbock; Robert J. Breckenridge, Mesquite; Weldon Eugene Bond, Irving; Thomas David Wiman, Brenham; Terry L. Parvin, Cleburne; Shelley M. Howell, Temple; and Kenneth J. Brock, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.*

*Front Row: seated, left to right—John Williams, Arlington; Ronald D. Sherbert, Van; Ron L. Daniels, Fort Worth; Jobey D. Claborn, Amarillo; John L. Sessions, Mansfield; Jesse R. Ramsey, Fort Worth; and Charles D. Vogler, Sheffield, Alabama.*

Nineteen of the original twenty TCOM freshmen students were advanced to the second year when the spring semester was finished on June 25.

Dean Henry B. Hardt expressed gratification with the high percentage of students promoted to the sophomore year.

The dean announced that TCOM attained provisional accreditation by the AOA during the July meeting in Denver. He said the college has been approved to accept 32 freshmen students when classes resume on September 2.

Dean Hardt said that the 1971-72 freshman class has been selected by the admissions committee. In addition to 32 new students seven alternates have been nominated. More than 300 applications were considered by the committee, according to Dr. Hardt.

In addition to Texas, which will supply a majority of students, four other states will be represented in TCOM's second class. They are Nevada, New Mexico, New York and Ohio.

The dean said that a student roster will be released in late August. An announcement naming new faculty members will also be released at that time.

# Texas Delegates Report

by Richard M. Hall, D.O.

Report of AOA Bureau of Finance to the House of Delegates:

I attended all sessions of the AOA House of Delegates, reference committee on public affairs and professional affairs. The AOA Bureau of Finance reported the total estimated income budget 1970-71 was \$2,979,250. The actual income was \$2,795,464.57. The total budget income expense estimated was \$3,105,420. Actual expense was \$2,904,654.95 with operations deficit of \$109,190.37. Budget years 1969-1970 and 1970-1971 have all been in the red. The primary cause of the deficit is the loss of advertising income.

It is anticipated that the income of 1971-1972 will be decreased some more. All departments and bureaus instituted austerity programs to hold spending to a minimum. The 1971-1972 budget income is \$2,590,050 with an estimated budget expense of \$2,684,295, a deficit of \$94,245.

An increase in dues of \$25 per year was recommended by the Bureau of Finance and the Board of Trustees. The House gave approval for dues increase.

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by Robert G. Haman, D.O.

This being my first meeting as a delegate from Texas to the AOA House, I am happy to report that for the most part your delegation was in 100 per cent attendance, and that they represented TOMA with great enthusiasm and were 100 per cent for Osteopathy and its preservation as a separate and complete school of medicine.

The elders of our delegation were very well organized and their rapport with all other states was very refreshing.

Transactions in the House were well coordinated and AOA Vice Speaker, Dr. Sam Ganz, performed in his usual efficient way. He kept us very well informed as to the happenings in all parts of House

activities. Our delegation had repeated get-togethers where we exchanged information and had collective discussions and, when voting was necessary, a lot of good deliberation brought forth rewarding results.

Under specific assignment I was fortunate to attend the Public Affairs Committee meeting July 11, chaired by Dr. Donald E. Woods, who conducted a very outstanding hearing on all resolutions. This meeting was an open hearing and was very well attended by many other delegates.

Following is a summary on the bills considered at the Public Affairs hearing:

*Resolution No. 803: Disaffiliation of American Osteopathic Historical Society [Submitted by the Board of Trustees].*

This was headed by Dr. Wallace Pearson who spoke for disaffiliation, as he said this Society had not been productive in recent years and that the \$250 budgeted for it could be used to better advantage elsewhere.

Committee recommendation: Disaffiliation. House concurred with committee recommendation.

*Resolution No. 812: National Osteopathic Seal Program [Submitted by New Jersey Association].*

Dealt with improvement of the Program's reporting mechanism in the belief that improved communications would help intensify local efforts. In discussion it was brought out that expenses of the Program ran to 34 per cent of its income and it was the feeling that the costs of the methods proposed by the NJAOP&S would not result in a proportionate increase in income.

Committee recommendation: Disapproval. House concurred with committee recommendation.

*Resolution No. 814: Preventive Health Care [Submitted by New York Association].*

Resolution requested that the House direct the Board of Trustees to develop and implement the concept of "Public-Interest Physicians". In discussion the

need for preventive health care in the area of nutrition and environmental controls, and the need for educating special physicians in their specific fields of preventive medicine was brought out. Other delegates thought that this is and should be done more intensely by each physician in this field. It was expressed that the need might be present, but the funding of such a plan might be prohibitive.

Committee recommendation: That this resolution be referred to the Bureau of Comprehensive Health Planning for creation of a task force and/or pilot study. House concurred with committee recommendation.

*Resolution No. 815: Annual meeting of Divisional Society Secretaries and Public Relations Chairmen [Submitted by Texas Association].*

This resolution was concerned with restoring the annual state officers' meeting and the seminar of public relations chairmen. It was reported that these meetings had been eliminated because of the expense, but that it should be a top priority item to be reestablished as soon as funds were available.

Committee action: Recommendation of adoption of resolution in principle, and implementation when economically feasible. House concurred with committee recommendation.

*Resolution No. 816: Proposed AOA Name Change [Submitted by Texas Association].*

In discussion it was stated that it would cost \$50,000 to change the name. The Association's attorney, Mr. Stiegman, brought out reasons for the figure regarding a taxation problem.

Committee recommendation: Disapproval. House concurred with committee recommendation.

*Resolution No. 830: AOA Endorsement of Medical Assistants Certification and Study Program [Submitted by Missouri Association].*

This resolution asked for a study of such a program by the AOA and, if found

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# A7OMA News



## DISTRICT II

by Mrs. Joel Alter

Mrs. Bill Puryear of 3425 Denton Highway, Fort Worth, is the 1971-72 President of the Auxiliary to District II, Texas Osteopathic Medical Association. Other officers are Mrs. W. A. Griffith, President-Elect; Mrs. D. L. Eakin, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Michael Riley, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Kenneth Slaton, Treasurer.



Mrs. Carl Everett will serve as Parliamentarian and Mrs. Don Davis as Historian. Other committee chairmen are Mrs. Jim Bettis, Yearbook; Mrs. Richard Leech, Program; Mrs. Tom Turner, Social and Convention; Mrs. J. H. Black, Courtesy; Mrs. Joel Alter, Public Relations; Mrs. W. A. Griffith, Membership; Mrs. George Pease, Liaison; Mrs. R. N. Rawls, Osteopathic

Funds; Mrs. R. L. Stratton, Public Health and Education; Mrs. Al Pressley, Scholarship Ball; Mrs. Frank Wheeler, Women's Federation; Mrs. W. W. Bailes and Mrs. Hugo Ranelle, Student Wives Advisors; Mrs. George Luibel, Auditing; Mrs. Wendell Gabier, Mrs. Kenneth Slaton and Mrs. James Linton, Budget.

District II Auxiliary works at assisting the local branch of the Texas Osteopathic Medical Association in its programs, promoting public health programs and aiding osteopathic education. Members come from as far as Denton and Granbury, though the main concentration is in the Fort Worth area.

Highlights of the coming year for the auxiliary are the Annual Scholarship Ball to be held in February and the Texas Osteopathic Medical Association Convention to be held in Fort Worth in May.

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# The Need is THERE!

When an editor receives very little mail from the recipients of his publication, he naturally wonders whether it is being read—and/or if it is making any impression on his readers.

When we are short of space (and there are no paper stretchers on the market!) we are sometimes inclined to delete the page of opportunities for osteopathic physicians in Texas. Then our spirits are raised when we receive a copy of a newspaper from a small community which has asked us to run an item on that page to tell our membership of a crying need for a doctor—and find that the call for help was answered.

Although the community leaders, or the person who asked us to run the item, seldom write us again, it is a pleasure to read of that community's sincere welcome to a D.O. who has answered its plea.

We could only wish that there were enough D.O.s to go around. Too many of these small communities are almost completely without medical care. If a few of our urban area D.O.s realized how much their services would be appreciated in these smaller communities, they might be more inclined to leave the hustle and bustle of the cities and locate in a small friendly community where—although they would probably work even longer hours than they do now—their patients would be their friends and neighbors and would be just as concerned for the doctor's welfare as he is for theirs.

Admittedly, some of these communities are short on recreational and cultural facilities, but in this space age, such facilities are usually only minutes or a few short hours away.

Some TV stations run a spot announcement regularly which says, "It's 10:00 p.m. Do you know where your children are?" In a small community you might be able to answer this question more positively than in a city.

The osteopathic profession has been proud to carry the appellation of "family doctor", but we are wondering how much longer this will apply with so many of our young doctors turning to urban practice, perhaps not knowing what pleasures and satisfactions can be gained in the practice of family medicine in a small community.

We hope some of our recently graduated interns will at least look over the opportunities such communities provide.

All your strength is in union. All your danger is in discord.

LONGFELLOW

## AMALGAMATION ISSUE

## FAILS IN MISSOURI

The Missouri House of Representatives killed a proposed bill which would have required the State Board of Registration for the Healing Arts to recognize M.D. degrees granted solely on the basis of earned D.O. degrees.

The measure, introduced by Representatives Kenneth Rothman, counsel for the American Association for Physicians and Surgeons, Inc., and Guss C. Salley, D.O., of Warsaw, Missouri was defeated on second reading, April 28, by a vote of 20-86.

Local radio reports quoted portions of the House debate in which the measure was deemed a "subterfuge to effect amalgamation of the professions."

Both M.D.s and D.O.s throughout the state helped defeat the bill by writing and telephoning their representatives.

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# What Do You Think, Doctor?

by Edward H. Borman, Executive Secretary, Missouri Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons

The fundamental goals of the Missouri Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons over the years have been to secure and maintain the broadest practice rights for the profession in Missouri, to educate the public as to what osteopathy is, and to encourage the improvement and elevation of health care in Missouri. The Association has worked toward these important goals since its formation in 1897.

These goals continue to be of great importance to the Association and profession. Yet, we wonder if one additional purpose should not be assigned a high priority.

Government, both state and federal, is subsidizing various committees and agencies having as their function the shaping and design of health care in the future. Organization of health care providers, the delivery of care, and the methods of financing are all being considered now. Undoubtedly, with the public outcry concerning deficiencies in availability of care and the rising costs, decisions will be made and actions taken directly affecting physicians' practices.

It is our opinion that a high priority in Association goals and purposes must be given to the involvement in these planning activities and decisions. Association

members are entitled to be represented in each planning group. The members are entitled to be kept informed. And, most important, the members are entitled to be advised as to how they individually will be affected whether involved in rural, city, or group practice, with or without hospital privileges.

How will you as an individual practicing physician fit into the picture of comprehensive health, as now being planned by CHP agencies? What programs of the RMP's are now available to you? Will you be able to participate in Health Maintenance Organizations (HMO) for which federal legislation is now being introduced? These are important, vital questions to doctors in Missouri. Questions to which members are entitled to information.

This is not to say that continued efforts toward previously established goals should not be maintained. An alert eye must be kept on activities in the state legislature and to potential threats from that direction. Efforts must also be continued along the lines of public education. But it is time that a feedback of information to members be provided. We hope that the Board and the assigned committee agrees.

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# LETTERS

## D.O.s MAKE GRADE IN LICENSURE EXAMS

Re "The Life and Times of Dr. H. George Grainger"

Dear Tex:

The George Grainger issue was great! He well deserves the plaudit.

Richard L. Stratton, D.O.

And from the honoree:

Dear Tex:

You were smart to leave town after *that!* (or perhaps it was *perforce*).

Anyway, whatinell can a guy say after a spread like that!

Well, I know at last what the man means who gets accolades and kudos when he says he doesn't deserve it—that there are so many others—etc., etc. Well, he means exactly what he says. I think, when I peruse such adulations, "Boy, if you only knew the truth"—etc., etc.

Anyway, Tex, it *was* Great! And still is. And I have especially you and Ross McKinney to thank.

Yours so very sincerely,

George G.

P.S.: The word "kudos" being singular, what is the plural?

[None of three different dictionaries gives it.—Ed.]

P.P.S.: This ain't no criticism and no craving for more space, but—someone left out that "Letter to the Editor" in *Science* that was supposed to be printed "elsewhere".

[And if our pasteup department doesn't goof again, it is printed "elsewhere" in this issue!—Ed.]

Dear Mr. Roberts:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, and the members of the TOMA, for the continual interest that you have shown in me and the other Texas students. The yearly labors to procure the legislative scholarship support, are most appreciated. Without this aid, I would not be able to meet my financial obligations here at KCOS.

I enjoy receiving the *Journal* every month. The section "Make Your Move — Greener Fields" is especially exciting. I and my family are eager to get back home.

Thanks again, and I'll see you in a year.

John T. O'Connor, Jr.

Dear Tex:

Looking forward to meeting you in the future. I missed you somehow at the convention. I appreciated your remarks in the *Star Telegram* this Sunday. Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,

Ted C. Alexander, Jr., D.O.  
Wichita Falls

Osteopathic physicians had the lowest percentage of failure of all physicians taking state medical licensure examinations in 1970, according to statistics published in the June 14, 1971 *Journal of the AMA*.

Only 1.5% (six of 401) D.O.s who were examined by 13 medical boards during the year failed the examination. By contrast, 9.3% of graduates of approved U. S. medical schools failed.

The failure rate for graduates of approved schools in Canada was 14.0%, while 37.3% of graduates of foreign medical schools failed. The highest percentage of failure, 66.7%, were among graduates of unapproved or extinct medical schools.

Since medical licensure examinations are a generally recognized and accepted criteria for measuring the quality and scope of professional education, we can only conclude from these statistics that D.O.s receive training which is better than that generally provided in other institutions.

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# Letter to another editor

*As acknowledged in a "Letters" column in this issue, we goofed last month when we said in an article concerning Dr. H. George Grainger that a letter to the editor of SCIENCE, written by Dr. Grainger in 1965, was printed "elsewhere in this issue". We thought then—and still do—that it was worth reprinting and follows herewith.—Ed.]*

Before sounding off about a recent reference to osteopathic medicine in this department, I should like to make clear that I think scientific medicine is great and, as a practicing D.O., I gratefully share of its fruits. Scientific medicine belongs, however, to science, not to medicine, and certainly not to any school of medicine. The practice of medicine is, at best, an art. It is more than a collection of techniques, however skilled. I address my thoughts here to osteopathy as a going art.

I am leading up to the letter of John T. Flynn ("The legacy of the Flexner Report", 29 Oct., p. 554) and some of his implications relative to "the kind of care the great mass of American people receive" and who takes care of them. Flynn unceremoniously lumps osteopathy and chiropractic together on the one hand, as opposed to old-school medicine on the other. This is an ancient strategy, used not to encourage thinking but to ring an old Pavlovian bell. (The bell must be cracking; it always used to be osteopathy, chiropractic, and Christian Science). Flynn asserts that the D.O., along with the chiropractor, has "a faulty, to say the least, understanding of pathology," and he makes the rather wild suggestion that these two groups take care of "the great mass of American people" who unlike "the more sophisticated and well-to-do segment of our population," don't know any better.

Flynn wonders if "anyone has ever made a clear-headed study of

the kind of care the great mass of American people receive." The great mass of American people are of course taken care of by the M.D., if only by virtue of his numbers. And I would say, without study, that on the whole he is doing a pretty creditable job; but that were he a little less specialized and a little more generally spread around the great mass would be the gainer, as would he. (It might be of interest that in the osteopathic profession the ratio of general practitioners to the various specialists—including pathologists—is said to be a comfortable three to one).

Regarding the implication that the D.O. must give pretty sorry care because he doesn't know classic pathology, I would remind Flynn of the well-publicized episode of a few years back in which some 2,000 willing D.O.s along with their institutions (including the osteopathic college there, and its faculty), were "taken in" as ostensibly good M.D.s (and a good medical school) by the California medical society under the aegis of the AMA—taken in as is, without any refresher work, in pathology or anything else, the only requisite being \$65 cash in advance. I am not proud of this. I only point it out as evidence of pretty loose thinking on Flynn's part—or somebody's.

I shall have to leave it to someone else—I would hope an educator or an informed researcher in one of the biologic sciences—to make an authoritative reply to Flynn, for I would imagine readers of *Science* are generally less informed, or more misinformed, about osteopathy than about any other of the learned professions. All I know is that the D.O. by virtue of his training, from way back, in the holistic approach (at least in the osteopathic schools I know about) by and large becomes a pretty good family doctor, a pretty good G.P. Many in allopathic medicine pay lip service to the holistic, patient-centered philoso-

phy; not a few embrace it; but only in osteopathic medicine, I would say, has it been taught as a professional way of life. Medical thinkers are concerned about the fragmentation of medical practice into narrow specialty groups and what that trend is doing to patient and doctor alike. As Morris Fishbein says in his editorial, "Gazing into a crystal ball," in the 20 September issue of *Medical World News*, "... if the bright and enterprising medical student were molded into such a (specialty-group-centered) shape the outlook for scientific progress would be dim indeed. The sweeping tendency to undervalue the individual presents a threat to patient and physician alike." So far, at least, osteopathic medicine has, I think, rather successfully resisted this trend.

George Grainger

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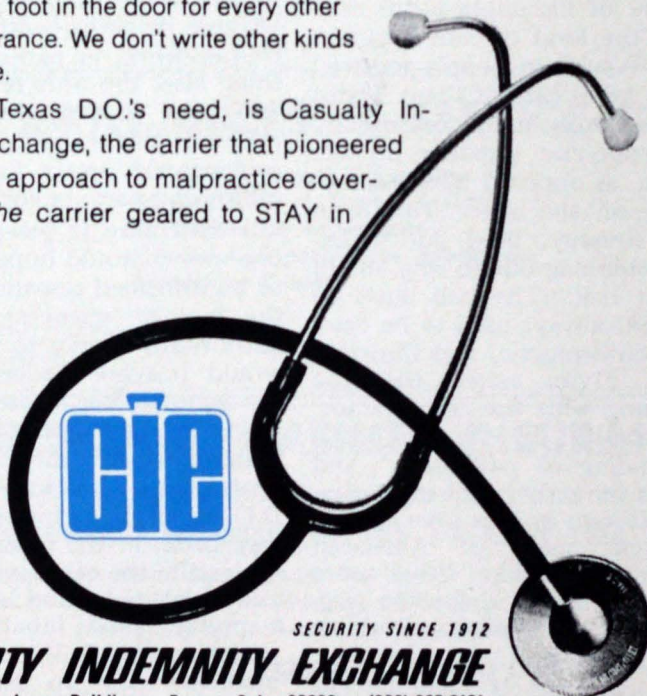
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## In Memoriam

### Dr. W.E. Gorrell

Dr. W. E. Gorrell, who practiced osteopathic medicine in Texas for 45 years, died in Kerrville July 5. Funeral services were held there July 7 and included Masonic graveside services.

A 1923 graduate of the then Andrew Taylor Still School of Osteopathy and Surgery (now KCOM) Dr. Gorrell moved to Corpus Christi in 1926 where he established the Gorrell Hospital which he operated until 1946 when he moved to Kerrville.

He had practiced in Kerrville almost until the time of his death and a few months ago asked the TOMA State Office to run an item in the Opportunities page of this *Journal* stating that he wished to retire and needed a replacement so that his patients could have continued care. He was the only osteopathic physician in Kerrville.

Dr. Gorrell was granted life membership in the AOA in 1963 and was named an honorary life member in TOMA in 1964.

He is survived by his widow and three sons, 13 grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

### DR. BALLARD NAMED FOR SECOND TERM

L. G. Ballard, D.O., of Granbury, has been reappointed to the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners by Gov. Preston Smith for his second six-year term.

Dr. Ballard is a past president of TOMA, former mayor of Granbury and a graduate of KCCOM. He was appointed to the Board in 1965 by Gov. John Connally to succeed R. H. Peterson, D.O., of Wichita Falls.

Others reappointed to the Board are Albert B. Spires, Jr., M.D., of Taylor, and Howard O. Smith, M.D. of Marlin. Max C. Butler, M.D., of Houston was appointed to replace Dr. Clarence S. Kemp of Bryan.

## Selective Service Issues New Rules

Practicing physicians who are essential to their communities may be deferred from the draft under new regulations issued by the Selective Service Commission.

A physician, dentist or allied specialist may be considered essential to the community if he is directly involved in patient care and if his removal would result in an extreme shortage of medical personnel.

Interns and residents may also be eligible for deferment if drafting the physicians "would force the elimination of a critically important professional service to members of the community served by the hospital."

The new ruling will not change the number of physicians each state is required to provide. Individuals desiring deferment will be evaluated by medical advisory committees in the area in which they are employed.

This judgment will be passed on to the local draft board which will make the final determination on whether to grant the deferment. The deferment is not permanent but rather only until the community can find a replacement for the draft-eligible physician. This should be no longer than one year, and the community must show proof of trying to obtain a replacement.

The new ruling applies to 77 D.O.s who are subject to the latest draft call, many of whom are now receiving notices.

## AMA CONTINUES TO LOSE MEMBERS

The report that the American Medical Association has become a minority organization for the first time in at least a half century should evoke more than passing attention within the osteopathic profession.

In recent months an estimated 9,000 M.D.s in New York state dropped AMA membership. This loss, coupled with others in Nebraska, Nevada, Montana and Mississippi, have skidded the association's membership below 50% of U. S. medical doctors.

Dr. Wesley W. Hall, AMA's new President, noted in his inaugural speech that the association is losing members who are highly critical of the AMA and are seeking answers elsewhere.

He urged the House of Delegates to convene a constitutional convention to modernize the 124-year-old association's policies and practices since, he said, AMA needs overhauling to keep it "alive and vigorous."

Many M.D.s who are critical of the AMA are concerned about the same problems as the association, Dr. Hall said, "but I am sure it must seem to them that we are not working hard and fast enough to find solutions."

Membership cancellations, according to "Medical News Report," are costing the AMA more than \$1 million in dues, a loss which can only partly be compensated for by the association's increase of \$654,504 in advertising revenues last year.

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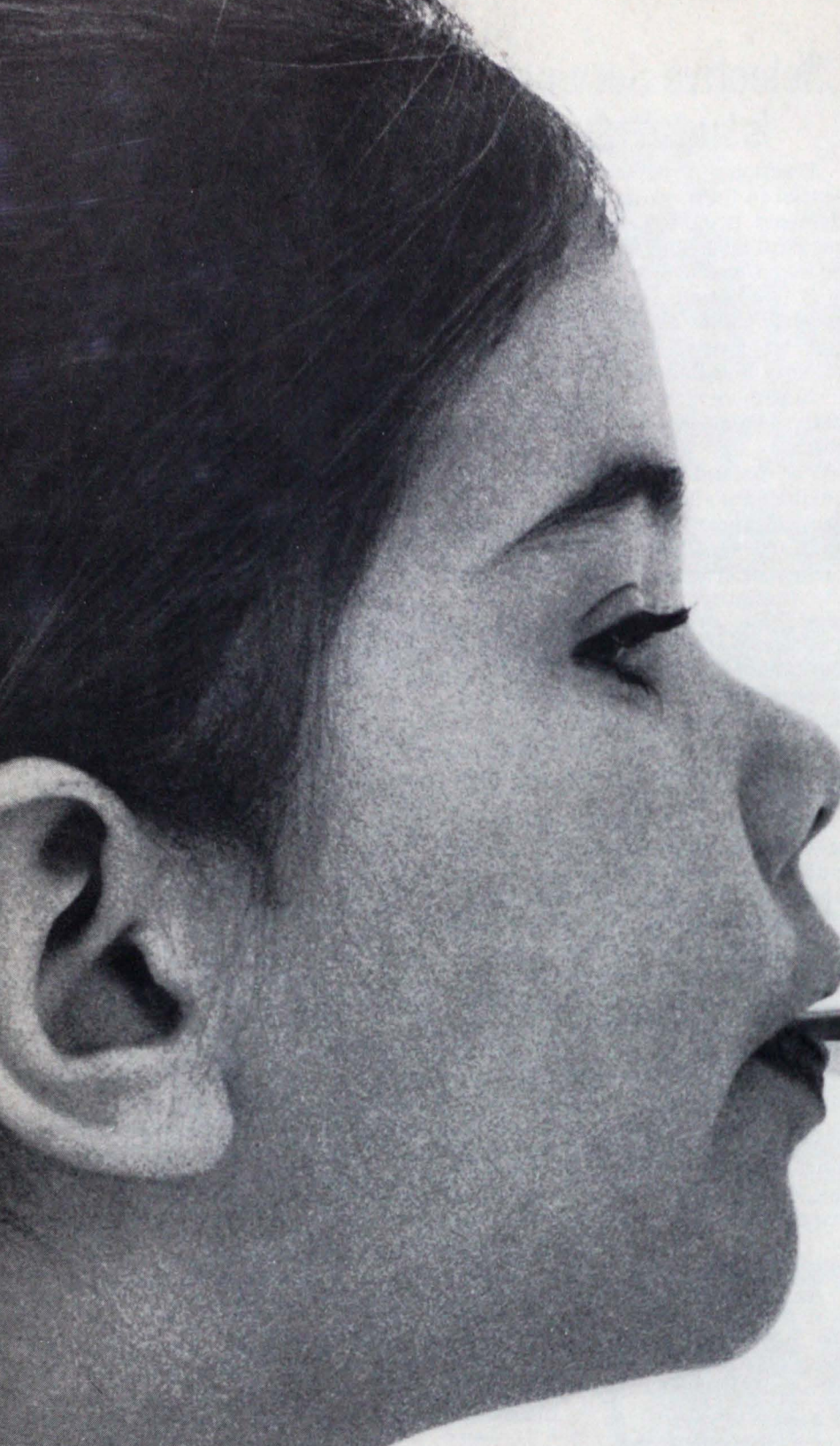
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# A Deficiency Disease

by George W. Northup, D.O.

One of the problems of contemporary medical life is a deficiency disease which we physicians have allowed to develop. In fact, there is good evidence that we have even encouraged its development. The deficiency exists between what we have allowed the public to believe are attainable health-care goals and what we can actually accomplish. The deficiency disease, therefore, is the large gap between expectation and realization.

It would seem to me that the time has come when segments of organized medicine, of which the AOA is one, develop a system of priorities rather than flitting from problem to problem with "Band-Aid" attention.

It would seem logical for the organizations of medicine to very clearly state what can be done and then be equally straightforward about those things which cannot be accomplished immediately.

The medical expectations of the public have sometimes been so flattering that we have hated to deny

them. But our failure to bring these expectations down to earthly reality has come back to haunt us. The organizations of medicine and individual physicians should be both scientific and humanitarian. If we cannot correct at once the shortage of physicians, the rising costs of medical care, the diminishing flow of financial capital into the health-care industry, the evils of the present health-care delivery system, the intricacies and faults of the present medical-care payment system, and the ever-lengthening list of "urgent" priorities, we should say so.

The deficiency gap which exists between public expectation and the health industry's capacity to produce must be reviewed and reported in a more realistic manner or the hostility between producer and consumer will continue to grow and become destructively acute.

The physician in his office and the physician in his organization can do much in treating this socioeconomic "deficiency disease". It requires immediate attention.

## NO "GREENER FIELDS" FOR DR. McANALLY

An osteopathic physician and surgeon who has been waiting on Fort Worthians for 45 years offices in Suite 1628 of the Commerce Building.

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"Scaffolds were still on the building when I moved in," recalls Dr. McAnally. He formerly officed at 5th and Main.

Dr. McAnally started practicing in Alice, Texas, in 1923 and came to Fort Worth in 1926.

A native of Van Alstyne in north central Texas, Dr. McAnally graduated from Kirkville College of Osteopathy and Surgery in Missouri.

He is a former president of the North Texas Association of Osteo-

pathic Physicians and Surgeons and first vice president of the Texas Osteopathic Medical Association.

He was elected a Fellow of The American College of General Practitioners in Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery in 1955.

Among other awards, he holds The Selective Service Medal awarded by Congress for his service on a draft board during World War II.

Dr. McAnally also organized the Texas State Guard "back in the forties" and as a lieutenant colonel commanded a brigade medical section.

He is on the staff of Fort Worth Osteopathic Hospital.

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## DELEGATES REPORT

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feasible, endorse a program to set up training, certification and the formation of an official group of physicians' assistants. In general discussion it was brought out that expense might be a factor and, also, that this is already under consideration by the Committee on Allied Health Education of the AOA. The obvious fact of liability was brought out and no conclusion was reached.

Committee recommendation: That this resolution be referred to the Committee on Allied Health Education. House concurred with committee recommendation.

Resolution No. 832: Task Force on Drug Dependence [Submitted by Pennsylvania Association].

Concerned improving and intensifying the educational and practical application training of the public at all levels about drug abuse. In discussion it was brought out that the AOA (under the Bureau of Comprehensive Health Planning) already has a task force in this field.

Committee recommendation: That the resolution be amended by deleting the last two resolves on SD-849 and the entire page SD-850 and adopt. House concurred with committee recommendation.

In closing, I would like to say that I appreciated the opportunity of representing Texas as a delegate to the AOA House.

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# Dr. Geske Takes Residency

Dr. G. K. Geske resigned his post as Civil Defense Medical Officer July 1 to begin a three year residency in ophthalmology at Oklahoma Osteopathic Hospital in Tulsa.

Dr. Geske has been the Grand Prairie Civil Defense Medical Officer since 1964 and was awarded a plaque from the city of Grand Prairie for his contributions and activities to the community in the area of disaster preparedness and planning by Mayor Joe Colwell and members of the city council.

The award was given to Dr. Geske at the suggestion of Fire Chief Bob Langford. "Because of

Dr. Geske's dedication and enthusiasm toward the civil defense program in Grand Prairie and especially the medical aspect of it, our program has become one of the best in the state.

"We had a good medical self help program before he came—he has just stimulated it and done a very fine job in operating it since he's been here."

In a letter to the city commission Langford said, "Dr. Geske was appointed Civil Defense Medical Officer and Deputy Director seven years ago. He has devoted on the average 50 hours or more each year to Civil Defense. Under his leader-

ship and guidance approximately 300 local citizens, 300 boy scouts, and over 5,000 school students have been trained in life-saving under the Medical Self Help program. The Medical Self Help program has been without a doubt the most successful Civil Defense program."

Langford also explained that Dr. Geske was instrumental in Grand Prairie acquiring a 200-bed packaged disaster hospital with Mid-Cities Hospital as administrator, and a medical emergency services plan for Grand Prairie which needs only the commission's approval to be in effect.

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## Students Need Solid Background

by Lloyd L. Hall, Executive Secretary

Kansas State Osteopathic Association

When visiting recently with some junior students at the Kansas City College of Osteopathic Medicine (the new name) I discovered that not one of them had ever read, or been exposed to, any of the books or writings of Dr. A. T. Still. They had never seen his autobiography or the 1910 text, "Osteopathy, Research and Practice," or any of the other publications which would help provide the historical basis for this profession.

Maybe these were exceptional students. Maybe the books were available and were a part of their courses and they didn't know it. Maybe the other students in this and other colleges are familiar with these books. Maybe there are other courses designed to give them this information, without use of these texts. Maybe.

But if these are typical of our students, how can they possibly have a comprehensive knowledge of the fundamentals of this profession?

Many students come into college with, at best, a hazy knowledge of why this profession was organized, and what it may have to offer in the health field that other professions may not have to offer. These students need a solid course which would help provide them with this information. If a man is to become an osteopathic physician, he needs not only the formalized courses in medicine routinely taught in all medical colleges. He needs also a complete understanding of the profession itself, and the means by which an osteopathic physician can provide his specialized talents to those who need his services.

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# We're doing something

by H. George Grainger, D.O.

Dr. Neal Pock is a new addition to Doctors-Memorial Hospital staff, having arrived in Tyler with wife Jane and four beautiful children from a Kirksville internship July 5. Neal has joined the Broadway Clinic group. (I "charitably" called him right away in on consultation on a long standing paraplegia case, and he surprised and delighted me by pointing out several avenues of further study I had senilely neglected to pursue.)

Energetic and personable Dave Buckholtz is fixing up L. D. Lynch's old clinic in north Tyler and will have opened for business 'ere this is read. Dr. Buckholtz, an acquisition from Dallas about a year ago, has been with Broadway Clinic.

Busy, busy L. D. Lynch has had perforce to slow down a bit since experiencing a bad spell while out fishing off Freeport early July. *Lester* has been real sick, but is now improving nicely at Doctors-Memorial as this is scribed. Dr. Lynch is celebrated as the doctor-with-the-best-equipped-doctor's-bag-in-east-Texas. I mean it has *everything* in it, and always right at his fingertips.

World's Champion Angler Carl List and lovely wife Voncelle recently returned to home base after fishing again in Mexican waters. . . . Dick Cordes, less exalted but just as fervent a fisherman, left late July with wife Allison for a two-week spell of trout fishing among the rushing waters of Colorado.

## DR. GANZ REELECTED TO VICE SPEAKERSHIP

At the July House of Delegates annual meeting in Denver, Dr. Sam Ganz was reelected vice speaker of that body.

Other Texans serving in official AOA positions include two members of the Board of Trustees, Dr. George H. Luibel and Dr. John Burnett.

## NEW PREXY AT COMS

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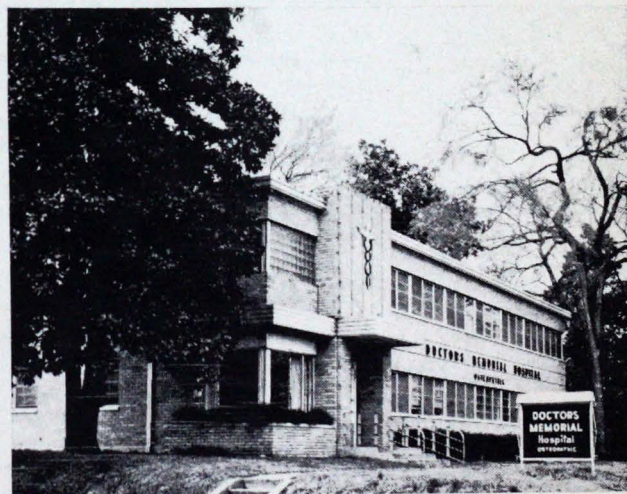
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