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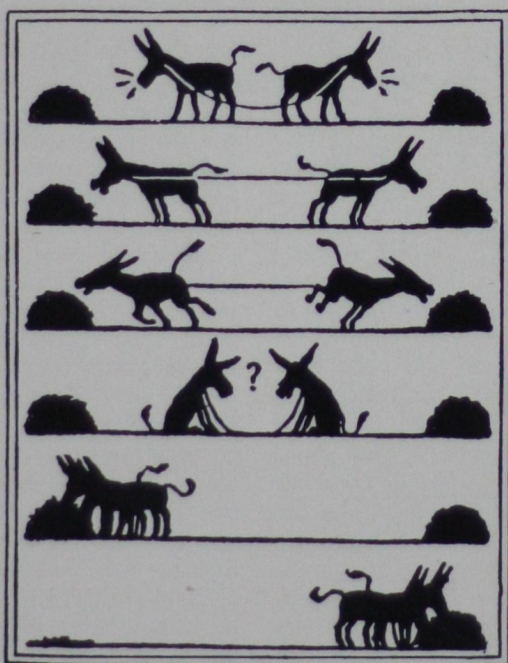
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Will the Profession be as Smart as These Two Mules?

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Medico-Legal

(A discussion of *Bowles et al v. Bourdon et al. Supreme Court of Texas, March 16, 1949, 219 S.W. 2d 778*), by STEPHEN L. MAYO, Attorney of Dallas, Texas

It was hot on the afternoon of July 16, 1941. Four year old Harry Bowles didn't mind the heat. He was playing piggy-back with his sister who was about a year older. He slipped, slid and fell off. It was just a little fall—about two feet. But it was enough for him to fracture his left arm just above the elbow. About an hour later, the physician, who was soon to be confronted with a Volkmann's contracture—and a lawsuit—felt for the pulse but could find none. There was some hemorrhage with blueness around the elbow and the arm was somewhat swollen. X-rays were taken and studied. The doctor administered an anaesthetic and set the injured arm, bringing the lower arm up against the upper arm, binding them together by wrapping bandage and tape around them to form a cone shape. Then he took another X-ray to determine that the broken bones were properly set. Now the pulse could be felt.

Harry's mother left the hospital with the child about 7:30 that evening to go home. Harry's father, who had not been called from his work, got home that night about 10:15. The father and mother together examined the boy and discovered that "His hand was turning very blue and his finger nails were very

purple. His fingers and hand were cold, it seemed like all of the circulation was leaving his hand and naturally it turned cold and blue."

Late as it was, the mother then telephoned the doctor and told him that the hand "was awfully blue and ice cold." She asked if the bandage could be too tight "because the hand was so cold." In the courtroom she testified that the doctor told her the hand was all right and that she should not worry about it, but to bring the boy in the next day for an examination. The doctor testified that he did not recall any mention of the hand being discolored and cold. He said, "I think if that had been mentioned, that was too serious for me not to remember. I think I would remember it if it had been brought home to my attention." The only part of the telephone conversation he remembered was that the boy was suffering pain, which he said was to be expected.

The following morning he loosened the bandage by cutting it a little on both sides. Thirty-eight days later, the boy being unable to move his fingers, a bone specialist was called in to take over the case. He found a Volkmann's contracture with the characteristic claw hand and a considerable wasting of the

muscles which draw the hand down to make a fist. The boy had no control over the fingers. As a result of treatment the boy at the time of trial had twenty-five degree movement of his fingers.

Plaintiff's attorneys alleged that the first physician was negligent (1) in binding the area so tightly as to stop blood circulation, thereby bringing about the contracture; (2) in not examining the arm and in not loosening the bandage when notified some four hours after setting the arm that it was blue and the fingernails purple and (3) in failing to recognize or treat the contracture between July 16 and August 21 when the succeeding doctor took over the case.

The trial judge instructed the jury to return a verdict for the defendant physician because plaintiff had failed to support the allegations of negligence with expert testimony showing negligence on the part of the Doctor, and had failed to show that such negligence, if any, was the proximate cause of the plaintiff's injuries.

The Texas Supreme Court said:

"It is definitely settled with us that a patient has no cause of action against his Doctor for malpractice either in diagnosis or recognized treatment, unless he proves by a Doctor of the same school of practice as the defendant (1) that the diagnosis or treatment complained of was such as to constitute negligence and (2) that it was the proximate cause of the patient's injuries."

The Court quoted with approval Justice Taft of Ohio:

"When a case concerns the highly specialized art of treating disease, with respect to which the layman can have no knowledge at all, the Court and the jury must be dependent upon expert evidence. There can be no other guide, and, where want of skill or attention is

not thus shown by expert evidence applied to the facts, there is no evidence of it proper to be submitted to the jury. Again, when the burden of proof is on the Plaintiff to show that the injury was negligently caused by the defendant it is not enough to show the injury, together with the expert opinion that it might have occurred from negligence and many other causes. Such evidence has no tendency to show that negligence did cause the injury."

Wigmore in his work on *Evidence* gives the reason for the rule.

"It happens, however, that in one class of cases, viz., actions against a physician or surgeon for malpractice, the main issue of the defendant's use of suitable professional skill may be a topic calling for expert testimony only; and also that the plaintiff in such action often prefers to rest his case on the mere facts of his sufferings, and to rely upon the jury's untutored sympathies, without attempting specially to evidence the defendant's unskillfulness as the cause of those sufferings. Here the Courts have been obliged to insist on the dictate of simple logic . . . that expert testimony on the main fact in issue must somewhere appear in the plaintiff's whole evidence; and for lack of it the Court may rule . . . that there is not sufficient evidence to go to the jury."

In the instant case the Court of Civil Appeals was of the opinion that the defendant doctor in his testimony concerning what should have been done if the hand turned blue and cold, had himself supplied enough expert testimony on the plaintiff's behalf for the case to have been submitted to the jury on the question of whether he had been negligent. However, both the Court of Civil Appeals and the Texas Supreme Court were

clear that in any event there was no testimony to show that such negligence was the cause of the injury. One physician testified that too tight bandaging could cause the contracture. When asked whether or not there were other causes in addition to a tight bandage which might cause a Volkmann's Contracture, he answered:

"Well, of course, a tight bandage would be one. That is impairment of the venous return or flow. Then in any break you have, to start, of course, a clot and you may have . . . there are certain fascias or different membranes that you have in the elbow and arm where sometimes a clot will come along there and cause a pressure and impair the circulation. Of course, there is a consideration of the fracture either traumatizing, that is, injuring the blood vessels or perhaps pressing on the blood vessels themselves."

The same doctor testified on re-cross examination:

"Q. As I understand the opinion you originally expressed with reference to this particular case was that it was probably that sufficient damage was done at the time of the original injury, as evidenced by the absence of the radial pulse, to have caused the contracture?"

"A. Yes, that would be a good supposition.

"Q. And that may have ensued regardless of any treatment that was given?"

"A. Yes, sir.

"Q. Now, in addition to the traumatic cutting off of the arterial flow, are there not some other causes, some other things that can happen that may cause Volkmann's Contracture, such as traumatic arterial spasm?"

"A. Yes, sir.

* * *

"Q. How about a thrombosis or embolism?"

"A. Thrombosis is the filling up of the blood vessels by a clot of blood. Embolism is a clot floating around which lodges in the blood vessel.

"Q. How about perforation or rupture of the blood vessels?"

"A. Yes that would bring it on."

The Texas Supreme Court said (785):

"We do not find in the testimony we have recounted or elsewhere in the statement of facts any competent evidence that the negligence, if any, of respondent either in binding the boy's arm or in its subsequent treatment was a proximate cause of the Contracture suffered by the patient. All it shows is that what respondent did was not a probable but only a possible cause of the contracture; that it was only one of several things that could have caused the injuries complained of. Therefore, this cause is ruled by the language of Circuit Judge Taft, in *Ewing et al. v. Goode*, supra, 'When the burden of proof is on the plaintiff to show that the injury was negligently caused by the defendant, it is not enough to show the injury, together with the expert opinion that it might have occurred from negligence and many other causes. Such evidence has no tendency to show that negligence did cause the injury.'"

Oddly enough neither the decision in the Court of Civil Appeals nor that in the Texas Supreme Court refers to the defendant or expert witnesses in terms other than "Doctor." The reading of both decisions fails to disclose whether allopaths or osteopaths or members of other schools of practice were involved in the case. There is reason to believe, however, that in the *Bowles* case only allopaths were involved.

REMEMBER!

1. Do not criticize work or result of another Practitioner unless you have all the facts!

2. Immunize !
3. The standard of practice in the community must be met in diagnosis as well as in treatment !
4. Experience proves that it is unwise to leave the patient unattended during labor !
5. Do not do Elective Pelvic Surgery during child bearing age unless it is **PROVED** that patient is not pregnant !
6. There must not be delay in diagnosis of Cancer !

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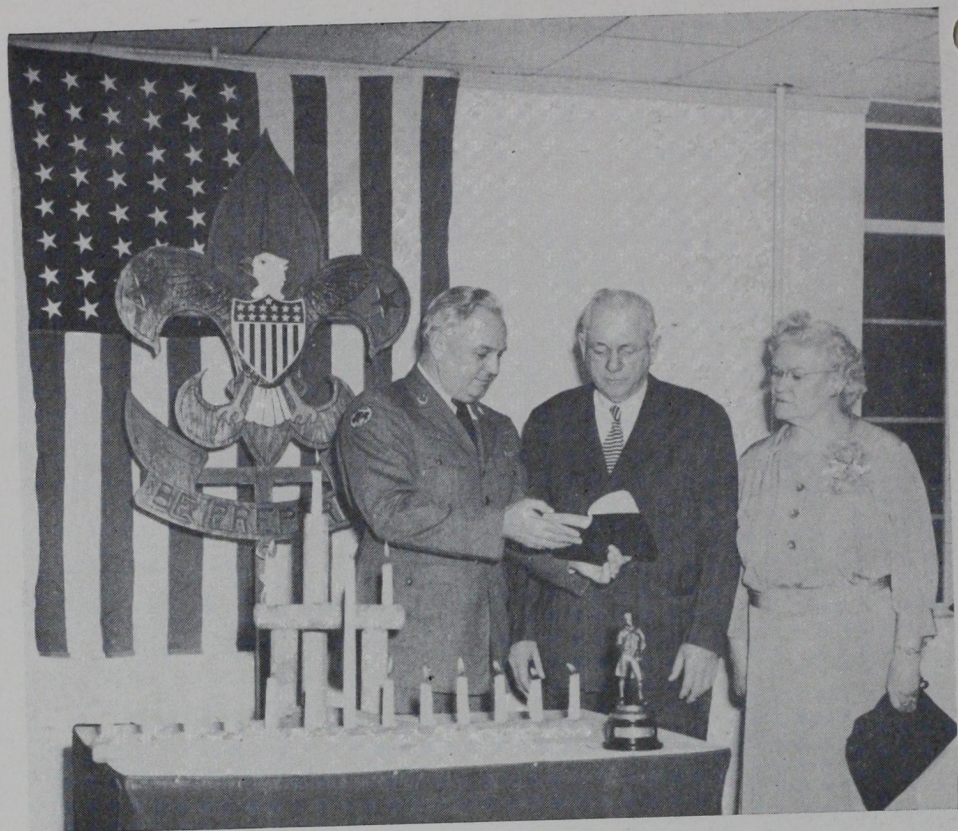
Dr. Gale Seigler, D. O. and Dr. Jas. Fite, D. O., Physicians in Charge

Through the perseverance and industry of the people of Olton, Texas, and the ingenuity of their leaders, their dream of a City Hospital and the services of a full-time physician is now being realized. The Olton Memorial Hospital was to open its doors Saturday, August 20, and Dr. Gale Seigler, formerly of Plainview, was arriving to take charge as physician and surgeon. Later this fall Dr. Seigler will be joined by his partner, Dr. James E. Fite, also of Plainview.

The former Lamb County Courthouse in Olton, vacated in 1945 when the county seat was moved to Littlefield, is being remodeled to serve as a hospital. The building is ideal in construction and location. It was completed in 1923, is of brick and concrete and in excellent repair. Only interior renovation is necessary, and most of the work in preparing the hospital for occupancy is being donated as well as much of the material that is being used. A charter was granted to the town of Olton by the State of Texas on May 16, 1946 after the town-

people and their leaders had raised sufficient funds to show that they were serious in their hospital project. Olton has been without a full time physician for some time, patients having to go to Plainview, Littlefield or Lubbock when they needed the services of a doctor.

Under the terms of the new contract, Dr. Seigler will be allowed his offices and operating space free for a year or for such time as required to complete the hospital. This time can be extended by the Board of Directors, who are mainly interested in providing protection for their community and in making the undertaking a success. Doctors Seigler and Fite will have the full support and cooperation of the people of Olton. The community is fortunate in securing their services and they are to be congratulated upon the opportunity to serve a group of people so obviously alert with respect to their town's progress and appreciative of the medical service which they will receive.



Dr. J. F. Clark Receiving Awards

Left to right: L. L. HOTCHKISS, Presenting the Award, DR. CLARK and MRS. CLARK

Signally Honored

Dr. J. F. Clark, of Greenville, Texas, was honored by the Boy Scouts for his long and faithful service to this organization. Dr. Clark was presented with a Scout Statuette and was given a rebound copy of the Boy Scout Manual which he lent a Boy Scout years ago and which was recently found. Dr. Clark has served the Boy Scouts for many years as a Scout Leader and their Physician. The picture and this story appeared in the Greenville Morning Herald.

As we know Doctor Clark, he was well deserving of any award that he should receive. The Osteopathic profession should be deeply grateful to Dr. Clark for his loyalty to the profession and the many years of service rendered. Dr. Clark has been a consistent and

active member of the National and Texas Associations since 1913 and has missed only four meetings of the Texas Association in his thirty-six years of membership. He has answered every call the Association has ever made upon him and is a great believer in progress, having sponsored an increase in dues each and every time it has been mentioned in order that the organization might more adequately serve the profession and the public.

Dr. Clark graduated from K.C.O.S. in January, 1913. He holds a license by examination in Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas. He located in Greenville, Texas, August 14, 1913. He is a member of the Cavanaugh Methodist Church and has been on the Board of that Church

thirty-four years. He is a member of the Masonic organization. Dr. Clark began Scout work in 1921 and since that time has been active in this organization.

In World War II Dr. Clark served as Captain in the Texas State Guard Medical Corps which trained over three hundred for service.

Dr. Clark has three children: a daughter, Mrs. Chattey, wife of John J. Chattey who is with the Institute of American Affairs at Santiago, Chile; and two sons, John F. Clark of Dallas, Texas, and Dr. George Gann Clark, Os-

teopathic Physician, interning in Kansas City, Missouri. Dr. Clark is also a proud grandpappy. His hobby is boys.

Dr. Clark has an enviable record in the State of Texas as a civic leader. If the example of this man were followed by every individual physician of this State, the Osteopathic profession, as well as the public, would be greatly enriched.

Dr. Clark is a happy-go-lucky fellow who calls all of his friends by name and the common salutation in Greenville is "Hello, Doc!"



Contract Let for \$100,000 Hospital

*From FORT WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM of
Aug. 18, 1949.*

Contract was let Thursday and ground-breaking ceremonies will be held at 11 a.m. Friday for a \$100,000 Fort Worth Osteopathic Hospital to be located at 3709 Camp Bowie Blvd.

The completely modern, air-conditioned hospital is expected to be opened on Jan. 1. The present hospital is located at 1402 Summit.

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Fred W. Murphree is architect for the building, and contract was let to the Southland Building Company.

At ground-breaking ceremonies, Dr. Phil R. Russell will turn the first spadeful of earth. Dr. Roy Fisher, president of the hospital's board, will preside. Invocation will be asked by Rev. Clifford W. Williams, pastor of Ridglea Presbyterian Church.

Dr Russell said: "The 25 bed hospital will have all outside rooms and innovations such as the bedside speaker-type call system will be installed.

This non-profit hospital will be a gift to the people here—that they may have osteopathic care denied them in other non-profit hospitals.

Twenty-eight doctors have donated \$34,500 in money and assets for which they will receive no return. Other gifts have been donated by lay people.

We are hoping for sufficient funds to furnish the hospital in a modern way, and we feel that Fort Worth people will be behind us. \$20,000.00 must be raised to equip the hospital.

In addition to donating money for the building of the hospital, local osteo-

paths will give a part of their fees earned in the hospital for charity purposes.

For each sick patient admitted to the hospital, the attending osteopath will pay 50c a day to a maximum of \$5.00 into the charity fund—whether the doctor is paid for treating that patient or not.

For each baby delivered the doctor pays \$5.00—regardless if he is paid for the case. Osteopathic Physicians will pay \$5.00 to charity purposes for each minor operation performed, and \$10.00 to charity for each major operation performed.

The new hospital will be built for the public—not for any doctor or group of doctors. The patient will be entitled



Left to right: E. S. COFFIN, Board Member; LOUIS GREENE, Contractor's Representative; DR. GEORGE PEASE, Secretary-Treasurer of the Board; DR. PHIL R. RUSSELL, Chairman of the Board, DR. ROY FISHER, President of the Board.

to his free choice of licensed physicians."

Trustees include Dr. Russell, chairman; Dr. Fisher, president; Dr. George Pease, secretary; Dr. Lester Hamilton, Dr. Hugo Ranelle, Mrs. Katherine Deakins and Glenn Coffin.

"This hospital will be relatively small in size and it is being constructed for temporary purposes only," Dr. Russell explained.

Another and larger Fort Worth Osteopathic Hospital will be built later. Property already has been purchased for the larger hospital.

Editorial from FORT WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM

New Kind of Hospital

The Fort Worth Osteopathic Hospital now under construction on Camp Bowie Boulevard is to be a distinctive institution in several respects. For one thing, it is being built for the public,

rather than for the benefit of any doctor or group of doctors.

It is designed to meet a definite need in the community, inasmuch as osteopathic care is denied patients in other hospitals which are operated for or by allopathic (MD's). The new hospital here also will be distinguished by the fact that it will be the only one in the city in which any licensed physician or surgeon will be permitted to practice.

It will be distinctive, too, in that the physicians and surgeons who do practice there will be required to donate to charity a part of the fees earned in the hospital. Doctors who practice in other Fort Worth hospitals pay nothing for the privilege. They freely use the facilities and equipment which has been furnished by the public to carry on their private business.

Announcement of the charity-donation policy to be instituted at the new Osteopathic Hospital should meet with most favorable public response.

Control of Poliomyelitis

This office has been asked for information in regard to any Laws governing the control of Poliomyelitis. We would like to emphasize just a few points in connection with Poliomyelitis that the general practitioner should know. The latest theories are that the disease may be spread by:

1. Contact through discharges from the oropharynx
2. Fecal discharges
3. Flies.

Although flies may be contaminated with the virus, reliable evidence is lacking of the spread of poliomyelitis by insects, water, food or sewage.

During an epidemic infection is highly prevalent, but only a limited number of cases are clinically identifiable. For every known case between 10 and 100

persons have inapparent infection. Examination of spinal fluid is important although not a specific diagnostic procedure. The period of greatest communicability is the latter part of the incubation period and the first week of acute illness.

There are apparently three groups of strains of virus poliomyelitis that are now known. A person who has become infected with any one of the three may or may not be rendered immune to an attack from one of the other strains. The susceptibility to this infection is general. To date there are no known vaccines, drugs, serums or antibiotics with specific value against the disease.

The National Conference on Recommended Practices for the Control of Poliomyelitis in Ann Arbor, Michigan in 1949 formulated the following state-

ments with respect to the control of the disease:

Poliomyelitis is a highly prevalent infection and only a small fraction of the cases are clinically identifiable. In recognizable form it is an acute illness, usually febrile, with early varying symptoms, usually with headache and almost always characteristic stiffness of the neck and spine. In about half such cases a lower neurone paralysis develops in the first few days of illness. Diagnosis depends on detection of flaccid paralysis characteristically irregular in its involvement of muscle or muscle groups. The cerebral spinal fluid shows usually a moderate increase in cells of all types. The period of greatest communicability is covered by the latter part of incubation and the first week of acute illness. Isolation is required by law for one week from the date of the onset or during the duration of fever if longer than one week. Quarantine has not been proved valuable.

Among the recommended epidemic measures emphasis is given to the following points:

1. General notice to physicians of the prevalence or increase of incidence of the disease, description of usual characteristics of onset and necessity of diagnosis and medical care, particularly for bed rest, and information to the public at large on similar matters.

2. Isolation in bed of all children with fever pending diagnosis.
3. Education in such technic of bedside nursing as will prevent distribution of infectious discharges to others from patients isolated at home.
4. Postponement of elective nose or throat operations or dental extractions.
5. Avoidance of excessive physical strain.
6. Avoidance of unnecessary travel and visiting, especially of children, during high prevalence of the infection.

All cases should be promptly reported and classified as paralytic or non-paralytic. All diagnostic criteria should include the following:

1. History compatible with poliomyelitis.
2. Fever.
3. Stiff neck or stiff back.
4. 10 to 500 cells per cubic centimeter of spinal fluid taken during the acute period.
5. Spinal fluid protein elevated above normal limits.
6. Demonstrable muscle weakness or paralysis.

All poliomyelitis cases are *admissible to general hospitals* if isolation precautions are employed, the same as other communicable diseases. Patients may be cared for at home if medically supervised care is adequate.

Applicants to Professional Schools

In reviewing statistics issued by William S. Guthrie, of Ohio State University, we find the following table showing applications and number to be accepted of interest to every physician:

	Applications	No. to Be Admitted	No. of Schools Reporting	Ratio of Applications to Admissions
Colleges of Osteopathy	2,055	496	6	4.1 to 1
Medical Schools	83,228	5,502	67	15.1 to 1
Dental Schools	22,576	2,334	32	9.6 to 1
Veterinary Medicine	4,209	634	10	6.6 to 1
Pharmacy Schools	15,877	3,929	53	4.04 to 1
Colleges of Optometry	2,472	566	6	4.3 to 1
Colleges of Law	24,507	12,342	83	1.9 to 1

Texas Attendance, American Osteopathic Association Convention

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Open Meeting — All Members of Profession

8:30 P.M. Film "Management of the Failing Heart"
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9:00 A.M. "Glaucoma" HAROLD BECKWITH, D.O.
San Antonio

10:00 A.M. "Head Injuries and Their Early
Care" H. G. GRAINGER, D.O.
Tyler

11:00 A.M. "Gastro-Intestinal Problems and
Their Relationship to Postural
Changes" MARTIN C. BEILKE, D.O.
Chicago

12:15 P.M. Luncheon — The Huaco Room

(2:00 P.M. Auxiliary Meeting, TAOP&S)

2:00 P.M. "Urologic Problems in
General Practice" ROBERT J. BRUNE, D.O.
Corpus Christi

3:00 P.M. "Gastro-Intestinal Problems" MARTIN C. BEILKE, D.O.
Chicago

- 4:00 P.M. *"Cranial Osteopathy and
Body Continuity"* ROLLIN E. BECKER, D.O.
Chicago
- 7:00 P.M. Reception — Mezzanine
- 7:30 P.M. Informal Dinner Dance

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

- 9:00 A.M. *"Pointers in Surgical Diagnosis
and Management"* SAM SPARKS, D.O.
Dallas
- (9:00 A.M. Board Meeting, Auxiliary TAOP&S)
- (10:00 A.M.-11:00 A.M. Coffee Auxiliary TAOP&S)
- 10:00 A.M. *"Some Observations in the Yale Plan
for the Study of Alcoholism"* D. D. BEYER, D.O.
Fort Worth
- 11:00 A.M. *"Sacro-Iliac Problems
and Diagnosis"* MARTIN BEILKE, D.O.
Dallas
- 12:30 P.M. - ? Luncheon — Huaco Room—
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umbus, Ohio, October 11-14, 1949.

American College of Surgeons, Oct. 9-13, 1949.

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Texas Osteopathic Hospital Association to Meet

Open Meeting of Entire Profession

The Texas Osteopathic Hospital Association will meet in Waco on Friday, September 30, at 1:00 P. M., to discuss the conditions of the Osteopathic Hospitals in the State of Texas in relationship to Blue Cross and recognition by the Bureau of Hospitals of the American Osteopathic Association.

The American Osteopathic Association has called attention to the hospital situation as it exists in Texas today and has pointed out the weaknesses in its setup. If we are to maintain our standard of recognition it is important that not only the Trustees and Owners of hospitals understand the problems but it is essential that every physician who is a staff member, or who uses a hospital, be thoroughly familiar with the minimum standards of approved hospitals, and each and every one of the profession is

earnestly requested to be present at this meeting so that they may be familiar with the problems confronting the hospitals for without the cooperation of those making use of the facilities of hospitalization it is impossible to bring about coordination. You are urged to be present.

CORRECTION

The Editor apologizes for an error in the June issue of The Texas Osteopathic Physicians Journal. The name of the author of the article "The Soft Tissues in the Area of Osteopathic Lesion" should have been J. S. Denslow instead of J. S. Densmore.

Basic Science Examination

The first examination of the Basic Science Board will be held in Austin, Texas, October 21st and 22nd.

AUXILIARY NEWS

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO AUXILIARY MEMBERS, TAOP&S

The Auxiliary will meet Saturday, October 1st, at 2:00 P.M., Mezzanine Floor, Roosevelt Hotel, Waco, Texas.

The Board of Trustees met in Dallas Sunday, August 28, at which meeting many problems confronting the Auxiliary were discussed, all of which are important to the general membership, and it is urged that every Auxiliary member be present at this meeting.

A coffee will be held Sunday, October 2nd, at 10:00 A.M.

Executive Board Meeting of the Auxiliary to the Texas Association

Five ladies traveled a total distance of 3400 miles to hold an Auxiliary Board meeting in preparation for the October Convention.

The meeting was held Sunday, Aug. 28, at the Baker Hotel in Dallas. Present were Mrs. Lige C. Edwards, President; Mrs. A. L. Garrison, President-Elect; Mrs. Merle Griffin, Vice-President; Mrs. E. C. Baum, Secretary-Treasurer, and Mrs. Lewis N. Pittman, Past President.

Dr. Phil R. Russell, Executive Secretary of The Texas Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons, talked to the group. He placed the facilities of the state office at our disposal and offered to help the Auxiliary in any way possible.

He stressed the importance of women taking an interest in their Auxiliary, thus stimulating their husbands' interest in their own State Association affairs.

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Dr. Russell feels that wives of Osteopathic Physicians, who benefit directly from their husbands' profession and owe their livelihood to it, have a definite job to do in promoting the welfare of the profession. Women should realize, the same as their husbands, that they are rewarded in direct proportion to the effort put into the profession.

A section of *The Journal* is devoted to Auxiliary News and Dr. Russell asks that news of the Districts be submitted to the State Office by the ninth of every month. Let's make it a Journal for the wives as well as the Doctors.

The Board went into executive session immediately following Dr. Russell's presentation. A number of recommendations were voted upon and set up for action by the Auxiliary membership at the Convention.

A number of arrangements were

made for the meeting at the Convention, aimed at streamlining all business in order to accomplish the most good in the shortest possible time.

We are looking forward to seeing a large membership at the Waco Convention.

VIRGINIA BAUM, *Secretary.*

The quarterly meeting of the Panhandle District Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons Auxiliary was held at the Herring Hotel, Amarillo, Sunday, August 21. Eleven members of the Auxiliary were present.

The business meeting was presided over by the new president, Mrs. J. Paul Price, Dumas, Texas. Mrs. J. H. Chandler gave a report of the A.A.O.A. Convention held at St. Louis in July.

Announcement was made by Mrs. L. V. Credit of the Musical Book Review Tea sponsored by the Amarillo Osteopathic Hospital Auxiliary for the benefit of the Child Health Clinic. Tickets were distributed to the members present to be sold for this event.

Mrs. Howard Lynch will review "Tales of the South Pacific" at the Crystal Ballroom, Herring Hotel, Monday afternoon, September 19, and the members of the Auxiliary will serve tea. This promises to be a very lovely event.

The next meeting of the Panhandle District Association and Auxiliary will be held November 6 at Groom, Texas.

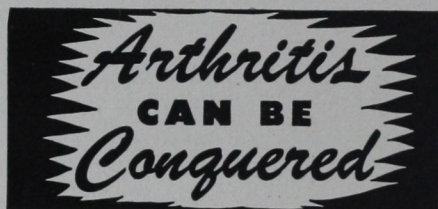
By MRS. J. H. CHANDLER.

"Goal Rushers of Forty-Nine"

Yes, we ladies of the Texas Osteopathic Auxiliary, as well as the Texas Osteopathic Association, are no longer traveling by wagons and other modes

of free transportation; but we, now, are having to rush in Forty-Nine to try to get every Osteopathic wife to become a paying passenger as a member of the Auxiliary on the modern type of progress before the year of Fifty appears.

There are only a few Osteopathic Physicians who have not switched to a paying fare for their membership in their Texas Osteopathic Association, but there are many wives of the Osteopathic Physicians in Texas who have not realized the importance of their role as such in becoming a member of the Auxiliary. Perhaps some have been continuing this free ride because the District in which they live is so widely scattered in miles that a District Auxiliary



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could not be formed, but at least they can become affiliated with the State Auxiliary thereby benefiting their husbands' profession as only they can do. By this, it is true they can be very influential with their husbands in becoming affiliated with their Osteopathic Association which would give them the benefits of: (1) Increasing their earning power through reference work which they would not receive if they did not belong to the Association (2) Getting an inspiration from association with other fellow Physicians, noting how they work and their results, and (3) Lastly, being proud of a Profession in which they have spent a lifetime in school and in work.

In addition to influencing her husband to become active in his Association, each wife represents a moral, as well as a financial, supporter of her husband's profession by her affiliation with the State Osteopathic Auxiliary.

We hope each Osteopathic wife will act individually with this rush in Forty-Nine to become a rusher with us in affiliating every Osteopathic Physician's

wife in Texas with the State Auxiliary before the year of Fifty appears.

By MRS. A. L. GARRISON

A committee, headed by Mrs. Reginald Platt, met recently at the Shamrock Hotel to discuss plans for entertaining the visiting Doctors' wives when the National Osteopathic Proctological Society convenes in Houston next April.

After lunching and viewing the style show, the ladies conferred with Ramon, Maitre d'hotel. Arrangements were made for an excellent buffet breakfast. Mrs. A. L. Garrison of Port Arthur is in charge.

Mrs. J. R. Alexander and Mrs. Stanley Hess will carry out plans for a day at the San Jacinto Battlegrounds, probably a boat ride and picnic included. Mrs. W. V. Durden, newly elected President of the Auxiliary to the Harris County Association, will be in charge of registrations.

By MRS. REGINALD PLATT.

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On Sunday morning, September 11, in the Ming Room of The Shamrock Hotel, The Auxiliary to the Southeast Texas District Number Six held its bi-district meeting. After the business meeting, a morning coffee was served. The hostess was Mrs. Stanley E. Hess. Visitors on this occasion were Mrs. Lige C. Edwards, San Antonio, State President, Mrs. Robert Morgan, Dallas, National Progress Fund President and Mrs. Archie Garrison of Port Arthur, District President. This district is looking forward to a full and fruitful year of osteopathy.

By MRS. CHARLES M. ECKSTROM.

A luncheon meeting of the City Auxiliary to the Corpus Christi Osteopathic

Hospital was held recently in the Morocco Room of the Robert Driscoll Hotel, followed by a business meeting. The previous rummage sale of the Auxiliary was discussed and plans made for disposing of more rummage. The main project of the Auxiliary at present is the sale of stainless steel steak and paring knives. Twenty dozen have been sold and more ordered. The members have devised another method of adding to their treasury. At each meeting one of the members acts as hostess, taking the group out to lunch or serving lunch in her home. Thereby each member donates \$1.00 to the treasury.

The Eighth District Osteopathic Auxiliary met in the Terrace Annex of the Robert Driscoll Hotel for dinner, August 7. At the business meeting which

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followed Mrs. Lige C. Edwards, State Auxiliary President, gave a resume of her trip to the National Convention. Mrs. Tyree treated the group to a boat ride on the "Papoose." After the outing the ladies met at the Tyree home for a visit and refreshments.

By MRS. JOSEPH SCHULTZ

Activities of Secretary

The Secretary of the Association has made four trips to Dallas to meet with the staff and the Board of Trustees of the Dallas General Hospital helping set up its new organization. He has also made a trip to Dallas to confer with Dr. E. H. Cary on Blue Cross. He also attended a meeting of District Five at Marlin, Texas, August 14. He spoke at the Polytechnic Lions Club and the Alvarado Lions Club.

He will attend the Western States Proctological Meeting in Amarillo, Sept. 19, 20 and 21.

He will attend a meeting of the Local District Society at Lubbock, Tuesday evening, September 20.

We hope that the detail work of the

State Office will become lighter so that the Secretary can travel more and do more public relations work.

Dr. R. V. Herbold (KCOS '38) In Charge of Leprosarium

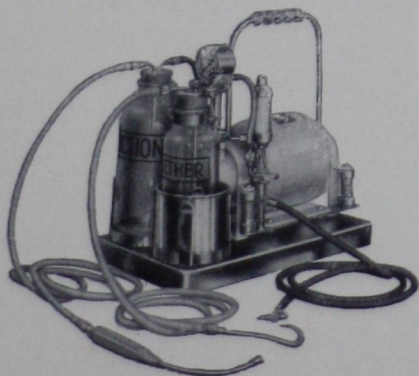
A letter from Mr. M. S. Moore of The American Mission to Lepers, Inc., informs us that Dr. R. V. Herbold is the only Osteopathic Physician in the world in charge of a Leprosarium.

Dr. Herbold and his wife are ministering to over 400 men, women and children sick with leprosy (or Hansen's Disease) in a colony in Nigeria, West Africa.

Mr. Moore is making an appeal for help in constructing two dormitory type homes for the care of boys and girls suffering from this condition. Eighty-five percent of all cases of Leprosy are contracted before the patient is 16.

This is a worthy cause and should be supported by the Osteopathic Profession. A few dollars sent to Mr. W. S. Moore, 509 Burt Building, Dallas 1, Texas, would assist Dr. Herbold in his efforts to prove that Osteopathy is not only an unlimited type of practice but that all Osteopathic Physicians are humanitarians.

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Report of Convention

By DR. HOWARD COATS, *Delegate*

The limits of space and time preclude even a very cursory discussion of the many matters which came before the House of Delegates of the American Osteopathic Association at the recent annual meeting in St. Louis. Furthermore, to a freshman delegate getting his first glimpse of Association affairs at the National level, there were many things which were incomprehensible because of lack of knowledge of previous decisions and actions affecting issues at hand. Since I will not again accept nomination to this important position may I here give it as my opinion that, by and large, the same delegates should be re-elected each year. The advantages to your State Association by doing this would be that your delegates would build up a knowledge of National affairs, would develop friendships and prestige in the House of Delegates, and all in all, would give the Texas Association's delegates a much stronger voice in the conduct of A.O.A. affairs. We should find four men willing to serve and send them as our delegates every year until either ineffectiveness or senility would cause them to be replaced with younger men.

Texas was honored by the election of our own Bob Morgan to the A.O.A. Board of Trustees. Bob knows all of the Delegates and Trustees and will bring the Texas view-point very forcefully into the reasoning and decisions of the Board of Trustees. Phil Russell, after a long and distinguished service as President of the A.O.A. and a long time Trustee, decided to confine his activities to state matters.

The House of Delegates began its meeting at noon Sunday, July 10, all four regular Texas Delegates being present and accredited. Sessions were held each day an average of six to eight hours per day. This time was mostly consumed in the reading of committee reports and recommendations of the various Bureaus

of the A.O.A. Much of this material will be published in the *Journal* of the A.O.A. and needs no reference here.

The report of Executive Secretary Russell McCaughan, discloses the financial condition of the Association to be by far the best in its history. This is remarkable because of the increased costs of salaries, labor and material plus increasing demands of the profession upon the Central Office for service by the organization. Total cash receipts for the year 1948-49 were \$562,431 with disbursements of \$548,015, putting the Association's receipts and disbursements at better than a half million dollars a year. The excess of revenues over disbursements is to be carried as a cash reserve. The net worth in property and in the various funds of the Association is shown to be \$512,494. The employed staff of the Association now consists of 55 persons.

A.O.A. membership as of June 1, 1949 was 7,710. There were listed 3,555 non-members, making a total of 11,265 Osteopathic Physicians in practice. Approximately 1,500 students are enrolled in Osteopathic Colleges. In 1949 the colleges were able to accept only one out of 4.9 individuals who possessed minimum requirements of pre-medical education. This allows the colleges to select only the elite among the applicants.

OSTEOPATHIC HOSPITALS—The Association has a record of 357 Osteopathic hospitals with a total of 8,089 beds. Of these hospitals 103 are on the Registered List of the Association. 63 of these are approved for intern training with 313 internships available, of which only 190 are occupied. This situation will be remedied in the immediate future by graduation of much larger classes from the six approved colleges. Annual inspection, evaluation, and final approval of these hospitals is a major undertaking.

ing made necessary by the demands of licensing authorities, insurance companies, veterans administration, and the U. S. Public Health Service for lists of such approved hospitals.

LICENSURE—Four states underwent changes in practice rights and licensure during the past year. Texas passed a basic science law. Arizona set up an independent Osteopathic Board and South Dakota abolished an independent Osteopathic Board and created a composite board. Wisconsin amended its practice act to enable osteopathic physicians to have similar rights to those of doctors of medicine.

CONVENTION EXHIBITS — The 1949 St. Louis convention had 93 exhibitors occupying 26,400 square feet of floor space, bringing an income of \$17,453 to the Association. These exhibits were varied and colorful and attracted the interest of all members who crowded the aisles inspecting and purchasing goods.

Among recommendations made to the

House of Delegates by the various Departments and Committees and accepted by the House are the following:

That proper machinery be set up to disseminate information on osteopathic care of industrial injuries.

That the Osteopathic profession be encouraged to keep complete records of insurance cases and send information as to type of injuries to the Committee on Compensation Insurance so that statistics may be compiled.

That state convention program chairmen be encouraged to allocate time on their program for the subject of industrial injuries.

That the American Osteopathic Foundation, the A. T. Still Foundation and Research Institute, Osteopathic Trust, Osteopathic Progress Fund, and Student Loan Fund be re-formed into "The Osteopathic Foundation" which shall be incorporated as a non-profit corporation under a Board of Trustees identical to the Board of Trustees of the A O A. and

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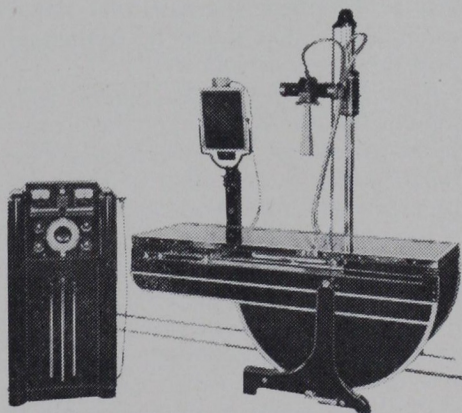
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That close liason be maintained between state societies and our Insurance Representative to make mutually available information and cure of situations reflecting adversely upon the profession and its insurance costs.

That all Osteopathic veterans join patriotic organizations such as the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Disabled American Veterans.

That Osteopathic physicians participate in VA programs such as care of veterans at home or aiding in their hospitalization.

That D.O.'s investigate jobs as attending physicians in VA hospitals.

Many other recommendations relating to isolated subjects were passed which have no particular applications to individual Doctors of Osteopathy.

COMMUNICATIONS — Communications from several Divisional Societies were read without any particular action being taken upon them. In condensed form they were as follows:

From the California Association: Suggestions that the A.O.A. appoint a committee to conduct conferences on a National level with any other of the healing arts which may result in better care of the public. This committee shall also assist divisional societies to set up similar conferences on a state level. The purpose of these conferences would be to activate hospital programs in each state, to co-ordinate insurance activities and to establish the rights of all the people to receive the benefits of all public hospitals and institutions.

From the Connecticut Society: Stating its opposition to the third paragraph of the recent amendment to the A.O.A. Code of Ethics which states: "It is unethical for an Osteopathic Physician to

fail to designate or indicate by the term, D. O., Doctor of Osteopathy, Osteopathic Physician or Surgeon, or other similar term his school of practice in the professional use of his name." This society felt that the choice of qualifying or not the title Doctor might well be left to the good judgment of each individual as he may see fit in various instances. They stated that such amendment would never have been sanctioned by them.

From the Kansas Association: Protesting the billing of the Kansas Association for \$12,094 by the A.O.A. for reimbursement for legal expenses incurred during the so-called "Kansas Federal Court Case" and other matters.

From the Maine Association: "Be it resolved that extreme care and caution be employed in the editing of all Society publications, and that effort be made to avoid presentation of statements by individuals which may be interpreted to the future harm of our profession."

From the New York Society: "To consider the setting up of an annual meeting for Chairman of Public Relations Committees of Divisional and larger District Societies to brief these people in their duties.

From the Ohio Association: (1) That the Bureau of Hospitals strictly enforce the rule which requires that all members of Registered Hospital staffs be members in good standing in their Local, State, and National Associations. (2) That the A.O.A. re-study the problem of Socialized Medicine so as to create a policy of attitudes based on existing facts.

From the Oregon Association: Reiterating and strengthening its opposition to any and all forms of socialized medicine or compulsory health insurance.

This delegate regrets the fact that he is unable to report on any phase of the scientific sessions, as attendance upon the meetings of the House of Delegates occurred at identical times and attendance upon both was impossible. It is respectfully suggested to the Editor of the Texas Osteopathic Physicians Jour-

nal that he obtain a report of the scientific sessions from some one of our members who did attend these sessions.

Some Texas faces seen at the Convention were Alexander, Beckwith, Blackwood, Crews, Curry, Lige Edwards, Grainger, Kerwood, Logan, Luitel, Morgan, Norwood, Platt, Porter, Ray, Rountree, Russell, Scothorn, Still, Vick, and Whitacre.

There were two invitations extended for the 1951 Convention, one from Milwaukee, the other from San Antonio. The Convention Committee cut San Antonio from the approved list because of lack of facilities. Much good publicity, though, was obtained for San Antonio as a result of its bid. We hope that at a future date Texas will secure a National Convention. Chicago, of course, will be the 1950 Convention City.

Dr. Vincent P. Carroll of Laguna Beach, California, was named President-Elect.

Doctors in Hospitals Take Notice

There is now in operation a law which requires serological tests on both parties in premarital examination, also on obstetrical cases on first visit. These tests must be made from a laboratory approved by the Department of Health. If your laboratory is not approved, better secure a blank and make application before October 5th of this year. Copies of all tests must be forwarded to the State Department of Health.



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NEWS OF THE DISTRICTS

DISTRICT NUMBER ONE

The Panhandle Society of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons met at the Her-ring Hotel, Amarillo, Sunday, August 21. Dr. W. R. Ballard, President, of Pampa, presided. Dinner was served, followed immediately by a program.

The guest speaker, Dr. Harold Finner of Hobbs, New Mexico, was introduced by Dr. J. Francis Brown of Amarillo, program chairman. Dr. Finner spoke on the problems of general practice. His lecture was followed by an open forum. Due to vacations, the crowd was limited to twenty-one Doctors.

The next regular meeting will be held at Groom, November 6. At this time the annual election of Officers will be held.

The Auxiliary of District One of the TAOP&S also met in regular session on August 21st. Eleven members were present. Mrs. J. Paul Price, Jr., of Dumas, the president, conducted the business meeting.

Dr. and Mrs. John L. Witt and children returned August 27 from a three weeks stay in Denver, Colorado, where Dr. Witt studied Urology under Dr. Phil A. Witt. During the Witts' absence the Groom Osteopathic Hospital and offices were redecorated throughout.

Dr. and Mrs. J. W. London left August 31 to go salmon fishing in Oregon. They enjoyed a two weeks trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hessey returned to Des Moines, Iowa, August 31 after visiting Dr. and Mrs. John L. Witt. Mr. Hessey, brother-in-law of Mrs. Witt, is a junior in Des Moines Still College of Osteopathy.

The staff meetings of the Groom Osteopathic Hospital have been changed from the first Monday to the second Tuesday night of each month for the convenience of some of the out-of-town Doctors.

DISTRICT NUMBER TWO

Dr. Melvin Edgar Sutphin, a graduate of Des Moines Still College, May 1930, died suddenly July 3, 1949 of a coronary thrombosis.

Dr. Sutphin was born in Valley Junction, Iowa. After finishing college he practised in Iowa until 1934 when he located in Dallas, Texas. With his practice he took an active part in Boy Scouts, High School football and College basketball.

In 1942 Dr. Sutphin enlisted in the Army where he served for four years with the Medical Administration Department.

Dr. Sutphin is survived by his wife, Marjorie Lowery Sutphin, Dallas, Texas, his mother, Mrs. Vida Sutphin, and his sister, Mrs. Bill Brown, of West Des Moines, Iowa.

Dr. C. R. Packer and his fiancée, Miss Gita Bumpass, who will be married September 10, were honored with a pic-

nic supper August 14th in the lovely garden at the home of Dr. and Mrs. V. L. Jennings.

About thirty Doctors and their wives attended. The honored couple was presented with a place setting of silver.

Dr. Whitehead and family spent a couple of weeks visiting in Iowa and Minnesota.

Dr. Andersen and family vacationed in Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Maine.

Dr. Graham of Celina, Texas, has suffered the loss of his father as the result of an automobile accident. Dr. Graham's mother and father were returning home to Pennsylvania after a visit with Dr. Graham.

Dr. Chapman expects to go deer hunting in Colorado soon. Doctors Miles and Ellis are still suffering from the heat and have been unable to get away on their vacations.

Announcing the arrival of John Barry Ranelle, 41½ pounds, son of Dr. and Mrs. H. J. Ranelle, the third Texan in the Ranelle family.

DISTRICT NUMBER THREE

Dr. Charles Ogilvie has moved from Mount Pleasant to Quitman.

The Gafney family of Tyler enjoyed a three weeks vacation in Colorado in August. Dr. Gafney stopped at the Donovan Hospital in Raton, New Mexico, to do an appendectomy on a Tyler boy who was along on the trip. After four days delay the trip was resumed.

Dr. Ralph Kull of Winnsboro had the extreme misfortune of having his office burned completely two weeks ago. The office was located in a block of buildings and the whole block was gutted by fire. Dr. Kull reports that he lost everything in the office. He is continuing his practice in his home for the present but plans to open a new office as soon as the Kulls return from an extended vacation along the Atlantic seaboard.

Doctors K. E. Ross and H. R. Coats of Tyler and Dr. Carl F. List of Troup, accompanied by their wives, recently enjoyed a fishing trip at Port Aransas, reporting that fishing was good.

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DISTRICT NUMBER FOUR

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DISTRICT NUMBER FIVE

District Five held a meeting at Marlin, Texas, August 14. This meeting was attended by Doctors Edwards, Luibel and Russell. Dr. Edwards spoke to the group on organizational activities, Dr. Russell spoke on the new State Office and the year's legislative activities and Dr. Luibel reviewed the plans for the Mid-Year meeting. The members of District Five were very appreciative of the visits of the President, President-Elect and Secretary of the State Association. Arrangements were completed for the Mid-Year meeting to be held at Waco, Texas, September 30, October 1 and 2.

DISTRICT NUMBER SIX

Dr. and Mrs. J. Edward Vinn received some very unusual publicity August 4th in five local Citizens papers in Houston. These papers carried a large picture of Mrs. Vinn, Dr. Vinn and the baby, showing their four weeks old son,

Norman, who is sitting in his father's lap, a picture of his Grandmother holding Dr. Vinn, as a background. Norman is wearing the same robe his father is seen wearing in the picture, made for Dr. Vinn's mother over sixty years ago for a christening in Naples, Italy. Dr. Vinn wore the white linen robe at his baptism in New York City. Norman is the third generation to wear the 38 inch long robe.

Following this was quite an article upon the history connected with this particular robe. (Editor's Note: We congratulate Dr. Vinn. This was an unusual opportunity for the securing of proper public relations for the Osteopathic profession; however, we call it to the attention of the membership that in this type of publicity somewhere there should be the mention of the profession which you represent. Nowhere in this article was the degree that Dr. Vinn holds or the word Osteopathy used.)

Doctors W. Gillmore, Hardy and Rohr have been added to the courtesy staff of the Houston Osteopathic Hospital. The admiration is mutual.

Dr. Opal Robinson either records, presides or dispenses Roberts Rules of Order, very ably, as the occasion demands—"letting the chips fall where they may."

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We are hoping for a good attendance at the District Number Six Meeting, September 11, at the Shamrock Hotel.

Dr. Lige C. Edwards, State President, will speak on "Association Business."

The LADIES AUXILIARY will have a business meeting to be conducted by Mrs. Garrison.

We hope Dr. Livengood will invite our Duck Hunters down this fall.

Dr. Lloyd Hammond has "writer's cramp" from issuing too great a number of checks.

Dr. Vinn states that Dr. Hall actually does "get in" that automobile and not "on" it.

Dr. C. W. Hammond's new baby boy has a "good chassis and finish."

Dr. S. Hess enjoyed the national meeting at St. Louis.

Dr. Charles Eckstrom has a grandson. Specifications and fixtures were met perfectly.

Labor Day celebrants included Doctors Choate, Jaffe and Grice.

Mrs. Adams appears to be making a good recovery from recent surgery.

Dr. William Gribble has a healthy coat of tan that is becoming to anyone's physique.

Our Hospital Anesthesia Department Head, Dr. Thompson, insists on safety as his motto.

A short talk on pre-operative care and laboratory methods by Dr. Derden was appreciated by staff members at a recent meeting.

Dr. Tedrick of Denver, Colorado, will come to Houston to give an X-ray Course, if a class of fifteen or twenty in this area want the same. Write Dr. H. M. Grice, 1312 Telephone Road, for particulars and dates. The course will last one week. Fee \$100.00.

DISTRICT NUMBER SEVEN

Mrs. Geneva Orr Klase, wife of Dr. Bernard M. Klase of the staff of San Antonio Osteopathic Hospital, died in San Antonio September 5. Besides her husband, Dr. Klase, Mrs. Klase is survived by brothers Clyde and Ray Orr, Virden, Illinois, sisters Mrs. Netti Sheerin and Mrs. Mabel Orr, Chicago, Illinois.

The Travis County Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons has received newspaper publicity in connection with its Doctors' activities for the Better Baby Show in Austin. The Doctors of the Association are conducting the physical examinations from which the healthiest boy and girl will be chosen. Babies scoring 90 points or better on their physical exams will be awarded blue ribbons.

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It is rumored that Dr. Lige Edwards' patients feel that he has stopped practicing and become a traveling man for the Texas Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons. Dr. Edwards and his wife, Ruth, have been making every District meeting as they come due. Keep up the good work, Lige and Ruth.

DISTRICT NUMBER EIGHT

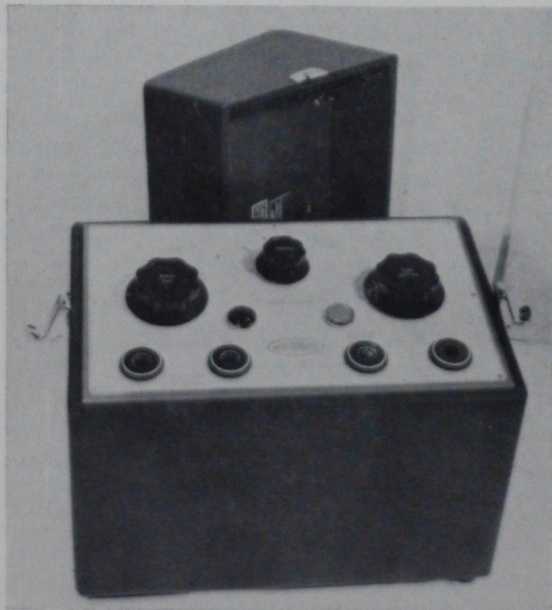
The regular staff meeting of the Corpus Christi Osteopathic Hospital was held Tuesday night, September 6, at which time Dr. Ray Pennington of Luck, Wisconsin, was introduced as a new member to the staff and will open his office in the near future on the cor-

ner of Arlington and Port Arthur Avenue in Corpus Christi.

Dr. T. M. Bailey has just returned from Michigan, having been absent two weeks on a combined business and professional trip.

The regular Nueces Society of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons met Friday, September 9. The officers of this Society are Dr. Joseph J. Schultz, President, Dr. Robert J. Brune, Vice-President and Dr. Clarence J. Woolsey, Secretary-Treasurer.

District Eight held its regular meeting August 7 at 12:30 P. M. Dr. Lige C. Edwards was the speaker and gave a report on the A.O.A. Convention, placing special emphasis on the Ladies Auxiliary and the fine work they are doing for the betterment of the osteopathic profession. Dr. T. M. Bailey gave the financial report. Dr. Bailey was elected Associate Member of the Public Health Committee. Dr. Merle Griffin made a report



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on the special meeting of the Board of Trustees held in Fort Worth July 31st. The next meeting of District Eight will be held in Corpus Christi November 6.

DISTRICT NUMBER NINE

The regular monthly meeting of the Ninth District was held at the residence of Dr. T. D. Crews in Gonzales. All members were present except Dr. Donald Mills of Victoria who is visiting in Mineral Wells for several days of rest. The guest speaker of the evening was Dr. Lige C. Edwards, of San Antonio, President of the State Association. Dr. Edwards congratulated the District on its 100% membership and gave a report on the National Convention. He particularly emphasized the importance of the osteopathic concept in public relations.

Fish Bites Man. Nursing a sore foot, Willis Crews is busy explaining

that the only bite he had on a fishing trip was by a sting ray—just below the ankle.

Dr. Carl Stratton announces the graduation of his son, Jim Stratton, from the Gradwhol School of Medical Technicians.

The new Associate Member of the Public Health Committee will be Dr. Alan Poage.

Out of Town Visitors to The State Office

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Warning to Osteopathic Physicians

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