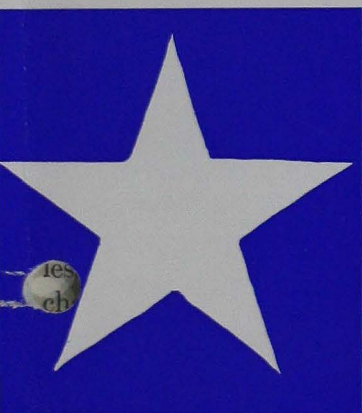


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## WAR EMERGENCY

The American people are faced with another all-out war. The osteopathic profession is faced with the problem of rendering an unselfish service to the nation and humanity. We are willing and prepared. The majority of our young osteopathic physicians volunteered in World War II for medical service in the armed forces. Prejudice of the allopathic profession blocked our efforts.

Selective Service ruled us essential and kept us at home to administer to the sick. We enjoyed all of the priorities given to physicians, automobiles, tires, gas, etc., for which the profession is grateful, yet we feel the sting of being unable because of prejudice to serve in the military forces as physicians after Congress declared we were qualified and eligible.

Let's buckle up our belts and volunteer again for serving in the military corps and if the prejudice of the allopathic physicians again blocks the will of Congress, we will show our appreciation to the people of the nation by complete cooperation with the nation's leaders in this emergency by doing a better job than we rendered in World War II.

The Army has called for 350 medical volunteers. They have received 15 from the allopathic profession, in spite of the fact that they trained approximately 12,000 allopathic physicians under the AST program. We believe that the osteopathic profession is more appreciative of our duty to the nation and to the public. Let's volunteer our services even though it is turned down, and when it is turned down, let's do the best we can in whatever job we are assigned.



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## Report on the Attendance of the A.O.A. Convention

By GEORGE J. LUIBEL, D.O., *President*

The A.O.A. Convention in Chicago was held in the vast Stevens Hotel and all the activities were under the same roof. The professional lectures were divided between the second and third floors, with one series of papers being presented during the morning session, and two separate sections running simultaneously during the afternoon, giving you a choice of programs to attend.

The House of Delegates met every afternoon on the third floor of the hotel. Down below in the basement, or lower lobby, was the exhibit hall where one could see anything from a new cleanser for your glasses to the latest type of office chair. The convention seemed to be pretty well attended. The last time I checked up on the registration, about 1900 had been counted. The exhibitors seemed to be doing a pretty active business, possibly inspired by the daily attendance prize of \$50.00 for those who registered at the various booths.

I do not think that the morning lectures were too well attended, but probably they were still running in competition with some of the night activities of the City of Chicago. However, the afternoon sessions attracted an alert and interested group and these were particularly enthusiastic because of the practical demonstrations put on by the various technic teams.

But every afternoon during the con-

vention, the House of Delegates was in session, grinding out the various reports and arguing over the multitude of issues that make up the business of organized osteopathy. I am pleased to report that the four Texas delegates, namely, Drs. Russell, Morgan, Brune, and Edwards, were "Johnny on the spot" and always present. I am particularly glad to report this because this gave me, as an alternate, time to wander around and see some of the rest of the convention.

On Monday evening, the opening night of the convention, Dr. and Mrs. Russell, and Mrs. Luibel and I attended the dinner given by the A.O.A. for the presidents and secretaries. This dinner preceded the formal reception in the grand ball room, and it was presided over by President Dale Pearson. It was a very enjoyable affair and those of you who met Dr. Pearson in Texas can well imagine the height of hilarity which was reached at times during the evening.

On Thursday evening all of us attended the official banquet and entertainment of the convention. Here we were presented to the new official family of the A.O.A. and following the dinner, we were entertained by one of the most remarkable floor shows I have ever seen. This amazing collection of talent was presented largely because of the friendship of the Chicago osteopathic physicians with the show people of the City.



All in all, Chicago entertained us very nicely and because of the many places to go and things to see and do, it makes a fine convention City. We were really proud to see so many Texans there and many of them had prominent parts on the conduct of the convention. For instance, of course, Dr. Morgan is a national trustee. Dr. Russell received a Distinguished Service Certificate from the A.O.A. and was elected Vice President of the Secretaries Society. Dr.

Peterson was busy meeting with the National Board of Osteopathic Examiners, Dr. Grainger was on the program of the Academy of Applied Osteopathy, and, of course, the official professional program of the convention was under the direction of Dr. C. R. Nelson, who says he is homeward bound to Texas real soon. He had Wiley Rountree, Reg. Platt and Lester Vick as speakers on the program and everything went off like clockwork.

## Report of the A.O.A. Convention by the Executive Secretary

Your executive secretary, as a member of the Bureau of Public Education on Health, attended this meeting on July 3.

This is an extremely busy bureau and a complete review of the legal status of all states is made, particularly of those that have legislative problems. The State of Texas had two problems before this Bureau this year.

Your secretary, as past president, attended the board meetings on July 4, following which he returned to St. Louis for three days, then returned to Chicago for a meeting of the Association of Osteopathic Publications on Saturday, July 8. This meeting was extremely interesting, dealing with matters pertaining to the different state publications. Your secretary appeared on the program, discussing the problems of professional articles in state journals.

The afternoon of July 8 was devoted to attending the Society of Divisional Secretaries meeting, discussing the problem concerning the office of secretaries of divisional societies. Your executive secretary was elected vice president of this organization and will be in charge of the midyear program of the Society of Divisional Secretaries to be held in February. Much information was received from which your association should profit.

The executive secretary reported for August, 1950

the opening meeting of the House of Delegates on July 9 and was in constant attendance of the House and at spare moments the Board of Trustees until the close of the convention. The following observations were made by your secretary:

1. All delegates to the House should review and discuss all problems and reports in their hands before they attend the annual meeting.

2. There is a continual improvement in osteopathic education.

- (a) Our colleges are continually improving their curriculum, the teaching is above the average, the physical plants are being improved but a much expanded program is needed in the physical plants of our colleges. It will be necessary for the profession to continue to contribute more money to the Progress Fund as well as an all-out effort to secure gifts from lay friends if we are to bring the physical plants of our colleges up to the standard that we desire. The expense of teaching osteopathic students is increasing in leaps and bounds and money given in the past is mostly consumed in providing the professional teaching staff and has not been sufficient to increase the physical assets of the colleges.

- (b) The post graduate training program shows a marked improvement.



(c) The specialty societies are gradually reaching a stage of perfection as well as the certification program.

(d) The Bureau of Hospitals is cracking down on the hospitals, requiring them to meet all of the standards of the type of approved hospitals of which we can be proud. They are insisting upon the integration of the osteopathic concept in each hospital. In the near future plans will be made to inspect all registered hospitals as well as those approved for intern training.

(e) The Council on Education is filling a much needed capacity in the profession.

(f) The Office of Education is gradually improving our standards with the universities of the nation and doing a wonderful job in the selection of students for our colleges.

3. The Department of Public Affairs is in some instances doing a wonderful job but is weak in spots.

(a) The Bureau of Public Education on Health has been rendering the States a much needed service. It has been very efficient but needs more time for its members to discuss problems with the attorneys and additional time for consultation with divisional societies.

(b) The Division of Public and Professional Welfare. This public relations activity has improved from year to year and we should be proud of the results that are being obtained.

(c) The Association needs to make a more concerted effort to improve and extend the activities of the Bureau of Public Health and Safety and the Bureau of Industrial and Institutional Service. Committee activities will not do this job alone. It requires concerted effort upon the part of each individual practitioner and each divisional society to make of this a truly good public relations activity.

4. The Department of Public Relations made its usual good report on con-

ditions of the osteopathic profession at the federal level. This department needs to be expanded from a coverage standpoint. It is our understanding that a new assistant will be placed in this department under Dr. Swope, which will provide for eventualities that might happen.

5. The Central Office and its department continue to show the same enthusiasm and improvement. We should truly be proud of our Central Office and our loyal employees. I truly believe that no other organization can match it. We are badly in need of a physician to head the editorial staff.

6. The Osteopathic Progress Fund will extend its goal to \$15 million. To make this a success, it will require an all-out effort for every member of the osteopathic profession. They must give more freely than they have in the past and they must be willing to help secure lay gifts and endowments or we are doomed for failure in this program.

7. The Ethics Committee of the AOA is doing an exceedingly fine job but needs help of the divisional societies committee on ethics. There are far too many protests going to the committee on ethics of the AOA that should be first handled at the local level.

8. The Central Office Home Committee has been instructed to finish the third floor of the Central Office. This we hope will be completed by the first of the year.

9. Your executive secretary cannot report with any degree of accuracy upon the program of the convention, as he did not have a chance to visit any general sessions or teaching classes. The general report received by the secretary was that it was an unusually good program and that those who missed the different sessions of the convention truly missed a chance to increase their educational knowledge.

Respectfully submitted  
P. R. RUSSELL, D.O.



# Report of Delegate to the 1950 American Osteopathic Association Convention

By LIGE C. EDWARDS, D.O., *Past President*

The 54th annual meeting of the American Osteopathic Association was held at the Hotel Stevens, Chicago, Illinois, July 10th through July 14th. The board of trustees of the A.O.A. had been meeting approximately eight days on the convening of the House of Delegates, Sunday noon, July 9th. The enthusiasm of the House of Delegates ran high as approximately one hundred and twenty delegates were seated.

Outstanding on the calendar during the many reports of the next few days was the report of Dr. Bailey on Pending Health Bills in the National Congress, report of Dr. John Wood "Bureau of Public Health"; and the report of Dr. Chester Swope on his department. These plus other reports on many activities showed that the men charged with the direction of the activities of the National Association had accomplished much and planned more during their administration.

Outstanding impression to most delegates was the invitation by Dr. McCaughan to visit the Central Office and inspect it for information and to understand the reason of the efficiency of the Central office functions. Most delegates gladly accepted Dr. McCaughan's invitation to visit the Central Office and see for themselves that the accomplishment of having their own building brought further pride to the individual in his National Office and a realization that conducting the affairs of his profession had become big business. Of interest to the delegates was the interest by doctors attending the convention shown by the considerable time that they spent in the House of Delegates as spectators to further understand the mechanics of operation of the National Association, even though they were not elected delegates but only wished infor-

mation. The back of the House of Delegates room was continuously crowded with doctors as such.

Dr. Floyd Peckham, Chicago, Illinois was elected President-Elect of the American Osteopathic Association. Milwaukee, Wisconsin is the site of the 1951 American Osteopathic Association meeting and Atlantic City, New Jersey was chosen for the 1952 meeting.

There were approximately one hundred and twenty-six medical and commercial exhibits of interest to the attending physicians and in addition, exhibits from the six Osteopathic Colleges, plus exhibits by private Osteopathic Specialists. In addition the hobby exhibit of Osteopathic Physicians was carried out again this year. There were some very interesting hobbies of physicians displayed.

As to the teaching program under the capable direction of Dr. C. R. Nelson, Ottawa, Illinois an innovation was instituted. The different aspects of the teaching program was consolidated into a symposium report which was enthusiastically accepted by the attending physicians. The House of Delegates voted to carry out the same theme of teaching at the Milwaukee, Wisconsin 1951 meeting.

Surprising to this delegate was the attendance and interest shown following the close of the convention in the two day meeting at the Academy of Applied Osteopathy. Most inspirational was the very informative lecture given by Dr. Irvin Korr to the Academy of Applied Osteopathy in a report of his extensive work on the "Physiology of Spinal Lesion" as carried out at Kirskville College of Osteopathy and Surgery. The very informative lecture plus the outstanding ovation given to Dr. Korr, prompted Dr. Grainger to attempt to



secure Dr. Korr as a program speaker for the Texas Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons meeting at the Shamrock Hotel at Houston, Texas in 1951.

Two Distinguished Service Certificates were presented on the last day of the convention at the installation of officers. One was presented posthumously to Dr. John Rogers of Wisconsin for

outstanding services to the Profession and another, in person, to Dr. Phil R. Russell of Fort Worth, Texas for his many, many outstanding services to the National Association, of which Texas is justly proud.

Enthusiasm ran high for the Milwaukee, Wisconsin meeting in 1951 at which time all delegates are anticipating renewing their many friendships.

## A Delegate's View of the Convention of the American Osteopathic Association

The 53rd Annual Convention was the best I have ever attended. Of course a delegate's view of the convention is somewhat one-sided in that he sees only the business side of the meeting. He hears the reports of the various chairmen and listens and helps to decide the many problems which arise in a large organization like this. The registration at the convention this year in Chicago totaled slightly better than 2000. According to the report of the Program Chairman he planned a program eliminating the teaching sessions by specialty interest and their replacement by two teaching sessions in which as many branches of professional interest as possible would participate, directing their teaching toward a central theme for the session. He also included specific papers on the manipulative approach to the particular theme as well as demonstrations by technique teams. This proved so satisfactory and the attendance was so good that it was decided to use a similar plan next year.

There were approximately 120 exhibitors in the Exposition Hall of the Stevens Hotel. The displays were varied and you could visit them time and again and still find something new. The Business Manager reported that the exhibitors were well satisfied as the doctors were visiting their booths and seemed interested in all of their products.

I would like to call the attention of the doctors in Texas to the doctors Hobby Show. There were many interesting hobbies on display and if you have a hobby why not send it in to the exhibit next year.

The House seemed to me to start off a little slow for some reason and I believe it was their reaction to the turn of events and the war in Korea. It was in the minds of many, but by the time a few hours of business had passed every one seemed to get their feet more firmly on the ground. The house opened its regular session at 1 p.m. on Sunday, July 9th, meeting each day and closing Friday, July 14th, at 10 a.m. for a total of 29 scheduled hours. Due to the lengthy reports and discussions it was necessary to hold longer than the scheduled hours. There were approximately 120 delegates seated from many states and some of the Provinces. I believe each one of you would be interested in reading these reports which will be published from time to time in the Journal of the American Osteopathic Association, together with the work of the House.

I would like to call your attention to a few highlights. Our teaching institutions which are the backbone of our profession are progressing satisfactorily. They are improving their faculty and their teaching facilities and are running full capacity. Fifteen colleges and uni-



versities now cooperate with our schools to give the combined degree on work done in our professional schools. The American Osteopathic Association through its Bureau of Public Education and Colleges is a member of the American Council on Education, the highest educational evaluation body in the United States. This recognition was made possible by the high educational standards maintained by our colleges. We must realize that we were able to maintain these high educational standards through the generosity of the profession and our lay friends by your contribution to the Progress Fund of the American Osteopathic Association. Since this fund is doing so much for our profession I would like to take this opportunity to urge each one of you to continue your support of the Progress Fund.

As you no doubt know the Committee on Research, assisted by the Osteopathic Research Board, has accepted responsibility for the largest research program ever undertaken by the Association. I quote from the chairman's report "One of the fundamental objectives of the American Osteopathic Association is the scientific development of the osteopathic theory and practice. Since this responsibility is profession-wide, it has always been the policy of the Board of Trustees of the American Osteopathic Association to encourage and to support research in the biological and clinical sciences. The Board is pleased to recognize advances in this field and takes this opportunity to pledge its moral and financial support to this work in the future."

In an era of deficit spending it is nice to know our organization is solvent, in the main collections continue good. Advertising and literature accounts are in excellent condition, but the increasing amount outstanding on membership dues is a matter of concern. If you would read the many reports of the various departments of your Association and visit the new Central office and see the physical plant and the efficient

employees you could not help but be convinced of the fact that you certainly get a lot for the money you pay in dues. In union there is strength and the American Osteopathic Association is an organized force protecting the health of the nation so please join the progressive march and pay your dues—all of them. **MEMBERSHIP IN THE AMERICAN OSTEOPATHIC ASSOCIATION IS A PRIVILEGE.** That is why we now have such a large membership.

Some of the reports took 2½ hours to give and some were so interesting that the House stood and applauded for several minutes. I want to earnestly request each of you to read the reports of the work of your Association. I want to thank you for the privilege of representing you in this august body and at any time you want any information concerning the reports and the action of the House please call on me.

ROBERT E. MORGAN, D.O.

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## Texas Osteopathic Physicians Honored

By ROBERT E. MORGAN, D.O.

The following is a replica of a distinguished service award presented to Dr. Phil Russell, executive secretary of the Texas Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons:



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In Witness Whereof our signatures are hereto  
affixed this fourteenth day of July 1950



H Dale Pearson, President

R. C. McLaughlin Secretary

Dr. Vincent P. Carroll, president of the American Osteopathic Association, presented this award to Dr. Russell at the General Assembly installation of officers at the annual convention in Chicago Friday, July 14.

This award was bestowed on Dr. Russell for his years of devotion and service to the profession.

Following the presentation of this award, Dr. Russell was congratulated by hundreds of friends. We in Texas add our congratulations to these. Too often recognition comes to people when it is

too late and it is gratifying to know that the efforts of Dr. Russell are appreciated and recognized while he is still active.

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## In Appreciation

Your executive secretary is most humble over the recognition bestowed upon him by the American Osteopathic Association. He personally doubts that he has earned this recognition but every effort he has put forth to justify this award has been not only a duty to a profession but a privilege.

He recognizes that any accomplishment with which he might be credited could not have succeeded without the help of many members of the association. He considers this award a tribute to all of those who have supported organized osteopathy, devoted their lives to the people and the preservation of Andrew Taylor Still's concept of health.

He is most grateful and desires to express his appreciation to the profession for the confidence and honor exemplified in this award and, in appreciation, will double his efforts in behalf of humanity and the profession.

P. R. RUSSELL, D.O.

Dr. Charlotte Strum  
Honored

The Board of Trustees of the American Osteopathic Association in July conferred upon Dr. Charlotte Strum an honorary life membership in the Association. A continuous record of membership in the national association made this consideration possible. We congratulate Dr. Strum on this award and we are happy that she has received it for she has earned it by continual efforts in behalf of Osteopathy in this State.



## 1950 A.O.A. House of Delegates Report

ROBERT J. BRUNE, D.O.

The 1950 meeting of the House of Delegates was a very inspiring and interesting, albeit fatiguing, experience. Organization of osteopathic physicians and surgeons on the national level continues at a rapid pace. The amount of work done by the national committees is truly an inspiration. For instance, the Bureau of Hospitals has done a magnificent job of organizing and standardizing osteopathic hospitals over the nation. Training programs in the various hospitals approved for intern training are being coordinated and vitalized with the osteopathic concept. Registered hospitals are now going to be inspected for approval.

The Public Relations Committee has done a magnificent job in assuring osteopathic inclusion in federal legislation. This continues to be a more-than-full-time job and is being handled very capably under the direction of Dr. C. D. Swope. At the present time, osteopathic physicians have the same status as that during the last war. Efforts are constantly being put forth to insure their inclusion in the quotas of commissioned officers in the medical departments of

the various armed services. The importance of the osteopathic profession in the present national emergency will be constantly kept before the public and due recognition accorded it through the work and functions of the various national committees.

The House of Delegates re-affirmed the policy of the A.O.A. as regards national health insurance. This policy is, essentially, that the A.O.A. favors any health insurance plan which guarantees equal participation by practitioners of the various schools of medicine and does not interfere with the doctor-patient relationship or the right of the patient to free choice of physician.

Policies were adopted which result in a more closely knit A.O.A. A complete and detailed report of the actions taken by this House will be presented to the state Board of Trustees and House of Delegates at their next meetings.

The national convention will be held in Milwaukee next year. I would like to see a larger Texas group present than we had this year.

It is up to us as individual doctors of osteopathic medicine to support that organization which supports us.

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## Attendance Record and Your Delegates to the AOA Convention in Chicago

This record proves that your delegates were on the job continually and at every session:

Dr. Robert J. Brune .....	7 sessions
Dr. Lige C. Edwards .....	9 sessions
Dr. Phil R. Russell .....	9 sessions
Dr. Robert E. Morgan .....	9 sessions
Dr. William D. Blackwood .....	2 sessions

Dr. Blackwood was seated in the place of Dr. Brune who left before the last two sessions of the House.

It is easy to see from this attendance

record that you were represented 100 per cent by your delegates at each meeting of the House.

There were nine complete roll calls, the roll being called at alternate times during each day's session.

## New Class Brings Kirksville Total to 415

The class of one hundred freshmen which will register for the fall semester at the Kirksville College of Osteopathy and Surgery will bring the total enrollment to 415, which is the largest enrollment the College has had in several years. These freshmen students were selected from a group of 420 applicants.

The preprofessional training of ninety-five percent of the new freshmen students is three years or more. Seventy-one hold Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Arts Degrees, and three hold the Masters Degree. The overall grade average is slightly below B for the group, which represents seventy-two colleges and universities.

Again, as in each year since World War II, veterans predominate with eighty-one percent of the students veterans. Thirty-six percent of the students are married. Eight members of the class are relatives of osteopathic physicians. The average age of the students is twenty-five and one half years.

Of the twenty-seven states and territories represented by this new class, Michigan and Ohio tie for first place, with 17 students each. New York, Texas, Washington, and Pennsylvania tie for second, with 7 each; and Missouri and Illinois tie for third, with 5 each. Indiana has 4; Massachusetts, New Jersey, California, Kentucky, 3 each; Connecticut, Minnesota, Florida, 2 each; and 1 each for Iowa, Idaho, Arizona, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Colorado, Tennessee, Nebraska, West Virginia, New Mexico, and Hawaii.



## Shortage of Doctors in the Armed Service

The following editorial from the FORT WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM is very pertinent to the point:

### Doctors Needed

It would be a shocking thing indeed if our military authorities were compelled to resort to compulsory call-ups of reserve corps doctors in order to assure continued adequate medical care of those in the armed services. There is a definite prospect, however, that compulsory measures will be necessary.

The Army alone needs 354 additional doctors at once. Requests asking doctors to volunteer for active service were sent recently to 3,000 reserves, but only 15 accepted.

Thousands of medical students were accorded special privileges during World War II because of the nation's great need for doctors. Many able-bodied young men were granted deferment from military service to permit them to complete their medical educations. Some were educated at government expense.

Recipients of these special privileges assumed no legal obligation at the time to serve their country in any future time of need, but they did assume a strong moral obligation to do so. The time to discharge that obligation has arrived.

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The newspapers of the State and nation are printing numerous stories on the failure of the allopathic profession to volunteer for the medical corps of the armed services. In spite of the fact that the armed services educated some 15,000 allopathic doctors under the ASTP, it looks as if the leaders of the allopathic profession are having difficulty in controlling these men and it will eventually mean drafting them for service unless they show better war co-operation and willingness toward their duty, and at the present there is a bill

in Congress to register all doctors and dentists and to draft those needed.

Your executive secretary was called by long distance while attending the district 10 convention for a statement to be made to the STAR-TELEGRAM under a story entitled, "ASTP Doctors held Obligated to Join Service". This was a two column story on the subject and the following quotation was carried from the executive secretary of your association:

"Dr. Phil Russell said that if the Army would loosen its regulations and would permit osteopathic physicians to serve in the Medical Corps, a "good many" osteopathic physicians from Texas would volunteer for duty now. He said probably not more than 150 osteopathic physicians in Texas are under 40 years of age and thus of a military age but that many of them would be willing to volunteer.

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During World War II osteopathic physicians were deferred from military service. The last Navy appropriations bill, he said, authorizes the president to commission osteopathic physicians at his discretion, but Dr. Russell was not certain whether a similar authorization applies to the Army.

Osteopathic physicians, he said are now serving in Veterans Administration and U. S. Public Health Service hospitals."

During World War II the osteopathic profession had numerous members apply for commission in the medical corps of the Army and Navy. The Surgeon General, without exception, turned them down, in spite of the fact that Congress had provided for the commissioning of osteopathic physicians in the medical corps of the Army and Navy.

It is suggested by your executive secretary that those of the profession who are eligible again make application for a commission in the medical corps. Let's, as a profession, do a better public relations job, prove to the people and government that we are more loyal than our allopathic friends who, by their numeral power, have blocked qualified osteopathic physicians from serving their country in the capacity of physicians.

### **Attention Young D.O.'s and Texas Students Now Taking Osteopathic or Pre-Osteopathic College Training**

The army and navy need men but, in accordance with the policy of the Selective Service during the past war, it does not want men whose absence will endanger the health of the civilian population.

Mistakes have been made in classification and induction of our doctors and students in the past. These mistakes have been corrected when called to the proper authorities in the Selective Service headquarters. The inductee usually is not in a position to do much about

changing his status once he is declared eligible and is headed for military service. We urge that as soon as you are classified as eligible for service, you immediately wire or telephone one of the members of the Selective Service Committee of our Texas Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons regarding your status.

Anything our Selective Service Committee can do to change the status of a D.O. who is declared eligible for the draft is based on whether he is essential to the community in which he resides. It will therefore facilitate our investigation of your professional status if you will identify yourself now with our executive secretary, Phil Russell. Let him know what type of a practice you have and approximately the number of patients you see daily. The draft of our osteopathic students depends on whether their grades are satisfactory.

Your Selective Service Committee will do everything possible for our Texas D.O.'s and osteopathic students to correct any errors in your draft status, but since we are all overworked in these times, we are going to act first on those D.O.'s who are members of our state organization. We urge you therefore if you have never joined or have not kept up your membership, that you contact our executive secretary, Phil Russell, at once.

Signed

SELECTIVE SERVICE COMMITTEE  
J. B. Donovan, Austin  
W. L. Crews, Gonzales

**THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY HAS BEEN NOTIFIED THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE AMERICAN OSTEOPATHIC ASSOCIATION HAS REVOKED THE CERTIFICATION IN RADIOLOGY OF DONALD M. WATT.**



## Washington News Letter

### Selective Service

On June 30, 1950 Public Law 599 was approved extending the Selective Service Act to July 9, 1951. Previous policies with respect to deferment remain unchanged up to this time, that is, preprofessional and professional osteopathic students remain deferrable and members in active practice remain deferrable. Additional legislation is expected which will raise the age limit above 26 and may deal with deferments.

The Healing Arts Educational Advisory Committee of Selective Service is scheduled to meet in Washington on July 31. Dr. Otterbein Dressler having resigned, Dr. R. McFarlane Tilley has been appointed by General Hershey as the osteopathic member of the Committee. This Committee advises the Director with respect to policies bearing on the deferment of preprofessional and professional students.

The above mentioned extension of the Selective Service Act also authorized the President to call members of the reserve components to active duty. The Department of Defense is currently considering a policy with respect to reserve officers, including those who are in training for

the professions of the healing arts. The possibilities are that the policy will deny deferments on the grounds of such training in those cases having special skills in which there is a shortage.

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### Auxiliary to the AOA

On July 6, 1950 the Commissioner of Internal Revenue declared the Auxiliary to the AOA and its subsidiary organizations to be Federal tax exempt under Sec. 101(6) of the Internal Revenue Code. Therefore, contributions to these organizations are deductible.

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### Cortisone and ACTH

Cortisone is now available to qualified hospitals and will be supplied upon application to Merck & Co. Acth is also available to qualified hospitals and will be supplied upon application to Armour and Co. According to the Food and Drug Administration hospitals whether staffed by doctors of medicine or doctors of osteopathy which maintain laboratories equipped to make such determinative tests as sodium and potassium in blood, blood sugars, carbon dioxide combining powers, and electro-

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## Conference on Aging

On August 13-15 a Conference on Aging will be held in Washington under the auspices of the Federal Security Agency. A special committee appointed by the Administrator has been working on old age problems during the past 2 years. The Conference is for exploratory and definitive purposes relating to needs and methods of fulfillment. Dr. Alexander Levitt who has written extensively in the AOA Journal on degenerative diseases has been invited by the Administrator to participate in the Conference in the Section on Health Maintenance and Services.

## LOCATION

Dr. E. E. Dunlap, San Diego, Texas writes asking if we know of any good D.O. looking for the best location in Texas and he considers the below listed town such a place at the present time. He states the doctor would have to be willing to start right off with a good income and plenty of work:

HEBBRONVILLE, TEXAS. Population 5000 with drawing radius of possible 2000 or 3000. 50 miles south to the nearest town and almost 50 miles north to a town of any size. East and West are only small towns for ever so far.

At present there is one over-worked M.D. and one doctor who has been away most of the past 6 months.

It is claimed all the needs of a doctor would be his little black bag and treating table, plus O.B. equipment, since the present doctor does no O.B. work, and that in a town of this size with no one doing obstetrics, a new man would have a field day.

Resources are oil, cattle, farming and considerable dairying.

Anyone interested contact Dr. E. E.

Dunlap or Mr. E. J. Lunz, druggist, or Dr. Paul Greusel, dentist, in Hebbroville.

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## Lockport D. O. Elected To School Board

Dr. Charles A. Kaiser, Lockport, New York, was re-elected a member of the Lockport Board of Education on May 2. He was top man in the balloting in a field of five.

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## Some Aspects of Abdominal Distention

By J. V. MONEY, D. O.

Abdominal distention is both a surgical and a non-surgical problem.

It is easier to present than to treat; easier to treat early than late.

Gas may be due to air swallowing, to fermentation, to tissue gaseous transference. It may be caused by ileus, mechanical or paralytic; intussusception, volvulus, fecolith, torsion of a hollow viscera or other obstruction; Botulinus infection, perforation of a viscera, peritonitis. Terminal stages of carcinoma of an abdominal viscera; congenital atresia and stenosis; hernias (inguinal, mesenteric femoral, etc.) pneumonia, typhoid, inactivity in bed due to fracture, transverse myelitis, etc.

Treatment by attention to the cause is not always enough, nor if there al-

ways unanimity as to treatment of an entity.

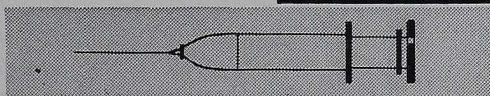
If there is no obstruction, the rectal tube, milk and molasses enema, Miller Abbot tube, Wangenstein suction, prostigmine methylsulfate, heat, pitressen, osteopathic treatment, feeding, sitting position, earl ambulation, are to be considered.

Prevention includes early feeding and adequate feeding; early ambulation, close observation by the internist; the Miller Abbot and rectal tube, osteopathic treatment, bed exercises.

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Some consider that prostigmine is a cause of obstruction as against those who use it preventively.

The diagnostic value of distention as an aid to treatment is extremely variable, ranging from the feeding-air swallowing-positional burping of the infant to the slow, almost symptomless until too late obstruction of the large bowel in which it may be the only symptom early enough to be of value.

Chronic recurrent distention in the ambulant often is an indication of incomplete digestion and depending on the cause may be relieved by dilute hydrochloric acid, caroid, pancreatin and other digestives. Structural correction, correction of emotional difficulties, occupational therapy, mental reorientation, atrophine type drugs, antihistamines should be considered.

Cardiac insufficiency or hepatic disease causing abdominal venous stagnation are factors to be treated appropriately.

Surgically: the type of anesthetic (in relation to condition of patient and type of operation) proper emptying of bowel preoperatively: the least possible manipulation of the bowel; the use of small-diameter sutures are considered factors in prevention.

High cellulose products as onion, cabbage, due to their difficulty in digestion may, by bacterial action, be gas producers. Readily assimilatable food such as sugar, starch, broth, soup, gelatin are recommended.

Vigorous catharsis either pre or post operative is agreed by many to be a potent cause of distention. The amount of the drug rather than the type of drug appears to be the factor.

In the case of obstruction or mechanical ileus the treatment requires immediate interference.

The location, type of obstruction, condition of patient, duration of the obstruction, all result in the highly individualized handling of each case.

The treatment may vary from resection of the enfarcted area to simple reduction of the mesenteric hernia with closure of the hole if the affected loop is still viable; colostomy, anastomosis, may be necessary. One hundred percent oxygen is recommended as a test for viability; the suspected gut will improve in color as the oxygen is given, if still viable-under any form of anesthetic.

Prior to operation radiology may locate obstruction. Its value is disputed.

Intervenous saline may aid the toxic case. Decompression by gastric or intestinal aspiration prior to operation is a modern tendency.

Acute intussusception of infants; Australian surgeons report 60% non-operative cure by hydrostatic pressure rectally.

While careful analysis of gas in distention has been made, the source is still unsettled. In many conditions it is in doubt whether gas causes ileus or ileus causes gas, certainly in all non-obstructive cases there must be derangements of nervous or circulatory function to be studied and individualized.

The opinion of Clarence Dennis(1) is interesting, I quote in part: "Post-operative ileus is usually avoidable by gentle handling of viscera and precautions in dealing with abdominal wall. When it occurs despite these precautions, ambulation for a few hundred feet even if help if needed, is extremely effective. If the rare case fails to respond institute continuous nasal gastric suction. It will ordinarily be needed only a day or two at most."

Distention has been a troublesome or decisive factor in many conditions such as carbuncle, acute coronary disease, mechanical and paralytic ileus, tuberculosis, fractures, myelitis, myocarditis, and the aged in the writer's experience.

He believes you would enjoy and profit by the discussions of Baily



"Emergency Surgery"; "Cornell Conference on Therapy Volume 1", Partipilo's discussion of Harris' modification of the Miller Abbot tube, "Surgical Technique"—Lea and Febiger.

(1) "*Current Therapy*"—Saunders and Company Page 51—1949.

## Osteopathic Hospital Wins 10 To 1 Fight for Baby's Life

McDowell Osteopathic Hospital of Phoenix, Arizona is very proud of baby Fritzanna Daetweiler. She was born three months prematurely on March first and weighed two pounds twelve ounces. After more than twelve weeks of hospital care, the baby has gone home now, weighing seven pounds five ounces.

Fritzanna was not only a six months baby, she was born with a blood tumor the size of a quarter on the back of her right shoulder. The doctors, who miraculously brought her into the world alive and helped her grow strong, operated successfully May 16. Though Fritzanna started life with two strikes against her, her lusty cry and appetite are living proof of the fine medical and nursing care she had from birth at McDowell Osteopathic Hospital.

## Maine Diabetic Society, Inc. Formed by Maine Osteopathic Association

Osteopathic physicians and surgeons of Maine have recently formed the Maine Diabetic Society, Inc., whose purpose is to detect and control diabetic cases throughout the state. It is estimated that there are 5,500 unknown cases in this area. In an attempt to help these people, May 21-27 was designated as Diabetic Detection Week. During this time any person could leave a urine sample at any osteopathic hospital or at the office of any osteopathic physician or surgeon, and the sample would

be examined for sugar free of charge. If sugar was found the patient would be given an appointment for a free blood sugar test, and the report would be sent to any physician named by the patient. It is believed that this attempt to curb diabetes will be a notable addition to Maine's public health program.

The first president of the Maine Diabetic Society, Inc. is Dr. Albert Chittenden of Auburn. The Secretary-Treasurer is Dr. True B. Eveleth of Portland and members of the Board of Directors are Dr. E. G. Drew of Waterville, Dr. Sargent Jealous of Saco, Dr. Lowell M. Hardy of Portland, Dr. Vernon Lowell of Portland, Dr. M. Carman of Pettapiece of Portland and Mr. Gerald Kelley of South Portland. The organization will establish and maintain clinics for the treatment of diabetics unable to afford the services of a private physician.

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## **New \$500,000 Wing Opened at Santa Ana Community Hospital**

A new hospital building, modern in every detail of equipment and design, was formally presented to Santa Ana, California citizens with a nOpen House on May fifteenth.

The hospital started in 1902 as a twelve room, \$6,000 institution. The present non-profit, non-sectarian, charitable institution was organized in 1941, and, with the new wing now in operation, it has a 93 bed capacity and is second to none in its area.

Funds for the new wing of the hospital were raised solely by public subscription, through a campaign started in 1947.

The osteopathic profession figures prominently in the growth of the hospital. Dr. Vincent P. Carroll, who will become president of the American Osteopathic Association in July, is a professional member of the hospital board.

Dr. R. W. Tibbetts is assistant chief of staff. He is in charge of the forty Orange county osteopathic physicians on the hospital staff and also heads the six D.O. courtesy members from Los Angeles county. Dr. John Helmkin is an assistant chief of staff, and Dr. Eric S. Evans is secretary of the osteopathic staff.

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## **Dayton Hospital In Blood Bank Association**

Grandview Hospital, Dayton, Ohio, has been accepted as an institutional member of the American Association of Blood Banks, according to a report by Mr. Joseph Beck, administrator.

According to the charter signed by T. H. Seldon, M.D., of the Mayo Clinic, president of the association, the membership was granted "by virtue of conformance with requirements set forth by the American Association of

Blood Banks and in recognition of support rendered the principles and purposes enumerated therein."

The association was founded in 1947 to promote the exchange of ideas and materials among blood banks in the United States. Members are pledged to set up uniform standards and to cooperate in time of disaster.

Grandview is the first osteopathic hospital in the nation to be accepted for institutional membership. Its blood bank is operated under the direction of Mr. Charles T. Heusch, laboratory chief. Mr. Heusch was recently certified by the blood bank association to give training in blood bank technology.

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## **Hospital Fund Drive Launched**

In April a fund to complete the Charles A. Still Osteopathic hospital of Jefferson City, Missouri was launched with a campaign dinner. Principal speakers were J. G. Christy, toastmaster; State Senator George Rozier, president of the local Chamber of Commerce, and Lawrence Jones, executive-secretary of the Missouri Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons.

A check for \$500 was presented by Omar Kelpe on behalf of the Disabled American Veterans of Jefferson City. The speakers emphasized that only \$53,000 had to be raised in the city. The remainder of the necessary \$192,000 will come from a non-profit system which re-invests all profits in the hospital.

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## **Ohio D. O. Listed As Radio Amateur**

Dr. Robert S. Roscoe, Cleveland Heights, Ohio is to be listed in a new directory of doctors and dentists who are licensed radio amateurs.

Dr. Roscoe is operator of amateur station W8FBD on bands 80 CW, 40 CW, and 10 Phone.



## D.O. Medical Officer In Vets Administration

Dr. K. H. Moody is serving with the Department of Medicine and Surgery of the Veterans Administration and is stationed at the Chicago Regional Office. Since joining this service two and one-half years ago he has had two increases and was promoted from associate to full grade last December.

Dr. Moody is classified as an Orthopedic Examiner and his chief duty is giving orthopedic and surgical examinations to veterans receiving pensions or applying for pensions.

Some veterans come to the clinic expressly for osteopathic treatments and these are referred directly to Dr. Moody. Veterans referred to the clinic by osteopathic physicians in the field are usually sent to him as well.

It is interesting to note that Dr. Moody averages approximately 1500 examinations annually exclusive of the osteopathic treatments he gives.

## Still College Officials And Churchmen Plan for Medical Missionary Association

On the evening of May 22nd, a group of churchmen met with the faculty of Still College in Des Moines to consider forming a Medical Missionary Association in that city.

Dr. Edwin Peters, president of the college, was in charge of the meeting. Several church denominations were represented. John Rolles, a Still college student from England and former missionary in India, outlined a proposal to form a scholarship fund to help train prospective medical missionaries to serve the needy at home and abroad.

Jacob Nah, a Still College student from Liberia, told how he had come from a family of witch-doctors and was in this country to qualify himself to serve his suffering fellow tribesmen in his native African republic.

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# AUXILIARY NEWS

## The A. O. A. A. Annual Convention

Chicago, Ill., July 10-14, 1950

The A. A. O. A., in conjunction with the formal opening of the Fifty-fourth Annual Convention of the A.O.A., began its Tenth Annual Convention in the Grand Ballroom, Stevens Hotel, Chicago, Monday, July 10, 1950, with its theme being "Ten Years of Progress."

The three sessions of the House of Delegates had an average attendance of seventy-six seated delegates, in addition to twenty guests and eight alternates, representing the thirty-six active State Auxiliaries. There were twelve ladies attending the convention from Texas, eight of whom were delegates or alternates. During the business sessions annual reports of National Officers and Committees were read; a slight revision of the By-Laws was adopted; reports of State Presidents were heard; and officers were elected for the ensuing year. The following notes taken from these sessions are given for the interest of our Auxiliary:

1. Changes in By-Laws of the A.A.O.A. amended ARTICLE VIII, Sec. 5, which in effect added another duty of the Recording Secretary; and the amendments to ARTICLE XII, Sections 1 and 8, merely added the words "Research Funds" after the Student Loan.
2. Newly elected A.A.O.A. Officers for 1950-1951 are: Pres., Mrs. T. H. Lacy, No. 1 Camden Pl., Parkersburg, W. Va.; Pres.-Elect, Mrs. R. E. Morgan, 5503 Mercedes, Dallas, Texas; 1st Vice-Pres., Mrs. J. G. Wagenseller, 1635 Farragut Ave., Chicago, Ill.; 2nd Vice-Pres.,

Mrs. Michael Blackstone, 1628 Walnut St., Allentown, Pa.; Treasurer, Mrs. Henry Watchpocket, 17616 Grandville Rd., Detroit, Mich.; Rec. Sec., Mrs. J. M. Moore, Trenton, Tenn.

Texas has been greatly honored by having our Mrs. Morgan elected as our National Pres.-Elect. We are very proud of her, not only for her receiving this National recognition, but also for the work and devotion which she so generously has given to her District and State Auxiliary. She now has many more hours of work and devotion to her duties this year as Membership Chairman, and next year as President; therefore, let us all show her we are behind her in every way, by first trying to get every Doctor's wife a member of the Auxiliary, and thereby creating a stronger and more unified Auxiliary working for the Osteopathic Profession.

3. A recommendation was made that the A.A.O.A. consider membership in the National Federation of Women's Club.
4. A recommendation was made that with the discretion of the Executive Board that more study of Parliamentary Procedure be given at each Annual Convention.
5. A recommendation was made that the A.A.O.A. back the proposed National Lay-Program of a goal of \$15,000,000.00 which the A.O.A. is sponsoring.
6. The National Historian stressed that all State Auxiliaries send in



two copies of news items to the National Office. (Texas does not seem so large in the Historian's Book, according to the very few clippings in the Historian's Book.)

7. There was much emphasis given to the Year Book Contest, which the A.A.O.A. sponsors at every annual convention. Texas was honored in this contest this year by the Tarrant County (Fort Worth) Auxiliary winning a blue ribbon for their outstanding Year Book. Congratulations!

In addition to the valuable concepts derived from the House of Delegates sessions, the opportunity was given to all attending the Convention to attend the Round Table Discussions, as well as an inspiring lecture of interest to everyone. The Round Table topics were: "Officers' Training Course" by Mrs. Paul van B. Allen; "Editors' Workshop" by Mrs. Russell Glaser; "Hospitals and Clinics" by Mrs. Roy L. Brown; and "Public Relations" by Mrs. Henry Watchpocket. The highlights from each of these subjects will be given at our State meeting in October, as well as the review of the lecture on "Psychology in Marriage" by Dr. Edwin F. Peters, President of Des

Moines College of Osteo. & Surgery.

The social functions of the convention included the following:

Monday afternoon there was a tour of the Art Institute, which was followed by a tea in the patio garden of the Art Institute, honoring Mrs. Dale Pearson, wife of the Pres. of the A.O.A., and Mrs. Douglas Waitley, Pres. of the A.A.O.A., sponsored by the Entertainment Comm. of the A.O.A. Local Convention Committee.

Monday evening the President's Reception and Ball was held in the Grand Ballroom of the Stevens Hotel, music by Lou Breeze and orchestra.

Wednesday at noon, there was a luncheon for State Presidents and the Executive Board, which was delightful in its informality of discussing each State's organizational problems.

Wednesday evening was devoted to the College Alumni Banquets.

Thursday at noon, the Installation Luncheon was held in the Boulevard Room, which included besides the very inspiring and original installation ceremony by Mrs. Robert Homan, Past Pres. of the A.A.O.A., dramatic monologues given by Miss Harriet Allyn, a radio star of the former radio program of Clara, Lu and Em.

Thursday evening the A.O.A. Ban-

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quet in the Grand Ballroom was a befitting climax to the social activities of the convention with the introduction of the new officers and trustees, and the presentation of a sparkling silver service to Dr. Dale Pearson from the A.O.A. as a memento for his untiring work in his capacity as President of the A.O.A. As a grand finale, the Variety Guild of Chicago presented a two-hour show, which was enthusiastically applauded for its unusual talent.

The Eleventh Annual Convention of the A.A.O.A. will be held in Milwaukee next year, when Mrs. Maude Morgan will be installed as President of the A.A.O.A., and we are expecting the largest number of representatives from Texas to ever attend a convention. Then, let us all consider going to next year's annual convention, with a feeling of merit for the outstanding work we will perform for our Texas Auxiliary work.

Florence Garrison (Mrs. Archie)  
Pres., Aux. to the Texas Assoc. of  
Osteo. Phys. and Surgeons.

## Auxiliary District Eight

This month your reporter has found news scarce for this district, due to several doctors and their families being on vacation at this time. The regular meeting of the Corpus Christi osteopathic auxiliary was postponed during July, since two of our members were ill and some of the other members were out of town.

Dr. and Mrs. Earl Elsea and their two daughters arrived several weeks ago. Dr. Elsea is interning at the Corpus Christi Osteopathic Hospital. We shall be happy to welcome them to our district meeting Sunday, Aug. 6.

Dr. F. H. Summers has driven to Missouri to get Mrs. Summers and their two daughters who have been visiting relatives for several weeks.

Dr. and Mrs. T. M. Bailey and David

drove to Wichita Falls the middle of July and spent several days visiting Mrs. Bailey's sister, Mrs. Fulcher Armstrong.

Drs. Laura and Fred Auwers had as their house guest recently Dr. Fred's mother from Jacksonville, Florida.

We are happy Mrs. Merle Griffin and Mrs. T. M. Bailey are out of the hospital and able to be with the auxiliary again.

Mrs. James Tyree is in Wichita, Kansas, visiting her daughter and son-in-law and their new son, Bruce Tyree Campbell. Bruce is the first grandchild for Dr. and Mrs. Tyree. You should hear Dr. Jim talk about the new arrival.

Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Schultz, their three children and several couples, spent the weekend at Garner State Park. The scenery was beautiful and the cool clear river afforded wonderful swimming.

The quarterly district meeting will be held Sunday, August 6, at the Robert Driscoll Hotel. Dr. Everett Wilson of San Antonio will be guest speaker. Mrs. Wilson will accompany him and will be honor guest of the auxiliary at this time.

Dr. and Mrs. Scharff of McAllen are vacationing in Honolulu, Hawaii for three months.

As this goes to press Dr. and Mrs. Ed Edwards are anticipating by Aug. 7 and we are all getting impatient as to whether it will be a girl or boy.

By MRS. JOSEPH J. SCHULTZ.

## Amarillo Meeting

The Amarillo Osteopathic Hospitals Auxiliary met Wednesday evening, July 19, at the reception room of the Credit Clinic. Mrs. E. W. Cain, president, presided for the business session. In the absence of Mrs. R. E. Lingfelter of Hereford, Mrs. Ralph Soper acted as secretary. Mrs. L. J. Vick, Mrs. J. Francis Brown, and Mrs. J. H. Chandler gave highlights of the Auxiliary to the



American Osteopathic Association convention which they attended July 10-14, 1950, in Chicago. Complete reports of the convention will be given at the meeting on August 13 of the Auxiliary to the District One Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons.

Present were: Mrs. E. W. Cain, Mrs. J. Francis Brown, Mrs. L. J. Vick, Mrs. J. H. Chandler, Mrs. E. H. Mann, Mrs. Ralph Soper, Mrs. E. L. Rossman, and Mrs. L. V. Cradit, all of Amarillo.

MRS. J. H. CHANDLER.

### **Tarrant County Auxiliary Wins First Prize**

The Tarrant county auxiliary won first prize for mimeographed Year Books at the convention in Chicago and is now the proud possessor of a blue ribbon, which will be cherished and kept as a reminder to strive for bigger and better awards in the future.

### **Dr. Reynolds Assumes Duties**

Dr. W. O. Reynolds assumed his duties as head of the division of obstetrics and gynecology at the KCOS Hospital and Clinic July 24.

Dr. Reynolds was appointed in May to succeed Dr. Martin L. Riemann whose resignation was effective June 10. He comes from Raton, New Mexico, where he held a similar position in the Donovan Osteopathic Hospital.

Dr. Reynolds was graduated from the osteopathic college in Kirksville in 1939 and for two and one-half years engaged in general practice in New Mexico. He served three years in the U. S. Naval Hospital Corps during World War II. Following military service, Dr. Reynolds served fourteen months as a resident in obstetrics at the KCOS Hospital and Clinic with Dr. Robert B. Bachman. In 1946, he went to Raton to head the department in the osteopathic hospital there.

Dr. and Mrs. Reynolds and their son, Warren, are residing with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Harkey, of Kirksville, until living quarters can be found.

### **Forum Article Elicits Response**

The following is from the Bangor, Maine, "Commercial" for April 27, 1950.

CONGRATULATIONS! To Senator Margaret Chase Smith from Maine who was named the Personality of the Month by the FORUM OF OSTEOPATHY, an international periodical.

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## **Dr. C. O. Meyer Heads Osteopathic Rheumatology Society**

Dr. C. O. Meyer of Des Moines has been elected president of the American Osteopathic Society for the Study and Control of Rheumatic Diseases. Dr. Meyer succeeds Dr. H. L. Samblanet of Canton, Ohio. The annual meeting was held on July 14th at the Stevens Hotel in Chicago. Plans were made for the coming year and the group was addressed by B. B. Speiser, Ph.D., president of the Medical Chemical Corporation of Chicago. Dr. Speiser, who has done much original research work with steroid compounds, spoke to the society on the use and manufacture of Pregnenolone and other steroids.

Other officers named to serve with Dr. Meyer for the coming year are: Vice-President, Dr. L. T. Ramsdell, LaPorte, Indiana; Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. E. C. Andrews, Ottawa, Illinois; Executive Council: Dr. C. R. Nelson, Ottawa, Illinois; Dr. Lester J. Vick, Amarillo, Texas; Dr. R. A. Schaub, Pasadena, California; Dr. Alexander Levitt, Brooklyn, New York. Chairman of the Research Committee, Dr. Stanley Bandeen, of Louisville, Kentucky.

The society has scheduled a mid-year meeting to be held at the Ottawa Arthritis Sanatorium and Diagnostic Clinic, in Ottawa, Illinois for November 24, 25, and 26.

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## **Graduation and Cornerstone Ceremonies**

Ideal weather and a large audience provided a gala day for the commencement exercises and cornerstone laying

for the Kirksville College of Osteopathy and Surgery June 10. Commencement exercises for the 41 members of the senior class were held in the Laughlin Bowl.

Samuel Marsh, director of the Department of Health and Welfare of the State of Missouri, who gave the principal address, urged the graduates to be loyal to their college, which needs their moral and financial support and their patients.

Morris Thompson, president of the college, presented three outstanding members of the profession to receive the honorary degree of Doctor of Science in Osteopathy to Dr. A. C. Hardy, who conferred the degrees. They were Dr. Thomas L. Northup, of Morristown, N. J.; Dr. Donald V. Hampton, of Cleveland, Ohio; and Dr. C. Robert Starks, of Denver, Colo.

Dr. Willis J. Bray, past grand master of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Missouri, presided over the cornerstone laying. The address was given by Lt. Gov. James T. Blair, Jr., of Missouri, who referred to the delightful weather by saying that he hoped the sunshine would continue for the graduates so they would have many "sunshining" days and experiences. He spoke highly of Dr. Charles E. Still and his associations with him while he was a member of the state legislature for many years. He said that his record there was an enviable one.

Dr. H. Dale Pearson delivered the principal address at the commemorative banquet held at the Rieger Armory at 7 o'clock. It was attended by 450 persons, among them being the guests of honor, the members of the graduating class. Dr. Wallace Pearson was toastmaster and introduced President Morris Thompson who presented certificates of honor to Ruby Green, past president of the Kirksville Chamber of Commerce, and W. O. Mackie, chairman of the committee which conducted a drive for funds for the new hospital.



# NEWS OF THE DISTRICTS

## DISTRICT TWO

Officers of North Texas district held a meeting Friday, August 4, at the home of Dr. Charles Still in Dallas, in which plans were made for the coming fall meeting. Those present were: Drs. Sherman Sparks, president, Charlie Still, president elect, D. D. Beyer, vice president, Lester Hamilton, secretary-treasurer, J. O. Carr, H. G. Grainger of Tyler. Dr. C. M. Esterline of Kirksville College of Osteopathy and Surgery, teacher of surgery and head of the department of anesthesiology, outlined his idea of programs for this particular type of meetings.

Dr. and Mrs. Louis Logan and Dr. and Mrs. Robert E. Morgan attended the Dallas County Democratic meeting at Fair Park, Saturday, July 29. Dr. and Mrs. Morgan were appointed delegates to the state meeting in Mineral Wells.

Fort Worth was well represented at the Tarrant County Democratic convention by Dr. George Luibel, Dr. Dan Beyer, Dr. J. O. Carr and Dr. Phil Russell. Drs. Russell, Luibel and Beyer are delegates to the state convention in Mineral Wells, Sept. 12.

Welcome Craig Rice, Jr., son of Dr. and Mrs. C. R. Packer, born at the Fort Worth Osteopathic Hospital Aug. 2. We welcome Craig Rice to this world of turmoil and hope that he makes a good osteopathic physician and does not take up mystery stories as a hobby as has the well known Craig Rice whose stories we listen to on the radio so much.

Dr. Roy Fisher and family left Wednesday, Aug. 9, to spend a 14 days' vacation in Michigan and have a much needed rest.

Dr. H. G. Buxton and family attended the Lions convention in Chicago,

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then made a trip to Mexico, and then to Kansas City—a nice three weeks' vacation.

Dr. George Pease and family, along with Dr. Charles Curry of Kansas City, Mo., and Dr. Charles Schwab of Overland Park, Kansas, and their families, enjoyed a fine fishing trip to Port Aransas and a vacation in the Rio Grande Valley.

Dr. Hugo Ranelle and family had a nice month's vacation, flew to New York for a couple of weeks and then to Galveston.

Dr. Robert Beyer is on an extended trip to the East on a month's vacation, visiting Washington, New York and all points east of the Mississippi.

Dr. Briscoe is on a three weeks' vacation to New Mexico and Illinois.

Denton county association will hold its monthly meeting in Denton Friday, Aug. 11, 1950. Dr. Buxton of Fort Worth will speak on cardio vascular emergencies.

J. Natcher Stewart, D. O., formerly head of the Department of Surgery at Normandy Osteopathic Hospital, St. Louis, Missouri, has accepted the position as Chief of Staff of the Stevens Park Osteopathic Hospital, Dallas, Texas, as of August 1, 1950.

Dr. Stewart is a senior member of the College of Surgeons. He served his surgical residency at the Detroit Osteopathic Hospital, surgical department.

Following the residency in Detroit, Dr. Stewart was a member of the Department of Surgery at the Kirksville College of Osteopathy and Surgery.

Following the teaching period at Kirksville, he was head of the Surgical Department of Normandy Osteopathic Hospital, St. Louis, Missouri.

Dr. John Olson accompanied Dr.



Stewart to Dallas and will remain for a few days.

Both physicians are guests of Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Calabria of Dallas, Texas.

### DISTRICT THREE

East Texas was represented at the AOA convention by only three members—at least that is all I saw—Dr. A. Ross McKinney, Texarkana; Drs. H. G. Grainger and K. E. Ross of Tyler. Dr. Grainger was on the program and spoke on the "Application of the Osteopathic Concept in Pulmonary Disease."

Drs. H. R. Coates of Tyler and Wayne Smith of Jacksonville recently attended the Operetta "Roberta" at Dallas.

Dr. and Mrs. C. List, Troup, Texas, were recently the guests of Dr. and Mrs. Charles Rahm of Tyler for the afternoon and a dinner at one of the local restaurants (?). I understand that Dr. List paid the check—\$6.25.

There are a lot of East Texas rumors going about but it seems fairly certain that Dr. Burr Lacey, formerly of Rusk, is going to resume practice in Quitman, Texas, in the near future.

Dr. H. G. Grainger recently went to Dallas ostensibly to attend a meeting of the P&PW group of North Texas district—He wouldn't tell me what he did in Dallas.

Dr. Joe G. Brown left Aug. 4 for a weekend in Austin—also ostensibly on business. I wonder a little however if the real reason were not to get away from it all. Another Dr. BROWN has just come to Tyler, bringing the total to four Doctors Brown. You can imagine the confusion when a careless caller gets on the line. Joe finds himself in demand at times as a pediatrician, at others as a consultant for a psychiatric case and at others—name your pizen. All three of the other Browns are practitioners in a different cul—I mean System of Medicine.

By the way—an open letter to Doctors: Palmore Currey, Earl Stuart, Bill Brown, Bill Coats, Charles Bragg, J. Bone and Wayne Smith:

You have all been doing things or intending to do things that would be of interest to the other members of the East Texas district. Let's have some news from some of you. I need it just before the first of each month. When you start getting your usual monthly statements out, please think of me and send me some news—scandal, your views on the biology of clams or whatever your little hearts desire. If you don't, I'll have to keep on with my own weird mental meanderings and—well, I know you don't want THAT.

Dr. Gafney just made a fast trip to

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Athens, Texas, to operate on a case for Drs. Wolfe and Duphorne. Dr. Gafney recently received the notification that he has been certified by the American Osteopathic Board of Surgery as a specialist in surgery.

NOTE: Please include the name of E. C. Kinzie in the list heading the "Open Letter" above.

Dr. Howard Coats was so disappointed in the poor quality of the fishing at Black Lake about a month ago that he is planning another fishing trip to Galveston within a couple of weeks. No excuses this time, Howard—I KNOW there's fish down there.

East Texas will have another hospital by the time this is printed. The same Dr. Charles Bragg mentioned in the "Open Letter" above, is opening a clinic or hospital at Big Sandy. I haven't the details or specifications at present but it sounds like a much needed and welcome contribution to the community in which he practices. Dr. Bragg did give me a little news at that time—something about a colored man and a mule up around Hawkins somewhere—but the exact details were lacking. Ask him the next time you see him.

Both osteopathic hospitals in Tyler are running to about full capacity.

Dr. Chas. Ogilvie lately embarked on a trip to New Orleans (to look up some old classmates or friends—ostensibly) accompanied by his wife. However, the grapevine included the dope that some Latin Quarter Night Spots or French Quarter Coffee Shops are included in the schedule.

Dr. K. E. Ross got back from the convention finally. However, the usual fog around Texarkana—at least every time I've flown near it—was very much there. There are two places in Arkansas where your compass gently, unobtrusively and insidiously lies to you. I found both of them.

By KENNETH E. ROSS, D. O.

MT. PLEASANT: Dr. and Mrs. J. S. Kennedy are on a three weeks motor trip to the Eastern seaboard. They are visiting friends and relatives in New Jersey, New York, and the New England states.

Dr. R. L. Martin, member of the state board of medical examiners, attended an executive meeting of the board in Fort Worth on July 30. Russell reports that the main business was to tie up the "loose ends" from the recent examinations.

No news on Dr. M. L. Cline is reportable since Georgianna is on a "vacation" and left Murrell at home.

TALCO: As for Dr. Ellis Miller, Russell Martin tells me that it is safe to report that he has been fishing on Lake Texahoma on numerous occasions. The results (barring sunburn) are yet to be seen.

TEXARKANA: NEWS FLASH (via grapevine) Dr. Ross McKinney has had his office in the Texarkana Na-

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DeKALB: On trying to contact Dr. Ernest Schwaiger, we learn that he is out of the office on vacation. No details are available but will be reported—if reportable—subsequently. What's the secret, Ernie?

WINNSBORO: Dr. Bill Coats says that there is not any special news with him. He hastens to add that Owen is in Kerrville on vacation and left him behind. OK, Bill, mum's the word.

Dr. E. P. Stuart and family have returned from their vacation in the Northwest. Earl and Ruth report a fine trip and displayed some beautiful workmanship on some gun stocks they had carved in Montana. Incidentally, if you are ever in Winnsboro, don't miss their wonderful collection of firearms. Don't think they can't use them, too.

JACKSONVILLE: Congratulations are in order for Dr. Wayne Smith. He has been reelected president of the Pinecrest Developing Co. Wayne has also recently had his office redecorated and air conditioned. On the lighter side—Wayne says that he, Howard Coats and Ross McKinney are planning a fishing trip to Galveston on August 17. Good luck, boys!

BIG SANDY: Here is the latest report on Dr. Chas. Bragg's new hospital and clinic. The building is practically completed and some equipment is being installed. Patients will be admitted after August 10 but the formal opening will not be held until the following Sunday. Best wishes to Charlie whose foresight and determination has brought another osteopathic "dream" to reality.

QUITMAN: Dr. and Mrs. Chas. D. Ogilvie are spending the weekend of August 5 in Baton Rouge visiting Louisiana State University—the Doctor's "Alma Mammy."

HENDERSON: Dr. and Mrs. Jim Bone have returned from Marysville, California, where they visited Dr. and

Mrs. W. A. Bone. Jim and Dorothy made the trip via plane and report wonderful traveling. "We left the children at home—it was sort of a second honeymoon", Jim reports. Incidentally, the California Dr. Bone is Jim's brother and also a D. O.

LINDALE: Here is the payoff . . . Last Thursday, Dr. Earl C. Kinzie and "the boys" went to the Neches river on a fishing expedition. A fish fry was scheduled to top off the evening. For some unexplained reason the fish were not forthcoming and the "Doctor" was seen in Tyler in full fishing regalia buying 20 lbs. of catfish. "Well", Earl says, "Confession is good for the soul, etc., etc."

Bill, son of Earl Kinzie, has returned from Valley Forge, Pa., where he attended the National Jamboree of the Boy Scouts of America.

By CHAS. D. OGILVIE, D. O.

The June 24 Lynam Crier gave Dr. H. R. Coats and the Coats-Brown Clinic and Hospital quite a lot of publicity over the delivery of a baby born to Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Lynam. The Lynams got out a small miniature edition of the Lynam Crier and sent it out announcing the birth of this baby. Good public relations Dr. Coats!

## DISTRICT SIX

Dr. Don Young, now interning at the Houston Osteopathic Hospital, passed his medical board examination and will be made a member of the staff. We welcome another "good" Kansas City graduate.

One of our doctors is having a fireplace built. Three men are employed, so one watches, one scratches and observes, while one plans or debates where he'll place the next brick. Then three observe while none works. The fireplace will be ready for use by October



or when the Korean war is over, whichever is longer. Any dissatisfaction about the rate of bricks being laid would result in no one working or observing.

Dr. Robinson's sister, Fern, from Iowa, is visiting Houston. Hope her impressions are good or better.

Dr. Zima has moved his office to 12700 Market Street, Houston 15, Texas. The doctor laughs at our Houston summers, "Not hot enuf to grow tall corn." Corn is distilled, wise guy.

The Houston Osteopathic Hospital is so crowded that influence has to be used to enter a patient.

Dr. J. Ralph Cunningham visited Galveston over Sunday, July 22, and engaged in the study of geology (rock formation), ichthyology (fish hoped for) and gymnastics (tumbling). He is now getting regular treatments at a local physician's office for bruises, contusions, sprains and numerous near fractures of the entire lumbar and lumbo-sacral areas. His feet became interested in aviation when he stepped on a slippery rock. Those parts much heavier than air landed first. Diathermy and time after the usual X-ray procedures will do much for the doctor to get back to his practice. Many of us don't know how, when or where to land in a dilemma of that sort. I believe that I would have buzzed the field—at least that is an idea, tho a poor one.

Dr. J. J. Choate went fishing last weekend, July 29 and 30, so I had to make a call on a 70 year old patient for him. I left orders that at the next visit to his office to have him manipulate well, the upper dorsal and posterior cervical musculature. I see that Hippocrates (via Osteopathic Magazine) might have recommended that in such cases; we should keep up to date with Hip.

It is difficult to clear one's mind of political thunder, such as charges, countercharges, and differentiate between things true or false; things seen or imagined or rumored. Pseudocyesis might

be considered in making a diagnosis. Situational stress creates many odd end results; with war here, there will be more of those cases.

Dr. K. Ross of Tyler was offered a good position with the osteopathic profession in Chicago. Who could breathe that sooty Chicago air after living in Texas. He would be grounded via lack of visibility most of the time.

Dr. D. H. Roberts and family of 2237 Collier, Houston, had his vacation in Valley. He traveled straight south to the Valley, then turned to the right.

Dr. J. McBride has his left ankle in a cast—a result of a roller skating accident or incident—the young lady got away.

We hear that Dr. Wm. Hall is happy in San Angelo. He no longer looks in the obituary column of the morning paper for his name before getting out of bed.



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Dr. Hardy and family are going back "Up North" to see the folks. Hope "you all" have a good time.

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Houston is still the best possible location for the D. O. looking for a location. Numerous trading centers are being built throughout the city and near the periphery of this booming metropolis. So the doctor can really have his choice of country living or cliff dwellers in an apartment. We could absorb 40 or 50 more D. O.'s easily. Hospital facilities are being increased.

Dr. Chas. Carter of the Farquharson clinic visited in Missouri in July.

Dr. C. W. Hammond and family went deep into Mexico as of August 1.

By H. M. GRICE, D. O.

### DISTRICT SEVEN

Dr. J. J. Love made a flying trip to Chicago for the convention—up one day and back the next.

Dr. J. B. Donovan attended the convention in Chicago and then went on to visit in Michigan and just returned Saturday, July 29.

Our late member Dr. Van de Grift also made a trip and attended the Chicago convention. Further information will have to come from District 2 as he has left the folds of this south central district and gone Yankee on us.

A clipping from the Missouri Osteopathic Journal Co-operation was found to be very interesting and true. I pass it on to you:

"If you get up earlier in the morning than your competitor, work harder and scheme more, stick closer to the job, and stay up later planning how to get ahead of him while he's sleeping, not

only will you leave more money when you die than he will—but you'll leave it a damned sight sooner."

By H. V. W. BROADBENT, D. O.

### DISTRICT EIGHT

The regular meeting of the executive committee of the Board of Trustees of Corpus Christi Osteopathic Hospital was held in the office of Drs. F. J. and Laura Auwers, as well as the state meeting which is also held monthly.

The quarterly district meeting of District Eight of the Texas Association was held in the Robert Driscoll Hotel Sunday, August 6th. Dr. Everett W. Wilson, Chairman of Public Health Committee of the Texas Association was the principal speaker.

The first edition of "The employees Guide" for the Osteopathic Hospital was presented by the Chief of Staff, Dr. Merle Griffin for its approval and will be distributed just so soon as sufficient copies can be printed.

Dr. James M. Tyree has returned from Wichita, Kansas, where he underwent the process of being indoctrinated as a new grandfather.

Dr. R. J. Brune attended the American Osteopathic Association Annual Convention in Chicago where he appeared on the National Broadcast System hookup relating to public health, the same being broadcast Saturday afternoon, July 15, at 4:45 p. m.

Dr. E. B. M. Edwards is the father of a baby girl born August 7, 1950. Dr. Edwards is interning at the Corpus Christi Osteopathic Hospital.

The president of the Corpus Christi Optimist Club, Dr. Griffin, presided at the quarterly board meeting at the Sixth District Optimist International which was held in the Plaza Hotel July 22. This was an all day meeting with a bar-



becue supper at the Oso Country Club Saturday evening at 7:30 p. m.

By MERLE GRIFFIN, D. O.

### DISTRICT TEN

District 10, the latest and newest district of the Texas Association, held its second meeting Sunday, July 30, at the Hilton Hotel, Lubbock, Texas.

Dr. George Luibel spoke for about an hour on the concept of osteopathic health. He was followed by Dr. Phil Russell, executive secretary of the Texas Association, who spoke for an hour and a half on the organizational activities and bringing the members up to date on what has taken place in the association affairs.

The meeting was well attended, all but about three members of the district being present. We can look for big things from District 10.

Drs. Luibel and Russell visited both hospitals while in Lubbock.

### Hospital Association Meets

The Texas Osteopathic Hospital Association meets Sunday, Aug. 13, at the Stoneleigh Hotel, Dallas.

Dr. Floyd Peckham, chairman of the Bureau of Hospitals and president elect of the AOA, will be the chief speaker at this meeting. He will outline the hospital program as set up by the Bureau and give the history of its organization and the necessity for hospitals complying with all of the rules and regulations as set up by the Bureau.

At the present time, there are about 30 reservations for this meeting. It is to be hoped that every osteopathic hospital will be represented. Dr. Peckham will visit as many hospitals as possible in his two days' stay in Texas.

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exactly the same time in Dallas. The next examination after this one is scheduled for April.

All processing of applications for the October examination should be completed ten days before examination time. For application blanks and further information write to The Basic Science Board, 306-7 Nalle Bldg., Austin, Texas.



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