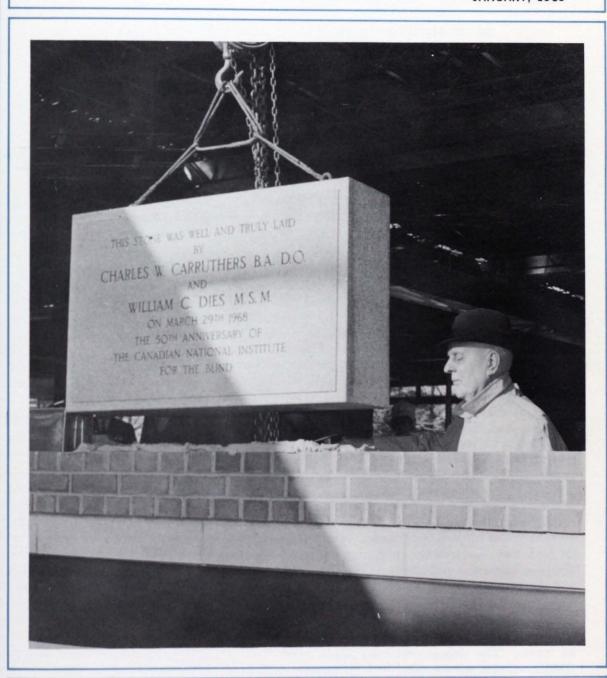
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# A Weighty Problem

By GEORGE W. NORTHUP, D.O.

Editor

American Osteopathic Association

This is not an editorial on weight reduction. But according to the nation's press, the American Medical Association in Miami in December considered the "Osteopathic problem" to be both weighty and urgent.

According to AMA President Wilbur, the urgency of the problem is based on the fact that the osteopathic profession, its colleges, and its organizations are rapidly gaining strength and, worse than that, increasing governmental and public support. He urged the AMA House of Delegates to adopt the Board of Trustees' 9-point program for the elimination of the osteopathic profession. The delegates from Michigan confirmed the urgency, pointing out that there was going to be a new osteopathic college in that state unless the profession's strength in Michigan and throughout the nation was halted. State after state with restricted osteopathic practice acts pleaded with the AMA to do something because the osteopathic profession in those states continues to propose equal practice rights which are increasingly difficult to defeat in the state legislatures. Yet many of these states opposed AMA recognition of the osteopathic profession. Typical reasoning was offered by a leader in one of those when he said that the medical profession opposes only two things - "prejudice and osteopaths." That remark should win the prize for the inconsistency of the year.

Perhaps David M. Cleary, by-line writer for the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin, most clearly characterized the AMA's action to absorb the osteopathic profession when he wrote, "The debate yesterday made clear that the AMA's action is not intended to 'help increase total availability of health care to the American people,' as an AMA press release described it, but to bring osteopaths under the control of the AMA."

"Delegates repeatedly referred to the osteopathic problem and described the current action as a move toward eliminating that problem." The AOA's response was best summarized by President Young's statement, "We will not be judged, dominated, or absorbed by that political body."

The AMA's 9-point program was little more than a more sophisticated version of the nearly-10-year-old program which enticed over 2,000 D.O.'s in California down the road to oblivion. The AMA is still hopeful that the osteopathic profession failed to learn anything from the California experience—that its members can be persuaded to be pall-bearers at their own funerals. Indeed, the AMA cherishes the idea that osteopathic physicians are anxious to join it, in spite of its dwindling and antiquated power.

In a press conference, AMA President Wilbur admitted his doubts that the osteopathic profession would accept the AMA's invitation to oblivion. He was right.

The AMA's "osteopathic problem" can only be eliminated by the organization that created it—the AMA; it cannot be eliminated by repeated and monotonous attempts to bring osteopathic physicians under AMA control. The "osteopathic problem" will remain a weighty one until such time as the AMA realizes that the osteopathic profession is here to stay and that it will continue to grow in strength not only because of its own vitality but because of ever-increasing government and public support. To attack the osteopathic profession is to attack the millions of people who by choice have selected osteopathic physicians and surgeons and osteopathic institutions and agencies as the agents responsible for their health care.

The osteopathic profession has a mandate from the people and that mandate must be supported. It is the responsibility of the osteopathic profession to maintain its identity and its integrity in public service to the people who have given it strength. This we will do. We can do no less.

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Dr. Paul E. Noffsinger writes memo protesting attempts to destroy his profession and last letter about 'That Inevitable Day' just days before his death

# D. O. Undaunted by Fatal Bout With Leukemia

Death came swiftly the other day to the presidentelect of the Washington Osteopathic Medical Association but until almost the last moment he was consumed with thoughts and actions on behalf of his family, his fellow man and the Osteopathic profession.

Apparently within a week after acute leukemia was diagnosed and he could expect to live about three months, Paul E. Noffsinger, D.O., certified orthopedic surgeon,

was dead.

Possibly on the same day of the diagnosis he wrote a two-page memo to WOMA objecting strenuously to tactics being used to destroy the osteopathic profession in his state. Four days later, on December 7, he breakfasted with his minister who suggested the doctor write a last letter about his philosophy of life, service to his fellow man and death, which he did that day.

Next day, Sunday, his verbal resignation was accepted by the WOMA board; Monday he passed away and his letter was read at his funeral Wednesday, December 11,

in Seattle.

He had written about that inevitable day—that day when man departs this life. "Actually, it gives one a feeling of release from the load of life. I am reminded of Paul who wrote, 'It is better for me that I depart and be with the Lord' though he felt a need to stay for the sake of those whom he served.

"To all whom I leave behind, first my family, then to all who have come in contact with me spiritually, professionally and socially, I hope that my life basically has been of such influence that all will be able to face 'that day inevitable' with a faith that will carry them through,"

Dr. Noffsinger wrote.

Dr. Noffsinger was born in Sumner County, Kansas, August 5, 1914, and passed away December 9, 1968, in a Seattle hospital. He graduated from KCOS in 1940, interned at Southwestern Osteopathic Hospital in Wichita, Kansas and in 1946 began five years' training in general surgery at Rocky Mountain Osteopathic Hospital in Denver.

He went to Vienna, Austria, for further study in orthopedics and traumatology, moving to Seattle in 1956 where he has practiced since.

Lon Hoover, D.O., was appointed to fill his place as president-elect of WOMA.

WOMA lost another officer early in November when Floyd Smith, D.O., secretary, was accidentally killed in a hunting accident. William M. Williams, D.O., was

appointed the new secretary.

Dr. Smith was a graduate of Chicago COS '58, interned at Grandview Osteopathic Hospital, Dayton, Ohio, and served a surgical residency at Flint Osteopathic Hospital, Flint, Michigan.

On the day Dr. Noffsinger was writing his last letter, his state association passed this resolution in support of

his position:

Whereas, the Medical Associations have sought to issue M.D. degrees of little value to D.O.'s on individual basis without protocol or negotation with W.O.M.A., and

Whereas, this degree would be of little benefit to their recipients over what is already or soon will

be available to them, and

Whereas, individual negotiations toward or acceptance of this degree would at least passively

reduce the effectiveness of W.O.M.A.,

Therefore be it resolved that W.O.M.A. members continue to work toward strengthening their position in and distinct contribution to, the maintsream of medicine as D.O.'s, and be it further

Resolved that the medical societies be requested to carry out any discussions of problems of mutual interest for better Public Health in so far as osteopathic physicians are concerned with W.O.M.A. or its component societies.

"I feel this resolution gives our association direction in regard to merger efforts and nails down our position for doctors (either D.O. or M.D.) nationwide. As always, I welcome the opportunity to discuss our positions with members of the osteopathic profession and others," commented Dr. Donald E. Woods, W.O.M.A. president.

"The A.M.A. Resolution, passed last week, actually strengthens the osteopathic place in the health-care picture. The A.M.A., through this resolution, finally recognizes that the quality of osteopathic training is on par with allopathic training and has opened up opportunities (at a local level) on an equal basis; however, as always, they have failed to recognize our distinct contribution to health care. There is no reason why opportunities for training and hospital privileges cannot be opened up for D.O.'s in Washington State. It already has happened in some instances", Dr. Woods said.

A bulletin would stimulate interest, competition, friendship, fellowship, and understanding

# The JOURNAL

Its beginnings

In the fall of 1938 the Texas Osteopathic "Roundup" was published for the avowed purpose of swelling attendance at the 1939 convention of the American Osteo-

pathic Association in Dallas.

Three issues were published before convention time and then the "Roundup" became a World War II casualty - almost. Three issues were mimeographed, then in 1944 two newspaper-style issues were printed before Volume 1, Number 1 of the JOURNAL appeared in its familiar 6x9 format in July, 1944.

That format survived until this issue, January 1969, when the Publications Committee, chaired by a veteran JOURNAL booster, Dr. H. George Grainger, decided it

should go full size 8 1/2x11.

It is difficult to find a better purpose for a JOURNAL

than that stated in the first "Roundup" in 1938:

"-that a quarterly bulletin would stimulate interest, competition, friendship, fellowship and understanding between many of our widely separated districts." Dr. Claude E. Logan is listed as editor and Dr. Chester L. Farquharson president of TAOP&S.

This item appeared on page 7:

### ORIGIN OF DISTRICTS

"It is claimed that North Texas was the first District formed from a joint meeting of the Fort Worth and Dallas osteopathic physicians about 1918. It was reported that a carload went from Dallas to Tyler and helped organize their prosperous District about seven years ago and that a car went from Dallas and Fort Worth to help organize the West Texas District about five years ago.

"In the next issue, we would like to have a report from someone in each district telling about the the first meeting, where it was held, who was present, etc. After all, these districts practically organized themselves and the imaginative dividing lines were brought about mostly by the convenience of a certain group in a section ming-

gling together."

District news in the "Roundup" had names and numbers combined and these reported news: Panhandle District I, North Texas District II, East Texas District III, West Texas District IV, Central Texas District V, Southeast Texas District VI, Southwest Texas District VII, Rio Grande Valley District VIII, and the Dallas County Osteopathic Association.

The cover of Volume 1, Number 1, July, 1944 JOUR-NAL had the red, white and blue Texas flag and a 5th War Loan poster for Invasion Bond sales with the call to action: "Back the Attack - Buy More Bonds."

Dr. George J. Luibel is listed as chairman of the Publications committee in this issue. Other members of his committee are Dr. Phil R. Russell and Dr. Robert E. Morgan.

In his message in this issue, Dr. Joseph L. Love, presi-

dent of TAOP&S, said:

"The war year of 1944-45 offers the Osteopathic profession of Texas unusual opportunities together with greater responsibilities. The greatly increased national income together with the shortage of physicians means more work, better income and a wider scope of practice than ever before. For a great section of the public the ability of the Osteopathic physician to conduct a general practice and to conduct it better than other physicians comes as a welcome surprise. The public is finding that Osteopathic Physicians can do all the things which other physicians can do, and in addition can do many things which cannot be done by others."

He called for whole-hearted support of the colleges, declared that "Strong, progressive and fighting Osteopathic organizations are needed now more than ever be-

Dr. Love noted that the dues increase had met a "very favorable response," that one of the best state journals in the country was established and more clinics and hospitals had been built than ever before in the history of the profession.

He advocated an increase in the number of students from Texas in osteopathic colleges and concluded his

message with this plea:

"Maintenance of the present medical practice act which follows the state constitution by requiring the same standards and granting the same privileges to all schools of practice. The Osteopathic profession has never asked any special privileges or any special legal standing in Texas. All that is desired is a square deal for every prospective or practicing physician regardless of his school of practice.

'All of these can and will be accomplished if the membership will do its part. No group of officers or office

personnel can do the job alone."

There will be many parallels to 1944 in 1969 with a couple of additional problems tossed into the hopper.

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# In Memorium

### DR. JOSEPH WALTER AXTELL

Dr. Joseph Walter Axtell, a longtime resident of Lubbock, Texas, died on December 9, 1968, in Lubbock.

He was born March 23, 1906, in Deposit, New York. A 1927 graduate of Syracuse University, Dr. Axtell then attended Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine from where he graduated in 1932. His internship was served at the Osteopathic Hospital in Philadelphia.

An active participant in Osteopathic affairs as well as community organizations, he was a member of the American Osteopathic Association, American College of Osteopathic Surgeons, and in 1951-1952, he served as Chief of Staff at the Marietta Osteopathic Hospital. A member of Delta Kappa Epsilon and Phi Sigma Gamma fraternities, Dr. Axtell was active in the Lions Club and the Baptist church in Lubbock.

He was a member of the Texas Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons for 15 years.

### DR. JAMES JOY TOOHEY

Dr. James Joy Toohey, who was born in Neenah, Wisconsin on October 15, 1922, passed away in Lubbock, Texas, on December 9, 1968.

Dr. Toohey has been a member of the Texas Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons for the past 14 years.

He received his B.S. degree from Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and then entered the Chicago College of Osteopathy where he graduated in 1951. He then served his internship at Stevens Park Osteopathic Hospital in Dallas.

Dr. Toohey has been active in many organizations, including the Atlas Fraternity Club, Elks, Lions, Rotary and was a member of the American Osteopathic Association.

Dr. Toohey was associated with the Lauf Clinic in Lubbock.

### DR. J. FRANCIS BROWN

A past president of the Texas Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons, J. Francis Brown, D.O., of Amarillo, Texas, passed away on December 2, 1968.

Dr. Brown was born in Clifton, Kansas, on September 6, 1903. He graduated from Kirksville College of Osteopathy and Surgery in 1929. His internship was served at the Kirksville Osteopathic Hospital after which he located in Amarillo, Texas, in January of 1930. He practiced in Amarillo until the time of his death.

Dr. Brown was a consistent supporter of the Osteopathic Progress Fund and a member of the Texas Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons for 20 years. He was a member of the American Osteopathic Association, Alpha Tau Sigma, Sigma Sigma Phi Fraternities and the Rotary Club. He served as president of TAOP&S for the term of 1947-1948.

He was married to Dorothy Arnold of Kirksville, Mo., in December, 1929. She and three children, Sue, Joe Bob and J. W., survive.

### DR. WILLIAM PAUL ZIPPERER

Services were held for William Paul Zipperer, D.O., who died on November 10, 1968, recently in Houston, Texas, at Memorial Oaks Chapel preceeding entombment at Memorial Oaks Mausoleum.

Dr. Zipperer was born June 10, 1921. He is survived by his wife and four children, Janet, William, Mark and Frank, all of Houston.

A graduate of Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, he was a member of the Texas Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons for 18 years. Dr. Zipperer served his internship at Detroit Osteopathic Hospital.

Dr. Zipperer was a member of the American Osteopathic Association and was active in organizational activities of his profession.

### Intensive Care Center Opened At East Town

The East Town Osteopathic Hospital, located at 7525 Scyene Road, Dallas, Texas, has recently opened its new coronary and intensive care center.

The center includes eight units arranged in a semi-circle around the nurses' station so that nurses can observe all eight patients fully.

The nurses station is outfitted with electronic equipment including an electro-cardiogram, pulse rate tracing, electro-encephalograph tracing blood pressure and temperature readings. The unit also has been equipped with a mobile cardiopulmonary resuscitation and emergency life support system for treatment of cardiac arrest and shock.

In addition to the nurses' offices, utility rooms and a kitchen, there is a library and a waiting lounge in the 3,000-square-foot center called the Posey Coronary and Intensive Care Center.

### Specialty Groups Headed By Texans

During the 73rd Annual Convention and Scientific Seminar of the American Osteopathic Association, several prominent Texas D.O.s were appointed to positions in the Specialty Colleges of the AOA.

Dr. Edward Yurkon of Dallas, has been named president of the American Osteopathic College of Radiology.

The new president of the American Osteopathic Board of Proctology is Dr. Horace Emery of Lubbock, Texas.

Lester I. Tavel, D.O., a member of the American Osteopathic Board of Proctology, has been elected to a three year term on the Board of Directors of the American Osteopathic College of Proctology. Dr. Tavel is of Houston, Texas. Injection of Adrenalin

# Michigan College To Be 'Considered' By State

Pontiac's projected Michigan College of Osteopathic Medicine (MCOM) has received an injection of adrenalin.

Administering the shot was the State Board of Education, which has accepted a recommendation that Michigan should have a fourth medical school and "consideration should be given to its being an osteopathic college."

MCOM backers assume this could mean state financial support for the college projected for the site at Auburn

and Opdyke.

Contacted yesterday, John D. L'Hote, chairman of the MCOM board of trustees, was not yet sure of the exact language of the recommendation accepted by the state board.

### Milestone

L'Hote, however, did say that the boards action was a milestone for the college and would "take us off the hook."

Added L'Hote. "We could have been a pawn in a power play between the state board and the joint appropriations committee (of the State Legislature)."

Past efforts by the proposed college to receive state aid have been unsuccessful in the Legislature. Controversy developed over who had the prerogative to plan the future of the state's medical education.

The latest recommendation comes from an advisory panel to the state board. The Citizens Committee on Education for Health Care also recommended expansion of existing medical school facilities.

### MSU Expansion

In addition to advising continued expansion of Wayne State University and the University of Michigan, the committee recommended a full medical school at Michigan State University, which now is authorized for a twoyear program.

Accepting these recommendations, the state board also accepted the suggestion that it seek a means to have medical schools offer the options of a regular medical

degree or a degree in osteopathy.

A full report on state medical schools is to be made

to the legislature by the state board.

Development of the osteopathic college is running behind schedule.

Last fall college officials announced plans to begin initial classroom construction early this year on the 164acre site on the city's east side. The site was given to the college as a gift after a public campaign to raise funds for its purchase.

-Pontiac (Mich.) Press

# National Eye Institute Established

### President Johnson's Message:

We are taking steps today to establish a National Eye Institute within the National Institutes of Health, President Johnson said on signing the bill to establish the National Eye Institute.

Nearly every family in America has at least one member suffering some form of vision problem or eye disease. Half the people in this country wear glasses; 12 million school children - or approximately one-fourth of all school children - need eye care. More than 30,000 Americans lose their eyesight every year. Almost one million persons in this country cannot read a newspaper, even with the aid of glasses. More than 400,000 Americans are blind.

These tragedies need not occur. Diseases of the eye can be prevented, treated, cured. And where corrective treatment may not be available, supportive measures can be used to help the visually impaired to retain the vision they have and not be forced to withdraw because of their handicap.

Under the direction of the National Institutes of Health, great progress has been made in eye research. This progress has included improvements in the early detection and treatment of glaucoma, surgical procedures for cataract, and successful treatment of viral infections of the cornea. In spite of the progress, however, the number of blind is increasing. There is much that remains to be

The National Eye Institute will build on the great work that has been carried on by the National Institute of Neurological Diseases and Blindness for the past 18 years. It will concentrate its efforts on this major health problem by supporting and conducting needed research, and equally important, by helping to train the specialists to provide the diagnosis and treatment that can eliminate much of the eye disease.

Research, training, and services for people afflicted with eye disease or blindness represented an investment of more than \$166 million this past year by the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. Now we are taking an important additional step toward improving our country's ability to prevent and control one of its most tragic and costly health problems.

Taken from the NEWS LETTER Osteopathic College of Ophthalmology and Otorhinolaryngology.

# Dr. Stratton is De Witt County Health Officer

Dr. Richard L. Stratton, presidentelect of the Texas Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons, has recently been appointed County Health Officer of De Witt County. Appointment was made by the Commissioners Court, for a two-year term beginning January 1, 1968.

Dr. Stratton who has been a member of the TAOP&S for the past 20 years, has been most active in civic as well as organizational affairs.

A 1947 graduate of Kirksville College of Osteopathy and Surgery, Dr. Stratton has served on the Board of Trustees of TAOP&S for several years. Other offices held include: Chairman of the Constitution, Bylaws and Charters Committee, member of the Editorial Policy and Journal Publications Committee, Finance Committee, Chairman, Department of Public Affairs, Chairman of both the Committee to Develop an Administrative Guide and Liaison to the Society of Osteopathic Physicians Assistants. He is also a member of the Interprofessional Relations Committee and a member of the Hospital Licensing Advisory Council as appointed by Gov. John Connally.

Dr. Stratton is a long time resident of Cuero, Texas, where he is associated with his father, C. L. Stratton, D.O., also a member of TAOP&S.

He will serve as president of TAOP&S for the year 1969-70.

A doctor recently wrote in a medical journal that phones for teenagers gives them a sense of importance as well as privacy. If you have a teenager around the house, chances are you've already been told this.

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# Calendar of Events

February 3-5, 1969 - The Thirty-Sixth Annual Convention Of The American College of Osteopathic Obstetricians and Gynecologists. Miami Beach, Florida, at the Hilton Plaza Hotel. In addition to the Professional Program, special events have been prepared for the ladies attending. For further information contact: Dr. Andrew D. De Masi. Program Chairman, 1149 S. Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19147.

March 1-2, 1969 - Texas Society of American College of General Practice in Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery Post Graduate Seminar, Six Flags Inn, Arlington, Texas, in cooperation with Fort Worth Osteopathic Hospital.

March 28-30, 1969 - Graduate Center Seminar by Academy of Applied Osteopathy at the Worth Hotel, Fort Worth. Texas. Featured speakers include Drs. Cathie, Koor and Beilke plus local Texas D. O.'s on a practical program of basic osteopathy. For details write to Dr. Margaret W. Barnes, Executive Director, 508 Baily Ave., Fort Worth, Texas 76107.

May 23-25, 1969 - Texas Association of Osteopathic Physicians' Assistants Annual Convention. Site: Villa Capri Motor Hotel, Austin, Texas. For further information contact Convention Chairman: Betty Woodall, 2908 Rachel, Port Arthur, Texas.

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### Corner Stone Laid

### Canadian D.O. Honored

### **Cover Picture Story**

A Canadian osteopathic physician received recognition engraved in stone for his long years of public service to the blind of our neighbor to the north.

Photograph is of the laying of the cornerstone of the A. V. Weir National Training and Vocational Guidance Center in Toronto, with Charles W. Carruthers, D.O., standing by.

The center was built by the Canadian National Institute for the Blind. Dr. Carruthers, 83, was one of seven founders of CNIB in 1918.

He has had a long, successful career in osteopathy and is still practicing today. Dr. Carruthers was educated at the Ontario School for the Blind and at Pickering College.

Dr. Carruthers graduated from the University of Toronto in 1911 with a B.A. degree. Beginning in July, 1918, he was Braille instructor for blinded World War I veterans.

In 1925 he received his Doctor of Osteopathy degree from the Des Moines, Iowa, osteopathic college. A charter member of CNIB and member of the first national council of that organization, he continued as an active member and in 1967 was awarded the Canada Medal for his service.

### TABLES WANTED

The Academy of Applied Osteopathy would greatly appreciate obtaining any folding treatment tables—to be donated or sold to the Academy. These tables will be used during the seminar to be held in March. Contact: Dr. Margaret Barnes, Academy of Applied Osteopathy, 508 Bailey Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas 76107—(817) 336-8275.

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# Convention Faculty Announced

The faculty and the keynote speaker of the TAOP&S 24th annual convention May 9-11, 1969, were announced complete at the mid-year board of trustees meeting last month in Dallas.

Dr. Kenneth McFarland, famed and nationally known business and professional speaker, will deliver the keynote address to the convention.

Theme of the post graduate seminar, as announced by Dr. Richard M. Hall, program chairman, is E.E.N.T. for the generalist.

The faculty inculdes five D.O.s, one being Dr. A. Hollis Wolf, president of the Academy of Applied Osteopathy. Here are the six members of the faculty:



Arthur A. Martin, D.O., F.O.C.O.

C. C. Foster, D.O., F.O.C.O.



Professor and Chairman, Department of EENT, Kirksville College of Osteopathy & Surgery

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Past President, Cleveland Academy, Lakewood Clinical Group

Ohio EENT Group and the Osteopathic College of Ophthalmology and Otorhinolaryngology

Faculty Member of Southern College of Optometry (Postgraduate Study)



Edward Hirsh, D.O., F.O.C.O.

Chairman, Department of Surgery, Osteopathic General Hospital of North Miami

Consultant, Doctor's Hospital, Ft. Lauderdale

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# NEWS OF THE DISTRICTS



H. GEORGE GRAINGER, D.O., F.A.A.O.

### District No. Three

Heard and seen at the November District III Meeting. Heard:

That they're thinking of "doing away" with their little old 40 bed Mt. Pleasant Osteopathic Hospital, as such, and of building a sixty bedder sometime — maybe soon. The old place would then be made over into an intended extended care thing. Say, that would add up to a hundred ostopathic beds in Mt. Pleasant, wouldn't it?

That David, son of the Palmore Currys, was married to Miss Sue Wright — October last in a beautiful wedding.

That the George Chambers' attended the twentieth anniversary reunion of his high school graduating class in Pittsburg November 1. Fifty-six old timers showed up.

That Dan Wolf of Athens got married early November. Which is all the information I could get, because Dan never does come to meetings or nothing. But still, Dan, or at least his new bride, needs a better writeup than this.

That Christopher Byron, weight 20 pounds or thereabouts, was born to Winnsboro's Ralph and Betty Kull a year ago come January. Which makes this the most dilatory birth announcement on District III records. His birth weight, by the way, was probably 6 or 8 pounds.

Seen: Texarkana's one and only A. Ross McKinney, ensconced becomingly in an off-white Carmen-Ghia.

George Chambers and Jack Kennedy sporting shaggy Mod coiffures at the Holiday Inn. Nehru Jackets at the January meeting, I suspect.



D. D. BEYER, D.O., F.A.C.G.P.

### District No. Two

I understand that the District Christmas Party that was held at Ridglea the night of December 19, was a great success and everyone had a good time. We did not get to attend because my lovely wife Helen had the flu.

Fort Worth was well represented at the recent Public Health Seminar held in Dallas recently. Dr. Elmer C. Baum is to be congratulated for the fine professional program that he had presented at this meeting.

Anyone having any District News, please phone it to your reporter at JE 5-3234 or mail it to him at 1800 Vaughn Blvd., Fort Worth, Texas; or The State Office, 512 Bailey Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas 76107.

### Waldemar D. Schaefer, D.O.

#### District No. Seven

At the District Seven meeting held December 1, Dr. Robert H. Nobles, TAOP&S President, gave a strong and enlightening speech on Medicare and Medicaid.

The following officers were elected for 1969:

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Dues are now payable for the year 1969, in the amount of \$10.00. Please make all checks payable to: District No. 7, TAOP&S, Attn: Dr. Waldemar D. Schaefer, 510 West Harding Blvd., San Antonio, Texas 78221.

### S.O.P.A. NEWS

MAY 23, 24, 25, 1969—The Texas Association of Osteopathic Physicians' Assistants Convention. The site of the TAOPA forthcoming convention will be held in Austin, Texas, at the Villa Capri Motor Hotel. For further information contact: Convention Chairman—Betty Woodall, 2908 Rachel, Port Arthur, Texas.

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# Texas College Topic of Meeting With State Officials

Improvement of professional education in Texas was the topic of discussion recently at a meeting of interested public officials and leaders of the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine and TAOP&S, according to Dr. D. D.

Beyer, TCOM board member.

Dr. George J. Luibel, chairman of the TCOM board, presided and Dr. Robert H. Nobles, TAOP&S president, attended the session on higher education.

Dr. Beyer urged D.O.s in all districts to support establishment of an osteopathic medical college in Texas and to contact legislators and public officials interested in higher education.

It is pointed out that there are more than 100 osteopathic pre-med and osteopathic college students from Texas, illustrating the growing need for an osteopathic medical school in this state.

It was in 1961 that Dr. G. W. Tompson appointed a TAOP&S committee to study the possibility of establishing an osteopathic college in Texas.

The TAOP&S House of Delegates and Board of Trustees have voted their unanimous support of the establishment of such a college.

TCOM has been chartered by the state and osteopathic physicians in Texas have pledged approximately \$100,000 to the school because of a critical and growing shortage of doctors in almost every community.

One public official, in speaking to a TAOP&S district meeting recently, encouraged the profession to push for TCOM because "you are on the right track."

Don't Cut Fee When Patient Claims He's Overcharged

This advice was given by Medical Economics panel advisers when a physician asked if he should knock 20 percent off the bill of a longstanding patient who complained he was being overcharged. Medical Economics advised explaining the bill to the patient since a cut would simply confirm the patient's suspicion. Once the patient understands the bill, he should accept the fee.

### Malpractice Costs Up

The average cost of malpractice claims reached an all-time high in 1968 and insurance premiums in some classifications of practice have been increased in 15 states, according to the AOA bureau of insurance.

D.O.s are not alone.

The Insurance Rating Board, on behalf of the large insurors of the medical profession, has requested an unprecedented increase less than a year after the major one of 1967, they are asking for an overall 45 per cent increase and in three states have doubled rates.

For D.O.s in Texas, Class 1 and Class 1-B have been increased sharply for 1969. Loss ratio in Class 1 was 122.2 per cent and 147.9 per cent in Class 1-B, according to the Bureau.

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Idalou, Texas — Located ten miles east of Lubbock, offers an excellent opportunity for any physician desiring to locate in West Texas. Contact: George Lowe, Western Drug Company, Idalou.

### Board of Medical Examiners Will Meet June 23-25, 1969

The next meeting of the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners, when Examinations will be given and reciprocity applications will be considered, is scheduled for June 23, 24, 25, 1969, at the Hotel Texas, Fort Worth, Texas.

Completed examination applications for applicants who graduated from United States medical schools must be filed with this office thirty days prior to the meeting date.

Completed examination applications for applicants who graduated from foreign medical schools must be filed sixty days prior to the meeting date.

Completed reciprocity applications must be filed sixty days prior to the meeting date to be given consideration.

Hurst, Texas — Excellent opportunity for young D.O.—General Practice, to act as House Physician and build private practice. Guaranteed wages plus furnished office plus income from private practice. Contact: Mr. Walter J. Dolbee, Jr., Hurst General Hospital, P. O. Box 11, Hurst, Texas. Telephone No. (817) BU 2-2511.

(For information write to Mr. Tex Roberts, Chairman, Statistics and Locations Committee, 512 Bailey, Fort Worth, Texas 76107)

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# Relieved of all Pain

By MICHAEL A. CALABRESE. D.O.

Whether an apology for the negligence in not submitting my usual monthly article these past few months is in order or not I don't know, but after the deluge of letters I received from my many readers, (both of them) one from the "Acting Editor," Dr. George Grainger saying, "Come on man, you started something so finish it," and the other from the Associate Editor, Sara Metcalf saying, "We certainly miss your article and it did take up a lot of space," I felt that with these heartening and inspiring words of confidence I had no alternative but to say I'm sorry and make amends for my dereliction. Really they did send me very nice letters saying they missed my articles. I also received a very pleasant letter from Dr. John Harakal from Dallas saying how much he enjoyed my article on Dr. Sheppard. So you see my fan mail has increased by almost 100 percent.

For sometime now (years that is) I have been wanting to make mention of a condition or syndrome that I have encountered not too infrequently during my many, many years of pactice. Before I go any further let me be the first to say that I am not a specialist in any specific field of medicine. (As one of my classmates put it many years ago, "I am a specialist in diseases of men, women and children.") Therefore, I don't claim to be any authority on any one subject, although I have consulted authorities, that is, in texts and current literature that crosses my desk from time to time. I claim to be no scientific clinician running so many tests with placebos, so that without, nor do I categorize my patients by age, physique, number of pregnancies, thumb sucking, color of hair, etc.

Anyway, many years ago when the flame in me of ridding mankind of all his bodily ailments was soaring skyward like a beacon in the night, I had occasion to examine a young married lady in her late teens or early twenties weighing about 115 to 120 pounds. She complained of severe pain in the lower abdominal area radiating bilaterally into the lateral sides and upwards. The poor woman was in tears from the pain and walked in a hunched over position groaning with every step. Between sobs she gave a history of the acute pain having come on suddenly early in the morning when she first got out of bed but before this she had been having dull aches and twinges of pain off and on for a few days.

Further questioning apparently did not reveal any more pertinent information other than a severe dull aching in the lower lumbar and lumbo sacral areas. She had just finished her menses a few days previous, did not have any children and had never been pregnant. Actually she had been married just a few months.

There were no symptoms relevant to the gastro-intestinal system other than a slight nausea when she woke

up that morning.

On physical examination (I guess I'd better do this according to the book) the only pertinent findings were an acute tenderness over the abdomen radiating to the lateral sides and muscular spasm with tenderness of the lower lumbar muscular area. The abdominal muscles were not spastic, however. There was no fever and I even did a blood count which was well within normal range. Are you curious? Have I got you guessing? Oh yes, I forgot to mention there was a frequency of urination which had started a few days before but was very acute these last few hours. There was no burning on urination and urinalysis was normal. Have you guessed yet? On vaginal examination which was performed as gently as possible as not to aggravate the pain, the uterus was easily palpable and freely movable, the ovaries were not palable. and no masses were palpated in the pelvic area. The cervix appeared healthy and there was no vaginal iritation or discharge. Returning to the uterus I did notice it to be somewhat anti-verted and thought at the time that it should be towards a more vertical position. So without thinking any more about it I placed my internal examining fingers cephalad to the cervix and my external hand caudal to the fundus of the uterus and with both hands moving simultaneously, the external hand moving cephalad and the internal fingers moving caudally, I shifted the uterus in the position that I thought it should be. An audible sound came from the pelvis like the sucking or releasing of a vacuum accompanied by a combination gasp and scream from the patient which startled me to no end. Almost immediately, that is within a matter of seconds the patient was relieved of all pain. The patient was amazed at her "instantaneous cure" and couldn't thank me enough. Of course she was not near as amazed or astounded as I with my miracle treatment. Naturally, I passed it off as an every day event and assured the (Continued Next Page)

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patient that it was just a routine procedure and a simple process of elementary deduction. It really was remarkable the relief that the patient received. Truly, after the episode I went to my books and could not find anything to substantiate the condition. Crossen and Crossen, in Diseases of Women states, "There are three kinds of uterine displacement which constitutes clinical entities requiring separate consideration, namely retro displacement, prolapse and inversion." In F. A. Davis', The Cyclopedia of Medicine the above same three uterine displacements are listed along with anti-flexion, lateral displacement and many subclassifications but nothing on extreme anti-version. Howard Karsner, M.D., in Human Pathology says, "The uterus is normally in a position of antiversion and antiflexion and it is only rarely that the former exceeds the normal degree." This is all he says, however, he does have a diagram showing three positions of the uterus, normal, retroversion and "extreme antiversion." I checked a few other texts and none even suggest the possibility of the extreme pain that may be brought on by an extremely antiverted uterus. When I experienced this first episode I thought perhaps I was mistaken in my deductions and diagnosis but since then I have had several others, the most recent one just a few weeks ago as I was writing this article.

These female patients have other things in common other than the symptomology. They are slight of build thin, usually underweight, young, in their late teens or early twenties and recently married. Incidently, two very pertinent and relevant facts in the history are that usually sexual intercourse was experienced the night before and the patient had just completed her menses a few days previous.

It would seem that an explanation of the physio-pathological sequence of this condition to a group of osteopathic physicians would be superfluous but permit me to give my interpretation briefly. Obviously, the frequency of urination was caused by the weight and pressure of the fundus of the uterus upon the urinary bladder limiting the latter's capacity. The extreme antiflexion of the uterus would seem to over-extend and tend to put an extreme tension on the broad and round ligaments of the uterus giving rise, possibly, to the acute pain in the pelvis and lateral inguinal areas. Just as the tension and over-extension of the utero-sacral ligaments reflexley could give rise to the spasm and pain in the lumbar and sacral areas.

The quoting of a simple osteopathic principle at this time seems very applicable — "Abnormal structure tends toward abnormal function."

I wonder how many young ladies with this syndrome have been operated on for "small ovarion cysts" or "chronic appendicitis" or "let's take a look" because the pain was so acute and a definite diagnosis couldn't be established? I wonder if this syndrome couldn't be the reason for so many pale appendices being removed?

### Denver Conclave

# Surgeons' 41st Clinic Assembly Biggest Yet

The forty-first Annual Clinical Assembly of the American College of Osteopathic Surgeons was held at the Denver Hilton Hotel, Denver, Colorado, on October 27-31, 1968. The organizations and sections of this convention includes the American College of Osteopathic Surgeons, its Urological, Thoracic-Cardiovascular and Neurological Surgeons Sections; American Osteopathic Hospital Association; American Osteopathic College of Radiology; American Osteopathic Academy of Orthopedics; American Osteopathic College of Anesthesiologists; American Osteopathic College of Osteopathic Hospital Administrators; and Academy of Osteopathic Directors of Medical Education.

The grand total of registrants this year was 1,273, the largest number ever to attend an Annual Clinical Assembly. Only twice before, in 1964 at the Americana of New York and in 1966 at the Washington Hilton Hotel, has the registration exceeded 1,200, ACOS officials said.

The following is a list of Texans who attended the Convention:

Dr. W. H. Badger, D.O., T. M. Bailey, D.O., Mr. Lee Baker, Anthony G. Bascone, D.O., Mr. B. P. Bearden, Benjamin R. Beall, II, D.O., Raymond E. Beck, D.O., Gordon S. Beckwith, D.O., Charles H. Bragg, D.O., James W. Branch, Jr., D.O., James T. Calabria, D.O., DeWeese Y. Campbell, D.O., James W. Coldsnow, D.O., R. E. Cordes, D.O., Thomas J. Doll, D.O., J. B. Durkee, D.O. Charles D. Farrow, D.O., John F. Falk, D.O., B. K. Fleming, D.O., Mr. C. E. Foster, Mr. G. A. Fuller, Jr., G. A. Fuller, III, D.O. Frank A. Turfler, D.O., John L. Witt, D.O., Peggy J. Yurkon, D.O., Aaron Zeldin, D.O., Myron L. Glickfeld, D.O., Richard M. Hall, D.O., Dwight H. Hause, D.O., Mickie G. Holcomb, D.O., Mr. John B. Isbell, Hy Kahn, D.O., Elmer L. Kelso, D.O., Jack P. Leach, D.O., Mr. T. G. Leach, Richard C. Leech, D.O., T. T. McGrath, D.O., R. E. Mann, D.O., Miss Marilyn Mobley, Lyle C. Olson, D.O., N. G. Palmarozzi, D.O. G. R. Scott, D.O., H. A. Spivey, D.O., Paul A. Stern, D.O. Harriette M. Stewart, D.O., J. Natcher Stewart, D.O. J. K. Taylor, D.O., Thomas R. Turner, D.O., K. R. Watkins, D.O., Francis B. Wheeler, D.O., Benjamin C. Young, D.O., Edward J. Yurkon, D.O., Victocr H. Zima, D.O.

# KOH Occupies New Areas

The W. W. Howard Wing of Kirksville Osteopathic Hospital is rapidly approaching completion bringing with it considerable change and reorganization within the main portion of the general hospital. Completed areas are already occupied with remaining areas being utilized as soon as they are ready. The new wing is named and will be dedicated in honor of the late W. W. Howard, D.O., 1912 Alumnus and former Trustee of the Kirksville College of Osteopathy and Surgery, in appreciation of \$250-000 life estate gift of the widow, Mrs. Sadie Howard of Medford, Oregon. Dedicatory ceremonies are being planned for an appropriate time within the next few months.

Strategically located at the threelevel bridge between the KOH clinical complex and the Timken-Burnett Research Building, the new structure adds 11,500 square feet of floor space to this important area. Easily accessible from both general hospital and research building, the new wing permits consolidation and relocation of service areas, providing space for much needed expansion to meet immediate demands for space in KOH proper. The entire new area is fully air conditioned with forced air return.

Space on the lower level of the W. W. Howard Wing is being utilized for the medical records library, mailing and purchasing services, and data processing. An "Activities of Daily Living" area is being developed adjacent to rehabilitation department facilities in the general hospital. When completed, this area will be equipped to help partially disabled patients relearn activities necessary to daily activity in their homes.

The second level of the new wing is devoted to administrative and clini-

cal offices with admissions, insurance and business offices located at the front of the corridor. These offices, located in proximity to other clinical and administrative offices in the general hospital, are expected to bring convenience to patients and clinical staff.

The third level provides for the consolidation of clinical laboratories formerly located in three separate areas of the general hopsital. The ability to perform diagnostic tests in a central area is expected to greatly expedite the process for patient and doctor. This complete laboratory center with modern equipment is considered a prime asset of the new building complex. Tissue, histological, serological and bacteriological facilities are located on this floor.

## DOH Plans Lively Seminar For Jan 26

Richard Thompson, D.O., team physician for the Detroit Lions, and Paul Williamson, M.D., Editor of Practice have accepted an invitation to speak at a Seminar to be held by the General Practice Department of Dallas Osteopathic Hospital on January 26, 1969, which will be sponsored by Merck, Sharp and Dohme. This one-day meeting will be held at Sammy's Restaurant at Greenville and Ross in Dallas, Texas.

The morning session will start at 9:00 a.m., and will last until 11:30, and then there will be a break for dinner. The meeting will reconvene at 1:15 and will disburse at 3:30 p.m.

Dr. Thompson will speak on Management of Ankle, Knee and Soft Tissue Injuries and Dr. Williamson will speak on Chelation Therapy.

The athletic trainers from all of the local colleges will be invited by special invitation. All interested D.O.'s and M.D.'s are invited to attend.

For further information contact Dallas Osteopathic Hospital General Practice Department, or particularly, Donald M. Peterson, D.O., 214-TA 3-2821, or James Little, D.O., 214-821-2667.

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