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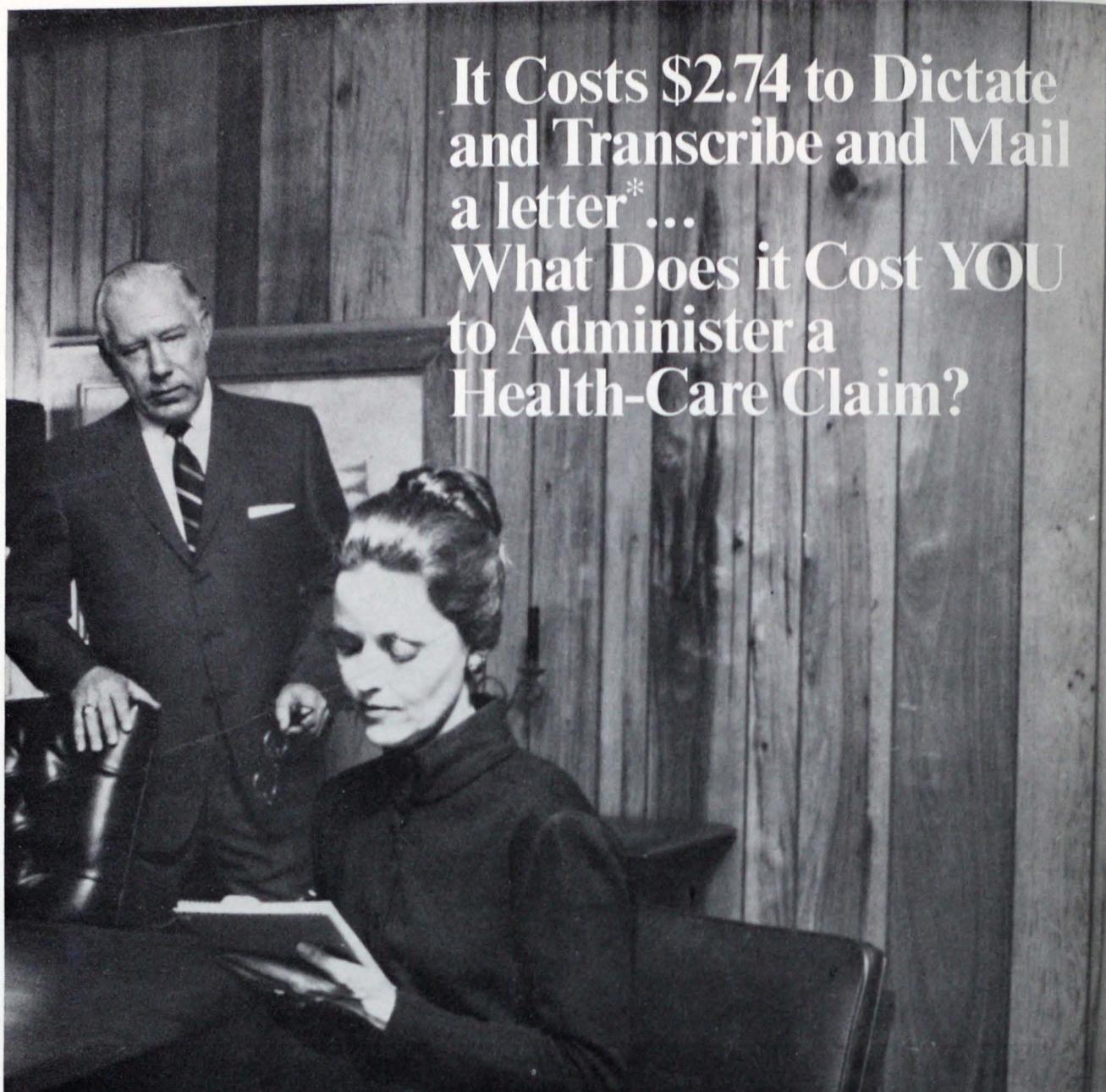
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Where the Action Is!

by Dr. H. Eugene Brown, Jr.

Welcome to Lubbock 1970! The Local Arrangements Committee has prepared the best convention ever. The only ingredient missing is *your* attendance.

Just a few notes on Lubbock. The days are mild and the nights cool in April. Dr. Emery, chairman of the Facilities Committee, informs us no sand storm is planned.

Dr. Raymond Mann reports all the motels are of usually better than average accommodations and service. The Red Raider Inn is a new luxury facility geared to conventions. There is a small indoor pool and a large carpeted area in the mall for visiting, regardless of weather. The Howard Johnson Motel is directly across the street and has all patio rooms on the ground floor. They have a nice outdoor pool. The Villa Inn has a large indoor pool and all twin double rooms poolside. They also have one of the swingingest "private clubs" in Lubbock. The KoKo Inn will be completely remodeled by convention time. They have a small indoor pool and a large amount of foliage in the mall area.

All the motels have restaurants, pools, private clubs, nice decor and most have 24-hour coffee shops.

Lubbock is an informal town and casual clothes are the rule. However, the President's Banquet will be semi-formal. The Fun Night is definitely western. Lusky's Western Wear of Dallas, Fort Worth, Lubbock and Abilene, has contributed a great deal of help on the convention.

Transportation should be no problem. There are seven national highways entering Lubbock. The facilities for convention are on the south side of town at the traffic circle of US 84 and US 87.

We have 70 jet powered flights to and from Lubbock daily. Continental, Braniff and Texas International are the carriers. Continental is the official airline host and has contributed a great deal of help on this convention.

Private aircraft may use Lubbock Municipal or Town and Country. Both have good facilities. Town and Country Airport is closer to the convention area.

The Board of Trustees will meet Tuesday and

Wednesday and the House of Delegates will meet Thursday in the Red Raider Convention Center.

The Caucus will be hosted by District X and will be held on Wednesday, April 22nd, in the Red Raider Convention Center.

Thursday night there is a no-host party for early arrivals at the Hayloft Dinner Theatre. This is a tri-level theatre in the round where a buffet dinner is served before a Broadway play is presented with professional actors from Hollywood. Following presentation of the hilariously funny play, "The Odd Couple," the backstage club will have cocktails available.

The official convention gets off to an early roaring start at 7 a.m. Friday with the First Annual TAOP&S Golf Championship. This will be at Hillcrest Country Club. It is a long, well-trapped, hilly course. Dr. V. W. Ramsey, Marion Labs, and RX Golf and Travel Magazine look forward to hosting all TAOP&S golfers—good or bad.

Registration begins at the Red Raider Convention Center at 8 a.m. Dr. Charles Rahm, Dr. Harlan Wright and Dr. B. J. Souders, with their assistants, will help in every way possible. Visit with your friends that morning.

Governor Preston Smith will keynote Convention '70 on the opening day.

Friday evening is the President's Reception, Banquet and Dance. Dress is semi-formal. We will move by bus to the 6:30 cocktail party sponsored by Ross Laboratories. Dinner and dancing and visiting follow, punctuated by our President's address.

Saturday morning the Survival Station opens at 8:30 with early morning snacks and beverages to get us started and awake for the morning program.

At noon Dr. J. Scott Heatherington, AOA President, will give an address and introduce the college presidents. Immediately following will be the College Alumni meetings. They will last an hour and 15 minutes so we may return to the program promptly.

Saturday night is Fun Night and is western. Come prepared for an outstanding evening.

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Olie Clem, administrator of the hospital, says that the one-third million persons live within a 50-mile radius of Tyler which has been labeled one of the boom cities of the United States by a Brandeis University urbanologist.

He says there are several fine practice locations in the city of Tyler as well as in the outlying areas.

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19 Join \$1,000 Club

Nineteen D.O.s. are members of TCOM's "Thousand Dollar Club," according to information released this week by Dr. C. E. Everett, secretary-treasurer.

The following persons have given at least \$1,000 to the College: Drs. W. W. Bailes, Edward A. Becka, D. D. Beyer, Palmore Curry, Carl E. Everett, Roy B. Fisher, J. E. Fite, Samuel B. Ganz, Robert G. Haman;

Also M. G. Holcomb, M. E. Johnson, R. C. Leech, George J. Luibel, Raymond Olson, D. M. Peterson, Ralph H. Peterson, John B. Riggs, and Sam and Marille Sparks.

Dr. Everett said "we need at least 300 members by convention time in April." He stressed the only qualification necessary to join the TCOM "Thousand Dollar Club" is a thousand dollars.



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By the Executive Director

ABOUT TEXAS!

A lot of people are convinced our so-called civilization is declining into a mass of midgets. Midget brains, that is. Which brings to mind two things I cannot resist recording about smallness.

Heard on TV: Shoot low, sheriff! He's riding a Shetland.

The Small Society cartoon: Think small. Big ideas upset almost everyone.

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However, the Texas Pharmaceutical Association thought big and called a state meeting April 2 in the chambers of the Texas House of Representatives on the subject of public health and drugs. Along with seven other state health-oriented associations TAOP&S was there in the persons of the president and president-elect, Drs. Stratton and Smith.

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Doctors of the nation are being raked over the hot coals daily by the press, politicians and do-gooders of all shades but a recent series of five articles by James R. Polk of the Associated Press presented by far one of the more objective views of health care costs and health care delivery problems.

The facts are that hospital costs take more than 50 per cent of the health care dollar and the physician less than one-fourth. He recites shortage of family physicians as being critical and contributory.

Additionally, our view is that AMA policies of the past 40 years ignored the needs of the patient and the public so, therefore, medicine is in trouble — deep trouble.

The minority professional, the D.O., has been dragged into the muddle whether or no.

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It's no comfort but William Gladstone said that to be engaged in opposing wrong affords but a slender guarantee for being right.

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You can help prevent drug abuse, suggests the American Public Health Association, by these rules:

1. Keep prescription blanks and samples in a safe place.

2. Flush all non-usable samples down toilet.
3. Break or cut used, disposable needles and syringes.
4. Don't print your narcotic number on prescription blanks.
5. Don't display the narcotic stamp where it is easily seen.
6. Notify pharmacists in your area of your narcotic number.
7. Avoid unnecessary narcotic prescriptions.

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Urging doctors to participate in Association, community and state affairs falls on quite a few deaf ears. No wonder the gap between medicine and the public!

But take Dr. L. G. Ballard of Granbury. He is now boss of the 950-member Texas Angus Association. He also serves as one of our representatives on the State Board of Medical Examiners.

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One of the best ways to set the record straight is to quote from it—the readers will put it straight.

Anyway, as far as the record now stands there are only two presidents of TAOP&S who officially visited all 14 districts during their term of office: Dr. Robert H. Nobles last year and Dr. Richard L. Stratton this year. Dr. Bobby G. Smith will probably top them by visiting some of the smaller districts twice.

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We must start thinking faster and deeper than the Feds.

What's the alternative or how can we top these: A Senate finance committee proposes to stop doctor shopping by Medicaid patients by limiting a person to a single primary physician and visits to other doctors will be for consultation only.

Or, the Public Health Service made a \$1.3 million grant to eight groups of doctors who will provide coordinated health care for subscribers paying a monthly fee.

Consider this by Robert Finch, HEW secretary: Our society is too hospital-acute facility oriented. We've got to get people away from the acute-care syndrome.

A7OPS News

by Mrs. T. Robert Sharp

On the morning of November 9, this officer flew to Amarillo for a visit with District I. The plane arrived at 9:00 a.m. and was 20 minutes early, but despite the early Sunday morning hour, a very gracious Jeanette Mann was at the airport to meet me. We had such a nice visit on the way to her home where coffee was waiting to revive us. After meeting and visiting with the charming Mann family, we made a mini-tour of the city. Through Dr. and Mrs. Mann I learned a great deal about their city. Did you know that Amarillo is flat, South and East, while North and West is called the Canadian Breaks? It is located on the caprock and is 3600 feet above sea level. It boasts 4 Senior High Schools and a fabulous Junior College!

The Luncheon and District meeting were held at the Southwest Osteopathic Hospital where we were greeted by the District President, Mrs. Paul Price and her husband, Dr. Price, Dr. and Mrs. Donald Hackley (Effie is President-Elect and will soon be the new Auxiliary President), Dr. and Mrs. Hall and Dr. and Mrs. Royce Skaggs. I was so happy to have the marvelous opportunity to meet new friends in District I.

The Auxiliary held a separate business meeting, which was well attended and informative. After the meeting, Dr. and Mrs. Price gave a tour of the new beautiful 52-bed Southwest Osteopathic Hospital. I was most intrigued with the movable hospital wall, which increases or decreases the size of the maternity ward.

In the well-stocked gift shop, I had the opportunity to visit with Dorothy Brown, who was on duty at the time.

Most of our family was scattered for the Thanksgiving Holidays, so on the evening of November 26, Bob, our son Douglas and I boarded a plane for the Island of Cozumel, which is located just off the east coast of the Yucatan Peninsula. Cozumel is surrounded by the clearest waters in the world. Deep sea fishing and scuba diving are at their best here and are unsurpassed. After four days of sight-seeing and basking in the sun, we headed back to Dallas loaded with treasures from the sea. The huge conch shells piled on the beach were so fascinating I could hardly resist them, so brought back as many as a shopping bag would hold.

The Mid-Year Board Meeting on December 7th, at the Statler-Hilton in Dallas was very successful, although we experienced some absenteeism. Dr. Brown gave a very complete report covering all activities of the 1970 State Convention to be held in Lubbock. The buffet and dance on Saturday night, December 6th, was well

attended, with the proceeds going to TCOM for development purposes.

Official visits with the Districts have presented the opportunity for a person-to-person interchange of ideas, opinions and information between the Auxiliary members. We must continue to strive for communication. Communication brings about an understanding, an acceptance and affection between those who should be close! Consequently, this officer was most grieved that an official visit to District IX was not humanly possible.

On January 31, Dr. and Mrs. Eugene Zachary and Bob and I had the pleasure of attending District II's Scholarship Dance. The festive evening was filled with fellowship and fun prevailed from beginning to end.

My official visit to District II was on February 18th. The District President, Mrs. Bobby G. Smith and Mrs. Wendell Gabier retrieved me from the turnpike at Arlington and we finished the drive to Fort Worth together. The luncheon at the Bronze M was excellent and I enjoyed visiting with everyone so much. The business meeting brought out problems most all the Districts are now facing. It was reported that the Scholarship Dance was highly successful.

District II has contributed so much to the leadership of the State and National Auxiliary that it is practically impossible to name each one individually. The membership boasts of such distinguished members as a National Past-President, National Second Vice-President, many past State Presidents and State Officers. I was completely awed by the prospects of talking to this illustrious group and was practically speechless.

On the morning of February 24, an official visit was made to District V. The meeting was held at the lovely home of Mrs. Raymond Dott, and again, this officer stressed the importance of providing the public with an opportunity to participate in the Osteopathic Seal program. District V was most cordial and I appreciated their thoughtfulness very much.

My last official visit was to District X on March 4th. I was met at the airport by Dana Brown and Marge Ramsey. We whisked through the campus of Lubbock Tech to the lovely home of Sue Mott, where we had coffee and talked of the approaching State Convention to be held in Lubbock. These girls are very competent, most enthusiastic and have accomplished a pyramid of work with more in the offing. They plan weekly workshops until convention time.

This is my last message to you and I want you to know it has been a pleasure to serve as your President for 1969-1970. The Districts outdid themselves to honor their State President and my sincere appreciation to all of you for the wonderful hospitality extended to me.

A7OPS News

Election of officers of the Auxiliary to TAOP&S will be held Friday, April 24, at 2 p.m. in the Camelot Room of the Red Raider Convention Center in Lubbock.

Mrs. Robert G. Haman, chairman of the nominating committee, which also included Mrs. George G. Clark and Mrs. Homer F. Elliott, reports that the following names will be presented for election:

President, Mrs. Donald E. Hackley of Spearman; president-elect, Mrs. B. R. Beall, II of Mineola; vice president, Mrs. David R. Armbruster of Pearland; recording secretary, Mrs. Richard Hall of Groom, and treasurer, Mrs. Bobby G. Smith of Arlington.

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DISTRICT I

by Helen Witt

Dr. and Mrs. Lester J. Vick are the proud grandparents of their first grandchild, George Robert Vick, II, who arrived January 20.

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Mrs. L. J. Vick had cataracts removed from her eyes and is recovering nicely.

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Dr. and Mrs. L. J. Cradit spent over three weeks in California visiting their daughter and her husband and their grandchildren and great grandchildren. They returned to sunny Amarillo January 10.

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Mrs. John L. Witt of Groom has had a book of poetry published recently. Proceeds from the book, "In Other Words—", are being donated to help spread Christianity behind the Iron Curtain.

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Dr. John Price of Dumas is the new director of the Dumas Chamber of Commerce. We are sure he is a very capable one.

Dr. and Mrs. Robert Clayton and children of Groom are moving to Kansas City in June where he will begin a residency in psychiatry.

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At the district meeting in Amarillo in February Dr. Royce Skaggs, who is quite accomplished in his hobby of photography, showed some of his beautiful flower slides and others. He has won a number of prizes in this field and it was a treat to see his works of art.

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Lynell Witt, daughter of the John L. Witts, was married to Ben Peek of Clarksville, Texas, January 8. They are at home in Dallas where both are teaching school.

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The Earle Manns of Amarillo and the Richard Halls and John L. Witts of Groom reported a very nice state surgeons' meeting in El Paso the first of March.

IRS Okays \$31.25 Convention per diem

A tax break for many convention-goers was signed into law by the President on November 10, 1969. The measure increased the per diem travel allowance for federal government employees from \$16 to \$25. This means an increase for other folks as well, because some business travel deductions are tied to the government rate.

Taxpayers who prefer to deduct a flat per diem rather than file detailed accounts are allowed to do so by the Internal Revenue Service (Rev. Rul. 65-212). But they must show that the money spent for travel was an "ordinary and necessary" business expense, and their records must include the time, place and business purpose of each trip. All other substantiation requirements are waived by the IRS. The new law raises the ceiling on such per diem allowances to \$31.25.

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NEWS OF THE DISTRICTS

DISTRICT VIII

by

H. George Grainger, D.O., FAAO

Dr. J. W. Coldsnow, outstanding Pittsburg citizen, and without doubt the biggest man in Texas osteopathic politics, was elected president of District III for the coming year at the society's Mt. Pleasant meeting on March 14.

Pittsburg's George Fuller, newly associated with Dr. Coldsnow, was named Vice President. Tyler's Kenneth Ross was elected Secretary-Treasurer to succeed yours truly who was escalated unwillingly to the office of president-elect.

For the record, delegates to the Red Raider Inn were named: Curry, Grainger, Lynch and Taylor. Their alternates are Coldsnow, Kennedy, Chambers and Beall. Your Reporter was incidentally reelected your Reporter.

Another excellent panel was arranged by handsome President Beall in the form of a trio from Dallas who discussed the Keough Plan vs. the "Professional Association Plan," both being layaway plans for circumventing, or at least postponing, or is it ameliorating?—the size of the tax bite of Uncle Sam. Their names were Eugene de Kieffer, CLU; Jack W. Hawkins, LLB, CPA; and Jerry W. Hobbs, SMU. They gave a lively chalk-talk program and there was a good deal of healthy discussion from the floor. The turnout was mediocre but its quality was enhanced appreciably by the ladies who stayed and listened to the speeches.

(Due to printing deadlines the visit of handsome President Dick Stratton to District III will be covered in next month's JOURNAL.)

DISTRICT III NEWS

by William F. Krebethe, D.O.

Dr. Richard Stratton, TAOP&S president, addressed the District VIII dinner meeting February 18 and was enthusiastically received by a fine turnout. The dinner was held at the Mustang Club in Corpus Christi. New officers elected were Dr. Dwight Hause, president, Dr. N. W. Todd, vice president, and Dr. Joseph Schultz, secretary-treasurer. New delegates to the TAOP&S convention in April are Dr. James Lively, Dr. William F. Krebethe and Dr. C. H. Lewis. Alternate delegates are Dr. Roy Slick, Dr. M. G. Kumm and Dr. Joseph Schultz. Dr. Tom Bailey is the Public Health representative to the State Association.

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Miss Mary Ganz, lovely daughter of Dr. Sam Ganz (House Speaker), was a Duchess in the Corpus Christi Mardi Gras held February 7 at the Coliseum in Corpus Christi.

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Richard Ganz, M.D., president of the Washington State Academy of General Practice of Spokane, Washington, was at Corpus Christi Osteopathic Hospital on March 10. Dr. Ganz spoke on "How to Improve the Image of the Family Physician in the Community." Dr. Ganz has authored numerous articles in national journals on family practice. He is the brother of Dr. Sam Ganz of Corpus Christi.

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Dr. John Latham has established a general practice in Robstown. Dr. Latham interned at Corpus Christi Osteopathic Hospital several years ago.

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Six osteopathic physicians, headed by Dr. James Lively of Corpus Christ-

ti, were ringside physicians at the A.A.U. Golden Gloves three-day affair held in Corpus Christi the last of January.

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A full-time Inhalation Therapy Department has been established at the Corpus Christi Osteopathic Hospital, headed by Dr. Lyle Olson and Dr. Roy Slick.

DISTRICT II

by D. D. Beyer, D.O., FACGP

Dr. Lee J. Walker was reelected to the Board of Trustees of ACCOG at the annual meeting in February.

Also during that meeting Dr. Walker presented a paper entitled "Gynecography: Indications and Interpretations." It won the Purdue-Frederick lectureship award.

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According to our Hurst reporter, Dr. Richard C. Leech, there are three new physicians in the area. They include Dr. Ruth Carter, KCOS '62, who previously practiced in Lubbock where her husband studied for his doctorate in math; Dr. Billy Puryear, KCOS '68, who interned at Fort Worth Osteopathic Hospital, and Dr. R. L. Rhodes, KCOS '68, who served his internship at Dallas Osteopathic Hospital.

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There is a new son at the home of Drs. Elva and Royce Keiler.

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Mrs. Richard L. Stratton is doing well following minor surgery.

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Letters

Dear Tex:

Words cannot express what your phone call of March 2, 1970 meant to the osteopathic profession in the Tyler area.

We had scheduled a meeting of all doctors in the Tyler area for 7:30 p.m. March 2. The expressed purpose of this meeting was to determine whether or not the osteopathic hospital in Tyler should be immediately closed due to lack of support.

As a result of your phone call and valuable offer of assistance, I was able to stand before this group of doctors and assure them that they had the support of the Texas Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons. For the first time in four years, this group of doctors have united their efforts and pledged their full support to Doctors Memorial Hospital. They have also offered their support to assist any osteopathic physician in relocating in the Tyler area and as a result of this meeting will be able to offer assistance in building a practice and staff privileges in one of the finest little osteopathic hospitals in Texas.

I feel that this vividly illustrates what can be accomplished if we all work together. Thanks again for your valuable assistance. Keep up the good work.

Olie E. Clem, Administrator
Doctors Memorial Hospital
Tyler, Texas

(Editors note: The following letter is a copy of a letter addressed to the mayor of Shepherd, Texas, Mr. Richard R. Beeson. The copy was sent to us by the writer.)

Dear Mr. Beeson:

E. A. Rowley, M.D., Chairman of the Texas State Advisory Committee to the Selective Service System, has asked this office to express his sincere appreciation to you for the informative letter which you have written in regard to Chris S. Angelo, D.O., and the service which he is rendering to residents of San Jacinto, Polk and Liberty counties.

The Texas State Advisory Committee is very much aware of the contributions which doctors of medicine and doctors of osteopathy are making

to patients in rural areas where they serve. The Committee recognizes that it is most difficult to replace them.

It should be comforting for you to know that no draft calls for physicians in this State are pending at this time, and hopefully, for the present at least, none are anticipated.

Should a call for physicians be issued, however, we will be pleased to secure recommendations related to Dr. Angelo's essentiality-availability status from the Texas Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons and from those who at the county

level are in a position to advise the Texas State Advisory Committee.

/s/ C. Lincoln Williston
Executive Secretary
Selective Service System
Austin, Texas

Dear Tex:

Congratulations on the fine article you had on page 17 of our March Journal, "Away from the AMA."

I hope every D.O. in our state will read this article if they have not already done so.

Dan Beyer, D.O.

TCOM Operating Fund Gets Boost

The operating fund of TCOM has received a financial boost from proceeds of the combined seminar held in Dallas on March 7 and 8, reported Ray Stokes, development director who served as registration chairman of the special event.

Stokes said that a net profit of approximately \$600 resulted from the seminar attended by more than 100 persons, including 65 D.O.s.

The decision to hold the unique

seminar produced excellent results, reported Dr. John A. Walton, general chairman of the meeting which was sponsored by The Academy of Applied Osteopathy, General Practitioners Society, Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine, and Districts 2 and 5 of TAOP&S.

Dr. Walton said the seminar was measured as a successful undertaking in attendance, participation and interest in general.

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In Memoriam

Funeral services for Dr. Owen Vowell, who died of cardiac failure at Tigua General Hospital in El Paso March 1, were held March 4. Dr. Vowell had been a resident of El Paso for 19 years.

Dr. Vowell was owner and operator of the Vowell Clinic. He received his premed training at Oklahoma University and was a KCOS graduate, class of '47.

He practiced in Porum, Oklahoma, and Raymondville, Texas, prior to moving to El Paso.

At 63 Dr. Vowell was still delivering 700 to 800 babies a year in his clinic.

Survivors include his widow, Emily Vowell of El Paso, and a brother, H. Carl Vowell of Muskogee, Oklahoma.

Dr. R. R. Delgado, Dr. R. C. Valvidia, Dr. M. G. Holcomb and Dr. M. A. Calabrese were among the pallbearers.

Burial was in Fort Bliss National Cemetery with military honors.

TAOP&S has made a memorial contribution to KCOS in his name.

Carl E. Laffoon, D.O., of 2642 West Jefferson Boulevard, Dallas, died of a heart attack on Tuesday, March 24, 1970. Dr. Laffoon had suffered a heart attack approximately one year ago. He left surviving him his wife, Mary Joe Laffoon; his mother, Mrs. Anna Laffoon of Sullivan, Missouri; two sisters, Mrs. Hazel Stracke of Kansas City, Missouri, and Mrs. Shirley Clayman of Shawnee, Kansas; and a brother, Robert Laffoon of Bellevue, Nebraska.

Dr. Laffoon was born in Sullivan, Missouri on November 19, 1929. He received an A.A. and A.Sc. degree from the Southwest Baptist College in Bolivar, Missouri in 1951. He did postgraduate work at the University of Missouri and received a B.A. Degree from the University of the Philippines. He received his D.O. degree from the Kansas City College of Osteopathy and Surgery in 1960, and interned at Stevens Park in Dallas. Dr. Laffoon has served on the Stevens Park staff since that time.

Dr. Laffoon had resided in Dallas for 11 years and was a member of the Temple Baptist Church in Sullivan. He was also a member of the Texas Chapter of the Antique Airplane Association.

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9:00 a.m. A look at some contemporary concerns: drug abuse, smoking, sex education, human relations. An overview of physical, emotional, social, intellectual, spiritual growth and maturation—"Why, Well I disagree, Now I see!"

10:30 a.m. Coffee Break

10:45-12:00 p.m. The hazards of excerpts out of context—"Pushing new morality and pot". The etiology of lung cancer, VD, and teenage pregnancy—"Chicken".

1:00 p.m. Techniques for reaching today's young people—"What's wrong with trying it just once?"

2:30- 2:45 p.m. Coffee Break

2:45- 5:00 p.m. Group dynamics, role playing, sentence completion, word association and other techniques—"Removing the mask of adolescence".
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April 19, 1970 — Sunday

9:30 a.m. Patrick McCaffery, D.O., head of pediatrics section, Fort Worth Osteopathic Hospital
Common pulmonary disorders in children

10:30 a.m. Coffee Break

11:00 a.m. Marty O'Brien, D.O., resident in ears, nose and throat, Garden City Osteopathic Hospital, Garden City, Mich.
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The Osteopathic Management of the Spinal Complex
Apr. 9, 10 and 11
Broadmoor Hotel
Colorado Springs, Colorado

Board of Examiners in the Basic Sciences

April 10 and 11
Dallas, Houston,
Galveston, San Antonio

District VI Annual Clinical Symposium

April 18 and 19
Hotel Sonesta
Houston

TAOP&S 71st Annual Meeting and Convention

April 23-26
Lubbock

District VI

Mon., April 6
7:30 p.m.
Westbury Square
Houston

District X

Thurs., April 9
7:30 p.m.
Red Raider Inn
Lubbock

District XIII

Sat., April 11
7:30 p.m.
Greenville

MAY

District II

Tues., May 19
Blackstone Hotel
Fort Worth

District III

Sat., May 16
7:00 p.m.
Blackstone Hotel
Tyler

District V

Thurs., May 21
8:00 p.m.
Vick's Cafeteria
Dallas

District VI

Fri., May 1
Business Meeting
Carrousel Motor Hotel
Houston

District IX

Sun., May 10
3:00 p.m.
Victoria

District X

Thurs., May 7
7:30 p.m.
Red Raider Inn
Lubbock

District XIII

Sat., May 9
7:30 p.m.
Commerce

District XIV

Thurs., May 21
7:30 p.m.
Pharr

JUNE

8th Annual Southwest Osteopathic Ass'n. Convention

June 1, 2 and 3
Hotel Utah
Salt Lake City

District IX

Sun., June 14
3:00 p.m.
Schulenburg

District XIV

Thurs., June 18
7:30 p.m.
Pharr

Osteopathic Physicians' Assistants 1970 Convention

June 26, 27 and 28
Fairway Inn
McAllen

AUGUST

TOHA Annual Convention

Aug. 27, 28 and 29
Green Oaks Inn
Fort Worth

OCTOBER

AOA 75th Annual Convention and Scientific Seminar

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254 D.O.s Eligible For S'West Med Phone Consultation

Two hundred fifty-four D.O.s in 36 Texas counties are eligible to participate free of charge in a long distance telephone consultation system funded by the Federal government at the University of Texas (Southwestern) Medical School at Dallas, according to information supplied TAOP&S by John S. Chapman, D.D., assistant dean for postgraduate education at Southwestern.

He said the grant permits an experiment in a new type of medical discussion which should give a kind of exchange of information characteristic of large hospitals and teaching centers.

"Consultation of the sidewalk or horseback type is one of the most valuable aspects of work among large staffs," Dr. Chapman says in his letter to participating doctors.

Doctors within the local telephone exchange in Harris county are not eligible under the grant because they have ready opportunity to direct dial consultants they know, he said.

Participating doctors are issued a special telephone credit card and may place calls for medical consultation from 8 to 10 p.m. Monday through Friday. Calls may be placed at other times but at the doctor's expense. All rules of confidentiality apply.

Consulting faculty members at Southwestern will be in internal medicine, surgery, obstetrics-gynecology, pediatrics and others as indicated by calls from the field.

A roster of consultants is sent to participating doctors charting the specialists who will be available each evening. After checking the roster to see if the specialist related to the specific problem is on duty, the doctor should work from basic data he has written out ahead of time.

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Texans Elected Class Prexies at KCOS

Included among class officers recently elected at KCOS are Robert Vaclav of Amarillo who was elected president of the class of '71, and Don Fox of Grand Prairie, elected to the vice presidency of the class of '72.

that calls can be limited to five minutes.

Dr. Richard L. Stratton, president, directed the State Office of TAOP&S to supply names and addresses of 254 D.O.s in 36 of the counties included in the project.

SOPA News

District XII Society of Osteopathic Physicians Assistants met at Doctors Hospital March 10 for a special meeting.

The special presentation was by Dr. H. A. Fadhli, M.D. He presented slides and lecture regarding "Heart & Vascular Surgery and Recent Advancements in Open Heart Surgery" and a film on the actual surgery of "Pacemaker Implantation and Surgery of the Blood Vessels."

Dr. Fadhli is a native of Baghdad, Iraq. He graduated from the University of Baghdad School of Medicine and took his internship and training in general surgery in Cleveland, Ohio, and his thoracic and cardio-vascular surgery training at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston.

He taught thoracic and cardiovascular surgery at the medical school in Galveston prior to coming to Port Arthur, where he pioneered the practice of this specialty.

He is a diplomate of the American Board of Surgery and the Board of Thoracic Surgery. He is a fellow of many medical and surgical organizations and scientific societies, and the author of many medical publications.

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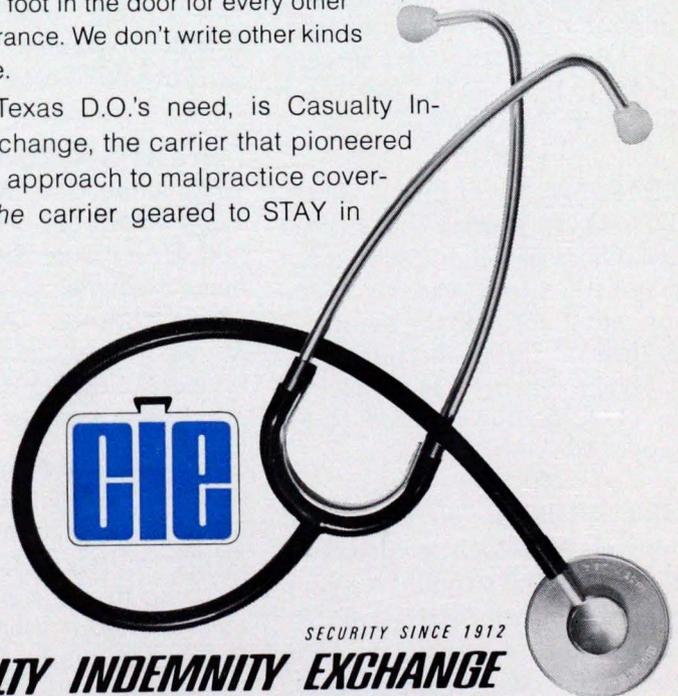
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