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# "Seals Today - Doctors Tomorrow"

In 1931 during the depression, \$2,000 was more than most Americans were to see in one sum for years to come. Yet D.O.'s around the country raised that sum to help needy osteopathic students finish their schooling. They did it by selling Osteopathic Christmas Seals.

One out of every 10 D.O.'s in practice owes part of his career to the Christmas Seal. Since 1949, many research projects in osteopathic colleges are possible only because funds from Seal proceeds are available.

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Student Loans of the AOA are available to junior and senior students in osteopathic colleges who meet the requirements. One of the most important sources of income for the loan fund is its 50% share of the proceeds from the sale of Christmas Seals.

We in Texas, the fifth largest state in osteopathic population, have fallen short in our responsibility to the Seal Program. In 1962 our goal was \$4,490.00. We raised \$2,537.50 which was 57%. In 1963 our pro-rated share of the national goal was \$6,104.00. We raised \$3,480.75 which was 57%. We have 749 D.O.'s in the state, of that number only 158 participated in the Seal Program. Louisiana ranked first in the nation in 1963 with 12 D.O.'s raising \$732.00 or 755% of their goal.

Our 1964 goal is \$6,200.00. The auxiliary is exciting each and every D.O. in the state of Texas to give \$10.00. Let's get off this 57% business and go over the top!

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### **Vagotomy Procedures**

by EARL F. GONYAW, D.O.\*

Vagotomy is the surgical procedure in which the vagus nerve is severed in order to prevent its action on some organ of its innervation.

In this brief paper the topic has been somewhat restricted as to its effect upon gastric secretions, motility and lower gastro-intestinal functions.

Vagotomy has been used for years in the treatment of peptic ulcers. It was used in 1912 by Exner & Schwartzman for gastric crisis in tabes dorsalis. Both partial and total vagotomy have been used to control diseases of the esophagus, stomach, duodenum and even lower gastro-intestinal problems. (7)

The vagus nerve innervates many other areas besides the esophagus, stomach and duodenum, but these are not of primary importance in this paper, although they may be affected by vagotomy. It has its effect upon gastric tonus, motility and secretory activity, which are usually permanently reduced when a vagotomy is performed. The splanchnic nerve also has innervation in this same region but its severance does not essentially alter the function of the stomach.

The stomach has also intra-mural plexus of nerves, by which it is able to function adequately even after complete extrinsic denervation: e.g., bilateral vagotomy and splanchnicectomy.

Afferent fibers of vagus and sympathetic nerves mediate the visceral sensation such as nausea, hunger and pain. Efferent fibers innervate the esophagus, stomach and duodenum from the dorsal nucleus of the vagus and have their effect on secretion and motility. The parietal cells, secreting hydrochloric acid, are controlled by the vagus, but have some intrinsic ability to secrete without vagal stimulation: e.g., acid rebound by

direct stimulating action on gastric mucosa by sodium bicarbonate.

Parietal cells are most abundant in the lower 2/3 of the stomach and the greatest number of cells are in the antral area. By sectioning the vagus, some of the stimulation to these cells will be alleviated. The vagus also has its effect on the other secreting cells, such as the chief cell which secretes pepsinogen and the gastric cells which secrete gastrin and mucus. Gastrin via the blood stimulates the parietal cells to secrete HC1 which is another method of acid secretion without direct vagal stimulation. It is obvious that vagotomy only reduces acid secretion because these cells can be stimulated by other means. (8)

The vagus also innervates areas below the duodenum and influences secretions, muscle tone and motility, although not completely. In complete sectioning of the nerve, adverse side effects may result. (8)

### Indications for Vagatomy

There are two ideal groups of cases having peptic ulcer which would benefit from vagotomy: 1. "patients who have had other surgery (pyloroplasty or posterior gastro-enterostomy); 2. young or middle aged men with moderately high acidity, a long history of peptic ulceration with previous perforation or hemorrhage, unobstructed and not acutely bleeding, who have been refractory to careful medical therapy, and who have had severe ulcer pain in times of stress which can be relieved only transiently by usual antacids, milk or food."

The surgical procedure of bilateral vagotomy and gastrojejunostomy for chronic duodenal ulcer has been followed in a 10 to 14 year study by Feggetter and Pringle. In their study, 248

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consecutive patients were followed for this period of time. There was only 1 post-operative death. 12 patients died of extraneous causes other than gastric problems and one who died of carcinoma of the stomach. Nine of these died before expiration of the 10 year period. The remaining 195 patients were classified as follows: 129 or 66.1%—excellent results, 32 or 16.4%—good results, 16 or 8.2%—improved condition, and 18 or 9.3% were classified as failures. (4)

Vagotomy has also been used in gastric drainage procedures, for the treatment of the short esophagus, but these showed minimal advantage to the addition of the neurectomy. (3)

### Procedures

Various operative procedures have been used to restrict the vagal influence on the stomach and duodenum:

- 1. Selective gastric vagotomy severing only the anterior and posterior gastric branches of the vagus.
- 2. Total or truncal vagotomy in which both anterior and posterior vagi are severed completely.

Two approaches have been used: the thoracic and the abdominal route.

Vagotomy is many times used in conjunction with other surgical procedures such as the various methods of subtotal gastrectomy, gastroenterostomy, pyloroplasty, hemigastrectomy, antrectomy and in acute perforation repair.

In general, the abdominal approach is used when other gastric procedures are involved, unless a transthoracic gastric resection is selected as a primary procedure. In the thoracic approach as described by Dragsedt and Schafer, (6) an oblique incision is made over the left 7th or 8th rib and the rib is resected, the left lung then being mobilized with ligation of the inferior pulmonary ligament and reflecting it upward with the lung. The parietal pleura is then incised over the lower 10cm of the esophagus, exposing the main trunks of the

vagus. Both the anterior and posterior vagi are isolated and mobilized, including the esophageal branches; these are grouped together, doubly ligated and divided just above the diaphragm. The esophagus is then replaced in its bed, the pleura closed, the lung reflected back and the chest cavity closed without drainage.

The trans-abdominal approach is begun with a vertical incision extending from the xiphoid to the umbilicus (other incisions may be made). The left triangular ligament of the liver is incised and the left lobe is reflected to the right. The peritoneal fold over the esophagus is opened and the esophagus is mobilized by blunt dissection, the esophagus is pulled downward into the abdomen, making the left (anterior) vagal fibers taut, the anterior vagus is isolated and mobilized, its branches grouped together, double ligated and severed. The right or posterior vagus is found along the greater curvature of the stomach and the esophagus. The esophagus is retracted to the left, these fibers are then mobilized, ligated and divided. The proximal ends are allowed to retract into the mediastinum or may be sutured to the diaphragm. The abdomen is then closed. (6)

Another procedure, as described by Harkins and Griffity, is a selective gastric vagotomy which has been used during the past few years. This procedure, in essence, is a little more refined, in that only the gastric branches are divided, leaving the hepatic and celiac division intact and, thereby alleviating some of the complications of the traditional truncal vagotomy. (1)

### Variances in Procedures

The left triangular ligament of the liver is not severed but the left lobe is retracted with a broad retractor. A portion of omentum is cleared from the stomach and, by manual traction, it is retracted downward, placing the vagal fibers in traction. The gastric fibers are isolated by palpation and are then visual-

ized after the peritoneum is incised from cardia to hiatus; only the anterior gastric vagal branches are severed (care is made to watch for an abberant left hepatic artery). The posterior branches are then isolated and dissected to the hiatus and only the gastric fibers are divided. The distal nerve segments still attached to the stomach are buried in the dissected edge of the lesser curvature to prevent vagal reinveration.

The cardia and most proximal lesser curvature are sutured to the right crus, repairing the phrenoesophageal fascia and tightening the hiatus if lax, thereby preventing a hiatus hernia.

Various techniques may be performed at this time to prevent gastric stenosis, these having been mentioned previously.

### Note ....

Gastric ulcers are usually not treated by vagotomy because of the frequency of malignancy.

Vagotomy combined with sub-total gastrectory may produce somewhat better results in controlling peptic ulcers than the procedure of gastroenterostomy with vagotomy or vagotomy alone. (9)

A technique for rapid vagotomy in the treatment of acute perforation has been used by Dr. William Hyden. In this procedure the perforation is repaired and then a vagotomy is performed. The stomach is grasped manually and traction is applied caudally and ventrally, causing the anterior branches of the vagus to become taut and easily accessible with the exploring fingers in the hiatal area. The nerves are then isolated and severed. The traction is continued as the posterior divisions are sought just to the right of the esophagus and slightly posterior; these are also divided. (5)

### Adverse Conditions Encountered Post-Surgically

### A. Gallbladder:

1. Loss of contractile response to vagal stimulation

- 2. Flaccidity and dilatation
- 3. Delayed emptying
- 4. Possible increased incidence of gallstones

### B. Pancreas:

- 1. Loss of insulin response
- 2. Marked decrease in feeding response and 24 hour output of pancreatic juices.
- 3. Decreased response to secretion

### C. Intestine:

- 1. Dilatation and pooling
- Decreased villi
- 3. Loss of contractile response to electrical stimulus

### D. Integrated Functions:

- 1. Episodic diarrhea
- 2. Decreased fat absorption

These side effects occur less frequently in the selective vagatomy cases. (1)

### Summary

Vagotomy may be a great adjunct to the control of the peptic ulcer. The recent studies seem to indicate that a selective vagotomy seems to give the surgeon a little better result and less morbidity, especially when used with other surgical procedures. Past studies have shown that vagotomy is very useful in selective cases and may alleviate some of the need for the more radical sub-total gastric resection.

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### **National Recognition Awarded Dr. Phil Russell**



The photograph above shows one of the two major awards made to Phil R. Russell, D.O., at the national convention of the American Osteopathic Association recently held at Las Vegas. Herman Walter, President of the Society of Divisional Secretaries, is shown presenting a handsome plaque which grants the status of lifetime honorary membership in that Society. It is inscribed, "In recognition of outstanding and faithful service to the Osteopathic profession and to this Society." Dr. Russell was accorded a standing ovation by the 31 divisional secretaries in attendance and he spoke briefly concerning the firm dedication which any divisional secretary must have if he is to further the profession at state and national levels.

During the official opening ceremonies of the convention, Dr. Russell was presented an award of high honor by

Dr. John P. Wood, President, Sigma Sigma Phi national osteopathic fraternity. The citation specified the many years of effective service provided by Dr. Russell to his profession at state and national levels, both professionally and organizationally.

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Guest speakers for this Seminar will include:

Kenneth Milo Endicott, M.D.

Bethesda, Maryland

Director, National Cancer Institute,

National Institutes of Health

James O. Watson, D.O.

Columbus, Ohio

Chairman, Department of Surgery,

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A. P. Ulbrich, D.O.

Detroit, Michigan

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College of Osteopathic Physicians

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Joseph F. Uricchio, M.D.

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Assistant Professor of Medicine,

Hahnemann Medical College

We are hopeful that another speaker will be secured for the program.

We believe this will be an informative and interesting Seminar, plan to attend. A copy of the program for this Seminar and information regarding hotel reservations in Dallas will be mailed in the near future.

# Highlights of Society Divisional Secretaries and Opening Day of A.O.A. General Sessions

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT holds this profession in very great faith, trust and responsibility. They often have more of these than some of our own members have!

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-Dr. Carl E. Morrison

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ARIZONA IS NOW showing an average of two films per day (of the various public relations films available) as compared with two per week last

year. —Stanley Schultz, Executive Director, Arizona.

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NON-TV BOOKINGS have almost doubled in the last seven months for A.O.A. film presentations.

EFFORTS ARE SUCCESSFUL to secure adequate, correct write-ups of Osteopathic medicine in various encyclopedias and yearbooks of national importance. Six such acceptances have been registered in the last few months. — Robert Klobnak, Public Relations Director, A.O.A.

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FEW OF US REALIZE the attention being paid to our profession and its PUBLICATIONS a r o u n d the world. Words without good deeds are as useless as a candle in a blizzard.

—Arnold Melnick, D.O., President, Association of Osteopathic Publications

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THIRTY-FIVE MILLION viewers have so far been able to see the three current films of the American Osteopathic Association—Mr. Klobnak

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AYERST LABORATORIES presented a check for support of the program of the American College of Osteopathic Internists. It was accepted by President John L. Crowther, D.O.

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I WAS ASTONISHED when I found that osteopathic physicians in California generally disavowed all knowledge of manipulative therapy and seemed somewhat scandalized at my public announcements that the method should be a major project of investigation and teaching.

 Benjamin B. Wells, M.D. speaking of his experiences as first dean of the California College of Medicine

Editors Note: Dr. Wells' address was a classic. It is expected that it will be reprinted in its entirety in THE D.O. very soon; if it is not, it will be obtained

and carried in this JOURNAL.

R. B. PRICE, Editor

### **Educator Diagnosis**

Some state education laws, which prevent a licensed physician from giving a child an aspirin without parental permission, allow school testers to enter "maladjustment" or "potential schizophrenia" on the child's record. A test paper is no place to probe a child's psyche.

-Martin L. Gross in Life

### Misconstrued Ideas

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The Ninth Annual Fall Seminar of the Texas Association of Osteopathic Obstetricians and Gynecologists was held at the Hotel Americana in Houston on September 19th and 20th. The Seminar was attended by physicians from all parts of Texas and judging from their comments the entire program was well received.

The program was highlighted by two out-of-state speakers; Dr. James G. Matthews of Berkley, Michigan who is president of the American College of Ostopathic Obstretricians and Gynecologists and Dr. A. A. Choquette, Urologist of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Other excellent speakers on the program were Dr. Richard Mayer of Lubbock, Dr. Esther Roehr and Dr. J. H. Kritzler of Houston. A panel discussion of Surgical Problems in Obstetrics and Gynecology was presented by Dr. Jack Leach, moderator, with other members of the panel being Drs. W. S. Gribble, David Jaffe, Victor H. Zima, Murphy Webb, and Kenneth Riggle, all of Houston.

As in the past this meeting has increased in value each year. This program has been helpful to all who attended. A credit of ten post graduate hours has been approved by the American College of General Practitioners in Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery for all general practitioners who attended.

During a business meeting the following officers and trustees were elected; President-Dr. Richard Mayer of Lubbock, Vice-President-Dr. Daniel Barkus of Dallas, Secretary-Treasurer-Dr. Jerry O. Carr of Fort Worth, Trustee Term Expires 1968-Dr. Frank Bradley, of Dallas.

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gistered for the September 19 and 20, 1964 Houston meeting:

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### Ninth Annual Assembly — Guilds

The National Osteopathic Guild Association will hold its ninth annual assembly at the Americana Hotel in New York City, November 5-7, 1964. Hospital boards, administrators, physicians and auxiliaries have been saked to stimulate attendance of volunteer workers at this important event.

Dr. Campbell A. Ward, President, American Osteopathic Association, will deliver the keynote address and Dr. Ed P. Crowell, Assistant Executive Director of A.O.A. is slated as guest speaker for the banquet which is expected to be the socialh highlight of the convention.

A distinguished panel will explore "An Adventure in Osteopathic Philosophy", dealing with the development of the "Basic Philosophy of Osteopathic Medicine" publication. This program will be taped and copies made available to guilds wishing to convey the explanation of the Basic Philosophy to their individual groups.

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Much talent from Texas D.O.'s will be featured in many parts of this clinical assembly. Ed J. Yurkon, D.O., of Dallas, is Program Chairman for the American Osteopathic College of Radiology, and is a Director of that College.

T. T. McGrath, D.O., Fort Worth orthopedist, will present an unusual scientific paper and will also provide an exhibit showing prosthetic appli-

ances in perpetual motion.

One highlight of the Annual Clinical Assembly invariably is The Trenery Lecture, which will be delivered to this Assembly by Charles D. Ogilvie, D.O., of Dallas. Over the years The Trenery Lecture has ranged in subject matter from the purely scientific medical to the joys and delights of travel, and Dr. Ogilvie's subject will be, "The Place of Radioisotope Blood Volume Studies in Clinical Medicine." He will

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cover the period subsequent to the development of radioisotope dilution-methods, and point out that blood volume determination has become an accurate, rapid and technically uncomplicated procedure. His contention is that the usefulness of blood volume studies is not as widely appreciated as it should be.

Other Texas D.O.'s who will present significant portions of the program for their respective specialties include J. Natcher Stewart of Grand Prairie, James T. Calabria of Dallas and Mr. George A. Fuller, Jr., of Fort Worth, a hospital administrator who is Vicepresident of the American Osteopathic Hospital Association.

## Prominent D.O. Turns Journalist-Speaker

Unexpected talents were exhibited by Roy D. Mims, D.O., Comanche County Health Officer, in an article he wrote for THE COMANCHE CHIEF early in September explaining in detail the Texas Old Age Assistance program. Dr. Mims has also presented his topic orally before civic and business groups.

Concerned because of the possibility that over utilization might impair the effectiveness of the program, Dr. Mims undertook to educate his entire county as to the challenge placed on doctors and hospitals to admit acute cases only, and to reassure them that excellent medical care is being provided when it is needed.

Dr. Mims has been in active practice in Texas for over ten years and is a Sustaining Member of T.A.O.P.&S. A son, Dr. Roy D. Mims, Jr., is a graduate of K. C. C. O. S. and is presently serving an internship at Mid-Cities Memorial Hospital, Grand Prairie.

### A West Point "First?"

All available information indicates that when on October 3 the West Point football team played the U. of T. Longhorns, it was for the first time in history competing against a school which had a coed student who was the mother of one of the Corps of Cadets. John H. Boyd III, an upperclassman at the United States Military Academy, is the son of Dr. and Mrs. John H. Boyd, of Louise, Texas. Mrs. Boyd is currently a full-time student on campus at the Austin school

This unusual probability became a reality in September of this year when Mrs. Lenore Boyd enrolled in the Graduate School of Educational Psychology to earn a doctorate in Counseling and Guidance at the University of Texas under a scholarship grant made available through the National Defense Education Act. Mrs. Boyd will be remembered as the President of the Auxiliary to T.A.O.P. & S. for 1962-63.

One objective of the National Defense Education Act was to identify and guide gifted children and youths so that their native intellectual gifts were fully developed and thusly assure that the academic output of our educational system would keep this country in competitive position in fields of science and technology. Mrs. Boyd, who has a wide background in counseling

and guidance, was approached and asked to return to the University and undergo intensive training in her specialty.

Inasmuch as the Boyd's other two sons, Alan and James, are students at Schreiner Institute, Kerrville, Texas, this has left Dr. John Boyd and Sad Sam, the Boxer dog, leading a bachelor existence during weekdays of the scholastic year.

## Letters Patent Issued To Inventive D.O.

Dr. Dean E. Wintermute, Klondike, was the Recipient this month of a patent covering a modification to X-ray devices for use on the human body. The invention allows a reduction in the amount of irradiation necessary for fluoroscopic examination of a patient. By utilizing the absolute and relative refractory period of the eye of the fluoroscopist, it decreases significantly the exposure to both the patient and the examining physician.

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### 24 Texas Freshmen Enroll

An outstanding group of young Texans was enrolled last month to begin a four-year program leading to the coveted "D.O." degree, Doctor of Osteopathy.

Fourteen Texans were accepted at Kansas City College of Osteopathy and Surgery, and ten were enrolled at Kirksville College of Osteopathy and Surgery. No freshmen enrolled this year at College of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery, Des Moines, although two seniors and two sophomores are among that student body.

Pre-osteopathic medical training was received by this group from some of the finest universities in the land. A partial list of colleges previously attended includes:

University of Colorado Lamar Tech The University of the South University of Houston Louisiana State University Texas Christian University Texas A & M College Purdue University Abilene Christian College

Names of the students and city of residence in Texas are:

### K.C.C.O.S.

W. Weston Sumner, Fort Worth, Texas James Scott Reed, San Angelo, Texas Harvey Henry Randolph, Jr., Port Arthur, Texas (TAPO&S Scholarship Awardee) David Lynn Murphy, Hurst, Texas Carl Kramer McKenney, Dallas, Texas (TAOP&S Scholarship Awardee) James Lee Greenwood, Wichita Falls, Texas David Mays Beyer, Fort Worth, Texas Chris Sam Angelo, Beaumont, Texas Randall Hess, Dallas, Texas Philip G. Dunlap, San Diego, Texas Robert A. Brock, Dallas, Texas Yandel K. Fults, Abilene, Texas William T. Giles, Fort Worth, Texas Jerry D. Gregory, Lubbock, Texas

James F. Holleman, Abilene, Texas Joseph A. Leake, LaMarque, Texas Sarah Sue Leopold, Canyon, Texas Kenneth C. Looney, Lubbock, Texas George F. Molhusen, Dallas, Texas Bill H. Puryear, Abilene, Texas Harold W. Randelle, Austin, Texas Ebb W. Reeves, Denton, Texas Donald W. Roach, Pasadena, Texas Lucien D. Young, Fort Worth, Texas

A bigger freshman class has been authorized by the COMS Board of Trustees. It voted to admit 98 students, 24 more than in the past. The administration plans to divide the class into sections so that laboratory facilities will be in use throughout each day. The profession therefore has an entering class of 465, the largest freshman class in the five osteopathic colleges. Last year, the entering classes totalled 441. The new, larger number of entering students in our five colleges is now equal to the number when we had six colleges.

Some Osteopathic Colleges note occasional unrest in student body caused by ill-advised talk by the few on "merger". Undergraduates want assurance that the profession they are studying to join will remain separate and distinct. Undergraduates' feelings best expressed in this statement by president of one class, "If you don't stay separate and distinct, you admit to being second rate and unfit by trying to tag along with a self-confessed first rate crowd." Because of the high caliber of intelligence represented in the student bodies of your osteopathic schools these young people could have gained admission to medical schools. Having made the decision to be D.O.'s, they feel that they are entitled to confidence in the future of the profession, not alone staying in existence but moving forward on all fronts to an even better tomorrow.

### The TOIL Committee — A Progress Report

JOHN V. BORDEN Secretary-Treasurer

The TOIL Committee—Texas Osteopathic-Insurance Liasion Committee was organized in Fort Worth, Texas, on December 6, 1958, and received its charter on April 13, 1959, to operate a nonprofit corporation for the purposes of education, dissemination of information and promotion of cooperation between osteopathic hospitals, osteopathic physicians and surgeons and insurance companies in the correlated problems relating to the administration of prepaid medical, surgical, and hospitalization insurance plans within the state of Texas. The corporation was designed to conduct such necessary activities by means of educational programs so as to enhance public acceptance of prepaid medical, surgical, and hospitalization plans and to facilitate the cooperation of the osteopathic hospitals, osteopathic physicians and surgeons and insurance companies in the administrative processing of prepaid medical, surgical and hospitalization insurance plans to the benefit of the insuring public and the participating groups, without charge, remuneration, fees or financial gain to the corporation or any officer, director, component group, association, or representative thereof.

The term of its existence was designated as 50 years. The number of directors was set at eleven; two each from the five component groups—the Texas Osteopathic Hospital Association, Texas Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons, Texas Association of Health Underwriters, Dallas Society of Claimsmen, and Texas Accident and Health Claims and Underwriters Association—and three officers — a president, vice president, and secretary-treasurer.

The objects and purposes of the committee are:

To discuss and consider in open meetings problems which affect the administrative functions of the participating groups in those cases where they overlap, where they infringe on the rights or privileges of another or where the administrative functions of one group may cause needless or unnecessary economic distress to another or impair its prestige.

Through joint counsel to prevent the commencement or development of practices which might impair the proper functions of the participating groups, and to foster harmony within all groups.

To function as a public relations committee between the groups comprising the committee and the public in general and as a united voice against governmental encroachment or interference in or upon our business or professional prerogatives.

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one group impair the harmony of all or actions of members of one group do anything to bring about public resentment or disapproval.

Regular meetings of the committee have been held in Fort Worth, Dallas, San Antonio, Houston, Austin, and Galveston every other month since its organization. These meetings have been in the form of open and closed meetings. At the open meetings invitations to attend have been extended to osteopathic physicians and surgeons, hospital personnel and representatives of insurance companies in the particular locality where the meetings were held.

At first the open meetings were confined to opening remarks by the president or some other member of the committee on the objects and purposes of the committee, a general discussion and questions from the guests. The committee or directors would then go into a closed session to discuss the cases or complaints which had been referred to the committee. As time progressed, it was found that the meetings could be more successfully conducted on an open basis with the guests actually participating in the discussion of the cases or questions under consideration. On the most part open meetings are held in the different cities previously mentioned, but occasionally the committee still holds strictly closed sessions.

Suggestions, questions, or complaints can be referred to the TOIL Committee for consideration through any of its officers or members, but first these matters should be referred for screening and handling to the Insurance Committee of the Texas Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons through Mr. R. B. Price, executive secretary of the TAOP&S, 512 Bailey Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas. The Insurance Committee of TAOP&S is able to resolve most of the routine matters and those that it cannot are referred to the entire TOIL Committee for consideration and further handling. The Committee will then han-

dle the matter to a conclusion and will make a complete report of its handling to the person or persons filing the complaint with the committee's recommendations to them concerning any further action which they should take. The fact that restitution has been made, the matter adjusted or the offending parties or party apologize for their action does not mean that the committee feels that all should be forgiven and the matter should be dropped. If an evil exists and further corrective or punitive action is in order, the committee proceeds accordingly by making a report and its recommendations to the component group for further action as it deems necessary.

This committee has successfully solved many of the problems which, prior to its existence, plagued osteopathic physicians, administrators and insurance claims personnel in the osteopathic hospitals, and the insurance industry. Many claims have been resolved to the satisfaction of all parties concerned and to

the benefit of the public.

In our association together on this committee, we have found that most of our problems were due to misunderstandings, lack of information or our failure to recognize and appreciate the other fellow's position. We have also formed some very close bonds of professional friendship and fellowship and our esteem and regard for one another increases without participation in this worthwhile cause.

It is well to remember that Digitalis is a protoplasmic *poison* and should be treated with respect. Digitalis should be used only on indication.

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Repeated headaches in children indicate some pathology and thorough study should be undertaken.

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Palpable tenderness and osteopathic vertebral lesions of the upper dorsal vertebral structures strongly suggest the possibility of peptic ulcer disease.

### **Washington Stands Firm**

(From the Federation Bulletin, published monthly by the Federation of State Medical Boards of the United States, July, 1964)

To answer the many questions about the proposed granting of M. D. degrees to osteopaths in Washington, we wrote to President John Fiorino of the Board of Medical Examiners who kindly supplied us with the essential details which follow

On February 28, 1964, a new medical school, the Washington College of Physicians and Surgeons, was created after it had been duly chartered. It was approved by the Executive Committee of the Washington State Medical Association. The curriculum consisted of twelve consecutive Saturday afternoon classes of four hours each. The student body was composed of 54 osteopaths who aspired to the degree of doctor of medicine which would be granted to each at the completion of the classes. After this sole purpose had been accomplished, the school would have been disbanded, leaving no memorial but 54 unearned M. D. degrees.

But the sponsors of the Washington College of Physicians and Surgeons reckoned without the Board of Medical Examiners of Washington. On March 20, 1964, at an open hearing the Board decided that the school could not be approved or accredited because it failed to meet several legal requirements; for example, the medical diploma must be procured in the regular course of in-

struction and examination, the college must show that it provides adequate instructions in specified subjects and that it provides clinical instruction in hospital wards and outpatient clinics under guidance.

Dr. Fiorino further pointed out that the Washington legislature has imposed the duty of determining the adequacy of a medical school upon the Board and not upon any other agency; accreditation was denied because the instruction was considered inadequate to protect the health of the citizens of Washington. Incidentally, the Washington Osteopathic Association was also opposed to the College. The school promptly discontinued its classes when it was denied accreditation.

Thus, the Washington Board of Medical Examiners, by standing firm and upholding the law of the land, probably against severe pressure, has made a distinct contribution to the welfare of the citizens of the entire United States. Moreover, it has refused to compound the confusion caused by the creation of the new M. D.s by the state of California. Although the standards of the Washington College of Physicians and Surgeons were actually post-Flexner compared with those of the California school which merely invited osteopaths to apply for M. D. degrees, it is incom-

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prehensible that it had the blessings of reputable organizations. These seemed to be dominated by the group which believes in amalmagation at any price regardless of the wishes of the osteopaths and certainly with little or no attention to the maintenance of medical standards. They claim that their intention is to elevate standards by eliminating the osteopaths entirely and points to the good effects of the absorption of the homeo paths many years ago. The more blatant cynics among this group, when confronted with the argument that patients will become progressively more bewildered when seeking the best medical care, reply that this will only be a temporary situation and will last for twentyfive years at the most. Which reminds us of the heads of certain foreign governments who have just as ruthlessly if less subtly proclaimed that it is often necessary to sacrifice a number of people for the success of the regime and the good of the people as a whole.

The Washington Board is to be congratulated on its courage in so firmly upholding the law, and it is fortunate that it was in a position to do so. In many other states such a stand by their boards would be impossible as they have delegated the approval of medical schools to outside agencies. The Washington stand is an example of the most-conscientious application of states'

rights.

### **Treat Them Greatly**

by George W. Northup, D.O.

Ralph Waldo Emerson wrote, "Trust men and they will be true to you; treat them greatly and they will show themselves great." On July 22, the American Osteopathic Association began a new year. Under the inspired leadership of Dr. Campbell A. Ward, newly installed President, officers and committee chairmen, some new and some old, assumed the direction of our profession.

Realistic confidence is necessary to

success. Most powerful is confidence in oneself, strengthened by the COM-MUNICATED CONFIDENCE of others. Without this kind of confidence, no organization, large or small, can succeed.

We may assume that the leaders of our Association would not have accepted their offices had they not had confidence in their abilities to perform the duties of their new positions. They have thus demonstrated their own self-confidence. But what about us, as members? Are we willing to be satisfied with doing our part in the development of the osteopathic profession, and willing to place full confidence in the people we have selected through our democratic processes to do their part? If our profession is to continue to advance, the answer to that question must be strongly affirmative.

The dangerous ones in our organization are those who, doing little themselves, sow seeds of distrust of those who do labor. Those who spend their time undermining confidence in others too often reveal a greater lack of confidence in themselves.

Confidence is not a mere philosophical emoting. It is at the core of success. Its lack feeds the roots of failure.

As we begin a new year, nationally, let us resolve that we will express our confidence in ourselves by assuming our part in the continuing development of a progressive and dynamic profession. Let us support, *in confidence*, our elected and appointed leaders for the coming year. By so doing, we will strengthen their service. Let us trust our people and treat them greatly.

Convulsions in children can portend serious problems; do not fail to investigate them. "Febrile" convulsions should not be dismissed as innocuous, especially if they recur. At the minimum, a complete neurological evaluation, an EEG and a skull x-ray should be done.

### Mesquite General Expansion Opens

An expansion program nearly tripling the size of Mesquite General Hospital was opened late last month in the Dallas suburb. The acute general facility opened two years ago with 25 beds and this expansion brings the institution up to the 65-bed level.

The addition provides 18 rooms with 32 beds and eight beds are being made available by moving ancillary facilities from the old unit into the new unit. Hospital records show that facilities had been used at or near capacity since the hospital commenced operations in 1962.

Mesquite is located at the eastern edge of the Dallas metropolitan area and has a population of 30,000. Randolph R. Gillum, D.O., is President of the Hospital Corporation. Other officers and staff members are D.O.'s Robert L. Lambert, Billy G. Mills, Winton L. Welsh, Jack W. Rice, Gerald A. Swayze and Vernon Drummond. The hospital is a Blue Cross member-hospital and has applied for recognition as a "Registered" hospital with the Committee on Hospitals of the American Osteopathic Association. It has been inspected and recognition is expected in the very near future.

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Chest pain is an important symptom and should not be discounted even when laboratory and EKG studies appear to be negative.

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A REVIEW OF THE CALIFOR-NIA MUDDLE AND A CAUTION were sounded by Dr. Mervin E. Meck, president of the Florida Osteopathic Medical Association in his farewell column in the FOMA Journal.

"Enough time has passed to reveal that the California road was a mistake for the participants; is history; consolidated the profession and made it realize that a rededication of purpose with increased tempo was necessary.

"The medical profession is well aware that md minor has done all that it can. Their purpose, destruction, is the same and their efforts will continue. A coddling effort is now beginning to evolve. Those who offered the md amalgamation approach will be cast off in the Khrushchev manner and those with the true light will appear.

"We should exercise caution on any new approach for cooperation. It would be foolish to ignore any efforts to benefit the public health, but proper evaluation would be in order. Any cooperative effort offered by the medical profession must be secured by a record of performance. Blind faith serves little children well, but for adults it is stupidity. This attitude of our profession should continue as long as a Committee on Osteopathy exists in the AMA and meets behind closed doors."

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### **Calendar of Events**

October 25-28—Specialty Meetings, Americana Hotel, New York, New York:

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF OSTEO-PATHIC SURGEONS, annual clinical assembly. Executive Secretary, Charles L. Ballinger, D.O., Box 40, Coral Gables, Fla.

AMERICAN OSTEOPATHIC ACADEMY OF ORTHOPEDICS, annual meeting. Secretary-treasurer, J. Paul Leonard, D.O., 2673 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit, Mich. 48208.

AMERICAN OSTEOPATHIC COLLEGE OF ANESTHESIOLOGISTS, annual meeting. Program Chairman, A. A. Mannarelli, D.O., Kirksville Osteopathic Hospital, 800 W. Jefferson St., Kirksville, Mo. 63501. Secretary-treasurer, K. George Tomajan, D.O., 514 Beacon St., Boston, Mass. 02115.

AMERICAN OSTEOPATHIC COLLEGE OF RADIOLOGY, annual meeting. Program chairman, Philip Shtasel, D.O., Metropolitan Hospital, 300 Spruce St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19106. Secretary-treasurer, F. A. Turfler, D.O., 2515 E. Jefferson Blvd., South Bend, Ind. 46615.

AMERICAN OSTEOPATHIC HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION, annual meeting. Executive Secretary, Mr. E. L. Herbert, 205 W. Touhy Ave., Park Ridge, Ill. 60068.

November 5-7—NATIONAL OSTEO-PATHIC GUILD ASSOCIATION, annual meeting, Americana Hotel, New York. Chairman, Mrs. John L. Cameron, 1126 Lafayette Dr., N.E., Albuquerque, New Mex.

**November 7**—D.O.'s scheduled date for mailing Seal Packets to public.

December 4-5—POSTGRADUATE SEMINAR, under auspices of Texas State Department of Health and TAOP&S, Cabana Motor Hotel, Dallas, Texas.

Program Chairman, Elmer C. Baum, D.O., 908 Nueces St., Austin, Texas.

December 5-6—BOARD OF TRUSTEES, TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF OSTEO-PATHIC PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS, midyear meeting. Cabana Motor Hotel, Dallas, Texas. President, J. Warren Mc-Corkle, D.O., P. O. Box 248, Mineola, Texas.

December—Use Seals—Talk Christmas Seals. Keep an eye on your State Returns in regard to your State Quota. Mail in returns promptly.

February 20-21, 1965—TEXAS ACADEMY OF APPLIED OSTEOPATHY, Seminar on Segmental Syndromes, Signs, and Symptoms. Villa Capri Motel, Austin, Texas. Secretary, Laura A. Lowell, D.O., 4153 Travis St., Dallas, Texas.

February 26-28—TEXAS OSTEO-PATHIC SURGICAL SOCIETY, annual meeting. Commodore Perry Hotel, Austin, Texas. Secretary, Thomas M. Bailey, D.O., 1001 Santa Fe St., Corpus Christi, Texas.

March 26-28—THIRTEENTH ANNUAL CHILD HEALTH CLINIC AND EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE, Hotel Texas, Fort Worth. Virginia Ellis, D.O., Secretary, Doctors' Committee, 1001 Montgomery St., Fort Worth 7, Texas.

March 28—Texas State Society of the American College of General Practitioners in Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery, 13th Annual Educational Seminar. Hotel Texas, Fort Worth. President, D. D. Beyer, 1800 Vaughan Blvd., Fort Worth, Texas.

May 3-4—BOARD OF TRUSTEES, TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF OSTEOPATHIC PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS, annual meeting, Granada Hotel, San Antonio, Texas. President, J. Warren McCorkle, D.O., P.O. Box 248, Mineola, Texas.

May 5—House of Delegates, Texas Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons, annual meeting, Granada Hotel, San Antonio, Texas. Speaker of the House, Wiley B. Rountree, D.O., 19 North Irving. San Angelo, Texas.

May 6-8—Texas Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons, Annual Convention. Granada Hotel, San Antonio, Texas. Program Chairman, Edward J. Yurkon, D.O., East Town Osteopathic Hospital, 7525 Scyene Road, Dallas, Texas. Executive Secretary, Mr. R. B. Price, 512 Bailey Ave., Fort Worth, Texas.

June 17-18—Texas Association of Osteopathic Physicians Assistants, annual meeting. Beaumont, Texas. Secretary, Mrs. Betty Woodall, 3908 Rachel Ave., Port Arthur, Texas.

ANOTHER ATTEMPT by the Washington Paper College to issue md degrees has been upset. The temporary restraining order secured by Washington Osteopathic Medical Association February 24 to prevent the Washington Paper College from granting MD diplomas, has been extended. Judge Howard J. Thompson, of the Superior Court of King County, had been asked by the college to set aside his own restraining order. On August 20 he wrote the attorneys, recognizing an unduly long delay due to continuing voluminous motions, affidavits and briefs, but seeking for the time being to put at rest the issues, declared: "The temporary restraining order of February 24, 1964 should continue in full force and effect until the hearing of the matter of a permanent injunction."

Patients with head injury should *not* be x-rayed immediately unless definite surgical intervention is contemplated.

## U. S. Medical Schools Rapped

The new president of the American Academy of General Practice criticized medical schools recently, saying many of them "do not know how to produce a general practitioner."

"Students coming out of the medical schools have not been taught basic medical knowledge," said Dr. Julius Michaelson of Foley, Ala. "Too many of the schools are preoccupied with specialization and research work."

### **Bullfighter's Hero**

Spanish bullfighters in Madrid have dedicated a monument to Sir Alexander Felming—because the advent of his pencillin discovery drastically cut the mortality rate among gored matadors.

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### **Washington News Letters**

Health Professions Educational Assistance Program. J. S. Denslow, D. O., has been appointed for a term of 3years and Donald Siehl, D.O., has been appointed for a term of 2-years on the Review Committee on Construction of Schools of Medicine under the Health Professions Educational Assistance Act. The Committee has an overall membership of 10. A group of ad hoc on-site project evaluators including osteopathic representation reports to this Review Committee which makes recommendations to the National Advisory Council on Education on Health Professions, on which C. R. Starks, D.O., serves. Funds to finance the first year of the college construction program and student loan provisions of the Act became available on Saturday, September 19th, when the President signed the Health, Education and Welfare Appropriation bill, Public Law 88-605.

Health and Medical Post. On September 23rd, the Senate confirmed the nomination of Edward Wheeler Dempsey of St. Louis to be Special Assistant to the Secretary, Health and Medical Affairs, Department of Health, Education and Welfare. Dr. Dempsey is currently Dean of the School of Medicine at Washington School of Medicine. He has degrees Ph. D. and Sc. M. from Brown University and taught for 12 years at Harvard Medical School before going to Washington University in 1950. Like his predecessor, Boisfeuillet Jones, who recently resigned, he does not have a medical degree.

Local Health Officers. A D.O. applied for the position of local health officer and his application was not considered because the appointive authority said his appointment would prejudice participation in Federal grant programs. See next page for HEW comment.

Intern Housing Loan. New apartments for married interns and resident doctors at Botsford General Hospital, Farmington, Michigan, will be constructed with a \$300,000 College Housing Loan according to Commissioner Sidney H. Woolner of the Community Facilities Administration. Zieger Osteopathic Hospital Inc., of Detroit, the applicant will supplement the Federal loan with \$150,000 of its own funds. The three new two-story brick buildings will provide a total of 24 two-bedroom apartments for married interns and resident doctors whose duties and hours require them to live near the hos-Hospital authorities reported about 20 families are now residing in the community, generally at rentals excessive to their financial means. Hospital officials also estimated their intern-resident physician staff will increase to 35 within five years and reach 40 in 10 years.

Mail Fraud. Following repeated warnings by the Food and Drug Administration, the Post Office Department and the Idaho Osteopathic Association that the electrical device called the Magnetron made and sold by Peter D. Pauls, D.O., Dr. Pauls was arrested last week by postal inspectors and

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Dear Mr. Gourley:

This is in reply to your letter in which you inquire about certain articles in the Sandusky, OHIO REGISTER in which the allegation is made that appointment of an osteopathic physician as head of a local health department would make the department ineligible for the receipt of Federal funds.

I have made the proper inquiries in the Public Health Service and find that there is no foundation for such an allegation as far as the Service's grant-in-aid programs are concerned. To put it another way, the appointment of an osteopathic physician to the post of health officer would in no way affect the receipt of funds administered by the Public Health Service, or, as far as I know, other agencies of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

Sincerely yours,
J. Stewart Hunter
Assistant to the Surgeon General
for Information

Mrs. Lawrence L. Gourley Legal Counsel American Osteopathic Association 1757 K Street, N. W. Washington, D.C.

charged with mail fraud. (Editors Note—Dr. P. D. Pauls is listed as a non-member of the American Osteopathic Ass'n.)

Laws: The Housing Act of 1964, S. 3049, became Public Law 88-560 on September 2nd. This law authorizes long-term mortgage insurance for nonprofit nursing homes. The Public Health training act, above mentioned, H. R. 11083, became Public Law 88-497 on August 27th. This law authorizes project grants to strengthen department of preventive medicine in osteopathic and other schools. The Economic Opportunity Act of 1954, otherwise known as the anti-poverty bill, S. 2642, became Public Law 88-452 on August 20th. This law subsidizes work-study programs at participating nonprofit colleges.

> Very truly yours, CARL E. MORRISON, D. O. Chairman

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### **Convention Notes:**

It is with much enthusiasm that we look forward to the 1965 convention which will be held in Beaumont, Texas at the beautiful and modern Ridgewood Motor Hotel. Conventions are their specialty. They are most anxious to have us meet with them. Dates set for the convention are July 17, 18.

A registration fee of \$10.00 will provide Saturday lunch, Saturday night Banquet and Sunday breakfast. It is with pleasure that we announce that the Steck Company of Austin will sponsor the get acquainted breakfast of Saturday morning.

A national known insurance company will present an insurance workshop on Saturday morning, followed immediately by a style show of the latest fashions in uniforms. These beautifully tailored uniforms can be purchased during the convention.

Several companies have made application for booths. We still have some booth space available for office machines or furniture, office supplies, and several other lines. Information can be obtained by writing or calling Emma Jo Smith at the Doctor's Hospital of Groves, Texas.

It is our hope that more girls will plan to attend this convention as all profit by doing so. We promise to have a full week end all lined out for you. Also membership application to either a District Society or the State Association can be made at that time.

> MAKE YOUR PLANS NOW TO ATTEND!!

#### District No. Six

Our September meeting was held at Dr. Kehoe's Clinic on Tidwell Road. Mrs. Kay Howard who works in Medi-

cal Records at Community Hospital was our guest speaker—Mrs. Howard gave a most informative talk on keeping records at the offices and hospitals and how the two places can work together to complete their charts. She also went into the insurance forms as to how they should be processed or completed, nomenclature that should be used and of course, the importance of assignment of benefits.

Our very capable Ways & Means Chairman, Mrs. Ruby Dickey, is lining up our fall candy sale. The proceeds going toward our Scholarship fund and association expenses.

District VI carried their samples and old instruments to Dr. A. Johnson, Sept. 11. He and his family are to sail Sept. 24 for Africa—We were pleased that so much was saved for him and surely hope everyone keeps up the good work.

Odell Machin, Sadie Little, and La Rita Zgarba were our pick-up and delivery girls.

Carolyn Sklar, who is with Dr. Hardy, has visited with us at our last 2 meetings. We are surely hoping that she will become a member of our Society.

Our October meeting will be held on Oct. 1, 1964 at Dr. J. S. Carpenter's office, 8465 Howard Drive.

Sadie Little Reporter

### **District No. Twelve**

The September meeting was held on September 28, at 7:30 p.m. at the office of Dr. A. L. Garrison. This was the final business meeting of this fiscal year for this district. Reports were given. Two new members were accepted and introduced to the members. They are Joyce Haunsch from Dr. Fites

office and Brenda Price from Doctor's Hospital. Welcome girls.

Methods of raising funds to be used for the scholarship fund and convention were discussed. It was decided to have a bar-b-que on October 17, for this purpose.

Election of new officers followed the business meeting. They are: Dorthy Welch—President, Dr. Jack Taylors office; Marilyn Mobley—Vice President, Doctor's Hospital; Katy Holstead—Secretary, Doctor's Hospital; Brenda Prince—Treasury, Doctor's Hospital.

Appointed Committee Chairman: Ways and Means—Emma Jo Smith, Doctor's Hospital; *Program and Publicity*—Betty Woodall, Dr. A. L. Garrison; *Scrapbook*—Betty Latimer, Doctor's Hospital.

The newly elected officers will be installed at a dinner meeting on October 26, which will be held at the Ridgewood Motor Hotel in Beaumont. This is our 1965 convention meeting site.

Reported by BETTY WOODALL

### Exhibitors' Booth Reservations Being Received

Although the annual statewide convention of T. A. O. P. & S. is seven months away, some eighteen exhibitors have already reserved booth space for the San Antonio meeting to be held at the Granada Hotel next May.

VITAMIN PRODUCTS COM-PANY OF TEXAS, a Dallas concern, was the first exhibitor to reserve a booth, according to records maintained by the Facilities and Exhibitors Committee. Except for 1961 and 1963, this Company has exhibited at all state conventions starting with the 1952 convention and carrying thru 1965 with this reservation.

### "Long John" Show Favors Osteopathy

A MARATHON RADIO DISCUS-SION PROGRAM featured the osteopathic point of view given by Dr. Ben C. Scharf, secretary and editor of Long Island Society of Osteopathic Physicians & Surgeons and Dr. George W. Northup, AOA editor, on July 26 over Station WOR, New York. For 51/2 hours from midnight to 5:30 a.m. our two doctors faced a panel of two laymen and an MD surgeon throwing questions. The program known as the "Long John Show" is beamed to about 10 states and is reported to have an audience of 11 million. Telegrams poured in during the broadcast with a ratio of 10 to 1 favorable to us. "The reaction from both the profession and laymen who heard the program, as far as George and I can gather, was excellent," writes Dr. Scharf.



### NEWS OF THE DISTRICTS

#### District No. One

It is with a heavy heart that we give the Journal news of the death of Doctor John V. London of Groom, Texas. Having worked with and for Doctor London we know that he was loved and respected by all who knew him professionally and socially.

Doctor and Mrs. Vick are planning on going to Ohio to a Proctological

meeting.

Doctors J. Francis Brown, L. V. Cradit, E. W. Cain and L. J. Vick and their wives are planning to attend the convention in Las Vegas. Also Doctor Lewis N. Pittman Jr. is planning on attending the Academy of Applied Osteopathy session at the national convention.

We understand Doctor and Mrs. Glenn Robinson enjoyed fishing for rainbow trout in Colorado.

Also Doctor and Mrs. E. W. Cain and party enjoyed a wonderful stay in Colorado and while there indulged in a wonderful fish side trip where the fish were quite expensive.

According to present plans Doctor and Mrs. Earl Mann are planning to attend the Surgeons convention in New York City. We also have it on good authority that Doctor John L. Witt of Groom will also attend this meeting.

Dan Witt and family spent the summer with his parents, Dan is a junior this year in Kirksville.

Doctor and Mrs. J. Francis Brown are on the road quite frequently commuting with their grandchildren.

LEWIS N. PITTMAN JR. D.O.

#### District No. Two

Dr. E. D. Conrad is now one of our Flying Osteopaths and seems to be enjoying everything about it. He has also purchased a lovely Country Home near Weatherford, Texas.

Dr. Charles Bragg recently spent eight (8) weeks taking post-graduate courses at the University of Mexico in Monterrey, University of Guatemala, and the University of Paraguay in General Surgery and in Urology.

District Two had an excellent attendance at their last meeting held at the Denton Country Club. The wives were included in this meeting and seemed to enjoy themselves. We are hoping to have another meeting similar to this one in the very near future.

Dr. T. T. McGrath will be presenting his paper entitled "Prosthetic Replacement - Arthroplasty" in New York City at the American College of Osteopathic Surgeons Meeting. He will also have an exhibit there showing prosthetic appliances in perpetual motion.

### District No. Three

The regularly scheduled meeting of District III, TAOPS did occur on September 19, 1964.

Due to some unauthorized changes in the location of the meeting, some instructions regarding how to get there, were sent to the membership by K. E. Ross, Secretary.

Dr. Ross followed his own instructions, got thoroughly lost, never did find the Lake Tyler Marina and had finally, to adjourn himself back home—where he watched Mr. Dillon, and nervously wondered if any other poor mislead District III members had attempted to find the Marina.

Next day, after considerable telephone checking, conflicting reports were received to the effect that 20 members attended, no one found the place, and that seven doctors had a meeting, all

of them brought their wives, except one, and that another effort is being made to organize an auxiliary.

I finally distilled, extracted, purified and boiled the product of the information plus the rumor, minus the scuttle (deleted) and arrived at the following:

A meeting did occur, no business was transacted, the district III constitution still needs decision by the membership before it can be revised in its now ideal form. Everyone at the meeting had a good time, everyone at the meeting ate well and had some good fellowship. So far the Secretary-Treasurer has not received a bill for anything connected with the meeting and the treasury still has a slight excess of or over one hundred dollars. I am grateful and I also hope it stays that way.

Dr. L. D. Lynch is making a nice recovery from the croup. His last fishing trip was not reported to the Journal, but it finally leaked out that he was about three hundred pounds successful with the redfish at the Gulf of Mexico in August, some of which I ate (having secured them from another member of his party).

The reason District III always has

such good attendance at it's meetings seems to be that if notices are sent too far in advance, the recipients always have the same answer on the day after the meeting: "I just now thought of it and thought it was for TODAY".

The next meeting of District III is supposed to occur, probably in Tyler, at some location that will be more readily findable. Tentatively the Kingsway Motel has been selected by that part of the Executive Committee that has had some discussion about the matter. For those members that have not been around for a year or so-these meetings now occur on the evening of the third SATURDAY of the months of May, September, November . . . etc. and NOT on Sunday. I have received more objection to this timing than approbation, but such objection must be presented to a meeting—and this will require your attendance. The gripe file is growing so big that I will soon have to request an appropriation for funds to create a new file and a place to put it.

I wish I had some good news about District III. I haven't. Anyhow we did get some rain recently and I'm sure that it helped the farmers, among which are Dr. B. K. Fleming.



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### District No. Eight

District VIII welcomes Dr. Roy Slick, wife Dorothy and children from Kansas City, Missouri. Dr. Slick is CCOH's new internist and was previously associated with the Kansas City College.

Dr. Richard Pullum flew to Florida recently and couldn't get back to Corpus Christi for four days because of Hurricane "Dora".

Dr. Laurence Taylor is keeping the waters of the Gulf of Mexico in a stir these days and catching all the fish from his new boat.

David Bruce, D.O. Reporter for District VIII

#### District No. Eleven

This district takes great pleasure in welcoming Porfirio Lozano, D.O. as the most recent osteopathic physician in this area. Dr. Lozano is a local product of El Paso. He attended Kirksville College of Osteopathy and Surgery and graduated and received his degree in 1963. He interned at the Dallas Osteopathic Hospital and commenced practice in El Paso at 4902 Alameda immediately upon completing his internship. While interning at Dallas Osteopathic Hospital and Costantial Costantial

teopathic Hospital he wedded his schoolgirl sweetheart, the former Lupe Sanchez, in 1964. They presently reside at 2812 Grant Ave., El Paso, Tex. Porfirio Lozano, D.O. is the son of Porfirio Lozano, M.D., also a practicing physician in El Paso. Dr. Lozano, Sr. is a graduate of the University of Mexico Medical School in Mexico City. Dr. Lozano, Jr. spends some of his mornings at Dr. Lozano, Sr's. office helping his father with his practice. Again we welcome Dr. and Mrs. Lozano and wish them greatest of success in building up a faithful clientele.

Dr. M. G. Holcomb, owner and operator of the Tigua General Hospital, has opened the new wing to the hospital. The new wing adds spaciousness, greater efficiency, and decor to the hospital. It is a great pleasure to be associated and to work in the well-run institution. It would be well worth the trip for many of the "visiting firemen" who knew the "old" Tigua Hospital to return and be amazed at the transformation.

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