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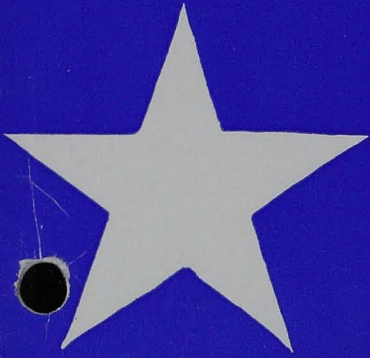
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## CONGRATULATIONS

To the Fort Worth Osteopathic Hospital and its staff, the general public, and organized osteopathy in Texas.

To the hospital for its vision in constructing such a modern and well-equipped institution . . . not the largest, but public expression is "the best we have ever seen."

We further congratulate the hospital and its staff for its cooperation and quick participation in the Greater Fort Worth Hospital Fund Inc. campaign, the staff being the first organized group to pay in full its pledge to this campaign in 18 months rather than the five years as pledged, and further, for having constructed the first complete hospital unit under the campaign.

We congratulate the people of Fort Worth for the recognition of the help to the sick people of this area by the Fort Worth Osteopathic Hospital and their recognition of the need for an outstanding osteopathic hospital. We congratulate them not only for their moral support but for their financial help through the Greater Fort Worth Hospital Fund Inc. campaign which is an expression of gratitude for the service rendered to the public by the staff of the original institution.

We congratulate organized osteopathy for the vision shown by the staff of the Fort Worth Osteopathic Hospital and their efforts to produce for the profession, an institution second to none, which has produced outstanding public relations and attracted better than 9,000 people to view this institution at its formal opening and bring about such favorable comments from the newspapers, radio, and television.

Truly, this is a new era for the profession.



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## **Reports of Delegates to the A. O. A. Convention Statler Hotel, New York City, July 14-20, 1956**

### **Matters Pertaining to the Bureau of Public Education on Health and the General Counsel's Activities**

*By* ELMER C. BAUM, D. O.

The meeting of the House of Delegates of the American Osteopathic Association at the national convention in New York remained in session 5½ days with one night session. Voluminous reports were presented on the activities of the past year; also recommendations of objectives that should be pursued for the ensuing year. By mutual agreement each one of the delegates from Texas chose a phase that his report would cover. My report will be on matters pertaining to the Bureau of Public Education on Health and the general counsel's activities. This Bureau is composed of seasoned men who serve a very useful and helpful function. It deals with problems pertaining to legal and legislative matters at state level. This past year we have seen the achievement of outstanding progress in several areas.

The State of Pennsylvania through legislative enactment designated an appropriation of \$200,000.00 for the Philadelphia College of Osteopathy and Surgery. This appropriation is consistent with similar aid given to medical schools in Pennsylvania. This is a commendable achievement. Other states where Osteopathic Colleges are

located will surely bring about similar action in their state legislative bodies.

Recognition by the Vocational Rehabilitation Department in which the Osteopathic Profession of Texas was the first state to obtain approval. Other states have been urged to also obtain recognition in this field. Interest has been stimulated by amendments to the Social Security Act which provides persons 50 years or over who are unable to engage in gainful activity by reason of any medical determinable physical or mental impairment becomes eligible for medical and surgical services. The State Vocational Rehabilitation Act may be one of the most important laws affecting medical and surgical care at a state level.

According to the National Committee there are bright hopes to an early solution to disputes between Professions and Insurance Companies by the adoption of a uniform across-the-board approval of Osteopathic Doctors and Osteopathic Hospitals in the United States under the terms "physician" and "hospital" as are written into many insurance policies. The Law Insurance Journal, a legal pub-



lication in the Insurance Field, is proposing and developing this solution.

A great deal of effort is exerted to assist the Profession in the following states: Alabama, Louisiana, Kansas, Minnesota, Nebraska, North and South Carolina in a program removing them from a restricted and limited practice rights.

Public Hospitals are also receiving a great deal of study and are of great concern in many areas. Decisions of both the United States Supreme Court and several state Supreme Courts have established that in the absence of a statutory provision granting statutory privileges, such as was involved in the Audrain County Hospital case in Missouri, a physician does not possess a statutory right to practice in a public hospital. The General Counsel's office has recommended, when public hospital disputes or controversies appear to be in the making, that a careful analysis be made of the state public hospital laws as the first step undertaken by the state public education on health committee.

The national House of Delegates reiterated a previous policy that the A.O.A. Conference Committee shall remain active in the interest of Public Health. This action places our Profession on a status that we are willing to cooperate with any organization that has parallel objectives which would lead to the improvement of the health care of the people.

The Osteopathic Profession Today stands in the position of strength in regard to its legal and legislative affairs. We have many difficult and intricate problems requiring a decision. Their solution will depend considerably on the manner in which the Profession grows and develops. There are only two professions in this country that have the facilities and personnel for training physicians and surgeons. The net result will be determined by

whether or not the Profession is willing to contribute leadership equal to that which has been present in meeting the challenges of the Profession in the past.

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## The Convention Program

By D. OGILVIE, D. O.

It is difficult to report briefly on so varied and extensive a program as the teaching sessions presented at the recent A. O. A. Convention in New York. It is my impression that there is a definite trend toward more practical and interesting material for the general practitioner in these sessions.

The guest speaker on the first day, Monday, July 16th, was the Honorable George P. Larrick of Washington, D. C. Mr. Larrick is Commissioner of Food and Drugs of the U. S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. He spoke briefly of the relationship of the Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to the Physician. The House of Delegates adjourned to hear Mr. Larrick, and this particular session was very well attended considering the fact that it was scheduled so early on the first day of the Convention. Immediately following, the keynote address—THE SOMATIC COMPONENTS OF DISEASE was very ably presented by the President of the Chicago College of Osteopathy, Dr. R. N. MacBain. Dr. MacBain's paper covered a very broad scope of a field that is particularly osteopathic. Those who heard him will look forward to the publication of his presentation, which was far too comprehensive to be fully appreciated at the first hearing.

On Monday afternoon, two very interesting symposia were held. THE MANAGEMENT OF HEADACHE was moderated by Dr. Karl L. Albaeck of Burbank, California, and THE TREATMENT OF EMERGENCIES was ably introduced by



our own Dr. Richard O. Brennan of Houston, who served as a member of the program committee.

On the following day, Tuesday, the morning session was devoted to an impressive program presented by the research department of the Kirksville College. High points were a most interesting discussion of certain clinical aspects of the Facilitation Syndrome by Dr. J. S. Denslow, and the inspiring presentation of Dr. Irwin S. Korr—OSTEOPATHIC RESEARCH: WHY, WHAT, AND WHITHER. In his presentation, Dr. Korr reiterated many of the points he so forcibly made at our Texas State Convention this past May. The afternoon sessions consisted of two symposia: The Mechanisms of Chest Pain and Sterility and Inferility.

The high point of interest occurred on Wednesday morning when two very distinguished gentlemen addressed the Convention. At 9:20, Dr. Paul Dudley White of Boston spoke to a large, hushed audience on CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE: RESEARCH AND TRAINING. It was this reporter's impression that the most significant aspect of this presentation was Dr. White's common sense and very practical handling of the complex subject of cardiovascular disease. Following his presentation, Dr. White was given a standing ovation. Somewhat overshadowed by the event prior, but nevertheless most significant, was the informative pres-

entation given by the Honorable Bradshaw Mintener. Mr. Mintener is Assistant Secretary of the U. S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. His subject was THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE'S ROLE IN PUBLIC HEALTH. He spoke very highly of the contribution that Mrs. Oveta Culp Hobby had made to his department, and also complimented the osteopathic profession for its progress in the field of health education. The afternoon sessions consisted of a symposium on THE CUTANEOUS MANIFESTATIONS OF INTERNAL DISEASE and a seminar on osteopathic manipulative technique.

On Thursday morning, two Texas D. Os. spoke to the Convention. Dr. C. D. Ogilvie gave a paper on SPINAL ADAPTATION TO ENVIRONMENTAL STRESS—A RADIOGRAPHIC EVALUATION, and Dr. Charles Hawes spoke on ORTHOPEDIC TESTS IN BACK PAIN, which was beautifully illustrated by projection slides. Later in the morning, the Department of Radiology of the University of Rochester Medical School presented a demonstration of Cinoradiographic studies. This was a highly technical but most fascinating presentation which was moderated by Dr. Raymond Gramiak, who is assistant radiologist at Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester. The afternoon sessions consisted of a symposium entitled THE MANAGEMENT OF BACK PAIN, moderated by Dr. Donald Siehl of Dayton, Ohio, and another symposium on Antibiotic Therapy. The teaching sessions ended on Friday with a variety of presentations on subjects of general interest.

Too much credit cannot be given those responsible for the program. Dr. Myron C. Beal was program chairman. He was ably assisted by Dr. Neil Kitchen of Detroit, who will be

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chairman of the 1957 Convention in Dallas, and Dr. Richard O. Brennan of Houston, who will be chairman of the 1958 Convention.

### EDITOR'S REPORT

Dr. Raymond P. Keesecker, Editor of A.O.A. Publications, presented a very comprehensive report to the House of Delegates. He announced that the publications are, at present, being studied with an idea of re-designing them. Changes will appear within the near future.

Dr. Keesecker explained that in the past five years he has completed the first phase of his program; namely, a five year period dedicated to objective and courageous self analysis of our profession. Members of the osteopathic profession are well aware of the success of this five year program. Dr. Keesecker has maintained a scholarly and fearless policy of objective editorship these past five years. Primarily, however, his report was dedicated to the future phase of his program. This is proposed as a period of progress in which the profession will continue to enlarge its rightful place in society. The Editor then presented a projected manual of editorial prin-

ciples to the House of Delegates. This manual contained many proposals both technical and of policy to chart the future course of the osteopathic publications. Of particular interest was the suggestion that an Advisory Board to the Editor of the A.O.A. be created. The proposed Advisory Board will actively participate in the formulation of future editorial policy. Dr. Keesecker points out that he is in no way disclaiming the principle of strong, fearless editorial leadership to which he is committed. He does feel, however, that editorial leadership must, in this modern day, have a much broader and representative base than any one individual can provide—regardless of his capacities. His recommendations were accepted by the House of Delegates.

It was the writer's privilege to represent the American Osteopathic College of Radiology at the Annual Editor's Luncheon. At this time, the assignment of supplements to the various specialty groups was accomplished. Also, the proposed changes in the Journal were presented and discussed. Each participant filled out a questionnaire in which he expressed

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his opinions on the proposals submitted by the Assistant Editor, Mrs. Katherine Becker.

The New York Convention was quite well attended. The numerous exhibits were of high calibre. There was a noticeable improvement in the quality and quantity of the technical exhibits. The House of Delegates was conducted in an efficient and dignified manner. It was a revelation to have this opportunity to participate in the administration of the A.O.A. I am most appreciative of this privilege to serve the State in the capacity of a delegate.

## **Report on the House of Delegates Meeting — A. O. A.**

By LESTER I. TAVEL, D. O.  
HOUSTON, TEXAS

The Department of Professional Affairs under Dr. Alexander Levitt as chairman is to be congratulated on the tremendous amount of work completed for the profession. The association's activities which bear on osteopathic education, patient health care, and research are channeled largely through seven major agencies and their committees which comprise the Department of Professional Affairs. The seven major agencies are:

1. Bureau of Professional Education and Colleges  
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and Colleges was the Seminar on the Teaching of Osteopathic Technic. It had been some twenty years since a previous concerted study of teaching programs in Osteopathic technic had been completed. The importance of the "basic science" position and the impact of beginning formal course in technic and principles was emphasized. As a basic science, it is intended to be basic to and pervasive in all other courses. Thus, it established the frame of reference for the perception and acceptance of all other courses. Careless use of the term "Osteopathy" and "Osteopathic treatment" to mean Osteopathic manipulative treatment leads to a failure to perceive and understand the principles and philosophy that give strength to the distinctive character of Osteopathic theory and method. Full recognition of osteopathic principles is essential for proper integration of osteopathic manipulative technic throughout the entire educational program in the osteopathic school of medicine. It is well to point out that manipulative therapy is sound therapeutic procedure only when based upon an adequate understanding and application

of osteopathic principles and philosophy.

The seminar in trying to clearly evaluate the discussions of the profession's clinical training programs, by no means desired to dwell exclusively on the problems related to the teaching of osteopathic principles and osteopathic manipulative technic. A vitalized profession continues to press the case for a more scientific approach and increasingly better indoctrination in osteopathic principles and technics. The various approaches to these problems were explored by the seminar and they recommend future explorations.

It was the recommendation of the bureau of professional education and colleges that seminars involving the six osteopathic colleges and the bureau for study of pedagogical improvements in the teaching of osteopathic theory and practice be established.

The committee on accreditation of graduate training approved post-graduate training programs in the various specialties in the profession.

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pathic Specialists met and received recommendations from the various boards for certification of doctors and made the recommendations to the Board of Trustees.

The financial report of the association in its 60th year is gratifying. Membership is at an all time high, 9,502 as of June 1st. Dues income was \$554,453.25 exceeding last years previous high by \$17,610.00. Income

from advertising, convention, literature sales, and miscellaneous totaled \$340,922.09, an increase of \$59,396.60 over last year. Gross income in 1955-56 reached \$895,375.34.

Gross expense from 1955-56 was \$894,056.41. Increase in expense was attributable to higher costs of publications, convention, salaries and general administrative costs.

Income sources by percentages are as follows:

Item No.	Source of Income	Amount	Percentage
No. 1	Dues .....	\$554,453.25	62.0%
No. 2	Publications .....	218,688.58	24.5%
No. 3	Convention .....	48,302.50	5.3%
No. 4	Miscellaneous (all other income) ..	73,931.01	8.2%
	<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>\$895,375.34</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Expenditures by percentage are as follows:

No. 1	Publication Costs .....	\$199,505.86	22.3%
No. 2	Convention Expense (L.A. 1955) ..	57,506.21	6.4%
No. 3	Salaries and Payroll (not including building, OPF and seal campaign) .....	313,496.26	34.0%
No. 4	Office Overhead, Bldg. Operation, Corporate Exp., depreciation and Miscellaneous .....	88,269.78	10.0%
No. 5	P & PW OFF. Education, General Counsel, Audio-Visual and OPF (not including OPF salaries) ..	70,879.32	9.0%
No. 6	Officers, Board of Trustees, and unassigned Committees) .....	39,798.25	4.4%
No. 7	Departments Professional Affairs, Public Affairs & Public Relations ..	92,160.95	10.3%
No. 8	Contributions, Research Osteopathic Foundation and Canadian Osteopathic Assn... ..	32,439.78	3.6%
	<b>TOTAL EXPENSE FOR FISCAL YEAR</b> .....	<b>\$894,056.41</b>	<b>100.0%</b>



To sum up 1955 and '56—it was a record breaking year for the association. Membership income and count exceeded all previous highs, as did the other combined income. Contributions to the Osteopathic Progress Fund surpassed those of any other year, a Christmas Seal campaign climbed to a new high, the two Student Loan Funds lent a greater amount than ever before, and the assets of these two funds passed the \$200,000.00 mark.

During the past year, a panel for the evaluation of Therapeutic and Medical Agents has been formed. To date, no formal requests have been forwarded to the panel for evaluation. The main activity of the committee was organizational this year.

The House of Delegates passed the following in regard to the conference committee:

“The American Osteopathic Association shall continue The Conference Committee in the organizational structure of the Association and shall

remain active in the interest of the public health and shall conduct or initiate conferences with any other group or organization whenever such conferences may be expected to lead to the improvement of the health care of the people. The House wishes to call to the attention of the President the following who are well qualified: Floyd Peckham, Glenn Caylor, Vince Carroll, J. V. Watson, and McFarlane Tilley.

The president-elect, executive secretary, assistant secretary, general counsel and the editor of the American Osteopathic Association shall act in an advisory capacity.”

The Distinguished Service Certificate, the highest award that may be bestowed by the American Osteopathic Association was awarded to Dr. Robert B. Thomas of Huntington, West Virginia. Dr. Thomas was Chairman of the Bureau of Professional Education and Colleges and past president of the American Osteopathic Association.

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## Comments on Reports of the Bureau of Hospitals and the Bureau of Research of A.O.A.

By GEORGE E. MILLER, D. O.  
*Dallas, Texas*

As your delegate to the 60th Annual A.O.A. Convention in New York, I have been asked to comment on the reports of the Bureau of Hospitals and the Bureau of Research of the A.O.A.

I am unable to comment on the quality of the program or the exhibits. Unfortunately, the meeting of the House of Delegates and the convention program ran concurrently and a conscientious delegate is unable to participate but little in the general convention.

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A condensation of the report of the Bureau of Hospitals follows:

Most of you who do hospital practice come in contact with the Bureau and may feel it to be a policing agency designed to increase paper work for the physician. It should be noted that the first obligation of the Bureau is to the public, endeavoring to protect the patients and **improve the level of health care the public receives in our hospitals**; and, secondly, to improve the **teaching** programs of our interns and residents.

The requirements and directives of the Bureau found in the code books have as their only purpose the accomplishment of better patient care and teaching. The Bureau attempts to accomplish these objectives by advice, aid and supervision in helping the profession and its hospitals achieve better patient care.

Responsible members of the Bureau look forward to the day when the ever increasing list of requirements will be shortened and those requirements will be a part of good patient care accepted by all of us.

The hospital inspection program has been carried out since its inception by trained voluntary inspectors. A new budget has been approved which will permit the employment of a full-time paid hospital inspector. It is anticipated that he will be an experienced physician inspector who is now a member of the Bureau. To accomplish this, the new budget calls for an increase of about 100 percent in inspection fees for intern training hospitals. The rate for registered hospitals has been increased from \$75.00 to \$100.00. These figures are tentative.

Voluntary inspectors will still participate in the inspection program. This is the first step in securing a full-time professional inspection staff.

The Bureau again noted that the hospital inspection program places



chief emphasis on evaluation of the **patient's chart**. This is the only way the quality of patient care can be judged.

The report comments on the importance of adherence to the requirements of its annual letter. It would be well for every hospital staff member to review the annual letter during the year so that deficiencies in patient care may be corrected.

In evaluating hospitals for approval the report mentions that size of a hospital, above minimum requirements, is not a consideration. The level of patient care and the type of educational program conducted are of foremost consideration.

The following recommendations of the Bureau received favorable consideration by your delegates and the Board of Trustees:

1. Approval of a list of hospitals for intern training, resident training, and as registered hospitals. This is a supplementary list and includes the Coats-Brown Hospital in Tyler and the Tigua General Hospital in El Paso, both of which were accepted as registered hospitals.

2. Employment of a paid hospital inspector.

3. Approval of the proposed budget with the increases noted above. The A.O.A. is to stand the increased expense the first year of operation; the hospitals from that year on.

4. Approved numerous changes in the code book relating to registered and intern training hospitals. Those which I judged to be of interest are listed below. I should advise all of you in hospital practice to read the new code book.

a. "Consultation with a qualified consultant is required on all critically ill patients."

b. "All consultations shall show evidence that:

(1) The chart has been reviewed.

(2) A suitable physical examination was conducted and recommendations recorded.

(3) Signature, date, and time appear with consultation sheet.

c. "Major surgical privileges may be granted to applicants who were graduated not less than four (4) years prior to making application and who have completed a **minimum** of three (3) years' surgical training meeting the basic requirements for surgical privileges as set forth by their Specialty Boards."

d. "All outside X-Ray and Laboratory reports pertinent to the diagnosis and treatment of the patient must be made a permanent part of the chart."

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e. "Patient charts must be completed within 30 days."

f. "By 1960, in hospitals of 50 beds or more, the head of the department of Osteopathic Medicine must be certified by the A.O.A. on recommendation by the American Osteopathic Board of Internal Medicine."

g. "Requirements for registered hospitals will be increased during the next year."

5. Gave consideration to a request to increase the number of beds per intern in intern training hospitals. This is to be studied and reported at the October meeting.

6. Declined to establish a Department of General Practice in teaching hospitals.

As a final note in consideration of the activities of the Bureau of Hospitals, Dr. V. L. Jennings of Fort Worth has been appointed to serve on the Bureau.

The Bureau of Research of the A.O.A. is concerned chiefly with a study of the adaptive responses of man to his environment and the somatic-autonomic interchange. Most of the research projects under study are concerned with basic research necessary for clinical application.

Your delegate has had little personal contact with these projects and has a limited knowledge of the ideas and problems involved. He did have the opportunity to see some of the work done by Mr. J. E. Mielcarek of the Kansas City College and was much impressed with his project. He is presently engaged in a study of "The Usefulness of Fluorescence Microscopy in Studying Nerve Tissue".

As in the past, the research projects of your profession are being supported in part by grants from the Office of Naval Research, the National Institute of Health (U. S. P.

H. S.), the Foundation for Research, the Still Memorial Trust, as well as from the American Osteopathic Association.

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## Progress of the Profession Made in Various Fields

By LOREN R. ROHR, D. O.

*Houston, Texas*

Last month, I had an experience which I shall do my best to pass on to you as I know you are interested and vitally concerned. I saw the A.O.A. in a way I had never seen it before. I learned many things about which I must tell you as one of your delegates to the House of Delegates of the A.O.A.

It was encouraging to learn of the progress our profession is making in so many different fields. In June 1956, the Governor of Pennsylvania signed an Act passed by that state legislature which appropriated \$200,000.00 for the maintenance of the Philadelphia College of Osteopathy. Recently, a bill was introduced into the Congress which would appropriate funds for the construction and support of facilities for research of the debilitating and killing diseases. The bill contained definitions of the sciences related to health. The sciences related to health included Medicine, Osteopathy, Dentistry and Public Health. Mr. Priest, Chairman of the House Committee on Commerce and Industry, remarked when reporting that this demonstrates the inseparability of the sciences related to health.

The American Osteopathic Association applied for and was granted membership in the National Health Council a few years ago. The American Hospital Association resigned from the National Health Council in protest to our participation. After exploring the possibilities of cancellation (and in spite of the Association's



offer to withdraw for the benefit of the Council) the National Health Council supported this Association's membership and accepted the resignation of the American Hospital Association.

President Eisenhower signed July 24, 1956, H. R. 483 as amended, so as to provide for appointment of doctors of Osteopathy in the Medical Corps of the Armed Services. Because of some differences between the House bill and the Senate bill, a committee of Conference of the two Houses was set up. A Senate amendment had required the favorable recommendation of a Surgeon General as a prerequisite to appointment. The conferees revised the Senate amendment to make the Surgeon General advisory only. On this point the report of the Committee of Conference (House Report No. 2702) which is officially interpretative of the legislation, states "it is obviously contrary to the primary principles of civilian control to place any military officer in a position where he could nullify, either by action or failure to act, the decision of his Secretary" and "the ultimate decision of the Secretary will prevail and not be subject to veto by any military officer".

The experiences of the past three years have generated within the Division of Public and Professional Welfare the indestructible belief that an informed public will support the

osteopathic school of medicine. The division attempts to anchor its activities to the concept that the health and welfare of the people is paramount and that organized osteopathy is making and will continue to make a unique contribution to same. The division attempts to assist the profession in seeking solutions to a variety of problems of which the following seem central: The raising of more adequate finances for osteopathic education and research; interesting appropriate young people in becoming osteopathic physicians; securing more optimum legal status through legislative action; assisting with the establishment of appropriate local hospital institutions whereby osteopathic physicians are insured optimum privileges and developing a public education program which will create a climate of understanding of osteopathy among the various "publics". Some of the tools being used are press relations, convention coverage, audio-visual activities, pamphlets, brochures, national magazines, relationship with educators, relationship with other groups, intra-professional relationship and qualified personnel.

The Student Loan Fund, now in its 27th year, is operating at a maximum of its resources, with practically all of its working capital on loans to students. Its record of aid to needy students represents real dividends to the profession. To date, 432 students

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have received loans through this Fund and 100 more through The Osteopathic Foundation Student Loan Fund, a total of 532 students aided and \$307,238.00 loaned to May 31, 1956. The number of loan accounts by no means represents the volume of transactions for, in recent years, about fifty per cent of the loan applications are for two loans, one in the junior and another in the senior year.

The Christmas Seal Campaign is growing yearly in spite of lack of support by many. It would seem to be a very worthy program. The seal contribution in 1955-1956 was \$52,968. The campaign proceeds are a source of income to the Research Fund of the A.O.A. (in 1955-1956 and in 1954-1955 research was allocated 50 per cent of "net" proceeds) through which Fund the Bureau makes its grants and the other 50 per cent "net" seal campaign proceeds were allocated to the Student Loan Fund, which fund has required additional working capital to meet the growing demand for loans in recent years.

During the last two sessions of the House of Delegates, a great deal of time and discussion was given to consideration of our participation in federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance. In 1954-1955 it was sent to committee because of objection to the language of the act in which they used the word "osteopath". The House Committee on Public Affairs reported to House of Delegates in 1956 meetings which again precipitated a lengthy discussion. The committee felt we would be successful in changing the wording of the law to read "doctor of osteopathy" but at the moment it had not been realized. It was evident that there was strong feeling toward inclusion of our profession under O.A.S.I., if the wording were right, as brought out in the discussions. A vote was called for and

a recorded vote by state was set. Long before our time to express our state's feeling, a large majority was rolled up in favor of inclusion of D. O.s under OASI if the wording were right. To follow will give the action of the House and Senate:

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Osteopathic Association meeting in annual convention on July 18, 1956, voted in favor of compulsory OASI coverage of doctors of osteopathy, but respectfully insists on the Senate substitute language for the term physician as in Senate amendments 19 and 57 to H. R. 7225, since doctors of osteopathy are physicians to the same extent as are doctors of medicine under the general Definitions Title of the Social Security Act and under the laws of most of the States and Federal laws and regulations. The vote expressly rescinded the 1950 vote of the House of Delegates in opposition to OASI coverage, which had formed the basis of our testimony before the Senate Finance Committee on H. R. 7225 on February 22, 1956.

In view of the above we hope the

conferees will agree to Senate amendments 19 and 57 with amendments striking the words "doctor of osteopathy" in each case. On July 26, 1956, the conferees honored our request and accepted our inclusion on our own terms (having a few days previous accepted our inclusion on our own terms.) In other words, the Conference recommendation excludes a "doctor of medicine", and deletes a "doctor of osteopathy". In this connection, the Conference Report (House Report No. 2936) states in part: "The House recedes with an amendment extending coverage to the performance of service by an individual in the exercise of his profession as a doctor of osteopathy (or the performance of such service by a partnership)".

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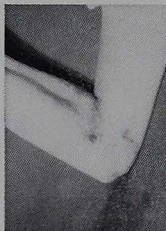
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## Report From the Executive Secretary

By P. R. RUSSELL, D. O.,  
*Fort Worth, Texas*

The executive secretary arrived in New York City on the evening of July 12, 1956, and attended the A.O.A. Board meeting that night.

The morning of July 13, he met with the Society of Divisional Secretaries, a very important meeting for organized osteopathy. It was here that the secretary received much information of importance to a divisional society. This year's program was extremely interesting, particularly the report on malpractice insurance and the osteopathic progress fund.

The secretaries present were much concerned over the fact that several divisional societies are discontinuing the national malpractice program and attempting to get coverage under newly organized insurance companies or some independent companies. Those who have had years of experience with malpractice insurance realize that in time this could destroy our national program which has provided adequate protection to the members of the A.O.A. and its divisional societies.

The American Osteopathic Association has reconstructed its insurance committee and is watching the program carefully in an effort to protect each insured member. If the divisional societies and its members fulfill their obligation, the national program as conducted by the Nettle-ship Co. cannot be excelled.

Round table discussions brought out many problems common to divisional societies and pointed out ways in which each society represented could profit by the experience of those who have been successful in various individual programs.

Dr. J. M. Moore, Trenton, Tennes-

see was elected president, Mr. D. O. Durkin of Chicago, Vice-President, and Mr. P. D. Adams of Jefferson City, Missouri, was elected Secretary-Treasurer.

The Association voted to hold a mid-year meeting in Chicago, Illinois, early in 1957.

Your executive secretary then attended the meeting of the Association of Osteopathic Publications, which convened at noon, July 14. It was an informative program conducted in an effort to bring about better osteopathic publications. An interesting discussion was the evaluation of the individual publications by an expert in this field, and suggestions were given to improve each publication reviewed.

The Michigan society won this year's award for the best publication of the divisional societies.

Officers elected were Mr. D. O. Durkin, Chicago, President; Mr. I. J. Tecker, Haddonfield, New Jersey, Vice-President; Mr. P. D. Adams of Jefferson City, Missouri, Editor and Miss Josephine Syl of Chicago, Illinois, Secretary-Treasurer.

The House of Delegates convened on Sunday, July 22. Each of the delegates will report on the actions of the House. The executive secretary will report on the general convention more than the activities of the House.

From an exhibit standpoint, the convention this year could be considered satisfactory. It produced more revenue than last year's meeting in Los Angeles although it was six exhibits shy of the number in Los Angeles.

The general arrangement of the convention was good, primarily because the entire convention was held under one roof, namely, The Statler Hotel.

The banquets on Monday and Thursday evenings were not too well



attended by those at the convention. The entertainment was unusually good. The food could only be considered fair.

Your executive secretary noted that a great deal of formality of the past two years had been cut down. Yet, these programs need overhauling. A great many members are not attending because they do not provide the proper relaxation for the tired physician, who has overburdened his mind in attending lectures all day. They much prefer lighter, informal entertainment and either do not attend the banquet or a great many of them sleep, through the formal functions.

Your secretary's reaction to the House of Delegates was that it was not too enthusiastic. There was not enough discussion or contention over policies to bring about a meeting filled with fire. Everything seemed to be cut and dried. Even the discussion on compulsory inclusion in OASI did not arouse the fire of the House. They voted for compulsory coverage on a roll-call vote and before they reached Texas, there were only about 10 votes against compulsory coverage,

and on the final vote there was only 15 votes recorded against it.

There was some difference in opinion among the Texas delegation as to being included on a compulsion basis. It was thought best to cast our vote in favor of it as it had already passed the house before the Texas vote was called for.

The most outstanding part of the convention was the announcement of the passage of House Bill 483 which authorizes the commission of Doctors of Osteopathy in the armed services.

This was indeed a very tiresome convention for those who served in the House of Delegates, and it was also an expensive convention. Prices in New York City were out of sight. Meals were tremendously high. Your executive secretary was forced to attend three breakfasts, the price of which was \$4.50 for ham and eggs, coffee, rolls, and a small slice of melon.

It is sincerely hoped that when we entertain the convention next year, we will be able to do better by our guests.

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The Drs. Noel and Virginia Ellis, Fort Worth; Dr. Lovie Mae Evans and Nancy Jackson of Houston; Dr. Robert B. Finch, Dallas; Dr. H. G. Grainger, Tyler; Dr. and Mrs. William S. Gribble, Jr., Houston; Dr. Ben Hayman, Texas City; Dr. and Mrs. B. B. Jagers, Midland; Dr. Mary Lou Logan, Dallas; Dr. and Mrs. George J. Luibel, Fort Worth; Dr. and Mrs. George E. Miller, Dallas; Dr. and Mrs. Robert E. Morgan, Dallas;

Dr. C. Raymond Nelson, San Antonio; Dr. Charles D. Ogilvie, Dallas; Dr. and Mrs. C. R. Packer, Fort Worth; Dr. Loren R. Rohr, Houston; Dr. and Mrs. Wiley B. Rountree, San Angelo; Dr. Phil R. Russell, Fort Worth; Dr. and Mrs. Harvev D. Smith, El Paso; Dr. J. Natcher Stewart, Dallas; Dr. Lester I. Tavel, Houston; Dr. and Mrs. Lester Vick, Amarillo; Dr. and Mrs. Joseph F. Vinn, Houston; Dr. and Mrs. Jack Wilhelm, San Angelo; Dr. Charles M. Hawes, Dallas; Mr. David S. Lobdell, Dallas.

## Convention Highlights

### Total Registration 1,855 . . .

A breakdown of attendance at the recent AOA meeting in New York revealed that 848 members, 28 interns and residents, 78 students, 487 exhibitors, 378 guests, and 30 staff members registered for the five-day convention. Total registration, 1,855.

### Distinguished Service Certificate

Dr. Robert B. Thomas, former

AOA President was awarded the coveted Distinguished Service Certificate during the Thursday night inaugural banquet at the convention. The Huntington, W. Va., physician was honored because of his service in osteopathic organization and education.

### AOA Employees Honored

Five AOA employees, each with 25 years of tenure, were awarded gifts at the inaugural banquet in recognition of their combined total of 125 years of devoted service. The recipients were Dr. R. C. McCaughan, Executive Secretary, transistor radio; Dr. C. N. Clark, Advertising Director, telescopic camera lens; Miss Caroline Wells, Supervisor, Membership Department, clock radio; Miss Dorcas Sternberg, Assistant to the Executive Secretary, and Miss Rose Mary Moser, Treasurer, inscribed gold bracelets.

### Tribal Notes . . .

Because Oklahoma has too many Indians and not enough chiefs, Dr. Hobert C. Moore, retiring AOA President, and Dr. Russell C. McCaughan, Executive Secretary, were made honorary chieftains in a Sooner State tribe. They join their tribal brothers, Chiefs John W. Mulford, Cincinnati branch and Allan A. Eggleston, Montreal clan. The new Great White Father, Robert D. McCullough of Tulsa, emceed the blood brother rites. Each was presented with a war bonnet and a fan of authority for their squaws.

### Exhibits . . .

There were 115 commercial exhibits and 17 scientific displays at the AOA meeting. The exhibits occupied the entire floor of the first mezzanine and a good portion of the second.

### Read September FORUM And JOURNAL

Comprehensive coverage of the AOA convention, including pictures, stories and features will appear in the September issues of the FORUM and the JOURNAL.



## **Dr. and Mrs. R. C. McCaughan Honored at Special Reception**

Social highlight of the convention was the Wednesday night reception honoring Dr. and Mrs. Russell C. McCaughan.

Dr. Robert D. McCullough, who was master of ceremonies at this memorable event, made it a very entertaining evening. His witty remarks and skillful handling of the presentations set the mood for a warm and friendly evening.

Gifts included a shipment of lobsters and clams from Maine; a gold Omega watch from present and past members of the Board of Trustees; a case made of silver coins from New Mexico; a life-time hunting and fishing license from the Ontario Osteopathic Association and a beautiful oil tinted Harris and Ewing portrait of Dr. McCaughan from the Michigan Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons.

"But the most important of all gifts," Dr. McCaughan told the audience, "was the establishment of the Russell C. McCaughan Education Fund, which was made possible through the contributions of the entire membership."

Following a standing ovation, a reception line was formed to give the many friends and schoolmates of the McCaughans an opportunity to extend their personal well wishes.

One of the most unique gifts received by Dr. McCaughan came from Oklahoma. It was an Indian war bonnet and deer skin scroll making him an honorary chieftain in the Chero-

kee nation. The scroll gave him the Indian name of Cha Ya Ne, which means, "Mr. Osteopathy."

## **Board of Medical Examiners Will Hold Meeting**

The next meeting of the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners will be December 6, 7, 8, 1956 in the Hilton Hotel, Fort Worth, Texas for the purpose of giving examinations and considering applications for licenses by reciprocity.

Applications for reciprocity must be complete and on file at least 30 days prior to the December meeting.

Applications for examinations must be complete and on file at least 10 days prior to that date.

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# Visitors Taken on Tour of Osteopathic Hospital

From the FORT WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM, Monday Morning, July 30, 1956

Between 8,000 and 9,000 persons toured Sunday a building that will become one of the city's medical landmarks, the new \$1,300,000 Fort Worth Osteopathic Hospital.

Dozens of floral arrangements, gifts from local firms and individuals, decorated the newly furnished hospital rooms.

Members of the Osteopathic Hospital Guild served as hostesses and guides during the first public showing of the modern medical center, 1000 Montgomery at Mattison.

As they escorted the thousands of guests around the four-floor structure, guild members pointed out some of the features that make Fort Worth's newest hospital one of Texas' finest.

The first floor of the light brick building is devoted to the physicians' "working area"—two delivery rooms and a labor room, a special room for treating major fractures, two sections for major surgery and a large X-ray department.

An area to handle emergency patients is located at the Mattison side entrance.

The hospital's laboratory and pathology rooms, business office and records rooms, sterilizing equipment and out-patient rooms are located on the ground floor. And, to handle future expansion, officials have several rooms that are unfurnished and can be equipped when the space is needed.

## Hospital Kitchen

On the second and third floors are private rooms and wards. The hospital kitchen is on the second floor but small auxiliary kitchens are on both floors so that nurses may fix light snacks for patients at night after the regular food department has closed.

There are beds for 75 adult patients

in private and semi-private rooms and wards. Most have either a full or a half-bath.

To provide for growth, a fourth floor has been built on the hospital. The empty floor need only be partitioned and when furnished will provide 40 more beds.

Not all the private rooms have been furnished, Mrs. William M. Snow, president of the guild, said. Some, she added, were equipped through donations from individuals.

Plaques have been placed on the doors giving names of donors or persons in whose memory the rooms were furnished.

The entire hospital, she said, has been planned with emphasis on patient comfort, efficiency and to help physicians in their work.

To make patients feel more at home, the rooms have been painted in colorful tones. The traditional hospital white has been kept to a minimum.

## More Cheerful

"The colors are a little deeper than the usual pastels," Mrs. Snow noted. "It makes the hospital look more cheerful."

As a service to patients' families, the hospital has a special prayer room and a waiting room on each floor.

The air-conditioned building will be used as a hospital for the first time Monday morning when patients from the old building at 3705 Camp Bowie Blvd. will be transferred to the new location.

The new hospital, which has been dedicated to "the people of Fort Worth and Tarrant County," resulted from the work and the generosity of numerous persons, including the late



Amon G. Carter, Mrs. Zetta Carter of Chicago, who gave the prayer room and X-ray department in memory of her daughter, Mrs. Bertice Carter Speck, and Sid Richardson.

The Greater Fort Worth Hospital, Inc., the Texas State Department of Health, the Amon G. Carter Foundation and the Fort Worth Osteopathic Hospital Guild also contributed toward construction of the modern hospital.

Dr. Phil R. Russell is chairman of the hospital board and Mrs. Katrine Deakins served as chairman of the building committee.

Editor's Note: This is one of the smaller articles carried in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram and other papers over the opening of the new hospital. These papers carried numerous stories of the hospital and facilities.

### **Doctors Hall and Palmarozzi To Highlight Texas Cancer Symposium**

The resources of three affiliate groups of the T. A. O. P. & S. have been combined to bring a cancer symposium to the osteopathic physicians of Texas. The Radiologists, General Practitioners, and Obstetricians and Gynecologists will hold this combined meeting on the week end of September 15 and 16 at the Hotel Texas in Fort Worth. Outstanding specialists

in the field of malignant disease will conduct the week end meeting. Dr. Raymond P. Hall of Kansas City, an outstanding teacher in the cancer field, and Dr. Nicholas G. Palmarozzi of Kirksville, cancer coordinator of clinics at K. C. O. S., will participate in panel discussion of this important subject.

Three informal panel discussions will comprise the most part of the program. They will be as follows: Malignant Disease in Children, The Diagnosis of Internal Neoplasms, Malignant Disease in the Female Patient. The audience will participate in question and answer sessions.

The program will start at 2:00 P. M. on Saturday, September 15. On Saturday night, a dinner-dance for the registrants and their guests will be held. The didactic sessions will resume at 9:30 A. M. on Sunday. At noon, a luncheon for the doctors and their wives will be served in the Hotel Texas. Each Society will have time for a short business session at 1:30, after which the panel discussions will continue until 4:00 P. M.

All Texas D. Os. and their wives are cordially invited to attend the meeting. This will provide an additional opportunity to visit the magnificent new Fort Worth Osteopathic Hospital. The registration fee of \$12.00 includes the Sunday luncheon. Membership in the participating Societies is not necessary for attendance.

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## Washington News Letter

### President Eisenhower Signs H. R. 483

Changes in existing law made by H. R. 483, now Public Law No. 763, signed by the President on July 24, 1956, amending the Army-Navy-Public Health Service Medical Officer Procurement Act of 1947, as amended, so as to provide for appointment of doctors of osteopathy in the Medical Corps of the Armed Services, are as follows: (New matter is shown in CAPS.)

Army-Navy-Public Health Service Medical Officer Procurement Act of 1947 As Amended

Sec. 201. (a) Subject to any limitation on the commissioned strength of the Army, Navy, and Air Force prescribed by law, the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, may make appointments in permanent grades of first lieutenant through colonel in the Medical and Dental Corps of the Regular Army, lieutenant (junior grade) through captain in the Medical and Dental Corps of the Regular Navy and first lieutenant through colonel for officers appointed with a view to designation as medical officers or dental officers in the Regular Air Force, in such numbers as the needs of the services may require. Such appointments shall be made only from (1) qualified doctors of medicine and doctors of dentistry who are citizens of the United States and who have such other qualifications as the Secretary concerned may prescribe for his service, OR (2) DOCTORS OF OSTEOPATHY WHO ARE QUALIFIED UNDER SUB-SECTION (g) HERE-OF.

(b) The doctors of medicine OR OSTEOPATHY and doctors of dentistry appointed under this act shall be credited for purposes of determining lineal position, permanent grade, position on a promotion list, seniority

in permanent grade, and eligibility for promotion with the amount of service prescribed by the Secretary concerned, but not less than the minimum prescribed below. A doctor of medicine OR OSTEOPATHY or doctor of dentistry appointed under this Act upon graduation from medical, OSTEOPATHIC or dental school may not be credited with less than four years' service. A doctor of medicine OR OSTEOPATHY appointed under this Act who has completed a one-year internship, or the equivalent thereof, may not be credited with less than five years' service.

(e) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, including those relating to selection for promotion, a doctor of medicine OR OSTEOPATHY or a doctor of dentistry who is appointed under this Act or any other provision of law may be temporarily promoted to the grade of captain in the Army or the Air Force, or lieutenant in the Navy, as the case may be, at any time after one year after completion of medical, OSTEOPATHIC or dental school.

(g) TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR APPOINTMENT UNDER THIS ACT A DOCTOR OF OSTEOPATHY MUST (1) BE A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES, (2) BE A GRADUATE OF A COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHY WHOSE GRADUATES ARE ELIGIBLE FOR LICENSURE TO PRACTICE MEDICINE OR SURGERY IN A MAJORITY OF THE STATES, AND BE LICENSED TO PRACTICE MEDICINE, SURGERY, OR OSTEOPATHY IN ONE OF THE STATES OR TERRITORIES OF THE UNITED STATES OR IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, (3) POSSESS SUCH QUALIFICATIONS AS THE SECRETARY



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It has been estimated that some six months will be required under optimum conditions to implement the

legislation. In the meantime, Selective Service registrants should continue to abide by my Selective Service advices issued during 1953-1955.

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On July 21, 1956, the Committee of Conference of the two Houses in the first of a series of conferences on H. R. 7225, accepted the language of the Senate amendments. The House conferees having thus accepted the description of M. D.s as doctors of medicine, we placed in the hands



of the Chairman of the Conference Committee and the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee the following message in anticipation of a final meeting of the conferees:

The House of Delegates of the American Osteopathic Association meeting in annual convention on July 18, 1956, voted in favor of compulsory OASI coverage of doctors of osteopathy, but respectfully insists on the Senate substitute language for the term physician as in Senate amendments 19 and 57 to H. R. 7225, since doctors of osteopathy are physicians to the same extent as are doctors of medicine under the general Definitions Title of the Social Security Act and under the laws of most of the States and Federal laws and regulations. The vote expressly rescinded the 1950 vote of the House of Delegates in opposition to OASI coverage, which had formed the basis of our testimony before the Senate Finance Committee on H. R. 7225 on February 22, 1956.

In view of the above we hope the conferees will agree to Senate amendments 19 and 57 with amendments striking the word "doctor of osteopathy" in each case.

On July 26, 1956, the conferees honored our request and accepted our inclusion on our own terms (having a few days previous accepted our exclusion on our own terms). In other words, the Conference recommendation excludes a "doctor of medicine", and deletes a "doctor of osteopathy". In this connection, the Conference Report (House Report No. 2936) states in part: "The House recedes with an amendment extending coverage to the performance of service by an individual in the exercise of his profession as a doctor of osteopathy (or the performance of such service by a partnership)".

## OASI Coverage

Public Law No. 880 (H. R. 7225), Social Security Amendments of 1956, approved August 1, 1956, extends Social Security Old Age and Survivors Insurance coverage and self-employment tax liability to doctors of osteopathy, effective January 1, 1956. (See my Washington News Letter of July 27, 1956.) Social Security cards must be obtained, available at the nearest Social Security Office.

Self-employment taxes are levied on the first \$4,200 of annual net earnings for life. Current tax rate is 3%. Add  $\frac{3}{8}\%$  for year 1957. Tax graduates to  $6\frac{3}{8}\%$  in 1975. Self-employment tax returns are made annually with final income tax returns.

### Calendar Quarters of Coverage Needed to be Fully Insured

Year of Birth	Your 65th Year	Jan.- June	July- Dec.
1888 or earlier	1953 or earlier	6	6
1889	1954	6	7
1890	1955	8	9
1891	1956	10	11
1892	1957	12	13
1893	1958	14	15
1894	1959	16	17
1895	1960	18	19
1896	1961	20	21
1897	1962	22	23
1898	1963	24	25
1899	1964	26	27
1900	1965	28	29
1901	1966	30	31
1902	1967	32	33
1903	1968	34	35
1904	1969	36	37
1905	1970	38	39
1906 or later	1971 or later	40	40

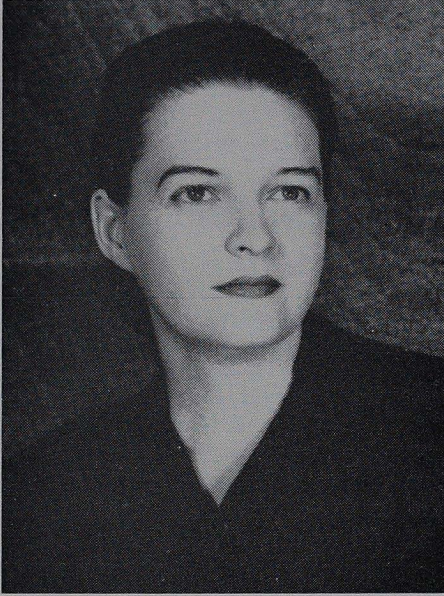
Monthly benefits are payable at age 65 (women D. O.s at age 62), provided the insured retires and has annual net earnings of \$1,200 or less. One monthly payment is deducted for each \$80 above \$1,200 of net earnings. No deduction for earnings at age 72 and thereafter.

The amount of old age insurance benefit is 55% of the first \$110 of average monthly earnings, plus 20% of the next \$240.

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# AUXILIARY NEWS



**MRS. R. O. BRENNAN**

Houston, Texas

Recording Secretary of the  
Auxiliary to the American  
Osteopathic Association

Mrs. R. O. Brennan, Houston, Texas, was elected to the office of Recording Secretary of the Auxiliary to the American Osteopathic Association, at the recent convention at the Hotel Statler, New York City.

Mrs. Brennan has served the national auxiliary as Press and Radio Chairman, is immediate past vice-president of the Texas Auxiliary to the Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons, and has worked locally in auxiliary.

She is active in parliamentary law

## An Open Letter to the Doctors

You receive your Texas Journal each month and I am sure you enjoy keeping up with the latest news in your profession. The Auxiliary is now sending to all paid members of our organization a news bulletin with which the ladies may keep up with all the news and happenings of our group. The first copy of this bulletin was mailed in July and was sent to all Doctors' wives. In the future however, those wives who are not paid members of the State Auxiliary will not receive the bulletin.

Since it is you Doctors who pay the bills won't you send in the dues for your wife so that she may also have something interesting to read and keep up with the news of the Auxiliary. The dues are only two dollars a year and may be sent to Mrs. J. Edward Vinn, Treasurer, 1003 Waltway Drive, Houston, Texas. Dues are payable now and become delinquent November 15, 1956, so before you forget it make a check out right now to the Auxiliary to the Texas Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons and mail it *today*. Thank you, Doctor.

**MRS. JERRY O. CARR**, President  
Auxiliary to TAOPS



circles, being the president of the Texas Zeta Nu Unit of Parliamentarians, serving on the Executive Board of the Texas State Association of Parliamentarians, parliamentarian for the Houston Council of Parliamentarians, and is a member of the Houston Junior Forum Parliamentary Law Department and the National Association of Parliamentarians.

Both Dr. and Mrs. Brennan were busy in New York attending their various business sessions. Dr. Brennan is on the National Committee of Program, being Associate Program Chairman of the Texas Convention in 1957, and Chairman for the A. O. A. convention to be held in Washington, D. C. in 1958.

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## Report on A. O. A. Convention Statler Hotel, New York City July 14-20, 1956

By MRS. JERRY O. CARR, Delegate-at-Large

The Annual Convention of the American Osteopathic Association and its Auxiliary was held July 14 through 21. There were twenty states represented at the Auxiliary meeting.

On Sunday, July 15, there was a lovely luncheon for the Presidents or representatives of the State Auxiliaries and the National Executive Board Members. After the luncheon there was open discussion concerning the problems of the State Auxiliaries.

Monday, July 16, was the formal opening of the convention and the Auxiliary House of Delegates meeting started at 10:30 A.M. with Mrs. George Cozma, National Auxiliary President, presiding. There were three delegates from the State of Texas: Mrs. W. S. Gribble Jr., Houston, Texas; Mrs. L. J. Vick, Amarillo, Texas; and Mrs. Jerry O. Carr, Fort Worth, Texas. Mrs. Robert E. Morgan of Dallas and Mrs. R. O. Brennan of Houston were present as National Executive Board Members. That afternoon an informal tea for the women guests of the convention was held.

On Tuesday, July 17, the House of Delegates was in session all day with the election of officers held that afternoon. It was with deep regret that the

delegates learned that Mrs. William Bethune of Grand Rapids, Michigan, incoming President, was forced to resign due to injuries suffered in a car accident at Kirksville, Missouri. Mrs. Bethune was in Kirksville on official Auxiliary business at the time she was injured.

The following day, Wednesday, July 18, found the House of Delegates back in session and the important business was the report of the tellers with the results of the election. Newly elected National Auxiliary Officers are:

President—Mrs. H. L. McDowell,  
Norwalk California

President-Elect—Mrs. Carl R. Samuels, Pryor, Oklahoma

1st Vice President—Mrs. C. A. Ward, Mt. Clemens, Michigan

2nd Vice President—Mrs. George Northup, Morristown, New Jersey

Recording Secretary—Mrs. R. O. Brennan, Houston, Texas

Treasurer—Mrs. F. E. Warner, Bloomington, Indiana

Directors: Mrs. J. M. Moore Jr., Trenton, Tennessee; Mrs. E. J. Lee, Greeley, Colorado.

Congratulations to Mrs. R. O. Brennan and heartiest wishes for a success-



ful year. During the afternoon there was a lovely Coffee for Auxiliary members and their guests.

Thursday, July 19, the House of Delegates reconvened. The Texas State Auxiliary was honored by the Awards Committee with a Blue Ribbon for its Auxiliary Section in the Texas Journal. This Blue Ribbon has been sent to the State Historian to be entered in the Historian's Book. Our own Maud Morgan installed the new officers with her usual efficiency and the convention was officially adjourned.

At one o'clock on Thursday there was a luncheon honoring the new officers of the National Auxiliary. The evening was devoted to the Inaugural Banquet and a wonderful time was had by all.

Friday morning the Auxiliary Executive Board meeting was held with Mrs. McDowell, new President, presiding. Texas now has three members serving on the National Auxiliary Executive Board. They are Mrs. R. O. Brennan, Recording Secretary, Mrs. Robert E. Morgan, Director and Mrs. Jerry O. Carr, Scholarship Chairman.

The Convention was a huge success.

## California Woman Is Named AAOA President

Mrs. Henry L. McDowell, Norwalk, Calif., was elected President of the Auxiliary to the American Osteopathic Association. She succeeded Mrs. George Cozma of Cleveland.

Others elected were Mrs. Carl R. Samuels, Pryor, Okla., President-elect; Mrs. Campbell A. Ward, Mount Clemens, Mich., 1st vice-president; Mrs. G. W. Northup, Livingston, N. J., 2nd vice-president; Mrs. F. E. Warner, Grand Rapids, Mich., treasurer and Mrs. R. O. Brennan, Houston, Tex., recording secretary.

August, 1956

## News of the Women D. O. S. in Texas

Houston: Dr. Helen Gams is doing administrative work in the new 35-bed hospital. She is part owner of this modern "Doctors Hospital". She is vice president of the Osteopathic Womens National Association.

Dr. Esther Roehr gave a paper on "Endometriosis" at the meeting of the Academy of Surgeons in Dallas in July. She is president of the Texas O.W.N.A.

Dr. Patty Bricker is doing O.B. and general practice for two years in Houston.

Dr. Opal Robinson is roentgenologist for the Houston Osteopathic Hospital. She recently took some post graduate work under Dr. George Rae in K.C.O.S.

Dr. Leone McNeff is president of the Soroptimist Club in Farwell, Texas. Her sister, Dr. Elizabeth Holmes of Dublin, Georgia, has been elected president of the Georgia Osteopathic Association.

Dr. Mary Lou Logan was reelected treasurer of the Texas O.W.N.A. and, as in the many years in the past, the organization voted to send \$50 to Dr. Louisa Burns.

Dr. Virginia Ellis took the Certification Board for pediatrics just prior to the A.O.A. convention in New York. She said it was stiff but she thinks that she passed. Her whole family attended the convention together.

Dr. Catherine Carlton was a delegate to the Zonta International Conference in Sun Valley, Idaho, in June. She and Dr. Elbert attended the A.O.A. convention and accepted the job of local arrangements committee for next July for the Applied Academy Convention.



# NEWS OF THE DISTRICTS

## DISTRICT THREE

Up in the northern part of the district, Dr. Schwaiger was honored by the Bowie County Chapter of the Red Cross, and was presented with a 10-year service pin. He was on the front page of the Texarkana paper, and Ross McKinney fainted when he saw it. Ernie says hello, Ross. News has reached us concerning a genuine Dixieland jam session held recently in DeKalb, in which Charlie Bragg played trumpet with the DeKalb Stage band. Red Schwaiger played trombone, and a good time was had by all. Drs. Bragg and Schwaiger should like to hear from any other ex-jazz players, so that they may form an East Texas Regional Osteopathic Jazz Band. They are using their influence to do away with the Rock n' Roll noise that some people call music.

Dr. Palmore Currey and son attended the National Convention in New York last month, and Drs. Cline, Taylor, Paul Koogler, and Currey attended open house of the new Fort Worth Osteopathic Hospital, and so did Dr. Kinzie and Margaret, and other D. O.s from District 3.

Dr. Earl Stuart has been elected to the school board, and is currently serving as President of the Winnsboro Rotary Club. He reports that he is building a new clinic building. Dr. John Kennedy is said to have won a golf tournament recently, but didn't mail his card back to the reporter, so the rumor has not been confirmed. Likewise, it is rumored that Dr. and Mrs. Cline spent their vacation in Colorado.

We regret to announce that the infant son born to Dr. and Mrs. R. A. Kull, our district president, expired a

few hours after his birth on July 2. Recent guests of the Kulls were Dr. and Mrs. P. Allen, of Deerfield, Michigan.

District 3 is glad to welcome Dr. R. B. Bunn, formerly of South Dakota, who recently located at Mt. Enterprise, and reports that business is good. Bowden Hospital is running full steam.

During July a number of surgical cases were handled, including a cholecystostomy, a cholecystectomy, a vaginal hysterectomy, a strangulated hernia, and a major plastic repair of a complete laceration of the rectal sphincter of eight years' duration — with excellent control. The John Turners have just returned from Ohio, where they visited relatives. Dr. List and Vonceil spent some time at Caddo Lake recently, where they say there were lots of fishermen but few fish. When they returned, Dr. List entered a tournament at Hilltop Country club and won four golf balls for having the highest score. He has not sold his model T yet — 1922 touring in perfect condition. Make him an offer (of \$600.00 or more).

Dr. H. G. Grainger attended the National Convention last month and presented a paper on "Structural Deviations and Their Implications in Visceral Disease."

Dr. Hamilton went water skiing recently, but says one ski won't get the job done.

Dr. Duphorne and family left August 5 on their vacation to Galveston and Aransas Pass. Dr. Kenneth Speak will look after Dr. Duphorne's practice until the 20th, after which time he will begin practice on a permanent basis in Mabank, where he will occupy



the offices recently vacated by Dr. Hamilton.

Dr. J. W. McCorkle of Mineola has been elected director of the Community Chest Drive, and a director of the Lion's Club.

Dr. Mike Fisher reports that the people of his community are healthy at present, but the fishing is good at Lone Star Lake. He and Dr. Sue have air-conditioned their offices. He says he became addicted to air-conditioned comfort while taking care of Dr. Currey's practice during the latter's vacation.

On July 26 the staff of Currey Hospital gave a picnic supper in honor of Dr. Currey's birthday, and everyone was there except Dr. Currey — yes, you guessed it! He was detained by the stork.

Dr. Howard Coats spoke at the Oak Cliff Rotary Club July 30. He was introduced by Dr. Bob Lorenz, program chairman, and spoke on the "Educational, Professional, and Moral Qualifications of the Osteopathic Physician."

The Coats-Brown Clinic & Hospital is undergoing a program of expansion which will add eight more bedrooms and additional clinic space, making a total of 23 beds and four bassinets, and complete clinical facilities for three house physicians. Dr. E. H. Owen, formerly of Kirkwood, Missouri, has arrived and has taken up his duties as a member of the house staff.

Dr. and Mrs. Rahm journeyed to Mt. Pleasant Aug. 5 to confer with Dr. Currey about the district 3 program for September 30. This promises to be the best district meeting of the year, and will be in Jacksonville at 2:00 p.m.

Dr. Rahm also attended the regular meeting of district 1 at Amarillo on August 12, where he spoke on the "Organization and Functions of the

House of Delegates." He reports an excellent meeting, with good attendance, and superb entertainment. Congratulations to the boys of district 1 on their active meetings, and their cool and pleasant weather.

#### DISTRICT FIVE

Congratulations to Dr. and Mrs. Robert F. Lutz, 1451 Cape Cod, Dallas, on the arrival of Russell Gordon, August 2, weighing 8 lbs. and 6 oz.

#### DISTRICT SEVEN

The Gordon Beckwiths motored to California to see Dr. and Mrs. Stowell. That will be a happy reunion for everyone.

Dr. H. A. Beckwith attended the E. E. N. T. Convention and is now planning on taking his family to Colorado for about ten days. Seems like we

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all want to get up in the cool mountains.

I just returned from a trip to Albuquerque, Santa Fe, and Espanola. Had a grand time visiting my former residences and seeing old friends in the teaching profession. I also visited with some of the D. O.s with whom I went to school, and enjoyed talking shop. New Mexico is a wonderful place to live but I'll take Texas and San Antonio.

Dr. and Mrs. H. H. Edwards went with a group of San Antonians on a chartered bus trip to Del Rio to see the bull fights. Said they all had a good time.

Dr. and Mrs. F. M. Crawford took a three weeks' trip to Florida and the East Coast States. Went wherever the spirit moved them. Just having a good rest and vacation.

—WALDEMAR D. SCHAEFER, D. O.

### DISTRICT TEN

Welcome newcomers to district X!

Dr. and Mrs. Max Stettner and children and Dr. and Mrs. E. L. Parker have moved to Lubbock. Dr. Parker is associated with Dr. Fannin at 2503 Amherst and Dr. Stettner opened an office at 2358-34th. He says, "We're well settled and well pleased." The enclosed item appeared in the Lubbock Avalanche Journal:

#### "Dr. Max Stettner Will Open Office

Announcement is made by Dr. Max

M. Stettner, osteopathic physician and surgeon, that he will open an office at 2358 34th St. for the general practice of internal medicine.

Dr. Stettner comes here from Dallas where he completed his internship. He received his doctorate at the Des Moines-Still College of Osteopathy, Des Moines, Iowa, where he was also an instructor. He received a bachelor of science degree at the City College of New York and a master of science degree from N. Y. University. He also taught in the New York Medical College. Prior to studying osteopathy, he was a biochemist for eight years.

He is a member of the American Osteopathic Assn.; the Texas Assn. of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons, the American Assn. of Clinical Chemists, the New York Academy of Sciences, and is listed in the American Men of Science.

Dr. Stettner and his wife, Sylvia, and three daughters, Shellyann, 5, Heidi, 3, and Eve Elain, reside at 2520 25th St."

Dr. and Mrs. Robert O. McCorkle from Comanche are making their home in Ralls and Dr. and Mrs. Robert Nobles moved to Lorenzo from Amarillo. It is good to have all of you among us.

District X had its regular meeting July 31. Dr. Peters of Des Moines talked on Medical Foundation Investment Corporation business and Mr.

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Fleming, Dallas, representative of Nettleship spoke on malpractice insurance.

Dr. S. G. MacKenzie attended the E.E.N.T. convention in Cleveland July 25, 26, 27.

Dr. E. S. Davidson was elected to the Board of Governors of the American Academy of Osteopathic Surgeons and also was elected to the office of president-elect of the organization. We were all saddened by the death of Dr. Davidson's father, E. S. Davidson, Sr., of West Palm Beach, Florida, on July 10.

Dr. and Mrs. James A. Fannin have just returned from their vacation which was spent deep sea fishing at Corpus Christi and then fishing, skiing, and boating at Buchanan.

Dr. and Mrs. Ed. Whitacre and children will be in Missouri visiting until the middle of August.

Dr. and Mrs. Emery and children spent a couple of weeks visiting relatives in Dallas, Houston, and San Antonio. Cool West Texas was "good to come home to."

## DISTRICT TWELVE

Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth Watkins and family of Groves, Texas, are vacationing in Nebraska, visiting Norma's parents, the J. J. Newmans.

Dr. and Mrs. J. Taylor and family have recently returned from two weeks of vacationing in Kentucky, where they visited Nita's folks, the Ray Conatsers.

Dr. and Mrs. Jim Montgomery of Port Neches, Texas, returned this week from a vacation trip to Yellowstone, Salt Lake City and Mesa Verde in Southern Colorado. Jim must have had a real good time as he stated he was having trouble getting back to his work routine.

Dr. J. B. Barnett and family of Bridge City, Texas, recently returned from a two weeks' sojourn visiting relatives in Harrisburg, Illinois; Jefferson City, Missouri; Waynesville, Missouri; Ozarks, Oklahoma and Dallas, Texas.

We are very pleased to have with us Dr. and Mrs. John Ruffle again in our midst. Dr. Ruffle has accepted the position as house physician at the Doctors Hospital.

District 12 appreciated the visit of Drs. K. E. Ross, Charley Rahm and Charles Bragg from East Texas at the district meeting July 19. Their informal talks were informative and timely. District 12 is looking forward to a return visit soon.

W. H. SORENSON, D. O.

## An Abbreviated Chart on OASI Benefits

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	Worker's Monthly Benefit	Worker and Wife	Widow, Widower, Child, or Parent	Widow and 1 Child	Widow and 2 Children
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\$200	\$ 78.50	\$117.80	\$58.90	\$117.80	\$157.10
\$350	\$108.50	\$162.80	\$81.40	\$162.80	\$200.00

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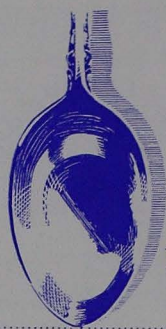
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