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# EDITORIAL PAGE

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## Greetings

The holiday season of the year is at hand. The Yuletide Season engenders

good will and good fellowship. Joyous occasions will be prevalent throughout the land. This is the season when men forget their differences and band together to give reverence to the great

Physician. This is the time of year when all men should forgive the mistakes of others, forget their own mistakes, and press onward to greater achievements of the future. ¶Let us all live today to its fullest! Yesterday and tomorrow will care for themselves. ¶May the officers of your Association and your employed staff wish all of you "A Very Merry Christmas and A Happy and Prosperous New Year!"



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## Case History\*

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\*Submitted to the Stevens Park Osteopathic Hospital Staff June 1958, in fulfillment of hospital internship requirements.

The patient, a white female, age 28, was admitted to Stevens Park Hospital ambulatory on April 12, 1958 at 10:30 a.m. with an admitting diagnosis of right ovarian cyst. The patient had been treated by the attending physician for several months and on this occasion, due to the acuteness of complaints and symptoms, an examination was conducted and a tumor in the right lower abdomen palpated. Consultation with the surgeon was immediately requested and the patient was prepared for surgery that evening.

Upon admission, the patient's blood pressure was 118/70, temperature 98°F, pulse 92/min. and respirations 22/min. Height was recorded as 5'6", weight 116#. She was given medication for nausea and pain and that evening parenteral fluids with antibiotics. The consultation report that evening stated the following:

CC: Weakness, tiredness, weight in pelvis, painful and irregular menses.

Examination revealed: Abdomen free of scars, Slight localized distention in lower right iliac area and palpable mass.

Vaginal examination revealed a large fluctuating cystic mass of the right ovary.

Impression was ovarian cyst.

Recommendation was exploratory laparotomy.

The history and physical examination as recorded on admission revealed pain in lower right quadrant of abdomen. The patient had been bothered with pain in this quadrant for the past 3 to 4 years following each menstrual period. On the last occasion pain started on March 27, 1958 and was persistent since then. On April 10, 1958 the patient started having black-out spells and pain increased in the lower right quadrant; a knot began to be felt in this area. She became anorexic the last several days with two episodes of nausea and vomiting.

Past history revealed nothing remarkable. Patient had a Tonsillectomy and Adenoidectomy at age 15. The family history is of arteriosclerosis and heart disease only.

The patient had irregular periods 21 to 30 days, preceeded one week by premenstrual tension and cramping with peri-orbital edema. In addition there is a history of dysuria. The patient is asthenic in build and attractive in appearance, but acutely ill on admission.

The physical examination as taken by the intern revealed a mass in lower right abdomen and great tenderness in this area. On vaginal examination pain in the abdomen was excruciating.



A mild dermatologic disorder and tarnished teeth was noted; heart and lungs were clear of irregular sounds. All other findings were negative. Structurally the patient demonstrated low back pain and tenderness over L-2 to 5.

The temperature became elevated to 101° and pulse to 100/min. on day of admission, but two days later and throughout convalescence no further temperature elevation was observed.

The laboratory findings on evening of admission revealed a 4,600,000 RBC, 19,000 WBC and 92% Hb. with 7 stabs, 90 segs and 3 lymphs. Hematocrit was 44 and blood type A plus. Earlier morphology revealed 4,680,000 RBC, 12,300 WBC with 68 segs, 29 lymphs, 3 monos and a coagulation time of 5:22 min. The VDRL was negative. Urinalysis demonstrated 6 to 8 WBC, many epithelial cells and 4 to 6 uric acid crystals. The roentgen study of the chest was reported as within average limits.

Surgery was deemed necessary and the patient was prepared for exploratory laparotomy on the evening of admission. The preanesthetic order was for Pantopon grs. 1/3 with Atropine grs. 1/150. Anesthetics agents of Heavy Pontocaine 3 cc, oxygen, and Pentothal 1 Gm. in 500 cc. of saline were used. Anesthetic methods were general and regional: spinal anesthesia with the use of Pontocaine as the principal anesthetic and parenteral anesthesia using Pentothal as the secondary anesthetic. A general and regional anesthesia was obtained. Anesthesia began at 8:20 p.m. on April 12, 1958 and ended at 9:25 p.m.

A lower midline incision was made and upon entering the peritoneum the abdomen was found to be extended and full of dark chocolate exudate; the omentum was of dark chocolate discoloration. Exudate was aspirated and the omentum was cleansed with normal saline. Attitlional amounts of saline was used to irrigate the abdominal con-

tents and mechanical suction was used for aspiration. The right ovary was removed and chocolate implants on the cortex of the left ovary were elliptically excised. The ovary was repaired; a drain was inserted into the abdomen via a stab wound and the incision was closed. The appendix was normal and left intact.

Post-operative diagnosis was Endometriosis of the Ovary and Ruptured Right Ovarian Cyst. Post-operative care was instituted. The patient recovered rapidly and the wounds healed well. Post-operative therapy consisted of: O.M.T., I.V. fluids with vitamins, analgesics, sedatives, antibiotics and laxatives. The patient was discharged to the care of the attending physician in an apparently good physical and emotional status.

The pathological diagnosis was Cyst of Graffian Follicle, Corpus Luteum Cyst and Endometriosis of Ovary. Pathologically the gross description revealed the right ovarian mass to be a cystic structure measuring 90 mm. in diameter partially covered with clotted blood. On section a unilocular cyst was found measuring 80 mm in diameter. The cyst wall averaged 4 to 5 mm. in thickness and the inner lining was markedly hemorrhagic and fibrotic. The ovarian resection was elliptical and measured 40 x 30 x 20 mm. The superficial aspect of this was covered with clotted blood. Section disclosed the presence of several blood-filled cysts, the largest lined by lutein cells and measuring 15 mm. in diameter. Microscopic findings disclosed the tissue to be ovarian. Several graafian follicle cysts were found as well as a partially organized hemorrhagic corpus luteum and a corpus luteum cyst. The serosal surface of the ovarian tissue was covered with partially organized inflammatory adhesions. Occasional endometrial implants were noted but there was no evidence of malignancy in the tissue submitted.

Endometrisosis is found to occur us-

usually in middle aged women or during the ages of 25 to menopause. The patient complains of menorrhagia, sterility, dysmenorrhea, dysparunia, sacral backache, intermenstrual lower abdominal pain and pain in rectum or bladder. Often the complaint is of increasing constipation. The clinical picture may suggest a carcinoma of the sigmoid. In some cases pain in ovarian endometriosis is similar to that of ureteral colic, being marked in the flank with radiation to the inner aspect of the thigh. Pelvic examination reveals fixation of the ovaries. Diagnosis at times is difficult and must be differentiated from salpingitis, uterine fibroids and urinary lithiasis.

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Endometrial implants have also been found in the labia, inguinal region and pelvic and inguinal lymph nodes. The most likely explanation of endometriosis is that which hypotheticates implantation and secondary growth of detached endometrial tissue. Fragments of mucosa escape from the fallopian tube by retrograde menstruation and develop wherever they attach themselves. The ovary is most commonly involved because of its proximity and its ability to sustain these fragments. Mechanical implantation may occur after curettage, tubal insufflation and in the scar that follows any operation on the uterine endometrium. When bladder, umbilicus, labia and inguinal glands are involved spread may take place via lymphatics and venous sinus-

es since menstrual blood may penetrate vessel walls. The lodging of endometrial fragments in blood vessels of the uterine wall may be the agency by which uterine endometriosis is produced. Embryonic rests, celomic metaplasia and glandular dysfunction are other explanations for this condition.

The endometrial lining of a chocolate cyst undergoes a complete menstrual cycle and the retained blood gradually distending the cyst until it ruptures. Rupture of endometrial cysts then give rise to additional endometrial implants and incite the formation of dense adhesions. Because of this, the uterus is often retroflexed and adherent to the pelvic floor.

Small chocolate cysts may be removed by resection or cautery; one ovary may be saved or small lesions of the intestinal wall may be cauterized and complete function restored. The tubes are usually patent and it is estimated that 28% of women subsequently can bear children. Many patients may require a second operation and if extensive endometriosis is found at operation, removal of both ovaries is indicated.

Since the activity of all endometrial growths depends on ovarian function, retrogressive atrophy of the lesions occur when menstruation ceases. In women over 40 years of age endometriosis may be treated by hysterectomy or roentgen castration. Androgen hormonal therapy may be attempted providing the patient is willing to hazard the occurrence of masculinizing effects. In younger women conservative measures should be followed, but when conservative measures fail, laparotomy and hysterectomy is indicated. The frequency of pelvic endometriosis is estimated as between 9 and 21% of all laparotomies.

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## Dr. Gaffney Named President-Elect of A.C.O.S.



Dr. Milton B. Gaffney, Chief of Staff and Chief of Surgery at Dallas Osteopathic Hospital, has been named president-elect of the 1,500 member American College of Osteopathic Surgeons at the group's recent national convention in Boston.

A 1933 graduate of the Kirksville College of Osteopathy and Surgery, Dr. Gaffney will assume office in October, 1959, when the College meets in Los Angeles. He will be the president in office when the American College meets in Dallas in 1960.

Members of the American College of Osteopathic Surgeons are required to be a graduate of a recognized school, serve one year's internship, three years in residency and then go through a seven year waiting period.

The parent organization of the Sur-

geon's group is the 7,000 member American Osteopathic Association.

Dr. Gaffney has been practicing in Dallas for six years. Prior to that he was in practice in Winfield, Kansas, and Tyler, Texas. He currently operates the Grove Clinic in Pleasant Grove at 1143 S. Buckner Blvd.

Dallas Osteopathic Hospital, located at 5003 Ross Avenue, is a 67-bed institution with some 90 staff physicians.

## Auxiliary President Visits

Mrs. Francis E. Warner of Bloomington, Indiana, President of the Auxiliary of the American Osteopathic Association, visited the Kirksville College of Osteopathy and Surgery on November 10 and 11. The schedule for Mrs. Warner's visit here was the following: Monday, November 10, a conference with Dean R. M. Tilley and a tour of the Administration Building and Hospital in the morning, a lunch with OWC advisors, Mrs. A. A. Martin and Mrs. Dan L. Wisely, at noon; coffee given by the Northeast Auxiliary at Mrs. George A. Laughlin's home in the afternoon. On Tuesday, November 11, a luncheon with Mrs. Joy Smith, OWC President, at noon, a tour of the rural extension clinics with Mrs. Clare Martin in the afternoon; a dinner given in Mrs. Warner's honor by the OWC officers followed by the OWC meeting in the evening.

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## Founder's Day

Dr. Carl E. Morrison, '41, immediate Past President of the American Osteopathic Association, delivered the Founder's Day Address at the Founder's Banquet on the evening of October 14 at the Kirksville College of Osteopathy and Surgery. In a challenging message, Dr. Morrison reviewed advances which the schools, the profession and the public served have made together and warned against the profession's willful forgetting of osteopathic philosophy. New features this year added to the success of what was declared to be the best ever observance of Founder's Day. These included a hospitality hour sponsored by Faculty Wives and Student Wives for visiting wives and women physicians, and special presentations in classes calculated to be of interest and importance to alumni and students together. Certain new departures in the scheduling of events also made for a smooth-running program from October 12 through 15. The President's Report was delivered on the evening of the 12th before students, faculty, alumni, Trustees and members of alumni Ex-

ecutive Committee. The Founder's Banquet honoring the classes of 1908, 1933, and 1948, was moved to Rieger Armory to accommodate the increasing numbers desiring to attend, and the Founder's Day Address was presented on this occasion for the first time.

## Assumes Duties As Resident

Dr. D. C. Bergmann of North Miami, Fla., has assumed his duties as resident in the Department of Pathology at the Kirksville Osteopathic Hospital. Dr. Bergmann was graduated from the Kirksville College of Osteopathy and Surgery in 1945 and served an internship at the Osteopathic Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio, before locating for practice in Middlefield, Ohio. From Middlefield he went to North Miami where he is a member of the staff of the Biscayne Osteopathic Hospital at which plans are well under way for establishment of a 100-bed unit. Until the arrival of Mrs. Bergmann and the children Darnell, 10, and Deidra, 5, Dr. Bergmann is residing at the ITS House.

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## The Executive Secretary Reports

### LIBERAL ARTS COLLEGES VISITATION

The executive secretary left Fort Worth on Saturday, November 8 for Stanton and Odessa, Texas—the purpose of this trip being primarily to inspect the new Physicians Hospital and Clinic at Stanton, Texas, a beautiful county hospital that has been taken over by Dr. Leland B. Nelson and Dr. Robert E. Springer. The executive secretary spent the entire afternoon in this institution.

He then proceeded to Odessa for a Sunday meeting with District 4. Dr. M. G. Holcomb was present on an official visitation to this district. The attendance was small but the enthusiasm was good.

The executive secretary returned to Fort Worth late Sunday night.

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On Wednesday afternoon, November 12, the executive secretary left for Dallas to meet Morris Thompson, President of the Kirksville College of Osteopathy. They spent the night in Dallas and the following day started a tour of the liberal arts colleges in the Southern and Eastern parts of the state.

They left Dallas Thursday morning — destination, Beaumont. Enroute, they visited Drs. Marille and Sam Sparks at the East Town Osteopathic

Hospital; Dr. Dewey H. Roberts at Kemp, Texas; and Dr. James R. Reid who had just recently moved to Kemp from Plano.

At Mabank, Texas the executive secretary and president Thompson visited with Dr. Robert L. Hamilton and Dr. Kenneth E. Speak. They then visited the Wolfe-Duphorne Hospital at Athens, Texas and visited with Dr. Albert M. Duphorne, Dr. Robert E. Slye, and Dr. Dan A. Wolfe. They were unable to locate past-president Wayne Smith at Jacksonville, Texas and later learned he was in the hospital at Tyler, Texas.

The executive secretary and president Thompson arrived in Beaumont late Thursday night and on Friday morning they visited with the doctors at Doctors Hospital in Groves, Texas and were entertained at lunch at the Beaumont Club by Dr. Hammond who had several doctors and the city attorney as guests. At 2 P.M. the executive secretary and president Thompson made a visitation to Lamar College and visited with the dean and pre-med faculty and spoke to some 20-25 students.

Friday night, they met with District 12, which was well represented at the meeting. From 12 midnight until 3 A.M. they listened to bass drum and

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cornet solos in the Beaumont Hotel. Finally, they persuaded the police department to put a stop to it and they then managed to get about three hours sleep before taking off for Galveston at 6 A.M. Saturday morning.

At 10 A.M. Saturday, accompanied by Dr. N. G. Palmarozzi of Port Arthur, Texas, they were at the University of Texas Medical College where they received a cooperative reception from Dean Truslow, his assistant, Dr. Conley and Dean Calvin. They remained at the institution until 2 P.M. talking with the deans and visiting all the facilities of the medical school. A tremendous lot of information was received in reference to medical education at the university level.

This being Saturday, the executive secretary and president Thompson then spent the afternoon and evening resting up and viewing the Gulf.

Sunday morning, they proceeded to Houston where they visited Community Hospital, Doctors Hospital, and Houston Osteopathic Hospital. At 3 P.M.

Dr. G. W. Thompson, Chairman of the Insurance Committee and the executive secretary met with a representative of Metropolitan Life Insurance Company who had flown to Houston from New York City for a conference with the Insurance Committee.

At 7 P.M. they met with the District 6 organization. There was a wonderful turnout and president Thompson delivered a wonderful address to this group.

On Monday morning, November 17, the executive secretary and president Thompson, accompanied by Dr. Robert Ling, visited the University of Houston where they met with the dean and some 12 faculty members of the science department. They also visited with five pre-med students, two of which declared their intentions to enter an osteopathic college.

At 2 P.M. they visited Baylor Medical College where they were received by Dean Olson who spent an hour with them discussing medical education. They then viewed the facilities of this new and modern medical school. Dr. Stanley Hess was out of the city and could not make the visitation with them.

After enjoying a marvelous dinner with the Alexanders, the executive secretary and president Thompson drove to Conroe, Texas where they spent the night.

Early the following morning, they proceeded to Huntsville and visited with the President, dean, and pre-med instructors of the Sam Houston College. Unfortunately, due to a death, Dr. Ralph Webb who was assigned to accompany them on this visitation, was unable to be with them.

At 12 Noon a rather hurried trip was made, covering 119 miles, to fill in an appointment at the Stephen F. Austin College at Nacogdoches, Texas. They were met at the College at 2 P.M. by Dr. Woodrow who made this visitation with them. They had a wonder-

### Radiological Society Will Meet

The Texas Osteopathic Radiological Society will hold its next meeting at the Western Hills Hotel in Euless, Texas on January 25, 1959. The program will be on Chest Disease with emphasis on Tuberculosis.

The principal speaker will be Howard Smith, M.D. of the Texas State Department of Health. George E. Miller, D.O. will give us some practical aids in Diagnosis.

All Texas Osteopathic Physicians are invited!!! Come and bring your wives. A good program is planned.



ful visit here with the dean and three members of the science faculty.

At 5 P.M. they left Nacogdoches and stopped at Jacksonville for a 30 minute visit with past-president Wayne Smith who had just returned home from the hospital. They found him greatly improved and on the way to recovery from his illness.

The executive secretary and president Thompson then proceeded on to Commerce, Texas arriving there at 10:30 P.M. On Wednesday morning, November 19 they were met at the Dean's office of East Texas State Teachers College by Dr. Gordon Marcom of Ladonia. There they visited with the dean and the science teachers. It was a wonderful visit.

Following this meeting, the executive secretary held a one hour session with Dr. Truax who is secretary of the vocational guidance organization for the state of Texas.

The executive secretary and president Thompson managed to leave Commerce, Texas by noon and at 2 P.M. they were at North Texas Teachers College in Denton, Texas where they were met by Dr. Henry Roberts who accompanied them on this visit with the president and dean of this college. Following this they had an hour and one-half conference with the members of the science faculty. They left the College at 4:30 P.M. for Fort Worth

to pick up some mail and then proceeded to Dallas.

On Thursday morning, November 20, accompanied by Dr. Robert E. Morgan, the executive secretary and president Thompson went to Southern Methodist University for a visit with their pre-med advisor, following which they visited Dallas Osteopathic Hospital.

At 1:30 P.M. they met Dr. Sam Sparks at Southwestern Medical College where they had an hour's discussion with the dean of this institution and then viewed the facilities of the medical school.

At 4 P.M. they met Dr. C. D. Ogilvie and Dr. J. C. Calabria at the University of Dallas, where they met with the president, science teachers and pre-med faculty for an hour and a half.

At 7 P.M. they met with District 5 and president Thompson delivered another of his good speeches on medical education.

On Friday morning, November 21, accompanied by Dr. Elbert Carlton, the executive secretary and president Thompson visited the president, dean, and pre-med science teachers at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, Texas.

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leyan College where they visited with the president, dean, and pre-med science teachers.

At 7 P.M. Dr. Thompson addressed the District 2 meeting and gave another of his wonderful talks on medical education, thus ending the tour of the liberal arts and medical colleges in East and South Texas.

On Saturday morning, November 22, after the executive secretary had president Thompson on a plane at 7:30 A.M., he proceeded to Houston for a called meeting of the Public Health Committee which began at 4 P.M. on November 22 and ended at 6 P.M. on November 23.

The executive secretary was back in his office on Monday, November 24 attempting to get caught up on voluminous correspondence and make preparations to leave on November 28 for Amarillo where he will meet president Peach of the Kansas City College of Osteopathy and Surgery for a tour of the liberal arts colleges in the Panhandle and Western Texas.

### Dr. Schaffer Memorialized

A gift of \$1,000 for establishment of an orthopedics library memorializing the late Dr. Harry F. Schaffer of Detroit, Michigan, has been received by the Kirksville College of Osteopathy and Surgery.

Dr. Schaffer is being memorialized at the College where he was graduated in 1919 by the American Osteopathic Academy of Orthopedics. Dr. Donald Siehl of Dayton, Ohio, graduate and former member of the KCOS faculty and president of the orthopedics group, is chairman of the memorial committee. The Memorial will be housed in the A. T. Still Memorial Library Building.

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## Accepts KCOS Post

Dr. Richard H. Turner of Detroit, Michigan, has accepted a post as instructor in the Department of Osteopathic Medicine at the Kirksville College of Osteopathy and Surgery, Dean R. McFarlane Tilley has announced. Dr. Turner was graduated from the osteopathic college here in 1952. He completed an internship at Detroit Osteopathic Hospital and continued there as a resident in internal medicine. During the past two years, he has been assistant to the medical director with special service in electrocardiography.

Dr. Turner came to Kirksville from Williamsport, Penna., where he was graduated from the public schools and attended Lycoming College there for two years. He completed his preos-

teopathic preparation at Northeast Missouri State Teachers College, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Science as he was graduating from the osteopathic college in 1952.

Dr. Turner is married and has three children; Deborah Ann, 6, Richard H. Jr., 4, and Carolyn Frances, 1. He assumed his duties here and the family will join him shortly.

## Appointed To Surgeon General's Committee

President Morris Thompson of the Kirksville College of Osteopathy and Surgery has been appointed to a Surgeon General's Advisory Committee to study the problems of medical education. President Thompson is the third member of the Faculty and Staff of the college here to receive appointment to major federal advisory bodies. Dr. J. S. Denslow is serving as a member of a similar advisory committee concerned with the national health survey and Dean R. McFarlane Tilley has for many years served on the Healing Art Advisory Committee to the Director of Selective Service.

## Washington Opposes Tax Levied on Medical Services

SEATTLE—The Washington Osteopathic Association recently reaffirmed its opposition to a proposed state sales tax on medical services.

Such a levy would necessarily be passed on to patients and would only add to their financial burden at a time when they can ill afford additional expense. "It would, in effect, place a tax on sickness and injuries," said Dr. Harland G. Hoffer of Yakima, president of the group.

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The Guide for Administrative Procedure has been approved by the Board of Trustees in accordance with the By-Laws of the Association to provide the members with an established procedure that will be followed by the A.O.A. in conducting investigations and hearings under the Code of Ethics. The ethical practice of doctors of osteopathy has long been a matter of pride to the profession. Unfortunately, however, from time to time, individual doctors do stray from the general standards of ethical practice and engage in activities that are detrimental to the public and to the welfare of the profession. A profession is given by law many rights and privileges not accorded to other occupations or endeavors. With those privileges and rights, however, comes the responsibility of protecting the public from individuals who might misuse such rights and privileges.

The A.O.A. Code of Ethics constitutes the law of the profession in relation to matters of an unethical character. The Guide will serve to inform the members as to the manner in which the Code of Ethics will be administered. Courts of the land have long looked with favor upon the voluntary regula-

tion of ethical practices carried on by professional organizations. Nor is the term "unprofessional or unethical conduct" vague or ambiguous. The Minnesota Supreme Court in a recent decision expressed with clarity how easily unprofessional or unethical conduct can be defined by stating that such conduct constitutes activities:

... which violate those standards of professional behavior which through professional experience have become established, by the consensus of the expert opinion of the members, as reasonably necessary for the protection of the public interest. In establishing the necessity for and existence of such standards, every member of the profession should be regarded as an expert.

The A.O.A. Guide for Administrative Procedure was published in the January, 1957, issue of THE JOURNAL. Reprints are available from the A.O.A. Central Office upon request. We would suggest that each member of the profession be conversant with its provisions as well as those of the Code of Ethics.

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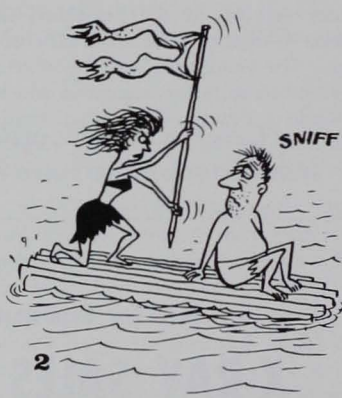
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## Public Health Report

**LICENSING.** The Kansas Healing Arts Board created by the 1957 Kansas Healing Arts Act as of this date has issued licenses to 158 doctors of osteopathy, formerly licensed to practice osteopathy under the Osteopathic Practice Act, to practice medicine and surgery in the state under the new 1957 law. Each of these doctors have completed a 10 day refresher course in the subjects of general medicine; eye, ear, nose and throat; general surgery; obstetrics and gynecology; and pediatrics given by leading M.D.s in the state and members of the faculty of the University of Kansas School of Medicine. Copies of the lectures were transcribed and printed. Examinations in these subjects were given to the D.O.s in these five subjects by the Kansas Healing Arts Board on two different dates. At the first examination 143 passed and 15 failed, and at the second examina-

tion 15 passed and there were no failures. All but 40 of the 198 doctors of osteopathy in Kansas thus have been licensed to practice medicine and surgery in the state since the legislature adjourned in 1957 and the medical-osteopathic problem of the state legislature is a thing of past history. The medical and osteopathic associations, the professional organizations of the two professions, have completely resolved their differences. D.O.s participate fully under Blue Cross-Blue Shield; consultations and referrals between M.D.s and D.O.s are ethical and proper; post-graduate education is available to D.O.s at the University of Kansas School of Medicine; and staff membership in public hospitals is available unless prevented where a hospital is accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals. In addition, the six osteopathic colleges have





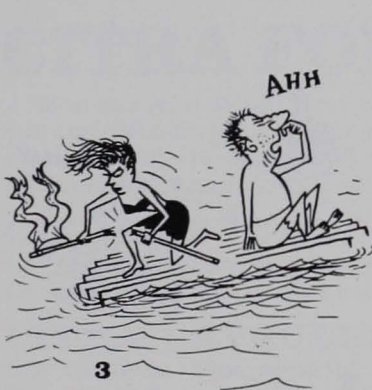
been approved by the Healing Arts Board and D.O.s who graduated subsequent to June 1, 1950 may be licensed to practice medicine and surgery either by examination or by endorsement if they hold a license to practice medicine and surgery in another state. Dr. Richard Gibson, one of the three doctors of osteopathy serving as members of the Healing Arts Board, has been elected President of the Board during the 1958-1959 year; five M.D.s and three D.O.s serve on the Board.

There is growing alarm in many medical hospitals over the program for certifying foreign-trained medical doctors undertaken by the Educational Council for Foreign Medical Graduates (E.C.F.M.G.). Only 152 M.D.s out of the 298 foreign M.D.s who took the first examination passed, for a failure rate of 48%. Applicants who had graduated from foreign medical schools as far back as 1921 took this

examination. Medical hospitals are deeply concerned over the shortage of interns and residents which will be further aggravated by the failure rate of these M.D.s most of whom had completed intern or residency programs in U.S. hospitals. The second examinations of the E.C.F.M.G. were held September 23rd and were taken by approximately 1,100 foreign medical doctors. Results of this examination are not yet available.

**EDUCATION.** The six osteopathic colleges matriculated 512 students this September making it one of the largest freshman classes in recent years. A large percentage of the new students possessed a college degree and all the remaining matriculants had completed at least 3 years pre-professional training. Each of the colleges now has the following number of students:

Chicago College of Osteopathy,  
Chicago, Ill. 64



College of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons, Los Angeles, Calif. ....	90
College of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery, Des Moines, Ia. ....	74
Kansas City College of Osteopathy and Surgery, Kansas City, Mo. ....	100
Philadelphia College of Osteopathy, Philadelphia, Pa. ....	79
Kirkville College of Osteopathy and Surgery, Kirkville, Mo. ....	105
	512

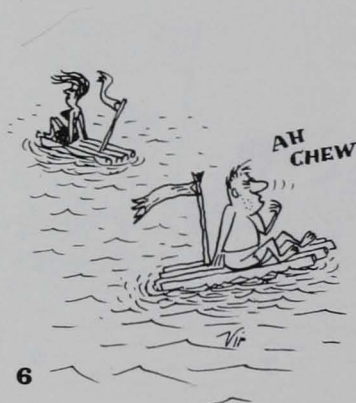
In September, 1958 the Board of Trustees of Des Moines Still College of Osteopathy and Surgery changed the name of the college officially to the College of Osteopathic Medicine, Des Moines, Iowa. This is the first change in the name of an osteopathic college since 1926.

In the June, 1958 graduating classes of the osteopathic colleges 437 doctors graduated. These doctors are now engaged in one year hospital intern

training programs in one of the ninety-five hospitals approved for intern training by the A.O.A. Bureau of Hospitals.

The AMA NEWS, October 20, 1958 reported that there were 619 budgeted, unfilled full-time faculty positions in medical schools in the United States during the 1957-1958 school year. This number was an increase of approximately 90% or 288 vacancies over the previous school year. This percentage of full-time faculty vacancies "presents a major problem to medical education." The statistics do not include existing vacancies in part-time faculty positions in A.M.A. approved medical colleges.

**HOSPITALS.** The total number of hospital beds in licensed osteopathic hospitals now approximates 13,250. This is a gain of about 2,000 beds in the past two years. The average bed size of the 397 osteopathic hospitals is 33.9 beds. Large osteopathic hospitals under construction in various areas of



the country will soon be added to the hospital facilities of the country. Plans have been prepared for an estimated 1,200 new hospital beds in Philadelphia alone, of which number 800 beds will be part of the Philadelphia College of Osteopathy's new teaching hospitals. The largest osteopathic hospital in the United States, the Osteopathic Unit of the Los Angeles County General Hospital, a 500 bed, \$10,000,000 institution, will be formally opened and dedicated on December 3, 1958. Governmental officials, civic leaders and members of the profession will participate at ceremonies in Los Angeles. Guests from other states are invited to attend the ceremonies.

**PUBLIC HEALTH.** Doctors of osteopathy are now serving as members of the State Board of Health or equivalent state governmental agencies in California, Connecticut, Kentucky, Maine,

Michigan, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, Vermont and West Virginia. D.O.s are serving on State Advisory Boards for hospital survey or licensing in California, Colorado, Iowa, Maine, Michigan, Missouri, New Jersey, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Oregon and Washington. New appointments of D.O.s as Reserve Officers in the United States Public Health Service have also been announced in recent months. Several D.O.s are taking post-doctoral fellowships in foreign countries in the specialty fields of heart and surgery under the auspices of the United States Public Health Service.

Only 21 states have had a gain in the number of D.O.s in the state in the last eight years. States with the largest gains were Delaware, Florida, Michigan, Texas, Arizona, Hawaii, Indiana, Ohio and Oregon. All are unlimited practice right states. States pro-

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viding for only restricted practice showed a decrease in the number of D.O.s. Physicians and Surgeons, D.O. are locating in the greatest degree in states permitting the full use of their education and training, which number now some 36 states, the District of Columbia and the Territory of Hawaii.

**LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONS.** It is expected that the three Legislative Commissions studying the licensing and regulation of osteopathy in Minnesota and Nebraska, and the licensing of doctors generally in Illinois, including doctors of osteopathy, will conclude their formal meetings during the month of November. Reports and recommendations will then be prepared. Visits to osteopathic colleges and hospitals have been made by all three Commissions as a part of their activities. All three Commissions have had submitted to them extensive evidence regarding modern day physician and surgeon education and training in osteopathic colleges, the practices of doctors of osteopathy, and the contributions and efforts of osteopathic hospitals. All three Commissions have been impressed with the co-operative efforts of the medical and osteopathic associations in the interest of the public health

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in other states. The appearances of leading medical educators, as for example M.D. faculty members of Harvard Medical College presenting scientific presentations on the program of the American College of Osteopathic Surgeons in Boston in October, 1958; the attendance of D.O.s at the post-graduate education courses at such medical schools as the University of Kansas School of Medicine, University of Colorado School of Medicine, University of California School of Medicine, and others, as well as at the private Post-Graduate Medical Institute at Boston, Massachusetts; the agreement reached by the medical and osteopathic societies in Missouri on the proposed composite board law which would result in the repeal of the present medical and osteopathic practice acts; and such similar matters have been of interest to the legislators. The basic matter of interest, however, is the availability of doctors of osteopathy to help meet the doctor shortage, particularly in the rural areas of their states. Statistics indicate that D.O.s do tend to settle in greater numbers outside of the large cities. In Minnesota, for example, 62% of the M.D.s are located in three cities having 21% of the state's population, while only 33% of the D.O.s are located in those three cities.

**STATISTICS.** Complete information on the types of practices, number in specialties, and other information will be available in the very near future in a new A.O.A. publication entitled "A Statistical Study of the Osteopathic Profession." Copies will be available at the A.O.A. Central Office. It will include complete statistics on the locations and sizes of cities or towns in which D.O.s practice throughout the country. These statistics indicate, for example, that D.O.s throughout the country are located as follows:

*Population of Cities  
or Towns*

*% of D.O.s*

1— 999	9%
1,000— 2,499	10%
2,500— 4,999	8%
5,000— 9,999	9%
10,000— 24,999	14%
25,000— 49,999	9%
50,000— 99,999	9%
100,000—249,999	10%
250,000—499,999	8%
500,000—999,999	4%
1,000,000 or over	10%
	100%

Thus 50% of the physicians and surgeons, D.O., are practicing in cities or towns with a population of less than 25,000 persons.

## LA County Osteopathic Hospital Dedicated

Two-day dedication ceremonies for the new \$9,220,000 Los Angeles County Osteopathic Hospital took place December 3 and 4.

More than 1100 government officials and members and friends of the osteopathic and allopathic professions attended a formal dedication dinner hosted by the Los Angeles County Osteopathic Society on December 3 in the Pacific Ballroom and Sierra Room of the Hotel Statler-Hilton. U. S. Surgeon General Leroy E. Burney, M.D., delivered the keynote address. Dr. W. Ballentine Henley, president, College of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons, served as master of ceremonies.

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Others on the speakers roster included Dr. Richard W. Johnson, president of the California Osteopathic Association; Frank G. Bonelli, chairman, County Board of Supervisors; and retired County Supervisor John Anson Ford, who spearheaded the drive for the new facility.

A two-hour dedication program for the public was held the following day on the hospital grounds. About 2500 attended. Surgeon General Burney delivered the dedicatory address. Others participating included County Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, master of ceremonies; Dr. Forest C. Weir, Executive Director, Church Federation of Los Angeles, who gave the invocation; the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Vincent P. Carroll, D.O., chairman, Bureau of Hospitals, American Osteopathic Association. The osteopathic profession was represented by

Loron N. McGillis, D.O., president, Los Angeles County Osteopathic Society. He was introduced by County Supervisor Ernest E. Debs.

Rabbi Edgar F. Magnin of the Wilshire Boulevard Temple gave an inspirational word. The benediction was by His Excellency Timothy Manning, Auxiliary Bishop Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

Other distinguished guests on the platform included Drs. Lawrence B. O'Meara, medical director, LACOH; Richard W. Johnson; Grace B. Bell, dean, COP&S; Los Angeles County Sheriff Peter Pitchess; and members of the COP&S board of trustees.

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## ABSTRACTS

### THE RADIO-ISOTOPE RENOG- GRAM. AN EXTERNAL TEST FOR INDIVIDUAL KIDNEY FUNCTION AND UPPER URIN- ARY TRACT PATENCY

Taplin, Meredith, Kade and Winter.  
Journal of Lab. and Clinical Medi-  
cine 48, Dec 1956.

A trace dose of radioactive iodine (131) in a solution of diodrast is injected intravenously and three scintillation detectors record the activity over the chest and each kidney area for the next 15-30 minutes. From data thus received the bilateral renal function can be determined rapidly. This method has been used with diagnostic success in hydronephrosis, ureteral obstruction, calculus. Some of the chronic conditions of the kidneys produced abnormal patterns but were in themselves not individually diagnostic. 125 renograms have been done and checked against the regular kidney function tests. It is concluded that this test is safe, rapid non-traumatic and is of value in diagnosis requiring a rapid safe test. Further development of the technique is being proposed and the obtaining of more information from the test is being studied.

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### DIAGNOSTIC METHODS

**Electrocardiographic Patterns Simulating Coronary Occlusion in Patients with Chronic Rheumatic Cardiovalvular Disease**

*American Heart Journal (Amer. Heart J.)* 54, 50-58, July, 1957. 2 figs., 18 refs.

The electrocardiograms in 220 consecutive cases of chronic rheumatic heart disease and of 220 patients examined during the same period showing no evidence of cardiovascular disease were analysed and compared. Whereas none of the latter showed abnormal Q patterns in Leads V1 or V2, 15 of the former tracings were "compatible with interpretation of myocardial infarction due to coronary occlusion." Only 4 of the patients concerned had other evidence of infarction; of the remaining 11, 9 had left ventricular hypertrophy and 2 right bundle-branch block. Sometimes a deeply inverted initial ventricular deflection in Leads V1 and V2 may be mistakenly interpreted as a QS wave, whereas actually a smaller wave preceding it, buried in the P-R segment, indicates the correct

diagnosis may be established by means of leads recorded from the right rectocardiography.

(Anatomical findings were not available. In normal subjects R waves are not uncommonly absent in V1, and occasionally in both V1 and V2, in association with certain positions of the heart.)

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## ABSTRACTS

**HISTOPLASMOSIS — Collins, American Journal of Proctology, Vol. 8 #3 1957**

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## ABSTRACTS

### BACTERIAL ENDOCARDITIS

**Bacterial Endocarditis Superimposed on Syphilitic Aortitis.** (Endocarditis bacteriana desarrollada sobre aortitis sifilitica)

S. Aceves, A. Elizalde R. and M. Gonzalez Luna. Archivos del Instituto de cardiología de Mexico (Arch. Inst. Cardiol. Mex.) 27, 231-263, May-June, 1957. 10 figs., bibliography.

The authors have made a detailed study of the records, together with available sections and specimens, of 1,815 necropsies carried out between September, 1944, and February, 1956, at the National Institute of Cardiology of Mexico. There was cardiovascular disease in 1,785 cases, syphilitic meso-aortitis being present in 142 (8.5%) of these and bacterial endocarditis in 104 (5.8%). Of the 142 cases of syphilitic aortitis, 26 (18.3%) were in women, compared with 27 (25%) of the 104 cases of bacterial endocarditis.

In 100 of the 142 cases of syphilitic aortitis the aortic valves were involved, and in 9 cases in this group (and in none of the others) bacterial endocarditis was super-imposed on the syphilitic disease. These cases were all in males whose ages varied from 28 to 55 years, with an average of 39 years; 2 of them had additional evidence of rheumatic involvement of the mitral valve. Out of 476 cases of rheumatic disease of the aortic valve in this series, bacterial endocarditis was superimposed in 45 (9.4%); thus the incidence of bacterial endocarditis in aortic valvular disease due to syphilis was virtually identical with that found in rheumatic aortic valvular disease.

Details are given of the clinical findings in the 9 cases of bacterial endocarditis superimposed on syphilitic disease. In 3 cases there was no fever, in 3 it was atypical and irregular, and in 3 it was very occasional; in 4 cases there was clubbing of the fingers, while

in an equal number the spleen was palpable. Urinary changes were present in 6 cases, but the finding of Osler nodes was not recorded in any. Heart failure had a rapid and progressive course and did not respond to treatment. There was clinical evidence in 2 cases of embolism in the limbs and in 2 of myocardial infarction. Purpura was noted on one case only. Serological tests for syphilis gave positive results in 6 cases and negative in 2, and were not performed in one. Blood culture was positive in only 2 out of the 6 cases in which it was carried out. Pulmonary infarction, right-sided or bilateral, occurred in 8 cases. In 5 there was electrocardiographic evidence of coronary insufficiency, and of the 7 cases in which there was no rheumatic involvement of the mitral valve, 6 had left bundle-branch block.

The incidence of both bacterial endocarditis and syphilitic aortitis in Mexico is declining. In a 2-year period ending in 1946 among 310 necropsies at the Institute there were 28 cases of bacterial endocarditis and 44 of syphilitic aortitis, whereas in a similar period ending in 1956 among 371 necropsies there were only 11 cases of bacterial endocarditis and 20 of syphilitic aortitis.

(This is a detailed and valuable study)

### DEATHS

Dr. James J. Choate, Houston, Texas died November 11, 1958.

Dr. Ambrose Miller, Houston, Texas died of a heart attack December 2, 1958.

Dr. Jacob G. Bannister, Channelview, Texas was killed in an airplane accident Dec. 8, 1958.

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### Washington News Letter

In 1956 Congress in effect said to all non-profit osteopathic institutions (colleges, hospitals, and research organizations)—if you need money to expand or remodel existing research facilities or build new ones or equip either or both the Federal Government will defray half the costs.

That offer was not happenstance. We had to show the Congress that with it we might, without it we could not, expand our research facilities, and that we deserved equal opportunity to participate along with other medical institutions similarly situated. The vehicle was the Health Research Facilities Act of 1956 for a three year program to provide grants-in-aid on a matching basis to non-profit institutions to assist in the construction and equipment of facilities for the conduct of research in the "sciences related to health," and stating "the term 'sciences related to health' includes medicine, osteopathy, dentistry, public health, and fundamental and applied sciences when related

thereto." (Public Law 835, 84th Congress).

Not a single osteopathic institution accepted the offer to participate.

We are now given a second chance. Last August, the Congress extended the offer on the same basis for another three years. (Public Law 85-777).

In order that you may have examples of the types and amounts of grants made to participating institutions, we are enclosing a breakdown of the most recently approved grants. (HEW—149, October 16, 1958). Observe that of the 98 grants reported, twenty-four are to hospitals, and thirteen are for equipment only. Observe also that participation may be large or small—the amount which Lawrence College at Appleton, Wisconsin is required to match is \$1,329.00.

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*Conferences.* The AOA will participate in meetings with the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare in Washington as follows: December 10 or 15 on Health Problems and Emerging Health Needs; December 11 on Health Protection with particular concern for manufacture, storage, and distribution of food; December 12 on Social Security, public assistance and child welfare; December 17 on Health Protection with particular concern for production, storage, and distribution of drugs; December 18 on Health and Consumer Protection.

The First National Conference on Air Pollution called by the Surgeon General of the Public Service meets in Washington November 18-20. The purpose is to evolve a unified ten-year plan of research and control. Topics for discussion are: Extent of Air Pollution; Sources of Air Pollution; Economic Effects; Health Effects; Control Methods and Procedures; Social and Administrative Aspects. Participation is open to all interested groups.

The AOA deputized a delegate to the National Conference on Staphylococcal Disease, co-sponsored by the Public Health Service and the National Research Council, which met in Atlanta in mid-September. The delegates agreed that the drug-resistant infection is now a problem in practically all hospitals. Deploing the indiscriminate use of antibiotics in medical treatment, it was pointed out that these infections no longer respond to penicillin and other antibiotic drugs. Since babies are the principal source of spreading the disease into a community, one paper that was presented advocated painting the umbilical stumps of new born babies, a frequent site of infection, with antiseptic dye. The Conference proposed that the Public Health Service produce and distribute widely to hospitals a manual of available information on environmental disinfection and on

the sterilization of equipment, linen and other objects used with patients.

*Air Transportation of Emergency Cases.* Certain air carriers are prohibited from engaging in local air transportation between certain points on their routes. This so-called "closed door" restriction has prevented air transportation of persons in need of emergency treatment. The C.A.B. proposes to modify the restriction by amending Part 206 of the Economic Regulations to permit such air carriers to provide air transportation "to a person or persons certified by a physician to be in need of immediate air transportation in order to secure emergency medical treatment."

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*National Health Survey.* Dr. J. S. Denslow attended a meeting of the advisory committee to the U. S. National Health Survey in Washington on November 21st. On that day, the National Health Survey released its first annual summary covering the year July 1957-June 1958. The summary shows, among other things, that acute illnesses accounted for an average of about 2.6 days disability per person; that injuries accounted for an average of 2.5 days disability per person; and circulatory diseases caused about 2.9 days disability per person. People visited their physicians 889,900,000 times, or an average of 5.3 times per person. Physician visits relate only to doctors of medicine and doctors of osteopathy.

*Association of Military Surgeons.* Dr. C. H. Thompson, New Florence, Missouri, member of the Public Health Service Reserve (Inactive) is also a member of the Association of Military Surgeons. He attended the 65th annual meeting of that Association in Washington last week.

*Air Pollution Control.* Dr. Alexander Levitt was the AOA delegate to the First National Conference on Air Pollution described in my WASHINGTON NEWS LETTER of October 30 which met in Washington last week.

The Conference recommended that the Air Pollution Control Act of 1955, due to expire in 1960, be further extended, and that Congress appropriate the full amounts authorized. So far Congress has appropriated only \$12 million dollars of the \$25 million authorized. The Act authorizes the Surgeon General of PHS to provide research and technical assistance. The Conference developed the theory that there are links between cancer and air pollution, and that automobile exhausts are sources of potentially dangerous pollution. Recruitment and training to emphasize the problem at all levels were advocated.

*Intern Housing Loans.* A loan of \$100,000 to the Grand Rapids Osteopathic Hospital to be used with \$43,000 in the hospital's funds for the construction of an apartment building to house interns has been made by the Community Facilities Administration. Earlier this year another osteopathic institution, Doctors Hospital of Columbus, Ohio, received an intern housing loan from the same source.

*Social Security.* Representatives of the American Osteopathic Association were among those of other national organizations who attended a Social Security Conference with the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare, Dr. Arthur S. Flemming on November 25th. The Forand Bill for surgery and hospital benefits for OASDI beneficiaries came up for discussion. The Secretary said the Department has no position on the measure, but he reminded those present that he will be submitting a report on the general subject matter to Congress by February 1, 1959. The question of lowering or doing away with the age 50 limit for OASDI disability benefits was proposed by one of the conferees and briefly discussed, without any Government commitment. In response to several complaints, the Secretary promised to take up with the Commissioner of Internal Revenue the possibility of relaxing the rigidity of tax exemption rules appli-

cable to voluntary charitable organizations.

*Institute or rehabilitation teaching.* At the invitation of the Director of the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, three members of the professional staff of The Rehabilitation Center of the College of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons attended an Institute on rehabilitation teaching in Cambridge, Massachusetts the middle of November, under the sponsorship of OVR and the Tufts University School of Medicine. The purpose was for the interchange of experience and ideas among the faculty from the 25 rehabilitation teaching programs currently receiving support from OVR.

*Psychiatric Training for GPs.* Osteopathic colleges, hospitals, clinics, and osteopathic societies can now obtain funds from the National Institute of Mental Health to develop and conduct postgraduate courses, institutes, and seminars in psychiatry for general practitioners. The Federal objective in stimulating these courses is to increase the competence of physicians who continue practicing in their own field. This training which would be by or under the auspices of osteopathic institutions or organizations should serve a compelling need and be in great demand by general practitioners of the osteopathic profession. Information on the program is contained in the enclosed NIMH Special Announcement and Request for Application Form. It will be observed that all NIMH grants under the program are to be made to schools or other organizations. None is made to individuals. *Copy of any application you make should be sent to me.* That facet of the program which would extend grants for residency training would apply to osteopathic institutions who obtain AOA approval for psychiatric residency training. No psychiatric residency training program is currently approved by AOA.



# AUXILIARY NEWS

## Auxiliary—District Five

Auxiliary to District Five, three years ago voted to take one project, and all work to make it a real money making project, as well as, a social event everyone would enjoy and would want to buy tickets again in the following years. We had hopes it could be made an annual event in the coming years.

Through the hard work of the Ways and Means Chairman, Arrangements Chairman, and their committees, and the help from the rest of the members the "Sweetheart Dance" at the Adolphus Hotel in Feb. 1956 was a success and the profits were \$350.00. In 1957 the profits were \$500.00 and in 1958 the profits were \$646.00.

The "Sweetheart Dance" held at the Adolphus Hotel the past three years in the month of Feb. has been a huge success, and each year the profits have increased.

The fourth "Sweetheart Dance" will be held in February 1959, and plans have already started and work begun for this event.

We feel that most of the credit for this growing project is due to the Ways and Means Chairman, who is in charge of this project. The chairmen and their committees these past years have done a wonderful job. Also the Arrangements Chairman and committees, have worked hard and spent several hours planning and making many of the decorations that have been used each year.

The chairmen for these committees for 1958-59 feel they have a past record hard to beat, but are striving to do so. Part of the proceeds from this project have been donated to the Children's Development Center in Dallas, for their many needs in educating, entertaining and special training equipment, as well as some office needs and

kitchen needs that a center of this type requires.

In 1956, \$200.; in 1957, \$250.; and in 1958 \$328. was donated to the Children's Development Center, with a grand total of \$778.00, which they have been most grateful for.

The remaining part of the profits from the project has gone to Student Loan \$50., Scholarship \$50. Progress Fund \$50. In 1956, Student Loan \$50., Scholarship Fund \$175. Progress Fund \$25. In 1957, Scholarship Fund \$161.00 and Progress Fund \$161.00 in 1958.

## Auxiliary—District Seven

Districts VII and IX had a joint meeting, and annual visit from our State President, Mrs. M. G. Holcomb on November 2nd.

The doctors and their wives met for dinner, and enjoyed the slides of the A. O. A. Offices in Chicago, which were narrated by Mrs. M. G. Holcomb, and the after dinner speeches given by Dr. M. G. Holcomb and Dr. Phil Russell.

At the November meeting of District VII the following officers were elected:

President, Ruth Vardaman, San Antonio; Vice President, Ocie Ollom, New Braunfels; Secretary, Mary Lou Tamez, San Antonio; Treasurer, Nell Donovan, Austin; Reporter, Mary Ellen Farnsworth, Austin.

The next meeting was set for Friday morning, December 5th at 10:30 at the home of Mrs. Ollom at New Braunfels.

We are sorry to report that Dr. Joe L. Love is in St. David's Hospital, Austin, Texas suffering from a duodenal ulcer. I'm sure he would enjoy hearing from his friends.

MARY ELLEN FARNSWORTH  
*Reporter*



## Fort Worth Guild Members Honored



MRS. W. T. FRY, JR.  
First Vice President  
National Osteopathic Hospital  
Guild Association



MRS. DORIS HASSINGER  
Treasurer  
National Osteopathic Hospital  
Guild Association

Four Fort Worth Osteopathic Hospital Guild Members attended the National Osteopathic Hospital Guild Association's 3rd Annual Convention at the AOA office, Chicago, Illinois. There were 50 lay Guild members present at this meeting. Attendance was from Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Missouri, Pennsylvania, Texas and West Virginia.

The Fort Worth Osteopathic Hospital Guild was represented by Mrs. W. T. Fry, Jr., Mrs. K. B. Robinson, Mrs. Dennis Hall and Mrs. Doris Hassinger.

Mrs. W. T. Fry, Jr., of the Fort Worth Osteopathic Hospital Guild was elected First Vice-President of the National Guild and Mrs. Doris Hassinger was elected Treasurer of the National Guild.

The objectives of the National Osteopathic Guild Association are to assist in the organization of new hospital guilds serving A.O.A. approved and registered non-profit hospitals and to assist the already organized guilds to better their programs and services to their local hospitals and their community. The NOGA convention clearly demonstrates that one of the best methods of bettering the local programs and projects is by the exchange of ideas. This is accomplished during the convention program when each affiliated guild reports on their money raising

projects, their service and volunteer work within the hospital, their public relations programs within the community and their interest in the osteopathic profession as a whole.

The National Osteopathic Guild Association has truly become a big part of the official osteopathic family.

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# NEWS OF THE DISTRICTS

## DISTRICT ONE

The quarterly meeting of District 1 was held Sunday, November 30, 1958, at the Colonial Cafeteria in Amarillo. Guests visiting Amarillo for the meeting were Dr. Phil Russell, Dr. Joseph Peach, of the Kansas City College of Osteopathy and Surgery, and Dr. Bledsoe of Los Angeles. Dr. Peach gave us a very interesting talk on the progress of our colleges and the importance of our supporting the colleges.

The staff of the Amarillo Osteopathic Hospital are happy to welcome Dr. Jim Kritzler as a new member of the staff. Dr. Kritzler is a Radiologist and is in charge of the X-Ray department at the Amarillo Hospital. Dr. and Mrs. (Eleanor) Kritzler and their family moved to Amarillo in September. The Kritzlers have three children: Jimmy, age 12, Ellen Kay, age 9, and Eric, age 5.

Other newcomers to Amarillo are Dr. and Mrs. Merlin Achor. Dr. Achor, formerly of Hereford, Texas, is officing with Dr. Robert Clayton.

At a recent election of officers of the Amarillo Hospital, the following Doctors were nominated to office: President, Dr. Raymond Beck; Vice President, Dr. Eugene Augter; Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. Merlin Achor.

Also the following Department Heads were elected: Surgical Department, Dr. L. V. Cradit; Medical Department, Dr. M. D. Mann; X-Ray Department, Dr. J. H. Kritzler; Department of Obstetrics, Dr. Ed Rossman; Department of Anesthesia, Dr. J. F. Brown.

The Doctors and their wives are all looking forward to the big Christmas party, to be held on Dec. 18 at the Diamond Horseshoe Supper Club. Dinner, dancing and an evening of fun.

Dr. and Mrs. John Kemplin and Dr.

and Mrs. Eugene Augter recently attended the State Convention of Colorado, held at the beautiful Broadmoor Hotel in Colorado Springs. All the lectures were very good and were well received by the large group of doctors attending. In fact, all was delightful until the return trip, when snow, hail, sleet, rain, fog, thunder and lightning gave us just a little trouble getting down the highway towards home. Luckily, all arrived safe and sound, with nothing more exciting than a skid or two.

We are happy to report that Dr. Glen Scott is back to work again after quite a serious illness that kept him down for almost three months.

Drs. Beck, Rossman, Augter and Hospital Administrator Davis have really been giving the ducks a hard time this season. However, the ducks still seem to be on the winning side. Those birds are hard to hit, aren't they, boys? There are no pellets that will reach a mile and a half.

EUGENE AUGTER, D.O.  
*District 1*

## DISTRICT TWO

Fort Worth District 2 Association of Osteopathic Physicians & Surgeons met at Colonial Country Club, on Friday, November 21, 1958. Dr. Morris Thompson, President of Kirksville College of Osteopathy and Surgery was guest of honor and the speaker of the evening. He gave an interesting report to the doctors and auxiliary about his recent visitation program to the colleges of Texas.

The Auxiliary is having its annual Xmas party and dinner dance at the Meadowbrook Club on December 16, 1958, at 7:30 P. M.

When the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology and Medicine of the



Fort Worth Osteopathic Hospital met November 10th, for its usual routine meeting, the evening was climaxed with an unusually pleasant event. About one-half way through with a film on "Bacteriological Examinations of the Eye," (Courtesy of Alcon Laboratories, Ft. Worth) Chief-of-Staff, Dr. R. B. Beyer summoned the group to the unfinished fourth floor, supposedly to give our views pertaining to its completion to the architect and to the hospital board.

Upon reaching the 4th floor, they not only found the place all cleaned up and in order, but decorated in the decor of Thanksgiving. Shocks of grain were around all of the supporting structures. Pumpkins, bronzed leaves and all of the regalities of autumn completed the scene. There were the wives of the doctors, the lay members of the Hospital Board, and the hospital's earliest employees. A big green punch bowl (it's contents delicious) was on one end of the spacious room and a long, gold candle-lit table extended from one end of the room to the other. At the extreme northern corner of the room, a Hammond Organ caroled its nostalgic melodies for the pleasure of the group.

Best of all was a luxurious buffet which displayed a bounty of beautiful things to eat. It was high-lighted with a golden brown turkey, set off with Cornish game hens of the same color, ham, roast pork, small potatoes, corn, cranberry salad, green beans, fruit salad, gourmet pickles, cheese breads, fruit tarts and coffee. This partially completes the menu. This delicious repast was prepared entirely by employees of the Fort Worth Osteopathic Hospital, and the result of two years' planning.

Following dinner, Mrs. Jane Siniard, Administrator of the hospital, revealed to the doctors that the occasion was an "Appreciation Supper" for the doctors and wives from the hospital and hospital employees. Hostesses were the

older employees of the hospital. She introduced and recognized the following doctors as founders of the first osteopathic hospital in Fort Worth.

Dr. Roy B. Fisher; Dr. Horace N. Walker, oldest D.O. in Fort Worth, here since 1911; Dr. Dan D. Beyer; Dr. Ray Fisher; Dr. Jerry O. Carr; Dr. M. S. Miller; Dr. Catherine Carlton (then Elbert stood up); Dr. V. L. Jennings; Dr. A. H. Clinch; Dr. R. W. Briscoe; Dr. L. L. Hamilton; Dr. Edwin La Croix (not present); Dr. Phil R. Russell; Dr. H. J. Ranelle; Dr. George J. Luibel; and Dr. J. R. Thompson.

Employees with the longest record of employment with the hospital were highly commended and recognized. These were: Mrs. Jane Siniard, 8 years; Mrs. Cassie Cook, 12 years (Cookie registered the 22nd patient into the old hospital); Mrs. Hattie Jones, cook, 12 years; Mrs. Ann Truitt, 10 years; Mrs. Sallie Foote, 9 years; Mr. Del Tousignant, record librarian, 9 years; Mrs. Neva Farrish, 9 years; and Mrs. Martha Hust, 9 years.

An inspiring address, relating to the progress of the osteopathic profession in Fort Worth and the nation was ably given by Dr. Herbert Kann, Pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian Church, of Fort Worth. He spoke with authority about the struggles of the osteopathic physicians, and surprised the group in the last part of his speech by stating that his father was a D.O.

This elegant dinner was a pleasing surprise to all of the staff, and was said to represent the stockholder's "first dividend."

Fort Worth is to be well represented at the Post Graduate Seminar, given under the auspices of the Texas State Department of Health and the Texas Association O. P. & S., December 12 and 13, 1958, at the Baker Hotel, Dallas.

MERRY XMAS FROM DISTRICT  
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WALLACE S. WILLIAMS, D.O.



## DISTRICT FIVE

Dr. and Mrs. A. W. Kratz went Bohemian and had an art show at their home in which original paintings were displayed and featuring artists from Taos, New Mexico.

Welcome Greetings are extended to Dr. and Mrs. Hartley Polasky, formerly of Detroit, Michigan, who are now located in Dallas. Also, returning to Dallas after an absence of more than a year is Dr. and Mrs. S. E. Jones. Dr. Jones had been practicing at the Poe Clinic in Dexter, Missouri and finally decided that Texas was Home after all.

Dr. Jim Vaughn just returned from vacation in Old Mexico.

Drs. Joseph M. Dubin and A. W. Kratz have opened their new Clinic on Military Parkway with all of the modern facilities needed for a successful practice.

At the recent conclave of the College of Surgeons in Boston, Massachusetts, Dr. Milton V. Gafney was elected as President-Elect and Dr. Charles D. Ogilvie installed as President of the College of Radiology. Elected to membership in the College of Surgeons was Dr. James T. Calabria.

The Stevens Park Osteopathic Hospital Staff will hold their Annual Christmas Party on December 30th, in the Oak Cliff Chamber of Commerce Building. There will be a Buffet style dinner and dance, with music furnished by the Durwood Cline Orchestra.

Congratulations on the new income-tax deductions born unto the following: Dr. and Mrs. R. F. Lutz, a baby boy on October 12; Dr. and Mrs. R. K. Stahlman, Ross Allen Stahlman on October 14. Also added to this list last, but certainly not least, a baby girl born November 18th, to Dr. and Mrs. Eugene Liverman, who is now interning at the Stevens Park Osteopathic Hospital.

*Very truly yours,*  
JAMES T. CALABRIA, D.O.

## DISTRICT SIX

District 6 was honored Nov. 16 by a visit of the State Executive Secretary, Dr. Phil Russell and President Morris Thompson of Kirksville College. Drs. Russell and Thompson were honored guests at a social hour and buffet dinner. Dr. Thompson spoke to the group on Osteopathic education. Dr. Russell spoke on the affairs of the State Association. District 6 was honored to have these gentlemen visit us and hope they will return again soon.

Dr. James Bolin has announced that he will return to Kansas City Jan. 1, 1959 to assume charge of the orthopedic department of the Kansas City College of Osteopathy and Surgery and the hospitals associated with the College. We wish Dr. Bolin best of success and are sure he will do a fine job at the college. We surely are sorry to lose Dr. Bolin.

Dr. Warren DiSantis is home after a couple of weeks in Community Hospital.

District 6 entertained with its annual Christmas party Dec. 3. The party was held this year at River Oaks Country Club. The party was well attended and a very good time was had by all.

Dr. L. R. Lind has moved to Dallas, Tex. He is chief anesthetist at East Town Osteopathic Hospital.

Dr. D. K. Cutshall of South Houston has just joined the staff at Community Hospital.

Mrs. R. O. Brennan attended the convention of the American Health Association held in St. Louis in October. Mrs. Brennan was the representative from this area.

District 6 met in regular monthly meeting at the Ben Milan Hotel, a fine steak dinner was enjoyed and the regular business meeting was held. The following officers were elected to take office for the ensuing year: President elect, George Clark; Vice President, J. S. Carpenter; Secretary-Treasurer, Ed Vinn; Unit Contact, Wm. Badger.

Delegates to State Association: 1.

Robert Kelley; 2. Geo. Clark; 3. Joe Carey; 4. Don Young; 5. Les Travel; 6. Loren Rohr; 7. J. S. Carpenter.

Alternates: 1. Maurice Bennett; 2. G. W. Tompson; 3. Esther Roehr; 4. Ralph Cunningham; 5. Jack Haran; 6. Dave Jaffey; 7. Loyd Howard.

Richard Brennan, President Elect of American College of General Practitioners has returned from Board of Governor's meeting in Kansas City held in conjunction with Mid-year Clinical Conference.

### DISTRICT TEN

Dr. Phil Russell and Dr. Peach, president of Kansas City College of Osteopathy & Surgery, visited a meeting of the District #10 at 7:30 P.M., December 2, 1958, in the Plainsman Hotel, Lubbock, Texas.

Dr. Peach was making a trip through the West Texas pre-medical colleges calling on students and meeting with them to acquaint them with the many advantages the osteopathic college offers the medical student.

Dr. Peach, with his visit to Lubbock, renewed his acquaintance with several doctors now practicing in this area, which are past graduates of the Kansas City College.

Dr. Peach explained many things concerning applications and applicants that are applying to osteopathic colleges throughout the country. He told us that the standard of requirements are much more rigid than several years ago and that the caliber of men attracted to osteopathic colleges and to the profession of osteopathy continues to be those of very high standards and intelligence. Dr. Peach stayed overnight in Lubbock, then left for further travel the following day.

ROBERT C. BURNS, D.O.

### DISTRICT TWELVE

At its annual meeting, Dr. Robert J. Shields has been elected President of the Board of Directors of Doctors Hospital, 5500 39th Street, Groves, for the

forthcoming year. Dr. J. K. Taylor of Pear Ridge is the incoming Vice-President and Dr. John B. Eitel of Port Neches as Secretary-Treasurer. They will succeed Dr. Kenneth R. Watkins as President, Dr. J. C. Montgomery as Vice-President, and Dr. Shields served the current year as Secretary-Treasurer.

Dr. Shields, Osteopathic Physician and Surgeon, of Port Acres is the current President of the Board of Education of the Port Arthur Independent School District.

A native of Dubuque, Iowa and a World War II Commissioned Navy Fighter Pilot, Dr. Shields had his pre-medical education at the University of Southern California, and at the State University of Iowa where he was graduated in 1947 with a B.A. degree before entering Kirksville College of Osteopathy and Surgery, Kirksville, Missouri, graduating with a D.O. Degree in 1952.

Dr. Shields has been a practicing Osteopathic physician in Port Acres since the winter of 1953.

Dr. Paul D. Siefkes, Osteopathic Physician and Surgeon, of Groves has been elected Chief of Staff of Doctors Hospital for the forthcoming year, and assumed his duties effective December 1, replacing Dr. J. E. Barnett of Bridge City.

Other staff officers will include Dr. T. A. Morgan of Vidor as Vice-Chief of Staff, and Dr. J. K. Taylor of Pear Ridge as Secretary-Treasurer.

A native of San Antonio, Texas, Dr. Siefkes received his pre-medical education at Capitol University, Columbus, Ohio, and Trinity University, San Antonio, graduating with a B.A. Degree in 1959, before entering Kirksville College of Osteopathy and Surgery where he was graduated with a D.O. Degree in 1954. Internship was completed in 1955 at Detroit Osteopathic Hospital, Detroit, Michigan. Since this time, he has been engaged in general practice, recently moving his office from Port Arthur to Groves.

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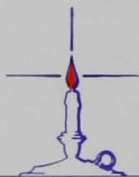
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