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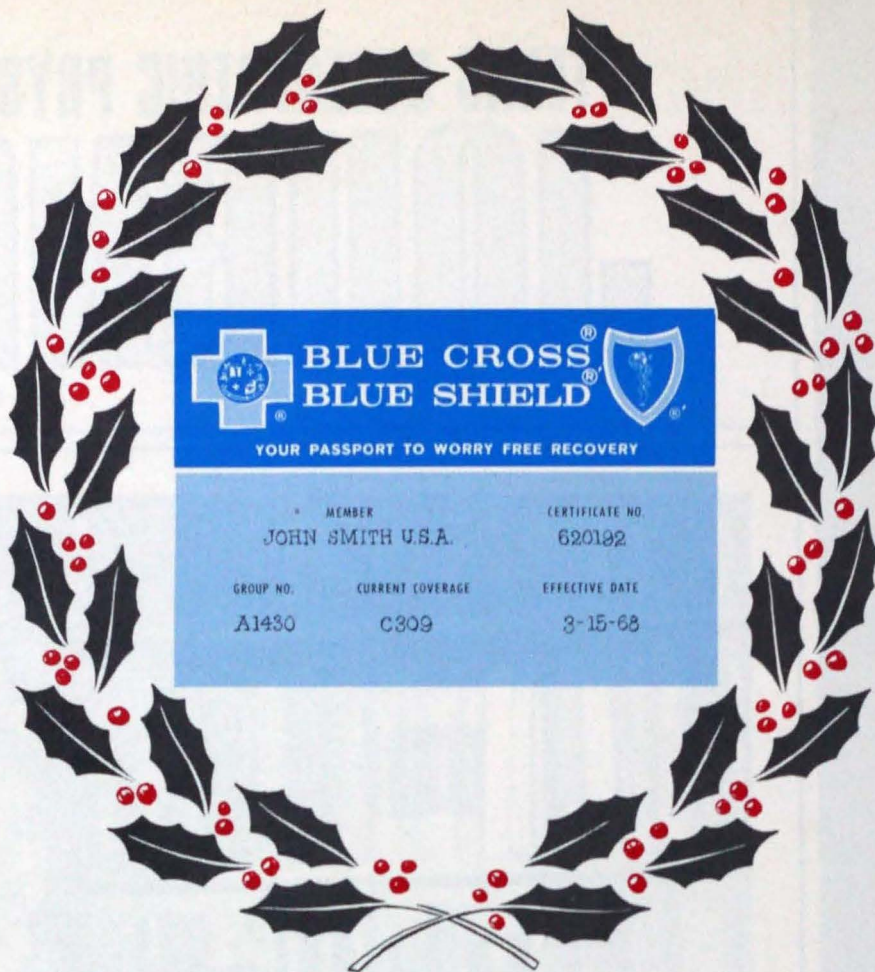
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DECEMBER

DISTRICT XIV
Thur., Dec. 10
7:30 p.m.
Dr. Diver's office
Elsa

DISTRICT VII
Presidential Visit
Sun., Dec. 13
10:00 a.m.
Menger Hotel
San Antonio

JANUARY

DISTRICT XIII
Sat., Jan. 9

DISTRICT IX
Sun., Jan. 10
3:00 p.m.
Gonzales

DISTRICT VIII
Mon., Jan 11
7:30 p.m.
Petroleum Club
Corpus Christi

DISTRICT III
Sat., Jan 16
7:30 p.m.
Holiday Inn
Mt. Pleasant

DISTRICT II
Tues., Jan. 19
6:30 p.m.
Rivercrest Country Club
Fort Worth

DISTRICT V
Thurs., Jan. 21
7:30 p.m.
Holiday Inn—N. Central
Expressway, Dallas

DISTRICT XIV
Thur., Jan 21
7:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY

DISTRICT VI
Mon., Feb 1
Sonny Looks
Houston

**ACOOG Annual
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Sun., — Thur., Feb. 7—11
Del Webb Towne House
Phoenix, Arizona

DISTRICT XIII
Sat., Feb. 13

**Texas Osteopathic
Surgical Society**
Feb. 26, 27 & 28
Dallas

APRIL

**TAOP&S 72nd
Annual Meeting**
April 23—25
Plaza Hotel
El Paso



ABOUT TEXAS!



By the Executive Director

It's sometimes difficult to get a feel on what's bugging the membership—if you don't hear much from the membership!

That's one of the reasons we carry a lot of water in your direction. This entails extra time, travel and expense, but it must be done. Getting a line on what the Feds have in mind for you and what you are of a mind to tolerate also keeps the bucket full.

There is plenty of evidence you read this JOURNAL but we'll never be satisfied with the relatively small volume of individual response to what you like and don't like about the current scene.

But a postcard or letter now and then could give us some clues. Besides, there is a high standard to maintain! Dr. Stratton said last year that the Executive Director is supposed to have a knack of hearing the desires of the majority over the vocal diversion of minorities, and should be an effective instrument working at all times in your behalf.

In your behalf in the last month the trail led to Oklahoma City, Corpus Christi, McAllen, El Paso, Lubbock, Dallas, Waco, Austin and Houston. The missions were involving Peer Review—as the Feds are demanding, the 1971 convention, the 1973 convention, the 1974 convention, osteopathic medical school student recruiting and district meetings.

Also, quick trips across the Rio Grande to Reynosa and Juarez in Old Mexico. Stayed long enough at the horse race track in El Paso with Dr. Holcomb to see one race (cost: \$5). Caught the Mills Brothers at the Shamrock in Houston (no cost as a guest!)

During the month, in addition to the above, mid-year reports were generated for the Board of Trustees meeting at the State Office. This was preceded by the Hospitals and Insurance Committee (Peer Review) and the Finance Committee.

The reason for these brief monthly reports in this column is to inform you and satisfy a request for same from management. Not bragging. Just busy.

We don't know for sure if this is a first, but Governor Reagan of California has signed into law an act limiting malpractice actions against most health care professionals to "four years after the date of injury or one

year after the plaintiff discovers, or through the use of reasonable diligence should have discovered, the injury, whichever first occurs.

"This limitation shall be tolled for any period during which such person has failed to disclose any act, error, or omission upon which such action is based and which is known or through the use of reasonable diligence should have been known to him."

How about in Texas?

In going through some of our own personal files at home, we came across the December, 1955 issue of the NEW MEXICO OSTEOPATHIC PHYSICIAN. In it we printed an article by the late Dr. True B. Eveleth concerning the Michigan College of Osteopathic Medicine, then in its formative stages.

Dr. Eveleth reported, "The Michigan Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons has assessed itself \$2,000 per member. This was important to help defray costs of operation and also served to demonstrate to the public the sincerity of Michigan D.O.s in their plan for a new school.

"We must not fail. The dignity and self-respect of every individual D.O. is at stake. The profession is undergoing the most critical test of its existence and if it fails, the public may well conclude that there is something lacking in the expressed determination of the profession to continue to exist and develop, organizationally separate and professionally distinctive."

Do we find something in this for us in Texas?

No one has taken the trouble to feed into the computer how many billions in fees were donated by the physician to the poor and the elderly before the Feds hit the scene in July, 1966.

It is generally ignored, also, that hospital salary scales were at depression levels at the advent of Medicare and Medicaid.

And the AOHA heard in Houston the other day that the next major service industry to be unionized is hospitals. Tie that in with increasing Federal minimum wage scales and shortages in manpower—

Herein lie some clues as to the lion's share of the rising cost of health care delivery. There will always be

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Why Plan Ahead?

In his President's report given at the mid-year Board of Trustees meeting November 14, Dr. Bobby G. Smith included the following:

WHY PLAN AHEAD? — So that we won't always be looking back — most of the time with misgivings — at where we've been or should have been.

We have fallen into a rut of spending most of our House and Board time hashing and rehashing what was done in the past year — or wasn't done. Some of us look for stuff to nit-pick about when we think somebody did something that wasn't specifically approved in a motion somewhere.

We can eliminate some of the nit-picking at ourselves if we anticipate problems and plan ahead to release our officers, staff, committeemen and members to get to work on those future plans and anticipated problems.

One of my questions is: How many times do we have to decide an issue before we get with doing something about it??

We are still inclined to argue whether we are *for* the college.

This is in direct violation of our own official decisions.

We passed a resolution two years in a row in our House calling on the AOA to list small hospitals. Is there some question about my letter demanding that the Bureau of Hospital Affairs of the AOA cease being a foe of our hospitals?

Is it not fundamental that TAOP&S and the AOA represent the members who pay dues to them? Do we need a motion to call our national body to task for saying we represent the public first? When did we pass that policy statement? Did you elect me to stand by while we drift into oblivion?

I anticipated last summer that the GP-Surgeon struggle was not resolved and I flew to Atlanta at my own expense to talk to our national leaders about that and other things bothering our members down here in Texas. They said, "No problem." Do Fort Worth, Houston and some other places buy that?

On National Health Insurance: I have a letter dated October 28 from the AOA Washington Office saying that when they sent an analysis of five NHI

plans drawn up by HEW writers that they sent all the information anybody in the AOA had on NHI at that time. This is three months after they allowed a long-winded resolution on NHI to pass the AOA House.

Remember, these five plans were analyzed by HEW and that is the only appraisal of NHI the AOA and we have at this moment.

No mention as to what would happen to the D.O. in such a mess as NHI can become. Is the D.O. going to get a peek at the bill that heads for passage?

My letter took up malpractice insurance. We took the initiative here in Texas last year and gathered information on alternative coverage when we got wind NettleShip rates were going to be prohibitive. As a result our members in good standing now have at least two choices for coverage and we have legal opinion as to the extent of their coverage under the contracts being offered.

The AOA? They hired a prominent actuary and got the Lindner Report. It said the AOA was not administering the program directly with, and in coordination with, the *carriers*; therefore, the program disintegrated. TAOP&S is working directly with the carriers and we hope to keep out the bad actors and mavericks.

But back to the AOA. They rejected the Lindner Report and said we ought to look for new coverage—but with companies with \$50,000,000 reserves. Fifty million dollars for carrying contracts where the retention by the primary carrier is only \$5,000 or \$10,000 and the rest by reinsurers? The point is that we have had D.O. politicians, not experienced in the field of insurance, trying to run the insurance program over the years.

As to objecting to the drift and floating at the Chicago office, I find widespread disenchantment with the nonresponsive, bureaucratic approach demonstrated repeatedly. I think we are in real danger as a profession because of it. We have no initiative as organized D.O.s. We look to Washington for approval like a bunch of kids.

Management by objectives is the only effective means of releasing the energy and talents of our members and staff people. *Objectives, therefore, must be set.* Which means we must plan ahead. I urge you to

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By Mrs. D. E. Hackley, President

District I

by Mrs. John Witt

District I held its quarterly meeting in Amarillo at the Southwest Osteopathic Hospital in November. Everyone enjoyed getting together again.

Dr. and Mrs. Earle Mann reported a most enjoyable time in Houston at the annual Osteopathic Surgeon's meeting. They had experiences with the seven-inch rain.

Dr. and Mrs. Lester Vick attended the national convention held in San Francisco, stopping in Los Angeles both going and coming to visit with their son, George, and family. George is a professor of philosophy at California State College. The big attraction to Ruby and Lester is their nine-month-old grandson.

The Vicks spent some time with Dr. Horace Emery and family after the passing of Dr. Emery's wife. Ruby, Dorothy Brown, Helen Cain and Mildred Spivey attended the services for Pat where the large attendance showed the love and respect given to the Emerys.

Dr. and Mrs. Henry Spivey attended the Baylor Homecoming on the way to the Surgeon's convention in Houston and visited their son, Daniel, who is a Baylor freshman. All were pleased that Baylor beat the Aggies that day.

The Spiveys have all been globe-trotting it seems. Henry and Mildred attended a medical seminar in the Orient, visiting several cities in Japan, Hong Kong, Bangkok and Korea. They visited his brother in San Francisco on their return. Their children, Carole and Daniel, toured Europe with a group from Dallas, returning the day before school started.

Dorothy Brown and Helen Cain have returned from a trip to the

Arkansas Ozark region where they enjoyed all the beautiful foliage and interesting spots near Hot Springs, Eureka Springs, and Little Rock. The days were spent antiquing and participating in tours, and nights were spent playing bridge and canasta.

Dr. and Mrs. Richard Hall and Dr. and Mrs. John L. Witt attended the Surgeon's convention in Houston. The Halls drove down and visited friends and relatives on the way. The Witts spent the last night of the convention with the Jim Kritzlars in Houston and the two doctors got in a good day of fishing on Thursday. The big one got away.

The beautiful colors of the Rockies beckoned the Cradits of Amarillo once more, and they enjoyed a foliage tour. Now they are California bound for the holidays with their daughter and husband, Betty and Tom Mason, and also their grandchildren and great grandchildren.

A coffee honoring Pat Taylor and Linda Parker, who have recently moved to Amarillo with their doctor husbands, was given at the Tascosa Country Club in Amarillo in November. They are welcome additions to our district.

Where are your



Dollars for Scholars?

We are in danger of losing our image as Texans! It is a known fact that everything is done *bigger and better* in Texas than anywhere else in the world. By looking at the returns of last year's Osteopathic Seal Campaign. . you wouldn't believe what Texas did about their prorated share!

The National goal was \$175,000. The final figure reached was \$118,592.71. The public contributed \$84,191.93 and \$34,391.07 came from the profession. Texas' prorated share was \$10,000. We, in this great state, raised \$2,965.35. . *Shame on You... Shame on Me!*

The 1970-71 Seal Campaign is in full swing. The goal is the same as last year. There is no reason why we can't raise \$10,000 for Student Loan and Research. Let us keep our image . . . and send in those *Dollars For Scholars . . . Today!*

It was an honor and privilege to make an official visit to my home district. District I met Sunday, November 8 for a luncheon meeting at the Amarillo Osteopathic Hospital. This group is so willing to do anything that will help the osteopathic profession that it was a delight and so encouraging. Mr. Ray Stokes was guest speaker for the doctors.

The Auxiliary to the Texas Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons was very shocked and grieved at the passing of a very dear friend and loyal member, Mrs. Horace Emery (Pat), of Lubbock. Our deepest sympathy goes out to Dr. Emery and his family.

peer review—a big crunch?

by Tex Roberts

There is a major legislative thrust developing in Washington, a drifting, confused awareness in the field, and a big crunch for the hospitals and physicians may be the result.

That's one impression relating to the current national discussion of Peer Review.

The Oklahoma Osteopathic Association, with the help of some AOA officers, tried last month to shed some light on the subject. Two days later TAOP&S met at the State Office with the intermediary on Peer Review—which Texas has been doing for a decade and a half.

Attending the Oklahoma City Peer Review Seminar from Texas were Dr. Robert G. Haman of Irving, Dr. John A. Walton, Dr. E. C. Beckstrom and Dr. J. C. Williamson, all of Dallas, E. R. Webber, administrator of East Town Osteopathic Hospital, and Tex Roberts, TAOP&S executive director.

TAOP&S Peer Review serves doctor, hospital, carrier (including the Federal's intermediary) and patient. Oklahoma is primarily concerned with doctor and carrier.

Although there is an amendment to the Social Security Act in the U.S. Senate hopper setting up Peer Review by law, the word is that Washington will give physicians' professional associations about a year to implement Peer Review—before doing it anyway by Federal edict.

Washington, however, feels that "medical necessity" applied to evaluation of patient care and fees billed is rightly a judgment of your peers—doctors, in other words.

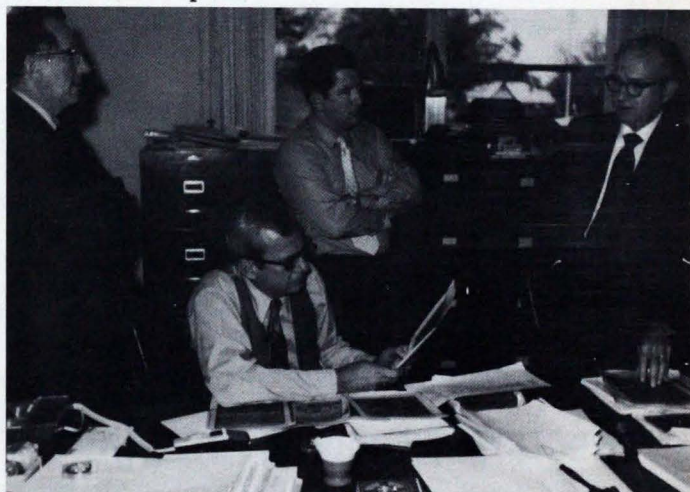
The doctor and Peer Review boards and committees are reportedly going to be supplied with computer printouts and analysis of a practitioner's profile compared to his peers in the area before public announcement or action is taken.

"Medical necessity" is the key word, but extenuating circumstances, such as availability of hospital care

and patient's condition, will be considered by the intermediary before referral for review.

Best idea presented: Peer Review must start with clear-cut, reasonable guidelines, printed, and in the hands of all parties concerned. Then Peer Review committees, as well as the doctor, will know what is expected of them.

It was urged we not abdicate to third party Peer Review. In ancient times a doctor could lose his head or his hands, but under Peer Review he will be asked for a cash refund if he errs from the norm in claims submitted to the computer.



TAOP&S Peer Review has been going on a decade and a half. Here are three members of Hospitals and Insurance Committee (Peer Review) going over computer printout with Dr. Maxwell (right) of Blue Cross-Blue Shield (intermediary).

From left, Dr. Gerald P. Flannagan, Dr. Joseph E. Wolpmann, chairman, and Dr. James W. Lively, center, standing. Present also were Dr. Glenn R. Scott, Dr. Robert G. Haman, chairman of the Department of Public Affairs, and Dr. Bobby G. Smith, president.

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ABOUT TEXAS!

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greedy humans (including some doctors), but it's time to knock off the assault on the physician. The bulk of the higher costs come from inflation loosed upon us in the early and mid-sixties. That spiral is being used to destroy the doctor's image in order to pave the way for some abortion called National Health Insurance.

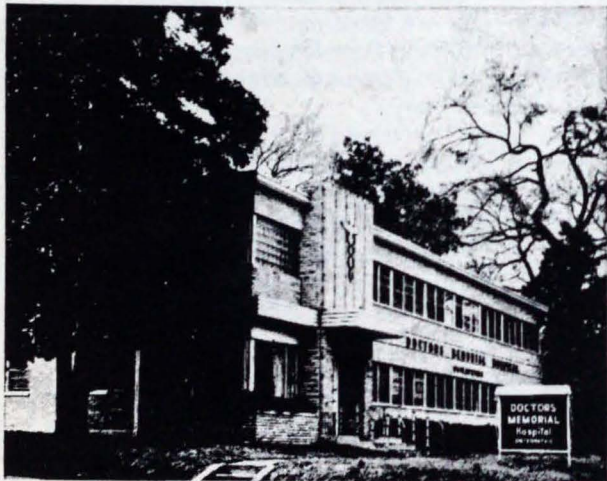
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"A business (or an organization) succeeds not because it is big, or because it has been long established, but because there are people in it who live it, sleep it, dream it, and build future plans for it." —Anon.

Earl Wilson's remembered quote: "When your mind goes blank, turn off the sound."

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make at least 50 per cent of your time and our House time *plan ahead time*.

More than six months of this current fiscal year has gone by and much of our Texas Association has been idle. We have several *objectives* set for us but we seem to keep wanting to decide over and over whether we want to proceed full steam ahead on some of those *objectives*. We and the rest of the states must do better than Chicago or we had better bail out and quit wasting our time.

I have faith in our future and am willing to fight to help shape it.

I appeal for your positive, aggressive support and counsel.

Are you with me?

Student Wives Elect



TCOM STUDENTS' WIVES — Understanding and encouragement are basic ingredients prescribed by this group which met to organize extracurricular support for their student-husbands. They are front row, left to right, Mmes. John Sessions, and Terry Parvin; second row, Kenneth Brock, David Ray, Shelley Howell, Paul Livingston, Charles Rudolph, and C. W. Moore; third row, Charles Vogler, Gilbert Greene, Jesse Ramsey, Sterling Lewis, David Wiman, Gene Bond and John Williams, Mrs. Rudolph, biochemistry instructor, is an associate member.

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Not Enough Gold For It!



The hard choices facing physicians, planners and the public on proposed National Health Insurance are laid down in the following article from the bulletin of the Office of Comprehensive Health Planning in Austin:

Spending on health in the United States has climbed from \$12 billion to \$67 billion in just twenty years. U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT forecasts \$120 billion by 1975.

One hundred and twenty billion approaches the limits of human comprehension. In 1940, the entire gross national product was \$20 billion short of that figure. Scotch-taped end to end, 120 billion one dollar bills would reach to the moon and back — 24 times. In five years, our entire gold reserve won't pay our health bills for two months.

Obviously, the situation demands answers — and soon. The most prominent answer extant — touted as one of those “ideas whose time has come” — is national health insurance. Both political parties favor it. No less than five detailed proposals have been set forth. All will treat the poor free and pay up to 80% of the cost for the rest.

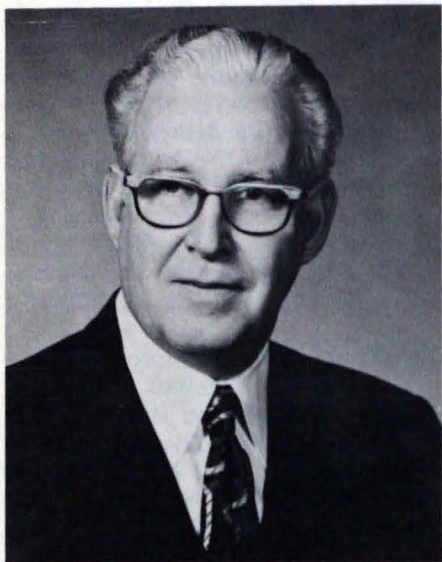
None will reduce health care costs one penny. Quite the contrary, they will elevate them grossly. The patient will be more likely to seek out treatment that is already paid for. The physician will not hesitate to recommend fuller use of the x-ray and laboratory to confirm his diagnosis and increase his margin of confidence. The former “charity” patient will have his bills paid in full at the going rate. To all this must be added the cost of administration, not inconsiderable, especially when the government is involved.

The real question is how badly do the citizens of this country want to end the burden of illness for themselves and all their fellows. How many of the other marvels gushing from technology's cornucopia are they willing to forego to pay for this ideal? As yet, this is still largely an individual choice, but with national health insurance, we will have committed ourselves, one and all. It is not a step to be taken without the most searching analysis of the probable results.

Since comprehensive health planning will undoubtedly be asked to play a major role in making it work (or in tidying up the mess it creates), planners had better get their opinions on record before it comes to pass.



Dr. J. Natcher Stewart New ACOS Prexy



Dr. J. Natcher Stewart of Grand Prairie was installed as president of the American College of Osteopathic Surgeons October 26 at the Shamrock Hilton Hotel in Houston.

Dr. Stewart, 53-year-old co-founder of Mid-Cities Hospital in Grand Prairie, called on his colleagues to step up training opportunities for future doctors of osteopathy even if it means "drastically altering" the traditional hospital residency programs.

He said older doctors should improve their continuing educational endeavors to keep abreast of changing trends, and he advocated "self-evaluation examinations" so each osteopathic surgeon can pinpoint his strengths and weaknesses.

About 2,500 osteopathic specialists and hospital officials from across the U.S. attend the clinical meeting.

Dr. Phil Renamed to TUCS Board

The annual conference of the Texas United Community Services held its annual conference in Austin November 15-18. Its theme was "Living in the Seventies" and was billed as a "forum planned for the constructive discussion of MAN and his current relationship to the land, air, and the water of Earth, other living things—and especially his fellow man.

As a contributor to Texas United Community Services, TAOP&S is entitled to six memberships in that organization. At the midyear Board meeting of TAOP&S in November the following were named to membership for the coming year: Dr. Phil R. Russell, Mr. Tex Roberts, Dr. Benjamin C. Young, Dr. T. Eugene Zachary, Dr. Donald M. Peterson and Dr. Robert W. Spak.

At the annual conference Dr. Phil was elected to serve a three-year term on the TUCS Board of Directors. He has been a member of that Board for many years.

There were four top speakers at the general sessions who concentrated on solutions to major problems facing Texas NOW and in the decade ahead concerning pollution, race relations, population balance, health care, drug abuse and a number of other topics.

The third biennial legislative forum by TUCS will be held all day Feb. 9 at the Villa Capri Motel in Austin. Speakers will include Gov. Smith, Lt. Gov. Barnes, Speaker Mutscher and legislators.

ACGP Installs Dr. T. Robert Sharp



The new president of the American College of General Practitioners in Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery, Dr. T. R. Sharp of Dallas, was installed at the College's annual meeting held in conjunction with the AOA convention in San Francisco in October.

Dr. Sharp is a Fellow in the 2000 member College and a director of it. He has been appointed to the AOA committee on Postdoctoral Training as well as the subcommittee on Intern Training.

He was a founding member and first president of the Wisconsin GP Society and has served two terms as president of the Texas Society.

Dr. Sharp practices in Dallas County and has served as Chief of Staff of the East Town Osteopathic Hospital for two years.

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

"REPLENISH THE EARTH, DON'T OVERRUN IT!"

At its Fall installation of officers, newly elected president of the New Mexico Osteopathic Medical Association, Dr. B. J. Davis said:

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MEDICARE AMENDMENT GIVEN TENTATIVE OKAY

Star - Telegram Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — The Senate Finance Committee has tentatively agreed to a medicare amendment that Rep. J. J. Pickle says could rescue as many as 150 rural community hospitals in Texas.

The amendment, introduced by Sen. Ralph Yarborough, D-Tex., would permit the Department of Health, Education and Welfare to waive the present requirement of a registered nurse on duty 24 hours a day for medicare accreditation of a hospital.

The committee attached the amendment to the Social Security package it is preparing, but still must approve the package as a unit.

Many rural hospitals in Texas have claimed that they cannot find registered nurses to hire and without the income from medicare patients, they would go bankrupt.

Besides Pickle and Yarborough, several other members of the Texas delegation have been trying to get such a waiver through Congress, and four different bills have been introduced. But, due to the lateness of the session, their main hope was in the Yarborough amendment.

Kinzie Foundation

When the State Office learned of the death of Mrs. Earl C. Kinzie, we wrote Dr. Kinzie for information concerning the "Margaret Kinzie Scholarship Foundation."

Dr. Kinzie replied that he had established this foundation about a year ago to educate R.N.s.

This will indeed be a living memorial to Mrs. Kinzie.

In Memoriam

Mrs. Horace Emery

Mrs. Horace Emery, wife of Dr. Horace Emery of Lubbock, died October 25.

Services were held October 26 at the First Methodist Church in Lubbock.

Mrs. Emery worked with her husband in his clinic and was serving as treasurer of District X of ATOPS at the time of her death.

Letters

Dear Mr. Roberts:

My wife and I were very excited upon receiving your communication stating that I would be the recipient of another scholarship from the TAOP&S. You further stated that I should express my gratitude to my State Legislator. I would be only too happy to comply with your wish. Could you please supply me with names and addresses?

Tuition will be due in December, and I think that most of the students from Texas will be needing the scholarship for tuition at that time.

Again let us thank you for your help in my educational process. I am looking forward to returning to Texas to practice.

I remain,

Sincerely yours,
Kerry W. Rasberry
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This office will be happy to supply recipients of Texas Legislative Scholarships with the names of their legislators so that they may personally express their appreciation for the help the State of Texas is giving them in furthering their osteopathic education. — Ed.

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VIPs visit TCOM

Two foremost officials of the American Osteopathic Association, Drs. Woodrow S. Horn and George W. Northup, were recent guest speakers at the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Dr. Horn, president of AOA, who visited TCOM en route from Houston to his Florida home, told the freshman class that "we believe there has to be a re-evaluation of medical education . . . In the schools of medicine there's entirely too much emphasis on specialization, and the public need is for general practitioners," he said.

Dr. Horn said he believed 80 to 85 per cent of human ailments can be adequately treated by the general practitioner.

Dr. Northup, editor of AOA publications and a Livingston, New Jersey GP, presented his renowned lecture on osteopathic principles to the college faculty, students and selected personnel of the Fort Worth Osteopathic Hospital.

Dr. Northup, author of "Osteopathic Medicine: An American Reformation", told his audience that the osteopathic concept constitutes an important and evolving process in contemporary medical life.

Drs. Horn and Northup were guests of TCOM at luncheons in the Hospital dining room.



HONORED GUEST — Dr. George W. Northup, center, AOA editor and a New Jersey GP, chats with Dr. George J. Luibel, TCOM board chairman, during a luncheon given in honor of Dr. Northup. Others shown in picture, from left, are Dr. Carl Everett, secretary-treasurer; Dr. Henry B. Hardt, dean of TCOM; and Dr. D. D. Beyer, vice chairman, extreme right.

Among the worries of today's business executives is the large number of unemployed still on the payroll.

D.O.H. Guild Gives Artificial Kidney

Through the hard work and generosity of the Dallas Osteopathic Hospital Guild, that hospital is now the proud possessor of an artificial kidney machine — the only one in a Texas osteopathic institution at this time.

The equipment will be under the direction and supervision of Dr. Lester T. Cannon, Chief of DOH's Department of Medicine, and his associate, Dr. C. D. Brashier, along with Resident, Dr. J. R. McLean.

Manufactured by Travenol Laboratories Artificial Organ Division, it is their RSD (Recirculating Single Pass) Artificial Kidney, the latest advance in chronic hemodialysis therapy, and is engineered for operational simplicity and safety.



Pictured at the presentation are Mrs. Ronald Wilk, Guild President; Dr. McLean; Mrs. Robert Slocum, Guild Treasurer, and Dr. James C. Williamson, Chairman of the Board of Dallas Osteopathic Hospital.

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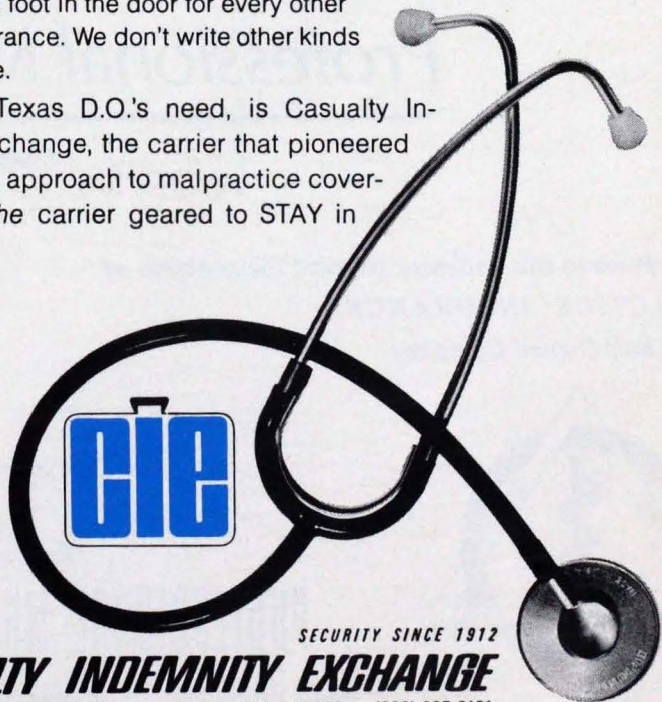
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