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EDITORIAL PAGE

The know-how of public relations is often spoken of as a gift. The truth of the matter is that it is common courtesy and the ability to recognize the virtues of your fellowman. Let's say, human relationship. Let's not compare public relations with advertising or publicity.

March 3, a prominent citizen of Fort Worth handed me the following letter to read:

"Dear Mr.:

In reading our February 25th issue of TIME last night I was delighted to come upon the article about you under the heading "Personality". As I glanced at the page in coming to it, and saw the sketch of you with your name under it, I knew at once that it was the same I had written to last June to thank for his generous gift, presented thru Dr. to the new Kirksville Osteopathic Hospital.

Dr. had written me after I wrote to you, telling what a remarkable fellow you were and how many magnificent things you had done for Texas, Fort Worth, and among others, our Profession. Dr. told me a great deal in his letter about your career, but this article told me a great deal more about your colorful life.

With our country in the condition it is in at present, the success story of a real red-blooded American helps to restore my faith in our American way of life—a faith that has been depressed by so many accounts of graft, pettiness, crime, etc.

Let me congratulate you on being 'a nach'ral man'!

Cordially,

ANN GRAYSON SMITH (MRS. PAUL GRAYSON)
Chairman, Division of Public Relations Auxiliary
to the Tennessee Osteopathic Association."

I was asked if I knew the writer. My reply was that she was an auxiliary acquaintance. This man did not have to tell me that he was much pleased to have the chairman of the Division of Public Relations Auxiliary to the Tennessee Osteopathic Association write this letter.

You and I both realize that such a letter creates a desire to be of more service to the osteopathic profession. The osteopathic physicians should take lessons in public relations from our auxiliary members.

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This — I Have Seen

By DR. PHIL R. RUSSELL, D. O.

Executive Secretary, Texas Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons

The Board of Trustees of the Texas Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons instructed your executive secretary to visit the four mid-western colleges; namely, Kansas City, Kirksville, Des Moines and Chicago, to deliver a talk to the junior and senior classes on the *Art of Practice*, to visit with individual students and to inspect our colleges.

Your executive secretary visited the Chicago College December 15 where he was handicapped because of a terrific storm and he was unable to spend much time with the student body. He did deliver an address to the junior and senior classes and visited the college and the hospital.

The Kansas City, Kirksville, and Des Moines colleges were visited the week of February 11, two days being spent at each college. He had the privilege of not only speaking to the junior and senior classes at these colleges but the entire student body assembled to hear the seven different addresses in these three colleges.

The enthusiasm of the students and the faculty at each of these institutions was indeed impressive. The students followed the executive secretary from early morning to the early hours of the next day asking information in reference to the practical side of practice, licensing

laws, hospitals, and particularly the state of Texas. So enthusiastic were these students in their efforts to gain additional information, other than that to be gained in the educational courses, that the executive secretary was followed to the train in each city.

Needless to say, the executive secretary was thrilled beyond belief at what he saw at your institutions in the improvement in their physical plants, their educational programs, their faculties, and their equipment.

If by any chance any of you members of the osteopathic profession have lost your enthusiasm over the program of this profession, may I suggest that you visit one of our colleges and return with renewed vigor and eagerness over your profession and find yourself well repaid for your time and effort.

The executive secretary feels that in justice to the members of the Texas Association, who financed this trip, they should know that the president of the association has received letters from each president and dean of each school visited complimenting and showing their appreciation for sending your executive secretary with a message much needed in our educational program from the practical side and requested the president that it become a yearly visitation of the institutions from the state of

Texas. To the members who paid the cost of association activities and to those who have been fortunate enough to participate in the financing of these institutions through their contributions to the Osteopathic Progress Fund, they should be apprized of a few of the things he had the privilege of seeing, and from his notes is taken the following in reference to each college:

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Chicago College of Osteopathy

December 15, 1951

1. The building of a 50 bed addition to the teaching hospital, bringing the total bed capacity in Chicago to 100 beds. It is one of the best equipped hospitals.
2. The complete rebuilding and re-equipping of the basic science laboratories. This was done at considerable expense and has been an important part of their program.
3. From a full time faculty in 1942 consisting of 4 or 5 men, they now have 23 full time men of professorial rank on the faculty of the college. Seven of these devote their time to basic science subjects.
4. The building up and expansion of the library.
5. Their affiliation with the Detroit Osteopathic Hospital for teaching purposes. This has added a large number of men to our clinical faculty and has given us a total bed capacity of 435 teaching beds with between 19,000 to 20,000 patients admitted yearly.

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Kansas City College

February 11 and 12, 1952

1. Full time faculty consisting of 36 doctors, who are devoting their full energy and attention to the educational program of the college and who have no outside practice responsibility. This change over has been quite a strain on the college's finances; however, it is gradually straightening itself out

and by the first of June, they will be back on a current basis as far as accounts payable are concerned.

2. The establishment of a physiology laboratory, taking the place of several laboratories in class rooms that were previously there, has been a major accomplishment during the past year. New laboratory furniture and new laboratory equipment have been installed in this new laboratory. Dr. Hoskins and his associates are doing a splendid job. Additions have been made to the Department of Bacteriology, Biochemistry, and Anatomy.
3. The work of Dr. Wilbur V. Cole in establishing a research laboratory, which is supported in part by the research bureau of the AOA. This is the first time that Kansas City has established a complete research department.
4. The establishment and new equipping of a laboratory for the

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students in the out-patients clinic of the college.

5. The college is in desperate need of additional clinical facilities. Floor plans and elevations have been drawn to alleviate this difficulty and it is to be hoped that within a year, through the generosity of the profession, this will be completed.
6. The cancer training and cancer detection and tumor clinic was indeed thrilling. This work is truly bringing recognition to osteopathy. We should be proud of the facilities made possible in this and other institutions for this worthy cause, partially financed by government grants.
7. Improvement has been made at the osteopathic hospital—the modernization of the surgical room, the development of the annex to house the members of the full time clinical staff has been one of the major improvements keeping the full time complement of the faculty personnel on the job and in intimate contact with the students.

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Kirksville College of Osteopathy

February 13 and 14, 1952

1. In the Clinic are two rooms assigned to a cooperative project including the department of physiology and the clinical departments for diagnosis and research. In one of the rooms is an eight-channel electroencephalograph used for psychiatric diagnosis and in research for electromyographic studies. In the other room is an apparatus devised by those engaged in research for refinement of skin resistance tests for their implications in the study of the osteopathic lesion.
2. In the George A. Still Memorial Building, which houses much of the work being done in osteopathic research, is the department of

anatomy with its laboratories and modern refrigeration facilities. Here the writer saw Dr. George E. Snyder and Dr. Pressley Crummy teaching anatomy so that it is understood rather than memorized to be forgotten, understood thoroughly as demanded in the preparation of osteopathic physicians by Dr. Snyder. The neuroanatomy laboratory is in a building nearby.

3. In this same building is the department of physiology where Dr. I. M. Korr and associates are teaching physiology so that it is understood in terms of the osteopathic lesion as clarified through basic research.
4. The million dollar hospital built by gifts from alumni, students, faculty and friends and by a federal grant for one-third the cost, the first of such federal grants to osteopathic institutions. Here was seen a modern hospital including in its services the latest equipment and highly trained personnel in clinical pathology, roentgenology and psychiatry.

I saw a remaining debt of \$250,000—not bad with its total value, but still a mortgage on tomorrow which should be lifted as soon as possible. Alumni, take notice! Let's get rid of this debt.

5. At the writer's alma mater was a comprehensive and growing library housed in quarters to make its use attractive and convenient and with special provision for study by groups interested in a common problem.
6. At Kirksville, supported by grants from private funds from the American Osteopathic Association, the United States Navy and the United States Public Health Service, research was going forward which is making necessary the re-writing of physiology and furnishing the facts from experimental

laboratories to establish the basic truths having to do with osteopathic lesion.

7. Executive secretary saw the value of the wonderful rural clinic training for every osteopathic student, yet saw the potentialities of that program still held at a pitifully low level because of lack of resources. The value and the great need for this type of work cannot be explained in this type of an article, yet it offers great promise.

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Des Moines Osteopathic College

February 15 and 16, 1952

PHYSICAL PLANT OF THE COLLEGE

The College property consists of the following real estate, all of which is owned outright by the College.

1. College building.

This 5-story building is given exclusively to all didactic teaching. All laboratories in the basic sciences and manipulative technique are taught here.

2. Six lots in the block immediately north of the College building. During the past year, several condemned houses were razed and these lots have been converted into parking areas for the students and faculty members of the College.

3. Still Osteopathic Hospital.

The hospital, which is directly across the street from the College has been in operation since 1946. It is rated at 92 beds and bassinets

with approved complement of eight interns, who are trained on a rotation plan. The hospital provides complete facilities for all types of hospital care.

4. The Clinic building.

In September, 1950, the Board of Trustees of the College purchased the apartment building which is adjacent to the College building listed as (1) above on the north.

During the ensuing months, it was remodeled and converted into clinics, at a total cost, including purchase price, of approximately \$125,000.

The Clinic building was opened to the public and to the student body for training purposes in February, 1951, and has been in full operation since this time. The removal of the Clinic facilities from the College building 1 allowed considerable relief from the cramped conditions of the class rooms of the College and at the same time removed all clinical patient traffic from the College building. The Clinics now operate as a unit in a separate building and include: Orthopedics; Internal Medicine; Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat; Obstetrics and Gynecology; Structural Therapy; Psychiatry; Pediatrics; Proctology and Urology.

Library space has just been increased by removing a partition be-

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tween it and the adjoining class room. This additional floor space will accommodate approximately twenty additional students at a time at the study tables and will definitely increase the general availability and utility of the Library.

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Extern Training

Still Osteopathic Hospital provides excellent facilities for the training of students in their senior year as externs. Due to the fact, however, that the Hospital is not sufficiently large enough to accommodate approximately 60 senior students during their senior year, the College has made arrangements for training part of the externs in affiliated hospitals, all of which are approved by the American Osteopathic Association for extern training. Our affiliated hospitals are:

Des Moines General Hospital, Des Moines, Iowa

Doctors Hospital, Columbus, Ohio

At the present time, our senior classes are so large that it has become necessary to include at least two additional approved hospitals for extern training purposes. Within a few weeks (June, 1952) the names of the new affiliated hospitals will be announced.

All externs in training in Still Osteopathic Hospital devote a period of three weeks to instructions and experiences in the Still-Hildreth Hospital for psychiatric patients at Macon, Missouri.

The extern training programs are rotational in character whereby each extern has the opportunity to receive instruction and experience in all departments and subdivisions. At the conclusion of the period of rotation, each department head submits a grade for each extern to the Hospital Administrator and the accumulated composite grade report is submitted by the Administrator to the Dean of the College.

Cancer Teaching Program

In the spring of 1951, a federal grant of \$25,000 was made to the College to establish an institute for the teaching of Oncology and to establish investigations in this field. This Cancer Clinic is also located in the Clinic building and contains, within its quarters, a small class room for teaching purposes and laboratory facilities. It is under the direction of Stuart F. Harkness, D. O., F.A.C.O.I., chairman of the Department of Osteopathic Medicine, who has a leave of absence from his chairmanship for one year for the purpose of organizing and developing the Cancer Clinic.

The Cancer Teaching Program has been in progress since June, 1951 and has been moving forward rapidly under the direction of Dr. Harkness.

At the present time, plans are being perfected for the extension of the Cancer Teaching Program and its infiltration into the entire four years of instruction, particularly into the first two years of all basic science courses. The report for the year in toto will not be available until June 1, 1952.

Announcement Of Examinations

The next Examinations of the Texas State Board of Examiners in the Basic Sciences have been set for April 18-19 in Austin, Texas.

If a large number of applications is received from the vicinity of Galveston, Dallas, or Houston, the Board will, upon request, give the examinations in one or more of these cities at the same time as in Austin.

Applicants are urged to make arrangements immediately. For a candidate to be eligible all credentials must be submitted and the application completed a week before the exams. For further information write:

Mrs. Margaret Nickles
407 Perry-Brooks Building
Austin, Texas

Progress in Tuberculosis Therapy

by DR. LOUIS GUSTAVE MANCUSO

In 1912 an Austrian Chemist first synthesized a compound. It was an academic procedure and as such the material mode of synthesis was soon forgotten in the voluminous material that is written yearly in the organic chemical field. In 1942 this compound was again synthesized for use in the research with the sulfa compounds. Six years ago Hoffman-LaRoche scientists began anew their investigation on an anti-tubercular drugs. The research team under the direction of Dr. Aeschlimann, discoverer of Prostigmine, made some progress. Dr. Fox completed the synthesis of a compound technically known as 1-isonicotinyl-2-isopropylhydrazine. This was named MARSILID. Further modification of the compounds molecular structure produced a compound named GLUCOSYL. Another compound very much like Marsilid was developed and was labeled RIMIFON. Rimifon is isonicotinic acid hydrazide. Within a short time it was learned that Glucosyl broke down into rimifon within the body. As a direct result of this fact production of glucosyl ceased and further effort was directed toward rimifon research. It was used clinically

with promising results. Isonicotinic acid hydrazide, or rimifon was also synthesized by the Squibb laboratories at about the same time. This product was called NYDRAZID.

The process of sythesis is comparatively easy. A basic coal tar derivative known as gamma-picoline is used as a starting base. This is converted to iso-nicotinic acid and one more step converts it to iso-nicotinic acid hydrazide.

To conform or upset their basic findings further work will have to be done. Much of this work and correlation will be done at the Trudeau Foundation at Trudeau, New York. The work has been in charge of Dr. Steenken, a most competent and able man. Preliminary work and data shows the drug to be effective and T.B. bacillus does not produce an immunity or resistance to the drug. Rimifon shows a greater degree of anti-tubercular activity than any known drug including Streptomycin. The amount of data on experimental animals warranted clinical use. The first clinical patients used were those who had failed to respond to any known therapy including surgery. In a dramatic manner many of these here-

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tofore hopeless cases lost most of the symptoms of tuberculosis and began to show sign of marked improvement.

There are many case histories that show the drug to be of great promise in controlling the "White Plague". Many cases are considered clinically well. At first the drug was administered intra muscularly but since that time it has been found that oral administration is approximately as equally effective. The dosage varies with the weight and condition of the patient. The average dose is approximately six tablets per day. More statistics and clinical information will come to light on March 5, 1952 when the New York State Trudeau Society meets.

These drugs will soon be on the market either in May or June. The cost of a daily treatment will vary from 50 cents to a dollar.

There are many questions yet to be answered:

Will the drug be effective after long use or will the bacillus become resistant? Is it bactericidal or bacteriostatic?

Will there be some toxic effects after prolonged use?

Will there be any remissions or will a complete cure be afforded?

Will this drug have any tendency to exaggerate any other concurrent clinical entities?

The first clinical use of the drugs were started on June 19, 1951 in Sea View Hospital. Over 200 patients have been treated. Other clinical trials have been initiated at other places including the Veterans Administration.

This is but another example of the ability of man to create. Cooperation and a desire for better living have played an important part in the development of these drugs. As one thinks about the ambition of man and his desire for improvement the words of Sir Wm. Banting take on meaning:

"It is not within the properly constructed human mind to be satisfied!"

A.O.A. Convention '52

Spring is just around the corner and the Atlantic City Convention is getting closer than you think. You'd better mark the dates in your appointment book . . . July 14-18. A real post graduate course by men you can talk to and understand, at a world famous summer resort, at prices well within your budget.

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Whose Thunder?

Your attention is called to the following that should be read by all osteopathic physicians:

Modern Medicine, February 1, 1952 "Etiology of Lumbar Vertebral Derangement". Again on page 154 "The Doctor and the Press".

AMA JOURNAL, February 9, 1952, the article "Low Back—Some Common Causes and Conservative Treatment".

These articles have been called to the attention of the editor by Dr. Stanley E. Hess, Jr. and Dr. Louis H. Logan.

It would pay the osteopathic physician to see the thinking of the modern allopathic physician and to know that they are adopting the osteopathic approach to these conditions. Possibly it would be well if some of the osteopathic physicians would read these articles and recognize that they were many years ahead of the thinking of the allopathic school of practice.

The Lone Star Review For '52

by A. L. GARRISON, D. O.

The Hotel Adolphus in Dallas will become the "Heart of Texas" for three days, May 1, 2, and 3, when the Texas Osteopathic Association meets for its annual convention. The program is being designed to present news and reviews of interest to every Osteopathic Physician, whether or not he is a general practitioner or a specialist.

The Nationally outstanding speakers will be, Dr. Floyd F. Peckham, Chicago, Illinois, President of A.O.A.; Dr. M. C. Beilke, Chicago, Illinois, Professor of Osteopathic Principles and Techniques; Dr. Anthony E. Scardino, Kansas City, Missouri, professor of practice dermatology; and Dr. R. A. Biggs, Detroit, Michigan, outstanding surgeon of the profession.

Dr. Peckham will discuss National Affairs of the Association, and "Relationship of the Staff Members to the Hospital". Dr. Beilke's two topics will be "An Osteopathic Physician Reviews Errors in Present-day Psychosomatic Medicine" and "Diagnostic Approach to Low Back Problems and Management". Dr. Scardino will use slides to demonstrate his lectures on "Precancerous and Cancerous Lesions of the Skin", "Common Skin Manifestations Confronting the General Practitioner" and "Syphilis—Laboratory Interpretation and Management". Dr. Biggs will lecture on "Surgical Diagnosis and Treatment".

Several hours will be devoted to Osteopathic Principles and Techniques Session by such outstanding men as Dr. Ray Nelson of San Antonio, Dr. R. B. Beyer of Fort Worth, and Dr. Beilke of Chicago, Illinois.

As added interest to the program, a high State official will bring greetings and news from our capitol, and in addition we will have a member of the State Board of Health and a member of the Insurance Commission to discuss problems which may confront the Association.

Two days prior to the formal opening of the convention, the Board of Trustees and House of Delegates will convene to execute the business of the Association under the watchful guidance of the Executive Secretary, Dr. Phil Russell, Dr. Sam Sparks, State President, and Dr. Ross McKinney, Speaker of the House of Delegates.

The State Auxiliary, becoming more and more an integral part of the Association, have an outstanding program planned to interest all wives. A special tribute will be given Mrs. Robert E. Morgan of Dallas, the National President of AAOA, who will be one of the honored guests. Mrs. J. C. Calabria is the general chairman for the Auxiliary Convention plans.

With District Two being host for this annual meeting, under the general chairmanship of Dr. Robert E. Morgan of Dallas, nothing will be lacking in furnishing entertainment features which will assure all a very memorable occasion. Therefore, we know "Big Dallas" will provide all who attend the convention with "big moments".

Blue Shield

For information of the profession, we give the following in regard to claims handled by osteopathic physicians under Blue Shield from January 1 to February 1, 1952:

Medical	\$ 269.10
Surgicals	3,467.25
Anesthesias	170.00

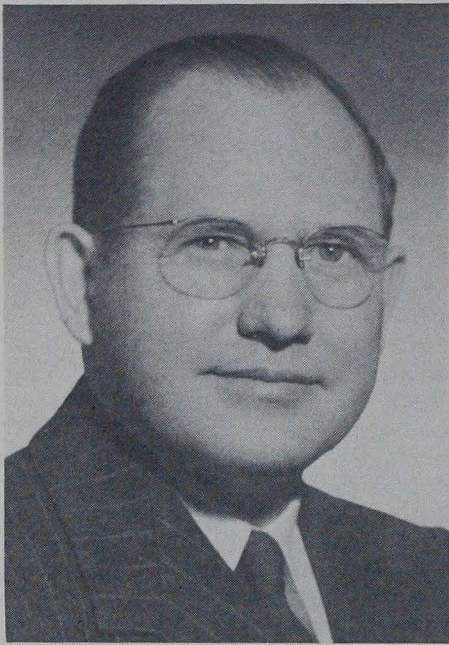
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Total Doctor's Charges	\$3,906.35
Total Blue Shield Payment,	\$2,175.00
Total Cases —	63.

Blue Shield paid 29% of the total bill for medical cases.

Blue Shield paid 57% of the total bill for surgical cases.

Blue Shield paid 65% of the total bill for anesthesia cases.



MARTIN C. BEILKE, D. O.

Dr. Martin C. Beilke was born in Wisconsin.

Graduated from Chicago College of Osteopathy and also served an internship there. Then was associated with the late Dr. Earl Hoskins in radiology for a few years, during the time when the late Drs. W. A. Schwab and Hoskins were perfecting the approach and technique of doing "postural study radiological studies", which was the ground floor of that evolutionary step of osteopathic thinking.

Has been teaching faculty member of Chicago College of Osteopathy for more than 20 years now—having taught in the field of gastro-enterology, diagnosis and technique. Also serves as a clinician in the clinical teaching program of the college.

Has appeared as convention program speaker in more than 20 states and Canada; has appeared on numerous programs of the national meetings of A.O.A.

Has served the State of Illinois as president of Illinois Osteopathic Asso-

ciation; has served Chicago Osteopathic Association as secretary and also as president.

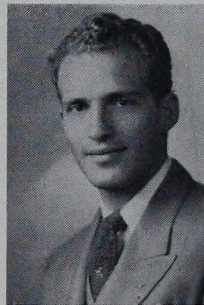
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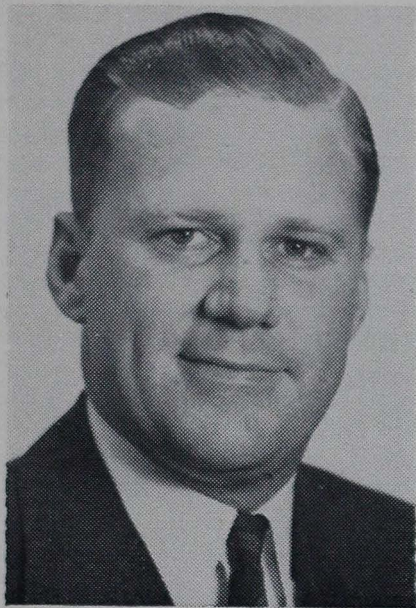
Raymond A. Biggs, famous osteopathic surgeon of Detroit, is one of the headline speakers at the annual convention of the Texas Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons.

Dr. Biggs is a graduate from the Kirksville College in 1925; interned at Detroit Osteopathic Hospital in 1925-1926; assisted Dr. J. C. Trimble in surgery from 1926 to 1935; senior member of the surgical department of Detroit Osteopathic Hospital since it was organized; co-chairman of the surgical department of the D.O.H.; a Fellow of the American College of Osteopathic Surgeons.



J. C. CALABRIA, D. O.

Osteopathic physicians of Texas elected as senior members of the American College of Osteopathic Obstetricians and Gynecologists at the annual convention held in Detroit, February 12, 13, and 14, were Dr. Jerry O. Carr and Dr. J. C. Calabria.



JERRY O. CARR, D. O.

Dr. Jerry O. Carr Honored

At the annual meeting of the American College of Osteopathic Obstetricians and Gynecologists, Dr. Jerry O. Carr was elected second vice president and senior member.

Dr. Carr will serve as professional program chairman for the 1953 annual convention, which will be held in Dallas.

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Maine Group Hires Public Relations Man

BANGOR, ME. (AOA) — The Maine Osteopathic Assn. has hired Mr. Philip Johnson as part-time public relations counsellor. He will first build up a series of radio programs, followed by newspaper and other publicity tools in the total framework of a constructive, controlled public relations program.

Dallas Selected For 1953 Annual Convention of American College of Osteopathic Obstetricians and Gynecologists.
This Meeting will be held at Hotel Adolphus, Dallas, Texas, on February 9, 10, 11 and 12, 1953.

Texas and Dallas are Exceedingly Fortunate in Getting this National Organization to meet in the State. It is to be Hoped that Every Osteopathic Physician in Texas will lend his Assistance to making this Program a Successful one.

In The Interest Of The Public

The following article that appeared in the TYLER STAR MIRROR shows good reasoning on the part of a local physician in reference to his community.

We have reasons to believe that an osteopathic physician wrote this article and we are proud of the fact that the Tyler paper gave almost three quarters of a page to this matter.

The editor of the Texas Osteopathic Physicians Journal does not take any stand in regard to flouridation of water. He is not qualified nor has he had the experience necessary to pass judgment. However, we are happy that at least some people feel that it is in the best interest of the public to weigh the actions of our civic fathers.

Here follows newspaper article from TYLER STAR MIRROR:

Is the City Council of the Opinion That Tyler's Population Should Serve as Guinea-Pigs for Flourine—The Poison Used to Kill Cockroaches—Read this Eminent Doctor's Verdict

January 31, 1952

Editor, Tyler Star,
Sir:

Some this is day-dreaming. I admit to being emotionally disturbed. Certainly I am prejudiced. But I'd like to know whether it is sound judgment for us, as tax payers, to permit our City Commissioners to practice experimental medicine illegally?

Recently the COURIER-TIMES carried an article purporting to quote an 'Authority' on the uses of Sodium Flouride in preventing caries from developing in teeth. The 'Authority' made the statement that anyone disapproving of the method (which has never really been accurately explained to the public) did so only because of emotional factors, prejudice and ignorance.

The addition of a chemical to the water supply in this particular respect is far different from the addition of Chlorine to the water supply. When

Chlorine is added, the purpose is to do something to the Water, to prevent the multiplication of harmful bacteria and to improve the water.

When Fluorine is added, the purpose is to do something to the Consumers of that water, and definitely constitutes the practice of medicine on a wholesale basis, such practice being definitely experimental and compulsory.

Tyler, Texas appears to be one of a very few locations wherein such practice could be gotten by with, so to speak, without a murmur or dissent from an obviously uninformed public.

Now, in regard to the prejudice and emotion, please read no further if you have made up your mind already, as this item is not written for the benefit of prejudiced people nor to soothe the emotionally disturbed. For those desiring to accurately assess the process now being foisted off on a drowsy day-dreaming public, it will be necessary to put out a small amount of intellectual effort, and to wade through the two general items in the following paragraphs. These two items would appear to be the very minimum required as background education before any conclusion could be reached.

ITEM NO. 1

Hippocrates is generally given credit for being the greatest of all physicians, and perhaps, his greatest contribution to medicine, in general was the simple set of principles that remain the basis for modern research techniques. These principles are: (1) There is no authority except facts. (2) Facts are obtained by accurate observation. (3) Deductions are to be made only from facts.

The astounding upsurge of modern research, the almost unbelievable benefits to mankind during the past century, the control of such disease problems as anthrax, smallpox, rabies, diphtheria, pneumonia, rickets—and many other plagues—was possible and can re-

main possible only by the application of the foregoing three simple principles.

Let us look at what these simple principles mean in actual practice. They guide experimental research and must be observed or the research experiment is very likely to be worthless or even harmful.

We want to know whether a certain germ causes diphtheria. This one germ has been observed under a microscope and its source was a case of diphtheria. To prove that it caused diphtheria we must go by rule No. 2—to arrive at a method of investigation. This finally boiled down to the fact that the germ must be found in a case of diphtheria, must be grown artificially in such manner to weed-out or eliminate several other germs that were found along with it. Then the new growth of germs must be planted on a healthy animal (sometimes human), and succeed in producing the disease—diphtheria. The experiment at this state is not finished because all the facts are still not present. After diphtheria has been produced the germs must then be secured from that case of diphtheria, isolated and re-grown artificially so that they may be accurately identified. Even after these postulates were fulfilled, it was found that there are diphtheria germs that look, grow, measure, stain, and behave like they should in all respects save one; and that is that they fail, when inoculated into an animal, to produce the disease diphtheria.

Our problem—the fluoridation of water—can be solved only by the performance of an experiment. The experiment will entail strict observance of scientific principles as follows:

(1) A group of experimental animals must be placed under strict control in regard to their environment and diet. This group must not eat nor drink anything which is not known, measured, and thoroughly analyzed. This group must not get any fluorine whatsoever.

(2) Another group of experimental animals must be placed under strict control under identical circumstances as the first group, except for one item—the second group must be given a measured dose of fluorine.

After sufficient time elapses to produce some change in the dental status of these groups—some deductions might be in order, but proof absolute will still be lacking. The above experiment is a mere skeletal outline of the checking and re-checking that will be necessary to prove anything about the effect of flourine in the water supply of human beings.

In addition to experimentation as indicated above, the public will not necessarily benefit until it becomes a part of the experiment. The water supply for example in Tyler, would have first to be analyzed periodically over a long time and under differing weather conditions to find whether it already contains flourine, too little or too much. The experimental animal in this case is not

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subject to adequate control, the control factor must be achieved in some other manner.

A fairly large group of people will have to submit to restriction of their environment in such a manner as to rule out any possibility that they might get some flourine. A comparable group will necessarily be placed under identical restrictions except for the administration of a known dose of flourine. It must be carefully noted that environment as used in this article means a very great deal. To hint, yet not to go into boresome detail, it would include identical clothing for the two experimental groups, identical vitamin, mineral, fluid, and other food factors in the diet. It would require that the general hereditary background of the two groups be similar and their general health status be as nearly equal as possible.

Now, we are ready to consider the other basis item—if you're not tired.

ITEM NO. 2

I presume that the above tedium has been thoroughly carried out, that we can produce statistics on controlled human groups of people, that we can eliminate all emotion and prejudice and are at last ready to start dosing out the flourine.

There is a little problem left over. We all know that when you work in an atomic laboratory, or paint a stove, dye some unmentionables, shine a pair of shoes or even apply a little lipstick, it invariably happens that contamination occurs. Don't let the word contamination upset you—it merely means that paint may be found on the living room furniture, lipstick on the towels, shoe polish under a fingernail, dye in the dyer's ears, or radiation hanging around on the workers person in dangerous amounts unless very unusual precautions are taken.

We all know that for many many years, nearly every house in Tyler has sheltered one or more cockroaches. Now we are very certain that no good house-

wife will tolerate more than the very minimum of these harmless little bugs—what does she do about it? She goes to the drug or grocery store and buys a package of insecticide and uses it according to the instructions available. In the vast majority of cases she will get a powder containing from 15 to 65 percent of Sodium Fluoride. The instructions will advise sprinkling the powder under the paper used to line pantry shelves and along known runways where the cockroach is suspected to travel.

This procedure has been going on for years and years and years. Do these housewives ever get a little sodium fluoride into the food? Of course not, they use the identical technique that's used at Los Alamos to prevent contamination by radio-active residues. They could not possible get a small amount of fluoride into the food. Or perhaps they get more than would appear in the water supply when the foolproof machinery is set into operation?

A certain textbook on Toxicology, one which has been used as a textbook for teaching purposes in every Medical School from Johns Hopkins to the Hanneman Homeopathic School, makes the following statement:

"Fluorine is found in nature in the form of fluospar and cryolith, in PLANTS, in MILK, and EGGS, and in almost all tissues of the human body, especially in the teeth and bones."

CONCLUSION: I am perhaps, jumping to a conclusion or two that has no basis in scientific fact, however; here I leap!

From the FACTS: It appears that the City Commissioners of Tyler, Texas, are scientifically trained people, licensed to practice Medicine — Experimental Medicine — Compulsary Medicine.

It appears that from long scientific experience, the City Commissioners of Tyler, Texas, have found a way to measure out an optimum dose of Sodium Fluoride to the public which will

"Materially reduce the incidence of cavities in the teeth of the general population."

It is an apparent assumption that these Commissioners, have available sources of information that accurately determines the fluorine content of all plants, eggs, milk, water, roach poison, and other sources of supply that may now be consumed in the daily diet of all citizens; to say nothing of the fluorine content of the few who may be taking it in the form of pills.

In addition, it is a fair assumption that they must know in detail just what everyone in Tyler—and how much—foods, contaminations, and other sources of fluorine are being consumed. Otherwise, how can the fool proof (and I smile a bit over that word) machinery be expected to supply each individual the exact amount of fluorine to stop the cavities? How can the machinery prevent an occasional small poisoning by fluorine—because some careless house wife feed an over-abundance of milk or egg to her family today and doesn't tomorrow?

P.S.—and perhaps the most important little stinker among all the items previously mentioned—

—THE NORMAL AVERAGE CONTENT OF FLUORINE IN HUMAN TISSUE IS 0.4 of one part in TEN MILLION.

—0.6 of one part in TEN MILLION IN THE TISSUES IS FATAL.

PERHAPS this question should be allowed to come before the people on which to be VOTED about.—Hummm?

Location

ALPINE, TEXAS: Dr. John C. Epperson, Jr. has established a fine practice and a good reputation in Alpine, where he has been since 1951.

Due to his health must leave this particular locality. He desires some one to take over an already established practice.

Academy Of Science Warns Excessive Use of Antibiotics May Interfere With Body's Own Defenses

NEW YORK, N. Y. (AOA)—Additional warnings against the excessive use of antibiotics to control infections were sounded here at a conference on antibiotics, sponsored by the New York Academy of Sciences' biology section.

Over-use of the antibiotics may interfere with the normal bodily process of immunity development, it was emphasized. Speakers pointed out that antibiotics do not kill disease germs but merely hold infections in check. When antibiotics are discontinued, a patient may suffer a relapse, the speakers suggested, because the normal development of antibodies to combat germ invaders has also been checked, along with the infection.

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Good Public Relations

Announcement in local papers and by Dr. George W. Cox, State Health Officer, of the appointment of Dr. W. Paul Roberts as City Health Officer for Panhandle, Texas. The following article appeared in the PANHANDLE HERALD:

Greater Part Of County Has Blood Typed

It is doubtful if any other county in the Southwest has as high a percentage of its residents blood-typed as has Carson County. This community program went over well because the people cooperated.

The county agent and extension service know that it could not have accomplished this program without the excellent cooperation of the local doctors and their staff members, Red Cross, schools, churches, press and all others that took it upon themselves to help Carson County be better prepared for accidents and illness.

The Drs. Witt and London Clinic at Groom and the Dr. Roberts and Hessey Clinic of Panhandle have been praised for their assistance. This campaign was turned over to the clinics at a time when many of their clients were calling upon them because of virus infection and similar ailments that attacked many Carson County families. The doctors and their technicians worked late both days but did not turn down any person seeking to find his blood type.

Persons who for any reason were not able to come Jan. 28 or 29 to have their blood typed are urged to do so as soon as possible. Both clinics have indicated their desire to see all residents typed and will continue to give this service free. Every member of the family should be typed.

The final report will show the greater number of Carson residents have had their blood typed. Carson County had a nice start before the two special days last week. It is believed somewhere between 1,200 and 1,400 will be the

actual number of persons typed to date in the county. Every person that was typed recently or was typed at White Deer during the chest X-ray campaign will receive a card as soon as the cards can be filled in.

Many copy on their driver's license, the blood type including Rh factor as designated on the card. This will give double assurance that the information is with you at all times.

In the EL PASO TIMES appeared a large picture of Cpl. and Mrs. Raymond A. Larson with their new twin babies. The following appeared beneath the picture:

Cpl. and Mrs. Raymond A. Larson pose with their new twin babies—a boy and a girl—who were delivered in Delgado Green Cross Hospital, Ysleta, Monday night by Ceasarean section because of an extremely rare condition. X-rays disclosed that the babies were in such a position that they could have become "locked" during a delivery, with disastrous results. Dr. John W. Duncan performed the operation, assisted by Dr. Roger R. Delgado and Dr. P. J. Salatto.

This was followed by a nice article in reference to the Larsons and the Delgado Green Cross Hospital.

From the HOUSTON PRESS a picture of sisters that were delivered in the Houston Osteopathic Hospiel on the same day only hours apart. Beneath the picture was the following:

TWO PAIRS—Mrs. McMullen and Mrs. Napper, sisters, were expecting these additions to their families—but not on the same day and only hours apart. Both little girls were born Monday at the Houston Osteopathic Hospital. Naomi Lou put in an appearance at 12:28 p. m. and Ava Mae was born six hours later. Mr. and Mrs. McMullen live at 4905 Haile; the Nappers at 4925 Haile.

This was followed by a nice article of the delivery in the hospital.

KIRKSVILLE COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHY AND SURGERY

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February 15, 1952

Dr. Samuel Sparks

President Texas Association Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons

1712 Bennett Street

Dallas 6, Texas

Dear Dr. Sparks:

I wish to express our appreciation to the Texas Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons for its interest and cooperation in osteopathic education by making it possible for Dr. Phil Russell to visit the osteopathic colleges and appear before the student bodies for the presentation of important professional problems. I think there is no one in the profession better qualified for such an assignment than Dr. Russell.

His long years of experience in professional practice and in professional affairs lends weight and authority to the information, council and advice which he presents to osteopathic students.

Dr. Russell gave a very interesting and informative address at a general assembly of K.C.O.S. students. He also met with two other groups of students and with numerous individuals. His visit to Kirksville was very much worth while.

Very sincerely,

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BIRTHDAY CONGRATULATIONS—Dr. Phil Russell, right, chairman of the board of Fort Worth Osteopathic Hospital, and Dr. Roy B. Fisher, left, hospital board president, extend congratulations at Western Hills Hotel dinner to Dr. Harry Beyer, hospital chief of staff, on the hospital's second birthday.

Staff Observes Second Year Of Osteopathic Hospital

Staff members of the Fort Worth Osteopathic Hospital gathered at Western Hills Hotel Thursday night, February 21, to celebrate the hospital's second birthday and heard a report that the 25-bed institution has been operating at capacity ever since its opening on March 1, 1950.

"Not only have we operated at capacity," said Dr. Russell, hospital board chairman, "but we've been forced to turn down an average of 10 patients a day. There is no doubt that we must have more space, and soon," Dr. Russell

continued, urging support of the Greater Fort Worth Hospital Fund.

"As a group we must back the fund," Dr. Russell told the gathering of osteopathic physicians and surgeons, "not particularly in the interest of the osteopathic profession, but in the interest of the people of Fort Worth as a whole."

In his report, Dr. Russell said the Osteopathic Hospital has had 3,002 admissions since it opened its doors, that 795 major surgeries and 772 minor surgeries were performed there, that 850 medical cases were treated and 525 obstetrical cases.

He reported the hospital has 36 doctors on its staff and employs 41 full-time personnel, including 24 nurses.

The total sum contributed to the hospital building fund by staff doctors, he reported, is \$51,643.46, from the date construction was started in November 1949 to the present.

Cash contributions from lay persons to the hospital fund have amounted to \$30,000, Dr. Russell said.

"I want to stress," he observed, "that the Fort Worth Osteopathic Hospital is for the citizens of the community given to the community by the members of the hospital staff."

Doctors — Hospitals

The following letter should be read by every doctor and every hospital in Texas for their benefit in establishing the better public relations with insurance companies:

Dear Dr. Gafney:

I herewith acknowledge your favor of January 29th relative to the creation of committee on industry and insurance and am further glad to note that you are selected or appointed as chairman of such a committee.

A mental review of our past relationship with Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons and Osteopathic Hospitals indicates to me that such a committee for the purposes and intent indicated is highly necessary, in that, we have experienced from time to time some unsatisfactory relationships with various Osteopathic Hospitals as to billing practices and with individual Osteopathic Surgeons who have made a wide departure from accepted standards of Osteopathic medical background, as to the inception, duration, and causative factor requiring hospitalization of our policyholders. Do not misunderstand me in making this statement, as we find that M.D.s in a great many instances deserve the same criticism and individuals in the profession demonstrate an arrogance that, if nothing else, puts severe strain upon the relationship between the professions, Osteopathic and Medical Doctor, that definitely should not exist.

I have personally watched the development of Osteopathic institutions, and the broadening of Osteopathic tech-

niques over the past few years into fields of practice and surgery for many years reserved to the Medical Doctor, and I feel that this development was occasioned, to a large degree, on the failure of the M.D. to function at a proper level and it would seem that the Osteopathic group has certainly realized the needs of the public and has met the challenge. I believe that you must realize that many of the insurance companies offering hospitalization type insurance realized that this was true in their decisions to include Osteopath and

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Osteopathic institutions in the participation of benefits under their policies, instead of the restricting of same to treatment by M.D.s. Certainly, this realization should tend to create a relationship between Osteopathic institutions and individual Osteopathic physicians and surgeons wherein the industry could feel that such recognition on their part of the development of the Osteopathic practitioners would justify its actions and in most instances, I feel that same has been justified.

However, as pointed out above, generally some isolated Osteopathic institutions are apparently bent upon "killing the goose that laid the golden egg", so to speak, and has caused a great deal of discussion among the many companies comprising the industry as related to your group.

It occurs to me that the Osteopathic physicians and surgeons are filling a great need for medical services, especially in the smaller communities and as an incident thereto, it appears that the Osteopathic institutions and the individual Osteopathic physicians and surgeons are more insurance conscious than necessary, and in many instances are not giving to us the information available to them relative to individual claim, to which we are entitled, or which would cause a rejection of the individual claim by the Company. We can readily understand the general disposition of the individual to assist the people that he knows in the small communities, or in the larger communities for that matter, but I think that such individuals should have brought to their early attention the fact that in the long run they will receive more benefit and our policyholders and their patients will receive more benefit should such institutions and individuals work closer with the insurance company, that when claims are presented the insurance company, said company will be able to quickly evaluate the merits of a claim and handle same in accordance with its policy provisions, without having members of its Claim

Department to develop prejudices against Osteopathic institutions and Osteopathic physicians and surgeons, based upon unsatisfactory situations in the memory of the Claim Department member and which occasions doubt in the minds of the Claim Department as to authenticity of any claim originating from such individual source. Speaking generally, but having in mind a few instances of the sort, I might point out that one of the most trying incidents is where from the reports as submitted, a claim clearly does not fall within the province of the policy and is rejected, following which the Claim Department receives an entirely different picture by letter of the situation which causes confusion in the mind of the claimant, and places the reporting physician in a class with any company's Claim Department as being unreliable and considered as being subjected to pressure or is interested from financial standpoint to the extent of such change of diagnosis, treatment, surgery, etc. This, it appears to me, should be eliminated and we wish to assure you that this Company will bring such matters in the future to your direct attention.

Our final thought in the matter is to the effect that if Osteopathic physicians and surgeons are qualified physicians and surgeons, and if Osteopathic institutions are kept and set up for the purpose of rendering necessary hospitalization to persons suffering with abnormal conditions, then such individuals operating such institutions and performing as Osteopathic physicians and surgeons should definitely be able to give the insurance companies an unvarnished, factual and intelligent statement of the factors involved in support of the claim, and place such facts in the hands of the insurance claim departments, because in its final analysis, the only thing that the claim department wants is the facts about the claim, its inception and the necessary procedures employed to correct same.

Our Company is glad to cooperate with the Osteopathic profession and its various Osteopathic hospitals, the only reservation being that such individual members of the Osteopathic profession and the individual's hospital who operate with us in accordance with our contracts with our policyholders. I believe this to be a fair and profitable solution, and if followed will result in a very pleasant and lasting relationship between the companies comprising the industry and Osteopathic institutions and members.

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Steele City Osteopathic Hospital Benefits From Court Decision

The Supreme Court of Nebraska has just rendered its decision in the appeal of the Steele City Osteopathic Hospital, a registered hospital in the A.O.A. This decision holds that the osteopathic profession cannot be arbitrarily limited or discriminated against. The court said osteopathic physicians "may lawfully erect and operate buildings and facilities for treatment, according to its tenets, of patients seeking its aid, subject to lawful and reasonable limitations and regulations under the police power." The Supreme Court reversed the decision of the lower court and ordered that court to enter judgment directing the State Department of Health to license the Steele City Osteopathic Hospital. In several other states, similar regulations have arisen under existing state laws and this decision will be of extreme significance there as well as to the profession.

Human Relations In Hospital Organization

A two-year program is about to be undertaken to study human relations in hospital organization. The study will be conducted by the Cornell School of Industrial and Labor Relations under the auspices of an AHA-University commission. A study will be made of the hospital personnel, lines of authority, utilization of human resources and other factors. At the conclusion of the study of human relations, a report of findings will be published. To underwrite the study, grants totaling \$46,000 have been made by Carnegie Corporation, Becton-Dickinson, Johnson & Johnson, & Lederle Laboratories.

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55 Industry Health Plans Approved To Date By WSB

In some new sessions last week, health & welfare advisory panel to Wage Stabilization Board approved 17 more medical and hospital care plans submitted by employers and wage earners. This brought the total to 55—with many hundreds more waiting to be acted upon. All applications need not be reviewed if they stay within written criteria (reported January 7th NOTES). Osteopathic hospitals are urged to be aware of new health & hospital contracts in their communities.

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Constitutional Amendments

No. 1 Submitted by DR. MILTON V. GAFNEY:

Article X—COMMITTEES Section 1 c. Strike out "and Insurance Committee".

Under Article X, Section 1, create a new section known as "n. Hospital and Insurance Committee".

Under Article X, Section 2, create a new section defining the duties of the Hospital and Insurance Committee to read:

"To have supervision of inspections of hospitals and supervision of all insurance matters, with the exception of malpractice insurance which is delegated to the Public Health Committee."

No. 2 Submitted by DR. A. L. GARRISON:

Article X, Section 1

"To provide for appointment of three members to the Program Committee, each member to serve for three years. In the instance of the first appointment under this change, the president to appoint all three members, one for three years, one for two years, one for one year. Thereafter each president shall appoint a member of this Committee to serve for three years."

No. 3 Submitted by the EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:

"To reaggange committees to follow the outline of the national association by striking out all of Article X, Section 1, and submitting the following:

"To strike out all of Section 2 and set up committee to define duties of committees'."

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Child Health Conference

The 21st annual Child Health Conference will be held at the Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City, Mo., on April 7-8-9, 1952.

Immediately preceding the Child Health Conference, on April 6, the alumni of K.C.C.O.S. will have a home coming at the school, at which time the class of 1927 will be honored as celebrating its silver anniversary.

For hotel or other accommodations write Dr. E. Zirul at 4748 Prospect, Kansas City, Missouri.

Washington News Letter

Bills implementing the recommendations contained in the October 1951 Report of the National Security Training Commission were introduced in both Houses of Congress in January. Hearings on the House bill, HR. 5904, were held by the House Armed Services Committee January 15 through January 31. Hearings on the Senate bill, S. 2441, before the Senate Armed Services Committee began February 11 and are scheduled to close this week.

The legislation contemplates six months service to be followed by 7½ years reserve status. Although the House Committee has not yet reported the bill, it is understood that the Committee will provide that after the six months service, graduates of the Corps will go in the ready reserve for the 7½ years and be subject to call-up by the military at any time the President declares an emergency. During the House hearings, we addressed a letter to the Chairman of the Committee requesting that the reserve status of graduates of the Corps who are in preprofessional, internship or residency training for osteopathic medicine be deferred until completion or discontinuance of osteopathic training.

On February 14, we inserted in the record of the Senate Committee hearings a similar proposal, and also a proposal that civilian physicians including osteopathic physicians be employed for purposes of physical examination and treatment during the Corps training period and for the quadrennial examination of reservists. Copy enclosed.

Both the Committees have indicated that deferment of the reserve status for scientific training belongs in legislation relating to the reserve rather than the UMT bill.

The only substantial groups in favor of activating UMT at this time are the military and veterans groups. Those

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oppose include the churches, labor and farm organizations, and several educational groups. The National Education Association testified without committal either way, except to say that the legislation should be postponed. The American Council of Education has taken no stand, although it sent out questionnaires last Decembers. It is understood that the replies did not justify a stand. Our own colleges and the AOA Bureau of Professional Education and Colleges answered the questionnaire and by a slim margin voted for postponing activation of UMT.

The military have submitted several sets of figures to justify existence of UMT and Selective Service at the same time. Whether they can juggle the figures sufficiently to overcome the mounting opposition in Congress is doubtful.

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Statement on Behalf of the American Osteopathic Association to the Committee on Armed Services, United States Senate, in Regard to S. 2441 and the October, 1951 Report of the National Security Training Commission, February 14, 1952.

My name is Dr. Chester D. Swope. I am engaged in active practice as an osteopathic physician and surgeon in Washington, D. C. I appear here as Chairman of the Council on Emergency Medical Services of the American Osteopathic Association and as Chairman of the Department of Public Relations of the Association.

The American Osteopathic Association has taken no position as to the advisability of activating a Universal Military Training Program, but the Association stands ready to cooperate in the medical aspects and general objectives of such a program in the event Congress sees fit to activate it.

Osteopathic physicians or surgeons are licensed and practicing in all the States. There are in excess of 300 general or specialty hospitals staffed by doctors of osteopathy, including 74 approved intern training hospitals, and 32 hospitals approved for resident training. There are six colleges of osteopathy and surgery.

The pending legislation and the recommendations of the National Security Training Commission call for induction of physically fit male persons between 18 and 19 years of age who are registered under the Universal Military Training and Service Act in a National Security Training Corps for six months training to be followed by a reserve status of 7½ years. Induction of high school students would be deferred pending graduation or arrival at the age of 20 whichever is the earlier and college students would be deferred to finish out their current academic year before induction.

We offer two suggestions for the consideration of the Committee.

First, rather than increase the number of military medical officers or divert the services of a large number of such officers for the purpose, the services of civilian physicians including licensed doctors of osteopathy, should be employed by the National Security Training Corps or the respective training agencies at their installations throughout the country to perform preinduction, induction and periodic reserve physical examinations. The services of doctors of osteopathy as civilian physicians, as in the case of doctors of medicine, for purposes of Armed Forces physical examination and treatment are authorized to be employed by the Armed Services where the services of civilian physicians are authorized. See 23 Comptroller General Decisions 528, March 18, 1949.

Second, in order to assure the continuity of training for the practice of osteopathic medicine and other scientific endeavors affecting the national health, safety and interest, the reserve status of a graduate of the National Security Training Corps should be held in abeyance pending completion or discontinuance of such a preparatory training. A Similar proposal was recommended for study by the Commission. Section 4 (i) (3) of the Universal Military Training and Service Act declares it the sense of Congress that an adequate flow of preprofessional trainees in osteopathy and other named fields be assured to the end that the supply of personnel in those fields may be continued and increased. The interruption of such preparation by active call to service from the reserves would work at cross purposes and result in the aggravation of a shortage of medical manpower to serve the civilian and military population not only in times of emergency but in peacetime.

On behalf of the American Osteopathic Association I wish to express our appreciation for the opportunity of making this statement.

Osteopathic Physicians And Surgeons Granted New And Larger Disability Benefits

Your Officers and Insurance Committees recently obtained for our members much larger benefits under our approved sickness and accident policy written through the Murray Agency of Corpus Christi, General Agents for the Metropolitan Casualty Insurance Company of New York.

The weekly benefits available now for our members have been increased from \$50.00 a week to \$100.00 a week, and the length of time the Company will pay for any one continuous disability under the sickness provision has been doubled. All of our full time employees can now buy sickness and accident and hospital and surgical policies at group association rates which will save them on an average of 40%.

We are happy to announce these additional benefits and when a representative of the Murray Agency calls on you, we believe it will be to the interest of you and your employees to investigate this policy.

Civil Defense Administration Asks AOA Cooperation

WASHINGTON, D. C. (AOA)—The Administrator of the Federal Civil Defense Administration again writes formally to the AOA for the cooperation of the Association and its member-physicians in the program for civil defense.

He points out "the serious world situation makes it imperative that all leaders in the country undertake to alert, inform and register."

Dr. McCaughan, AOA executive secretary, answered that "the Association has officially declared its desire and intent to be of whatever assistance it can in civil defense.

"We know," Dr. McCaughan wrote Mr. Millard Caldwell, Civil Defense

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Administrator, "that in most instances osteopathic physicians and surgeons are already enrolled in local efforts and many of them have assigned to specific duties in specific emergencies.

"No one knows better than physicians the consequences of failure to prepare for the physical needs of the people in view of an attack."

Osteopathic Physicians Help Red Cross Make Blood Donor Quota

JEFFERSON CITY, MO. (AOA)—The largest crowd ever to greet a blood-mobile in Missouri was present at Charles E. Still Osteopathic Hospital here as the result of a recruitment campaign staged by Dr. L. E. Griffin and a group of other Central Missouri osteopathic physicians and surgeons.

Despairing, after repeated failures, of ever reaching the county quota, the Cole County Red Cross turned to the osteopathic physicians for help. It was forthcoming to an extent exceeding the fondest expectations of the most optimistic.

391 persons presented themselves as donors. Of that number, 150 had to be turned away because of overtaxed facilities and 24 others were rejected for medical reasons. Two hundred seventeen were accepted, and for the first time in the current campaign Cole County met the needed quota.

The D.O.'s contributed their personal cars to transport the blood donors.

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AUXILIARY NEWS

Auxiliary District One

The quarterly meeting of the Auxiliary to the Panhandle District Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons was held Feb. 10, 1952, in the home of Dr. and Mrs. L. V. Cradit, 3202 Ong. A Valentine box dinner, with the doctors as guests, preceded the meeting.

Mrs. Ethel Townsend, who is with the music department of Amarillo High School, introduced a trio of her students, Misses Alice Wells, Norma McNeil and Carol Schultz. They sang a group of selections, after which Mrs. Townsend played piano numbers.

During the business session, conducted by Mrs. John L. Witt, president, the group voted to send \$50 to the Osteopathic Progress Fund. Mrs. Witt appointed a nominating committee consisting of Mesdames Glenn Scott, E. H. Mann and Ed R. Mayer, Jr. Delegates to the convention of the Auxiliary to the Texas Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons, which will be held in Dallas in May, and Mesdames John London, L. N. Pittman, Jr., J. G. Stewart and Mann.

After the district meeting the Auxiliary to the Amarillo Osteopathic Hospitals held a business meeting, which Mrs. Cradit, president, conducted.

Roll call was answered with reports of current osteopathic news. The group voted to purchase a tree for the club house grounds of the Amarillo Federation of Women's Clubs, in honor of the president, Mrs. G. W. Gress, who is a member of the osteopathic group.

Mrs. W. R. Ballard was selected chairman of the Osteopathic Child Health Clinic, which will be held May 16 and 17 in the Crystal Ballroom of the Herring Hotel. Dr. Virginia Ellis, Fort Worth pediatrician, will be the pediatric diagnostician at the clinic.

Attending the meetings were Mesdames J. H. Chandler, Merlin Achor, Sterling Maxfield, L. J. Vick, John Kemplin, Robert Tyler, Mann, Scott, Ballard, Mayer and Cradit, all of Amarillo; Mrs. London and Mrs. Witt of Groom; Mrs. James Kritzer of McLean; Mrs. Pittman of Borger; and a guest, Mrs. Rose Shaffer of Des Moines, Iowa.

The next meeting of the Auxiliary to the Panhandle District Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons will be held at the Herring Hotel on May 18.

Auxiliary District Two

District 2 auxiliary of the Texas Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons met at Hotel Texas February 24 for an all day meeting.

A coffee was served to the visiting women by the local Fort Worth auxiliary. Later, there was a luncheon for the district auxiliary and their husbands. The after dinner speaker was Mr. K. Forman, public speech instructor at T. C. U.

Following the luncheon, a business meeting was held with the retiring president, Mrs. Albert Plattner, of Grand Prairie, presiding.

Newly elected officers were: president, Mrs. George F. Pease, Fort Worth; president elect, Mrs. R. F. Lutz, Dallas; secretary, Mrs. J. E. Bowers, Denton; treasurer, Mrs. Sam S. Morgan, Dallas; public relations chairman, Mrs. H. E. Roberts, Denton; publicity, Mrs. R. L. Hodshire, Fort Worth, and Mrs. Charles Still, Dallas.

One of the outstanding guests was the national president, Mrs. Robert E. Morgan of Dallas, Texas.

By MRS. R. L. HODSHIRE,
Publicity.

Auxiliary District Six

The auxiliary to the Southeast Texas Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons met in regular session Sunday morning, March 3, at the Plaza Hotel in Houston with thirteen members present and two visitors. We were very happy to welcome again the twin daughters of Dr. and Mrs. Sorenson from Port Arthur.

After the dinner, Dr. Patrick D. Philben of Dallas spoke to both the men and women and was greatly enjoyed. Auxiliary members often miss the good speakers who appear before the doctors and appreciate the information and inspiration when they do get a chance.

At election of officers the following were chosen to serve a second term: president, Katherine Vinn; vice president, Ruth Durden; secretary, Jayne Badger; treasurer, Cecile Platt; parliamentarian, Irma Grice. Erma Sorenson of Port Arthur was elected president elect and Wanda Hess as historian.

Members of the auxiliary decided that something should be done to encourage a better acquaintance with members and prospective members living outside of Houston and it was voted to ask the doctors to meet in Beaumont next time and to have some kind of social gathering the Saturday night preceding the meeting. This was approved by the men—and Florence Garrison and Jo Gribble were appointed co-chairmen in charge of arrangements.

District year books were distributed by Jo Gribble, who did a beautiful job on them. They are on loose leaf paper and can be put into the covers used by the Harris County Auxiliary, thus having all of our material under one cover.

Mildred Cunningham, president of the Harris County group, announces a luncheon to be given Saturday, March 8, 12:30 p. m. at Cousins, on S. Fannin. This is to honor new members and renew acquaintance with the old—and a very pleasant time is anticipated.

Cecile Platt missed the district meeting. She drove over to Austin and visited her sister-in-law while Dr. Platt attended the N. E. Cranial Study Group.

The Alexanders also missed the district meeting. He headed for the Cranial Study group too—but got fogged in at Wimberley—that's her story, anyway.

Other district six members are traveling, too. Stanley and Wanda Hess will spend a week in Hot Springs, Ark., together with the Garrisons from Port Arthur, and several other Texas associates.

Auxiliary members are urged to remind their husbands of the coming state convention in Dallas in May.

IRMA G. GRICE, *Reporter.*

Auxiliary District Nine

District 9 and Auxiliary district 9 met in Weimar, Texas, with Dr. and Mrs. Harry Tannen as hosts. A delicious Chinese dinner was served prior to the business meeting at 7:30 p. m.

All members were present with the exception of Dr. and Mrs. Willis Crews, Dr. and Mrs. T. D. Crews and Mrs. D. M. Mills.

Auxiliary 9 received a letter from Mrs. L. A. Marohn, recording secretary, welcoming them into the national auxiliary of A.A.O.A. Two copies of new bylaws and standing rules were received from Mrs. Paul Winking, headquarters secretary of A.A.O.A.

Girls, here is proof that not only our doctor husbands are progressing rapidly. Mrs. W. L. (Mary) Crews has been appointed to the faculty board of the Gonzales High School. She joins them well recommended, having received her M. A. degree from Columbia University, N. Y.

Charles Poage, son of Dr. and Mrs. Allan Poage, being transferred from his California base to a Baltimore station, took time between posts to visit with his parents for a while in El Campo, Texas.

Dr. and Mrs. T. D. Crews and Dr. and Mrs. J. V. Money, were among those attending the Fat Stock Show in San Antonio, Texas.

Your correspondent recently took a short trip to San Antonio. REASON? A shopping spree of course. In passing through Cuero, she noticed the advancement of the Stratton Osteopathic Hospital. From all appearances it is really going to be a nice addition to the city of Cuero, being ideally situated on Broadway Street. The writer is anxiously awaiting the opening, and you will be hearing more of this project in the near future.

By MRS. D. M. (ROMAINE) MILLS

Service Beyond The Call Of Duty

ORONO, MAINE (AOA) — Dr. R. P. Bates, secretary of the Maine Osteopathic Association, is a Republican candidate for renomination as State Representative—"and for Speaker of the House if he's re-elected," the Associated Press reports.

SEATTLE, WASH. (AOA) — Six Pacific Northwest osteopathic physicians were honored at a "golden jubilee" banquet of the Puget Sound Academy of Applied Osteopathy. Each of the six has practiced osteopathic medicine for 50 years or more. They are: Dr. Roberta Winner Ford and Dr. Martin D. Young of Seattle, Dr. W. T. Thomas and Dr. J. Henry Hook of Tacoma, Dr. W. H. Arnold of Vancouver, and Dr. Bertha E. Sawyer of Ashland, Ore. Dr. Young is president of the association.

SAN DIEGO, CALIF. (AOA)—The San Diego Union reports the endorsement of Dr. Lena Creswell for vice-president of the National League of American Pen Women. She is founder of the Albuquerque, N. Mex. branch of the Pen Women group, and served as president of the New Mexico League of Pen Women.

A graduate of the American School of Osteopathy in Kirksville, Mo., and a former post-graduate student at the Des Moines Still College of Osteopathy and Surgery, Dr. Creswell came to San Diego in 1905, the article stated. She retired from practice in 1940.

Dr. Creswell took advanced courses at the Universities of Mexico, Arizona, and New Mexico, and at Columbia University in New York City. She was a charter member of the San Diego Y.W.C.A. and of the Business and Professional Women's Club, and is editor of the "Sagebrush News" of San Diego.

NEW BEDFORD, Mass. (AOA)—The New Bedford Standard-Times, reporting the recent death here of Dr. Mary Wheeler Walker, paid tribute to "Dr. Mary, as she was known to thousands here."

Dr. Walker, a graduate of the American School of Osteopathy, Kirksville, Mo., practiced here for 50 years. She was a member of the school board for 23 years and served on the constitution committee of the National School Board Association.

"Dr. Walker," reported the newspaper, "started Allied Youth Groups in New Bedford and Fairhaven, and sent over 40 students to osteopathic colleges, all during a huge practice."

American Cancer Society Studies Tobacco As Factor In Lung Cancer

NEW YORK, N. Y. (AOA)—Fifty thousand volunteers of the American Cancer Society are each being asked to gather information on the smoking habits of ten white men between the ages of fifty and sixty-nine to learn if use of tobacco can be equated with lung cancer. The study will be continued for a period of years. Inconclusive studies made to date show a higher percentage of smokers among lung cancer patients than among other patients.

NEWS OF THE DISTRICTS

DISTRICT ONE

Dr. and Mrs. Homer Thompson welcomed a new daughter born in December.

Dr. and Mrs. Harold Gorrie added a baby boy in January to their present family of three.

Dr. and Mrs. Bob Tyler are elated over their first child, a boy, born in January.

Doctors J. L. Witt and John V. London of Groom, both have beautiful new homes.

In Amarillo: Dr. and Mrs. Ed R. Mayer, Jr. have moved into their new 8 room brick at 2810 Travis; Dr. and Mrs. Homer Thompson have built a lovely home at 2204 Julian Boulevard.

New addresses: Dr. and Mrs. Bob Tyler live at 2114 Jackson, Amarillo. Dr. and Mrs. Harold Gorrie now live at 4414 West Third, Amarillo. Dr. and Mrs. John Kemplin now live at 1501 Bowie, Amarillo. Dr. and Mrs. Sterling Maxfield now live at 1541 Fisk, Amarillo. Dr. and Mrs. Glenn Scott now live at 2123 Tyler, Amarillo.

Birthdays: Judy and Louis Joe, Merlin, Aileen, children of Dr. and Mrs. M. F. Achor, celebrated their birthdays recently by taking chicken pox. Louis Joe was 4 on January 2, and Judy was 6 on February 4. Dave and Janie Maxfield, children of Dr. and Mrs. Sterling Maxfield also have been confined because of chicken pox.

Unusual Events: Connie Ballard cut her first tooth at the age of three months. She is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. W. R. Ballard.

Deaths: Mrs. Mattie Spradling, mother of Mrs. W. H. Ballew, died Dec. 24, 1951.

Christmas Visitors to Amarillo: Dr. and Mrs. Earle Mann had their two sons and their wives and their grand-

child, Bobby, with them. Dr. and Mrs. Lester Vick welcomed their son, George Vick, home from Yale where he is a Junior student.

Dr. and Mrs. John Chandler of Amarillo visited their daughter and son-in-law and granddaughter, Cynthia, during the Christmas holidays. Their names are Mr. and Mrs. K. W. Moore, Jr., of Roswell, New Mexico. Dr. Chandler had just returned from a trip to Fort Worth to attend a Cranial Seminar.

Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Maxfield of Villa Grove, Illinois, were here visiting Dr. and Mrs. Sterling Maxfield. They are his parents.

Mrs. M. H. Schaffer of Des Moines, Iowa, and Capt. and Mrs. Thomas P. Mason and son were here visiting Dr. and Mrs. L. V. Cradit. Mrs. Schaffer is Mrs. Cradit's mother, and Mrs. Mason is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Cradit. Capt. Mason is now in Germany and will be joined by his wife and son at a later date.

Dr. and Mrs. J. Francis Brown have had as their guests, their parents, Mr. J. J. Brown from Concordia, Kansas, and Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Arnold of Kirksville, Missouri.

Dr. and Mrs. E. W. Cain have had as their guests her sister and brother-in-law from Iraan, Texas. While here, a tea was given in Mrs. Giblin's honor. Members of the auxiliary were invited to attend. Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Giblin have now returned to Iraan.

Dr. and Mrs. G. W. Gress have had P. M. Maize of Spearman for a visitor. He is Mrs. Gress's father and has been quite ill.

We are proud of Mrs. Lucille Gress for the part she is playing as president of the local Federated clubs. She is so capable.

Dr. and Mrs. M. F. Achor have had her father and step-mother of Santa

Ana, California. Their names are Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Arneson. Mrs. Achor just returned from a visit to Kansas City to visit her mother and brother.

Coming Events: On May 16 and 17 the 7th Annual Osteopathic Child Health Clinic will take place in the Crystal Ball Room of the Herring Hotel at Amarillo. It is sponsored by the auxiliary to the Staff of the Osteopathic Hospitals in Amarillo. Any doctor who is interested is invited to observe or help. All Panhandle doctors have co-operated in the past.

On May 18 there will be a District 1 dinner held at the Herring Hotel and a meeting of both the doctors and the auxiliary will be held afterwards.

DISTRICT TWO

The regular meeting of the North Texas Osteopathic Association met at Hotel Texas, February 24, 1952.

Dr. Margaret Jones of the Kansas City College lectured on *Office Gynecology* and also on *Obstetrical Problems*.

Mr. Kay Forman, well known public speech instructor at TCU, spoke at the luncheon.

A business meeting was called at 3 p. m. by Dr. Charles Still, Jr. and a report was had from Dr. Robert E. Morgan in reference to the state convention to be held in Dallas May 1, 2 and 3. He reported an excellent professional program and good entertainment.

The executive secretary, Dr. Phil Russell, reported that the state membership was now 410. He appealed to the membership for better cooperation in handling insurance claims and stated that the insurance committee had been set up to consider all grievances of both the insurance companies and the doctors and that all grievances should be reported to them. He also appealed for all doctors to immediately report anything that might affect the public relations of the osteopathic profession and he cited the action taken when an

attempt was made to enforce all sick leave excuses for the Dallas Symphony orchestra to bear the signature of a M. D.

Dr. Robert Beyer moved that the delegates at the state convention discuss some new order of business whereby delegates would not be meeting during the professional programs in order to prevent the delegates from missing the lectures and also to prevent guest speakers from speaking to too many empty seats. This motion was carried.

Dr. Robert Morgan moved, seconded by Dr. Luibel, that the delegates present a resolution to the State Association that a committee be appointed to investigate the possibility and advisability of erecting a state office building. The motion was passed.

Dr. Luibel moved that delegates introduce a resolution requesting that the House of Delegates discuss the problem of specialty certification and that action be taken so that satisfactory information can be disseminated to those seeking information on certification. Motion seconded by Dr. Dean and passed.

Dr. Russell moved that the delegates introduce a resolution in the House of Delegates instructing our national delegates to introduce a resolution in the national House of Delegates to make the securing of Nettleship malpractice insurance contingent upon state membership. Motion carried.

The following officers were elected: Dr. Dan D. Beyer, president; Dr. Lester L. Hamilton, president elect; Dr. Robert B. Beyer, vice president, and Dr. Robert H. Lorenz, secretary-treasurer.

Delegates: Dr. Robert E. Morgan, Dr. Robert H. Lorenz, Dr. Sherman P. Sparks, Dr. John W. Drew, Dr. Henry A. Spivey, Dr. Noel G. Ellis, Dr. Charles Still, Jr., and Dr. Lester L. Hamilton.

Alternates: Dr. Robert C. Dean, Dr. Jerry O. Carr, Dr. Robert B. Beyer, Dr. Howard G. Buxton, Dr. Daniel D. Beyer, Dr. M. S. Miller, Dr. Louis H. Logan, and Dr. Hugo J. Ranelle.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p. m.

On February 21 the members of the Tarrant County Osteopathic Association were guests of the Greater Fort Worth Hospital Fund Committee. Mr. Dustin of this committee gave a report of the campaign to date and explained the need for unified action from all groups in order to realize the goal of \$4,000,-000 needed for the success of this campaign. The group present approved a pledge for \$38,000 from the Tarrant County Osteopathic Association.

Drs. Edward Gegan and Charles Swab of Kansas City were recent guests of Dr. and Mrs. George F. Pease.

Mrs. Roy Russell (Bertie) was a recent patient in the Fort Worth Osteopathic Hospital as the result of a serious auto accident. In spite of numerous fractures and bruises we are happy to report she is recovering nicely.

Drs. and Mrs. Roy Fisher, V. L. Jennings, and George F. Pease recently spent a week end in Oklahoma City, where they met Dr. and Mrs. R. D. McCullough of Tulsa, Oklahoma. They all attended the Quartet Parade on Saturday night and the other festivities which followed.

Dr. and Mrs. Lester Hamilton left Fort Worth a few days ago for a vacation and business trip. They expect to be gone about three weeks.

Dr. and Mrs. D. D. Beyer and son, Bryce, and Mrs. Beyer's mother, Mrs. Hollowell, will leave March 16 for a week's vacation in New Orleans.

On February 22 and 23 Dr. and Mrs. Phil Russell were in Alexandria, Louisiana, where Dr. Phil met with officers of the Louisiana Osteopathic Association to discuss organization problems and public relations.

Dr. William Winslow has returned from California recently after taking a post-graduate course in Surgery.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Dr. Earl Hanson over the death of his father, Rev. G. A. Hanson. Rev. Hanson died at his home January 30 in Kirkland, Washington.

The new wing of the Dallas Osteopathic Hospital has now been fully air-conditioned for this coming summer. A most welcomed improvement.

DR. WILBUR W. BALDWIN

DISTRICT THREE

The Big Sandy Hospital and Clinic is getting to be too busy. Dr. W. Williams, formerly associated with Dr. Bragg, was last seen seeking his fortune over toward Fort Worth. It is rumored he is going into the Eye, Ear, Nose & Throat business.

Dr. Bill Coats, Hawkins, Texas, has been commuting to Big Sandy trying to service Dr. Bragg's practice as well as his own lately while Dr. Bragg is in Kirksville, Mo., where his bother-in-law is seriously ill. Dr. Bill comments—sure is a busy little place.

Dr. K. E. Ross visited the Big Sandy Hospital recently, hoping to see Dr. Bragg for a moment and had examined three patients, sewed up one cut leg

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and helped remove a splinter from a cornea before Dr. Bragg knew he was around. Gee! it's nice to be young and supple.

Dr. M. V. Gafney held a staff meeting in February at the Blackstone Hotel in Tyler. A case summary was presented for diagnostic guesses. Turned out to be a toss up between an acromegaly and a case of thassemia. The patient, however, was not concerned with a diagnosis, having been hospitalized strictly for traumatic reasons.

A severe shortage of anesthesiologists must exist. Dr. C. C. Rahm, on February 10, reports from Detroit (where he went to attend the convention of anesthesiologists), that no one among the hospital staffs there knows how to administer ether. Of course there are plenty of anesthetists that have discovered that it is possible to produce unconsciousness with intravenous barbiturates; relaxation with curare; flaccidity with a padded baseball bat; aponea, etc., with nearly anything; and, above all, there are lots of experts in resuscitation, pharyngeal packing and intubation.

Dr. Ralph Kull has recently blood typed a thousand school children at Winnsboro, Texas—no charge, either. Seems to me that a walking blood bank is much more efficient and less expensive than the plans requiring storage and preservation—even in case of an atomic attack, who can tell that the blood bank might escape being hit?

Dr. James T. Hagan, Longview, Texas, had a visitor from Tyler on February 14, 1952 but he wasn't in. His next door neighbor reported that he always takes a nap—that one lasted until after 2 p.m. You'll get to be a candidate for one of those reducing plans if you don't watch out, Tom.

Dr. H. M. Grice, Houston, Texas, reports that the Fort Worth meeting of the State Radiological Society was a brilliant success.

Drs. Bill Coats and Chas. Bragg are now cooperating in the area north of Tyler and are rendering a great service

to a greater number of people than might be suspected.

Dr. Jones is reported to be proficient, surgically speaking, for practically anything that might come up along that line in Mineola and surrounding territory.

Dr. H. G. Grainger has apparently become intrigued more than we suspected. He was recently seen looking through catalogues for bargains in war surplus surgical (Brain) instruments. Any ruptured middle meningeals in the neighborhood?

Dr. Rahm spent Sunday, March 2, visiting in Houston, Texas with—He didn't say.

Drs. Ellis Miller and Murrell Cline spent Thursday afternoon and evening as guests of Dr. Ogilvie on February 27. Dr. Grainger joined the group later in the evening and it is rumored that a clinicopathologic luncheon was served.

Dr. H. R. Coats of Tyler reports that while fishing on Lake Tyler, he observed a prominent Tyler lady dive from a boat into the water—almost—just enough to get in yet not submerge. It was later rumored that she jumped in to help retrieve Dr. K. E. Ross, who had slipped in while helping launch a boat. The day was gray and dchilled, but Dr. Ross suffered nothing more than an extremely wet and cold—billfold.

Dr. Cooper is reported to have left district 3—whereabouts at present not known.

Drs. Gaffney and Grainger recently inspected Dr. Bone's hospital at Garison, Texas, as official representatives of the T.A.O.P.&S. insurance committee, and report that excellent work is being done in all respects except the anesthesia department. (Note to Dr. Rahm: Bring one of those tubes and perhaps a bag and come see me sometime. I'm willing to learn artificial respiration.)

Drs. Rahm and Ogilvie recently had cake, ice cream and strawberries at the Kinzie mansion in Lindale, in celebra-

tion of Mrs. Kinzie's birthday. Dr. Rahm comments that she doesn't look 47 either.

Dr. Howard Coats, on March 3, 1952, delivered three infants in a little less than eighteen hours—not twins—not triplets—but all boys. He still managed to get out to Lake Tyler and make certain observations however, that same day. (vide supra)

Dr. L. D. Lynch is continuing to be busy—can't even get away for the night boxing for his policy of "evening office hours."

No news has been received from Drs. Lacey, Turner, Smith, or List for a long time now. Not keeping secrets are you?

HOT RUMOR DEPARTMENT
(can't divulge the source):

1. H. G. Grainger might build a clinic—strictly neurological.

2. C. C. Rahm about to leave Tyler.

3. C. D. Ogilvie about to leave Tyler.

4. Two new D.O.s about to locate in Tyler.

5. Coats Brown to hire full time anesthetist (one that can intube, inject, resuscitate, etc.)

6. New intern at Gafney Hospital.

7. New D.O. hospital soon at Overton.

8. Dr. K. E. Ross to recognize treatment of obesity as a specialty and organize a local certifying board—prime qualification will be to have a practice consisting of 95% fat incomplete protein up to 4 percent and the rest may be a sugar substitute.

P.S.—Dr. H. G. Grainger's new Studebaker has four doors and is colored navy blue. No dents.

DISTRICT FOUR

District Four meeting of the Texas Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons was held Sunday, February 17, 1952 at El Paso, Texas. Drs. Sam and Merrill Sparks were guests and it was one of the best attended meetings our district has had. It was the hope

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of all present to try to make our district more active, which is difficult because of the great distances between towns.

The following officers were elected: President, Dr. Norman B. Leoyold; vice president, Dr. Harvey D. Smith; secretary-treasurer, Dr. V. Mae Leopold.

Delegates: Dr. M. G. Holcomb and Dr. Chester C. Summers.

Alternates: Dr. R. R. Delgado and Dr. John W. Duncan.

DISTRICT SIX

Dr. Wm. Hall of San Angelo was in town over the weekend of February 23 and 24. It is only hearsay with me and couldn't be accepted as good evidence that he was actually in Houston. I wasn't honored with the presence of his silhouette or within earshot of his usual salty greetings.

A letter from an honored crony tells me that he is in the "midst of classifying and reclassifying, dividing and subdividing, my hop heads, deadbeats, idiots and various ineligible seeking clientele into satisfactory, less satisfactory and fairly repulsive types for rapid reference." The weather may have been bad, or the colored cook could have put sugar in the corn bread.

One of Dr. Opal Robinson's pet worries of the month was one ventricular tachycardia case.

Dr. Julius McBride has been a V.I.P.—a most important political figure and successfully.

Drs. Badger and Durden are in the throes of outwitting the automobile merchants on a deal for a hospital conveyance.

Miss Louis Lauter, one of our surgical nurses, suffered a Colle's fracture at the roller skating rink; fighting for her equilibrium, she lost.

Spring is here in sunny Houston, grass has been cut at least once this year of '52; bright neckties are sprouting, maroon and yellow concoctions.

Dr. R. Lind is "dead panning" in the Sunday supplement.

Dr. Philben, a certified pediatrician of Dallas, gave us a splendid talk on the latest information and general care of infants; when to give immunizations. He brought us up to date on a pediatrician's scope of practice. Dr. Philben has a great fund of the latest scientific information and how to apply it.

Dr. Knapp asked Dr. Hyman, "Is 82 miles per hour too fast to drive? (in a safety zone and car). The latter replied, "Not for you but what about the other so-and-so that may come out from the side road or country lane at the unexpected moment?"

House of Delegates members and alternates were elected as follows: Dr. Tavel, chairman; Dr. Durden, alternate; Dr. Badger, delegate; Dr. Cunningham, alternate; Dr. Hess, delegate and Dr. Grice his alternate; Dr. Brennan with Dr. Tompson his alternate.

Resolutions of what the district six members most desire will be in the delegates' possession by the time the state convention assembles in May.

Dr. Ross brought out an interesting observation about the little firefly. Wonder what happens when the firefly glow? Is that glow necessary to see where he has been or may be going? Is that a wolf call? Glad that at least he is quiet about his desires and signal arrangements. Is it an electric or a phosphorescent phenomena subject to the whims of the nerve centers in the control tower of the bug? Who cares?

The Texas Radiological Society, a truly clinical diagnostic group, will meet in Austin the latter part of May. We shall have an out of State radiologist to conduct the meeting or clinic. The entire state osteopathic membership will be notified by card of the date, place and the speaker, as well as the subject to be covered. Be sure and notify Dr. Chas. D. Ogilvie, program chairman, Gafney Clinic and Hospital, 402 West Front Street, Tyler, Texas, if you will be present.

One of my cultured and really educated patients described her ailment

succintly. She had fallen in the piazza on the terrazzo and landed in a sitting position. So the patient told me: "The tissues back of the skin in front were very sore, also the flesh in front of the skin in the back was likewise very tender as were those tissues back of the skin in the back." You can take it from there.

Dr. Don Young's new baby is a wonder in announcing his equanimity or approbation of life in general. He never cries except when he is dry at one end or wet at the other.

DISTRICT SEVEN

The last meeting of district seven was held in Austin, Sunday, February 24, at the Stephen F. Austin Hotel. Dr. Nat Stewart of Dallas gave a most informative talk on "Gallbladder Diseases". Dr. Sam Sparks, state president, gave a report of news items of local and national interest.

The program was most interesting and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The business meeting was held with Dr. Waldemar Schaefer presiding. The following new officers were elected: President, Dr. Waldemar D. Schaefer, San Antonio; vice president, Dr. W. J. Mosheim, San Antonio; secretary-treasurer, Dr. B. C. Richards, Austin.

Delegates to the state convention: Dr. Waldemar D. Schaefer, San Antonio; Dr. Joseph L. Love, Austin, and Dr. Lige C. Edwards, San Antonio.

Alternates: Dr. Gordon S. Beckwith, San Antonio; Dr. John B. Donovan, Austin; and Dr. B. C. Richards, Austin.

Following the meeting the group adjourned to join their wives at a local restaurant for dinner.

by B. C. RICHARDS, D.O.

DISTRICT EIGHT

The Nueces Society of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons met in regular session at a luncheon meeting, February 8, 1952, at the Robert Driscoll Hotel, with president R. A. Pennington presiding.

Dr. Pennington presented the program, which consisted of a lecture on "The Art of General Practice". It was pointed out by him that the trend in the healing arts seems to be more strongly each year towards specialization, with the result that the majority of physicians have lost the genuine art of general practice. He said that not only should the general practitioner be a physician but he must be counselor, advisor and friend, to regain the respect and admiration formerly held in the eyes of the patient. His dissertation was well timed and well received, and it is hoped that more and more physicians will relegate their efforts to general practice, toward which the modern trend seems to be turning.

On February 12, 1952 the staff of the C.C.O.H. met in the offices of Dr. Jas. M. Tyree. Following an interesting hour of professional discussion, Dr. Tyree exhibited the pictures which he made on a two months' European tour last year. The pictures were very interesting and educational, for which the entire staff expressed its appreciation.

Armour Laboratories were kind enough to produce a special moving picture in sound on "Tryptar", the modern healing medicament for infected wounds. The picture was shown to the staff of the C.C.O.H. on Tuesday night, February 19. The results of this advanced therapy in medicine are astounding and the appreciation of the entire hospital staff was expressed to the representatives of Armour and Company.

At the regular executive committee meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Corpus Christi Hospital on February 26, 1952, reiteration of former policies in effect were again emphasized and again cooperation of the entire board and staff of the Hospital was urged. Only in securing the individual and collective cooperation of practitioners in a given locality can progress be insured. The fastest growing city in the United States intends to continue

its growth as concerns the osteopathic profession.

Dr. Merle Griffin, president of Corpus Christi Osteopathic Hospital, attended a three day meeting of the trustees of the American Osteopathic Hospital Association in Chicago. Dr. Griffin is trustee for district seven which includes Texas, Colorado, New Mexico and Oklahoma.

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