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Reports of Delegates to A.O.A. Convention

The following A.O.A. delegates from the Texas Association make their annual reports on the activities of the House of Delegates to the profession, each delegate being assigned a particular phase of the activities on which to report.

Report Of



ELMER C. BAUM, D.O.
Austin, Texas

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

The House of Delegates of the American Osteopathic Association at the National Convention in Washington, D.C., remained in session a good portion of the 5½ days. It was an orderly and well controlled meeting, even though with several issues that caused concern and controversy. When the time came for voting on these issues it was decided without emotion.

The Bureau of Public Health on Education is greatly concerned with the matter of Practice Rights continuing to be one of primary importance in those states where proper laws have not been enacted regulating the Osteopathic Profession. The states with limited and also those with unlimited practice privileges have been encouraged by the successful administration of 1957 Kansas Healing Arts Act. Consequently, this has resulted in good relationships between the Medical and Osteopathic Professions in that state.

The Bureau reported last year that four states, namely, Georgia, Nebraska, Minnesota and Illinois had authorized interim legislative commissions or committees to study the licensing of practice of Doctors of Osteopathy in their states. This entailed visitation to the Osteopathic Colleges and Hospitals utilized by the colleges. The reports of these commissions are usually favorable and improved practice privileges surely will result in this procedure.

The Bureau stresses the importance of each divisional society to carefully evaluate any request for such a commission. The premature establishment of a commission in a state in the absence of an effective Public Education on Health program or the adequate personnel to carry on the negotiation with

the commission could seriously jeopardize a chance of success.

During the past year the Bureau encouraged the attendance at the Annual Congress on Medical Education and Licensure in Chicago. This year the American Association of Osteopathic Examiners met with this organization. The joint interchange of information between these types of boards will have far-reaching effect in respect for the two Professions and will continue to bring about reciprocity between the Composite Boards and Osteopathic Boards.

It is interesting to observe that there has been a trend to general raising of pre-professional and professional requirements of the state licensing laws for both Doctors of Medicine and Doctors of Osteopathy. The Profession now finds a new educational trend developing effecting the licensing of physicians. This trend is found in re-organization of the medical school curriculums at such institutions as the Medical Schools of Harvard University, John Hopkins University, Western Reserve and other schools that are developing new curriculums in both the Basic Sciences and Clinical years. John Hopkins University is now entering a new plan which will find the student in medical schools at the end of their second college year with a mixture of Arts and Science and Medicine for 3 years and a final year of Medicine. This will result in a Bachelor's Degree and a Medical Degree in 6 years. This will require some changes in some of the state laws. The Profession will have to meet the demands for physicians resulting from the predicted population growth in the next 10 years in all states. This will require cooperation between the legislators and the educators to a common agreement upon professional standards.

This Bureau has played a vital role in its study and the assistance it has given to every divisional society to bring about a uniform recognition of

the Osteopathic Profession.

Dr. Russell has served on this committee for many years and deserves much credit for the contribution that this Bureau has made in bringing about our present day recognition in many areas.

It has been a pleasure and education to again be exposed to the reports of the Committee activity on a national level.

We are presently moving forward but in the next few years we will see almost unbelievable recognition and acceptance.

Report Of



CHARLES D. OGILVIE, D.O.
Dallas, Texas

Program

This year's convention, held in Washington, D.C., was again a reflection of the tremendous growth and progress of the osteopathic profession.

All Texas D.O.'s can be proud of the role our state played in the Washington meeting. Dr. Richard O. Brennan, of Houston, was program chairman and presented one of the finest educational sessions of recent years. The program got off to an excellent start on Monday morning, July 14, with presentations by Mr. Philip E. Ryan, Executive Director, National Health Council; Dr. Berwyn F. Mattison, Executive Secretary, American Public Health Association; Dr. Aims C. McGuinness, Assistant Secretary for Health and Medical Affairs, Department of

Health, Education and Welfare; all of whom gave talks of keynote value. The address of welcome was presented by The Hon. Robert E. McLaughlin, President, Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia.

Again, this year the afternoon sessions were divided into two concurrent, early afternoon lectures and were followed by a technic session. On Thursday afternoon, a number of bus loads of registrants were transported to the National Institutes of Health, in Bethesda, where lectures on the Institutes and the work they are doing were given for two hours to the group. Unfortunately, the attendance of such a large group did not permit the projected "tour" as advertised although the trip was an informative one.

Once more, symposia and panel discussions were very much in evidence. Two Texas Osteopathic physicians moderated panels. Dr. James C. Bolin, Jr. presented a panel on "Office Orthopedic Procedures" and Dr. Charles D. Ogilvie moderated a panel entitled, "Degenerative Disease: Enigma? Challenge. Opportunity!" Other group discussions included such subjects as "Management of Acute Infections in Children," "Peripheral Vascular Diseases of the Geriatric Group," "Peptic Ulcer," "Management of Cardiac Emergencies," and "Osteopathy and Rehabilitation."

Other high points of the program included "The Importance of the Atherogenic Index," by Dr. John W. Gofman, whom Texas D.O.'s remember for his enlightening presentation in our state on the same subject last year; an address on the Medicare program by Major General Paul I. Robinson, Executive Director of the Medicare program; and a presentation on "Fluid Balance" by Dr. William D. Snively, Jr., Vice President of Mead-Johnson & Co. It is not possible to list in this report all of the excellent presentations made nor to comment on them.

Dr. W. Ballentine Henley, Presi-

dent, College of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons of Los Angeles, presented the A. T. Still Memorial Lecture. Before a capacity audience, Doctor Henley outlined the future obligation of the profession to human society. He dealt with the many difficulties and obstacles to such a realization in complete detail. This year's memorial address was in the tradition of previous presentations. Doctor Henley is to be congratulated on his scholarly approach and inspiring delivery of a most inclusive subject. The members of our profession who did not hear it will do well to carefully read the 1958 A. T. Still Memorial Lecture when it appears in the Journal of the A.O.A.

Report of the Treasurer

Mr. K. L. Ettenson, who has completed his first year as Treasurer of the A.O.A., presented a very comprehensive and encouraging report of the financial status of the association. It might be with some surprise that members of the association learn that besides our other assets we own almost \$174,000.00 worth of securities! The strength of the financial status of the association is also reflected in the balance of \$227,399.05 surplus working cash—an increase of almost \$75,000.00 over last year. The total income for the association last year was \$1,185,681.63, compared with a figure the previous year of \$1,056,280.05. On the other side of the ledger, the expenditures for the past year amounted to \$1,074,500.11 against a figure of \$996,124.73 for the preceding year. It is interesting to note that only half of the past year's income was derived from dues. A complete breakdown of the financial status of the association is available to interested parties. It was the impression of this delegate that our affairs are in good hands.

Report of the Editor

The publications of the A.O.A. are big business. Almost 38 per cent of the

1957-58 income of our association was from the sale of advertising and subscriptions to our publications—chiefly the J. A.O.A. It is important that all members appreciate the financial as well as the didactic significance of this sphere of organized osteopathy.

Dr. Raymond P. Keesecker, Editor, presented a very comprehensive report on the publications to the House of Delegates. He stated his belief that for the lay publication *HEALTH* to be effective, its circulation must be increased to 100,000 through A.O.A. subsidy. Doctor Keesecker pointed out again this year that a basic weakness in the *HEALTH* program is a more realistic program of distribution.

The greatest issue facing the osteopathic profession, insofar as publications are concerned, is the proposal that the *FORUM* be discontinued and its material be integrated into a *JOURNAL* that would be published semi-monthly, instead of monthly. There are many arguments, pro and con, on this issue. The strongest argument in favor of discontinuance of the *FORUM* is a financial one. The *FORUM* is not self supporting, and it appears that it never will be. Advertising agencies simply do not want to advertise in the *FORUM* for a number of reasons, according to Dr. Keesecker and Mr. Seberg, our business manager.

The House of Delegates has set up

committees to re-examine the publications and to make recommendations on the proposals suggested by the Editor. The 1959 House will, no doubt, make decisions that will have a great bearing on the future.

Report of the Executive Secretary

Dr. True B. Eveleth presented a comprehensive report which again reflected the strong position of the osteopathic profession. The A.O.A. now has more members and less non-members than ever before in its history (10,184 members as of June 1, 1958 compared to 9,877 in 1957 at the same date).

Student applications to osteopathic colleges are higher than any other time in the history of the profession. The O.P.F. has increased $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent over last year. The total being \$743,750.18 for the past year.

Hospital beds are expanding very rapidly. The profession in 1958 has 7,279 approved hospital beds and 2,423 registered beds, with a grand total of 9,702 beds in 200 hospitals. Other activities in the health field include participation on the Committee on Health Education of the National Health Council, and exhibits at the national meetings of the Public Health Association, Public Welfare Association, National Education Association, and the Health Show in New York.

Doctor Eveleth also reported that

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the I.B.M. Statistical Project is in its final stage. Every osteopathic physician, either living or dead (some 23,556), will have an I.B.M. card in the national office, upon which a considerable amount of data will be available. Although the system is not in full use as yet, it has already well proven its worth in the time and effort that it has caused the national association.

The Executive Secretary recommended that he and the Editor be authorized to devise a more effective method of reporting actions of the House of Delegates in the Journal of the A.O.A. This was unanimously approved.

Report of the Business Manager

Mr. Walter A. Suberg presented a report that further points out the fact that the publications of the A.O.A. are "big business." The JOURNAL is in good shape, its income topping that of the previous year by \$74,336.00 for a total of \$373,914.00 in *advertising alone*. The FORUM also showed an increase over the corresponding period (20 per cent), however, this publication is still a great problem as far as advertising is concerned. An increase in the advertising in the DIRECTORY has also been accomplished, but only with considerable effort. The HEALTH magazine continues status quo and was reported on in detail by the editor. Mr. Suberg also reported that all exhibit space was sold at the convention—6 more booths than last year.

In conclusion, I should like to observe that this was a *good* convention—particularly from the social standpoint. Many of the doctors were accompanied by their families and all seemed to be enjoying sight-seeing and other activities. For the second year, a planned program of children's activities was available. As one who utilized this service to its fullest, I want to commend the A.O.A. on this phase of convention activity. I do hope the Young People's Activities are here to stay!

It was an honor and a privilege to

serve the Texas affiliate as a delegate to the A.O.A. again this year.

Report Of



GEORGE J. LUIBEL, D.O.
Fort Worth, Texas

Education and Colleges

The reports to the 1958 House of Delegates meeting in Washington concerning the educational picture in the profession and colleges were more optimistic in tone than any in recent years. This does not mean, of course, that the colleges have solved all of their problems, but rather that they are continuing to drive toward their respective goals. All six institutions must continually revamp and expand their physical plants. All must have current revenue for operating expenses and a demand for an increase of personnel to provide the depth of faculty strength that is desirable.

Nevertheless, the Osteopathic Progress Fund reports about a four and one-half percent increase last year despite a \$15,000 decrease from the largest contributing divisional society. Several more states have decided to support the colleges through dues.

Simultaneously, it was pointed out that seventeen of the states which are in greatest need of osteopathic physicians, practically ignore the fund raising program and their combined gifts totaled only \$4,293.29 or about \$5.69 per D.O. The remainder of the profession contributed about three-fourths of a million dollars.

Mr. Laurence Mills, Director of Education for the A.O.A., reported more applicants for our colleges than any period since the war. This development is most remarkable in the face of a decline in applicants for the 82 allopathic and 49 dental colleges over the country and a steady decrease in the number of students enrolled in pre-medical educational courses.

The quality of our new students is higher than in the past; though the new class will average three years younger than any group since the war. (This, of course, will give them a practice expectancy of three more years.)

The greatest single factor for this favorable student situation is the recruitment program of the divisional societies. Some of the states most commended were California, Florida, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Missouri. I'm sorry to report that Texas was not mentioned among the leaders. This came as no surprise after listening to our college presidents during our recent State Convention. It is obvious that our appeals for students must be consistent from year to year if they are to bear fruit.

The current census totals about 1900 students in our colleges and by 1961 we should expect to graduate the largest class in recent times—about 500 new D.O.'s.

Unfortunately, even in the light of these favorable statistics, our ratio to the overall population continues to decline because of our continued national growth.

The National Osteopathic Scholarship Program under the sponsorship of the Auxiliary to the A.O.A. continues to improve and expand—up this year from five to seven. Mrs. J. O. Carr of Texas is again a member of the committee in charge, and posters and information sheets were sent to over 800 colleges last year. The public relations value to the profession is tremendous.

The complete activity of the Bureau of Professional Education and Colleges concern the broad educational programs of the profession beginning with the undergraduate years and continuing through to certification in the specialties and programs of extending education for the general practitioner. (The only exceptions are the Intern and Resident programs which are assigned to the Bureau of Hospitals.)

The Bureau (of Professional Education), therefore, does a tremendous amount of work, much of which is administrative and functional in character and does not lend itself to consideration in a report of this type.

However, some of the highlights in the annual report included:

Recommendations to approve all six colleges for the coming year.

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Finally, the Bureau makes recommendations to the Board of Trustees and the House of Delegates on its findings covering the various educational programs, constitutional changes and other proposals of the many speciality societies and colleges which are affiliated with the A.O.A. and whose activities must be approved by the parent organization.

Report Of



LESTER I. TAVEL, D.O.
Houston, Texas

Resume of Action Taken

The sixty-second annual meeting of the American Osteopathic Association was held in Washington D.C., at the Shoreham and Sheraton-Park Hotels.

The house of Delegates and Board of Trustees of the A.O.A., met at the Shoreham Hotel. The exhibits and the scientific session were at the Shoreham Hotel, the Auxiliary to the A.O.A., and the Banquets were held at the Sheraton-Park Hotel.

Texas was honored in the following manner: Dr. P. R. Russell was the recipient of the Psi Sigma Alpha Award. Dr. Elmer Baum was elected to the Board of Trustees of the A.O.A. Dr. George Luibel served as President of the Academy of Applied Osteopathy. Dr. Richard O. Brennan as Program Chairman, also, Dr. Brennan was elected President Elect of the American College of General Practitioners in Os-

teopathic Medicine and Surgery. Mrs. R. O. (June) Brennan was elected to the Board of Trustees of the Auxiliary to the American Osteopathic Association. Members of Committees of the House of Delegates of the A.O.A., from Texas, were:—Dr. Elmer C. Baum, Dr. C. D. Ogilvie and Dr. Lester I. Tavel. Dr. Robert Morgan served on the Board of Trustees and arranged a most outstanding Veterans Dinner.

Members of National Committees from Texas were:—Bureau of Hospitals—Dr. V. L. Jennings. Committee on Special Membership Effort—Dr. Elmer Baum. Memorial Lecture—Dr. A. T. Still. Committee on Program, Convention Scientific Exhibit, Instruction Courses at Convention—Dr. Richard O. Brennan. Bureau of Public Education on Health—Dr. P. R. Russell. Bureau of Public Health and Safety—Dr. Elmer C. Baum. Committee on Veterans Affairs—Dr. Robert Morgan. Committee appointments for the ensuing year had not been announced at the final session of the House of Delegates.

The A. T. Still Memorial lecture was given by Dr. Ballentine Henley, President of the Los Angeles College of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons. It was the first time it had ever been given by a lay person. It was well attended and comment was most favorable over Dr. Henley's presentation of the problems of medical education in Osteopathic Colleges.

The scientific exhibits improve each year and there were more of them. The commercial exhibits included all of the major pharmaceutical houses and supply companies.

Dr. B. L. Livengood of Bay City, Texas, was awarded a Life Membership in the A.O.A.

The convention, as a whole, moved by bus to the National Institute of Health for a pleasant ride to Bethesda, Maryland, where we listened to two hours of lectures.

The house approved several consti-

tutional changes, including a condensation of the section on objects. The new section reads that the objectives of the A.O.A. "shall be to promote the public health, to encourage scientific research, and to maintain and improve high standards of medical education in osteopathic colleges." The House vote was 115 to 16 for the revision. Dr. Carl Morrison, retiring president of the A.O.A., in the paper, Capital Comments, made the following statement. "This change in objects in no way changes the policy of the osteopathic profession to retain its identity as one of the two complete schools of medicine in the country."

Dr. Chester Swope of Washington, D.C., was awarded the G.P. of the Year Citation.

Mrs. Frances E. Warner of Bloom-

ington, Indiana, was installed as the new President of the Auxiliary to the American Osteopathic Association. Dr. John Boyd of Louise, Texas, Alternate Delegate attended practically all of the sessions of the House of Delegates.

Dr. James C. Bolin of Houston was Chairman of a Panel on "Office Orthopedics." Dr. R. O. Brennan was the general Program Chairman and is to be congratulated on the excellent program this year.

It is unfortunate that the delegates do not have time to attend the professional lectures. There is quite a move on in the House, toward having the House of Delegates meet at another time and have a large convention for all the affiliated organizations (except the State meetings) at one time.

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ond Vice President of the Kirksville College of Osteopathy and Surgery Alumni Association. Dr. George Miller was succeeded as President of the American Osteopathic College of Pathologists, by Dr. Boyd B. Button of Portland, Maine. Dr. Phil Russell was elected Vice President of The Association of Osteopathic Publications. Dr. Charles Ogilvie is President Elect of the American Osteopathic College of Radiology. Dr. Lester I. Tavel is a Director of the American Osteopathic College of Proctology and a member of the American Osteopathic Board of Proctology. Dr. Jerry Carr is Vice President of the American College of Osteopathic Obstetricians and Gynecologists. Dr. Patrick Philben is a member of the American Osteopathic Board of Pediatrics.

Next year the Convention will be held in Chicago, Illinois. Everyone felt that this was an outstanding meeting and that much was accomplished. It is hoped that the doctors at home will take a more active part in their district and State Association.

Report Of



JOSEPH F. DePETRUS, D.O.
Dallas, Texas

Bureau of Research and Bureau of Hospitals

Bureau of Research: the research program continues to increase in volume and importance. From its recent review of the projects receiving grants and aid from the association it is evident to

the Bureau that the quality, productivity and accomplishments of these programs during the past year have been extremely significant. New application for research in the basic sciences in Osteopathic medicine are granted to the Kirksville, Kansas City and Los Angeles Colleges of Osteopathy.

Bureau of Hospitals: Dr. Clyde C. Henry, Director of Hospital Inspections, has resigned. This position has not been filled at the time of this meeting. It is intended to replace Dr. Henry with one full time hospital inspector and two part-time hospital inspectors. Miss Patricia Guinand is now the secretary of the Bureau. The Bureau recommended that the following Texas hospitals be approved for intern and resident training effective July 1, 1958: Dallas Osteopathic Hospital, intern training, a second resident in general surgery, a second resident in anesthesiology, a resident in obstetrics and gynecology. Fort Worth Osteopathic Hospital, intern training, one resident in general surgery. Stevens Park Osteopathic Hospital, intern training, one resident in general surgery. The Bureau recommended the following Texas Hospitals be placed on the registered list. Big Sandy Clinic and Hospital, Coates Brown Clinic and Hospital, Elm Street Hospital and Clinic, Miles Osteopathic Hospital, effective July 1, 1958.

The Bureau has revised the minimum requirements, standards and regulations for intern and resident training in hospitals. The only significant change which they recommended was that an intern training hospital must have a minimum of forty-five adult beds and a fifty percent annual bed occupancy must be maintained. This recommendation was not passed by the House of Delegates, but it was recommended that the hospitals be notified that in the future the House of Delegates will give serious consideration to the passage of this recommendation. The basic reason for this would be the raising of

standards of intern training in the Osteopathic profession and at the present time two states are requiring that the hospital in which the intern trains must have a minimum of seventy-five beds before they can accept the internship in their state.

Proposed Amendments to the Constitution, By-Laws and Code of Ethics of the American Osteopathic Association, which was published in the May issue of the A.O.A. Journal, were passed as follows:

1. Article 2, Objects: changed as follows, this section was deleted; The objects of this association shall be to promote the public health and the art and science of the osteopathic school of practice of the healing art; by maintaining high standards of osteopathic education and by advancing the profession's knowledge of surgery, obstetrics and the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of disease in general; by stimulating original research and investigation, and by collecting and disseminating the results of such work for the education and improvement of the profession and the ultimate benefit of humanity; that the evolution of the osteopathic principles shall be an ever-

growing tribute to Andrew Taylor Still, whose original researches made possible osteopathy as a science.

This was changed as follows: The objects of this association shall be to promote the public health, to encourage scientific research and to maintain and improve high standards of medical education in osteopathic colleges. This passed the house by a vote of 115 to 16. This was followed by Dr. Carl E. Morrison, retiring A.O.A. president, with the following statement: "This change in the objects in no way changes the policy of the osteopathic profession to retain its identity as one of the two complete schools of medicine and surgery in this country."

This was also ratified by the House of Delegates, passing the following resolution which was adopted at the December, 1957, meeting of the American Association of Osteopathic Colleges, as follows: As the osteopathic profession and its colleges enter a period of accelerated development of their capacities to serve the public health, it is apparent that most careful study should be given to the dissemination of proper information about the profession, its special and distinctive contri-

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In this relationship, it is recognized that presently held concepts and understandings, statements of aims and purposes, and all such materials must be most carefully stated in language clear and understandable to the scientific, educational, medical, industrial and other general public.

However, in the course of any examination, restatement or preparation of information, we believe it must be recognized that already phenomenal progress has been made by the osteopathic profession towards understanding and support among many segments of the public; this progress has been made in large part because of the distinct nature of osteopathy (osteopathic medicine).

It is therefore strongly recommended that every such step in the necessary process of restudy, restatement and in-

terpretation be most carefully considered so that there will be no weakening of the presently stated position of the A.O.A. to "maintain a separate, complete and distinctive school of medicine." The Board of Trustees and the House of Delegates of the A.O.A. passed this resolution.

A resolution that the support of O.P.F. through dues at the A.O.A. level be given was not passed by the House of Delegates.

Dr. Galen S. Young of Chester, Pennsylvania, was confirmed without opposition as president-elect of the A.O.A. Returned to office were Dr. Ralph Copeland of San Marino, California, as first vice-president, and Dr. Wesley B. Larsen of Hensdale, Illinois, as second vice-president. Dr. W. B. Goff of Dunbar, West Virginia, was chosen as third vice-president. Dr. Elmer C. Baum, of Austin, Texas, was named to replace Dr. Young as Trustee. The Trustees nominated were Dr. Robert D. Anderson, of Philadelphia, Dr. Lydia T. Jordan, of Davenport, Iowa, Dr. Campbell Ward, Mt. Clemens, Michigan, Dr. Wallace M. Pearson, Kirksville, Missouri, Dr. Herbert L. Sanders, Grand Junction, Colorado.

Among the communications to the House were petitions from Minnesota and reports from its own committee on format and scheduling to change the A.O.A. convention format. The proposals included the separation of the scientific and professional sessions and bringing all of the A.O.A. affiliated societies into a single clinical assembly. House and Board meetings might be held before or after the assembly or at a different time of the year in Chicago. It was recommended by the House of Delegates that the following proposals be continually worked on and changed in the near future as soon as the final arrangements could be made, so that in the near future the House of Delegates of the A.O.A. will not meet at the same time as the A.O.A. general meeting, that the specialty colleges will meet

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Financial and Business Activities

The American Osteopathic Association is a growing and prosperous structure, the House of Delegates was told in reports from Central Office Departments and its own committees and bureaus.

AOA membership has increased to 10,184 during the past year, Dr. True B. Eveleth, executive secretary, told the House. The figure represents a gain of 307 members from 1957 and a reduction of 102 in non-members among osteopathic graduates. Dr. Eveleth also pointed to increases in the Osteopathic Progress Fund and association revenues. He cited expansion of osteopathic hospitals to a 1958 total of 200 with 9702 beds approved and registered by the AOA.

Treasurer Kenneth L. Ettenson reported that revenues surpassed all previous records. Total association income for the fiscal year was \$1,185,681, an increase of \$129,401 over the previous year.

The AOA business office had increased advertising revenue in official publications for the third straight year, according to Walter A. Suberg, Business Manager. He also announced a

proposed study of the prescription writing habits of D.O.'s.

The Osteopathic Foundation Loan Fund Committee reported granting a total of 93 loans totaling \$54,900 during the past year. It plans, with the aid of a loan from AOA, to maintain its program at about \$50,000 a year until more monies are available.

Since the fund was set up in 1931, loans from the American Osteopathic Association Student Loan Fund have been issued to exactly 500 students, in an amount of \$301,093.00. Adding the loans made from The Osteopathic Foundation since it was set up in 1949 (\$116,055.00 to 159 students) we have a total of 659 Doctors of Osteopathy who have been enabled to complete their professional training and be graduated.

The Osteopathic Progress Fund reported a total of ten states now con-

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tributing to support-thru dues programs. The plan was challenged and upheld in a Michigan court during the year, according to the OPF chairman, Dr. Galen S. Young of Chester, Pennsylvania. OPF giving reached an all-time high of \$759,192 this year.

The Osteopathic Progress Fund still supplies, to a minimal extent at least a "life-line" for the continuation of present activities in our Osteopathic colleges. It has been stated on various occasions that, unless these funds are available from the profession our educational institutions might face distressing financial problems. Therefore, it appears, that under no circumstances, should the O.P.F. Committee decrease its activity but, on the other hand, the activities of this committee, in our opinion, must be accelerated if this Profession is to exist as a separate school of medicine.

Of the 12,500 D.O.'s in practice 5,342, or 43%, gave to support osteopathic education this year. Since this is the first year we have recorded the number of contributors, we cannot make comparisons. But the fact remains obvious that, in a minority profession which is working so hard for recognition, this participation percentage is far too low. If this profession is going to be built up to meet the tests ahead of it, every doctor will have to become an annual investor in its educational

system and an *active* member of its state and national organizations.

The states also should receive their share of praise. Indiana during its first year on support-thru-dues achieved the phenomenal record of reaching 134 per cent of state O.P.F. quota to lead the nation. Minnesota increased O.P.F. giving despite the fact that they were going through a legislative battle. Their increase from 23 per cent of quota a year ago to 31 per cent this year helped. New Mexico increased their percentage from 40 percent to 84 per cent and Virginia increased from 32 per cent to 68 per cent. The stalwart states of Florida, Illinois, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio and Texas came through in their traditional manner and each showed encouraging increases in giving. While the returns from California, Colorado, Oregon, and the Auxiliary were not up to last year's performance, it may be that changes in methods of reporting O.P.F. giving to the central office may have been responsible.

The big increase in giving this year was noted in the Public Contributions category where \$124,657.29 were posted this year as compared with \$74,751 last year. However, the profession is going to have to set a more impressive record of giving both in the number of contributors and the amount given before more substantial gains will be noted in public giving.

The Chairman of the Committee on Christmas Seals, reports that the 1957 campaign shows an increase in income, improvement in method, and reduction in cost. Returns are just over \$66,000—\$1,000 over goal and \$10,000 over 1956. Total campaign cost for 1957 is just under \$22,000, a little more than 33 per cent of income.

In the 19-year period from 1931-1949, the gross round-number income was \$106,000. In the 8 years from 1950-1958, it was \$313,000.

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in public relations is tremendous. Neither does it require a great stretch of logic to see that the phenomenal development will continue on the escalator scale only if each campaign is given adequate, consistent and personal attention. The individual of this profession and the public must receive information, and interest must be converted to active support on an ever-expanding scale. Through vision, sound planning and coherent administration we have carried the osteopathic Christmas seal program to the threshold of great accomplishment.

The Professional Liability Insurance Committee reported that by the time 1957 was concluded, 146 incidents had been reported, compared to 151 in 1956. However, due to the persistent trend on the part of plaintiffs' attorneys to name more doctors in suits, a total of 215 of our doctors had claims asserted against them, compared to 208 in 1956. The differences are so small that it would appear that both 1956 and 1957 were about the same so far as reported incidents and claims are concerned.

The most gratifying item is that according to the financial reports, our program as a whole is now operating in the black and the company is making a small profit. When, in retrospect, the reports of previous years are reviewed, this news is most welcome. In accordance with our arrangements with

the insurer and as a result of the developments up to September 30, 1957, premiums were lowered for individual doctors in 17 states, and for hospitals in 7 states, effective January 1, 1958. Regrettably, premiums were raised in one state. The reductions in premiums varied from a maximum of 27.3% to a minimum of 5.2%.

Current trends in the professional liability insurance field as a whole are decidedly mixed. At present, it appears that the profits which the Company expects to make stems largely from policy years 1955 and 1956. As you know, losses were suffered in each year 1950, 1951, 1952, and 1953. When premiums had to be raised in 1954 and 1955, the trend of reported claims was skyrocketing. This trend leveled off in 1955 and 1956. As soon as this became apparent, downward premium adjustments were made wherever possible, and January 1, 1958, marks the third consecutive premium reduction. This is just the opposite of the trend in the allopathic profession in most of the United States, and, to the best of our knowledge, the programs administered by the Nettleship Company are the only ones that have enjoyed reductions in the past three years. Our membership is to be congratulated that we have seen our program through this trying time, and that the majority of our members realize the value of continuous insurance.

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persistent increase in the cost of the average claim. With only minor interruptions, this increase per claim has amounted to about \$300 a year. Two factors account for it. The first is the higher costs for everything which leads to higher judgments and settlements. The second is that attorneys are filing suit in a higher percentage of the claims than in former years, and, at present, suit is filed in about 80% of the cases, which lead to higher costs to process the claims as a whole. Factors such as these are beyond the control of any of us, but they have to be reckoned with when conducting a program such as ours.

During 1957, 212 claims and suits against our members were closed at a total cost of \$434,003. This was \$119,000 more than in 1956 when 169 claims and suits were closed. The increased amount spent was in direct proportion to the increased number of claims closed, approximately 25%. An analysis of the monies spent on claims and suits in 1957 as compared to 1956 indicates that a larger portion was paid for defense and a smaller portion for settlements or judgments.

It became necessary to take underwriting action, this past year, against

10 members insured under the A.O.A. program. These members were removed from the program for one of the following reasons; repeated claims resulting from poor judgment on the part of the insured, outright negligence, substandard medical practice or use of illegal procedures. When it becomes necessary to drop a member from the official program, the Nettleship Company attempts to secure insurance coverage through other companies when requested to do so by the insured.

During 1957, the number of members insured under our program increased 2.8%, and hospitals .5%. This is encouraging and healthy, as the new doctors joining the program are usually about the same in number as those who die or retire. Although 212 claims and suits were closed in 1957, the number of claims so far reported and yet to be closed increased from 340, January 1, 1957, to 348, January 1, 1958.

In closing, we point out that it is our firm conviction that the long term welfare of our members is served best by our A.O.A. program and that each and every member of our profession, regardless of where he may purchase his insurance, should be sure that the amount of his protection is adequate.

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Report of Executive Secretary A.O.A. Convention

The executive secretary left Fort Worth July 9 for Washington, D. C., that he might be able to attend one day's session of the Board of Trustees of the Association before the meeting on Friday, the 11th, of the Society of Divisional Secretaries. He was rather disappointed in the fact that the Board adjourned at 10 A.M. on July 10th as it had caught up with its work.

Your executive secretary then occupied the rest of the afternoon with a visitation with the President and executive secretary of the A.O.A. and individual members of the Board and with some of the specialty groups that were present. So, the day was not lost and a great deal of information was gained.

On Friday, July 11, the executive secretary attended the meeting of the Society of Divisional Secretaries. These meetings are always interesting and are put on primarily to bring the executive secretaries up to date with inside information. The program this year was not what I would consider too valuable. A discussion with individual secretaries brought about a good deal of information that was valuable to your organization.

Sunday, July 12, the Association of Osteopathic Publications met at noon and continued through the afternoon and evening. This is a group of editors who are all members of the Association of Osteopathic Publications. They are always interesting meetings and certain information is picked up, particularly from individual editors who are present. It was surprising to find out how much the other editors thought of your Journal.

Your executive secretary was elected First Vice President of the Association of Osteopathic Publications and next year will be responsible for the program, which he desires very much to make a practical workshop program.

In addition to this, your secretary attended an honorary fraternity meeting—Sigma Sigma Phi—in the afternoon and evening of Sunday, July 13. He also attended, for a few minutes, the Conference of Southern States as an unofficial observer and after dinner he attended the House of Delegates for the first time (after having served as a delegate since 1923) as an observer.

Your executive secretary also attended a meeting of the National Board of Examiners in which the discussion was had in regard to the objective type examination. The executive secretary has been opposed to instituting this type of an examination in our medical boards and colleges as he does not feel that the profession is ready for it.

Monday morning, as usual, he attended the A.O.A. Past Presidents Breakfast, which was interesting and enlightening and here he was appointed on a committee with Dr. McCullough to stimulate help to several of our osteopathic medical missionaries in South America.

A report from Dr. McCullough on his visitation to S. America was one that anybody would enjoy. He brought back a good many relics out of the swamps of S. America. One that was particularly interesting was a "wife beater." Your executive secretary ordered a half dozen for himself and another half dozen for his son. At least this made the trip to Washington worthwhile—learning how to handle a wife—something your executive secretary has never known.

Dr. McCullough also had with him some blow-guns and poison darts which was also tempting to buy as your executive secretary could think of a few people he would like to shoot them at.

The balance of the afternoon was spent at the meeting of the Board of

Trustees and House of Delegates. The entire week was taken up with one meeting after another of official groups, which were of interest in that they gave a certain amount of information that was of use to your executive secretary.

Your secretary attended the usual functions—the banquets of the alumni, fraternities, etc. One very interesting evening was an invitation to a party given by President Barth of the Philadelphia College entertaining several congresswomen and congressmen—national and state—and the Commissioner of Health of Pennsylvania. Being one of the very few outside guests who had this invitation, the executive secretary was much elated and throughout the dinner and afterwards he was able to secure a good deal of political information.

The executive secretary was also invited to a party given by the Pennsylvania group for the new President-Elect of the A.O.A., Dr. Galen S. Young.

On Saturday he attended the Academy luncheon and business session—a group in which a Texan, Dr. Geo. Luibel, has held the office of President this past year, and the one specialty group that is adding much to the preservation of the principles of the osteopathic school of medicine.

Your executive secretary is usually not caught off-guard, but at the Friday night Installation of Officers Banquet he was caught completely off-guard when Dr. John W. Hayes of Ohio was called upon to make a presentation and started talking about the second largest state in the union, which of course gripped your executive secretary to begin with, and then wound up by asking the executive secretary to come forward and receive an award. Your executive secretary went forward, received the award, made a little acceptance talk, returned to his table, and said "My God, what did I get?" and was then of course thrilled to find the Psi Sigma Alpha, honorary scholarship fra-

ternity had presented him with their distinguished award. It made your executive secretary very happy. He has felt that he has received more than his just share of honorary degrees and awards from this profession, and since he thought there were no more left, he was caught out in left field and did not know how to handle himself.

The members of the House of Delegates have done a good job in reporting the executive secretary's observations of the House of Delegates activities. Therefore he has left out any reference, in this report, to action that took place in the House of Delegates.

Your executive secretary just wants the profession to know that as usual, he was busy at the convention officially and never had one moment in which he could attend a lecture of a scientific nature. He returned to Fort Worth, Sunday, July 20 in much need of a rest.

The attendance from Texas was good, the following being present:

Dr. Nelson W. Alexander, Dr. J. E. Barnett, Dr. and Mrs. Elmer C. Baum, Dr. J. C. Bolin, Dr. and Mrs. John H. Boyd, Dr. and Mrs. Richard O. Brennan, Dr. Catherine K. Carlton, Dr. Elbert P. Carlton, Dr. and Mrs. J. O. Carr, Dr. Charles L. Curry, Dr. Joseph F. DePetris, Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Donovan, Dr. Lovie Mae Evans, Dr. Robert B. Finch, Dr. and Mrs. R. G. Haman, Charles M. Hawes, Dr. and Mrs. Carl O. Haymes and child, Dr. and Mrs. M. G. Holcomb, Dr. William A. Jones, Dr. Mary Lou Logan, Dr. and Mrs. George J. Luibel, Dr. George E. Miller, Dr. and Mrs. Robert E. Morgan, Dr. and Mrs. C. D. Ogilvie and two children, Dr. George F. Pease, Dr. R. H. Peterson, Dr. Loren R. Rohr, Dr. and Mrs. P. R. Russell, Dr. Sam Scothorn, Dr. Harvey D. Smith, Dr. Lester I. Tavel, Dr. William S. Walters, Dr. and Mrs. Francis S. Wheeler and child, Dr. David Jaffe, and Mr. Louis S. Taylor, Administrator of the Dallas Osteopathic Hospital.

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CORRECTION

The article "OSTEOPATHS AND CHIROPRACTORS ARE NOT THE SAME" on page 13 of the July 1958 issue of the Texas Osteopathic Physicians Journal inadvertently omitted that it was a Reprint from Good Housekeeping, June 1958, Page Nos. 180-181.

NOTICE

The Membership Committee of the Texas Association of Osteopathic Obstetricians and Gynecologists will review completed applications for membership at its September 28, 1958 meeting.

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Executive Secretary Makes Hospital Inspections

Having just returned from the A.O.A. Convention in Washington, your executive secretary was notified to be in Amarillo Tuesday night July 22 to begin the inspection of hospitals in the northern area of the state. By pushing very hard, the executive secretary got rid of the correspondence of importance and reached Amarillo on time.

From early Wednesday morning until 3 P.M. that afternoon the hospital inspector and the executive secretary were busy at the Amarillo Osteopathic Hospital. We left there at 3 P.M. and rushed to Groom and in a matter of three hours inspected that hospital which is a registered hospital and then we returned for a staff meeting at the Amarillo Osteopathic Hospital at 8:30 P.M. and here the story begins.

The executive secretary has been kidded a great deal about having been

robbed in Houston of all his money and credit cards two years ago, while on an inspection trip with this same inspector. However on that trip we were not at the same motel so of course the inspector was beyond suspicion. But on this trip, upon returning to our rooms in Amarillo where we had adjoining rooms since the night before, with the doors wide open, the executive secretary started kidding the inspector by telling him he got by the first day of this inspection without being robbed. The inspector reached in his pants pocket, turned white, and said, "Where is my pocketbook? I had a cold \$1,000 in cash and no identification in it." WELL, your executive secretary didn't feel too good at that point and the inspector knew he had it the night before and that was the last time he was sure of it.

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that pocketbook. At least the executive secretary wanted to remove any doubt from the inspector's mind that he was as badly in need of \$1,000 as he really is. So, we retraced every foot of ground we had been on. In leaving the Amarillo Osteopathic Hospital about 1 A.M., the light of the auto reflecting under another car brought up a dark spot under the engine. The inspector asked if it was oil. The executive secretary said he thought it was, but he got out, looked under the car and still thought it was oil, but needing a little oil on his fingers, he got down on his knees, reached under the car, touched the oil spot, and came up with \$1,000 in the pocketbook.

The inspector and executive secretary returned to the hotel and then in our jubilation, we celebrated until 2:30 A.M. and since then the executive secretary has suffered continually from a gall bladder attack, all of which he blames on the poor inspector who is a qualified surgeon and who the executive secretary feels should be required to come back and remove the offending gall bladder. Being a good showman though, your executive secretary kept up the pace and on Thursday morning we met at Groom with the staff of the hospital for breakfast and spent two hours there.

From Groom, they proceeded to Aspermont which we reached about 1 P.M. and spent two hours in that small institution.

We then managed to make Comanche by 5 P.M. where we immediately started inspecting the Blackwood-Mims Hospital and continued until we finished and then had a big steak as the guests of Drs. Blackwood and Mims, which was no good for a gall bladder that was raising Cain, but was so good that it could not be wasted.

At 1 A.M. we were in Granbury, having covered 385 miles and we had inspected three hospitals. By this time, your executive secretary was full of many belly gripes.

On Friday morning, we inspected the Granbury Hospital and the inspector then left for the Coast for a two day's rest. He left at 3 o'clock that afternoon, leaving the poor executive secretary with nothing but a growling, howling belly.

The inspector returned to Fort Worth on Monday morning where we inspected the Fort Worth Osteopathic Hospital. On Wednesday, we proceeded to Wolfe City Hospital and Denison Osteopathic Hospital where we inspected these two institutions and the executive secretary caught a plane back to Fort Worth, with many growls and aches inside of him and for one time, glad an inspection was over. He is just wondering how much longer he can tolerate living on buttermilk in order to keep himself from jumping up and down.

DEATH

Dr. David Hudson Hale, 30, resident surgeon at Dallas Osteopathic Hospital was killed Monday, August 4, when the 27 foot steel center pole of a revival tent he was helping to dismantle fell on him. Dr. Hale had volunteered to help take down the tent at the close of a three-week Seventh-day Adventist revival.

Dallas Hospitals Hold Sixth Annual Interns Graduation



Dr. Trent C. Root, Vice President of Southern Methodist University, presents the address of the evening at the sixth annual graduation of Dallas interns and residents.

Seven interns and two residents received certificates at the sixth annual graduation banquet and ball of the combined Dallas Osteopathic Hospital and Stevens Park Osteopathic Hospital on June 28. Well over three hundred physicians and friends of the profession attended the affair which was held on the Terrace Roof of the Baker Hotel. Dr. Milton V. Gafney served as master of ceremonies.

The graduation address was given by Dr. Trent C. Root, Vice President of Southern Methodist University, who spoke on the obligation of the professional man in a changing world. Dr.

Root was introduced by Dr. Ralph I. McRae. Following his address, the combined staffs presented Dr. Root with an engraved desk set in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the community. This presentation was made by Dr. Robert N. Collop, President of District V.

Dr. Mickie G. Holcomb, President of the Texas Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons, gave a congratulatory message to the graduates and charged them with their professional responsibilities. The invocation and benediction were pronounced by the Reverend William J. Smyth, Pastor of St. Lukes Catholic Church in Irving.

Dr. Charles D. Ogilvie, Chief of Staff of the Stevens Park Osteopathic Hospital, and Dr. Joseph DePetris, Chief of Staff of the Dallas Osteopathic Hospital, presented certificates of graduation to the following interns: Drs. John D. Carponter, John B. DeCosmo, Jr., David B. Greene, Henry W. Harenberg, Matthew J. Maughan, Robert E. Slye, Martha V. Winkler. Certificates of residency were presented to Dr. David H. Hale, Surgery (two years), and Dr. S. Stevon Kebabjian, Anesthesiology (two years).

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Drs. Boudette and Reynolds To Speak at Combined X-Ray and OB Meeting

All Texas D.O.'s are invited to attend a combined September meeting of the Texas Association of Osteopathic Obstetricians and Gynecologists and the Texas Osteopathic Radiological Society. The Austin meeting will feature Dr. Wesley V. Boudette, Associate Radiologist at the Grandview Hospital, Dayton, Ohio, and Dr. W. Ober Reynolds of Albuquerque, New Mexico, former Professor of Obstetrics at the Kirksville College of Osteopathy and Surgery.

The meeting will be held at the Terrace Motor Hotel in Austin on Sunday, September 28. Advance registration will commence on Saturday afternoon and a dinner party for the registrants and their guests is planned for Saturday night, according to Dr. Joseph L. Love, local arrangements chairman.

Scheduled topics include symposiums on "Localization of the Placenta" and "The Diagnosis and Treatment of Sterility." In addition, Doctor Reynolds will conduct a teaching session on "Causes of Dystocia." Doctor Boudette will also present a teaching session entitled, "Observations on Cervical Cancer." Dr. Chas. C. Rahm will moderate the session on placental localization, and Drs. Joseph L. Love and Jerry O. Carr will participate with the two out-of-state speakers on the panel to discuss the problem of sterility in the female.

Again, this year the wives of the registrants are urged to accompany their husbands to the Austin meeting. The program for the ladies includes Sunday luncheon as well as the Saturday night dinner party.

A registration fee of \$10.00, which covers the Sunday luncheon, will be charged. The Saturday night affair will be "Dutch treat."

A complete program will be published in the September issue of the Texas Journal. All members of the State Association are welcome to attend the meeting, whether or not they are members of the sponsoring societies.

AOA Holds Meeting In Nation's Capital

Affairs in Lebanon and the ethical content of a vicuna coat got scant attention as AOA delegates and doctors gathered in Washington July 14-18 for the 62nd annual convention.

About 750 doctors and as many guests attended the policy sessions, scientific lectures, programs of the affiliate groups and meetings of specialty certifying boards and alumni associations.

General sessions featured appearances of health leaders speaking on the convention theme of "Public Health and Preventive Medicine." Philip E. Ryan of New York, executive director of the National Health Council, and Dr. Berwyn F. Mattison of New York, executive secretary of the American Public Health Association, joined federal representatives in recognizing the profession's role in America's health care.

From government, the doctors heard Dr. Amis C. McGuinness, special assistant for health and medical affairs to the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, and Maj. Gen. Paul I. Robinson, director of the federal "medicare" program.

In the traditional Andrew Taylor Still Memorial lecture, Dr. W. Ballentine Henley of Los Angeles called for increased support for osteopathic research. Dr. Henley, president of the College of Osteopathic Physicians, was the first non-member of the profession to make the address.

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WASHINGTON NEWS LETTER

Congressional Mill. H.R. 12628, a bill extending the Hill-Burton program for an additional five years as passed by the Senate is awaiting House approval. The Public Facilities Loan Bill, S. 3497, which would authorize 50-year loans at low interest to nonprofit hospitals under prescribed conditions will be considered by the House on Friday, Aug. 1. July 30 the Senate will decide whether to retain the \$60 million limitation against Medicare in Defense Appropriation bill, H.R. 12738. A bill, H.R. 13549, cited as Social Security Amendments of 1958 will be considered by the House on Thursday, July 31. The bill is minus the Forand proposals for free surgery and hospitalization for OASI beneficiaries. The bill raises benefit amounts for all beneficiaries by about 7 percent. It increases, effective in 1959, the amount of taxable and creditable annual earnings from \$4200 to \$4800. Provides benefits for dependents of disabled workers. Increases tax rate, so that the resulting schedule for self-employed would be: 1959, 3¾%; 1960-62, 4½%; 1963-65, 5¼%; 1966-68, 6%; 1969 and thereafter 6¾%. Adds \$288 million for Public Assistance programs. Sets a new maximum \$66 covering both the present maximum of \$60 on an individual payment and the \$6 average now provided for payments for medical care of public assistance recipients, and eliminates the separate matching of payments to doctors and hospitals. Increases the authorized amounts for all three programs of Maternal and Child Welfare. July 29, the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign ordered

favorably reported with amendment the bill, H.R. 12876, to extend the Health Research Facilities Act for an additional three years and broadening the Act to include aid for construction of facilities used primarily (rather than exclusively as now) for research. This will enable Federal sharing in the cost of combination classroom construction. July 29, the House passed H.R. 9822, to authorize the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare to hold a White House Conference on Aging by September, 1960, and to authorize funds for each State to plan and conduct State conferences and to send delegates to the White House Conference. The long sought consideration of the Jenkins-Keogh bill, H.R. 10, cited as the Self-Employed Individuals' Retirement Act of 1958 took place July 29. It passed the House under suspension of the rules, a process preventing amendments. The bill now goes to the Senate and the Senate Finance Committee, which already has before it similar language in the form of Section 3 of S. 3194, a bill to aid small business. Highlights of H.R. 10 as it passed the House are as follows: self-employed persons may deduct from gross income, beginning in 1959, the amount paid as premiums on a restricted retirement policy, or as deposits in a restricted employment trust fund. The deduction is limited to 10 percent of net earnings from self-employment but not over \$2500 in one taxable year or \$50,000 in his lifetime. Generally amounts withdrawn before death and before age 65 will be subject to 110 percent of the normal tax, and in the case of large distributions may be spread back over 5 years.

AUXILIARY NEWS

National Convention — Washington, D. C.

By MRS. M. G. HOLCOMB, President, A.T.A.O.P.S.

As a preface to this so-called report, I would like to take this opportunity to say "thanks for giving me the privilege to be your delegate to the 1958 National Convention in Washington, D.C. It was indeed a great honor and a gratifying experience. Also, I'd like to say thank you to Virginia Baum for serving as alternate and "sitting in" for me at a couple of sessions while I went sight-seeing with my family.

Just to give you an idea of the beautiful Sheraton-Park Hotel, where the convention was held, here are a few facts: The buildings and grounds cover 16 acres including swimming pool, tennis courts, patio cocktail lounge, drug store and many other facilities for your convenience and pleasure. There are 1200 outside rooms and it is the only hotel in the world offering its own free train service to carry you around its grounds.

Never before have I seen so much business and wonderful entertainment go off like clock work. On Saturday our National Officers held an Executive Board Meeting with Mrs. Carl R. Samuels presiding. All day Sunday, including the luncheon hour, there was a State Presidents' Council. Mrs. Francis E. Warner, the in-coming President, presided at this more-or-less informal meeting.

Monday morning, July 14, the formal opening began in the Terrace Room of the Shoreham Hotel, when Dr. Carl E. Morrison rapped his Presidential gavel. Dr. Felix D. Swope of Washington, speaking for local doc-

tors and Robert E. McLaughlin, president of the District of Columbia board of commissioners, welcomed the A.O.A. to Washington. The Auxiliary opened its convention at 2:00 p.m. with our convention chairman, Mrs. Charles C. Dieudonne of Glendale, California, presiding. The group heard from Mrs. Chester D. Swope of Washington, honorary convention chairman; Dr. Hobart C. Moore of Bay City, Michigan, Auxiliary Advisor; and our old and new presidents, Mrs. Samuels of Pryor, Oklahoma and Mrs. Warner of Bloomington, Indiana. During this session the State Reports were read and I may be prejudiced but the Texas report prepared by Mrs. Stratton was really the best (it wasn't the longest, either). Also heard in this session was the report of the nominating committee. Monday evening the A.O.A. President's Banquet and Ball was held in Sheraton Hall of the Sheraton Park. This ballroom is the largest in the world, seating 2000 persons for banquets and over 3000 for meetings. A god orchestra provided lovely music for dancing and everyone enjoyed themselves immensely.

Tuesday a.m., July 15, election of officers was the order of business. The first of the "Mobilization for Progress" workshops was held after the polls were closed. The speakers were Dr. Carl E. Morrison and Mr. Milton McKay, A.O.A. legal counsel. This closed the business for the day. From 3 to 5 p.m. the Auxiliary members and guests of honor from the Embassy of the Domin-

ican Republic attended the A.O.A. Embassy Tea and style show in Sheraton Hall. The fashion show, staged by the Models Guild of Washington, featured gowns by Selma's, millinery by Jacquelyn, shoes by William Hahn and hair styles by Allan.

Wednesday morning the second workshop was held with Dr. George Northup, President-Elect A.O.A., and Mr. Lawrence Mills the speakers. Immediately following, the House of Delegates began another session of reports and necessary business. During the afternoon session, more reports were read and the nominating committee was elected—Mrs. Florine (Jerry O.) Carr of Ft. Worth being one member elected. Mrs. Richard O. Brennan (June) of Houston, Texas, chairman of the A.A.O.A. publications committee announced at this meeting the 57-58 publications award winners. Among the many awards granted was one to Texas for the best state news bulletin. (Now aren't you proud Teenie?) This afternoon our President, Mrs. Samuels spoke to the House of Delegates of the A.O.A. and was presented with some appropriate Oklahoma gifts, Indian headress, etc.

Another workshop was held, Thursday morning and Dr. True Eveleth, Executive Secretary, A.O.A., and Mrs. George Cozma, Vice-Chairman A.O.A. committee on Development were the speakers. The House of Delegates went into session at 9:30 and concluded all business at 11:00 a.m. Mrs. Warner was installed as president of the Auxiliary to the A.O.A. at a luncheon at the George Washington Club House in Alexandria. Other officers installed were: Mrs. Northup, president-elect; Mrs. Campbell A. Ward, first vice-president; Mrs. Virgil Sharp, second vice-president; Mrs. George Marjan, recording secretary and Mrs. William B. Strong, treasurer. Mrs. R. O. Brennan was elected to a 3 year team as direc-

tor. A tour followed the installation service and the group saw the high-lights of Alexandria and Washington.

Thursday night the climax of a wonderful week was the A.O.A. Inaugural Banquet and the entertainment that followed, which included Joan Wheatley and Hal Kanner, vocalists; a dance team of Helene and Howard; and Fred Barber, a comedian.

Florine Carr was "busy as a bee" all week gathering news items and getting them in the papers. One night she arranged for a reporter to interview Sandra Holcomb, El Paso, Texas and Jeffery Northup, Morristown, New Jersey. The next day their picture appeared in the Washington paper along with a nice article on how hectic it can be to be the son or daughter of a doctor.

A regular program of entertainment for the young people was planned and many very interesting sights were seen by all who attended. Our children enjoyed it thoroughly.

The only thing wrong with this National Convention was the fact that there were too few Texans in attendance. Let's do better in Chicago next year!



MRS. R. O. BRENNAN
Houston, Texas

Mrs. R. O. Brennan was elected to a three year Director of the Auxiliary to the American Osteopathic Association in the House of Delegates of the A.A.O.A. in its annual meeting in Washington, D.C. in July.

NEWS OF THE DISTRICTS

DISTRICT SIX

Dr. Stanley Hess has been appointed to a five (5) man nominating committee for Harris County Citizens Traffic Safety Council.

Dr. Stanley Hess has been appointed steering committee of the Houston Bowl Assn., organized for purpose of promoting post season collegiate football games annually played during the Christmas week.

Dr. V. H. Zima has received his certification in General Surgery from the Certifying Board of the College of Surgeons of the American Osteopathic Assn. Congratulations Dr. Zima.

Dr. James Bolin returned from Washington, D.C. National Convention A.O.A. where he moderated a panel on Office Orthopedics. He reported good attendance and enthusiastic participants. Dr. Bolin is now preparing for the College of Surgeons meeting in Boston to be held in October, 1958, at which he will lecture on Bankhart's reconstruction of the shoulder.

The profession and especially Dist. 6 congratulates Dr. R. O. Brennan on an excellent program in Washington, D.C., Dr. Brennan was General Chairman of the program.

Judge Ewing Werlein of the First Dist. Court of Civil Appeals gave a most interesting and instructive address at the July meeting of District 6.

Drs. Loren Rohr, David Jaffe, Lester Tavel, R. O. Brennan and James Bolin attended the National Convention of the A.O.A. in Washington, D.C. Drs. Rohr and Tavel were Texas Delegates, Dr. Brennan was General Program Chairman and Dr. Bolin took an important part in the program.

Dr. Alfred R. Haight has located his office at 7234 Long Dr. Houston, Texas. Dr. Haight is graduate of the Kansas City College. He has just completed three years residency training program in general surgery and urology at Doctors Hospital in Columbus, Ohio. He practiced one year in Ohio before moving to Houston, Texas.

Houston Osteopathic Hospital announces the beginning of Internship for two fine young doctors starting July 1, 1958.

Dr. James J. Woodruff of Rochester, Michigan, graduated from Kirksville, June 1958. Pre-professional training at Central College, Fayette, Mo. Dr. Woodruff expects to do general practice in the Houston area after completion of internship.

Dr. Joseph F. Carbone of Hartford, Conn., attended Hilyard College, Hartford and received As.A. Degree. Then took his B.S. in Chemistry at University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida. Dr. Carbone received D.O. Degree from Kirksville College June 1958. Mrs. Carbone, Kathleen, also of Hartford is in Houston with her husband. Dr. Carbone intends to enter general practice on completion of internship.

Dr. Esther Rohr underwent surgery at H.O.H. We are happy to state with authority that the rocks were *not* in her head. Hope she will be well and strong and back at work when this goes to print.

John Lesniewski, B.S., D.O., Graduate of Kirksville College, June, 1958 is now interning at Community. Dr. Lesniewski is from Aldin, New York. He holds B.S. degree Biological Science

from Alliance College and University Buffalo, Buffalo, New York.

Robert Lee Peters, Jr., D.O., graduated from Kirksville College June 1958. Dr. Peters was born in Austin, Texas where his father Robert Lee Peters, Sr., D.O., Kirksville, 1931 has been practicing for 26 years. Dr. Peters, Jr., took his pre-professional training at Texas A. & M. and will finish his internship at Community June 30, 1959. Dr. Peters was married between Kirksville and Houston.

Jodie Anthony Schlepphorst, B.S., D.O., graduated from Kirksville College June 1958. B.S. Degree in Zoology from North East Missouri State College. Dr. Schlepphorst was from Memphis, Mo. and moved to Edina, Mo. before going to school and then to Texas. Dr. and Mrs. Schlepphorst have 2 fine youngsters, Kay 3½ years of age and Doug, 1½ years of age. Dr. Jodie just finished his first tour of night duty at Community Hospital, Inc. and having survived, thinks he has got it made.

DISTRICT THREE

Dr. Henry Hensley, who has operated the Big Sandy Clinic-Hospital the past year, has now purchased the hospital from Dr. Charles H. Bragg, the founder of the local institution.

The hospital was founded in 1950 by Dr. Bragg and has since been enlarged to a present 14 bed institution with the latest in medical and surgical equipment, and air conditioned throughout.

Dr. W. K. Bowden, formerly of Cushing, Texas, has moved his family to Big Sandy and will be associated with Dr. Henry in the general practice of medicine and surgery.

Dr. R. B. Bunn of Mount Enterprise was recently installed as president of the Mount Enterprise Lions Club.

August, 1958

Board Approves Eight Projects

The AOA Board of Trustees approved recommendations of its Bureau of Research for support for eight projects totalling \$69,665 during the coming year. Three are at the Kansas City College of Osteopathy and Surgery and five will be at the Kirksville College of Osteopathy and Surgery.

To Kansas City will go funds for continuing projects directed by Dr. Wilbur V. Cole, Dr. J. E. Mielcarek and Dr. Theo Norris.

Kirksville investigators are Dr. J. S. Denslow, Dr. F. T. Dun, Dr. John N. Eble, Dr. I. M. Korr and Price E. Thomas. Dr. Korr directs a project for the division of physiological sciences.

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