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EDITORIAL PAGE

The year 1950 is passed but not forgotten. The osteopathic profession should be proud of the strides made in this year. Our educational institutions have made many educational advances as well as improved their physical plants. Research has been advanced. We have just reason to brag that our colleges are tops in medical education.

Our national and state organizations have accomplished much for the good of humanity and the good of the profession. Your state organization is in a stronger position than it has ever been before. Your new directory lists 355 members. Three have joined the fold since its publication. We have opened several new hospitals in Texas. We have had two additional hospitals approved for intern training. Public relations have been remarkably improved. We must acknowledge and be thankful for a most successful year for our organization, the profession and the public.

The new year 1951 presents many problems, all of which can be solved by unity of the osteopathic physicians. We have much to accomplish in public relations. The legislature has just convened and doubtless there will be much legislation introduced that will affect the health of the people of the State. It will require a united front of the osteopathic profession, careful study, planning and effort upon each individual physician's part to preserve the rights and privileges of the public in health matters.

The all-out mobilization for civil defense and preparedness for war that we hope will not come, will create many problems. There will be a new shortage of physicians that will require osteopathic physicians to exert an added effort to serve humanity. As a profession we can and will meet every demand made.

Resolutions are easily made and broken, yet it is our hope that the osteopathic profession will resolve to better organize that good health, peace and happiness will be maintained for the public that it is our avowed duty to serve.

Join with us in this resolution and make for all of us a happy New Year.

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Orificial Surgery And Its Philosophy

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The term Orificial Surgery properly applies to operation upon any of the natural openings of the body; but in medical parlance it comprises the openings of the pelvis, viz: the rectum and the sexual system.

The law of the survival of the fittest applies to ideas as well as to animals. The enunciation of each new truth is met by opposition. If it stands the test, it is accepted as a part of our general knowledge.

Harvey's discovery of the circulation of the blood; Hahnemann's "Law of Similars", known as Homeopathy; Dr. Still's promulgation of the system of Osteopathy; and contemporaneous with Still, Dr. Pratt's unfolding of the principles of Orificial Philosophy—all of these men and their discoveries met with the greatest opposition. Pratt and Still were practically ostracized by the medical profession and thereby forced to establish separate schools to insure to humanity the benefits of their discoveries.

You ask, "Why were not these truths known and practiced before?"

The answer is, that the sciences upon which they are based—anatomy and physiology—were not developed sufficiently until within the last seventy-five years; and it was about seventy-five years ago that Still and Pratt began to evolve their theories.

Dr. A. T. Still, who was a regular army surgeon, established a new school for the teaching of his ideas and called it Osteopathy, just as Hahnemann named his system, Homeopathy.

Dr. E. Hartley Pratt, a member for years of the surgical staff of the big Cook County Hospital, of Chicago, was none the less insistent on his ideas, but he chose to propagate them inside of his profession. He tried to convert his colleagues to his ideas but he was met with ridicule; and, eventually, he withdrew from the staff and established a hospital and college of his own.

Until near his death, in 1930, above eighty years of age, he was the active head of a school and hospital in Chicago, "The School of Orificial Surgery", where he and his corps of assistants taught and practiced the orificial philosophy.

This subject is given scant attention in the orthodox schools and their literature, consequently it is difficult to find a doctor versed in many of the orificial methods as applied to the lower openings of the body.

All the functions of the body are under the control of the two nervous systems—the cerebro-spinal and the sympathetic.¹

The cerebro-spinal system is under the control of the will, and through it we carry on the voluntary movements

of the body. It is unreliable, lazy; goes to sleep at night or stops work under the influence of an anesthetic.

The sympathetic system never rests. It works whether we will it or not. It is the first to take on life and the last to give it up. It sleeps but once—at the end of life.

It presides over the functions of respiration, digestion, circulation, elimination, etc.; and continues them through natural sleep and in deep anesthesia.

Some bodily functions are influenced by the combined cerebro-spinal and sympathetic nervous systems, constituting the vegetative or autonomic system.² We may cough at will, but sometimes we cannot resist the impulse to cough; we may breathe at will, but if we determine to hold the breath, we soon reach such a stage of oxygen-depletion that we are forced to breathe.

The vaso-motor nerves which control the circulation of the blood through the body, are made up of fibers from both the cerebro-spinal and the sympathetic nervous systems; and while the sympathetic system carries the balance of power, the circulation is influenced more or less by the cerebro-spinal system.

Each outlet of the pelvis is guarded by a sphincter; that is, it has a circular band of muscle fibers which, by contraction, puckers and closes the opening; in fact, these openings are doubly sphincter-guarded, the lower sphincter in each case being constructed of voluntary-muscle fibers controlled by the cerebro-spinal system, and the upper or inner sphincter being made of muscles of the involuntary type which are under the control of the sympathetic nervous system.

Many fail to grasp the official philosophy. They cannot comprehend the law of reflexes—how the pressure on a small nerve terminal, producing no pain, can send up messages that cause indigestion, headaches, and nervous or mental disturbances.

These pelvic outlets derive their

nerve-supply from the same sources; hence, irritation in one may produce disturbances in the others.

Quoting from Dr. Pratt: "We are diligent in examining the upper orifices and the heart and lungs of the children, but fail to lift the fig-leaf from the festering sore in the lower openings."³

"In all pathological conditions, surgical or medical, which linger persistently in spite of all efforts at removal, from the delicate derangements of the brain substance that induce insanity and the various forms of neurasthenia, to the great variety of morbid changes repeatedly found in the coarser structures of the body, there will invariably be found more or less irritation of the rectum or the orifices of the sexual system, or both.

"Pathology in tissues supplied by the cerebro-spinal nerve is manifested in the language of pain; pathology in tissues supplied by the sympathetic nerve, is manifested by disordered function."⁴

"The serious import of the malady is not always in proportion to the extent of the pathology. The impingement of a microscopic nerve terminal, seemingly insignificant, and overlooked by the untrained physician, may send very disastrous reflexes to some distant part of the body. One small instrument out of tune may throw discord throughout a large orchestra".

There is no sensation of feeling or pain in a sympathetic nerve fiber. The victim is not aware, usually, of the source of his trouble. The irritation is reflected to other parts of the body.

When the doctor suggests a local examination, he is usually met with a protest that there is no trouble in that region.

Unfortunately, through diffidence or false modesty, these parts are seldom alluded to by doctor or by patient.

If children were examined at birth, and at intervals throughout childhood, irregularities of the sex-organs could be corrected as discovered, there would be

no embarrassment, and, in many cases, perversion could be prevented.

Let us compare the human body to a storage battery. The battery gains in power while it is being charged, and gradually weakens as its energy is being used. But suppose there is a leak—a "short"—at some point; the result is that the power is constantly being wasted and the battery is weak.

And so with the human body. Any point of irritation will be wasteful of energy—when we wake and when we sleep. This is especially true if the point of irritation happens to be in an area that is highly supplied with sensory nerves.

From one in whom there is such a point of nerve irritation we will get the common complaint of feeling tired, lack of pep, frequent headaches, constipation, poor digestion, the "blues", nervous prostration, and many other ailments that have as their chief cause, exhaustion of nerve-energy.

Very few persons, even physicians, realize that slight physical abnormalities of the sexual organs may cause unconscious irritation and result in the congestion of these organs and abnormal sex-excitement. Frequently the victim may not be aware of the source of the irritation.

A great deal of physical ill-health and moral ill-health is directly traceable to abnormalities and diseased conditions of the organs in question. In a large percentage of the cases the real origin of the reflex, digestive, nervous, and other disturbances, is overlooked and treatment is applied which cannot possibly be effective.

Says Dr. Pratt: "The Orificialist is familiar with the anatomy and physiology of the sympathetic nervous system. He knows it presides over the visceral economy, concerns itself with the life of the viscera, and dominates visceral functions. All tissues are built in obedience to its mandates; all repair is made under its supervision; all growth takes

place in harmony with its behest; and life itself is sustained under its regal reign. He knows that all the pelvic tissues and viscera are richly interlaced with these life-wires of the sympathetic system, which reach beyond the veil into the subconscious realm".

The wise physician considers his patient as a whole.

He will not give satisfaction if he removes the mote from the eye and overlooks the corn on the toe; if he treats the head and neglects the pelvis; if he regulates the diet and fails to control the mind.

The female pelvic organs are richly endowed with nerves from the sympathetic system. The nerves that supply the sexual organs, supply the urinary organs and the rectum—in fact, all of the pelvic organs; hence they act and react upon each other. These organs are so intimately associated through their nerve-supply that what affects one is likely to affect all.

"Rectal specialists must know that relieving rectal pathology alone will not cure their patients if there is trouble in the urethral and sexual parts. Nor will gynecologists get and keep their patients well by confining their work to the female organs, if there is pathology elsewhere in the pelvis."—Pratt.

In fact, as we have said before, this principle applies to the whole body; and you must not expect complete relief from symptoms by proper orificial correction, if there are offending parts elsewhere in the body.

Many folks are sadly neglected in things pertaining to their health, from birth until such time as their condition demands attention. Then, if a thorough examination be given by a competent physician, or group of physicians, so many things are found needing attention that one is apt to become discouraged and refrain from having anything done.

Many of our neurasthenic women with large numbers of varying symp-

toms, and many of our nervous, underweight girls, whose resistance is generally low, are unknown victims of orificial irritation.

Had these defects been detected and corrected as they occurred, not only would the present health be better, but there would not be the dread of the corrective ordeal which now becomes necessary to restore the health to normal.

The following are the more common defects searched for by the orificial surgeon, in the examination of the female pelvic organs: a hooded and adherent clitoris; elongated, thickened, and roughened labia; granular growths around the mouth of the urethra, and stricture of the urethra; a fringed hymen in the virgin, or tit-like remnants of the hymen in married women; lacerations and erosions of the cervix uteri with the accompanying leukorrhea; and lacerations of the floor of the vagina due to childbirth.

In addition to this should be mentioned displacements and diseases of the internal reproductive organs; and the rectum. Also, in the male, there are elongated foreskin, small meatus, short frenum, and hypospadias, to be considered.

Most of you are familiar with the treatment of pathema around the ano-rectal region and the cervix uteri. I shall discuss, here, the hooded clitoris, hypertrophied labia minora, and irregularities in the vaginal introitus—conditions which are ignored by the average physician.

When Moses borrowed the rite of circumcision from the Egyptians, he did a wonderful thing for the male of the species, but it seems that he had not heard of the custom as related to the female; although it has been practiced from time immemorial by some oriental tribes: Abyssinians, Arabians, etc.

The clitoris in the female is analogous to the male sex-organ, and is the seat of the sexual feeling in woman. It is about the size of a pea and contains more

nerve-terminals than any other similar area in the body. It is surrounded by a foreskin, or hood, to which it is firmly adherent at birth.

Of the clitoris it has been said: "It is an electric pushbutton, which, from irritation, may ring up disastrous reflexes in remote parts of the body, or transform a healthy sexuality into a jangling sensuality".—Pratt.

Small glands around the base of the clitoris produce a secretion which accumulates as tiny, white balls of smegma.

The irritation caused by these little masses leads the child to pull at the parts and soon harmful habits have been developed.

"To punish a child for this is downright cruelty. Just as well punish her for shedding tears when she has sand in her eye, or for being fidgety with ants under her clothing".—Pratt.

Any abnormalities around these parts will cause the little girl to be irritable, unruly, quick-tempered, and discontent-

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ed. Indigestion, mal-nutrition, or underweight, frequently follow. Proper attention to these conditions will release nerve-pressure and transform her into a contented, happy, loving child.

This irritation may work both ways in the adult. Sometimes it produces frigidity, sometimes extreme libido.

Clitoral adhesions should be loosened by the attendant at birth or soon thereafter—a procedure that is usually neglected.

Female circumcision is not feasible until the child is about a year old, because of the minuteness of the parts.

However, later in life, a slight operation here, under local anesthesia, will correct the condition; and, usually, with wonderful benefit to the patient. It is surprising how many girls and women need this attention.

Most physicians ridicule circumcision of the female; yet this slight operation is needed in the female more frequently than in the male. It is true the parts are smaller, but the nervous irritation arising causes much more harm because of the increased susceptibility of the nervous systems of girls and women.

Practically all female babies are born with a hooded clitoris. This is a source of irritation, and irritation draws more blood to the parts. Blood carries nourishment, and this excess of nourishment is piled up as hypertrophies around the vulva.

In the examination of a woman who has never been circumcised and who has a normal clitoris, it is the rule to find normal labia minora and no hymenal remnants.

In many women, the labia minora are elongated and thickened, with rough edges which protrude beyond the surrounding parts to such an extent that they are irritated by walking and riding.

In such a case, the woman may not be conscious of any trouble in these parts, because the sympathetic nerves, only, are involved; but troublesome re-

flexes may affect almost any organ or function of the body. In some cases the skin is irritated, through friction, and she is conscious of it.

This excess of tissue should be removed.

Small granular excrescences around or in the mouth of the urethra are productive of much reflex disturbance; and those lying just inside the meatus (urethral caruncles) often become inflamed and painful and causing burning and stinging sensations, especially on urination, which may be frequent and urgent.

The edges of the hymen in the virgin, (sometimes in the baby) may be irregular, and have fringe-like processes, which should be removed and the hymenal opening be made smooth and regular in outline.

Remnants of the hymen (carunculae myrtiformae) often remain as a fringe of sensitive tissue, just inside the vaginal orifice. Sometimes these tit-like processes hypertrophy and become nodular.

All of these conditions may be rectified under local anesthesia, without hospitalization. The proper correction of the parts around the vulva is delicate plastic surgery. No two cases are just alike.

The work should be artistically done—leaving no irregular edges. There is nothing gained by removing one irritating point and leaving two.

Unless there is pathology elsewhere in the body sufficient to continue the ill-health, official correction will do much to make the woman or child feel that life is worth living.

It is truly remarkable the number of instances in which nervous headaches, poor circulation, "nervous prostration", and various other disturbances may be relieved by these simple procedures.

A few weeks after recovery from such treatment, the patient will aver that she never felt so well in her life.

Inquiry as to how, in what way, she

feels better—since there was no pain there before, and the source of the trouble would have remained unknown but for the examination by the orificialist—is usually answered by the effusive exclamation:

"Oh, I feel as though a great load had been taken off.

I have more pep than ever."

The proper care of defects about the lower orifices is going to solve the problem of cure in many conditions that in the past have not been amenable to treatment; and the important part of it is that a large percentage of these cases can be corrected with treatment, under local anesthesia, without the need of going to a hospital.

At the same sitting, in addition to the circumcision, labiectomy, and hymenectomy, the cervix uteri may be cauterized and any rectal pathology present may be operated upon—unless the patient is not physically able to endure it.

The number of girls and women who need to have this work done, yet who are not conscious of trouble in the pelvic region, is astounding; and more astounding is the fact that the doctors,

in whom they trust, are not versed in the orificial methods. Many women go through life without benefit of the relief they should have.

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4. Op. Cit., ref. 3, page 95.

Long Beach Opens New Charity Clinic

The Long Beach Osteopathic Hospital association in late November opened a new charity polyclinic on a non-profit basis, as a community service. Officials of the new project are Mr. Julian A. Campbell, chairman of the board of directors, and Dr. Reynolds B. Thompson, director.

The clinic is called the Polyclinic and is located at 129 W. 27th st., Long Beach, Calif.



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23 Years Without A Vacation

Constant application of the A. T. Still concept of health with every spare moment constantly working for the advancement of professional problems, upon insistence of the board of trustees, I took the vacation idea—not for two weeks as directed, but for eight days.

Yes, it was a new adventure for the executive secretary—not only new but a puzzling one. What to do and how to do it was indeed a problem. Someone said, "Go to Mexico". The idea sounded good. To Mexico we went—supposedly to rest.

I am back on the job but still not able to define what is commonly known as a rest. Sure, I drove; glad that I did. At least I felt at home behind the wheel.

Left Saturday, December 23, arrived in Lampasas at noon in time to have lunch and renew my friendship with Dr. Robert C. Brooks. Viewed the site of his new clinic and discussed professional problems.

Arrived in San Antonio late in the evening and was entertained at dinner by Dr. Wilson. Of course we did not discuss legislative problems until midnight, but did arrive at some conclusions.

December 24 we drove over to Uvalde to see the former vice president of the United States, John Nance Garner, and to deliver to him personally some Christmas cheer. A 30 minute visit with the genial man of the Plains was worth the trip. We were convinced, even though he is 82 years young, that many of our problems would be easily solved if he were in the saddle at our national capital.

From Uvalde, we went to Laredo for a Ramos gin fizz and quail lunch. There, after meeting a Swedish gentleman from North Dakota, I made up my mind to dismiss from my feeble brain the problems of the profession. This Swedish gentleman had never been

South before or in Texas, much less Mexico. To say that he and his family were lost, scared and happy would be putting it mildly—happy because of the unusual treatment he had received from the Texas people, lost in the vastness of the country, and scared to go into Mexico.

Yes, it was fun and after an enjoyable visit with a new found friend, we proceeded to Monterrey. We drove into the city at dusk and realized before 20 minutes that we were as lost as our Swedish friend. Most of the population to whom we directed questions as to how to reach the Grand Hotel Ancira were either lost themselves, could not speak English or talk Mexican so we could understand it.

After some 30 minutes of driving we found a perfume store where the saleslady was in the market for American business and told us in English that the hotel was on the next corner. We arrived just in time for a big dinner in the patio. Mrs. Russell looked at the menu and saw \$16 for the evening meal and suggested that we had better go home. After carefully explaining to her that was less than \$2 in American money, we enjoyed a good meal. Following which—it being Sunday night—we went to the Plaza to watch the promenade. Right then and there I realized I had made a mistake. I should have taken the trip alone but from time on I was handcuffed to the spouse and can assure you I was never out of her sight. I tucked myself in a comfortable bed at 11:00 o'clock with the rest idea firmly fixed in my mind but some time during the night an allopathic physician appeared and he was determined to destroy my license to practice. After saving that license I had to formulate a program for the society of divisional secretaries and, believe me, I did a good job, but about 6:30 a. m. Mrs. Russell shook me and informed me it was break-

fast time, and before I could make a note of all professional problems I had solved during the night, I was off on a buying spree to satisfy a wife that should have been left at home, if you want to enjoy the beautiful señoritas.

After viewing the beautiful sights of Monterrey with Mr. Paul Lucas of a large packing company there, I spent four days walking, looking and buying, both in Monterrey and Saltillo. All of this was fun but during the night I kept solving professional problems and, after four such nights, I decided to return to God's country and do something about it.

We crossed back into Texas at McAllen. We enjoyed the Valley because I made it a point to call upon every member of the profession that I could contact. We did a pretty good job but missed two in the Valley. My apologies to them.

We went over to Edinburg to see our good friend, Senator Rodger Kelly, who

was out of the State. This was disappointing to me.

We arrived in Corpus in time to spend until 12 midnight going over professional problems with trustee Merle Griffin. Saturday morning we went to the hospital where we visited with most of the Corpus Christi osteopathic physicians. We missed two in Corpus. We went over to see the new Bailey-Schultz Clinic and found that they have one of the nicest clinics I have visited in Texas.

From Corpus we went to San Diego to visit my good friend, Dr. Dunlap, and to renew acquaintances with George Pharr, who, I discovered, was on a hunting trip, which was another disappointment. Had lunch in San Diego and during the lunch met F. de Pens, superintendent of public schools, San Diego, and Fred G. Garcia, band director. Had a nice visit and reviewed a little of the history of the famous Duval county.

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We arrived in San Antonio Saturday night, visited with the boys at the hospital Sunday morning and good friend Ray Nelson, and was entertained by Dr. Edwards and his wife at the country club for lunch. Then back to Fort Worth.

Yes, the last three days were truly a vacation that I know something about. Truthfully, the trip was enjoyable. Thanks to the board for their insistence upon this vacation but next time I hope they order me to visit every osteopathic physician in the State.

All of this reminds me of a Christmas card I received:

CHRISTMAS ODE

I am old and sad and lonely
Strikes have taken away all the
things I need so badly—
My pack—my reindeers—my
sleigh.
Now I am making my rounds
on a donkey.
He's old and crippled and
slow,
So if you don't see me on
Christmas you'll know
I'm out on my ass in the snow.

Directory Corrections And Additions

Please change name of listing of doctor at Galveston, Texas, from Robers, Gilbert to Rogers, Gilbert. We apologize for this typographical error.

Add as new members: Dr. John W. Dunlap, 7722 North Loop Road, El Paso, Texas; Dr. L. R. Lind, 4803 Griggs Road, Houston 21, Texas.

Change designation of intern approved hospitals by adding approved for intern training: Stevens Park Osteopathic Hospital, Dallas, and the Fort Worth Osteopathic Hospital.

News Release

The Graduate School of the College of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons is offering the following courses during the Winter and Spring of 1951:

1. January 29 to February 23—GENERAL SURGERY (Basic Science, Philosophies and Techniques of)

(Approved by the American College of Osteopathic Surgeons)

2. March 5 to March 16—PROCTOLOGY (Basic Science, Philosophies and Techniques of)

(Approved by the American Osteopathic College of Proctologists)

3. March 26 to May 4—GENERAL MEDICINE, including CARDIOLOGY (Basic Science, Philosophies and Techniques of)

(Approved by the American College of Osteopathic Internists)

For particulars write:

DR. EDWARD T. ABBOTT
Dean of the Graduate School
1721 Griffin Ave.
Los Angeles 31, California

Dr. Brigham To Present Two-Weeks Course

Dr. Fleda Brigham of South Pasadena, California, is in Kirksville to present a two-weeks course entitled "Psychiatric Aspects of Children's Problems" to the senior classes.

Dr. Brigham holds the Master's degree from U. S. C. in speech correction. She has completed a two-year fellowship at the Meyer's Psychiatric Clinic in Los Angeles and will begin an assistantship there the first of the year.

She is a 1936 graduate of the Los Angeles College of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons and is the daughter of the Drs. W. Curtis and Margaret Brigham who were both graduated from the Los Angeles College in 1907.

Washington News Letter

Cancer Services And Facilities

Under separate cover I am forwarding to each State President and Secretary a Public Health Service publication No. 14 entitled "Cancer Services and Facilities in the United States 1950". It contains an analysis of each State's cancer legislation, statistics on cancer deaths, number of physicians and registered hospitals (note Philadelphia Osteopathic Hospital is listed), amount of funds available for the official State cancer program, names and locations of cancer clinics and cancer detection centers.

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National Science Foundation

Public Law 507, establishing a National Science Foundation, was signed May 10, 1950. Nominations to the 24-man National Science Board were submitted November 27. They were confirmed by the Senate on December 14. The appointees include four biologists, four chemists, four educators, two engineers, one geologist, two industrialists, one mathematician, three medical scientists, and three physicists. James B. Conant, President of Harvard, has been elected Chairman of the National Science Board. On January 3 the Board will recommend a Director to President Truman.

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Lame Duck Session

The lame duck session of Congress began November 27, 1950 and adjourned January 2, 1951, ending the 81st Congress. The Medical Education Aid bill, S. 1453, which passed the Senate, including osteopathic and other medical colleges as eligibles for Federal assistance, and the Amendments to the Vocational Rehabilitation Act, S. 4051, which also passed the Senate, including

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an amendment expressly defining the term "physician" as meaning doctors of osteopathy, were not taken up. They will undoubtedly reappear as new bills in the 82nd Congress which convenes January 3, 1951.

Among bills clearing the lame duck session prior to adjournment will be:

S. 4229, now awaiting the President's signature, extends the benefits of Public Law 16, 78th Congress, the VA Vocational Rehabilitation Act, to persons in the Armed Services on and after June 27, 1950. Public Law 16 applied only to persons serving between September 16, 1940 and July 25, 1947. The law provides for training to restore employability lost due to disability incurred in or aggravated by service for which compensation is payable. The VA recognizes all AOA approved colleges for training under Public Law 16.

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HR. 9913, now awaiting President's signature, amends Internal Revenue Code to prevent certain penalties. Due to increase in individual taxes by the Revenue Act of 1950 a number of taxpayers will have to file an amended declaration of estimated tax by January 15, 1951, to avoid penalty assessments. The legislation prevents application of the penalty for failure to file an amended declaration of estimated tax if the penalty would be imposed as the result of the increase in the normal and surtax on individuals *resulting from the Revenue Act of 1950*.

Federal civil defense legislation will pass January 1 or January 2.

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Mid Century White House Conference On Children And Youth

The fifth decennial White House Conference on Children and Youth was held in Washington December 3-7, 1950. The following osteopathic delegates were invited and attended: Drs. E. A. Ward and C. D. Swope representing the AOA, Drs. James O. Watson and Paul T. Lloyd representing the American College of Osteopathic Surgeons, Dr. Ralph Lindberg and Mr. William Konold representing the American Osteopathic Hospital Association, Mrs. Theodore H. Lacey representing the Auxiliary to the AOA, and Dr. R. C. McCaughan representing the Osteopathic Foundation.

Although the focus of the conference was on mental, emotional and spiritual qualities, the following significant recommendations dealing particularly with health were adopted:

That all States establish standards for the hospital care of mothers and children, in order to assure the quality of care which modern science knows how to give; and that these standards take into account the importance of avoiding unnecessary distress and anxiety.

That programs for children and youth

with handicaps be expanded to provide for physical, mental, emotional, and occupational needs.

That, as an aid to the economic stability of children and their mothers, the old-age and survivors insurance program be further extended to cover workers not presently included to make benefits more adequate; and that similar improvements be made in State unemployment insurance laws.

Prompt action should be taken at the national level to provide funds to supplement those States and localities, and to stimulate the early development of adequate local health service throughout the country, such action being particularly needed because of the physical and mental effects of mobilization and war on mother, children, and youth.

That steps be taken at national, State and local levels to improve the facilities and increase the output of professional schools preparing persons for services to children.

That more energetic efforts be made by both public and private organizations for support of selective recruitment and training of professional workers and for an extensive program of scholarships.

I have not yet received an official copy of the recommendations but this advance information will alert you for possible pending activities at the State and local levels to implement the recommendations of the conference.

Doctor-Draft Registration Set For January 15

Selective Service headquarters has announced that M. D.'s, dentists and veterinarians under 50 years and not now registered will sign up for the draft on January 15. This is in compliance with the President's executive order of October 6 which directed Selective Service to conduct the draft registrations for the medical profession on October 16 and completing same by January

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16. The second registration set for January 15 includes M. D.'s, dentists and veterinarians in the second, third and fourth priority groups. Present regulations do not call for the registration of D. O.'s on the January 15 date.

A spokesman for the Defense Department said last week that about 13,000 doctors will be needed under the present plans to expand the military services to 3,500,000 men. He said just about all those in the first priority group, who received their training at government expense under the World War II training program, or who were deferred to complete their training, but served less than 90 days, probably will be called up in the next six months. These men were registered on October 16.

Recommendations For Hospital Fire Safety

Correction of defective electric wiring, provision of automatic sprinkler production, organization of fire drills for personnel and provision of fire extinguishers were named among the most frequent recommendations for the hospitals in a preliminary report last month of the National Board of Fire Underwriters, after tabulation of several

hundred reports from the board's nation-wide fire safety inspection of hospitals.

More than 4000 hospitals have been inspected in the survey, the board said, and seven states have reported completion of the statewide inspection program. In an effort to determine which fire hazards are most frequent the board tabulated inspection reports from 844 hospitals. In addition to the recommendations already named, other needs shown in the tabulation were compliance with Recommended Safe Practices for Hospital Operating Rooms, enclosure of stairways, provision of illuminated exit signs and emergency lights on separate circuits, removal of inflammable decorations, arrangements of exit doors to swing outward and provision of adequate first-aid installations.

Student Nurse Admissions Reach New Record

Schools of nursing throughout the United States admitted in 1950 the largest class in five years, according to a recent announcement by Theresa I. Lynch, chairman of the Committee on Careers in Nursing and dean of the School of Nursing at the University of Pennsylvania. A total of 44,185

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first-year students admitted to the nearly 1200 state-approved schools offering basic nursing programs, representing an increase of 1.3% over admissions for the preceding year, which set a peacetime record of 43,612.

Washington D. O.'s Organize For Civil Defense

Washington Osteopathic association's civil defense committee met in Seattle recently to make organized plans for participation in state civil defense plans. Dr. Andrew Mackenzie, chairman of the committee, said the profession has established surgical and first aid teams for emergency service with hospitals throughout the state.

Washington's general plan for care of civilians is under the direction of Dr. Paul D. Mossman of the state health department. The osteopathic physicians are working with the medical men, dentists, veterinarians, nurses and other allied groups.

Stewart Scholarship Awards Announced For Spring Semester

Recipients of the Walter and Carrie B. Stewart Scholarship Awards for the spring semester are Russell Jenkins, James Cary, Joseph Repasky and Herbert Topol. The awards are provided by a fund set up by the Drs. Walter and Carrie B. Stewart who were graduated from the American School of Osteopathy in 1906 and 1905 respectively. The scholarships are awarded by vote of

We are informed that Dr. R. C. McCaughan, secretary of the American Osteopathic Association, is in the hospital from renal calculi, where he will be confined for some three weeks.

We wish for a quick recovery, Dr. McCaughan.

the faculty on the basis of high scholastic standing, moral character, participation in College activities and professional promise.

Russell Jenkins from Fort Worth, Texas, is an upper-senior at the College. Before entering KCOS, he attended Texas Wesleyan University. He is a member of Sigma Sigma Phi, Theta Psi, the Acacia Club and the Bachelor's Club.

James Cary of Brazil, Indiana, is a lower-senior and a member of the Phi Sigma Gamma, Sigma Sigma Phi and the Student Council. He attended both Indiana University and Indiana State to receive his pre-osteopathic training.

Joseph Repasky is a junior from Akron, Ohio. He has an A. B. in biological sciences from Ohio State University. At the KCOS, he is a member of Sigma Sigma Phi, Atlas Club, Acacia Club, APO, and an anatomy assistant.

Herbert Topol from Long Island, New York, has a B. A. degree from New York University. He is a sophomore and a member of Alpha Tau Sigma.

These awards are made each semester to members of the sophomore, junior and senior classes.

Roy Rogers Visits Hospital

Eleven year old Steven Louscher of Paullina, Iowa, had planned a long time to see Roy Rogers when he appeared in person at the Orpheum in Sioux City. The day of his appearance the boy was struck with appendicitis and Dr. L. W. Jamieson rushed him to the Sioux City Osteopathic hospital where the appendix was removed.

In order not to disappoint the small boy, Dr. Jamieson asked Roy Rogers to visit him in the hospital. The star did so and told him about his own children and gave Steven a good luck charm with the cowboy's and Trigger's picture.

Notice Of Meeting

North Texas Osteopathic Association to meet Sunday, February 18, 1951, with the following program:

Daniel D. Beyer, D. O.	Program Chariman
10:00-11:00 a.m. "Low Back Problems"	C. W. Dalrymple, D. O.
	Little Rock, Arkansas
11:00-12:00 noon "Ruptured Intervertebral Disks"	C. W. Dalrymple, D. O.
12:30- 1:30 p.m. Luncheon	Speaker, Boyce House,
	Author and Writer

Boyce House has had published ten books on Texas and his best one was "I Give You Texes", of which 150,000 copies were sold. He is one of a few that have had only a high school education who has been listed in "Who's Who".

1:30- 3:30 p.m. "Osteopathic Manipulation Procedures"	C. W. Dalrymple, D. O.
3:30- 5:00-p.m. Business meeting, election of officers and election of delegates to State Association.	

Seattle Physicians Plan State Diagnostic Center

A diagnostic and therapeutic center for osteopathic patients in Washington is planned by a group of doctors who have purchased the building and facilities of the Waldo clinic, Seattle, from Dr. William E. Waldo. The clinic, located at 8523 15th ave., N. E., has been renamed the Osteopathic Medical-Surgical center.

Purpose of the clinic, after reorganization is completed, will be to provide the advantage of expert consultation in diagnosis and treatment by specialists in the various fields of practice. General practitioners from all over the state

will be able to refer patients to the center.

Members of the partnership now owning the clinic are Drs. Stephen M. Pugh, Howard F. Kale, J. F. Martin, Gordon W. Brusso, John H. Thorp and E. E. LaCroix. Names of all specialists who will staff the center have not yet been announced. A radiologist, a urologist and two general practitioners are now on the staff.

The clinic has been open for five years and will continue to function during its reorganization. It was founded by Dr. Waldo, a past president of the American Osteopathic association. Dr. Pugh, one of the new owners, is also a past president of the national organization.

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Civil Defense Health Services Manual

On December 28 the long awaited Civil Defense manual on Health Services and Special Weapons Defense was released.

I am glad to inform you that page 1 of the 250 page manual contains the following definition, *applicable throughout*:

"The term 'physicians' includes both doctors of medicine, and within the limits of individual State licensure, doctors of osteopathy."

That constitutes Federal clearance for osteopathic participation. The ball now passes to the State and local levels.

The AOA Department of Public Relations has purchased sufficient copies to supply one each to the State Presidents, Secretaries, Chairmen of Emergency Medical Services and AOA Board of Trustees, and copies are being forwarded under separate cover. Should you desire additional copies of the manual, you will observe that the price is 60 cents per single copy, and orders should be directed to the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C.

Everything in the manual is important but note especially State organization staff and advisory committees pp. 36-38, training pp. 40-43, staffing first aid stations pp. 54-56, hospitals pp. 63-96, 98-99, 239-248, special health services pp. 129-143, summary for local civil defense authorities pp. 219-236.

Radio Aids Iowa Doctor In Checking Baby's Progress

Dr. G. Herbert Clough, Clear Lake, Iowa, used his amateur radio ability to advantage recently when he became the father of a baby girl. His wife was taken to a hospital in Kirksville, Mo., and Dr. Clough took his own radio equipment to report the birth to friends in Clear Lake.

Still skeptical of a settlement in the telephone strike, he left his transmitter with Dr. Earle Kennedy in Kirksville when he returned to his Iowa practice, and between Dr. Kennedy and Mrs. Clough he received reports regularly.

They are proving very helpful as public relations aids, either by having them printed over the name of an individual doctor in a community or over the name of a local society.

A list of titles, or a full file of columns will be mailed to any osteopathic physician interested in discussing the possibilities with his local editor. Write directly to the department of Public and Professional Welfare, Central office.

Weekly Health Columns Available

Central office has prepared weekly health columns for about a year on a wide variety of subjects. Since these were offered to the profession, over twenty-five papers in the United States and Canada have been publishing them.

Student Drive Underway

A drive for "Christmas Gifts for the Hospital" from lay people was launched at the Kirksville College of Osteopathy and Surgery in an All-College meeting December 8, 1950. As the College recessed for the holidays on December 23, Student Chairman Maynard J. Amelon reported that already response to the "Will you Help" letters mailed out by students was encouraging although the bulk of returns were not expected before the resumption of classes January 8, 1951.

Kirksville College Of Osteopathy And Surgery, Kirksville, Missouri

JANUARY GRADUATION HISTORIC EVENT IN OSTEOPATHIC EDUCATION

Graduation ceremonies which mark the close of an era in osteopathic education here will be held January 13, 1951. The class of 31 men who will be graduated that date represent the last mid-year class to be accepted under the regulation adopted by the Board of Trustees limiting registration to one class of one hundred students each year. On recommendation of the faculty, the College Trustees adopted the new policy in 1947. The change has made for better sequence, coordination and integration of subject matter and has permitted a careful selection of students. As evidence of the merits of the change of policy, there has been a loss of but twenty students out of the four hundred admitted since 1947.

Dr. R. C. McCaughan, the speaker for the occasion is well chosen in that he is an alumnus of the College—graduated in 1914—and is the Executive Secretary of the American Osteopathic Association. Dr. McCaughan knows, probably better than anyone else, the many changes that have taken place in osteopathic education and the significance of this change in particular.

Members of the January, 1951 class include: Glenn D. Blankenhorn, Kirksville; Roy Lee Brock, Ft. Worth, Texas; Robert Charles Clark, El Paso, Ill.; Walker W. Dean, Mackinaw, Ill.; Francis A. Engel, New York; Lee English, Lake Orion, Michigan; David Garland, Jr., Denver Colo.; James B. Gregg, Carnegie, Penna.; Wm. Russell Jenkins, Fort Worth, Texas; John R. Jones, Milwaukee, Wisc.; John Kemplin, Valley View, Texas; David McCollum, Kirksville; Wm. L. Maxfield, East Orange, N. J.; Donald P. Miller, Utica, New York; James M. Miley, Jr., Ottawa, Ia.; Lloyd B. Larson, Marshalltown, Ia.

Herbert J. Mosebach, Paige, Texas; William R. Mulford, Kirksville; James Nordstrom, Carthage, Mo.; Fayette Nutter, Alcester, South Dakota; Alfred A. Redwine, Amarillo, Texas; Jack P. Rollins, Kirksville, Mo.; Russell L. Ryals, Clifton Hill, Mo.; Hubert Scadron, New York, N. Y.; Billie Bob Slaughter, La Plata, Mo.; Carl J. Sohns, Thorndale, Texas; Frank J. Sparti, Atlanta, Ga.; William R. Statler, Sisterville, West Virginia; Robert L. Stratton, Lancaster, Ohio; Harvey G. Swords, Terrell, Texas; James C. Williamson, Union, S. C.

Charles Warters of Maywood, Illinois and a member of this class was called to active military duty in September, 1950.

Dr. Joseph T. Thornburg, of Monmouth, Illinois, President of the Illi-

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nois Chapter of the Kirksville Osteopathic Alumni Association, will conduct the induction ceremonies for the new graduating class.

Deaths

MR. GEORGE LUIBEL:

Mr. George Luibel, father of president George J. Luibel, died December 9 at the Fort Worth Osteopathic Hospital. Mr. Luibel was a native of Ohio and was visiting Dr. and Mrs. Luibel after being forced to retire from business due to bad health. After arriving in Fort Worth he suffered another severe spell and on December 6 was placed in the hospital for an operation. The immediate cause of death was embolus, following the removal of gall bladder that was surrounded by an abscess.

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MRS. MORRIS THOMPSON:

Mrs. Morris Thompson, wife of Dr. Morris Thompson, president of Kirksville College of Osteopathy and Surgery, died suddenly from a brain hemorrhage on January 2. Mrs. Thompson had been sick for two years but her death was sudden and unexpected.

The profession owes much to Mrs. Thompson. She was forced to give up much of her home life in order that president Thompson could be away so much in behalf of the school he has so ably represented for the profession.

It is fitting that the profession memorialize Mrs. Thompson with financial help to complete the new hospital in which she was interested.

More States Plan Atomic Courses

A three-day course in the medical aspects of atomic warfare was given recently at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathy. Three doctors who took the course represent the Fifth district of eighteen counties, and they plan a course for all the remaining D. O.'s in the area.

The doctors in charge of these lectures are Dr. William J. Davis, West York; Dr. K. T. Steigelman, York; and Dr. A. E. Kegerreis, Lancaster. The program, sponsored by the Pennsylvania Osteopathic association, has been approved by state civic defense officials.

Massachusetts has plans also for atomic courses which will be given during the coming eight weeks. They will be directed by Dr. H. Earle Beasley and Dr. Jeannette Lumsden of Boston. The first course was given in Boston on Dec. 13 and was open to the D. O.'s, their wives, nurses and other staff help. A more technical course will be given at the state convention next month for osteopathic physicians only.

Attend Meeting of Advisory Group To Draft Director Lewis B. Hershey

Dr. J. S. Denslow of the Kirksville College of Osteopathy and Surgery and President W. B. Henley of the College of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons of Los Angeles attended a meeting of an advisory group to Draft Director Lewis B. Hershey which presented a report to the director in Washington, D. C., on December 18.

The advisory group is made up of more than 200 leaders in the training or utilization of scientific personnel. For the past two years, six committees representing the areas of the agricultural and biological sciences, engineering sciences, humanities, healing arts,

physical sciences and the social sciences have made a study of how to keep the Army supplied and at the same time maintain a reservoir of talent in college training to take over positions in scientific research, teaching, technology and other vital fields.

Dr. Denslow, who is secretary of the American Association of Osteopathic Colleges, and President Henley, who is the association president, represented the osteopathic colleges who were invited to attend the meeting and discuss the report.

The recommendation of the advisory group was for a system of deferring students according to their intelligence and abilities.

Two Texas Hospitals Approved For Intern Training

The Stevens-Park Osteopathic Hospital and Clinic, 1141 North Hampton Road, Dallas, Texas, and the Fort Worth Osteopathic Hospital, 3705 Camp Bowie Boulevard, Fort Worth, were approved for intern training by the Board of Trustees of the American Osteopathic Association at its midyear meeting held in Chicago, December 13-15.

We are proud of the accomplishments of these two institutions and we hope that within the year all hospitals that have the bed capacity and the staff to

do so will be approved for intern training in the State of Texas.

Charles E. Still Osteopathic Hospital Will Open To Public About January First

The Charles E. Still Osteopathic hospital, Jefferson City, Mo., is scheduled to open about January 1. The announcement was made at a meeting early in November when staff and committee appointments were made. It is a 32 bed hospital.

Chief of staff and president of the executive committee will be Dr. Richard Michael of Springfield, who will move to Jefferson City. Vice chief of staff will be Dr. E. S. McCauley, and Dr. Charles Luebbert of Tipton will be staff secretary.

Dr. Fred Taylor Demonstrates Technic

Dr. Fred Taylor of Lewistown, Montana, was in Kirksville during the last week of December lecturing and demonstrating manipulative technic before groups of the faculty and students at the Kirksville College of Osteopathy and Surgery. Dr. Taylor, who is well-known for his development of technics and procedures in manipulation, was graduated from the Kirksville College in 1913.

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Fort Worth Osteopathic Hospital Receives Recognition

The publication of the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce carried a large picture of the Fort Worth Osteopathic Hospital with the following story:

New Osteopathic Hospital Opens On Camp Bowie

A new hospital, the Fort Worth Osteopathic Hospital, 3705 Camp Bowie Blvd., has added 25 beds and seven bassinets to Fort Worth's facilities for the sick. This hospital, staffed by 27 osteopathic physicians and surgeons, offers complete medical care for surgery, obstetrics, general medicine, and other cases.

The fireproof and air-conditioned building has distinctly finished rooms in different colors. The operating

room and delivery room is equipped with the latest and -most modern equipment.

For patients' comfort, each bed is equipped with a pillow radio and a telephone connection. A modern X-ray room and fully-equipped laboratory aid doctors in diagnosis. Additional facilities at the hospital include a doctors' lounge and up-to-date kitchen.

While the capacity of this hospital is small, it is arranged in a manner to offer the most efficient service. Besides the staff of doctors, the hospital employs 27 additional persons, including office force, nurses, laboratory technicians and maintenance personnel.

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York Hospital Launches Drive

West Side hospital, York, Pa., launched a sustaining membership drive in November. The fee is \$10 a year for the memberships, and no goal was set pending results of the initial campaign.

The fund is to serve for maintenance as the hospital became a non-profit institution last July. At that time osteopathic physicians donated \$60,000 of their stock and the remaining \$30,000 stock was bought at par or donated. Under present state requirements the hospital will not be eligible for any state aid for two years.

This community hospital is capable of caring for 60 patients. The board of directors report a 31 per cent increase in patients admitted last year over previous years.

AUXILIARY NEWS

Now is the time for all eligible members to be conscious of the 1950-51 membership dues to be paid to your national, state and district auxiliary.

It was voted and approved at the October meeting in Amarillo that Article 2, Section 2 of the By-laws be amended to read:

"Dues are payable on or before September 1 and shall be considered delinquent if not paid before March 1, and nonpayment of dues takes away the privileges of membership."

Your secretary cannot accept your dues at the April convention as has been the practice in former years, so please remember to send or give your check to your local treasurer, who will forward it to your state treasurer, who will send it on to national.

We should like to see an increased membership on both state and national auxiliary this year. The auxiliary's voice is only as strong as its membership, so let's make that voice strong and powerful this year and have the biggest auxiliary in the biggest state.

Those ladies who live in unorganized districts may join the state and national auxiliary by sending their dues directly to the state treasurer, Mrs. E. C. Baum, 2510 Wooldridge Drive, Austin, Texas. Remember national dues are \$5 per year and state dues are \$1.50 per year, a total of \$6.50. Let's pay dues before the books are closed April 1. The auxiliary needs you and you need it.

By MRS. E. C. BAUM,
Secretary-Treasurer, Auxiliary
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AUXILIARY DISTRICT ONE

On Wednesday evening, December 13, the staff physicians of the Amarillo Osteopathic Hospitals and the auxiliary met at the new Silver Grill Cafeteria where they had dinner together. Afterwards the auxiliary met in the reception room of the Cradit Clinic. The room was gaily decorated with a Christmas tree and other Yuletide decorations.

Mrs. E. W. Cain, president, presided for the business session. It was announced that eleven additional subscriptions to *The Osteopathic Magazine* had been sent to various public and school libraries over the Panhandle, making a total of 24 subscriptions, covering each Panhandle of Texas city in which an osteopathic physician is located. Mrs. G. W. Gress read *The Littlest Angel* by Charles W. Tazewell.

Mrs. L. V. Cradit's mother, Mrs. Rose H. Schaffer of Des Moines, Iowa, was a guest. Members present were: Mrs. Adrian Wright, Mrs. L. J. Vick, Mrs. J. Francis Brown, Mrs. G. W. Gress, Mrs. E. H. Mann, Mrs. Glenn Scott, Mrs. E. W. Cain, Mrs. J. H. Chandler, and Mrs. L. V. Cradit, of Amarillo; Mrs. J. Paul Price of Dumas and Mrs. W. H. Ballard of Pampa.

MRS. J. H. CHANDLER, Reporter.

AUXILIARY DISTRICT TWO

On December 4, 1950, the Fort Worth Osteopathic Guild met at the home of Mrs. C. E. Dickey, 2301 Goldenrod for their annual Christmas party. Mrs. H. J. Ranelle, 4916 E. Belknap, was co-hostess for the evening. Twenty-four members were present and the evening was made a pleas-

ant one by the able efforts of Mrs. A. H. Clinch and her book review of Lloyd C. Douglas' "Home for Christmas". Gifts were later exchanged and a dessert course enjoyed, following a short business meeting.

On January 8, 1951, the Fort Worth Osteopathic Guild met at the home of Mrs. R. B. Fisher, 2316 Fifth Avenue. The evening was spent by the 25 members present and a welcome guest, Mrs. L. G. Burt of Tulsa, Okla., in making surgical supplies for the Hospital. A short business meeting was held and plans were made for a fund raising book review and tea in March. To round out a busy but pleasant evening our hostess served us a delicious dessert course.

AUXILIARY DISTRICT SIX

The December 1 Christmas party at Mildred Cunningham's was a huge success. Mildred was a perfect hostess and I am sure the covered dish supper was delicious as it disappeared like magic. We rounded up the evening with charades and Dr. Alexander, a novice to the game (or so he said), was one of our top performers.

Dr. "Alex" contracted virus shortly before Christmas but is well on the road to recovery now.

Madge Eckstrom, chairman of the hospital auxiliary, saw to it that the entire hospital personnel and patients had a lovely Christmas party. Madge arranged a buffet table with holly, mistletoe, candles, silver service, eggnog and fruit cake.

Santa Claus, known to most of us as Dr. Bill Durden, handed out the gifts, which the personnel seemed to enjoy thoroughly.

The patients received fruit, nuts, candies and cigarettes.

Thanks to Madge and Bill for helping to make this one of the nicest Christmases our hospital has had.

District six met December 10 at the Plaza Hotel. Our state president, Florence Garrison, inspired all of us with her talk on "Public Relations".

By MRS. S. E. HESS, JR.

AUXILIARY DISTRICT EIGHT

On the eve of December 22 the annual Christmas party for the Corpus Christi Osteopathic Hospital employees, staff members and wives was held in the Bailey-Schultz Clinic.

Dr. J. M. Tyree, "Kriss Kringle", distributed the many gifts from under the Christmas tree.

Refreshments were served throughout the evening to keep everyone in the spirit of things. Forty-five persons attended the party.

Headed New Orleans way December 23 were Dr. and Mrs. E. B. M. Edwards and baby Barbara Jo. They spent the Christmas holidays with Pat's family, Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Binnings. Ed returned to his intern duties before the New Year but Pat decided to extend her visit until the middle of January.

Bruce Tyree Campbell, accompanied by his parents, arrived the middle of December to visit his grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. Jim Tyree. Bruce was the center of attention everywhere he was taken. After spending the holidays and seeing the New Year in Mr. and Mrs. Campbell and Bruce were homeward bound in the direction of Wichita, Kansas.

Dr. and Mrs. P. I. Needham drove to Gainesville, Missouri, December 23 and were guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Wilson for a week. The day after their return to Corpus Christi, Dr. Needham's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Needham, arrived from Glendive, Montana. They are planning on wintering here until the cold weather subsides in Montana.

Dr. and Mrs. Brune attended a pre-New Year's cocktail party at the home of Mrs. Emma Lou Swantner.

On New Year's Day Dr. and Mrs.

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T. M. Bailey entertained Mr. and Mrs. Fulcher Armstrong of Wichita Falls, Texas. Mrs. Armstrong is Julia's sister.

By MRS. JOSEPH SCHULTZ

Established Armed Forces Medical Policy Council

The medical establishment of the Department of Defense was changed last week at the direction of Secretary Marshall. Abolished was the Office of Medical Services, which was replaced by the new Armed Forces Medical Policy Council. Chairman of the new council is Dr. Richard L. Meiling who headed the former Office of Medical Services. Serving with Dr. Meiling will be three civilian members, to be appointed by Secretary Marshall. Under the new plan, military Surgeons General are authorized to act for their respective departments, and the Council is granted review power over activities of other Department of Defense units in connection with medical and hospital affairs.

Celebrates 25th Anniversary Of Chapter House

College visitation will feature the observation of the 25th anniversary of the Theta Psi chapter house at the Kirksville College of Osteopathy and Surgery on February 24. Plans also call for an open house beginning at 8:00 P. M. at the chapter house on the evening of the 23rd.

It is expected that a large number of Theta Psi alumni and wives will attend and find opportunity for the "long postponed visit" to the alma mater. It is believed that many will be particularly interester in a visit which will give opportunity to view the new million dollar extension of the hospital and clinic which is nearing completion.

The Chairman of the Silver Anniversary Committee announces that he will appreciate greatly advanced registration

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for the occasion. Communications should be addressed to the chairman at the chapter house at 712 West Pierce Street in Kirksville at once.

Los Angeles Prepares For Atomic Threat

The Los Angeles Osteopathic association is cooperating fully with other health agencies in the area in backing up the city's civil defense organization. The all-out help of 700 osteopathic physicians to work with 3,000 pledged medical doctors, 600 local druggists, 100 trailer coaches for emergency first aid units, nurse recruitments by nursing groups, and full cooperation of the Red Cross, has been promised.

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NEWS OF THE DISTRICTS

DISTRICT TWO

The study groups on cranial work had a meeting in Dallas Saturday evening, December 16, and all day Sunday, December 17. Those present and contributing to the course were: Doctors Rollin Becker, Dallas; J. H. Chandler, Amarillo; Ivan Clark, Kingfisher, Okla.; Dar D. Daily, Weatherford; John B. Donovan, Austin; George Grainger, Tyler; Sam Hitch, Lubbock; Louis Logan, Dallas, and Don Snyder, Ruidoso, New Mexico.

Everyone was quite enthusiastic and seemed well satisfied with the review. The session was held in Dr. Rollin Becker's office. Another study course will be held sometime in February or March at a time which does not conflict with other osteopathic meetings, such as the North Texas and State meetings. This group consists of D. O.'s doing cranial work in North Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and New Mexico. There are about seventeen or eighteen in this geographical area.

Miss Martha Logan, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Louis H. Logan, was elected to the National Honor Society along with nine other seniors in Sunset High School. This is quite a distinction of which they are proud and of course the Doctor and Mrs. Logan are equally and rightly so.

The staff of Stevens Park Osteopathic Hospital of Dallas held its annual Christmas formal on December 27, 1950 at the Oak Cliff Chamber of Commerce ballroom. Seventy-five couples attended, including guests. Preceding the dance, cocktail parties were held at the homes of Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Drew and Dr. and Mrs. J. N. Stewart.

The entertainment committee, composed of Mrs. J. C. Calabria, Mrs. W.

H. Van de Grift and Mrs. L. C. Woody of the Stevens Park Osteopathic Hospital Guild was in charge of arrangements. Music was furnished by Joe Seidler and his orchestra.

The staff of Stevens Park Osteopathic Hospital held its annual children's Christmas party on December 20, 1950, at the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Calabria. Sanger Bros.' Santa Claus was on hand to distribute gifts and to fill the role of main attraction. Forty guests attended.

Drs. Dan, Robert and Harry Beyer of Fort Worth recently had as their guests their mother, Mrs. Jennie Beyer, and sister, Mrs. Harold J. Veenestra of Pella, Iowa.

Dr. Robert E. Morgan attended the Board of Trustees meeting of the AOA in Chicago, December 13-16, 1950.

Dr. Phil R. Russell attended the Bureau of Public Education on Health meeting in Chicago, December 11, and attended parts of the Board of Trustees meeting of AOA and completed arrangements for the finishing of the third floor of the new home.

On December 21 a regular meeting of the staff of the Fort Worth Osteopathic Association was held in which Dr. C. L. Curry of Kansas City spoke to the staff on x-ray diagnosis. Dr. Curry presented over 100 plates for review by the hospital staff.

The meeting was immediately followed by a stockholders' meeting of the hospital at which time a new board was elected. The new board consists of Dr. Roy B. Fisher, Dr. George Pease, Dr. Lester L. Hamilton, Dr. V. L. Jennings, Dr. P. R. Russell, Mrs. Katrine Deakins and Mr. G. S. Coffin.

The Annual Christmas Party of the Tarrant County Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons was held

in Blackstone Hotel's "French Room" Dec. 12. Joy and Santa Claus reigned supreme! The punch was very, very, very mild, so everybody left under their own power! We un's didn't git thar! but from what I hear, it was a howling success!

Don't believe it was a bit better than the party at F.W.O.H. Inc. on Saturday before Christmas!

The tree was small, but beautiful! The sincerity of the occasion was matched only by the wonderful service the "working help" have shown, for the hospital, 365 days in the year. The doctors gave collective gifts to all personnel and the personnel drew lots and gave to each other. Dr. Jerry Carr was Santa! Some said he led the singing when the beloved "kitchen staff" put on surgical robes and "caroled" their way up and down the hall (s).

The festive occasions were dampened by the death of Dr. George Luibel's father. The sincere sympathy of the entire State and National Associations was extended to George, Mary and family.

Gossip:

The R. B. Fishers, V. L. Jennings, and Ed Lacroivs visited Dr. Bob McCullough at Tulsa, Okla., over the holidays.

Ruby Russell says Santa left the North Pole in a Studebaker this year—and had to hitch-hike back! The new "Studie" was in her garage, come daylight! Phil

only smiles and says, "I can take it off my income tax"!

Dr. R. L. Hodshire has opened offices at 2420 Prairie Ave. in Rosen Heights. The general opinion is, Doc has a very nice location, in a "hot section"!

Tonight the first "3 way" phone conversation was arranged between Drs. Buxton, Roy B. Fisher and myself. It's simple! Call the long distance operator and tell her what and why you want it! Presto! Here it is!

Walt Winchell—Scoop! A house has been purchased, 3 doors east of the hospital. Rumored it will house Dr. Roy Russell (who doesn't like elevators), Dr. Virginia Ellis (Pediatrician) and an X-ray specialist (unnamed—although could be Dr. D. M. Davidson of St. Louis and Kirksville).

It's nice to see the "specialists" move in,—but please—could we get a "GP" that has a "sure fire" cure for "oxyuris orbicularis"?

Overheard in Surgery:

Not much this time! One doctor told of having his new car serviced for winter. Next time he needed a tank of gas the attendant picked up a can of "Pyroil" off the back seat and dumped it in the tank!

The car got home—but that's all! After a day of sputtering and stalling the kind filling station attendant remembered he put the extra "Prestone" in "Pyroil" cans, and a quart got put in the gas tank. Evidently "Prestone"

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When my brother left the station that "souped up" Model "T" actually laid 20 feet of new cement sidewalk—from the exhaust pipe!

DR. A. H. CLINCH.

DISTRICT THREE

Dr. E. P. Stuart of Winnsboro recently went hunting with his wife. The deer cooperated and as far as can be recounted Mrs. Stuart shot the biggest buck. Earl managed a five point, his wife an eight. However, 'Harvey' was along and it's rumored got a ten point buck.

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Dr. Ogilvie of Tyler returned to Mt. Pleasant for New Year's celebration with some old friends and returned without incident, in spite of the traffic and accident upshoot in the neighborhood at that time.

Dr. Martin of Mt. Pleasant is reported to be seriously ill, having acquired Rocky Mountain spotted fever on a recent deer hunt, and was recovering but had a relapse.

Dr. Howard Coats was gone from Tyler for a few days around Christmas, having attended "Kiss Me Kate" at Dallas. Dr. Ross perspired considerably for an hour or so during his absence but now knows what "The Thing" probably is.

Query to Dr. H. M. Grice: Is Starboard the same as Gee, and Port Haw? Or is the ratio inverse? It's confusing when one tries to determine this from a mirror viewpoint.

Dr. Joe Brown, of the Osteopathic Browns, of Tyler attended the Cotton Bowl game at Dallas last week. Haven't yet heard whether he won or lost.

Dr. K. E. Ross and Dr. Brown attended a turkey shoot last month for a few moments—K. E. had the last of the turkey hash day before yesterday—Dr. Brown had chicken.

Today's definition: Conscience, the wee small voice that says, 'You shouldn't have'.

News has been so very scant this month that I'm tempted to tell the one about Dr. H. G. Grainger being seen with the three wiggling women in Dallas last month. Seems he picked them up in Green's but lost them in Neiman's—but that's another story. Ask him.

By KENNETH E. ROSS, D. O.

LINDALE: Dr. Earl Kinzie reports the purchase of new equipment for his clinic. After 10 years of deliberation he went hog wild and bought the "thing"—a new desk. Congratulations, Earl. May you have many successful years together.

WINNSBORO: Big things are going on in Winnsboro at the hospital. We hear that Dr. Wm. Coats is completely remodeling and plans to have completed changes that will make his osteopathic institution second to none in the district. How about a housewarming at the next district meeting, Bill?

DEKALB: Dr. Ernest Schwaiger was in Tyler recently on his way to Athens to attend the Mt. Vernon-Athens football game. We were happy to learn that Ernie has been appointed city health officer in DeKalb. Long may he reign! Oh yes, Mt. Vernon won.

LONGVIEW: We realized just how old Tom Hagan is getting when we saw his son play a whale of a game of football against Tyler a few nights ago. Although Tom was not in evidence he claims to have attended the game. We are looking for big things from Tom, Jr. on the Longview gridiron next year.

QUITMAN: Dr. Burr Lacey reports that he is going to soon open a kennel of registered Collie dogs. The doctor has been a fancier of fine collies for many years, having owned some beautiful dogs in the past. Best wishes and good luck, Burr, in your fascinating hobby.

TALCO: Dr. Ellis Miller reports things going along nicely in his fine town. Since recent postgraduate work in Radiology, Ellis is putting on the steam in this field at his clinic and had some beautiful work to show for his efforts—and—he is sporting a new Picker radiographic unit.

MT. PLEASANT: Dr. M. L. Cline and E. L. Miller recently spent a few days on the coast fishing and duck hunting.

Dr. Palmore Currey was absent at his post as president of district 3 at the last meeting. Rumor has it that he had the very good excuse of taking postgraduate studies in Boston, Mass. How about disseminating some of the Yankee knowledge, Palmore?

SAN AUGUSTINE: Dr. Grover Stukey stayed at home about a week after arriving from Argentina and then took off again for Philadelphia where he is taking postgraduate work and having some instruments made. The next time he comes home we plan to "hawg tie" him and bleed him of some of the knowledge he has been storing up for the past year.

By CHAS. D. OGILVIE, D. O.

DISTRICT SIX

Dr. Wm. Durden was appointed public relations director for district six. Am sure he will work at it seriously. A few days ago he had an aged, crotchety, arthritic patient hobble into his office. The patient demanded recognition and asked the doctor if he remembered him and when he was there. Dr. Durden replied after some cogitation that he probably was there because they were cleaning his cage.

Drs. L. Hammond and Jaffe went on a fishing trip over in the Angelina country of Louisiana. They fished dil-

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igently from morning until 3 p. m. and no fish. So they decided to go over to a different bayou and soon had their full catch. At this point Jaffe said, "Lloyd, now we want to remember this location, so that we can come back and fish again, etc." So Lloyd pulled out his knife and cut a notch in the side of the boat. When they were about halfway back Jaffe said, "Why, Lloyd, how do we know we will get this boat again?"

Dr. Lester Farquharson is visiting Kirksville and his daughter, June, who is attending the college there, over the Christmas vacation.

Dr. J. Alexander had a good stay in the hospital; home now, much improved. Off work five weeks.

Patient called at 10:30 p. m. for back treatment. All he got was sedation and urged to come in for examination. Instead the patient went to the Vet's Hospital and subsequently had a malignant kidney removed. Does examination pay? They do in self respect to the doctor and to the patient's advantage.

Another: An asthmatic or very wheezy five year old had very bad tonsils. The parents were advised to have them out. They moved to California and had them removed by a specialist. The patient died on the second day, from shock, not hemorrhage. Six weeks later the elderly specialist died from grief, etc. Now all tonsil patients get a chest X-ray and heart study. That thymus

gland doesn't always recede, etc.

At the November 7 staff meeting members heard Dr. R. Jones, neurosurgeon, speak on brain and cord tumors, also something about electroencephalography, the cases in which it may be used to advantage, also it's failures of those reading the graphs.

The district meeting was held December 10, 1950 at the Plaza Hotel, starting at 10:30 a. m.—dinner, etc. Dr. J. Brown, neuro - surgeon, spoke on spinal injuries and treatment. He had some excellent drawings and the spine and pelvic girdle to demonstrate the various lesions and their care. And a M. D. gave us an allopathic dose of our own therapy—"believe it or not". Dr. Brown has done for us several spinal and cranial operations in the past few years, since we have had our hospital. Members of our profession are well and living because of his ability.

Florence Garrison, our state president of the ladies' auxiliary, spoke on the work accomplished in their organization. We had her cut her speech from an hour and a half to 45 minutes. Now we know why Archie is the quiet type. So seldom is beauty associated with brains; and it will be a long time before she joins the bored, buxom and bilious ranks.

Dr. Clark Wagner passed his state board December 21, 1950.

Another typographical error in the December Journal. In speaking of Dr. Badger's table, the word is not

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"automic" but should have been automatic; not atomic nor autonomic.

News from home tells of young lovers who were to be married at Xmas but the male member was a pistol enthusiast, so they decided to postpone the wedding until March, at which time a pistol meet was planned to be held in Miami, Florida. So the 'honeymoon' will be celebrated in fitting fashion at the later date—in Miami. "Two birds with one pistol". Young folks can be practical.

At the staff meeting, January 2, 1951 Drs. Gribble and Don Young showed two of the most illuminating films that it has been our privilege to view. One was the surgical removal of a polycystic kidney and the other of the use 'Pronestyl' and its effects on paroxysmal tachycardia.

Dr. L. Tavel has moved from Franklin to 4921 San Jacinto Street, Houston. He is specializing in proctology and

spinal anaesthesia. We need about 50 more DO's in Houston and vicinity.

By H. M. GRICE, D. O.

DISTRICT SEVEN

Dr. H. A. Beckwith and wife vacationed in Kansas City and Kirksville, Missouri, during the Christmas holidays.

Dr. W. D. Schaefer and daughter spent the Christmas holidays in Pennsylvania.

Most of the deer hunters here got at least one buck this season. A few, like myself, failed to bring home any game.

Dr. Mosheim and family moved to San Antonio soon to open his office. Welcome to our group, Doc, and good practice.

Dr. L. C. Edwards has a very battered auto after driving into a six foot deep street excavation that wasn't marked on a dark street.

Dr. Rex Aten held a pre-Christmas cocktail party at his Clinic which was enjoyed by all.

Dr. H. H. Edwards had his usual Christmas Eve and birthday party at his residence. The old Doc, respectfully known as Whitey, says it's fun to grow old but awfully hard on the constitution.

Everyone is settling down after the holidays and looking forward to busy and prosperous 1951.

By B. G. SCHOCH, D. O.

DISTRICT EIGHT

The news from District 8 for the past month or so has been rather similar to the executive secretary's stock pile of professional articles, scraping the bottom of the barrel. Other than our regular meetings, nothing of too much news interest has taken place.

The executive board meeting of Corpus Christi Osteopathic Hospital was

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Dr. R. A. Pennington presented an interesting and educational lecture on November 28 to the personnel of the Corpus Christi Osteopathic Hospital. The title of his paper was "Democracy and Democratic Institutions". He stressed the point that very few hospitals were democratic.

The regular staff meeting of the Corpus Christi Osteopathic Hospital was held in the office of Dr. T. M. Bailey, with Dr. Pennington as host, on December 5.

Dr. R. J. Brune was away from his office for several days, due to illness.

Dr. James M. Tyree has returned from his two months' world cruise and is back on the job, with his usual vim, vigor and vitality. He took many pictures during his cruise and obtained many souvenirs, which he will exhibit at a later date.

By MERLE GRIFFIN, D. O.

DISTRICT NINE

Dr. and Mrs. Robert Morehead and Dr. and Mrs. Harry Tannen were co-hosts for district nine's Christmas meet-

ing at Weimar on December 15, 1950.

The holiday motif was carried out in decorations. Refreshments were served by candlelight, which added to the enjoyment and pleasure at this well attended meeting.

Dr. Beaty of Lockhart was a guest.

A very interesting program of diagnosis and treatment was given by Dr. Morehead on a group of acute infectious diseases.

The most unusual personal news item was reported by Dr. Money. His wife, Ann, was blinded by oncoming headlights as she approached an unlighted mule-drawn wagon a few nights ago. She clipped the vehicle, removing two of its wheels, unseated the driver, and hit one mule which did not suffer from the experience. The second mule, which was untouched, died of shock. Of course the damage to the Money car was extensive, but we are happy to be able to report that no one suffered injury. We suppose we are the only district sporting a mule-skinner 1950 variety.

By RICHARD L. STRATTON, D. O.

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The following letter has just been received from the wife of Dr. S. M. Howard of New Mexico:

"Dr. and Mrs. James Butler of Bernillo, New Mexico attended your October meeting in Amarillo and gave us such a wonderful report on same.

"They also showed us the November issue of your Journal. There are many good articles in it and we were wondering if it might be possible that you would have an additional copy of your November issue that we might have one. 'The Doctor's Wife' is a masterpiece and there are several other good articles.

"Best wishes to the Texas Association."

President R. N. McBain Commemorates Death Of A. T. Still

President R. N. McBain of the Chicago College of Osteopathy delivered the address at the annual observance of the anniversary of the death of Andrew Taylor Still at the Kirksville College of Osteopathy and Surgery on December 11, 1950.

President McBain, who has been invited to deliver the A. T. Still Memorial address at the annual convention of the American Osteopathic Association in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in July, 1951, spoke to the Kirksville audience on Dr. Still as a philosopher.

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Free literature has been prepared for each doctor to distribute to his patients. The literature has been carefully designed to have a high public relations

value to the profession and to the individual doctor, as well as to produce contributions for the osteopathic colleges.

Questionnaires will also be mailed to the doctors, and it is hoped that they will suggest the names of business and industrial corporations and philanthropic foundations which may be interested in making contributions to the osteopathic colleges.

It is emphasized throughout the literature and questionnaires that the program is designed to enhance rather than disturb the doctor-patient relationship. No direct contact with patients will be made by the Progress Fund office or by the colleges without the consent of the doctor.

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