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# EDITORIAL PAGE

## Greetings

The Christmas Season is here and despite the worries in the world and the commercialism attached

to this occasion, let us remember—the 25th of December is still the world's most honored anniversary among Christian people. It is traditionally a season of peace, joy, good will and friendship. ¶We of the osteopathic profession would do well to pause and reflect on the many blessings that have come our way. We have more and stronger

institutions today than ever before and our overall rights and privileges have reached a new high. Therefore it is timely that we remember the heights we have attained and express our good will to our patients, lay friends and fellow physicians who have worked so diligently in our cause. These are the benefactors who have enhanced our holiday joys a thousand fold. ¶The officers and employed staff of the TAOP&S join in wishing each of you "A Very Merry Christmas and A Happy and Prosperous New Year!"



# California Charter Revoked

Gentlemen:

I want to report directly to the secretaries of divisional societies just what has transpired concerning the California situation.

On November 20, 1960, the A.O.A. Board of Trustees revoked the charter of the California Osteopathic Association by a vote of 18 to 1. This action was deemed necessary in order to permit the formation of an osteopathic association in California which would work to continue the osteopathic profession, its hospitals and the osteopathic college in California. The C.O.A. had voted twice to negotiate a merger with the California Medical Association and abandon everything osteopathic in that state.

Previous attempts to discuss the matter with the proponents of amalgamation had been denied the Board. The Executive Committee requested the C.O.A. to send representatives to confer on the subject and were refused. The Committee offered to meet with C.O.A. leaders in Los Angeles and were refused. The Executive Committee believed, however, that such a meeting would result if the Committee actually appeared in Los Angeles. Notification was sent of the time and place, and the Committee went to California. On arrival it called the President of C.O.A. and announced its presence and again requested a conference. Even this was denied.

The C.O.A. presented its case to the A.O.A. House of Delegates last July. At the conclusion of a two and one-half hour statement by the C.O.A., the House took action as follows:

1. That any divisional society which is in the process of negotiations leading to unification and/or "amalgamation" or merger, or a process of a similar nature, of the osteopathic profession with or into any other organiz-

ed profession involved in health care, shall cease such negotiations or be subject to the revocation of its charter by the A.O.A.

2. That no divisional society enter into discussion or negotiations with any agency in which the subject for discussion is unification and/or amalgamation of the osteopathic profession into any other organized profession involved in health care.

3. That this House of Delegates reaffirm its policy of cooperation and coexistence with all agencies interested in the improvement of the public health.

The California Osteopathic Association called its House into special session on November 13 to determine whether it would continue to negotiate for merger as unanimously voted in April, 1960, or whether it would cease as directed by the A.O.A. House. The vote on November 13 was 66 to 40 to continue.

Prior to voting, the C.O.A. House heard a proposal for merger submitted by the California Medical Association. It also heard a statement by Dr. Harvey, President of A.O.A. The C.M.A. proposal provided for the granting of M.D. degrees by the College of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons. The college would change its name, eliminating the word "osteopathic" and would issue no more D.O. degrees. Many other conditions were set forth but none assured the converts membership in anything but a new component medical society which they themselves would establish. The conversion from D.O.'s to M.D.'s would be accomplished through a special course of instruction by the college with its new name. The new M.D.'s could apply to the Board of Medical Examiners (over which the C.M.A. stated it had no control) for examina-



tion for license to practice under the new M.D. degree. It would, of course be some time before the A.M.A. Council on Medical Education and Hospitals could approve the college and validate the M.D. degree.

The action by the A.O.A. Board in removing the charter provided an escape for the D.O.'s who did not want to secede. It also assured the Board of Trustees of the College of backing and continuance of the osteopathic profession in California. The C.M.A. proposal called for elimination of the Osteopathic Board of Examiners and the discontinuance of issuance of licenses to practice under the D.O. degree.

Many difficult, time-consuming and expensive problems have been created

by all of this which were not brought about by the A.O.A. It had to face the situation which was presented, and act in the best interests of the many D.O.'s in California and elsewhere who wish to preserve the profession.

It is anticipated that a new divisional society will be formed in California which can eventually be chartered as a component of the A.O.A.

We urge that calmness and straight thinking prevail in the difficult days ahead and feel that the drastic action called for will, in the long run, strengthen and solidify the osteopathic profession.

*Sincerely yours,*

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Executive Director

## European Pediatrics



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I would like to divide this talk on European Pediatrics, or more specifically Austrian Pediatrics into three (3) sections. First to tell you a few things about the history of Pediatrics in Austria, secondly to describe the Pediatric accommodations in Linz where I spent most of my time this past summer, and

thirdly to say a few words on socialized medicine.

Pediatric care as such, dates back to the mid seventeen hundreds with the establishment of the Vienna Infant Asylum, who's first medical chief was Alois Bednar who is remembered now chiefly for his description of Bednar's Aphthae. The Asylum remains today and still cares for ambulatory pediatric cases on an out patient basis.

Shortly after the establishment of the Asylum, the Public Children's Institute of Vienna was erected under the direction of Emperor Franz Joseph in 1764. Under the directorship of Dr. Leopold Golis, it was the first institution in Europe to use small-pox vaccination and to advocate present day concepts in Pediatric nursing care.

Many famous European born pediatricians have been connected with the Children's Institute either as directors or assistants. Some notable examples include Dr. Adam Politzer who was the

first to describe bronchial asthma in children and the significance of cranio-tabes in the rachitic infant. Following Dr. Politzer was Dr. Max Kassowitz, who was particularly interested in the physiology and pathology of bone growth in infants, and wrote a three volume work on "Normal Ossification and Diseases of the Bone." During Kassowitz's tenure as director of the Institute, Sigmund Freud worked there and wrote his famous treatise on "Cerebral Hemiplegias of Children."

The first Children's Hospital of Vienna was the St. Anne's Hospital, founded in 1837. This was the first completely children's hospital in Austria and the third to be organized in Europe. The organization of this hospital is of significance because it marked the beginning of Pediatric instruction in Vienna. Its founder and first director, Dr. Ludwig Manthner began teaching in 1839 and in 1844 was given permission by the government to demonstrate sick children in clinical lectures.

Other famous Austrian Pediatricians and individuals associated with Austrian Pediatrics include Dr. Hermann Wiederhofer who developed intubation, Theodor Escherich who gave us some of the first original work on the intestinal bacteria of infants. During the course of these studies he discovered the colon bacillus. He was also responsible for the development of well-baby clinics in Austria.

Two other famous Austrian Pediatricians were Dr. Ernst Moro who described the grasping reflex in newborns, and Dr. Clemens Pirquet who discovered allergy, and the tuberculin reaction which bears his name.

My experience this past summer was confined almost wholly to the Landes KinderKrankenhaus or children's Hospital in Linz, Austria, with short visits to the Kinderspital in Zurich, Switzerland, the Karoline Children's Hospital and Children's Clinic in Vienna.

Following World War II, Austria

launched a \$1,000,000 health program. The development from private to public hospitals runs a parallel course to the change in social structure, by that meaning socialized government.

In the last decade with record investments, increased standards of living, progress in the medical field, and changes in the laws governing hospital management makes it impossible today for hospitals to exist as private, profit making enterprises.

Prior to 1938 the district of Upper Austria maintained 5 large hospitals, but most of them were severely damaged during the war and some were used for other purposes and had to be reconverted for hospital use. After 1945, these five institutions were rebuilt and others created, the biggest achievement being the State Children's Hospital in Linz.

Another large accomplishment was the development of the Children's Tubercular Institute at Gmundnerberg. Small scale private beginnings were made prior to 1941, but during the war the buildings were used to house badly wounded soldiers. In 1945 the state assumed control, did extensive rebuilding, and increased the facilities. Final completion was accomplished in 1952 with a bed capacity of 140 tubercular children, at a cost of \$400,000. The institute is located in the foothills of the Alps in an isolated area which requires special precautions and facilities. The Institute has its own fire fighting equipment, snow plows, water supply, sewage system, grade school and dental clinic.

Since tuberculosis is so prevalent in Europe, most of the children are vaccinated in infancy with the B.C.G. or Bacillus Calmette Guerin vaccine. The vaccine is prepared in special laboratories which conduct no other bacteriologic procedures and where the personnel are checked periodically to be sure they remain free from TB. The vaccine should be given within fourteen days of the last preceding negative tuber-



culin test, but preliminary tuberculin testing is usually omitted with newborn infants. The usual intradermal dose is in the range of 0.1 or 0.15 mgm. of vaccine.

Austria is divided into six main districts, the Tyrol, Karinthia, Upper Austria, Steirmark, Nieder-Osterreich and Burgenland. Linz is the capitol of Upper Austria, has a population of 200,000, and is located on the Danube 100 miles west of Vienna. Linz is principally an industrial city and owing to this was the most heavily bombed city in Austria, being almost seventy-five per cent destroyed during World War II. The last air raid in 1945 completely destroyed the old Children's Hospital. Plans were made in 1951 with Marshall Plan money to erect a new Children's Hospital which was finally completed in 1956 at a cost of \$3,000,000. It is a three hundred fifty bed institution and can be increased to four hundred during epidemics.

The hospital is divided into reception section, chapel, patients' rooms, cellar for chemical gasses, kitchen, laundry and nursed dormitory.

The reception section occupies two floors and contains the administrative area, pharmacy, consultation rooms, examining rooms and laboratories. Separate entrances lead to receiving rooms for children who have, or who are suspected of having infectious diseases. These rooms are also connected by elevators with rooms in the infectious section of the hospital. Also in the reception section are contained four operating units (3 aseptic units and 1 septic unit) with the most modern of equipment, including a copper wire mesh built into the floor to take care of static electricity. Other installations in the reception include X-ray department, gymnasium, physical therapy room and pressure chamber which seats six children and a nurse. The chamber when closed simulates a high altitude flight and is used in treating Pertussis,

Asthma and other respiratory illnesses. All gasses such as Cyclopropane, Nitrous Oxide and Oxygen are kept in a deep cellar or bunker. Special tubes lead from the bunker to the surgical suites and patients' rooms.

The bed section is divided into an infectious area with ninety beds and a non-infectious area with seventy beds. Entrance to the infectious section can only be gained through locked doors, or via special stairways or elevators. All food is sent up by these special elevators. What food that is not eaten, and the eating utensils are sterilized before being sent back down to the kitchen. The top floor of the hospital contains a small private section, reserved for special patients of the Chief of Surgery and the Chief of Medicine, also a premature section with thirty beds, and a small tubercular area.

The rooms contain two, three, or six beds, and all rooms on the various floors are separated by glass partitions so that it is possible to look through all the rooms from one end of the floor to the other. All non-infectious rooms have large glass doors opening onto balconies where the children can be taken to lie in the sun.

The nurses are trained in the hospital in general nursing and many are given special training in the various specialties. It is not at all uncommon to find nurses who are very competent anesthesiologists and bronchosopists. The nurses work on the average of fifty-three hours each week and are paid about \$80.00 per month.

My hospital day in Linz started at 7:00 A.M. with surgical scrubs until about 11:00, then surgical rounds are made with the Primarius and staff. On entering a patient's room, or ward, protocol is always adhered to. First the Primarius enters, followed by his assistant, then the senior resident, junior resident, intern and nurse in that order. If it is a quick check on a patient the Primarius is sometimes out of the room before the final member of the group



gets into the room. During my stay in the hospital we did approximately three hundred surgical procedures, not including T and A's and including some of the following interesting type cases: Myototomy for Congenital Torticollis; Extrophy of the bladder repair; Megacolon; Cryptorchidism; Plastic repair of Congenital Lop Ears; Syndactylism; Mastoidectomy; Omphalocele repair; Splenectomy; Nephrectomy; Plyoromyotomy; Thyroidectomy; Funnel Chest; and hare lip and cleft palate repair.

I was greatly disappointed in the Tonsillectomy department, as the procedure was done in about five minutes on a partially anesthetized child with free bleeding allowed. Apparently the method is not too satisfactory in that some of the first tonsillectomized patients that I saw were back in the hospital six to eight weeks later with tonsillitis.

My afternoons were spent on the medical floor, making rounds with the Chief of Medicine and the various residents, and also in examining interesting cases on my own. Generally the cases on the non-infectious department were similar to those which we have in our own pediatric wards, and our methods of treatment are essentially the same. Cases included acute and chronic glomerulo-nephritis, nephrosis, diabetes, fibrocystic disease of the pancreas, rheumatic fever, eczema, leukemia, and a few endocrine abnormalities.

Among the infectious cases were Poliomyelitis in all stages, meningitis, encephalitis, typhoid, typhus, pneumonias and the more serious childhood illnesses including scarlet fever and diphtheria. By law a scarlet fever case must stay in the hospital a minimum of two weeks and until three consecutive negative throat cultures are obtained before they are released.

Since all medicine in Austria and in Europe, for that matter, is socialized, it might be interesting to describe something about its operation. It goes by

the rather ordinary name of the State Sick Fund. Every working man or woman pays a percent of his or her salary to the sick fund each month which entitles him to medical care. When the worker or his family becomes ill he obtains a sick card from his employer and with this card he may go to any general practitioner he chooses. The sick cards are good for three months, after which time the patient can stay with the chosen physician or change to another if he is not satisfied. Once the physician takes the card and the patient, he becomes obligated to that patient for the three month period. Should he refuse care, or say, refuse to make a night call on the patient, the patient can report the doctor to the sick fund and he may be placed on suspension and made ineligible to accept sick cards. The card does not entitle the patient to go to a specialist. He must be sent there by the general practitioner.

There is a special sick fund for individuals who own their own businesses, and for the railway and streetcar workers. They go to any doctor of their choice and he makes the charge, they pay him, send the bill back to the sick fund and are re-imbursed.

All general practitioners and specialists in Austria are issued a basis of performance book each year, which outlines the government payment for every conceivable type of charge that the physician may make. First of all a G.P. is paid seventy-five cents or eighteen shillings for the first examination of the patient, and fifty cents for each follow-up visit. If the G.P. makes a house call he is paid about \$1.00. Night calls between 8:00 P.M. and 7:00 A.M. the physician receives \$2.40 and also gets about twenty-five cents for each one and one-half miles of car travel to the patient's home.

In addition to the shillings the doctor is paid, he also gets a certain number of points which are equal to shillings and are paid him by the state at the

end of the month. The number of points vary, for example: two points for an I.M. injection, twenty-one points for a complete blood count with differential, and fifty points for a plaster cast of the hand or arm.

The following is a short list of prices paid by the state for various procedures:

Intramuscular injection 12¢, Intravenous injection 48¢, Sternal puncture \$1.78, Spinal tap \$2.40, Fontanel tap \$2.00, Gastroscoy \$6.20, Incision of an abscess \$1.00, Application of a cast for a Colles fracture \$2.00, EKG \$1.00, Ultrasonic treatment 60¢, Tonsillectomy and adenoidectomy \$12.00, Circumcision \$2.50, Removal of a brain tumor \$54.00.

The monthly gross income of the top specialist in Austria would probably be about \$3,000.00.

In regard to education of the physician in Austria, and generally throughout Europe, his medical school is five years and then an internship that includes *orthopedics* three months; *surgery* six months; *internal medicine* one year; *obstetrics* three months. If the doctor wishes to specialize in pediatrics he must take a four year residency. Three years of the residency are spent

in the various departments of the children's hospital and in his fourth year he is free to choose the department he likes best. To become a pediatric surgeon the doctor finishes his prescribed five year medical school, takes his two year internship, a four year general surgical residency and then he is ready to become an assistant pediatric surgeon. He then works as first assistant to a Primarius or Chief of Pediatric surgery until the Chief thinks he is trained sufficiently to be cut loose on his own. The primarius that I worked with spent fourteen years as an assistant before becoming Chief surgeon at the Children's Hospital in Linz. The surgeon he trained under may be familiar to some of you. His name was Dr. Andreas Planck who has made several trips to the United States and has spoken on and given surgical demonstrations in pediatric surgery at the County Hospital in Los Angeles.

In conclusion I would like to say that the caliber of training is excellent in Austria and the opportunities unlimited for advancement in the pediatric field.

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*Editor's Note:* Next month Dr. Moore will write on "Funnel Chest."

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## Executive Secretary's Travelogue



MORRIS THOMPSON, *President*  
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*We start this month's travelogue* with pictures of two of our distinguished college presidents who have given so freely of their time during the past month in the interest of the profession in Texas by conducting vocational guidance dinners for high school teachers in districts No. 3, No. 2, No. 5, No. 12, No. 1 and No. 10 consecutively. Truly, they rendered a service beyond the call of duty. It is amazing to observe the loyalty to the osteopathic profession as exhibited by these two men who are educators and not physicians. It is too bad that more members of our profession do not have the same spirit of loyalty to the concept and philosophy of osteopathy as exhibited by these two college presidents and the lay public itself.

*This has been a tremendously busy month*—one that has pushed not only the office but the executive secretary somewhat beyond human endurance.

As stated in last month's Travelogue, the executive secretary and the Association have had a suit filed against them by a non-member of the profession who has been denied membership in the organization and who seems to feel that membership will be a valuable asset to him. We wonder how many of our members have the same feeling he has — that membership in the



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TAOP&S is worth fighting for, or do our members accept their membership as a matter of course rather than a privilege.

*As yet we have not touched the title of this article.* However, the executive secretary began his travels on Saturday, October 29 when he went to the Baker Hotel in Dallas to attend the Texas Society of General Practitioners' meeting. The attendance was not too large but there was tremendous interest exhibited by those present and from what was seen of the program, it was well worth the time and effort of all those who did attend.

The meeting extended until noon on Sunday, October 30 at which time the executive secretary transferred his activities to the meeting of the American College of Osteopathic Surgeons which was being held at the Statler Hilton Hotel in Dallas. The executive secretary can assure you that this was a highly successful meeting. The attendance was the largest in several years, and there were a great number of Texans present—both surgeons and general practitioners.

*The executive secretary was kept extremely busy* interviewing out-of-state physicians who were interested in locating in Texas and in answering calls



from Blue Cross officials and two other insurance companies in Dallas which took up a good deal of his time. Whatever time he could spare, he attended the session of the American Osteopathic Hospital Association which group was meeting in conjunction with the Surgeons' meeting. The Texas Osteopathic Hospital Association was host to those in attendance, at a breakfast meeting, Wednesday morning, November 2nd.

Needless to say there was very little sleep for the executive secretary during these three nights. Retiring at 4:00 A.M. and starting out again at 7:00 A.M. each day is rather hard on an old man but if the results of his activities pay off as well as they have in the past, he doesn't mind dying with his boots on.

The executive secretary slept on Thursday, November 3rd until about 11:00 A.M. and then returned to the

office to catch up on much of the office procedures.

On Friday, November 11, the entire afternoon was spent at the court house where the executive secretary had been summoned to appear to make deposition in reference to the suits being filed against him and the Association. In the executive secretary's opinion, this developed into somewhat of a farce, as there were two attorneys representing the plaintiff—one to represent the plaintiff and the hospital in a suit for membership in the TAOP&S and Blue Cross approval and the other an attorney from Austin representing the plaintiff in a libel suit against the executive secretary and the Association. The two attorneys erred in that the first one took the deposition in reference to the suit he was handling and then asked the second attorney to proceed and complete the deposition, whereupon our

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attorney took exception and refused to permit the second attorney for the plaintiff to enter into the deposition. This was a point of law and was sustained by the court. The taking of the deposition was then postponed until the following Friday. However, the first attorney for the plaintiff called it off and we understand there will be no further action in reference to this until after the midyear meeting of our Board of Trustees in December, after which time no one can predict what further action will be taken.

The executive secretary remained in the office until November 12 when he spent the entire morning with a prospective student for one of our osteopathic colleges.

*On November 13 he left Fort Worth* for Dallas to meet Presidents Morris Thompson and Merlyn McLaughlin at Love Field. They returned to Fort Worth, making headquarters here, and that evening the executive secretary took our two college presidents to dinner at the Fort Worth Club. They were accompanied by Dr. George Luibel of Fort Worth who is an officer of the Kirksville College Alumni Association. Dr. Thompson had requested that Dr. Luibel be present that they might discuss some of the problems confronting the school.

*At 9:30 A.M. on Monday, November 14,* President Thompson, President McLaughlin and the executive secretary left Fort Worth, by car, for Mineola, Texas where President Morris Thompson delivered a wonderful talk to the Rotary Club of that fine city at its noon luncheon. Dr. Thompson was well received by the club members.

They left Mineola at 2:00 P.M. and enroute to Mt. Pleasant, stopped first at Quitman, Texas to visit briefly with Dr. Burr Lacey. Their next stop was at Winnsboro where they visited some 30 minutes with Dr. Earl P. Stuart and inspected his beautiful clinic.

*They arrived in Mt. Pleasant* at approximately 4:00 P.M., stopping first

at Mt. Pleasant Hospital where they visited briefly with the doctors at this institution. From there they went to the Currey Hospital and Clinic to inspect the facilities of that institution. Dr. Currey took the three to his home where the weary travelers enjoyed a reclining position on some wonderfully comfortable beds. They had a good 1½ hours rest before leaving for the vocational guidance dinner for high school teachers which was scheduled for that evening.

At 7:00 P.M. they were at the dinner and were happily surprised to find that by actual count there were 135 persons in attendance . . . a remarkable record for a town the size of Mt. Pleasant. Nine of the persons present were from Texarkana, some 66 miles distant and most of the high school teachers had traveled many miles to attend this function. There were 46 schools represented at the dinner.

*We feel this was a tremendous accomplishment.* One vocational guidance teacher from Texarkana remarked to the executive secretary, "How come, Doctor, that we have heard from all of the business enterprises in regard to vocational guidance, but never from doctors? When are you coming to Texarkana?" This proved to the executive secretary that we have been too smug in our activities and have failed to point out to vocational guidance teachers in our institutions (particularly in the high schools) the many advantages offered in the field of medicine, particularly osteopathic medicine.

*The meeting adjourned at 10:00 P.M.* at which time the two college presidents and executive secretary left by car for Fort Worth—155 miles—tired, but filled with enthusiasm. They covered the distance by way of Dallas in two hours and 20 minutes. You might say it was "quite a flight" which brings to mind the following story:

A college professor was sitting next to a priest in an airplane when an



announcement came over the speaker that they would have to crash land as one engine was lost and the other was on fire. The passengers were told to prepare for such a landing. The college professor looked over at the priest and stated that in this particular instance he was indeed glad he was sitting next to a "servant of the Lord," whereupon the priest turned to the professor and replied, "My friend, my business is recruiting, not admissions."

Well, on the flight by auto, from Mt. Pleasant to Fort Worth, the executive secretary was fortunate in having two college presidents with him whose business it is not only to "recruit" but they also have a good deal to do with "admissions," but of course not admissions to the place where they might all have landed.

At 10:00 A.M., Tuesday, November 15, they were at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth for a meeting with Dr. Willis G. Hewatt, Chairman of the pre-med Committee and six members of the committee, to discuss medical education in our osteopathic institutions. This was indeed a most worthwhile effort and did much to re-establish the profession with this school.

At noon, presidents Thompson and McLaughlin were entertained at luncheon in the Fort Worth Osteopathic Hospital where they inspected the facilities of this institution and personally met many members of the staff.

At 2:00 P.M. they were on the campus of Texas Wesleyan College where Dr. W. E. Ward, Chairman of the pre-med committee had assembled all of the professors in the science department and all members of the pre-med committee to meet with presidents Thompson and McLaughlin and the executive secretary. Dr. Raymond D. Fisher, past president of the TAOP&S accompanied the three to this campus.

Finally, at 4:30 P.M. they were at the Fort Worth Club and for the first time relaxed. They thoroughly re-

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viewed the activities of that day and the preceding day and then made plans for the vocational guidance dinner meeting to be held in Fort Worth that evening.

*The vocational guidance dinner* for the teachers in the Fort Worth area began at 7:00 P.M. in the South Side Lions Club. It was well attended with approximately 150 persons present, 50% of whom were vocational guidance teachers from the high schools and colleges. The dinner meeting ended at 10:30 P.M., at which time two very tired college presidents and the executive secretary retired for a good night's sleep.

*On Wednesday, November 16,* the executive secretary was able to spend about 2½ hours in the office before leaving, with the college presidents, for Dallas. Enroute they stopped at Howard Johnson's on the turnpike for lunch and then proceeded directly to Dallas to first meet Dr. Robert Morgan and then on to the campus of Southern Methodist University where the four enjoyed a 1½ hours meeting with Dr. Joseph P. Harris, chairman of the pre-med committee and the other members of the committee.

Following the meeting, they drove some 15 miles to get a room for President Merlyn McLaughlin who had been called to Des Moines and had to catch an early morning flight on Thursday. They were able to rest for about 1½ hours before attending the vocational guidance dinner for the teachers in that area.

*The Dallas vocational guidance dinner* was held in the Student Union Building at S.M.U. This was a wonderful program with approximately 145-150 persons in attendance, 50% of whom represented high schools and colleges. The program ended at 10:30 and the executive secretary and President Thompson returned to Fort Worth by midnight, after leaving President McLaughlin at his room in Dallas.

*Early the next morning* the executive

secretary and Morris Thompson left for Bryan, Texas. Since Houston had cancelled its vocational guidance dinner for that night, the executive secretary had received a request from Dr. H. L. Gravett, Chairman of the Pre-med Committee at A&M College for he and President Thompson to visit the campus. They drove leisurely and upon their arrival had a nice lunch at the Student Union. At 1:00 P.M. they met with Dr. Gravett and with a student from Fort Worth, Louis Bernhardt, whom they interviewed. Then Dr. Gravett introduced them to the Program Chairman of the Pre-med Club to discuss a future program for that group which will be held sometime in February or March. They have over 150 members in their club, quite a few of whom are interested in the osteopathic profession. If Dr. Thompson is unable to return for this program, it will be put on by the executive secretary.

They left A&M at 3:00 P.M. and drove directly, cross-country, to Galveston where they had a wonderful dinner. At 10:30 P.M. they retired for some much needed rest at the Seahorse.

*Following breakfast on Friday, November 18,* they left immediately for Doctors Hospital in Groves—some 80 miles distant, arriving there at approximately 11:00 A.M. They were entertained at a noon luncheon in the Port Arthur Club by Doctors A. L. Garrison and N. G. Palmarozzi and the hospital administrator, Mr. B. P. Bearden.

At 2:00 P.M. they were at the office of Dr. Edwin S. Hayes, Pre-med Chairman of Lamar State College of Technology in Beaumont. Dr. Hayes was out of the city but had made arrangements for Dr. Long to meet with them and to assemble all of the science students to hear a talk by President Morris Thompson. Dr. Thompson addressed this enthusiastic group of 75 students for some 30 minutes, following which he interviewed several students who

were extremely interested in enrolling in one of our institutions.

At 4:00 P.M. they registered at the Hotel Beaumont and took a much needed rest for approximately two hours.

The vocational guidance dinner for the teachers in the Beaumont area began at 6:30 P.M. This was possibly the smallest group they addressed, with some 75 persons in attendance, 25 of whom represented the various high schools and colleges in that vicinity.

It was an interesting program and well received. The executive secretary and President Thompson retired at midnight.

At 8:00 A.M., Saturday, November 19, Dr. Thompson boarded a plane for his return to Kirksville. The executive secretary returned to Fort Worth, arriving at Carter Field just in time to catch a 6 o'clock plane to Amarillo as he was scheduled to speak at the opening of the new Groom Memorial Hospital the following day.

He was met in Amarillo by Dr. Glenn R. Scott, President of the TAOP&S and by Dr. Elmer C. Baum of Austin. At noon they drove to Groom where they had lunch and inspected the facilities of this new and modern institution.

The dedication ceremonies for the new Groom Hospital began at 2:00 P.M. on Sunday, November 20. There was a crowd of some 1,500-2,000 people in attendance. Dr. Baum and the executive secretary addressed the group. The program was well received by this enthusiastic crowd which inspected the facilities of this new hospital built by the city of Groom. Immediately following the ceremonies, the executive secretary was taken to the home of Dr. Scott where they met with several members of the Amarillo Osteopathic Hospital staff to discuss their plans for a new institution to be built in that city.

The executive secretary returned to Fort Worth and was back in the office

on Monday, November 21 to hastily catch up on the correspondence, prepare the December Journal and get ready for a meeting of the Board of Trustees in December, before leaving on November 26 for Amarillo where he was to meet President Morris Thompson for vocational guidance dinners in Districts No. 1 and No. 10.

December 1, 1960 — The executive secretary just arrived back in the office for a half-day before leaving for Dallas for the Post Graduate Seminar, Mid-year meeting of the Board of Trustees and a TOIL Committee meeting. He has just returned from a wonderful and enlightening vocational guidance dinner tour, which was a highly successful public relations venture.

On Monday, November 28 he met Dr. Morris Thompson in Amarillo and at noon, Dr. Thompson addressed the Amarillo Kiwanis Club at a luncheon. He gave a wonderful talk which was well received by the 200 members in

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attendance. When Dr. Thompson had finished speaking, many of them came up to the rostrum and complimented him on his inspiring message. Among those were Col. James A. Johnson, 3320th Re-Training Group, Amarillo Air Force Base and Leighton W. Dudley, Technical Advisor-Corrections Provost Marshall, U. S. Air Force, 4th and Adams Dr. S. W., Washington 25, D. C. Both of these gentlemen were extremely interested in the talk made by Dr. Thompson and that afternoon they held a 25 minute conference over the telephone, attempting to get him and the executive secretary to remain over another day in order to visit the Air Force Base and go over their program of re-directing and to discuss a guidance program being conducted for the members of the Air Force. It was indeed unfortunate that time did not permit this. However, Dr. Thompson promised to make another visit to Amarillo for this particular purpose.

*Another interesting happening* at the luncheon which should make our profession feel proud was that unsolicited, the administrator of Amarillo's largest hospital, approached the executive secretary, introduced himself and stated that for better than a year he had been wanting to meet the executive secretary because of the endless talk among the hospital administrators and doctors and Blue Cross (of which he is a member) of the untiring efforts of the TAOP&S in controlling medical costs in order to defeat state medicine.

*The Amarillo Vocational Guidance Dinner* was held that evening in the YMCA where Dr. Thompson addressed 125 persons, 75 of whom were representatives of the various high schools throughout the Panhandle. Some had driven a distance of 80 miles to attend this program. The comments following the program were indeed gratifying and the newspapers gave broad coverage to the event as did the local radio and television stations.

At 10:30 P.M. following the din-

ner, the executive secretary and Dr. Thompson were taken to the home of Dr. J. Francis Brown for refreshments and a meeting with several members of the profession. Following a two-hour session, they retired, exhausted but well pleased with the accomplishments of the day. They were able to sleep until 8:30 the following day.

*On Tuesday, November 29* the executive secretary and Dr. Thompson caught a 10:30 A.M. Central Airlines plane for Lubbock, arriving in that city about noon. They went directly to the hotel where they were immediately contacted by Dr. Harlan O. L. Wright and informed that Dr. Raymond Mann, President of District No. 10, and Dr. Horace A. Emery who was in charge of the program for that night, were taking them to lunch at which time they would discuss the details of the vocational guidance dinner to be held that evening.

At 1:30 P.M. the executive secretary and Dr. Thompson were taken to Texas Technological College where arrangements had been made to meet with Dr. Dennis, pre-med advisor. With him were Dr. Stewart and Dr. Cross and for one hour and 45 minutes a thorough discussion was held in regard to pre-medical education and medical education. Better than three-fourths of an hour was spent in discussing ways and means to channel young people into health careers. It was noted by the college pre-med committee that the number of applications for medical careers were falling off and most of the schools were unable to fill these classes and they were very interested in devising methods by which the youth of the country could be channeled into health careers.

Dr. Dennis then drove the executive secretary and Dr. Thompson to the Lubbock Osteopathic Hospital, which institution Dr. Thompson had never seen. Following a tour of the hospital, Mr. Lee Baker, the administrator, drove the executive secretary and Dr.

Thompson directly to their hotel where they were able to rest for an hour and a half before going to the vocational guidance dinner.

*The vocational guidance dinner in Lubbock* was probably one of the most successful of all the vocational guidance dinners held to date. It was attended by approximately 150 persons, with 100 of them being representatives from either high schools or colleges in the area.

Following the dinner, Dr. Stewart of Texas Tech came to the rostrum and commented, "Doctor, I think you have hit on the proper procedure to be followed by those responsible for directing the youth into liberal arts colleges and with proper motivation, into pre-med training and thence to medical schools."

The dinner meeting ended about 11 P.M. and the "Rover Boys" returned to the hotel for some much needed rest. Needless to say, they were exhausted.

On Wednesday, November 30, they enjoyed a late breakfast at the hotel and then waited in the lobby for Judge Thompson who had contacted the executive secretary while he was in conference at Texas Tech, requesting that he and Dr. Morris Thompson address the Lions Club in Morton on this day. At 10:30 A.M. the Judge arrived, accompanied by a Deputy Sheriff, and they were immediately driven (we should say flown) the 60 miles to Morton. Enroute, they passed a couple of highway patrolmen and the executive secretary suggested that he hand-

cuff the two Thompsons together so that if they were stopped in their "flight," he could at least tell the highway department that there were two violent prisoners in the car—one a judge and one a college president—and they were enroute to the courthouse for a hearing. The executive secretary felt that two Thompsons (who spell their names the same way) sitting in the back seat was ganging up on him too much. However, when they reached the hospital in Morton the executive secretary was even more surprised by being confronted with *two more* Thompsons—not related, but all spelling the name alike. Then he knew for certain that the day was lost!

At noon, he and Dr. Morris Thompson appeared before the members of the Lions Club—40 alert business men in this fast growing community. Dr. Thompson gave his short version of the talk, "Our Most Important Weapon," which was received with a great deal of enthusiasm and the superintendent of schools immediately requested Dr. Thompson to address the high school seniors that afternoon. They complied with the superintendent's request and before leaving, they had interested several young people in health careers.

At 3 P.M. Judge Thompson drove the executive secretary and Dr. Thompson to "Jenny Slipper" . . . (It's not a nightclub; it's a town — Muleshoe, Texas), where they met Dr. George Chambers and Dr. Richard L. Gushwa who took the three on a tour of their

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modern and very busy osteopathic hospital. (Confidentially, the judge tried his best to kidnap a couple of nurses and take them back to Morton with him).

*At 6 P.M. they were back at the hospital in Morton which is now being operated by Dr. Gerald P. Flanagan. From there they were entertained at dinner by Dr. Flanagan and his charming wife. They were indeed fortunate that they were able to have dinner with the Flanagans because earlier that day, as Dr. Flanagan was leaving for the Lions Club luncheon, an ambulance drove up to the hospital with a seriously injured patient so of course, Dr. Flanagan answered the call of duty. Then just before leaving the hospital to attend the town meeting, a patient was brought in with a "red hot" appendix and Dr. Axtell was summoned from Lubbock for emergency surgery. So, following dinner, Dr. Flanagan again returned to the hospital and he missed the town meeting which was held at 8 P.M. for the purpose of educating the citizens on osteopathy.*

*The Town Meeting in Morton was attended by some 200 enthusiastic people. Due to the many church meetings held that same evening, the crowd was not as large as had been expected. The executive secretary gave a brief 10 minute talk which was followed by the film, "For a Better Tomorrow." Then Dr. Morris Thompson addressed the group for some 30 minutes. The executive secretary was called back to the rostrum and again, he spoke for some 30 minutes on the various public health problems confronting this growing community. Rest assured, if we can keep Dr. Flanagan there and supplement him with a properly motivated osteopathic physician, we will have made tremendous strides in this plains area.*

It was frankly stated at the Town Meeting that Dr. Flanagan and the

executive secretary would make the final decision in choosing another physician for this community and in deciding matters pertaining to the hospital there which is a modern 25-bed memorial hospital.

The meeting ended about 11 P.M. Judge Thompson was getting ready to take the executive secretary and Dr. Thompson back to Lubbock, but instead they caught a ride with Dr. J. W. Axtell who was driving a little foreign car—a Fiat. They wondered how three big men could possibly get into this "car," but surprisingly, it was a wonderful ride and very comfortable. They made the 60 mile run in one hour. Dr. Thompson was reassured of his safety because as longlegged as he is, he was well braced since the back seat is closely coupled to the front and with his feet on the floor and his knees resting against the top, his safety was practically guaranteed. We think we'll buy a Fiat!

Well, we're now off for the Post Graduate Seminar and the Board meeting. We hope we'll be able to . . .

See you next month!

P. S. The following letter from Dr. Merlyn McLaughlin should be of interest to the profession:

"Dear Dr. Russell:

First let me thank you and the Texas Association for the wonderful opportunity to work with you and Dr. Thompson. You are pointing the way for the rest of the states, and I will do what I can to get them to follow.

My experience there was most valuable. Also I had a wonderful time, an experience I shall never forget.

I hope I shall have the pleasure of working with you many times in the future.

Most Sincerely,

M. "SANDY" McLAUGHLIN

## Groom Memorial Hospital Viewed By 2,000 Visitors



A public showing of the new Groom Memorial Hospital was held Sunday afternoon, November 20, and visitors from all over the area of the Texas Panhandle were given guided tours of the recently completed project.

A dedicatory program, lasting one hour, began at 2 p.m. Appearing on the program were Dr. Elmer Baum of the State Department of Health, Austin; Dr. P. R. Russell of Fort Worth; Garland Smith (Cotton John) of Amarillo, Dr. John L. Witt, C. L. Culver, Mayor James Ledwig, the Rev. Walter Davis, the Rev. C. R. Copeland, Mr. C. E. Kiser and the Rev. Arnold Carlson. The Groom School Band, under direction of Bennie Valentine, furnished music for the occasion.

Immediately following the program the doors of the hospital were opened

to the public. Visitors were registered at the desk in the lobby and were led down the hall past the modern nursery and shown the memorial rooms for patients that were donated by the different churches and individuals.

The working facilities of this hospital are of sufficient size to serve a 50-bed hospital.

The \$250,000 hospital, constructed with funds furnished by public donations and matched by federal funds, is a credit to the City of Groom and the surrounding area. All of the visitors were impressed with the perfection of the building and equipment. Nothing has been spared to make the hospital comfortable and efficient for its purpose.

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Other groups participating in the Assembly were: American Osteopathic Academy of Orthopedics, American Osteopathic College of Anesthesiologists, American Osteopathic Academy of Orthopedics, American Osteopathic College of Radiology, American Osteopathic Hospital Association, American College of Osteopathic Hospital Administrators.

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## **Further Observations Concerning the Structure of Organization**

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The following ed-  
 itorial from the BULLETIN of the  
 Long Island Society of Osteopathic  
 Physicians and Surgeons is reprinted  
 here because we feel the situation is  
 well stated. It informs the profession  
 as to the purpose behind the AOA  
 meeting in Miami (which many phys-  
 icians do not understand) although it  
 is merely a procedure designed to sep-

arate the AOA business affairs from the  
 scientific programs.

*The unexamined life is not worth  
 living—Socrates*

In a 1959 ruling of the AOA House  
 of Delegates it voted to segregate it-  
 self from the scientific section of the  
 annual convention. Thus, though wide-  
 ly advertised and published, it is unbe-  
 known to many at the local level. The



House of Delegates will now meet separately, and in a large measure in professional seclusion, from the AOA masses. We question the wisdom of such an approach for an organization of only 10,000 members. Let us reflect for a moment on the past picture before we try to understand the new.

Previously the highly selective House of Delegates met in the same city and at the same time as the scientific section of the annual convention of the AOA. What did this mean to you and me? Simply this. If we so desired we could, as individual members of the AOA, sit in on the House and see what was going on. We took great pride in seeing the fountainhead of the organization at work. We were also dismayed by many of the shenanigans. But we always came away impressed and felt greatly rejuvenated with renewed faith and renewed energy to work in the vineyard of Osteopathy. The individual DO could get into these meetings and see for himself much that was wrong and much that was right with organized Osteopathy. In addition, if he tired of politics, he could get away from it all and sit in on one of the many lectures, demonstrations or affiliated organizational meetings. He thus had a two-fold reason for attending these conventions. Yes, there were other reasons, such as seeing old friends, renewing old acquaintances, relaxing from practice, seeing the country and many others. But the main attractions were the two major events, the meetings of the AOA House of Delegates and the scientific programs. What has happened now?

The new setup separates these two events with what we feel will be these results: There will be a definite decrease in attendance at our scientific sections. For one, it will immediately remove some 300 delegates and alternates from the scene. These men will already have been in attendance at a three or four day session in July in Chicago and they will not all be prone to take another

week off to go to the scientific section in January. We believe that many DOs who attended the old session will be less likely to attend the new divided sessions as they were also interested in seeing what went on in the House; perhaps there are not many of these, but they cannot be discounted. At the House of Delegates meetings I believe there will also be a decrease in attendance. We do not feel that as many alternate delegates will make the trek to Chicago as they might have done at the old sessions where, if they were not employed as delegates, they at least could enjoy the teaching sessions at the convention.

But these are only the statistical aspects of the affair. What about the more important, the more serious side of the meetings? A new and young DO will no longer get to see what makes the AOA tick. The older DOs will not be able to do much better on this score either. They used to have some outside influences on the Delegates as old friends and advisors. This is all gone. Indeed, on occasion some of the delegates used to confide in their home town buddies and ask their advice on some issues. This is all gone. There used to be an air of importance on the part of delegates when they walked through the convention halls with their lapel identifications. This is all gone. For all practical purposes they have cut themselves off from the main stream of the profession. We question whether this was necessary for a convention of 2,000 attendants. It seems that whatever the AMA does we feel we have to emulate. But their organization is upwards of 100,000. It would take a physician two months to adequately absorb their scientific lectures even if one only went to those in which he was interested. Where would he find time to attend a House of Delegates meeting? Just viewing the exhibits at an AMA convention could take the better part of two weeks, leaving no time for anyone to attend busi-

ness meetings. There just is no comparison between the two bodies, yet we insist on paralleling their organizational structure and setup.

In our last editorial we said that we believed that the AOA House was a democratic House. We still believe this but the new meeting date has weakened this democracy. As any school-boy knows there are many forms a democracy can take. Just to state that something is democratic is stating very little. To what extent the organization goes to truly represent the views of its constituents, to what extent they are willing to give the constituents a voice

in their organization, and to what extent they go to making their deliberations less private and secluded and more public is the measure of 'how democratic' an organization is. By tucking the House of Delegates meeting away in a hot corner of Chicago on a hot week in July far from the masses of DOs is, in our opinion, not going to contribute to greater attendance at these meetings or to the unity of this profession. We believe events in Miami and Chicago within the next ten months will prove us correct and force the AOA to reverse its stand on this ill advised change.

## Life After 100 Can Be Interesting

The Houston Post, on Friday, November 11, carried a three column story "Broken Hip Slows Up Ex-Farmer, 111," about Mr. James H. Brett who fractured his hip and underwent surgery November 7 at the Yale Osteopathic Clinic and Hospital at 501 W. Hamilton St. in Houston.

Brett's osteopathic physician states, "Generally I would say his health is excellent for an old man. His heart is a little weak and he had a pretty serious bout with nephrosis last year, but outside of this and a couple of cases of pneumonia in the past few years, he has been in fine shape."

In 1939 Brett had his collarbone and three ribs broken. He was 90 and there was a question about whether his aged bones would knit. They did—at home, not in the hospital.

Will he walk again?

"You know," laughed the doctor, "if you'd asked me if a complete fracture like this one would heal in a 111-year-old man, I'd say no. But with Mr. Brett—I'm not going to make any predictions. He'll probably be going home Saturday (November 12.)"

His philosophy of life?

"Think right, do right, treat everyone like you want to be treated." His

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## Honored



ROBERT E. MORGAN, D.O.  
Dallas, Texas

Dr. Robert E. Morgan, team physician for SMU's intercollegiate athletic teams for 35 years, was honored at the annual dinner of the SMU Lettermen's Association held in the Umphrey Lee Student Center, November 4 as part of the Homecoming activities.

Incidents connected with Dr. Morgan's long period of service to the University were related by Matty Bell, athletic director, who also praised the honor guest for his contributions to hundreds of Hilltop athletes with whom he has been associated. Mr. Bell presented to Dr. Morgan a volume of letters written to him by members of the Lettermen's Association, Athletic Department coaches and staff and professional associates. Whitey Holm, president of the Lettermen's organization, also presented Dr. Morgan with a gift from that group.

Comments from lettermen told of the many incidents of yesteryear in which Doc Morgan had been an important character. Doc Morgan on the football field, Doc Morgan in the training room, and Doc Morgan the practical philosopher all came in for their share of space in the letters as well as Doc

Morgan's activities on football trips.

A former football player wrote from Toledo, Ohio: "Oddly enough, my most vivid memory of you, Doc, is not the setting of my broken finger or my broken nose or even of the sutures above my left eye, but instead they center on a hurried trip you made across Dallas to my home in an emergency not connected with SMU. To me you are a perfect symbol of what our University stands for."

Harry Shuford, a co-captain of the Rose Bowl team, wrote: "During the past 35 years you have seen 'em come and seen 'em go. There have been good times and bad times, heroes and heels. Through it all, however, you have looked through the veils created by victories and defeats. Most important to you have been the boys. Each of us was an individual—a particular person—and your prime interest was in our individual welfare. While you have been a good doctor, a good sport, and all-round good fellow, most important, you have been a good friend."

"You not only repaired our arms and legs but you also prepared many of us to be men," wrote another ex-gridder.

"Your concern for every individual, your words of hope and encouragement, and your faith in clean, strong competition have been an inspiration to many," wrote President Willis M. Tate, a star Mustang football player during Doc Morgan's early years with the athletic department.

"It has been my good fortune to be associated with you for 26 years," wrote Matty Bell, athletic director. "You have always performed wonderful service as our team physician, and through all the years I have never heard a word of criticism of you."

(Editor's Note: Services such as Dr. Morgan has rendered are truly to be envied by every member of the profession. His record is an example of good public relations in the interest of the philosophy of the osteopathic school of medicine.)

## Twice Honored



RALPH M. CONNELL, D.O.  
Dallas, Texas

Dr. Ralph M. Connell, 5101 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas was elected President and received the degree of Fellow at the national convention of the Osteopathic College of Ophthalmology and Otorhinolaryngology in Denver, Colorado, September 27, 28 and 29, 1960.

## Appointment



KENNETH S. WOOLISCROFT, D.O.  
Dallas, Texas

Dr. Kenneth S. Wooliscroft of 5101 Ross Avenue, Dallas, has been appointed Team Physician for the new Dallas Texans Professional Football Team. He has traveled from coast to coast with the team this year and has been on the sidelines ready to attend any injuries the players might suffer during a game.

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# AUXILIARY NEWS

## What's News? And How to Get It Published

One of the leading daily newspapers in Houston conducted a publicity workshop to inform those interested regarding the proper procedure for obtaining news coverage for their club activities. The following is a condensation of the helpful hints offered by the Club Editor.

### GUIDE FOR PUBLICITY

1. Submit your announcements to the Club Editor four or five days before meetings. There can be no promise of a special release date.

2. No notices can be printed after a meeting except election results, or announcements of special city-wide interest.

3. The Club Editor will cover a special program in person if she feels it warrants space.

4. Keep notices as short as you can, but include all important facts. Give full name of the organization, not initials.

5. Be sure your article embodies the Five W's:

WHO arranged the program? will be hostess? will speak (if speaker has a title, list it)?

WHAT is the name of the organization? will happen?

WHEN is the event to take place (hour, day, and date are important)?

WHERE is the meeting to be held (street and address)?

WHY—If there is a special meeting, why? Or if the club is changing the meeting place, why?

6. Typed notices are preferred. Double space on one side of the paper. If you must write by hand, print all names in distinct capital letters.

7. Check all names and initials carefully.

In case of married women, write "Mrs. Walter O. White," not Mrs. Mary White.

8. Be sure that persons who deserve credit DO receive it.

9. Make a final and thorough check before submitting publicity to the paper.

10. Sign your notices, giving your name and telephone number where you may be reached from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M.

11. Address all mail, cards, or letters to the Club Editor, not just to the paper. Don't go over the Club Editor's head in an attempt to get your story in print; she is the final judge of whether the item is newsworthy. However, the Club Editor, as well as the newspaper, is eager to be helpful and to cooperate by printing as much of the material submitted as space permits and the news warrants. Ask about specific policies and deadlines of your local newspaper.

12. The Publicity Chairman should handle all news of your club. It is well for her to personally become acquainted with the Club Editor.

13. The number of pictures which can be used is limited, so confine picture requests to events of wide interest. The Club Editor should be consulted well in advance of the date the picture is to be used. Most newspapers prefer that their photographers take pictures requested if at all possible.

MRS. J. EDWARD VINN  
*Publicity Chairman, Aux., District VI*

### District 6 News

The District VI Auxiliary joined the doctors at a dinner in the Steak Room of the Coronada Motor Hotel in Houston.

ton on Monday evening, November 7. A public health film was presented by the Director of Education of the City of Houston Health Department.

The meeting was called to order with seventeen members present. Mrs. G. W. Thompson, President; Mrs. R. L. Peters and Mrs. W. A. Thomas were thanked for their gracious hospitality

as hostesses for the luncheon held in Mrs. Thompson's home to welcome our new members.

Discussion was devoted to plans for a benefit dance scheduled for early February.

—MRS. J. EDWARD VINN, *Chairman*  
*Public Relations Committee—Dist. VI*

## NEWS OF THE DISTRICTS

### District III News

Replacing the regular November business meeting of District No. 3 was a 'specially called meeting held at the Alps Cafe on November 14 at 7:30 P.M. in Mt. Pleasant. This was a dinner meeting, scheduled for public relations purposes, for the vocational guidance counselors at the high school level. Dr. Morris Thompson, president of the Kirksville College of Osteopathy and Surgery and a member of the 21 member Surgeon General's Committee on Health Guidance for Future Physicians, was the principal speaker for the evening.

Special guests were Dr. Merlyn McLaughlin, president of the College of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery in Des Moines, Iowa and Dr. Phil R. Russell, Executive Secretary of the TAOP&S.

The meeting was a complete success with many educators and their wives in attendance. The physicians of District 3 are to be complimented on their tremendous team effort to make this meeting the best public relations activity accomplished by our area.

There were about 100 people present and the program was well received. Many comments were heard from the educators and their wives to prove that this effort in bringing osteopathy before the public had made its point. We feel that meetings of this type should

be held once each year at a set time. It is a practical way of educating the public that osteopathic physicians are exactly what the term implies—physicians indeed!

Dr. K. E. Ross reports that he and Drs. B. W. Jones of Mineola and B. K. Fleming of Tyler attended the recent Surgeons meeting in Dallas. Dr. Jones stayed on to secure additional knowledge in the field of hypnosis.

Dr. Brady K. Fleming has been accepted as a candidate for the A.C.O.S.

Dr. Howard R. Coats of Tyler reports excellent fishing and weather from Bullhead, Arizona.

Dr. K. E. Ross, like most of us, is frugal in some fields and spendthrift in others. He reports that he saved \$1.75 per day garage fee at the convention by having his car painted during that time. How much was the paint job, Dr. Ross?

Physicians of District No. 3 are urged to send their holiday news items to their reporter, Allen M. Fisher, D.O., Box 66, Avinger, Texas.

ALLEN M. FISHER, D.O.  
*Reporter*

### District IX News

District IX held its regular meeting on November 20, 1960 in Gonzales, Texas, with Dr. T. D. Crews as host. The business meeting consisted of a



discussion of the new interprofessional code between our members and members of the Texas State Bar Association. Dr. John B. Donovan of Austin, Texas, presented a very interesting paper on Hyperinsulinism. A general discussion of laboratory tests and dietary management followed. The doctors' wives attended the Gonzales Flower Show. The social hour featured a dinner including baked Cornish Hen at a local restaurant.

District IX welcomes Howard Gault, D.O., to this area. Dr. Gault has opened his office for the practice of Internal Medicine at the Bayview Hospital and Clinic in Rockport, Texas.

We have received word that Dr. C. L. Booher, formerly of Bloomington, is enjoying his Surgical Residency at Laughlin Hospital in Kirksville, Missouri. We miss "Red" at our district meetings.

H. F. ELLIOT, *Pres.*

#### **District XI News**

Dr. C. D. Ogilvie, certified radiologist from Dallas, Texas arrived in El Paso on Saturday, November 12. He was met by Drs. M. G. Holcomb and M. A. Calabrese who immediately took him on a tour of this fabulous city. However the first big sight Dr. Ogilvie saw was in New Mexico rather than El Paso, for they entertained him at the race track. It took a little persuasion but finally Dr. Ogilvie became interested and it was he who took home the bacon. That evening they took him to a local football game which he seemed to enjoy.

On Sunday morning, Dr. Ogilvie spoke at a breakfast meeting of District 11, held at the Caballero Motel, making a presentation on X-Ray interpretation of the chest. Never have we experienced three more swiftly passing hours. Anyone who can make you see beauty in X-Ray films and interpretation and make you forget the entertainment spots in this city, has certainly got it. To hear Dr. Ogilvie speak makes you proud to

know you are in the same profession.

Dr. Ogilvie returned to Dallas at noon, much elated over the way District No. 11 entertains its guest speakers.

M. A. CALABRESE, *D.O.  
Reporter.*

### **Worthwhile Hobby**

Mrs. Burr Lacey of Quitman, Texas was recently elected First Vice President of the National Companion Collie Auxiliary, which has headquarters in South Holland, Illinois.

The Companion Collie Program is concerned with furnishing guide dogs for junior blind. This project has been developed by Dr. Lee Ford, professor of Biology at Pacific Lutheran College, Tacoma, Wash., who is an internationally famed geneticist. Dr. Ford has scientifically bred a strain of Smooth Collies that has proved satisfactory as guide dogs for children. To date, he has given 15 Smooth Collies that are graduate guide dogs. Four are now serving as guide dogs for the only four juniors in the nation to have guide dogs. (There are 24,000 blind people in the U.S. under 20 years of age.) The juniors with these guide dogs range in age from 9 to 14 years. They were flown (alone) to Columbus, Ohio where they were trained at Pilot Dogs, Inc. at no cost to the child.

Mrs. Lacey and her husband, Dr. Burr Lacey, raised and gave basic training to "Spot" the second of these four dogs to graduate as a guide for a junior. They also raised and trained "Campie," another collie belonging to Dr. Ford. Campie is now with a 15-year-old high school boy in Overton, Texas. This boy-dog team is scheduled to go to Columbus, Ohio in July of '61 to graduate and become the first boy-dog team in Texas and the 5th in the nation.

The Laceys were also instrumental in Smooth Collies being placed with an 8-year-old boy in Palestine, Texas and

with an 8-year-old girl in Kansas City, Missouri. These teams are scheduled to receive their final training in the summer of '62.

In October of this year, Burr and Donna Lacey took two more puppies, two-months old, and are now busy raising and training these future guide dogs for children. These puppies also belong to Dr. Ford but they will be given to blind juniors.

If anyone cares to help Dr. Ford with this project by sending money or raising a collie or if you know of a blind child who would like to make application for a guide dog, please write either to Dr. Ford or contact Donna Lacey at Quitman, Texas. T-sponsors of this program pay one dollar a month for a year. Regular sponsors pay \$10.00 per month.

## Five New Instructors Join C. C. O. Faculty

Five new additions to the C.C.O. faculty are announced by Dean Robert Kistner, bringing the total of 1960 newcomers to eight. All are instructors.

Dr. Walter Pavlowitch, who is in his final year as resident in pediatrics, is the new instructor in that subject. The new instructors in practice all were interns last term and have opened nearby offices for private practice as well as joining the hospital staff. These new faculty members are Drs. Claude Foreit, John F. Kuchynka, John H. Roberts and Paul G. Vandervort.

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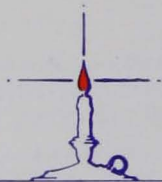
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