A Salute to a Dedicated Man ... 

Judge Milton W. Priebe
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A Salute to Dr. Carl Puckett
Managing Director of the Oklahoma Tuberculosis Association for 27 years

All Oklahomans salute the doctor who rode into Oklahoma in 1905 from Arkansas in a horse and buggy, and established the state's first standard program of public health. Dr. Puckett lived in Pryor a short time before his appointment as State Commissioner of Health in 1924. In 1927 he was appointed Managing Director of the Oklahoma Tuberculosis Association and for more than a quarter of a century he has dedicated his life to the prevention and cure of tuberculosis among the people of Oklahoma.

Here are a few of the outstanding contributions he has made in the fight against tuberculosis:

1. Constantly spearheaded new programs that have brought better health to thousands of Oklahomans.
2. Set up the mass X-ray survey for tuberculosis.
3. Directed the giving of tuberculin tests to 200,000 public school students from 1932 to 1940.
4. Cooperated in giving more than two million chest X-rays to the people of this state.
5. Responsible for the program of giving chest X-rays to all students who enter Oklahoma University and Oklahoma A & M College.
6. Cooperated in sponsoring the present plan for a full-time cooperative health service. This program provides full-time health service to eighty-five percent of the people of Oklahoma.
7. During his twenty-seven years as managing director, deaths from tuberculosis in Oklahoma have dropped from 1,400 in 1927 to 235 in 1954.

To you, Dr. Puckett, we give our most sincere salute, in your efforts toward total eradication of tuberculosis.

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