The story to follow was dictated late Saturday night, December 8, following a joint session between leaders of the Medical School, Roscoe Cate, representing the University administration, and Ted Beaird, representing the Alumni Corporation. In attendance at the meeting and one of the chief contributors was the late Dr. Tom Lowry, dean of the School of Medicine of the University of Oklahoma. This proved to be Dr. Tom's last contribution to his University and to his first love, the School of Medicine. Less than sixty hours following this important meeting, Dr. Lowry passed away.

The general Alumni Association of the University of Oklahoma and the thousands of friends of Dr. Tom Lowry, both in the University proper and throughout the state and nation join in the sentiment expressed in an editorial in the "Oklahoma City Times" on Thursday, December 13. The editorial reads as follows:

A Physician of the Best Tradition

Dr. Tom Lowry was an active leader of the School of Medicine of the University of Oklahoma, knew for a long time that he might be taken from the living at any moment. He was one of the finest of American physicians and in his own field of medicine, he was accustomed to the fine points of diagnosis. There seemed to be a family tendency toward heart ailments. His own medical twin brother, Dr. Dick Lowry, died three years ago. Dr. Tom knew from then on he would be living on borrowed time.

There was a reason every reason for him to relinquish his duties at the University college, but he continued, calmly and courageously, for the college needed his great mind and soul.

He combined the virtues of an eminent physician with those of a fine, public-spirited citizen, always willing and eager to pull his share, more than his share, of the common load. Any community is fortunate to have a man like such a man, and when such a man dies, the loss is tragic.

Dr. Tom Lowry gave his heart to Oklahoma City and the state. He gave all he had and made the supreme sacrifice for love of mankind.

As always, the annual Oklahoma City Clinical Society meeting, gives the "go sign" for the O. U. Medical Alumni of the University of Oklahoma to assemble and elect.

The Medical Alumni of the University met at a special breakfast in the Biltmore Hotel during the Oklahoma City Clinical Society meeting and transacted three hours of business, culminating in the election of officers for the ensuing year. President George L. Cross of the University; Roscoe Cate, assistant to the president in charge of finance, and Executive Manager of the Alumni Association Ted Beaird, met with the medical men for an extensive discussion dealing with the procurement of endowments and grants for the School of Medicine for the University of Oklahoma intensified membership campaign among the hundreds of doctors throughout the State of Oklahoma. Participations and many other items of medical alumni business were also discussed.

Dr. Cross, Mr. Cate and Mr. Beaird, at the special invitational meeting of the medical officers of the Alumni Association, explained the details and the functioning of the University of Oklahoma Foundation. It was pointed out to the medical men assembled that any sum of money could be given by a donor through this foundation for the Medical School of the University of Oklahoma. It was also explained that the donor had the right to specifically request that his gift of money be "ear-marked" and that he further had the right to designate how his gift should be used in the development of the Medical School, in its research program or in specific designation.

During the course of the business session, the Alumni Association of the University of Oklahoma School of Medicine, voted to co-ordinate and correlate all of its work for the general administrative functioning of its organization with the general University of Oklahoma Alumni Association and with the Oklahoma State Medical Association. It was pointed out not only by Dean Tom Lowry of the School of Medicine but also by many other staff members, that the School has many needs which cannot be covered by legislative appropriations. Instances were cited which showed that practically all of the leading medical schools throughout the United States have secured endowment funds which greatly contributed to the scientific and humanitarian practices of those medical centers. In all of these instances the funds, through direct gift on part of the donors, are set up so that they may be used specifically for projects which the various state legislatures could not or would not be inclined to provide state tax funds.

A number of the speakers pointed out at the medical breakfast that the young, progressive State of Oklahoma, being rich in resources and with many, many wealthy citizens, could well afford to establish an outlet whereby these donors could afford to make beneficent contributions or endowments in this field or work. It was further pointed out by a number of the medical men assembled that many citizens of the State of Oklahoma are philanthropically inclined. They personally desire to place their money where they can increase the efficiency of the humanitarian work which the School of Medicine of the University of Oklahoma and the Crippled Children's Hospital are carrying forward at the present time.

Contributions of equipment, such as wheel chairs, beds, laboratory equipment and instruments, are dearly needed as well as large grants or endowments to carry forward all intensive programs. Some of the needs suggested during the course of the breakfast discussion that would greatly promote the general welfare and aid the School of Medicine to carry forward its program under endowments were scholarships, fellowships, special chairs, research institute and cancer institute work.

A special committee from the School of Medicine in February, 1945, invited a representative of Lundy & Company, a nationally known fund-raising organization of New York City, to meet with the group in Oklahoma City in the interest of endowments for the School of Medicine. At this meeting with the Lundy & Company representative it was determined that before large endowment funds could be raised, it was necessary that the medical institutions of this state finance a survey to determine the extent of moneys of interests in the state who would be inclined to become donors to this worthy cause. In the meeting it was determined that the survey would cost approximately $2,500. At a later date this special committee, after consultation with other medical institutions in the state, agreed that the survey should be made. Thus the survey will soon be underway, financed by the medical men of the State of Oklahoma, and as a result of the survey it is anticipated that through the University of Oklahoma Foundation a definite campaign will get underway to secure donors to carry on the work in the fields enumerated above. The medical alumni of the School of Medicine of the University of Oklahoma promptly raised $1,900 of the $7,500 fee through their $100 life membership plan. It is anticipated that several additional $100 life memberships in the O.U. Medical Alumni Association will be taken out within the course of the next sixty days and thus the survey fund will be intact for the work to begin.

In the financial reports rendered by the various...
officers it was shown that a fund of $37,000 has been given in recent years, completely unsected on the part of any organized effort, thus it is believed that multiplied thousands of dollars will be readily contributed to the School of Medicine of the University of Oklahoma when the formal fund-raising plans are perfected and relayed to prospective donors.

The Medical Alumni, in order to aid the general program and carry forward their organization to the 77 counties of the state, appointed ten councilors to represent the different sections of the State of Oklahoma, who visited each of the districts as outlined under the constitution of the Oklahoma State Medical Association. These ten councilor representatives are as follows:

District 1. Dr. C. A. Traverse, B.S. Med. ’31, M.D. ’33, Ada.
District 3. Dr. L. R. Willhite, M.D. ’16, Perkins.
District 5. Dr. Roy Emanuel, B.S. Med. ’24, M.D. ’26, Chickasha.
District 6. Dr. Ralph McGill, B.S. ’20, M.D. ’22, Tulsa.
District 7. Dr. John Carson, B.S. ’34, M.D. ’36, Shawnee.
District 9. Dr. E. H. Shuller, McAlester.
District 10. Dr. P. H. Lawson, B.S. ’27, M.D. ’29, Marlow.

The Oklahoma State Medical Association was represented at the special breakfast by its executive secretary, Mr. Dick Graham, with state headquarters in Oklahoma City. This organization offered its assistance in helping to carry out the proposed endowment program—and offered that full use be made of its offices and facilities in carrying forward the proposed programs.

Special co-ordination was perfected between the O. U. Medical Alumni Association and the general Alumni Association of the University of Oklahoma wherein many of the administrative matters may be carried forward by the general Alumni Association as a distinct aid to the Medical Alumni. It was further agreed that Sooner Magazine, official publication of the University of Oklahoma Association, would expand its facilities to carry out additional medical news dealing with the Medical School Alumni Association. Special plans were perfected by the executive committee of the Associated Alumni to make it possible for the alumni of the Medical School to return and take care of the neurosurgery in this end of the state. I think there is no doubt that the alumni of the Medical School will be interested in this program and will want to take part in it.

Sincerely,
Dick Graham, Executive Secretary
The Oklahoma Medical Alumni Association

From Wallace B. Hamby, M.D. ’24a, ’24s, ’28md
comes this letter:

Dear Ted:

I have been intending to send you a list of the physicians who have returned from the service and as much data as we have on them. You are perfectly at liberty to use it in any manner you see fit. In addition to this, you are free to use any material from the Journal which, I believe, reaches you each month.

With my kindest personal regards.

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Medical School Notes

By BEVERLY HOWARD

Dr. Louis C. Taylor, ’38md, has returned to the University Hospital as resident in anesthesiology. He served twenty-seven months overseas in the Army. Dr. Taylor took his internship at the University Hospital.

Eugene Bergan, with Charlie McCarthy and Mortimer Snerd, entertained patients at the Crippled Children’s Hospital recently. Also appearing on the program was Jim Sherman, magician.

Recent graduates of the School of Medicine include Captain George E. Dodson, ’42md; Dr. Gilbert W. Tracy, ’38md; Dr. Robert W. Kahn, ’39md; Dr. Philip C. Watters, ’44md; Dr. Robert W. Dixo, ’44md; and Dr. H. W. Mullin.

Captain Homer V. Archer, ’43md, graduated from the Army Air Forces School of Aviation Medicine, Randolph Field, Texas, November 24, 1945.

Lt. (jg) George M. Brown, Jr., ’44md, has been transferred to the U. S. Naval Hospital, Norman.

Dr. Jay Deane Wilson, ’44md, and Mrs. Wilson, St. Augustine, Florida, are the parents of a son, Michael Deane, born October 28, 1945.

The post war program of training and refresher courses for physicians and surgeons is now in progress at the School of Medicine and the University Hospitals. The course in medicine started December 3, and the course in surgery will begin January 7. Enrollment in these courses is limited to twenty, and it is the plan to repeat them as the demand arises.

Dr. Raymond Patzer has been appointed assistant professor of surgery at the School of Medicine, effective November 15, 1945. Dr. Patzer received the degree of Doctor of Medicine from the College of Medical Evangelists, 1937, after finishing one year rotating internship in the Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis, Indiana. He received his master’s degree in surgery from Tulane University Medical School in 1945, and has taken postgraduate work at Cook County Postgraduate School of Medicine and Harvard Medical School.

The School of Medicine recently received a Certificate of Commendation from the Surgeon General of the United States Navy for their participation in the Navy V-12 Program.

The following members of the School of Medicine faculty have returned from military service and are resuming their activities in the School and hospitals: Dr. John W. Records, assistant in obstetrics; Dr. Lee K. Emenhiser, assistant professor of oto-rhino-laryngology; Dr. Robert L. Nodd, assistant professor of orthopedic surgery; Dr. Howard B. Sh biome, assistant professor of orthopedic surgery; Dr. Onis G. Hazel, associate professor of dermatology and syphilology; Dr. Harvey A. Foester, associate in dermatology and syphilology, and Dr. Henry G. Bennett, assistant in gynecology.

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