Medical School

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Dr. Roy E. Baze, ’36med, and Miss Mary Lillian Skirvin of Labelle, Missouri, were married December 21 in the home of the bride’s parents. Dr. Baze served his internship at Hamot Memorial Hospital, Erie, Pennsylvania, and has been practicing in Chickasha for the last three years.

Dr. Erle Evans, ’34med, was killed in an automobile accident December 30 while returning to Fort Sill, where he was stationed as a medical officer. Before going on active duty Dr. Evans was practicing medicine in Ada.

Dr. Robert H. Akin, ’28med, and Mrs. Akin, of Oklahoma City, announce the birth of a daughter January 9. Dr. Akin is a practicing urologist in Oklahoma City and a member of the faculty of the School of Medicine. Mrs. Akin is the sister of Dr. Charles Brown, ’21med, who is now professor of medicine at Temple University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Dr. Virginia Olsen, ’36med, and Gerald Curtin, editor of the Watonga Republican, were married December 31 at Fort Worth, Texas. Mr. Curtin was a famous blocking back for the Oklahoma Aggie football team in 1928 and later was a reporter for the Oklahoma News and secretary of the Chamber of Commerce at Guthrie. Dr. Olsen previous to her marriage had been practicing medicine at Watonga.

The following graduates of the University School of Medicine have been ordered to active duty with the United States Army during the last month: Lt. Myron England, ’30med, of Woodward, ordered to Fort Sam Houston, Texas; Lt. Carlton E. Smith, ’34med, Henryetta, ordered to Fort Logan, Colorado; Lt. Murray E. Gibbons, ’35med, former orthopedic resident physician at the Children’s Hospital in Denver, ordered to Fort Bliss, Texas.

The following graduates of the Medical School had been ordered to active duty up to December 13 by the commanding officer of the Eighth Corps Area, according to the Journal of the American Medical Association for December 28: Major Ben H. Cooley, ’21med, Norman; Lt. Frank C. Gillagher, ’27bs.med, Shawnee; Lt. Harvey E. Holtz, ’34med, Dallas, Texas; Lt. Moorman P. Prasser, ’35med, Norman; Lt. T. A. Ragan, ’32med, Fairfax; Lt. Herbert M. Sanford, ’38med, Perryton, Texas; and Lt. Charles G. Stuard, ’37med of Tulsa.

Dr. Richard D. Huff, ’39med, and Miss Evalyn Anderson of Hollywood, California, were married last October at Las Vegas, Nevada. Mrs. Huff is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Anderson of Wichita, Kansas. Dr. Huff is a member of the staff of the Colorado State Hospital, Pueblo, Colorado.

Dr. Robert Knight, ’38med, and Miss Angela Matthews were married in December at Gulfport, Mississippi. Mrs. Knight is a graduate of Gulf Park College, Gulfport and of the Touro Infirmary, New Orleans, where she trained as a nurse. Dr. Knight, who served his internship at Touro Infirmary and later at Duke University, Durham, North Carolina, is now studying orthopedic surgery on a fellowship at the Campbell Clinic, Memphis, Tennessee.

Faculty Notes

Dr. Charles F. DeGaris, head of the Department of Anatomy, was awarded a $200 prize by the New York Academy of Science for his paper on the "Aortic Arch in Primates" last month. The paper, representing the result of about fifteen years' work, was based on research comparing all patterns of the aortic arch in apes with the patterns of man. Dr. DeGaris came to the University from the staff of John Hopkins Medical School in 1936 and has been working on this problem at the Medical School since he has been in Oklahoma. The part of the work that he has done here has been financed by a grant from the research fund of the Medical School set up by the state legislature. This award, which is known as the A. Cressy Morrison Prize in Natural Sciences, was given to Dr. DeGaris at the 122nd annual dinner of the Academy December 11. Dr. DeGaris has at the Medical School now the largest collection of this sort in the world. This collection (comprising hearts and aortic arches) includes 419 specimens of the primate (ape) materials, of more than fifty species. The prize paper on the aortic arches will be published in the March number of the American Journal of Physiology and Anthropology.

Much of Dr DeGaris' research work has been done in collaboration with Professor R. E. Chase, instructor in anatomy. Mr. Chase received his A. B. degree, his B. S. in Medicine and his master's degree from the University of Oklahoma.

Dr. Paul C. Colonna, professor of orthopedic surgery, has been selected by the New Orleans Graduate Medical Assembly to be one of their distinguished guest speakers at New Orleans March 7.