Medical School

Doin's of the Medics

Six state meetings during the past month proved a high point of activity for the clinical and pre-clinical faculty of the School of Medicine, many of whom presented formal papers, or participated in discussion. In conjunction with the meetings of the Oklahoma State Medical Society, the Oklahoma Society of Medical Technologists and the Oklahoma Association of Pathologists met and held their annual banquet.

On the evening of May 1, 1946, the alumni of the School of Medicine held their annual banquet. The 214 alumni present were privileged to hear Dr. M. Edward Davis give as his address of the evening, "Research—Its Place in the Advancement of the Medical Sciences." Guests included President Cross, Mr. Ted M. Beaird, executive secretary of the Oklahoma Alumni Association, Dr. V. C. Tisdal, of Elk City, president of the Oklahoma State Medical Society, and Dr. L. C. Kuykendall of McAlester, president-elect of the Oklahoma State Medical Society. In accordance with established custom, members of the class of ten, twenty, and thirty years ago were presented. Dr. Wann Langston introduced members of the class of 1916; Dr. George Kimball, the class of 1926, and Dr. Harry Dupree, the class of 1936. Trips of accomplishment and great services rendered to the school by Dr. Lee Riedy and Dr. William Taylor. Dr. Lamb presented a report concerning the status of the Alumni Foundation Committee. Dr. Lamb is of the opinion that the goal of the Oklahoma Medical Foundation and was most enthusiastic about the proposed Medical School, an enthusiasm which was shared by all present.

Election of officers of the School of Medicine of the University of Oklahoma Alumni Association followed.

Lee K. Emehenhan, '31med, was re-elected as president, and John Lamb, '32med, was re-elected as secretary (both of Oklahoma City). Fred Woodson, '31med, of Tulsa was elected vice-president, and Floyd Keller of Oklahoma City was elected treasurer. The newly elected executive committee consists of John Carson, '36med, Shawnee, 1 year; John Lamb, '32med, Oklahoma City; Floyd Keller, Oklahoma City; Onis Hazel, '31med, Oklahoma City, and Oscar Pyle, '36med, Chickasha.

The School of Medicine Alumni Association will continue to meet each year during the meeting of the State Medical Association, the next meeting being held in Tulsa.

Dr. N. Price Eley, assistant professor of medicine, and Dr. Mark R. Everett, professor of biochemistry, gave addresses to the Oklahoma Diabetic Association which met in Oklahoma City on April 4, 1946, at the Empire Room, Skirvin Hotel.

Dr. Grider Penick, professor of gynecology, and Dr. Raymond Patzer, assistant professor of surgery, addressed the 38th Annual Meeting of the Oklahoma Medical and Dental Pharmacology Association which met in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Dr. Arthur A. Hellbaum, professor of pharmacology, and Dr. Howard G. Glass, assistant professor of pathology, addressed the 38th Annual Meeting of the Federated Societies of Pharmacology, Physiology, Biochemistry, Clinical Pathology and Nutrition in Atlantic City, New Jersey, March 12 to 16. Dr. Hellbaum presented a paper on the inter-relationships of estrogenic hormones and the anterior pituitary gland. During this trip, Dr. Hellbaum visited several research centers in New York and spent several days at Columbia University. He consulted also with the research staff of the Matline Company regarding an experimental study in progress at the School of Medicine, Oklahoma City, which is being supported in part by the Matline Company. He visited also with the research staff of the Schering Company in relation to an experimental project with the idea of testing the effect of various ovarian hormones on toxemias of pregnancy. The Schering Company is lending financial support to this work and is being carried out at the School of Medicine.

The meetings in St. Louis of the American Association for the Advancement of Science were attended by Dr. Edward C. Mason, professor of physiology, Dr. Allan J. Stanley, assistant professor of physiology, Dr. Donald B. McMullen, associate professor of preventive medicine and public health, Dr. Kenneth L. Sadler, assistant professor of the department of histology and embryology, and Dr. Arthur A. Hellbaum, professor of pharmacology.

Dr. M. G. Westmoreland of the Council on Medical Education and Hospitals of the American Medical Association visited the School of Medicine and inspected the University Hospitals, especially with regard to training facilities for residents. Dr. Westmoreland expressed general satisfaction with existing conditions, but made several valuable suggestions for improvement of the record system. He was of the opinion that contemplated residences in genitourinary, plastic surgery and neurosurgery would be approved by the Council.

Dr. M. F. Gayer, professor emeritus of biology of the University, attended the School of Medicine during the month of April, a guest of Dr. and Mrs. Hellbaum. Dr. Gayer is one of the outstanding living biologists and author of a number of well known books on biological subjects. Until his retirement last year, he was chairman of the department of zoology at the University of Wisconsin and is particularly outstanding for his work in cytology, physiology and in the teaching of biology.

An interesting letter was recently received from Dr. William R. Flood, '41med, who is now at Ros Tanura, Sand, Arabia, in the employ of the Arabian American Oil Company. It seems that the Arabian oil foundation is trying to make Arabia too.

Dr. Porteus E. Johnson has been appointed on the full-time faculty of the School of Medicine. Dr. Johnson, a graduate of Syracuse University College of Medicine, received his postgraduate training at the New York Postgraduate Medical School and Hospital and at Peck Memorial and Morrisania Hospitals of New York City.

It provokes a feeling of great satisfaction to see so many of our faculty returning from military service and picking up, in a sense, where they left off several years ago in their teaching and clinical attendance. The most recent addition is Dr. Rex Boland. Dr. Boland is still wearing those silver eagles on his shoulders since he returned to his leave will not expire until September. Colonel Boland’s first assignment was as division surgeon of the 45th Division and commander of the Medical Regiment. Following this he organized and activated the 24th Evacuation Hospital. He was then transferred to the 21st Evacuation Hospital and activated this unit, directing its desert training preliminary to embarkation to the South Pacific. From the South Pacific, Colonel Boland undertook the command of the 193rd General Hospital, a hospital of 300 beds. It was this medical unit which participated so actively in the Battle of the Bulge. Its a real pleasure to have Dr. Boland back with us again and prepared to resume his highly valuable contribution as a physician and teacher.

Others of the faculty who have returned during the last few months are:

Dr. Porteus E. Johnson, assistant professor, Army; Charles Ralph Rayburn, professor of dental science, Army; Harry Cunningham Ford, associate professor, Army; John Richard Danstrom, assistant professor, Army; Robert Leonard Noell, assistant professor, Army; Lawrence Stanley Bell, assistant professor, Army; Howard Bruce Shorter, assistant professor, Army; Walter Howard Miles, instructor in hygiene and public health, Army.

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Members of the faculty who were released from service prior to their assignments in the School of Medicine were:

Narayan K. Vallath, assistant surgeon, Army; George Sam Rabel, assistant clinical in medicine; John Richard Danstrom, clinical assistant in radiology; Albert Douglas Foster, Jr., professor of anesthesiology, chairman of the department; Porteus E. Johnson, associate in orthopedic surgery; Harry MacRitchie, Jr., instructor in surgery; Elmer Richard Spatz, Jr., instructor in surgery; Charles Abraham Royer, professor in ophthalmology; James Mabury Taylor, instructor in urology; Lewis Carroll Taylor, instructor in anesthesia; Paul Myron Bennett, instructor in surgery.

Those still on leave in the military service are:

William Carl Lindstrom, associate in obstetrics; William Porter, associate professor of medical jurisprudence; Byron Wolterton Aycock, instructor in otorhinolaryngology; George Newton Bar, assistant professor of clinical medicine; Harold
Jacob Binder, associate in pediatrics; Hubert Eugene Doudna, professor of clinical anesthesiology; Joseph Benjamin Goldsmith, associate professor of histology and embryology; Douglas McGash Gordon, visiting lecturer in medicine; Bertha Marion Levy, instructor in pediatrics; William Gerald Rogers, associate in gynecology.

The Grand Young Men Of the Profession

In their first post war reunion alumni dinner the O. U. medics recently assembled from all sections of the country in the Skirvin Hotel, Oklahoma City. Medical graduates of the School of Medicine of the University of Oklahoma came back for the victory reunion from as far away as Dubuque, Iowa, and New York City.

A special feature of the annual medical alumni dinner was revived at this victory reunion by an outstanding tribute being paid to two of the grand young men of the profession. Dr. Phil J. McNell, '21bs, '23med, paid tribute to Dr. Lea A. Riely, while Dr. Carrol M. Pounders gave the tribute to Dr. William Merritt Taylor.

"It is an unusual honor to have the opportunity of presenting to you one of the outstanding men of medicine in the State of Oklahoma. And in parenthesis I would add that his wife, Miss Gertrude Elizabeth Dorrell, has also been an active participant in the life work in the various centers of medical instruction.

This man was early in the year of 1904 with four students who would wish that sort of thing. Probably these subjects were assigned to him through his teaching career until he became emeritus professor of medicine.

"Later he taught physical diagnosis and medicine. He was married to Miss Gertrude Elizabeth Dorrell on January 11, 1905. He took postgraduate work at New York Polyclinic for three months in 1904 and at the University of Vienna in 1912 for 10 months. He spent two years in Washington. He was early in the year of 1904 with four students enrolled, none of whom graduated. Dr. Riely taught normal histology, bacteriology and pathology. He never returned to his home state of Kansas to own the only microscope in Oklahoma City. All members of the staff held the rank of professor and Dr. Riely continued in this rank throughout his teaching career until he became emeritus professor of medicine.

"As a physician, Dr. Riely is an outstanding success. A fundamental knowledge of medicine, combined with sound judgment, understanding, gentleness and a genuine Scottish sense of humor are rare attributes and are seldom combined in one individual. His consultation practice extends from the plains of western counties to the wooded sections of the east, from dry sun-baked uplands of Kansas to the banks of the meandering Platte. When he is not in his office, he is at home, in his study, home of University.

"To Dr. Taylor, his long-time professional associate, Dr. Pounder expressed the sentiment of thousands of his friends when he said: "I have been accorded the very happy privilege of saying a few words in honor of your friend and mine. I use this expression because if Dr. Taylor has enemies I have never met them. I think I know better than to attempt to exulte him to any great extent because he is about the last person who would wish that sort of thing.

"Dr. Taylor is a native of Kentucky. When he got ready to enter medical college he sought out the best known teaching center of that day and graduated from the Bellevue Hospital College of New York City in 1896. He then spent two years as house officer in the New York Infant Asylum, taking his training in pediatrics. During this time he had the very good fortune of working with all the greatest of all time past, Dr. L. Emory Holt. One could not be associated with a personality like that of Dr. Holt without acquiring something in the way of principles and ideals which would linger with him throughout the rest of his lifetime.

"Dr. Taylor must have had something of the pioneering spirit which directed him to locate in the comparatively new town of Oklahoma City and to take up a new and, then, little known specialty. When the University of Oklahoma School of Medicine was established, he became head of the department of pediatrics as of 1921. He continued in this position until his retirement. During those early days he was in charge of the service, both in the hospital and the outpatient department, taught the medical students and lectured in the sections—along with carrying on his private practice. He has the distinction of being the first doctor in the county to limit his practice to pediatrics. He carried the torch alone for a long time when the specialty was struggling for recognition.

"Dr. Taylor has always kept pace with progress and has never allowed himself to lag behind. He has seen the practice of medicine pass through some interesting phases when there were many differences of opinion, few remained. The good work is not known to the younger pediatricians—the period when the terrible summer diarrheas were prevalent. Tens of thousands of babies died from this condition each year, and medical science had little to offer by way of prevention or treatment. He has lived to see this condition, along with so many other dread diseases, become a thing of the past.

"Anyone who has observed Dr. Taylor over a period of years must have been impressed by certain characteristics of the man and must have been made to realize that we who have been privileged to associate with him owe him more than we can express in words. Those who have been fortunate enough to work with him, and those who have the privilege of knowing him, are many.

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O. E. A. President

E. E. Battles, B.S.A., M.M.Ed., Henretta, was chosen the new president of the Oklahoma Education Association in a balloting which drew the largest number of votes of any history. Inez Ellis, Oklahoma City, was chosen vice-president and John G. Mitchell, '19ma, Seminole, was re-elected treasurer.

Mr. Battles has been connected with the Henretta schools since 1927. Positions he has held there include those of teacher; junior high school principal, junior high school principal, and for the past eleven years, superintendent of schools. He has long been active in the Oklahoma Association of School Administrators, having served as vice-president in 1941-42 and as president in 1943-44.

A native of Puerto Rico, the veteran teacher at- tended school in San Juan. He was graduated from Ohio Wesleyan, University of Michigan and Harvard. For several summers he has directed the Rocky Mountain School of Languages in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Veteran Spanish Teacher Resigns

A familiar figure on the University of Oklahoma campus for the past 27 years will be missing next fall when the new semester opens.

He is Jose M. Hernandez, member of the University's Spanish faculty since 1917 and for 39 years. Professor Hernandez resigned to devote his time to real estate interests.

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