

Medical Alumni

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The memorial plaque honoring the late Dr. Leroy Long, designed by Joe R. Taylor of the University fine arts faculty, and presented to the Medical School by the Oklahoma State Medical Association



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A LARGE representation of the alumni of the Medical School, numbering 177 persons, attended the spring meeting of the Medical School Alumni Association May 20 in Oklahoma City, at which Dr. John F. Kuhn, emeritus professor of gynecology, was honored.

Dr. Kuhn, who has been on the Medical School faculty for 26 years, served as toastmaster at the dinner. Dr. M M. Wickham, '26med, president of the Medical School Alumni Association, introduced special guests.

These included Dr. Ralph McGill, '20 bs, '22med, Tulsa, former president of the association; Dr. W. B. Bizzell, president of the University; Major General Robert U. Patterson, dean of the Medical School; C. P. Loran, secretary of the Southern Medical Association; and Dr. Claude S. Chambers, Seminole, member of the University Board of Regents.

Particularly honored at the meeting were the alumni of the classes of 1911, 1921 and 1931. The association has inaugurated the policy of paying tribute each year to members of three classes spaced ten years apart.

Spokesman for the Class of 1911, which was represented by seven members, was Dr. J. R. McLauchlin; Class of 1921, represented by six members, Dr. Theo G. Wails; and Class of 1931, represented by 13 members, Dr. C. W. Lemon. All three are from Oklahoma City.

Principal speaker at the dinner was General Patterson, dean of the Medical

School, who holds degrees from McGill University, Montreal, Canada, and the Medical Field Service School, Leavenworth, Kansas. During a long military career, Dean Patterson has served in the Philippine Islands, Cuba, Hawaii, Italy and France.

Information about the number and location of Medical School alumni was presented. Of the 975 living graduates of the school, 54.3 per cent are practicing in 133 different towns in Oklahoma, the dean said.

Pointing out the high scholastic standards of the school, Dean Patterson stated that during the last eight years no graduate had failed to pass examinations given by any state medical board in the United States. Only 15 other state medical schools have such a record, he said.

Of the 190 persons now on the faculty, 43 per cent are graduates of the Oklahoma University Medical School. Dean Patterson described the method of admitting students to the Medical School as "the most fair that is possible at the present time." He commended the plan of two-year rotating internships which has been adopted at the University Hospital.

Plans are being made by members of the alumni association to continue the expansion program, organize individual classes with representatives to co-operate with the main organization; establish a bulletin, and invite all future senior medical classes to become active members of the association on graduation.