

Medical School

O. U. Medics Go Forward

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, Dean 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 evening, December 13. The editorial we quote as follows:

A Physician of the Best Tradition

Dr. Tom Lowry, dean of the School of Medicine of the University of Oklahoma, knew for a long time that he might be taken from the living at almost any moment.

Being a doctor of internal medicine, he was accustomed to the fine points of diagnosis. There seemed to be a family tendency toward heart ailment. His own identical twin brother, Dr. Dick Lowry, died three years ago. Dr. Tom knew from then on he would be living on borrowed time.

Naturally there was 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 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. Participation and many other items of medical alumni business were also discussed.

Dr. Cross, Mr. Cate and Mr. Beaird, at the special invitation 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 so set up 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 benevolent 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 direly 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 late 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 monied 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 \$2,500 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



The School of Medicine of the University of Oklahoma alumni officers, along with administrative representatives of the University and the University of Oklahoma Association, are shown assembled in the alumni conference room of the Hotel Biltmore in Oklahoma City to perfect final plans on Alumni Association procedure and to establish the medical fund trust under the University of Oklahoma Foundation. Reading from left to right (seated) are the late Dean Tom Lowry of the School of Medicine (This, the last picture made of Dr. Lowry, was taken just a few hours prior to his sudden passing on December 11); Dr. John Lamb, secretary-treasurer of the Medical Alumni Association, and Dr. Lee K. Emenhiser, president of the Medical Alumni Association. Standing, left to right, are Roscoe Cate, assistant to the president in charge of finance and acting secretary of the University of Oklahoma Association, and Paul Fessler, administrator of the University Hospital.

officers it was shown that a fund of \$37,000 has been given in recent years, completely unsolicited 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 of the state.

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—one councilor being appointed to 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, Alva.

District 2. Dr. James E. Ensey, B.S. Med. '28, M.D. '28, Altus.

District 3. Dr. L. R. Wilhite, M.D. '16, Perkins.

District 4. Dr. Onis G. Hazel, Ph.G. '21, Ph.C. '23, B.S. Pharm '23, M.D. '31, B.S. Med. '31, Oklahoma City.

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 8. Dr. Matt Connell, B.S. '30, M.D. '32, Pitcher.

District 9. Dr. E. H. Shuller, McAlester.

District 10. Dr. P. H. Lawson, B.S. '27, M.D. '29, Marietta.

The Oklahoma State Medical Association was represented at the special breakfast by its executive secretary, Mr. Dick Graham, with state headquarters at 210 Plaza Court, 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 additional medical news dealing with the Medical School Alumni Association. Special plans were perfected by the executive secretary-manager of the Association, the dean of the School of Medicine of the University of Oklahoma, Dr. Tom Lowry, and the offices of the Medical Alumni wherein Dr. Howard Hopps, professor of pathology of the School of Medicine, would become special medical editor. Dr. Hoops, along with Miss Beverly Howard, secretary to the dean of the Medical School, would supply additional medical items for *Sooner Magazine* and thus the official alumni publication would become the medical news carrying agency for the Medical Alumni.

It was further agreed by the medical officials present at the breakfast from all sections of the state, that the membership dues of the University of Oklahoma School of Medicine Alumni Association would be \$13.00 per year for regular members. It was also understood that this regular membership would include the receipt of *Sooner Magazine* for a period of 12 months from date of paying dues. For associate membership in the University of Oklahoma School of Medicine Alumni Association the dues for a 12-month period would be \$8.00. With this membership *Sooner Magazine* is also included for a period of 12 months from the date of paying for the membership. The special associate membership plan was perfected by the O. U. Medical Alumni to accommodate a number of their colleagues who are graduates of other medical schools but who work closely with them

in their professional fields and in the interest of the School of Medicine of the University of Oklahoma. Life membership in the Medical School Alumni Association is \$100.00, while a combination membership in both the Medical Alumni and the general University of Oklahoma Alumni Association is \$160.00. The combination membership grants to the member upon paying his fee a lifetime subscription to *Sooner Magazine* and the many other advantages listed under the general alumni membership plan of the University Association.

At this meeting Dr. William J. Finch, Hobart, retired as president of the Medical Alumni Association and a rising vote of thanks was extended to Dr. Finch for the efficiency of his last three years. Dr. L. K. Emenhiser, 1014 Medical Arts Building, Oklahoma City, was elected president and Dr. John H. Lamb, 705 Medical Arts Building, Oklahoma City, was elected secretary-treasurer of the O. U. Medical Alumni Association for the ensuing year.

December 11, 1945

Dear Ted:

I have just returned from the A.M.A. meeting in Chicago and have had an opportunity to read your letter of November 27 and to also talk to Dr. John Lamb and Dr. Tom Lowry concerning the meeting you had in the City on Saturday.

While I can't speak as an alumnus, I do believe that I can reflect the opinion of the profession of the state and it would be, and is, that you, personally, and the Alumni Association know how very much they appreciate your interest in the effort they are going to make to improve the University of Oklahoma School of Medicine. They all know that your office, and you personally will do anything possible to help them.

This office, of course, belongs to the medical profession of the state and, as such, will devote whatever time is necessary to put across the Medical Foundation that they are so desirous of establishing and here again, you may call upon us at any time that we may be of assistance to you.

I am going to send you a list of the physicians that 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.

Sincerely,

Dick Graham, Executive Secretary
The Oklahoma Medical Association

From Wallace B. Hamby, M.D. '24ba, '24bs, '28md comes this letter:

Buffalo, New York

Dear Ted:

I have been intending to send \$60.00 for my Life Membership for a long time but simply haven't got around to it. It has been grand to read of your war experiences and to find you back "Riding the Sooner Range."

I didn't get into the scrap but stayed here and took care of the neurosurgery in this end of the state. I think the returning veterans are more appreciated by us than by anyone else, except those intimately connected of course.

It is nice to have an opportunity to keep up with the boys through the magazine. I do wish you could get someone sufficiently interested to continue the good articles on the Medical School.

With my kindest personal regards.

As ever,
Wally

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By BEVERLY HOWARD

Dr. Louis C. Taylor, '38med, 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 Hospitals.

Edgar Bergen, 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 visitors at the School of Medicine include Captain George E. Dodson, '42med; Dr. Gilbert W. Tracy, '38med; Dr. Robert W. Kahn, '39med; Dr. Philip C. Waters, '44med; Dr. Robert W. Dixon, '44med, and Dr. Arthur W. Stickle, '43med.

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

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

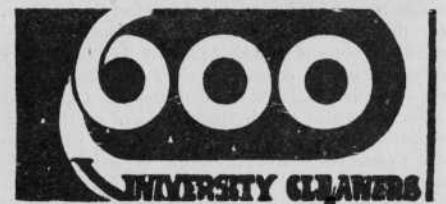
Dr. Jay Deane Wilson, '44med, and Mrs. Wilson, St. Augustine, Florida, are the parents of a son, Michael Deane, born October 28, 1945.

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. Noell, assistant professor of orthopedic surgery; Dr. Howard B. Shorbe, assistant professor of orthopedic surgery; Dr. Onis G. Hazel, associate professor of dermatology and syphilology; Dr. Hervey A. Foerster, associate in dermatology and syphilology, and Dr. Henry G. Bennett, assistant in gynecology.



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