

Medical School

Doin's of the Medics

Six state meetings during the past month provided 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. Kuyrkendall 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. Tribute was given to the accomplishments and great services rendered to the school by Dr. Lea Riely and Dr. William Taylor. Dr. Lamb presented a report concerning the status of the Alumni Foundation and expressed great optimism as to the future of the Oklahoma Medical Foundation and was most enthusiastic about the proposed Medical Institute which is to be established at the School of Medicine, 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. Emenhiser, '31med, was re-elected as president, and John Lamb, '32med, was retained 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; John Lamb, '32med, Oklahoma City; Floyd Keller, Oklahoma City; Onis Hazel, '31med, Oklahoma City, and Oscar Pyle, '26med, Chickasha.

Trustees are as follows: District No. 1, Clifford Traverse, '32med, Alva, 1 year; District No. 2, William Finch, '31med, Hobart, 1 year; District No. 3, Robert B. Gibson, '15med, Ponca City, 3 years; District No. 4, Onis Hazel, Oklahoma City, 2 years; District No. 5, Oscar Pyle, Chickasha, 2 years; District No. 6, Ralph McGill, '22med, Tulsa, 3 years; District No. 7, John Carson, Shawnee, 1 year; District No. 8, Matt Connell, '32med, Picher, 3 years; District No. 9, Claude Liveley, '34med, McAlester, 2 years, and District No. 10, W. H. Haynie, '33med, Durant, 1 year.

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

Dr. N. Price Eley, assistant professor of medicine, and Dr. Mark R. Everett, professor of biochemistry, gave addresses to the Oklahoma Dietetic Association which met in Oklahoma City on April 6, 1946, at the Empire Room, Skirvin Hotel.

Dr. Grider Penick, professor of gynecology, and Dr. Reynold Patzer, assistant professor of surgery, presented papers at the 38th Annual Session of the Oklahoma Medical and Dental Pharmacologic Association which met in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Dr. Arthur A. Hellbaum, professor of pharmacology, and Dr. Howard G. Glass, assistant professor of pharmacology, attended the meetings 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 the East and spent several days at Columbia University. He consulted also with the research staff of the Maltine Company regarding an experimental study in progress at the School of Medicine, under his direction, which is being supported in part by the Maltine Company. He visited also with the research staff of the Schering Company in relation to an experimental project which concerns the effect of various ovarian hormones on toxemias of pregnancy. The Schering Company is lending financial support to this study which 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 M. Richter, 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 residencies in genitouriology, plastic surgery and neurosurgery would be approved by the Council.

Dr. M. F. Guyer, professor emeritus of biology of the University of Wisconsin, visited the School during the month of April, a guest of Dr. and Mrs. Hellbaum. Dr. Guyer 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, genetics and cancer.

An interesting letter was recently received from Dr. William R. Flood, '41med, who is now at Ras Tanura, Saudi Arabia, in the employ of the Arabian American Oil Company. It seems that Oklahoma oil is finding its way to Arabia too.

Dr. Porteous E. Johnson has been appointed on the full time faculty as associate in orthopedic surgery. 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 Bolend. Dr. Bolend is still wearing those silver eagles on his shoulder, since his terminal leave will not expire until September. Colonel Bolend'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 Bolend undertook the command of the 193rd General Hospital, a hospital of approximately 2,200 beds. It was this medical unit which participated so actively in the Battle of the Bulge. Its a real pleasure to have Dr. Bolend back with us again and prepared to resume his very valuable contribution as a physician and teacher.

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

Department of Obstetrics: George Thomas Allen, associate professor, Army; Jno. William Records, assistant professor, Army; Harry Linnell Deupree, instructor, Navy.

Department of Urology: Meredith Marcus Appleton, instructor, Army; Rex George Bolend, professor, Army; George Lumar Borecky, instructor, Army; Donald Wilton Branham, assistant professor, Navy; Stanley Francis Wildman, assistant professor, Army.

Department of Medicine: Turner Bynum, visiting lecturer, Army; Louis Harry Charney, associate professor, Army; Joe Henry Coley, assistant professor, Navy; Earl Rankin Denny, visiting lecturer, Army; Allen Gilbert Gibbs, instructor, Army; Frederick Redding Hood, assistant professor, Army; James Richard Huggins, assistant professor, Army; William Knowlton Ishmael, lecturer, Army; William Charles McClure, assistant professor, Navy; Newman Sanford Matthews, assistant professor, Army; Nesbitt Ludson Miller, associate professor, Army; Bert Ernest Mulvey, assistant professor of clinical medicine, Army; Rudolph Joe Reichert, assistant professor, Army; William Ward Rucks, Jr., assistant professor, Army; Chas. Andrew Smith, assistant professor, Army; Chas. Donovan Tool, assistant professor, Army.

Department of Surgery: Austin Holloway Bell, associate professor, Army; Jack Paul Birge, assistant professor, Army; Clifford Cannon Fulton, associate professor, Navy; Jess Duval Herrmann, assistant professor of neurosurgery, Army; Robert Bruce Howard, associate professor, Army; George Henry Kimball, assistant professor of plastic surgery, Army; Raymond Lester Murdoch, professor of clinical surgery, Army; Patrick Sarsfield Nagle, associate professor, Army; Everett Baker Neff, associate professor, Army; Francis Joseph Reichmann, associate professor of dental surgery, Army; Fenton Almer Sanger, associate professor, Army; Dan Roy Sewell, associate professor, Army; Ward Loren Shaffer, associate professor in dental surgery, Army; Tom Lyon Wainwright, associate professor, Navy; John Powers Wolff, associate professor, Army.

Department of Orthopaedic Surgery: Robert Leonard Noell, assistant professor, Army; Lawrence Stanley Sell, assistant professor, Army; Howard Bruce Shorbe, assistant professor, Army.

Department of Gynecology: Henry Garland Bennett, Jr., assistant professor, Army; John Frederick Kuhn, associate professor, Army; LeRoy Huskins Sadler, associate professor, Army; William Edgar Strecker, assistant professor, Army.

Department of Pediatrics: Meyer Kurzner, instructor, Navy; James Byron Snow, associate professor, Army.

Department of Oto-Rhino-Laryngology: Lee Kenneth Emenhiser, assistant professor, Army; Harry Cummings Ford, associate professor, Army.

Department of Dermatology and Syphilology: Hervey Adolph Foerster, associate professor, Army; Onis George Hazel, assistant professor, U.S.P.H.

Department of Hygiene and Public Health: Donald Bard McMullen, associate professor, Army; Walter Howard Miles, instructor in hygiene and public health, Army.

Department of Psychiatry: Moorman Paul Prosser, associate professor, Army; Charles Ralph Rayburn, professor of mental diseases, Army.

Members of the faculty who were released from service prior to their appointment on the faculty:

Nasry Fayad Vander Barkett, assistant in surgery; George Sam Bozalis, clinical assistant in medicine; John Richard Danstrom, clinical assistant in radiology; Albert Douglas Foster, Jr., professor of anesthesiology, chairman of the department; Porteous Elmore Johnson, associate in orthopedic surgery; Harvey Mac Richey, Jr., instructor in surgery; Elmer Ridgeway, Jr., clinical assistant in medicine; Chas. Abraham Royer, clinical assistant in ophthalmology; James Mabury Taylor, instructor in urology; Lewis Carroll Taylor, instructor in anesthesia; Paul Merton Vickers, instructor in surgery.

Those still on leave and in the military service are:

William Carl Lindstrom, associate in obstetrics; William Hotchkiss Bailey, professor of medical jurisprudence; Byron Wolverton Aycock, instructor in oto-rhino-laryngology; George Newton Barry, 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 Meharg 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.

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. McNeill, '21bs, '23med, paid tribute to Dr. Lea A. Riely, while Dr. Carrol M. Pounders gave the tribute to Dr. William Merritt Taylor.

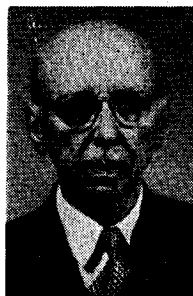
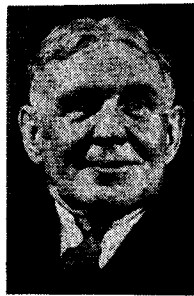
In his tribute to Dr. Riely, Dr. McNeill said: "It is an unusual honor to have the opportunity of presenting to you one of the outstanding men of medicine in the State of Oklahoma. And in paraphrasing Shakespeare, 'I come to praise Caesar—not to bury him.' It is rare that we have the privilege of pointing out the good qualities of our friends—it is much easier to point out their shortcomings and weaknesses.

"Tonight we want to call your attention to some simple facts about Dr. Riely, which all of you undoubtedly know, but which should be reiterated on an occasion like this.

"Dr. Riely was born September 14, 1874 in New Albany, Indiana. He graduated from Corydon High School. He attended Hanover College from 1891 to 1895, receiving his A. B. degree in 1895 and his A. M. degree in 1899. He received his M. D. degree from the University of Louisville Medical Department in 1898. He spent one year internship at Saints Mary and Elizabeth Hospital in Louisville—1898-9. He came to Oklahoma City on May 10, 1899, and began the practice of medicine. He helped found the Epworth College of Medicine in Dr. Todd's office in 1903. This later became the Epworth University and still later, the Oklahoma University Medical School. Dr. Todd practiced medicine during the week and preached on Sundays, and had visions of a Medical School. The faculty consisted of Dr. W. K. West, as dean; Dr. Buxton, Dr. Russell, Dr. Jolly and Dr. Riely. The first term was early in the year of 1904 with four students enrolled, none of whom graduated. Dr. Riely taught normal histology, bacteriology and pathology. Probably these subjects were assigned to him because he owned 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.

"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 served as a captain in World War I and was a professor of military medicine at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia. He became a member of the College of Physicians in 1920 and has been governor of the College since 1921. During his tenure of office, the College of Physicians' membership in Oklahoma City has grown until we now have more fellows than Kansas City or St. Louis. This alone is a great accomplishment for any one man to achieve. He served as councillor for the Southern Medical Association for eight years. He spends most of his summer vacations doing postgraduate work in the various centers of medical instruction.

"As a physician, Dr. Riely is an outstanding success. A fundamental knowledge of medicine, coupled with rare diagnostic acuity, human 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



DR. LEA RIELY AND DR. WILLIAM TAYLOR

to the wooded sections of the east, from dry sun-baked uplands of Kansas to the banks of the meandering Red River; from far and near—the elite, the 400, the rich, and the poor—all receive his best efforts and are treated equally. As a teacher, he is unsurpassed. He is an inveterate reader, spending hours in preparing his lectures. His clinical demonstrations are clear to the student and his manner of presentation is unique—at times possibly planned so—as for example: he was once presenting a case when he turned to the laboratory sheet and made the startling statement that the X-ray showed a 4 plus Wasserman with a specific gravity of 1.013.

"As a friend, you will find that he is always ready to hear your story, consider your problem, give you able advice from his years of dealings with the profession, the patient and the public. He possesses the respect of his enemies, who are few, and the admiration of his friends, who are many. Probably it might be summarized in the words of the poet who said:

"I could sail the waters of all the world,
Bitter and wild and blue,
And never find a better friend
Than the friend I've found in you.

"I could go down all the roads of the world
And knock on doors forever
And never find a better friend.
Never, never, never.

"Ladies and gentlemen, I present to you my friend and your friend—Dr. Lelander A. Riely."

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 eulogize 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 Bellvue Hospital Medical 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 pediatricians, Dr. L. Emmett 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 and maintained this position until his retirement. During those early days he was in charge of the service, both in the hospital and in the out-patient department, taught the medical students and lectured to the nurses—along with carrying on his private practice. He has the distinction of being the first doctor in the state 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 apace 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 diseases and few remedies. He went through an era which 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 summer and medical science had little to offer by way of prevention or treatment. He has lived to see this condition, along with several other deadly diseases of childhood almost disappear from this country.

"Anyone who has observed Dr. Taylor over a period of years must have been profoundly 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 much. He has always helped to keep the specialty of pediatrics on a high plane, has been fair to his fellow practitioners and has been willing to meet the other fellow more than half way. No one ever heard him accused of doing anything that was not ethical or above board. He has not been heard to make false claims to knowledge which he did not possess—a fault which sometimes trips even the best among us. When the going was a bit hard, which is frequently the case in the life of any pediatrician, he has not been heard to whine or complain, but has accepted the good with the bad. He seems to have been able to meet with triumph and disaster and to treat those two imposters just the same."

"Finally, as I have observed this man over a long period of what amounts to almost a quarter of a century, he has not seemed to me to grow old. I do not think a man could have the close contact with human nature in its formative stages such as he has had during the greater portion of his life, without acquiring something in a spiritual way from it. He comes to have a better understanding of people, to be more patient with their weaknesses and to be able to pick out the good qualities in them. I believe that Dr. Taylor, through the kind of work he does, has attained a tranquility and peace of mind that will keep him young and keep him with us for a long time to come."

O. E. A. President

E. E. Battles, '26ba, '39m.ed, Henryetta, was chosen the new president of the Oklahoma Education Association in a balloting which drew the largest number of votes cast in the Association's 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 Henryetta schools since 1927. Positions he has held there include those of teacher; junior high school principal; senior 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.

Before becoming president of the Oklahoma Education Association, Mr. Battles was a member of their executive committee. Other positions he has held in the organization include that of membership on the state steering committee for the organization, district legislative chairman and later state legislative chairman.

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 1919 and a teacher for the past 39 years. Professor Hernandez resigned to devote his time to real estate interests.

A native of Puerto Rico, the veteran teacher attended and taught at Taylor University in Indiana, Ohio Wesleyan, University of Michigan and Harvard. For several summers he has directed the Rocky Mountain School of Languages in Colorado Springs, Colorado.