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Symposium on Peptic Ulcer—
Medical Aspects.....Dr. J. R. Turner
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and a program dedicating the auditorium and
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January 27, 1931.....8:15 P. M.
Symposium on Cancer—
Moving Picture and Educational Aspects...
Dr. H. J. Whitacre
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EDITORIAL

This initial issue of The Bulletin brings greetings and best wishes for the New Year to the members of the medical profession and their friends.

In the forty-two years since its foundation The Pierce County Medical Society has stood for the highest ideals pertaining to the art and prac-

tice of the healing profession, and its efforts have always been exerted for constant progress in matters regarding public health. As a body and through its individual members the society has been a strong influence for good citizenship in its attitude toward all movements for the betterment of our civic life.

It is with the thought of extending and strengthening this influence that the society has established The Bulletin which will come to you each month.

In it you will find the programs of the current meetings of The Pierce County Medical Society and The Pierce County Dental Society together with items of interest from previous meetings and elsewhere. The library is represented by a section in which we will endeavor to give you information concerning new books and publications which is sure to be of value.

It is our aim to give you each month all the news of the doings of the medical men of our neighborhood and of their wives and families as well. To that end we ask that personal items be sent to the reporters or the editor. This Bulletin is your publication. It belongs to the medical fraternity. Your active co-operation and lenient criticism will help to make it a success.

Our great effort, however, is to cement more closely the ties that bind us together in one earnest body for mutual study and improvement. Our calling is supremely one of service—service in the hygiene of our community, in the prevention of disease and in the comfort and relief of those afflicted.

If The Bulletin can help in the dissemination of useful knowledge and stimulate an increased interest in scientific medicine, while making us realize more fully the responsibility we bear, its existence will be justified.

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The beginnings of the Pierce County Medical Society Library date back to the days of Dr. C. Stuart Wilson and Dr. Royal A. Gove, to whom credit must be given for instituting what has now become one of the most important of the interests of the society. Later, through the efforts of Dr. H. G. Willard and others, the books were cataloged, the periodicals bound and arranged alphabetically and a trained librarian employed. From year to year, through wise expenditure of our funds and through the generosity of members, a valuable reference library has been built up, and now that we have moved our lares and penates into our beautifully appointed quarters in the new Rhodes Medical Arts Building we feel that we are in a position to play a larger part than ever before in the affairs of the society.

Dr. Harvey Cushing says that as a calorimeter indicates the activity of a patient's metabolism so one may determine the plus or minus activity of the local profession by the condition of its library. A medical library must not only provide up-to-the-minute information but must also furnish the historical material so necessary to research. Many of those who have used this library in studying puzzling cases or in writing papers have expressed pleasure and surprise at the scope of our facilities and the great amount of bibliographical material which we are able to furnish. Our reference work has covered a wide range. We have looked up such subjects as the average number of people per hospital bed in the United States,

sickness insurance in Europe, and, along medical lines, anything from chilblains to ganglionectomy.

While we added fewer books than usual during the past year, a number of valuable acquisitions have been made, and it is our purpose in future to purchase the more important books as they appear. Our periodicals, the most valuable source of material upon which a library has to draw, include all of the more important American magazines, several English publications and at least one in each of the specialties. A record is kept of all articles on the specialties which appear in the general magazines, so that the man who wishes to keep abreast of what is being written along his line may do so without searching through other literature which is of no particular interest to him.

The librarian is always glad to write for reprints of articles published in magazines which we do not receive, and in instances where the American literature has not covered the field we have found the Pryor Research Service of great value in obtaining translations of foreign articles. On several occasions old and rare material has been borrowed from the Library of the Surgeon General in Washington and from other sources. Mention must be made of the wonderful co-operation of the Seattle Medical Library, which has been more than generous in making available to us its great store of material.

With the new books and periodicals which we plan to add this year, 1931 should be the best year the Pierce County Medical Society Library has ever had.

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The next meeting of the Pierce County Dental Society will be held on January 20, 1930, in the Auditorium in the Rhodes Medical Arts Building. The paper of the evening will be given by C. H. Hofrichter, M. D., of Seattle. His subject will be "Diet and Teeth." A cordial invitation to be present is extended to members of the Pierce County Medical Society.

A commendable trait of the dental profession is its readiness to give a hearing to a technic that offers to remedy or promises to correct or improve the shortcomings of an existing procedure.

An ankle, so to speak, was given the crutch known as partial dentures, when Dr. F. E. Roach of Chicago brought us, in his course, the idea and technic of the Bar Clasp as a surer method of retention for these troublesome cases. As a means of greater

service to those who through misfortune have lost several teeth, this technic offers a restoration of more comfort, efficiency, stability, esthetics and immunity to tooth destruction.

Dr. Roach has been a leader in the field of partial dentures for thirty years, is a good pedagogian and we are enthusiastic over his proven technic.

The annual Mid-Winter Clinic of the Tacoma District Dental Society was held Saturday, December 13, 1930, in the new Rhodes Medical Arts Building.

The clinic was true to form and well arranged, as are all these clinics of the Tacoma District Dental Society. Visitors were present from Grays Harbor, Olympia, Seattle and other points around the Sound.

The Oral Surgery Clinics began at 8:30 A. M. and all clinics were over by noon. Golf was enjoyed at the Steilacoom Lake course in the afternoon and the customary banquet with entertainment de luxe in the Stone Room of the Tacoma Hotel at 6 P. M. was the event of the evening.

The general clinic committee was composed of the chairman, Dr. Lawrence E. Hanson, Dr. Clifford H. Sayre and Dr. Henry W. Minton. The banquet was arranged by Dr. John C. Siegle. The golf was taken care of by a committee composed of Dr. Arthur K. Stebbins, Dr. M. H. Fewell and Dr. Harold N. Fowler.

The general consensus of opinion seemed to be that all the clinicians deserved a great deal of praise for the manner in which the result of their hard work was displayed.

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Rhodes Medical Arts Building

Tacoma's new home for its physicians and dentists—the 17-story Rhodes Medical Arts Building—stands pre-eminent among buildings of the Pacific Coast devoted to the humanitarian professions.

Its outline above its surroundings at St. Helens Avenue and Market Street, near Ninth, emphasized by the sheer vertical note of its architecture, the \$2,000,000 structure is distinguished for its imposing beauty. But its practical features and its appointments are perhaps more significant to the physicians and dentists whose offices it will house.

Virtually every need of the medical and dental professions has been provided for in the building's construction and many others have been anticipated to guard against obsolescence.

Both direct and alternating current are available for the practice of electro-therapeutics. A reliable flow of light and power energy is assured by what is called a special 4-wire electrical installation, the first in the City of Tacoma and one of a few on the entire Pacific Coast. The building's inside areas are mechanically ventilated through a duct system above the corridor ceilings.

Maximum floor space is provided by allowing stacks in outside walls to carry the mechanical supply lines—gas, steam and return, hot and cold water, direct and alternating current. Depressed ceilings conceal the ventilating duct system and horizontal runs of the mechanical supply lines, and as well make them accessible for repair purposes with a minimum of inconvenience.

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date a stretcher, serve the building. The "stretcher" elevator also serves the large garage which is a part of the building. An additional feature of the building is the fireproof vault in the basement for the storage of X-ray films.

Other features are a medical library and auditorium on the St. Helens Avenue level and, less important but none the less attractive, a roof garden promenade atop the eleventh floor extension of the building.

Consistent care has been given to appointments throughout the structure, particularly emphasized in the Market Street and St. Helens Avenue lobbies, on different levels, which are connected by a grand staircase that provides a midblock thoroughfare between the two streets.

Erected during a period when the

expenditures for labor and materials contributed greatly to the welfare of the City of Tacoma, the Rhodes Medical Arts Building has come to be recognized as a civic achievement made possible by the co-operation of the city's physicians and dentists.

The labor item alone is computed to have been a direct source of support to 740 persons during the building's construction, considering the average worker to be the head of a family of four persons, and to hundreds more indirectly through expenditures for materials and supplies. The building's construction enabled Tacoma to maintain front rank among Pacific Coast cities of 100,000 or more in percentage of construction during the first nine months of 1930.

Not only has the building obtained civic recognition, but it has served to advance Tacoma's importance to the Southwestern Washington community. The facilities offered by the building are expected to draw increasing numbers of persons to it from cities in the Southwestern area with resultant benefits to trade in the City of Tacoma.

Recognition of the building's benefits to physicians and dentists in Tacoma also has been strongly apparent with the result that the Rhodes Medical Arts Building shows promise of a record number of leases at its official opening in comparison with like structures.

The Rhodes Medical Arts Building is owned by the United Rhodes Realty Corporation, headed by Mr. Henry A. Rhodes, to whom the community is indebted for the promotion of this enterprise, as well as for his other activities for the welfare of Tacoma.

The official opening is scheduled for January 31, at which time a large attendance is expected.

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TACOMA GENERAL HOSPITAL

It is the belief of the Program Committee of the professional staff of the Tacoma General Hospital that the medical societies of the county and city offer ample opportunity for the presentation of papers concerning the usual range of medical and surgical topics. They have asked, therefore, that the monthly staff program be alternately in the hands of the directors of the departments of Roentgenology and of Pathology, and that an attempt be made to point out the value and the limitations of these departments as helps in the diagnosis and treatment of disease. These suggestions are being acted upon and have apparently met with favor as the attendance has become the greatest in the history of the institution.

So far as is possible the programs include the application of the laboratory work to specific cases in the hospital. Illustrative films and pathologic tissue are regularly shown. As a part of each program there are presented short abstracts of the histories of the more unusual cases which have been submitted to post mortem study during the preceding month. The demonstration of the gross and microscopic changes of interest is followed by a brief general discussion.

The hospital wishes to call atten-

tion to the continuation of the weekly medical clinics held at the hospital each Thursday morning at nine. Here are presented medical and surgical cases of unusual interest. Where possible the patient is shown along with the history, laboratory and X-ray findings.

Both the monthly staff meetings and the weekly morning medical clinics are open to physicians whether members of the hospital staff or not.

Medical staff meetings first Tuesday each month.

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PIERCE COUNTY HOSPITAL

Dr. Dale Martin, Pathologist of the Tacoma General Hospital, has been appointed Pathologist to the Pierce County Hospital to succeed Dr. S. M. Creswell. Dr. Martin has so arranged his time that the work of the County Hospital can be taken care of without detracting from his availability at the Tacoma General Hospital. The Pierce County Staff feels itself fortunate indeed to be able to obtain the services of a Pathologist of Dr. Martin's standing. This move exemplifies the effort that is being made at the County Hospital to progress whenever and wherever possible.

Mrs. Mildred Lenoir has resigned as Superintendent of Nurses from the Pierce County Hospital. She has been with the County Hospital for the past five and one-half years and leaves with everybody regretting her loss to this institution. Mrs. Lenoir leaves a splendid record behind her in Tacoma at both the Pierce County and the Tacoma General Hospitals, where she has been Superintendent of Nurses. Mrs. Lenoir goes to the Salem General Hospital, Salem, Oregon, to be Superintendent of the hospital. The nursing and medical professions of Tacoma wish her every

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Mrs. Lenoir is being succeeded by Mrs. Genevieve Houston, recently Surgical Nurse in charge of Surgery at the Northern Pacific Hospital. Mrs. Houston is a graduate of St. Joseph's Hospital and has been a Tacoma for many years.

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ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL

The Sisters and nurses of St. Joseph's Hospital made the hospital during Christmas week a building of cheer. On entering the main reception room one was greeted by the happy smile of Mrs. Nish, welcomed back to her old position after three weeks of illness. Here was a gayly dressed Christmas tree and at either end of the main hall another large tree, with holly and Oregon grape decorations along the walls.

At the south end of the building the Mother Superior and the Sisters of St. Francis have just dedicated to the doctors a room magnificently furnished with beautiful upholstered furniture. This room also had a Christ-

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mas tree with all the trimmings. Here the doctors will spend many a pleasant few minutes, resting, chatting and smoking together. They are very grateful for this thoughtful hospitality.

In the Nurses' Home there was holiday cheer in abundance, too, with Christmas decorations on every hand and a large tree. The nurses eagerly tell you about the medical and reference books so essential to a good library that have been presented by Dr. William McNerthney as a Christmas gift. This, they say, made their Christmas complete, and they are very grateful to Doctor Will.

More cheer was on the mothers' and babies' floor, with a tiny tree in the nursery to greet the wondering little eyes on their first Christmas.

In the Chapel, near the altar, was a stable, with two angels hovering over the Christ Child and his mother. On either side the Star of Bethlehem guided the Wise Men and the shepherds guarded their sheep. It was so realistic it seemed that the word picture of the birth of Christ portrayed in the Bible had come to life.

We left the hospital with this picture put away in the archives of the mind, with Christmas cheer everywhere, and with the hope that for years to come we may have the opportunity to visit St. Joseph's Hospital and the Sisters of St. Francis each Christmas.

With the affair taking the place of the regular monthly clinic at the institution, 111 Tacoma doctors were guests of the sisters at St. Joseph's hospital Monday evening for the second annual banquet for staff physicians.

Dr. A. G. Nace, Dr. W. B. McNerthney, Dr. D. H. Bell, Dr. C. C. Leaverton, Dr. Karl Staatz and Dr. M. T. Nelsen were members of the hospital board who, besides the sisters, were on the committee.

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A turkey dinner with specially prepared delicacies was served by Graduate and Senior nurses, while others of the training staff acted as attendants.

Dr. E. C. Yoder, president of the hospital board, was toastmaster. Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Ford offered a musical program. The following doctors spoke: Dr. E. Carlson, Dr. Edward R. Perry, Dr. A. G. Nace, who welcomed the young doctors, and Dr. C. Quevli, Sr., who spoke for the older members of the profession.

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NORTHERN PACIFIC HOSPITAL

Mrs. Genevieve Houston, Surgical Nurse at the Northern Pacific Hospital for the past five years, has accepted a position as Superintendent of Nurses at the Pierce County Hospital, to succeed Mrs. Mildred Lenoir. Mrs. Houston is a native of Tacoma and a graduate of St. Joseph's Hospital School for Nurses. Miss Florence Corbett, Tacoma General Hos-

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pital class of 1927, succeeds Mrs. Houston.

The patients at the Northern Pacific Hospital celebrated Christmas with a turkey dinner and the usual trimmings, and Mr. Peyran, of the Hollycroft Gardens, Gig Harbor, distributed beautiful sprays of holly to the patients on Christmas afternoon.

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TACOMA SURGICAL CLUB

The Tacoma Surgical Club held its regular monthly meeting on December 22 in the Medical Library.

After reviewing the current medical literature, Dr. H. J. Whitacre gave a report of the recent meeting of the American College of Surgeons in Philadelphia.

Dr. R. H. Schaeffer reported on the meeting of the Interstate Post Graduate Medical Society at Minneapolis, giving the cream of a number of the papers which were read and a general account of the meeting as a whole.

Dr. E. C. Yoder gave a case report of a fracture of the upper end of the humerus, with slow healing.

E. C. Yoder, Secretary.

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TACOMA INTERNISTS' SOCIETY

On December 18 the Tacoma Internists' Society held its regular monthly meeting at the Tacoma Hotel. After dinner the scientific program was in charge of the society's chairman, Dr. Buis.

The program was opened by Dr. J. R. Turner, who read a paper on Peptic Ulcer. He discussed the various theories regarding the etiology and cited recent experiments as proof. The Sippy management of ulcer patients still seems to give the most constant results. Many variations in treatment have been used but the

original idea in controlling the gastric acidity is still the basis for treatment.

Dr. J. W. Gullikson read the second paper of the evening, on Colitis. He gave a very complete review of the literature on the two main types of colitis, namely spastic mucus colitis and chronic ulcerative colitis. He stressed the importance of an accurate diagnosis and the general and mental care of such patients.

S. M. Creswell, Secretary.

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TACOMA UROLOGICAL SOCIETY

The Tacoma Urological Society held its regular meeting on December 16. The evening was devoted to a number of interesting cases reported by different members and to a discussion of the accompanying pyelograms.

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Twenty-four orthopedic surgeons of the four northwestern states and British Columbia were present, and on a program arranged for the entire day and evening.

The morning session was held in the Winthrop Hotel, the afternoon session convened in the new Medical Rheumatic Center at 114 Puyallup Avenue and the banquet and evening address were given in the Presidential Suite at the Winthrop.

The subjects discussed were fractures, bone tumors and arthritis.

Vancouver was selected for the 1931 meeting on Labor Day and Dr. Patterson, of that city, was elected president.

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The beginning of this year marks an epoch in our society. With the establishment of The Bulletin, we have the means to acquaint others with our activities. The society has moved into its well appointed and permanent home in the new Rhodes Medical Arts Building and we have completed the first year's publicity campaign in the public press. In another issue we will give a review of this effort and attempt to evaluate its results.

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Dr. Tracy H. Duerfeldt, a Rush graduate in 1928, subsequently interning in Los Angeles County Hospital, followed by special work in internal medicine, has become associated with Dr. W. B. Penney.

Dr. Charles D. Hunter returned on January 4th from a two-week trip to California.

Dr. Dudley Clayberg has been appointed Assistant Chief of Staff at the U. S. Indian Hospital, Tacoma, associated with Dr. John Alley, Chief Medical Officer.

Dr. William R. Collett, honor man 1930 of Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia and appointee intern in Jefferson Medical College Hospital, has accepted an appointment as one of the interns in the Tacoma General Hospital for 1931. He expects to locate in Tacoma.

The Pierce County Medical Society extends its sympathy to Dr. J. R. Turner on the recent tragic death of his father.

A fine husky daughter and an acute appendix are Dr. Christen Quevli, Jr.'s, contribution to the Hall of Fame. Chris is now strongly advocating prophylactic removal of all appendices.

Dr. Norman Mace, a former intern at Tacoma General Hospital and recently associated with Dr. Foote of Ima, has now opened an office at 38th and Yakima and will be engaged in general practice.

Dr. William Dietz, formerly connected with the Northern State Hospital at Sedro Woolley, has opened an office in Tacoma, confining his practice to neurology and psychiatry.

Dr. Frank W. Brewster, intern at Tacoma General Hospital, has returned to Holdrege, Nebraska, to become associated in the practice of surgery with his father.

Dr. Lloyd Mousel, intern at Tacoma General Hospital, has returned to Cambridge, Nebraska, where he will be associated in general practice with Dr. Albert L. Kee.

Dr. Hillis F. Griffen has become the proud father of a six-pound two-

ounce baby boy, born December 16 at Tacoma General Hospital.

It is with deep regret that we learn that Dr. H. S. Judd has been dispensed with as City Health Officer. Dr. Judd has been a very earnest and conscientious worker, and his loss will be keenly felt. We wish to compliment him on his fine record.

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EDITORIAL

On August 24, 1888, eight doctors met together and formed the Pierce County Medical Society. Dr. H. C. Bostwick was elected President and Dr. F. H. Luce, Secretary.

Tacoma was but a small town, and the country was but sparsely settled. These men had left their old habita-

tions and had come here to make their homes and assist in the building up of this new country—the great Northwest.

They were young men, full of enthusiasm for their new venture and for the profession of their choice. Believing that they could improve themselves and help each other in the various problems which might arise and better serve the public by associating together for the study of medical subjects, they formed this society.

The years have passed. Tacoma has grown from a small frontier town to a large and prosperous city, the center of a populous rural community, with many thriving towns and cities scattered throughout.

Of the original members Dr. Luce alone is living. The society they founded has had a growth commensurate with that of the country. Its influence on the lives of its members in these years and its inspiration as an ever forward-looking institution has been increasing with each year, until today we have a society of which we may well be proud, with its tradition of work well done in the past and a program of constructive endeavor for the future.

Today there are 223 doctors in Pierce County, 160 of whom belong to the society. This is not a bad showing, but it should be better. The county society is the cornerstone upon which all organized medical effort is built. Without it none of the national associations could succeed. Through its efforts all of the movements for the higher requirements of practice, such as the Basic Science Law, adequate medical education and hospital standardization are sustained, and all agencies of the American Medical Association which are working for the prevention of disease and the betterment of public health are supported.

The local society offers a forum for the exchange of views of its individual

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Your Library Committee has started the New Year very creditably with the purchase of some new books, among them the following:

Curtis: Gynecology

Andrews: Diseases of the Skin

Webster: Legal Medicine and Toxicology

Cecil: Practice of Medicine, 2nd edition

Currie: Hygiene

Wyatt: Arthritis

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Alvarez: Nervous Indigestion

Stieglitz: Arterial Hypertension

We have renewed subscriptions to all of our periodicals, and are hoping to arrange to exchange Northwest Medicine for several state and sectional journals in addition to those which we already have. To that end you are requested to save your copies of Northwest Medicine for the library after you are through with them. The librarian will call for them, and in this way we shall be able to add several magazines to our list.

The following articles have been selected from recent magazines, and may suggest some interesting reading.

SURGERY

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Electrosurgery as a hemostatic instrument, H. E. Pease, Jr., M. D., Rochester, Minnesota, and G. E. Ward, Baltimore, American Journal of Surgery, December, 1930, page 540.

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Next meeting of the Tacoma District Dental Society, Tuesday, February 17th, 8:00 P. M., Medical Arts Building Auditorium.

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All these and many other questions will be answered for you on February 17th by Dr. Frank C. Morse who will lecture on "Dental Economics." We have it on good authority Frank is really an abbreviation for Bosworth Cameron. And does he know his onions? Well he used to run a vegetable market.

So long, see you at the meeting February 17th.

Dr. Don Willard is back in town again. Greetings, the old bad penny runs true to form. And what a snappy layout he sets up. Who said the repression was on?

Dr. R. C. "Papa" Neff is doing as well as could be expected, but isn't there a lot of housework with two small children in the family?

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At the dedication of the new auditorium on January 13th everybody was out, or at least they should have been.

The Program and Entertainment Committees put on a meeting which was a success from start to finish.

After having met for years wherever we could find space it will indeed be a pleasure to meet in such a beautiful place as the new auditorium.

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Tacoma District Dental Society held a special meeting on January 27th in order to hear Dr. J. W. Badgley of Minneapolis on mouth care, brushing and correction of trauma, which was greatly appreciated.

Dr. Badgley spent two weeks in Tacoma and we are very happy to have him with us, as he is doing a wonderful work in gringing this important phase of dentistry before this section of the country.

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MEDICAL ECONOMICS COLUMN

(Editor's Note: This is the first of a series of articles on Medical Economics, by Dr. Horace J. Whitacre, which will appear monthly in the Pierce County Bulletin.)

Medical Economics means getting care in illness for nothing, to a very large percentage of the public; while to others it means getting care as cheaply as possible. Some interpret it as the science used by doctors, dentists and hospitals in overcharging, while others immediately cite a case of overcharge the moment that the question of costs in illness is mentioned. Far too often this term means, to physicians, only the question of poor collections and insufficient income.

Medical Economics is, in fact, a problem as broad and as deep as the modern economic structure of society. It is the business, or money side of human sickness, and its ramifications are intimately intertwined with the living problems of every citizen of the nation.

It is a big problem, and the medical and dental professions of Tacoma are to be congratulated upon the fact that they have entered upon a constructive study of the subject.

On January 29th the physicians and dentists of Pierce County created a business bureau for the purpose of doing business along lines which are related to the care of the sick and which it may deem ethical and proper for the advancement of service to the public in sickness, and for the business betterment of the professions concerned.

The problem is so huge that this organization will need much time and experience for the development of a program; yet the founders are unanimously of the opinion that a public relations bureau, a telephone exchange, a service directory and a credit and collection bureau are the

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first points of attack.

The most sensible way to reduce the costs of sickness is not to be sick. We believe, therefore, that the establishment of a health headquarters where the public can obtain all of the information that it needs for the prevention of disease will be a definite step in advance.

A twenty-four hour telephone exchange will give to the public a better method of getting the doctor of their choice, and prompt service in emergencies. It will serve the physicians and dentists by keeping them in closer touch with their business.

A nurses' directory is necessary as a central point where a nurse may be had, day or night.

A credit and collection bureau is just as necessary for the proper conduct of the business of medicine and dentistry as it is for the conduct of any other business.

The newly elected officers of this organization have entered upon a study of methods and plans, and hope to establish these four agencies in the Rhodes Medical Arts Building within the near future.

A TRIBUTE TO A FRIEND

By W. D. Read, M. D.

In the death of Ernest C. Wheeler, the Pierce County Medical Society has lost a staunch friend and active member. Many treasurers in life can be replaced, but a departed friend leaves a void, filled only by our memories of his hand-clasp, his cheery word, his countenance radiating something that told us he was our friend.

I met Ernie in the old Fanny Paddock Hospital, some quarter of a century ago, and my first impression was of a handsome, smiling man, with energetic personality. He had recently arrived from North Dakota and temporarily located in Puyallup, and was bringing his surgical work to the Fanny Paddock Hospital. He soon moved to Tacoma and rapidly rose in his profession.

In 1911 he met with a serious automobile accident, sustaining a broken leg, which refused to unite. Treatment for this condition took him to Europe and during this time he perfected himself in his specialty of Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat. Having the training and background of general surgery, Ernie was able to rapidly advance far in his chosen specialty.

His activities not only included his chosen profession but he gave generously of his time and ability to civic affairs, serving as President of the Chamber of Commerce.

During the World War, the early part of his service was at Camp Lewis, assigned to the Nose and Throat section of the Medical Corps. Later he was sent overseas and spent many months in a large hospital center in the north central part of France, where during most of the year torrential rains converted the surrounding terrain into a sea of mud.

After months of arduous service, for a rest and to escape mud and rain, he was granted leave and visited

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me at Cannes on the Mediterranean; and how he chaffed me and my organization, quartered, as we were, in one of the finest hotels in southern France, pretending to fight the war under those conditions of luxury, while he was wallowing in the mud!

Shortly after his return we were closely associated for several years in professional work and during that time I learned to appreciate more and more his many splendid qualities.

Since his first serious illness in 1923, he has carried a burden of ill health, but in spite of many handicaps has practiced his profession, his spirit never flagging, constantly pushing toward that goal of promise, when he could share his professional work with his son.

But destiny pointed in a different direction, and when his time came to go he went unafraid, courageous, a kindly jest on his lips, to meet his reward. He lived and died a true friend and a fine gentleman.

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Visitors were carried directly to the top floor and inspected the building on the way down traveling via the stair route. They were welcomed throughout the day and in the evening the doors of offices and suites were thrown wide open for public inspection, the doctors and nurses in attendance displaying and explaining their new quarters and devices.

And—there were visitors. A fairly accurate, but very conservative estimate would place the figure at 20,000—one-fifth of the total population of Tacoma and a world's record. The corridors were filled throughout the day and the activities continued until 2:30 A. M. without one single accident or unkind word. Twelve thousand carnations were handed out as souvenirs.

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TACOMA UROLOGICAL SOCIETY

The Tacoma Urological Society held its regular meeting on January 20 in the auditorium of the Rhodes Medical Arts Building, Dr. C. F. Engels presiding. The meeting was devoted to case reports, illustrated by pyelograms. Dr. Charles S. Pascoe discussed intravenous urography and showed several interesting studies.

DEDICATION OF AUDITORIUM AND LIBRARY

January 13, 1931, saw the first meeting of the Pierce County Medical and the Tacoma District Dental Societies held in the new Rhodes Medical Arts Building. After meeting, as in the past, in whatever room or hall about town happened to be available on the night needed, there

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was an undeniable satisfaction and almost schoolboy thrill in having at last an auditorium definitely our own.

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The papers of the evening were "A Symposium on Peptic Ulcer," by Doctors Turner, Nelsen, Fishel and Martin, and "Pyorrhoea" by Dr. McCarthy. Following these, Messrs., Rhodes and Drumhellar spoke in behalf of the building committees in a program dedicating the auditorium and library. Dr. Griggs of the Library Committee answered in behalf of the medical association. The evening was closed with an entertainment of piano numbers, negro minstrels, and an accordion solo, followed by refreshments.

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TACOMA SURGICAL CLUB

The Tacoma Surgical Club held its regular meeting in the Medical Library on January 26, 1931.

Dr. R. D. Wright gave a paper on "Diverticulitis of the Sigmoid Colon." This paper covered the literature on the pathology, diagnosis and treatment of this condition.

Dr. E. F. Dodds reported a case of arthritis in a young adult. He discussed the treatment over a long period of years, stating that the most successful treatment had been dorsal and lumbar sympathectomy. Dr. Dodds also took up the latest ideas on treatment with small doses of vaccine.

Dr. E. A. Rich reviewed the medical literature of the month.

NORTHERN PACIFIC HOSPITAL

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SYMPOSIUM ON CANCER

Abstracts of papers presented at the
regular meeting of the
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SOCIAL ASPECTS OF CANCER

H. J. Whitacre, M. D.

It was the purpose of the symposium on cancer to present the subject of cancer as a great social problem, a great biologic problem and a great medical problem, and not a problem as between the patient and the physician.

From the social side, the public must be informed (1) about the prevalence of the disease; (2) that, in the light of present knowledge, cancer can be cured if treated early, and that early diagnosis is imperative; (3) that they must heed certain danger signals; (4) that quack cures are dangerous; (5) that annual physical examinations are desirable.

The suggestion of the American College of Surgeons that general hospitals create a cancer diagnostic service was presented. The advantages of such a service are: (1) Special training of certain physicians in cancer; (2) sounder conclusions as to whether a given patient should have a surgical operation, radiation, or neither; (3) the incurable case would receive better care; (4) accurate statistics could be obtained.

RADIATION IN CANCER

S. M. MacLean, M. D.

If cancer can be entirely removed without too much deformity, surgery is the method of choice. There should be close co-operation between surgeon and radiologist. Very many cases should be treated jointly with surgery, X-ray and radium. Let the type influence your choice, but not too blindly. Type four is the most radiosensitive and type one least. Make a thorough study of the patient before starting treatment.

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used for deeply located lesions and large areas. Radium is used in small lesions and easily accessible cavities. Radium is used as the element or as radon (gas).

Cancer of the cervix is nearly always best treated by radiation.

A discussion of radiation in specific lesions is too long to include in this summary.

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INDICATIONS FOR SURGERY IN CANCER

H. G. Willard, M. D.

The term cancer covers a multitude of conditions. There are about as many different kinds of cancers as there are infections. Some are so benign that the defensive forces of the body are able to combat them and even to destroy them without artificial help, while others are so malignant that, once recognized, a cancer death is inevitable.

Broders has classified epitheliomata into grades 1, 2, 3 and 4, depending on the degree of malignancy. This is important in helping to determine prognosis and in treatment, since grades 1 and 2 are most favorable for surgical removal by cautery or knife, while the more malignant grades are more sensitive to radium. Partial removal or irritation by treatment of any tumor or precancerous lesion is malpractice.

Moles should be removed by knife. Skin cancers may be removed in many

cases by the knife or cautery, but radium is especially useful here. Benign tumors of the breast should be removed, but always operate with a pathologist at hand, prepared to make frozen sections. Radium or X-ray not indicated in carcinoma of the breast.

More care should be used in diagnosis in gastro-intestinal conditions, to detect early malignancy. Ulcers of the stomach should always be excised when operated. Simple gastro-enterostomy is not adequate.

Carcinoma of the cervix is best always treated with radium and of the uterine body by co-operation between surgeon and radiologist.

It is necessary to conduct a public educational campaign, but it should be so conducted that fear and hysteria shall not be aroused.

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PERSONAL

Dr. A. E. Hillis has been elected president of the Puget Sound Academy of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology.

Dr. Thomas B. Murphy is spending several week's vacation in Mexico, leaving Tacoma Sunday, January 25.

Drs. Homer T. Clay, Eber Kanaga, Darcy M. Dayton and Robert S. Miles attended the recent meeting of the Northwest Pediatric Society held at Portland. Dr. Clay is secretary of the organization.

Dr. Horace J. Whitacre and Dr.



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Sidney M. MacLean addressed the Grays Harbor Medical Society Wednesday, January 28, on the subject of cancer. The Lewis and Canti films were shown.

Dr. Grant S. Hicks has returned from a two-week trip to California.

Dr. Joseph F. Griggs, who has been in the Tacoma General Hospital for the past three weeks, is now convalescing.

Dr. W. G. Cameron, who is spending the winter in California, writes that he is loafing in the sunshine at Palm Springs—"an old lady in a health resort," as he says.

Dr. Charles McCreery has returned to his office after an absence of several weeks on account of illness.

Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Pascoe are at home after a visit of several weeks in the East and in Havana, returning by way of the Panama Canal.

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members, and its programs serve to keep its members well informed of the recent advances in scientific thought. The society is not working for its individual members, but the whole profession is benefited.

There are some who for various reasons have not affiliated with us in the past, who should join in and accept the advantages we have to offer. To these we offer a cordial invitation to join us in one of the finest contacts of life—that of comradeship and association with one's fellow-workers. The society extends to all members of the medical profession in our vicinity a friendly welcome at our meetings.

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After the greeting of guests at 7:30 o'clock there was a grand march to the lecture room which was decorated for the banquet. A turkey dinner with specially prepared delicacies was served by graduate and senior nurses while others of the training staff acted as attendants.

Dr. E. C. Yoder, President of the hospital board, and Dr. C. C. Leaverton were toastmasters. Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Ford offered a musical program. The following doctors spoke: Dr. E. Carlson, Dr. Edward R. Perry, Dr. A. G. Nace, who welcomed the young doctors, and Dr. C. Quevli Sr., who spoke for the older members of the profession.

This banquet enables the doctors to forget the hardships of the year gone by, and with such good hosts and good eats, they are prepared to start another year full of enthusiasm. Each and every doctor was on his feet at the end of the dinner, to give three cheers

TACOMA GENERAL HOSPITAL

The School of Nursing of the Tacoma General Hospital is affiliating with the College of Puget Sound by an exchange between the College and the Hospital.

Mrs. Frederick A. McMillan, M. S., from the Chemistry Department and Mr. Robert D. Sinclair, M. S., of the Psychology Department, are coming to the hospital to hold classes for nurses.

Miss Lura Hail, R. N., B. S., will go to the College to hold classes for the students in History of Nursing and Principles of Nursing.

We feel that this affiliation will prove valuable to both institutions.

WASHINGTON MINOR HOSPITAL

Among the outstanding facilities of the new Rhodes Medical Arts Building is the Washington Minor Hospital on the fifth floor, which occupies approximately 2000 square feet of floor space.

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PUBLICITY COMMITTEE**REPORT**

*Report of the Publicity Committee
 Concerning the Educational Cam-
 paign of the Pierce County
 Medical Society*

C. C. LEAVERTON, M. D.

About four years ago a number of
 the doctors in Tacoma became inter-

ested in Public Health Education and began to look around for some method by which they could convey to the public authoritative information in regard to public health matters. Our investigation revealed the fact that most of the so-called health information received by the public was from unreliable sources or in the nature of propaganda. In looking into the matter, we tried to determine the best method of putting information of an educational nature before the public that was based on facts and of an authoritative nature and also to identify the local medical profession with such a campaign.

We took this up with the advertising departments of the local papers, who advised us to employ an advertising agency. We consulted with several advertising agencies in this locality and after a thorough discussion in endeavoring to convey to them our ideas, we asked two of these advertising agencies to outline for us their idea of such a campaign as we wanted to conduct. Eventually we employed the Izzard Advertising Agency of Seattle.

As decided upon originally when the plan of the campaign was adopted, 32 messages have been prepared, the introductory one of 48 inches and the others of 30 inches each. The plan originally contemplated using the entire number of these messages during the year 1930, but later it was found advisable to prepare a new schedule extending this advertising to March 25, 1931, making it cover a full twelve months' period. Consequently, up to the present time, 30 of these units have been published and two are yet to appear.

In order to permit members of the society to distribute reprints of these messages individually, 3,000 proofs of each message were printed. So many members, however, did not take advantage of this opportunity that a considerable quantity of these reprints are still in stock. These, with

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Notice!

We are in need of several copies of the January Bulletin. It will be appreciated if anyone having a copy of this issue will call the library, Main 1934.



The library is indebted to a number of members who make contributions of current periodicals. Dr. Curran gives us regularly Surgery, Gynecology & Obstetrics, Annals of Surgery and American Journal of Surgery; Dr. Bell contributes American Journal of Ophthalmology; Dr. Whitacre, Archives of Surgery and American Journal of Cancer; Dr. Dodds, Surgical Clinics of North America. These and other generous contributions have enabled us to build up quite a complete duplicate collection, which is very valuable as these magazines are in great demand and often several copies of an issue are wanted at one time.

We now have a set of Nelson Loose Leaf Medicine, given us, together with a number of other books, by Dr. Firestone.

An acquisition of particular interest is a copy of "Anatomia Britannica," by Andrew Bell, published in Edinburgh in 1777, which was presented by Dr. G. A. Wislicenus.

Are you interested in any of the following articles? Your library has them.

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Tuesday, March 17th, St. Patrick's Day, will be the date of the next meeting of the Tacoma District Dental Society.

Dr. M. W. Abernethy and Dr. M. H. Fewell will be the clinicians. They will present all that is possible to present in one evening of the Roach technique of impression taking.

Those of us who missed the course cannot afford to miss this.



The regular meeting of the Tacoma District Dental Society was held on February 17th in the auditorium of the Rhodes Medical Arts Building, Dr. A. O. Simon presiding.

Dr. Fowler, of the Golf Committee, reported that a golf tournament will be played, starting March 1st. Entrance fee will be one dollar, which will be used for prizes. There will be a cup and prizes donated by business houses. Two qualifying rounds of eighteen holes must be played before March 1st and the cards turned

in to the committee so your handicaps can be determined. Play can be on any course you desire.

New business: Financing of equipment in auditorium; use of library equipment; upkeep of auditorium.

Dr. Taylor made a motion that the \$100 to be paid monthly to the society be used to pay off the note for furnishing the auditorium, which will require about two years, the balance to be placed in trust, the Building Committee to report on cost of heat and light in the auditorium and library.

A Library Committee was appointed by Dr. Simons, as follows: Dr. F. M. Howe, Chairman, Dr. W. R. Taylor and Dr. F. R. Baker.

Dr. Frank Morse then gave us a talk on Dental Economics, which was of great interest to everyone. He used his own practice and showed us which operations were profitable and which were not.

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Disease prevention, only, will be discussed in this article.

For quick and certain results, disease prevention would seem to be the rational first point of attack in seeking to cure existing overload. Yet, strange to relate, this method of reducing sickness costs is given only passing mention in most of the articles that are appearing on this subject.

Assuredly, the very best way to reduce sickness costs is not to be sick, yet the American public persistently fails to use the scientific facts now in hand relative to disease prevention and treatment.

Secretary Ray Lyman Wilbur, chairman of the National Costs of Medical Care Committee, has stated that in the United States in 1928, 1,000,000 people were sick with malaria, 700,000 with tuberculosis, and 4,000,000 with hookworm disease; that thousands of women are sterile and semi-invalids from gonorrhoea; and that added thousands are disabled by syphilis; that each year there are from 30,000 to 100,000 cases of smallpox, 26,000 cases of typhoid and 89,000 cases of diphtheria. All of these diseases are preventable.

These figures, when considered in conjunction with the conspicuously inadequate financial support that is given to health departments, are a re-

proach upon the intelligence of the American public.

It is a well known fact that the public is slow in accepting scientific facts and applying them, yet it does seem that proven scientific facts which have such direct effect upon personal earning power and personal pocket-books would gain ready acceptance.

Perhaps the medical profession has not been sufficiently assiduous in promulgating the knowledge which the public should have for their protection, and should intensify its organization effort to broadcast the possibilities of preventive medicine as a positive contribution to the solution of this much discussed problem of mounting costs in illness.

A great work along this line has been done by the Public Health League of Washington, and this work should continue. The recently established public relations bureau of our Society has a great opportunity for service in Tacoma. And lastly, it must be remembered that the spoken word of the individual physician to the patient or family that trusts him is much more convincing than pages of printed material.

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Abstract of paper read by Dr. A. W. Howe before the Puget Sound Academy of Ophthalmology on February 18, 1931, and before the Pierce County Medical Society on February 24, 1931:

The introduction took in Dr. Mygind's work at the Community Hospital of Copenhagen, where he made a study of one hundred forty-two cases of head injury. A study was made of the nature of injury, concussion of the brain, and the usual symptom complex in these cases.

The paper brought out the mechanics of injury, types of fractures through the base of the skull and neurological charts were explained showing the relationship of Deiter's nucleus to the cerebellum and ocular muscles.

The author dwelt on the tests used in examining patients and the value of each. Also care of the patient at time of injury and later on when subsequent examinations were made.

Types of vertigo were explained and the value of the caloric tests as compared with the turning tests. Motion pictures showing labyrinthine tests on the normal patient were shown.

The paper was discussed by Doctors Willard, Stewart, Hart, Nelson and Crowe.

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PUBLICITY COMMITTEE REPORT

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reprints of the remaining advertisements are available for binding in booklet form and in this way it should be possible to distribute them very effectively. This will augment the force of the campaign and prolong the good impressions it has created.

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tee in editing the messages and suggesting additional subjects for discussion. Much favorable comment has been made upon the way it has been possible to make these messages interesting and instructive and at the same time conform to the high standards set by the Society.

Publicity:

The opening of the campaign was the occasion for a very fine co-operation by the Tacoma newspapers, both in their news columns and by editorial mention. Some of these articles were copied in other papers of the state and the campaign received considerable publicity in trade publications throughout the country. Since the opening we have periodically supplied stories on timely topics relating to activities of the Society or of the medical profession to the papers.

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Survey:

Under your authorization, 200 calls were made late in December upon homes in various sections of Tacoma, to ascertain the public reaction to the campaign. A detailed recapitulation of the results of the survey is submitted herewith, and the results are very interesting.

It will be noted that of the 197 people interviewed, 21.4% had noticed the series in the newspapers. Tabulated by the two districts, 23.8% in the North and West End districts had seen the series and 19% in the

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In discussing plans for a continuance of this program, the point should be kept in mind which one woman raised as to not knowing just when she could find the messages in the paper. With the foundation that has now been laid, it may be well to consider the advantages of making these messages a weekly feature in each paper, so that people will become accustomed to looking for it on the same days and in the same location. The size of the space and the frequency could be adjusted to meet the requirements of the budget.

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1. Have you noticed the Health Educational messages of the Pierce County Medical Society, appearing during the past year in Tacoma papers? Yes, 42; No, 155.

2. What paper have you seen them in? News-Tribune, 17; Times, 18; Ledger, 7.

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PERSONALS

Dr. Horace J. Whitacre attended the annual outing of the "Socks Outside Your Pants" Club. The vacationers left town on February 11, and enjoyed a five days' outing, climbing over the snow-clad slopes of Yakima Park. A tremendous appetite, a gain of five pounds, tired, aching muscles and a real time were the sequelae.

The North Pacific Internists Society held its spring meeting at the Empress Hotel, Victoria, on February 28. Dr. W. B. Penney was the Tacoma representative.

Dr. Christen Quevli is in California on a brief vacation trip.

Condolences of the Pierce County Medical Society are extended to Drs. G. M. Steele and John F. Steele on the death of their father.

Dr. W. B. Penney presented a paper on Cardiac Arrhythmias before

the Yakima Medical Society on February 9.

Drs. H. J. Whitacre, M. T. Nelsen, W. A. Niethammer, John A. Johnson and J. L. Hutchinson have just moved into the new Rhodes Medical Arts Building.



TACOMA GENERAL HOSPITAL

The Departments of Pathology and Radiology at Tacoma General Hospital have registered with the committee on bone sarcoma of the American College of Surgeons this winter two cases of bone tumor. One has been accepted by the committee as a bona fide case of osteogenic sarcoma; the other case is one in which the diagnosis is still uncertain; it will be kept under continued clinical and radiological observation until such time as diagnosis can be arrived at.

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amination, X-Ray films, and microscopic slides, if biopsy or surgery has been done, are required. These data are sent in to the committee on bone sarcoma of the American College of Surgeons in Chicago. The slides, X-Ray films, history and other information are then sent by the committee to the leading authorities on bone sarcoma in different sections of the country. These men comprise both pathologists and roentgenologists; among them are Doctors E. A. Codman of Boston, James Ewing of New York, Dallas Phemister of Chicago, Henry K. Pancoast and George E. Phaler of Philadelphia, and J. C. Bloodgood of Baltimore. In this way it is possible to secure the opinions of best qualified men in the United States in cases of bone tumor without expense to the patient. Any hospital that has cases registered with this committee can secure, upon application, the complete data of proved cases of malignant bone tumor for study and program use. The bone tumor registry has

been in operation for a number of years, the object being to secure information that will make early and definite diagnosis of bone tumor possible and at the same time contribute to the successful treatment of these conditions. It is noteworthy that Doctor Ewing himself ascribes to his study of the cases in the bone registry most of his knowledge of the neoplasms of bone. It is hoped that in the near future Tacoma General Hospital will have still other cases which can be registered in the same way.

An oxygen therapy apparatus has recently been installed at Tacoma General.



ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL

The monthly Clinical Meeting was held at St. Joseph's Hospital on February 2. In the absence of Dr. Yoder, Dr. Leaverton presided.

Dr. William Dietz gave a very in-

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teresting paper on psychosis with other somatic disease, cardio-renal, which was thoroughly discussed by several physicians.

Dr. H. G. Willard presented a very unusual case report with specimen of cancer of the vertebrae.

Dr. W. A. Monroe discussed a case report of a boy who had a fracture of one of the cervical vertebrae causing a slow general paralysis of first one side and then the other, which cleared up in the same manner.

Dr. Steagall discussed a case report of malignant kidney.

The Advisory Board had its monthly meeting February 24 and passed on new staff members. There was also discussion of some of the pending bills being introduced at the State Legislature affecting hospitals and the medical profession.

TACOMA UROLOGICAL SOCIETY

The Tacoma Urological Society held its regular meeting on February 17, Dr. C. F. Engels presiding. Dr. Magill presented a pathological specimen, adenocarcinoma of the kidney removed by nephrectomy. Drs. Argue and Pascoe reported several interesting cases. Dr. Engels reviewed the recent urological literature, with special attention to the treatment of bladder carcinoma.

C. H. Doe, Secy.



TACOMA SURGICAL CLUB

The meeting of the Tacoma Surgical Club on February 23 was devoted to a discussion of the annual meeting to be held in April.

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E. H. Yoder, Secy.



PIERCE COUNTY HOSPITAL

The South Tacoma Kiwanis Club has donated to the Pierce County Hospital a radio, together with ear-phones for each bedside. This is a magnificent benevolence, as it affords sick and suffering patients many pleasant hours of entertainment, thereby making their stay in the hospital much more pleasant. The patients and also the hospital staff are deeply grateful to the Kiwanians for this generous gift.

The greatly increased demand upon the County Hospital, due to the economic depression and to an epidemic of grippe, has taxed the hospital to the fullest. All beds are full and many patients are trying to gain entrance.

TACOMA INTERNISTS' SOCIETY

The February meeting of the Tacoma Internists' Society was held February 17 at the Tacoma Hotel. Dinner was served at 6:30, following which the scientific meeting was opened by Dr. S. M. Creswell, who presented a paper on The Diagnosis of Scarlet Fever. He discussed the etiology and the advisability of releasing such patients on negative cultures. He emphasized some of the cardinal symptoms of scarlet fever and stated that the laboratory should be used to confirm the clinical diagnosis and that too much dependence should not be put on laboratory reports as a means of diagnosis.

Dr. Swarengen gave the second paper of the evening, on Fungus Infections of the Lungs, citing briefly several case histories. Emphasis was given to precaution of ruling out tuberculosis before instituting iodide treatment.

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EDITORIAL

The frequent death, from preventable disease, of so many persons who to all appearances are in good health should serve to keep in our minds the necessity of frequent thorough health examinations.

Particularly does this apply to

medical men themselves, among whom we see a large number taken off in or about the third decade of life, principally by cardiovascular-renal disease, this at a time when their mature judgment, fortified by years of experience, is of the greatest value to society.

It has been the experience of the past that many patients who are constantly under the care of physicians live to a good old age, while those who boast that they have never been sick and have no need for a doctor's services are often cut down at a comparatively early age. Many years ago the observation of this fact led Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes to remark that the way to insure a long life was to contract an incurable disease—and then take good care of it.

In his time and for many years afterward it was the common practice to consult a physician only when symptoms of illness were apparent and only too often when the disease was far advanced. He found that the so-called chronic cases which had the advantage of frequent consultations with their physicians, regular physical examination and scientific observation were able to live out their lives in comparative comfort, happiness and usefulness to society, because incipient disease was recognized early and relieved by proper treatment and correction of improper habits of living.

Today we have a broader conception of our duties. Preventive medicine has a greater hold on our imagination. Periodic health examinations are being made in greater number and the laity are beginning to appreciate their benefit.

Every doctor should have in his office literature on the subject to give to his patients and material on this as well as other subjects pertaining to preventive medicine should be available at our reading room.

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The American Journal of Surgery is in greater demand than any other periodical on our list. Besides the many valuable papers which it contains, an entire book, "A Clinical Study of the Abdominal Cavity and Peritoneum," by Edward M. Livingston, M. D., was published serially during 1930, and "Principles of Pre-operative and Postoperative Treatment," by Dr. Reginald A. Cutting, is now being published. By having these portions of the magazine bound separately we shall be able to add some worth-while books to our collection. The current issue of American Journal of Surgery contains nine articles on anesthesia.

The Medical Journal & Record, which incorporates the old New York Medical Journal, Medical Record, Philadelphia Medical Journal and Medical News, is running an open forum on "Business Ethics of Medical Practice," giving views of medical men throughout the country. Each issue contains an article on historical medicine and a symposium, the current one being "Bone and Joint Diseases."

Another of the older periodicals is American Journal of the Medical Sciences, which is now in its 181st volume. The library has some of the earlier volumes, dating back to 1828, which are rather interesting. Blistering, bleeding and cupping flourished. Vital statistics for the year 1828 show that 207 Philadelphians passed away from debility, while decay carried off 21 and 17 were victims of mortification. Fifty-three persons died of drunkenness and two passed on from drinking cold water. We find no mention of Jake paralysis. Today nothing better is published in the field

of internal medicine than this periodical. Besides many valuable papers there is a book review section and a really worth-while classified abstract section.

Some suggested reading for this month:

UROLOGY

Treatment of tumors of the bladder, J. A. C. Colston, M. D., Baltimore; American Journal of Roentgenology, March, 1931, page 375.

New incision for operations upon the bladder, Oswald S. Lowsley, M. D., New York; American Journal of Surgery, February, 1931, page 305.

Intravenous urography, W. F. Braasch, M. D., Rochester, Minn.; American Journal of Roentgenology, February, 1931, page 196.

SURGERY

Sympathectomy for megacolon, D. E. Robertson, M. D., Toronto; Canadian Medical Association Journal, March, 1931, page 359.

Cervicothoracic ganglionectomy, trunk resection and ramisectomy by the posterior intrathoracic approach, Alfred W. Adson, M. D., Rochester, Minn.; American Journal of Surgery, February, 1931, page 227.

A series of clinical cases illustrating the general principles involved in the operation of laparotomy, Arthur Dean Bevan, M. D.; Surgical Clinics of North America, February, 1931, page 1.

PEDIATRICS

Thymus disorders in infancy, International Medical Digest, February, 1931, page 118.

Problems in child development, A. B. Chandler, M. D., Montreal; Canadian Medical Association Journal, March, 1931, page 404.

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The March meeting of the Tacoma District Dental Society consisted principally of a discourse by Dr. M. W. Abernathy on his version of the course on removable bridgework conducted in Seattle by Dr. Roach.

Due to the lateness of the hour we did not hear from Dr. Fewell, but were able to view a practical case constructed by him for Dr. Calkin, of Veterans' Hospital No. 91. We were also allowed to see a case of Dr. Abernathy's construction for Mr. Nels Olson.

During the course of the evening the matter of continuing the group insurance policy with the Sun Life Insurance Company was discussed, and the matter left to Mr. F. J. English, of the company.

Through the courtesy of the S. S. White Company, both dentists and their assistants were able to hear a talk by Mr. J. D. Pierce on the pro-

ducts of the S. S. White Company. During the course of the evening he also demonstrated the proper mixing of their cements and alloy. Without doubt a great deal of benefit is derived from meetings of this kind.

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Next meeting, Tuesday, April 21, 8 P. M. Dr. Frank "Cameron" Morse will give us the returns and data of our recent "fee survey." This is taking a lot of work and time and we expect much good to come from it. Also, we are assured by the committee that there will be some startling discoveries. You'll be surprised.

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Dr. Ringle had a great variety of difficult castings on exhibition made by this same method, and the members were surprised at the ease with which they could be removed and replaced on their various models. It

was surprising, considering the hard times, that all of the gold passed around reached its original owner.

The dental profession appreciates these types of clinics, free from obnoxious advertising, and will always look forward to future events sponsored by the Coe Laboratories.

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Members of the Tacoma District Dental Society are cordially invited to attend the April 14 meeting of the Pierce County Medical Society, which takes up public health matters of interest to all.

Dr. John McDonough, confined to home and bed for a month, is doing nicely and will soon be back on the job. You can't keep a good man down.

Dr. R. C. Neff announces, with pleasure, that he and his family have now had all the diseases and sicknesses there are to be had, and will be at home to company from now on.

Drs. Paul Nelsen, John Lurie and Lawrence Hanson are still single at the time this goes to press.

Dr. Milt Fisher announces his recent win over Dr. Roland Hill in the Dental Society golf match, and is receiving congratulations of his many left-handed friends. Pd. Advertisement.

Dr. Connor says "If you think Price can't punch a golf ball you're peculiar," or words to that effect.

Dr. "Rudy" Veith is still in the Pen. employ, Dr. Harold Fowler is Pierce County Dentist and Drs. Murphy and Giesy are school dentists. These are the busy and paid dentists of Tacoma. Insurance men please note.

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MEDICAL ECONOMICS

An article on "A Cure for Doctors' Bills" in the Atlantic Monthly for October, 1930, quoted Dr. C. Rufus Rorem, of the National Costs of Medical Care Committee, as saying "that patients of doctors united in association" (meaning private clinics) "pay less than 40 per cent of the amount they would have paid to independent practitioners for the same services." Here is what Dr. Rorem really does say in publication number eight of the Committee on the Costs of Medical Care:

"Private group clinics, through their available equipment and their coordination of medical specialists, are in a position to fulfill the basic requirements of good medical care with economies from which either or both the clinic members and the public may benefit."

This is Dr. Rorem's only statement regarding the cost of service in private group clinics as compared to the same service rendered by private practitioners and a comparison of his statement with the spectacular quotation made in the Atlantic Monthly will give a good example of the gross misstatements that are made in lay magazines when the author seeks to discredit the medical profession.

If one will stop to deliberate upon the many criticisms that have been directed against the medical profession of late, he will find that they

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usually fall within one of the following classifications:

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- (2) Because doctors have not solved all of the economic problems related to illness.
- (3) Because doctors charge fees that have been proven to be a bare living wage.
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(6) Because doctors sometimes elect to refuse to respond to a call.

(7) Because post graduate and vacation trips are interpreted as evidences of wealth.

After all, these are petty criticisms and we should place on the other side of our balance sheet the fact that there is very little criticism of the efficiency of medicine in the cure of disease. Most people are fairly well satisfied that we are doing a good job, and extend to the profession a maximum of confidence.

We might in turn criticize the public for their patronage of quacks and patent medicines, for nonpayment of bills and for many impositions. But this would be equally petty, and we must remember that we have little reason to worry about the future of the profession of medicine if we consistently and intelli-

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TACOMA SURGICAL CLUB

The Tacoma Surgical Club met on Monday, March 23, in the Medical Library, the paper of the evening being "Perinephritic abscess," by Dr. Charles Pascoe.

The remainder of the evening was devoted to discussion of the annual meeting of the Surgical Club which is to be held on Saturday, April 18. This meeting, which promises to be most enjoyable and instructive, takes up the subject of "Traumatic Surgical Conditions," with papers by Dr. Harry E. Mock, of Chicago, and several local men.

The Tacoma Surgical Club extends a most cordial invitation to all members of the Pierce County Medical Society to attend.

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The formal opening of the Physicians' and Dentists' Business Bureau took place on the evening of March 31, with a reception to physicians and dentists and their wives. This date marked the inauguration of the Bureau services.

The telephone exchange and nurses' registry was actually installed March 21, and has been in service since that date. The exchange is under the supervision of Miss Laura Long, who has, for six years, been the Registrar at the Nurses' Central Directory. Miss Long is on duty during the day. The evening relief is handled by Mrs. Burk, formerly Miss St. Pierre, a graduate of the St. Joseph's Hospital training school. The night operator is Miss Mildred French of the Tacoma General Hospital training school. It is the policy of the Bureau

to employ only graduate nurses on the exchange in order that each case may be handled with a thorough knowledge of the professional requirements. The exchange is now handling calls for its members at the rate of 2,280 calls per month, and it is expected that this number will be greatly increased as the public becomes familiar with the service.

The bureau collection service opened April 1, with one account on hand for collection. The accounts received for collection during the first five days totalled \$56,479.00. All of these accounts have been entered on the Bureau books and letters written to each debtor. At the close of business April 4, approximately \$200.00 had been collected on account, and thirty-two persons had replied to the letters mailed. The collection service is in charge of Miss Myrtle

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Christoferson, who has the title of Collection Supervisor. Miss Christoferson was formerly employed by the St. Helens Clinic.

The Bureau Accounting Department, under the supervision of Miss Virginia Billings, formerly accountant at the Butterworth Hospital, Grand Rapids, Michigan, is completely organized to render prompt and accurate reports to members. The accounting system permits the individual member to ascertain at any time the exact amount which the Bureau has collected in his name, the amount of the accounts assigned to the Bureau for collection, and the charges which the Bureau has made to him for its services. Bookkeeping service and advice is available to members upon request. Miss Billings will call at your office and assist you with accounting problems.

Stenographic and clerical service

are under the direction of Miss Lillian Nelson, who has the title of Secretary to Mr. John Schlarb Jr., the General Manager of the Bureau. Miss Nelson is a Tacoma General graduate and was formerly on private duty here. She is an expert stenographer, familiar with medical terms, and operates a public stenographic service for the convenience of the members.

The Pierce County Tuberculosis League occupies an office in the Bureau quarters under the direction of Miss Stella Kellogg. An arrangement has been made providing for

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clerical services to the League by the Bureau.

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The Pierce County Medical Society telephone, located in the Society's library, has been associated with the Bureau's switchboard, and services are being furnished to the library through the Bureau. The key to the library is also available at the Bureau office at any time. This new arrangement will permit members to communicate with the library by telephone, or to enter the library for books at any hour of the day or night.

Effective today, March 6, the Bureau will operate an Employment Service for the benefit of its members. Questionnaires are on hand covering the qualifications of applicants for work, and the Bureau will undertake to supply candidates for office and nursing positions upon request.



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The Pierce County Medical Society extends its congratulations and best wishes to Dr. and Mrs. Samuel M. Creswell, on the birth of a daughter, Jane Blair, on April 4; and to Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Niethammer on the birth of a son, Woodard Avery, on April 6.

Drs. D. M. Dayton, J. B. Schlund and S. F. Herrmann are the latest additions to the Rhodes Medical Arts colony.

Our sympathy goes out to Dr. Scott S. Jones upon the death of his mother, who passed away on April 6 after a long illness.

Dr. A. W. Howe gave a paper on "Tests for Equilibrium with Remarks on its Use in General Practice, the Barany and Douching Tests," before the King County Medical Society on April 6.

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TACOMA UROLOGICAL
SOCIETY

The Tacoma Urological Society held its regular meeting on March 17 in the Rhodes Medical Arts Building. Dr. H. S. Argue read a paper on "Traumatic rupture of the urethra and bladder." He gave a complete review of the literature on this subject, stressing the importance of early diagnosis and prompt relief by surgical measures. The paper was thoroughly discussed by the members present and cases were reported by Drs. Ross and Magill.

TACOMA OBSTETRICAL
SOCIETY

On Tuesday, March 17, the Tacoma Obstetrical Society was organized. It was decided to hold meetings on the third Tuesday of each month at 8:15 P. M. at the offices of various members. It is the purpose of this organization to hold informal discussions on items of interest in the field of obstetrics and gynecology.

The next meeting will be held in the office of Dr. David H. Johnson, Rhodes Medical Arts Building, on Tuesday, April 21. The subject for discussion will be "Toxemias of pregnancy and their relation to calcium metabolism." Interesting cases will be reported also.

Anyone interested in these meetings is cordially invited to be present.
S. S. Jones, M. D., Secy.

TACOMA INTERNISTS'
SOCIETY

The March meeting of the Tacoma Internists' Society was held on the 17th at the Mountain View Sanatorium as guests of the Pierce County Commissioners, represented by Dr. R. E. McPhail.

Following a four-course dinner, the scientific program was opened by Dr. McPhail, who spoke on "Thoracoplasty, phrenicotomy and artificial pneumothorax in the treatment of tuberculosis of the lungs." He presented films of cases on whom these operations had been performed. Dr. John F. Steele concluded the program with a talk on "Non-tuberculous conditions of the lungs," emphasizing particularly lung abscess, empyema and pleurisy. Illustrations by films were presented.

S. M. Creswell, M.D., Secy.

Dr. and Mrs. Robert H. Beach are spending several weeks in California.

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On April 2, 1931, Dr. Hart, roentgenologist of the Tacoma General Hospital, concluded the chest clinic at the Sumner High School by making X-ray films of the chests of a number of the students. The Washington State Tuberculosis Association and the Pierce County Tuberculosis Association put on this clinic during the latter part of March. The clinician of the State of Washington, Dr. Anderson, made chest examinations of the students and did skin tuberculin tests on all the High School students whose parents would consent to this work. The local physicians made physical examinations including eye, ear, nose, throat and teeth. The portable x-ray machine was moved from the Tacoma General Hospital to the Sumner High School and films of the chests of forty-two students were made. A report of this clinic including the x-ray findings will probably be published later in the year in Northwest Medicine and should be of a great deal of interest to the physicians of Western Washington.

At the Tacoma General Hospital staff meeting on April 7, 1931, Dr. D. L. Martin spoke on "Neoplastic

diseases of the female pelvis" with illustrative tissues, both gross and microscopic.

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ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL

On March 2 the monthly clinical meeting was held at St. Joseph's Hospital. Dr. J. A. LaGasa gave a very interesting paper on "Diagnosis of gallbladder disease." Several unusual case reports were given by Dr. C. C. Leaverton and Dr. C. P. Gammon.

On March 30 the Advisory Board met and passed on several new members for the Surgical Staff. Also several things were discussed which would be of benefit to the hospital and staff.

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EDITORIAL

Tacoma is to be congratulated on the establishment of the Physicians' & Dentists' Business Bureau and the affiliated offices of the Public Health League and the Tuberculosis League with their public reading rooms.

This brings the headquarters of all these co-related medical activities to

one place where the general public may obtain information regarding health matters and the conduct of the business side of medicine.

A visitor cannot help but get a good impression of the solidity and dignity of the medical profession, and a realization of the economic value to the city in maintaining Tacoma as an outstanding medical center.

The annual election of the medical trustees of the Physicians' & Dentists' Business Bureau will be held at a special meeting of the medical members of the Bureau Tuesday evening, May 12, at which time the Pierce County Medical Society will also meet to elect officers. The meetings will be held jointly in the auditorium. Five trustees will be elected—three for a term of one year, one for a term of two years and one for a term of four years.

The annual election of the dental trustees of the Physicians' & Dentists' Business Bureau will be held at a special meeting of the dental members of the Bureau Tuesday evening, May 19, at which time the Tacoma District Dental Society will also meet to elect officers. The meetings will be held jointly in the auditorium. Two trustees will be elected—one for a term of one year and one for a term of three years.

The Spokane County Medical Society Bulletin came out in February in a new and enlarged form. The type arrangement is such that there is more reading matter to the page, the number of pages is increased and there are several illustrations. The March issue was further enlarged to twenty-four pages.

The Spokane Bulletin is one of the most progressive and best edited in the country. Their management was of great assistance to us with useful advice when we started our Bulletin and we wish to express our thanks for this help and our appreciation of receiving their publication each month.

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Following are some of the subjects upon which references have recently been looked up: intestinal diverticula, amnesia, tuberculosis of middle ear, cauliflower ear, carbon monoxide poisoning, agranulocytosis, subcutaneous emphysema, gonorrhoeal arthritis, trigonitis, fungus infections of lungs, physiology of liver, cancer of larynx, stammering, traumatic appendicitis, history of hospitals, traumatic neuroses, neurogenic skin diseases and calcaneal spurs.

We have received from the Pryor Research Service some rather interesting translations of foreign articles on aphasia, deleterious effects of local anesthesia and leukoplakia of the cervix.

In view of the fact that May 1 was Child Health Day, it is gratifying to note the growing interest taken in this subject by medical men, as evidenced by the number of articles published along this line. As an example, the following papers, appearing during the last two or three years, may be found in this library:

Child Welfare, C. A. Herter, M. D.; New England Journal of Medicine, 202:1145, June 12, 1930.

Problems in Child Guidance, E. K. Clarke, M. D.; New York State Journal of Medicine, 30:1271, November 1, 1930.

Report on International Confer-

ence for Promotion of Infant Welfare, held at Stockholm, Sweden, September 19-23, 1929, E. A. Sweet, M. D.; Public Health Report, 44:3177, December 27, 1929.

Organization of Child Guidance and Developmental Supervision, A. Gesell; Mental Hygiene, 13:780, October, 1929.

Place of Pre-School Age in Periodical Health Examination, J. Sobel, M. D.; Archives of Pediatrics, 47:320, May, 1930.

Responsibilities of Medical Profession in Health Program of Public Schools, F. Moore, M. D.; Journal of the American Medical Association, 94:1109, April 12, 1930.

Value of Periodic Health Examinations in Children in Detection of Early Tuberculosis, C. L. Hyde, M. D.; Ohio State Medical Journal, 26:132, February, 1930.

Prevention of Nervous and Mental Disabilities in the Child, F. H. Allen, M. D.; American Journal of Diseases of Children, 37:1260, June, 1929.

Vocational Guidance for Children, S. J. Ginn, M. D.; New England Journal of Medicine, 200:9, January 3, 1929.

Mental Hygiene of Childhood, E. L. Spence, M. D.; Journal of the Missouri State Medical Association, 25:311, July, 1928.

The New Childhood, R. L. Wilbur, M. D.; Journal of the American Medical Association, 92:1317, April 20, 1929.

Unintentional Cruelty to Children, A. Hyanson, M. D.; Archives of Pediatrics, 46:51, January, 1929.

Child Labor and Preventive Medicine, C. Brannick, M. D.; New England Journal of Medicine, 199:884, November 1, 1928.

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The next regular meeting of the Tacoma District Dental Society will be held at 8 P. M. Tuesday, May 19, 1931. As this is the last meeting before the summer vacation there will be election of officers for the coming year.

A paper for presentation on this last meeting night has been prepared by Dr. Frederick M. Howe, his subject being "Premedication to Local Anesthesia and Dentistry." Dr. A. F. Wilbur will open the discussion. A great deal of time has been spent by Dr. Howe in preparing this paper and he promises us something of an extremely vital nature.

With considerable regret those of

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us who knew him noted the passing of our colleague, Dr. Ralph Hutchison, on March 26, 1931.


While not actively connected with the Dental Society during recent years, he had kept in touch with its work and was willing to lend a hand whenever and wherever possible.

We mourn his passing and feel that to have known him has enriched our lives and taught us things of a great deal of benefit to us.



The staff of this section regrets the error in the last Bulletin, wherein the name of Dr. Carl William Johnson, the internationally known Swedish dentist, was not included in the list of those who still remain single. He being of such a retiring nature, we felt disinclined to inquire into his intimate private affairs, and as he had not told us recently of his domestic relationships we failed to include his

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If a man would be a soldier he'd expect, of course, to fight;
And he couldn't be an author if he didn't try to write;
So it isn't common logic, doesn't have a real true ring
That a good Dental Society member doesn't have to do a thing.

MEDICAL ECONOMICS

By H. J. Whitacre, M. D.

The Committee on the Costs of Medical Care has just issued Publication No. 9, "A Survey of the Medical Facilities of the City of Philadelphia in 1929," and Publication No. 10, "A Study of Physicians and Dentists in Detroit: 1929."

The summary printed on the title page of Abstract No. 9 reads as follows: "The residents of Philadelphia spent \$103,759,700.00 in 1928 for the prevention of illness and care of the sick—nearly \$54.00 per capita. Of this total, approximately 26 per cent was paid to physicians, 13 per cent to dentists, and 6 per cent to other private practitioners. Hospitals received nearly 27 per cent, drugs and medicines cost 20 per cent, and 2 per cent was spent for public health services."

The number of private practitioners serving Philadelphia are as follows:

Physicians	3,269
Dentists	1,523
Private duty nurses.....	3,800
Osteopaths	187
Chiropodists	125
Midwives	139
Chiropractors	246
Naturopaths	65
Opticians and Optometrists....	225
Pharmacists (including assistants and apprentices).....	3,900
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An average gross income of \$9,056 is reported by 449 physicians; one-fourth received less than \$4,189; and one-fourth more than \$10,494. One-half of the physicians received less than \$7,083. Expenses consume, on the average, 40% of the gross income.

The average net income reported for 1928 by 245 physicians is \$5,156. One-fourth received less than \$2,219 and one-fourth more than \$6,424. The median net income for all doc-

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tors is \$4,207, for general practitioners \$3,197, for partial specialists \$4,428, and for complete specialists \$5,500.

On a basis of the data here summarized it is estimated that in 1928 Philadelphia residents paid a total of \$27,129,000 (\$14.12 per capita) for the private services of physicians.

In Detroit a study of the gross income of 181 physicians reporting showed figures approximately \$1,000 larger than those of Philadelphia physicians. Overhead costs were 48 per cent in Detroit as compared with 40 per cent in Philadelphia.

The net incomes reported by 174 physicians showed one-fourth less than \$2,547 and one-fourth over \$7,818. The average net income of all groups is \$5,596. The median net income for all classes is \$4,548.

Both of these publications contain a vast amount of additional interesting information regarding physicians, dentists, nurses, hospitals and cultists, which cannot be reviewed within these space limitations.

The facts here presented are a real contribution to the subjects of general costs and professional income. Older statistics and recently published statistics for Shelby County, Indiana, and for the Endicott Johnson Company have shown a per capita cost for the care and prevention of illness of approximately \$21. The Philadelphia statistics show \$54 per capita. The Philadelphia and Detroit statistics regarding the net income and the business overhead of physicians do not vary greatly from previous estimates.

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AMENDMENT TO BY-LAWS

At the regular meeting on April 2, Dr. Edwin Janes presented the following amendment to Section 1, Article 3 of the By-Laws, relative to nomination and election of officers:

The nominations for and election of president, vice president, secretary-treasurer, trustees and delegates to the Washington State Medical Association shall be made in the following manner, to-wit:

(a) At the first regular meeting in April of each year the president shall call for nominations from the floor of men to be elected as nominating committees and the membership shall proceed to ballot. The six receiving the highest number of votes shall constitute the nominating committees. One committee shall consist of the men receiving the highest number of votes, the third highest and the fifth high-

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est; the second nominating committee shall consist of the men receiving the second, fourth and sixth highest number of votes.

(b) In case of vacancy in either of these committees the president is authorized to fill such vacancy.

(c) The chairman of each of these nominating committees will promptly call together his committee and they shall proceed to select at least one nominee for each of the offices and shall submit their reports at the second meeting in April.

(d) At the first regular meeting in May the nominating committees shall report through the secretary all nominations then effective and the membership shall proceed by ballot to the election of officers.

(e) Voting members, not less than seven (7) in number, may nominate a member or members for any elective office of the society; such nominations shall be in writing and signed by the members making them and shall be filed with the secretary not later than the adjournment of the second meeting in April.

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Dr. W. D. Read, Dr. C. F. Engels and Dr. T. B. Murphy.

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Two cases of polio have been reported in Tacoma, and it is suggested that a lookout be kept for further cases this summer.

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Dr. and Mrs. Edgar F. Dodds are at home again after a visit of several weeks in California.

Dr. Walter Cameron and Dr. C. Grant Bain are welcomed as new members of the society, as are Dr. Delmar Goode and Dr. Charles C. Adams, of United States Veterans' Hospital, American Lake, who have recently become associate members.

Dr. W. G. Cameron is back in his office after spending the winter in California.

Dr. Karl Staatz and Dr. H. T. Clay have recently moved into the Rhodes Medical Arts Building.

Dr. W. N. Keller has resumed practice after several months spent in California.

Dr. R. E. McPhail has left for Saranac Lake, where he will take a

special course in tuberculosis and chest surgery.

Dr. John L. Sinning, interne at Tacoma General Hospital, was operated on April 20 for acute appendicitis. He has had a normal convalescence.

Dr. Norman Mace, a former interne at Tacoma General Hospital, and recently engaged in private practice in Tacoma, has accepted the position of resident physician at American Lake Hospital.

Dr. C. H. Kinnear and Dr. John F. Steele have been elected president and vice president, respectively, of the Pierce County Tuberculosis League. Dr. Kinnear succeeds Dr. W. B. Penney, the retiring president.

Dr. Herman Holte, a graduate of the University of Minnesota, and former interne of the Seattle City Hospital, is completing his internship at

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the Tacoma General Hospital. The Society welcomes Dr. Holte to its midst, and also extends congratulations to Dr. and Mrs. Holte on the birth of a son on May 2 at the Tacoma General Hospital.

Dr. E. A. Rich has returned from a two weeks' trip to the Middle West. At St. Paul, Minnesota, he attended the funeral of his father, for which bereavement the Society extends its deepest sympathy. He also attended the annual meeting of the American Orthopedic Society held at Memphis, Tennessee, April 15-18. Dr. Rich states that he has accumulated many new and interesting diagnostic facts which he will present to the Pierce County Medical Society at a later date.

Dr. Light was formerly a member of the staff of the Northern Pacific Hospital and left to complete a course of study at the Stanford Col-

lege of Medicine in Skin Diseases. At the completion of the course, Dr. Light was appointed resident physician for the New York Skin and Cancer Hospital, where he remained for the year.

Dr. S. E. Light has returned to Tacoma after two years of study, and is opening an office in the Rhodes Medical Arts Building for treatment of diseases of the skin.

Dr. Light returned to Tacoma by way of Boston and San Francisco, where he visited Skin Clinics.

Dr. B. A. Brown attended the meeting of the American College of Surgeons in Oakland last month.

Dr. W. B. Penney will attend the A. M. A. meeting in Philadelphia as a delegate from the State Association.

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The annual meeting of the Tacoma Surgical Club was held on Saturday, April 18. Unusual interest in the program was shown by many out-of-town visitors and reports are coming in from every hand attesting the success of the meeting. The subject of Traumatic Surgery was considered in its application to various special fields.

The morning session consisted of a series of fourteen anatomical dissections and demonstrations. These were made possible through the courtesy and co-operation of Mr. C. J. Cummings, superintendent of the Tacoma General Hospital. The facilities of the dissecting room, which is at the service of the anatomical society, were used in preparing the material and booths were built in the basement of the southeast wing of the hospital for the demonstrations. Each demonstrator was kept busy from 9 until 11 A. M. by an eager throng,

anxious to see anatomical structures and relations which most of the visitors had not had opportunity to see since medical school days.

At 11 o'clock all gathered in the auditorium of the new Medical Arts Building to listen to a dry clinic on bad results in industrial surgery. Through the co-operation of the State Department of Labor and Industry a number of interesting cases were at hand. Dr. Harry E. Mock, Associate Professor of Surgery at Northwestern University Medical School, commented on each case in a delightfully informal manner. This was an hour of tremendous practical value.

The afternoon session was devoted to the reading of scientific papers on various phases of traumatic surgery. These papers were presented by several of the members of the Surgical Club, assisted by Dr. L. L. Goodnow and Dr. A. C. Stewart. Dr. Mock

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closed the meeting with a general discussion and lantern slides showing traumatic cases from his own practice.

In the evening a banquet afforded an opportunity for convivial fellowship. The food was good but the highlight of the evening was another lantern slide lecture by Dr. Mock on the management of skull fractures.

Altogether the meeting was very well received. Not a little of the success was due to the guest speaker, who captivated all by his genial personality, sound common sense and his ability to transmit many valuable lessons in a delightfully interesting manner.

These annual meetings of the Tacoma Surgical Club are fast making a name for Tacoma as a center of outstanding scientific surgical achievement.

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The regular meeting of the Tacoma Urological Society was held April 21 in the Rhodes Medical Arts Building. The evening was devoted to case reports by various members and informal discussion of same.

Dr. Engels showed several intravenous pyelograms illustrating anomalies of the ureter and pelvis, with special reference to ureteral stricture.

C. H. Doe, M. D., Sec.

TACOMA INTERNISTS' SOCIETY

The Tacoma Internists' Society held its regular monthly meeting April 21, 1931, at the Tacoma Hotel. Following dinner the first speaker of the evening was Dr. G. M. Steele, who spoke on Glands of Internal Secretion and the therapeutic value of hormones in human disease. He particularly discussed the ovary. The

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scientific program was concluded by Dr. C. Quevli, Jr., who discussed the topic of Peristernal Dullness. He showed lantern slides to demonstrate the different possibilities in diagnosis.

It was announced that election of officers for the current year would be a part of the next meeting.

S. M. Creswell, Sec.

ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL

While discussing patients at the St. Joseph's Hospital a few weeks ago it was learned that Mr. Ethan A. Bryant had been an inmate for the past twelve years. As soon as this became publicly known many people began inquiring about Mr. Bryant, desirous of making his surroundings more pleasant and cheering up his wakeful hours.

Station KVI put on two programs one week especially for Mr. Bryant's benefit. He enjoyed this very much. Mr. Pope, manager of the Broadway Theatre, offered to send an ambulance to take Mr. Bryant to see one of the afternoon entertainments. This Mr. Bryant was sorry to have to decline as he felt he was not strong enough to make the trip.

Many others are anxious to aid in bringing cheer to Mr. Bryant, who at all times appears contented. He likes to discuss current events with

those who drop in to see him, as his mind is very active and he tries to keep up with daily happenings. Mr. Bryant will be seventy-six years old May 15. He feels that during those years people as a whole have been very kind to him.

TACOMA GENERAL HOSPITAL

At the last regular meeting of the hospital staff the following officers were elected for the year beginning June 1, 1931: Dr. W. W. Mattson, Chairman; Dr. E. D. Kanaga, Vice Chairman; Dr. Charles F. Engels, Secretary.

Members of the Efficiency Committee to serve with the officers during their year in office are Drs. E. A. Rich, Chas. D. Hunter, Christen Quevli, Sr., W. B. McCreery, Darcy Dayton, Edwin W. Janes, Dale L. Martin and Alan L. Hart.

At a recent meeting, local physicians formed a group to be composed of men who received their intern service at the Tacoma General Hospital. Those present were Drs. C. W. Whitaker, A. L. Schultz, Eugene Hanson, Philip C. Kyle, Woodward A. Niethammer and W. H. Goering.

Dr. C. W. Whitaker was elected Chairman and Dr. A. L. Schultz, Secretary.

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EDITORIAL

With the coming meeting the Pierce County Medical Society will begin its work for the fiscal year. In many ways the issues to be studied and the problems to be solved during the coming months are of the greatest importance to the future of the work in which we are engaged.

We are passing through a period of upheaval and unrest, in which the values and the conduct of institutions as they now exist are being most seriously scrutinized and questioned. All over the world changes are being made, not only in the form and nature of governments but in the relations of men to each other in their various forms of endeavor and the relation of their social obligations.

The medical profession has not escaped this general disquietude and criticism. We are being asked if the remuneration for our services is not too great, if the cost of medical care is not excessive and burdensome for people in the ordinary walks of life and if we are fulfilling our mission of giving adequate care to those who need our services.

From the lecture platform, in newspaper interviews and in magazine articles we are informed of errors and inefficiency in rendering our services and of the unnecessary expenses incurred in the conduct of our work. Well-meaning sociologists, writers, reformers, and successful business men, having limited or no information on the subject, tell how by some particular method or procedure these mistakes may be avoided. New and strange doctrines are being promulgated and radical remedies are being offered for the cure of those ills which supposedly afflict us. These plans vary from the attempt to put medicine upon the same basis as life insurance to complete socialism or so-called state medicine.

Among our own ranks there is a tendency on the part of some men to stray away from the firm base of the eternal verities and from the old conception of ethics and traditions which has held up our high standards in the past.

All of these questions command our attention and challenge us to action.

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We have had many summer visitors, among them several doctors and librarians, and we have been much pleased at their comments on our library. There are not many medical libraries on the Pacific Coast, and while ours is not large, it seems to compare very favorably with the others, and it is a fact that we seldom fail to give a doctor all the material he wants, and more. It is hoped that this will be the best year we have ever had, for after all the real value of a library is measured by the use made of it.

We have been getting some new books lately, among them the following:

Rountree and Snell: Addison's Disease.

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Meyer: Cancer.

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American Medical Directory, 1931 edition.

Proceedings of Interstate Post-graduate Medical Association, 1929 and 1930.

McPheeters: Varicose Veins.

Mayo Clinic Collected Papers, 1930.

Lewis' Surgery has been increased by chapters on infections of the kid-

ney, by Caulk; tumors and cysts of the kidney by Bugbee, and calculous diseases of the kidneys and uteters by Squier. Tice's Practice of Medicine has new chapters on undulant fever, the mycoses and carcinoma of the stomach. The Tice people have also sent us a collection of diet sheets which have proven very useful, giving diets in colitis, arthritis, nephritis and many other conditions.

In addition to gifts already acknowledged the library owes thanks to Drs. Doe, Kunz, Willard and Cameron for magazines. These are all appreciated, as we can always use duplicates. Those presented by Dr. Doe filled a gap of several years in our files of Journal of Urology.

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The next regular meeting of the Tacoma District Dental Society will be held on Tuesday evening, October 20, in the auditorium in the Rhodes Medical Arts Building. Dr. M. W. Abernethy will give a paper and table clinic on "Amalgam," and Dr. J. A. Brewitt will give a paper on "Gold Foil."

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The doings of the Country Club certainly seemed a success. Most of the golfers in the Society were there, and, as usual, someone gets hot and wins the trophy. Dr. A. K. Stebbins got the breaks, so it was his day, and he went home with the beautiful trophy that Dr. Fisher has put up for annual play.

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There were two musical numbers, a whistling solo and a violin solo, by Seattle girls. They also presented a comic sketch, dealing with the financial depression in the dental office.

Mrs. Edith Weinhart, of Dr. Fisher's office, gave a paper entitled "Contributing causes of mal-occlusion." Mrs. Vivian Sherman, of Dr. Brewitt's office presented a Meyers Gold Inlay Technique, and Miss Helen Watson, of Dr. Hill's office, presented the Coe Gold Inlay Technique.

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MEDICAL ECONOMICS

Contract Practice

By H. J. Whitacre, M. D.

The judicial Council of the American Medical Association has defined what constitutes contract practice, in the following words:

"By the term 'contract practice', as applied to medicine, is meant the carrying out of an agreement between a physician or group of physicians as principals or agents and a corporation, organization or individuals for a definite sum or for a fixed rate per capita."

Dr. L. L. Sheddan, in his article on "Ethics of Industrial Medicine", published in the July, 1929, issue of the Tennessee Medical Association Journal, makes this statement:

"It is perfectly evident, if we are to judge whether a contract is ethical or not, that we must know the form and terms of the contract as well as the particular circumstances under which it is made.

He then goes on say:

"Each case must be judged on its own merits after all the facts pertaining thereto are known. There are certain points, however, that may be formulated which, when present, one or more of them, definitely determine a contract to be unfair or unethical. These may be stated as follows:

"1. When the compensation received is inadequate, based on the usual fees paid for the same kind of service and class of people in the same community.

"2. When the compensation is so low as to make it impossible for a competent service to be rendered.

"3. When there is underbidding by physicians in order to secure the contract.

"4. When a reasonable degree of free choice of physicians is denied those cared for in a community where other competent physicians are readily available.

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medicine. We must admit further that contract medical practice is ethical and necessary in certain forms, and in certain places. This means that we must determine by studious conference just what forms of contract practice are acceptable, and the conditions which render a given contract unethical or economically undesirable, from the viewpoint of medical practice.

The above enumerated conditions might at least be taken as a starting point for a discussion of this subject.

PERSONALS

Drs. Hicks, Armstrong, Quevli, McGeer, Sargentich, Douglas and Yocom are at home from the state medical meeting at Spokane, reporting a large attendance and a good time. (From the Tacoma News, September 13, 1906.

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Dr. A. H. Buis has returned from a visit of six weeks with relatives in Nebraska.

Dr. D. H. Running is back in his office after a vacation spent with his mother in Toronto.

Dr. G. M. Steele is in New York doing post-graduate work at the New York Postgraduate School of Medicine.

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to you so clearly what the depression has done to them are only supplying themselves and you with a good excuse for bad behavior. They cannot pay their bills—they are of a sort which always seizes upon the nearest straw.

They confer no favors upon themselves by this deceit which they practice, for their responsibilities follow them like shadows, nor do you confer any kindness by aiding in escaping from them. These debtors have long since explained away all responsibility for the wrongs of the cruel providence, and it is only through the introduction of the utmost psychological pressure on the part of others that they may again be brought to an honest recognition of the facts, and a sincere attempt to face them.

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ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL

The first clinical meeting of the fall was held Monday evening, September 28, at St. Joseph's. Dr. Leo J. Hunt read a paper on "Acute Cholecystitis," and Drs. J. A. LaGasa, M. T. Nelsen, E. A. Rich and E. C. Yoder presented cases. Dr. P. C. Kyle and Dr. G. A. Wislicenus had case reports. Dr. Yoder presided and the attendance was very good.

Miss Alice Sharp has joined the hospital staff as an X-Ray technician, and 24-hour service in the X-Ray Department may now be had.

Dr. C. C. Leaverton, who was ill at St. Joseph's Hospital, has returned to his home.

Sister Carmellette is up and around after an illness of several weeks.

The opening of the hunting season called Drs. R. D. MacRae, Porter and

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W. B. McNerthney out to the great wide open spaces. All seem to have been successful, returning with full bags.

Miss Mildred Magnussen, R. N. and Mrs. Marion Paula Behan, R. N. have enrolled for the course in anesthesiology at St. Joseph's. Miss Magnussen was graduated from the St. Joseph's Training School last spring; Mrs. Behan comes from Seattle.

Sister Valeria, in charge of the Maternity Department, who has been ill for some time, is greatly improved and is expected to resume her duties on the fourth floor very shortly.

TACOMA GENERAL HOSPITAL

Mr. C. J. Cummings, Superintendent, attended the meeting of the American Hospital Association at Toronto from September 28 to Octo-

ber 2, going from there to New York City to attend the American College of Surgeons Hospital Conference from October 12 to 15.

Dr. D. H. Martin left on October 7 for Chicago and Rochester, where he expects to spend the next three weeks.

TACOMA SURGICAL CLUB

The Tacoma Surgical Club met on September 28th in the office of Dr. R. C. Schaeffer. Dr. Leo J. Hunt read a paper on "Acute Cholecystitis," based upon recent experiences with four serious cases. Dr. C. P. Gammon reviewed recent surgical literature. An informal discussion followed.

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TACOMA INTERNISTS' SOCIETY

The Tacoma Internists' Society held its regular monthly meeting on September 15 at the Tacoma Hotel at 6:30 P. M.

Following dinner, the scientific program was opened by Dr. S. M. Creswell, who gave a short review of the recent literature on the treatment of poliomyelitis. He stressed the early use of recent convalescent serum.

Dr. L. A. Hopkins gave a review of the recent studies on bacteriophage. These studies indicate the opening of the biggest bacteriological age yet known.

Dr. J. F. Steele concluded the program with a paper and review of the

literature on the serum treatment of pneumonia. He particularly emphasized the value of Felton's pneumococcic antitoxin.

S. M. Creswell, M. D., Secy.

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TACOMA UROLOGICAL SOCIETY

The first regular meeting of the year was held September 15, 1931 in the office of Dr. H. S. Argue.

Dr. Chas. Pascoe reported an interesting trip to the Coffee Clinic in Portland.

Dr. Clyde Magill read a paper on seminal vesiculitis. This was followed by a general discussion of the paper and case reports.

The next meeting will be held on the third Tuesday in September.

W. L. Ross, M. D., Secy.

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TAKING MYSTERY OUT OF MEDICINE

It is stimulating to chronicle and comment upon the doings of the 6,000 physicians in town for the convention of the American Medical Association.

For one thing, because of the realistic spirit in which current medical problems have been approached; the lack of pussyfooting and bombast.

Not a hand has been stretched across the sea; no cure for the business depression has been advanced; no glittering panacea for the solution of all medical problems at one shot has been offered.

In point are the remarks of Doctor E. Starr Judd, of Rochester, Minnesota, new president of the association. The keynote of his inaugural address was on a plane very close to this fast-moving, realistic age.

"Take the mystery out of medicine," he said. "Stop throwing Latin names at your patients. The fact that doctors like to mystify those they are treating paves the way for quacks and charlatans."

True enough. And Doctor Judd's further remarks anent the necessity of progress in the ART of medicine as well as in the SCIENCE of medicine was clear-sighted, able, admirable.

The science of medicine, with its exact measurements, elaborate equipment, use of specialized technique, often tends to become machine treatment.

The art of medicine includes the proper bedside manner—and more than that. It includes the use of personal knowledge of the patient gained by the family doctor over a long association; it implies the giving of exact information to the sufferer; it implies individual study.

We like Doctor Judd's injunction that the physician should be something of an educator that, as he goes about his daily round, he should inform his patients of the latest developments of medical science.

Medicine can afford to reveal its secrets because medicine is real. Quackery can't, because quackery is fake. Close correspondence between the medical laboratory and the home, through the doctor and the press, is one of the greatest weapons against quackery.

Medicine realizes its own problems better than do many critics of the ancient craft. And day by day it is being shown here in Philadelphia that the science has real leadership and is chipping away at its obstacles.

—*Philadelphia Record.*

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The Business Bureau, which now has on hand for collection the sum of \$92,223.00, reports that some very interesting information has come to light as a result of a little study that was made.

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ment would make payment impossible.

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Not one of these people were making a genuine effort to meet their bills by economy.

On the second letter sent out 69 replies were received, of which 47 claimed unemployment or reduced wages. The balance admitted that

the accounts should have been paid.

The forty-seven were investigated as follows:

Twenty-three of the bills were over two years old and the people had been out of work less than six months. The remaining twenty-four had all been employed at some time during the last six months, and nine were steadily employed at the time of the investigation.

The conclusion points to the fact there is a great deal less actual poverty than apparent poverty, and many who honestly feel themselves to be deserving of pity are doing nothing to help themselves.

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EDITORIAL

One sure conclusion brought out by the deliberations of the Washington State Medical Association is: the conditions under which the individual doctor of medicine carries on his practice have undergone a marked change in the past few years. No matter how we may feel about this as individualists, in spite of a resentment against a turn from the old established ways, in the face of all theoretic argument, the changing economic condition of the world will continue to exert its force in making medicine conform to existing condi-

The rest of the world has gone much farther in this direction than our own country and has adopted various means to suit its conditions. England with its panel system, Germany and France with their semi-government districts and health associations and the action of our neighbor Canada offer a field for study. An understanding of how the medical profession has prospered and what itself has done to better conditions may teach us a valuable lesson and be the means of pointing the way for us to plan a course of conduct, by which the medical man himself will exert the most influence.

In accordance with this line of thought the association has prepared a new medical practice act and an amendment to the existing medical aid law. These laws will be of benefit not only to the doctors but to the best interests of the people at large.

To get these measures through the legislature requires votes and it is incumbent on the profession at large to exert its influence to get those votes.

Let us all get behind this movement and give it our individual support. See to it that you and your family and all your friends are registered and cast their ballots. Carefully investigate the legislative records of present office-holders seeking re-election and learn the attitude toward public health of the new candidates.

Particularly we call attention to the necessity to work for Dr. E. A. Rich, candidate for the legislature for the 26th District. Dr. Rich entered the lists on the urgent solicitation of the Pierce County Medical Society and should receive our united and enthusiastic support.

The united effort of the county medical societies throughout the state will be a tremendous force in passing these measures, which is the first step to meet the present economic conditions.

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First Fall Meeting Oct. 12

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And a good, good evening, ladies and gentlemen, this is the (rich) field reporter speaking. These special features of news high-lights are brought to you each month by courtesy of a network of high salaried Dental Society officials and "big shots."

Well, well, here we are again back to work after another big summer. Hope you enjoyed yourself with sun tan, golf, conventions, fishing, etc.

And was that Pacific Coast Dental Conference a show? No foolin'. The boys who missed that muffed a chance.

The Seattle Society and Dr. Frank Hergert deserve plenty of credit. Of course, they had help. Tacoma helped.

Our Drs. Abernethy, McCarthy and Schlund were Essayists. Abernethy, Sylvia Connor, Fisher, McGovern, Schlund, and C. O. Terry were clinicians. Five others who were to help Dr. Abernethy were unable to get organized in time and did not appear as scheduled. Mark says it was poor circulation in their pedal extremities.

And speaking of Dr. Abernethy—Do you know we have a clinician in our midst with a fast growing reputation? 'Sfact. Several cities have extended invitations for Tacoma's amalgam expert. Good news, Tacoma.

Fraternity Night at the Olympic Hotel was a big night. We had all the equipment necessary for banquets of that kind. Even food. Refreshments, program and everything were "hot."

The famous Dr. C. N. Johnson from Chicago spoke several times and lived up to his reputation. We enjoyed him very much. Also to give due credit, we heard him say he had never seen better gold work than he saw at this Conference.

Considerable concern was evidenced over the fast approaching consideration of the so-called "panel dentistry," due, of course, to economic conditions. We were all urged to give thought to this subject and lose

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no opportunity to learn what this means so we may be prepared to act on it when the time comes. We were assured that the time is soon coming.

The Civic Auditorium was a wonderful place for the meeting, the exhibits were very good, the program excellent, and the only thing wrong was our own inability to see and remember it all.

At the meeting of the Washington State Society, our Dr. Carl E. Wilbur was elected President and Tacoma assured the meeting for 1934. We are all anticipating another big successful meeting in 1934 in Tacoma.

And then there was the Supper Dance at Inglewood Country Club. Was that a large party or was that a LARGE PARTY. Boy, Oh Boy! Everyone had a good time, even those who brought their own wives. It is rumored they had a lunch but we have been unable to verify it. The affair cost \$1700.00 and was worth it. We mention these facts because many of the boys will never remember the details. At any rate, the whole thing was a success, and a pleasant time was had by all.

Well, that's thirty for tonight, folks. Don't forget—high octane and the meeting October 18th.

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Dr. N. D. Royle, of Sydney, Australia, so well known for his work on surgery of the sympathetic nervous system, has placed us on his mailing list and sends us reprints of his articles, most of which appear in the Medical Journal of Australia. We have this week received from him reprints of papers on "Retinitis Pigmentosa," "Hallux Valgus" and "Diseases of the Central Nervous System."

If you want an hour's reading and are tired of purely scientific material, you will be interested in Haggard's "Devils, Drugs and Doctors" and "A Doctor's Views on Life," by Robinson, which were among the books in Dr. Swearingen's library. Or we could offer you "A Doctor of the 1870's and 80's" by Pusey, "Historical Development of Nosography," by Faber or Packard's "History of Medicine in the United States." Among the biographies we have the life of Osler, of Pastuer, of Gorgas and of Beaumont. The autobiography of A. T. still is most diverting.

Gifts of magazines are acknowledged from Drs. Engels, Hicks and Magill.

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Studies in Pierce County

WILMOT D. READ, M. D.

Report made to the Washington
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September 13, 1932

The Pierce County Medical Society was incorporated September 5, 1888, for the purpose of enabling it to carry out its objects which are stated in its articles of incorporation, namely "to cultivate and advance medical knowledge, encourage concerted action, to afford protection to its members, to incite and encourage emulation, to encourage social and friendly intercourse, and to provide a means for the emphatic expression of medical thought." After forty-four years of existence the section, "to encourage concerted action and to afford protection to its members," especially along economic lines, has been rapidly pushed to the front.

In 1917 the Pierce County Industrial, Medical and Surgical Service Bureau was formed. The plan adopted permitted any member in regular standing in the Society to join. Officers were elected and a manager was hired, who secured contracts with firms coming under the jurisdiction of the Department of Labor and Industries. The purpose of this organization was to take care of the injured workman, giving him the free choice of physician in contrast to the closed contract system. Supplemental health or sickness contracts were also written so that the workman would be covered for twenty-four hours of the day including sickness or accident on or off the job. After fifteen years of existence this organization still continues to function. Many abuses have crept in, both from the physicians that render their services and the unsound cost arrangements.

The cost of medical and surgical care has increased but the old dollar a month charge has continued. The present economic period has raised havoc with all classes and with all known standards. For the systematic study and attempted regulation of the present problems, our present organization, the Physicians' and Dentists' Business Bureau, came into existence a little over a year ago.

Included under our Bureau are: (1) Nurses' Exchange, (2) Doctors' and Dentists' Exchange, (3) Collection Bureau, (4) Branch Reading Room and Medical Information Bureau of the Public Health League, (5) and most important, the study of economic problems that affect the Medical Profession. The Industrial Medical and Surgical Service Bureau is at present a separate organization.

No longer have we a decision to make regarding contract practice. It was dumped into our laps in 1911 with the passage of the act establishing the Department of Labor and Industry. The supplemental sickness contract arrived at the same time. The contract doctor has the bulk of the work and the services of this man and of his hired professional and non-professional employees can be furnished cheaper than those of a doctor under the free choice of physician plan. Now the contract plan is reaching out to all wage earners.

For the present our problem is how to save for the doctor a share of the medical business that each year is becoming more and more contracted. One plan under consideration is health insurance for the low wage earner of \$2,000 or less, who has difficulty in paying standard hospital and medical fees. A monthly charge of one dollar is deducted from the

wage earner's salary by the employer, which charge entitles the insured to his free choice of physician, to medicine, to hospital fees, etc., with the limitation of certain chronic diseases, especially venereal. A study chart is kept of each contract so that the cost of services rendered may be adjusted fairly. For instance, after a period of months, one contract with a large department store was found to be a losing proposition, particularly on account of the amount of surgery and hospitalization. The employer was acquainted with this fact and the employees met with a representative of the Bureau, who explained existing conditions. It was learned that the majority of the employees were perfectly satisfied with the services rendered and instead of curtailing the services, they agreed to pay one dollar and a half per month. This is an illustration of how necessary it is to study each contract in order to render services fair to both parties.

The great drawback to the Health Insurance plan is a small percentage of the doctors who by nature are selfish and exploit themselves at the expense of the group. For instance, there is the man who treats the gonorrhoeal condition diagnosed as colitis, who operates on pus tubes and removes the appendix and reports acute appendicitis, who has the patient visiting him a few extra times in the dressing of an infected finger, or a few added office visits for a cold. Rules and regulations covering consultation and known abuses have been prepared and adopted which tend to correct this drawback.

While the Business Bureau studies these health plans the Physicians' and Surgeons' Service Bureau operates the machinery for the care of the sick and injured. The physician serves under set rules and receives compensation as follows: Office calls—\$1.50; Hospital calls—\$2; House calls—\$2.50; Major operations—not

over \$75; Tonsillectomy—\$20. Settlement is made each month. Overhead, hospital, drugs, etc., are paid first and the remaining is prorated to the doctors. For the year ending September 30, 1931, the doctors were paid 63% of the total money collected, 15% of the total went to the hospitals, 7% went for drugs, and 15% went for overhead. For the past eleven months from October, 1931, to August, 1932, the total paid to doctors was 55% of the amount collected, that paid to the hospitals was 19%, 10% went for drugs, and 16% for overhead. In the past eighteen months the doctors have averaged 73% of the fee schedule, their bills having been discounted 27% of the above schedule. It is also interesting that for the year ending September 30, 1931, during which time there were 85 doctors members of the Service Bureau, five doctors or 6% of the members received 33% of the whole amount paid and 10 doctors or 12% of the members received 47% of the whole amount paid. Eleven doctors out of 85 receive over 50% of the money paid the doctors.

Another activity of the Bureau is our collection department, which was organized about April, 1931. Our entire capital consisted of \$5.00 per member charged as a membership fee. It was necessary to hire a manager, to equip offices, to purchase supplies, to secure employees and to pay sal-

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aries. Naturally we have had to rob Peter to pay Paul and the money paid to doctors collected on their bills has been overdue several months, but gradually we are taking up this slack and very shortly hope to settle each account at the end of each current month. As was expected, our greatest difficulty is with a number of the doctors, whose accounts have been overdue. Their criticisms voiced in the assembly rooms of the hospitals have greatly disturbed many of the members and all sorts of statements are made. If all the members would take the trouble to read the report of Mr. Van Rooy, the Public Accountant who examined our books, I am sure they would have facts that would not alarm them. This is so important that I wish to read the comments from the report. On books and records the report states: "Our examination disclosed a complete set of records, very well kept, and the results of every transaction can be clearly traced and easily found. We would recommend though that a ledger account be opened with each doctor and have the accounts payable balanced with the general ledger each month. We would also recommend that the Board of Trustees approve all disbursements monthly." On employees: "The Bureau is particularly fortunate in its selection of workers, as each one is imbued with the spirit of co-operation and of an intense desire to be of real help and assistance to the doctors." On the collection system: "A great deal of credit must be given the deviser of the collection system. It is so designed that a complete record is kept on every account in a visible ledger. A system of crayon signals is used enabling the clerks to follow up on promised dates. Through this system considerable work and filing is done away with. The system is also very flexible as it can be expanded to handle any number of accounts." On statistics:

"Since the Bureau's organization there have been assigned to them a total of \$126,954.06 in accounts. Of this amount there has been collected \$20,792.00 or 17%. Commissions on these collections amounted to \$4,518.00, or an average of 21.7%." The report then comments in general: "This is one of a multitude that has started without capital and still manages to stay in business. We believe that a remarkable showing has been made by this Bureau in the short term of its existence and particularly in view of the conditions. While it is true there is an operating loss for this period it is due to a large extent to a large opening and operating expense which has since been materially reduced. We would suggest though that a monthly operating report be made similar to the one in this report. This will enable the Bureau to correct its operating condition monthly.

"In organizations of this type the real or earning value of the corporation is not entirely apparent from the balance sheet. In the nature of collection companies, most of which employ considerable invested capital, the return on the work done is not immediate. There is an appreciable interval after the major work is done before the earned commission is actually charged on the books.

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of operations must serve in part as such capital; the work done on the assigned accounts constitutes earned but not collected income and is a theoretical offset to an operating loss. The remuneration for such work is received in later months as earnings.

"For instance, the Bureau has developed an installment note form. This note secures for them an acknowledgment of the account and sets a definite time of payment. They have succeeded in securing signatures on these to the amount of \$5,670.70.

"They have also traced, found, adjusted or secured an agreement to pay on \$63,348.64 of accounts. The commissions on these alone would amount to over \$17,000.00.

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We have a deficit in the Bureau of \$1587.82 as of August 31, 1932, which is a big improvement over last month. We are decreasing this deficit by one hundred dollars per month. This amount is deducted from the salaries of our employees, with their express consent; in fact, the suggestion came from them.

Regarding the other activities, a few words will suffice. For years the nurses' organization conducted a tele-

phone exchange for themselves. This arrangement was taken over and enlarged to include an exchange for doctors and dentists. The doctor or dentist pays three dollars per month and carries in the phone book a listing, "If no answer call Broadway 3166." There is on file a reference card containing all possible places that the doctor or dentist may be found, also the specific instructions as to how each call is to be handled.

In the large room in the Medical Arts Building, which is the headquarters of the Bureau, is housed the Tuberculosis League, also a reference room under the auspices of the Public Health League.

We fear socialization of Medicine. I wonder if we can have state socialization of medicine without socialization of industry and of government. It is stated that industry of the State of Washington is paying increasing premium rates, which are from 25% to 100% higher this year than last, to the Bureau of Industry for the care of the injured workman. On top of the premiums paid this year an assessment of from 25% to 50% of last year's premiums was made. If the rates continue to increase they will soon become prohibitive. After the injured workman has had his claim settled he can, if his condition grows worse, open his claim for further compensation and we know that any chronic injury always grows

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worse if added compensation can be obtained. It is stated that the Veterans' Bureau at present, with over four million veterans, costs for hospitalization and compensation some one billion dollars a year; of this amount $72\frac{1}{2}\%$ goes to the World War Veterans and their dependents. If continued at the present rate this activity will cost the government at least two billion dollars by 1945. What if one hundred twenty million people were hospitalized and compensated for sickness and accident? Enough for speculation!

In reporting the activities of the Pierce County Medical Society along the lines that have been given to you in this report, no pretense is made that they are original or even a solution for the economic ills of the medical profession. We realize the defects, the imperfections and even the fact that we may be working in the wrong direction. Even if this is true we are at least increasing our knowledge of economic problems and when some one can show us a better plan we will be better prepared to use it.

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THE STATE MEETING

The Pierce County Medical Society may well feel proud of its accomplishment as host to the Washington State Medical Association. The annual meeting just past has been rated by many as the most profitable and most enjoyable meeting that has ever been held by the Association.

Perhaps the most important accomplishment of this meeting was the development of unity of opinion regarding the necessity for an aggressive campaign in working out our economic problems. Heretofore there has been indiscriminate, widespread criticism of the evils and trends of the day in medicine, as many suggestions as there were physicians in the Association, and very little unity of action. This meeting marked a crystallization of opinion about the evils that should be attacked, the adoption of a real program of study and an unanimous decision to carry on.

The meeting was very largely in the nature of a study period, where distinguished authorities on the economics of medicine gave us a clearer picture of the problems that confront us, and pointed the way out of our difficulties.

Two legislative proposals were discussed and adopted. A new Medical Practice Act was adopted which, if passed by our Legislature, will make it possible for the medical profession to regain control of its members; remove medical administration from politics; provide funds and machinery for the effective enforcement of its provisions; and finally, place the medical profession in a better position of leadership in the supervision of scientific medicine and the control of public health. Every article in this new bill was designed for the benefit of the people of the State of Washington and cannot in any sense be called

class legislation favorable to physicians. It is believed, however, that it will advance the cause of medicine, because any movement which works for the general good is bound to react favorably to the credit and welfare of the medical profession. From the medical viewpoint it is a bill founded upon the ethics and ideals of a profession that seeks to render a high order of scientific service to society; and it sets forth these principles in regulatory form.

The second item of legislation proposed is an amendment to that section of the Medical Aid Law which deals with contract practice. For many years past a controversy regarding contract practice has prevailed in medical circles. The studies of the past year have developed the conclusion that it is the evils of contract practice, rather than this method of rendering service, that are causing our troubles; and the proposed amendment undertakes to correct some of these evils. The most important element in this statement is the establishment of an advisory committee of physicians in the Department of Labor and Industries. The function of this committee will be to study with the commissioners of the Department questions of quality of service, the nature of contracts and the general welfare of the workingman and employer in matters medical. It is believed that this amendment is fair to the workingman, fair to the employer, and fair to the contract and non-contract doctors alike.

In addition to these two legislative proposals, definite action was taken in the matters of providing for a con-

tinuation of economic studies by the Committee of Seven. A special committee was appointed to study the problem of the Government care of non-service-connected veterans, and provision made for a continuation study of public health problems.

The meeting was highly constructive in the actions taken, and marks the beginning of a very active campaign for the improvement of conditions generally.

The immediate obligation of the membership is to understand fully and as a unit get strongly behind the two legislative measures proposed.

The social side of the annual meeting was taken care of by the Pierce County Woman's Auxiliary in an outstanding manner.

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THE GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Washington State Medical Golf Association held its tournament September 12 at the Tacoma Country and Golf Club, with 82 players participating.

It was a full day, with 36 holes of golf and dinner in the evening.

A large array of trophies was made possible by the generosity of a number of the local men who furnished the sectional prizes.

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Railroad Surgeons—1st, Dr. M. W. McKinney; 2nd, Dr. Ross \$fiW W. McKinney, Tacoma; 2nd, Dr. Ross Wright, Tacoma; 3rd, Dr. W. G. Cameron, Tacoma.

General Medicine, Dr. E. C. Leach.

Surgery, Dr. R. C. Schaeffer, Tacoma.

Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat, Dr. Walter Cameron, Tacoma.

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AN ACT relating to the compensation and to the medical, surgical and hospital care of injured workmen, creating a Medical Aid Fund by enforced contributions thereto by employers and workmen; providing for the distribution thereof and for the expense of such care, and for creating the office of Chief Medical Adviser and a Medical Advisory Board, in connection with the administration thereof; providing penalties for the violation of this act; by amending Section 9 of Chapter 310 of the Laws of 1927 (Section 7724 of Remington's 1927 Supplement to Remington's Compiled Statutes), and by adding a new subsection thereto.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

Section 1. That Section 9 of Chapter 310 of the Laws of 1927 be amended to read as follows:

Section 7724. Any contract made in violation of this act shall be invalid, except that any employer engaged in any extra-hazardous work may, with the consent of a majority of his workmen, enter into a written contract with any physician or surgeon legally a resident of and practicing in the State of Washington, for medical surgical and hospital care to workmen injured in such employment by, and under the control and administration of, and at the direct expense of the employer and his workmen. Such a contract shall not be assignable or transferable by operation of law or otherwise except with the consent of the supervisor of industrial insurance endorsed thereon. Before any such contract shall go into effect it shall be submitted to the supervisor of industrial insurance and shall be disapproved by the supervisor of in-

dustrial insurance when found not to provide for such care of injured workmen as is contemplated by the provisions of Section 7715 of Remington's Compiled Statutes, and if in the judgment and discretion of the supervisor of industrial insurance the injured workmen under any such contract so submitted would not receive satisfactory service thereunder, he shall disapprove the same. No such contract shall be approved unless it provides that the physician or surgeon holding such contract shall at all times during the life of said contract receive the same rate of compensation therefor as is then collected on account of the Medical Aid Funds from all employers in the same class, and not having a medical aid contract. It shall be unlawful for any physician or surgeon negotiating for or holding a medical aid contract authorized under this act, either directly or indirectly, to offer any rebate or reward for the procuring of or retention of any medical aid contract. If any rebate is given or offered, it shall invalidate any contract for which it is given or offered. Any person offering, receiving or soliciting a rebate or reward for the purpose of obtaining, renewing or retaining any contract authorized under this act, shall be guilty of a gross misdemeanor. It shall be unlawful for any physician or surgeon either directly or indirectly to have any financial interest in any employer's business with whom said physician or surgeon shall have or to be interested in a medical aid contract, and if any physician or surgeon shall either directly or indirectly after the execution of any medical aid contract, acquire any financial interest in any employer's business or operation with whom said physician or surgeon has a medical aid contract or is interested in a medical aid contract, such contract shall thereupon terminate and become null and void. Any such contract with a physician or surgeon so

disapproved shall not be valid. Otherwise it shall be approved, and take and continue in effect for any period of time specified therein, not exceeding three years from the date of such approval: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That the director of labor and industries, through the division of industrial insurance, may, before approving any such contract, require the giving by any physician, surgeon, hospital or hospital association, of a bond in such sum and in such form, as the director may determine, conditioned that the obligor will faithfully perform such contract. Every such contract to be valid must provide that the expenses incident to it shall be borne one-half by the employer and one-half by such employees, and that it shall be administered by the two interests jointly and equally. So long as such contract shall be in effect the subject matter of the contract shall (except as in this section otherwise specified) be outside of, and not affected by the provisions of Sections 7712-23, inclusive, and Section 7725, other than the provisions of Section 7714 relating to artificial substitutes and lenses and the basis of compensation when lenses are supplied, and to transportation of injured workmen, and to educational standards of safety, and other than the provisions of Section 7719 relating to the analyses and reports of accidents, and the employer shall pay monthly into the medical aid fund ten per centum of the amount he would have been required to pay in that month if such contract had not been made, and of that ten per centum he shall collect one-half from his said workmen by proper deduction from the daily wage of each, and in addition thereto, each such employer shall, when required by the director of labor and industries through, and by means of, the division of industrial insurance, pay into the surplus fund, hereby

created a sum not exceeding one per cent of the amount he would have been required to pay into the medical aid fund, had such contract not been made, and the employer shall collect such one per cent from the party agreeing to furnish such medical aid and hospital service. Such surplus fund shall be maintained as nearly as practicable at the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) and shall be used by the director of labor and industries for the purpose of furnishing necessary medical aid to workmen included in the contract provided for in this section, where the necessity therefor arises after the expiration of such contract. Disbursements from said surplus fund shall be made by warrants drawn against the same by the state auditor upon certificate thereof, or requisition therefor, by the director of labor and industries through, and by means of, the division of industrial insurance. Payment of such one per cent shall not relieve the party agreeing to furnish such medical aid and hospital service from his obligation so to do. During the operation of any such contract the supervisor of industrial insurance or any interested person may file a complaint with the supervisor of industrial insurance alleging that the service and care actually rendered thereunder are not up to the standard provided in Section 7715, and, upon a hearing had upon notice to the employer and workmen interested thereunder, the supervisor of industrial insurance may make an order that the contract shall terminate unless the defect or deficiency complained of shall be remedied to his satisfaction within a period to be fixed in such order, or he may at such hearing sustain the complaint and make an order that the contract shall terminate forthwith.

Notice to the workmen may be effected in the manner provided in Section 7712. The employer or any interested workman may appeal from

such decision in the manner provided in Section 7697 hereof. During the appeal the contract shall remain in force and operation, but the costs of the appeal shall be paid out of the medical aid fund only in case the decision of the supervisor of industrial insurance is reversed. If during the operation of any such contract, any injured workman shall not receive medical or surgical treatment with reasonable promptness upon the occurrence of his injury, or at any time during his treatment, the supervisor of industrial insurance may provide such treatment during the emergency at the expense of his employer, who may charge such expense against such contract, and such emergency treatment shall continue until supplanted by like treatment under such contract, notwithstanding the pendency of an appeal from such action. The cost of such emergency treatment shall not exceed the rates specified in the fee bill provided by Section 7715. The acceptance of employment by any workman shall be and be held to be an acceptance of any existing contract made under this section to which his employer is a party.

No contract for medical, surgical, or hospital care of injured workmen entered into prior to the time this act shall go into effect shall be invalidated by anything in this act contained.

Chapter 310, Section 9 of the Laws of 1927 shall be further amended by adding thereto the following:

There is hereby created a State Medical Aid Advisory Committee which shall consist of five physicians to be appointed by the Director of Labor and Industries, from nominations made to him by the Washington State Medical Association, and no person not so nominated shall serve as a member of, or be appointed to said Medical Aid Advisory Committee. Each of the members of the said committee shall hold office for a term

of five years, and of the original board so appointed, one member to be designated by the Director of the Examining Board shall hold office for one year, one member for two years, one member for three years, one member for four years, and one member for five years, and until his successor has been appointed and qualified. Members of the said committee shall draw no compensation therefor, but shall receive their actual disbursements in attendance upon the official business of the said board and said committee, out of the Medical Aid Fund. The said committee shall meet quarterly at the office of the Department of Labor and Industries in Olympia. Said committee shall have free access to all of the records, files and archives of the Department of Labor and Industries, and shall make recommendations to the Chief Medical Adviser of the Department of Labor and Industries and the Director of Labor and Industries, concerning all matters arising out of the medical, surgical and hospital care of injured workmen, and shall make a report to each session of the legislature ten days prior to the convening thereof, of all its recommendations to either the Director of Labor and Industries or to the Chief Medical Adviser, and shall also recommend to the legislature any advisable changes or amendments in the Medical Aid Act. The Director of Labor and Industries may convene

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The secretary of the Board of Medical Examiners shall be *ex officio* secretary of the State Medical Aid Advisory Committee and shall at all times have free and unrestricted access to all of the records, files and archives of the Department of Labor and Industries.

There is hereby created the office of Chief Medical Adviser of the Department of Labor and Industries. The said officer shall be a physician and surgeon, who has practiced in this state for at least five years with conspicuous ability in surgery. He shall devote his whole time thereto, and shall receive a salary to be fixed by Director of Labor and Industries. He shall serve for a term of six years.

All new language in this section is in italics.

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NEWS ITEMS

Dr. Horace J. Whitacre will attend the meeting of the American College of Surgeons to be held at St. Louis October 17 to 21. He is to present a paper before the Congress on "The Problem of Competition in Industrial Medicine and Traumatic Surgery". He also will give a radio talk over a national hook-up from a St. Louis broadcasting station, the subject of his talk to be "The Care of the Injured". In addition, he will discuss Dr. Kanavel's paper on "The Hospital as a Professional Educational Center for Physicians."

Dr. E. A. Layton, whose work as physician for the Tacoma Public Schools, has been cut to half time, is conducting a Children's Clinic in his recently opened offices in the Washington Building.

Dr. Weldon Pascoe has returned

with his family after a summer spent in Europe.

Following in the footsteps of his immediate predecessor, Dr. H. J. Whitacre, Dr. Alexander Peacock as the newly elected president of the Washington State Medical Association has started a series of visitations to all of the county medical societies of Washington. He will be accompanied on his tours by Dr. Whitacre, who as chairman of the Committee of Seven, is attempting to accomplish a proper understanding by the physicians of the state of the new proposed Medical Practice Act and amendment to the Medical Aid Law, and to develop an aggressive economic program. Thurston-Mason Counties Medical Society was visited on September 30, and Whatcom County Medical Society on October 3.

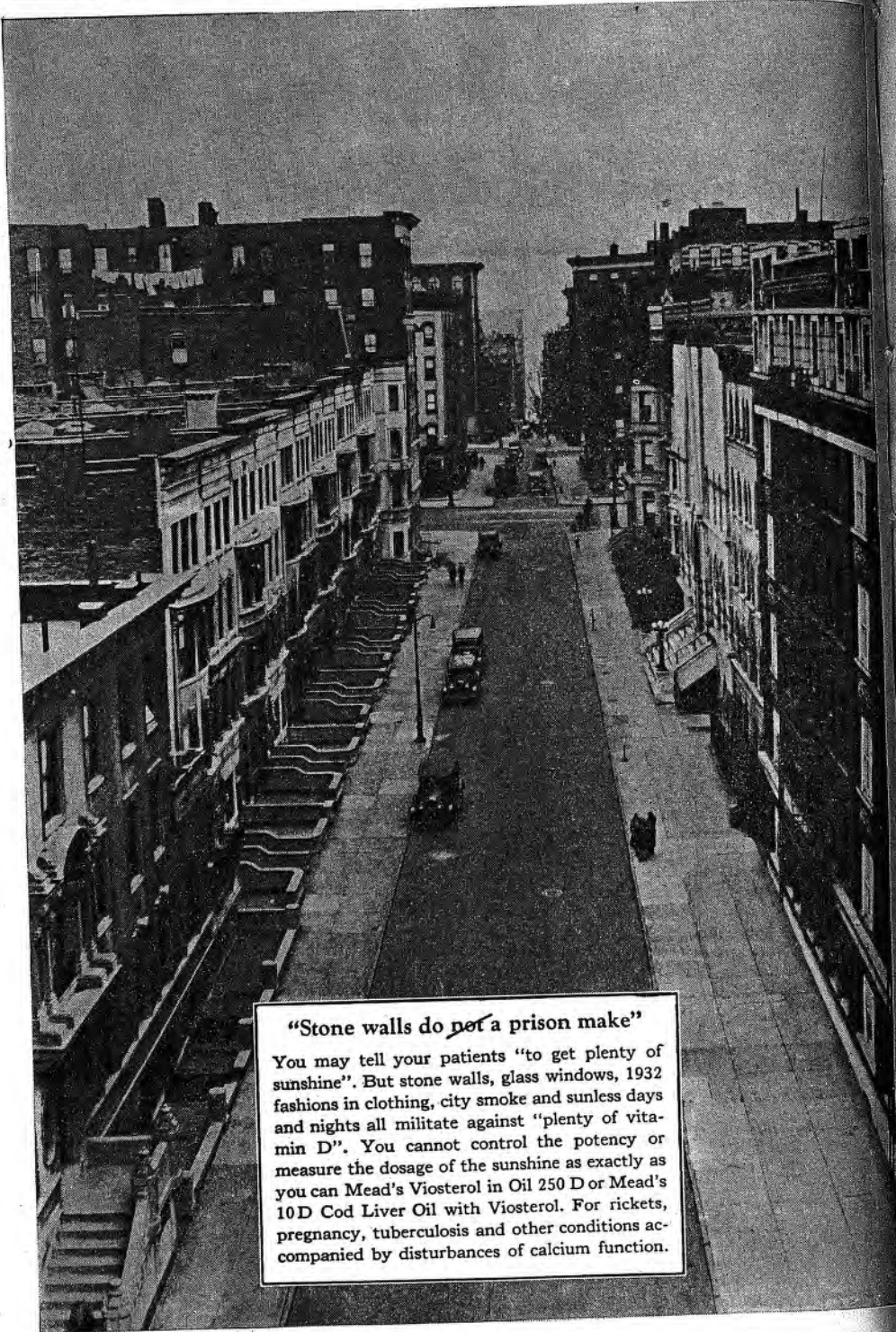
The air in the doctors' room at the Tacoma General Hospital has been reeking with political discussions of late. Many weighty problems of an economic and political nature, both national and world-wide, will be cussed and discussed during the next few weeks. The depression has cut down the betting, but most of the talk is cheap and the few who are not overworked come early and stay late.

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Luncheon and Business Meeting at the Tacoma General Hospital.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Auditorium of Medical Arts Building

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Lead Poisoning-----Paul J. Lewis

Etiologic Identity of Atelectasis of the Lung and Lobar Pneumonia

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Five Cases of Staphylococcus Pneumonia -----A. H. Gunderson

A Clinical Study of Gastric Ulcers in Various Locations -----

J. M. Bowers (by invitation)

Dinner at the Union Club.

The society was organized in Seattle on April 24, 1927 and its first meet-

ing was held in Tacoma at the Winthrop Hotel on August 29, 1927. Two meetings are held each year, a spring and a fall meeting. Our membership is limited to physicians whose practice is strictly limited to internal medicine and its allied branches.

The following members of the society were present: Seattle: John M. Blackford, 1115 Terry Avenue; George A. Dowling, 1115 Terry Avenue; Frederick Eppel, Stimson Building; James E. Hunter, 114 Boylston Avenue; George C. Miller, Stimson Building; Lester J. Palmer, 1115 Terry Avenue; George E. Price, Stimson Building; C. J. Rohwer, Stimson Building; P. V. Von Phul, Cobb Building; Charles E. Watts, Medical and Dental Building; Charles Homer Wheelon, 920 Second Avenue.

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TACOMA UROLOGICAL SOCIETY

The first meeting of the season was held on September 20. No papers were read, the time being devoted to plans for meetings for the coming year.

H. S. Argue, Secy.

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TACOMA INTERNISTS' SOCIETY

The society held its first fall meeting at the Winthrop Hotel on September 20. Dr. F. R. Maddison gave a paper on "The Clinical Aspects of Nephritis," with discussion by Drs. E. W. Janes and T. H. Duerfeldt. Dr. R. L. King, of Seattle, showed moving pictures of electrocardiographs.

The next meeting will be on October 18.

J. W. Gullikson, Secy.

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PIERCE COUNTY NURSES' ASSOCIATION

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First he is a professional man and not a business man, and he is hedged about with an etiquette which makes it inadvisable for him to use precisely the collection methods of the business man. Sometimes, indeed, he interprets professional etiquette as debaring him from using any real collection methods whatever. Traditions, precedent, and the ethics of the profession have combined to discourage any vigorous attempts at collecting money owed. The doctor has been expected to minister unto mankind, to serve charitably, and not to grasp for payment.

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a service which different people may interpret variously and on which widely differing values may be placed. Five or six months after a patient has been brought back to health, the estimate which he puts on the services of his doctor is likely to be pretty low.

Fourth, a doctor is not in a position to choose for his customers only those who are good credit risks. He is obligated professionally to render his services to anyone in need of them. Since he cannot select his prospects, it is never within his power to extend credit wisely. He is forced to extend credit whether it is wise or not; there is no choice about it.

Fifth, the doctor is prone to entertain the feeling that it is hardly decent to press for payment at any time; and under no circumstances until the patient has recovered. As will be seen in a moment, this is in one sense a leading reason for delinquency in the payment of medical bills.

Sixth, the doctor deals with "un-businesslike" people. When this statement is analyzed, it is found to mean that he is dealing with people who are accustomed to business procedure, to business obligations, to business self-interest. Their unbusinesslike outlook comes first from lack of education as to the meaning of the credit obligation, and second from lack of any feeling of self-interest in liquidating the debt.

Seventh, the doctor is forced to fight a fundamentally adverse condition. It is almost a national habit to postpone the doctor's bill.

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EDITORIAL

During the middle ages, when the Feudal System was in vogue throughout the world, the Lord or Duke was the head of his people. His word was law and from him came all the blessings and honors as well as the bare necessities of life. Surrounding the lord were his retainers and vassals who gave allegiance to him and sustained his sovereignty by working for him and bearing arms in his service.

Among these retainers was the doctor. He had no need to give thought for his material welfare or prosperity. His shelter and his living were given him as a matter of course and he did not presume to ask any reward for his work. When it happened that one of the nobility had need of his services he was given a fee, the amount depending upon the severity of the ill-

ness or the doctor's skill in treating his patient or oft times relying upon the mood of his master. Some times the honorarium would be large and he would be given riches and favors. In case of an unfavorable outcome of his attentions he might pay forfeit with his life.

With the breaking up of the Feudal System this paternal arrangement between the lord and his retainers was changed and the latter found they must look to their own efforts for a livelihood. The doctor was thrown upon his own resources, and had to make his own living, but continued to receive compensation for his services as a largess or free will offering.

Following the ethical teaching of Hippocrates he considered his profession in a wholly altruistic light. Being the custodian of the knowledge of treating the sick, and receiving special favors and considerations thereby, he did not deem it right that he should place a monetary value on his services.

As the years went by the doctor found that the people were glad to avail themselves of his help in time of need, but too many of them would forget to give him his compensation, and the habit of fixing a reasonable fee for the service rendered was begun.

In the early days even when a fee was charged there was no attempt to collect it, as in any commercial transaction. The doctor would only tell his patients the amount of their indebtedness when asked. Even in comparatively recent years, in the memory of many of our members, it was the universal custom to render bills but once a year.

In the past thirty or forty years the doctors have felt that the people as a whole were not deserving of such consideration and that the profession was being imposed upon and an effort was made to collect what they felt they had justly earned, until today practically every doctor renders his bills each month.

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Our periodicals have been giving us some particularly good things of late. Of special note is the October issue of that increasingly popular magazine, American Journal of Surgery. This is a Matas Birthday Volume, a collection of surgical essays written in honor of Dr. Rudolph Matas. The table of contents reads like a medical "Who's Who?" Dr. Rene Leriche has an article on "Arterectomy in the Treatment of Localized Arterial Obliterations," Dr. Robert C. Coffey a paper on "Cancer of the Rectum," Dr. J. Shelton Horsley a paper on "Cancer of the Stomach," Dr. John B. Deaver a paper on "Cancer of the Breast" and Dr. George W. Crile writes on "Anesthesia." Other contributors are Dr. Joseph Colt Bloodgood, Dr. William J. Mayo and Dr. Everts A. Graham.

Annals of Surgery for October contains proceedings of the San Francisco meeting of the American Surgical Association last July. Notable among the papers read were an article by Dr. Horace Binney on "Tumors of the Diaphragm," an article by Dr. Donald C. Balfour on "Jejunal Ulcer," one by Dr. F. W. Rankin on "Colectomy" and one by Dr. J. T. Gwathmey on "Ether-oil Anesthesia." Special note is taken of the seventieth birthday of Dr. W. J. Mayo.

Dr. George J. Heuer has an article in Surgery, Gynecology and Obstetrics for October on "The Surgical Approach and the Treatment of Tumors and Other Lesions about the Optic Chiasm." Dr. Carl Ehrhardt of Frankfurt a. Main, Germany, writes on the Ashheim-Zondek reaction and Dr. Frank Hinman has a paper on "Steps Toward Standardization of Perineal Prostatectomy."

One of the most interesting periodicals we receive is the New England Journal of Medicine, formerly the Boston Medical & Surgical Journal. Though small, this full of good things. Each issue contains several case reports of the Massachusetts General Hospital and in addition to good original articles they keep their readers in touch with what is appearing in the literature by frequently printing resumes of recent articles in the different specialties.

The Medical Journal & Record, which incorporates several journals familiar to the older practitioner, the New York Medical Journal, Medical Record, Philadelphia Medical Journal and Medical News, has in its current issue, in line with its custom of giving a symposium in each number, several articles on endocrinology. There is a paper on acromegaly, one on the suprarenals in death from burns, two on the thyroid and one called "Glandma and Glandpa," which deals with the hereditary tendency in endocrine gland disease. This magazine has been running an open forum on matters of interest to doctors, the current one being "Presentation of New Products."

Those interested in the history of medicine will delight in a paper on "The Paget Tradition," published in the September 24 issue of New England Journal of Medicine. Dr. E. Starr Judd has an article on "The Practice of Medicine, Early History and Economics," published in Ohio State Medical Journal for July, and there is an article on "The Evolution of Surgery," by Dr. Edward Podolsky in Medical Journal & Record for October 21. Annals of Surgery for October carries a paper on "Paracelsus" by Dr. Fred B. Lund.

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The next meeting of the Tacoma District Dental Society will be held in the auditorium in the Rhodes Medical Arts Building on November 17, 1931.

The program is as follows:

Interpretation of Dental X-Ray.....

Dr. Joseph Bell

Post Operative Treatment.....

Dr. A. F. Wilbur

Review of Literature on Dental Cysts

.....Dr. J. B. Schlund



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When he returns in February to continue his work his coming will be anticipated with pleasure.

Dr. Tyler fanned the flame of Western pride nicely when he assured us of the high quality of Dentistry being done on the Pacific Coast and in the Northwest especially. He intimated our Dental College was second to none and our work on an average was much superior to that in the east.



At a meeting of the Tacoma Dental Study held Monday October 12, 1931, a clinic was given on surgical pyorrhea by Dr. James Chilson of Seattle.

Dr. Chilson ably demonstrated his work in a practical case and explained the work at a meeting held later.

Officers elected for the coming year were Dr. Harold A. Christofferson as President and Dr. Frank Rist Baker, Secretary-Treasurer.

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By H. J. Whitacre, M. D.

There is abundant evidence to the effect that the type of scientific service that is rendered to the public by the medical profession is very satisfactory, as a rule.

There can be no doubt, however, in the minds of thinking members of the profession, to the effect that the financial side of medical practice is very unsatisfactory to the general public.

Sickness beneficial associations, hospital associations and the contract system have grown in popularity because the public is seeking some escape from the uncertainty and the increase of sickness costs.

Statistics have been produced to show that physicians are not overcharging, that hospitals are operating at a fair cost, and that nurses are underpaid; yet the fact remains that 70 per cent of the people of the United States are having a hard time in meeting the costs of the present day stand-

ard of living, including sickness costs.

Invariably all studies in the field of medical economics narrow down to the one conclusion that this 70 per cent is experiencing an increasing difficulty in meeting costs that have been imposed unavoidably by advances in medical science.

The only real answer to the situation is some form of insurance. Thus far the old line insurance companies have not offered sickness insurance at a price which is within the reach of the average worker, and the public has taken refuge in beneficial associations and fly-by-night insurance.

Some form of sickness insurance is certain to grow out of the present discussion, however, and it behooves the medical profession to give real study to the principles involved in sickness insurance. Socialistic writers advocate state medicine. Others feel that compulsory state sickness insurance can be operated in a manner that will keep it out of politics. A third group advocates widespread insurance by private insurance companies, because it will eliminate politics; while the medical profession seeks some system which will preserve to it a measure of financial fairness and unhampered professionalism.

This is a big problem; the answer will come by degrees and the profession should keep apace with the studies.

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Dr. E. A. Layton made a talk on the President's child health program and stated that a meeting would be held soon to consider local problems and all physicians were invited to attend. This meeting will be held November 5, 1931 in Weyerhauser Hall at the Y. W. C. A. Building.

Dr. E. C. Yoder made a talk urging support of the advertisers in the Bulletin. Dr. W. G. Cameron spoke in regard to the Bulletin and asked that the members contribute any news that would be interesting.

Dr. Frederick L. Wright of United States Veterans' Hospital, American Lake, was elected an associate member of the society.

The secretary reported the death of Dr. I. H. Robb.

The meeting was then turned over to Dr. H. J. Whitacre, President of

the Washington State Medical Association, who spoke on the problems of organized medicine, especially referring to the economic problems so much in evidence at present.

Dr. A. H. Peacock, of Seattle, gave a report and talk on the Committee of Seven elected at the last state meeting to study economic problems especially as they relate to contract work.

Dr. W. T. Woolley, of Seattle, spoke of the responsibility of the individual physician.

Dr. Homer Dudley, of Seattle, gave the outstanding talk of the evening, which he called "A Mess of Words." Dr. Dudley spoke from the viewpoint of the contract surgeon. There was discussion by Drs. Weldon Pascoe, Homer Dudley, S. F. Herrmann, V. E. Crowe, E. D. Kanaga, S. M. MacLean and R. S. Miles.

The meeting closed at 11:15 with the feeling that a great many opinions had been aired, but no definite conclusions reached.



Proposed amendment to the Constitution of the Pierce County Medical Society to be voted on at the meeting of November 24:

RESOLVED that Section 5, Article 3 of the Constitution shall be amended to read:

The Board of Trustees shall consist of the number of members as set forth in Article 4 of the Constitution, and in addition thereto the President, Past President, Vice President and Secretary-Treasurer shall be members ex-officio.

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Abstract of talk given by Dr. R. G. Leland, Director of the Bureau of Medical Economics of the American Medical Association, at the meeting of the Pierce County Medical Society on October 13:

I come before you tonight in the interest of the newly constituted Bureau of Medical Economics of the American Medical Association, which had its origin in a resolution presented last year by the delegates from California.

I am engaged in a seven weeks' trip in connection with this work. My purpose is to become better acquainted with the problems of medical economics in various parts of the country. These problems can not be

solved individually but only by united and cohesive action.

The things in which our interest lies are those phases of medicine which touch on business. We have followed for centuries those high and abstract ideas which we choose to call ethics. We have allowed ourselves to be misled largely because of our failure to grasp clearly or incorporate fully these modern business methods in a way that brings us an adequate return for our efforts.

We are interested in the systems used in physicians' offices, how their accounts are collected and how their cases are recorded. We are interested in the problems of those who are too busy to concern themselves about the details of their offices. We are interested in group practice. We are interested in contract practice, and in this connection I should like to say that it appears that I have come to the right place. This work includes sickness insurance, sickness savings, mal-practice insurance and care of the industrial sick. I should like to know, if possible, how many physicians have had unsatisfactory experiences with collection agencies. There is also the matter of fees.

It is our hope that every society and every physician will understand that we are working for you. Our headquarters are yours. It is our strongest hope that we may be of assistance to you individually. Do not hesitate to ask for help and to suggest ways of helping. It is only with the utmost assistance of the local and state societies that our program can be successfully carried out.

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Dr. H. J. Whitacre, in company with Drs. Casper Sharples and A. H. Peacock of Seattle, attended the Grays Harbor Medical Society meeting at Aberdeen October 21. They conducted a discussion of the problems of organized medicine, including contract practice.

The Pierce County Medical Society extends congratulations to Dr. and Mrs. Ross McPhail on the birth of a daughter, Beverly Jean, October 10.

Dr. Edward Rich returned Friday,

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Dr. William H. Goering is attending the meeting of the North Pacific Orthopedic Society, held at Vancouver, B. C., on November 6 and 7, presenting a paper on "Bony Tumors of the Ilium."

Dr. Karl Staatz has been spending several weeks in California.

Dr. G. E. Griffith went to Eastern Washington on a hunting trip last week.

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Dr. G. M. Steele has returned from New York, where he has been doing postgraduate work at New York Postgraduate Medical School and Hospital.

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November 3: Snohomish, at Everett;

November 7: Yakima and Kittitas, at Ellensburg;

November 9: Lewis, at Centralia or Chehalis;

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This evolution of the economic status of the doctor has gone on in connection with the general change and advancement of the world's civilization, and a re-arrangement of all the social relations. There has been an immense increase in wealth and the material resources of man.

Today our thoughts and discussions are more and more occupied with economics, with business problems and a tendency toward commercialism. There is a danger that the pendulum will swing too far, and that from being wholly altruistic, practice may become too intent upon material rewards.

The practice of medicine is an occupation or means of a living to be sure; and the laborer is worthy of his hire, but the practice of medicine is more than that. It is a profession which is the recipient of the accumulated medical knowledge of the ages, and has a duty to use that knowledge for the benefit of humanity. No monetary consideration can change the fact that the first consideration of the conscientious doctor is the welfare of his patient.

Along with this evolution of the economic standing of the doctor, was gradually developed a system of rules to govern the relation of one doctor to another, their obligations to those who required their attentions, and to the general public. These regulations

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were formulated through the wisdom and experience of the great minds of the past and are handed on to us as the Code of Ethics.

These ethics in their essence are merely the practice of the Golden Rule. They are fair and just and have stood the test of time. If all the doctors would base their conduct according to these old and tried regulations, many of the problems which now concern the profession would be quickly solved.

The material rewards that come to the doctor are necessary, but as he goes on through life he finds that the spiritual rewards are equal if not greater. The satisfaction of increasing his medical knowledge and general culture year by year is something that can not be taken away from him. The realization that he is doing a good work, and contributing to the relief of the afflicted, and bringing a little more happiness into the lives of others is a consideration that money itself cannot buy.

Finally, one of the greatest joys of the doctor's life is the association and companionship of his medical friends. Happy indeed may the doctor be who has earned the affection and esteem of his fellows.

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WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

On Wednesday, October 21, the wives of Tacoma doctors met in the auditorium of the Rhodes Medical Arts Building with Mrs. A. B. McGlothlan, of St. Joseph, Missouri, president of the national organization, and Mrs. Sears, of Portland, for the purpose of organizing a Woman's Auxiliary of the Pierce County Medical Society, the creation of such auxiliaries having been authorized at the last meeting of the Washington State Medical Association in Aberdeen. Mrs. R. C. Schaeffer was named as temporary chairman. Further steps toward this organization will follow formal approval by the Pierce County Medical Society.



TACOMA GENERAL HOSPITAL

At the next regular meeting, Thursday, November 5, of the Anatomical-Pathological Society, recently organized by men who have served their internship in the Tacoma General Hospital, and composed largely of men of this group, Dr. G. A. Wislicenus will be the guest speaker, presenting a paper on "The Fundamental Problems of Organized Medicine."

Dr. Dale L. Martin, Director of Laboratories of the Tacoma General Hospital, has just returned from a combined vacation and tour of observation which included visits to the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn., and to Departments of Pathology of several of the Chicago schools.

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Dr. W. B. Penney
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Dr. F. R. Maddison
Prognosis and Ultimate Results (5 minutes)--
Dr. J. R. Turner
Diabetes in Obstetrics (5 minutes)-----
Dr. David H. Johnson
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TO THE LADIES

More than most men the doctor owes his success to the help of a good wife.

In Osler's talks to medical students and young doctors he constantly advises against hasty and too early entanglements that may interfere with proper preparation for active practice and ultimate success. "Keep your affections on ice" and "medicine is a jealous mistress" are among his admonitions and he warns to be sure and marry the right kind of woman, and no one knows just how much the doctor needs this advice so well as the woman who has become a doctor's wife.

The first years of practice are years of struggle and denial. The doctor is striving for a foothold, to establish a place for himself in the

community and to gain that practical knowledge of the art of medicine not learned in medical school. The income is small and if there is any surplus over actual needs, the money is spent for better office furnishings, for needed equipment or for post graduate study.

During these years the wife bears the brunt of this necessary system of economy. All her hopes and longings to improve and beautify her home, her natural desire for new and pretty dresses, her ambitions in her social life—all these are secondary to the needs of the doctor himself, for nothing must interfere with carrying on the life work in which he is engaged and in which they are equal partners.

As the years go by and the practice increases, the material rewards are greater but there is an added burden of duties and cares.

Her first great concern is the home, a home for her doctor, a place where he may find comfort and rest and be free from care after a hard day's work. But the management of the home is disrupted by the work of the doctor. There is the sacrifice of giving up social engagements at the last minute on account of an unexpected call, and the doctor's wife must either stay at home or go alone. Meals prepared with loving care are eaten alone while the doctor is absent attending to some patient, and on his return the added work of preparing his meal at some irregular hour is done cheerfully and with a smile.

Not the least of her cares are her efforts to shield the doctor from the inopportune demands of impatient patients and a compromising of her conscientious scruples as she answers inquiries as to his whereabouts and the probable time of his return.

Besides these household problems, and with the incumbrance of a husband of varying moods and irregular

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Besides the usual inquiries for clinical material, which, like the poor, we have always with us, the library has during the past few months furnished data on such subjects as weight in relation to longevity, effects of overwork, the average number of population per hospital bed in the United States, developments in medicine resulting from the World War, sanitation of tourist camps, spectrum characteristics, Malthusianism, date of the first dissection, coloring matter in foods, sickness insurance in Europe, the home and public health, office arrangement, requirements of the X-ray Department of a Class A hospital and the Grievance Committee of the New York State Medical Association.

Another thing we are often asked for is information on patent medicines. With the help of "Nostrums and Quackery" and "Propaganda for Reform," supplemented, when necessary, by special data from the Bureau of Investigation of the American Medical Association, a doctor can give Mrs. Whoosit the makeup of Dr. Curem's Sterling Remedy for Man and Beast, which her husband's sister's mother-in-law took for lung fever, or fits, or was it bunions? and possibly it will occur to the lady that it is better to call in a doctor and get something for her money besides a mixture of epsom salts, peppermint and saccharin prescribed by a friend or over the drug store counter.

In this age of automobiles, and particularly in an industrial city like Tacoma, damage suits are of more or less frequent occurrence. Doctors called upon to testify in such cases often find that the library can supply

them with just the data they need on such points as the action of poisons used in manufacturing, the possibility of certain injuries causing certain diseases and the prognosis of injuries or industrial diseases.

From time to time a harassed medic will dash in with the statement that he has to give a talk before the Kiwanis Club or a P. T. A. or over the radio tonight and doesn't know what to talk about, or if he has a subject needs an outline to hang his facts on, or—possibly—he lacks facts! This is the best possible publicity, and it is well worth while to talk on health subjects or the romance of medical research and discoveries to lay audiences, which hear so much propaganda over the radio and in the magazines from irregular practitioners and cultists.

To take care of such calls we have a special file containing material which might be of interest to the layman, to which we are constantly adding from every available source. Copies of radio talks which we have just received from the American Medical Association are a valuable addition to this file, as also are the "Devils, Drugs and Doctors" talks which we receive regularly, radio talks given for Parke Davis & Company by Dr. Ruth Wadsworth and "Priceless Ingredient" talks furnished by the Squibb people. We also get pamphlets and bulletins from the Washington Tuberculosis Association, American Society for the Control of Cancer, Mental Hygiene, Metropolitan Life Insurance Company and many other sources, all of which is useful at some time or another.

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DENTAL SOCIETY PROGRAM

The next meeting of the Tacoma District Dental Society will be held in the Auditorium of the Rhodes Medical Arts Building at 7:30 P. M. on Tuesday, December 15.

A paper on "The History of the Tacoma Dental College" will be given by Dr. J. M. Meyer.

"Dentistry as Practiced in the Early History of Tacoma" will be presented by Dr. Burton E. Lemley, Dr. E. H. Lennox, Dr. George B. Dorr, Dr. Ernest J. Fisher, Dr. W. E. Burkhart and Dr. Hiram DePuy.

A cordial invitation is extended to all members of the old Tacoma Dental College and to dental assistants of the district to be present at this meeting.



The Oral Surgeons had their inning at the November meeting of the Tacoma District Dental Society. Those who missed the meeting missed three extra good papers. These men evidently spent a great deal of time in the preparation of their articles; Dr. Bell covering the subject of X-

rays; Dr. Schlund treating the subject of Cysts; and Dr. A. F. Wilbur elaborating on the matter of Post Operative Treatment.



We're certainly busy in the office these "daze." You know, if you're conscientious and really trying to do your best you can spend an awful lot of time on these cross-word puzzles.



I see by the papers the Clan McCarthy now has an heir apparent. Good luck, Dr. John, that puts you one up on some of us.



We have been wont to consider Dr. Rowland Hill one of our best and busiest dentists, but I don't know. Some of the speeches he makes are almost too good for a busy professional man to concoct.



Have you ever heard Manny Fewell or Jack Siegle miss a golf shot? Yet they say the game of golf is still in its infancy.



Dr. Baker says, "Before the winter is over we'll be wondering why the Statue of Liberty only has one hand up."



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The Tacoma Dental Assistants will hold their regular monthly meeting Thursday, Dec. 3, 1931, at 8 P. M. in the Washington Bldg.

Dr. Frank R. Baker will be the speaker of the evening and Mrs. Edith Weinhart will give a clinic.

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MEDICAL ECONOMICS

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THE COMMITTEE OF SEVEN

The House of Delegates of the Washington State Medical Association exercised rare judgment when it elected the "Committee of Seven" for a study of the social and economic problems of medicine.

The public seems to be appraising medicine, and it is high time that medicine should appraise itself.

This committee (consisting of Dr. A. H. Peacock, Seattle, chairman; Dr. H. S. Coe, Seattle; Dr. J. T. Rooks, Walla Walla; Dr. W. B. Penney, Tacoma; Dr. W. A. Taylor, Ellensburg; Dr. A. P. Duryee, Everett; and Dr. H. A. Wright, Seattle), has entered upon a very comprehensive study of these problems and is making real headway. Their questionnaire has been answered thoughtfully by two-thirds of the membership of the State Association, and these answers contain much valuable information for study. A much more valuable study of the economic problems of each section of the state has been made by Dr. Peacock and other members of his committee by personal visits, together with the president of the Association, to each county medical society. These meetings have furnished a real inspiration to intensive study, and a determined search for a solution of the

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many problems that must be met. At each county society meeting we find an unusual attendance and a serious-minded discussion that carries the program well on to midnight. Every society visited thus far has expressed a willingness to co-operate fully and has appointed an economics committee to work with the "Committee of Seven."

Everywhere doctors are thinking, want leadership, and are willing to support a truly constructive program.

This widespread favorable reaction to a program of study gives great encouragement in the belief that doctors can get together. The real test of our cohesiveness will come when the study has reached the point of conclusions and a definite appeal to action.

In one locality, where lay management of contracts has reduced the pay of doctors to thirty cents per call, with operations thrown in, the

physicians want immediate action. The physicians of another locality find themselves reduced to the status of "first aiders" by a contract group that operates in another state, and want something done about it. A third rather isolated community has not been invaded seriously by socialized medicine, and the physicians are not worried, while a fourth community has accepted contract practice as their best system for rendering medical care to the public and seek to eliminate the injustices of contract practice. The extravagant expectation that a single formula should be evolved for the cure of all of our problems is cherished by some.

The committee is proceeding in a very common sense way with its fact-finding studies and there is every reason to believe that some very constructive conclusions will be reached.



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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE PIERCE COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

November 10, 1931

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 by Dr. Schaeffer. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Dr. P. V. VonPhul, of Seattle, presented a paper on "Cardiac Syphilis," showing four postmortem specimens of luetic hearts. His paper very thoroughly covered the subject and was illustrated by X-ray slides, electrocardiograms and case reports. Dr. VonPhul believes in the energetic treatment of luetic heart disease in most cases and considers the X-ray and electrocardiogram of great value in diagnosis. The paper was discussed by Drs. J. F. Steele, S. E. Light, E. D. McCarty and W. B. Penney.

The second paper of the evening was given by Dr. J. W. Gullikson, on "Pneumoconiosis." This paper fully covered the history and findings of this rather rare condition and was illustrated by X-ray films. Discussion was by Drs. V. E. Crowe, J. F. Steele and R. W. McPhail.

The secretary made a report of the last trustees' meeting in regard to several matters. He read a letter from the Physicians' & Dentists' Business Bureau requesting the ap-

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pointment of an Arbitration Committee, to be made up of two members of the Pierce County Medical Society and one member of the Tacoma District Dental Society, all of whom are members of the Business Bureau, the duties of the committee to be arbitration of cases involving a dispute between a patient and a member of the Bureau. After some discussion the society voted unanimously to approve the formation of an Arbitration Committee.

The secretary stated that the trustees had considered the formation of a Woman's Auxiliary and approved of plans for such organization. Motion was made and seconded that the Pierce County Medical Society approve plans for the organization of a Woman's Auxiliary. Carried.

The secretary reported that the Pierce County Nurses' Association had requested the use of the Medical

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Dr. E. D. Kanaga reported for the Conference Committee appointed to formulate rules covering diphtheria immunization in Tacoma.



PERSONALS

Dr. I. A. Drues has been appointed a member of the Committee for Conservation of Vision for the Washington State Medical Association.

Dr. and Mrs. H. G. Willard are at home again after two weeks spent with their son at Stanford University.

Dr. and Mrs. Charles D. Hunter left on Tuesday for a vacation trip to California.

Dr. B. A. Brown, of the County Hospital, is back on the job after a few days' illness.

Dr. William R. Collett, an interne at Tacoma General Hospital, sailed December 1st for Alaska, where he will be resident government physician for the Indian Reservation at Metkakatla, Alaska, and also physician for the Father Duncan Mission.

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habits, the doctor's wife has been active in the social contacts of life, where her influence has been of great service in helping maintain a high degree of regard for the doctor himself and a sympathetic understanding of the work in which he is engaged.

The various activities for the promotion of public health and the welfare of the community have had her cordial support.

In order to continue this good work which they have done in the past as individuals, and to give united effort to the solving of social problems connected with medicine, they have organized the Woman's Auxiliary of the Pierce County Medical Society.

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Meetings will be held on the second Thursday of each month at 10:30 A. M. in the auditorium in the Rhodes Medical Arts Building. The next meeting will be on January 14, 1932.



TACOMA ANATOMICAL AND PATHOLOGICAL SOCIETY

The Tacoma Anatomical and Pathological Society, on November 5, had the honor of hearing a paper on the philosophical "Oneness of Life," as expounded by Dr. G. A. Wislicenus. A lively discussion of the various ideas, their origin and relationship

to present medical problems, was productive of "meat for thought."

On November 29 "The Clinical Aspects of Nephritis" was ably presented, with slides, by Dr. Frank R. Maddison. He stressed the highlights in the diagnosis of the nephritides, as based upon the modern concepts of normal renal physiology. A paper worthy of discussion anywhere.

Plans for presenting anatomical sections are being made, and those interested are invited to attend at scheduled demonstrations, to be posted on the Bulletin in the Tacoma General Hospital.

A. L. Schultz, M. D., Secy.



TACOMA UROLOGICAL SOCIETY

The regular meeting of the Tacoma Urological Society was held in the office of Dr. Charles Pascoe in the Washington Building on the evening of Tuesday, November 17.

The entire evening was taken up by a general discussion on the different phases of the practice of urology.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 22.

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We hope that doctors who have not marked their calendars for the first Tuesday of each month and for each Thursday morning clinic will reserve these days.

The Tacoma General Hospital is once more the headquarters for National Hospital Day, Mr. Cummings having been appointed National Chairman for the coming year.

Dr. Alan L. Hart, Tacoma General Hospital Radiologist, is attending a meeting of The Radiological Society of North America at St. Louis, Mo.

Miss Signe Wold, our Acting Director of Nurses, will return soon from a study trip to eastern hospitals.



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"Conservation of health is a most important part of Industrial Medicine and it is recognized that Industrial Medicine is Preventive Medicine. No Industrial physician needs to encroach upon private medicine, but can be of assistance, through an intimate knowledge of Industry, and assist private medicine in building up a definite health program for employees. As one medical writer states: "The acceptance of a health program by every American home opens a new avenue in that home, which is a guarantee of hope, health and happiness. With a united program for health, the defects of childhood would be corrected, infectious diseases would be driven out, protection given older members of the family and the economy of the whole program would be amazing."—*Quoted from an article by Dr. Rudolph Engel in a recent National Safety Council News Letter.*

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1. In taking the patient's name, be sure that the surname is correctly spelled and printed out.
2. Always ask for the full first name as well as the middle initials of the patient.
3. Record the occupation of the patient, or of the patient's husband or parent, as well as the concern where employed.
4. Record carefully the residence address, and if a business address is available, record both.
5. Take extreme precautions with persons who give a rooming place, or office building as their address. In all such cases find out the permanent home address.
6. Take extreme precautions with patients who have no telephone at their residence address. Possession of a telephone is a good indication of

the patient's ability or willingness to pay his or her bills.

7. Get detailed information on all persons who give an out-of-town address. If possible, get cash payments in such cases.

8. Always get the name of a near relative. This information is valuable in "follow-up" cases.

9. Always ask any new or unknown patient who referred him to the doctor, and record that person's name and address on the ledger card.

Obviously, it requires tact on the part of the secretary to get such information without antagonizing the patient.—*Bulletin of Polk Co. Medical Society, Des Moines, Iowa.*

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The *Statistical Bulletin* of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company reports an abrupt rise in the cancer death rate for both white and colored policy holders. While the influenza epidemic was probably responsible for a certain proportion of these cancer deaths, there were surely not enough to account for the pronounced rise observed in this first quarter year. The rate per 100,000 persons exposed for the first quarter in 1930 was 74.8, while in 1931 the rate increased to 84.3.



A recent tabulation of the 212,750 industrial accidents reported to the Ohio State Department of Industrial Relations during 1930 shows that about two-thirds — 141,305 — were due to five causes, namely:

1. Machinery, 39,202 accidents, or

18.4 per cent of the total of all industrial accidents.

2. Handling objects, 35,294 accidents, or 16.6 per cent of the total.

3. Stepping upon or striking against objects, 25,342 accidents, or 11.9 per cent of the total.

4. Hand tools, 21,631 accidents, or 10.2 per cent of the total.

5. Falls of persons, 19,836 accidents, or 9.3 per cent of the total.

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