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NEWS Letter

NEW MEXICO MEDICAL SOCIETY • 211 First National Bank • Albuquerque, New Mexico

NOVEMBER 5, 1963

ISSUES AT INTERIM MEETING

The Interim Meeting of the House of Delegates to start at 2:00 PM Friday, November 15th, during the Southwestern Medical Association meeting, in El Paso, may prove to be a lively one. Committee reports from all the committees of the State Society with the exception of the Disaster Medical Care Committee and the Insurance Committee were turned in in time to be included in the Handbook, which has now been mailed out to Delegates, Alternate Delegates, Officers of the State and County Societies. Other members of NMMS who would like to look over these reports should contact one of these people in their own county in order to be aware of what is coming up and be in a position to help instruct your delegates during your November Society meetings.

Among the issues that may turn out to be more controversial will be the decision on the type of plan that the Welfare Department should set up to implement the medical assistance to the aged portion of the Kerr-Mills Law. Several Societies have suggested that the Blue Shield Schedule #4 be used for patients under the MAA Plan and also for other Welfare patients. When Dr. Legant, President-Elect, and your President had an interview with Governor Campbell October 3rd, we were encouraged to hear him report that he would request funds from the Legislature in February 1964 to implement the Kerr-Mills Law in this State. He expressed an interest in the problem of inadequate Welfare fees but stated that he could not commit himself on this point at the present time.

The Liaison Committee with the Osteopathic Association will bring a report to the Council out of which may grow some proposals for beginning of the use of a mechanism apparently successful in Ohio for deciding which Osteopaths are practicing Scientific medicine.

The report from the Public Health Committee will bring up discussion regarding the responsibilities that should be assigned to a lay administrator in the Public Health Department and the place that the Mental Health Division of the Public Health Department should take.

The Medical-Legal Committee's proposed joint Panel for screening malpractice cases has been approved by the New Mexico Bar and merits the approval of our House of Delegates. All the Committees have worked faithfully and deserve the thanks of the membership of NMMS for their diligence and efficiency.

The Seminar on Neuro-Psychiatry held in Alamogordo, October 25-26, drew some 31 members of the NMMS to hear Dr. James

Galvan and Dr. Abraham Heller of Denver, and Dr. Herbert R. Fowler of the University of Utah discuss interesting papers. The above were joined by Dr. Michael Pollay, Neurosurgeon of the University of New Mexico Medical School, Dr. Daniel Joubert, Superintendent, N.M. State Hospital, Dr. I. Brian Taylor, Dr. John F. McCarthy and Dr. Benjamin Selving, members of NMMS from Albuquerque in putting on a very effective program. Your President spoke on "Psychiatry at the Crossroads" and emphasized the importance of physicians taking a leading role in any community mental health programs that were set up in our State. Dr. Beaudette and the Alamogordo doctors are to be commended for planning and executing an excellent program.

Read the Committee reports and come prepared to testify before the Reference Committee hearings on the afternoon of November 15th and attend both meetings of the House of Delegates on the 15th and 16th if possible. These are open to all members of the New Mexico Medical Society.

MEDICAL SCHOOL. FACULTY SECURED

Dean Reginald Fitz has supplied the following data concerning the heads of Departments who have now been secured and are setting up the curriculum and other phases of the planning at the University of New Mexico School of Medicine: (Only place where doctorate was secured, residency and position before coming to N.M. are listed due to lack of space - See Editorial on Medical School)

SOLOMON PAPPER, M.D., Chm. of Medicine
N.Y. University M.D., 1944; Residency in Medicine: Goldwater Mem. Hospital, N.Y., 1945-46; Cushing VA Hosp. in Framingham, Mass, 1948-50; Med. Coll. of Va., Richmond, Prof. of Med. 1960-62

JAMES S. CLARKE, M.D., Chm. of Surgery
Harvard Med. School, Boston, 1943, M.D., Cum Laude; Ass't. Resident & Instructor, Dep't. of Surgery, University of Chicago 1946-52; Chief Resident & Instructor, Dep't. of Surgery, University of Chicago, 1952-53; Ass't. Prof. in Residence, Dep't. of Surgery, UCLA Med. Center, L.A., 1956-60.

ROBERT S. STONE, M.D., Chm. of Path.
State University of N.Y., Coll. of Med., M.D., 1950; Postgraduate Training: Presbyterian Hosp., N.Y. 1950-51
Ass't. Prof. Path., University of Calif. School of Med., L.A., Calif. 1954-60; Assoc. Prof. of Path., University of Calif., Los Angeles, 1961-63.

SIDNEY SOLOMON, Ph.D., Chm. of Biochemistry; University of Chicago,

Ph.D., 1952; Ass't. Prof., Med. Coll. of Va. 1954-60; Assoc. Prof. Va. Med. Coll. 1960-63; Guggenheim Foundation Award, Germany, 1962-63.

LEROY C. McLAREN, Ph.D., Chm. of Microbiology; University of Calif., L.A., Calif., Ph.D. Microbiology, 1953; Instructor in Infectious Diseases (Virology), University of Calif. School of Med., L.A., 1953-55; Examiner in Bacteriology for Minnesota State Board of Basic Science Examiners (for licensing physicians, osteopaths & chiropractors) 1957-60; Assoc. Prof., Dep't. of Microbiology, University of Minnesota, School of Med., Minneapolis, Minn., 1959-64; Research Career Award, U.S. Public Health Service, 1962.

MR. ROBERT T. DIVETT, Head Librarian George Peabody Coll., Major, Library Science, M.A., 1955; 1st Ass't., Vanderbilt University, Med. Library, Nashville, Tenn., 1954-56. Medical Librarian, University of Utah, Library of Med. Sciences, Salt Lake City, 1956-63.

COMPLETE AUDIOLOGY TESTING AT SCHOOL FOR DEAF

Dr. G. McCandless, Ph.D. in Audiology, who is in charge of the Testing Center & Research at the School for the Deaf in Santa Fe, gave Doctor R.P. Beaudette and your President a very interesting tour of their facilities recently. Dr. McCandless pointed out that it seemed that many Doctors in the State are not aware of the full range of hearing tests that are available at their Research Center. They have facilities for testing children from 3 weeks on up, as to type and degree of deafness. They have electronic equipment that enables them to use the principle of the electroencephalogram in learning whether infants have a response to sounds. This and other methods are also used in eliminating malingerers from the Veterans Administration or industrial corporations. Delicate tests are available to establish whether there is damage to the cochlea, nerve deafness, conduction deafness, psychological deafness or some other problem.

Dr. McCandless pointed out that if any physician in the State wishes these tests made on a patient that he only needs to call or write to them to make the arrangements.

A tour of the School under the guidance of the Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Little, in the absence of Marshall Hester, Superintendent, re-

vealed very good facilities for teaching the totally deaf and partially deaf children who number 188 housed at the institution. The teaching staff consists of some 38 teachers in academic subjects and vocational training courses. The Vocational Training is largely in the field of printing, baking, shoe repair and, soon to be added, upholstery and electronics. It was noted that those children who could get any help at all from a hearing aid are encouraged to use one, not only in class but even as they play or live in the dormitories. Watching the teenagers jitterbug beside the phonograph that was turned up to a very high volume made us realize that these kids are very much like other children.

Our School for the Deaf rates very high nationally and it is one of the few schools that teaches finger spelling to be coordinated with lip reading as a regular part of their education program.

Dr. Wesley O. Connor is a member of the Board of Trustees.

DR. EARL MALONE RESIGNS

It is with regret that your President accepted the resignation of Dr. Earl L. Malone as Delegate from the New Mexico Medical Society to the American Medical Association. Dr. Malone has served as Alternate or Delegate for the past seven or more years and has done an effective job for our Society in representing us. He has not missed a single House of Delegates meeting since he has been Delegate, has been faithful in his attendance at Reference Committees, having served as a member of several Reference Committees during his term as Delegate. Our heartfelt thanks go to Earl.

Dr. Leland Evans, who has served as Alternate Delegate to the American Medical Association for the past several years has been appointed by your President to serve out the unexpired term of Dr. Malone, ending December 31, 1964.

C. Pardue Bunch, M.D.,
President,
New Mexico Medical Society

A MEDICAL SCHOOL AND ITS LIBRARY

The forthcoming session of the House of Delegates will be asked to confirm in some tangible and presumably negotiable form its resolution of November, 1962, in which it committed the Society to become a contributing member of the University of New Mexico Medical School Library. The intent of the House has been clearly expressed and as a policy of the Society it needs no brief in these columns; the amount of the contribution will be of some interest, but is a matter for the decision of the House of Delegates at the proper time.

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ORGANIZATIONAL NEWS AND NOTES

INTERIM MEETING IS NEAR

The Fifth Interim Meeting of our House of Delegates will convene in the Holiday Inn Motel, El Paso, Friday, November 15, 1963, at 2:00 PM. The Second Session of the House will be held at the same location, Saturday, November 16, at 2:30 PM.

Delegates are urged to be in their seats by 2:00 PM, Friday, November 15, in order for the House to organize quickly prior to recessing for Reference Committee hearings. Reference Committees will have to conduct their hearings in an efficient manner in order to conclude their hearings prior to the dinner-dance at the Juarez Country Club at 7:00 PM. It is presumed that few are the Delegates who would be interested in discussing serious business following a gala party.

The 84 page Delegates' Handbook was mailed to all Delegates, Alternate Delegates, County and State Officers, and Councilors on October 26. Please bring the Handbook with you to the convention since the supply is limited.

Southwestern Medical Association will sponsor clinical programs each morning, November 14-16. Speakers who will present the Clinical Program include: Demetrio Sodi-Pallares, M.D., Mexico City; Ethan Allan Brown, M.D., Boston; Hermann M. Burian, M.D., Iowa City; J.T. Jabbour, M.D., Oklahoma City; S. Arthur Localio, M.D., New York; James L. Sheehy, M.D., Los Angeles, and Carl E. Wasmuth, M.D., Cleveland. M.D. Thomas, M.D., El Paso, is President of Southwestern Medical Association. Dr. Thomas has been our Fraternal Delegate from the Texas Medical Association for a number of years.

RENOWNED AUTHORITY ON CONGENITAL MALFORMATIONS, VIRGINIA APGAR, M.D., TO LECTURE IN ALBUQUERQUE, NOVEMBER 19th.

Dr. Virginia Apgar, former Professor of Anesthesiology at Columbia University College of Physicians & Surgeons, and now the Director of the Division of Congenital Malformations, The National Foundation - March of Dimes, will be in Albuquerque the night of Tuesday, November 19th for an address under the auspices of the New Mexico Pediatric Society in conjunction with the NATIONAL FOUNDATION. The address is tentatively scheduled for 8:00 PM in the Hospitality Room of the First National Bank, corner of San Mateo and Central, N.E.

The subject of Dr. Apgar's address will be "Research in Congenital Malformations". Dr. Apgar is well known for her development of the "Apgar Score" and its use in problems of neonatal asphyxia.

This is a wonderful opportunity for all interested New Mexico physicians, especially General Practitioners, Pediatricians, Obstetricians, etc., to hear a world renowned authority on this particular subject, and it is hoped that all interested can attend.

MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY ASSOCIATION ORGANIZING DIAGNOSTIC CLINIC

The New Mexico Muscular Dystrophy Association is organizing a diagnostic and supportive treatment clinic at the Rehabilitation Center in Albuquerque, N.M. The aims of the clinic are to aid the patient's family physician in diagnosing new cases, differentiate diseases which may be confused with muscular dystrophy, and to obtain periodic progress followups. The clinic will communicate with the patient's physician and will in no way interrupt the doctor-patient relationship. The clinic accepts only physician referred patients.

If you are caring for any patients with muscular dystrophy or similar syndrome, would you kindly send the patient's name to: Muscular Dystrophy Clinic, c/o Rehabilitation Center, 1023 Stanford, N.E., Albuquerque, N.M. (This clinic is approved by the Bernalillo County Medical Association).

KING-ANDERSON HEARINGS TO BE NOVEMBER 18-27.

Honorable Wilbur Mills, Chairman of the House Ways & Means Committee has announced that hearings on the King-Anderson Bill will be held November 18-27th. A brief from N.M.M.S. is to be submitted at these hearings.

D.P.H. REQUESTS YOUR SUPPORT IN CYSTOCERCOSIS STUDY

The State Department of Public Health requests any physicians who may have cases of Cystocercosis, the larva form of Taeni solium in humans in the United States, to report them to D.P.H. D.P.H. received a request from the communicable center in Atlanta, Ga., that either presumptive or confirmed cases of Cystocercosis that have occurred in the State be reported since they are making a special study of this problem.

NEW MEXICO MEDICAL ASSISTANTS WERE RECOGNIZED

New Mexico Medical Assistants Society was represented in the Pageant of Flags Parade by their President, Mrs. Nate Wineberg, at the 7th Annual AAMA Convention in Miami Beach, Fla. Miss Jackie L. Walker and Miss Martha E. Smith were the two other delegates attending. Mrs. Bernece Hynes, Medical Assistant to E.P. Szerlip, M.D., was appointed to a national position as a member of the Public Relations Committee.

EDWARD R. ANNIS, M.D., President of the American Medical Association, was the honored speaker at the Saturday Session, speaking on "The Fatigue of Support". Four hundred sixty-five delegates were present, representing approximately 45 States.

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meetings of medical practitioners, with whom they have wholly lost contact". Cushing went on to point out the value of a library as a unifying influence over scholars of separate schools.

If such separation was apparent to Cushing then it is certain that the intervening 34 years have seen little to narrow a gap which seems indeed an inevitable by-product of progress. But that which is inevitable is not necessarily desirable and if we have found no other binding influence. since Cushing's day we may still look to a new Library in a new school to serve as a cohesive agent.

If it be appropriate that a Medical School Library serve as a binding influence for Medicine and the daughter disciplines, it is even more appropriate that the active support of that Library should become the unifying force between the clinician in private practice and the tutorial physician in the classroom and ward. We are among those who feel that a continuing rapprochement between those groups is an essential factor for the future growth of the School and the profession of the State.

A.L.H.

"O HAND ME DOWN MY WALKING CANE"

A parenthetic remark in a recent journal brings up an old quandary in the management of some locomotor difficulties, and one which our contemporaries must share in equal degree. The remark was the citation of another author's calculations that a one hundred-eighty pound man in the standing phase of walking gait transmits a three hundred-eighty pound force through the trochanteric region of the weight bearing hip - and that the force can be reduced to one hundred-twenty pounds by the use of a cane in the hand of the opposite side. * The quandary is how to persuade the patient who needs just such assistance to accept the "walking stick".

If we recall our Conan Doyle correctly the Macaronis of the Regency period could claim priority in the use of the cane as an article of personal adornment but the apogee in the historical traverse of the cane in fashion must have been reached in the days when Edward VII was Prince of Wales, and a certain dandyism hung on as one of the cultural artifacts of a world which soon would have neither space nor spirit for the likes of "Beau Brummel".

So the cane, simple or ornamented, fell into decline and became the hallmark of the enfeebled and superannuated, of the toothless and doddering oldster of the cartoonist - and in more recent days in the form of a white cane, the mark of the blind. And so vanity precludes many a man and more women from adopting this simple aid which can preserve useful life in the arthritic hip, can speed the transition to unaided weight-bearing in fractures, and which might save countless hip fractures among our spry and sprightly septuagenarians whose increasing numbers is a delight at the same time it is a challenge to our fracture services.

One might ponder wistfully over the prospects that the cane might again be restored to its place in fashion, but the hope is dashed by the vision of today's youth clambering out of a two-seater sports car and turning to extract a cane (almost surely a folding one) while twisting his beret into the pocket of his walking shorts. No, we can offer no hope from fashion and are ourselves resigned to continuing the unequal struggle in which logic is pitted against vanity whenever we prescribe the use of a walking cane.

* Sarmiento, A.: Intertrochanteric Fractures of the Femur. J. Bone & Joint Surgery, 45-A: 706-721, June 1963.

A.L.H.

JUST TO KEEP YOU AWAKE

The hypochondriac rushed to his doctor in great panic and announced that he had a fatal liver disease.

"Nonsense", protested his physician. "If you had that you would have no way of knowing it. With that disease there is no feeling or discomfort of any kind."

"I know", gasped the patient. "My symptoms exactly".

J.J.C.

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