

THE BEGINNINGS OF THE OKLAHOMA STATE HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION¹

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The twenty-fifth anniversary of the organization of the Oklahoma State Hospital Association, the fifth state hospital association to be organized in the United States, was on May 21, 1944. Since this valuable institution is of historical significance and regional importance, the writer has presented from his files the outlines and definitive data, from 1919 to 1927 inclusive, for *The Chronicles of Oklahoma*, having served many years as chairman of the Committee on Hospitals for the Oklahoma State Medical Association, and having made numerous written reports, which were received, read, filed and forgotten.² A native of the Indian Territory, Oklahoma State, he

¹ The first hospital in the Indian Territory, now Oklahoma, was at Fort Gibson established by Colonel Matthew Arbuckle in command of five companies of the 7th Infantry on April 21, 1824. Dr. John Walker Baylor was physician and surgeon at the new military post, his name being listed on the medical staff of the War Department, attached to the 7th Infantry, July 8, 1824.—*American State Papers*, Military Affairs, Vol. III, p. 201; Grant Foreman, *Fort Gibson* (Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 1936), p. 8; William Brown Morrison, *Military Posts and Camps in Oklahoma* (Oklahoma City: Harlow Publishing Company, 1936), pp. 28-47; James Henry Gardner, "The Lost Captain," *The Chronicles of Oklahoma*, XXI (September, 1943), p. 219; Joseph B. Thoburn and Muriel H. Wright, *Oklahoma: A History of the State and Its People* (New York: Lewis Historical Publishing Company, Inc., 1929), Vol. I, pp. 61-74.

² These and others attending the 1920 meeting are classed as charter members of the Oklahoma State Hospital Association (ten of the appended list having promised but not actually attending the first meeting at Muskogee, being unavoidably detained through no fault of their own): Oklahoma Baptist Hospital, J. A. Stalcup, Supt., Miami, Okla. Physicians and Surgeons Hospital, Dr. Sessler Hoss, Muskogee, Oklahoma. Oklahoma Baptist Hospital, Miss M. Ellen Cheek, Muskogee, Okla. Mable Dale Hospital, H. C. Dale, Supt., Yale, Okla. Oklahoma Cottage Sanitorium, Dr. J. L. Moorman, Medical Director, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Okmulgee City Hospital, Dr. V. Berry, Okmulgee, Oklahoma. Eastern Oklahoma Hospital, Dr. F. M. Adams, Supt., Vinita, Okla. Central Oklahoma Hospital, Dr. D. W. Griffin, Supt., Norman, Okla. Washington County Hospital, Charles E. Allen, Supt., Bartlesville, Okla. All Saints Hospital, owned and operated by the Protestant Episcopal Church, McAlester, Oklahoma. Huffman Hospital, Hobart, Okla., Jennie Eads, Supt. Holdenville Hospital, Holdenville, Dr. J. W. Lowe. Florence Hospital, Cordell, Okla., Dr. A. J. Bungardt. Clinton Hospital, Clinton, Okla., Dr. McLain Rogers. Shawnee City Hospital, Shawnee, Okla., Mrs. F. M. Beaty, Supt. St. Anthony's Hospital, Oklahoma City, Dr. R. M. Howard. Chickasha Hospital, Chickasha, Okla., Dr. D. S. Downey. Wesley Hospital, Oklahoma City, Dr. M. E. Stout. El Reno Sanitarium, El Reno, Okla., Drs. Hatchett—Aderhold. Enid General Hospital, Enid, Okla., Dr. James Hays. The Hardy Sanitarium, Ardmore, Okla., Dr. A. G. Cowles. The Baptist Hospital, Oklahoma City, Mrs. Elizabeth Smith. Oklahoma Hospital, Tulsa, Okla., Dr. Fred S. Clinton. Tulsa Hospital, Tulsa, Okla., Dr. C. L. Reeder. Morningside Hospital, Tulsa, Okla., Mrs. D. I. Browne. Duke Sanitarium, Guthrie, Okla., Dr. J. W. Duke. University Hospital, Oklahoma City, Dr. LeRoy Long. Blackwell Hospital, Blackwell, Okla., Dr. Arthur S. Risser.

was anxious to guard its greatest resource, the health of its people, and planned to organize and establish a working Oklahoma State Hospital Association. The first state hospital association was organized in Ohio in 1915; then followed three other states, and the Oklahoma State Hospital Association was the fifth to be organized, which occurred May 21, 1919.

The local problems being different yet ranging about patients, there was need to challenge the attention of physicians and to attract the people. A sympathetic and understanding association was sought by meeting at the same time and place with the State Medical Association and by bringing outstanding guest speakers who would interest those attending both meetings. A noon luncheon was given by the writer for representatives from most of the leading hospitals of Oklahoma and the following program was presented:³

"The Object of the Meeting," Dr. Fred S. Clinton, Oklahoma Hospital, Tulsa, Oklahoma; "What is Hospital Standardization," Dr. F. K. Camp, Wesley Hospital, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Minimum Requirements of Case Records," Dr. LeRoy Long, University Hospital, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; "The Hospital as a Health Center," Dr. J. A. Hatchett, El Reno Sanitarium El Reno, Oklahoma; "The Doctor's Part," Dr. V. Berry; Okmulgee Hospital, Okmulgee, Oklahoma; "The Hospital's Part," Dr. A. S. Risser, Blackwell Hospital, Blackwell, Oklahoma; "The Minimum Laboratory Requirements of a General Hospital, and its equipment and Management," Dr. M. Smith, St. Anthony's Hospital, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; "Let's Go," Dr. Sessler Hoss, Physicians and Surgeons Hospital, Muskogee, Oklahoma.

The object of the meeting was stated as follows:

THE OBJECT OF THE MEETING OF THE REPRESENTATIVES
OF VARIOUS HOSPITALS IN THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA
AT MUSKOGEE, May 21, 1919.

By Dr. Fred S. Clinton, President Oklahoma
Hospital, Tulsa, Oklahoma

The real spirit of the constructive work of the age finds itself expressed through organization and team work.

The great objects of a hospital are care, cure and education of the sick; the training of physicians and nurses; the extension of medical knowledge and prevention of disease.

The purpose of the proposed organization of the hospitals of the State of Oklahoma is to promote the welfare of the people so far as it may be done by the institution, care and management of hospitals and dispensaries with efficiency and economy, to aid in procuring the cooperation of all or-

³ Officers elected, Oklahoma State Hospital Association, Muskogee, Oklahoma, May 21st, 1919: President, Dr. Fred S. Clinton, Oklahoma Hospital, Tulsa, Oklahoma; First Vice President, Dr. J. A. Hatchett, El Reno Sanitarium, El Reno, Oklahoma; Second Vice President, Dr. A. J. Risser, Blackwell Sanitarium, Blackwell, Oklahoma; Executive Secretary, Mr. Paul H. Fesler, Supt., State University Hospital, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Treasurer, Dr. Sessler Hoss, Chief Surgeon, Midland Valley R. R. Co., and P. & S. Hospital, Muskogee, Oklahoma; Delegate American Hospital Association, Mr. Paul H. Fesler, Supt.; Alternate, American Hospital Association, Dr. F. K. Camp, Wesley Hospital, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Next meeting, May 1920, Oklahoma City, Okla.

ganizations with aims and objects similar to those of this Association; and in general, to do all things which may best promote hospital efficiency.

The speaker for a long time has insisted that the great responsibility of properly conducting a hospital necessitated mental and moral as well as material equipment, and the great effort to standardize hospital service is going to require that men use a properly educated conscience as their guide rather than proclaim some newly found or accepted formula.

John G. Bowman, Director of the American College of Surgeons recently said to the speaker that "hospital standardization is merely the organized effort by which the profession and hospitals may effectively carry out their own purpose."

The growing importance of the efficient industry known as hospitals, and the large amount of time and thought as well as money invested in them in the State of Oklahoma, demands their concerted effort with the view of securing the maximum efficiency.

This is your opportunity to aid in shaping the fundamentals of this important industry which we have nursed through its early struggles and hardships. Through counsel and cooperation we may easily be the master of the situation and demand the respectful attention of all those with whom we have dealings.

With the application of progressive ideas and lofty ideals we may press hopefully forward toward that high destiny which awaits those who have the courage of their convictions and an abiding confidence in the future of mankind.

A thoughtfully prepared and properly conducted round table is usually the most instructive and interesting part of a meeting. Here, one with the smallest or largest problem may have the benefit of the best informed expert advice and always feel assured that he would be well repaid for attending every meeting. In this cross section of a friendly forum one gets better acquainted and every member had a chance to participate. The round table was made a permanent feature of the regular conventions to give every one interested the opportunity of having a part in the meeting. This informal, comfortable research and diligent inquiry into the facts and principles concerned in the correct conduct of a hospital repaid all efforts put forth in the investigations. The carefully planned democratic method to realize to the full the experience and trained intelligence of leading doctors, hospital executives, teachers and other qualified officials to organize and direct the round table is now used quite generally all over the United States to quickly disseminate knowledge.

The second annual meeting of Oklahoma State Hospital Association convened at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, May 19, 1920. Many doctors owned or were associated with hospitals as executives or members of the staffs or visited them on occasion.⁴ Much of their time

⁴ The president had as his guests for special noon luncheon at the Lee Huckins Hotel, Oklahoma City, May 19, 1920, over thirty representatives of various hospitals in Oklahoma, the names of the hospitals and of the representatives appearing in his personal files and records: Huffman Hospital, Hobart, Oklahoma, Jennie Eads, Supt.; Holdenville Hospital, Holdenville, Okla., Dr. J. W. Lowe; Florence Hospital, Cordell, Okla., Dr. A. H. Bungardt; Clinton Hospital, Clinton, Okla., Dr. McLain

could be saved by the medical and hospital associations in meeting at the same dates, each needing the other during the evolutionary growth of this expanding industry in Oklahoma. The development was orderly and far more harmonious for members of both organizations became better acquainted and cultivated a sympathetic understanding for a great work of mutual interest.⁵

The Third Annual Meeting of the Oklahoma State Hospital Association was held May 18, 1921, at McAlester, Oklahoma.⁶ Answering a letter of inquiry, July 20, 1921, from the secretary of the Association, the writer responded July 25, 1921, as follows: "It was decided to continue last year's officers." * * * The meeting at McAlester was a very instructive and successful one." "The addresses

Rogers; Shawnee City Hospital, Shawnee, Okla., Mrs. F. M. Beaty, Supt.; Chickasha Hospital, Chickasha, Okla., Dr. D. S. Downey; Enid General Hospital, Enid, Okla., Dr. James Hays; Oklahoma State Baptist Hospital, Oklahoma City, Mrs. Elizabeth T. Smith, R.N., Supt.; Oklahoma Hospital, Tulsa, Okla., Dr. Fred S. Clinton, Pres.; Wesley Hospital, Oklahoma City, Okla., Dr. M. E. Stout; St. Anthony's Hospital, Oklahoma City, Okla., Dr. R. M. Howard; Physicians and Surgeons Hospital, Muscogee, Okla., Dr. Sessler Hoss; Tulsa Hospital, Tulsa, Okla., Dr. C. L. Reeder, Sec.; Morningside Hospital, Tulsa, Oklahoma, Mrs. D. I. Browne, Supt.; Municipal Hospital, Tulsa, Oklahoma; University Hospital, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Dr. LeRoy Long; Oklahoma Baptist Hospital, Muscogee, Oklahoma, Dr. J. H. White; Duke Sanitarium, Guthrie, Oklahoma, Dr. J. W. Duke; Mable Dale Hospital, Yale, Oklahoma, H. C. Dale, Supt.; Okmulgee City Hospital, Okmulgee, Oklahoma, Chas. M. Ming, Board Member; Blackwell Hospital, Blackwell, Okla., Dr. A. S. Risser; El Reno Sanitarium, El Reno, Oklahoma, Dr. J. A. Hatchett; Hardy Sanitarium, Ardmore, Okla., Dr. A. G. Cowles; Oklahoma Baptist Hospital, Miami, Okla., J. A. Stalcup, Supt.; Home Hospital, Sand Springs, Okla., Geo. C. Campbell, Supt.; Enid Springs Sanitorium and Hospital, Dr. Geo. A. Boyle.

⁵ The second year the following brief program was presented by the Oklahoma State Hospital Association: "How may we make the hospitals more effective in Oklahoma," Dr. John W. Duke, Guthrie; "The Staff," Dr. John W. Riley, Oklahoma City; "Hospitals vs. Storehouses," Dr. C. W. Heitzman, Muscogee; "The Nurse," Miss Candice Monfort, Supt. of Nurses, University Hospital; "The Hospital as Center for Social Service," Dr. A. S. Risser, Blackwell; Report on new State Tubercular Sanitoriums, Dr. D. Long, Oklahoma City; "Occupational Therapy," Dr. F. M. Adams, Supt. Eastern Oklahoma Hospital No. 2, Vinita, Okla.

Officers elected May 19, 1920, for 1920-1921: Dr. Fred S. Clinton, President of Oklahoma Hospital, Tulsa, re-elected President; Dr. J. A. Hatchett, El Reno Sanitarium, El Reno, 1st vice president; Dr. A. S. Risser, Blackwell Hospital, Blackwell, Oklahoma, 2nd Vice President; Paul H. Fesler, Supt. University Hospital, Oklahoma City, Executive Secretary; Dr. J. Hutchins White, Baptist Hospital, Muscogee, Oklahoma, Treasurer; Delegate to American Hospital Association, Dr. C. L. Reeder, Tulsa Hospital, Tulsa, Oklahoma; Dr. Geo. A. Boyle, Enid Springs Sanitorium and Hospital, Enid, Oklahoma, Alternate; In January 1921, Dr. Fred S. Clinton accepted the chairmanship of the first National Hospital Day, May 12, 1921, for the State of Oklahoma. (Report Committee on Hospitals, *Journal Oklahoma State Medical Association* [July, 1925], XVIII: 163.)

⁶ In 1894, following a mine disaster near McAlester, the Protestant Episcopal Church sponsored, built, furnished, and occupied a building named "All Saints Hospital and Training School for Nurses." It served long, honorably and usefully. It was finally acquired by the Masons and the name was changed to Albert Pike Hospital, about 1926.

by Drs. Rosser, Jackson and Long were received very enthusiastically," and were a great contribution to the State.⁷

Oklahoma State Hospital Association convened at Oklahoma City, May 10, 1922. A noon luncheon was held at Lee Huckins Hotel, with over fifty members present. The Association met at 7:30 P.M., in the auditorium of St. Luke's Church, Oklahoma City.⁸

Joint Meeting, Oklahoma State Medical Association and The Oklahoma State Hospital Association, convened at 7:30 P.M., Tuesday, May 15, 1923, at the First Baptist Church, 4th and Cincinnati, Tulsa, Oklahoma. This open meeting was addressed by two distinguished Texas guests of Dr. and Mrs. Fred S. Clinton: "Organized Medicine," Dr. C. M. Rosser, Dallas, Texas, Professor of Surgery, Baylor University Medical School; "The Economic and Social Value of the Hospital," Mr. Robert Jolly, Superintendent Baptist Hospital, Houston, Texas. On Wednesday, May 16, 1923, Dr. Jabez N. Jackson, of Kansas City, Mo., and Dr. George W. Cale, Jr., of St. Louis, Mo. gave surgical clinics and lectures at the Oklahoma Hospital, open to members of both Associations. The following paragraph is lifted from the writer's notes in his files dated May 17, 1924, referring to the meeting of the Oklahoma State Hospital Association May 14, 1924.⁹

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION

Many valuable services and contributions to the people of Oklahoma have been made through the mobilization of the fighting forces of the citizens to modify or correct injustices to them; concession

⁷ As the guests of the President and the Oklahoma State Hospital Association these distinguished surgeons and educators participated in the following program at an open meeting of the Association, May 18, 1921, at the Auditorium of the First Baptist Church, McAlester:

Invocation, Rev. W. A. Treadwell; Music (Selected) Temple Quartette; The President's Address, Dr. Fred S. Clinton, Tulsa; Music (Selected) Mrs. G. H. Newton; Address "More Hospitals, Bigger and Better Hospitals A Health Necessity," Dr. C. M. Rosser, Professor Surgery Baylor University, College of Medicine, Dallas, Texas; Address, Subject Selected, Dr. Jabez N. Jackson, Kansas City, Missouri; Address, "Some Remarks on the Function of the Hospital," Dr. LeRoy Long, Dean and Professor of Surgery, University of Oklahoma, School of Medicine.

⁸ Program (1922): Invocation, Rev. Phil C. Baird, Pastor First Presbyterian Church, Oklahoma City; Music by Mrs. Alfred A. Brown, St. Luke's Church; President's Address, Dr. Fred S. Clinton, Tulsa, Oklahoma; Music, Mr. H. Earl North, St. Luke's Church; illustrated lecture, "Prevention of Deformities vs. The Cure of Deformities," Dr. Paul Budd Magnusan, Associate Professor of Surgery, Northwestern University Medical School, Chicago, Illinois.

⁹ See *Appendix A* for program of the Oklahoma State Hospital Association, Tulsa, Oklahoma, December 9, 1924.

"The most important thing, I believe, in the meeting was the realization of the necessity for a closer communion and wider diffusion of knowledge with reference to hospital affairs in this State. This seems so important that I appointed a committee to arrange for additional meeting this fall, time and place to be announced later, at which a more detailed discussion of the numerous problems can be had."



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and cooperation aided in bringing about the results reported here which touches the hearts of the homes and the purses of the people.

One of the outstanding fields in which the Association has been able to render service, not only to the hospitals of the State, but to the medical fraternity as well, and especially to the increasing proportion of the citizenship engaged in industrial employment, is that of Workmen's Compensation. The liberalization of the Oklahoma law upon this subject is largely the result of the initiative and energy of the organization in proposing to succeeding Governors and Legislatures improvements which experience had indicated should be made in the text and in the administration of this beneficent law, credit for the original enactment of which belongs to the administration of Governor Robert L. Williams.

The State Supreme Court on July 18, 1922, interpreting Section 4 of the original Workmen's Compensation Act of 1915, in the case of Associated Employers Reciprocal and World Publishing Company versus State Industrial Commission and Dr. Fred S. Clinton, and Oklahoma Hospital, (87 Oklahoma Reports, page 16, et seq.) held that the State Industrial Commission established by the Act to administer the Workmen's Compensation law was without jurisdiction, except under limited circumstances, to make awards to hospitals and physicians and surgeons rendering services to injured employees, and that the authority of the Commission was confined ordinarily to awarding compensation to the injured person only for the injury. Under this decision, although the employer had furnished the medical and hospital services, and expressly had agreed to pay for them, the Commission was rendered powerless to require payment either at the instance of the injured employee or that of the hospital or the surgeon concerned. A separate suit in a court of law was the only recourse for recovery of the hospital and medical elements of compensation.

The administration of Governor J. C. Walton was to take the reins of state government, and the Legislature was to convene the first of the year after the decision was rendered by the Supreme Court. The President of the Association, with the assistance of legal counsel, presented to the Governor-elect a statement of the need for amendment of the basic law on the subject, with concrete recommendations for changes which would broaden the jurisdiction of the Commission to the extent that it would be empowered to adjudicate the rights of the injured employee, not only to compensation, but also to proper allowances for the attention and service incident to his injury, and to order payment to those who had rendered them. The new administration was heartily responsive to the request, the necessary legislation was drafted and enacted and was signed by the Governor, and the Amendment of 1923 to the Oklahoma Workmen's Compensation Act, (Session Laws of 1923, Chapter 61, page 118,

Regular Session) under which the Commission is given full power to do justice to all concerned in cases before it, is the gratifying result of the Association's activities and influence which have been described.

While the law itself thus had been put on a sound and workable basis in the respects mentioned, the administration of relief under the Act was unsatisfactory. This became a subject of discussion at the Annual Convention of the Association, December 19, 1924, in Tulsa. The remedy now lay not in additional legislation, for none was needed, but in a more expeditious administration of relief provided by the Act, and one that would be more sympathetic with its purposes.

A Resolution representing the views of the Association as to these needs was offered by a Committee of which Dr. Frank H. McGregor, of Mangum, was Chairman, was adopted by the Association, and was forwarded to Governor M. E. Trapp, the Governor being vested under the Constitution and the Workmen's Compensation Act itself, with supervisory and corrective powers, including those of appointment and removal, over the Commission's execution of the amended Act. Again the official response was favorable. Under the administrations of Governor Trapp and succeeding chief magistrates great progress has been made in the accomplishment of dispatch, certainty and efficiency in the functioning of the Commission, and public satisfaction with its work has increased accordingly.

TULSA 1925 MEETING

The following brief account gives a fair but too short statement of this wonderful meeting during which instructive and interesting addresses held the attention of all present.

The semi-annual social and educational meeting of the Oklahoma State Hospital Association was called to order at the Mayo Hotel, Tulsa, Oklahoma, May 13, 1925, after a banquet at which Dr. and Mrs. Fred S. Clinton and officers of the Oklahoma Hospital were hosts to over seventy-five representatives of hospitals of Oklahoma and elsewhere.

Dr. Jabez N. Jackson of Kansas City, Missouri, delivered the principal address of the evening. Doctor Jackson detailed the demise of the privately owned medical college on account of changing conditions and demand for enlarged facilities and opportunities for the education of medical students, and indicated that the same evolutionary effect was taking place today in America, with hospitals. He indicated that the splendid achievements of pioneers in organizing, erecting and supplying hospital service in new communities should be appreciated to the extent that others who had been engaged in the accumulation of wealth would pick up and aid in distributing this load over the entire community through endowments, etc.

Dr. M. T. MacEachern, Assistant Director of the American College of Surgeons was then introduced and outlined the program and progress of the small hospital and the obligations the community had to that institution.

The Association also received a report from Mr. Phil W. Davis, Jr., Attorney, concerning the present status of the legislation for clarification of the Workmen's Compensation Act. The meeting adjourned, leaving the selection of the next place and time of the annual convention to be fixed by the program and executive committee.

The American College of Surgeons War Sessions Program for Hospital Conferences was convened at the Mayo Hotel in Tulsa, Tuesday, April 4, 1944. This tri-State Convention included Oklahoma, Kansas and Arkansas. Malcolm T. MacEachern, M.D., Chicago, Associate Director, American College of Surgeons, was in charge, with representatives in attendance from each of the three states. E. U. Benson, Cushing, President, Oklahoma State Hospital Association, Superintendent, Masonic Hospital Association, presided. J. O. Bush, Jr., Oklahoma City, was President Elect, Oklahoma State Hospital Association. A full day and night session was filled with remarkable, varied and useful subjects including two round tables.

The paucity of reliable written accessible information on early history of hospitals in Indian Territory and Oklahoma is appalling to one who would undertake to present a creditable review of this great industry which has such an important part in the community life in all sections of the State. If persons knowing the facts and will write and properly document them, the writer would suggest that they send them to the Oklahoma State Historical Society, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

The following references are incomplete, and they may cite both correct and incorrect information, proving the importance of historical research for the truth.

The Miami meeting November 7 and 8, 1927, was one of the best sessions with more National officers and hospital authorities than you could expect anywhere in the world that distance from the great centers and hospitals. Its record will remain that of a most important meeting for years to come.

Mr. G. M. Landon, Business Manager of the Miami Baptist Hospital, was frank and free in his call for help to have a great meeting and all responded. The writer put every effort into getting all his hospital friends and the authorities to attend. A glance at the program tells the story.¹⁰

¹⁰ See *Appendix B* for program of the Oklahoma State Hospital Association, Miami, Oklahoma, November 7 and 8, 1927.

THE FIRST JOINT MEETING STATE HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION OF KANSAS, MISSOURI AND OKLAHOMA

In 1926 a telegram was received from B. A. Wilkes, M. D., President of the Missouri State Hospital Association extending an invitation and urging the writer to address the approaching meeting of the Association in St. Louis, Missouri.¹¹ Upon arrival, it was learned that they wanted something to stimulate interest and promote growth of the organization. Being a Methodist, the writer simply told the story of the plan and experience in starting out to develop the Oklahoma State Hospital Association. This talk resulted in a decision to ask the Kansas State Hospital Association to join in the formation of the Midwest Hospital Association, the first regional association in the midwest.¹² This progress activated the three Associations and encouraged organizations in all adjoining states.¹³

¹¹ The Association during the years had presented such distinguished persons as Dr. C. M. Rosser, Professor Clinical Surgery, Baylor University, of Dallas, Texas; Dr. Jabez N. Jackson, President A. M. Association, of Kansas City, Missouri; Dr. Paul B. Magnuson, Associate Professor Surgery, Northwestern University, Chicago, Illinois; Mr. Robert Jolly, Houston, Texas; Dr. LeRoy Long, Dean of the University Medical Department, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Dr. W. B. Bizzell, President of the University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma; Dr. Malcolm T. MacEachern, Associate Director American College of Surgeons, Chicago, Illinois; Matthew O. Foley, Managing Editor, Hospital Management, Chicago, Illinois; John A. McNamara, Editor Modern Hospital, Chicago, Illinois; Dr. B. A. Wilkes, President Mid-West Hospital Association, St. Louis, Missouri; Dr. William H. Walsh, Executive Secretary of the American Hospital Association, Chicago, Illinois; Dr. Oscar E. Nadeau, Associate Professor of Surgery, Illinois Post Graduate Medical School, Chicago, Illinois; Phil W. Davis, Jr., Attorney, Tulsa, Oklahoma; Dr. L. J. Moorman, student, author, authority on Tuberculosis and Professor of Internal Medicine, Medical Department, Oklahoma University; Governor Henry S. Johnston, 1926 Address at Enid meeting.

¹² Upon motion of Hugh Scott, M.D., Medical Officer in Charge, U. S. Veterans Hospital, Muskogee, Fred S. Clinton, M. D., President Oklahoma Hospital, Tulsa, was unanimously elected Honorary Life President Oklahoma State Hospital Association, at Miami, Oklahoma, November 8, 1927.

List of officers elected at the Oklahoma State Hospital Association meeting, Miami, Oklahoma, November 7th and 8th, for the year 1927-1928: President, Dr. L. E. Emanuel, Chickasha; Vice-President, Mr. T. J. McGinty, Muskogee; 2nd Vice-President, Mr. J. H. Rucks, Wesley Hospital; Oklahoma City; Secretary, Dr. A. J. Weeden, Duncan; Committeeman—Southeastern District, Dr. W. T. Tilly, Muskogee; Committeeman—Southwestern District, Dr. T. M. Adernold, El Reno; Committeeman, Northwestern District, Miss Pearl Baker, Enid; Committeeman, Northeastern District, Mr. G. M. London, Miami. Honorary Life Member, Dr. B. A. Wilkes, St. Louis, Mo.

¹³ See *Appendix C* for list of references for material used in this article, program of first joint meeting of the state hospital associations of Kansas, Missouri, and Oklahoma, and, also, Oklahoma State Hospital Association officers 1925-1944, inclusive.

APPENDIX A

The following is the first full-time independent meeting and program without the supporting presence of the State Medical Association, and important enough to be placed in the history of Oklahoma:

P R O G R A M

OKLAHOMA STATE HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION

Tulsa, Okla.

December 9, 1924

MORNING SESSION

10 a. m. Municipal Auditorium
Dr. Fred S. Clinton, presiding

Invocation

Rev. John A. Rice

Address of Welcome on part of Tulsa Hospitals,

Mrs. Dolly McNulty,
Morningside Hospital

Response

Report of Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.

Discussion

Report of Secretary

Treasurer

The Workmans Compensation Act.

Phil W. Davis, Jr.
Attorney at Law,
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Discussion Opened.

Dr. John Riley,
St. Anthony's Hospital
Oklahoma City, Okla.

12:00 Noon—Lunch—Oklahoma Hospital. Guests of Dr. Fred S. Clinton

AFTERNOON SESSION

2:00 P.M.

Dr. Fred S. Clinton, Presiding.

Some Training School Problems

Dr. L. S. Willour,
All Saints Hospital
McAlester, Okla.

Discussion:

Miss Lena A. Griep,
Oklahoma Hospital,
Tulsa, Okla.

The Clinical Chart:

Dr. L. H. Carleton,
Oklahoma Hospital,
Tulsa, Okla.

Discussion:

Dr. Adderhold,
El Reno Sanitarium
El Reno, Okla.

The Tuberculosis Hospitals of Oklahoma.

Dr. L. J. Moorman,
Oklahoma City

Discussion:

Dr. R. M. Shephard,
Talihina, Okla.

Round Table:

(You are requested to send in with your reply any questions you would like to have answered at this Round Table. Certain hospital administrators will be assigned to answer them. This will be an interesting part of the program.)

6:00 P. M. Banquet Hotel Tulsa.

EVENING SESSION Open to Public

8:00 P.M.

Piano Solo	Mrs. E. E. Clulow
President's Address:	Dr. Fred S. Clinton, Tulsa, Okla.
Vocal Solo	Mrs. Belle Vickery Matthews
Address:	Dr. LeRoy Long, Oklahoma City
Violin Solo	Mrs. G. Garabedian
Address:	Prof. P. P. Claxton, Tulsa, Okla.

APPENDIX B

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE OKLAHOMA HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION

Hotel Miami, Miami, Oklahoma, November 7 and 8, 1927

Program, Monday, November 7, 1927; Morning Session.

8:00 to 9:30	Registration.
9:30	Meeting called to order. Dr. L. E. Emanuel, President Oklahoma Hospital Association
	Invocation, Rev. A. P. Cameron
	Welcome Address, Rev. Don H. LaGrone
	Response, Hugh M. Scott, Superintendent U. S. Veterans Hospital, Muskogee
	Music, Sponsored by E. E. Mason,
	Appointments of Committees Constitution and By-Laws Nominations, Resolutions Legislature.
	Announcements, G. M. London, Superintendent Miami Baptist Hospital, Miami.
	Afternoon Session—1:30 o'clock
	Group Singing
	Paper, "Cost and Charges"—John A. McNamara, Editor Modern Hospital
	Paper, "Selling Hospital to Public"—Dr. B. A. Wilkes, President, Mid-West Hospital Association.
	"Crippled Children of Oklahoma," J. N. Hamilton, Secretary Crippled Children's Association.
	"National Nursing Problems," Mrs. Belle A. Hoffman, Superintendent of Nurses, Oklahoma Hospital, Tulsa.
	"Vocational Education Pertaining to Hospital Curricula," Scott M. McGinnis.
	"Relation of the Nursing Board to Hospitals and Training Schools" Mrs. Ada Crocker, Superintendent Nurses, University Hospital, Oklahoma City.
	Sight-Seeing Tour of the Zinc Fields by Special Cars of the Northeast Oklahoma Railroad.
6:30 p.m.	Banquet (\$1.25 per plate)
8:00 p.m.	Round Table Discussion of Hospital Problems, Led by Fred S. Clinton, M.D., President, Oklahoma Hospital, Tulsa, Oklahoma
9:15 p.m.	Music and Dancing.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1927, Morning Session, 9:30 o'clock

Music, Sponsored by E. E. Mason.

Paper, Dr. William H. Walsh, Executive Secretary
American Hospital Association.

"Hospital Standardization," M. T. MacEachern, Associate
Director American College of Surgeons.

Paper, "Relation of Hospital to Community,"
M. O. Foley, Hospital Management.

"Industrial Law in Oklahoma," Jim Hatcher, Chickasha

Report of Committees:

Constitution and By-Laws

Nominations,

Resolutions,

Legislative.

"Hospital Problems"—Mrs. Frances Chappel, Superintendent
M. E. Hospital, Guthrie.

LUNCH

Afternoon Session—1:30 o'clock

Group Singing

"Oklahoma Hospital Problems"—Paul Fesler, Superintendent
University of Minnesota Hospital.

Paper, "Small Rural Hospital, Its Future and Problems,"
J. C. Bunten, President Kansas Hospital Association.

Paper, "A Plan for Staff-Interne Conference," Dr. Oscar
E. Nadeau, Chicago, Ill.

Election of Officers.

Selection of Meeting Place.

ADJOURNMENT

APPENDIX C

FIRST JOINT MEETING OF THE STATE HOSPITAL ASSOCIATIONS
OF KANSAS, MISSOURI, OKLAHOMA. Hotel Baltimore, Kansas City,
May 27-28, 1927:

PROGRAM

Friday, May 27th; Morning Session, 9:30.

Registration.

Meeting called to order, B. A. Wilkes, M.D., President Missouri Hospital
Association

Invocation, Reverend Robert Nelson Spencer

Address of Welcome, E. W. Caveness, M.D., Director of Health, Kansas City.

Response, B. A. Wilkes, M.D.

Reporters, Officers and Committees

Announcement, Program Details, Mr. J. R. Smiley, Superintendent St. Luke's
Hospital, Kansas City.

EXHIBITS AND SOCIAL

Afternoon Session 1:30

Grading Program of Nursing Schools, Miss May Ayres Burgess, Ph.D., Di-
rector Committee on Grading of Nursing Schools, New York.

Address, The Endowment of Hospitals, Jabez N. Jackson, M.D., President,
American Medical Association

Address, What is a Class A Hospital? M. T. MacEachern, M.D., Associate
Director, American College of Surgeons

Open Forum, Discussion: Shall A Missouri Valley Hospital Association
be Formed?

ENTERTAINMENT—THEATRE PARTY—COMPLIMENTARY

Saturday, May 28th, Morning Session
Exhibits and Social until 10:00 o'clock.

Paper: The Position Occupied by the Hospitals in their Respective Communities, L. E. Emanuel, M.D., President, Oklahoma Hospital Association.

Discussion: J. T. Axtell, M.D., Secretary and Treasurer, Kansas Hospital Association.

Paper: A Triangle, The Basis of Every Hospital's Success, J. C. Bunten, M.D., President, Kansas Hospital Association.

Discussion, Fred S. Clinton, M.D., Tulsa, Oklahoma.

BUSINESS MEETINGS OF STATE ASSOCIATIONS**AFTERNOON SESSION**

Automobile tour, visiting hospitals, 2:00 p.m.

EVENING SESSION

Dinner, 6:30 P.M.

Impressions of First Sectional Meeting, Rev. R. D. S. Putney, Superintendent, St. Luke's Hospital, St. Louis.

Round Table, L. H. Burlingham, M.D., Superintendent, Barnes Hospital, St. Louis.

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