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SKILLERN PRESENTS MEDIC. FOUNDATION WITH BUILDING GIFT

Rae E. Skillern, president of Skillern & Sons' Inc., presented the Southwestern Medical Foundation with a gift of \$100,000.00 for the construction of a student center building. Announcement of the contribution was made last week by Dr. E. H. Cary, president of the Foundation. Gift of the building to be erected as a memorial to the late J. A. Skillern, founder of the Skillern Drug Stores and father of the present head of the company, was made in the name of Mr. and Mrs. Rae E. Skillern and family and the Skillern organization.

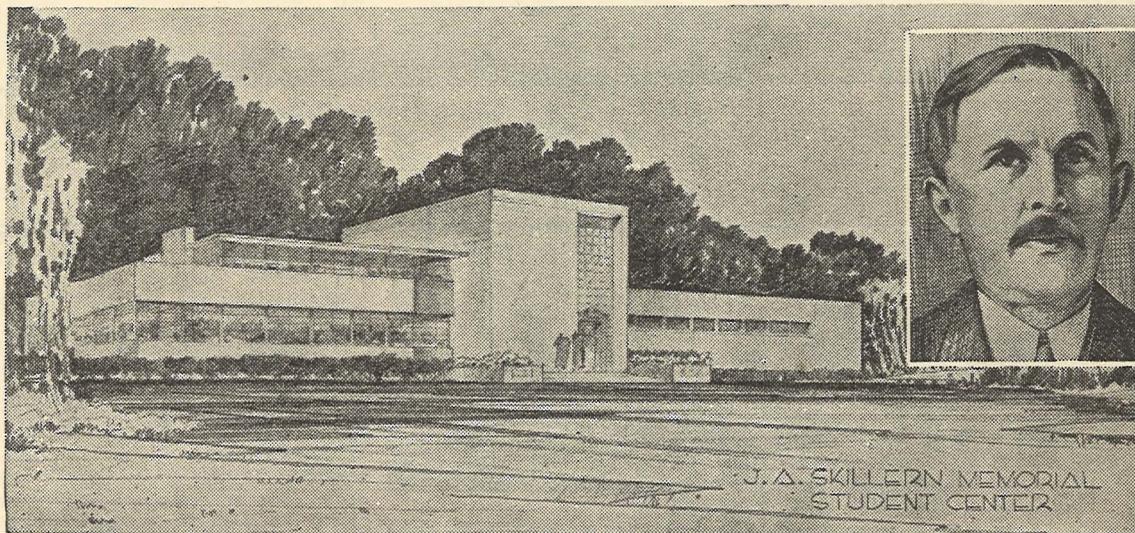
tores and father of the present head of the company, was made in the name of Mr. and Mrs. Rae E. Skillern and family and the Skillern organization.

Proposed plans for the student center, drawn by Roscoe De Witt, architect, show a two-story building housing reading rooms, lounges, a lunch room, game rooms, a lobby, offices and meeting rooms. Fred M. Lange, vice-president and managing director of the foundation, said the building will be located adjacent to the main units of Southwestern Medical College on the Harry Hines Boulevard site, south of Inwood Road.

In making public his contribution Mr. Skillern said the grant was given in sincere appreciation of his firm's long and pleasant association with the medical and pharmaceutical professions to whose service the Skillern organization is primarily dedicated.

J. A. Skillern came to Texas in 1875 and ten years later his diploma in pharmacy was proudly nailed to the rough wooden walls of a little drug store in Lewisville, Denton County, Texas. Here he set the policy of service to the community which still characterizes the business today and this original "neighborhood druggist" friendliness now covers 27 units in Dallas, Sherman, Corsicana and Grand Prairie.

To Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Skillern (Miss Mayme Edwards, a native of Alabama) were born six daughters and three sons. Before his death on December 29, 1914 he saw his business spread to Dallas and had the satisfaction of seeing the name "Skillern & Sons" replace the sign "J. A. Skillern Drug



J. A. Skillern Memorial Student Center to be built on the Hines Boulevard medical center site, Dallas, with \$100,000 given Southwestern Medical Foundation by Rae E. Skillern and family and the Skillern organization. The late J. A. Skillern, founder of Skillern Drug Stores, is shown above.

Store". In 1939 he sold the Lewisville store and bought one in Sherman. Two years later he moved to Dallas and opened a store at Commerce and Jefferson near the old courthouse, bustling main artery of a fast-growing metropolis. The first Dallas store, opened in 1895, and still on its original site today, is Skillern's No. 1.

The second Skillern store was opened at 1812 Commerce Street near the old Interurban Building with Frank Lloyd Skillern in charge. Store No. 3, in Oak Cliff, was opened with Rae Skillern as manager. Upon J. A. Skillern's death in 1914, Frank Skillern became president. He died in 1917 and W. A. Skillern joined the firm, serving as its head until his death in 1922 whereupon Rae Skillern was elected to the presidency.

Rae E. Skillern, born in Sherman, Texas, is nevertheless practically a lifetime Dallas resident, having lived in Dallas since he was one year old. He has been active in the conduct of the business for 35 years and its president now for 25 years. On June 6th, he was honored with a banquet by his store managers and department heads upon the occasion of his silver anniversary as president of Skillern & Sons, Inc. In commemoration of this event Mr. Skillern was presented with a silver plaque inscribed with a tribute to his twenty-five years of leadership.

The Skillern family has long been prominent in civic affairs. Mrs. J. A. Skillern, who died in



RAE E. SKILLERN, Donor, President of Skillern & Sons

1935, was active in church work and a generous giver of her time and services to many philanthropic organizations. Seven of her nine children are living in Dallas today. They are: Mrs. W. F. Cofer, Mrs. C. B. Peterson, Mrs. Tom Ferguson, Mrs. J. V. Folsom, Mrs. Robert Hancock, Mrs. Leroy Napier and Rae E. Skillern.

Mr. Lange stated that the contribution further evidenced the support Mr. Skillern has always given the Foundation and its program of advancing medical education and scientific research in the Southwest.

Hospital Head Lauds College's Medical Help

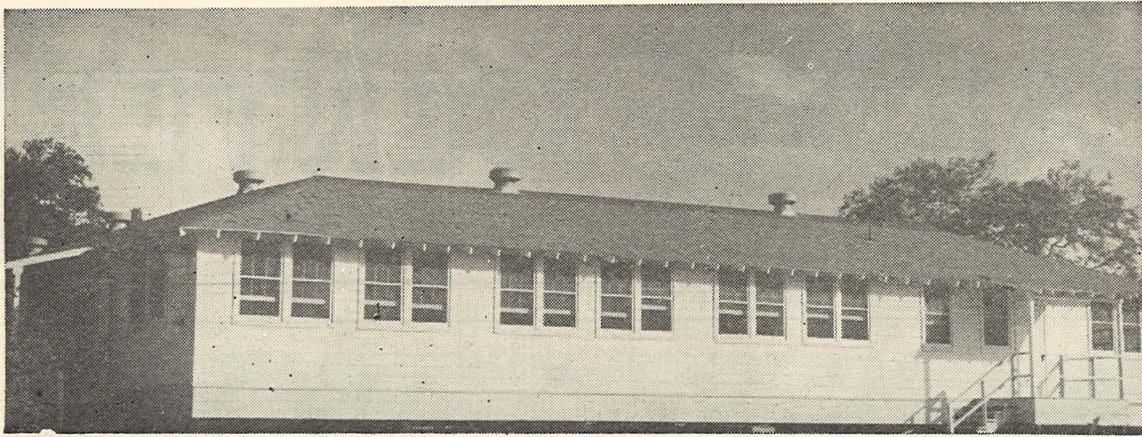
Through association with Southwestern Medical College, patients in the Dallas Veterans Hospital have the highest standard of care of any medical unit in the nation, Dr. H. C. Hardegree, manager, said.

Addressing a joint session at Hotel Adolphus of the 33rd annual encampment of the Department of Texas of the United Spanish War Veterans and the 22nd annual encampment of the department's auxiliary, Dr. Hardegree declared that the most pressing problem facing the Veterans Administration at present is that of staffing hospitals not associated with medical schools.

Dr. Hardegree declared that present work on temporary structures on the hospital grounds at Lisbon will add but little to the bed capacity of the unit as a whole. The first floor will be cleared of offices and other units that can be established in the temporary buildings, and will be used as a laboratory and for additional wards, he said.

Association with medical schools and utilization of the school staffs in patient care was the only solution open to the Veterans Administration in providing suitable service for veterans, he said, citing the acute shortage of doctors and nurses as making it next to impossible to employ full-time staffs of sufficient size.

"We are exceedingly grateful to the medical schools for their invaluable assistance. There was no other way for us," the manager said.



NEW TEMPORARY BUILDING for Southwestern Medical College's library obtained from the Federal Works Agency. Located on the corner of Oak Lawn and Rosewood Street.

Library Nears Completion

A 40,000 volume capacity temporary library obtained from the Federal Works Agency for Southwestern Medical College will be completed within the next few days. Site for the new structure is at the intersection of Oak Lawn and Rosewood Street, opposite the present temporary library location. The building, formerly Corps Headquarters at Camp Bowie, Texas, has been obtained through the Veterans' Educational Facilities, program and all expense in connection with dismantling, moving and reassembling will be borne by the government. The structure will be used as the college library until the permanent home of Southwestern Medical College is constructed.

Complete rearrangement of the structure was accomplished in accordance with plans drawn by Ros-

coe DeWitt, architect. The building, 96 feet by 77 feet, has an open court in the center. Facing Rosewood Street there is a large reading room and two library offices. At the Oak Lawn side is a receiving room with a delivery entrance, and a large work room, where books are cataloged. Stacks will be located in a large back room, and a small room facing the work room. The one-story building contains 75 windows.

The Southwestern Medical College Library now contains approximately 12,000 volumes and receives 352 journals currently. In addition to American issues, journals are received from Europe, Asia, Canada, and Latin-American countries. It is anticipated that the library will increase at the rate of 3,000 volumes per year. At present

it contains about 500 foreign volumes, the majority of which are German publications and foreign files are now available that have been unobtainable throughout the five-year war-period.

The library is used by students at the medical college, local doctors and is open to members of the medical profession at Army and Navy installations in Texas. It is being used extensively by veteran physicians just returning from military service to re-enter practice, and by members of the staffs of the Veterans Administration hospitals located at Lisbon and McKinney, Texas.

Contributions, subscriptions to journals and medical books are made by interested individuals and organizations. Some of the chief sponsors include the Medical Service Society, Dallas Tuberculosis As-

Health Talks Reprints Sent

Printed copies of the 1947 Health Lecture Series recently given at Southwestern Medical College professors and staff members of Parkland Hospital were mailed last month to some 1,500 people who have written for the booklets.

In addition several hundred copies were sent to the medical professions in the Southwest and to members of the Foundation's Advisory Council.

Request for copies of the lectures which were printed in booklet form through a special grant by the First Texas Chemical Company, Dallas, have come from as far away as Glendale, California.

The booklet contained all six lectures of this year's series which included "Heart Aches" by Dr. Tinsley R. Harrison, "So You're Going to Have a Baby," by Dr. William F. Mangert, "Fighting Against Infectious Disease," by Dr. Andres Both; "Emotional Problems of Aging," by Dr. Don P. Morris; "Abdominal Pains," by Dr. Carl Moyer, and "Some Modern Drugs," by Dr. Arthur Grollman. The lectures were given at Scott Hall, Thursday evenings, March 6th through April 10th.

A few remaining copies are available and will be sent upon request to Fred M. Lange, Vice-President and Managing Director of the Foundation.

sociation, Dallas County Medical Society, and medical fraternities of the college.

Girl Wins Rare Degree

She's Medical Artist

By HELEN BULLOCK

Dallas Morning News Staff

A talented artist who likes to draw tonsils, exposed muscles and the intricate stages of surgical operations received the nation's first MMA degree—Master of Medical Art—at Southwestern Medical College commencement June 3.

Recipient of the unique diploma was Miss Patricia O'Neill of Corpus Christi, 27-year-old student in SMC's medical art department.

To celebrate the school's achievement in establishing courses leading to such a degree, 200 doctors, educators and other Dallas residents attended a medical art banquet last month in Melrose Hotel.

Brief banquet talks were made by Dr. Curtice Rosser, Dr. S. W. Geiser, Dr. M. O. Rouse, Dr. Justin Kimbell, Miss Stella Lamond, S. Austin Wier and Dr. E. H. Cary.

Following the banquet, Miss O'Neill received a fellowship awarded jointly by the University of Pennsylvania Medical School and the Saunders Medical Publishing Company. Presentation was made by Lewis Waters, professor and chairman of SMC's medical art and visual education department.

Under the fellowship, Miss O'Neill will continue her special

study for a year in Philadelphia. During the last year at SMC, she has attended classes in anatomy and related subjects along with the student doctors, and has had a ring-side seat at many an operation.

Her work includes water colors, pencil sketches, tone drawings and photographs. Ultimate objective of a medical artist is to provide authentic pictures of the anatomy, of surgical procedures and of other medical problems, for use in textbooks and to illustrate lectures.

Waters, who has long crusaded for more recognition for the medical artist, explained the new setup at SMC under which other scientist-artists may win degrees.

The medical school has completed arrangements with Southern Methodist University whereby an aspiring medical artist may take his first three years of college work at SMU, then enroll at SMC for a year's study of histology, anatomy, anatomical drawing, physiology and drawing techniques.

Completion of this work earns the student a Bachelor of Arts in Medical Art—conferred by SMU. If he then returns to SMC for a year or more of advanced work in pathology, autopsy drawing, photographic chemistry and other subjects, and writes a thesis—he will win the MMA, conferred by the medical college.



ARTIST PATRICIA O'NEILL who received the nation's first MMA degree—Master of Medical Art—at Southwestern Medical commencement June 3.

Consider Spiritual, Medical Grads Told

By FRANK CHAPPELL
Dallas Times Herald Staff

The doctor must consider the moral and spiritual factors affecting his patient as well as the physical ailments, Bishop Goodrich R. Fenner of Kansas told the class of 52 seniors graduating from Southwestern Medical College in McFarlin Memorial Auditorium exercises Tuesday night, June 3.

"Only the doctor who grasps the innermost nature of man can cure him in earnest," Bishop Fenner declared. Science has outstripped morality, he said, pointing out that the very men who solved the riddle of nuclear fission and created the atomic bomb are now assessing their work in moral terms.

Modern man in much of the world has been made the tool of vicious economic philosophies and totalitarian dictators, and "a tool is scrapped when it is no longer useful."

Pain Religious Problem.

The usual quarrel with God is that he permits pain, Bishop Fenner said. Religion cannot explain this, but it accepts the fact.

"Some of the grandeur of life would be gone if we did not have pain," he said. "A world without pain would be a world without law, freedom, love, sympathy or sacrifice."

In delivering the annual Ho Din oration, Dr. Umphrey Lee, president of SMU, declared that "as a medical consumer, I can appreciate the human relations which are so important in a physician."

"The shortcomings of an ignorant minister or young lawyer are not so fatal to the community, but the ignorant young doctor kills people," Dr. Lee said, pointing out that the layman has one primary interest in medicine; he wants to be cured.

Ho Din Award.

In presenting the recipient of the 1947 Ho Din award, Tom C. Gooch, president of The Times Herald and a trustee of Southwestern Medical Foundation, addressed Dr. E. H. Cary, president:

"To receive the award of Ho Din, I present John M. Faggard, who as a disciple of the arts and sciences of medicine, has foretold a high concept of the medical wisdom and human understanding. In his devotion to noble ideals in medical service, he embodies the spirit of Ho Din."

Dr. Faggard is a graduate of North Texas State College at Denton and former professor of biology at that institution. He served as research assistant on sanitary problems in a survey of the Dallas water supply several years ago. A former resident of Denton, his home now is in Dallas. Dr. Faggard will interne at Parkland Hospital.

In delivering the invocation Rabbi Joseph L. Ginsberg of Temple Emanu-El declared that "knowledge has been and can be

a dangerous thing unless applied with the guidance of God."

Presentation of the Alpha Pi Alpha award was made by Myrick Neal Triplett, president of the class, to Phi Delta Epsilon Fraternity for maintaining the highest scholastic average among the medical fraternities.

President Presents Diplomas.

Dr. W. Lee Hart, dean of the medical college, presented the candidates for graduation and Dr. E. H. Cary conferred the degrees. Lt. Comdr. Gerald S. Richey presented commissions in the U. S. Naval Reserve to 17 graduates. Dr. Henry Winans administered the Hippocratic Oath.

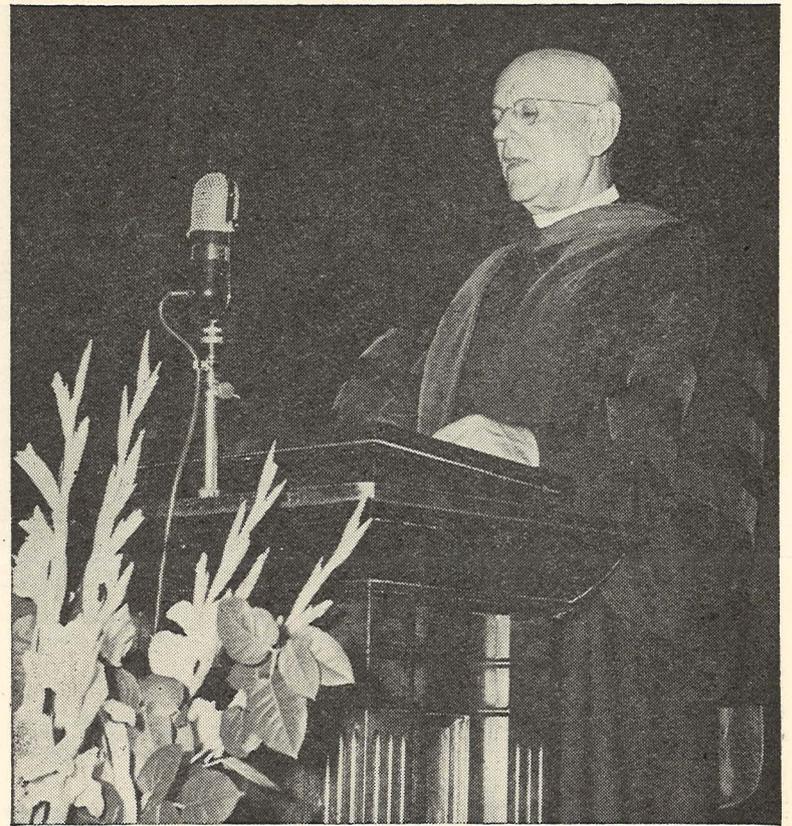
In addition to the medical degrees, Patricia O'Neill was awarded the degree of master of medical art and Leroy Clarence Harris, Jr., who also received the medical degree, became a master of science in medicine.

Majority to Intern in SW.

Members of the graduating class and their interne appointments are:

Internships 1947.

James L. Baldwin, University of Chicago Clinic, Chicago, Ill.; Ben F. Bridges, John Sealy Hospital, Galveston, Tex.; Morris L. Britton, Jefferson Davis Hospital, Houston, Tex.; Robert Davis Hospital, Houston, Tex.; Robert Davis Hospital, St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Washington, D. C.; Robert E. Byrne, Charity Hospital, New Orleans, La.; Allen D. Campbell, Baylor Hospital, Dallas, Tex.; Robert G. Campbell, Baylor Hospital, Dallas, Tex.; Willis T. Carson, Parkland Hospital, Dallas, Tex.; Joseph B. Cobb, North Carolina Baptist Hospital, Winston Salem, N. C.; Leonard J. Collins, Baylor Hospital, Dallas, Tex.; Jimmie G. Dupree, Charity Hospital, New Orleans, La.; John M. Faggard, Parkland Hospital, Dallas, Tex.; James R. Fish, Jefferson Davis Hospital, Houston, Tex.; Samuel H. Gainer, Baylor Hospital, Dallas, Tex.; John C. Grammer, Jr., Fort Worth City County Hospital, Fort Worth, Tex.; Wm. L. Hall, George Washington University, Washington, D. C.; Leroy C. Harris, University Hospital, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Ben K. Howard, Parkland Hospital, Dallas, Tex.; Harold E. Hunt, Charity Hospital, New Orleans, La.; Kathleen Jones, Baylor Hospital, Dallas, Tex.; William Paul Kean, Baltimore City Hospital, Baltimore, Md.; Joanne Kenner, St. Joseph's Hospital, Fort Worth, Tex.; Jim T. Lawrence, Harris Memorial Hospital, Fort Worth, Tex.; Jack K. Leverett, City-County Hospital, Winston-Salem, N. C.; William M. Lewallen, Jr., Baylor Hospital, Dallas, Tex.; Robbie Jo Martin, Parkland Hospital, Dallas, Tex.; Bernard E. McConnell, Parkland Hospital, Dallas, Tex.; Frank J. McGee, Fort Worth City-County Hospital, Fort Worth, Tex.; Glenn C. Mitchell, Parkland Hospital, Dallas, Tex.; Arthur E. Moon,



A WORLD WITHOUT PAIN would be a dreary place indeed, Bishop Goodrich R. Fenner, Episcopal bishop of Kansas, told graduates of Southwestern Medical College at McFarlin Memorial Auditorium commencement exercises June 3. Only through pain and suffering may man know a full and useful life, the churchman said.

Scott & White Hospital, Temple, Tex.; John W. Morris, Baylor Hospital, Denver, Colo.; Asa A. Newsum, Jr., Baylor Hospital, Dallas, Tex.; Preston D. Petty, Shreveport Charity Hospital, Shreveport, La.; George J. Race, Duke University Hospital, Durham, N. C.; Harry J. Renken, Jr., Baylor Hospital, Dallas, Tex.; Paul L. Richburg, Parkland Hospital, Dallas, Tex.; Phillip Saba, Baylor Hospital, Dallas, Tex.; I Terry Sanders, U. S. Marine Hospital, New Orleans, La.; W. M. Sanders, Baylor Hospital, Dallas, Tex.; D. R. Sellers, St. Paul's Hospital, Dallas, Tex.; Herbert L. Shessel, Baylor Hospital, Dallas, Tex.; Raymond R. Simpson, St. Louis City Hospital, St. Louis, Mo.; Frank A. Slesinski, Mary Immaculate Hospital, Washington, D. C.; Fritz Steckerl, Boston City Hospital, Boston, Mass.; Sylvan E. Stool, Parkland Hospital, Dallas, Tex.; Logan Swords, Fort Worth City-County Hospital, Fort Worth, Tex.; Charles J. Terry, Parkland Hospital, Dallas, Tex.; M. Neal Triplett, Baylor Hospital, Dallas, Tex.; Roger C. Troup, People's Hospital, Akron, Ohio; Joseph M. White, Denver General Hospital, Denver, Colo.; Bryan Williams, Jr., Denver General Hospital, Denver, Colo.

Fellowship Appointment in Medical Art, Patricia Nadine O'Neill, University of Pennsylvania College of Medicine and W. B. Saunders Co. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

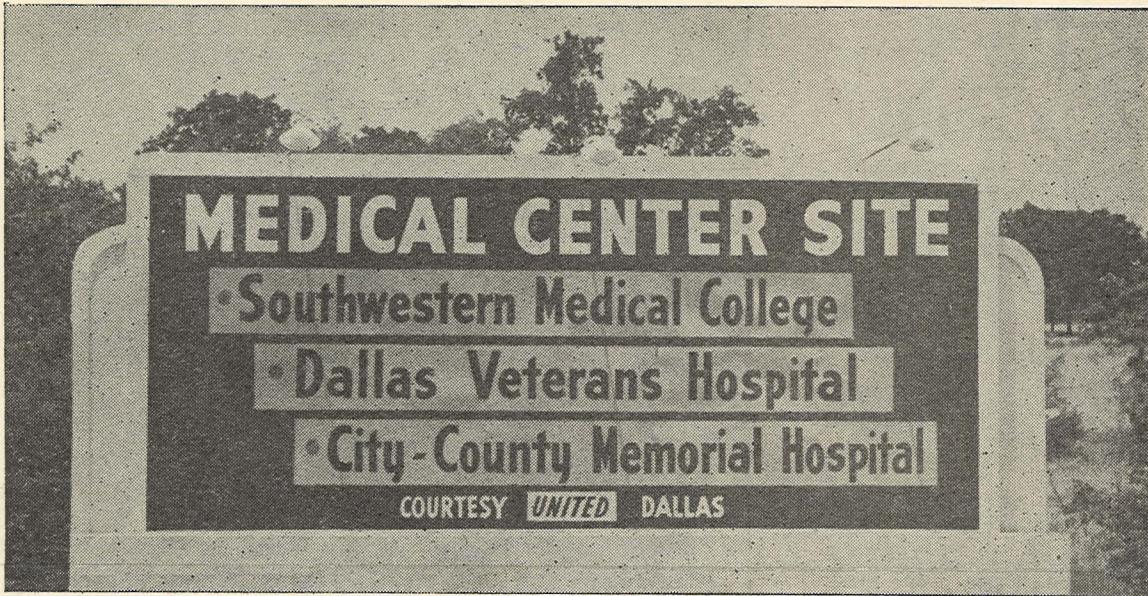
Advisory Council Receive Certificates

Members of the Advisory Council of Southwestern Medical Foundation received this month membership certificates suitable for framing, it was announced by R. R. Gilbert, council chairman.

The Council now totals 227 members each representing a Texas county and one a Louisiana parish. It is eventually planned that all counties of the five states of the Southwest will be represented by an advisory councilman.

Gilbert said that 11 regional chairmen would be appointed from the Texas members of the council in the near future. Each would represent approximately 25 counties.

Latest members to the council include: B. O. Goldthorn, Alice, Texas, Jim Wells County; R. V. Payne, Plainview, Texas, Hale County; Sam F. Arledge, Crockett, Texas, Houston County; Woodrow W. Munn, Big Lake, Texas, Reagan County; Claude Hodge, Bonham, Texas, Fannin County; H. H. Loppeland, Rockwall, Texas, Rockwall County; Alonzo Martin, Tilden, Texas, McMullen County; Paul H. Fertsch, Hallettsville, Texas, Lavaca County; J. Lee Bowen, Post, Texas, Garza County; Lyall Milton Baze, Bandera, Texas, Bandera County; Dunn Lowery, Rankin, Texas, Upton County; Jack Douthit, Sterling City, Texas, Sterling County.



One of three new billboards recently furnished Southwestern Medical Foundation by the United Advertising Corp. The boards are placed on the Harry Hines Boulevard medical center site and show the location of the various projects to go into construction next summer.

Start On Medical Center Expected Next Summer

Dallas \$16,000,000 dream of medical progress—the proposed Southwestern Medical Center on Harry Hines Boulevard—will go into actual construction next summer, sponsors jubilantly predicted last week.

Government engineers revealed they were ready to lead the way by starting construction on the \$7,000,000 hospital they are to build for the Veterans Administration. The Southwestern Medical Foundation promptly announced it would begin work on its \$2,000,000 worth of buildings about the same time the VA hospital is begun.

Announcement that the engineers could begin their project next summer came from Col. Henry Hutchings Jr., Southwestern division engineer. The VA hospital will

be on a fifteen-acre site on Hines be on a fifteen-acre site.

Only chance of delay that Hutchings foresaw was in approval in Washington of architectural plans.

SMF Hopes to Begin

Fred M. Lange, vice-president and manager of the medical foundation, said there was "every reason to believe" its part of the job could begin simultaneously.

Bonds have been voted for a third project, a \$7,000,000 Memorial Hospital to be financed by the Dallas city and county governments, but Lewis Ferguson, building committee chairman, said there were no plans as to when that unit would be started.

The 500-bed veterans hospital, a general medical unit, is one of five

new hospitals the United States Engineers are constructing for the VA in Texas at an estimated cost of \$38,100,000. The hospitals were authorized by Congress about a year ago.

The main building will be ten or twelve stories high, and will contain a theater and chapel. Col. Hutchings said. Full development of the site calls for six other buildings including quarters for nurses, attendants and workmen, the manager's home, machinery repair shop and garage and several duplex residences for hospital executives.

To Have Masonry Exterior

The hospital units will have a masonry exterior and will be designed to co-ordinate with architecture of the medical center.

Bids will be asked late next winter on two other veterans' hospital projects in Texas, Colonel Hutchings said. They are the \$15,500,000 neuropsychiatric hospital at Houston, with 1,000-bed capacity, and the \$3,000,000 general medical unit at Bonham. It will have 350 beds.

780 Memorial Gifts Received Past Year

Two years ago Southwestern Medical Foundation made available the acceptance of gifts from those who wished to remember and honor departed friends at the time of passing, on anniversary dates and on many other occasions.

A coupon booklet for the convenience of those who wished to make use of this custom was distributed.

Upon receipt of one of these coupons, the foundation sends a specially prepared remembrance card to the person specified by the donor apprising them of the occasion. A card of acknowledgment is also sent to the donor.

This practical custom of remembrance which means much to the deceased's family has brought 780 of these gifts to the foundation during the past year to be used to benefit the program of the medical college in the advancement of medical education and research in this area.

Foundation Names Assistant to Director

Hugh W. Branch was named last month assistant to the vice-president and managing director of Southwestern Medical Foundation, Fred M. Lange.



Branch, 28, a graduate of the University of Virginia, was formerly Virginia representative of Preview, Inc., a real

estate advertising promotion agency. During the war he was a labor market analyst for the Norfolk, Va., area.

He resides at 4008 Amherst St.



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