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THE WEEK OF THE CRISIS

By this time all of you have seen something of what went on around Parkland Memorial. There is nothing more to add to the extensive coverage in the press. About the only observation that seems worth making is that of all the agencies and institutions involved the only ones that emerged with unblemished and perhaps enhanced reputations were Parkland and Southwestern. "The physicians who of necessity had to make television appearances behaved with great aplomb before the cameras and confined themselves perfectly to simple, direct and factual accounts.

As for the hospital it conducted its work in the midst of special circumstances with the skill of a pro. Everything that could have been done was done; the mobilization of people and instruments was as nearly instantaneous as reactions can be.

Two of the class of '62 stationed in Washington in military service were intimately involved

in the funeral ceremonies of President Kennedy. Don Page and Tom McConnell were in charge of medical support for all ceremonies and were in attendance throughout the three days. Dr. Payne will publish a detailed article in the February "New Physician."

THE DEPARTMENT OF SURGERY

Some years ago we undertook a tour of the departments. In spite of excellent reporting in this well-established journal things go out of date. In no department is this more true than in surgery. So here's a quick resume.

Since Tom Shires ('48), became chairman the department has increased almost past recognition. The general surgery full-time group now comprises the following; Charles Baxter ('54) Malcolm Perry ('55), Robert McClelland, Robert F. Jones ('52), and Don Patman ('58), Orthopedic Surgery has as Chairman, Charles Gregory, and in the division, Louis F.

Paradies. Dr. Kemp Clark, Associate Professor, is Chairman of the Division of Neurosurgery and this year has added to that section Dr. Robert C. Grossman. Dr. Robert R. Shaw, just returned from Afghanistan, is chairman of the Division of Thoracic Surgery and will be joined in January by Dr. Watts Webb, now at the University of Mississippi, as Chairman of Cardiovascular Surgery. Dr. John Lynn, a native of Dallas, has returned from a fellowship in Europe and the center at Iowa City, to become Chairman of the Division of Ophthalmology and hopefully will add another person to this division within the next six months. Dr. Paul C. Peters, recently at Brook General, is now full-time in the Division of Urology, while Dr. Robert Walker, Chairman in the Division of Oral Surgery, has added Dr. W. L. Schemmel to this division.

At least, this is the way things were a week ago and by the time this issue hits the mail there may be another half-dozen on the full-time staff.

CORNER-STONES, ETC.

Since our last report the Danciger Building has been topped out. Originally meant to be six stories in height, through the efforts of Dr. Carleton Chapman, Professor of Medicine, the building has acquired two additional stories. These will serve his division as a modification and extension of the concept of the old Fatigue Lab. at Harvard. You

will recall the Danciger building bridges the space between the Cary Clinical Science Building and Parkland and is designed entirely for research.

St. Paul Hospital has announced its new building will admit its first patients on December 22. Lying on the other side of Inwood, it doesn't add immediately to the impression of a single center, but as the buildings of the University increase in number and extend northwest the sense of separateness will tend to disappear.

Children's Medical Center has not yet broken ground to the south of Parkland. Delay has arisen from the extremely complex arrangements necessary between the Board of Regents, the Directors of the Hospital District and the Board of the Center. It looks now as though a bond issue may be necessary for the Hospital District to carry out its part of construction for the new pediatric hospital.

Well-formed rumors from impeccable sources indicate that construction on a student's center will begin very shortly. Prospects are that this center will be neither as large nor as complete as we had originally hoped.

BUILDINGS NEEDED IMMEDIATELY

The growth in faculty reflected by the single report on the Department of Surgery in this issue is placing strain on all

available or presently predictable laboratory space. If Southwestern is to continue its development and to become not merely a good but a very great medical school, help of every kind and from every source is most urgently needed. The Danciger Building will accommodate only the immediate needs of several departments and leave no room for their further development. Since we have yet to secure a Chairman of the Department of Anatomy and since in the next two years it will be necessary to secure Chairmen both for Biochemistry and for Physiology, these three departments require a very considerable amount of space for laboratories not available in the Danciger Building. Our success in obtaining outstanding men for these three departments is directly related to the amount of research space available to offer them. We need therefore at once to start another wing similar to Danciger at the other end of our present complex to house research laboratories for much larger departments in the basic sciences.

A separate animal house is sorely required. If the eighth floor of Cary Clinical Science Building can be cleared of animal quarters, this very expensive floor space would become available for expansion of Surgery.

A library building is an immediate necessity. Present quarters have been filled to the point of complete inadequacy. The prospects mentioned in preceding issues with respect to a possible memorial building remain uncertain.

Major additional library material would become immediately available if we had satisfactory housing. This applies particularly to several collections of rare books.

What all this means is that the energy of expansion and the drive toward greatness are so powerful in this school that the Legislature is unable to keep up with the necessities of Southwestern. We have to have other sources of supply. If these are not forthcoming the tremendous drive toward quality and distinction will be thwarted and faculty talent of the highest quality, finding itself stymied, will begin to look for places where growth is possible.

These needs are urgent. We most earnestly beg all of you to be on the lookout for possible benefactors, for families of means who may desire memorials, for groups in search of altruistic enterprises.

REUNION OF CLASSES OF '44 & '54

This is twenty years for the classes of '44 and ten years for the class of '54. Plans are underway for a BIG REUNION at the time of the Dallas Southern Clinical Society, March 16, 1964. We are sending each member of these classes the names and addresses of his classmates. We hope you will contact your friends and make this a real reunion.

NEWS OF THE ALUMNI

The ENT Department of The University of Colorado claims three Southwestern graduates. Sylvan Stool ('49) has just completed his residency and taken a position at Philadelphia Children's Hospital. Wm. Roy Morgan('60) and Bernard W. Palmer('60) are still at Denver.

Thomas L. German ('60) former resident of Yankton, S.C. has been awarded a Clinical Fellowship by United Cerebral Palsy Research and Educational Foundation, N.Y. City, for special study at Duke University Medical Center and North Carolina Cerebral Palsy Hosp. The one-year Fellowship was given as part of a broad program to further cerebral palsy research and help provide personnel to treat and teach victims of this disease.

Dr. Wm.E. Watermann ('53) proudly reports that he has taken his Board Examination and is now a Diplomate of the Am. Board of Neurology and Psychiatry. Currently he is research psychiatrist at Medford State Hospital with part time private practice in Wellesly Hills, Massachusetts.

Dr. and Mrs. Arthur A. Murray ('48) send word that they now have seven lovely children, ranging in ages from 7 to 18. Their oldest son started to college this fall. Dr. Murray is practicing psychiatry in Seattle, Washington.

Burton S. Eggertsen ('49) is presently Medical Director and Chief of the Department of Pathology at U.S.P.H.S. Hospital, Staten Island, New York.

Joy Kathryn Robertson Towns ('62) is on full-time staff of The University of Texas Student Medical Center, Austin. She will be there two years - husband pursuing his Ph.D.

Edward M. Sankary ('62) is presently in the Anesthesia Department at Ireland Army Hospital, serving as Captain in the U.S. Army Medical Corps.

Thanks to Dr. L.O. Burke ('53) for a nice letter and check for dues 1963-64. Dr. Burke is in Sacramento, California, in private practice doing Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery. He has passed his Board and is associated with Dr. Robt.M. Flaggella, Jr. He and Alyene have three children, ages 5, 3, and 2. We are always glad to hear from you.

IN MEMORIAM

The Sou'Wester notes with deep regret the recent deaths of Dr. George Caloway Deen ('61) and Dr. David Beckam Young ('51). Dr. Deen, was a resident in Psychiatry at Timberlawn Hospital here in Dallas, and Dr. Young was in General Practice in Pasadena.

The Sou'Wester also deeply regrets the death of Mrs. Robert C. Bondy, wife of Dr. Robert Bondy ('53), a pediatrician in Richardson, and a member of the teaching staff at Children's Medical Center.

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