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## ALUMNI

Elsewhere in this issue of the Sou'-Wester Alumni will find an account of the projected proceedings at Chez Maurice, an annual affair that may be growing a bit strenuous for the older grads. The Sou'Wester looks forward to big attendance this year, for the Dallas Southern Clinical is playing host to the American Academy of General Practice and there'll be a lot of guys and dolls in town.

a wing at a time. And the former Nurses' Home is now fully occupied by N-P patients.

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## AULD ACQUAINTANCE DEPARTMENT

With Dr. Tinsley R. Harrison's resignation as Chairman of the Department at The University of Alabama, there is afoot an effort to celebrate the occasion in a proper manner. Those who are interested may communicate with Dr. Robert H. Williams, Department of Medicine, University of Washington School of Medicine, Seattle, and Dr. Walter Frommeyer, Department of Medicine, University of Alabama, Birmingham.

You have already received notice of activity in regard to another auld acquaintance. The Sou'Wester hopes the alumni will be successful in their efforts to celebrate the occasion properly. For obvious reasons, it is not possible to be more specific.

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## ONE WORLD DEPARTMENT

This section is not recommended reading for convinced isolationists. In order for the editor to avoid political entanglements he therefore states with no enthusiasm but strictly as a reporter that the medical axis of the world is shifting

## SAND AND GRAVEL DEPARTMENT

New parking lots are under construction all over the place. No one dares to say there will be plenty of space by the time you arrive for the spring festival - but there could be.

The Clinical Science Building is receiving more finishing touches - but like the new clinic building attached to Parkland and like a one-minute egg, they just aren't quite ready yet. The same goes for the shop and maintenance building under construction for Bert Sheriff and his team.

Where old Woodlawn once stood, leaned or tottered, the Public Health Departments of City and County have a handsome new building underway.

Old Parkland, now known as Woodlawn, is being completely reconditioned inside,



Southwestward, as witness:

Dr. Edward L. Pratt, Professor and Chairman of Pediatrics, is one of a team of three, the others being Dr. Robert Pitts of Cornell and Dr. Robert Berliner of National Institute of Health, who are now in the Middle East to carry the gospel of salt and water to the medical schools of that part of the world.

On January 31, Dr. Tarbjoern O. Caspersson, Director of the Institute of Cell Research and Genetics, Karolinska Institute, Stockholm, Sweden, lectured at Southwestern.

Other recent lecturers were: Dr. Henry K. Beecher of Harvard, Dr. J. A. del Regato of Penrose Cancer Hospital in Colorado Springs and Dr. I. L. Chaikoff of the University of California.

Not bad for an isolated place on the frontier. This, of course ignores the fact that on our full-time faculty we have a native of Talladega.

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#### INVESTIGATION AND MEDICINE

With the permission of the alumni the editor, especially when he's rather short of grist for the Sou'Wester, intends to produce a few comments in the form of an essay or a story. If the subscriptions begin to fall off and the advertisers begin to cancel their contracts, this ambition to soap-boxery will come to an untimely terminus.

But just now it rather seems a few comments on the investigative mind and method might be in order. Partly this is true because the editor thinks he can detect from one year to another the rise and fall of fads in research--or what commonly goes by that name. The point is that the originator of a series of studies is usually a truly inquisitive man who lays down the main lines of study for a great many other less inquisitive but quite agile investigators to follow. When the line plays out, the agile ones await the next big idea and then go to work to embellish it.

All this means is that a lot of people who engage in laboratory work aren't investigators: they're fundamentally neither genuinely curious nor strikingly original in thought. But they manage to make quite a fuss and to get their names on a good many papers. Everyone else gets the idea that this is what investigation should be and neglects the opportunities that lie at his door. Furthermore because many of the studies employ progressively more delicate and accurate methods of measurement the side-liners get the idea that it takes a very fancy collection of equipment to get anything done at all.

All of which would be perfectly true if all the major problems of medicine were solved and there remained only problems of ultimate refinements of measurements. But unless some very gullible alumnus believes everything he heard in Dallas and has never seen any reason to change his mind, he should have realized by this time that a great many fundamental problems have been passed by. It is with these, some of which require techniques easily within the reach of any physician, that the curious mind might well concern itself--especially if that curious mind happens not to have a stack of grants and a ready-to-wear experimental laboratory. As one of the editor's acquaintances who live in Dallas during the war used to remark, "The only thing that makes the practice of medicine dull is a dull practitioner."

What the editor means by all this is that there is so much unknown that every physician in the country could easily find a problem to study as he goes about his daily practice--and he might now and again find an answer, just as MacKenzie and Withering did. This sort of thing doesn't take much additional time, it's a lot of fun, and patients seem to enjoy it. If necessary, the Sou'Wester will institute a Journal of Busted Theories--or, as one of the recent Nobel-men suggested, an Archives of Wild Speculation.

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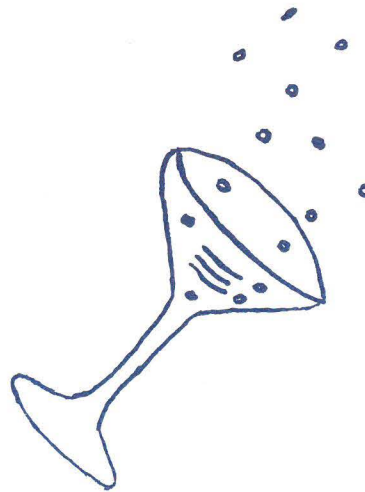
DON'T FORGET YOUR ALUMNI DUES FOR 1958!

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# Party Time

ANNUAL REUNION  
in conjunction with  
Dallas Southern Clinical Society Meeting



MARCH 24, 1958

CHEZ MAURICE CLUB  
2447 W. Northwest Highway  
(same place as last year)

8:00 p.m.

\$5.50 per person includes: Dinner, set-ups, soft drinks, (BYOL-Bring Your Own Liquor),  
Music and dancing Gratuities.

Consult your Alumni Directory and bring an intern or resident as your guest. If you have no particular intern or resident in mind, then send us a check for \$11.00 to cover the evening's entertainment and we will see that some house officer and his wife or date come as your guests. State specifically on each check you send what it is for and if we are to find guests for you.

House Officers who want to come and who cannot afford the price of the party are asked to signify this by letter to Dr. John S. Chapman's office, 5323 Harry Hines Boulevard, Dallas 19, Texas. An effort will be made to provide tickets for those house officers who request them in this manner.

The success of the party depends on early planning. Send your check today!

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## Reservation Card

Please detach and send to The University of Texas Southwestern Medical School, Division of Alumni Relations, 5323 Harry Hines Boulevard, Dallas 19, Texas, with your check for reservations to the annual Alumni Reunion on March 24, 1958, at the Chez Maurice Club, 2447 W. Northwest Highway, Dallas, Texas.

Enclosed is a check (or money order) in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make reservations for the following:

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

## ALUMNI NOTES

Dr. and Mrs. Douglas Wilson Taylor (54) and son, David Michael, born March 30, 1957, are living in Denver, Colorado, where Dr. Taylor is doing a general practice residency after having completed two years with the Navy on July 5.

Dr. and Mrs. Tom Fender (55) are parents of a baby boy, Thomas H., III (Tommy), born July 3. Dr. Fender is a resident in Psychiatry at Norwich State Hospital, Norwich, Connecticut.

Dr. and Mrs. James Foy (55) adopted a baby girl, Melissa Ann, on August 24. They have a four-year-old son, Jimmy. Dr. Foy is in practice in Waco, Texas.

Dr. and Mrs. Don Boston (55) have a new son, Larry Glenn, born on July 22. They have another son, Davey, who is three years' old. Dr. Boston is in practice in Fort Worth, Texas.

Dr. Paul Klinger (45) received his Master of Science Degree in Surgery from The University of Colorado School of Medicine in June, 1957.

The new assignment of L/Col. Allan C. Evans (M'44) is as Chief of Professional Services Division, Office of the Surgeon, Barkdale Air Force Base, Louisiana. Their fourth child, a third son, was born August 27.

Dr. and Mrs. Leslie R. Ansley (52) announce the arrival of a son, Bruce Kevin, on November 29.

Dr. Calvin Holloway (53) writes: "After thirty-eight months in a small community (and with a little more money and three more babies than when we finished internship) my wife and I decided to try the academic life again. Thus on October 1, 1957, I began an Anesthesiology Residency at the University of Utah College of Medicine, Salt Lake City. I might also report that our third child, James Eugene, was born on June 11, 1957."

Dr. Jim Morgan (52) is a Fellow in Gynecology at M. D. Anderson Hospital in Houston. He has just returned from a year in Scotland and London doing gynecological surgery. The Morgans have three children - Roddy, Mary Patricia and Bill.

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