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THE NEW YEAR

A President's Visit

This September freshmen medical students were greeted by a 1½-day orientation program, the first ever held by the Medical School. It was an attempt to show the new hands a couple of guide posts for their next, highly-important years of travel. President Edwin B. Fred of the University was on hand as chief guide:

Foothills. He pointed out what they all should know: the plain for frivolities had all but been left behind, the foothills of intensive professional concentration had been reached.

"But," said Fred, "Let me warn you against letting the pendulum swing too far."

Throughout his professional life, he continued, the student of medicine deals with the most intimate problems of people; thus he must learn to be an expert in human relations. How to become such a human relations expert? In his free time the medical student must get out of the laboratory, meet with students of other disciplines, devote some time to the other worlds: music, art, philosophy and politics.

In short, concluded Fred, "While becoming an expert in one of the most demanding fields of knowledge, lift your eyes from the microscope long enough to see the world in naked eye dimensions."

A Superintendent's Farewell

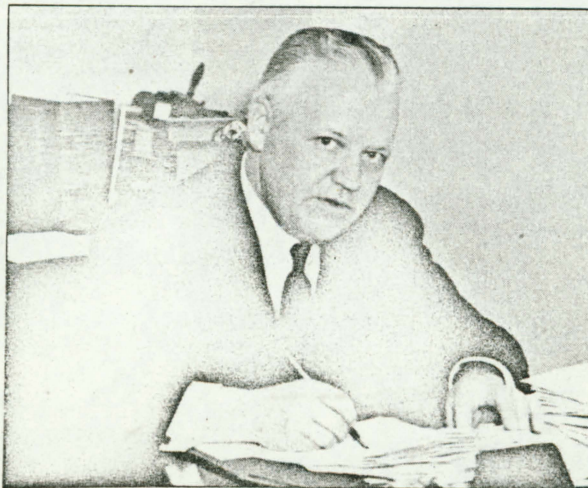
As the new academic year began, one familiar figure around the hospital corridors was found to be missing. Dr. Harold M. Coon, superintendent of the University of Wisconsin hospitals since 1941, had resigned effective September 1.

Able, tireless Dr. Coon will be much missed. As head of the university hospitals for the past 15 years, Coon had had the tough task of steering the course through the rough shoals of two war and postwar periods. These were the years of tight shortages and unbearably cramped facilities on one side with a fast rising tide of patients plus vast new (and expensive) medical treatments on the other. Moreover he had added, among other things, the great new wing-front to Wisconsin General, had set high administrative standards that won plaudits from colleagues, patients and press.

Challenge. With his resignation, Dr. Coon, a mere 60, was not retiring from the administration of hospitals. He was taking on a new challenge. He had accepted the post of Milwaukee County Hospital administrator (which includes supervision of county general and emergency hospitals).

A native Milwaukeean, Dr. Coon had had a hankering to get back to his hometown. And besides he was once more taking a step along the path his father had set before him.

The Doctors Coon, father John W. and son Harold, had formed a team of hospital administrators that must be regarded as unique.



SUPERINTENDENT HAROLD M. COON

A step along the path.

Son Harold took his premedical work at Wisconsin and was graduated from the University of Pennsylvania Medical School in 1922. The following year he became associate director of River Pines sanatorium at Stevens Point. Father John was medical director there. After the elder Coon had retired in 1933, the younger Coon took over, held the directorship for four years. In 1937 Dr. Harold was appointed superintendent of the state tuberculosis sanatorium, Wales. It was a post held by Dr. John.

In 1941 Dr. Harold Coon veered from the path, took over Wisconsin General and associated hospitals. In 1954 he was elected president of the Mississippi Valley Conference on tuberculosis. In 1955 the Wisconsin Hospital Association gave him its annual award of merit for outstanding achievement in the field of hospital administration.

Dr. Coon's other honors, distinctions and associations mark him well for his new Milwaukee position. A sampler: past president of the Portage county society; a former delegate from the state society to the A.M.A.; present member of

EVENTS

Alumni Day, 1957

Although the highly successful Medical School Alumni Day, 1956, (see cuts) is barely out of the way, plans are presently being laid to tempt even more old grads to the one in 1957.

Because of leap year, the date will be exactly the same: Friday, May 17. Also the same: the easy, informal mixture of education, entertainment and socializing.

In the morning various members of the Medical School faculty will start the program by presenting the Grand Rounds Clinics. These will be short, 20-minute presentations often with patients being brought to the auditorium to illustrate various clinical disease entities.

The afternoon program will be made up of guest speakers brought in for the occasion. So far lined up: Dr. John Schindler, Monroe Clinic, Monroe, a specialist in Psychosomatic Medicine, who recently authored the bestseller, *How to Live 365 Days a Year*; also Dr. Shields Warren, nationally known authority in the field of Pathology, and Pathologist at the Massachusetts Gen-



DR. OVID O. MEYER (in white) & CLINIC

The date has been set.

the National Tuberculosis Association, the Wisconsin and American Trudeau Societies.

He is a trustee of the Wisconsin and American Hospital Associations, a fellow of the American College of Physicians, a fellow of the American College of Hospital Administrators, a diplomate of the American Board of Internal Medicine; a former member of the house of delegates of the American Hospital Association.

The new post in Milwaukee should give Dr. Harold Coon just the kind of challenge he likes. When the new building addition is completed next spring, Milwaukee County General Hospital, which Marquette's Medical School uses, will be one of the largest medical centers in the nation. Superintendent Coon will be occupying a post held by Dr. John Coon in 1908.

eral Hospital, Boston. A third speaker, not yet selected, will be provided by the John W. Harris Obstetrical and Gynecological Society (formed to honor the late John W. Harris of the Medical School).

From a social standpoint a great gap will be closed in 1957. Until now, the wife of a homecoming alumnus was strictly on her own for the day, and, presumably, was a little miffed at being left out of the proceedings.

Next year she will be royally entertained by a special luncheon and style show at the Maple Bluff Country Club in Madison. Later in the day she will join her husband for cocktails and dinner in the Crystal Ballroom of the Hotel Loraine, where the evening program will take place.



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SCHOOL SCENE

On campus for the academic year 1956-57 is **Dr. Vittorio Venturi** of the University of Pavia, Italy, who serves as visiting Professor of Pharmacology.

Another oversea educator, due for the second semester, is **Prof. H. Hamperl**, Director of the Pathologic Institute at the University of Bonn, Germany, who will assume the Carl Schurz Memorial visiting Professorship of Pathology.

From Wisconsin to England went **Dr. George Rowe**, Research Associate and Markle Scholar in the Department of Medicine on a year's leave of absence to study cardiovascular disease at Hammersmith Hospital, London.

A gift from **Mr. John Daniels**, Rhinelander, has established the Alfred Dorrance Daniels Research Professorship in Pediatrics.

Under a grant from the Rockefeller Foundation, **Dr. Newton Morton** of the Department of Anatomy, has initiated a genetics program in the Medical School.

Another grant: \$172,000 from the National Institutes of Health to support a study of long term radiation effects on subhuman primates; Departments of Psychology and Biochemistry, in addition to Medical School investigators, will participate.

An application has been made to the National Institutes of Health for a \$1,005,000 Research Facilities Grant in Aid (to be matched by \$750,000 from W.A.R.F., \$200,000 from the University remodeling funds and \$55,000 from Medical School gifts funds). Purpose of the proposed grant: to build a new wing of the Service Memorial Institutes and do some sorely needed remodeling of the existing building. Terms of the proposed grant: the new wing must be used exclusively for research for ten years.

ALUMNI SCENE

Up on the masthead of the July, 1956, issue of the *Bulletin*, excellent little monthly journal of the Academy of Medicine, Cleveland, was the name of a new editor-in-chief: **Dr. William A. Nosik**, class of '35.

Up from Hainsville, La., where he is in private practice, for a July visit to Madison was **Dr. Paul Bishop**, class of '49, accompanied by his family of five bouncing boys.

Not to be outdone by Fellow Classmate Bishop (see above), **Dr. Charles Larkin**, class of '49, now in his last year of residency in Internal Medicine at St. Mary's hospital, Madison, had his sixth child while Bishop was in town.

Not to be outdone by Fellow Classmates Bishop and Larkin (see above), **Dr. David Noll**, class of '49, who left Wisconsin General's staff to join the Madison Anesthetists Group (a total of 13 physicians anesthetists practice in the capitol city), reports an autumn addition to the family: a seventh child.

Pediatrician **Dr. Dorothy Oakley**, class of '49, is associated with the Jackson Clinic, Madison.

Returning from the North Dakota plain, **Dr. Robert Cranston**, class of '49, has taken up a residency in neurosurgery at Wisconsin General.

Also at Wisconsin General is **Dr. Ed Bolden**, class of '49, who is finishing up his residency in surgery.

Completing a great circle route, **Dr. Ben Washburn**, who left for the army from Kansas City two years ago, has just returned from European service with his family, is establishing a general practice in Madison.

Dr. Frank Dukerschoen, also duffing the army drab any day now, will head back to Oregon, Wis., for private practice.