

News Notes

The Clinical Meeting, American Medical Association, St. Louis, December 1-4, 1953

The subject of diabetes was well represented in the scientific portion of the meeting. The major contribution was an extensive exhibit entitled "Diabetes Today" by Drs. Howard F. Root, Elliott P. Joslin, Priscilla White, Alexander Marble, Allen P. Joslin and Leo Krall of the Joslin Clinic, Boston. The exhibit was supplemented by a Question and Answer Conference held in an adjoining room. The entire program was under the direction of the Joslin Clinic, New England Deaconess Hospital, Boston, and the St. Louis Diabetes Association. Doctor Root served as Chairman.

Members of the American Diabetes Association who participated in the Conference, which was scheduled from December 1 to noon on December 4, were: Joseph C. Edwards, M.D.; John L. Kennedy, M.D.; William H. Olmsted, M.D.; Henry E. Oppenheimer, M.D.; Harold K. Roberts, M.D.; Howard F. Root, M.D.; E. Paul Sheridan, M.D.; and Priscilla White, M.D.

Among the Association members who took part in the scientific section were: Geza de Takats, M.D., Chicago, and John B. McKittrick, M.D., Boston, Mass., who discussed "Surgical Management of Peripheral Arterial Deficiencies," on Thursday afternoon, December 3.

Research Fellowship Established in Honor of Doctor Wilder

The establishment of a Fellowship for post-doctorate training in the science of nutrition was announced recently by The National Vitamin Foundation. The fellowship will be known as the Russell M. Wilder Fellowship, honoring Russell M. Wilder, M.D., a past President of the American Diabetes Association.

The Fellowship will be part of the program of The National Vitamin Foundation, designed to stimulate the training of qualified young men and women for pursuing research and teaching in the science of nutrition. The Foundation, established in 1946, functions primarily through distribution of grants-in-aid to universities, colleges and other qualified research institutions and individuals, for research and clinical studies and training of qualified investigators. Its objective is to improve the health and welfare of mankind through better nutrition and to initiate and encourage research relating to medicine and health.

Candidates for the Fellowship must apply in writing to The National Vitamin Foundation, 15 East 58th Street, New York 22, N. Y. To be eligible for the three-year \$15,000 Fellowship, candidates must hold a doctor's degree in medicine or in one of the basic sciences, biology, physiology, chemistry, or biochemistry. Application must be made on or before March 15th. Notification of the action taken by the Foundation's Scientific Advisory Committee on the application will be sent to all applicants before July 1, 1954, and the Fellowship will become effective for the successful applicant at the beginning of the academic year in September 1954.

Doctor Wilder, who at present is residing in Rochester, Minnesota, served as head of the Department of Medicine, Mayo Foundation, in the years 1931 through 1950. Later, he became Director of the National Institute for Arthritis and Metabolic Diseases of the National Institutes of Health, recently retiring from that position.

Doctor Joslin

The admitting office of the New England Deaconess Hospital received a telephone call from Elliott P. Joslin, M.D., at 9:30 p.m., Tuesday, October 26. The hospital was informed by Dr. Joslin that he wished to have a bed reserved and that he was being admitted for removal of an appendix. He arrived at the hospital by taxi, unaccompanied, and the resident who saw him confirmed his diagnosis. Later that night a "red hot appendix" was taken out.

The following morning Dr. Joslin called his secretary and kept her busy with dictation until noon. In the afternoon, he stated he would see his patients, but was persuaded to let his associates take his appointments. On November 3 he left the hospital and on the way home stopped at the polling station to cast his vote. On November 6, eleven days after the operation, he came from his home to the hospital to give his regular Friday morning lecture to patients.

Doctor Joslin deserves congratulations for his rapid recovery and also for the accuracy of his self-diagnosis of appendicitis.

Research Grants

A total of 651 medical research grants, aggregating \$6,428,435, was approved in December by the Public Health Service. The approval was made on recommendations by advisory councils to the National Institutes of Health.

Of 98 projects with a total of \$1,003,116, the National Institute of Arthritis and Metabolic Diseases recommended approval of 67 projects adding up to \$606,031. The Institute also has announced that it is making available a limited supply of radioactive corticosterone (Compound B) to investigators, without charge. Information is obtainable from Endocrinology Study Section, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda 14, Md.

Binders for Volume 3 of DIABETES

A binder for 1954 matching those for Volumes 1 and 2 (1952-53 issues) of DIABETES is now available for immediate shipment at a price of \$2.00. This insert binder is sturdy and attractive and will hold six issues. Readers are urged to purchase theirs before present stocks are depleted. Binders for Volumes 1 and 2 also are available at the same price.

Personal

Four members of the American Diabetes Association participated in the Medical Symposium held as part of the Dedication Exercises at the Samuel P. Capen Hall, University of Buffalo Schools of Medicine and Dentistry, on December 12. Doctor Charles H. Best of Toronto presided and the following took part in the Symposium: Jerome W. Conn, M.D., Ann Arbor, Michigan, "Metabolic Consequences of Stress in Man;" Thaddeus S. Danowski, M.D., Pittsburgh, "Parameters of Electrolyte Needs During Parenteral Nutrition;" Herbert Pollack, M.D., New York City, "Amino Acids in Parenteral Nutrition."

At the meeting of the Council of the American Diabetes Association, held in Rochester, Minnesota recently, Russell M. Wilder, M.D., was elected to honorary membership in the Association. Doctor Wilder was one of the members of the Council when the Association was founded and served as President, 1946-1947. The recent action of the Council gave recognition to his lifetime work in the field of diabetes, including practice and research, in addition to his services to the Association.

Obituaries

DANIEL B. MARCUS, M.D., of Detroit, a member of the American Diabetes Association since 1941, died on September 26 at the age of 45. He had headed the diabetic service for many years at Grace Hospital in Detroit.

After receiving his medical degree from the Detroit College of Medicine and Surgery in 1931, Doctor Marcus interned at Grace Hospital and began the practice of medicine in 1933. Motivated by the teaching of the late Dr. L. F. G. Wendt, Doctor Marcus became greatly interested in diabetes even as an intern and during his entire medical career he restricted his work to treating this disease and its complications. In this connection, he taught numerous groups of interns and residents as well as many classes of student nurses, emphasizing the importance of good control of diabetes.

Besides operating the diabetic clinic at Grace Hospital, he was active in the medical management of the former Grace Hospital Diabetic Camp. He had few hobbies, although from time to time he would make fishing trips with close acquaintances.

HENRY THOMAS FOLEY, II, M.D., of Pittsburgh, died last fall at the age of 48.

An Active Member of the American Diabetes Association since 1949, Doctor Foley also was a member of the Pittsburgh Diabetes Association. He was a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine and held a position there as Instructor of Internal Medicine. He was also Associate Staff Physician at the Presbyterian and Woman's Hospital of the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. He was active in establishing cardiac evaluation clinics for workers in the industries of Pittsburgh.

Doctor Foley was certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine in 1949. He was a member of the Aero Medical Association and the American Heart Association.

KALMAN EISENBUD, M.D., an Active Member of the American Diabetes Association since 1941, died on January 19 in New York City after a long illness.

Born in Russia 72 years ago, Doctor Eisenbud received his medical degree from New York University Bellevue Medical College. He was attending physician at Riverside, Beth David, Jewish Memorial and Harlem Hospitals in New York. He also held a reserve commission as Senior Surgeon in the Public Health Service. His practice was limited to diseases of metabolism in recent years and he devoted nearly all of his attention to the care of diabetic patients. He was the author of articles on the importance of diabetes as a national health problem, medical care of the surgical diabetic, renal glycosuria and other related subjects.

Doctor Eisenbud is survived by his wife, a daughter, and two sons, one of whom is a physician, Dr. Leon Eisenbud of New York City.