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ALUMNI DAY

Once again Alumni Day is here.

This year it falls on Saturday, April 25th.

And in all of its history was the world ever in such a topsy-turvy, chaotic state? But we are told by competent authorities that during these troublesome times man needs diversion and periods of relaxation. He must get away from himself and his inner thoughts. That’s why the “government” encourages baseball, golf, horse racing and days at the beach or mountain. And that is why even though you just don’t feel up to it you should rouse yourself and join the lads and girls and make this Alumni Day a big success.

As you’ll note elsewhere a somewhat different program has been arranged for you by your president, Sutherland Miller, ’09, and his committee heads, namely, William T. Daily and Leonard R. Donn.

In the morning from 10:30 until 12:30 there will be five practical talks and clinics, as well as an exhibit. You may select the one or ones you are interested in and show up in time to profit by forty-five minutes of interesting talk, demonstration and motion pictures. Or, you can stay throughout the entire two hour session. These talks will be up-to-the-minute and snappy. At one o’clock all hands repair to the dining-room of the hospital for luncheon. This annual affair is always well attended and not because it is “on the house” but because at these get-together shindigs there is so much laughter and the speaker is always entertaining. Dr. Moorhead, present at the bombing at Hawaii, will address us. The evening session will be different. Once again it will be held at the building of the Knights of Columbus at Prospect Park West and Union Street. They always serve a toothsome bang-up dinner. There will be a couple of short addresses. Instead of long talks the “prominent” citizens on the dais will “take a bow’. But in place of after dinner oratory we’ll look at motion pictures dealing with Australia. There will be three reels and they will take about an hour and a quarter in time. A gentleman from the Australian parliament will speak before and after the showing of these pictures, depicting the country, the habits of the people and the preparations for war and the defense of that country which is so much like our own. It should be a swell evening.

Maybe, who knows, this will be the last Alumni Day we’ll celebrate for a long time to come. Day by day more and more of our own are putting on uniforms and leaving us. And so this year mark the day on your calendar and come to the dinner and forget the sorrows of this world for a couple of only too brief hours.

The kick-in will be five dollars, as usual. The time: Saturday, April 25th; the place: Knights of Columbus building at about 7:30 P.M.
RECENT GIFTS TO HOAGLAND LIBRARY

In the past two years the Hoagland Library has been the recipient of the major portions of two specialized libraries from two of our well known members, Dr. Charles Waldo Stickle and Dr. Thomas Rushmore French, each chief clinical professor of his department at Long Island College of Medicine.

The library has been further enlarged by a complete set of the Journal of Nervous and Mental Diseases given by Dr. William Browning, and many valuable and interesting books from the library of Dr. Frank L. Babbott.

Dr. Babbott has done a great deal to swell our sections on biography and the history of medicine, the two most consistently used sections throughout the year of any in the library. He has given us numerous very interesting and valuable books, the most important being the first edition of "Micrographia" by Robert Hooke, containing the illustrations of his "cells" published in 1667.

Another interesting early book is that by Quesnay, Paris 1674 which is a compilation of data concerning the principal surgeons, their discoveries and merits by scholars, particularly from the Surgical College of Paris, ordered submitted to the French Court to prove that their profession, Surgery, was worthy and should require a college degree as a protection against the charlatans of that day. As a result of these essays Surgery was elevated to the same dignity as Medicine. Within its pages are fine portraits of leading French surgeons as Pare and Petit.

Three other seventeenth century books are: one on the debunking of witchcraft of that day by John Webster, published in 1677; another, a large tome by Theophilus Bonet who is remembered for his collection of postmortems, and as editor of the "Zodiacus medico-gallicus" which was a continuation of the first medical journal written in the vernacular. We have in Hoagland Library his book entitled, "A Guide to the Practical Physician . . . to which is added An Appendix concerning the Office of a Physician by the same author;" the third, "The History of Physick by Daniel LeClerc, made English by Dr. Drake and Dr. Baden," the first real history of medicine ever to be written.

Among the eighteenth century books from Dr. Babbott's collection, there is an interesting one by Jonathan Swift on the "Right of Precidence between the Physician and Civilians enquir'd into," Dublin, 1720 as well as Henry Baker's two volumes, "On Microscopes," which contain interesting descriptions and pictures of animalcules and crystalline salts, published in 1785. Besides these two books there is Benjamin Bell's famous one, "A treatise on the theory and management of ulcer's . . . to which is prefixed an essay on the chirurgical treatment of inflammation and its consequences," Boston 1797.

Of the nineteenth century volumes, two interesting books are: "Lectures of Sir Astley Cooper . . . on the Principles and Practice of Surgery with additional notes and cases by Frederick Tyrrell," Boston 1828 and the "Biography of Elisha Kent Kane," by William Elder. Dr. Kane was Assistant Surgeon in the U.S. Navy and traveled far and wide, apparently with time out for explorations including India, Africa, China and the Arctic. His book on his trip with the Grinnell expedition was the most widely read book of the day, being found on the library table of every home.

The libraries of Dr. Stickle and Dr. French, taken together, have given our library a relatively complete basic collection of the best books on the ear, nose and throat, including early editions of the three treatises by J. Solis Cohen, Sir Morell Mackenzie, and Francke Huntington Bosworth which placed laryngology and rhinology on a firm foundation. These were followed by notable
treatises from the pen of Carl Seiler, Lennox Browne, etc. which we also have in our collection. A later important work was an Atlas by Gustav Killian who introduced direct bronchoscopy to the medical world. The historical side of this branch of medicine was ably written by Jonathan Wright whose book is also included.

Perhaps our most treasured piece of all is the frame containing the mounted photographs of the larynx taken by Dr. French, for it was he who perfected the means of photographing the larynx in 1884.

Outstanding among the early books of the ear are the treatises by Anton Friedrich von Trottech, 1866, Lawrence Turnbull, 1872 and two books by Adam Politzer, one “The membrana tympani in health and disease . . . translated by A. Mathewson, M.D. and H. G. Newton, M.D.” N.Y. 1869 autographed by the translator, the other his Atlas containing his photographs of the membrana tympani for which he is so well known; and lastly one by Friedrich Bezold and F. Siebemann, 1896.

These are but a few of the many fine books in the collection which includes books up to the present day among which is Harvey Cushing’s “Tumors of the nervus acusticus . . .”. The library sincerely hopes that many of the alumni will wander in to glance at some of these books.

DAVID G. FRENCH

David G. French of Brooklyn, has been appointed student activity secretary to direct the athletic, social and recreational programs of the students at Long Island.

Mr. French has worked with the Y. M. C. A. and has had experience in student activities. He is a graduate of the University of Michigan, holds a B.D. degree from the Chicago Theological Seminary and taught for one year at Hanover College.

We learn from Dean Curran that the medical students desired a more organized athletic and recreational program because of the character of their work. Many medical colleges have instituted such a program in the past few years.

ALFRED R. CRAWFORD

Dr. Jean Curran, dean of the college, announced the appointment of Alfred R. Crawford of Pleasantville, N.Y., to the newly-created post of assistant to the dean.

Mr. Crawford comes to the college after seven years as a member of the staff of the John Price James Corporation. He is a graduate of Haverford College and taught biology at the Penn Charter School, Germantown, Pa. Before joining the Jones Corporation he was a reporter on the Easton, Pa., Herald.

At the college Mr. Crawford will assist Dr. Curran in the expansion program which will include modernization of the college facilities. He will work closely with the committee on finance, of which Philip A. Benson, president of The Dime Savings Bank of Brooklyn, recently became chairman.

DR. NICHOLAS B. DRYER
APPOINTED TO FAULTY

Dr. Nicholas B. Dryer, English scientist and former member of the staff in pharmacology at the New York University Medical College, has accepted an appointment as associate professor of physiology and pharmacology at the College. He joined the staff on March 16th, as associate to Dr. George Ray who heads the department.

A native of Cape Colony, South Africa, Dr. Dryer studied at the University of the Cape of Good Hope and was an undergraduate medical student in London as well as a Christopher Welch Research scholar at Oxford, where he obtained his B.A. degree. He received his M.A. degree in 1924 from the University College in London. In the same year he became a member of the Royal College of Surgeons and a Licentiate at the Royal College of Physicians in London.
ALUMNI DAY
SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 1942

Morning Session

The day starts at 10:30 A.M.
In the auditorium of The Polhemus Memorial Building

There will be talks, clinics, demonstrations
and motion-pictures

1. Local Anaesthetics in Obstetrics and Gynecology, by
   Alexander H. Rosenthal, M.D.
   Syphilis in Pregnancy, by William Daily, M.D.

2. Periarteritis Nodosa, by Morris M. Banowitch, M.D.
   Pneumonia Exhibit.

3. War Fractures: Their Diagnosis, Transportation and
   Treatment. (Illustrated by Motion Pictures) by S.
   Potter Bartley, M.D.

   “Recent Advances in Pediatrics”.
   Five minute talks by Doctors Krahulik, Koch, Kamm,
   Givan, and Weymuller.
ALUMNI DAY
SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 1942

LUNCHEON

At 1 (one) P. M. all hands gather in the Main Dining Room at the Hospital.

The Hospital Authorities have arranged for a real, toothsome repast. IT IS FREE, on the house. You cannot tip anyone. There’ll be food, beer and smokes (but you had best provide your favorite brand).

The Speaker will be DR. JOHN MOORHEAD of Manhattan. Dr. Moorhead needs no introduction to Long Island men or to physicians throughout the nation. He is the same Dr. Moorhead who was in Hawaii, invited to give a series of talks on war surgery. That Sunday, December 7th, 1941, he was lecturing when the bombs began falling at Pearl Harbor. From the lecture room, Dr. Moorhead went directly to the operating room and worked for hours on our wounded. His story has appeared in the American press. It is our good fortune to have him with us on Alumni Day.

After the Luncheon the ANNUAL MEETING. Stick around for this annual treat. No accounting firm can beat our lads when it comes to auditing the books. They do it in five minutes flat. Someone will make a motion and there'll be a spirited discussion and a vote will be taken and twenty minutes later all will be forgotten. And new officers will be elected. Don’t miss it.

LUNCHEON starts about one o’clock.
ALUMNI DAY
SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 1942

ANNUAL DINNER

THE ANNUAL BANQUET (dinner) will be held (as usual) at the Knights of Columbus Club House, Prospect Park West and Union Street, at about 7:30 P.M.

Some do not reach their table in time for the first course or two because the festive undertow has marooned them on the bar. The bar is downstairs.

This year you'll get the usual trimmings and lobster thermador and steak. Never mind the rest.

Then PRESIDENT MILLER will arise, look somewhat self-conscious and ask the waiters to leave the room (they will after they get the "plate" back). Then, President Miller will orate his short oration, introduce Dean and Acting President of the College, DR. JEAN CURRAN, and ask a few big-wigs to arise and take a bow, and call upon the leader of the 25-year class to say his piece, and then he'll present ARCHIBALD GILCHRIST, a former member of the Western Australian Parliament. His talk will be illustrated with motion pictures of Australia. This feature, alone, is worth the price of admission.

The Dinner will cost $5.00

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ALUMNI DAY AND ALUMNI DINNER — APRIL 25, 1942
A. VON PRIEF FARDELMANN, ’16

A. von Prief Fardelmann, ’16, forty-eight years old, died at his home at 1402 Bushwick Avenue, Brooklyn, on February 17, 1942, after a brief illness.

For several years he was an officer of the Alumni Association of Long Island and was respected for his fine mind and capacity for hard work.

Dr. Fardelmann was born in Brooklyn, a son of H. C. Fardelmann, and was graduated from Long Island with the class of 1916. He was a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. During the first World War he served overseas as a captain in the United States Army. He was a Mason. Dr. Fardelmann was director of surgery at the Lutheran Hospital, and attending surgeon at the Bushwick and St. John’s hospitals. He was president of the Brooklyn Surgical Society, and since 1931 was trustee of the East New York Savings Bank.

Surviving are his widow, Mildred Fisher Fardelmann, a son, Dale, a daughter, Miss Margaret Fardelmann, his father, and a brother, of Montclair, N. J.

To them, in the name of the Alumni Association of Long Island, we offer sincere sympathy.

NEWS FROM ALL THE WIRES

Vincent Romano, ’37, sent a Christmas card to Dr. Frank L. Babbott postmarked from Cape Town, Africa.

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H. Sheridian Baketel dropped us a line saying, “The other day we (Reed and Carrick) had a letter from one of our representatives from North Carolina and he told us about Dr. E. Pierre Mallett, ’89.

“Dr. Mallett is now 84 years old but is seeing his old patients and carrying on with great effectiveness despite a bit of indifferent health. Our representative told us that the doctor has long been one of the outstanding men in that section and that he is a fine type of family physician, and greatly beloved by all who come in contact with him.” Congratulations and best wishes.

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Alfonso M. Libasci, ’31, is in the medical corps of the regular army. He entered the service in 1933 and is now a major, stationed (when we were given this information) at the Army Medical Base in Brooklyn.

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Walter Bromberg, ’26, until recently an assistant clinical professor of psychiatry in the New York University Medical College, is now located at 140 North Virginia Street, Reno, Nev., where he is associated with Dr. Charles L. Tranter in the practice of his specialty.

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This is a short story about our own Ralph F. Harloe, ’18.

During the first World War a chemist was required to make Dakin’s Solution. Dr. William Francis Campbell, then professor of surgery (old timers, was there ever a more inspiring teacher?) asked Ralph Harloe to prepare this solution and, also, to become a member of the visiting staff of the Hospital. That was in 1919. A year later Dr. Harloe was appointed Assistant Professor of Surgery. He was put in charge of all infected cases. Therefore, it was quite natural that patients with empyema and lung abscess were admitted to his service. This led him to develop the “closed negative pressure” operation and irrigation treatment of empyema, the first one in Brooklyn to popularize this method. In 1933 he became a member of the surgical staff of Sea View Hospital. Through Dr. Harloe’s efforts the mortality in cases afflicted with mixed infection-tuberculous empyema was reduced from 95 per cent. to
around 15 per cent. Dr. Harloe has operated on every child at Kingston Avenue Hospital who developed empyema during the past twenty years. Which brings us to the meat of this sketch. Recently Dr. Harloe was elected and made Director of Thoracic Surgery at Kings County Hospital (he had been assistant director since last June). He resigned from Sea View Hospital, and we know he will build a marvelous department, and we are sure to hear of splendid work being done on his service at “The County”.

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Luit. Carl Deneff, late assistant in Medicine at Kings County Hospital, wrote Dean Curran (Oct. 15th, 1941) that he is stationed at Hickam Field, Hawaii. Previously, he had been at Fort Jackson, S. C. If Officer Deneff reads these lines we urge him to drop us a letter and give his story of that Sunday, December 7th, 1941. We trust he is well and that we’ll see him one Alumni Day after the war is over.

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Sidney S. Greenberg, ’37, has been awarded a fellowship at the Montefiore Hospital.

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Without knowing the details we learn of the death of William Lustig, ’06, aged 57 years, on October 29, 1941. Also, of the deaths of Jack Schlager, ’36, of Dayton, Ohio, on October 1, 1941 in an airplane accident; of Francis P. Field of Parris Island, N. C., ’03, on December 7, 1941, aged 65 years; of Benjamin F. Bayer, ’67, of Riegelsville, Pa., on December 11, 1941, aged 99 years (we would like more information . . . Dr. Bayer, no doubt was our oldest alumnus at the time of his death); of Francis C. Vogt, ’00, on November 19, 1941, of heart disease; Eugene W. Skelton, ’01, on October 30, 1941, aged 70 years; Max Wegamm, ’09, of Newark, N. J., February 3rd; and Howard B. Speer, ’92, of Stamford, Conn., a former Brooklynite, January 2nd, aged 72 years.

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My boy, if you go to enlist in the Army or Navy do not think you will get a “good” commission if you’ve been well trained, a Resident, in an A-1 hospital, if you’ve done post-graduate work, been on the teaching staff of a college, and a hard working assistant in a busy hospital. . . . It counts for exactly zero. It all goes by age. . . . If you’re under thirty-three or four you get a 1st Lieut. in the army and a Lieut. Junior Grade in the Navy. Over 33 or 34 and up to 38 you are given the next higher grade. You get this even though you’ve had only a one year’s internship and nothing else. All medics look alike in their age groups. It seems they can get and have all the medical admirals and generals needed, but what they want are many 1st Lieut. and Junior Grade officers.

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We know many of our alumni are in the armed forces of their country, and if they would take the bushel from their light and drop us a line giving us the details if not the facts; we’d be happy to spread the news via this Tome of Timely Topics. We have learned that William T. Sullivan of Belleville, N.J., ’36, enlisted in the U.S. Navy last April. Also, that Leon M. Caplen of Brooklyn, ’34, has enlisted in the U.S. Army. And John D. D’Albora, ’12, is Director of the medical department of the Long Island Unit (79th). And a round of applause to John for stepping right up front, giving up a whale of a practice, and doing his bit. And the same goes to Arnold Van Veen, pathologist to the Brooklyn Hospital, now at the Naval Hospital in Brooklyn. Another patriot who has made a supreme sacrifice (and match it if you can) is Herbert C. Fett. Bert is around the fifty year line, he still supports five offspring (one lad studying medicine) and a wife. He has one of the largest practices in town and lives in the grand manner. To give this up and live on a Lieut. Commander’s salary is something to write home about. He (and some of the others) say, "I went in the Reserves in order to serve my country in time of trouble. Now is the
time and here I am.” A splendid example to all of us. And Bill Lippold has been working like a dog (Lieut. Col. Lippold, if you please) for over a year now. And his sacrifice is not minor, either. A nose-gay to every one of them and a great big hand.

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A lot of nurses at Long Island and other hospitals in Kings, Queens and Nassau counties will soon be in army uniforms and off to the War with the 79th Unit.

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RECENT MARRIAGES

Miss Betty Sargent of Brooklyn and Dr. William Henry of Manhattan.
Miss Marjorie Alice Van Olinda of Brooklyn, and Dr. John Francis Beauford of South Braintree, Mass.
Miss Audrey Edna Ayer of Worcester, Mass., and Dr. Albert E. Hall of Danbury, Conn.
Miss Dolly Burr of Claremont, N.H., and Robert Armstrong of Battleboro, Vt. The bride is a graduate of L. I. College of Medicine.
Miss Mary A. Cunningham of N. Y. City, and Dr. William Palazzo of Boonton, N. J.
Miss Catherine Lanig of Floral Park, L. I., and Lieut. Albert H. Meyer of Brooklyn.
Miss Jane L. Jacobs of Manhattan, and Dr. Bruce Buchenholz of Brooklyn.
Miss Isabelle L. de Wolfe and Dr. Joseph S. Getzal of Brooklyn.

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The College has received a grant of $4,000 a year for three years from the Commonwealth Fund to establish a visiting professorship. The first visiting scholar will be Dr. Thomas Addis, professor of medicine at Stanford University. He will give a course of lectures for six weeks beginning in March. A tea was given to Dr. and Mrs. Addis at The Open Gate on March 21st by the college faculty. Dr. Addis comes to Long Island at the invitation of Tasker Howard, Director of Medicine at the college, who will be Dr. Addis’s departmental host.

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Philip A. Benson, president of The Dimes Savings Bank of Brooklyn, has accepted the appointment of vice-chairman of the board of trustees and chairman of the committee on finance of the Long Island College of Medicine.

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With the completion of the intern placement for the class of 1942, 39 students will go to 43 hospitals in 12 states.

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With the publication of the fourth issue of its quarterly bulletin, “Doctors in the Making,” the Long Island College of Medicine has completed the first year of a program aimed at interpreting the essentials of medical education to the community. Well edited and beautifully and well done.

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As we finish these lines (March 10th) the news is bad and one is low in spirit, worried and mentally depressed. We wish we were younger and could “do something” besides guarding the home fires and the civilian population. But they do not want old chronos at any price. And it makes us sad to see our own and our friends’ offspring “join up” and go away. We pray they all come back. And we hope that by the time you read this the news will be more cheerful and better. So until Alumni Day.

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