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## BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTS NEW CHAIRMAN

The splendid record of thirty years of service as Chairman of the Board of Trustees just brought to a close by Mr. Halsey's resignation will be ably continued by our new Chairman, Mr. Frederick W. Lincoln. Perhaps no one could continue Mr. Halsey's constructive program with more continuity than Mr. Lincoln, since the two men have been life-long friends from their college days at Princeton University.

It was a response to a request from his friend, "Chas" Halsey, that Mr. Lincoln started his work for New York Medical College as a member of the Board of Trustees. This was eight years ago.

During this period, Mr. Lincoln has contributed much to the institution, with untiring energy and vigorous thinking. He served as Assistant Treasurer of the Board in 1954-55, and as Vice-Chairman in 1955-56. He is doing yeoman's work now as Chairman of the Steering Committee of the Building and Development Fund.

Mr. Lincoln brings to his job as Chairman the judgment and business experience based on a successful career. He was formerly a partner in the export-import concern of Henry W. Peabody and Co., and is now engaged in family enterprises in various parts of the country.

Following in the footsteps of his family, he has always found time for philanthropic service. When only 22 years old, just after he had left college, he began work with the Boys Club of New York. For the past three years he has been President of the Christodora House.

Mr. Lincoln minimizes what he has contributed to the philanthropic field by saying he has done only, "what a normal good citizen would do in his community." It is his belief that, "it is a citizen's duty to do what he can in a big city like New York."

During the war Mr. Lincoln was a Commander in the U. S. Naval Reserve from 1942 to 1945. He is a member of the Racquet and Tennis Club, and of the Links Club. His home is in Greenwich, Conn., and he is a member of the Field Club and the Round Hill Club in that city.

We feel fortunate to have such an able successor to Mr. Halsey to carry on as Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

## CHARLES D. HALSEY

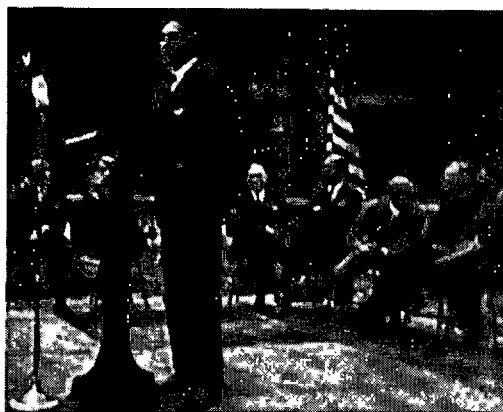
Chairman Emeritus—The Board of Trustees

Any attempt to express the great indebtedness of the New York Medical College, Flower and Fifth Avenue Hospitals to Mr. Charles D. Halsey for his invaluable services must inevitably be lamentably inadequate. Nevertheless his recent election to Chairman Emeritus of the Board affords an opportunity, peculiarly fitting and appropriate, for recounting some of the achievements of his administration and some reasons why he is and always will be held in such high esteem. This note of appreciation is written at the request of his many friends and admirers among the alumni and faculty as a small token of their gratitude.

Tribute should be paid at first to his untiring devotion to the institution. His continuous service extended over three decades as a member of the Board of Trustees (1927-1928) and then its President (1929-1939) and finally its Chairman (1939-1956). Actually, there was a preliminary period during which he became thoroughly familiar with the special traditions of our institution before accepting membership on the Board and it was this full awareness of and deep respect for those traditions which made him particularly competent to deal with the intricate problems which arose.

Although he had important commitments in the world of finance, and accepted important community responsibilities which he discharged with distinction, he gave to the College his time, energy and resources without reservation. Apart from the meetings of the Board and its Committees, he spent innumerable hours in graduation exercises, class reunions, "drives" and on countless other occasions. It is safe to say that he met at one time or another every graduate of the College during the last quarter of a century. He knew every departmental director personally and they knew him as a friend and advisor. He willingly expended time and energy travelling in the interest of the College. He brought many of his influential friends into the institution. A single example to illustrate his freedom with resources will be cited. For several years he provided the entire space for the business and editorial offices of a national medical journal in which the College had a special interest. As with many other unselfish acts only a few of the many benefited knew the source of assistance.

Since the years pass swiftly, and even the recent past may soon be forgotten, many who



October 20, 1938—Cornerstone of College Building was laid on 106th Street and Fifth Avenue. Mr. Halsey introduces the ceremony.

read these notes may not fully appreciate the complete metamorphosis of the College during the last quarter of a century. When Mr. Halsey came to the Board of Trustees, the College and Hospital were housed in antiquated buildings, its equipment was entirely inadequate, its small competent staff was woefully shorthanded, and its resources meager. Tangible evidence of his wise counsel, patience and skillful guidance is provided by our current freedom from many past physical encumbrances. A new College Building has been erected and subsequent expansion has required a major addition which was completed only a few months ago. Into these facilities a modern hospital has been integrated. A vast amount of new equipment has been obtained and costly apparatus secured for advanced research.

Actually the College has gained its legitimate place in the academic sun only during the last fifteen years. From a small college of good local repute, with the nucleus of a fine faculty for its small student body, the institution has risen to the sixteenth place in size of student body among the 89 accredited medical colleges in the United States and Canada. Its faculty is among the largest, if not the largest, in the medical schools and its ratio of faculty members to students probably the highest. Our clinical facilities are now unsurpassed in the world. Through research and publications, the institution has become favorably known wherever scientific medicine is practiced and applicants now seek admission for advanced training under its guidance from every continent.

There are many reasons why these objectives were attained during his administration. Prominent among them were complete confidence in his undivided loyalty, his great ability,

and unflagging interest. Appreciating that the problems of medical education in general and in a given institution in particular were unique, he assumed the role of a responsive mentor. This mental flexibility and receptiveness is exemplified by the development of faculty rules of tenure, a retirement program, the formation of the New York Medical College-Metropolitan Hospital Center, reformation of teaching programs in the clinical years and other innovations too numerous to mention. These reflect a man devoid of prejudices and preconceived ideas, and a dedication solely to the advancement of the College. By providing prudent advice and careful guidance, he achieved a unification of faculty and alumni effort unparalleled in the history of our College and Hospital. While he would be the first to disclaim any credit for our unprecedented advance, the indisputable fact remains that it was achieved under his administration.

Although the list of goals attained during the administration of Mr. Charles D. Halsey could be greatly amplified, it is doubtful that their recital could make the depth of our gratitude and our feeling of indebtedness any clearer. Perhaps, realization of the great role he has played in all our lives and institutions may prevail upon him to retain a very active interest in what must have become an integral part of his life. At all events, we thank him most sincerely.

THE ALUMNI AND FACULTY OF THE  
NEW YORK MEDICAL COLLEGE, FLOWER  
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## The Undergraduate

### CLASS OF 1957

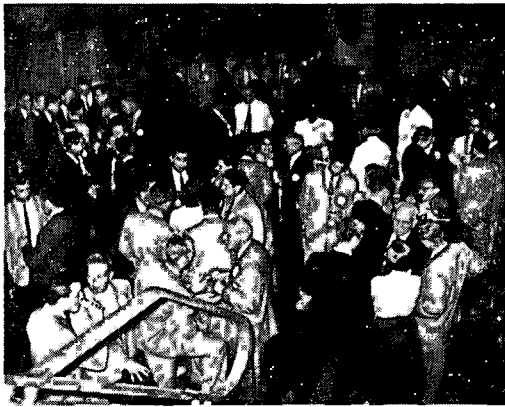
The Senior Class has just about settled down in its last year of medical school, having been in the thick of the "student internship" since May 21st. The novelty of writing orders and of "scrubbing" has dwindled in contrast to the increasing appreciation of those illnesses which heretofore had been only textbook descriptions.

The big topics of conversation are internships, prospective specialties, the choice of location for practice, and the fact that not one boy has been born to a class member since the start of the school year. On the other hand, Mike Dolan, Dick Baldwin, Joe Intile, Tom Mathews, Norry Culf, and Manny Soares have been handing out cigars with pink ribbons. Everyone is expectantly awaiting the outcome of the Taft and Scragg pregnancies.

JOSEPH INTILE '57

# Alumni - Freshman Reception

On Friday evening, September 21, 1956 the Alumni Association gave a buffet supper to welcome the newly enrolled Freshman Class to the College. Plans for the affair, made well in advance by Don Kuntze and his committee, had occasioned much interest on the part of the Alumni. Because of the size of the Freshman Class, however, and because all Freshman Faculty were to be guests of the evening, attendance by Alumni had, perforce, to be limited to the Board of Governors.



The supper came at the end of a full week's work, but nonetheless nearly the entire Freshman Class gathered at about 6:30 P.M. in the College Foyer to meet Faculty and Alumni and drink a glass (or several) of beer with them. So successful was this preliminary gather-

ing, that Mr. Hector had great difficulty later in attempting to shepherd the group into the auditorium where he and his staff had prepared a typical "Hector-Buffer Supper".

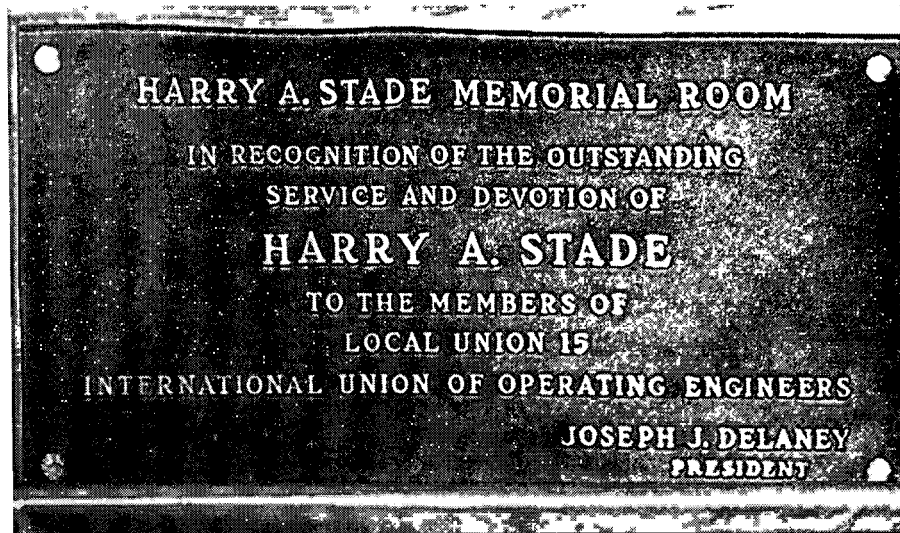
Old friends and new friends joined each other at the small tables to continue their talk as they ate. As the dinner progressed Dr. Mersheimer rose to offer the Alumni Association's welcome to the Freshmen, and to point out to them the role of the Alumni Association in the College. He drew attention to the fact (already discovered by the students) that this Class of 1960 is something special to the college in that they will be graduated during the Centenary of the College. The students were urged to begin now to think of themselves not just as students but as future Alumni, and were assured that most of them would eventually reach that state. Such was the tone of the evening that most of them believed it.

Faculty members were introduced, and a few past presidents of the Alumni Association were asked to speak. These speeches were hailed for their brevity, — an unusual note at an alumni affair. Dr. Snyder exercised his prerogative as Dean to speak a little more at length, as he described a little of the insults and misfortunes which befall a dean at the hands of the students.

An air of camaraderie prevailed throughout the evening as Students, Alumni and Faculty met on a common social ground, and many lingered in groups to chat long after the dinner had ended.

The unquestioned enjoyment of the evening by all led to the voiced desire that the "Freshman Buffet Supper" become a yearly Alumni affair.





New York Medical College, Flower and Fifth Avenue Hospitals Building and Development Fund was presented a gift of \$16,000 on September 5, 1956, by the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 15, in memory of the late Harry A. Stade. A conference room was dedicated in his memory at a ceremony held in the room which will be known as the Harry A. Stade Memorial Room.

Joseph J. Delaney, President of the local, presented the check which was accepted by Ralph L. Tompkins, Treasurer of the Board of Trustees. Dr. Louis Rene Kaufman, Medical Director of the Union and Professor of Clinical Surgery at New York Medical College, introduced Mr. Delaney. A memorial plaque was unveiled by Dr. Ralph Snyder, Dean, who presided at the ceremony.



Joseph J. Delaney (front right) presents check to Ralph L. Tompkins (front left). Dr. Louis R. Kaufman stands alongside plaque. Faculty members and union officials present at ceremony (left to right) were Dr. Frank Borrelli, Dr. Walter Mersheimer, Dr. Leonard P. Wershup, E. Ross Winckler, Dean Ralph E. Snyder, John T. Murphy, Richard Nolan and William J. Corcoran.

Mr. Stade, who died in October, 1952 was Business Agent and Treasurer of the Union in charge of welfare work. Several years before Blue Cross, he took over as a personal mission the development of a hospital insurance pro-

gram for members of his union and their families, in cooperation with Flower and Fifth Avenue Hospitals. This was continued until the Associated Hospital Program was started and the union elected to carry hospital insurance with this organization.

## PERSONALS

Please send personal items to the News  
Editor, 1 East 105th Street, N. Y. C. 29.

With the institution of a new policy, a permanent Class Secretary will be chosen by the graduating senior class beginning with the class of 1954. The name and address of the Class Secretary will be printed in the Chironian, in the Personal Column.

It will be the duty of the Class Secretary to keep in touch with his classmates, to report regularly any class news to the editor, and in general, to act as liason officer with the College and with the Alumni Association.

The senior Class Presidents of the previous years are invited to contact the editor with the purpose of designating Class Secretaries for their respective classes.

1901

Class Secretary  
Joseph H. Fobes  
1 East 105th St., N. Y., N. Y.

1903

Class Secretary  
John Strother Gaines, 2nd  
201 West 79th St., N. Y., N. Y.

The Class of 1903, desires to express their sorrow in the passing of their classmate and medical colleague, Reuel A. Benson, and wish to extend to his family, their sincere sympathy. May a loving memory be of some consolation.

1904

Class Secretary  
Louis R. Kaufman  
30 Central Park S., N. Y., N.Y.

Joseph H. Fobes attended the Annual Meeting of the American College of Surgeons in San Francisco, October 10-16, 1956.

1915

Class Secretary  
Cassius Lopez DeVictoria  
176 East 71st Street, New York, N. Y.

Dr. and Mrs. Charles A. Turtz spent the summer travelling abroad. They visited Iceland, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Ireland, Scotland, England, and many eye centers that they passed en route.

1916

Dr. and Mrs. Philip Schoenfeld have just returned from a three months trip through Europe. They visited England, France, Holland, Switzerland and Italy. They have two daughters, Madeleine, who is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin, and Naomi, a graduate of the University of Miami.

1918

Class Secretary  
Milton J. Wilson  
1000 Park Avenue, New York, N. Y.

1920

Dr. and Mrs. Harold Foster returned from a trip to Europe that included England, France, Switzerland, Italy, Spain and Portugal. "Visited with my son, Donald, in England, who is a member of the American Air Corps there. Met Carl Salzman at the Napoleon Bonaparte Hotel while in Paris."

1922

Robert P. Samworth writes: "I am happy to inform you of my new address. 1416 13th Avenue N., Lake Worth, Florida. Our new Lake Worth General Hospital will soon be opened and I expect to attend the formal opening ceremony. Kindly send the *Alumni News* and all other correspondence to my new address, where a hearty welcome will be extended to any and all visitors."

1924

William A. Berger, because of his enormous contributions to current Psycho-biological research, was appointed Junior Professor at the University Medical School at Bellevue Hospital where he has been associated in the Psychiatric OPD. Dr. Berger also worked intimately with the renowned and late Dr. Paul Schilder and along with Dr. Schilder was part developer of the Electro-Encephalographic brain wave patterns used today for diagnostic purposes etc., or location of brain pathology.

1926

Class Secretary  
Abraham Matusow  
1100 Grand Concourse, Bronx, N. Y.

1927

Israel Magelaner, Medical Superintendent of Kings County Hospital, retired September 1, 1956 to become Executive Director of Jewish Hospital of Brooklyn.

1928

Dr. and Mrs. Alan R. Cantwell have returned from a two months vacation and surgical tour of Europe with the International College of Surgeons Convention. They visited many orthopedic clinics in France, England, Switzerland, Vienna and Italy. They left Naples on the Andria Doria June 25, 1956 and arrived in New York on July 3, 1956.

1929

Class Secretary  
Robert E. Princer  
461 Bay Ridge Parkway, Brooklyn, N. Y.

The class of 1929 expresses their sorrow in the passing of their classmate William C. Calvert and extends their sincere sympathy to the Calvert family.



1930  
Class Secretary  
Saul A. Schwartz  
1882 Grand Concourse, Bronx, N. Y.

Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Schwartzman proudly announce the arrival of a daughter, Betsy Zola, on August 18, 1956. The class is very proud and extend their felicitations to the Schwartzmans.

1931  
Class Secretary  
Harry Barowsky  
246 West End Ave., N. Y., N. Y.

Albert Lesser had his article entitled, "Bilateral Femoral Aneurysms", published in the July 15, 1956 *New York State Journal of Medicine*.

1932  
Alexander Richman has been promoted to the position of Associate Physician for Gastroenterology to the Mount Sinai Hospital, N. Y. C.

1933  
Class Secretary  
William Kropf  
2073 Davidson Avenue, N. Y., N. Y.

Frank Borrelli attended the 8th International Congress of Radiology in Mexico the week of July 19, 1956 and reports the following: "Met several Flower graduates. Russell Karlen '46, attended the Congress and is successfully practicing Radiology in Bakersfield, California. I also ran across Lesley Warshaw '46 who kindly invited me to go fishing with him. On June 14, 1956 I spoke on Isotopes in Medicine before the Hollywood Academy of Medicine in Hollywood, California and was happy to see some of my former students in the audience. George Campion '3/43, was very hospitable and invited me to his home. He's happily married and has a fine family. He, by the way, is successfully practicing Radiology in Burbank, California and has invited any of his friends and classmates who come to California to look him up. I can vouch that you'll have a very happy visit with Dr. Campion."

1934  
Class Secretary  
George Nagamatsu  
121 East 60th St., N. Y. C.

Leon La Monica from Akron, Ohio looked very well when he visited the College on August 20, 1956 while he was vacationing in New York.

Ludwig J. Cibelli had his article entitled, "Early Pre-eclamptic Toxemia as a Criterion in the Diagnosis of Hydatidiform Mole", published in the August 15, 1956 *New York State Journal of Medicine*.

1935  
Class Secretary  
Roy E. Wallace  
32 Cayuga St., Seneca Falls, N. Y.

S. Thomas Coppola received his Fellowship in the American College of Surgeons, October 12, 1956.

1936  
Class Secretary  
Anthony J. Maffia  
212 East 61st St., N. Y. C.

G. Everett Gaillard had his article entitled, "The Modern Treatment of Poison Ivy", published in the July 15, 1956 *New York State Journal of Medicine*.

1937  
Class Secretary  
Peter Bisconti  
Teaneck, New Jersey

1938  
Class Secretary  
Lyman J. Spire  
Highbridge Road, Fayetteville, N. Y.

Sidney L. Green was elected a Fellow of the American Academy of Child Psychiatry. He was also elected Secretary of the Medical Board of Hillside Hospital in New York.

1939  
Class Secretary  
George Santoro  
219 76th St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

1940  
Class Secretary  
Stuart P. Barden  
248 North Avenue, Battle Creek, Michigan

1941  
Class Secretary  
Henry P. Leis, Jr.  
2 East 55th Street, N. Y. C.

March 1943  
Class Secretary  
Howard B. Rasi  
139 Clinton St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

John L. Tyler writes: "I am plant physician for the Port Ivory Plant of the Proctor and Gamble Manufacturing Company on Staten Island. In April at the Annual Convention in Philadelphia, I was made a Fellow of the Industrial Medical Association. Enjoying my work in Industrial or Occupational Medicine as it has many interesting facets."

December 1943

Walter X. Lehmann writes: "Have moved from N. Y. C. to Wilton, Connecticut and at present am the father of 4 boys and 1 girl. My practice is limited to Pediatrics and Pediatric Allergy here in Connecticut as it had been in N. Y. I am a Fellow of the American College of Allergists and Licentiate of the American Board of Pediatrics. I often see Eric Norrington at Norwalk Hospital."

1944  
Class Secretary  
Bernard J. Wattiker  
59 East 65th St., N. Y. C.

Edward Sattenspiel writes: "Have now been practicing in Phoenix, Arizona almost two years and am thoroughly convinced of the advantages of the Great Southwest. I have been certified by the American Board of Ob-Gyn, and we recently had our fourth child and second son, Lewis Robert."

Dallas E. Billman has joined the Corning Glass Works, Corning, N. Y., as Medical Director.

1945

Class Secretary  
Edward J. Nightingale  
25 Central Park W., N. Y. C.

1946

Class Secretary  
C. Donald Kuntze  
1133 Park Ave., N. Y. C.

Victoria A. Bradess is Chief Medical Examiner of Westchester County, and so far as it is known, the only woman holding this position in the country. Dr. Bradess is also Assistant Professor of Pathology at New York Medical College and Consultant Pathologist at New York Hospital, Westchester division.

1947

Class Secretary  
Herbert M. Eskwitt  
215 W. 88th Street, New York, N. Y.

1948

Class Secretary  
Alvin Donnenfeld  
15 East 71st Street, N. Y. C.

George Di Rienzo writes: "Just received the latest issue of the *Chironian* and realized that I have been very lax in keeping in touch with all the boys. I am doing what I have always loved, General Practice, and loving it more each day. Ed Eklund is also in town doing General Practice and it's good to be near a classmate. I now have 4 lovely children, 3 boys and finally a little girl named Janeen who was just 2 years old. The next bambino is due in November and I am secretly hoping it will be another girl." (Ed. Note: You've certainly stirred up a lot of curiosity, so don't forget to let us know when the new addition arrives.)

Arthur S. Kaplan writes: "I was certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine in February 1956. Sorry I haven't been in N. Y. in the past few years to look up some of my old friends. Hope there will be interest in a 10th year reunion. Someone in N. Y. C. ought to start thinking about it now, maybe just a card to all the class members to see who is interested. Saw Howie Kaiser in Washington in February on the way to New Orleans to take Part II of the Medical Boards. Fred Tanz was here in the Navy and we saw quite a lot of him. Peter Ballen was down and we spent a pleasant evening together. Other than that, I'm out of contact. Would like to see anyone who happens to be near Norfolk, Virginia."

1949

Class Secretary  
Laura G. Morgan  
21 Bridge Street, Stamford, Conn.

Katherine Gardner Ferguson writes: "I have completed my residency training in Anesthesiology at the University of Illinois Research and Educational Hospital under Dr. Max S. Sadone, and six months at the University of Chicago Clinics under Dr. E. T. Moerck. I am now in private practice of Anesthesiology in Monroe, Wisconsin and am on the staff of St. Clare Hospital there. Edward H. Ferguson, my husband, is practicing Dermatology in Monroe, at the Monroe Clinic. We have two lovely daughters, Margaret Ann, 5 years old and Mary Katherine, 2 years old. If you ever come to the Dairyland of America drop in and see us."

Morton Goldfarb writes: "After completing my training at the Sinai Hospital of Baltimore, I opened an office for the practice of Urology in Rockville Centre, Long Island, this past June. I have two youngsters, both boys. Have seen many of the members of our class out here on the Island. Would like to hear from any members of the class if they would write to 200 N. Village Ave., Rockville Centre, L. I."

Murray Dorfman is doing General Practice in Havertown, a suburb of Philadelphia; has four children and would like to hear from Bernie Batt. "Hello to Ed Kushner."

Harold and Helen Kaplan wish to announce the birth of a son, Phillip on September 4, 1955. Harold is presently practicing Psychoanalysis at 110 East 87th Street and was recently appointed an Instructor in Psychiatry on the New York Medical College Faculty.

Henry G. Reinhardt writes: "In June 1956, I finished my residency in Ob-Gyn at St. Vincent's Hospital in N.Y.C., and have opened my office in Westbury, Long Island.

Frank R. Begen writes: "In May 1956, I addressed the G.U. section of the New Jersey Medical Society. The paper was titled, "The Johnson-Lowsley Operation for the Formation of a New Bladder", and will be published shortly in the *New Jersey Medical Journal*."

1950

Class Secretary  
David Plotkin  
495 Merrick Road, Massapequa, L. I., N. Y.

Rosemarie Cantor Guercia writes: "Have just opened an office for the practice of Pediatrics at 30 Birchwood Park Drive, Jericho, Long Island. Would love to see or hear from any classmates who are around the vicinity."

1951

Class Secretary  
George M. Massell  
43 West Front Street, Red Bank, N. J.

John K. Butler announces the opening of his office for the practice of Pediatrics at 208 South Center Street, Orange, New Jersey.

Joseph Taubman writes: "I completed my residency training in Internal Medicine at the Jewish Hospital of Brooklyn in June 1956. On August 1st, I opened my practice at 324 South Weltwood Avenue, Lindenhurst, Long Island, N. Y., and my folks have joined me out here in the suburbs of N. Y. C. I still remain a bachelor. I would enjoy seeing any classmates who come out this way."

Allan B. Ainley, Jr., has been appointed Assistant Medical Director of the Travelers Insurance Company.

Frank E. Barnes, Jr., writes: "I spent four days with Ben Nicotri in Raleigh, North Carolina taking their State Medical Boards last June. We both now have our N.C. License. I will associate with Dr. Hubert M. Poteat in Smithfield, N. C., in the practice of General Surgery. Ben Nicotri is in his first year of a general surgical residency in City Hospital, Winston-Salem. He found General Practice too demanding in Levittown, N. Y. and has set his sights on Surgery and a living in the South. My address after September 1956 will be 513 Church St., Smithfield, N. C."

George M. Massell announces the opening of his office in the Hamilton Building, 43 W. Front Street, Red Bank, N. J., for the practice of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Rita Girolamo was married to Armando Leone '47 in Paterson, New Jersey, on September 8, 1956.

Walter Mark Chemris writes: "Two of our classmates have settled here in Bergen County, N. J. Bob Nutt is doing Internal Medicine in Englewood and Tony Colaneri is in General Practice in Rutherford. Here in Paramus things are going very well, practice is growing steadily. Rose and I are happy to announce the arrival of a son, Mark Michael, on the 4th of July. He joins Crystal Anne, 3 years old and Robin Jeanne, 1½ years old."

1952  
Class Secretary  
Victor Goldin

11 Terrance Circle, Great Neck, N. Y.

Daniel D. Doctor completed his residency at Manhattan Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital in N. Y. C., and announces the opening of his office for the practice of Ophthalmology at 30 West 59th Street, N. Y. C.

Edward Talmage is a resident in Anesthesia at Guthrie Clinic, Robert Packer Hospital in Sayre, Pennsylvania.

1953  
Class Secretary  
Robert S. Donnenfeld  
440 West End Ave., New York, N. Y.

Dr. and Mrs. Joseph O'Connor are happy to announce the birth of their second child, Dorothy Ann on July 22, 1956. "At present we are stationed in Tripoli, Lybia with the Air Force and I am enjoying my work as Base Pediatrician. I attended the VIII International Congress of Pediatrics at Copenhagen and met one of our most liked Pediatricians, Dr. Paul Freud, who was there with his charming wife. Also met Irv Byron '54 who was there on leave from his Air Force duties in Germany. If anyone from Flower should be coming this way please look us up. We are at Wheelus Air Base Hospital, Tripoli, Lybia."

Irving and Rosalie Rubinstein joyfully announce the arrival of Joseph Neil's brother, Michael Paul, on August 2, 1956 at the Brooklyn Jewish Hospital.

Marie T. Zipf writes: "Joe Harrington and I were married on May 5, 1956 at our Lady of Peach Church in Lynbrook, Long Island. We are living in Babylon where I am doing General Practice and enjoying it immensely. Joe has just completed 2 years of Ob-Gyn at Meadowbrook and will continue his residency there for 2 more years."

Robert D. Brennan announces the opening of his office for the practice of Pediatrics at 1424 Genesee Street, Utica, N. Y.

Robert Donnenfeld reports: "Sheridan Shirley writes he has completed two years in General Surgery under Dr. Champ Lyon in Birmingham. Frank Stitt is there also. Sheridan now is in Urology at Charity Hospital in Tulane. Warren Rutledge and Bill Coats are in General Practice. My own news is the birth of a second son, Alan Erwin, on

September 3, 1956. Would all members of the class of 1953 let me know their latest permanent address?"

Joseph E. Davis writes "I am happy to announce that I will return to civilian life following two years in the Army this June. At present I am on the Surgical Service at the Ft. Polk, La. Army Hospital. I have accepted an appointment as a Urological resident at Bellevue Hospital-Cornell Division beginning July, 1957."

1954  
Class Secretary  
Jean Anita Krag  
55 Park Avenue, New York, N. Y.

Dr. and Mrs. Irving M. Katz welcomed their first son, Jay Kenneth, on July 10, 1956 at Flower and Fifth Avenue Hospitals. Dr. Katz is currently a resident in Ophthalmology at Bellevue Hospital, New York City.

John F. Burns is now a second year Ob-Gyn Resident at the U. S. Naval Hospital in Portsmouth, N. H. Lt. Burns was married on September 29, 1956.

Roger Duvoisin writes: "I am now a resident in Neurology at the Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center. Occasionally I see John McKittrick who is here in Surgery. May we belatedly announce the arrival of a son, Marc Peter, January 1956. Our local address is 638 B Shaler Boulevard, Ridgefield, New Jersey. We would appreciate hearing from classmates."

Captain Gabriel Gregoratos writes: "After a whirlwind tour of Fort Sam Houston, School of Aviation Medicine at Randolph Air Force Base, and Army Aviation School at Fort Rucker, I have finally settled down at Fort Benning, Ga. My assignment is Aviation Medical Officer of the 3rd Infantry Division. Eve, Kathy, and I are now living on post at 29-B Battle Park. Anybody travelling down this way is welcome to drop in at any time."

James E. Lee is in Radiology at University Hospital in Birmingham.

Sandy Anzel writes: "I have just finished a year of General Surgery here at the Mayo Clinic. Have decided to take a three year Fellowship in Orthopedic Surgery here and have been accepted into the program. I recently married Miss Barbara Ballin of Deal, New Jersey and Palm Beach, Florida. We have bought a home here and are happily ensconced in the wild indian country of Minnesota. Burt Feinerman is here on a Pediatric Fellowship and see him often."

Jerrold M. Feigenbaum writes: "I have just finished one year of General Surgery residency at Brooklyn Veterans Administration Hospital. Am now commanding officer of 501st Armored Medical Company in Fulda, Germany. My wife and I would enjoy hearing from fellow classmates, especially those stationed in Europe. (APO No. 26, N.Y., N.Y.)"

1955  
Class Secretary  
William A. Stevens  
Veterans Administration Hospital,  
48th Ave. S. and 54th St., Minneapolis, Minn.

James N Trone married Miss Margaret Jeanne Klein on November 4, 1956.

Alice T. Carey and her psychologist husband, Dr. Justin P. Carey, spent the month of August in touring South America and the West Indies, visiting Venezuela, Brazil, Uruguay, Argentina, Trinidad, and Puerto Rico in that order. "A wonderful trip," they report, "but now we need a vacation to recover from it!"

John M. Davis writes: "Started my 1st year assistant residency in Medicine at Syracuse Upstate Medical Center. Now at Syracuse V. A. Hospital."

Bill Stevens writes: "I'm in residency program for Radiology at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Minneapolis, Minnesota. They have a tremendous setup with a 1000 bed hospital. Have everything including 'Image Intensifier'."

Jerry Parker writes: "Pat and I are happy to announce the arrival of a son, Jeoffrey William, born at Ellis Hospital on April 27, 1956. Everyone is doing fine and we're very happy. I'll be at the Air Force School of Aviation Medicine, San Antonio (Randolph Field), Texas beginning about October 1, 1956. I have a Fellowship in Medicine at Mayo Clinic for July 1st but have been allowed to postpone it until I finish service—then we'll be at Rochester, Minnesota for three years."

Louis A. Susca, presently a resident in Pediatrics at the Flower and Fifth Avenue Hospitals, has been told by the Medical Board of the Mary Immaculate Hospital, where he interned, that he has received the first prize of \$50.00 for the four essays submitted by him during his internship. The titles of the essays were: "Jaundice", "Nutrition in Obstetrics", "Tumours" and "Pediatric Antibiotics". Dr. Susca recently received a request by the International Society for Aid to Crippled Children for 50 copies of his paper, "Pediatric Rehabilitation", which they plan to distribute to their offices throughout the world. The paper recently was translated into German for distribution to hospitals in Germany.

1956

Class Secretary  
Steven N. Rous

Philadelphia General Hospital, Phila. 4, Pa.

Class Secretary, Steven N. Rous, reports the following:

"Toni Wallace Novick gave birth to a little boy, Andrew Stewart, on July 10, 1956 at Flower and Fifth Avenue Hospitals. I don't know whether it was Toni or her lawyer husband who thought up the novel announcement which read 'Doctor, Lawyer, Indian Chief', but it certainly was clever."

Al Tarlov is interning here with me at P.G.H. after having finished up his last two years of medical school at the University of Chicago where he was elected to Alpha Omega Alpha, the national fraternity for scholastic excellence. He is married to the former Joan Hylton of New York City and plans to return to the University of Chicago for his residency in Medicine.

Ed Madden, interning at Worcester City Hospital, was married on September 15, 1956 to a hometown sweetheart and spent his honeymoon in Bermuda. I understand he is planning a career in Orthopedics.

Also from Worcester City Hospital, Bill Bradley has been named Social Chairman of the interns and residents. Clambake, anyone?

Joe Macy and Marianne Opfinger, who were pinned after a sumptuous dinner last spring at Miss McGrady's house, were married on October 20, 1956. Best of Luck!

It's official now. Jim Hagerty has given a ring to Pat Swartzbaugh. No wedding date has been announced as yet.

Jerry Shapiro writes from Ellis Hospital in Schenectady that he is tentatively planning a career in surgery, and also that he and his wife, Jean, are momentarily expecting a baby.

Harold Luria writes: "Shirley and I are pleased to announce the birth of our second son, Robert Samuel, born August 24, 1956 at 6:46 A.M. at the Glens Falls Hospital, Glens Falls, New York. Mother and son are fine and dad made it too."

Robert Yaeger is interning at St. Francis Hospital in Trenton, New Jersey.

Evelyn and Jim Leach are happy to announce the birth of Karen Elizabeth on September 30, 1956. She weighed 6 lbs. 1 oz.

Alfonso Richards and Gillian Montford were married September 16, 1956 and are now living at 343 Sharon Avenue, Staten Island, N. Y. Both parents attended the church wedding. The bride's father, Col. I. C. Montford, of England flew in for the ceremony.

Sometime between now and the next issue of the CHIRONIAN (Jan. 1, 1957), I plan to send a questionnaire to everyone in the class inquiring about such things as marriages, engagements, births, plans for next year, etc. I would greatly appreciate your cooperation in filling these out promptly and mailing them to me at the above address.

Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas to all !!!

## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Dear Fellow Alumnus:

We are happy to report that 1,251 Alumni have already paid their dues for the 1956-57 fiscal year. However, when you realize that we have over 3,000 Alumni, you can readily see that many of us have neglected to do so. This is merely a reminder to please send your dues to the Alumni Office and help us to reach our 1,500 goal for this year.



# College and Faculty News

## Department of Medicine

Dr. Thomas H. McGavack was elected President of the American Geriatric Society at the Annual Meeting which he attended in Chicago on May 6, 1956. On May 11, 1956, he addressed the Canadian Geriatric Society in Toronto on "The Challenge of an Aging Population." Dr. McGavack spoke on Geriatrics at a television performance in Toronto the same evening. On June 6th he spoke on "Clinical Experiences on Orinase and BZ 22255", at a symposium on Orinase at Kalamazoo, Michigan. On June 9th he gave two papers at the American Diabetic Meeting in Chicago—"Alterations in the Renal Threshold for Sugar by Cortisone and Growth Hormone" and "Effects of a Gradually Increased Carbohydrate Load on the Carbohydrate Tolerance of Patients with Diabetes Mellitus."

Dr. A. Allen Goldbloom spoke on "Medical and Mental Problems of Older People" over radio station WEVD in N.Y.C., on June 22, 1956.

Dr. A. Allen Goldbloom, Dr. Harold B. Eiber and Dr. Isidore Danishefsky had their article entitled, "Newer Clinical and Laboratory Studies in the Aged. XIV. Changing Lipoprotein Patterns in the Aged", published in the October 1956 J. of Gerontology.

Dr. A. Xerxes Rossien was elected President of the New York Academy of Gastroenterology.

Dr. Harold B. Eiber addressed the 7th Annual Association of the Texas Academy of General Practice in Houston on September 17th and 18th, 1956. He spoke on "Antihypertensive Agents and Their Use in General Practice" and "New Views on the Problem of the Elderly Patient".

George B. Jerzy Glass read a paper on "Paper-Electrophoretic Analysis of Gastric Juice in Health and Disease", July 21, 1956, at the International Congress of Gastroenterology in London, England. On July 31, 1956 he addressed the Twentieth International Congress of Physiology in Brussels, Belgium on the "Paper-Electrophoretic Analysis of Normal Human Gastric Juice under Basal Condition and Following Humoral and Vagal Stimulation". On August 29, 1956, he read a paper on "Differential Diagnosis of Macrocytic Anemias By the Accelerated Measurements of the Hepatic Uptake of Radioactive Vitamin B<sup>12</sup>" at the VI Congress of the International Hematological Society in Boston, Mass.

## Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology

Dr. Clair E. Folsome\*, Dr. E. Edward Napp and Dr. Alfred Tanz had their article entitled, "Pelvic Findings in the Elderly Institutionalized Female Patient", published in the August 11, 1956 J.A.M.A.

Dr. Myron Gordon announces the opening of his office at Flower and Fifth Avenue Hospitals for the practice of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

\*Deceased March 19, 1956.

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## Department of Surgery

Dr. Samuel A. Thompson, at the invitation of the University of Santo Domingo, Ciudad, Trujillo, conducted a week of postgraduate study there lecturing on Thoracic Surgery and performing thoracic operations, August 20-25, 1956.

## BOOKS PUBLISHED

"Urology and Industry", by Leonard Paul Wershub '27 was recently published by Charles C. Thomas.

"This book is concerned with the relation between two highly specialized forms of the old learned professions: the diagnosis and treatment of diseases of the urogenital tract as related to the interpretation and administration of the laws governing the responsibility of employers for the ills and injuries of their employees.

Though designed primarily for the industrial surgeon when concerned with urological cases, there is hardly a branch of medical practice where such a manual will not repeatedly prove useful. I commend it heartily, not only to urologists but even more to the hard-working and often unjustly underrated general practitioner, who is usually the first to see the industrial patient but who may be unable to guard either that patient's rights or even his own just because legal knowledge is not at his command. This book is an outstanding addition to any doctor's library."

The above is an excerpt of the forward to Dr. Wershub's book. The forward was written by Dr. Thomas J. Kirwin, Director of the Department of Urology at New York Medical College.

## COLLEGE STARTS NEW TRAINING PROGRAM

New York Medical College, Flower and Fifth Avenue Hospitals inaugurated a training program in September, 1956, for professional workers interested in mentally retarded children.

This program is designed to offer post-graduate training to qualified medical and non-medical personnel, namely, pediatricians, general practitioners, psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, teachers, and speech therapists, who are interested in broadening their knowledge in the diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation of the retarded child.

The program is also organized to orient these various disciplines, to encourage research interests in this field, and to help establish pilot clinics for mentally retarded children.

Dr. Lawrence B. Slobody, Director of the Department of Pediatrics, heads the course as Chairman. Other members of the college faculty in this course are Dr. Margaret J. Giannini, Pediatrician, Dr. John B. Scanlan, Psychiatrist, Dr. Harold Michael-Smith, Psychologist and Mr. Howard Kelman, Social Worker.

In 1950 the New York Medical College, Flower and Fifth Avenue Hospitals instituted the only pilot clinic for mentally retarded children in the country. The policy established in this clinic is to manage and treat the mentally retarded child as a total unit—physically, psychiatrically—socially.

## 128 MEDICAL STUDENTS ENROLLED IN FRESHMAN CLASS

New York Medical College started its 96th year on September 10, 1956 with 128 new medical students enrolled in the freshman class. Total registration is 500 medical students.

Freshmen came from 12 states and represented 85 colleges. The freshmen include 17 sons of physicians carrying on in the careers of their fathers, and one physician's daughter. Two members of the class are the sons of New York Medical College alumni; Arnold M. Fruch's father was a member of the class of 1932 and Joseph Kasnetz's father graduated in 1921. Also represented are the sons of two faculty members of the College. Clair E. Folsome, II whose father was the former Director of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology and Walter Taub's father is Assistant Professor of Pathology.

## IN MEMORIAM

REUEL ALLAN BENSON was born in Oakland, Maine in 1878. He graduated from Trinity College, Hartford, Connecticut in 1899, and ever since was a prominent alumnus taking an active part in the affairs of Trinity College.

Dr. Benson graduated from New York Medical College in 1903 and then spent two years at Flower Hospital on the residence staff. He then went to Vienna, Berlin and Paris where he passed a year in foreign study. Dr. Benson was the Director of the Department of Pediatrics—Helen S. Case Professor of Pediatrics in 1937. He was never too busy to share his knowledge and accumulated wisdom with laymen and professional alike. He helped to edit the "Archives of Pediatrics" and headed New York's Association of Pediatric Research. At the same time he contributed articles to the popular magazines and wrote books for the lay reader such as "The Nursery Manual" and "Camp Counsellor". A few years ago, the City of New York cited his long career of "distinguished and exceptional public service" for a special award of merit. Through his good offices nearly three million dollars have been added to the resources of the College. Dr. Benson was 78 years old when he died on August 6, 1956.

*To those of us who worked with Dr. Benson, he was a constant source of inspiration. He was responsible in the largest measure for the growth and development of the Department of Pediatrics. All of our modern ideas of teaching at the bedside were anticipated by him. His stimulation has directly resulted in many areas of research that the present department of Pediatrics is carrying out.*

*Beyond his tremendous professional contributions to all of us, he was always a sturdy, dependable and intimate friend whenever we needed him. We know that he cannot be replaced. We know, too, that all of our lives will be fuller and more meaningful for having had him with us during these years.*

LAWRENCE B. SLOBODY, M.D.

ELI SININS, New York City, received his Medical Degree from New York Medical College in 1929. He interned at the Jewish Memorial Hospital. Dr. Sinins died on April 23, aged 52, of sarcoma of the right hand with generalized metastases.



VAN ALSTYNE H. CORNELL, 1876 - 1956

VAN ALSTYNE HARTWELL CORNELL 'Van' was born in Trenton, New Jersey on December 31, 1876. He attended the Model School in Trenton and the Mt. Harmon Academy in Massachusetts. He received his Medical Degree from our College in 1900 and then interned at Metropolitan Hospital. His early years were spent in General Practice in Trenton, and soon after he came to New York as a member of his specialty department. For many years Dr. Cornell was an outstanding member of our Faculty as Professor and Director of the Department of Dermatology. Eight years ago he retired from the department but continued his private work in New York. He was Associate Dermatologist at N. Y. Post Graduate Hospital, Consulting Dermatologist at Park West Hospital, N. Y. and William McKinley Memorial Hospital, Trenton, N. J., and Director of Dermatology in the N. Y. Department of Correction Hospitals. Dr. Cornell was a Diplomate of the American Board of Dermatology and Syphilology, a member of the American Medical Association, State and County Medical Society, New York Academy of Medicine, American Academy of Dermatology, the Bronx Dermatological Society, the Medico-Surgical Club, and the Meissen Club. Dr. Cornell died on October 24, 1956 at the age of 79. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Dora G. Talcott Cornell and a daughter, Mrs. Marianne Reitman.

*As a teacher, his wisdom and genial personality made him beloved by everyone. As a member of the Board of Governors of the Alumni Association, he served faithfully for many years. His passing left a great void with his many friends, patients, and professional colleagues which cannot be filled.*

JOSEPH H. FOBES '01

HENRY BARNARD SAFFORD, Garden City, N. Y., died on September 16, 1956 of a heart attack. He would have celebrated his 73rd birthday on September 18th. He graduated Dartmouth College in 1904 and received his Medical Degree from New York Medical College in 1908. Dr. Safford, while actively practicing Obstetrics and Gynecology, was also widely known as a writer. His writings concerned not only medical matters but historical and mystery fiction as well. For the past five years he had conducted the column, "Tell Me, Doctor", in "The Ladies Home Journal", using the same title for a book. He also wrote "The Intimate Problems of Women". His non-professional books included "That Bennington Mob", "Mr. Madison's War", "Tristram Bent", and "Tory Tavern", all historical novels, and "Contraband", a mystery novel, was the basis of a radio series. For many years Dr. Safford was Professor and Chief of Staff of the Department of Gynecology and Obstetrics at New York Medical College, Flower and Fifth Avenue Hospitals and a Consulting Obstetrician at Mother Cabrini Hospital. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. May J. Safford, one son and one daughter.

WILLIAM C. CALVERT, West Orange, N. J., was born in New York City on June 18, 1903. He was graduated from Dartmouth College in 1925 and received his M.D. degree from New York Medical College in 1929. During World War II, he served as a Major in the Army Medical Corps for four years. Since 1946 he was associated with the T. A. Edison Co., of West Orange, as an industrial physician. He served at East Orange General, Montclair Community, and Orange Memorial Hospitals and was associated with the Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation in N. J. In addition, he was a member of the Essex County Medical Society, the New Jersey State and American Academies of Medicine and the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States. Dr. Calvert died on September 29, 1956 at the age of 53. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Emma Check Calvert; two sons, William C. Jr., and Larrie S. Calvert; his mother, Mrs. Clinton Calvert, and a sister, Miss Marjorie Calvert.

THEODORE R. FREEDMAN, Far Rockaway, N. Y., received his M.D. degree from New York Medical College in 1929. He was a member of the Medical Society of the State of New York. Dr. Freedman was 52 years old when he passed away on June 18, 1956 of pulmonary embolism and infarction, myocardial infarction and coronary sclerosis.

**MORRIS GREENBERG**, Forest Hills, N. Y., died suddenly on August 3, 1956 of an acute cerebral hemorrhage at the age of 67. After his graduation from Cornell School of Forestry, he entered New York Medical College from which he was graduated in 1924. He returned to the College to teach Embryology and Histology, at the same time building a General Practice in Brooklyn where he was associated with the Crown Heights Hospital. He resigned as an instructor at New York Medical College when his practice required his full attention. In 1942, Dr. Greenberg gave up his practice to return to his first love, research. After a year of study and a residency in Medicine at Metropolitan Hospital, he became an Assistant Pathologist at Queens General-Triboro Hospital and served as an Instructor in Pathology at Queens General. When Dr. Greenberg retired in 1955, he was a junior member of the College of American Pathologists and a member of the New York Academy of Sciences. He was also a member of the Medical Society of the County of Queens, the State of New York and the American Medical Association. He is survived by his wife, Kalmah, a sister and a nephew.

**IRVING A. MEEKER**, Upper Montclair, N. J., was born in Pennington, N. J., on July 5, 1873. He graduated from Wesleyan University in 1894 and received his Medical Degree from New York Medical College in 1898. After a year's internship, he established himself in Montclair, N. J., where he practiced for 45 years. He retired in 1944. Dr. Meeker was a member of the American Medical Association and the Essex County Medical Society. He had for many years been a member of the Union Congregational Church in Upper Montclair. He was 83 years old when he died on September 15, 1956 at the Harkness Pavillion of the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Elisabeth Carpenter Meeker; two sons, Leonard C. and Dr. Irving A., a daughter Mrs. Raymond Cunningham Jr., and nine grandchildren.

**SIGMUND U. RUBIN**, Brooklyn, N. Y., was born in Europe on July 30, 1900. He attended Syracuse University and received his Medical Degree from New York Medical College in 1926. He served his internship at Prospect Heights Hospital in Brooklyn. He was an Associate in Surgery at the Cumberland Hospital and on the staff of Crown Heights Hospital in Brooklyn. Dr. Rubin was a member of the Kings County Medical Society, the Medical Society of the State of New York and the

American Medical Association. He died on January 19, aged 55, of coronary thrombosis.

**FRANK L. VANNI**, Baltimore, Maryland, died at Johns Hopkins Hospital on May 19, 1956 of acute pulmonary edema and cardio-vascular renal disease. He graduated from New York Medical College in March, 1943. He was a member of the International College of Surgeons, American Medical Association, the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of Maryland and Diplomate of the National Board. He practiced surgery for nine years in Baltimore and was on the active staffs of five hospitals at the time of his death. Dr. Vanni is survived by his wife and six children.

**FELIX L. PULESE**, Southold, L. I., was born in Brooklyn on August 10, 1904. He attended New York University and received his M.D. degree from our College in 1928. He served his internship at Coney Island Hospital and his residency at Harbor Hospital, Brooklyn, N. Y. He was on the Medical Staff of Eastern Long Island Hospital, Greenport, N. Y., and the Veterans Administration Hospital in Northport, N. Y. Dr. Pulese was with the United States Public Health Service and served as a Lieutenant Commander in the Coast Guard during World War II. He was a member of the Suffolk County Medical Society and the Medical Society of the State of New York. Dr. Pulese was 51 years old when he died suddenly on July 18, 1956. Surviving are his wife, Alma Hansen Pulese; two daughters, the Misses Barbara Joan and Mary Alice; his mother, Mrs. Angelina Pulese, and two sisters, Mrs. A. W. Lemmo and Miss Victoria Pulese.

**BRIAN C. SWORD**, Oteen, N. C., graduated from New York Medical College in 1920. He was a specialist certified by the American Board of Anesthesiology; member of the American Society of Anesthesiologists, of which he was past-president, and for many years a member of the Board of Directors; past-president of the Eastern Society of Anesthetists, Connecticut State Society of Anesthesiology, and the North Carolina Society of Anesthesiology. Dr. Sword was formerly on the faculty of New York Polyclinic Medical School and Hospital in New York City and served as Consultant at the Greenwich Hospital, Griffin Hospital and Grace New Haven Hospital in Connecticut. Since 1946 he was Chief of Anesthesiology at the Veterans Administration Hospital, Oteen, N. C. Dr. Sword died at the age of 66, on February 26, 1956 of coronary thrombosis.