

Arranging a Program for Physicians

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(Editor's Note: From time to time, every OALMA member is faced with the problem of arranging a program for a group of physicians or other specialists. We think this note by Ted W. Smith of Kansas City, describing such a meeting will be helpful. Members may also want to refer to an earlier article "Planning Regional Meetings" by Fred J. Eschen, which appeared in the March, 1953 issue.)

Doctors Dickson, Diveley, Kiene and Meyers' clinic here in Kansas City is a nationally known group of orthopedic doctors, and has quite an extensive practice. In their clinical set-up, they have quite a large group of residents in orthopedic surgery. Since we have been doing their orthopedic appliance work for years, we conduct regular meetings for these residents, usually on the basis of once a year. A meeting in which the VA film was shown was held at our facility Monday evening, April 2nd. Doctor Paul W. Meyer attended this meeting with the following group of residents: Doctors Samuel Osborn, John L. Barnard, W. H. Keener, G. M. Hoover, James E. Jameson, Donald D. Hobbs.

Our program started promptly at 7:00 P.M. with a tour of our complete facility. During this period we would have discussions in each of our fabricating departments covering principally the methods and ways of fabricating different appliances.

Upon the completion of this tour, the film on Upper Extremities was shown and this was followed with a discussion of upper extremity amputations and prostheses which was moderated by Ivan A. Dillee.

This was followed by a discussion on lower amputations and pros-

theses which was moderated by Mr. W. H. McCluskey.

The next thing on our program was orthopedic appliances and this covered principally a very detailed discussion of spinal braces such as the Milwaukee Brace, Williams Spinal Brace, Hyperextension Braces, Taylor and Chair-Backs; with a detailed discussion of the variance in types as supplied in different sections of the country. This was purposely included on our program as a majority of these resident physicians will locate in other areas outside of Kansas City when they enter the practice of orthopedic surgery. Since I have travelled extensively in the past 10 years or so, I moderated this part of the program. The first part covered types of orthopedic appliances and was moderated by our Mr. Kenneth F. McConnell.

Doctor Paul W. Meyer and Ted R. Reynolds acted as leaders and introduced all phases of the program.

The meeting adjourned about 11:10 P.M. Shortly after the meeting adjourned, one of our men commented that we certainly must have had something interesting to present for when you can keep a group of busy doctors in a meeting for hours, you certainly have to have something that they are vitally interested in.

SURGERY OF THE HAND

*By Sterling Bunnell, M.D.
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plates. 1079 pages. \$22.50.*

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This book is really a masterpiece and veritable "bible" of hand surgery. Fortunate indeed are the members of the medical profession, orthotists and prosthetists to have such a wealth of knowledge in such concise form. Doctor Sterling Bunnell, whose unique skill has done so much to advance the art of hand surgery, has now added to his laurels with this invaluable text.

His main purpose was to aid surgeons in the task of restoration and reconstruction of crippled hands. The book is divided into three parts: 1) The Hand; 2) Reconstruction of the

Hand; 3) Injuries and Infections of the Hand. The scope and comprehensiveness of all these subjects is handled in a masterly fashion.

As Civilian Consultant for Hand Surgery to the Secretary of War during World War II, he developed teams of officers at the Army General Hospitals. These men restored to usefulness thousands of hands that otherwise would have been crippled.

Those members of our profession who have had the pleasure and privilege of working with Doctor Bunnell are indebted to him for the many contributions he has made in devising new types of hand splints. Orthotists and prosthetists attending the National Assembly of the OALMA in San Francisco, during October, will have Doctor Sterling Bunnell as a featured speaker in a seminar on "Hand Splints," and this should be one of the many highlights of the coming convention.

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