

We Salute



CHARLES F. McCUSKEY, M.D.

Few, if any, anesthesiologists of today have had the wide medical experience of Dr. McCuskey. He was born on November 26, 1893, in Belton, Marshall County, West Virginia. He attended McMechen High School there and then was a student in the Fairmont State College from 1908 to 1910. He attended West Virginia University at Morgantown from 1913 to 1916. He obtained the degree of doctor of medicine from the University of Tennessee College of Medicine in 1918.

Dr. McCuskey was called to active duty in the United States Naval Reserve as a lieutenant, junior grade, in the Medical Corps on June 17, 1918. He was promoted to lieutenant and was on duty for 9 months in Naval Base Hospital No. 5 at Charleston, South Carolina. He was a surgeon assigned to Destroyer Flotilla "B" until October, 1919, when he was released to civil life with the grade of lieutenant.

Dr. McCuskey carried on a general practice in Tennessee, West Virginia and Washington, until December, 1924. He was an early enthusiast in aviation and for a num-

ber of years piloted his own airplane. He became first assistant in anesthesia at the Mayo Clinic on January 1, 1925, and was appointed to the staff of the Mayo Clinic as a member of the Section of Anesthesia on July 1, 1926, a post he occupied until September, 1933, when he moved to Los Angeles, California. There he was an associate professor of anesthesia in the College of Medical Evangelists from 1933 to 1938, and head of the Department of Anesthesia at that institution.

In 1939 he was president of the Pacific Coast Association of Anesthetists and in that year he was named associate professor of anesthesia in the University of Southern California School of Medicine. He was head of the Department of Anesthesia in that school. He was promoted to clinical professor of surgical anesthesia, and he became emeritus professor in 1961.

On December 20, 1941, Dr. McCuskey, then a major in the Officers' Reserve Corps, was called to active duty in the Medical Corps of the Army of the United States. He was stationed at Camp Haan, Riverside,

California, until May, 1942, and was assigned to Letterman General Hospital from May, 1942, to March, 1945. From 1943 to 1945 he was a consultant of the Ninth Service Command, and from March to July, 1945, he was a consultant to the Pacific Ocean Area. From August to November, 1945, he was a consultant to the Central Pacific Area. He was released to civil life on February 5, 1946, with the grade of lieutenant colonel. He received the Bronze Star in 1945.

He was a member of the Medical Advisory Group to the Veterans Administration from 1946 to 1953, and a member of the American Board of Anesthesiology, Inc., from 1940 to 1953. He was president of the Board from 1949 to 1953, and was also president of the American Society of Anesthesiologists, Inc. in 1948.

Dr. McCuskey is an honorary life member of the California Society of Anesthesiologists, an honorary life member of the Nevada State Medical Association; and a life member of the American Society of Anesthesiologists, Inc. He received the Distinguished Service Award of the latter society in 1953.

At present he is a member of the staff of Saint Vincent's Hospital in Los Angeles; the Hospital of the Good Samaritan in Los Angeles; and consultant to the Los Angeles County Hospital. He is a member of the staff of the Washoe Medical Center in Reno, Nevada, and of Saint Mary's Hospital in Reno. He was a member of the State Board of Health of Nevada. Until 1968 he resided in Reno, Nevada, practicing his specialty Monday through Friday. Week ends were

spent at his ranch in Fallon, Nevada, some 40 miles west of Reno. He now lives there.

He was married to Miss Gertrude Hansen on December 16, 1925. They have two children: Mary McCuskey Helffrich, who has three children and lives in LaCañada, California; and Dr. Charles F. McCuskey, Jr., an orthopedic surgeon in Reno, who has four children.

Dr. McCuskey is one of the original members of the Anesthetists' Travel Club, which is now the Academy of Anesthesiology, of which he was president in 1957. He was vice president of the Anesthesia Memorial Foundation in 1956 and for several years thereafter. He was chairman of the Section on Anesthesiology of the American Medical Association in 1949, and was a member of the attending staff of anesthesiologists at the Shriners' Hospital in Los Angeles. He was made an honorary member of the Reno Surgical Society in 1952.

The International Anesthesia Research Society presented him with an illuminated scroll in 1954.

He is a member of the Phi Chi professional medical fraternity and the Beta Theta Pi academic fraternity.

The International Anesthesia Research Society and the journal, *Anesthesia and Analgesia—Current Researches*, respect Dr. McCuskey for his many years of productive teaching and for his friendship with his many younger associates and students. In addition to the fact that he is a master in his specialty, his success as a rancher makes his hobby doubly rewarding.

Charles McCuskey, "We Salute" you.

Greatness consists in power, pride, insolence and doing mischief to mankind. A great man and a great rogue are synonymous.