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Centennial Ball By MCWC Unit Set for June 25

Johnnie Roberts of Winona will play for the "Centennial Popcorn Ball," all-Clinic dance sponsored by the Women's Club, on Friday, June 25 at the Country Club. Dancing will be from 9 to 1 o'clock. The dance is informal.

Roberts and his musicians have played locally at the Pla-Mor and have been heard also at the Terrace, The Oaks, and other area clubs.

Ione Hefte is in charge of decorations which will follow a centennial theme.

Jerry Schlitgus heads ticket sales. Tickets (\$2 a couple, tax included) are available at all desks in the Clinic buildings, at the Information Desk, at the clubhouse, and from all Social Committee members. At Medical Sciences they may be secured from Esther Peters, at St. Marys from Sybil Koester, at the Worrall from Frances Chapman, at Methodist Hospital from Margaret Fogarty and at the Wilson Club from Helen Kos.

The Social Committee repeats: "All Clinic men and women, their husbands, wives or dates, are invited to the 'Centennial Popcorn Ball.'"

Three Clinic Doctors

Get Honorary Degrees

Three members of the Clinic Staff received honorary degrees at recent commencement ceremonies.

An honorary Doctor of Science degree was awarded Dr. Frederick A. Figi by the University of Nebraska. Dr. Figi is a graduate of the university.

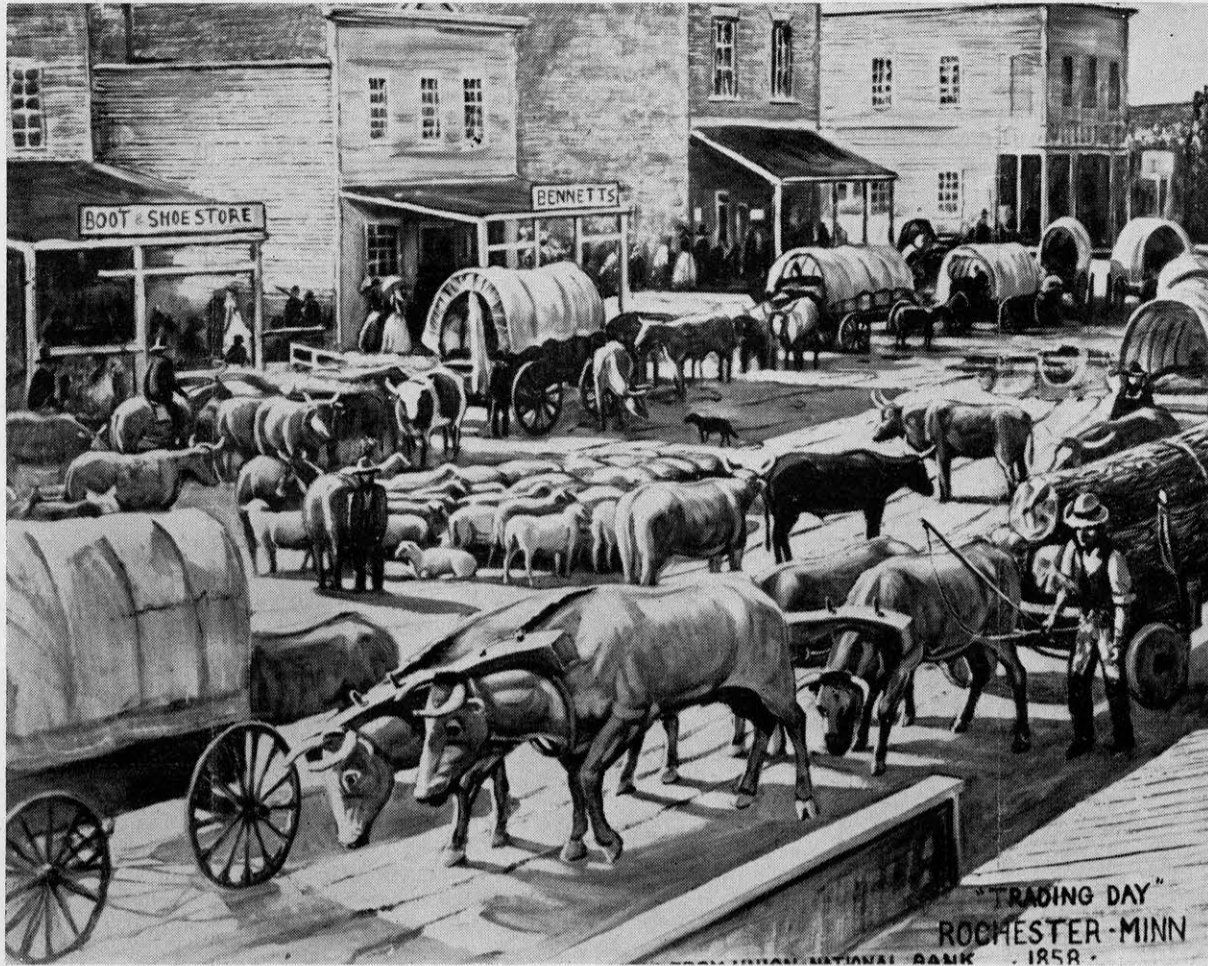
Dr. H. K. Gray, who gave the commencement address at the University of Nebraska College of Medicine, received an honorary Doctor of Science degree.

Austin College, Sherman, Texas, awarded its alumnus, Dr. M. W. Comfort, an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws.

Paraders' Pal



RELAXING for the first time in weeks is Pal Thede of Field Collections, general chairman of the recent highly successful Centennial-Elks parade. Thede is one of many Clinic people working on various phases of Rochester's centennial celebration.



Traffic Jam, Rochester, Minnesota, 1858

For more pictures of earlier days, see pages two and three.

First of a Series on Clinic Committees

Board of Governors Dates Back to Early 1920's

The present administrative organization of the Mayo Clinic dates back only about 35 years.

Previous to this there existed the Mayo partnership, which, in 1919, included Dr. Will, Dr. Charlie, Drs. H. S. Plummer, E. S. Judd and D. C. Balfour. Executive authority was shared by the partners. A number of physicians worked in association with them, either on a permanent or annual appointment basis, and they were frequently consulted in regard to administrative matters.

In 1919 Dr. Will announced the intention of the Mayo partnership to transfer its assets to a newly created organization, The Mayo Properties Association.

By the early 1920's administration of the Clinic had become the responsibility of a Board of Governors. Members of the first board were the five Mayo partners and two members chosen from the Clinic Staff, Drs. M. S. Henderson and W. F. Braasch. Mr. H. J. Harwick was secretary.

A Further Step

As a further step in the distribution of administrative responsibilities, committees made up of members of the Clinic Staff were appointed by the Board of Governors and charged with special functions. The first such committee to be created was the Executive Committee. In succeeding years, as the need for them became evident, additional committees have been formed. At present there are twelve.

In this, and succeeding articles, we shall outline the main objectives of these committees and of the Board of Governors.

At the present time the Board of Governors has eleven members. They are Dr. S. F. Haines, chairman, Dr. J. T. Priestley, vice chair-

man, Dr. Waltman Walters, Dr. C. W. Mayo, Dr. L. M. Randall, Dr. H. K. Gray, Dr. T. B. Magath, Dr. M. W. Comfort, Dr. H. R. Butt, Mr. G. S. Schuster and Mr. J. W. Harwick, secretary.

Term of membership on the Board is six years. Members are nominated by the Board and their nomination confirmed by the Mayo Association and the Voting Staff of the Clinic. Appointments are staggered so that no more than two expire each year. Members may be renamed to the Board at expiration of their term of office.

What are the functions of the Board of Governors?

Dr. A. R. Barnes, chairman of the Board from 1947 to 1952, in his 1951 report to the Staff stated: "The Board labors to two chief ends; first, to provide the best possible care of the patient, and because the second purpose serves the first, to provide those conditions under which the staff shall work so that they may attain their maximal productivity."

Examples of specific functions of the Board may also be found in annual reports of its chairman. Within recent years most far-reaching actions taken by the Board have been recommendations for construction of Medical Sciences Building and the New Clinic Building.

Formulates Policies

The Board also formulates such policies as that governing retirement. It considers need for adding members to the Staff and creation of new sections. It is concerned with relations between the Clinic and Rochester hospitals and with relations with medical institutions elsewhere. Changes in medical practice, in the methods and character of investigation and research and in the social relationships of medical practice all present prob-

lems which come to the consideration of the Board of Governors. In addition, Chairman of the Board, Dr. S. F. Haines, in a recent report, assured Staff members, "No member of the Board can be too busy to consult with any member of the Staff, whether it be to give or receive advice, and no problem in the mind of any member of our Staff can fail to receive careful consideration by the Board if it is requested."

In 1951 the Board of Governors found itself unable to cover all its business in one weekly meeting. It therefore appointed committees of its members to deal with certain aspects of its business. These Board committees—not to be confused with the standing committees of the Clinic—are the Administrative, Personnel and Research Administrative Committees.

The standing committees are responsible to the Board of Governors. The minutes of their meetings are reviewed by the Board. Though the committees have considerable authority to make and implement decisions in their particular fields, they will refer many matters to the Board for final decision.

The contributions of the Clinic's standing committees have annually been commended by the Chairman of the Board of Governors.

Committees' Contributions

Dr. S. F. Haines, in his 1952 report to the Staff notes: "Those of you who have served on committees of the Clinic are aware of the amount of time and serious consideration that is being given by the various committee members to the large number of problems that confront them. We regret that this must be so . . . However, it is the opinion of the Board that this democratic method of solving our problems is an essential part of our organizational structure."

'Under One Roof' Plan Advanced By Latest Move

The latest in a series of moves bringing together Clinic units "under one roof" has been completed.

Last weekend, Dr. B. T. Horton's group transferred work from the seventh floor of St. Mary's to the 1928 Building. The Horton group takes over the west half of S-9 (Radium Therapy occupies the east half).

One of several improvements resulting from this move will be greater ease of referrals and cross-consultations with other Clinic sections, Dr. Horton explains.

While terming the move "a step in the right direction," he spoke highly of the cooperation he has received from hospital staff members during his more than 18 years' work at St. Marys (10 of these years in the "tower section" on the seventh floor).

In a letter to St. Marys administrators, Dr. Horton emphasized that "the Sisters at St. Marys have always been a source of inspiration to me, and I am deeply grateful to them for the privilege of having worked here for so many years."

The area formerly occupied by the Horton group is to be assigned as conference and meeting rooms for Clinic Staff and Fellows, hospital authorities state.

Other upcoming moves include: June 19—ENT to W-5 (B); Obstetrics and Gynecology to W-5 (A)

June 26—Dermatology to E-5 (B); Pediatrics to E-5 (A); Pediatric Psychiatry to E-5 (A)

June 28—Well Baby Clinic to S-5

June 30 (or before) Photostat machine to Franklin Heating Station, Fifth Floor.

July 8—Anesthesiology Offices to N-5.

Picture Exhibition Centennial Week

A picture display showing the physical growth of the Mayo Clinic will be on view during "Centennial Week"—June 28 to July 3.

The exhibit, which includes 30 pictures, is being prepared by the Clinic Historical Committee. The showing will be on the ground floor of the New Building, with the pictures mounted on easels.

Shown photographically will be physical growth from the Massey corner offices of 1883 to the present. Parallel series of pictures will show development of buildings devoted to research and of Rochester hospitals.

The public is invited to view this exhibit.

JOB OPENING

Personnel has an opening for a part-time typist to work 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. The position is a permanent one.