

The Oregon Neuropsychiatric Society was the brainchild of the late, revered Dr. Lawrence Selling, affectionately known by his associates as "Bud" Selling. He took it upon himself to call all the doctors in the Portland area who at that time were interested and specially trained in psychiatry, neurology and/or neurosurgery, and on Tuesday, March 29, 1938 they gathered at Dr. Selling's home for an organizational meeting. ~~So enthusiastic were two of the prospective members that they (Bill Panton and Murray Burns) showed up at his home the evening before and caught him relaxing in his bathrobe, but Bud's graciousness was equal to the challenge, and a delightful, conversational evening ensued.~~

Those who attended <sup>this</sup> the organizational meeting ~~as listed in the minutes of that meeting of March 29, 1938~~ were Dr. Lawrence Selling, Henry H. Dixon, James H. Huddleson, D.C. Burkes, William C. Panton, E. Murray Burns, Wendell H. Hutchins, C.O. (Tony) Sturdevant and John Raaf. Ordinarily Dr. ~~Merl~~ L. Margason would have been there, but he was away at a special assignment in Boston. He was, however, automatically included as a charter member. At this first meeting other names were submitted for charter membership: Dr. David Baird, Dr. Olof Larsell, the superintendents of the Oregon State Hospitals; Dr. John C. Evans of Salem and Dr. Steiner of Pendleton, ~~who was superintendent of the Eastern Oregon State Hospital.~~ Other names were suggested, but it was decided ~~wise~~ to keep the membership small during its developmental stage and to expand gradually. Thus the membership was to be limited to 25 persons. It was decided to meet every two months and conduct the meetings in ~~the respective~~ members' homes. The meetings would consist primarily of case presentations, formal papers, and review of neuropsychiatric literature. At this first meeting there was a discussion of intraspinal injections of vitamins, particularly as it related to multiple sclerosis. The consensus was that there was insufficient rationale for this type of therapy. Dr. Burkes referred to his experience with giving hydrobromide. At this first meeting Dr. Selling acted as chairman and Dr. Wendell Hutchens served as secretary. ~~The~~ The second meeting was held at

the home of Dr. D.C. Burkes on May 26, 1938. By then the membership had expanded to include: Drs. Haskins, Dr. G.B. Haugen, W.K. Livingston, A.J. McLain and Dr. <sup>John</sup> ~~Surrirea~~ <sup>Laurence Serrurier</sup> ~~SA?~~. A constitution was introduced but not finalized. A nominating committee of Drs. Burkes, Huddleston and Sturdevant submitted the following officers and names: President, Dr. Selling; Vice-President, Dr. <sup>John</sup> Haskins; Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. Wendell Hutchens. They were unanimously accepted, and the officers were installed. Dr. John Raaf gave a report ~~at~~ <sup>of</sup> the ~~the next~~ meeting of the Harvey Cushing Society, and the need for a private care hospital for psychiatric patients in Portland was discussed. Dr. Carlson of Tacoma visited at this meeting as an outgrowth of his earlier invitation to this group to meet with the Washington organization.

It was at the third meeting at the home of Dr. Dixon, on October 6, 1938 that the constitution committee consisting of Drs. Hutchens, Burns and Sturdevant submitted its report. Until that time the organization had carried on the rather cumbersome name of The Oregon State Neuropsychiatric Society, but the name was reduced to the Oregon Neuropsychiatric Society which has prevailed since that time. Case presentations were made by Drs. Raaf and Burns, and Dr. John Evans was elected as a member. The evening terminated on an unhappy note as Dr. <sup>Leon</sup> ~~McLean~~ submitted his resignation as a member as a result of a quarrel with the Pathology Department at the Medical School. He died soon after this meeting. The next meeting was held at the home of Dr. Sturdevant presided over by Dr. Haskins in the absence of Dr. Selling. By now Dr. Ray Allen <sup>mbough</sup> ~~mbough~~ was a member. New names for membership were presented including: Drs. William Griffith, Lester Beck, Howard Taylor, Dr. Ernst and Dr. Robert Long. It was ~~at~~ this meeting that expansionism began in the Society. It was discussed and concluded that those of allied sciences should be included in membership and that we should not be too strict concerning psychological background. Dr. Margason, who had returned from Boston discussed <sup>discussed</sup> ~~described~~ myasthenia <sup>gravis</sup> and Dr. Hutchens <sup>discussed</sup> ~~described~~ suicide. The fifth meeting was

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held on January 25, 1979 at the home of Merl Margason. Dr. McLean<sup>Lean</sup>'s film on "The Adequate Neurological Examination" was shown. A letter written by Dr. Huddleson to the editor of Northwest Medicine was read. This letter called attention to the fact that the Oregon Neuropsychiatric Society had been in existence for over a year prior to the institution of the North Pacific Society of Neurology and Psychiatry, a fact which apparently was unknown to Northwest Medicine. The nominating committee (now consisting of Drs. Hutchens, Margason and <sup>Serrurier</sup> ~~Surrea~~) submitted the names of Dr. Lester Beck of the Department of Psychology of the University of Oregon for Associate Membership, and he was accepted as such. The question of Associate and Active Membership by now was beginning to be considered an impractical differentiation.

At the sixth meeting at the home of Dr. Haskins on March 30, 1939 an ammendment regarding election of members was submitted, but the final action was withheld. Dr. Burkes discussed the proposed psychiatric unit of the Hannemann (now Holladay Park) Hospital, and Dr. Beck showed a movie on neurotic rats and another ~~lecture~~ on hypnosis.

The seventh meeting was held at the home of Dr. <sup>Serrurier</sup> ~~Surrea~~. The nominating committee submitted the following names for officers for the forthcoming year: Dr. Huddleson, President; Dr. Hutchens, Vice-President, Dr. Murray Burns, Secretary-Treasurer. Dr. Dixon reported on the American Psychiatric Association convention, and Dr. Selling reported on the American Neurological Association meeting.

On September 28, 1939 the meeting was held at the University Club ~~and~~ ~~was~~ under the auspices of Dr. Huddleson. This was a new departure from the previous meetings held in members' homes and prompted Dr. Selling to observe the fact that at each previous meeting the after-meeting refreshments had grown from a simple snack to elaborate <sup>repasts</sup> ~~repasts~~, each entertaining member feeling it was his (or his wife's) duty to outdo those who had given the prior entertainment. A committee was chosen to look into possible meeting places

with each attending member contributing personally. On this occasion it was decided that any differentiation between associate and active membership was impractical, and the same was eliminated although an Honorary membership was continued. Total membership was set at thirty. By now Bob Dow had returned to Portland, and he <sup>became</sup> ~~began~~ an official member along with R. Yorke Herren, Horace Miller and William Griffith. Dr. Roger <sup>Keane</sup> ~~Keer~~ had also become a member. The main part of the program was given by Dr. Herren in a talk entitled "The Effect of Sectioning the Corpus Callosum on Epileptic Seizures".

The November 22, 1939 meeting was held at the Physician's Room at the Medical School. Dr. Larsell presented the paper of the evening entitled "Recent Developments in the Study of the Cerebellum". This was discussed by Dr. Dow who had done oscillographic studies which confirmed Dr. Larsell's comparative anatomy studies. It was decided to continue holding the meetings at the Medical School and to consider forgoing the after-meeting refreshments.

At the meeting on February 1, 1940 Dr. Burkes reported on developments for a psychiatric wing in the Hannemann Hospital (now Holladay Park Hospital). Bob Dow presented the scientific program which was a demonstration of the cathode-ray oscillograph and discussed its applications mainly referring to synaptic studies. Dr. John C. Evans, Superintendent of the Oregon State Hospital and Dr. William F. Allen, professor of anatomy at the Medical School were proposed for and elected to Honorary Membership. At the next meeting on March 28, 1940 Henry Dixon discussed reactive depression in which he pointed out that such patients are subject to retrospective guilt. He felt that reactive depression results from a morbid compulsive state and that the depression from emotional exhaustion and therapy should be directed toward somatic relaxation. The subject produced considerable <sup>discussion</sup> ~~diversion~~ of a controversial nature. Except for the formal acceptance of Dr. William F. Allen and Dr. J.C. Evans as Honorary members, there <sup>were</sup> ~~was~~ no new organizational developments.

On May 23, 1940 the nominating committee consisting of Drs. Haskins, Raaf and Dow proposed the following: President, D.C. Burkes; Vice-President, Merl Margason; Secretary-Treasurer, Bill Panton. They were duly elected. The regular program was given by Dr. Raaf who discussed the differential diagnosis between cervical cord and brachial plexus pathology built around a case presentation. As a guest speaker, Dr. Donald Laird, <sup>†</sup>proctologist, gave a paper entitled "Proct<sup>†</sup>ologic Problems of Neuropsychiatric Interest". The <sup>was</sup> buck <sup>^</sup>passed to the new administration to solve the problems of regular dues and future meeting places and post-meeting refreshments.

At the October 3, 1940 meeting an annual assessment of fifty cents per member was imposed. (In retrospect one can only be bewildered by what has happened to the value of the dollar). The paper of the evening was given by Dr. John W. Evans on "Objective Tinnitus <sup>Aurium</sup> ~~Ovium~~".

The next meeting of the 1940-1941 season (date ~~have~~ not ~~been~~ recorded) continued to be held in the <sup>Physicians'</sup> Room at the Medical School. Dr. G.B. Haugen discussed electroencephalography including the historical background and the apparatus and technique and described the variations and their significance as they existed at that time. No new administrative subjects were introduced.