# 50TH ANNIVERSARY REUNION UTMB CLASS OF 1940 MARCH 16, 1990, 6:30 P.M. THE TOPGALLANT BALLROOM (SECOND FLOOR) THE WENTLETRAP RESTAURANT (NEXT DOOR TO THE TREMONT HOUSE) GALVESTON, TEXAS

#### Those indicating they will be present:

Luke and Margaret Able Carroll and Gloria Adriance Bill and Margaret Ainsworth T. J. and Margaret Archer Hiram and Gloria Arnold Jap and Imogene Arnold Woody and Evelyn Avent Fred and Alice Aves Al and Mary Lou Braden Dilley and Dede Broyles Hoss and Stacey Carrington Paul and Mary Collins Dean P. Dimmitt J. D. and Jennie Donaldson Rowdy and Dorothy Dow Gene Ellingson Hector Garcia H. M. and Eunice Gibson Charlie and Estelle Gillespie Jim and Kay Hunter Dan and Dora Jenkins Pepper and Betty Jenkins W. J. and Priscilla Jinkins Charlie and Jean Jones Les and Betty Karotkin Walter and Anna-Margaret King Braswell and Billie Locker Frank McKinley Tom and Dorothy McMillan Mary Chormley Miller and A.D. Nelse and Milli Olson Jerry and Joanne Ravel Marvin and Marty Schlecte Carlos and Marie Surgi Speck Marie Surgi and Carlos Speck Alfred Tocker John and Claire White Ben and Denny Withers

#### Guests:

UTMB Dean George Bryan and Mrs. Bryan (guests of Pepper Jenkins) Christie Jenkins Chapman and Jens R. Chapman, M.D. (daughter and son-in-law of Pepper Jenkins) Dr. Harry Davis and Mrs. Davis (guests of Tom McMillan) Dean C. Dimmitt, M.D., and Mrs. Dimmitt (son and daughter-in-law of Dean P. Dimmitt) UTMB President Thomas James and Mrs. James (quests of Tom McMillan and Pepper Jenkins) UTMB Vice-President for Hospital Affairs Dr. Al Le Blanc and Mrs. Le Blanc (reception only) UTMB Past President William C. Levin and Mrs. Levin (guests of Dilley Broyles) Polly McKinley (daughter of Frank McKinley) UTMB Past Director of Alumni Affairs Mildred Robertson (quest of Dilley Broyles)

#### 50TH ANNIVERSARY REUNION

#### UTMB CLASS OF 1940

GRADUATING 90 + 1 (Donald Duncan)

DECEASED 35 (38.5%)

RESPONSES TO LETTER 55 (98.2%)

RESPONSES TO QUESTIONNAIRE 48 (85.7%)

ATTENDING REUNION 38 of 56 (68%)

(better attendance than at some of our classes)

SPOUSES 32

15

**GUESTS** 

### RANDOM HARVEST

# RESPONSES TO "LIFE EXPERIENCE QUESTIONNAIRE" UTMB CLASS OF 1940 REUNION MARCH 16, 1990

1.	Present residence:		
	countryside, which is  o an emotionless vacuum  filled with a somber brooding silence  p a peaceful but exciting retreat  b where I work with and doctor horses, cows, and other critters  other (golf resort on the 4th fairway as backyard)  hamlet with city limit signs back-to-back  village with population less than 5,000  town with population less than 50,000  city with population between 50,000 and 500,000  megopolis with population greater than 500,000		
	Comment:		
	Multiple homes: both countryside which is a peaceful but exciting retreat and megopolis because wife does not like the country life.		
2.	If retired are you living where?		
	8 you chose 1 your spouse selected 31 you both agreed upon		
	<pre>Ccmments:</pre>		
	1 42 years in the same old house		
3.	Current status of medical practice:		
	family practice, private, full-time family practice, private, part-time specialty practice, private, full-time, (1 Surgery, 1 Orthopedic) specialty practice, full-time, please identify specialty practice, private, part-time, please identify type -Consultant for a large manufacturing company (machine shop and foundry) for 32 years -Internal medicine -Pulmonary disease		
	-Occupational medicine 2 specialty, part-time, please identify type  -Psychiatric consultant, Rusk State Hospital  -Occupational medicine (Union Carbide Corporation)		
	academic medicine, full-time academic medicine, part-time other, please identify -Some consultation 2 days/wk for social security disability determinations -Geriatrics		
	-Medicare Utiization Review for three Nursing Homes  O on-looker for TV doctor shows  35 retired		

4. Type of practice arrangement if not retired

5. If retired from your medical practice

Have you taken on a new income-producing occupation?

What is it?

- -Medical (administrative) consultation
- -Pottery production
- -Self-employed as a Psychiatric Consultant
- -Investing own assets
- -Tree farming
- -Ranching
- -Banking
- -Occupational medicine part-time
- -Investing
- -Occupational medicine for industrial complexes

Have you taken on a volunteer-type job?

What is it?

- -Work in Museum of Medical Antiquities and in Library
- -Local charity organization, do anything
- -Food bank, meals on wheels, hospice board, senior day care board
- -Church work and Emeritus Professor at Baylor
- -Ladies of Charity Resale Store (x2)
- -Ranching with sons
- -Trustee for children's day care center
- -Director for local bank Comfort State
- -Director, Peterson Memorial Hospital

#### Comments:

Charity clinics won't touch me with a ten foot pole due to my lack of malpractice insurance.

Haven't yet, but am planning to.

Too tired.

How much time do you devote to the above?

1 20 or more hours/week 11 Less than 20 hours/week

- 6. If not retired, why not?
  - \_\_7 prefer to work
  - 2 trying to make income ecual to out-go

Comment: Support Labrador retriever

don't want to be a bystander in everybody else's world

Comments: Shooting for 50 years of practise!

- 7. If retired, because (multiple answers)
  - 29 financially can afford it

Comments: So far; just barely.

- 2 inherited wealth
- 2 married wealth
- 18 successful medical practice
- 22 investments outside medicine

#### Comments:

Modest investments; real estate in Houston, which looks valuable on tax roles, but not saleable at present.

- 4 golf game needs more attention
- 13 just tired of working
- 17 health problems

#### Please enumerate:

- -Excellent general health.
- -Blind OS; 40/60 OD. Successful 4 coronary bypass in 1982.
- -Abdominal aneurysm surgery and complications.
- -Out of practice first six months of 1988 with intrapleural rupture of left mediastinal empyema.
- -Suprapubic prostatectomy and postoperative pseudomonas infection, herpes zoster; bilateral carpal tunnel syndrome; abdominal midline hernia x 3 operations; acute herniated disc L-3 & L-4; severe postoperative sciatic neuritis; congestive heart failure; bladder neck resection; cataracts.
- -Joints too stiff to rush to the ER at 3:00 on a cold December morning; also the mental delusion that the practice of medicine should be a "kinder, gentler" pursuit for the benefit of one's fellow man.
- -Low energy at age 70 so that unable to do enough practice to carry overhead needed to practice.
- -Retired because of third party intrusions and harrassment!
- -Osteoarthritis
- -Have had coronary bypass in 1970 and lens implant in both eyes, but they have increased joy of living.
- -Impaired vision and hearing.

7. If retired, because (continued)

health problems, please enumerate

- -Coronary bypass surgery, 1984; pronestyl agranulocytosis; gram neg septicaemia; bone marrow dysplasia.
- -Coronary.
- -Arthritis, back; cerebellar ataxia; prostate ca (in remission for four years).
- -Macular degeneration; wife's health; acute anxiety about malpractice.
- -Too numerous to mention.

#### Comments:

Don't know exactly why

Just tired of the bureaucratic alphabet soup: HMO, PRO, PPO, etc.

Wife's wish that I retire, but I am happy to have retired.

Fired because of age.

Wife was ill. I knew that she had many vascular problems and that she would have many operations. Wanted to take trips whenever she could.

8. If retired, are you tired of not working?

#### Comments:

No time leftover for working

So far have not been able to catch up with long-deferred plans

I have some guilt when asked -- but in fact, I like what I am doing now

I stay busy, honey do's, ranch, church, etc.

9. If retired, is life more enjoyable now than while you were working as a physician?

#### Comments:

Yes and no; nothing in life can equal the satisfaction of being trusted with another's life. Yes, because of no work.

Much less satisfying to pick a tomato than removing a cancer.

About the same enjoyment - just different.

More enjoyable mostly because of the leisurely pace.

Neither, just find things in a different way.

I enjoyed working as a physician and I enjoy my hobbies now.

No hassle with third parties, no paper chase, no litigation-prone patients, no covering for incompetent or arrogant consultants, etc.

Would probably still be in practice were conditions as of 1950-1980.

I enjoyed and miss the kids and mothers!

Very happy I am not practicing in the medical climate today.

Less enjoyable than first 35 years of practice, but more enjoyable than last 3-5 years.

Relieved of the heavy responsibility of practice and relieved of the aggravations of third party-intrusions.

9. If retired, is life more enjoyable now than while you were working as a physician?

#### Comments: (continued)

Actually enjoyed both states. I thought I would never quit. Now that I am retired, I have (almost) no regrets.

No, because of Alzheimer's Disease.

Enjoyed both!

Now do not know when to take coffee breaks.

I enjoyed both.

No; I'm bored and I miss seeing the people.

- I enjoyed my work, but liability insurance and government red tape bothered free thinking, so . . .
- I enjoyed Ophthalmology and my patients. I still get calls from my patients. They wish that I was still in practice and ask for advice about their problems.

The first 25 years were great. The next five were okay. The last ten years were terrible beause the second thought on each patient had to be, "What do I do to keep this bastard from suing me?"

Each situation has its pros and cons.

Fortunately, my health deteriorated at the same time that it became impossible to work under increasing government regulations.

It's great. When I wake up in the mornings, I am there!

10. If not fully retired, how much time to you devote to your medical practice?

12 responses ranging from 8-60 hours per week

#### 11. & 23. Hobbies and Recreations

#### Traveling:

Cruises - many

Sailing – 1

Walking - 3 (2-8 hrs/wk)

Swimming - 2 (2-3 hrs/wk)

#### Active sports:

Tennis - 8 (4 hrs/wk)

Golf - 16 (3-10 hrs/wk)

Hunting - 14 (opportunistic)

Fishing - 12 (interminably)

Handball - 1 (8 hrs/wk)

Exercise program - 1 (6 hrs/wk)

#### Sessile sports:

Bridge - 3 (4-8 hrs/wk)

Dominoes - 1 (12 hrs/wk)

TV Sports - 1 (12 hrs/wk)

'Sleeping - 16

#### Civic endeavors:

Volunteer - type (Q5) - 9

Church laity responsibilities - 1

#### Enjoying the grandchildren:

Not enough time

#### Cognitive activities:

Continuing medical education - 2

Committee work in organized medicine - 1

Ham radio - 1 (6 hrs/wk)

Writing - 2 (2-15 hrs/wk)

Genealogy research - 1 (10 hrs/wk)

Computer work plus hacking - 3 (2-12 hrs/wk)

Stockmarket - 2 (1-7 hrs/wk)

Reading, non-medical - 47 (8-30 hrs/wk)

Photography - 1 (4 hrs/wk)

Coin collection - 1

Music (symphony, opera) - 1

Electric organ - 1 (7 hrs/wk)

Civic-theatre - 1

#### Procedural pursuits:

Yard work & gardening - 10 (1-15 hrs/wk)

Tree ranching - 1 (40 hrs/wk)

Cattle ranching - 2 (3-7 hrs/wk)

Game farming - 1 (12 hrs/wk)

Workshop - 1 (5 hrs/wk)

Carpentering - 1 (10 hrs/wk)

Home repairs - 1 (constantly)

Pampering an old car(s) - 2 (2-6 hrs/wk)

#### Tending the trash compactors:

Televiewing (4-16 hrs/wk)

#### 12. Current annual income other than from retirement plans:

20 less than \$50,000

15 between \$50,000 and \$100,000

7 between \$100,000 and \$200,000

0 diverted contra funding

\_\_O working as a hawker at local county fair, sleeping in a pickup

#### Comments:

I have no idea.

My spouse does the bookkeeping and fills up my wallet when it gets empty.

My spouse checks the credit card invoices, pays the bills, etc. Thank God!

Not a lot but sufficient for what we want to do.

We have set up education trust funds for our four nephews and one niece so they can all go to the University of their choice.

#### 13. Current annual income

From retirement plans:

15 \$10,000 - \$50,000

<u>4</u> \$50,001 - \$100,000

3 \$100,001 - \$150,000

2 \$150,000 plus

#### Comments:

Sufficient for our needs.

Enough to do whatever I decide to do, but not enough for my kids to wish I would hurry up and die so they could have it.

#### 14. Are you carrying professional liability insurance now?

12 Yes

36 No

1 Never insured

\$5,000/year-\$48,000/year Highest premium for professional liability insurance

#### Malpractice citations:

15 Yes

27 No

How many? 27

#### Comments:

Never even threatened with a suit, not even once.

Very lucky and very, very paranoid.

#### Malpractice citations (continued)

dropped, non-meritorious

dropped by plaintiff

court settlement

settlements out of court ranging from \$6,000 to \$1,500,000

\_\_3 - no amount indicated

<u>1</u> - \$6,000

2 - \$40,000

1 - \$160,000

1 - \$1,350,000

#### Comments:

None of the above: tried in District Court and found "not guilty -- charges dismissed by the judge.

Jury ruled no malpractice existed.

15. Degree of "teflon coverage" according to visits from IRS.

one audit

two audits

three audits

three plus audits

I've seen the IRS more often than the Hunt brothers have

no audits

#### Comments:

None since I changed CPAs 20 years ago.

#### 16. Signs of affluence

Showboat autos and/or muscle cars

RVs with terrible gas mileage

Boat crammed with all hi-octane amenities

Comments: One boat crammed with two oars, bait bucket, beer cooler

Plane (or recent acquisition of Eastern Airlines

Comments: I've owned two, no scratches!

Two or more homes or condos or time-shares for seasonal variation in living

None of the above

13 Other

One sailboat

Three rent houses

Same old house

Generally happy with my family,

work, and self.

Feel very rich, far more than 95-98%

of the people in the world.

One classic car - 1973 Mustang Mach I

Multiple charities

Sunfish

Old Cadillac - 3

Exotic game farm with second home My wife and I are closer than ever and have a loving, caring family.

#### 17. Cars:

\_2-5 Number in family (Total number of cars: 98)

Model driven by you: varied from oldest, 1960 Bentley, to newest, 1989 Cadillac

- 35 drive American-made cars
- 13 drive foreign-made cars
- 18 drive General Motors cars
- 16 drive Ford cars
- \_\_1 drive lacocca cars
- 5 drive Japanese cars
- 4 drive German cars
- 2 drive English cars
- 1 drive French cars

#### 18. Marriage

Present marital status:

- 43 Married
- 2 Widowed
- 3 Divorced

Times married:

- 34 Once, still with original spouse
- 10 Twice (4 previously widowed; 1 previously divorced twice from same spouse)
- 1 Thrice (\_1 widowed twice previously)
- 0 More than three times

#### 19. Progeny

131 how many?

- <u>69</u> boys
- \_62\_ girls
- 13 stepchildren
  - \_\_5\_ boys
  - <u>8</u> girls
- \_\_1 in college, independent
- 4 in college, calls us every week for more money
- 1 in dental school, passing
- 185 grandchildren
- 3 greatgrandchildren

#### 20. & 21. Progress of offspring

- 113 number of children who graduated from college 73 number of children who completed advanced degrees
  - 28 completed masters degree
  - 10 completed Ph.D./Ed.D. degree (two for one child)
  - 19 completed M.D. degree
  - 1 completed D.O. degree
  - 5 completed MDM/DDS degree
  - 10 Lawyers, (LLDs & JDs)
  - 18 other, please enumerate:
    - Anthropologist
    - Author
    - Business executive
    - Civil Engineer
    - Computer maintenance technician
    - Court reporter
    - Criminal justice administrator
    - Electrical engineer
    - Full-time student
    - Helicopter mechanic
    - Landscape architect
    - Pharmacist
    - Private investigator
    - Professional musician
    - Professional photographer
    - Psychologist
    - RNs
    - Respiratory therapist
    - Surveyor
    - School teacher

#### 22. Would you still encourage your children to become M.D.s or D.O.s or dentists?

- 12 Yes
- 29 No

#### Comments:

I'd let them choose, with no comments.

Hell no.

Tried to keep my eldest daughter out of attorney-controlled medicine of today and she slipped in vicariously as a physical therapist. Now almost a Ph.D. My spouse is also M.D. (never practiced).

Veterinary medicine has fewer responsibilities and dentistry has fewer cares.

No, due to malpractice danger and stress of malpractice threats.

I doubt it. Too much government meddling and too many suit-conscious people and unethical lawyers in this country.

Yes and no. Would not actively discourage.

Yes and no. I'm neutral. I'll help finance any grandchild who wants to pursue MD, DDS, PDM, or veterinary degree.

22. Would you still encourage your children to become M.D.s or D.O.s or dentists?

Comments: (continued)

I allowed them to follow their interests.

No, never did.

I haven't encountered a physician who is pleased with the plight of the medical profession in 25 years.

They need to make their own personal choice.

Advised them to follow their own wishes.

I never encouraged my children to become doctors, but two out of three did so anyway -two ophthalmologists.

Too much red tape.

Would encourage higher education.

We will always need those who really care. There is a lot of satisfaction in helping others.

I don't know; none of them ever considered medicine.

I encouraged them to study and become what they wanted to do for the rest of their lives. The doctor patient relationship is gone.

Medical practice has changed. Too much litigation, malpractice, threats, etc.

 ${\tt Excessive} \ \ {\tt government} \ \ {\tt and} \ \ {\tt insurance} \ \ {\tt company} \ \ {\tt regulations.} \ \ {\tt Excessive} \ \ {\tt malpractice} \ \ {\tt threats.}$ 

Socialized medicine is not conducive to private medical practice.

#### 24. Number of trips outside the U.S. in past ten years:

Travelers	<u>Trips</u>
6	0
4	1
5_	2
4	3
4	4
3	5
3	6
2	7
1	8
0_	9
2	10
1_	11
4	12
0_	13
0	14
3	15

Comments: Three trips in the past ten years on a small sailboat from U.S. to Bermuda.

#### 25. Favorite television show:

- 60 Minutes
- McNeil-Lehrer Report
- Sports
- None
- Newscasts
- Wall Street Week
- Wheel of Fortune
- Educational stations
- Murder She Wrote
- Matlock
- Nature programs
- This Week With David Brinkley
- Public TV
- The Price is Right
- Who's the Boss
- Hawaii 5/0
- Magnum PI
- Life Medical TV
- Cheers
- Bill Cosby
- Washington Week
- CNN (rarely watch otherwise)
- NFL Football
- John Wayne Movies
- L.A. Law
- Science programs
- Bob Newhart
- Three's Company
- Any cowboy shoot-em up

#### Comments:

All the rest are rotten.

No pornography nor profanity nor obscenity, non-controversial.

No TV, I enjoy radio, public radio.

#### 26. Magazines read regularly:

- 11 Time
- Readers Digest
- National Geographic
- Newsweek
- Smithsonian
- Forbes
- Texas Monthly
- Money Magazine
- Medical Journals
- Texas Highways
- None
- Natural History
- Consumer Reports
- Insight
- Computer journals
- U.S. News and World Report
- Medical Economics

#### 26. Magazines read regularly: (continued)

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JAMA (Surgical Rounds - Contemporary Surgery)
       NEJM
       Mayo Clinic Journal
       Fortune
Hunting
       Penthouse
       Outdoor Life
       American West
       Connoisseur
       Family Practice Journals
       Emergency Medicine Journals
       Hispanic Magazines
       Farm Journal
       Yankee
       U.S. Catholic
       U.S. Weekly
       Texas Parks
       Parks and Wildlife
       People
       Archeology
       Discover
       Popular Mechanics
       National Review
       Sports Illustrated
       Country
       Go1f
       ACBC Bridge Bulletin
       U.S. Travel & Life
       Taipan
 1
       Gardening
 1
       Fishing
       Forest Farmer
 1
       Progressive Farmer
       One crossword puzzle per day - Professor Asimov's Quiz daily
1
1
1
1
1
2
       Several
       AMA News
       Medical specialty publications
       Medical News
       Two newspapers, almost totally.
       Travel magazines
       New Yorker Magazine (daughter is Managing Editor)
       The Retired Officer
       American Rifleman
      National Rifleman
       Salt Water Sportsman
      Popular Science
      The National Geographic Traveler
       Sea Frontiers
      Changing Times
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#### Comments:

Readers Digest in large print.

Have had more time since retirement to peruse the internal medicine journals than when in active practice.

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27. Average number of non-medical books read in the last year: 11 (High-100; low-0)
     Name of most recently read book or book you are reading now:
          All | Really Need to Know | Learned in Kindergarten by Roberty Fulghum
          Patriot Games by Tom Clancy
          Conquest of Mexico (history of Mexico)
          Victory Garden
          It Was on Fire When I Laid Down on It
          How to Survive Depression of 1990
          Hunt for Red October by Tom Clancy
          From Beirut to Jerusalem by T. L. Friedman
          A Brief History of Time by S. W. Harding
          The Mexican Revolution
          The Captains by W. E. B. Griffin
          Lincoln by Sandburg
          Staggerford by Hasster
          Holy Bible (x2) Have been enrolled in our local church Bible study course.
          History of Turkey
          Gracie by George Burns
          A Cat is Watching
          Hawaii, Tides of Change
          Texas by Mitchner
          War & Peace
          To Catch a Falling Spy
          Sam Houston by L. B. Friend
          Life and Death in Shanghai by Nien Cheng
          How to Win in Bull or Bear Markets by Stan Weinstein
          Safari by Bartle Bull
          The Stone is Pointed by Arthur Upfield
          If I Knew Then What I Know Now . . . So What? by Estelle Getty
          The Web and the Rock
          The Portable Crumudgeon
          Sands of Time by Sidney Sheldon
          Lonesome Dove
          Triumph & Tragedy by Winston Churchill
          That Book About Improving Your Memory by Dale Carmikle
          The Only Other Investment Guide You Will Ever Need by Tobias
          Condensed Readers Digest Book (x4)
          None
28. Religious activity
          21
                 attend church/synagogue weekly
                 Comments:
                 When able.
                 To take wife who needs the help and I am fully willing to go, but I myself am
                   a devout agnostic.
                 attend church/synagogue monthly
                 attend church for Christmas/Easter or other annual celebration
                 Comment For funerals of friends.
                attend irregularly
          11
                never attend
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Comment: Can't hear the preacher anymore.

#### 29. Use of alcohol, preferences

17 beer

21 wine

23 highballs

\_\_O\_\_\_rubbing

11 abstinence

#### Comments:

Rarely and progressively getting rarer. Life can be so full without it and over use can be so very tragic.

Very little of any.

Every so often, but not often.

Abstinence ruled by medicine - not by choice.

#### 30. Drug addiction or alcoholism:

0 drug addiction alcoholism

 $\begin{array}{c} \underline{2} & \text{in the past} \\ \hline 1 & \text{at present} \end{array}$ 

42 neither, never

#### Comments:

Occasional alcohol to excess in past particularly on celebrations. I feel that this was a common finding in those years after WWII.

Had DTs after 1982 heart surgery and by now have returned to use.

#### 31. Use of tobacco

3 cigarettes

\_\_\_\_\_ pkg/day
\_\_\_\_\_ pkg/week

8 pipe

1 chewing

0 snuff

10 life-time abstainer

26 use to smoke, but not now

1-43 years since quitting

#### Comment:

Was on three package/day habit when I quit cold turkey on account of fear of COPD at the time (not lung cancer, then.)

#### 32. Please list your major personal satisfactions:

Life has been very good to me and I feel very, very grateful. I have been very lucky at times and had some excellent fortune at other times -- a great combination of forces.

Marriage, family, occupation, location of these.

Enjoy about anything.

Good big breakfast, nice weather day, a few good highballs before a good big supper, and another good big breakfast.

Past: attending to patients. Present: being a wife, getting required continuing medical education hours and staying current in family practice, oncology, etc.

Watching grandson grow.

Having a wife and three children who are close to me and of whom I am proud. Having developed a medical school department from nothing (new medical school) into one recognized nationally and internationally. Having achieved high offices and recognition in my own specialty and in medical education.

Stopped surgery without "falling of: the high wire;" able to live well inspite of age and WWII disabilities; survival in fast lane when in the city.

Helping the poor medically and socially; speaking for minorities; lecturing to students at all levels; patriotism; civil rights involvement.

Best wife in the world; four healthy children -- all working -- none smoke, none jailed, no divorces, no drug addictions, all Christians. Nine grandchildren (5 girls and 4 boys) all healthy and doing good in schools.

Successful surgical career and retiring while I was still capable.

My wife, children and grandchildren; microscope collection; friends; Mayo Foundation and retirement living in Charter House on Mayo Campus.

Loving family; good friends; great neighbors; good health so far; enough money to get along on, but not so much as to screw up my perspectives; knowledge that since graduation I busted my butt to be the best doctor I could and that a lot of people seem to have appreciated it.

1.) Being a "free" doctor for close friends or neighbors (one or two visits on emergency or critical basis.) 2.) Being in the top three of golf tournament, winning at bridge or horserace, having granddaughter on lap.

Helping animal rights organizations.

That I have been honest, been able to make a life that is satisfying and have devoted most of my medical years working with young people on University level and for the past ten years dealing with the underpriviledged through Planned Parenthood.

Home life; sharing garden and hunting products; working outdoors in large garden; bridge, duplicate; Sunday school; reading and taking a  $\underline{\mathsf{nap}}$ .

Happy marital life and good health until recently (back surgery)

No children on drugs or in jail; comfortable home surrounded by loving wife, family and friends.

Family visits.

Living and loving with my wife.

Children and grandchildren; being able to stay at home as much as I want in retirement; freedom from responsibilities and aggravations of practice, especially the telephone; still finding myself alive and relatively healthy on awakening every morning.

Reflections on 46 years in practice of medicine (including military service); daily "highballs" (or 2); sex "if and when";

Genealogical research.

Wife, children, grandchildren, friends, patients in private practice 1948-1960, patients at Casa de Amigo Clinic in Houston, 1960-1986 (very strong bonding with patients); computer.

My husband.

Living with my wife whom I met in UTMB; still practicing, mostly consultation; still teaching at Baylor College of Medicine; working a lot with computers, many interesting software programs.

Medical career; family; forestry accomplishments; good tennis player for 72 years of age.

No answer.

Having sex; visiting grandchildren or vice versa.

Traveling; reading.

None of my children have been in trouble with the law, except for traffic violations; the feeling that I have contributed to the well being of the people in my community.

Seeing what a grand world we live in. Meeting old friends at medical meetings and other meetings. Watching the children and grand children develop. Meeting an old patient in shopping center and hearing how well she or he still can see.

Seeing the sun rise daily.

Being a physician and then an ophthalmologist.

Family; good wife; four great kids; ten wonderful grand kids. All four of my children graduated from Stanford. That left me proud but a lot poorer.

Successful medical practice; excellent family relations; successful investments; excellent health.

Sports.

Good personal relations with patients.

Being alive and able to fill out this questionnaire.

33. Please list major setbacks to you and your immediate family over the last ten years (health, marital, financial, addictions).

Loss of three young men in our family in the last twelve years. One son - a sports injury, quadriplegic, yet finished law school. Died in 1989. One step-son accidental death. One son-in-law accidental death.

Increasing visual problems.

Lost my ass in divorce in 1984.

Daughter now 37 years is very severely retarded, epileptic.

Daughter is divorced with two children and is totally dependent upon us. She will probably get her Ph.D. in a year or so.

Being 'grounded' - no longer allowed to fly. Having to go surface limits range.

Abdominal aneurysm surgery.

Health: Mine - Angina, controlled; recent obstructing common duct stone and cholangitis, requiring operation. My wife - Carcinoma of the ovary with peritoneal implants, now on chemotherapy.

Septicemia associated with ruptured empyema (1st. lap and 2nd. left thoracotomy.)

Pain of two open heart surgeries; sickness of wife requiring pacemaker.

Declining health because of two constricted coronary arteries, increasing spine trouble in lumbar and sacral regions with five herniated discs on right side following knee and back injury playing football at age 15.

Alcoholism treated at Mayo three years ago.

Thanks be to God I have none to list. (The stock market collapse of October, 1987, really ruined my New England "Leaf" tour.)

Brain tumor (acoustic neuroma) with residual 7th nerve light palsy. Severe automobile accident of daughter, but she survived and can drive again.

Brother eight years older than I died in 1983 of heart disease and malignant tumor.

Divorce 10 years ago.

Second wife died of breast cancer. Eight years since I had radiation surgery for malignant melanoma.

Coronary angioplasty, 1989.

No major setbacks "so far."

A few major illnesses, but good recoveries.

Daughter's divorce; son's drug addiction.

One son, a physician, in recovery from prescription drug abuse which caused divorce.

33. Please list major setbacks to you and your immediate family over the last ten years (health, marital, financial, addictions).

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Lawsuits.

Son-in-law's drug addiction; total rift with daughter-in-law; wife's Alzheimer's disease (very painful for her); daughter's meningioma (removed in December, 1989).

Personal health - Alzheimers, self; brain tumor (meningioma) in daughter.

Only daughter is divorced and has a behavior problem.

Coronary artery by-pass, TUR with hemorrhage and infections); acute cholecystitis, acute pancreatitis, peritonitis; surgery with complete recovery.

My impaired vision and hearing.

It is unusual, I am sure, but the Lord has been real good to us. We really haven't had a major setback.

Health only -- I feel good today!

My wife has had two strokes. Each caused paralysis of right side. Has had good recovery. She has had to have several operations.

None, I've been most fortunate.

Mostly health: Left hip replacement, 1978; 3-way bypass, 1976; prostate cancer, 1985, in remission following radiation therapy; crrebellar ataxia (probably on vascular basis), 1989.

Retinal degeneration (self); mild CVA (wife); prostate removal (self).

Bank closure of which I was a major stockholder.

Local politics in medicine at the local hospitals.

First wife died after 31 years of marriage; second wife in nursing home for one year after 19 years of marriage.

Survived the benefits of endotracheal respiratory support twice in 1988.

None (x6)

#### 34. Political views, current party affiliation

#### Home State

- 23 Republican
- 7 Democrat
- 18 Independent

#### National

- 25 Republican
- 5 Democrat
- 14 Independent

Have you switched parties in the last ten years?

#### Comments:

Yes, back and forth.

Still faithful Democrat.

I was born a Democrat but became first an Independent and then a Republican after studying the issues.

The party switched, not me

#### 35. Have you served active military duty?

#### Which branch?

- 25 U.S. Army
- 5 U.S. Air Force
- 0 U.S. Marines
- 1 U.S. Coast Guard

What length of service?

From 3 years to 21 years

Note: 4 Silver Stars

#### 36. Have you held elected or appointed government offices?

12 years on School Board

#### Please specify:

Ambassador to United Nation, 1986
Diplomatic Appointments under Presidents Kennedy, Johnson, Carter
City Health Officer for 10 years
Twelve years on local school Board of Trustees
SCMS
School Advisory Board
Community Council, Uvalde County

37. Have you served as an appointed public official? (dog catcher, cotton weigher, etc.)

Please specify:

1943-44 City-County Doctor in Corpus Christi, Texas. None since.
Chairman U.S. Census, 1990
Assistant to County Health Officer early in my career -- terrible experience
School Board
City Health Officer
Acting Superintendent, local State Mental Hospital on several occasions
Assistant to Director of City of Houston
Medical Director, Harris County Child Welfare
School Board Trustee for 18 years
City of Kerrville, Kerr County Airport Commission Member for many years, retired

38. Have you served in an elected or appointed position related to medicine?

City-County Health Officer

#### Please specify:

American Cancer Society President - Houston; Chairman Tissue Committee for three hospitals; Grievance Committee, HCMS; Board of Directors of Doctor's Club; Clinical Professor of Surgery, UTMB Houston; Baylor College of Medicine Instructor in Surgery; Team Physician for St. John's School in Houston; Teaching with extensive contacts with students.

President, Texas Society of Anesthesiologists (years ago)

Chief of Thoracic Surgery at Hermann Hospital, Texas Children's Hospital, St. Luke's Hospital

1943-44 City-County Doctor in Corpus Christi, Texas. None since.

President of my specialty society, county, state, and national; chairman of AMA Council on Medical Education; chairman of Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education; chairman, AMA Interspecialty Board; Member, Liaison Committee on Medical Education; Chairman, Liaison Committee for Specialty Boards; Delegate to TMA House of Delegates, 6 years; Delegate to AMA House of Delegates, 18 years; Board of Directors, specialty society, 27 years; Member, Council of Medical Specialty Societies; Member, Coordinating Council on Medical Education; Member, National Residents Matching Program Board of Directors.

Secretary, Harris County Medical Society; Presidents, Houston Surgical Society, Texas Surgical Society and Texas Pediatric Surgery Society.

Hispanic Conference on AIDS, 1988

President of Limestone County Medical Association; President Central Texas Academy of Family Physicians, 1972-89; Trustee of Alumni Association, UTMB Galveston, 17 years (Glad we were able to restore "Old Red" while a trustee and with the help of Alumni Board of Regents of UTMB, and other benefactors.)

38. Have you served in an elected or appointed position related to medicine?

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President, Secretary, and Archivist for the Texas Surgical Society; President and Secretary for the Singleton Surgical Society; President, McLennan County Medical Society; Chief of Staff, Hillcrest and Provident Hospitals; President, North Texas Chapter of the American College of Surgeons.

Radiological Societies.

Several times elected chairman of the Department of Medicine at my primary hospital; elected chief of staff at another hospital; appointed to positions in local county medical society.

Medical Director of Texas Rehabilitation Commission (Paid position for eleven years.)

President of Smith County Medical Society when in practice in Tyler, Texas.

President local medical society; vice-president state pediatric society; state nursing committee.

President, hospital medical staff; President, Tarrant County Academy of Family Practice.

President, local county medical society.

President, San Diego Psychiatrists Association

President, County Medical Society

County medical society; state medical society; specialty society local, southern section; national specialty society, all (mostly officer or committee chairman).

Vice-President Harris County Medical Association.

Chief of staff John Sealy Hospital; Chief of Staff St. Mary's Hospital; President, Galveston County Medical Foundation; Board of Governors, St. Mary's Hospital; Board of Directors, Texas Medical Foundation.

President, American Thoracic Society, 1958; President, Southern Chapter, American College of Chest Physicians, 1959; President, American Lung Association, 1968; President, Houston Society of Internal Medicine, 1971; President, Texas TB and Respiratory Disease Association, 1967.

Secretary and Vice-President, Harris County Medical Society; President, Willard R. Cooke OB-Gyn Service; President, Herman Johnson OB-Gyn Service; President, Harris County OB-GYN Society; President, Texas Association of OB-Gyn.

Tuberculosis Control Officer.

Hospital Chief of Staff, President of county medical society; President, 12th Medica' District; Secretary General, Practice Section of TMA; Councilor; 12th Medical District to House of Councilors for 15 years. Chief of Orthopedic Surgery.

38. Have you served in an elected or appointed position related to medicine?

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President, county medical society; delegate to TMA.

President, County Medical Society and District Society; Delegate to Texas Medical Association; Served on Board of Councilors; President; Texas Medical Association; Delegate to AMA; Committee on Manpower and CME.

Assistant Professor, Clinical Surgery, University of Alabama, Birmingham; Director, County Health Services, State of Alabama.

Chief of Staff, John Sealy-St. Marys.

Twice Chief of Staff, Providence Hospital.

Appointed city health officer (Galveston), 1949-50. President, Galveston County Medical Society, 1963; St. Mary's Hospital Staff, President 1954.

President, County Medical Society; State Delegate of County Medical Society; President, 10th Medical District Society.

Secretary, Vice-President, President -- County Medical Society.

Started pediatric surgery in the Southwest in 1948.

Surgeon-in-chief Texas Children's Hospital.

39. Please list all honors bestowed upon you, medical or otherwise:

Citation of Merit Award, Southwestern University, 1969; TSA's Founders Award 1986.

Professor of Surgery at Baylor and University of Texas Medical School at Houston.

Emeritus Member of the American Medical Women's Association; Emeritus Member of the Western Medical Center, Santa Ana, California; a "Senior" member of the Orange County Medical Association.

Appointed to a named, endowed chair in a medical school; a professorship endowed in my name; Distinguished Service Awards from UTMB, county medical society, Texas specialty society, national specialty society, British and Irish specialty societies, and AMA.

Outstanding Presentation to ACS; Coats Award for Service to the Children of Houston; Purple Heart, Silver Star, First Prize Exhibit TMA

Ambassador UN - Venzuela; Signature Treaty US and Federations of West Indies; Presidential Medal of Freedom at the White House, 1984; Commissioner, U.S. Committee on Civil Rights, etc.

Charter Member of AAFP, 1947.

Colonel, The Old Fitzgerald Reserves; Fellow, American Association of the Advancement of Sciences; Fellow, American College of Radiology.

39. Please list all honors bestowed upon you, medical or otherwise: (continued)

Mostly military: Silver Star; Bronze Star; Combat Medical Badge, Presidential Unit Citation, etc.

President of Toastmasters Club; President of Lions Club; President of District Medical Society; President of Heart Association; President of County Medical Society; Delegate to Texas Medical Association for nine years; President of Texas Rehabilitation Association; Chairman of Salvation Army Board; Chief of Staff of hospital on three occasions.

Woman of the Year once when in practice in Tyler, Texas, for my work for the poor kids.

Award of Hippocrates by local medical society; appreciation award from city of Lubbock; Order of Golden T, Texas Tech; dedication of well baby clinic addition to me.

President, local Rotary Club; several letters of commendation from the USPHS Surgeon General.

Fellow APA, Life Fellow APA.

Phi Theta Kappa - Scholarship Fraternity (Jr. College); Eagle Scout; Major, USA; Bronze Star Medal; Combat Medal E.T.O; Election to two ultra specialists Society Fellowship (National).

Hall of Fame, Sigma Phi Epsilon Tex Alpha.

Phi Beta Kappa, 1936

AOA, 1940.

Southern Tuberculosis Conference Award, 1969.

AOA Member; Member of the Trudeau Society (now Lung Association); Fellow, ACCP.

Silver Star Navy Unit Citation; Chief of Orthopaedics.

In May, 1979, the Mayor of Uvalde, Texas, proclaimed Doctor Dimmitt Day in Uvalde. Awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action in Southwest Pacific in February, 1942.

President of Texas Medical Association; Man-of-the-Year, David Baker College.

First M.D. to be selected to serve as a Director (Board Member) of Sid Peterson Memoria: Hospital, Kerrville, Staff of 55 M.D.s.

American Board of Ophthalmology; FACS in Ophthalmology.

FACS; Diplomate, American Board of Surgery; Diplomate, Board of Abdominal Surgeons; G. Tate Award (Public Health).

FACS; Board Certified in Urology.

39. Please list all honors bestowed upon you, medical or otherwise: (continued)

Honorary staff memberships in local hospitals on retirement.

None

Never had one.

Forty years with Austin Research Laboratories, Texaco Chemical Company

40. Reflection upon my years at UTMB:

#### My most enjoyable experiences were:

The four years were quite an experience. The times ran the gamut from very discouraging to supreme elation. I now realize what a rare opportunity we were given by our backers -- our families and the faculty.

Missing a hurricane for the entire medical school experience; passing to graduate.

Swimming in the gulf; Osteon.

Surgical pathology electives with Dr. Truman Blocker; winning bets on how many walks Dr. Stone could make behind the lab bench in lecture hall before tobacco spitting in the can at each end.

The fraternity sponsored dances; fresh hot bread from the bakery, tamales from the "Door Chili Parlor" (closed for using canned dog food to stuff the tamales); skating on the sea wall; working for meals at Pop Kneisley's "College Inn"; companionship of classmates. First major OR scrub in 1939 with Dr. A. O. Singleton; playing in the snow in front of Ball High School early in 1940.

June, 1940.

Personal associations with classmates. Social life in Galveston which did not exclude medical students.

Anatomy, clinical services, OB externship with Alfred Tocker at out-of-home delivery service, Jefferson Davis Hospital, Houston.

Learning teamwork with fellow students and a very friendly faculty; learning about minority groups; Italian Americans in government; learning about blacks and medical problems; coming in close contact with anglos; enjoying the beach; wonderful time all four years.

When I survived my freshman year in medical school and Lumpy-Jaw in Chemistry, and John G. Sinclair in Histology, and Pappy Knight in Anatomy -- then when I walked across the stage and received my diploma! Enjoyed operating book store with Dutch Rogers during our senior year.

Completing a general surgical residency after we returned from World War II.

Getting in. Getting out. Sleeping in Radiology Class (reported by a Radiologist).

Bright spots: 1.) Dedication of the school and faculty to help me; 2.) Mildred Robertson; 3.) Keg of beer gatherings in frat house basement; 4.) Osteon; 5.) Galveston beach in Spring after rough exam.

40. Reflection upon my years at UTMB:

My most enjoyable experiences were: (continued)

Being accepted as a medical student! Passing grades when they were posted on the bulletin board; being elected to House Manager of medical fraternity; fraternity dances; being chosen for extern position at psychiatric hospital in senior year; graduation night!

Studying

My memory fails me

Association of other students.

Friendly experience with all class members.

Fraternity parties, Splash Day, Association with Dr. George Hermann, Dr. Truman Blocker, Dr. Willard Cooke, Dr. A. O. Singleton, and Dr. G. W. N. Eggers

Walking on seawall; Dr. Stone's clinics; finishing.

Graduation in 1940.

The learning experience; friendships.

Dating my future fiancee, life in the Fraternity House; going to the beach; church work - directing choir.

Meals at the Fraternity House

Nurses

Too worried to really enjoy it.

Meeting my wife; getting drunk after exams; making AOA; Fellowship of fraternities and clubs, AKK, Osteon.

Association with a large group of intelligent and socially enjoyable group of people determined to learn as much about the practice of medicine as they could.

Marriage; graduation.

Riding fishing boats and assisting crew members; anatomy classes; graduation.

Graduating; association with fellow students; fishing.

Life ir the Phi Chi Frat House; clinical experience in UTMB.

Daily living and Saturday nights in the fraternity house. Four years of fun!

Knowing all of my classmates and professors; graduation.

Experiences with fraternity brothers; dances, softball, tennis, outings; getting that "M.D." in 1940.

Chasing girls, partying, beach life.

40. Reflection upon my years at UTMB:

My most enjoyable experiences were: (continued)

Association with fellow students, teachers, fellow interns and residents.

Friends.

Response to instructions to use the back of the page to write on if extra room is needed: Back, I didn't even need the front.

Passing "Lumpy Jaw" Hendrix's Biochemistry Class; Attending Junior and Senior clinics and receiving graduation diploma.

#### My least enjoyable experiences were:

Really didn't have too much fun in Galveston. Probably too young on entering medical school (20). Constant grind keeping up my grades. Cold, depressing Galveston Winters; crummy living conditions in frat house; short on cash in those post-depression years. Certainly no time or money for much dating or socializing.

Busting chemistry.

Most everything else.

Freshman embryology with Dr. Sinclair

Dr. Hendrix's Biochemistry course - outstanding! Trying to hand wash sheets and shirts in the apartment bath tub. I'd never ironed in my life and didn't know how to iron a shirt. Having insufficient money for needed books.

Monday morning anatomy quizzes.

Biochemistry, obscure and unfathomable, with too much time spent pouring solutions and pipetting urine.

Monday morning exams, final exams, and Board exams.

None, I enjoyed the medical school totally; I was happy with my surroundings, no complaints. Nostalgic remembrances and wonderful fellowship associations.

No mon! No fun! Poor son! No jitney!

Freshman chemistry.

Butterfly Porter's classes.

An "F" in final exam in Gyn because I did not specify mercurochrome as an antiseptic and use of some sort of cervical dilator in slow delivery. Had to take course over.

Flunking OB

Chemistry

40. Reflection upon my years at UTMB: My least enjoyable experiences were: (continued) None Dr. H. Reid Robinson's OB class Freshman Anatomy tests. Lack of time and resources to do anything except study. Lumpy's Chemistry course. Studying. Chemistry Dermatology versus Robinson's OB-Gyn. Being poor. Neuroanatomy course. Finals. Working part-time at night 30 days each semester. None, I came to like Galveston so much that I hated to leave for my internship. Clinical Path Lab -- sticking finger, swallowing levine tube, etc. I don't recall any. I just did not enjoy Galveston: rain, fog, dreary, storms, roaches, mildew, etc. Living at home - attending as "day student"; first two tough, pre-clinical years. Freshman chemistry. Can't recall. Exams. "Pearl Diving" at Luby's Cafeteria.

## If I were president of a health center or dean of a medical school today I would insist that the following changes be made in the programs for medical education:

There should be a firm return to the unchanging basics of anatomy, basic simple chemistry and physiology, etc., and personal (self-contained) diagnosis of illness. Do not burden a student with too much indepth information (as it changes from day to day), but teach them how to read and retrieve any and all new advances. Stress ethics and our medicine heritage. Don't depend on machines and printouts. Listen to the patient. They are trying to tell us the diagnosis.

Quit screwing the medical students (free labor).

Enough legal training so can compete successfully with the government now controlling the practice of medicine.

Basic computer science and typing mandatory prerequisite to entrance.

A reassessment of admission criteria, without favoritism to M.D. and Ph.D. candidates, minorities, or disadvantaged applicants unless their human qualities (compassionate, conscientious, caring qualities, and history of work habits) and grades were compatible with those of other applicants. Develop an equitable system for faculty promotion based primarily upon devotion to teaching and abilities therein.

An afternoon siesta for all.

1.) Educate students with more involvement on community life especially with minorities. 2.) Teaching of medical-Spanish language. 3.) References or courses on history of Texas in reference to Hispanic contribution. Example: I was never told Galveston was named after Governor Bernardo de Galvez, Governor of Spanish Louisiana who helped the U.S. against the British in the War of Independence.

More solid foundation in business (bookkeeping, office financial and personnel management, record keeping, Golden Rule, respect for patients and other physicians.)

More sex education; much more ethics and morality; more emphasis on clinical studies at bedside and less emphasis on some of the basic sciences.

1.) Require an undergraduate education more in humanities and less in "pre-med" sciences of applicants; 2.) Continue to teach courses in ethics, philosophy, social studies, religion, etc., during the four year curriculum; 3.) Less emphasis on specialties and more emphasis on turning out <u>real doctors</u> who care about people.

More clinical work.

More emphasis on doctor-patient relations. Attempt to instill into students the obligations they have to serve not only the affluent but others.

More emphasis on treating patients as individuals with disease rather than the pathology per se.

Suggest more teaching regarding medical-legal relationships.

No opinion.

If I were president of a health center or dean of a medical school today I would insist that the following changes be made in the programs for medical education:

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Return to "hands on" anatomy courses on cadavers and prepared specimens. More emphasis on medicine ethics and economics courses.

More anatomy and physiology, less chemistry. No lab in chemistry. Students already know how to weigh and pour and pipette.

Changing curriculum so that choices for specialty interests can be pursued or planned earlier in medical school.

Students should receive more anatomy courses; insist on courses in medical ethics; stress the need to verify accurate lab reports; need for more patient rapport.

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More stress of the Art of Medicine and caring for people. Love helps people get well. Cold Technology is not enough. There needs to be caring love.

I don't feel qualified to tackle this one.

A course in public relations, real stic and hard hitting. How to deal with the bureaucracy and downright tyranny from the government. Try to get doctors to stick together. They all want to fight each other instead of the common enemy.

Less emphasis on "book larnin"; more emphasis on a well-rounded premedical education; and the  $\underline{\text{art}}$  of medicine such as dealing with patients (the humanitarian side).

Addition of some business education courses and instructions in medical ethics.

Doctors should be able to sign their names and write legibly.

Admission requirements stressed more on <u>personal interviews</u>, less on academic, ethnic, sex of applicant; with more encouragement for financial assistance.

Require rotating internship by every graduate.

41. Remarks of any kind related to anything you would like to share with your classmates:

An association with a great bunch of folks long remembered.

Enjoyee the previous class reunions, especially the one at Tom and Dorothy McMillan's home in Honolulu. Proud of Hector Garcia's honors. So sorry I won't see those replying "no" to attending this reunion.

If it ain't broken, don't fix it. Best of all times - survived WWII and Kamakazis.

41. Remarks of any kind related to anything you would like to share with your classmates:

Getting together again with old friends and fellow students will be a wonderful experience.

If it were possible to do it all over, I would be more friendly with all of you and I would enjoy getting to know you all better.

May I express my appreciation to the reunion planners for your thoughtful efforts on behalf of your classmates.

#### Hang in there!

To me the Lawyers and the Government including Insurance Companies are ruining or have ruined medicine.

A long life for those of us still here. Better attendance at Class of 1940 Reunions.

Medicine is still the greatest profession there is. It is called of  $\underline{\mathsf{God}}$  and don't you forget it!

Past recollections.

As medical students, 1936-40, we were in the forefront and experienced profound changes, a revolution, in medicine. Sulfa drugs were introduced, and antibiotics followed.