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SUMMARY

Total Number of Staff Meetings	31	
Total number of hours		32 hours, 13 minutes
Average hours per meeting		1 hour, 11 minutes (up 5 minutes over last year!)
Total Attendance	3,411	
Average attendance per meeting		117+
Total number of cases reported	54	
Total number in discussion	154	
Average number Staff men in discussion		5
Total References	461	
Total number of Bulletins	15,150	

Summary does not include annual football party (film of games) or today's meeting (5-27-37)

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- 100 to University of Minnesota Library for exchange
- 225 to mailing list
- 125 to staff meeting
- 25 to reserve
- 25 to others interested.

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I. LAST WEEK

Date: May 20, 1937

Place: Recreation Room
Nurses' Hall

Time: 12:15 to 1:25

Program: Movie: Barrac's Night Out
Abstract: Roentgen Therapy
Case Reports (3)

Present: 124

Discussion: K. W. Stenstrom
A. L. Abraham
H. L. Friedell
Herman Jensen

II. MOVIES

Title: Breast Surgery
Released by: Mead-Johnson

Title: Deadly Females
Released by: RKO

Title: Manhattan Waterfront
Released by: RKO

III. IN CONCLUSION

Thirty-one meetings have been held this year (1936-1937). They started the first week in October and are closing this last week in May. With the exception of regular university holidays and one meeting devoted to showing the football pictures of the Golden Gopher season, a bulletin has been issued each week. The attendance has increased slightly. The time of the meeting has gradually crept up another five minutes. It has always been our desire to start at 12:15 and end at 1:15 as many of our members find it difficult to remain after 1 o'clock.

It is hoped that before another year is started, to make a better arrangement with the various services as to the time of the meeting.

As one studies the program, there has been a slight change. In selecting the subjects, an effort was made to develop an interest in our staff members of clinical progress being made on the other fellow's service and to attempt to keep abreast of the more significant changes taking place in clinical medicine. Reference to the departmental table will show that the majority of services have been represented without apparent overloading of any one department. In planning for next year's meeting, it seems advisable to start soon to select the subjects for next year. Your cooperation has been greatly appreciated by those who have attempted to plan an interesting program and we solicit it again for next year.

Greater interest is apparently developing in receiving the bulletins. The plan of supplying the General University Library with 100 copies each week has increased their circulation in the exchange section. Each hospital in Minnesota receives a copy each week which gives them an opportunity to follow our interests. All staff members including interns who leave at the end of the year are sent the bulletins the following year if they request them. Many of our friends seem to enjoy them as evidenced by their yearly request to be kept on our mailing list. The charge of \$1.00 for postage for the last group does not seem to deter them from joining us by mail.

Stenographic reports are kept of each meeting. These are on file in the Stenographic Office and are not published. The Ediphone Company have developed a recording device, called the Tele-diphone, for recording everything which is said at a meeting. This device has proved very successful. We were in hopes that we could have one for our meetings but apparently we will have to wait until times are better. It would make a very valuable record not only of staff meetings but of the many other meetings we hold. We also need a

microprojector.

The movies have been supplied by the Department of Visual Education. A record has been made of the movies shown with the producer's name attached should you care to use them at another meeting. The placing of the projector in the small room adjoining the Recreation Hall has been a great improvement through the elimination of machine noise. It is hoped that as more medical movies are developed that we will be able to show them. It is obvious that the group responds to this type of introduction to a meeting. We hoped that it would bring you on time and break your train of thought on your own problems. It apparently brings you on time.

The lunch has been furnished by the Hospital. We have received no complaints on the menu which has apparently been unchanged for some time. It may interest you to know that your taste for pie of various varieties can be predicted in advance. There have been times when we have had an insufficient number of chairs for all to be seated. Much of this could be avoided by moving over and filling in the vacancies. This is a problem of human nature and probably will not be benefitted by discussion.

The Gossip Column languished part of the time because of insufficient time and space in the bulletin. A group like ours is literally teeming with human interest. It may surprise you to know that the proud father group was very bashful in informing us of the recent additions to their families. We hope their wives do not hear this. At this belated time, we chronicle the news that Karl Anderson's new son is a girl. We have had many weddings including that of Dr. Bond's a few weeks ago. We join in congratulating those who have made the big step. But for real news may we present the approaching nuptials of Herbert Carlson and Eleanor Mann. Herb is going East on his wedding trip and we hope that when he returns he will be able to take it. Before the summer is over, the cause for Nathan Berkwitz evident happiness the last few months will be found in his wedding to Miss

Fligman in Montana.

We wish to thank all who contributed to the success of our meetings. especially Miss Gunn (records), Miss Lavers (mimeograph), Miss Goldstein (steno-graphic notes), Miss Chmel (typing manuscripts), Miss Thomas and associates (lunch), Bob Miller (room arrangements), Mr. Kissack and associates (visual education), Dean Diehl and Superintendent Amberg (administrative support), and the Citizens Aid Society for again financing the publication of the bulletin and the showing of the movies. The men and women who wrote the abstracts and case reports did so on their own time and it represents a great deal of work. We hope the gratitude of the rest of us and the experience they gained will in some way recompense them. We also thank those who took part in the discussions. Most of them reviewed the manuscripts in advance in order that they might make their discussions more worthwhile. During the year, we have had many distinguished visitors. For the most part, their presence at our meetings was the result of someone inviting them at a time when they could be shared with us. It can be seen at a glance that one Rudolph Koucky again played a very active part in the success of our meetings. It seems trite to thank him by this brief mention but one has only to look over the records to realize how much his contributions have meant. Those who came each week and spent the complete hour with us remain the most important element in whatever success we have attained.

There have been many changes during the year. The death of Dean Lyon so soon after retirement was a tragedy. Dr. Maxcy after a short year is leaving at the end of the summer to take another position. He will be missed. His successor, Dr. Anderson, will be greeted in the fall with the same enthusiasm and good fellowship which characterizes our group in welcoming new members. Mrs. Gleva L. Erskine, after nearly 14 years in our laboratories leaves in June to make her home in the East. The more than 350 friends who joined in wishing her godspeed at the Medical Technology dinner are just part

of a larger group who appreciate what she has done at Minnesota. The development of the School of Medical Technology into the largest in the United States (and we hope one of the best) was in large measure due to her untiring efforts during and after the regular hours she was on duty in the laboratory. Many interns and fellows will also leave at the end of this school year. We would like to thank each one individually for their contributions but space does not permit.

Minnesota's spirit is unique. Like other institutions the only real criteria of our effort to help one another get a better medical education is to judge the

products. Minnesota's graduates seem to feel a responsibility to their school and hospital that is just a little keener than the students from many other institutions. No matter what school you have attended, you are now part of Minnesota's family of sons and daughters. In a recent conversation a pathologist in a neighboring state in discussing Minnesota seemed to have a very keen insight of the contributions and personalities of our faculty and staff. I later learned that all of this had been gained through acquaintanceship with our graduates as he had never visited our school or hospital.

We hope that you have a very pleasant summer and that when next October rolls around you will again display the same helpful spirit which has characterized everyone of you during the past year.

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