

MOUNTAIN AIR

"HELPS CURE TUBERCULOSIS"

INTRODUCING

DR. O. O. HAMMONDS

O. O. Hammonds, M. D., who was appointed State Health Commissioner by Governor Johnston early in 1927, is a native of Arkansas.

He graduated from the University Medical College at Kansas City, Missouri, in 1900 and served his internship in the General Hospital at Kansas City. He took a post graduate course at New Orleans Polytechnic, (Tulane University Graduate School of Medicine) in 1903 and attended the New York Post Graduate Medical School in 1910 and 1915.

Prior to his appointment as State Health Commissioner, Dr. Hammonds was engaged in the general practice of medicine and surgery at Okmulgee. Previous to that he was chief surgeon for the Choctaw Lumber Company and Texas, Oklahoma and Eastern Railroad, the latter position embracing the sanitary and public health supervision of the company's several plants and railroads located in Southeastern Oklahoma. He also served as division surgeon for the Kansas City Southern Railroad at DeQueen, Arkansas, for several years, following intensive training in internal medicine.

In taking over the duties of Health Commissioner, Dr. Hammonds exercised the best judgment in retaining most of the personnel of the Department who were trained in public health work in order that the department might function to the highest degree of efficiency, insuring the citizens of the state the greatest amount of public health protection with a minimum expenditure.

During the fourteen months that Dr. Hammonds has been Commissioner he has continua-

ly endeavored to impress upon the minds of the people that vaccination, sanitation and education were indispensable in the prevention of disease.

Through a publicity campaign against typhoid fever the State Health Laboratory was called upon for free vaccine to immunize 100,000 persons.

Records in the laboratory show that the year 1927 was a banner year in the examination of specimens.

Special attention has been given the Bureau of Vital Statistics, and a campaign has just been closed to secure a better birth and death registration. A check by the Federal Statisticians that is practically completed indicates that Oklahoma is ready to enter the Federal Registration area.

A Bureau of Dental Health Education has been added to the Department and is being operated in cooperation with the state Dental Association. This bureau, though but recently established, has already shown excellent results.

Preliminary plans are about completed for carrying on an anti-malaria campaign in the southeastern counties. This campaign is to actively begin the first of April.

"The doctor was examining school children. One youngster was underweight.

"You don't drink milk?"

"Nope."

"Live on a farm and don't drink milk at all?"

"Nope, we ain't hardly got enough for the hogs."

J. A. M. A.

Knocking indicates either carbon or envy.