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EARL DUWAIN McBRIDE, M.D.
1891 to 1975

Earl Duwain McBride was born in Severy, Kansas, on June 16, 1891 and died in Oklahoma City on September 20, 1975, ending a productive and exciting life at the age of eighty-four. Not only his professional colleagues, but also the community in which he had been a vital civic force, immediately felt the void left by his absence.

Dr. McBride received his B.S. from the University of Oklahoma in 1912 and his M.D. from the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Columbia University in 1914. His interest in orthopaedics was born, as in the case of many other surgeons of his age, during World War I while he was serving as a captain in the American Army Medical Corps. When the war was over he studied at the Hospital for the Ruptured and Crippled in New York City as well as in London, Paris, and Vienna. In 1919, he returned to Oklahoma City and established the McBride Clinic and Hospital, which completed its first major expansion only five years later in 1924. The Clinic and Hospital, like most of Dr. McBride's progressive

projects, are still important in Oklahoma City.

Earl McBride was active in many fields of medicine. He was president of the Oklahoma County Medical Society and a founder of the Oklahoma Clinical Society. But his influence was greatest in the field of orthopaedics. He was a member of The American Orthopaedic Association, The American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, S.I.C.O.T., the Association of Bone and Joint Surgeons, and many other organizations.

A leader always supporting, if not actually making innovations in, orthopaedics, Dr. McBride pioneered the treatment of crippled children in Oklahoma, and in 1954 founded a research laboratory for the study of bone and joint diseases, particularly bone tumors in children. His compelling interest in gadgets, new instruments, and special devices was life-long. His gadget section, into which he welcomed any worthy addition, was an annual contribution to the exhibit section at meetings of The American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons in the late 1940's and early 1950's.

Disability evaluation was Dr. McBride's principal interest, beginning in the 1930's. His book titled "Disability Evaluation", published first in 1934, has gone into its sixth edition and remains the classic on the subject.

Earl McBride's warmth and sympathetic understanding of the problems of others endeared him to his friends in Oklahoma and led him as a Mason to become Potentate of the India Temple of the Shrine in Oklahoma City. He was a Rotarian for fifty-six years and was active in the American Legion, the YMCA, and the Chamber of Commerce. In the world of orthopaedics this same understanding made him a superior teacher, advisor, and companion of the younger men in his field. His gentleness, kindness, and happy sense of humor attracted followers who soon realized that in spite of this apparent ease he had a drive which never diminished until the last year of his life when illness overcame him.

Shortly after World War II, Dr. McBride's excellence as a teacher, as well as his kind understanding of the frustrations of a group of younger orthopaedists who had just returned from the service, led him to become their "shepherd" in forming a new organization. The American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons had become so large that it was difficult for younger men to get their papers presented, join in discussion at meetings, or have their manuscripts published. After two years of preliminary discussion during which Dr. McBride advised and guided the group, he sponsored the first meeting of the Association of Bone and Joint Surgeons in Oklahoma City in the spring of 1949. A whole new forum was developed for presentation and discussion of papers at the annual meetings of this active group of younger scientists, and they sponsored their own journal, "Clinical Orthopaedics and Related Research", which has become one of the outstanding publications in the specialty. As one of many orthopaedic surgeons who were so fortunate as to receive his direction and encouragement over twenty-five years ago, and as one of his associates in practice for many years, it is our great privilege and pleasure to point out that the Association of Bone and Joint Surgeons and its prestigious publication are lasting monuments to Earl McBride. Because of his gentleness and kindness, his quiet, genuine humor and enjoyment of life, and most of all because of his willingness to give so much of himself, he will be greatly missed by his many non-professional and professional friends in America.

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