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In a continuation of my travels around Oklahoma, I recently made a trip to Coal County and had a chance to visit with the folks at Palace Drug in Coalgate. The current proprietors, Dr. Tom Barnett and his wife Gay, have owned the store since 1976 and are now assisted by Dr. Joe Don Burns, a 1998 graduate of The University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy. Tom is a 1963 graduate of the Southwestern Oklahoma State University College of Pharmacy and started working in the store in 1964.

The Palace Drug has been in Gay's family since the 1920s when her father, C. R. McInnis and his brother Bob, opened the store in Coalgate as a confectionary. In fact, Gay's family has been prominent in the pharmacy profession for more than a century. Her great uncle, Joe Bell, was registered in 1906 by the Indian Territory Board of Pharmacy and started Joe Bell Drug in Coalgate in 1911. Her uncle, Bob McInnis, was president of the OPhA in 1959-1960.

Profiles of some of the pharmacists in Coalgate will appear in the next issue of Oklahoma Pharmacist. Your continued interest in the history of Oklahoma pharmacy and monetary support for the publication of Volume 2 of "Profiles of Oklahoma Pharmacy" are much appreciated.

You are invited to partner with the Oklahoma Pharmacists Association and the Oklahoma Pharmacy Educational Foundation (OPEF) in the production and distribution of our second edition Profiles of Oklahoma Pharmacy, Volume II. This volume testifies to the continued commitment of the Oklahoma Pharmacists Association to document the lives of pharmacists, past and present, which have made significant contributions to the profession of pharmacy in Oklahoma. The current status of pharmacy in our state can be largely attributed to the people involved in its development. While sometimes elusive, their stories are always interesting. As was the case with Volume 1, biographical information included about the individual pharmacists and their families was gleaned from many sources. The intent of this publication is to provide a tribute to those who have made significant contributions to the profession of pharmacy in Oklahoma and to inspire future generations of pharmacy.



Your participation as a partner in this project will be important for pharmacy in Oklahoma. It will help determine the quality of the book and then extent of its distribution. Furthermore, your donation to OPEF is tax-deductible. We are planning



to present this book to state officials, libraries, and historical organizations. In addition we plan to send as many books as resources will allow to the nationwide pharmacy community.

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