

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

LOREN R. ("YANK") CHANDLER (1895 - 1982)

Born on a farm near Fresno, April 22, 1895, Loren R. ("Yank") Chandler soon learned to appreciate nature as well as hard work. Even at an early age he wanted to be a doctor, and enrolled at Stanford where he received his B.S. degree in 1920 and his M.D. degree in 1925. After an internship and residency in surgery at Stanford's Lane Hospital, he practiced surgery and taught as a voluntary assistant professor until he was appointed Dean of the School of Medicine by President Ray Lyman Wilbur in 1933; he became a full professor of surgery in 1938. He guided the school through the years of depression and of World War II, then stepped down in 1953.

Dean Chandler believed that faculties should be comprised of experts who could teach, that committees were too unwieldy to manage a medical school, and that it might be hazardous to rely too heavily upon funds from government. His years were those in which the school had a wide reputation for excellence in clinical medicine; science at the bedside was not neglected, and he himself published a score of papers on surgical topics.

During his tenure, morale of faculty and students remained high despite the Depression and World War II. The former had led to the collapse of plans for a new school in San Francisco, and after the war Chandler had to rebuild the faculty and review the teaching procedures which had been disturbed by the wartime accelerated program. It was then, too, that the Board of Trustees revised its earlier plans as to the site of the school.

During such turbulence, Dean Chandler was showing his leadership away from Stanford too. He became president of the Association of American Medical Colleges (1941-42) and of the California Academy of Medicine (1942). He was president of the San Francisco Surgical Society (1948) and of the Pacific Coast Surgical Association (1954-55) He was a member of the San Francisco Medical Society, the California Medical Association, and the American Medical Association (AMA).

Chandler served on countless local, state and national organizations, as well as many federal commissions. In 1950, he was one of three physicians sent by the AMA to study the effects of the British National Health Service Act; "it would be folly," they concluded, "to contend that a similar plan of nationalized medicine is needed in the United States." In 1955, Dr. Chandler served as consultant during the construction of the Albert Schweitzer Hospital in Haiti; he organized its staff and stayed on for a few months as chief surgeon. Later, he was chief of surgery at the Palo Alto Veterans Administration Hospital.

Dean Chandler advocated prepaid medical care and championed the development of the California Physician Service and Blue Cross. He also favored the spread of medical and other scientific knowledge to the lay public through newspapers and other media.

Always popular, he was to be found annually at reunions, happily reminiscing in the center of admiring groups of returning alumni of the 21 classes graduated from the medical school during his tenure. He believed that the post-war shift of population to the Peninsula made the move of the medical school from San Francisco inevitable.

In 1959, Dr. Chandler was made honorary fellow of Stanford University, and in that year he wrote a seven page review of events of the medical school during his tenure; Chandler concluded "there has been much talk of moving the medical school but unfortunately this school cannot be moved...The old school as it has been known will close this summer. A new

school...will be born in September, 1959, on the Stanford campus. The King is dead. Long live the King."

Dr. Chandler died October 16, 1982. He leaves his wife, Elva Beal Chandler; a son, Craig; a daughter, Loran Melvor; seven grandchildren and one great grandchild. He leaves in addition a long list of Stanford alumni who will be forever grateful for his leadership.

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