

'Doctor Frank' Relihan Was A Revered Doctor

Dr. "Frank" Relihan, probably the dean of Kansas physicians and surgeons, died March 10, 1982, in Smith County Memorial Hospital at the advanced age of 97 years, 5 months and 16 days.

He was the second son of Dr. Daniel W. and Catherine Cameron Relihan, born Sept. 24, 1884, and christened Francis H. Relihan but always known as "Dr. Frank."

He attended the Smith Center schools, grade and high school, of which he was a graduate. He also was a member of the first Smith Center High School football team.

Upon graduation he entered Kansas University at Lawrence in the medical school and from there went on to the School of Medicine at Northwestern University of Chicago, where he graduated and immediately came back to Smith Center to enter medical

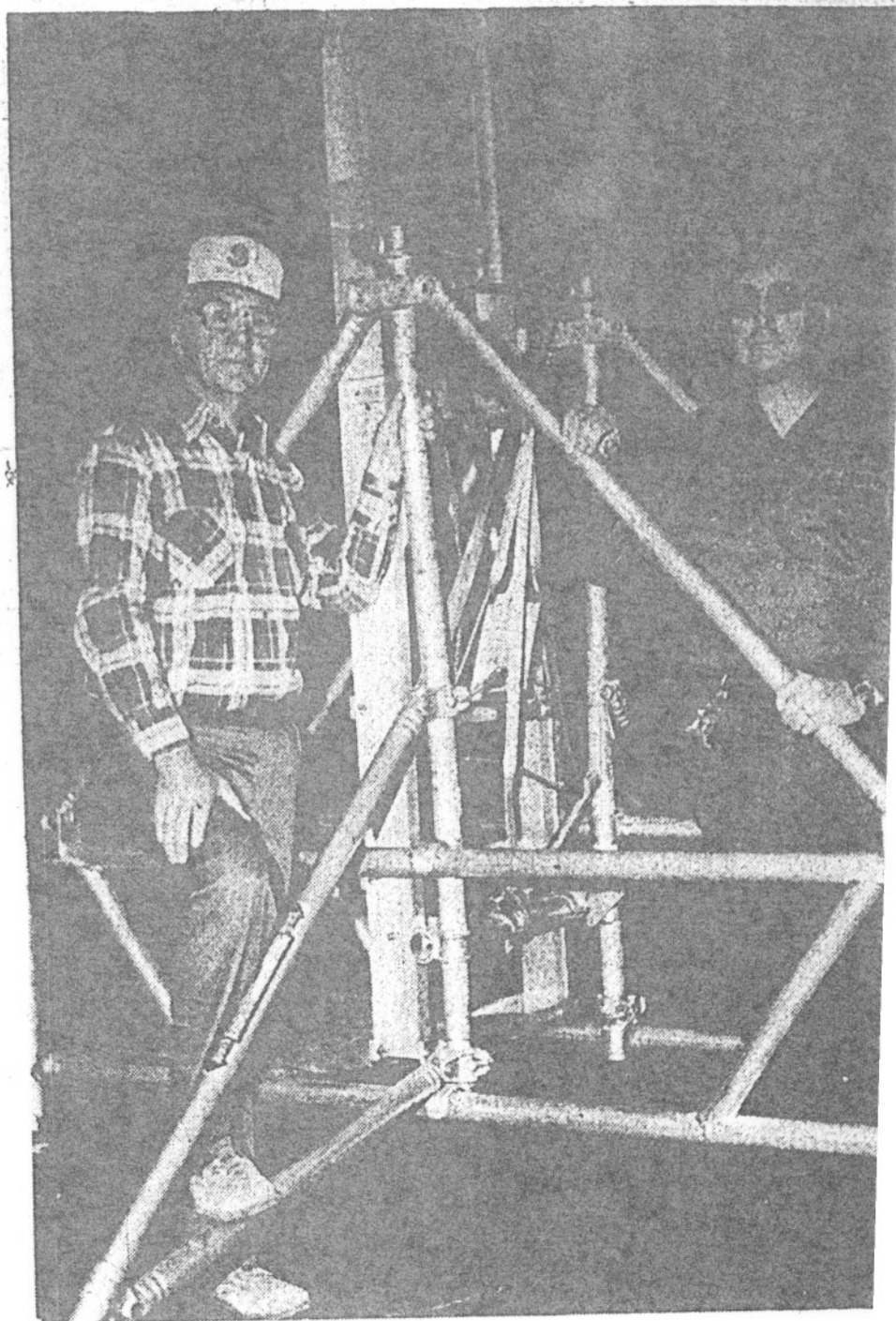
practice with his father in June 1907.

They became a team—Dr Dan and Dr. Frank—widely recognized for their medical skills and treatments. This relationship lasted for almost 39 years to the death of his father in 1946.

Dr. Frank did graduate work in the School of Medicine at Northwestern in 1919, enhancing and perfecting his surgical skills. He became the leading surgeon of this area, performing surgery with his other practice for more than 30 years.

However, his medical practice continued almost to the day of his death. Although he closed his office several years ago, many of his patients continued to come to his home and he never refused them. When death came on March 10, he had practiced medicine in Smith Center for almost 75 years.

He may have been the last of the "horse and buggy doctors" in Kansas for he began his career with a horse and buggy but, soon after starting, his father bought a Model T



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Ford that they used to make calls. His office was always upstairs on Main street and the worn treads on the stairs testify to the huge number of patients that came to seek his skills.

Dr. Frank began his practice when it was the custom of doctors to make house calls and he made them day or night and whether the weather was foul or fair.

He was united in marriage to Elizabeth Kinne on Oct. 8, 1910, and they became the parents of a daughter, Esther Catherine, who has kept Dr. Frank's house and cared for him since Mrs. Relihan's death on July 21, 1962.

Dr. Frank attended and

THE SCAFFOLDING was ready to come down last week as Elmo Bennett, left and CW4 Leo Tuxhorn finish installing the new lights in the Smith Center Armory. The men replaced 24 old lamps with 12 new ones which were purchased with donations from county individuals, businesses and organizations.

supported the Congregational Church of Smith Center and he was a member of the Western Star Lodge, AF & AM in Smith Center for many years.

He was a man who never spoke ill of others. He was friendly. He was adept at recalling events of the past. He was concerned for his patients and their welfare. He was a man whose brilliant mind conditioned him to be the

servant of his patients; one who loved truth, hated wrong, loved to do good and respected others as himself, leaving behind memories of his devotion to his profession, or the wounds he healed and of the lives he saved.

He was preceded in death by his wife, his parents, brothers Dr. Harry Relihan and Harvey Omer Relihan, the latter dying in infancy.

He is survived by his daughter, Esther Catherine, of the home in Smith Center, first cousin Ted Relihan of Smith Center, other relatives, and he leaves many patients and other friends who will long remember "Dr. Frank."

Funeral services were March 12 at Simmons Chapel, Smith Center, with Rev. Dale McCain officiating. Music was by Janet McDowell and Lori LaDow.

Pall bearers were Gary Gardner, Cecil Smith, Russell Hill, Bob O'Rourke, Steve Wangerin, and Theodore Ross. Interment was at Fairview Cemetery, Smith Center.

**L. R. Robertson
Was a Veteran**

us in LTC. We had several visitors this week. Pastor Carter stopped in to see Elsie Harrenstien and Harry Dannenberg; Odessa Schoeni visited with Mabel Westerman; Doris Elder called on Sarah Kinion; Maynard and Bonnie Wehe visited with Elizabeth Wehe, also Elsie Wehe visited with Elizabeth Wehe; Marla Moore of Hays visited her father, Meldean Moore; Mr. Heide stopped in to see Louise Heide; callers of Grace Nichols were Unice Shanely, Mrs. Orié Nichols. Gene Nichols was a Sunday dinner guest. The Jerry Nichols and Kendall Nichols families visited in the afternoon. Last week visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Nichols. Elsie Harrenstien's son, Howard, came and visited all weekend. Rudolph Meyer went out Sunday for the day with his family.

We want to thank the Reamsville 59'ers Unit and the Reamsville Women's Fellowship for the different craft items they brought us to work with. Lena Island's daughter, Lela, stopped in to see her; George and Alice Rockey were here to visit Estella Rockey; Ethel Lyon had her twin sister out of Goodland stop in to see her.

Everyone here at LTC is getting ready for our St. Patrick's Day party. Mary and the boys are coming out to play the old time music. We sure enjoy them coming out.

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Day, March 27, 1982

11:00 A.M.