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Mr. L. B. (Roy) Thomas
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Dear Mr. Thomas,

Thank you very much for your lengthy letter of August 1st in which you told me about how you had developed the pharmacy, and how it all came about.

Your suggestion about getting publicity through the leading newspapers and local television channels were very much appreciated. Fortunately, the editor of the Lincoln Leader Newspaper is on our Board of Trustees and he has done a good job of giving us local publicity as well as news releases throughout the State, which have been prepared by our Executor Director of the Museum.

You might be interested to know that we have had several people who have made contributions of old medications and things which have to do with a pharmacy, in addition to all of the surgical instruments, and other equipment which we have been getting from doctors and the members of the families of doctors who are deceased.

A few years ago my daughter gave me for Christmas a box of old fashioned proprietary medications which I hadn't thought of for years. I have placed them in the museum to be used in some way for display.

We have a very fine pharmacist in Lincoln, Larry Bell, who I believe is at the present time president of the Arkansas Pharmacists Association. I have suggested to him, on occasion, that he might be interested in setting up a pharmacy display, which would be comparable to one which you arranged in Ft. Smith.

I was in Ft. Smith just last week, coming and going from Lincoln. I had to go there to help in picking up a piano which belonged to my mother which she received as a birthday present in 1908 at the age of sixteen. It will be placed in a central and prominent position in the residential portion of the museum.

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I was especially interested to know that you had graduated from the University of Oklahoma in 1951. It was in 1941 that I graduated from medical school, and it was from 1934 until 1938 that I had my pre medical work in Norman, so my classes were in the old pharmacy building. I very clearly remember having courses in physiology in the pharmacy building. As a boy and as a pre med, I worked as a soda jerk in a small pharmacy there in Ft. Towson. I used to spend quite a bit of time behind the prescription counter with Mr. O.B. Medford, who was the town's pharmacist. Just back of the prescription counter was my father's little one room office where he had a desk, chair, examining table, and an instrument case. That was his total office space in Ft. Towson. Mr. Medford, the druggist, also provided him with free telephone and free rent for the space which he occupied. In later years he had a little nicer and more spacious office there in Ft. Towson, before he moved from Ft. Towson to Lincoln, Arkansas in the latter part of 1945. Prior to going to Ft. Towson in 1929, he had practiced in Hartman, Arkansas from the time he finished medical school in 1911 until 1929 when we moved to Oklahoma.

You were sure on the button when you tell about all of the donations that you have received from other pharmacists and other sources of supply, when the word gets around that you are opening up a museum. We are getting so that now we are going to have to have storage space just to accommodate our collections from interested individuals.

I would like very much for you to come up to Lincoln on the weekend of October 1st and 2nd, for the Arkansas Apple Festival and for the first opening of the Arkansas Country Doctor Museum.

I am enclosing a copy of the brochure for the Arkansas Apple Festival and also a small brochure about the museum, in case I did not send you one in my previous letter. I think that you would be interested in seeing what we have to offer, and you would be in a position to make some further suggestions for us.

Very, sincerely yours,


HAROLD L. BOYER, M.D.

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