

Dear Sir:

Dec. 4th I read with interest your article "A College flourishes" about the phenomenal growth and success of the osteopathic medical facilities ^{of the} ~~at~~ ^{since 1998} Fort Worth. While their growth is certainly astonishing and in many ways to be commended, I wonder if the citizens of Fort Worth ^{have any idea how} realize that the continuing expansion of the ~~hospital~~ ^{osteopathic} and University of North Texas Health Science Center is going to ~~profoundly~~ ^{at least} alter effect a profound change on the Cultural District, ~~of~~ ⁱⁿ Downtown and nearby neighborhoods.

The Osteopaths ~~have~~ ^{are} in spite of their huge buildings of recent years have endeavored to keep a very low profile concerning their future expansion plans. They have quickly secured from the State government permission to condemn for their use all the stores, restaurants, ^{and} shops that border Camp Bowie Blvd. from Boland Street (which runs east of ^{and includes} the Park Park restaurant) all the way west ^{to the highway} and possibly beyond. This also includes the shopping centers, restaurants, ^{and} galleries, and furniture stores on West 7th Street. ^{Many years ago} ~~was~~ ^{is} told by them the small studio and gal.

Don't acquaint people that they ~~osteopaths~~ ^{osteopaths} had the claim of eminent domain all the way east to the Clinton Heights Post

offers, though they did not believe that the Hospital - College would ever exercise its right to condemn that property. Considering the growth of their facilities in only the last few years I would not rest too securely if I owned property in that area.

I do own property west of Boland Street, and it is being condemned to make way for progress - a parking lot & believe. ^{And} I can understand the needs to make way for a growing institution that plays ^{such} an important role in the Community. For the last 22 years my brother, ^{Sarah, and my friends} Dutch and Mary Phillips have made ~~the area occupied~~ presented some of the finest and most interesting art exhibits to be found among the Galleries of this city. ~~For more than two decades~~ ^{since which time} ~~we have~~ ^{played} ~~been~~, I believe, a vital ^{role in} part of the Community in general and the Cultural District in particular.

I mean it when I say that the Osteopaths are good people, and believe it or not, they have certainly been good neighbors though they always held the sword of Damocles over our heads. Twice I have been approached by their kind people only to have them retreat in the ^{one} ~~two~~ ^{many publications} weeks of a medical mistake costing millions

Grades
medical
mistake

in the
last decade

as news of the poor performance of their
 graduates on state competency ^{examinations} tests.
 I was very grateful for the extra time
 I was given though it certainly may have
 been purchased at some poor patient's expense.

Acorn
 may be oak

May not
 miss one
 or two small
 Gullies here
 particularly?

But now they are back. And there is
 no doubt that this time my hickory and
 I will have to go. It is written. So please
 forgive me if I do not show the Star
 Telegram's enthusiasm for the phenomenal growth
 of the ^{new} World Trade Health Science Center. It did
 indeed start as a tiny acorn and into a
 mighty oak did grow. But I fear it
 may become many oaks ^{if forest fire} whose roots will
 sap the life out of the small business
 and that have lent the Cultural District
 its mark of its character. ~~At this point I~~
 firmly believe that Area Citizens and the
 City Council itself ~~should~~ had had a crystal
 ball in 1970 they would have taken
 action against ~~so large~~ the creation of
 so large an institution at its present
 location, ~~but then again who was to know.~~

so

May the
 not see us go - or miss
 us. But as the restaurant
 and the little shops and
 galleries go one by one - to be replaced by - something
 remaining?

But then might oak grow so
 Perhaps not soon but someday you will
 go one by one - to be replaced by - something
 osteopath - what then?