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IN EXPLANATION OF THE ATTACHED PAPERS

Many of the names and some of the people themselves were known to me. it is interesting to note the status of the membership of what later became the Mothers Aid which is still going very strong in 1992 and from that early date to today stands as a tribute to a very dedicated and much beloved man. The founder of the organisation was Ida Neuman who is listed here (1910) as its president. She died in 1916. Was my aunt. Auerbach was a very important insurance company owner. Florscheim: Shoe Mfg. Heller, a large chemical company in Chicago. Iralson, a diamond broker and importer. As part of the PLAN, dated (erroneously) 1910, page 4 names include Fred. A Delano whom I met in 1932. A lifelong friend, a Republican who had no great admiration for Franklin Delano Roosevelt, his nephew. Also Stanley Field (Marshall Field & Co.), just about all the names are those of most prestigious families. Benjamin Cahn was an important banker. Mrs Fairbank was Hosp. board pres. from about 1908 to beyond 1933. An incredible percentage of the supporters of Dr Joe were just as wholeheartedly active all the way thru' until I lost contact after he passed away in 1942. I met Mr & Mrs Auerbach at Coronado earlier that year, as I was with him for the last time. This lifelong dedication is tribute of these capable humans to someone they joined together in deep and unconditional admiration. The Mothers Aid continues this tradition to this day in the persons of the daughters and grand- daughters (and others, now). <I believe I am one of the oldest members and the only one by sexual definition unable to be a mother.> Other family names appearing in some of the enclosed that I knew, knew of or met include Morris, an important meat family since at this era Chicago was America's great stockyards and meat packing center, McCormick of McCormick Reaper- later International Harvester and also of the Chicago Tribune newspaper, Harvey (Fred Harvey restaurants and railroad concessionaire. I met Daggett Harvey in the 1960's), Crane, and Weill, both families very important in the plumbing industry. (One of my friends from college was Stanley Weill of this family.)

Dr Joe received his M D degree from Northwestern when he was 22 and some short time later was a full professor there; I think he was 27, the youngest ever. His handwritten evidence of certain qualities of dedication to a single objective and set of ideals is obvious by a comparison of the enclosed dated circa 1910 and that of 1931. My collection includes earlier writings in exactly this same vein from approximately 1895, Close reading of the problems and their need of solving as set out in the earliest, together with the indicated improvements by 1931 (35 years later) and also if you were to be familiar with the "state of the art" now, 98 years later and including the 1936 Time article, may show pretty clearly what one individual did for womankind. And thereby benefitting the profession of obstetrical medicine.