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Transcript

00:00:06 Speaker 1

Second, let it pay my.

00:00:15 Speaker 1

Right, they're only going great with everything together.

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They played.

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Better in the great outdoors.

00:00:34 Speaker 2

How do you do?

00:00:34 Speaker 2

It's my privilege again to talk with another gentleman who has been very significant in the history of the Texas Medical Center, namely Dr Frederick C Elliott, formerly Vice President and Dean of the University of Texas Dental branch at Houston and later in his career, director of the Texas Medical Center.

00:00:53 Speaker 2

And it's early days.

00:00:55 Speaker 2

This morning we'd like to talk with Doctor Elliott about his personal history, and that begins, perhaps, in the Midwestern section of the United States in southeastern Kansas.

00:01:06 Speaker 2

But I think we'll go back prior to that time, Doctor Elliott, if it's alright.

00:01:10 Speaker 2

Related to a small town in England, northern England called Loftus, yes.

00:01:15 Speaker 3

Graph this is where my parents lived in there.

00:01:18 Speaker 3

That is my father.

00:01:20 Speaker 3

My grandparents lived there.

00:01:22 Speaker 3

My godfather was a late preacher.

00:01:26 Speaker 3

Well, like little tired of Loftus.

00:01:28 Speaker 2

How did he make?

00:01:29 Speaker 3

His living family, he had a loop, is called a gentleman farmer and he had help that worked with him on the farm and my father as a bar.

00:01:39 Speaker 3

I worked with the.

00:01:39 Speaker 2

Head when I Loftus, England and Pittsburgh, Kansas, are long distance apart.

00:01:45 Speaker 2

I really brought your grandfather out to Kansas.

00:01:48 Speaker 3

I think it came to Pittsburgh on the insistence of my aunt, one of my father sister who had married before leaving England and settled in Pittsburgh.

00:02:00 Speaker 3

And one of the answer it's settled.

00:02:03 Speaker 3

Like one of my ads had settled in Joplin, MO, which was quite close to Pittsburgh.

00:02:08 Speaker 2

Have you read into the farming business again?

00:02:11 Speaker 2

He got to Pittsburgh.

00:02:11 Speaker 3

My grandfather did.

00:02:12 Speaker 3

He bought a small farm at a little community called Beulah, Kansas, which was just a short distance, about 3 miles from Pittsburgh.

00:02:20 Speaker 3

So he went back and forth by a bucket to put there quite often for supplies and so forth.

00:02:27 Speaker 2

Your father worked.

00:02:28 Speaker 2

With him, of course, as young might not be fine.

00:02:29 Speaker 3

That's the word from afar.

00:02:32 Speaker 2

When did your father and mother me?

00:02:34 Speaker 2

Did they meet here in?

00:02:34 Speaker 3

Pittsburgh yes, my mother.

00:02:38 Speaker 3

Have had been granted College of the Kansas Normal College in Fort Scott, KS and her brother have been attending medical school up in another city.

00:02:53 Speaker 3

So he came to Pittsburgh to practice medicine.

00:02:56 Speaker 3

I think at that time my mother had graduated from.

00:02:58 Speaker 3

Colleague invited to native side, I believe it was, and I presumed that she met my father.

00:03:06 Speaker 3

Through their sisters, who had known that my hurt her brother.

00:03:11 Speaker 2

For now, your father, being raised on a farm, seems to me he.

00:03:14 Speaker 2

Would have continued in the farming.

00:03:15 Speaker 2

Business, because I understand that he became.

00:03:17 Speaker 2

A businessman in.

00:03:18 Speaker 3

Pittsburgh, yes, he he found that, I think he commuted back and forth from the farm to court.

00:03:25 Speaker 3

My mother, then my godfather, her father, I think, did not.

00:03:31 Speaker 3

Like farmers and who insisted that my father become a businessman.

00:03:35 Speaker 3

So I think that he provided the reformers to put my father in the book business, and he had a bookstore from Pittsburgh for quite some time.

00:03:45 Speaker 3

That I believe because of the.

00:03:47 Speaker 3

You are the apple through my mother better being a physician rather persisted that my father became a breakfast.

00:03:57 Speaker 3

He studied for that past Kansas State Board of Pharmacy.

00:04:01 Speaker 3

At that time I think my Grand Father, brother, sister him and opening a drugstore which became known as the.

00:04:07 Speaker 2

Hollywood dumpster now 100 when does Frederick C Elliott?

00:04:11 Speaker 2

Come on, the scene.

00:04:13 Speaker 3

That was October 26th, 1893.

00:04:19 Speaker 3

A little while after about a year and a half after my brother.

00:04:24 Speaker 3

Had been born.

00:04:25 Speaker 2

I see.

00:04:26 Speaker 2

You had one older brother.

00:04:28 Speaker 3

You have to have one older brother who died in infancy before my brother, Frank went on.

00:04:34 Speaker 2

And then you came along in your early years, you remained in Pittsburgh and went to school there.

00:04:41 Speaker 2

Yeah, I remember Pittsburgh.

00:04:43 Speaker 2

You you did remain in Pittsburgh to go to.

00:04:45 Speaker 3

School, yes, I I went through grade school and high school.

00:04:49 Speaker 3

Can't catch fire.

00:04:51 Speaker 3

And saw the rebirth of the Kansas.

00:04:55 Speaker 3

One of the kinds of state school is a state model training normal, which later changes starting to Kansas Normal College at Pittsburgh, I believe years where I used to call it.

00:05:06 Speaker 2

The Pittsburgh teachers.

00:05:08 Speaker 2

Yes, the football teams and.

00:05:11 Speaker 2

What would you do as a youngster, young man?

00:05:14 Speaker 2

Doctor Elliot?

00:05:14 Speaker 2

Did you have chores and such things as that or?

00:05:19 Speaker 3

Better see, my mother died quite early.

00:05:24 Speaker 3

So she died when I was only a little about.

00:05:27 Speaker 3

4:00 or so.

00:05:29 Speaker 3

I left my brother and I with no one but the Howard Grill that we had in the home, but my father bought this habit closer to him with that.

00:05:38 Speaker 3

So he had us come to this drug store after I got out of kindergarten and after my brother got out of grade school.

00:05:46 Speaker 3

So he worked doing little chores in the drug store.

00:05:49 Speaker 3

From the time I.

00:05:49 Speaker 3

Was about 5:00 or so we were.

00:05:53 Speaker 3

Old or not.

00:05:55 Speaker 3

Through other work in the store.

00:05:57 Speaker 2

We got good training on how to sweep the floor properly and how to best counters and merchandise.

00:06:00 Speaker 3

She was passed.

00:06:01 Speaker 3

Last, the chart part for drugstore people in those days was sweeping and dusting and sweeping the front sidewalk.

00:06:10 Speaker 3

That was a lot of chores after lunch.

00:06:13 Speaker 3

Or running in children.

00:06:15 Speaker 3

Coal and we had that to do.

00:06:18 Speaker 2

I think we should point out at this point that Pittsburgh, Kansas is surrounded by.

00:06:22 Speaker 2

Which coal mining area?

00:06:25 Speaker 2

And that for you, is that probably in addition to farming or before farming has been the prime source of income to the businessmen in Pittsburgh?

00:06:35 Speaker 3

Yes, farm profit farming was rather a secondary occupation, but not fruitful to bring food for the people there.

00:06:42 Speaker 3

Problem times what?

00:06:43 Speaker 3

The coal mining industry was quite large, large mines and fits for better minds than deep shafts.

00:06:51 Speaker 2

For your brother, and you are working with your father so closely, did you then decide to follow in his footsteps?

00:06:59 Speaker 3

I think that was a natural thing.

00:07:00 Speaker 3

We both will have gone to high school and my father had at that time and my brother was in high school, had his filling prescriptions.

00:07:11 Speaker 3

My refill prescriptions were quite young.

00:07:14 Speaker 3

I had rolled pills and filled capsules in the drug store when I was about 8:00 or 9 years old.

00:07:20 Speaker 3

But those adorable preparation probably made by my father and I was only handed the chair or rolling and.

00:07:29 Speaker 3

We are followed in pharmacy I think because of head booth just naturally grew into about whether passed the Kansas State Board.

00:07:39 Speaker 3

The youngest candidate at the time he passed the board, the Council had ever had it just a little past 16, almost 17 years old.

00:07:48 Speaker 2

It's remarkable.

00:07:49 Speaker 2

And then he pursued a career in the drug business.

00:07:51 Speaker 2

What did?

00:07:52 Speaker 2

You do in the meantime.

00:07:55 Speaker 3

I I would still doing chores and wearing high school and my brother was taking very bored, but the press the one thing that's rather cut US short.

00:08:05 Speaker 3

With our career.

00:08:06 Speaker 3

Pittsburgh goes through one cold, my even striped after another.

00:08:11 Speaker 3

The unions had been organized and overstriking costed, lay on their merchants suffered securely.

00:08:16 Speaker 3

My father went bankrupt, which caused him to leave Kansas.

00:08:21 Speaker 3

That's a big deal if it's red border Western Kansas.

00:08:25 Speaker 3

Although he went into another drug store that was provided for him by the bankers who had taken over.

00:08:31 Speaker 3

A Minecraft store.

00:08:33 Speaker 2

And they allowed him, I suppose because his reputation to take over and try to put the store on paying basis.

00:08:40 Speaker 2

What happened to?

00:08:40 Speaker 2

You in the meantime?

00:08:42 Speaker 3

But that page about I was about.

00:08:46 Speaker 3

And having had this previous experience and having that haven't been able to fill prescriptions under the supervision of a drug list.

00:08:55 Speaker 3

I walked down to the Scobey, Oklahoma.

00:08:59 Speaker 3

I think I did that because my app is in Miami.

00:09:02 Speaker 3

OK, and I'll just write out a little further to Muskogee and my first contact.

00:09:08 Speaker 3

I got a job in the drug store, so I was working in a drug store when I was 15 years of age, filling prescriptions.

00:09:15 Speaker 3

Under the driver supervision.

00:09:17 Speaker 2

From Moscovie, where did you go?

00:09:21 Speaker 2

From that room, where did you go from Muskogee?

00:09:26 Speaker 3

Well, uh.

00:09:27 Speaker 3

Well, a little later my father had written Charlie, told me that he needed some help, and then I like to come and work with him where he was.

00:09:36 Speaker 3

He was in the little town of Arlington, Kansas, which reached out in western Kansas.

00:09:42 Speaker 3

So I went down the aisle and then I worked with him, but they're not story out of service out, so I had to take the.

00:09:49 Speaker 3

That's the sort of joke.

00:09:52 Speaker 2

In addition to sweeping, dusting, jerking sodas.

00:09:52 Speaker 3

All right.

00:09:56 Speaker 3

And uh.

00:09:58 Speaker 3

What I felt because of I earlier training by him when he had rather downgraded to service out in the other store, I felt that that was just not what I ought to be doing during two. Doctor Elliot, did you have on your mind anything about your brother's achievements to that date, particularly in passing that exam?

00:10:16 Speaker 3

A little that my father had both bragged about.

00:10:20 Speaker 3

Him and his accomplishments that having had having passed the board so early.

00:10:25 Speaker 3

So I started studying for the state board.

00:10:28 Speaker 3

I studied about a year.

00:10:30 Speaker 3

Of course I had done some studying along the road or know what I do.

00:10:35 Speaker 3

Especially when I had gone to Moscow, so.

00:10:43 Speaker 3

Took the border little early, but after one year I took the State Board of Pharmacy in Kansas.

00:10:48 Speaker 2

We were in 16.

00:10:50 Speaker 3

Bit of past 16, yes, and.

00:10:54 Speaker 3

I followed that part not by too much, but enough that I failed.

00:11:00 Speaker 3

Wrapped upset me more so far as my father was concerned, because my brother had not failed.

00:11:06 Speaker 3

So I went to work all the harder.

00:11:08 Speaker 3

I worked all up until 4:00 o'clock at the moment studying, then go in the store at 7 and I passed the board that July with the.

00:11:21 Speaker 3

That's a high grade.

00:11:22 Speaker 3

That made me feel better and caused him to do some bragging about move, which was quite satisfied.

00:11:30 Speaker 2

Yeah, I ran after becoming full-fledged druggist and passing your exam. Did you remain with your?

00:11:36 Speaker 3

Father just a short time because there was no need for two, a registered pharmacist to that town of 400 people. So I had an offer through drug sales and had to tell me about it. Princess truckers tip.

00:11:49 Speaker 3

Didn't really got a little further W in Kansas at.

00:11:52 Speaker 3

The little time with Greensburg, captain.

00:11:56 Speaker 3

I looked for him about 8 months in that.

00:11:59 Speaker 3

Store, and probably satisfying because he opened another store in Haviland, Kansas, which was about 10 miles away, and asked me to be manager of that store, which I did.

00:12:10 Speaker 2

But I did open the store from the beginning shifts.

00:12:14 Speaker 2

What sort of structures in those days?

00:12:18 Speaker 2

As I recall, Western Kansas is just as flat as it can be.

00:12:21 Speaker 2

And in certain parts of the year, the horizon is golden because all you.

00:12:26 Speaker 2

Can see is sweet.

00:12:27 Speaker 3

That's right. The whole process.

00:12:29 Speaker 3

Principal source of support for all businesses in our community are not all that part of the country.

00:12:36 Speaker 3

And then you had a crop failure while you had pretty lean years for all merchants.

00:12:42 Speaker 3

Not as manager of the star.

00:12:44 Speaker 3

We did quite well that first year, enough so that the the final ripple there.

00:12:51 Speaker 3

Mr Mathis asked if I would like to purchase the STAR and now about 18 years of age.

00:12:57 Speaker 3

Which I said yes and I bought the star little like my father had bought the star he had simply by paying out monthly, which I did there for about 2 years when we had a crop saved.

00:13:14 Speaker 3

Or that had also true to move in the same manner that look treated by.

00:13:18 Speaker 2

Father, farmers couldn't pay.

00:13:20 Speaker 2

Bills you couldn't stay in business without an income loss.

00:13:24 Speaker 3

You see the river overburdened by touching such a large stock of merchandise.

00:13:29 Speaker 3

Paying the drug houses monthly caused major.

00:13:33 Speaker 3

For them to come.

00:13:33 Speaker 3

In and take the start over.

00:13:36 Speaker 2

Now he went into bankruptcy, I believe.

00:13:38 Speaker 2

Did you do the same thing?

00:13:40 Speaker 3

That's a third of our star was a part of the credit.

00:13:46 Speaker 3

Are they here is around that forced my story to going back up.

00:13:50 Speaker 3

So we did not go into bankruptcy, but I had to.

00:13:54 Speaker 3

And interestingly, when it came time for the court to act, they found that they couldn't because I was.

00:14:01 Speaker 3

So my first court procedure before the United States Court was to become of age, so I had the rights of majority.

00:14:08 Speaker 3

That's sort of it.

00:14:08 Speaker 3

So I had to go buy prepped.

00:14:11 Speaker 3

The hedge will grow up in a hurry, yes.

00:14:14 Speaker 3

So bankrupt abruptly.

00:14:15 Speaker 3

Proceedings were completed.

00:14:17 Speaker 3

You were out of business and haveland where two from there I went to manager store in Glasgow Transit, sideways up in northwest Kansas.

00:14:26 Speaker 3

But there are not adapters to visit in the store and talk to me about studying dentistry.

00:14:32 Speaker 3

I became better after Dad started saving another round.

00:14:37 Speaker 3

Decided about a year later I could go to the double scale of Kansas City.

00:14:42 Speaker 3

Which was that as a city battle pass.

00:14:45 Speaker 2

That's some two 300 miles back to the east. Now. When did you arrive in Kansas City to go to a better school?

00:14:53 Speaker 3

I walked in Kansas City about the market was around the middle of September because the school is allowed there was opened the 1st of October and that's living quarters and.

00:15:05 Speaker 3

Had a little mother left and started in the battle Square on October the 1st, 19115.

00:15:13 Speaker 2

We lived, I'm sure, nearby the dental school.

00:15:16 Speaker 3

I lived on an island neighborhood.

00:15:18 Speaker 3

At that time was so.

00:15:21 Speaker 3

Not too bad.

00:15:22 Speaker 3

Over with that was an Admiral Blvd or Troost that it's fair that data temperatures yes.

00:15:29 Speaker 2

How did you do?

00:15:30 Speaker 2

In dental school, do you like it?

00:15:33 Speaker 3

Yes, yeah.

00:15:35 Speaker 3

My previous studying in the pharmacy taught me how to study, so it was easy for me to apply myself, which I did a four to five hours every night so that I had no difficulty in getting higher grades.

00:15:55 Speaker 2

Was it necessary for you to?

00:15:56 Speaker 2

To augment your income by working during those years.

00:16:01 Speaker 3

Yes, I worked at night in my drugstores.

00:16:03 Speaker 3

I would recommend to level out that study to about two and be up and be at school at 8.

00:16:11 Speaker 2

I understand that that school has always been noted for giving quality education.

00:16:18 Speaker 2

Even in my younger days when I lived in Kansas City, I heard about the dental school principally because of Casey Stengel, the baseball man who had been a manager in the American Association and later came to fame with Brooklyn.

00:16:31 Speaker 2

The New York Yankees and so on.

00:16:32 Speaker 2

But was he a student at the dental school same time you were?

00:16:36 Speaker 3

He graduated before I arrived.

00:16:39 Speaker 3

I reminded here I just read the last evening that we had another dentist.

00:16:44 Speaker 3

Uh, baseball player who was a picture at the end but the I think.

00:16:50 Speaker 3

The Chicago kid.

00:16:53 Speaker 2

I didn't know that I knew the current.

00:16:54 Speaker 2

Middlecoff was about history and.

00:16:56 Speaker 2

A N when did you graduate from?

00:16:59 Speaker 2

The Denver school.

00:17:00 Speaker 3

I graduated in 19118.

00:17:02 Speaker 3

Or lunch that may not relate.

00:17:05 Speaker 2

Did you go into practice at that time?

00:17:08 Speaker 3

Now I had intended to go rest.

00:17:12 Speaker 3

Yell out to Montana and practice because I'd heard about the open country, but I was approached by the being of the dental school.

00:17:21 Speaker 3

At the time, I was getting ready to take my supplies and equipment out of the dentist, who are asking if I'd like to teach.

00:17:30 Speaker 3

Tell me how much the salary bill with being about twice as much as as I had ever made in my life.

00:17:37 Speaker 2

Well, So what are those figures, Doctor Elliott?

00:17:39 Speaker 2

I think they'd be interesting.

00:17:41 Speaker 2

How much did he?

00:17:41 Speaker 3

Offer you \$150.00 a month.

00:17:44 Speaker 2

That must mean that you were reaping a great income of \$75.00 a month as a businessman out investor, Dan, this right. So you that this, I would think rather significant that the head of that school would offer you.

00:17:58 Speaker 2

Really graduated student?

00:18:00 Speaker 2

A teaching job?

00:18:02 Speaker 2

There must have been some great.

00:18:03 Speaker 2

Averages and whatnot involved there.

00:18:04 Speaker 1

Right.

00:18:06 Speaker 3

Well, reptile that was told by the doomed afterward that I had.

00:18:12 Speaker 3

Death finished with the highest average that these.

00:18:15 Speaker 3

Scores had ever had.

00:18:18 Speaker 3

I really had also, I think microbrewed that Charlie and his decision, but also I think because I had done some previous teaching in the school for him, you know, some of the classes for the chemistry class question.

00:18:31 Speaker 2

Also, a student of your level must have been helpful to other students in tutoring and whatnot.

00:18:37 Speaker 2

I would assume I caught a bit of that, and I will.

00:18:41 Speaker 3

Call it out.

00:18:43 Speaker 3

Was rather always surrounded by students at the.

00:18:46 Speaker 3

Time of examination.

00:18:48 Speaker 2

Well, after teaching in Kansas City.

00:18:52 Speaker 2

And I believe you practiced dentistry for a while in Kansas City.

00:18:57 Speaker 3

I taught until about 1900 or 24.

00:19:01 Speaker 3

I don't know.

00:19:02 Speaker 3

I located the private practice that continued my connection with the Devils realize professor of pathology.

00:19:10 Speaker 3

But I opened my practice on Earth when building.

00:19:12 Speaker 3

Yes, I remember that at.

00:19:14 Speaker 2

31st and Troost? Yeah.

00:19:17 Speaker 2

And later I think you told me that you moved down.

00:19:20 Speaker 2

Toward down.

00:19:21 Speaker 3

Brussels moved down to the alcohol Bellingham, about 19127. It was a downtown location and I would mirror some of my people that had worked with before.

00:19:33 Speaker 3

So I moved downtown.

00:19:34 Speaker 2

And I believe you met a young lady from Saint Joe, Missouri while down there.

00:19:40 Speaker 3

Yes, I'm not.

00:19:45 Speaker 3

Or I'm not sure.

00:19:50 Speaker 3

Actually through her sister there.

00:19:52 Speaker 3

Was a patient of mine.

00:19:54 Speaker 3

There she was visited with her sister.

00:19:58 Speaker 3

And later.

00:20:01 Speaker 3

And I talked about it with one of my other patients.

00:20:04 Speaker 3

I told him that she was kind of Umm I wanted in the movie and she came in my office turned out to be with this patient in mind, was a former boyfriend, so she were better than I do.

00:20:14 Speaker 2

So so you were married ultimately yesterday night and?

00:20:21 Speaker 3

April of 1928.

00:20:24 Speaker 2

And you continued to practice.

00:20:26 Speaker 2

Now the next big step, I believe you begin to be kind of any dissatisfied with practice.

00:20:34 Speaker 3

Rush, I was just disappointed, I think because of the type of opportunity we had in the dental school.

00:20:41 Speaker 3

They do excellent, right?

00:20:43 Speaker 3

I do not have that opportunity in private practice delivered, so I decided I better get back into teaching the time consumed in a very delicate and tedious.

00:20:53 Speaker 2

Handwork of preparing various items.

00:20:57 Speaker 3

Just didn't pay off the level with the charge for him at that time.

00:21:02 Speaker 3

That is right.

00:21:03 Speaker 3

I receive.

00:21:04 Speaker 3

We did get that time most that listed all of their.

00:21:08 Speaker 3

With the technical work in addition to the trailer.

00:21:11 Speaker 3

So some of the technical procedures required a great amount of time.

00:21:16 Speaker 2

So you begin to cast about them for other things and how I believe, as I recall, Memphis was the next stop.

00:21:24 Speaker 2

How did that, how did you get connected down there?

00:21:27 Speaker 3

The team was looking for a lot of us in one of the departments around there.

00:21:33 Speaker 3

He went to Kansas City because he had heard of Kansas City and it's just as you mentioned a moment ago and his quality and found the graduate from Kansas City might be wrong, the type of person that he wanted.

00:21:45 Speaker 3

So I was approached through but because we had written to run over devastating move there and outstanding gathers and he had recommended.

00:21:55 Speaker 2

So we went to Memphis to become a member of the Faculty of the University of Tennessee Dental School at Memphis, which I believe also there was a medical school there at that.

00:22:05 Speaker 3

Time, yes.

00:22:06 Speaker 3

It was a medical campus of the University of Tennessee policy nursing medicine had dentistry.

00:22:14 Speaker 2

What was your position there?

00:22:16 Speaker 3

I was associate professor of crowd and bridge prosthesis.

00:22:21 Speaker 3

Which was supported by teaching experience since.

00:22:24 Speaker 3

A hard laptop.

00:22:25 Speaker 3

Battle Adonis could accept in the clinic, but I had more difficult.

00:22:31 Speaker 2

How long were you in Memphis?

00:22:34 Speaker 3

I went to Memphis on August of 28 and I left in August of 32.

00:22:39 Speaker 2

What the circumstances we're beginning to get down to current times almost now approaching 1932. How and why did you leave the Memphis?

00:22:55 Speaker 3

We had a very fine doing of the squirrel.

00:22:59 Speaker 3

And he was a progressive man and was developing this girl faster.

00:23:03 Speaker 3

Than the profession.

00:23:05 Speaker 3

That is sure.

00:23:07 Speaker 3

And that reason was that the students did flocked to the university from the North and other parts of the United States because of the quality teacher and.

00:23:19 Speaker 3

So that was became concerned that there would be too many dentists in Tennessee.

00:23:25 Speaker 3

That was part of it, and part of it was his progressive attitude toward what should be done in the practice of dentistry.

00:23:31 Speaker 3

They became quite difficult to manage as far as the Dean was concerned, yet rather disheartening.

00:23:37 Speaker 3

So all we suffered.

00:23:39 Speaker 2

Other appointments I left and that offer came from where?

00:23:46 Speaker 3

After we came from Doctor George Powers, if he was wrong with the question, like Doctor Powers at that time was a member of the Council on Battle Education.

00:23:56 Speaker 3

And we visited.

00:23:56 Speaker 3

The Texas Dental College here to study the school from the standpoint of this road.

00:24:01 Speaker 3

I have been told that after Harvard rather do.

00:24:06 Speaker 3

And R is selected for that, so.

00:24:09 Speaker 2

Let's in Houston, TX, this is 1932. What time of the year? August. Very hot in Houston.

00:24:16 Speaker 3

Hot and followed in about 10 days with a very, very fine hurricane, so you got a full-fledged.

00:24:21 Speaker 2

Welcome to Texas.

00:24:23 Speaker 2

Many of us have had that.

00:24:24 Speaker 2

What was, well, first of all, was a Houston was a good size city at that time.

00:24:31 Speaker 2

Any problems with housing or housing was not.

00:24:34 Speaker 3

Too difficult? Yes. The city was large, was 238,000 people and the.

00:24:41 Speaker 3

We did find.

00:24:44 Speaker 3

At first we had to go into a motel.

00:24:46 Speaker 3

Later we found a small apartment.

00:24:50 Speaker 2

The school at that time is called Texas Dental College.

00:24:55 Speaker 2

And was it affiliated with the state or anything?

00:24:59 Speaker 2

How did it operate?

00:25:00 Speaker 3

No, it was not.

00:25:01 Speaker 3

It had become a.

00:25:02 Speaker 3

Public trust kurfirst a better stop school.

00:25:06 Speaker 3

Then, because of the assistance of the Council, better education, that became a public trust group, but it was not supported by the state.

00:25:17 Speaker 2

So you almost had to derive your income.

00:25:22 Speaker 2

From various traditions, clinical fees, that sort of thing, make it pay its own way.

00:25:29 Speaker 2

Was it liquid in the black?

00:25:31 Speaker 2

When you arrived here.

00:25:33 Speaker 3

No, I learned a short time after arriving.

00:25:37 Speaker 3

That it was in.

00:25:39 Speaker 3

Fire differently.

00:25:40 Speaker 3

Well, the the database was quite high and several areas of course that became a problem because this crew had been in difficult it from the standpoint of getting students out at the time I arrived at school or they had 48 students. Like all that and screws as you're saying, but all at that time.

00:26:00 Speaker 3

Except a few state schools to pair with the bar, politically receipts and tuition.

00:26:06 Speaker 3

But I did stay open.

00:26:07 Speaker 2

But in addition to the challenge which I'm.

00:26:10 Speaker 2

Sure was there.

00:26:11 Speaker 2

After he had come down and surveyed the situation, I would like to ask, if I may, what sort of financial arrangement you had in 1932? Will school to become its Dean?

00:26:24 Speaker 3

Well, I was offered a verified sellers live far short of what I've been offered elsewhere. I was offered a salary of \$3600 a year. But.

00:26:35 Speaker 3

I bought a beginning salary of \$200.00 a month Atacado financial status as the school. When I arrived, there was no matter in.

00:26:44 Speaker 3

The night so.

00:26:45 Speaker 2

You would more or less set your.

00:26:46 Speaker 2

Own salary? What?

00:26:47 Speaker 2

You thought you might be able to afford.

00:26:50 Speaker 2

To pay yourself.

00:26:52 Speaker 2

That's interesting, doctor Elliot.

00:26:54 Speaker 2

We we will pursue the history of the Texas Dental College as it struggled and you struggled.

00:27:02 Speaker 2

To reorganize its faculty to make things better for the students and ultimately to seek some sort of affiliation with the University of Texas in the next segment of our series of programs regarding you, your personal history and particularly that part of your history that deals with the Texas Medical Center, but that will come.

00:27:22 Speaker 2

In Part 2, for the time being, I want to thank you, Doctor Elliott, for my little visit this morning.

00:27:29 Speaker 2

And we'll be getting together again soon for Part 2, which will deal with the Texas Dental College ultimately becoming the University of Texas Dental branch in Houston, TX.

00:27:41 Speaker 4

Shelby name.

00:27:43 Speaker 4

Rachel, I did not break it.

00:27:45 Speaker 1

Second, I didn't know you were scared of cobwebs.

00:27:46 Speaker 4

I walked into it by mistake.

00:27:48 Speaker 4

You sound like a cobweb and I got all tangled up.

00:27:53 Speaker 4

I wonder, Gary.

00:28:02

I don't know why he came to my office.

00:28:04

Didn't know him.

