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JFK Shot From

Front

Speaker

Tells Rotary

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"The President of the United States was definitely shot from the front and this fact has been covered up by the Warren Com-

mission and the family," Dr. David Stewart told the Lebanon Rotary Club Tuesday at its noon luncheon.

Dr. Stewart, who now lives

and practices medicine in Galatin, was on duty and one of the attending physicians at Dallas' Parkland Hospital when President John Kennedy was



The Speaker

Dr David Stewart gets together with former Lebanon classmates, Dr. James Brodshaw, to look over a JFK book.

(Staff Photo by Neal Blackburn)

brought there on November 22, 1964.

Another thing kept secret was the fact that the President could have possibly been suffering from Addison's Disease. "Because of the actions of the President's White House physician on the trip with him, we at Parkland felt that the President was suffering from this," Dr. Stewart said.

The Doctor was quite critical of the apparent coverups by the family and Bethesda Naval Hospital. He said there were many things overlooked by the Warren Commission when they investigated and that the whole complete story has never been told. He quoted the Warren Commission as saying in Texas that it might be possibly seventy-five years before the complete story is known.

"If the family and the naval hospital (Bethesda) will hide certain facts that we at Parkland know about, then it is certain they will hide other facts," he added. To illustrate this point he noted that certain files were destroyed, x-ray films disappeared and the family was given custody over the autopsy reports.

Before the President's visit Parkland was chosen as the hospital to be used in case there was a need while in Dallas. "Just as soon as the President was shot, they knew exactly what to do and where to go," Dr. Stewart said. At the time the President was brought to Parkland, about lunch time, all of the chiefs of departments were on hand. "There was no

lack of competent help," he said and added "If it had been fifteen minutes later, it might have been a different story."

He described in detail the wounds President Kennedy received. He told the club the President had three visible wounds and was in a desperate condition. "He was not dead when he arrived at Parkland and our main objective was to clear the airway which we did and to stop the hemorrhaging. However, before the hemorrhaging could be stopped, the President died," Dr. Stewart said.

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The wound in the left front was definitely entered from the front, Dr. Stewart said. One of the basis for diagnosing the

frontal entry was the fact that tissue and brain particle was found on the motorcycle officer who was to the rear of the Presidential car. "Why they have never said anything about

this is hard for us to understand," and added "that much has been covered up in the entire matter." He also noted that all of this was told to the War-

ren Commission but apparently they weren't interested in it.

OTHER DETAILS he commented on like this—

* that he helped take care of Govrenor Connally and that he was shot seperately and apart from any bullet that struck the President—

* Original notes at Parkland have been destroyed by fire — After the President had let each doctor on duty write in long hand his account of the activities at Parkland.

* That Oswald was on the way by the most direct route to see Jack Ruby when he was killed by Officer Tippit. Oswald was later shot by Ruby and he too, was brought to Parkland where he died.

* He said that Attorney General Jim Garrison's probe into the Kennedy assassination is a fraud.

Dr. Stewart was introduced by a former classmate, Dr. James Bradshaw of Lebanon. A question and answer period followed the speech by Dr. Stewart.