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PRESIDENT'S PAGE



As president for the year 1946, I take this opportunity to wish every member a happy and prosperous New Year.

By the time this reaches you the New Year will be well on its way and I hold great hopes that our Society will be able to resume all the activities that have been contacted during the war.

Dr. Allsop and his committee are ever willing to give the returning service men help in re-establishing themselves in our community.

The ever present Socialization of Medicine Bill is still in Congress and we must be ever vigilant to prevent it from destroying the present Doctor-Patient Relationship that now exists in this great country of ours.

The establishing of Cancer Control Centers in our community has been thoroughly investigated by a committee appointed by your Past President Dr. Bunn. This committee has reported to council and the findings have been discussed at great length to endeavor to give the public the type of medicine it so urgently needs.

The chairman and committees for the coming year have been selected, and I feel sure all will work together for a better Mahoning County Medical Society.

EDWARD J. REILLY, M. D.

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TREATMENT OF NEUROSYPHILIS WITH PENICILLIN

By PAUL WILLIAMS, M. D.

(The following paper was presented at the staff meeting of the Youngstown Hospital Association held on Tuesday, December 4th, under the leadership of Drs. Joe Hall, Paul Williams, Donald Hughes and William Stevenson, and is hereby printed with permission of the author.—Editor.)

It is to be expected that penicillin which is so effective in the treatment of early syphilis will also be effective in some degree in the late manifestations of the disease.

In cases of neurosyphilis the response of the blood and spinal fluid are criteria which can be easily and definitely noted. With but a few exceptions the clinical symptoms, if any, improve along with the blood and spinal fluid.

I shall sketch briefly the different methods of treatment with results in a comparatively few number of cases.

The basic dosage of intramuscula penicillin is 20,000 units very 3 hours for 60 doses. This dosage is doubled or tripled in some patients.

At the University of Pennsylvania, out of 89 patients treated in this way the spinal fluid improved in 72% and became normal in only 12%. The blood serology improved in 27% and became normal in only 8%.

Twenty-nine of these cases were given another course of treatment and of these 29, 24% became normal as far as the spinal fluid was concerned. No other bloods became negative.

From these cases these conclusions may be stated:

1. Penicillin improves the spinal fluid in all its elements but has a lesser effect upon the blood serology in neurosyphilis.
2. The effect on spinal fluid protein and cells is greatest.
3. Tabetic cases show the least improvement in blood and spinal fluid probably because they are not so abnormal to begin with.
4. Improvement begins a few days after penicillin is started and continues for up to 4 months after which there is very little improvement.
5. Those patients whose dose was doubled showed only slightly better response than those receiving the low dose of 1,200,000 units.
6. Best results were obtained in those receiving a larger total dose in two separate courses; that is, when the length of treatment is increased.
7. Herxheimer reactions or therapeutic shock may occur and may best be avoided by lessening the dose the first day or two.
8. There is little evidence that inadequate dosage puts the patient in a sensitized condition in respect to relapse or progression, and finally;
9. It is not possible to rehabilitate wrecks or advanced deteriorates or to replace dead or scar tissue with penicillin.

Because of the importance of establishing the most effective route for the administration of penicillin in neurosyphilis an investigation has been made



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of the penetration of penicillin into the cerebrospinal fluid following intravenous administration.

Tests for penicillin activity in the spinal fluid were made by four different tests in three different laboratories. In no case was penicillin definitely found in the spinal fluid even after huge doses had been given over 7 to 14 days.

As a result the question arose as to whether better results could not be obtained in neurosyphilis by intrathecal administration. The technique is as follows:

The penicillin is dissolved in saline in the usual manner to contain 5000 units per cc. The 2 to 4 cc of this solution was drawn into a 20 cc syringe. After the spinal puncture was made the syringe was attached to the spinal needle and spinal fluid was drawn slowly up to the 20 cc mark. The spinal fluid and penicillin were thoroughly mixed and then slowly injected into the spinal canal.

At the Longview State Hospital this method of treatment was used on 18 cases of dementia paralytica. The routine was as follows: For six days the patients received daily doses of intrathecal penicillin on the first two days, 10,000 units each day and on the subsequent 4 days 20,000 units. During the same period the patients received intramuscular injections of penicillin 20,000 units every 4 hours. A total of 900,000 units was given by both methods during the 6 days. One month after this another series of intramuscular injections were given totalling 1,000,000 units.

Another similar group of patients were given a combination of artificial fever and intramuscular penicillin. Three fever treatments were given before the penicillin was begun and then three treatments a week for a month. 1,000,000 units of penicillin were given at the rate of 20,000 every 4 hours and after a month another 1,000,000 units were given in a similar manner without further fever treatment.

No reactions were noted from the intrathecal administration except an occasional slight fever.

In all the cases treated by both methods rapid improvement in their clinical condition was noted. The results in the patients treated with penicillin and fever were practically similar to those in the patients treated with the combination of intraspinal and intramuscular penicillin.

However a number of the latter were in no fit condition to have fever treatment and would have been considered hopeless for any other means of therapy than the one employed.

Dr. John Thrasher reports in the Indiana State Medical Journal using intrathecal penicillin alone. He gives a weekly injection of 20,000 for 12 to 15 weeks. His results appeared good in almost all cases although his report is not detailed enough to give a clear picture.

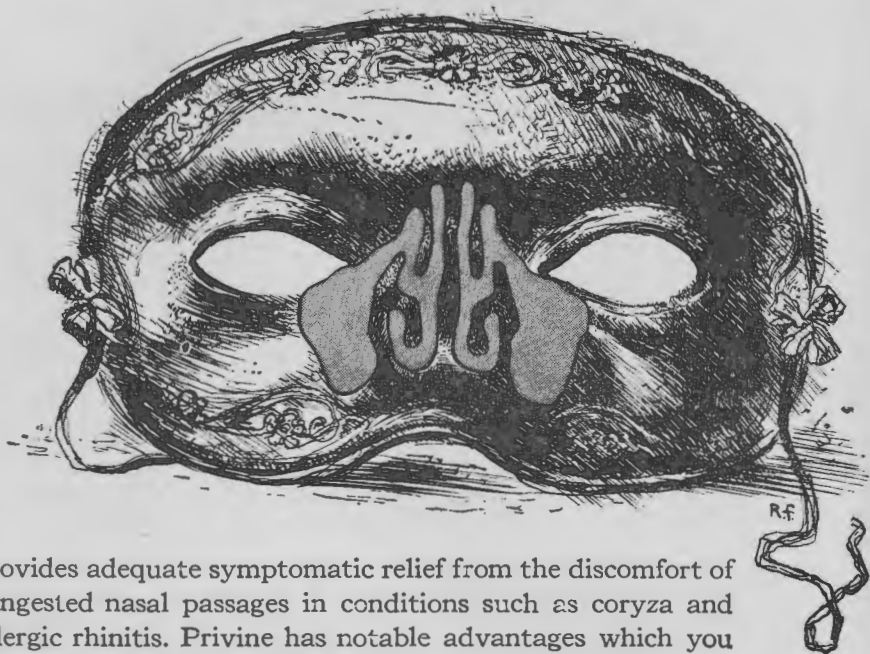
As can be seen the period of use of penicillin and of observation of results is too short to be definite about the proper dose or the best method of administration. However, the work is still going on and even now some of the statements made here may be out of date.

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By law the superintendent of a receiving hospital or any other institution in the Division of Mental Hygiene is the executive administrative and medical officer and is responsible for the admission, care, treatment and discharge of patients, whether the treatment be administered directly by the superintendent or by the medical staff, either full-time or consulting. He cannot delegate any part of this responsibility to any person or persons. The superintendent has the authority to select and appoint all personnel but must report all appointments, resignations and discharges of the staff to the Department of Public Welfare. The superintendent has the authority to appoint a consulting staff of specialists in the different fields of medicine and surgery to assist him in the diagnosis and treatment of difficult medical and surgical problems. It is obvious that the consulting staff should have the responsibility for such specialized diagnosis and treatment. The usual rules of medical courtesy will be observed between the family physician and the full-time hospital staff or the hospital consulting staff.

Sec. 1890-7 of the General Code provides: "The patient's personal and family physician will be admitted at all times." There is no distinction between a family physician who is a member of the consulting staff and a non-member of the consulting staff. The family physician cannot directly treat the patient but can act in an advisory capacity. Certainly we want the family physician to visit the patient as frequently as possible and it is our aim to return the patient to his home and his personal physician as soon as possible. We feel certain that the knowledge the family physician obtains about the patient's personality will be invaluable not only in subsequent treatment of the patient but also in understanding the importance of the emotional factor in every type of illness.

Finally, we hope that your experience in working with us here will encourage you to establish small psychiatric units in general hospitals. We believe that you will discover that many mentally ill patients can be safely and adequately treated in general hospitals; that it is not necessary for every mentally ill patient to go to an elaborately equipped psychiatric hospital. You will find out, we hope, the ways and means of organizing and setting up small psychiatric units without extensive and expensive alterations in existing general hospitals.

COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR 1945

Postgraduate Day

Our 17th annual Postgraduate assembly was held on the 11th of April at the Hotel Pick-Ohio, with a Clinical Pathological Conference at the Stambaugh Nurses Home, South Side Unit, and a Surgical Clinic at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, in the morning. It was surely a full day and was attended by over 300.

The program was conducted by a group from the Marquette University. Those participating were: Drs. Eben Carey, Dean of the University, Francis D. Murphy, Fred Madison, Carl Eberbach and Joseph F. Kuzma.

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R. W. RUMMELL, *Chairman*

Program Committee

During the year 1945, with many of our members in the service, our monthly meetings were surprisingly well attended, due largely to the high caliber of men we were able to bring before our Society.

Our speaker for January was Colonel Irving S. Wright, Medical Corps Consultant in Medicine, and his subject "Fundamental Consideration of Peripheral Vascular Disease, particularly Frost Bite, Trench Foot and Immersion Foot."

February, Major Leo Walzer, chief of the cardiac section of the Fourth General Hospital. His talk was a resume of his experiences in cardiology while overseas.

March, Dr. A. J. Carlson, Professor Emeritus of Physiology, University of Chicago, and his subject, "Vitamins."

Our annual post graduate day was conducted by a group from Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Those participating were Drs. Eben Carey, Dean of Marquette University, Francis D. Murphy, John Grill, Carl Eberbach, Fred Madison and Joseph F. Kuzma. The different subjects discussed were: "Present Trends in Hemorrhagic Diseases," "Treatment of Biliary Track Diseases," "Diagnosis and Treatment of Nephritis," "The Future of Medicine."

Also conducted a Clinical Pathological Conference at Stambaugh Nurses Home and a Surgical Clinic at St. Elizabeth's Hospital.

May, Dr. Harold N. Cole, Dermatologist, and his subject, "Recent Advances in the Treatment of Syphilis."

June, Dr. S. O. Freedlander, Western Reserve University, and his subject, "Indications for Pulmonary Resection."

September, Dr. Roger E. Herring, Department of Health, State of Ohio, and his subject, "Medicine In Public Health."

October, Dr. Alan Richards Moritz, Harvard University, and his subject, "Medical Science in the Investigation of Homicide."

November, Dr. Wm. F. Reinhoff, Jr., Johns-Hopkins University, and his subject, "The Present Status of the Treatment of Malignant Tumors of the Lungs."

Also in November was a special meeting at the Nurses Home, South Side Unit. The speaker was Dr. R. E. S. Young, Columbus, Ohio. Dr. Young is an active leader of the Association of American Physicians and Surgeons and spoke on its "Principles and Objectives."

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Cancer Committee

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The Cancer Committee of the Mahoning County Medical Society co-operated in this campaign. Members of the Cancer Committee talked on the subject of Cancer Control to the Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs and a large number of Women's Clubs in the city.

After this it was decided to have a public campaign to raise funds for a cancer detection clinic in Youngstown. At a meeting of the Cancer Committee with representative lay groups interested in this movement, it was decided that Mr. Philip Schaff should manage the campaign to raise funds. The campaign was put on during Cancer Control month in April and was very successful.

There was approximately \$14,000.00 raised, and there is now available \$6,000.00 to operate cancer detection clinics in Youngstown.

Arrangements are now being made to operate such a clinic at the South Side and St. Elizabeth's Hospitals. It is hoped that both of these Clinics may be in operation soon after January 1, 1946.

DR. JOHN HEBERDING, *Chairman of the Committee*

Legislative Committee

Legislatively speaking, the year 1945 has been a full year. Legislative Committeemen throughout the state were called upon often to contact representatives and state senators regarding various legislative activities. Much constructive and most important proposals actively sponsored by the medical profession were enacted into law, and a number of bad bills actively opposed by the profession were defeated. Your Legislative Committee contributed its full measure of assistance in this work.

The Medical Profession of Mahoning County should be well satisfied with the results the past year.

WM. M. SKIPP, *Chairman*

Secretary

The Mahoning County Medical Society at the end of 1945 has 232 active members, 5 interne members, 12 non-resident, 6 honorary and one associate member. We still have 44 members in the service.

We regret to report that we have lost two members who passed away during the year, Drs. W. E. Ranz and B. E. Mossman.

The regular monthly Council meetings were held as usual during the year.

G. M. McKELVEY, *Secretary*

Publicity

The publicity during the year went on as usual. There was no let up in our scientific programs, thus we notified our members from time to time of the different activities by sending out postals, posting notices in the three hospitals, phoning, etc., also keeping the press informed in time.

D. M. ROTHROCK, *Chairman*

Treasurer

Inserted in the December issue of the *Bulletin* was a copy of the finances reported as submitted by the auditor. No further explanation of the Society's finances is necessary.

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COUNCIL MEETING

The regular monthly Council Meeting was held on December 10th at the office of the secretary. The following doctors were present: W. H. Bunn, G. M. McKelvey, E. J. Wenaas, J. P. Harvey, C. A. Gustafson, V. L. Goodwin, W. M. Skipp and E. H. Nagel. Dr. J. Heberding was a guest, and discussed "Cancer Detection Clinic."

Mr. W. C. Fisher audited the books for 1945 and gave his report.

The regular Annual Meeting was held at the Youngstown Club on Tuesday, December 18th.

The following officers were elected for the year 1946: President-elect,

Dr. G. M. McKelvey; Secretary, Dr. V. L. Goodwin; Treasurer, Dr. P. J. McOwen; Delegate to the Ohio State Medical Association for three years, Dr. Wm. M. Skipp; Alternate Delegates to the Ohio State Medical Association, Dr. E. C. Baker, Dr. J. J. McDonough and Dr. W. J. Tims; Trustee to serve as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Associated Hospital Service, Inc., Dr. H. E. Patrick.

Dr. W. H. Bunn, retiring president, then presented the gavel to Dr. G. M. McKelvey as the president for 1946, and after a short acceptance speech, meeting adjourned.

G. M. McKELVEY, M. D., *Secretary*

January Meeting

Tuesday, January 15th—8:30 P. M.

YOUNGSTOWN CLUB

Speaker:

MAJOR FRED S. COOMBS

Subject:

**“THERAPEUTIC AND TOXIC EFFECTS OF
SALICYLATES”**

IMPORTANT MEETING

**Chicago Medical Society
Annual Clinical Conference**

Palmer House, Chicago, March 5, 6, 7 and 8, 1946

The program committee has invited outstanding members of the medical profession to present papers of general interest to all the profession. The space in the Exhibition Hall has been completely allotted to a carefully selected group of Technical Exhibitors and the Committee on Scientific Exhibits is busy processing the large number of applications submitted for presentation at this meeting. These plans assure the success of this the first major general meeting in Chicago since the cessation of hostilities. It should prove intensely interesting to all physicians in and near Illinois.

NEWS . . .

Dr. and Mrs. Gilbert T. Patrick, Battle Creek, Michigan, spent the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Beegley and Dr. H. E. Patrick.

Dr. and Mrs. F. W. McNamara spent a holiday week end in the east, and visited their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Deitz, Bayside, L. I.

Dr. and Mrs. Samuel H. Sedwitz are spending a month in California.

Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Tims and son Jay have returned from Buffalo where Dr. Tims completed a refresher course at the University of Buffalo.

Dr. and Mrs. H. M. Osborne recently visited their daughter, Mrs. Paul Varhonda, and Miss Dorothy Foster, in Long Beach, Calif.

Dr. J. K. Herald has returned from Eloise, Michigan, where he was taking special work in surgery at Eloise Hospital.

Dr. and Mrs. John A. Welter have returned from a month's vacation in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Capt. Charles W. Mathias, 0550690, 183rd Station Hospital, A. P. O. 942, c/o P. M., Seattle, Washington, sends greetings from Alaska. His greeting card shows him sitting with his Eskimo dog team among the jack pines in the snows of Alaska. He seems happy.

Dr. W. H. Bunn entertained Council of the Mahoning Medical Society at a steak dinner, Youngstown Club, Tuesday, December 18th, previous to the monthly meeting.

Dr. S. R. Zoss attended the American Academy of Allergists Convention, Chicago, December 10th to 15th.

Captain Barclay Brandmiller landed in Seattle just before Christmas and arrived in Youngstown for New Year's day. He has been in the South Pacific and other overseas war theaters for three years, as a regimental surgeon.

Dr. C. M. Askue is in West Penn Hospital, Pittsburgh, taking a post-graduate course in X-ray.

Dr. James D. Brown announces that on and after January 1st, 1946, his practice will be limited to General Surgery.

SERVICE RECORD

(The Bulletin plans to print a service record of every physician who returns from service. We would appreciate it very much if those returning will contact the editor, or someone of the Editorial Committee, and give them information that will enable us to compile such a record.—Editor)

MAJOR SIDNEY SELKOVITZ

Dr. Selkovitz, after serving as resident physician at the Mahoning Tuberculosis Sanatorium for two years, entered the service in October of 1940. He was first assigned to Fort Jackson, S. Carolina, and remained there for almost four years. He was sent overseas in September of 1944 as chief of a contagious diseases unit. He was at Rheims when the Germans surrendered. In May of 1945 he was sent to South France and later to Cannes, France.

MAJOR P. R. McCONNELL

Dr. McConnell entered the service July 1942 with the rank of Major. He was sent to Patterson Field where he stayed until October when he was sent to India. From India he was transferred to Egypt where he was transferred again to the 38th General Hospital where he stayed until 1943 when he was sent back to the States. He was chief of the G. U. Section and the Percy-Jones General Hospital, the Gardner General Hospital and the Mayo General Hospital.



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Dr. Steinberg has been a member of the reserve officers corps since 1934. He entered the armed services on January 7, 1941. He was sent to Camp Shelby, Miss., where he was battalion surgeon of the 112th field artillery of the 37th division, was transferred to the 113th engineers of the 38th division and was assistant regimental surgeon. He received a medical discharge in May 1943 at Lawson General Hospital.

CAPTAIN L. H. MOYER

Dr. Moyer entered the service July 1942. His first assignment was Fort Leonard Wood, where he was battalion surgeon. He then took part in the Tennessee Maneuvers and later the desert maneuvers in Arizona. He was then transferred to the Torney General Hospital at Palm Springs, California, and then to the Hoff General Hospital, Santa Barbara, California. He received a medical discharge in August 1943.

MAJOR S. D. GOLDBERG

Dr. Goldberg entered the service February 1941, and was discharged on September 28, 1945. He received special training in anesthetics in this country and in 1944 was transferred to England where he was stationed at Leon Minster, where he was chief of anesthetics. He assisted with the D-Day casualties which came shortly after he arrived. He was discharged from Camp Atterbury.

MAJOR ASHER RANDELL

Dr. Randell was called to service in January of 1941. He served with a number of medical units in this country before being sent overseas. He was stationed at Portage Ordnance Depot at the time of the munitions explosion in March, 1943. For the last eight months he has been in Manila where he was first in charge of the gastro-enterology section of the 51st General Hospital and later chief of medicine. His terminal leave will expire and he will be formally discharged on March 27, 1946.

COMMANDER STANLEY A. MYERS

Dr. Myers entered the service in March of 1942 and spent the first three months in California. In July of 1942, he was sent to the South Pacific with a Naval Hospital Unit. On arrival in the South Pacific, he was transferred for temporary duty with the First Marine Division at Guadalcanal. Following completion of duty with the Marines, he rejoined his original unit in the New Hebrides at the U. S. N. Naval Base Hospital No. 3. After 16 months he was then transferred to Base Hospital No. 4 in Silverstream, New Zealand. He returned to the United States in June of 1944 and had duty at the Naval Hospitals in Sampson, New York and Springfield, Mass., until separated from the service.

CAPTAIN O. M. LAWTON

Dr. Lawton enlisted in August of 1941. He was assigned to the Marine Base at San Diego and went to sea in December. For 16 months he was in the South Pacific. He saw service at Guadalcanal, the Coral Sea battles, Okinawa and many other hot spots. He wears three battle stars. In 1942 he was made a commander. In 1943 he was executive officer of the Kaneohe Naval Air Station and from there was sent the Bethesda Naval Hospital as psychiatrist. In 1944 he became head of the neuro-psychiatric section at the Naval Hospital, Farragut, Idaho. In April of 1945 Capt. Lawton was at Okinawa as commanding officer of a 1,500 bed hospital. He returned to the 12th Naval District in September and was discharged December 6.

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H. Lisser, M. D. and L. E. Curtis, M. D.: J. of Clinical Endocrinology; V. 9, Nov. 1945. "Treatment of Post-traumatic Simmonds' Disease with Methyl Testosterone Linguets."

The primary responsibility of Simmonds' disease is the pituitary gland with widespread bodily damage produced by secondary derangement of the thyroid, adrenals, gonads, parathyroids and insular portions of the pancreas. The cardinal features of the malady are marked loss of weight, loss of sexual function and sterility, low basal metabolic rate, low excretion level of follicle stimulating hormone, and extremely low or absent excretion of urinary 17-ketosteroids.

The authors review the literature and report a case of Simmonds' disease which resulted from a serious head injury. The patient received various preparations of pituitary extract with no beneficial results. In the course of nine months treatment with methyl testosterone linguets, sexual hair reappeared, libido and erections returned to normal, there was gain of weight, strength and mental acuity, the basal metabolic rate rose and the cholesterol level of the blood dropped.

Benjamin H. Ershoff and David Hershberg: American J. of Physiology; V. 145, Dec. 1945. "The Beneficial Effects of Yeast on the Cardiac Failure of Hyperthyroid Rats."

Female rats were placed at weaning on purified rations containing 0.0, 0.5, and 1.0 percent desiccated thyroid. Three basal rations were used and in two of the rations B vitamins were administered while in the third yeast was added.

Rats maintained on synthetic rations were extremely sensitive to thyroid with sudden death occurring due to cardiac failure. Length of survival was markedly prolonged in those rats receiving yeast. All thyroid fed rats showed cardiac pathology in the electro-cardiographic tracings while those receiving no thyroid were normal.

The authors conclude with the suggestion that yeast contains some factor other than Vitamin B that prolongs survival in thyroid fed rats.

Frank L. Apperly, M. D., D. Sc., F. R. C. P. and M. K. Cary, A. B.; Cancer Research. V. 5, Dec. 1945. "The Deterrent Effect of Light Upon the Incidence of Spontaneous Mammary Cancer In Mice."

Many observers have noted the fact that cancer mortality rates vary in different parts of the world, even when peoples are of the same European stock, but living in different climates, are compared. It was noted that mortalities from cancer, skin cancer excepted, fell with increased solar radiation and the number of people exposed thereto.

On the basis of these reports the authors investigated the effects of light on strains of mice subject to mammary cancer. Mice in this group were divided into a control group and those exposed to light from a G. E. model F ultra violet lamp for varying periods.

Of 161 mice that reached the tumor age, 60 control mice showed a cancer incidence of 50% when the experiment was terminated at the 131st week. Of 101 mice exposed to ultraviolet radiation only 9% developed cancer, but the non-cancer death rate was significantly increased.

The use of Vitamin D in place of radiation did not produce the same results and Vitamin D apparently is not a factor.

S. KLATMAN, M. D.

ANESTHETIST'S LAMENT

(As recorded in J. A. M. A.)

I sit all day on my behind
With one thing uppermost on my mind
It isn't the women, and
It isn't the booze
It isn't the money at golf I lose.
But why I have that perpetual frown
Is watching that bag
go up and down.

I watch and I stare until
I'm damned near nuts,
While the surgeon pulls on someone's guts.
It isn't the color, and
It isn't the sweat,
It isn't the fee I know I won't get.
But I'm on my way, asylum bound
Watching that bag,
go up and down.

I twist and I squirm and
may take a nap,
While the surgeon piddles on a vag and lap,
It isn't the pulse
nor the degree
of relaxation that worries me,
But while the clock goes round and round
It's that Gawd dam bag that
goes up and down.

I fret and I stew and
sometimes yell,
Oxygenation, so what the hell?
Blood pressure falling,
And pale as a ghost,
Are never the signs that worry me most.
There's only one thing in this man's town,
It's that Gawd dam bag that
goes up and down

ARTHUR C. AMBLER, M. D.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY OF THE MAHONING COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

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Mrs. John Rogers, Secretary

Mrs. W. K. Allsop, President-Elect

Mrs. M. M. Kendall, Treasurer

Mrs. L. George Coe, the new president of the Women's Auxiliary of the Mahoning County Medical Society, received the gavel from Mrs. A. E. Brant, retiring president; and the officers listed above were elected during the business meeting at the annual Christmas party for members on the evening of December 17, at the Youngstown Club.

Mrs. A. E. Brant was presented a lovely corsage of pink roses by Mrs. D. M. Rothrock, retiring vice president.

The U-shaped table was gaily decorated with white pine, Christmas baubles, and red tapers. Mrs. E. E. Kirkwood was in charge of these decorations.

Twelve tables of bridge were in play in the club lounge, honors at cards going to Mrs. W. J. Colbert, Mrs. R. M. Morrison, Mrs. John F. McCann, Mrs. R. W. Fenton, Mrs. John S. Goldcamp, Mrs. W. H. Evans and Mrs. R. B. Poling. Mrs. Saul Tamarkin won the evening's special prize.

In charge of the dinner-bridge were the program and social committees. Mrs. George McKelvey and Mrs. A. J. Brandt, chairman and co-chairman of the program committee, were assisted by Mrs. J. L. Fisher, Mrs. John S. Goldcamp, Mrs. James B. Birch, Mrs. John J. McDonough, Mrs. Howard Mathay and Mrs. John F. McCann.

Serving on the social committee, with Mrs. Donald A. Gross, chairman, and Mrs. W. Z. Baker, co-chairman, were Mrs. E. E. Kirkwood, Mrs. W. B. Turner, Mrs. L. George Coe, Mrs. J. J. Wasilko, Mrs. E. J. Wenaas, Mrs. R. B. Poling, Mrs. Paul Harvey, Mrs. S. H. Sedwitz, Mrs. M. M. Kendall, Mrs. P. J. McOwen, Mrs. T. K. Golden, Mrs. E. C. Baker, Mrs. G. G. Nelson, Mrs. W. K. Allsop and Mrs. Ralph R. Morrall.

During the business meeting Article V, Section II of the Constitution which reads: "the annual meeting shall be in December" was amended to read: "the annual meeting shall be in May."

Due to this change in the Constitution the newly elected officers will serve from January 1946 until May 1947, when the annual meeting will be held. The members voted to omit the January meeting in order to give the program committee more time to plan the program for the coming year and a half and to have the year books ready for the February meeting.

Our February meeting will be announced in the next issue of the *Bulletin*, so watch for it and plan to attend. Our attendance should show improvement now that things in general are getting back to normal. We hope those members who have been with their husbands while they were in service, and who have now returned, will again become active in their Auxiliary. To the new members we extend a hearty welcome and hope that you too will take an active part in carrying out the objects of this Auxiliary.

To all members I wish to extend my sincere wish for a very happy New Year and may those hopes and desires which bring peace and happiness be fulfilled.

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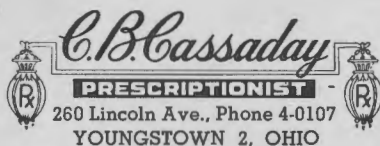
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