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Dec. 20—Annual Business Meeting.

January, 1939—Annual Banquet—Dr. Jonathan Forman, Editor-in-Chief of the State Medical Journal. Subject: Socialized Medicine.

February—Local Program—Tuberculosis.

March—Dr. Curtis, Surgeon. Ohio State University Medical College.

April—Postgraduate Day—University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Wolferth (medicine), Dr. Pendegrast (radiologist), Dr. Stokes (pediatrician), Dr. Kern (surgeon).

May-Interne Competition.

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#### PRESIDENT'S PACE

The Society's record for the year 1938 is now engraved upon the tablets of time. So brilliant is that record as to call for little comment. But my pride in it and my gratitude to those mainly responsible for it, prompt me to refer to certain phases of it.

The Scientific programs, including Postgraduate Day and the special lectures on treatment, just closed, have never been surpassed in skill of delivery, timeliness of the subjects, freshness, and practical usefulness. Postgraduate management was in every way superb, and the attendance was one of the largest in our history.

Our social events pleased all those who attended them, and nearly all the Society were present at one or more of them. This year we have made three innovations: First, "Old Timers' Night" for past Presidents; second, honoring Dr. H. E. Blott on the completion of fifty years of active practice, and with him honoring our other Honorary Members; and third, the Dinner Dance. If the enthusiasm of everybody is a proper guide for judgment, these were all tremendously successful. Our ladies were delighted with the dance, and they say they want more.

Our Economics, Public Relations, and Indigent Relief Committees, both the main Committee and the Sub-Committees, have done fine work, and much more of it than most of us realize. The "Survey," the holding together of our plans for medical care to those on Relief, the arrangement with the Juvenile Court in A. D. C. work, and many other matters, have been effectively dealt with.

The happy and coöperative spirit, so much desired by us as well as by the Hospitals, was greatly promoted by our plan for reopening the hospital dispensaries. There is never any good reason for any other relationship between all the agencies devoted to the care of the sick.

At this particular time the work of the Legislative Committee is of especial importance. That work has been, and is being, taken care of in the most efficient and effective manner. Such work if carried out nationally would leave nothing to fear.

The radio talks and the addresses to lay audiences, handled by the Lay Education Committee, kept the public constantly aware of what we are doing, and, at the same time, gave much of practical value on health subjects. This work ties up with that of the Public Health Committee, which held several constructive meetings.

Publicity did not lag, that of the Publicity Committee, that connected with Postgraduate Day, and that through the Bulletin. We are proud of the Bulletin and we feel that its quality has continued to be very high.

The Membership and Attendance Committee brought in large members of young men as Associate members, who next year will be applicants for Active membership. Thus within this year the seeds are sown for a good and loyal membership increasing from around 200 to more than 240. And we are proud of these young recruits.

In fact, every Committee did its work in fullest coöperation. For all these things the credit must go to the intelligent, loyal, hard-working Committees and their Chairmen. Without such good workers no officer could do a thing. With such as these, no officer could fail.



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#### **OUR BULLETIN**

This being the last issue of the Society's monthly publication this year, I wish to take this opportunity to thank all those who have contributed material and support in any way during the past year. The success of any enterprise is always due to the loyal support and energetic work of the many people who go to make up such an organization.

In the publishing of our *Bulletin* there are many details that have to be worked out each month, in order to give the Society a presentable picture of all the important events in the field of medicine, within the Society and the medical world at large.

I feel, that it is a pleasant opportunity to give credit, not only to our own members who have contributed so generously, but, also to our advertisers. As you know it has been their loyal support that has helped us to carry the Bulletin financially. It behooves every one of us to look over the list of advertisers and avail ourselves of every opportunity to patronize them.

Possibly the following will be of interest to you concerning the *Bulletin's* work. Fifty per cent of the material turned in for publication is manuscript and must be typed. We appreciate it in any form, but it involves a lot of work. Forty per cent of the ads are written by us. Many want to advertise but are not ad writers.

The activities of the Society have been tops and I believe the publicity has been a great help. We must remember that it is only by means of the *Bulletin* that those outside have an opportunity to be informed of the work being done by the Society. With a mailing list of 1000 it enables us to cover Ohio and many other states. Because of its wide distribution, we feel that we should make an ardent endeavor to maintain the *Bulletin's* high standards.

Much credit should go to the Youngstown Printing Company, and in particular to Miss Mary Herald, for the fine way in which they have coöperated at all times. I believe the Society is justly proud of our unique, artistic and mechanically correct Bulletin.

Finally, I wish to express my gratitude for the opportunity of serving as Editor during the year.

> JAMES D. BROWN, M. D., Editor.



#### PRESIDENT'S PAGE

(Continued from Page 389)

The Council deserves special mention. No matter if the assignment is tough the Censors do their duty. The Delegates, too, are leaders in the State House-of-Delegates, — as any "doubting-Tommy" can find by brief inquiry at Columbus. They are sane and sound. They study their work and they have something to offer.

Few realize the value of work done by the Secretary and the Treasurer. They have performed most conscientiously this year.

Best of all, the members gave the Society unstinted coöperation. But for your loyalty as a good member nobody could have secured results at all comparable to those we look back upon with such satisfaction.

One suggestion: We need a central office with a capable person there to look after the many details of Society activities, — and we need some such arrangement NOW! Thus we shall save the Society as much as the cost if not more—not to mention the main reasons: namely, increased efficiency and less wasted effort. I believe this coöperative spirit already mentioned ought to be utilized jointly by all our organizations engaged in work allied to medicine. I have appointed a special committee of the Council to give this matter careful study. This committee will report to the Society in the near future.

No words can express my pride in having enjoyed the honor of serving as President of the Mahoning County Medical Society. I have tried to deserve it. My sincere wish is to serve the Society whenever I can be of use.

Now, at this Blessed Season, may our Heavenly Father grant to you, and to your loved ones, health, and His Holy Peace.

CLAUDE B. NORRIS, M. D.

#### SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT-1938

We are at the terminus of another year. Organized medicine has been assaulted definitely by outside influences. This has disturbed the waters and they are restless and uneasy. Medicine has been put on the defensive.

It is required that each unit of the profession have able leaders. Our president during the past year, Dr. Claude B. Norris, has been admirably successful throughout his administration. This is as we expected. Being a leader in organization work is not a new experience for him and this has been beneficial to the Society. In succeeding years his council and past experience will be a source of helpfulness in an advisory capacity as well as in further activity.

The medical profession has been threatened. It is now common knowl-

edge that the federal government is taking steps to administer advise to us and by command. It has activated certain measures which begin to appear like the introduction of socialized medicine under the control of the national government. Because of this, the delegates of the American Medical Association met in special session to consider the proposals set forth. This threat has definitely struck home and the units of the profession are very much involved. Should the profession be saved from socialism, it behooves the local units, i. e. county societies, to be ready to take up the burden of a great deal of the administration of medical welfare. If these units prove unsatisfactory in carrying on this necessary work the threat of socialized medicine will continue to exist. Individualism in medicine ceases to be all sufficient. There needs be a public minded attitude by the members individually the same as the group as a whole.

The committees of the local medical society have kept a united front in carrying on the activities and various responsibilities arising during the past year. No one has failed to do his duty.

The Editor, Dr. James D. Brown, and his committee have successfully kept the organ of the Society—The Bulletin—at its usual elevated state of usefulness. Being its editor is a responsible position. All eyes are open to see the Bulletin each month and the members relish its contents.

The Program Committee, under the efficient and able guidance of the chairman, Dr. John Noll, has given the Society a series of outstanding programs during the year. It goes without saying that a great deal of time and effort—and tact—are required of the program chairman and his committee. Dr. Noll in his report gives his several associates ample credit for their generous aid. Our programs and graduate course have been excellent and we are justly proud of them.

The Postgraduate Day Committee with Dr. James Birch as chairman, receive the felicitation of the Society as a whole. A splendid job was completed by this committee. Previous to and during this day, a great deal of effort and activity are required and plenty of organization adeptness is needed. As in the past this exceptional event was highly successful.

The Public Relations and Economics Committee with its chairman, Dr. Walter King Stewart, its Sub-Committee on Indigent Relief headed by Dr. D. E. Montgomery, the Sub-Committee on Economics with Dr. Earl Young chairman, and the Sub-Committee on Public Relations whose chairman is Dr. Wm. Evans, together have worked willingly and thoroughly and have expended the

time, effort and intelligence to care for this very important part of the Society's activities.

The Legislative Committee and its chairman, Dr. O. J. Walker, have had an unusually busy year. With the election at hand and the temper of medical welfare being as sensitive as it is, special alertness has been required on the part of the Legislative Committee. It must foster the defeat of a certain portion of medical legislation and promote other measures. Legislative phases of medicine are particularly active in these times.

The Hospital Relations Committee, having Dr. Wm. K. Allsop as its chairman, effected an excellent accomplishment in aiding to set in motion the organization of the Associated Hospital Service, Incorporated. This is a fine thing for the public and their response in the past few months has been remarkable. Many thousand members have availed themselves of this opportunity.

Dr. Wm. Skipp as head of the Committee on Lay Education has been very active in keeping the public informed on medical progress and calls for speakers for lay organizations have required many volunteers from the membership. This is a thoroughly useful activity and it serves to make the Society a direct force in the community.

The Public Health Committee, Publicity Committee, State Correspondence Committee, Membership Committee, Housing and Library Committee, the Members of the Executive Committee of the Women's Field Army Against Cancer and the Medico-Legal Committee, the chairmen of which are, in the order named, Dr. Charles Scofield, Dr. Louis S. Deitchman, Dr. Edward J. Reilly, Dr. Elmer H. Nagel, Dr. Adolph Marinelli and Dr. G. B. Kramer, have willingly executed their various duties. No part of any committee activity has been neglected.

The Social Committee and its chairman, Dr. H. E. Patrick, have

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been far from idle. This committee works that all other members may play. The preparation for an entertainment, seeing that everything moves right along during the event, and the follow up all require effort and attention.

Certain features in the activities of the past year deserve special mention.

The "Old Timer's Night" in conjunction with the Annual Banquet was a gala event. Twenty-four living past presidents were honored. The majority of them were present and each received a gavel on which his name was engraved. In addition to the guest speaker, Don Cole, the president and secretary of the Ohio State Medical Association were in attendance.

The Postgraduate Day was a huge success. The large attendance was an indication that this day is well established. The program was outstanding and the speakers from the Lahey Clinic were of national reputation.

The postgraduate course offered in the fall of each year is a real contribution to the improvement of our Society. The recent course consisted of eight lectures on therapeutics. These were given by able physicians and were well delivered and well attended. We acknowledge that these men are masters in their field of endeavor, and their willingness to impart the information they have accumulated over years of keen observation and study is appreciated.

One of our members, Dr. C. R. Clark, heads a committee of the Red Cross to supply pneumonia serum to those who are unable to finance it for themselves. This is an extremely worthy cause and will no doubt result in the saving of many lives. As stated in another *Bulletin*, no one need be without serum in this community.

It is noteworthy that Dr. Wm. Bunn has been selected to be president of the Central Society for Clinical Research. This is one of the nation's outstanding medical groups. Its membership consists of leaders in scientific and clinical medicine. We congratulate Dr. Bunn on his achievement of this honor.

Dr. Walter King Stewart has been recognized by officials of the State Medical Association for his efforts and ability on medical economics. As a result, he has been appointed chairman of the "Special Committee on Poor Relief." This committee will foster the new set-up in Poor Relief laws in the state of Ohio.

The membership of Mahoning County Medical Society is not unmindful of the influence that cloaks Dr. Wm. Skipp in the Ohio State Medical Association. During these days of major activities and heavy responsibilities in organized medicine, the Councillor of the sixth district of Ohio has spent much time and study on the issues involved. His influence in the Council of the State Association is not small and he has become one of its strongest members.

Council of Mahoning County Medical Society met on November 7, 1938. A lively discussion relative to an executive secretary for the Society was stimulated by the president. Certain suggestions were made whereby this could be possible. After the pros and cons of an executive secretary were discussed (there were really no cons) a motion was passed that a committee be appointed to study a central office set-up in other societies.

Possible utilization of the Municipal Hospital for medical and surgical needs in cases of contagious diseases received the special attention of Council.

The regular meeting of Mahoning County Medical Society was held at the Youngstown Club, November 15, 1938. The guest speaker of the evening was Dr. John H. Talbott of Massachusetts General Hospital. His subject was "General Use of the Chemical Laboratory in the Diagnosis and Practice of Medicine."

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The application for Active Membership of Dr. John A. Welter was read to the Society.

Council has approved the application for membership in Mahoning County Medical Society of the following:

Active Members:

Dr. Gabriel E. DeCicco Dr. Thomas E. Patton Dr. Herman Ipp Dr. Samuel Epstein.

Associate Member: Dr. Herbert B. Hutt.

Unless objection in writing to any of these applicants is filed with the secretary within fifteen days, they will become members of the Society.

After a humble effort to carry on the duties as secretary of the Mahoning County Medical Society during the past three years, the present encumbent of that office passes them on to a successor. It has been an honor to serve the Society and I thank you for having given me this opportunity.

R. B. POLING, M. D., Secretary.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR 1938

#### Annual Report—Chairman of the Program Committee for 1938

Dear Dr. Norris:

As Chairman of the Program Committee, I wish to thank the entire Membership for their splendid attendance at the various scientific functions. This attendance and interest is very encouraging to the speakers and is appreciated fully by each one. This makes it easier to get other speakers from the same locale in the future. I should like to express my appreciation to Dr. W. K. Allsop who was instrumental in getting the Lahey Group for our Postgraduate Day and to Dr. J. A. Altdoerffer who was responsible for the acceptance of Dr. M. Edward Davis in March.

Many feel that the Program Chairmanship is a one man's job, but I assure you that each member of my committee did each job well when it was assigned to him.

As to the future, you all know that the Program Chairman serves until June of the coming year in order to make a smooth running schedule.

For this reason I am taking the

liberty of making some announcements for the future. Our annual Banquet in January will be addressed by Dr. Jonathan Foreman, Editor of the Ohio State Medical Journal. He is a fine speaker and will talk on Socialized Medicine. February will see a local program on Tuberculosis put on by our Public Health Committee of 1938, Dr. Chas. Scofield, chairman. In March, thanks to Dr. W. M. Skipp, Dr. Curtis of Columbus will be the guest speaker. Our Annual Postgraduate Day, April 20, 1939, will have an eminent group from the University of Pennsylvania, thanks to Dr. Earl Brant, made up of Dr. Wolferth, Dr. Pendegrast, Radiologist, Dr. Stokes, Pediatrician, and Dr. Kean, Surgeon. They promise us a varied and interesting program. The Interne competition will be in May instead of June, due to the A. M. A. Convention in May, and we hope that the June regular meeting will have as guest speaker an eminent endocrinologist, Dr. Wenaas, thanks to Dr. Collier.

JOHN NOLL, M. D., Chairman.



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#### Attendance and Membership Committee Report

Dear Dr. Norris:

The duties of the Attendance and Membership Committee consisted primarily of notifying members of coming events and coöperating with the various committees to assure a good attendance at all meetings.

I wish to thank all members of this committee for their valuable aid and coöperation in carrying on the duties of the Committee.

At this time our membership consists of:

Regular members	209 12 6 29	
Total	256	

Applications for membership pending, 13.

Associate members who are in the process of becoming active members, 3. ELMER H. NAGEL, M. D.,

Chairman.

#### Report of the Public Relations and Economics Committee

Dear Dr. Norris:

The major task of this Committee was the completion of the "A. M. A. Survey." Study of need and supply of Medical and Allied Professional Care is a more explanatory term for this now forgotten white elephant program of the A. M. A. "It wonders me," as the Pennsylvania Dutchman would say that a group of medical men of long experience in organization work would not appreciate the terrific expense to county medical societies of such a survey. Private foundations have spent millions on similar surveys. The writer has been asked many, many times what value these figures, once compiled, could be on a national scope. "Of very doubtful value," could be the only answer. Perhaps it was expected the

survey would stall the necessity of official action against government regimentation of medicine.

It would have been much more effective had the A. M. A. selected typically American districts for the survey, and into these districts the A. M. A. should have sent trained investigators and borne the entire expense.

Locally, though expensive, the return of the survey blanks was very gratifying to the committee. These returns have been published in the *Bulletin* and need not be repeated here.

The figures for Blank No. 1, "Information Concerning Medical and Dental Practice," is as follows:

Question No. 1—How many persons did you refer, during 1937, to hospitals, dispensaries or clinics for free medical, dental or hospital care? 2,366 people.

Question No. 2—How many persons referred to you from Central admitting bureaus, Courts, County Commissioners, relief agencies, or other sources during 1937, did you accept for free care or for a predetermined reduced fee, in your office, in the patient's house, or a hospital? 6,481 persons.

Question No. 3—To how many persons who consulted you voluntarily (Not referred by any governmental or voluntary relief agency or other source) during 1937, did you give free service in your office, the patient's home or a hospital? 12,196 persons.

Physicians in Mahoning County spent 7,095 hours, during 1937, in the care of free ambulatory patients, in out-patient departments, dispensaries or clinics.

Only a small portion of the dental blanks were returned. But 1,590 free dental examinations were made which surely is only a small portion of the total amount of free dental service.

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#### NOTICE TO MEMBERS

Dr. Claude B. Norris, President, Mahoning County Medical Society.

Dear Dr. Norris:

In accordance with our By-Laws it is necessary for the Mahoning County Medical Society to elect one (1) trustee to serve as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Associated Hospital Service, Incorporated, for the year 1939.

May we have notification as to the result of this election as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

ROBERT E. MILLS.

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#### Report of the Public Relations and Economics Committee

(Continued from Page 399)

This Committee has undertaken a study of the contracts of insurance companies who write a malpractice feature of liability coverage. However, so far as Mahoning County is concerned—there are but three companies who have malpractice coverage in force. Obviously, it is not within the scope of this committee to look into the costs of such coverage for that is a matter which the individual physician should decide for himself. But we are interested in ascertaining if all the ramifications of a physician's professional life are adequately covered by the contract, should the patient decide to take recourse to law. This investigation will be completed before the end of the year, and information will be available to each physician on a confidential basis.

Since the A. M. A. Special Meeting in September, our State association has taken active and official interest in a permanent relief set-up.

Without going into details regarding the preliminary plans for such a setup, it is safe to say the program will eventually be worked out on a countywide basis. Our relief program, subject as it has been for five years to the limitations of temporary relief grants, has to date weathered many stormy times. It has been the function of this committee, working with the Sub-committee on Poor Relief, to keep our more or less skeletal relief set-up intact and operating. On two occasions this year because of shortage of relief grants, the committee has made financial concessions to the County Commissioners in order to keep the program in operation. The writer hopes with the ensuing vear this present relief program may continue to operate. Even though the present set-up is inadequate to meet the needs of the indigent, it is still a splendid foundation for a permanent medical relief program on a county-wide basis.

WALTER KING STEWART, M. D., Chairman.

#### Sub-Committee on Indigent Relief

Dear Dr. Norris:

Your committee has met at the Relief Office each Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. this past year to aid in the adjustment of medical events of each week.

The lack of relief funds has compelled us to conserve to every end, yet not to infringe on inadequate care.

The coöperation of Mr. I. L. Feuer and the County Commissioners has been greatly appreciated.

The following is the Medical Report for the past months:

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1938	Feb.	March	April	May	Aug.		Sept.
Grand Total Patients	667	740	618	462	633		324
Number Home Calls	309	380	318	200	223		128
Number Office Calls	370	437	359	312	407		205
Total Medical Expense	\$2,369	\$2,569	\$1,467	\$1,007	\$1,325	\$	831
Total Drug Expense	\$ 641	\$ 681	\$ 501	\$ 439	\$ 550	\$	383
New Cases	130	115	86	98	120		65
Refused Cases	47	71	44	59	96		152
Obstetrical Cases	29	15	17	13	13		12
Venereal Cases	34	51	42	34	43		26
X-Ray Cases	3	5	6	3	8		5
Grand Total Medical Expense.	\$3,140	\$3,411	\$2,057	\$1,492	\$1,940	\$1.	285

On April 1, 1938, we were asked to reduce our fees temporarily, due to the depression increase which we did; and as the depression and lack of funds are still on the down grade, the fee rate has not been returned.

On September 15, 1938, we received the following letter:

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Dr. D. E. Montgomery, Chairman Relief Committee Mahoning County Medical Society Youngstown, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Montgomery:

We regret to inform you that the cash balance on hand in the Mahoning County Relief Fund is entirely exhausted. There is enough money on hand to cover all encumbrances that have been made to date but no further orders will be written unless funds can be secured for relief purposes.

We are making every effort to devise measures to provide funds and some plans should materialize that may solve the problem. However, we thought it only fair to inform you of the situation as it exists at present.

All of us realize the seriousness of the situation and even though funds are depleted, it will be a near calamity to stop the issuing of the necessary relief. We are therefore appealing for the co-operation of all doctors and asking them, if able, to accept relief orders without a guarantee or county obligation until such time as funds are available. Something definite should develop in about thirty days and if money will then be made available, the bills obligated above will be made a regular county relief obligation for payment.

We are communicating with you as Chairman of Relief Committee of the Mahoning County Medical Society for you to sign this letter to cover the members of your Association.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF MAHONING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Fred A. Wagner, Chairman Henry C. Brandmiller Thomas R. Bees.

Mahoning County Relief Administration I. L. Feuer, Director.

Your letter of September 15th was considered at the regular Council meeting with Mr. I. L. Feuer present and we decided to go along, which we are still doing. Now it is hoped that at the election the "Poor Relief Bonds Bill" will pass and that money will be forthcoming in the near future to pay in full.

However, in spite of all this, we feel sure no patient has been neglected, no

indigent has received inadequate care.

The physicians are to be complimented for their "always-willing-to-do" spirit. I wish to thank members of the Committee who have so faithfully helped. Respectfully submitted.

D. E. MONTGOMERY, Chairman.

#### From Mahoning County Relief Administration

Dr. D. E. Montgomery, South Side Bank Bldg., Youngstown, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

This is to advise you that medical fees will again be paid on a basis of two (\$2.00) dollars for an office visit and three (\$3.00) dollars for a home visit. This is in conformity with our agreement with the Mahoning County Medical Society at the time that the fees were reduced.

The advance in fees will take effect as of November 1, and any orders that were written previous to

this notice will be supplemented by this increase, since November 1.

Thanking you for your kind cooperation with the Relief Administration and also assuring you we appreciate the help of the Mahoning County Medical Society on the bond relief issue, we remain,

Yours very truly,

Mahoning County Relief Administration I. L. FEUER, Director.

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#### Report of Sub-Committee on Public Relations

Dr. C. B. Norris, President Mahoning County Medical Society,

Dear Doctor Norris:

The report of the Sub-Committee on Public Relations consists of mainly the work done in connection with Judge Beckenbach and his assistants in devising methods to care for those coming under the "Aid to Dependent Children." In an effort to learn how this work was being carried on in other communities of similar size, letters were written to the secretaries of eleven County Medical Societies asking for information. After many delays we were granted permission to start the physical examinations of these children and it was the consensus of opinion of the Committee, Judge Beckenbach, and the Mahoning County Board of Public Assistance, that the examinations be conducted under the supervision of Dr. Iames B. Birch, Dr. E. R. Thomas, and Dr. R. H. Middleton.

The dentists of Mahoning County have agreed to cooperate, and arrangements have been made through Dr. Harry Zeve to take care of this

work.

Respectfully submitted, W. H. EVANS, M. D., Chairman, Sub-Com. on Public Relations.

#### Legislative Committee Report

Dear Dr. Norris:

The past few months have been very active ones for Legislative Committeemen and now that the first phase of the work has been accomplished, the months starting January 1, promise to be full ones indeed.

Prior to election each of the twenty-two local candidates, whose office might have something to do with public health and medical practice, were contacted by members of our committee and their attitude on medical matters ascertained. Our interviews were strictly non-partisan and our reports on candidates dealt only

with their attitude on health and

medical problems.

The Sub-Committee on Legislation of the State Medical Association, on which your Chairman has had the honor to serve, has organized the legislative work throughout the state in a more thorough manner than ever before. Not only were all state-wide candidates interviewed by Committees from the State Association, but reports on all local candidates were sent in from all Counties by local Legislative Committeemen. As a result a report on each candidate was available and sent to each member of the Ohio State Medical Association prior to election.

Now, through this State-wide legislative organization, it is planned to carry on a careful survey of all legislation, Federal, State, County and Municipal, throughout the coming year. With Socialization of Medicine on the calendars of Congress and State Assemblies, with the cults making more drastic demands than ever before, constant vigilance and a continued friendly relationship with all

public officials are essential.

O. J. WALKER, M. D., Chairman.

#### Postgraduate Day

Dear Dr. Norris:

The Eleventh Annual Postgraduate Assembly, conducted by the Lahey Clinic Group, April 28th, 1938, at Hotel Ohio, was one of the finest ever held. The speakers were excellent and the whole program above reproach. These are the reasons why the attendance grows each year. This year the total exceeded 500 doctors. Besides those of Mahoning County, several hundred came from the counties and cities nearby, and a goodly number from communities far away.

The Committee wishes to express gratitude for the splendid coöperation in making this a happy event.

JAMES B. BIRCH, M. D., Chairman. 

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#### Report of Social Committee

Dear Dr. Norris:

Your Social Committee provided three functions for the Society. In July the Annual Golf Tournament was held at Southern Hills Country Club. A good attendance was on hand and a fine time had by all. So good, that no one seems to remember to whom the prizes were awarded. That is as it should be.

The annual corn roast and old-fashioned picnic was held late in August at the Milliken Farm. The features were the inter-hospital soft ball, won by the Youngstown Hospital group, the skeet shooting contest in which Cafaro DID NOT win, and the African domino contest. The winners in the latter contest were reported to have gone home early.

The last function was the initial dinner-dance of the Society, in October. This attracted over sixty couples

and was a grand occasion.

Your committee was able to conduct the above affairs with a total expense to the Society treasury not to exceed ten dollars.

H. E. PATRICK, M. D., Chairman.

#### Hospital Relations Committee Report

Dear Dr. Norris:

The Hospital Relations Committee makes the following report for the year 1938. Group Hospitalization, as approved by the Medical Society, is now well established and is past the experimental stage. The medical profession is represented by Dr. C. D. Hauser, Dr. H. E. Patrick and myself. Attached herewith is a report submitted by Mr. Robert E. Mills, Director of the Associated Hospital Service, Incorporated. I thought that this would be of interest to members of the Society at this time. We feel that we have made remarkable progress especially since this movement was established during the present period of depression.

The Committee also devised the

plan which was accepted by the Mahoning County Medical Society for opening the dispensaries in the various hospitals. To date, the dispensaries have not been opened but the plan of opening, as approved by the doctors, is available at any time the hospitals might decide to open them.

The Committee has had splendid coöperation during the year from the executives and staffs of both hospitals.

Very truly yours,

W. K. ALLSOP, M. D., Chairman.

#### Associated Hospital Service, Inc., Report

Nov. 8, 1938.

Dr. W. K. Allsop, Youngstown, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Allsop:

As of the first of November, 1938, after five months of operation, the Associated Hospital Service is able to report that it has 9,300 active members who have been protected for a total of 25,060 member months. During that time it has paid the hospitals for services required by its subscribers the total of \$8,197.75. This represents 1,387½ days' care which has been provided to 181 people.

The Associated Hospital Service was organized through the cooperation of the Medical Society and the Hospitals to make it possible for people of average means to budget their future for expected hospital expenses. In order that Hospital Service might be acquired, however, it was needed without the additional worry that would ordinarily be entailed in preparing for this necessary care. In presenting this service to the public we have kept this fact in mind, and have endeavored to present the plan to that group of people to whom we felt, as a whole, that the expense of hospital care would be a great problem. As of November 1, this plan has been presented to 170 groups which might be classed

as being in the moderate income brackets.

While it is our purpose to provide the community with a service, and while we are not interested in accumulating a large reserve, or making a profit, still in order to justify ourselves we must be self-sustaining. The Association while it is only five months old is now operating on a basis of less than 20% of its income, and we expect by the first of January to be able to operate very near to 10% of our income, which figure has been established by the American Hospital Association as one toward which all service corporations should aspire.

We very much appreciate the cooperation which we have received from the Medical Society both as a group and as individuals, because the Medical profession in many ways will be a large factor in the future success of the organization and the services which we can provide.

Very truly yours,

ROBERT E. MILLS.

#### Report of Publicity Committee

Dear Dr. Norris:

It was my good fortune to have the help of Drs. Autenreith, Herman Kaufman and Klatman, who did most of the work of the Publicity Committee. For this I am very thankful.

My special thanks are due to Sam Klatman for assuming the burden of Postgraduate Day publicity as well as for doing the largest share of the committee's work.

The committee tried to cover all activities, and it was a pleasure to serve the Mahoning County Medical Society.

LOUIS S. DEITCHMAN, M. D., Chairman.

#### Public Health Committee Report

Dear Dr. Norris:

The Public Health Committee held several meetings. The chief discussion concerned our Society's relation with the P. T. A. Officials of this organization attended one of these meetings and I believe our relations were improved, but believe that a uniform arrangement should prevail throughout the county and

city districts.

Our committee requested a date for a county meeting tuberculosis program. I understand this meeting is being arranged. Considerable discussion was had as to venereal disease from the public health standpoint.

CHARLES SCOFIELD, M. D.,

Chairman.

#### Lay Education Committee Report

Dear Dr. Norris:

The Lay Education Committee has had a very successful year, your committee has furnished:

Lay Organizations, 56 speakers. County Societies, 8 speakers. Radio Broadcasts, 52 speakers.

Lay organizations include churches, parent and teachers associations, service clubs, noon-day luncheon clubs.

The speakers have been recruited from the whole profession, and no member has declined his appointment or assignment if given time to arrange for the program.

Many members have received engagements from organizations not coming through the committee.

Your committee appreciates and wishes to thank the members for their coöperation, and for the many hours they have given to this cause.

WM. M. SKIPP, M. D.,

WM. M. SKIPP, M. D. Chairman.

#### Housing and Library Committee Report

Dear Dr. Norris:

Our Committee endeavored to carry on. The meeting places have continued to be at the Youngstown Club and the First Christian Church.

Our Committee went thoroughly into the question of the Society's ownership of our own "home." Several suggestions were considered. But it is the opinion of our Committee that it is unwise for the Society to undertake that burden at this time.

Respectfully,

A. MARINELLI, M. D., Chairman.

#### In Memoriam

#### M. J. Colbert, M. D.

January 28, 1894 — November 28, 1938

#### THE MEDICAL CRIER

A Page of Sidelights, News and Views in the Medical Field

• Now comes the gladsome Christmastide, already announced by winter's white banners. What could be more fitting at this season than to help those who have been helping our Bulletin all year? When you do your shopping, speak a word to our advertisers to let them know you appreciate their kindness.

• Once more our Society and our Bulletin finish a successful year. Don't forget a word of praise for our officers and the hard working Committee Chairmen. Now is the time to hand them their bouquets.

Organized medicine as represented by the A. M. A. is more or less under a cloud. It is accused publicly of being reactionary and trying to obstruct efforts to give the people better medical care. Remember that the A. M. A. is made up of a lot of county medical societies and that the county societies are made up of a lot of doctors. People don't know the A. M. A. but they do know and respect the doctors who are their personal friends and advisors. The A. M. A. is no more going to obstruct their medical care than is the doctor whom they know and trust. But it is going to fight political attempts to lower the standards of medical care in this country. Tell your patients.

- The Wayne County Medical Society (Detroit) held its annual Feather Party on November twenty-first. It was a real family party with dinner, dancing and games with plenty of prizes. The grand award was a free trip to Bermuda for the lucky couple.
   Members of the Allegheny County
- Members of the Allegheny County Medical Society were invited to a

debate on Socialized Medicine in Pittsburgh on Nov. 19. The debaters were the Hon. Al Tronzo, Rep. in the Pennsylvania Legislature, vs. Dr. Geo. R. Harris, Sec. of the Society.

- Every person on Old Age Pension is allowed up to \$60.00 per year for medical care. When treating a person on the pension, remember that by signing the proper form you can have that person receive an extra allowance to pay for his treatment.
- In New York State practicing physicians can secure special auto license plates bearing the designation M. D.
- Group Health Association in Washington, D. C., started out in September, 1937, offering all medical and hospital coverage to any government employe for himself, his wife and children, for \$3.30 a month. But on its first birthday experience necessitated (a) exclusion of all applicants who could not pass a physical examination costing \$5.00, (b) if accepted, the payment of an initiation fee of \$10.00 for applicant and \$1.00 for each dependent, in addition to the regular monthly payment, now increased to \$4.00 for man and wife and \$1.00 for each minor child, and (c) that the number of the visits by the doctor may in the future be minimized through a charge of \$1.00 cash for each visit.
- The Medical Bureau of Pittsburgh has reduced its dues to \$10.00 per year from \$24.00. A new "Budget For Health" plan to provide methods of paying medical fees will shortly be inaugurated. Our old friend McGhee is executive director.

J. L. F.

#### TWAS FORTY YEARS AGO, JOHN!

To the Board of Trustees of the Youngstown Hospital:

Your medical staff takes pleasure in submitting for your consideration the report of the work done in the year ending October 1, 1898. For the largest number of patients cared for in the history of the institution, for the high percentage of recoveries, and for efficient work done, the Association is to be congratulated. From October 1, 1897, to October 1, 1898, there were treated in this institution 335 patients. Of this number 19 remained over from last year and 316 were admitted this year. Of those admitted this year 225 were males and 91 females. There were 193 Americans, 29 Irish, 24 English, 12 Germans, 11 Hungarians, 5 Italians, 6 Welsh, 6 Austrians, 5 Scotch, 5 Slavonians, 5 Canadians, 4 Swedes, 3 Finns, 1 Pole, 1 Dane, and 1 Chinaman.

The various vocations were as follows: bookkeeper, bricklayer, laborer, housewife, brakeman, nurse, boilermaker, pipefitter, ironworker, puddler, domestic, student, farmer, carpenter, moulder, gardner, agent, clerk, tailor, attorney, bridge-builder, pianotuner, saleslady, steelworker, cook, dressmaker, plasterer, rougher, roller, heater, cigarmaker, fireman, insurance agent, stenographer, painter, reporter, carriagemaker, traveling salesman, salesman, bartender, lineman, engineer, real estate agent, saloonkeeper, physician, machinist, stonemason, jeweler, civil engineer, foreman, conductor, merchant and laundryman.

In the surgical wards were treated 231 patients, 84 in the medical wards, and one was obstetrical. The following diseases and injuries presented themselves for treatment:

Diseases of the Brain, Spinal Cord and Nerves:

Gastralgia 1, Intercostal Neuralgia 1, Cerebral Apoplexy 1, Hemiplegia 4, Melancolia 1, Tic doloreaux 1, Hemiplegia 1, Chorea 1, Neuroma 1, Locomotor ataxia 1, Concussion of Brain 1.

Diseases of the Eye and Injuries:
Phtisis bulba 1, Cataract 1, Specific Ophthalmia 1, Punctured Wound 2, Staphyloma of Cornea 1, Ulcer of Cornea 1, Symblepharon 1, Contused 1, Destroyed by Explosion 1, Burned 3.

Heart, Lungs and Pleura:

Congestion of the Lungs 1, Tuberculosis 2, Pneumonia 2, Bronchitis 2.

Diseases of the Blood: Anaemia 1.

Diseases of the Throat and Trachea:

Pharyngitis 1, Ulcerated Tonsillitis 2, Quinsy 1.

Diseases of the Mouth, Esophagus and Stomach:

Indigestion 2, Gastritis 2, Catarrh of Stomach 1, Epithelioma of lip 1. Diseases of the Intestines:

Intestinal Indigestion 1, Perforation from injury 1, Appendicitis 7, Catarrhal Enteritis 1, Lipoma of Jejunum 1, Obstruction 1.

Diseases of the Rectum and Anus: Fistula 1, Stricture of Rectum 2, Hemorrhoids 3, Ulcer 1, Colitis 1, Proctitis 1.

Diseases of the Liver and Gall Bladder:

Gall Stones 1, Cirrhosis of liver 1, Enlargement of liver 1, Hydatids 2. Genito Urinary Diseases:

Orchitis 2, Hypertrophied prostate 1, Cystitis 3, Hydrocele 1, Epididymitis 1, Phimosis 1, Urethritis 1. Diseases of the Uterus and Uterinc

Appendages:

Metritis 2, Endometritis and Ovarian Cysts 3, Pelvic Abscess 1, Prolapsus Uterus 1, Uterine Hydatids 1, Lacerated Cervix 1, Ovaritis 2, Cancer of Vulva 1, Pyosalpinx 2, Uterine Polypus 1, Lacerated Perineum 1, Cancer of Uterus 1.

Puerperal Conditions:

Septicaemia 2, Miscarriage 1, Phelgmasia Alba dolens 1, Puerperal Pyosalpinx 1.

Specific Fevers:

Typhoid 33, Malaria 3.

Infectious Diseases:

Pulmonary Tuberculosis 2, Erysipelas 3, Specific Ophthalmia 1, Tubercular Peritonitis 1, Pott's Disease 5, Joint Tuberculosis 1, Tubercular Lymphangitis 1.

Septic Diseases:

Septicaemia 1, Psoas Abscess 1, Carbuncle 2, Periostitis 3, Necrosed Thumb 1, Mastoid Abscess 1, Pelvic Abscess 1, Ligature Abscess 1, Inguinal Abscess 1, Abscess of thigh 1.

Diseases of Joints:

Rheumatism 5.

Tumors:

Sarcoma 3, Lipoma 3, Cancer of Breast 1, Cancer of Vulva 1, Supraorbital Dermoid 1, Haematoma 1, Adenoma 1, Cancer of Stomach 1.

Hernia:

Ventral Hernia 1, Femoral Hernia 1, Strangulated Inguinal Hernia 1.

Drug Habits: Alcoholism 4.

Skin and Appendages:

Leg Ulcer 3, Ulcerative eczema of foot 1, Ulcer of hand 1, Ulcer of foot 1, Ingrowing toe nail 1, Frozen foot 1, Heat prostration 1.

Injuries:

Internal 3, Crushed Chest 1.

Crushed Extremities

Thigh 2, Leg 8, Arm 3, Forearm 1, Foot 1, Toes 9, Fingers 9, Thumbs 6.

Punctured Wounds:

Hand 1, Eyes 2, Knee 1.

Contusions:

General 1, Head 2, Face 1, Back 1, Arms 2, Forearms 1, Elbow 1, Hands 3, Knee 1, Foot 3, Eyes 1, Skin 1.

Lacerated Wounds:

Head, Face and Scalp 7, Thigh 2,

Leg 1, Knee 1, Arm 1, Hand 2, Elbow 1, Eyeballs 2, Upper lip 1, Chin 1, Dog Bite of the Knee 1.

Sprains:

Shoulder 1, Ankle 1.

Fractures

Thigh 2, Leg 6, Compound comminuted fracture of the leg 3, Compound comminuted fracture of the elbow 1, Compound comminuted fracture of the tre 1, Pelvic Bones 1, Arm 2, Forearm 2, Vertebra 1, Scapula 1, Clavicle 1, Skull 1.

Dislocations:

Compound fracture of the elbow joint 1.

Gunshot Wounds:

Knee 1, Chest, penetrating lungs 2.

Burns:

Body 3, Extremities 12, Body and Extremities 1, Head 7, Eyes 3.

Operations performed:

Double amputation of thigh and leg 1, Double amputation of leg and arm 1, Amputations 40, Laparotomies 20, uterus curetted 7, uterine polypi removed, Vaginal Hysterectomy 1, Lacerated Cervix repaired 1, Lacerated perineum repaired 2, Abscesses incised 5, Cancerous Tumors excised 5, Adenoid growths excised 1, Stricture of the Rectum dilated 2, Hemorrhoidal Tumors removed 3, enucleation of the eye ball 2, operation for symblepharon cataract extracted, radical operation for Ventral Hernia 1, Femoral Hernia 1, Fatty Tumors excised 2, Dermoid Tumors excised 1, Circumcision 1, Ingrowing toe nail excised 1, Lymphatic Gland excised 2, Necrosed bone excised 2, Incisions for Carious bone 2, Mastoid Abscess opened 1, Carbuncle excised 1, Tubercular glands excised 1, Fistula in ano incised 1, needle in the knee excised 1, Neuroma excised 1.

Of the 355 patients treated, 284 recovered, 17 improved, not improved 9, died 26.

The deaths were caused as follows: shock 4, surgical shock 2, typhoid

fever 8, cancer of the stomach 1, fractured skull 1, puerperal septicaemia 1, pneumonia 2, traumatic peritonitis 1, capillary bronchitis 1, cerebral apoplexy 1, tubercular peritonitis 1, pulmonary tuberculosis 1, alcoholism 1, cirrhosis of the liver 1. Constulting staff: A. M. Clark,

B. F. Hahn, G. S. Peck, J. J. Thomas, H. H. Hahn, W. L. Buechner, R. D. Gibson.

Visiting staff: H. E. Blott, Sec'y; H. E. Welsh, H. A. Zimmerman, R. H. Montgomery, R. E. Whalen, J. H. Bennett.

#### PATHOLOGICAL CONFERENCE: A CASE REPORT

No. 168214.

Mr. E. V.; American, white, 55 years. Admitted Sept. 2, 1937.

Chief complaint: Emesis of blood; blood passed per rectum.

Present illness: On the day before admission, while on his way home from work, patient suddenly felt sick and thought it was his heart. He was taken to the Campbell Plant Hospital and then sent home. During the night patient vomited blood and passed blood per rectum. On the morning of admission he was very pale and weak. His physician was notified and patient was brought immediately to the hospital.

Past history: A diagnosis of perforated duodenal ulcer was made on March 5, 1924, at which time an immediate posterior gastro-enterostomy was performed.

Family history: Irrelevant.

Physical examination: T. 99; P. 105; R. 20.

Blood pressure 80/50 on admission.

Patient is a well developed 55 year old white male lying quietly in bed and appearing acutely ill. There is a peculiar "musky" odor about the patient.

Skin — Very pale, clammy and moist.

Head—Negative.

Eyes—Pupils round and equal, react to light and accommodation.

Ears & Nose-Negative.

Mouth—Lips dry. Tongue coated and dry.

Neck-Negative.

Lungs — Expansion good. Some moist rales heard over both bases.

Heart—Sounds are of poor quality. Soft systolic murmur heard at the apex. Pulse rapid and of small volume.

Abdomen—Scaphoid. Slight distension present. There is slight tenderness on pressure over the epigastrium. Liver is felt 4½ cm. below the right costal margin.

Rectum—Good sphincter tone. No masses.

Extremities-Negative.

Reflexes—Somewhat hyperactive.

Impression:

1. Bleeding Duodenal Ulcer;

2. Secondary Anemia;

3. Hemic Cardiac Murmur.

Laboratory findings:

Blood count: RBC 1.53; Hgb. 28%; WBC 11,900; Polys 66; Lymphocytes 32; Transitionals 2. Smear shows marked achromia and moderate variation in size and shape.

Subsequent course: Ice cap applied immediately to abdomen and normal saline given by hypodermoclysis. Patient was confused, drowsy, and restless at intervals. There was a neuromuscular instability noted by jerking movements caused by slight stimulation. Repeated blood pressure readings were as follows: 80/58, 80/56, 78/58, 90/60, 70/49, 80/58. At 9:30 P. M. patient was transfused with 275 cc. of citrated blood. At 3:20 A. M. patient became pulseless and blood pressure readings were not possible to be taken. Patient expired at 3:27 A. M. on September 3, 1937.

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#### **NEWS ITEMS**

Bunn, Dr. Wm. H. and Dr. Jas. D. Brown attended the Ohio State Postgraduate series of lectures at Zanesville, Thursday, Dec. 1st. Dr. Bunn gave a talk on Angina Pectoris and Coronary Thrombosis.

ELLIOTT, DR. ALICE W., has returned from a month's study at the Lahey Clinic.

HATCHER, DR. WM. F., was guest speaker at the North Hill Child Study Club on Nov. 14th, and the Junior Chamber of Commerce on Nov. 15th, subject, The Prevention of Blindness and Sight Saving. Both talks were illustrated with moving pictures.

KEYES, DR. JOHN, was guest speaker at the monthly meeting of the Chicago Ophthalmological Society, Monday, Nov. 21st. The subject presented was The Significance of Ocular Changes in Persistent Experimental Vascular Hypertension.

Dr. Keyes in collaboration with Dr. Harry Goldblatt, Cleveland, presented a scientific exhibit on A Study of the Eyes in Experimental Hypertension, at the Interstate Postgraduate Assembly, Philadelphia, Oct. 31st and Nov. 4th.

Lewis, Dr. John S. gave a talk on Nov. 16th, at Mansfield, on Infections of the Urinary Tract.

McNamara-Turner, Dr. and Mrs. F. W. McNamara and Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Turner, attended the Notre Dame-Minnesota game.

NORRIS, DR. CLAUDE B., delivered a talk Nov. 30th, at Dayton, Ohio, on Fungous Infections of the Skin.

TIDD, Dr. and Mrs. A. C., spent Thanksgiving in McKeesport.

Those from here attending the Ohio-Michigan game were, Dr. and Mrs. R. R. Morrall, Dr. Hubert S. Banninga, Dr. and Mrs. Chas. Warnock.

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