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From the Desk of the President



P S R O

In lieu of a formal article dealing with the many present difficulties facing Medicine, I should like to take this space to strongly urge all to familiarize themselves with the recent law, 92-603 (H. R. 1,) passed by Congress October 30, 1972.

The March 20th meeting is just one week away. In all likelihood some of you will not attend this meeting — if past records are any indication.

However, each of you should have received by mail a copy of the law together with other pertinent articles. Please read them! Do not discard them as some irrelevant meaningless documents, because, if there is one thing they are not, it is that.

This law probably represents the greatest step forward to date in the gradualism that is circumscribing our profession. Its effects will shadow all of our people far into the foreseeable future.

So take the time to study it. You will soon be asked to vote upon the question of whether you, as a society, will actively participate in the enactment of this law or whether you will allow it to seek its own level.

—C. Edward Pichette
President



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Editorial

WHAT HATH MAN WROUGHT

He hath wrought the PSRO—the Professional Standards Review Organization. Just what does this mean to you, the practicing physician? What does it mean for our patients? Do you know?

Is it good or bad for the quality of medicine? Is it good or bad for you, the physician? Is it good or bad for our country?

Whatever it is, it is the law! Did you know that? It was passed on October 30, 1972. Is it legal? Is it constitutional? Is it against our Civil rights?

Does it pit physician against physician? Does it put you as a physician in double jeopardy as far as your professional liability? You are liable for your actions—are they?

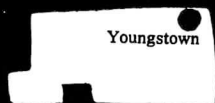
How will this law affect your private practice? Is this part of the plan to bring National Health Insurance to our nation? Does it allow you to practice quality medicine or will it lower the quality of your care? Will you be able to judge whether a patient needs admission or will a nurse administrator do this for you? These and many other questions will arise when reading through the law regarding PSRO.

Again, *it is the law!* Can you and I do anything about it? Can this law be changed? Can it be judged unconstitutional?

Do the members of the Mahoning County Medical Society want to find out just what PSRO is and how it will affect them and how they practice medicine? Do the members want to try to do something about it? Please—please come to the next few meetings of your Medical Society (March 20 and May 15) and let your feelings be known.

We are also men and we can also wrought!

—William Moskalik, M.D.
Editor



Mahoning Month in Review...

A summary of recent developments in the field of health in Mahoning County

HEALTH COMMISSIONER SOUGHT — Following the resignation of Walter M. Greissing, M.D., Youngstown is once more hunting for a City Health Commissioner. Until a successor is named, Mayor Jack C. Hunter, President of the Board of Health, is serving as Acting Health Commissioner.

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MVHPA RECEIVES GRANT — The Mahoning Valley Health Planning Association has been notified that it will receive \$41,988 in funds from HEW. This is the third year of a five-year program for MVHPA. The money is for area-wide comprehensive health planning.

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NEOHCF ENDORSED — The North Eastern Ohio Health Care Foundation's application for continued federal support to develop a Health Maintenance Organization has been endorsed by the Mahoning Valley Health Planning Association. The original NEOHCF two-year developmental proposal was for \$285,000. However, the continuation approved by MVHPA was for \$145,000 including funds carried over from the previous year. The NEOHCF project is now starting its second year.

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TB SAN TO CLOSE — While no specific date has been set for closing Mahoning County's 48-year-old tuberculosis sanatorium, the final day is imminent and employees are looking for other jobs. A TB controller will be named soon to set up a complete TB Control Program for the county.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR NAMED — The Mahoning-Shenango Area Health Education Network (AHEN) has named C. Kenneth Proefrock, formerly of Rochester, as executive director. Covering the counties of Mahoning, Trumbull, Columbiana, Lawrence and Mercer, the program is sponsored through the Northeast Ohio Regional Medical Program. Offices are at 5211 Mahoning Ave.

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.3 MILL LEVY SOUGHT — The Mahoning County General Health District is considering putting a levy on the November ballot, but has been advised to consult first with the County Budget Commission. Among reasons cited for needing more staff and money are health screening programs for the elderly and child health clinics.

DAY AT THE RACES



As an enticement for physicians and their wives to tour their plant in Indianapolis, the Eli Lilly company hosts a trip to the "500" Speedway to watch time trials for the Memorial Day race. On Saturday, May 19th a special bus will take doctors and wives to the track. Eli Lilly provides a box lunch. Those who have been there will confirm that it is a very enjoyable experience.

Reservations for the tour may be made by calling the Eli Lilly representative, Bob McGivern, 782-8431, or the medical society office, 746-8431. Those attending will go by private car to Indianapolis on Wednesday, May 16 and return Saturday, May 19. The tour is open to the Mahoning County and the Trumbull County Medical Society.

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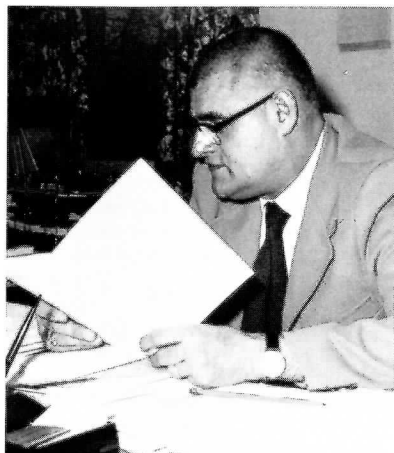
With the big rally for a medical school being planned for the entire Sixth District at Canton this month, every member should be acquainted with the role played by the Mahoning County Medical School in the development of the present MEDCO consortium. Following is a chronological summary:

1964

Ohio at this time had three medical schools: Ohio State University, Case-Western Reserve University, and the University of Cincinnati.

The State Legislature was considering two additional medical schools for Ohio.

In December, legislation creating the Medical College of Ohio at Toledo was signed into law, giving Ohio its fourth medical school (the new school took its first class of 32 students in 1969). No plans were announced for a fifth medical school.



Dr. Caccamo studies MEDCO plan

1966

Charles J. Carney, then Ohio State Senator, publicly asked if there was any interest in a medical school for this area.

The Council of the Mahoning County Medical Society studied the question and passed a resolution approving the concept of a medical school for Youngstown. The president, Dr. F. A. Resch, appointed Dr. L. P. Caccamo chairman of a committee to study the desirability of a medical school, and to work with interested parties.

1967

The Medical School Committee of the Mahoning County Medical Society, after considerable research and many meetings, came to the conclusion that a medical school would be beneficial to this area, but saw the need for a professional feasibility study.

1968

The Medical Society decided to procure an independent feasibility study, and conducted a campaign to raise \$30,000 to pay for it. The Medical Society opened the campaign with a \$2000 contribution. Other contributions came from physicians, industry and individuals.

1969

The firm of Booz, Allen and Hamilton was selected to do the study, which was completed in July. The 150-page report showed that:

"Although the city is located in an area where 2 other communities are desirous of having a medical school, Youngstown is best located to serve that portion of the area that is out of the influence of Cleveland and Pittsburgh."

The report was published for the general public and copies were submitted to the Ohio Board of Regents.

In December, realizing that the idea of a medical school for Youngstown now needed broader community support, the Medical Society Committee contacted a number of interested organizations and individuals and suggested the creation of a Citizen's Committee.

1970

The Citizen's Committee for a Medical School for Youngstown State University was organized, with Harry Meshel as chairman. Represented on

the committee was medicine, business, industry, labor and Youngstown State University.

The Citizen's Committee conducted a number of activities, including the collection of 30,000 names on petitions, the printing of bumper-stickers, general news releases to the public plus radio and TV promotion.

On Sept. 1, a three-county (Columbiana, Mahoning, Trumbull) rally, attended by more than 700 persons was held by the Citizen's Committee at Mahoning Country Club. Speaker was Dr. John D. Millett, Chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents.

The Ohio State Legislature, faced with feasibility studies for the medical school from several areas, employed a consulting firm for advice as to where the next school should be located. One of the consultants met in Youngstown with representatives of Youngstown State University, the Mahoning County Medical Society and the Citizen's Committee.

A team from Youngstown, consisting of Sen. Harry Meshel, Dr. L. P. Caccamo and Dr. Edward Kessler, representing the Medical School Committee and the Citizen's Committee, presented testimony before the Ohio Board of Regents in December. They stressed two facets to the problem of medical education in Ohio: (1) to produce more physicians to take care of a growing population and (2) to insure that the increased number of physicians produced will provide the broadest possible coverage of the medical needs of all the people in the State.

1971

During this year considerable study was done by the Legislature, and a new concept of a medical school began to emerge—that of a school supported by several universities and a number of hospitals.

1972

The University of Akron, Kent State University and Youngstown State University, already members of a consortium for university educational television purposes, agreed to a medical school consortium. This was formed as a non-profit corporation called the Northeastern Medical Education Development Center of Ohio (MEDCO). The consortium directors consist of the presidents of each university and one member from each of their boards of trustees.

Agreed upon is that such modest construction that would be required for the school would not be located on the campus of any of the three universities. A neutral site would be chosen.

The consortium agreement covers a 17-county area in northeastern Ohio: Ashland, Ashtabula, Carroll, Columbiana, Geauga, Harrison, Holmes, Jefferson, Lake, Mahoning, Medina, Portage, Stark, Summit, Trumbull, Tuscarawas and Wayne.

In August, the State Legislature appropriated \$50,000 to Akron University (acting for the area consortium) and to Wright State University, Dayton, representing a southwest Ohio interest group, to develop and submit plans for the formation of a medical school.

In September, the consortium hired Dr. Stanley Olson, former Dean at Baylor University School of Medicine, and now director of the Southwest Foundation for Medical Education and Research, to develop the plans for the school for submission to the Legislature. Dr. Olson included in his team the following people:

Dr. Richardson Noback, Dean, U. of Missouri, Kansas City
 Dr. Edmund Pellegrino, V.P., Health Sciences, Stony Brook, N.D.
 Dr. Hayden Nicholson, Council on Undergrad. Med. Ed., AMA
 Dr. Wm. Weil, Dept. of Human Medicine, Michigan State U.
 Dr. Edw. Ciriacy, Chm., Dept. Family Med., U. of Minnesota
 Thomas Campbell, Assoc. Amer. Med. Coll.

The consortium directed the consultants to develop plans to form a school, whose major mission would be to produce primary care physicians.

The citizen's committee was reactivated, with a new name, Medical School Development Council," a new chairman, Paul Mossman, and a new purpose—to join with similar committees at Akron and Kent to bring the medical school to the MEDCO consortium.

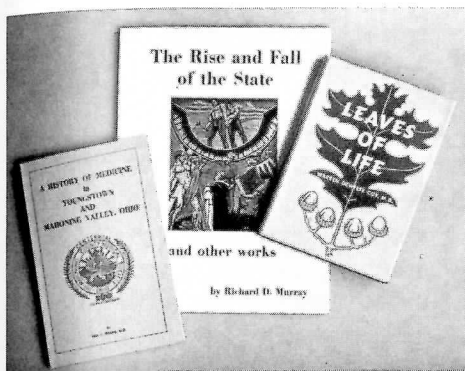
The MEDCO consortium plan was delivered to the Ohio Legislature prior to Dec. 31. A rival plan was submitted for a Southwestern Ohio Medical School to be located at Wright State University in cooperation with Miami University and Central State University.

1973

The MEDCO consortium medical school plan was published in a 99-page booklet, entitled, "The Northeastern Ohio Universities School of Medicine—A Plan for Medical Education." (January 1973)

The need to show area support for the MEDCO consortium has prompted the Stark County Medical Society and the Sixth District, OSMA, cooperatively to plan a rally to be held in Canton on March 28th. Speaker will be Dr. Russell B. Roth, president-elect of the American Medical Association, who will talk on "Medical Education in the Future."

DOCTOR-AUTHOR LIST GROWS



With the publication of his book, "A History of Medicine In Youngstown and Mahoning Valley, Ohio," Dr. John Melnick joins two other distinguished authors from the Mahoning County Medical Society.

Dr. Richard D. Murray published a collection of his drawings and paintings entitled "The Rise and Fall of the State and other works." Many of the reproductions in the book are murals from his office building, Medart, on Glenwood Ave. In his work he has expressed his

philosophy toward big government and especially bureaucracy.

The third book, "Leaves of Life," is actually one of a series by Dr. Warren Dewese Coy, which was published posthumously by his widow, Mrs. Alma Coy. It contains a number of his beautifully constructed poems, some of which have been published in the *Bulletin* in recent years. Last year Mrs. Coy completed publication of five additional books of Dr. Coy's poems and prose.

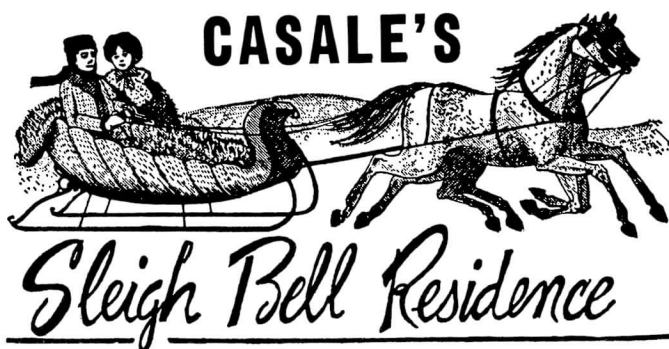
Dr. Melnick reports that his book has been selling at a fast pace. Copies are available at St. Elizabeth Hospital (Dorothy Klein's office), Youngstown Hospital X-ray Department (south side), the Medical Society office, and at both the pharmacy and Dr. Melnick's office at Hitchcock Center on Boardman-Canfield Rd.

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PRESTON JOLLEY IS MARCH SPEAKER

The regular meeting of the Mahoning County Medical Society on March 20th will be step number three in a series of meetings set-up by the Council to enable the membership to arrive at a decision on the problem of PSRO (Professional Standards Review Organization).

Speaker will be Mr. Preston E. Jolley, Medicare Manager for Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company in Ohio. He will discuss H.R. 1 and Medicare. Other viewpoints and information about H.R. 1 will be offered at the same meeting. Each member has already received in the mail a 16-page copy of that part of H.R. 1 relating to PSRO.

The meeting, second of the six regular society meetings for 1973, will be held at the Youngstown Club, Union Bank building, and members are urged to invite their wives to attend. Dinner will be at 6:30, preceded by a social hour at 6:00. Reservations may be made by phoning the medical society office, 746-8431.



DATES TO REMEMBER

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March 15: Doctors' Day, sponsored by the Woman's Auxiliary, Dinner 6:30. Youngstown Country Club.

March 20: Regular March Meeting. Wives invited. Speaker: Preston Jolley. Dinner 6:30. Youngstown Club.

March 28: Sixth District Medical School Rally. Speaker: Dr. Roth. Dinner 7:00. Cultural Center, Canton.

March 31: Final due date for payment of Medical Society dues for 1973.

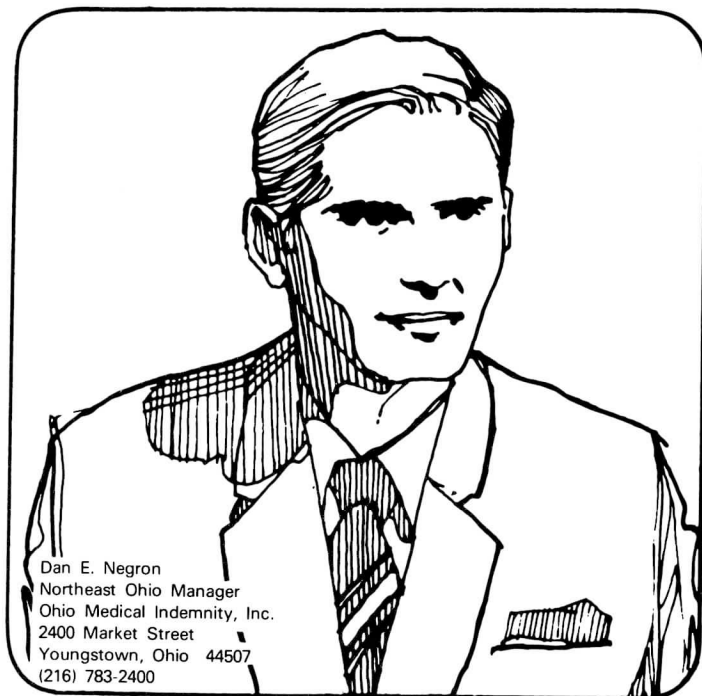
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April 12: Medical Society Scholarship Dinner. Speaker: Dr. Perry. Dinner 6:30 p.m. Ramada Inn.

BOARD CERTIFIED

Dr. Milton J. Lenhart, secretary of the OB-GYN Department, Youngstown Hospital Assn., has been named diplomate of the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology, having passed the board exam in Chicago, November, 1972.

He is a graduate of Ohio State University Medical School. He interned at St. Elizabeth Hospital and took a residency at Akron City Hospital.



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In Memoriam

PETER J. McOWEN, M.D.

1896 - 1973

The news of the death of Dr. P. J. McOwen in California on Feb. 10 saddened Mahoning physicians who knew him as a colleague for more than 40 years. Dr. McOwen had retired and moved to Tustin, Calif. in 1970.

He was born in Utica, N.Y., on Nov. 25, 1896. Following schooling in that city, where he was a graduate of Assumption Academy, he went to Fordham University and then received his M.D. degree at Dalhousie University in Halifax in 1926. He interned at St. Elizabeth Hospital and took additional training at the New York Skin and Cancer Hospital, 1929-30. Returning to Youngstown, he opened an office for the practice of dermatology in Central Tower. For many years he served at the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Hospital. In 1961, his son, Peter J. McOwen, II, D.O., joined him in practice. In later years they moved their office to the Bel-Park Building, where the elder Dr. McOwen was in practice at the time of his retirement.

He was a member of the American and Cleveland Dermatological Associations, the Catholic Physicians Guild, the Chesterton Club, Elks and Youngstown Country Club.

To his son and family, the Medical Society extends sympathy at the passing of a fine physician.

FIRST TUESDAY LUNCHEON CLUB

A number of physicians and others have been participating in an enjoyable luncheon hour once a month with an informal group known as the First Tuesday Luncheon Club. The principal attraction has been a succession of speakers of unusual interest that has included Drs. Josef Smith, Walter Greisinger, Armin Banez, Harold Chevlen, Claire Reesey and David Brody, discussing a variety of subjects from the political situation in the Phillipines to a walk through Nepal.

A cordial invitation to attend is extended to every doctor of the Mahoning County Medical Society. Simply ask one of the officers to put your name on the mailing list. Officers are: Dr. William Loeser, president; Dr. Richard Roland, treasurer; Dr. Armin Banez, program chairman; and Mr. David Shaffer of St. Elizabeth Hospital, secretary. There are no dues. The monthly luncheon is held at Ramada Inn. The group has generated enthusiasm by holding to its purpose of relaxed fellowship and intellectual discussion. Dentists, social workers and other professionals are cordially invited to attend.

BOARD CERTIFIED

Dr. George L. River, Director of Clinical Hematology at St. Elizabeth Hospital, has been named a diplomate of the subspecialty Board of Hematology of the American Board of Internal Medicine. Dr. River is a diplomate of the American Board of Internal Medicine, and a fellow of the American College of Physicians. He is a member of the American Society of Hematology and the American Federation for Clinical Research.

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Dr. Yeichul Jung has been named a diplomate of the subspecialty Board of Endocrinology of the American Board of Internal Medicine. Dr. Jung is a diplomate of the American Board of Internal Medicine.

He is a native of Taegu, Korea, with a medical degree from Seoul National University, Korea. He interned at Episcopal Hospital, Philadelphia, and took his residency in internal medicine at St. Elizabeth Hospital.

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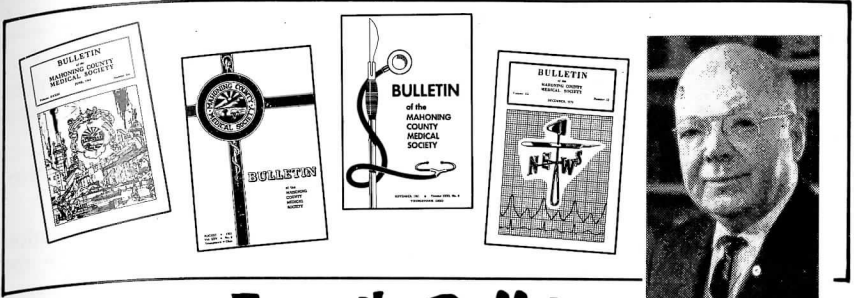
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From the Bulletin

FORTY YEARS AGO — MARCH 1933

Last month 275 doctors came out to hear Dr. E. Starr Judd of the Mayo Clinic lecture on "Acute Cholecystitis". That established a new record for attendance at a regular monthly meeting.

Plans were going ahead for a big Post-Graduate Day in April with a group here from Memorial Hospital in New York. The Speakers Bureau had members out to speak before service clubs and woman's groups stressing cancer control.

The late Charles Scofield had an interesting article on "Costs of Medical Care". He invited attention to the high cost of luxuries, of pseudo-medical and pseudo-religious cults; the high cost of government itself and the cost of committees to investigate medical care.

THIRTY YEARS AGO — MARCH 1943

Much news in the *Bulletin* about men in the armed forces and many letters from them. Chalker was at Camp Crowder in Missouri doing abdominal surgery and varicose veins. Sam Tamarkin in the Air Corps at Columbus, S. C. was doing general medicine and trying to keep warm in the damp, cold climate. Szucs was at the Maritime Training Station in Boston with the U.S. Public Health Service. Shensa was at Augusta, Ga. training with a field unit. McConnell was in Cairo, Egypt, sight-seeing up and down the Nile. Goldstein was practicing dermatology for the Navy at Newport, R. I. Goldberg had been at Camp Davis in North Carolina for two years, doing anesthesia. Coombs was at Truax Field in Madison, Wisconsin, running the laboratory of a 700 bed hospital with only one technician to help. Cukerbaum was stationed at the U.S. Naval Hospital in Corpus Christi, Texas. John Goldcamp was at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Tims was in England wishing he were here to see his newborn son. Morris Rosenblum was at Columbia University studying clinical pathology, auspices of the U.S. Army. Kupec was Squadron Surgeon and Flight examiner for the Air Corps at Buckley Field, Colorado. Ipp was chief of the medical service at the Army Air Force Navigation School at San Marcos, Texas. The whereabouts of Wm. McElroy and Ray Hall were unknown. Their families had not heard from them for seven weeks.

TWENTY YEARS AGO — MARCH 1953

President Goodwin congratulated WKBN and WFMJ on securing television facilities for Youngstown. He predicted that the medium would be of great value in educating the public in health matters.

The chief of the Veterans' Administration said that a segment of medicine was determined to eliminate non-service-connected disability from the VA and that would wreck their program. He said there was not much difference between non-service and service-connected disabilities.

New members that month were: W. B. Hardin and J. N. Thanos. Meetings were held at the Elks Club.

TEN YEARS AGO — MARCH 1963

From the report of the VD Clinic (Henri Schmid): Gonorrhea continues to flourish uncontrolled. Loose morals, promiscuity and difficulty in detecting the disease in the female . . . are the main reasons.

Sidney Keyes was elected President of the Academy of General Practice. Erhard Weltman was President-Elect. G. E. DeCicco was Secretary.

M. S. Rosenblum was President of the Ohio State Alumni Association in Mahoning County. He was instrumental in raising \$33,499.00 for the O. S. U. Development Fund.

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PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL

Feb. 13, 1973

The following applications were presented by the censors:

ACTIVE: Yiechul Jung, M.D.
Dong Sung Lee, M.D.

ASSOCIATE: Vinod Kumar Sethi, M.D.
Gopal J. Nigam, M.D.
Youngku Peter Sheen, M.D.

The applications were approved. Applicants will become members of the Mahoning County Medical Society fifteen days after publication in the *Bulletin*, unless objection is filed in writing with the secretary before that time.

A letter was read from the Youngstown Health Department asking assistance in locating a new Health Commissioner. The motion was made by Dr. Bloomberg, and properly seconded, that a letter be written to the Board of Health suggesting that the terms of employment could be more realistic.

A letter was read from HEW noting that, contrary to some dealers advice, Public Law 90-602 does not require upgrading of X-ray equipment now in use.

Dr. Tandatnick reported on H. R. 1. He made the motion, properly seconded, that the Medical Society print 16 pages of H. R. 1 to be sent to every member of the Society. Dr. Anderson made the motion, properly

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seconded that the motion be amended to state that a letter of explanation be sent with the reprint. The amendment was passed. The original motion was passed.

The motion was made by Dr. Anderson, and properly seconded that the following schedule be observed:

- Feb. 21 council meeting — discussion of PSRO
- Mar. 13 council meeting — motion in re PSRO
- Mar. 20 MCMS meeting — PSRO information for the Society
- May 15 MCMS meeting — PSRO decision by the Society

Motion was passed.

Dr. Pichette reported on a meeting with Atty. William Harnisch, president of the Mahoning Valley Health Planning Association, at which time the MVHPA requested a liaison committee. The motion was made by Dr. Bloomberg, and properly seconded, that the Mahoning County Medical Society establish a liaison committee with the MVHPA. Motion was passed.

Dr. Pichette suggested that the term of president of the Mahoning County Medical Society was not long enough to allow the president to be effective. The motion was made by Dr. Banez, and properly seconded, that the question be referred to the Constitution Committee for consideration and review.

Meeting was adjourned.

—Howard Rempes
Executive Secretary

BOARD CERTIFIED

Dr. Nicholas A. Pappas has been named diplomate of the American Board of Internal Medicine, having passed the board exam in October, 1972. He is a graduate of the University of Cincinnati School of Medicine. He interned at Jewish Hospital, Cincinnati, and took residencies at Youngstown Hospital Association and at Cleveland Lakeside and Metropolitan General Hospitals in internal medicine.

FOUNDATION CONFERENCE IN MARCH

A six-state conference on Foundations for Medical Care will be held at Greenbriar, White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., on March 29-31. Registration forms are available at the Medical Society office for any member desiring further details.

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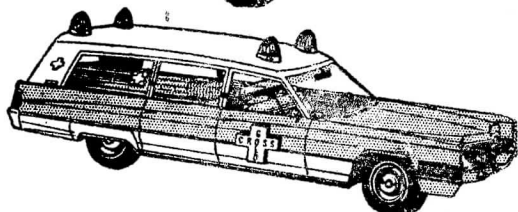
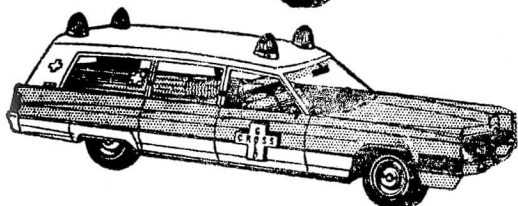
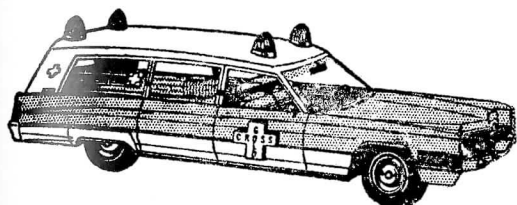
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