

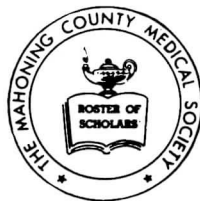
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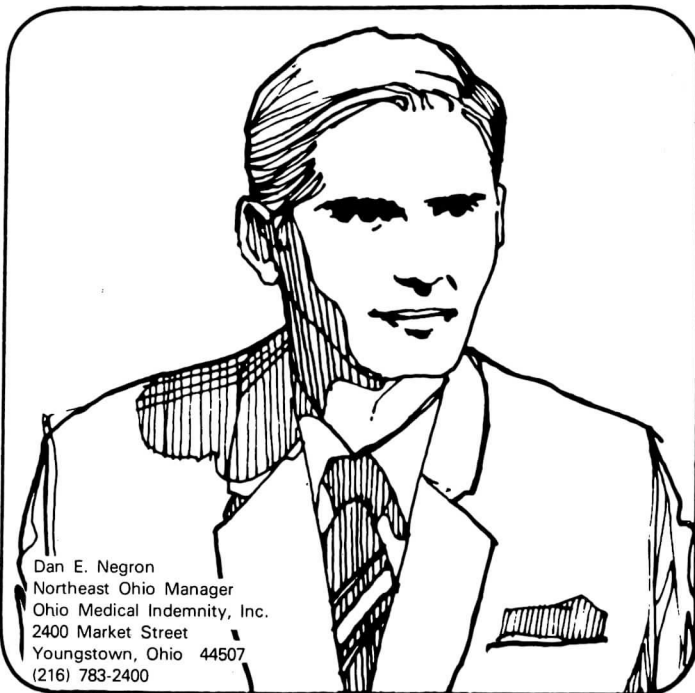


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## From the Desk of the President



### MEDICAL SOCIETY FOUNDATIONS

The entire series of meetings this year are being planned around the concept of exploring and gathering information on all phases related to the sweeping changes in the practice of medicine being brought about by H. R. 1, or the new Medicare law.

At the last meeting, you heard about PSRO from Preston Jolley, Medicare Manager for Ohio for Nationwide Insurance. At the May meeting, you will hear Bill Porterfield, M.D. talk about Medical Society Foundations. He is very knowledgeable — don't miss hearing him!

In September, we have in mind still another phase to discuss, if we can find another authority as a speaker.

The end result?—a knowledgeable membership prepared to make a final vote before the end of the year on the options available. Which way do we go? It's up to you. Don't miss a single meeting!

—C. E. Pichette, M.D.  
President

P.S. I have been reminded to tell you that our annual dinner-dance, The President's Ball, will be the biggest bargain of the year. It's Saturday, May 19, Youngstown Country Club, \$30 per couple. Social hour at 7:00 p.m., dinner at 8:00. You and your wife will enjoy it.

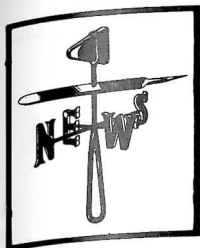
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May 15: Regular May Meeting.  
Wives invited. Speaker: Bill Porterfield, M.D. Dinner 6:30 p.m.  
Youngstown Club.

May 19: President's Ball. Social Hour  
7:00 p.m. Dinner 8:00 p.m.  
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Next regular meeting — Sept. 18.  
HAPPY VACATION!



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## Editorial

### THE HIGH COST OF MEDICINE

What is your health worth to you? Have you ever been ill? Have you ever had any medical emergencies happen to you?

If so, I'm sure you realized, at that time at least, what your health is worth to you. I'm sure that at that time you wanted the best care that medicine could offer. The cost was immaterial; the quality was all important. You realize right then that you want good care—not cost control.

I think we too often want to apologize for the high cost of medicine. Granted we must get rid of all the excessive and unnecessary costs. Granted we must try to keep the costs of medicine down. Granted we must get rid of the abuses in medicine. But good medicine is expensive.

Look at the advances in the care of the coronary patient. Who pays for these advances—the constant monitoring equipment, the trained personnel, the 24 hour coverage of the patient? Look at the advances in the care of the obstetric patient. Who pays for the fetal monitor? Who pays for the sonar devices—\$40,000 per machine? Look at the advances in radiology. Who pays for the linear accelerators? Who pays for the many new techniques that are now available.

The payment for these services can only come from one place—the people who need, want and demand these services.

I still believe that you don't get something for nothing. I still believe that anything worth having in life has to be worked for.

The cost of medicine is high and by necessity it will go higher—if we want to utilize the newest techniques. But, believe me, it is worth it, for without your health you have very little. The people must be shown that this is so. They must be shown that their health comes before their cigarettes, alcohol and entertainment. I have read that there is more money spent on each of the above items *alone* than on all of the medical care combined. Most people spend more on their car during their lifetime than on their health.

This is wrong and we must make it known. We must make it known that good quality care comes first. We must make it known that good quality care by necessity is expensive. We must make it known that good quality care is worth the cost.

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## A History of Medicine in Youngstown and Mahoning Valley

### DR. WILLIAM SNOW MATTHEWS (1843 - 1888)

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Dr. William S. Matthews was one of approximately ten physicians from Youngstown who served in the Civil War. He died a young man, age 44, from illness contracted while serving his country in the swamps during one of many battles in which he participated. He practiced medicine a brief 21 years but during this time developed a large practice and was considered to be one of the ablest physician and surgeons in the area.

Dr. Matthew's grandparents were Thomas and Jane (McClurg) Matthews, born in Dairen County, Ireland. His father, also named Thomas Matthews, was nine years old when the family immigrated to the United States in 1813. The voyage to Castle Garden, New York, took six weeks. His grandfather worked as a mason in Pittsburgh, Pa., until about 1822 when he settled in Poland, Ohio. He built the abutments of the old Poland bridge. He died at the age of 80 and was buried in the cemetery in Poland.

Dr. Matthew's father, Thomas, married Cynthia Shannon on December 29, 1841. She was born April 18, 1824 in Youngstown Township. Her father, Major John Shannon, was born in Ireland but came to the United States and originally settled in Chambersburg, Pa., but later moved to Youngstown. He served as an officer in the War of 1812. In 1844 Dr. Matthews'

father purchased a 165 acre farm from Dr. Wick in Boardman Township where he farmed and raised sheep. At the time the area was heavily wooded and provided timber for a two-story hewn log cabin built in 1811. The parents of Dr. Matthews had six children—Dr. W. S. Matthews, the eldest son born Oct. 30, 1843, Bruce S. born May 1, 1846, Charles W. born March 31, 1851. Three daughters all died young—Ellen J. at age 1½ months, Ellen D.—6½ years and Cora C. age 8 years. The family lived in the log cabin for 52 years when in 1863 a large ten-room house was built. The present Matthews Road in Boardman derives its name from the family and is in the area of the original farm.

As a child William Matthews attended school in an old log house in the woods. Desks were built along the walls and rough-hewn logs with wooden pins served as seats. The school was heated with a fireplace, and later by a huge cannon stove. Not infrequently the floor became covered with ice and snow.

Dr. Matthews had just reached young manhood at the age of 18 when the Civil War began and had its profound influence and impact on the Matthews family. While on a visit to the Shannon farm in Brier Hill he learned that his uncle John, older by 5 years than William, had enlisted and his uncle Dr. Thomas Jefferson Shannon was considering accepting a commission as a Surgeon. After John's first Christmas in the army he came home on sick leave and died the following February. Dr. Matthews, however, did not lose his interest nor desire to serve his country.

His opportunity came when his uncle, Dr. Shannon, requested that his favorite horse be brought to him in Winchester, Virginia. Dr. Matthews pre-

vailed upon his family to be selected to make the trip. Upon his arrival with the horse he pleaded with his uncle to remain with him but was refused and sent home. Dr. Shannon was later killed while performing his duties as a surgeon.

A short time later at the age of 20 on February 24, 1864, William Matthews enlisted as a private in the 60th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, Army of the Potomac. Dr. Matthews took part in the entire campaign that began with the battle of the Wilderness and ended a year later with General Lee's surrender at Appomatox Court House.

The young recruit was 5 foot 9 inches in height, light complexion, blue eyes and black hair and listed his occupation as a teacher. He enlisted for a three year period.

He rose rapidly in rank. On July 21, 1864 he was promoted to 1st Sergeant and on January 8, 1865 was commissioned a 1st Lieutenant near Petersburg. Lieutenant Matthews saw many a battle. He was in the bloody battle of the Wilderness, Mye Run, Spottsylvania, North Anna, Bethsade, Church, Shady Grove, Cold Harbor, Gains Mill, Explosion of the Mine, Weldon railroad, Yellow Troisan, Poplar Grove Church, Pegram Tavern, Hatcher's Run and Fort Steadman. Just south of Richmond, Virginia, at Petersburg, the Union and Confederate soldiers were in fierce combat. Each side had dug into trenches several hundred yards apart and fought for nearly a year. This was to set the pattern of a relatively new approach in war—trench warfare. During a charge one member of his company, of which Matthews was Lieutenant, was wounded and unable to escape with his comrades. Without self-concern Matthews and Private Andy Barger exposed themselves to bullets of both sides and rescued the wounded soldier to the safety of the Union lines. The deed was so valorous that even the Confederates could not restrain themselves and joined in the cheering by the Union forces for this act of devotion to a fallen comrade. For this he was breveted a Captain by President Lincoln for his "conspicuous gallantry" before Petersburg, Virginia. The General Order was No. 133 by the War Department, Adjutant General's Office dated August



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22, 1865. The day of the event, however, was April 2, 1865 . . . the day that Petersburg fell, but the two giants General Grant and General Lee were to meet again. His Captain wrote of Lt. Matthews, "I always found him a genial companion, a faithful soldier doing his duties cheerfully and thoroughly. The hardships and demoralizing influence of the army and army life never made any difference with his gentlemanly bearing and his Christian character."

At another battle at Cedar Creek Captain Matthews' uncle Dr. Thomas Shannon while attending the wounded in the field was shot down in cold blood. His body was recovered and returned to Youngstown for burial at Oak Hill Cemetery, lot #203. Dr. Shannon was the only doctor killed in the Civil War from this area.

Capt. Matthews was mustered out of the army on July 28, 1865 and returned home. Influenced by his late uncle Dr. Shannon he decided to study medicine. He began his study of medicine in the office of Dr. Joseph Truesdale who succeeded Dr. Jared P. Kirtland in Poland Village. Dr. Matthews took his first course of lecture in medicine at the University of Michigan. He later studied under Dr. C. N. Fowler and attended a course of lectures at Western Reserve Medical College at Cleveland, Ohio.



The author is indebted to Mr. Frank Vaccaro of Austintown, Ohio, for use of a number of documents pertaining to Dr. Matthews as well as his record books and a diary. The diary dated 1867 is 4 x 6½" in dimensions and ¾ of an inch thick. The black leather bound volume book is inscribed by "Will S. Matthews." Dr. Matthews made a daily entry from January 1, 1867 to March 8, 1867, then no entries until Monday, October 21, 1867 then he continued until Tuesday, December 31, 1867. Some insight into the life and mind of our physician is revealed. Appar-

ently he was a somewhat religious man for he frequently refers to "went to church"—both Protestant and Catholic. He talks about the weather and sleigh riding, of the professors and medicine lecture, his longing for home, the stress and strain of his studies and missing his sweetheart, Jessie. There is the excitement of examinations, the last lectures, obtaining his "sheepskin" and especially treating of patients.

Entries from the diary follow:

Wednesday, January 1, 1867

Left home at 9 a.m. for Youngstown in order to take the train to Cleveland . . . left at 10 past 1 p.m. arriving in Cleveland at ½ of 3 p.m. proceeded to our boarding place, was surprised to find that they changed quarters from 101 St. Clair to 39 Academy St.

January 12, 1867

Attended Prof. Bible class the number has fallen to twelve.

January 28, 1867

Cold. We have splendid sleighing in the city, but I do not have the pleasure of "bounding on the white snow," listening to a chime of bell.

Today I made one more step toward graduating depositing my thesis and the one thing needful \$25 with the Dean of the Faculty. Hope that success may crown this effort.

February 7, 1867

Prof. Capel was detained at the *court house* so that he could not lecture to us. Prof. Bennett's having a series of "shakes," consequently did not lecture. All others lectured during their hour as the term draws to a close. The Juniors take up their departures. But we will have to remain until the last "say is spoken."

February 28, 1867

Listened to Prof. Thayer's Testimony before the court in the case of Winchell vs. Prof. Laisy. Never heard a person on the stand have better control of himself. Was examined by Prof. Wood and also by Prof. Thayer on Anatomy. I have now been before all the faculty and will anxiously await for the coming of "commencement day."

February 29, 1867

Prof. Thayer delivered his *final lecture* this morning. This afternoon was spent in *strolling* about the Lake shore on West Side. Went to the water works ascended 225 steps.

March 2, 1867

The snow covered about one half of the floor of the room we had the window up the entire distance thus permitting the storm to have full play. This is one of the coldest days we have had this winter. "Street cars" have not made their appearance in the street at all.

March 4, 1867

Met at the college building at 10 a.m. for the purpose of having some of our number "read their thesis." I was either so fortunate or unfortunate as to have to read mine.

Assembled again at 7 p.m. when we received the much wished for *parchment*. Had a very interesting and pleasant time.

Good sleighing has been so for several days. Have had a very bad headache all day.

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October 30, 1867

Went to Youngstown, did not return till very near evening. Spent the evening with Jessie—it proved a very pleasant one indeed.

This day is long to be remembered from the fact that with it will be associated pleasant recollections. Jessie consented conditionally to what I have long looked to between hope and fear.

October 31, 1867

Started to Cleveland, Ohio for the purpose of attending the second course of medical lectures. Left home about ½ past 5 a.m., arrived at Youngstown a few moments before train time—arrived in the city 20 minutes of eleven—took dinner at the Russell House. Listened to a lecture delivered at the charity St. or Saint Vincent Med. School.

Nov. 1, 1867

... went over to the college and matriculated—paying \$25 for the privilege of enjoying the benefits which are thrown broad cast from a "Faculty's bountiful hand" asking only at the close of the term that we submit to an examination of about an hour and one half in length by each of the worthies. Delightful! Wrote to Dr. Fowler.

Nov. 3, 1867

A very dull dreary day rained nearly all day—did not go to church, felt very lonesome—wrote to Jessie—it appears months since I saw her instead of days— (may we learn to love each other more and better).

Nov. 6, 1867

Was able to draw my boot on today for the first time since my foot first became inflamed. Received a *check* from Dr. Fowler of \$50, had it cashed at H. Wick and Co.

Has been a very pleasant day—did not return until eleven p.m.—From this time till the close of the term it will be necessary to improve every moment. "Time is precious" has been well said—wonder if its author was working on a *diploma*.

Nov. 14, 1867

... Received a letter from *Jessie* just before lecture. I occupy a front seat—so could not read during lectures. Why is it that *Jessie* is so cold? Can it be that she does not love me after all and only consented that she might get rid of me?



**Bill Matthews, Lieutenant in the U. S. Army of the Potomac, 1864-65, became William S. Matthews, M.D., president of the Mahoning County Medical Society, 1882-83.**

Nov. 23, 1867

Was very glad indeed to think that this was Saturday, the close of our week's labor—I don't know when I have felt so weary as I do now, six long lectures each day is enough to fatigue any one. Wonder what the *people* would do if it wasn't for lectures?

Are the folks at home thinking of me tonight—How I should love to be in Poland this eve.

Nov. 27, 1867

Had but one clinic today—excised Tumor on the scalp.

Dec. 5, 1867

Today the students circulated a petition for and against a vacation during the holidays.

Dec. 7, 1867

... my thoughts wandered forth to the place and to those I love to think of—I wonder if they ever have their thoughts toward me—Tomorrow is the day of rest, how gladly I welcome it. I will have a short time at least in which to rest from the duties of the "student life." How I wish I was through with my studies.

Dec. 11, 1867

Had several very interesting clinics today—one an aneansym of the brochial artery at the bifuncatian.

Dr. Matthews was to be plagued by disease and injury sustained during his service in the Union Army. As a result of these he made a declaration for a pension on December 29, 1879. He explains that while on his way to Cleveland with his regiment under government orders and transportation from near Harrisburg, he and his men were on an overcrowded car standing in the rear when the engine without any warning suddenly started up throwing him violently to the ground. This caused a dislocation of his ankle and a longitudinal fracture of the lower end of the tibia. He was treated at Pittsburgh for 2 days then proceeded to Cleveland where he was mustered out and returned to Pittsburgh for additional treatment for a period of two months. His physician was Dr. Walters, a civilian. His attorneys in his case were Mr. Woodworth and Mr. Wirt of Youngstown.

Some years later, following his death, his widow Jessie S. Matthews made a "declaration for original Pension of a widow" dated November 23, 1888. In this she states that Dr. Matthews contracted malaria in the swamps from which he was never afterwards free, being frequently incapacitated for work. He suffered from the malarial fever three different times which finally resulted in his death on May 9, 1888.

Following the completion of his medical study and graduation from Western Reserve Medical College at Cleveland he entered into a partnership with his predecessor Dr. C. N. Fowler in 1868. Their office was located on Phelps Street and later at 27 W. Federal St.

He received a prize upon graduation from Medical School for the best thesis in his graduating class.



In 1880 his office was located in the Andrews and Hitchcock block. His original residence was at 10 West Rayen Ave. but later built his house at 26 W. Rayen Ave. which still is standing today and is the Newman Club Center of Youngstown State University.

Dr. Matthews won recognition and medical eminence quickly. Dr. R. D. Gibson spoke of him as very progressive but his opinions beautifully tempered with consideration.

He is said to have had a pleasing personality and possessed a fine workable knowledge of medicine.

Dr. Matthews was very active in the Mahoning County Medical Society. He attended the first meeting on Nov. 13, 1872 in the offices of Dr. J. Cunningham and Dr. Brooke in the Howell Block (the present site of the Union National Bank), on Federal Street. He served as Censor, Treasurer and Secretary. In 1882 he was elected its 4th president, his first of two terms as President of the Medical Society. Only 10 of 84 presidents served two or more terms.

Many papers and cases were discussed by him at the monthly meetings of the society. This was a very important form of continuing medical education since travel was difficult to distant cities to attend relatively few available meetings and seminars. Dr. Matthews was on the original staff of Youngstown's first hospital which was incorporated in 1881 and built in 1882. The hospital was formally opened on March 8, 1883, although as a result two men being severely burned in an industrial accident at the Brier Hill Iron and Coal Company, Dr. Matthews obtained permission for their admission on January 1, 1883. These were the first patients admitted to the first hospital! The main building of the original complex still stands on the corner of Thorn Ave. and New Court Street in Youngstown's south side.

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The practice of medicine was quite different in Dr. Matthew's day. Even the hospital had no electricity nor gas lamps originally. Surgery was by kerosene lamp held by the nurse.

Heat was provided by wood and coal stoves, in the home and the hospital. It was the day of the horse and gig or buggy. The roads were unpaved, uneven and frequently muddy. House calls were common and frequent. Very few people went to the hospital, in fact, the hospital nearly closed on several occasions because of the lack of patients. A night call was particularly prolonged due to the hitching up of the horse and buggy, the long, slow ride to the patient's house, the return trip and time needed to stable the horse prior to returning to bed. The doctor's fee was small and not, as usual, readily paid.

Dr. Matthews kept a small, black pocket book to enter his house calls. These were loaned to the author by Mr. Frank Vacarro. This was the exact size and leather bound as his diary. He kept one for each year of practice. A number of these survived for nearly 100 years. Today only two exist—one dated 1869 "The Physician's Hand Book" and the other dated 1875 imprinted on the front cover is "Physician Visiting List."

His fees most commonly were 50c, a number were 75c and a \$1.00. Rarely occasional fees of \$2, \$3, or \$5 are noted and very rarely higher. The latter could represent a number of calls and an accumulation of fees and the entry may represent a total bill.

In 1870 Dr. Matthews married his sweetheart, Jessie, of whom he wrote in his diary in 1867 during his second medical lectures. The ceremony took place on February 3, 1870 by Rev. A. Sydney MacMaster. They had two children, Frederick L., born June 22, 1873, and Grace, born October 18, 1879. Jessie Lee was the daughter of

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1. Reading of Minutes.
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Subject: "Convallaria."
4. Original Paper . . . . . J. J. Louis.  
Subject: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Original Paper . . . . . H. H. Wynne.  
Subject: The pharyngeal orifice of the  
eustachian tube and its practical import  
in diseases of the middle ear.
6. Reports on Progress . . . . . { McCurdy and  
Gibson.
7. Reports of Cases . . . . . F. V. Floor.
8. Reports of Committees.
9. New Business.
10. Assignments.
11. Adjournment.

W. S. MATTHEWS, *President.*

H. H. HAWN, *Secretary.*

**Meeting announcement during Dr. Matthews' presidency, 1883.**

Barney F. Lee, a known educator and founder of Poland's secondary academy in the fall 1849. A number of prominent men and women graduated from the academy including Dr. W. S. Matthews, Dr. H. C. Cornwell, Dr. B. F. Hahn, Dr. J. M. Hamilton, Dr. S. D. Clarke and others.

In 1872 Dr and Mrs. Matthews built a large house at 26 West Rayen Avenue, next to St. Joseph's School. It is today the Newman House for Youngstown State University. When his health began to fail he moved his office from Federal St. to his residence. During his last 2 years, with apprehension and worry, he saw his health failing and so retired from active practice. Having thought he had recovered he resumed practice but again was forced by his condition to cease work. At this time, in the fall of the year, he went to California hoping the climate would be of benefit. He continued to steadily lose ground and so decided to return to Youngstown to die at home

among his friends and scenes of his childhood. He died at 9 o'clock on Wednesday, March 9, 1888 at the residence of his late father-in-law in Poland at the age of 44. He is buried in lot #257 in Oak Hill Cemetery among his colleagues and comrades.

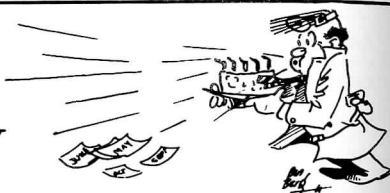
A memorial address before Tod Post, G.A.R. was given by Mr. C. R. Truesdale, who said ". . . He was a splendid example of that splendid type of manhood, all too rare in these days of pretense and shams, who refused to call good evil, and evil, good, and bitter sweet, and sweet bitter, as might best serve his present purpose." ". . . let us learn to emulate his virtues and wear worthily the mantle he has left us, while we wait our marching orders on this side and remembering the brevity of it all, as we stand by the grave of our comrade, we say: Good friend; true hero; hail and farewell."

His wife survived him by 48 years dying at the age of 86 in March 1936 of Hypostate pneumonia, myocarditis and hypertension. She was attended by Dr. McReynolds.

His living descendants are Anita Paley Matthews of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, who is a registered nurse and also a registered physical therapist. She wrote a letter to the author and confirms many of the facts set forth in this writing. A grandson, Frederic Lee Matthews, lives in Chicago, Illinois, and has 2 children.

Dr. Matthews had a wide reputation as a good doctor. His career spanned nearly 20 years as a physician. As a youth his goal was the study and practice of medicine. He never deviated from his course and wrote his chapter in the practice of medicine in Youngstown. His example of a physician should serve as an inspiration and guidance for others.

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## MEDICAL SOCIETY HONORS 54 SCHOLARS



Dr. Earnest Perry gave the Roster of Scholars talk and presented certificates to the students. Dr. Bloomberg arranged the dinner and presided as Master of Ceremonies.

Dr. Earnest Perry was the speaker at the seventh annual Scholarship Dinner of the Mahoning County Medical Society, honoring 54 top scholars from 25 high schools in Mahoning County, Trumbull County and Pennsylvania. Dr. Louis Bloomberg was chairman and Master of Ceremonies.

In his talk, Dr. Perry stressed the need for new and creative thinking in the face of a new and changing society. He said, "We need to train thousands of young people in the perspective and techniques of scientific futurism. We need to make certain that we have futurists attached to every political party, university, corporation, professional association, trade union and student organization."

This year's Roster of Scholars included four students whose fathers are members of the Mahoning County Medical Society. They are: Lynn, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Baumblatt; Mark David, son of Dr. and Mrs. Schreiber; Jacqueline, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Stechsulte; and Marlene, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Tandatnick.

Following his talk, Dr. Perry presented a certificate to each student enrolling him or her in the Mahoning County Medical Society Roster of Scholars for 1973. Dr. and Mrs. Pichette presented each student a gold pin, emblematic of the scholarship honor.

The student guests were the top boy and top girl scholar from each school as selected by the school principal. Acting as hosts were a number of physicians and wives. The invocation was given by Dr. Robert L. Jenkins.

### DELEGATES AT CONGRESS LAKE CAUCUS

Two delegates and two alternates from the Mahoning County Medical Society attended the Sixth District caucus session at Congress Lake, Wednesday, April 11. Taking part were: Drs. Pichette, Melnick, Anderson and Abdu.

After considering the 57 resolutions to come before the OSMA House of Delegates, the delegation voted to support the Stark County resolution on PSRO, as reported in full to our members in the Bulletin News Supplement, Number 2, April, 1973. Dr. Robert R. Clark, Akron, was elected to head the Sixth District delegation for 1973.

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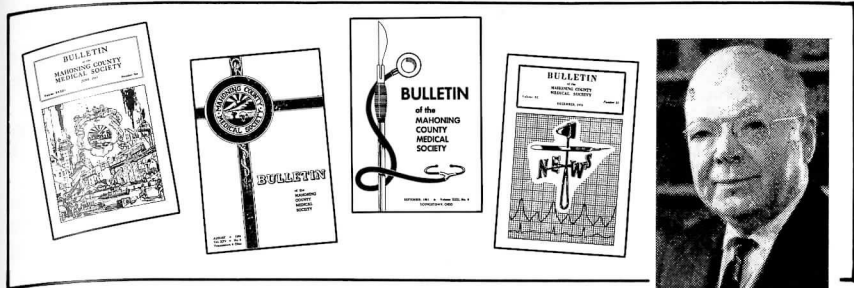
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## From the Bulletin

### FORTY YEARS AGO — MAY 1933

Three hundred forty nine doctors attended the meeting at the Youngstown Club to hear Dr. James Ewing speak on "The Diagnosis And Treatment Of Cancer."

Seventeen cases of smallpox and eighteen cases of syphilis were reported that month in Mahoning County.

Chester Lowendorf became a member of the Society.

### THIRTY YEARS AGO — MAY 1943

Gasoline was rationed, tires were rationed and food was rationed. A market order to provide food for a diabetic requiring Carbohydrate 150 gm., Protein 70 gm., and Fat 100 gm. per day included fresh vegetable and fruit, milk 4½ quarts, cream 1 pint, butter one-half pound, eggs 1 dozen, meat 2 pounds, cheese 1¼ pounds and coffee. Cost for the week \$5.75. This order required extra food points.

Most of the doctors who entered military service early in the war were out of the country. Their letters to the *Bulletin* were not informative, due to censorship. Marinelli, Evans, DeCicco, Kendall and Rogers received promotions. DeCicco said he was in the land of the Kangaroos which made his location easy to guess.

You could buy a new spring suit at McKelvey's for \$39.75 and have it cleaned at Thornton's for a dollar. Manhattan shirts at Strouss-Hirshberg's were \$2.50 and ties \$1.00. Salfathiazole ointment was a favorite local application for skin infections. You could have your car washed and lubricated while it was parked at the Central Square Garage.

### TWENTY YEARS AGO — MAY 1953

There was much talk about the use of gamma globulin in the prevention of poliomyelitis. Widespread publicity was being given to the apparent lowering incidence of polio in exposed children who received it. The supply was limited and the cost high. Doctors were expecting a great demand for it in the coming summer. A committee was appointed to make recommendations on the use of gamma globulin: A. E. Rappoport was chairman and Ivan Smith, co-chairman. L. S. Shensa, E. A. Shorten and C. W. Stertzbach served on the committee.

There were drills, excursions and alarms in observance of civil defense. The cold war was very hot in Korea and our forces were taking a beating. Our country never lost a war before, so we called it a police action. We blew sirens and rushed out to rendezvous, gave first aid to simulated casualties and felt pretty satisfied with ourselves.

New members that month were Paul Easton Ruth, James Lee Finley and George L. Altman.

### TEN YEARS AGO — MAY 1963

The theme of the meeting that month at the Mural Room was "Operation Hometown." It was a review of current legislation affecting medical practice. As usual there was a crisis of government encroachment.

Who remembers the Mural Room? Who remembers the Kerr-Mills program? Chuck Stertzbach explained all about it. It had something to do with Aid For The Aged.

Dave Brown and Louis Bloomberg were taking off in a Piper Cherokee 180 when the motor failed at 500 feet. Louis made a good landing in a field at Shields Road and Lockwood Blvd. The muddy field damaged the landing gear but they walked away unhurt.

They better not try that again because there is a new church there.

Nicholas Garritano was named physician for the parochial schools. George Dietz became a member of the Society.

The Health Department reported 68 cases of chicken pox, 84 of measles and 90 of mumps. No polio, no typhoid, no smallpox but gonorrhea and syphilis were on the rise.

—J. L. F.



### C. C. CHEN, M.D. 1925 - 1973

The death of Dr. Ching Chi Chen, anesthesiologist at St. Elizabeth Hospital, on Tuesday, April 3, came as a shock to his many friends in the Mahoning County Medical Society. He had been hospitalized only four days.

Dr. Chen was born in Shanghai, where he received his primary education and his medical degree from Tung Chi University Medical School. He served his internship at Mercy Hospital, Hamilton, and his residency in anesthesiology at the University of Kansas Hospital. He was on the staff of the Veterans Administration Hospital, Dayton, before coming to Youngstown in 1958.

Dr. Chen served as a captain in the U. S. Army Medical Corps and was chief of the Anesthesiology Section at the U. S. Army Hospital, Ft. Polk, La.

He was a fellow of the American Society of Anesthesiologists and a member of the Ohio State Society of Anesthesiologists.

The physicians of the Mahoning County Medical Society mourn his passing and extend sympathy to his wife and three children.

### DAVID SHAPIRA, M.D. 1897 - 1973

Dr. David Shapira, a long-time member of the Mahoning County Medical Society, died on Friday, April 13 at the age of 75. He was a specialist in neurology and psychiatry.

Dr. Shapira was born in Skala Amprudc, Galicia Poland and was educated in Vienna, receiving his medical degree at Vienna Medical School in 1927, having studied under Sigmund Freud.

During World War II he was a prisoner in a concentration camp, from which he escaped to England, where he entered private practice in Birmingham. In 1952, he came to the United States and entered hospital practice at Bangor State Hospital, Maine, with a private practice in Old Town.

He came to Youngstown in 1956 and was on the staff of Woodside Hospital; later opening a private office.

Dr. Shapira was a member of Children of Israel Temple, past president of Youngstown District Zionists and past president of the Youngstown Hebrew Club. He was a delegate of International Zionists Congress, and a member of the American Physicians Fellowship Inc.

His many friends mourn his passing and extend sympathy to his family.



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## PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL

April 10, 1973

The following applications were presented by the censors:

ACTIVE: Daniel G. Corredor, M.D. ASSOC: Lorenzo M. Farolan, M.D.  
 Joseph S. Gregori, M.D. Reese E. James, M.D.  
 Hyon S. Hwang, M.D. Nora R. Natividad, M.D.  
 Earnest Perry, M.D. Josef R. Smith, M.D.  
 George L. River, 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.

The letter that council wrote to Dr. Schultz, president of OSMA, was read. Dr. Schultz's answer was read. This was followed by considerable discussion regarding PSRO. The secretary was instructed to send copies of council's letter to all delegates to OSMA.

Dr. Pichette questioned the advisability of seeking a vote on PSRO at the May meeting, as originally scheduled. It was the opinion of council that we should seek to furnish further information to our members and delay the vote until later, hoping that they will be better informed.

Dr. Pichette read a position paper on MVHPA in the form of a letter to Mr. Harnish, their president. Council approved the letter, which is attached to the minutes.

A letter was read from Mahoning County Health Commissioner, Dr. Walsh concerning a screening program for diabetes and hypertension. The secretary was to write Dr. Walsh, giving him our endorsement, but pointing out that we have been conducting a diabetes detection program every November for the last 20 years.

A letter was read from Jerry Knight, in reply to our request for a status report on the HMO, Northeastern Ohio Health Care Foundation. The letter is attached to the minutes.

Dr. Abdu submitted a paper offering an explanation of PSRO for lay consumption, which he suggested be printed in the *Vindicator* in paid space. Following discussion, the motion was made by Dr. Abdu, and properly seconded that a committee be appointed to formulate a communication to the public regarding PSRO, and that this be done as quickly as possible. Motion was passed.

Dr. Zehr brought to the attention of council a welfare directive concerning audit requirements. A letter on the same subject from Dr. Chiasson was read. It was noted that three resolutions on this subject are on the docket for the OSMA House of Delegates meeting.

A communication was noted asking us to participate in the city-wide Science Fair. Council agreed that we want to be a part of this and approved a \$50 bond as a prize with the understanding that beginning next year we will supply the judges for the medical award.

A letter from Mahoning Shenango AHEN was read giving us a financial report which we had requested. Report is attached to the minutes.

Meeting was adjourned.

Howard Rempes  
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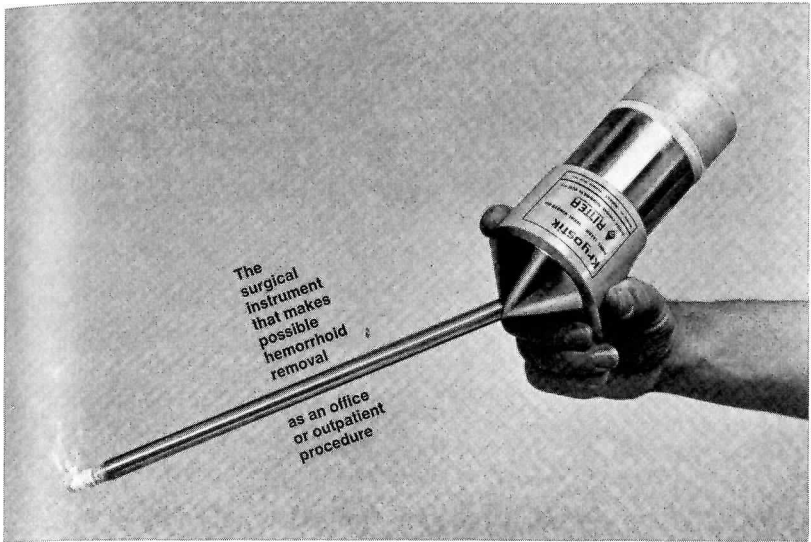
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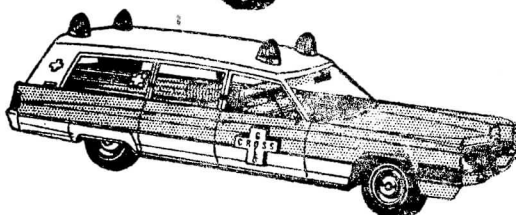
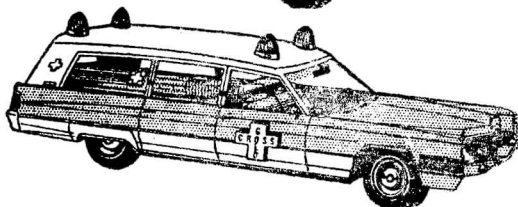
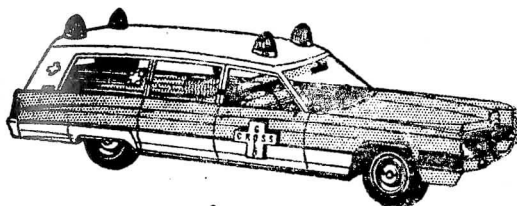
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