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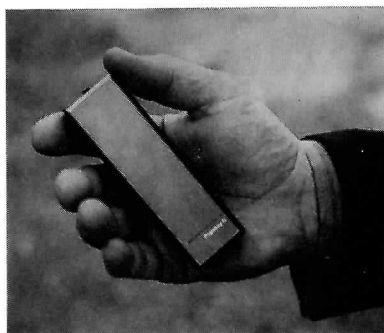
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From the Desk of the President

A COMMUNITY OF DOCTORS

The state of fragmentation of the doctors in our community into two staffs is neither practical, desirable nor does it serve the best interests of the doctor or his patients.

There has been too much of the division of doctors in the past and what we need is increasing identification with the Mahoning County Medical Society rather than emphasis on which of the two staffs we belong. Efforts need to be made to bring about the necessary changes in the by-laws and constitutions of the two hospitals to permit a doctor to be an active member of both staffs rather than an active member of one staff and on the courtesy staff of the other hospital.

This position would bring about more flexibility and freedom of choice for both the patient and the doctor. I believe that both would feel more at home under this situation.

The more intermingling of the doctors would make peer review performed on a broader base encompassing the entire segment of a specialty particularly where there are only a few doctors on each of the current "two staffs". The increased communication among doctors could result in more "curb-stone" consultation and lead to more formal consultation to the benefit of the patient.

The best of two worlds in medical records, conferences, teaching and other areas could improve efficiency, quality of medical care and more uniformity in the medical practice in this area.

We need each other for learning and teaching as well as to provide a united front against those who would use the divide and conquer method. The Mahoning County Medical Society as a community of physicians has provided group plans for a variety of insurances. A new Socioeconomic committee to begin functioning in 1974 has many areas where they may be of great assistance to young starting doctors such as office design, equipment, loans, medical ethics, fee schedules, consultation and many, many others.

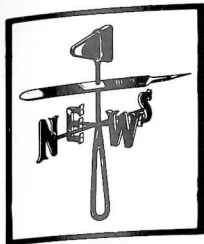
The orientation committee is also to be revitalized this year to help new members of the Society.

The new doctor, as well as the older doctor, can avoid the trial and error method, and instead utilize, on a voluntary basis, methods that have proven successful by experienced practitioners.

Our county medical society should be first and foremost. It should lead in helping doctors and in the improvement of our lot with government, hospitals and insurance companies. We should strive for more simplicity in form, more rigid peer review, continued improvement of the quality of medical care and a truer fraternity of doctors.

Through professional unity we can maintain our integrity of medical ethics, private doctor-patient relationship and service to those in need of medical care. In this way we will preserve the sacred heritage of our noble profession and walk with pride and not be pushed by our adversaries.

—John C. Melnick, M.D.
President



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Editorial

WHERE ARE YOU DOCTOR?

Are you the active member, the kind that would be missed,

Or are you just contented, your name is on the list?

Do you attend the meetings and mingle with the flock?

Or do you stay at home and criticize and knock?

Do you take an active part to help the work along,

Or are you satisfied to be the kind that just belong?

Do you push the cause along and make things really tick,

Or leave the work to just a few and talk about the "clique?"

Think this over, Doctor, you know the right from the wrong,

Are you an active member, or do you just belong?

Lucas County (Toledo) Bulletin

I dislike continuing the same old bit about lack of attendance at the Medical Society meetings. Even with a free meal the December meeting was poorly attended, and this meeting had to do with electing your officers for your representation for the coming year. It is altogether too easy to say that there is no contest, that the elections are cut and dried. This does not have to be so!!

—Louis Bloomberg, M.D.
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The Speakers Bureau, reorganized by the chairman, Dr. Armin Banez last year, stands-by with 29 physicians ready to make talks to clubs and organizations. Others wishing to join the Speakers Bureau may do so at any time by phoning or writing the medical society office and listing their name and the title of their speech.

A mimeographed brochure giving the names of the speakers and instructions for making arrangements through the medical society office has been printed and is available to the public. The brochure will be reprinted as additional names are added.

Topics and speakers listed are:

- "Cancer" — A. V. Banez, M.D.
- "Cancer" — Y. T. Chiu, M.D.
- "Cancer" — George L. River, M.D.
- "Cancer" — Michael F. Sheridan, M.D.
- "Acute Lukemia—Solution on the Horizon" — L. M. Pass, M.D.
- "Pertaining to X-ray Diagnosis, of Cancer" — Isadore Mendel, M.D.
- "Child Abuse" — Vinod K. Sethi, M.D.
- "Contact Lenses, Cataracts, Strabismus and Amblyopia" — F. D'Amato, M.D.
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- "Epilepsy" — R. Gilliland, M.D.
- "Family Practice" — Harold Chevlen, M.D.
- "Fiberoptics for Diagnosing Internal Conditions" — David Brown, M.D.
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- "Government Medicine" — Jack Schreiber, M.D.
- "Headaches" — R. Gilliland, M.D.
- "Hematology—Modern Concepts in Treatment of Blood Disorders" — L. M. Pass, M.D.
- "Heart" — William Bunn, M.D.
- "Heart" — A. V. Whittaker, M.D.
- "History of Medicine in the Mahoning Valley" — John C. Melnick, M.D.
- "Kidney and High Blood Pressure" — Robert Bacani, M.D.
- "Kidney Failure" — Robert Bacani, M.D.
- "Magic of Medicine—A Review of our System of Health Care" — Jack Schreiber, M.D.
- "Nuclear Medicine" — John C. Melnick, M.D.
- "Ostomates" — A. V. Banez, M.D.
- "Plastic Surgery" — Y. T. Chiu, M.D.
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- "Rheumatism—What Is It?" — F. S. Coombs, M.D.
- "Rheumatoid Arthritis" — John C. Melnick, M.D.
- "Sex Education" — Harold Chevlen, M.D.
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- "Stroke" — R. Gilliland, M.D.
- "TB—Treatment in General Hospitals" — Josef R. Smith, M.D.
- "Thyroid Disease" — Yiechul Jung, M.D.
- "Vascular Surgery" — Felix A. Pesa, M.D.

Venereal Diseases:

"Effect of Drug Abuse, Sex Education and VD" — Herman Zeve, M.D.

"Venereal Diseases and Reproductive Systems (Treatment of)" —
H. Zeve, M.D.

"Morbus Gallicus (Syphilis and Gonorrhoea)" — C. A. Gustafson, M.D.

"Vitamins—Are They Necessary?" — F. S. Coombs, M.D.

"Mammography—Detection of Breast Cancer with X-rays" —
John C. Melnick, M.D.

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The medical assistants' booklets have been mailed out, one to each subscriber, with the billing for that group, which was completed on Feb. 28th. The physicians' booklets were received too late for enclosure with the January billing, so will be held until the next billing in June. Any doctor wanting a copy of the booklet sent to him prior to that time may have one by phoning the medical society office, 747-4956.

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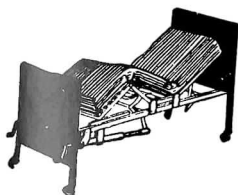
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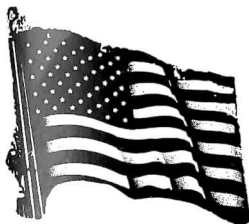
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INSTALLATION BANQUET IS FAMILY NIGHT



TOP — Dr. David Pichette and his wife, Virginia, and mother, Eleanor, admire the plaque awarded to his father.

TOP, RIGHT—Mike Jaffee opened his talk with a joke about the number of watches he received as gifts.



RIGHT — Mrs. Rose Melnick with her two sons, Dr. John and his wife, Sally, and Atty. Arseny, and his wife, Gladys.

RIGHT—Dr. William Moskalik receives bound 1973 Bulletin from Dr. Pichette.



The annual installation banquet of the Mahoning County Medical Society turned out to be "family night" for the two principal participants. Special guests in attendance were Dr. and Mrs. David E. Pichette, son of the retiring president, and Mrs. Rose Melnick, mother, and Atty. and Mrs. Arseny Melnick, brother of the incoming president. Atty. Melnick is currently president of the Mahoning County Bar Association.

Dr. Ed Pichette was presented a plaque in appreciation for his year as president. He in turn presented a new gavel to Dr. John Melnick. The gavel

was made especially for Dr. Melnick by Dr. Pat Cestone.

Dr. Pichette presented a bound volume of the 1973 *Bulletin* to retiring editor, Dr. William Moskalik. He also gave recognition to those leaving the council: Dr. Henry Holden, Dr. C. A. Crans, Dr. S. F. Petraglia and Dr. L. J. Zehr.

A moment of silence was observed prior to the meeting in memory of those who passed away during the past year: Drs. John E. Allgood, John A. Altdoerfer, E. C. Baker, John U. Buchanan, C. C. Chen, E. T. McCune, P. J. McOwen, David Shapira and E. R. Thomas.

Mrs. K. F. Wieneke, president of the Woman's Auxiliary was introduced. All past presidents of the Medical Society in attendance were acknowledged.

Installation ceremonies for the 21-man 1974 council were conducted by Dr. Pichette as installing officer.

Entertainment was provided by Mike Jaffee, who gave a humorous talk. The invocation was given by Rev. Robert G. Gibas. More than 85 doctors and wives attended the function at the Youngstown Club.



Dr. Melnick (left) accepts the gavel from Dr. Pichette.

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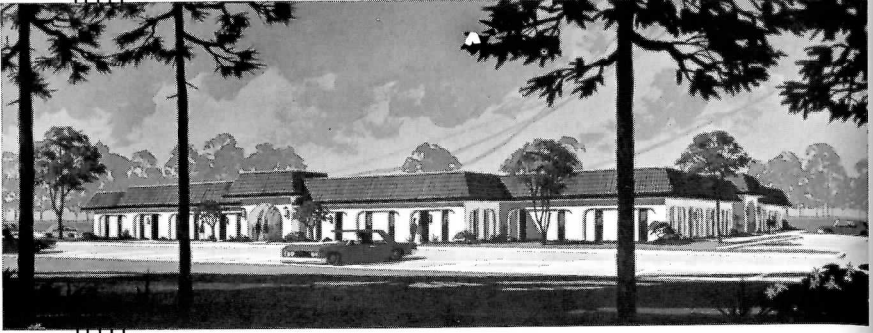
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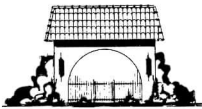
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This is the latest step taken in the attempt by public health authorities to get on top of the rampant VD problem. It is clearly a result of recognition by physicians of the problem's existence, their understanding of the newer methods for diagnosis and treatment, and their total cooperation with classic public health methodology.

During 1970-71, I reported success locally with use of the special Thayer-Martin media for culturing *N. Gonorrhoeae*, on 600 females from our venereal disease clinic. In the summer of 1972, the State of Ohio initiated a screening program with federal funds designed to make the GC test available to every woman free of charge. From planned parent clinics, various health centers, and a small nucleus of participating private physicians, we found ourselves performing 500 cultures per month early in 1973. As we begin 1974, it is indeed gratifying to have well over 50 physicians routinely contributing cultures along with regular clinic providers, so that we are now performing 1,500 cultures each month.

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In Memoriam

JOHN ALLAN ALTDOERFFER, M.D.
1898 - 1974

Dr. J. Allan Altdoerffer, obstetrician, died at his home in Negley, Ohio, on Wednesday, Jan. 9th at the age of 75.

Dr. Altdoerffer was born Feb. 17, 1898, in Youngstown. He was graduated from South High School, received his pre-med schooling at Ohio State University and his medical degree at Northwestern University in 1928. He spent the next five years interning in various hospitals in Cook County, Ill., before returning home in 1933. As an intern he was on E.R. duty when Chicago police brought in bodies from the "St. Valentine's Day Massacre."

On the staff at Youngstown Hospital Association, he was chief of obstetrics at North Side and was a gynecologist as well. He also was chief of staff at the Florence Crittenton Home for some 20 years. He belonged to Phi Rho Sigma Medical Fraternity and to Pi Kappa Alpha and Pi Kappa Epsilon, both medical honoraries.

The Curbstone Coaches honored him in 1961 for his outstanding achievements in track and field during his scholastic career. As a sports lover he formed a strong friendship with the late Dike Beede and attended all possible YSU sporting events. His autumn vacations were spent at the YSU football training camps at Camp Fitch. He made a practice of following the team on its trips during the football season.

He was a past president of the Four-Square Club and also served as a trustee of the Butler Institute of American Art. He had a strong interest in both Boy and Girl scouting, serving on the Camp Development Committee for the Girl Scouts and as Soil and Water Conservation and Forestry Counsellor for the Boy Scouts.

His interest in forestry began as a youngster and continued throughout his life. Since 1962, he had planted more than 100,000 white pine and Norway spruce on his 100-acre farm here. He also helped to plant 10,000 more trees at the Girl Scout Camp over the years.

Dr. Altdoerffer was especially proud of the remodeling program that was done in the Maternity Section of Youngstown Hospital, which he said was specifically modernized for the purpose of obstetrics. He established an outstanding record of having delivered more than 7,000 babies.

His contributions to medicine and to the community cannot be surpassed. His works live after him and he will be long remembered.

MORRIS I. BERKSON, M.D.
1896 - 1974

Dr. Morris Berkson, general practitioner in Youngstown for 45 years, died at Heritage Manor on Sunday, Jan. 20th, at the age of 77.

Dr. Berkson was born Nov. 19, 1896 in Pittsburgh. He was a 1924 graduate of the University of Maryland, coming to Youngstown in 1925 to open a medical practice at 721 Himrod Ave. His last office was at 630 Gypsy Lane, where he moved in 1968. In 1970, having retired, he was elected to Honorary Membership in the Mahoning County Medical Society.

He was a member of Anshe Emeth Temple, Phi Delta Epsilon Medical Fraternity, B'nai B'rith, Zionist organization of America, and was a charter member of the Jewish War Veterans. He was an Army veteran of World War I.

Dr. Berkson was on the staff of Youngstown Hospital Association. He will be missed by his patients and his friends.

JOHN U. BUCHANAN, JR., M.D. **1884 - 1973**

Dr. John Buchanan, an early general practitioner in Youngstown, died at Clearwater, Florida on Thursday, Dec. 6, 1973, at the age of 89. He had made his home in Clearwater since 1954.

Dr. Buchanan was born Oct. 9, 1884 in Buchanan, N. Y., a town named for his ancestors. He received his medical degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 1911, and returned to Youngstown to practice, having moved here from Buchanan in 1905.

Dr. Buchanan was plant physician for Republic Steel Corp. He was a 50-year member of Western Star Lodge 21, F. & A.M., and member of Buechner Council R. & S.M., Youngstown Chapter Royal Arch Masons, St. John's Commandery, Al Koran Shrine, and American Legion Post 7 of Youngstown. In 1963 he was elected to Honorary Membership in the Mahoning County Medical Society. In 1949 he was named to the American College of Surgeons. During World War I, he served as a member of Base Hospital No. 31 in France.

For many years he was the area medical examiner for the U. S. Bureau of Air Commerce and successor agencies, such as the Civil Aviation Administration and Federal Aviation Administration. He examined periodically most of the older pilots as well as applicants for new pilot certificates and was widely known and highly regarded by this group.

Because of his interest in this field, he later was taught to fly in a small aircraft, and was probably the area's first "flying doctor."

He gained a reputation for his meticulous examinations of pilots and often commented, "I hope no one ever dies in an air accident resulting from anything I've missed."

With the passing of Dr. Buchanan, the area has lost another pioneer, and the medical profession has lost a fine physician.

EDGAR C. BAKER, M.D. **1895 - 1973**

Dr. Edgar C. Baker, emeritus chief of radiology for Youngstown Hospital Association and one of the pioneers in X-ray here, died on Saturday, Dec. 22, 1973, at the age of 78, at Park Vista Presbyterian Home.

Dr. Baker was born Nov. 20, 1895, in Harrisburg, Penna. He was educated in Philadelphia, where he was valedictorian of his graduating class at Downington High School. Following a B.A. degree at Hiram College, he earned his medical degree at Western Reserve University in 1921.

He interned at South Side Hospital, went into practice in Cleveland, and returned to Youngstown in 1923 to work with Dr. Sidney M. McCurdy at the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Co. He later was associated with Dr. C. R. Clark, became interested in X-ray and joined Dr. John Heberding full time at South Side.

In 1927, he operated a double fluoroscope while Dr. E. C. Goldcamp removed a tack from a lung—an amazing operation at the time.

Dr. Baker, with the aid of the hospital shop, built a photofluorographic unit before commercial equipment for chest examinations could be obtained.

He helped lead the fight to let people know how to recognize some of the symptoms that might spell cancer. In addition to being first chairman of the Ohio Cancer Society, Dr. Baker served as a trustee on the executive committee and then was made a life trustee. He received the American Cancer Society's Gold Medal Award for organizing the Women's Field Army in Ohio and Youngstown. This was a forerunner of the Ohio Chapter of the ACS.

Hiram College gave him a distinguished service award in 1954 for his X-ray work and the Mahoning County TB and Health Association gave him

a plaque for his efforts in fighting TB in 1967. In May, 1964, the Ohio State Radiological Society honored him at a state meeting. He was a founder and past president of the organization.

Dr. Baker was very active in the Mahoning County Medical Society. He was editor of the *Bulletin* in 1945, a member of council and chairman of a number of committees including the Postgraduate Day Committee, charged with presenting an all-day program for the entire Sixth District.

In 1971 he joined the fifty-year club when the Ohio State Medical Association honored him for 50 years in the practice of medicine with the presentation of a pin and plaque.

He was past president of the YHA staff and of the Cleveland Radiological Society, a diplomate and fellow of the American Board of Radiology, a member of the American Thoracic Society, American College of Chest Surgeons, Association for the Study of Neo Plastic Diseases, World Photographers Association, World Medical Association, the Welcome Society of Philadelphia and was made president of the Pennsylvania Radiological Society in spite of bylaws that only Pennsylvania practicing physicians could be officers.

He pioneered in a then new field of medicine and both the medical profession and the lay community are better off for his having been among us.

RESOLUTION DEADLINE SET

Physicians wishing to submit resolutions to the Ohio State Medical Association House of Delegates must have the resolutions at OSMA headquarters no later than March 12th. To be considered, a resolution must be introduced on the floor of the House at the opening meeting, May 12, by a delegate from Mahoning County. The 1974 Annual Meeting of the OSMA will be held at Cleveland.

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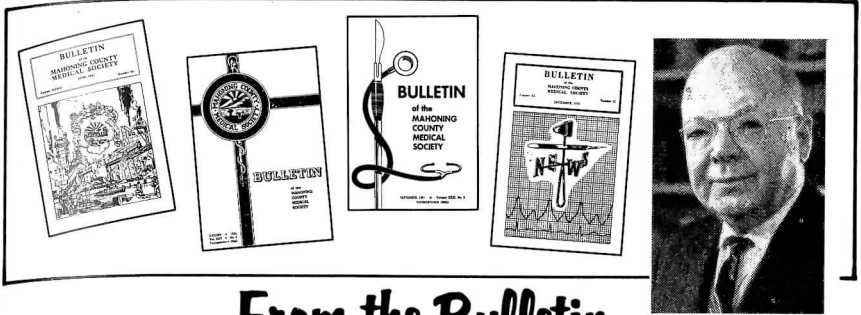
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FORTY YEARS AGO — FEBRUARY 1934

The New Deal was spending a great deal of money to boost employment. The purpose of the National Relief Administration was briefly: Hire more people and pay them more so they will have money to buy the stuff you make so you can hire more people and pay them more. The present administration is against that. They call it Inflation.

It was the fashion to ridicule some of the projects of the N.R.A. It was said that all the Works Project Administration did was put a shovel in every man's hand. But a great deal of lasting benefit which changed the appearance of Youngstown was accomplished by the W.P.A.

Federal Street was widened and the old street car tracks removed. If you want to see what Federal Street used to look like go down east of Watt Street.

Market Street and Mahoning Avenue were widened. They used to be narrow streets with street car tracks in the center and trolley wires overhead. Every street car was followed by a long queue of automobiles. It was forbidden to pass a trolley car on the left and impossible on the right if there were automobiles parked at the curb.

THIRTY YEARS AGO — FEBRUARY 1944

It was a hard winter. The 150 doctors here at home were struggling to keep things going. There was much sickness. Other County Medical Societies had simply given up and suspended any pretense of organization activity but Mahoning County never missed a meeting and the BULLETIN appeared every month.

TWENTY YEARS AGO — FEBRUARY 1954

Dr. Henri Schmid said that syphilis was declining but he reported 387 cases treated at the V-D Clinic in 1953 and 362 cases of gonorrhea.

The American College of Surgeons expressed their regret at the loss of Honored Fellow and Life Member, Warren D. Coy.

New members that month were: Frank M. Morison, Anthony J. Telego, John LoCriccio, Edward G. Rizk, Alex M. Rosenblum, Charles H. Giering, Frederic R. D'Amato and Leonard S. Fagnano.

Pictures of the Annual Banquet showed a large group of happy doctors dining and dancing with their wives. In the old days, wives were never invited to any Medical Society function. I think this way is much better.

But so many of those faces are missing now: Jim Brown, Bill Skipp, A. B. Sherk, Ivan Smith, Al Brandt and McNamara.

TEN YEARS AGO — FEBRUARY 1964

Steve Ondash started a new Bulletin of the Staff of St. Elizabeth Hospital.

James Calvin and Robert Jenkins were elected Fellows of American College of Physicians. Robert A. Wiltsie was made Diplomate of the Board of Pediatrics.

Gabriel DeCicco was elected president of the Medical Service Foundation. Armin Banez, Louis Bloomberg, Richard Murray and Bernard Schneider were on a lecture tour to the Philippine Islands. Dr. Banez is a graduate of the University of Santo Tomas in Manila. I was there in 1945 but not for a lecture. Manila had just been liberated from the Japanese and it was war-scarred.

No new members that month. There was complaint about poor attendance at the meetings.

—J. L. F.

MEDICAL ASSISTANTS' BLUE CROSS DUE

Doctors are asked to remind their girls that the six-month payment for Blue Cross and Blue Shield, through the Mahoning County Medical Assistants Group, is due no later than Thursday, Feb. 15.

Payment at this time will carry subscribers up through July 31, 1974, the date of the next billing. All members of the Medical Assistants Group have received bills from the medical society office.

Did You Know . . .

The Mahoning County Medical Society office maintains a physician referral service for those persons looking for a doctor. Most of the calls come from new families moving into town, while a number are from persons who never had a doctor and suddenly find themselves in need. Normal procedure is for the office to give the person the names of three physicians in the area of town desired. A file is kept by specialty, by area, and by the latest information available as to whether the doctor is currently accepting new patients.

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PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL

Jan. 8, 1974

The regular meeting of the council of the Mahoning County Medical Society was held on Tuesday, Jan. 8, 1974, at the Youngstown Club.

A treasurer's report was presented showing a \$307.28 bank deficit as of Dec. 31, 1973, excluding 1974 dues collected during 1973.

Applications were read, as presented by the counselors:

ACTIVE — John H. O. Bleacher, M.D.

Narciso Domingo, 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 application of Robert H. Whittlesey, M.D. for associate membership was delayed when it was noted that one of his sponsors was an associate member and that the constitution calls for active members to sign applications as sponsors.

A thank-you note from Auxiliary president, Mrs. K. F. Wieneke was read. She and Mrs. P. E. Ruth were guests at the December council meeting.

A letter was read from the Mahoning County Welfare Department giving answers to the questions that we asked (see December minutes) concerning their program for "Early Periodic Screening Diagnosis and Treatment" for eligible children. Following lengthy discussion, the motion was made by Dr. Anderson, and properly seconded, that a reply be sent stating that in general we consider this against the best interests of the patient, and enclosing a copy of the welfare resolution passed by the Mahoning County Medical Society at the Sept. 19, 1972, meeting. Motion was passed with stipulation that the letter in its final form be reported to council.

A letter from the Ohio State Medical Association was noted. It stated that the recently passed constitutional amendment had been received and would be acted upon.

A letter was read from Dr. Meader, who, although dues-exempt, enclosed a check for \$50 which he asked the Medical Society to accept as a dues contribution. The motion was made, seconded and duly passed that the money be accepted with a thank-you note to Dr. Meader.

An article entitled, "If They Won't Renew Your Malpractice Umbrella," from Medical Economics, was submitted by Dr. F. A. Schellhase, with the request that Council be made aware of this problem. The article was referred to Dr. Abdu for a report.

A request was reported from Paul Kline, Health Educator for the Youngstown Health Department for a medical advisory committee for the health screening bus. Dr. Melnick appointed Dr. Mahar, Jr. and Dr. Pichette to the committee.

A letter from the Northeastern Ohio Health Care Foundation (HMO) enclosing resumes from 36 physicians seeking to relocate was filed. The names are from the placement bureaus of the Ohio State Medical Association and the American Association of Medical Clinics.

The motion was made by Dr. Abdu, and properly seconded, that a letter be sent to the Board of Trustees and the Executive Committee of both hospitals asking them to send us in writing their views and the attitude of the hospital toward the HMO concept with the statement that the information is needed by us in order to formulate the stand to be taken by the Mahoning County Medical Society. Motion was passed.

Dr. Tandatnick, chairman, reported for the constitution committee. It was noted that a constitutional amendment requiring attendance at council was not needed inasmuch as the constitution provides that council may "declare vacant any office, elective or appointive, in the event the incumbent thereof shall fail to perform the duties of his office in a manner satisfactory to the Council." A motion relating to delegate attendance at OSMA meetings

and council meetings was referred to the Constitution Committee.

Dr. Melnick introduced discussion concerning the Physician's Family Welfare Fund, which is supported by an annual \$5.00 assessment per member. Dr. Melnick appointed Dr. Pichette, Dr. Abdu and himself (the Board of Censors) to be the committee to administer the Fund. Any inquiries are to be addressed to this committee.

Dr. Sovik reported that he had been named chairman of the OSMA committee on Health Man-power. He explained that this committee was concerned with primary physicians' assistants, and that he would keep council informed of committee progress.

Dr. Tandatnick noted that alternate delegates are expected to vote in the place of absent delegates at any meeting. He referred to a Sixth District meeting misunderstanding last year where delegates only were included in a vote.

Dr. Pichette announced that the Medical Society has nine copies of the book, "Case for American Medicine," by Harry Schwartz. The motion was made by Dr. Abdu, and properly seconded, that we purchase enough books to give one to every hospital trustee and put one in each hospital library. Motion was passed.

Dr. Melnick reported on the number of reservations for the Annual Banquet. He noted that every council member must be there to be installed. Additional reservations were made by council members present.

Dr. Melnick brought to council's attention an instance where an industry is questioning a physician's fee and another instance where an insurance company is asking for review through the OSMA. The council restated that policy of accepting complaints from patients through the Grievance Committee, but not doing review for a third party.

Meeting was adjourned.

Howard Rempes

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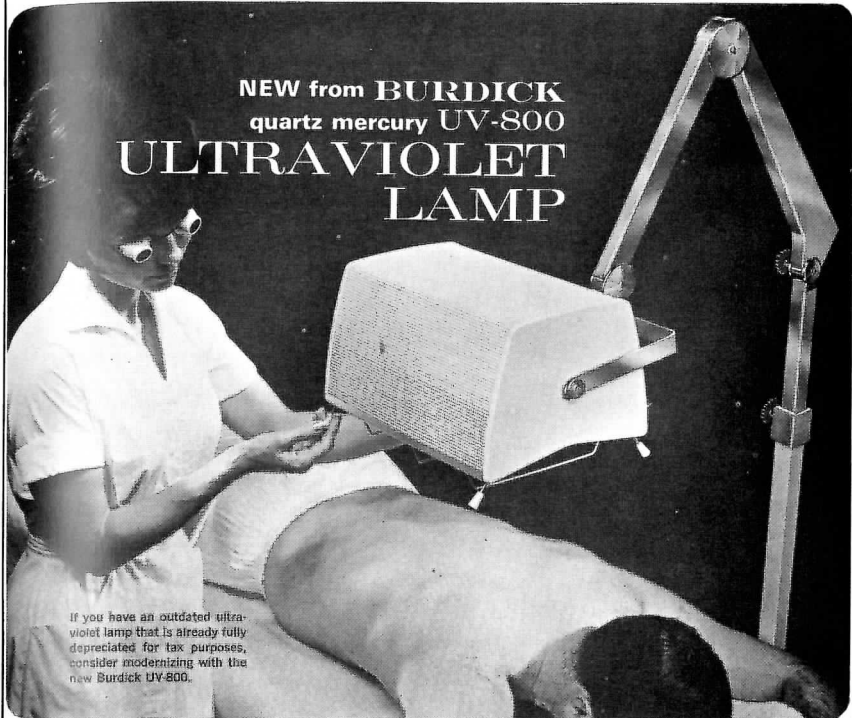
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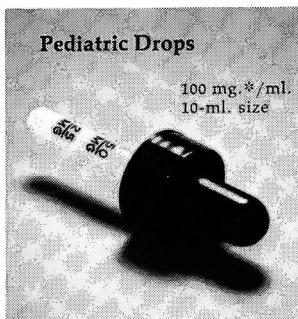
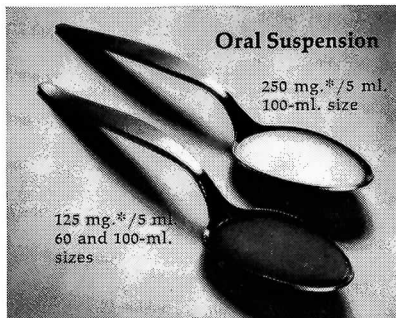
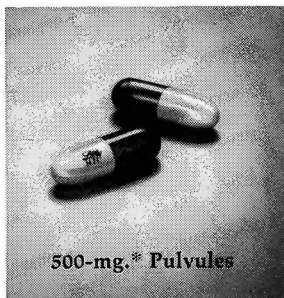
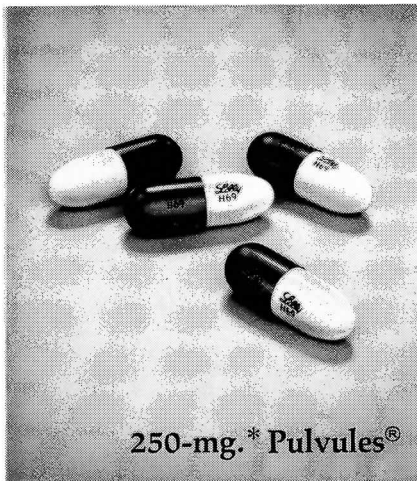
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