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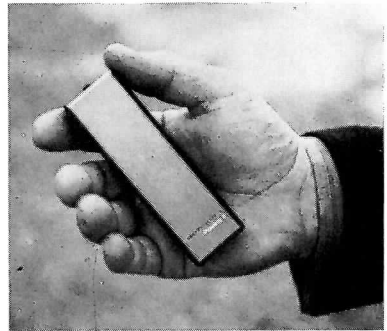
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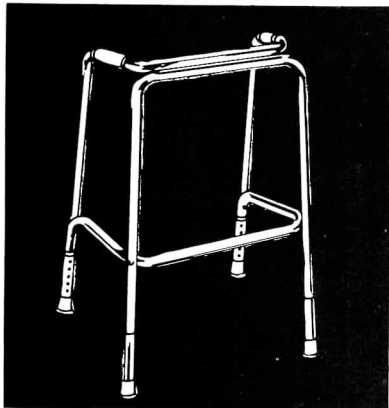
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From the Desk of the President



M.D. DEGREE BY LEGISLATION OR EDUCATION

When we were in the service, having earned an M.D. degree, we automatically received the grade of lieutenant or higher officer rank. I was proud of this honor and distinction during World War II. Yet when an enlisted man or lay person addressed me as "Lieutenant", I gently stated "Please, call me doctor." If they inquired, "Why?" I told them "Anyone can be a lieutenant but not every one can be a doctor." My Philosophy hasn't changed but the definition of a doctor has.

By legislation and partial education, we now have doctors of psychology, education, anthropology, chiropody, podiatry, nursing, optometry and many others. Frequently the lay person, who is misinformed, thinks these doctors are physicians. These doctors too, often believe they are physicians. Almost every week these new categories announce in the newspapers that they are available for consultation and treatment of the ills of the innocent and susceptible public. Yes, they are now licensed. They obtain their license by lobbying and influencing the bureaucrats and legislators under the guise of a manpower shortage in the health care field.

Last month in the State of West Virginia, the Optometric Practice Act has been changed. Doctors of optometry are now permitted to use drugs for DIAGNOSTIC and THERAPEUTIC purposes. This is a direct violation of the Medical Practice Act. This law was passed in spite of the governor's veto. It is being challenged in the Federal Court.

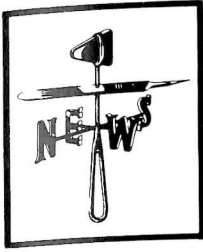
Similar attempts, in all states, are occurring in legislation, influenced by the many pseudo physicians. It can happen in Ohio.

We have a superb executive staff in Columbus represented by Hart Page, Dave Rader and the others. They are constantly on the alert and are well informed. Like you, they work evenings and weekends, frequently putting in 80 hours a week. They need your cooperation.

So we too must be vigilant. We can stop this erosion of the medical field to the detriment of the patient by the following:

- (1) Vote in the primaries and general elections. Select intelligent and honest legislators who are truly interested in the health and welfare of our patients and not selfishly interested only in getting a majority of votes to be re-elected.
- (2) Join O.M.P.A.C. and A.M.P.A.C.
- (3) When you are called to contact your legislator by the O.S.M.A. —do so immediately.

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Editorial

SEIZING THE INITIATIVE

*O judgement; thou art fled to brutish beasts,
And men have lost their reason. Bear with me;*

—Shakespeare

The press have been accusing President Ford of being unsure in policy making and in many instances merely reacting to the proposals and accusations of his opponents. This same criticism can be made about the medical profession. Instead of formulating new and cogent policy, we simply react to what others do or say. Many of the problems and threats posed by outside agencies can be obviated by our resolving the controversy. If we do not seize the initiative, then programs will be enfolded upon us.

Apparently, the areas of concern are known but resolution is lacking. Physicians comment about repeated offenders in various areas of medical practice or management, but no actual action is undertaken. Grand proposals affecting the practice of medicine are drafted in committees but somehow never implemented. There appears to be some great "black sun" in the medical universe into which these proposals are drawn and then are never seen again.

The prime concern is better patient care, but this is sometimes lost in the fear of the malpractice aspects of a proposal or the attempt to mollify all physicians concerned. An omelet cannot be made without breaking eggs, and new policy cannot be forged without causing some dissatisfaction. Rather than react to outsiders, when are we going to begin building constructive policy for improving health care and delivery?

—J. A. Lambert, M.D.
Editor



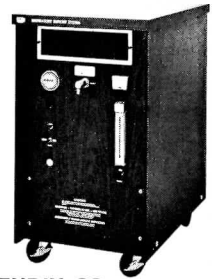
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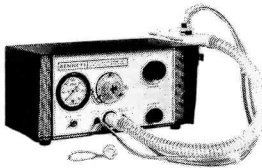
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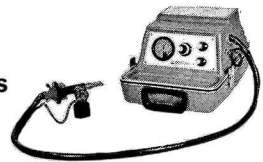


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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

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- (4) Attend our local, state and national meetings and voice your opinions. We need your wisdom and energy.
- (5) Finally, with the aid of our auxiliary, let's encourage the legislative committees to really function.

Then we can inform the public that doctors with lesser and inferior education are not made to practice medicine by legislation.

This was done in the days of 1800 to 1860 and we seem to be retrograding again in these present times. Then and only then can we truthfully state that with the 10 to 14 years of education after high school we earned our M.D. degree and are the only ones who are qualified to practice medicine and surgery.

—William E. Sovik, M.D.
President

OSMA HOUSE OF DELEGATES MEETING

Representing Mahoning County Medical Society at the annual meeting of the Ohio State Medical Society House of Delegates in Cincinnati, May 9-12, were delegates and alternates, Drs. Pichette, Schreiber, Melnick, Anderson, Sovik, Tandatnick and Mahar, Jr.

Important business included the election of Dr. Schreiber to be delegate from Ohio to the American Medical Association; the installation of the new president, Dr. George N. Bates, of Toledo, with Dr. Lieber retiring to the position of past president.

The Sixth District, consisting of the medical societies of Columbiana, Stark, Trumbull and Mahoning met numerous times in caucus. The district delegation was headed by Dr. Joseph L. Logan of Warren.

Of the 48 resolutions brought before the House, possibly the one of most general interest concerned malpractice suits. The resolves of resolution 6-76 as approved by the House read:

RESOLVED, The Ohio State Medical Association Council should encourage and support action to establish the principle that if the defendant is found not liable in a malpractice action, the payment of all court costs and attorney fees of both plaintiff and defendant will be the responsibility of the plaintiff and the plaintiff's attorney; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Ohio State Medical Association Council should actively develop and sponsor legislation and procedural rules which would have the following provision:

"In any action for damages for personal injury or death, whether based on tort or contract law, a counterclaim for damages for abuse of process in filing such action may be filed and litigated in the same action."

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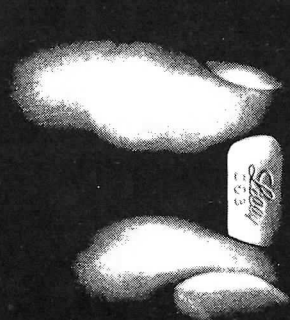
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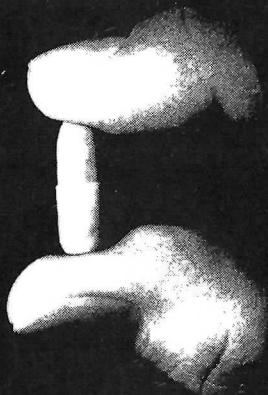
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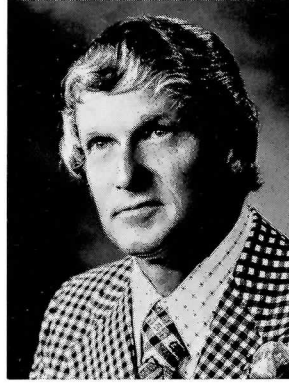
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TWO ELECTED FROM MAHONING COUNTY



Nena LaBarbera



Jack Schreiber, M.D.

Honors came to Mahoning County in two State meetings held in May. At the Ohio State Medical Association annual meeting, Dr. Jack Schreiber was elected as a delegate from OSMA to the American Medical Association. Jack has been an alternate delegate since 1969.

At the annual meeting of the Ohio State Society of Medical Assistants, Miss Nena LaBarbera, medical assistant to Drs. Evans, Ruth and Gregg, was elected president of that Society. She is a past-president of the Mahoning County Medical Assistants Society and has served in several positions in the State organization. The Medical Assistants Society is sponsored by the Mahoning County Medical Society, and, on higher levels, by the Ohio State Medical Association and the American Medical Association.

DOWN MEMORY LANE

I have at least one reader. I had a nice note from Dr. Walter S. Curtis, 104 Newell Court, Menands, N.Y., 12204. He would certainly enjoy hearing from some of our "old timers."

Back in 1936, our 9th annual post-graduate assembly was held at Stambaugh Auditorium with dinner and evening session at the Youngstown Club. Registration fee, including dinner was the enormous sum of \$5.00. We had over 2000 in attendance. Dr. M. W. Neidus was chairman. Our faculty was a group from the College of Physicians and Surgeons, from Columbia University.

That year scarlet fever was quite prevalent. Having studied with Dr. Dick at the University of Chicago, I was assigned to a hospital committee to immunize nurses. Miss Windtey, superintendent of nurses, felt that her nurses were so well trained that they could care for scarlet fever and surgical patients without fear of cross contamination. When I said "No!", she got so mad at me that she resigned and went back to England. No one had dared cross her before.

—C. A. Gustafson, M.D.

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Top, left: Dr. Gilliland with first prize winner, Ricky Beachum. Right: Mirta Pacheco and Sylvia Williams with their DNA project. Bottom: Mrs. Anderson and Auxiliary prize winner, Sandra Harsanye.

Three prizes were awarded by the Mahoning County Medical Society and the Auxiliary at the annual public schools Science Fair, held April 10 at East High School.

The \$50 bond went to Ricky Beachum, South High, for his project entitled, "The Simplest Living Things." Two second awards of \$25 bonds were given. The Auxiliary award went to Sandra Harsanye, Chaney, for her project, "Cancer in Your Lifetime." The Medical Society second award went to Mirta Pacheco and Sylvia Williams, of East, who worked together on a project on "DNA."

Dr. R. L. Gilliland, chairman, was judge for the best projects related to medicine. He presented the Medical Society awards to the winners. Mrs. James Anderson, president, presented the Auxiliary award.

In Memoriam

PATRICK H. FUSCOE, M.D.

1896 - 1976

Dr. Patrick H. Fuscoe, Internist, died Wednesday, May 12, 1976, at Redlands, California. He was 81.

Dr. Fuscoe was born in Youngstown, attended Covington School and was graduated from Rayen School. He earned his A.B. degree in 1920 at Ohio State University and his M.D. at Loyola University School of Medicine in 1927. He interned at Youngstown Hospital Association in 1926 and 1927.

He was a veteran of World War I. After moving to California nine years ago, he practiced medicine as a civilian doctor at Norton Air Force Base. He had practiced in Youngstown 35 years prior to his move.

His many friends are saddened at his passing.

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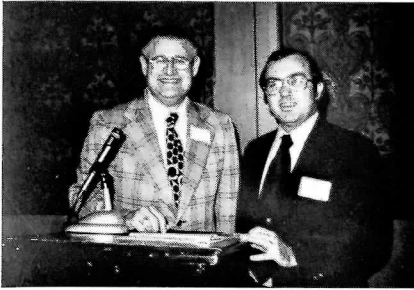


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Dr. L. P. Caccamo, speaker at the tenth annual Scholarship Dinner, stressed motivation of the medical student in his talk before the 55 top scholars from 25 senior classes of area high school and doctors and wives who served as hosts to the young people.

Dr. Sovik, president, welcomed the guests. Along with Mrs. Sovik he bestowed the emblematic scholarship pin upon the recipients. Dr. G. R. Barton, scholarship chairman, presided at the meeting and introduced the speaker and each of the students. Dr. Caccamo presented certificates enrolling each student in the Mahoning County Medical Society Roster of Scholars.

MEDICAL ETHICS SENT TO MEMBERS

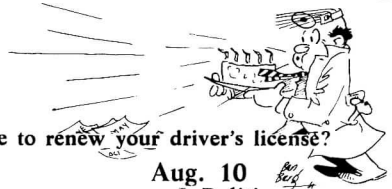
Last month, Council initiated a mailing to all members consisting of pertinent paragraphs from the Principles of Medical Ethics of the American Medical Association. Members are urged to watch for these and keep them on file. They are recognizable as single yellow sheets, mimeographed, and properly headed. Two have been mailed to date and a third is in preparation. They are being included in such mailings as meeting announcements and minutes of Council.

CANFIELD FAIR COMMITTEE BEGINS WORK

Plans got under way for the Medical Health Building at the 1976 Canfield Fair when exhibitors met with the Canfield Fair Committee at American Red Cross quarters on March 18th.

This year will mark the 25th consecutive medical health exhibition to be sponsored and planned by the Mahoning County Medical Society. Presiding at the meeting were Dr. Jack Schreiber, chairman of the Canfield Fair Committee, and Mr. Gilbert James, member of the Canfield Fair Board.

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From the Bulletin

FORTY YEARS AGO — MAY 1936

The Townsend Plan was vigorously promoted those days as a cure for economic ills, especially those of the aged. Every old person was to be given \$200.00 a month which had to be spent at once. This spending was expected to boost production and raise the standard of living. The *Bulletin* with tongue in cheek figured the total population, less the number to receive benefits, less the number in government employment, less the number prohibited by child labor and unemployment and found there would be two people left to pay. The Editor concluded "Apparently this leaves things up to you and me, and as I am not feeling so well, that pretty much puts the burden on you!"

The Scott Company announced that the fashionable thing for golf was the return to knickers. You could buy them that fastened at the knees with a cord for \$8.00.

THIRTY YEARS AGO — MAY 1946

President Reilly reported that Post-Graduate Day last month drew attendance from 15 towns in Pennsylvania and 35 in Ohio. It was a fine day and everyone was there to hear the group from Johns Hopkins.

Service records of W. E. Sovik, Milton M. Kendall, Joseph J. Sofranec, Jr. and H. E. Chalker were published. Sovik served with the Navy in the Atlantic theatre and helped with the Normandy invasion. Kendall served with the Air Force and in June 1944 was attached to the Royal Air Force in the Normandy landing. Later he fought through the Rhineland campaign. He was elected a fellow of the Royal Society Of Medicine and licensed to practice medicine in the United Kingdom. Sofranec served in England and handled casualties from the invasion. Later he served in France and received a meritorious service citation. Chalker served in the Aleutians campaign and was chief of surgery at the 183rd Station Hospital at Anchorage.

Luke Reed was back from Japan and opened his office. The old Medical-Dental orchestra never got going again. Herman Kling left for Albuquerque. You can't have much of an orchestra without a good hot drummer.

TWENTY YEARS AGO — MAY 1956

President DeCicco urged the doctors to have regular physical examinations and give a little attention to their own health.

The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis said that the number of polio cases could be cut in half by a coordinated effort of all concerned. The doctors were willing to coordinate but they couldn't get enough vaccine.

John Rogers was elected President and John Noll Vice-President of the Youngstown Area Heart Association.

Elmer Wenaas was made President of Section on Ophthalmology of the Ohio State Medical Association.

The new Hitchcock Auditorium at the South Side Unit was dedicated in April.

At the Medical-Legal Banquet there were five Bennetts: the Judge, his brother Dr. Wendall, attorneys James and Franklin and Dr. Hugh.

New members that month were: Raymond Boniface, Jack Malkoff and James Sofranec.

TEN YEARS AGO — MAY 1966

Editor Robert Jenkins said the members' interest in Society affairs was more keen than it had been. Attendance at meetings was improved and the fragmentation of opinion that used to exist has practically disappeared.

The May meeting was devoted to a discussion of Medicare, due to start in June.

David Beynon attended an Urology course at the Cleveland Clinic. Arthur Rappoport presented a paper on Electronic Processing of Laboratory

Data at the Pathologic Conference in Hawaii. John J. Turner was at Houston working with DeBakey and Cooley. John McCann was honored by the Ohio State Medical Board for his 21 years service as President.

Council passed a motion that Welfare patients could be referred to hospital clinics with the approval of their attending physician.

R. P. Meader became a new member. Leonard Green and Kenneth Lloyd were called into military service.
—J. L. F.

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OPINION

The following is excerpted from a manuscript of
Richard Murray, M.D.

Governmental Intervention in the Practice of Medicine

The vicious attacks which are being mounted against the medical profession are entirely for one reason, the total subjugation of the will of the individual practitioner to the desires of a dictatorial central authority. While it is actually only one part of the total effort to collectivise the middle class, to which most of us belong, it is particularly pernicious and diabolical in that it stoops to the character assassination of a profession which has materially aided the welfare of all mankind. The physicians of this country are being accused of performing untold unnecessary surgery, and of causing the deaths of thousands of human beings thereby. I refer to the report of the Subcommittee of the House of Representatives headed by John E. Moss entitled, "Cost and Quality of Health Care: Unnecessary Surgery". No distinction is made between unnecessary surgery and elective surgery, in a blatant attempt to distort the public image of the medical profession. This, of course, is only one of the totally unwarranted accusations made against doctors in the United States. All of this effort is being made to enslave the individualist and to make him more and more subservient to the whims of an all powerful state.

I should hardly need to point out to the reader that the Constitution of the United States provides sanctions against involuntary servitude. It is, however, this sort of slavery that the masterminds behind these attacks have in view for physicians. There are bills now before the House and Senate which would not allow a young doctor to select his own specialty or place of practice. He would have to go where some government bureaucrat decided he should go, and perform those services which are to be dictated by an omnipotent state. National health insurance programs are being proposed which would clamp a collectivist fist about the throats of patients and physicians alike. Certification and recertification are being proposed as though they were a solution to imagined injustice and malfeasance, when none actually exists.

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PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL (Excerpts from April 13 and May 4 meetings)

A proposed mailing to members of paragraphs from the Principles of Medical Ethics of the American Medical Association was reviewed by Council and approved. The first mailing will go out with the current council minutes and subsequent mailings of more excerpts will be made from time to time.

Discussion ensued concerning the telephone directory yellow pages listings and method of listing D.O. members of the Mahoning County Medical Society. It was noted that the several D.O. members wishing to meet with council were unable to attend tonight's meeting but are expecting to attend the June 8th meeting.

The motion was made by Dr. Gilliland, and properly seconded, that we check with the American Medical Association and find out how they are going to handle the problem of listing both M.D.s and D.O.s in their next published directory. Motion was passed.

A letter was read from the American Medical Association in answer to our letter about the Parade article on Cancer. They stated that the Cancer Society is taking steps to meet with Parade editors and present a more positive article and that the AMA had refuted statements in an article in American Medical News.

Discussion ensued concerning two television programs presented over local stations on Monday, April 12. The motion was made by Dr. Abdu, and properly seconded, that letters of commendation be sent to both Blue Cross for their program, "Bill of Health," and to Dr. Jack Schreiber for his participation on a program over WYTV on "Malpractice." Motion was passed.

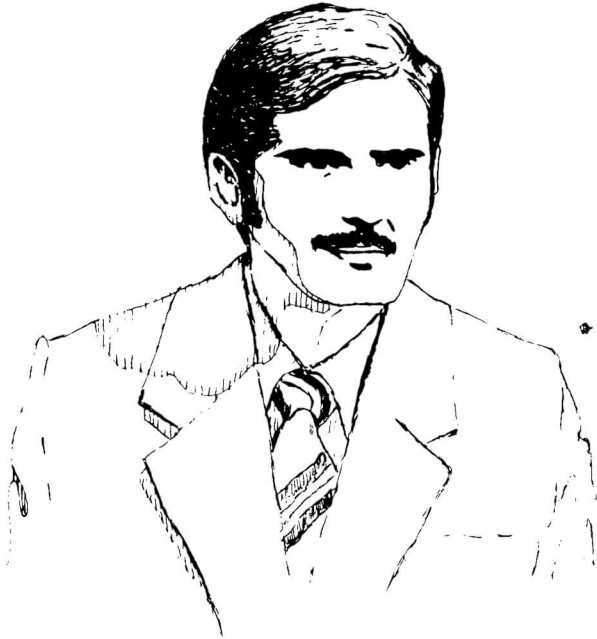
A letter was read from the Youngstown Board of Health announcing that the Board had voted to support the establishment of a Community Blood Bank by the Mahoning County Medical Society.

A letter was read from Sally Melnick asking that the Auxiliary legislative committee be given direction from the Medical Society, and offering to be of help in legislative matters. The motion was made by Dr. Gilliland, and properly seconded, that we accept the auxiliary's offer of help and that we endorse a joint meeting of the two legislative committees, and also that we congratulate and commend Mrs. Melnick on her informative legislative letters of the past year. Motion was passed.

Dr. Melnik, Bicentennial co-chairman, stated the progress of that committee, which includes the ordering of three large composite photos, the initial work on placing a granite marker dedicating Dutton Drive to Dr. Dutton, and the preliminary work in securing a granite slab identifying the grave of Dr. Woodbridge. It was noted that the assessment for this work had been passed at the last meeting of the Medical Society and billing for the assessment would begin at once.

Discussion ensued concerning the Youngstown Community Pride Program. The motion was made by Dr. Anderson, and properly seconded, that the president appoint willing members to a committee from the Medical Society, and ask the Auxiliary to appoint a committee to work with us to the end of raising a voluntary contribution to give support of the medical community to a program that will benefit all segments of the community. Motion was passed.

Dr. Sovik announced that the Mahoning County Medical Society would co-sponsor a symposium with Youngstown State University on "Choking Deaths," for the local Restaurant Owners Association. Dr. Mike Vuksta is to be the principal speaker. The motion was made, seconded and duly passed that a letter be written to Harry Meshel, commending him on his proposed legislative limiting liability for restaurant employees performing the "Heimlich Maneuver".



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