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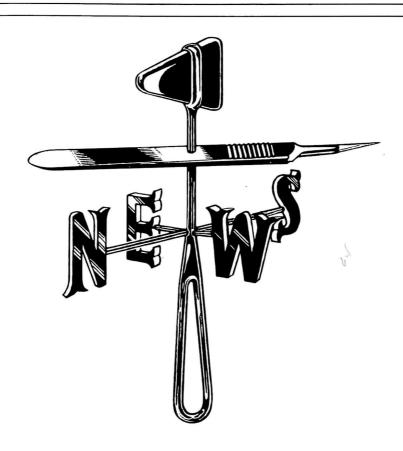
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## From the Desk of the President



Happy New Year and welcome to the 105th year of the Mahoning County Medical Society. Thank you for your confidence in electing me your President. Your council and I will do everything in our power to make 1977 a good year for medicine in Mahoning County. However, we need your thoughts and your support. Please give them to us in therapeutic doses.

My first point concerns American Medical Association membership. At the risk of being guilty of plagiarism, I would like to paraphrase a familiar quote: Ask not what the AMA can do for you; ask what the AMA can do for your patients. Do the 104 of you who are not members of the AMA realize that only 2.3% of the budget of your association is used for legislative activities? Do you realize that 38% of this budget (16.4 million dollars) will be spent on disseminating scientific information including journals, library facilities and drug evaluations? Do you realize that 8% of the budget is spent on programs that directly benefit the public as exemplified by a new program to deal with violence on television? Are you aware that the standards of medical education are largely set by the AMA and that 12.3% of the budget is allocated to this function?

Doctor, you may believe that you can get along without the AMA but your patients can not. As your president, I am asking you to spend 250 tax deductible dollars to help your national society help your patients. You have the right not to be a member, however rights and responsibilities go hand in hand.

Incidently, if you are not a member because of differences in political philosophy, you are giving an extra vote to those you disagree with. That isn't how democracy works.

—J. J. Anderson President



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#### **Editorial**

In the latter months of 1976, we have had the unique opportunity to observe from the sidelines, or participate actively if desired, in one of the "greatest spectacles on Earth", namely an American presidential election. The rhetoric has been heated and profuse as persons of all political persuasions have discussed different ideas and approaches to diffuse, but relevant, issues such as inflation, unemployment, energy, and America's future role in the world's political arena. Interestingly enough, in this period of time, there appeared to be a paucity of hard news and firm positions on the part of the major candidates regarding America's health industry, in both its present and future state.

In his same period of time, multiple proposals for the deliverance of health care to the American public have been issued. Controversial issues, such as the source of funding for such ventures as national health insurance, have not been resolved. The patient's opportunity to choose his own physician has not yet been guaranteed. The role of the physician himself in these new schemes has yet to be defined.

The public appears bewildered as to their specific medical needs with the exception of a universal desire to decrease skyrocketing medical costs and, in the face of catastrophic illness, have available funds to prevent total disruption of the family fiber. Yet, if one can accept the pollster's surveys, American citizens still greatly respect the American physician and appear anxious to maintain their individual right to the physician of their choice. I personally believe that the average American also looks to his private physician for advice as to the future form of health delivery in this country.

Quite honestly, I am of the firm belief that the average practicing physician in our nation is also confused as to the developments in the health care industry. He is ignorant, I believe, for time does not permit a physician to care properly for his physician load, keep abreast of oncoming medical advances, care for his family, and yet be apprised of all the political developments in these areas.

I do not believe the American public realizes what it stands to lose by sweeping changes in our health care system, and yet I am not convinced that the average physician is capable of, in the true sense of the word "doctor", teaching his patient the basic virtues in our present system. Unquestionably,

changes are necessary. We must aid those with catastrophic illnesses and care for those who cannot afford the costs of superior medical care. But, there is much good to be said for our system, and this needs to be emphasized.

Unfortunately, the hour is late. Our ignorance in these areas is great. I believe the County Medical Society is the place to educate the physician in this area, but more active participation on the part of the individual physician is absolutely essential. It is the local forum at which those with greater experience in the medical political arena can teach those of us who are less experienced. It is also the site at which a health exchange of ideas between young and old can be accomplished. Only in this fashion can we formulate a more unified, intelligent approach to be used in educating our patients as to the virtues of our present system, and yet play an active role in changing those areas where changes, indeed, are necessary.

—A. Reed Hoffmaster, M.D. Editor

#### ANNUAL BANQUET IS TUESDAY

Tuesday, Jan. 18th, marks the beginning of a new year for the Mahoning County Medical Society. That is the day of the Installation Banquet—always an enjoyable affair for both members and their wives (or husbands). Everyone is invited to attend and honor outgoing president, Dr. Sovik, and welcome the new president, Dr. Anderson.

The Banquet will be at the Youngstown Club, with dinner at 6:30 p.m., preceded by a social period that begins at 6:00. The brief ceremonies should be under way by 7:30 and this will be followed by entertainment. Reservations may be made at the office of the Mahoning County Medical Society; phone 747-4956.

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"This year, 1977, I will take a sincere interest in my medical society, and I will make every effort to attend each of the six scheduled meetings, beginning with the annual banquet on Jan. 18th.

(signed)

#### CME CREDITATION NOW IN EFFECT

Continuing Medical Education has always been an important facet of medicine. Now, as of Jan. 1, 1977, physicians must document 150 hours of credit between that date and Dec. 31, 1979 as a condition for reregistration of their medical license in 1980.

An informational article on CME has been published in the November issue of *The Ohio State Medical Journal*, page 640, and more detailed information will be found in the December issue, page 724. The latter includes a "Log of Continuing Medical Education Activity," which may be removed from the magazine and used for the doctor's personal record to be sent to the Ohio State Medical Board when completed.

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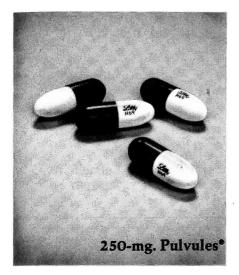
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#### FORTY YEARS AGO — JANUARY 1937

Paul Fuzy was the new President and he reminded each member that he had a duty to support the Society. Claude Morris was President-Elect and Bill Skipp the Vice-President. We had a Vice-President then. Robert Poling was Secretary. Treasurer and Editor did all their own work. Harry Patrick was Editor again, his second year.

At St. Elizabeth's, F. W. McNamara was Chief of Staff, Saul Tamarkin the Secretary-Treasurer. A. M. Rosenblum was Chief of Medicine and J. M.

Ranz Chief of Surgery.

Stan Myers was in Boston studying nose and throat. Joe Keogh was there too, studying chest surgery. Vern Goodwin married Ruth Huxley and they went to New York where he studied E.N.T.

New Members were: Myron Steinberg, A. B. Sherk, David Levy, C. A.

Gustafson and Martin Conti.

Kolmer's work on polio immunization with a ricineolated virus had been discredited. It was recommended that during the polio season children's noses should receive daily installations of a mixture of alum and tannic acid.

#### THIRTY YEARS AGO — JANUARY 1947

President George McKelvey urged members to see that all night calis were covered adequately. John Noll was President-Elect, Vernon Goodwin, Secretary and P. J. McOwen the Treasurer. The Vice-Presidential office has been discontinued. Mary Herald was the new Executive Secretary.

Sixteen doctors whose offices had been held for them rent-free in the Home Savings and Loan Building during their years of war service presented a bronze plaque to the directors of the Company in appreciation of the

patriotic act.

#### TWENTY YEARS AGO — JANUARY 1957

President Ondash reminded the members that it was the eighty fifth anniversary of the founding of the Medical Society. Editor Pichette printed the Hippocratic Oath and called it a doctor's most important New Year's resolution.

Medical Economics reported that most doctors worked 60 hours a week and made less than a bricklayer if he put in the same number of hours.

W. H. "Bill" Bunn received the highest Award of Merit for his outstanding work with the American Heart Association.

Fred Resch was elected President of the Academy of General Practice. There were 209 active members, 30 junior active, 2 associated, 3 non-

resident, 10 interne and 12 honorary.

#### TEN YEARS AGO — JANUARY 1967

Harold Reese was President. Robert Fisher was President-Elect. M. C. Raupple was Treasurer and Clyde Walter Secretary. E. T. Saadi was the new Editor.

There were 308 active members, 14 associate, 3 military, 13 non-resident and 18 honorary. 356 in all. Average attendance at the meetings in 1966 was 87. B. J. Dreiling and F. W. McNamara were new Honorary Members.

E. Henry Jones died at the age of 82. He was coroner for six years before he specialized in Dermatology.

New members that month were Patrick Brucoli and John Bleacher.

In council a resolution submitted by J. L. Fisher requiring mandatory attendance at Medical Society Meetings was unanimously defeated.

—J. L. F.

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