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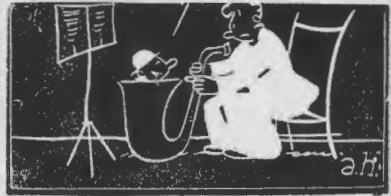
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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

At our last meeting, by unanimous vote of those present, the Mahoning County Medical Society reiterated our State and National organizations' promise to the Federal Government, that the Medical Profession would support its defense program with all the facilities at its command. Ninety-eight percent of the physicians of Mahoning County have returned their Medical Defense Questionnaire. Every member of our Society has promised to do his part in carrying out the selective service plan as a patriotic duty.

During the depth of the depression when the demand for free medical service in our clinics and offices all but overwhelmed us, we coöperated with the F. E. R. A. in evolving a plan for medical relief that has since become the model throughout the State.

Now we are joining with our State Association in submitting a plan for making more easily available adequate medical care to the low income group of our citizens.

So past and present our record bears evidence of our humanitarian and patriotic zeal in the general public welfare.

All of which entitles us to study carefully, and to enter our protests in the interest of the ultimate public good medically, against the tendencies of governmental agencies to more and more invade the field of medical practice, setting up with each advance new and subtle means of political control which ultimately will eventuate in complete Federalization of Medicine. All of these new forms of State and Federal invasion of medical practice are being made in the name of defense, patriotism, social security or humanitarianism.

Those forces which sought through Federal legislation to foist a complete system of State medicine on us *en masse*, through the Wagner Health Bill, met with too great opposition and have apparently changed their strategy and seek to attain their end by a more gradual encroachment through multiple attacks at numerous points. Thus we have had health projects as a part of the program for Old Age Pensioners, Aid to Dependent Children, Crippled Children, Aid to the Blind, Infant and Maternal Welfare, Hospital Construction, Federal Farm Bureau, etc., all with their humanitarian appeal and all paying a small and inadequate fee for medical services demanded. Now two new projects are announced, viz., the N. Y. A. Health Program, and the Public School Health and Physical Education Program, both originating in Washington, having enormous Federal appropriations (the latter \$200,000,000), working through State agencies down to local organizations who carry out the program, but who take their instructions down to the smallest details from Washington.

To the 1941 Ohio General Assembly has been presented no less than ninety-five bills having to do with public health and medical practice (a new all-time record). Some are good and in the interest of better medicine and better public health protection. Some are of minor importance with little or no effect on medicine and health. Many are dangerous with far reaching import to medical practice and public health.

The American Medical Association, the District of Columbian Medical Society, the Harris County Medical Society, the Washington Academy of Surgery and many prominent individual physicians are now on trial in the

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March

Editorials---

Dr. Adams Gives Us Headaches

When a situation lends itself so perfectly as practically to coin a wise-crack, the inevitable result is to overplay it. That's why it is well to say that the title, "Dr. Adams gives us Headaches" is emphatically not a wise-crack. At the meeting of the Society, Tuesday evening, February 18th, Dr. Adams demonstrated how an ordinary subject when handled by an extraordinary man may itself become of extraordinary interest.

Dr. Adams was very simple and practical in his approach to the problems of headaches. They're intracranial or toxic or miscellaneous. He pointed out several sources of diagnostic and therapeutic errors and emphasized the part played by various mental maladjustments growing out of social and economic environments.

Speaking Further of Headaches

While this is a figure of speech—it describes accurately what these Selective Service examinations are to the twenty-two doctors who perform this patriotic, sacrificial duty. What with making their own livings, examining about 7000 men a year is a staggering burden to so few men. Dr. F. W. McNamara, the Chairman of our Defense Committee, was just about down-for-the-count—he gave one the impression of a gallant fighter, who was very, very groggy!

Of course, "Headaches" of this kind along with intracranial physical headaches, all become bearable when pressure is relieved. Dr. A. E. Brant, a member of Dr. McNamara's Committee, offered a resolution calling for 100 percent participation of our

membership in making these examinations.

Naturally, it was adopted un-
animously.

Headaches!

As if we had not enough—personal and otherwise! War, Wheeler, Roosevelt, New Deal, Old Deal, Hitler, the Coal Bill—oh, for some socially effective aspirin!

C. B. N.

ISALY DAIRY ENTERTAINS DOCTORS

On February 6th a very pleasant and profitable evening was spent by 105 of our members, when the Isaly Dairy Company was host to the Mahoning County Medical Society.

Many of us have admired the stately new tower which faces Mahoning and Glenwood Avenues. When illuminated at night the sight is really arresting, and we have wondered what the inside of the building was like.

Those who were there found that the interior, with the modern settings, the exotic panelling and murals were even more beautiful than the exterior.

The guests were taken, in small groups, for a tour of the plant, where the preparation of milk and other dairy products were thoroughly explained. To most of us it was very interesting and instructive.

By the time the tour was completed we were all glad to sit down to a tasty dinner, which was served in the beautiful ball room. After the dinner, Prof. Max Wolf of the Youngston College Faculty spoke on the subject "What America Means to Me."

The entire affair was very enjoyable and will long be remembered by those who were there.

—L. S. D.



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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

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District of Columbia, indicted for alleged violation of the Sherman Anti-Trust Act.

Here again those forces who seek to completely Federalize medical practice in this country are using tactics that closely simulate the plots in some of the old-fashioned melodramas of years ago. In order to becloud the issue and minimize resistance the villain first besmirches the character of the widow whom he intends to rob of her rightful heritage. So thus our hands are tied!

If the hand-writing pointed only to the Medical Profession our freedom might be sacrificed on the altar of nationalism with few to mourn until the folly of idol worship was later realized.

But the trend is of far greater significance than the complete socialization of medicine. Each group, professional and commercial, is too interested in its own problems of defense against national socialistic changes to see the import of the movement to change our American way of life. Already we have almost complete socialization of financial and educational institutions, and agriculture. Slowly and insidiously medicine and industry are being brought in line. A large army and navy and a well organized secret service are being created by the central government.

History but repeats itself! With complete national socialism freedom of speech, religious worship, enslavement of labor, censorship of the press and radio, and persecution of minority groups inevitably follows. All in the name of national defense, patriotic duty, economic security and humanitarianism!

As medical men our training bids us answer the call of distress whenever and wherever it occurs. As loyal citizens our patriotic duty bids us make available our medical knowledge for our country's defense. Our minds, trained to reason and to analyze causes and effects bid us pause and reflect where all this is leading us.

What are we to do about it all? Who knows the answer to our dilemma?

O. J. WALKER, M. D., President.

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY MEDICAL SOCIETY 1941 ESSAY CONTEST

The Mississippi Valley Medical Society offers annually a cash prize of \$100.00, a gold medal, and a certificate of award for the best unpublished essay on any subject of general medical interest (including medical economics) and practical value to the general practitioner of medicine. Certificates of merit may also be granted to the physicians whose essays are rated second and third best. Contestants must be members of the American Medical Association who are residents of the United States. The winner will be invited to present his contribution before the next annual meeting of the Mississippi Valley Medical Society at Cedar Rapids,

Iowa, Oct. 1, 2, 3, 1941, the Society reserving the exclusive right to first publish the essay in its official publication—the *Mississippi Valley Medical Journal* (incorporating the *Radio-logic Review*). All contributions shall not exceed 5000 words, be typewritten in English in manuscript form, submitted in five copies and must be received not later than May 1, 1941. The winning essay of the 1940 contest appears in the January, 1941, issue of the *Mississippi Valley Medical Journal* (Quincy, Ill.). Further details may be secured from

Harold Swanberg, M. D., Secretary
Mississippi Valley Medical Society
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Quincy, Illinois.

THEOPHRASTUS BOMBASTUS

(Continued)

After twenty years in practice . . .

But before proceeding, let it be known that the second installment is written not so much at the request of the editor as in response to a flood of fan mail.

To be accurate, the fan mail consists of exactly one card from Dr. Lois M. Merkel of Sharon, Pa., who writes "THEOPHRASTUS BOMBASTUS REDIVIVUS IMMENSELY ENJOYED." (Author's capitals.)

Hurrah! Success and recognition at last.

Thanks, Dr. Merkel. Sight unseen, it is obvious that you have a discriminating literary taste, and Theophrastus will bet a cookie that you yourself can turn a neat phrase. How about becoming our Sharon correspondent and contributor to this column?

IMMENSELY ENJOYED!

Would it be immodest to dwell just a little longer on this beautiful and well earned tribute? Confidentially speaking, Dr. Merkel, you are not the only one who enjoyed it. Theo himself enjoyed it, too, which makes it two. Oh, the joy of seeing oneself in print! It is a pleasure reserved only for the literati and cognoscenti.

For what does the average aesculapian proletarian know of the exquisite joy of gloating over a literary brainchild? Or, for that matter, of the labor pains of "birthing" one? Be it only a trivial item stuck away among the ads, directly you receive the Bulletin, for example, you turn to your own stuff and avidly read and reread it. The ecstasies of a forty-year-old primipara (which the author is not), taking the first look at her newborn, are as nothing compared with it.

Just one more gloat over this glowing tribute. Theophrastus will bet a

certain rival columnist, who hides behind a double disguise of "Medical Crier" (and who wouldn't cry if they were as baldhead as Jimmie?) and "J. L. F.," that he cannot produce such testimonials to his literary skill.

But now we must resume. After twenty years of practice. . . But pardon just one more digression. We cannot dismiss Jimmie Fisher so lightly. Jimmie has done much for this Bulletin. For those who do not remember, he was its first editor and has kept up an active interest in it since. He has contributed to it some of the best writing, and for many months now he has been regularly turning out a column, which is always interesting and well written. Jimmie writes so well that his stuff usually seems casual and dashed off. But that is just the kind of writing that takes time. Finally, Jimmie is a fellow who always does his job, and does it well.

And speaking of doing a job, Theophrastus is proud of the way the medical profession has taken hold of the examining of the draftees. While the legislators are bickering and piddling and capital and labor are each trying to get their pound of flesh, *we are doing our job*—and are doing this absolutely free, and cheerfully.

Having tossed so many bouquets at Jimmie Fisher we will follow it with a brickbat. In the last issue of the Bulletin Jimmie went out on a literary limb. It seems that he has read Hemingway's "For Whom The Bell Tolls" and did not like it. That's O.K. But he goes on to classify it with "The Adventures of a Harlot," a purely bawdy book, and the only one of this kind (sic!) which Jimmie once read.

What a shocking admission! To have read only one pornographic book! Jimmie must at once correct

March

this hiatus in his education. He must forthwith provide himself with an assortment of pornographic books. The well known classic "Fanny Hill" might do for a beginning.

As for Hemingway's book, Theophrastus has enjoyed reading it. No, he will take that back, because no one can enjoy a book that describes, with so much realism, the horrors of the Spanish Civil War. It is a bit rough in spots, to be sure, but let us not act the shocked puritan. In a world filled with horrors and beastliness our sensibilities cannot remain so delicate.

And who shall draw the line between art and pornography? Or good and evil, or right and wrong, for that matter? It seems all mixed up just at present. Besides, both Jimmie and Theo may be getting beyond their depth. And as far as Hemingway's book is concerned, Mr. Hemingway would probably say, "I obscenity on your criticism."

And now garrulous Theo finds himself further than ever from his topic, which was—

After twenty years in practice Theophrastus has learned that it is not easy to make money in a crap game or in the stock market.

But having learned does he stay out? No! He is still hopeful that the "bones" will get "hot" for him some day, and is picking up a few shares—of what? "Cats and Dogs."

The incorrigible optimist.

And that is the lesson for this issue.

Special Dinner for Secretaries

The Secretaries' Organization is gathering around the festive board at 6 P. M. on March 20th at LaMaita Restaurant, 321 W. Federal Street.

Menu: Italian Spaghetti and all the trimmin's!

Don't miss a real dinner, a good time and an important announcement. All secretaries are cordially invited.

No reservations taken after March 15th, so make yours *now*.

The N. P. C.

(Pittsburgh Medical Bulletin)

The National Physicians' Committee for the Extension of Medical Service (N. P. C.) recently completed its first year of activity.

The occasion was marked by a statement of accomplishments, objectives and plans, and sources of revenue, addressed by U. S. mail to more than 170,000 physicians throughout the nation. The communication included a request for moral and financial support in the continuation of the committee's endeavors to educate the public in the implications of political medicine.

The Journal of the A. M. A., December 7 issue, states that "such an agency will find a large field for its expanded program of public enlightenment."

The current President of the Medical Society of the State of Pennsylvania is one of its Trustees, all of which should encourage the physicians of our county to assist in the work.

This work can not be prosecuted without financial support. The Committee strongly hopes that the rank and file of the profession will participate through the "Three Cents a Day Club" of N. P. C. It is the Committee's firm belief that "the active coöperation of American physicians can insure the independence of the profession." Send your \$10.95 for 1941 to "N. P. C. Treasurer," Nation Physicians' Committee, Pittsfield Building, Chicago, Illinois.

Hotel Carter will be the headquarters for the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary to the American Medical Association which will be held in Cleveland, June 2-6, 1941. Requests for reservations should be sent immediately to Dr. Edward F. Kieger, Chairman of the Committee on Hotels and Housing, 1604 Terminal Tower Building, Cleveland, Ohio.

CHLOROPHYLL

Its Therapeutic Place in Acute and Suppurative Disease

Preliminary Report of Clinical Use and Rationale

By BENJAMIN GRUSKIN, M. D.

Director of Experimental Pathology and Oncology, Temple University, Philadelphia, Pa.

Man's fight against infection has followed two major lines of investigation: first, that of antiseptics (disinfection), or the destruction of bacteria by chemical means; and second, the immunological approach by which the individual's resistance against infection has been developed by the introduction into the host of antigenic substances, designed either to stimulate such antibody formation or to neutralize the toxic products of the bacteria.

The great objection to some anti-septic agents in the field of chemotherapy has been their irritating and toxic effects, even to the point of actual tissue destruction as well as the destruction of the infectious agent. Few of these substances have been used except in topical, local application in concentration enough to be effective as bactericidal agents.

For this reason, the use of Chlorophyll in the treatment of infections, particularly in local suppurative lesions, either of acute or chronic nature, represents a new approach to the treatment of such conditions, combining as it does a background of chemotherapy with what we believe to be a much broader biological method. Twelve hundred cases are hereby reviewed—of widely diverse character, ranging from acute infections of the upper respiratory tract and accessory sinuses to chronic ulcerative lesions of various types associated with varices, sinuses to chronic lesions of various types.

It is suggested that the action of chlorophyll consists for the most part of increasing the resistance of cells in some physicochemical manner so that enzymic digestions of the cell membrane by invading bacteria or their toxins is checked. Haas has emphasized the importance of the so-

called "intercellular phase" in tissue metabolism. He believes that chlorophyll acts on the intercellular matrix. It has stimulating effect upon the growth of the supportive connective tissue cells and the development of granulation tissue. It may be that an effective barrier to bacterial invasion is developed. The foul odor of anaerobic infections disappear after a few applications of chlorophyll preparation. Chlorophyll has the property of breaking down carbon dioxide and setting free oxygen tending to inhibit the action of anaerobic bacteria. An adverse environment for the growth of bacteria is created. Chlorophyll is a non-toxic agent and may be introduced intravenously, or orally, but its chief effectiveness is when it is used locally.

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Whatever technique is used in the therapeutic application it is necessary that chlorophyll come in direct contact with the tissues involved in the pathological process. This is to permit the diffusion of the agent into the intercellular matrix where it is believed that reaction occurs. Special care must be taken in cases where there is deep ulceration with undermining edges and in racemose fistulous and sinus tracts to make sure that the chlorophyll reaches all parts of the wound.

Dr. J. Norman Coombs notes that "there are two major types of lesion

in which chlorophyll seems to be particularly indicated: first, in the treatment of open wounds; and second, in the treatment of deep infections associated with drainage tracts communicating within the body cavities such as the abdomen and chest. For open wounds, dressings saturated with chlorophyll solution may be applied as often as may be necessary, without fear of skin irritation. The drainage tract of suppurative processes within the abdomen or chest should be irrigated at regular intervals with chlorophyll solution. Dr. Robert F. Ridpath and Dr. T. Carroll Davis report a series of 1000 cases in otolaryngology treated at Temple University. Acute rhinitis and rhinosinusitis and chronic sinus conditions were treated with chlorophyll solution. "The following method of treatment was adopted. In acute cases, the nasal chambers are shrunk and anesthetized, after which a modified Dowling pack is used, that is, a thread is attached to each pack, which is saturated with chlorophyll solution and gently inserted into the nasal cavity, until the posterior end of the pack, passing between the middle turbinate and the septum, is resting in the region of the superior meatus, in close contact with the ostia of the sinuses emptying there, namely, the frontal, anterior ethmoid and maxillary. The ends of the thread attached to each pack are tied together across the septum, and are cut off close to the knot. Packs should be retained for one hour. The patient should be given a daily treatment. "In treating chronic sinusitis, the procedure is to have the patient procure a suction apparatus of the improved Chapman water pump type. The patient takes the position recommended by Proetz or Parkinson. While lying in this position 2-3 cc. of the chlorophyll solution are inserted into each nostril. The patient then uses the suction obtained with the pump described above. While applying suction the patient must be careful to close all nasal outlets by

the method developed by Dr. Proetz. This treatment is used once daily. The patient is able to give himself this treatment or have it given in his home."

R. B. POLING, M. D.

IN PASSING

By J. PAUL HARVEY, M. D.

Recent research by Clayton, Smith and Turner, of Nashville, Tennessee, reveal some interesting data on the effect of orange juice on gastric acidity.

Their conclusions show, (a) that a test meal of orange juice stimulates a high free gastric acidity which reaches its acme one hour after injection; (b) orange juice remains in the stomach on an average of one hour and forty-five minutes; (c) it is not known what happens to gastric acidity if a glass of orange juice is taken once a day in addition to ordinary breakfast; and (d) it is not known yet how important it is to withhold orange juice in ordinary portions in treatment of patients with ulcer.

Primary Phases of T. B. Infections

(Prepared by Dr. Howard Holmes, Chief of the Bureau of Tuberculosis Control)

Many questions as to what this type of tuberculosis is, and what it means in the control of tuberculosis have caused considerable misunderstanding. Certain definite ideas are accepted at the present time.

1. Definition of Childhood Tuberculosis, first infection type of Tuberculosis, Hilus Tuberculosis are all one and the same type of tuberculosis, and are classed as the Primary Phase of Tuberculosis infection.

2. It may occur any time in life.

3. It is the result of the aspiration of live tubercle bacilli into the lungs for the first time and the subsequent inflammatory reaction which takes place in the parenchyma of the lungs and the bronchial lymph glands.

4. It is not contagious, and therefore not a hazard to public health. It is only of value as a means of finding the original source or the open case of regular pul-

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This Month

Tuesday Evening,

March 18th. 1941

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Murray M. Copeland, M. D.
Baltimore, Maryland

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Johns Hopkins Medical School

Associate in Oncology,
University of Maryland School of Medicine

Director, Baltimore City Hospitals,
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Dr. Ralph M. Waters 45 minutes
2. "Endocrine Therapy in General Practice"
Dr. Elmer L. Sevringhaus 1 hour
3. "Rationalized Therapeutic Experiences"
Dr. William S. Middleton 45 minutes—1 hour

Afternoon Session

4. "Empyema"
Dr. Joseph W. Gale 1 hour
5. "Shock, 1918-1941"
Dr. William S. Middleton 45 minutes
6. "The Service of Anesthesiology in the Modern Hospital"
Dr. Ralph M. Waters 45 minutes
7. "Thoracic Surgical Problems"
Dr. Joseph W. Gale 45 minutes

Evening Session

8. "Diagnosis and Therapeutic Problems of the Climateric"
Dr. Elmer L. Sevringhaus 1 hour

May Meeting

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In Passing

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monary tuberculosis, which is the real public health menace.

5. Healing occurs spontaneously in a few weeks with little or no evidence of clinical findings and consequently with or without any treatment. In other words, no special treatment is needed to control this type of infection.

Occasionally under one year generalized tuberculosis follows immediately the initial infection. This is also true sometime, when the first infection occurs after adolescence.

6. The results of healing are calcified areas in the parenchyma of the lung and the region of the bronchial lymph glands. The x-ray will visualize this. It has been proved that the calcifications may contain live tubercle bacilli which remain viable for a number of years after the original infection.

7. Positive allergy is the direct result of the initial infection and is the means used most often of discovering its presence.

ALL CASES OF TUBERCULOSIS SHOULD BE REPORTED TO THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

Influenza

Chemotherapy with sulfonamide derivatives is ineffective in treating influenza or influenza-like infections regardless of the degree of severity. However, occasionally in the course of what appears to be an acute tracheo-bronchitis with atypical pneumonia there appears in the sputum a pneumococcus of type I, II, III, V, VII, VIII, or XIV. Since these lower numbered types are infrequently found in healthy persons the possibility exists that they may become invasive in a patient who has severe infection of the respiratory tract.

In such a situation, particularly if the patient is over 50 years of age and has evidence of atypical pneumonia it is wise to give sulfathiazole in full therapeutic dosage for forty-eight hours. If no beneficial effect is noted in that time, the drug may be discontinued since the absence of a prompt response to an effective level of the drug in the blood suggests that the organism bears no etiologic significance.

Should the Hospitalization Group of Patients Be Discharged Earlier

Note the experience of the Jackson Co., Mo., physicians with group hospitalization.

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"The plan is not in danger; it can be further strengthened and benefits increased, but through our carelessness an increase in rates with decrease in benefits will soon result. There is even the possibility of loss of the only physician-controlled plan in this area."

Coronary Arterial Disease

In a paper read at the 1939 meeting of the Medical Section of the American Life Convention, Dr. H. M. Marvin, of NewHaven, included the following comments on coronary arterial disease:

"It must be a matter of fairly general knowledge that there are today hundreds of general practitioners who have had no special training or experience in cardiac disease or electrocardiography, but who purchase a portable electrocardiograph almost as soon as they start practice. Armed with this impressive instrument and with an air of complete confidence, they proceed to make diagnoses that would be wholly ridiculous if they did not so often result in tragedy. In my experience, their mistakes are almost never in overlooking important abnormalities, but rather in reading into the curves meanings that are entirely unjustified. It is probably very

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conservative to say that there are scores of instances every day in which a diagnosis of serious heart disease is made by such inexperienced physicians, solely on the basis of changes in the electrocardiogram that have no specific meaning. Those of you who are not in clinical medicine would probably be amazed if you knew the amount of unnecessary suffering that is caused by these deplorable mistakes. I assure you that those of us who are in cardiologic practice often see examples of severe cardiac neurosis that had their origin in the statement of a physician that the electrocardiogram showed 'coronary disease', or 'myocarditis', or 'cardiac dilatation', or (most frequently of all) 'myocardial damage.' I hope it is unnecessary to add that these diagnoses are practically never made from the electrocardiogram by those who have had wide experience and have studied the subject intensively. Scarcely a week passes that I do not see or hear of some patient who has spent six to ten weeks in bed unnecessarily because his electrocardiogram, taken and interpreted by one of these self-styled specialists, was said to show signs of coronary thrombosis. In those instances where opportunity has been given to inspect the curves, the signs upon which the diagnosis was based have usually been one of three: the combination of left axis deviation and inversion of the T wave in Lead 1, so often found in hypertensive patients who have not suffered coronary closure; slight and unimportant inversion of the T wave in Lead 3; or a precordial lead taken with the electrodes reversed, which therefore shows conspicuous inversion of the T wave. In such instances the patient has not only lost from 6 to 10 weeks from work, but he has also been made into a potential neurotic invalid."

The importance of this advice was emphasized in a course given recently by Dr. Frank Wilson, of the University of Michigan, in Electrocardiographic Diagnosis. Gleanings from

this course, proffered for the benefit of Bulletin readers, follow:

1. Cardiographic diagnosis by the "matching process" is not satisfactory. Interpretation is safer on the basis of an understanding of the electrical changes produced in the heart under varying conditions.

2. Electrocardiographic changes may occur without symptoms and without abnormal physical signs in certain acute infections and in arteriosclerotic heart disease.

3. A normal electrocardiogram may accompany abnormal physical signs, and vice versa. This makes the electrocardiogram more useful, rather than less.

4. The more advanced the disease and the more prominent the symptoms, the less the need for an electrocardiogram, and vice versa.

5. The tendency is to read too much into an electrocardiogram. It must be regarded as additional data, to be used as part of the clinical picture.

6. Don't attribute symptoms to the heart unless the heart can be demonstrated to be abnormal.

7. The electrocardiogram, as a rule, will not show:

- (a) The etiology of heart disease.
- (b) The presence or absence of heart failure.
- (c) Cardiac reserve.
- (d) Angina pectoris.
- (e) Coronary sclerosis.
- (f) Valve lesions, except as they affect heart muscle. Such changes are seen only when valve lesions are advanced. The same is true of x-ray.

A chapter of the National Organization of Symphosiarchs has been founded in Youngstown. This Society is composed of members of College Fraternities founded before 1875, and is limited to 50 members. Meetings are held monthly for social and scientific discussions. Dr. Sam Weaver was elected Vice President.

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(Pittsburgh Medical Bulletin)

THE MEDICAL CRIER

A Page of Sidelights, News and Views in the Medical Field

● Don't fail to read the opening statement of defense attorney William E. Leahy in the trial of the United States versus the A. M. A. The Medical Society of the District of Columbia et al. It appears word for word in the Journal for February 15, starting on page 620. There is a champion for the medical profession! As you read his beautiful prose, try to visualize his short, stocky figure, his strong clear voice which never faltered during the two and three-quarter hour address to the jury. Speaking extemporaneously without notes he explained the origin and reasons for medical organization, laid bare the sinister background of the G. H. A. and like a good pathologist doing a postmortem on some monstrosity, he took it apart piece by piece, laying out the rotting specimens for all to see. After such an address it would seem that the only verdict a jury of intelligent human beings could return would be one of congratulation for the defendants!

● Of course, we know in a rather abstract way that communists are at work in this country as elsewhere, fomenting strikes and discord; but if you want to know how serious, how determined and actually dangerous that movement is, read "Out of the Night." It was written by a former trusted worker and has the stamp of authenticity all over it. Already the author's identity is known and his

life threatened. He is living in seclusion on a farm in New York State, constantly armed and guarded but even Trotsky was not safe living in a miniature fortress in Mexico.

● The new plan for conducting Induction Board examinations as presented by the Medical Defense Committee and approved by the Society at the last meeting seems to be the only fair way to distribute the work. Most any member is willing to donate a reasonable amount of time to this patriotic service but it is too much to expect a few busy doctors to give a whole day to it each week. We have now definitely adopted it as a job for the whole Society. Let everyone pitch in and do his share without making excuses or asking special preference and the burden on each one will be that much lighter.

● With the work now being done on the Enabling Act we are entering the preliminary skirmishing phase leading to a great experiment in prepaid medical care of which Utopians have long dreamed. A rough outline of the plan has already been prepared by our Committee and bids fair to make some profound changes in our practice, just as prepaid hospitalization has in hospital management. It is impossible to forecast with any accuracy just how each specialist and practitioner will be affected, but in general it seems safe to assume that there will be a tremendous increase

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in the number of patients seen and treated. Many more mild illnesses will be met with and serious ones will be seen earlier. Such a condition should have a good effect on the public health. We have always been urging the public to "See your doctor early." With the economic barrier removed such a desirable situation should come to pass, and then it will become distinctly up to us to make good and prove the benefits of preventive treatment, of early diagnosis, of intelligent application of remedial agents. There is one thing which should be avoided which will make for public dissatisfaction and that is the incorporation in the agreement, of numerous exclusions. Like the fine print in many insurance policies which excludes diseases contracted from venery, excesses, narcotics, etc., etc. When a patient is sick, he is sick and the only thing about how he got sick that concerns us is to try and prevent that cause from operating again. The alcoholic neuritic is just as much in need of medical care as the introvert neurotic, and most doctors would rather treat the first one. Should we exclude the bride with salpingitis while we extend all the benefits to her careless husband who has contracted pneumonia? If we are going to do it at all, let's go "all out" and take care of every disease that makes people sick.

• You can help the British by sending in surgical instruments and medical supplies. Do your bit. J. L. F.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The regular Council Meeting of the Mahoning County Medical Society was held at the office of the Secretary on the tenth of February, 1941.

The following application was approved by Council:

For Active Membership
Dr. Sidney L. Davidow

Unless objection in writing to this applicant is filed with the Secretary within 15 days, he will become a member of the Society.

A motion was made, seconded and duly passed to endorse the continuance of the Venereal Clinic by a resolution adopted by the Council.

The regular Meeting of the Society was held at the Youngstown Club, February 18, 1941.

The guest speaker of the evening was Dr. F. Dennette Adams, his subject "Some Clinical Consideration of Chronic Headache."

The following resolution was submitted by the Medical Defense Committee:

The following resolution regarding physical examinations of registrants for the Selective Service System is presented to the Mahoning County Medical Society:

"Whereas, the function of examining Registrants for the Selective Service System is the responsibility of all the members of the Mahoning County Medical Society rather than the function of designated individual members, and

"Whereas, the burden, the responsibility, and the sacrifice of time has become too great for the appointed examiners, and

"Whereas, the Medical Preparedness Committee of the Mahoning County Medical Society is arranging for a single station for the physical examinations of all Registrants in the County, and that all members of the Mahoning County Medical Society, without exception, should assist in the physical examinations of the Registrants and so then

"Be it Resolved, that it shall be the accepted duty of all the members of the Mahoning County Medical Society that they shall contribute their part in doing this work as shall be presented by the Committee on Medical Preparedness."

It was moved, seconded and unanimously carried to adopt this resolution.

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March

SINCE LAST MONTH—

Dr. and Mrs. Dean Nesbitt entertained at a dinner bridge on February 13th, at the Youngstown Country Club. Crimson satin valentine hearts were favors, and other appointments were in keeping with St. Valentine's day. At contract, prizes were awarded to the following guests: Dr. and Mrs. Raymond Hall, Dr. and Mrs. J. Allan Altdoerffer, Dr. and Mrs. D. M. Rothrock, Dr. and Mrs. Barclay Brandmiller, Dr. and Mrs. D. H. Smeltzer, Dr. and Mrs. Walter King Stewart, Dr. G. E. DeCicco, and Dr. Craig Wales.

The stork stopped at the North Side Unit of the Youngstown Hospital on February 4th and left James Franklin for Dr. and Mrs. W. F. Hatcher. He made a return visit on February 7th and left William Dean for Dr. and Mrs. G. E. DeCicco.

Dr. and Mrs. Albert J. Brandt spent a week in New York City.

Dr. and Mrs. Orrin W. Haulman spent the month of January at Eau Gallie, Florida.

Dr. and Mrs. E. J. Wenaas and children were in Florida for a month's vacation.

Dr. and Mrs. Vern A. Neel and children motored to Miami Beach, Florida, for a month's vacation. They expect to return March 4th.

Dr. and Mrs. R. G. Mossman spent a short time at Chalfonte-Haddon Hall in Atlantic City.

Dr. and Mrs. F. W. McNamara and Dr. and Mrs. F. J. Bierkamp left on February 20th for a month's vacation at Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

Dr. and Mrs. Wm. Skipp and Dr. and Mrs. O. J. Walker spent the week end of February 15th, in Columbus.

Mrs. Claude B. Norris was hospitalized. Says she's "just loafing."

Dr. and Mrs. A. E. Brant enjoyed a visit to New York City.

Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Birch announce the birth of a daughter Katherine

on February 20th in St. Elizabeth's Hospital.

Dr. and Mrs. S. R. Cafaro are in Philadelphia where Dr. Cafaro is taking a two weeks postgraduate course in gall bladder surgery. While East Dr. Cafaro visited with Dr. R. V. Clifford who is a Senior Lieutenant in the United States Naval Hospital.

Dr. L. G. Coe discussed the surgical management and Dr. A. M. Rosenblum the medical management of gall bladder disease at the February meeting of the Staff of St. Elizabeth's Hospital. Dr. Coe gave an analysis of the hospital statistics on operations of the biliary tract for the past two years. There has been a marked improvement in the mortality over the previous ten years, and the total mortality rate of 5.2% compares very favorably with that occurring in the larger clinics.

Drs. D. H. Levy and W. E. Sovik have been placed on the Associate Staff of St. Elizabeth's Hospital.

TUBERCULOSIS SANATORIUM

The second regular staff meeting of the Mahoning County Tuberculosis Sanatorium was held on Tuesday evening, January 21st, at the Sanatorium. Owing to inclement weather there was only a small attendance.

The Scientific program consisted of an illustrated talk by Dr. E. E. Kirkwood on Ornstein's classification of tuberculosis, which is on page 93. This was freely discussed by those present.

A short business session followed, and after the meeting a tasty collation was served in the staff dining room.

In the future the meetings will be held at the Sanatorium. It is said that a good many of the doctors who volunteered their services have never seen the place, and we suggest that they attend the next meeting and look it over.

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J. L. Price

March

ORNSTEIN'S CLASSIFICATION OF PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS

By E. E. KIRKWOOD, M. D.

Primary Infection or Complex.

Consists of lesion in parenchyma of lung and greater reaction in regional lymph nodes.

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Treatment—essentially—rest.

Super-Infection.

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1. Exudative reaction which may be subdivided into two types.

A. Lesions which resolve.

(a) Exudative Benign which is sudden in onset. Within a few months the exudate is absorbed, leaving no trace on x-ray of the previous infection.

(b) Exudative productive which is sudden in onset, and slightly more extensive than the above type, but there is no death of tissue. The exudate is absorbed after a longer period of time, leaving a few small area

of productive changes in the x-ray films.

Treatment—Rest in bed is chief essential. No collapse therapy needed.

B. Lesions which do not resolve.

(a) Caseous pneumonic sudden in onset. Reaction is severe with death of tissue, caseation and necrosis, followed by liquefaction and sloughing out with resulting cavity formation.

Treatment—Collapse therapy essential.

2. Productive Reactions.

(a) Invasion is insidious. Begins in terminal bronchide and slowly spreads through the lung from apex to base. Is also known as acinous productive tuberculosis or chronic productive tuberculosis. May require twenty years to involve both lungs, but is always slowly progressive. Treatment—only needed during exacerbations. Collapse therapy has no effect upon the course of the disease.

The above classification was described by Dr. Ornstein in 1930. It essentially depends upon x-ray findings, and may be used as a working basis in planning the treatment of the different types of tuberculosis.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY OF THE MAHONING COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

By MRS. O. W. HAULMAN

The February meeting of the Auxiliary was held at the Y. W. C. A., on Monday the seventeenth. Due to the absence of the president, Mrs. R. M. Morrison and of Mrs. John Heberding, vice-president, the meeting was conducted by Mrs. Charles Hauser, president-elect.

A luncheon was arranged by Mrs. MacNamara, Mrs. Bierkamp and their committee. About seventy members were present.

After luncheon, Dr. O. J. Walker spoke to the members about the

"Enabling Act." He explained just what the act was and what it hoped to accomplish if passed by the Legislature. He then told how we could help in getting this information before the general public. Some work had already been done on this. Mrs. Walter K. Stewart, our Public Relations Chairman, in cooperation with Dr. G. M. McKelvey, contacted a great many civic organizations and saw that they received explanatory pamphlets for distribution among their members.



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Dr. Walker called to our attention the joint meeting of the A. M. A. and the State Association to be held at Cleveland in May. There will be a meeting of the different auxiliaries and entertainment will be provided. Anyone wishing to make reservations for this meeting should do so without delay.

Mrs. Hauser then called on several members, who responded with "Current Events in Medicine." The following spoke briefly. Mrs. W. K. Allsop discussed Wagenstein and Miller-Abbott tubes. Mrs. W. D. Coy gave a quotation from Alexander Pope. Mrs. L. G. Coe's subject was Powdered Blood and what had been done with Blood Banks in the War. Mrs. Mermis talked on High Fever Therapy; and Mrs. Goldblatt on the Sulfanilamide Group.

A suggestion was made by Mrs. Weinberg that we become active in gathering drug samples, which were to be sent to England. A question was raised as to the advisability of this and it was decided to take no action until further investigation could be made.

Mrs. McDonough announced that anyone who had not obtained a Year Book or membership card could get them from her.

The next meeting of this organization will be held on March 24th, at the Nurses' Home of the North Side Hospital. Mrs. G. M. McKelvey is chairman of this meeting and will present a Style Show.

It may seem to anyone reading this that we are more interested in social activity than any real work. This is really not true, for this matter of getting acquainted with each other so that we may work together with more understanding and coöperation is important. If there is work to do, we can do it.

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In the April issue we will endeavor to publish a list of the doctors from Mahoning County who have been called to service.

All doctors are urgently requested to turn in their relief statements promptly at the end of each month.
Indigent Relief Committee.

GREAT DENTAL MEETING

Dr. Robert H. Ivy, of the University of Pennsylvania, Postgraduate School of Medicine, addressed the Corydon-Palmer Dental Society's meeting, Thursday evening, February 27th, 1941, at the Youngstown Club. It was a dinner meeting to which the Mahoning County Medical Society was invited. The response of the physicians was most enthusiastic—and the event proved most enjoyable as well as highly profitable.

Present were more than 100 visiting physicians, as well as about all the dentists from all around—Cleveland and Pittsburgh being very well represented.

Dr. Sam Farkes is president of the Corydon-Palmer Dental Society, Dr. Chessrown is secretary, and Dr. Kerr, Chairman of the Program Committee.

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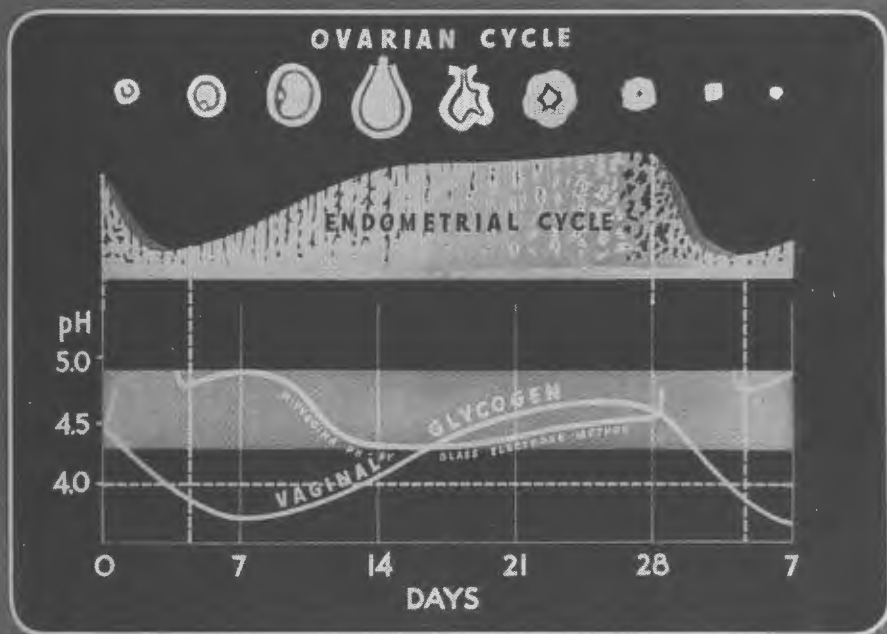
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