



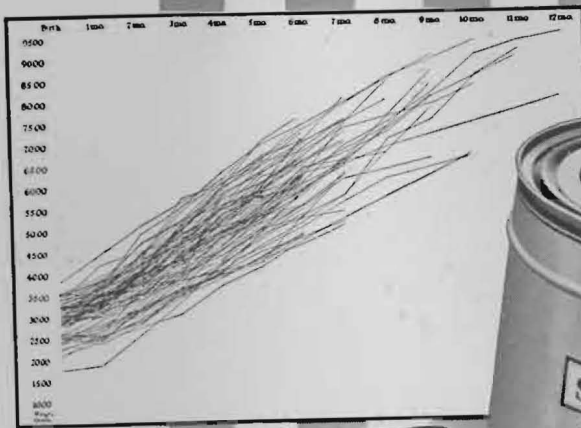
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	Monthly Staff meeting, St. Elizabeth's Hospital, St. Elizabeth's School of Nursing
Sunday following 1st Tuesday 11:00 a. m.	Monthly Surgical Conference, St. Elizabeth's Hospital Library
2nd Monday 9:00 p. m.	Council Meeting—Mahoning County Medical Society—Office of the Secretary
2nd Tuesday 11:30 a. m.	Monthly Medical Conference, Youngstown Hospital Auditorium—Nurses' Home
8:30 p. m.	Monthly Staff Meeting—Youngstown Receiving Hospital Auditorium
3rd Tuesday 8:30 p. m.	Monthly Meeting—Mahoning County Medical Society—Youngstown Club
4th Tuesday 8:30 p. m.	Monthly Staff Meeting—Tuberculosis Sanitarium, Kirk Road
Every Tuesday 8:00 a. m.	Weekly Medical Conference, St. Elizabeth's Hospital Solarium
Every Tuesday 11:00 a. m.	Orthopedic Conference, St. Elizabeth's Hospital Library
Every Thursday 12:30 p. m.	Orthopedic Section, Library—South Side Unit, Youngstown Hospital
	Weekly Surgical Conference, Youngstown Hospital—Nurses' Home
Every Friday 11:00 a. m.	Urological Section, Library—S. Side Unit, Youngstown Hospital
	Clinico-Pathological Conference, St. Elizabeth's Hospital Library
Alt. Saturdays 11:00 a. m.	Obstetrical Section—North Side Unit of Youngstown Hospital

COMING MEETINGS

- Ohio State Medical Association, Cincinnati, March 30—April 1, 1948.
 American Medical Association, Third Annual National Conference on Rural Health, Chicago, Feb. 6 and 7, 1948.
 American Medical Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, June 21-25, 1948.
 American Association for the Study of Goiter, Toronto, Canada, May 6-8, 1948.
 American Urological Association, Boston, May 17-20, 1948.
 Mahoning County Medical Society, 19th Annual Postgraduate Assembly, Youngstown, April 14, 1948.
 National Conference on Medical Service, Chicago, Feb. 8, 1948.

PRESIDENT'S PAGE

The year 1948 begins the seventy-sixth anniversary of the founding of the Mahoning County Medical Society. Our archives show that on November 13, 1872, the physicians of Youngstown, Ohio, held a meeting at the office of Drs. Cunningham and Brooke and "After some conversation a motion prevailed that we organize ourselves into an Association to be known as the Mahoning County Medical Society".

Doctors' offices were the first places of meeting and then the basement of the Public Library witnessed various programs presented by the local members. Finally the Society was graduated to the Youngstown Club and out-of-town speakers were secured. There is no question that much of the Society's success has been based upon the fine scientific programs presented and the social, congenial atmosphere of the Youngstown Club. As Youngstown, Mahoning County and the Society have grown, so has the Youngstown Club, until now we are faced with the necessity of either starting our programs very late or finding a new place of meeting.

I am sure we all appreciate the many fine favors which the Trustees of the Youngstown Club have granted us in the past and realize that we are still welcome there if we are willing to wait until the dining room is available. However, successful scientific lectures cannot be well presented or well received when they begin after ten o'clock in the evening.

After much discussion and surveying of possible central meeting places, the suite 200 off the mezzanine at the Pick-Ohio Hotel has been chosen for our monthly meetings. The space will be adequate and it will be possible to begin promptly at 8:30 P.M. There will be check-room service and all those attending the meeting can be reached by phone using the Pick-Ohio Hotel number.

A progressive Medical Society must be built around good scientific programs and suitable accommodations for their presentation to be successful. As is the custom of the Program Chairman, Dr. L. K. Reed has secured fine scientific speakers for our various meetings through June 1948 and Dr. F. S. Coombs is in the process of setting up the schedule for September 1948 through June 1949 meetings. The quality of these efforts will be excellent and all of us will profit by attending these functions.

This represents a new phase in the history of our place of meeting and we trust it will be satisfactory to all concerned. The programs will begin promptly at 8:30 P. M. May we get off to a good start on Tuesday evening, January 20, 1948, at the mezzanine floor, Pick-Ohio Hotel.

JOHN NOLL, M. D.

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The year 1948 begins the 18th anniversary of the founding of the *Bulletin*. Dr. J. L. Fisher, in January of 1931, announced the birth of the *Bulletin* as a new-born infant conceived in the mind of the President and born by the travail of the editorial committee and he thanked those who watched by the bedside and aided in the delivery.

He asked that we receive this nursling to our breasts that it might grow strong and rugged, and now, here we are beginning our 18th year. We survived the early years when infant mortality is high but the years of adolescence are not without their problems.

Our coming president has assigned to me and my associates of the *Bulletin* committee the responsibility for editing the *Bulletin* during his administration as president. We have accepted the job and will do our best.

In order to have the *Bulletin* reach your desk on or before the tenth of each month the material should be in the hands of the editor on the fifteenth of the previous month. If the material reaches the editorial staff on the fifteenth of the month they have time to plan a good *Bulletin*. If, however, there are articles that arrive at the editors desk some five or ten days later, it frequently means a complete change in the makeup of the galleys.

Material has been coming in very promptly. It was an easy matter to put out the December *Bulletin* and we believe it is one of the best *Bulletins* we have ever published. The various committee chairmen handed in their reports and it was an easy matter to make a good *Bulletin*.

But this ease of selection of material and its assembly was not true of a number of issues during the year. We are determined to make and keep this publication representative of our Society membership, their interest, their capacities, their desires. We who are associated in these editorial duties take this as a responsibility. Each of you can help. We solicit your interest and your assistance.

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With the expansion of the North Unit of the Youngstown Hospitals, the fourth floor in the new wing has been devoted to a larger laboratory. We expect this to be commensurate with the needs for 1948. The North Unit is now essentially a 400 bed general hospital and as such, it is a large hospital. The laboratory floor of the new west wing, has a space of about 10,000 square feet. The Blood Bank is situated between the laboratory and the operating room. The clinical laboratory occupies about two-thirds of the floor space. There is a waiting room for patients, room for secretaries, basal metabolism (2), hematology, serology with bacteriology, chemistry with urinalysis, a general utility room, a locker room for the girls working in the department, and a maintenance room for repair of equipment in the laboratory.

The north third of the laboratory floor is separated by a door in the hall. In this back part of the laboratory is histology, gross and microscopic pathology, photography, a large room set apart for research and the office for the pathology staff. The research room is made so that minor research problems in any of the hospital departments can be properly housed. This is yet to be equipped but should be an asset to the medical community. Some animal work will probably be associated with some of the problems.

At the end of the laboratory floor is a conference room where classes for technicians as well as doctors in the various specialty groups of the hospital can have a place for meetings. Equipment is there for projecting material on the screen with the setup to make it possible for several to study microscopic material together.

In the hallway of the inner part of the laboratory there are cases arranged to present teaching materials so that all of our staff can see this instructive material at any time they are in the department. The equipment for these display cases has been expensive and has been designed for efficiency in demonstrating teaching materials. The General Fireproofing Company has fabricated these teaching cabinets and the equipment in the photography studio as a gift to the hospital. It is unique and should serve splendidly for demonstrating some of the materials obtained in the institution and be helpful for young doctors as well as those with greater experience.

The darkroom of the photography department is being equipped and furnished by Mrs. Fred Tod in memory of Mr. Tod. The new photography department will be ready to serve both the medical and teaching units of the hospital for years to come.

In all departments, it has been the aim to supply not only the immediate needs but to have enough space and equipment available to take care of the rapidly growing problems of laboratory medicine.

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**ABSTRACT OF ADDRESS TO THE CINCINNATI ACADEMY
OF MEDICINE BY PRESIDENT**

MARION A. BLANKENHORN, M. D.

Professor of Medicine
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Dr. Blankenhorn stresses the necessity of increased educational functions of local medical societies and is convinced that mutual self education is the principle purpose of their existence.

On several occasions each year the device known as "discussion" following the guest speakers address was ill used. Some speeches leave no room for discussion, others leave much room and the teaching value is greatly reduced if there is no discussion. Discussion that is extemporaneous is difficult to control and not always to the point. It seems that the proper discussant keeps quiet or is absent while the wrong fellow is apt to take too much time. Should we not learn from each speaker if he wishes discussion and then pre-arrange it and publish the fact? To better the whole matter, I suggest that the program committee adopt a prescribed formula for correspondence with each speaker after he has accepted our invitation and the secretary be charged with the duty of making his educational effort the best possible.

The most energetic, curious, and courageous men in the Society are the interns from the various hospitals. By having them around us we learn so much from watching them learn. A teaching hospital is good because they are there. The teachers alone do not make it good. The interne is the low man who begins at the bottom and works up. Without him there is no need to teach for all that is to be known is known already and there is no need to work harder. With an interne in the picture the spirit of inquiry and the effort to learn is present and in good circumstances, that effort permeates the place. Why not establish an interne section of the Academy? The rest of us can learn then by watching him learn. Why can we not arrange that the interne members (and this includes many mature residents of various hospitals) discuss freely and frankly the scientific affairs of the Academy? This could be done in an hour session before the regular full dress Academy meeting. The general practitioner and anyone else interested could sit in as an observer with much benefit. The interne section, if conducted for and by the interns, ought to carry itself with no more help than to have the secretary schedule and print the program.

There is also the matter of medical educational films. There is a great variety of excellent material to be had at little or no cost. The affairs and the program committee are importuned to put this and that film on for an Academy showing. These are too good to be ignored and could be used in the interns section.

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New Year's Resolutions for a Doctor: Resolved, that I will attend all the Society Meetings, the staff meetings, the path conferences, the clinics and the conventions this year and besides that give some time to committee work for the good of the Medical Society. Resolved, to specialize in the care of patients to the detriment of golf, the stock market and bridge. Resolved, to give the patients a break by going a little sooner, staying a little longer and trying to remember the human side of medicine.

Dear Dr. Baruch: I saw in Time (Dec. 1) where you lambasted the doctors for some of their short comings and for opposing national health insurance. You really did bear down hard and maybe we have it coming for I notice nobody answered back, not even Dr. Fishbein which I consider remarkable control. They evidently respected your wide and well deserved reputation as a statesman and economist and were content to let the matter drop without comment because anyone who challenges you had better know his facts and figures as you are one of the top authorities in this country.

But you did say some things which surprised and shocked and riled me up. In fact I thought your remarks were not up to your standard of well thought out planning. You use the word "compulsory" too much. I don't like that word Mr. Baruch, especially in connection with medical care. That is probably the one thing that the doctors object to most of all, being forced into line, regimented and compelled around. We had a lot of that recently in this country and we would like to see less rather than more of it.

You said that there ought to be more general practitioners and better distribution of them. Sure there ought. That reminds me of old Bill Parks who was always saying "There ought to be a law." You didn't mention how that was to be accomplished. Certainly not by taking most of the medical students and all the pre-meds and sending them to war? Why is the trend away from general practice? Why do most of the young doctors want to be specialists? I think it is just the good old American custom of trying for the best. Why settle for less when with a little more preparation you can get greater rewards? The public demands and patronizes specialists and in ten years there won't be any new general practitioners at all. Then who is going to do the panel practice, Mr. Baruch?

We are getting tired of having those draft rejection statistics thrown at us. More people have proved more things with those draft figures, and still we won the war. The medical profession is getting blamed for all the mental cases and malingerers even though those conclusions have been exploded by impartial analysis.

Sure, medical care is far from perfect in this free system of ours. It is poorly distributed and many places it is inadequate. Out here in Mahoning County we think we are doing a pretty good job and I don't know of anybody who can't get a doctor. We are pretty proud of American medicine and think with all its faults it is still the best in the world. Other nations may be more advanced in social legislation and the tendency seems to be to the left, but I don't envy any of the folks living under those social reforms in England, or even in Russia. Do you, Mr. Baruch?

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DR. NEWCOMER ASSUMES DIRECTORSHIP OF MAHONING COUNTY SANATORIUM

Dr. William Newcomer was appointed full time Director of the Mahoning County Sanatorium and assumed his duties on December 1, 1947.

Dr. Newcomer received his medical degree at the Medical College of Virginia in 1930. He received two years additional post-graduate medical training at Baltimore City Hospitals from 1930-1932. On July 1, 1932 he was appointed to the staff of Eudowood Sanatorium, Towson, Maryland and occupied the position of Assistant Medical Director at that institution until April 1942.

In 1942 he entered active military service as a Lieutenant in the Medical Corps, U. S. Naval Reserve and was stationed at the U. S. Naval Hospital, Portsmouth, Virginia, as officer in charge of the contagious unit and the chronic pulmonary disease wards. He was assigned to overseas duty in August 1943 with an advance amphibious training base and was stationed at the Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, Devon, England. In March 1944 he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Commander. After D-Day he was returned to the states and stationed at the U. S. Naval Training Station at Bainbridge, Maryland. He was re-assigned to the U. S. Naval Hospital at St. Albans, New York where he acted as officer in charge of the tuberculosis unit and as consultant in chronic diseases of the chest. In April 1945 he assisted in the organization of the U. S. Naval Hospital, Sampson, New York which was designated as a center for the treatment of all tuberculous naval personnel whose homes were East of the Mississippi. He was appointed to the rank of Commander in November 1945 and assumed medical supervision of one of the 500 bed units which comprised the hospital. He remained at that station until his separation from the service in August 1946.

Subsequent to his military service Dr. Newcomer accepted a position with the Veterans Administration and was named assistant medical director of the Moore VA Hospital, Swannonoa, North Carolina. This was a new hospital recently acquired from the Army by the VA and consisted of 1000 beds, 300 of which were designated as medical rehabilitation, 200 as general medicine and surgery and the remainder for acute tuberculosis. He remained at this hospital until his appointment as Director at the Mahoning County Tuberculosis Sanatorium.

Dr. Newcomer is a member of the A.M.A., the American Trudeau Society and a fellow of the American College of Chest Physicians. He is a member of Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 116, A.F. & A.M. Towson, Maryland; Tuscan Royal Arch Chapter No. 42, Towson, Maryland; Concordia Council No. I.R. & S.M., Baltimore, Maryland; Beausant Commandery No. 8, Knights Templar, Baltimore, Maryland; Boumi Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., Baltimore, Maryland. He is a member of Optimist International Club, North Baltimore, Maryland and a member of the Christian Church.

Dr. Newcomer is married to the former Ruth Carolyn Larsh of Des Moines, Iowa. They have no children.

Oscar A. Axelson, M. D.

The citizens of Youngstown and the Mahoning County Medical Society have suffered a severe loss in the death of Oscar A. Axelson on December 5, 1947. He died suddenly at 2:15 A. M. at his home following a heart attack.

Dr. Axelson was born in Youngstown, January 29, 1903. He graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University in 1925 and the University of Michigan Medical School in 1930. He had a year's internship at the Youngstown Hospital. This was followed by a service at Harlem Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Hospital in 1932. He began his practice in Youngstown in 1932 and has been a member of the Pediatric section of the Staff of the Youngstown Hospital for a number of years.

Dr. Axelson had a distinguished military career in World War II. He entered the service in July 1942 serving as a captain in the Medical Corps. During much of his service he was attached to the famous Third Armored Division. He was the personal physician to Major General Maurice Rose who was killed by the Germans in the Ruhr pocket and also was one of the first medical officers to enter Cologne with the advancing U. S. Army. He received a presidential unit citation and in addition for his own meritorious service was awarded the Bronze Star and five campaign stars.

He arrived in Normandy a few days after D-Day and took part with the Third Armored Division in the battles of Normandy, North France, Belgium, The Bulge, Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Germany.

Oscar was a high type of Christian physician. He was loyal to his patients and unusually kind and sympathetic to them. He enjoyed the practice of his chosen profession.

His chief interests were his home and family, his God and his profession. He was a trustee of the First Covenant Church of Youngstown and also President of the Men's Bible Class of that church.

Among his non-professional interests was a genuine interest in antiques, including rare pieces of brass, copper, Ruby Glass and Cobalt Glass. It is believed that the Ruby glass pieces are among the finest in the city. Some handsome pieces of good antique furniture are present in the collections.

For recreation he enjoyed playing the piano and accordion. At times he delighted in leading group singing.

He possessed an orderly mind, a strong physique, and a firmness in his convictions which made it possible for him to accomplish much in a relatively short span of life.

In his immediate family he is survived by his wife, the former Amy Glassford; a daughter Marilyn and a son Alan Arthur.

It was a privilege and an honor to be a friend of Oscar Axelson.

H. E. McClenahan, M. D.

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MEETING OF THE CENTRAL SOCIETY FOR CLINICAL RESEARCH

The 20th annual meeting of the Central Society for Clinical Research was held at the Drake Hotel in Chicago, Illinois—October 31st and November 1st, 1947. There were approximately fifteen Youngstown physicians present. During the course of the meeting, there was a series of 34 ten-minute papers presented by the leading clinical investigators in the Mid-west. The subject matter was varied and in general representative of the newer concepts within the field of internal medicine.

A great deal was said about the experimental work being done with tetra-ethyl-ammomium chloride. Its practical application was discussed only with relation to its use in relieving the pain of causalgia.

The group discussed the use of a protamine, salmine in combating the anticoagulant effect of heparin. Coagulin times returned to normal within five minutes.

Further evidence was presented in support of the theory that pulmonary edema increases susceptibility to pneumococcal pneumonia. It was suggested that the alveolar fluid may be a factor regardless of its cause.

Case studies in the treatment of human brucellosis were presented. The use of streptomycin and sulfadiazine will provide a more satisfactory form of specific therapy for brucellosis than has been described to date. It was emphasized that an absolute diagnosis should be established before proceeding with this form of treatment.

This is but a small portion of the meeting presented. Anyone interested in reading the complete review of the papers presented, may find a copy of the proceedings in the library of the South Side Hospital.

D. STILLSON, M. D.

F. MACKEY, M. D.

Walter F. Bartz American Legion Post Elects Officers

At a recent meeting of the membership of the Walter F. Bartz Post No 726, the following officers were elected for the coming year: Dr. Ivan C. Smith was elected Post Commander; Dr. Adolphus Marinelli, Vice-Post Commander; Dr. Henry Sisek, Post Adjutant and Dr. Raymond Hall, Sgt. at Arms. Committee Chairmen appointed by Commander Smith were as follows: Membership, Dr. Walter Tims; Finance, Dr. Morris S. Rosenblum; Publicity, Dr. Stephen W. Ondash; Entertainment, Dr. Samuel Schwebel, and Constitution, Dr. William M. Neidus.

Arrangements are being made for monthly meetings which are planned to take place in conjunction with a membership breakfast or luncheon. Youngstown District physicians who are eligible to join are requested to contact Dr. Walter Tims, 19 Lincoln Avenue, Membership Committee Chairman.

The post honors the memory of the late Dr. Walter F. Bartz, the only casualty among Youngstown district physicians serving in World War II. Dr. Bartz was a resident physician at the Youngstown Hospital prior to his enlistment in the military service. He was killed in October 1944 when the prisoner ship bearing him to Japan was torpedoed.



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The Women's Auxiliary to the Mahoning County Medical Society realized more than three hundred and fifty dollars from their recent Bazaar when the final accounting was made. As a result of this they were able to present to the Children's Ward of the Youngstown City Hospital a beautiful radio-victrola combination cabinet. A cash donation equaling the cost of the above machine was presented to the St. Elizabeth's Hospital for the purchase of two new beds for the children's ward.

The January meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. W. K. Allsop, President, on the 26th of the month. Mrs. Sidney Moyer will give a play review and tea will be served.

Work at the Youngstown Receiving Hospital continues. For the benefit of the Receiving Hospital, chances are being sold on an afghan made by the hospital inmates.

Serving for the Visiting Nurses Association Continues.

Under our president, Mrs. William K. Allsop, we feel our 1947-48 season has had a creditable beginning.

ETHEL M. FISHER

St. Elizabeth's Hospital Elects Staff Officers for 1948

At the annual Staff election of St. Elizabeth's Hospital, held on December 9, 1947, the following officers were elected to serve for the year 1948.

Dr. R. B. Poling was elected President of Staff, Dr. E. J. Wenaas was re-elected as Vice-president and Dr. S. W. Ondash was installed as Secretary-Treasurer. The results of elections for Chiefs of various Sections were as follows: Dr. F. W. McNamara was elected Director of Surgery; Dr. M. W. Neidus, Director of Medicine and Dr. A. J. Brandt as Director of Obstetrics and Gynecology. Dr. R. V. Clifford and Dr. J. N. McCann were elected to the Executive Committee. Dr. C. D. Hauser was named as Hospital Representative to the Associated Hospital Board.

The remainder of the meeting was devoted to reports of the various committees which functioned during the preceding year.

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The gold pins, designed by Executive Secretary Ray E. Smith, carry the name of the association and the words "Fifty Year Club."

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YOUNGSTOWN HELPS ITS ALCOHOLICS

In the pathway of Youngstown's progress toward a greater medical center, another milestone has been recently added. The Lincoln Avenue Alcoholic Clinic is a definite addition to our therapeutic armamentarium. A non-profit organization sponsored by the Youngstown Committee for Education on Alcoholism, it offers possibilities for the arrest of the tragic disease complex of alcoholism through its hospital facilities plus the help of Alcoholics Anonymous. As recently as several years ago alcoholism was relegated to the scrapheap of "vice" and only now is being increasingly recognized as a definite disease on a medical par with diabetes and pneumonia.

The program for rehabilitation of the chronic "drunk" should be of considerable interest to the clinicians of Youngstown for we hear many frantic calls from families who have been victimized by an alcoholic husband or father. On admission to the Clinic the initial steps are concerned with the patients physical status and the weathering through with him of the acute phase of intoxication. This is done under the advice and supervision of a physician who acts as medical consultant to the institution although any practicing physician may admit and treat his private patients. The second point and one of prime importance is to acquaint the person with the exact nature of his affliction. Many with patent alcoholic traits have refused to recognize themselves as having alcoholism and until this barrier is surmounted any long term alleviation of symptoms is impossible. Every morning during their five day stay at the hospital an informal although highly instructive talk on the disease is presented and each evening some hope for cure is offered by various members of Alcoholics Anonymous. These men have at one time had the same problems and offer wholeheartedly the lifeline of Alcoholics Anonymous.

It is not the purpose of this paper to attempt the philosophy of this group but again to call to the attention of physicians that there is in our city an organization benevolently designed to offer alleviation and rehabilitation to the sufferers of alcoholism. There is rarely an hour of the day or night that does not find some member at the Lincoln Avenue Hospital to talk with the alcoholics. These are the men who have been to the bottom and through the medium of Alcoholics Anonymous have regained their self respect and an

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An Information Center sponsored by the Youngstown Committee for Education of Alcoholism is continually open at the hospital and will answer any queries as well as aid anyone afflicted with the disease of alcoholism.

J. D. MILLER, M. D.

COUNCIL MEETING

December 8, 1947

The regular monthly meeting of the Council of the Mahoning County Medical Society was held at the office of the secretary on December 8, 1947.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 P. M.

The following doctors were present: G. M. McKelvey, J. N. McCann, E. J. Wenaas, E. J. Reilly, V. L. Goodwin, W. M. Skipp, W. J. Tims, John Noll, C. A. Gustafson, E. H. Nagel and Dr. L. H. Getty, Chairman, Sub-Committee on indigent relief.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Dr. Getty and Dr. E. J. Reilly, Chairman, Public Relations and Economics Committee, discussed indigent and near indigent problems with council. Dr. Reilly is working on a medical fee for hospitalized indigents plan which he will present to the members at the next regular meeting to be held on December 16th.

The following application was returned by the censors for acceptance or rejection.

FOR ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

Dr. Sidney I. Franklin, 910 Union Bank Bldg., Youngstown, Ohio

A motion was made, seconded, and duly passed to accept Dr. Franklin as an active member.

Unless objection in writing is filed with the Secretary within 15 days, the above applicant becomes a member of our Society.

Dr. John Noll reported progress made with the Ohio Hotel in securing a two month contract with the hope of extending the contract if we wish. The telephone company quote \$5.50 per month, plus tax, for a jack phone, calls being limited to 90 per month. There is also an installation charge of \$6.00.

A motion was made, seconded, and duly passed to accept Dr. Noll's recommendation to have the next two meetings at the Hotel Ohio and if satisfactory to have contract extended.

A motion was made, seconded, and duly passed suggesting the following active members be presented to the membership at the next regular meeting for their consideration as honorary members. Drs. C. B. Norris, H. E. McClenahan and W. W. Ryall.

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Dr. McKelvey asked Dr. Gustafson to contact members practicing fifty years or more as in paying tribute we want to respect their wishes.

The Secretary called attention to a questionnaire and a special brochure on Local Health Councils, sent out by the A.M.A. The secretary was instructed to turn them over to the newly appointed Chairman of Public Health Committee.

Bills were read.

A motion was made, seconded, and duly passed to pay all except one for \$12.59 due Siefert Sound Service. Council recommended that Dr. Noll appoint someone to contact Mr. Humphrey about that item, also cost per month for his services in the new location.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 P. M.

ATTEND ALL MEETINGS REGULARLY.

VERNON L. GOODWIN, M. D.

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MERITS AND DEMERITS OF HOSPITAL HOUSE ROUNDS

Perhaps one should hesitate in evaluation of "Merits and Demerits of Hospital House Rounds" from my particular point (limitation of experience) and the fact that writing is not the medium through which I seek expression. However, in response to a request these comments are given.

Group thinking and discussion of common problems provide a rich source of information. In any given situation, one has at his disposal not only his own resources, but the total information and techniques on the problem in question of all the members composing the group. With access to many and varied techniques one is naturally led to test them. This experimentation is profitable both as a new method of approach and as a means by which one's own method may be improved. The physician is brought to the realization that there are other agents and some just as effective for treating a given condition as those tried and proven by him through the years.

Such group discussions have a stimulative aspect. The expression of one's point of view, challenges the opinions of others. Under this condition one is constantly studying and weighing the matter in question for its reliability. This type of stimulation encourages study which may lead one far into doing some phase of research that otherwise might not have been attempted.

Aside from discussion of specific methods of approach to a particular condition, there is a value derived from sharing of information gained from current medical literature. Present day printed matter on medicine is too voluminous for any one individual to cover. Consequently in a group composed of doctors, resident physicians, internes, a mass of current reading is being drawn upon in the discussions; and thereby making available some information that otherwise would not be obtained. There is a patient phase that should not be overlooked in the "House Rounds". It appears that anything which benefits the doctor the patient in turn becomes the recipient since doctor and patient are inseparable. Thus any advantages the physician acquires they are ultimately passed on to the patient. Therapeutically, the patient derives an advantage-consultation of this magnitude-superior to many private patients who because of their financial status are deprived of any type of consultation.

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