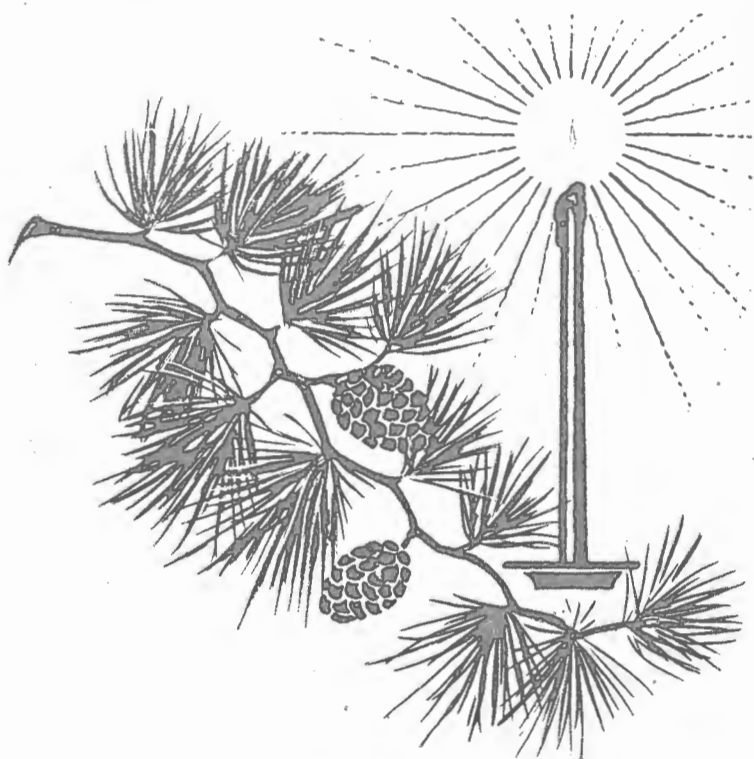


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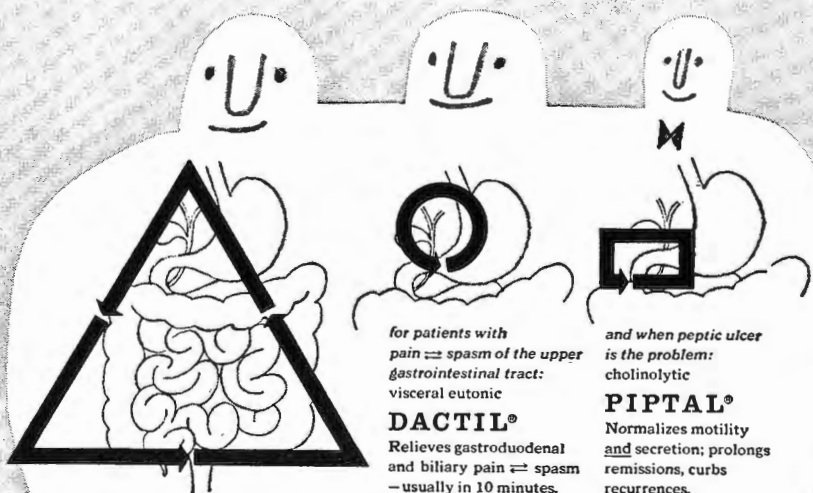
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Our President Speaks

It seems but a short time since I became president of The Mahoning County Medical Society and now my term of office is nearly over. It has been a busy year and with but a few exceptions a most interesting and pleasant one. I am indeed thankful for the cooperation of the members who have helped me. The Post-Graduate and Program committees put on the best Sixth District Post-Graduate Day we have seen. The Industrial Health Committee has worked diligently in trying to solve a knotty problem which will be presented to the Society in the near future.



The Canfield Fair, Diabetic, Social, Legislative, Polio, Pre-School, Rural Health, Indigent Relief, Lay Education, Publicity and all other committees have given valuable service. I wish to thank the Editor and his staff for keeping us informed.

My thanks go to the Executive Secretary for her valuable services. I wish to thank Esther Hamilton for the publicity she has given our meetings and the way she has presented medical news in the *Vindicator*. She is a true friend of organized medicine. To the radio and television stations and to the *Vindicator* go our thanks for the time and space devoted to our members for publicity of timely medical topics.

One of my duties during the past year was to organize a team to canvass the members for the Community Fund. The teams worked hard and most of the members responded generously but, I am sorry to say, many failed to carry their fair share. Other professions are equally guilty.

In this space during the past year I have made several proposals that I felt had merit. I would like to see all physicians have periodic physical examinations. I am convinced that "Office hours by appointment" is better than by "come and wait your turn". It creates better use of time and more important, better public relations. I would like to see some changes in hospitalization insurance so patients would not use valuable beds for x-ray and laboratory examinations. I would like to see more members attending the monthly meetings.

As I come to the end of my last president's page I want to again thank all of you for the honor and privilege that you have bestowed upon me in allowing me to serve as your president. I hope I have been able to justify your faith in me.

May every joy of Christmas remain within your heart to cheer your future pathway through the New Year.

—G. E. DeCicco, M.D.

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As this is my last bulletin, I should like to take this opportunity to thank the bulletin staff, Mrs. Mary Herald, and Paul Herald for their enthusiastic assistance, without which, there would have been no bulletin.

Being Editor of the Bulletin is an arduous task, as previous Editors can testify. However, it is a job that must be done, and I'm sure my predecessors share the satisfaction I feel, in that we have served our Society in an important and worthwhile way. In this last editorial of mine, I should like to combine two different subjects I have considered during the past month.

The first subject concerns the new members joining our Society, who serve their probation year, then almost automatically become regular members, but, with the exception of an announcement in the Bulletin of their new status many are unheard of again. I mean this mainly where support of Society activities are concerned. It is my feeling the younger members should be invited, and should accept a more active part immediately on induction into their Society. All of these men are good material for active working Committees; for the Canfield Fair; for Bulletin articles; for personal appearances or speeches on behalf of the Society; for Public Relations, etc. If they take an active interest in some phase of our Society, learn how it operates, and offer constructive help, it seems inevitable that they will become our future officers and leaders, to guide a stronger Society.

The second subject concerns a front page story in the October 17th edition of the Youngstown Vindicator concerning the Million Dollar Community Chest Campaign recently completed. Credit was given to groups which had attained their financial goal. However, of greater importance to our group, space was given to the three groups which fell far below their quotas. These were the lawyers, dentists, and physicians—all professional men.

Why is this? Year after year our group falls short in a community which has given us a "better than average" living standard, has continued

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THE COUNCILOR'S PAGE

In behalf of the Sixth Councilor District and the Ohio State Medical Association, I wish to thank most sincerely, everyone who had a part in our Postgraduate Assembly. You have all been really wonderful in the support you have given. One month ago today, when I was preparing this page, I wondered if we had planned too big a program. But we have again demonstrated that when we present an outstanding program the profession will support it. Stark County Medical Society has already plans well under way for another outstanding Assembly next October 23.



What I want to say about our Council's action on and the present status of the Government's "Medicare" program can be expressed in no better words than in the following bulletin from our Executive Secretary:

At a meeting of The Council of the Ohio State Medical Association on September 15-16, 1956, in Granville, Ohio, The Council considered a request of the U. S. Department of Defense that the Association cooperate in establishing and operating a medical care program in Ohio for the dependents of military personnel provided for by Public Law 569, 84th U. S. Congress.

Acting in the interests of national defense and security, The Council voted to cooperate with the Department, provided that a satisfactory agreement could be worked out between the Association and the Department of Defense.

A committee was appointed by President Meiling, on authorization of the Council, to represent the Council on all negotiations on the Medicare Program and to report back to the Council for final review and action.

Named on that committee were the following: President-Elect Mariin; Past-President Hudson and Councilors Artman, Hopkins, Petznick and Mayfield.

This committee held several week-end long meetings, reviewing and analyzing material on the Medicare Program; discussing proposed schedules of allowances; the provisions of proposed contracts and agreements, etc.

On invitation of the Department of the Army, which has been designated by the Department of Defense to represent the Government on all details in connection with the Medicare Program, representatives of the Ohio State Medical Association conferred with Government representatives in Washington, D. C. on November 7 and 8. This conference was attended by Doctors Meiling, Martin, Hudson, Artman, Hopkins and Petznick; Mr. Wayne Stichter, legal counsel for the Association; Executive Secretary Nelson; Mr. Charles H. Coghlan, Executive Vice-President, and Mr. Frank Van Holte, Assistant-Secretary-Treasurer, respectively, of Ohio Medical Indemnity, Inc.

Administrative details were reviewed. Legal aspects of proposed agreements between the Government and the Ohio State Medical Association were considered.

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Twenty Years Ago — December 1936

Some very interesting things in the Reports of Committees that month. The Economics Committee reported that during the year an agreement had been reached with the County Commissioners to pay the private physician for taking care of the indigent sick at the minimum fee schedule established by the Society. Many doctors now in practice do not realize that the system established then is still in use. In the old days indigents were cared for by a city physician appointed by the Mayor. He made house calls on the bed cases and the ambulant were sent to the hospital dispensaries. In the first days of the depression the city physician was swamped and the Federal Emergency Relief Administration endeavored to take over. There was a great deal of confusion for a while and most of the work was done by private physicians for nothing, until our Economics Committee took over and straightened things out. There was a great deal of complaint and abuse directed at the Committee at first and our way of meeting that was to appoint to the committee anyone who complained.

There was a committee known as the Budget Committee which has been discontinued. The chairman reported that he had received "hearty cooperation" from the other committees. Then at the last he added that he hoped to receive more cooperation from the other committees in the future. The Treasurer reported \$9249.50 in the bank and no liabilities. Not bad for the last year of the Depression.

The Speaker's Bureau reported that members of the Society had not registered with the Bureau as requested and no one had reported when he made a speech and they would like a little cooperation.

The Program Committee was really working. They brought here outstanding lecturers as Elliot P. Joslin, Soma Weiss and A. J. Lanza. For Post-Graduate Day they brought Walter Palmer, Allen O. Whipple, Dana Atchley and Alvin Barach from Columbia University. They sponsored a course of ten lectures in Endocrinology by Roy and Perry McCollough of the Cleveland Clinic. They put on a series of home talent programs. In these days of crying about too many meetings we would think they were pouring it on. We often brag about the good old days but our Committees today are working just as hard, our programs are better than ever and twenty years ago we would never have attempted the Post-Graduate Day such as our last one, with eighteen teachers represented.

The Public Health Committee carried on a successful campaign against diphtheria, the Legislative Committee interviewed the candidates and reported on their views even as they do today.

This was the first year physicians had to pay Social Security contributions on their office help.

Ten Years Ago — December 1946

The Program Committee noted a gratifying increase in attendance due to members returning from the service. Speakers that year were Richard H. Lyons, George T. Pack, R. S. Palmer and R. H. Freyberg. Post-Graduate Day brought W. F. Reinhoff, C. W. Wainwright, R. E. Lenhart and H. S. Everett from Johns Hopkins.

This was the first year of the Canfield Fair Exhibit. The Treasurer reported that it was expensive but worthwhile.

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The Economics Committee had been holding meetings with the Red Cross and Veterans Administration on the medical care of returned veterans. No one seemed to know what to do about them. The Public Health Committee was working to obtain a full time Health Director for Youngstown.

There were 252 members of the Society then. Andrew Detesco became a member and made it 253.

Dr. Joseph Rosenfeld died in November. He was an outstanding member of the Society and his loss was felt deeply.

NEWS NOTES

Congratulations and best wishes to Dr. C. A. McReynolds. We hear the wedding bells are about to ring out. The bride-to-be is Mrs. H. L. McCartney.

Overlooked was a news item of last September. In Chicago that month the following members of our Society were received as Fellows in the International College of Surgeons: Drs. R. S. Lupse; R. B. McConnell; W. E. Sovik, and R. L. Tornello. Also Dr. A. Magness was inducted as an Associate Fellow. Congratulations to all.

The Mahoning County Medical Society was well represented at The American Heart Association Meeting early in November at Cincinnati. The following were registered: Drs. W. H. Bunn; John Noll; Hugh Bennett; John Rogers; E. R. McNeal; W. B. Hardin; L. Shensa; James Calvin; L. P. Caccamo; M. Rosenblum; John McCann, and Youngstown Hospital residents, Drs. W. Bunn, Jr., and Dr. Caroline Craig.

I think congratulations are due Dr. Morris Rosenblum for his work in organizing and publicizing Diabetic Detection Week in our area. Many favorable comments were heard about the radio and newspaper publicity the various doctors delivered.

We are all sorry to hear of Dr. John Heberdings retirement from active practice.

Congratulations to Dr. George Pugh who successfully passed the oral board examination in St. Louis this past October, making him a Fellow of the American Board of Ophthalmology.

On October 10th Dr. Leonard Caccamo and Dr. Sam Petraglia attended the Fifth Annual Midwest Conference on Rheumatic Diseases at the Mellon Institute, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dr. and Mrs. Leonard P. Caccamo attended the American Heart Association meeting and the 29th Scientific Session October 26th to 29th in Cincinnati, Ohio.

The American Journal of The Medical Sciences for September carries a scientific publication by Dr. Leonard P. Caccamo. The article is titled "A Therapeutic Evaluation of 1-Allyl-3-Ethyl-6-Aminotetrahydropyrimidinedione (Mictine), a New Oral Diuretic. By Leonard P. Caccamo, M.D., B.H. Pringle, Ph.D., and Dale E. Hissong, B.S.

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WOMAN'S AUXILIARY NEWS

While their husbands attended lectures at Stambaugh Auditorium on Oct. 24, 1956 in connection with Mahoning County Medical Society's Post Graduate Day, members of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Sixth Councilor District were entertained at a day-long program arranged in their honor by the Woman's Auxiliary to the Mahoning County Medical Society, Mrs. Paul J. Mahar, president.

Over 160 doctors' wives from Summitt, Stark, Columbiana, Trumbull, Portage and Mahoning counties attended the festivities which opened with a coffee hour in the morning in the Jade Room of the V. F. W. Club, Boardman St.

At noon the company gathered for a gala luncheon, also in the Jade Room and heard a talk on "Rocks in Your Head" by Warren Guthrie, Cleveland newscaster. Seventeen tables were set up for luncheon, each bright with fall flowers in horns-of-plenty. Mrs. Craig Wales, chairman for the day's events and past president of the Auxiliary, introduced Mr. Guthrie.

Many state officers were welcomed including Mrs. W. H. Evans, president of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Ohio State Medical Association, and many others from out of town. Officers honored were Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Earl H. Young, corresponding secretary of the Ohio State Auxiliary, Mrs. Myron W. Thomas of Garrettsville, member-at-large of Ohio State Auxiliary, Mrs. Edward E. Bauman of Warren, the state auxiliary's public relations chairman, Mrs. Mahar, Mrs. E. A. Columbi of Cleveland, third vice president of the state auxiliary and Mrs. W. R. Farrar of Canton, education foundation chairman of the American Medical Association's Auxiliary, and Mrs. George M. Wilcoxon of Alliance, director of the Sixth Councilor district.

That evening, the wives joined their husbands for a banquet at Hotel Pick-Ohio, preceded by a cocktail hour at which the Lyons Physicians Supply Co. was host.

Mrs. Cary S. Peabody, president-elect of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Mahoning County Medical Society, was in charge of transportation arrangements, and Mrs. George Cook and Mrs. Robert Fisher served as social chairman and co-chairman. On their committee were Mrs. Joseph Campolito, Mrs. James Gordon, Mrs. J. B. Stechschulte, Mrs. Kenneth Hovanic, Mrs. John LaManna, Mrs. Wayne Agey, Mrs. B. C. Berg, Mrs. John Guju.

On Nov. 10, a scholarship dance was held at Squaw Creek Country Club. 224 medical men, their wives and guests attended.

Mrs. Harold Chevlen was chairman of the social committee and was assisted by Mrs. Robert Brown, co-chairman Mrs. George L. Altman, Mrs. A. William Geordan, Mrs. Andrew Detesco, Mrs. Alexander Phillips, Mrs. Sidney C. Keyes, Mrs. Samuel R. Zoss, Mrs. Robert L. Tornello, Mrs. Louis C. Zeller.

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—Mrs. C. S. Lowendorf

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PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

There was no formal meeting of the Publicity Committee.

Bulletin boards at the hospitals were changed monthly in accordance with each month's County Society program in order to give notification to the Society members.

—F. A. Friedrich, M. D.

CANFIELD FAIR COMMITTEE

The Canfield Fair Medical Health Exhibit was held as usual with seventeen exhibitors being accommodated in the rectangular tent used last year. All were well pleased, and almost all intend to exhibit next year.

Two additional thirty inch fans were purchased to supplement the two bought last year and were found to be of great value in coping with the heat. A system of sprinkling was employed to alleviate the dust problem. We again purchased liability insurance to cover the exhibitors and the Society for a cost of \$94.00 Telephone service was maintained again to enable members monitoring exhibits to keep in contact with their practices. A drinking fountain was rented, and greatly appreciated by all.

The Fair Board again contracted physicians to man the first aid tent. This has proven itself to be very satisfactory, and its continuance is recommended. It is also recommended that some consideration be given to the problem of surface water flowing into the tent from the outside during heavy rain storms. The rental fee of \$25 Entrance Fee and \$3.00 per frontage foot was satisfactory, and no increase is recommended for next year.

The arrangement with the Mahoning County Unit of the Tuberculosis and Health Association for their mobile unit to be placed outside the tent entrance was approved, and mutually satisfactory.

The Committee wishes to express our sincere appreciation to the Youngstown Vindicator for the favorable publicity given our Health Tent.

Although the costs in connection with the Exhibit have tended to increase, we realized a profit of \$60.73. Our income from exhibitors was \$1155.00, and expenses \$1094.27. Off-setting the deficit of \$33.61 in 1955, we have a net profit of \$27.12.

—H. P. McGregor

INDIGENT RELIEF COMMITTEE

The first meeting of the Indigent Relief Committee of the Mahoning County Medical Society was held at the South Side Hospital on March 1, 1956. The meeting was attended by all members of the committee and Mr. Feuer and his staff.

The course of action of the Welfare Department regarding polio vaccine was discussed. Results of this meeting were published in letter form in the March "Bulletin."

The advisory functions of the committee were divided among the various committee members.

On April 12, 1956, a meeting of lay people, hospital superintendents, and representatives of the nursing profession was attended. This meeting was for the proposed purpose of using part of the Mahoning County T.B. Sanatorium to care for convalescent indigents. As of the date of this report, seventeen beds are in readiness at the Sanatorium, but to my knowledge the program is not yet functioning.

—F. A. Friedrich, M. D.



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to look up to us as leaders in civic groups, and to which our generosity should offer a gift of appreciation. It seems that it is high time we discard the existing attitude, "How little can I give to avoid criticism?", and adopt a new one "I'll give enough to justify my standing in this community." It would be a real "Feather" in our professional cap if our new president were pictured next year presenting our check for our full quota, to the Red Feather Chairman. Think it over. —C.W.S.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Early in August, every candidate for the legislative office from this county was interviewed by a member of our committee. We endeavored to get their views on Health Problems and on Health Legislation. These impressions were assembled by the chairman and a duplicate copy of our findings was sent to headquarters of the O.S.M.A. in Columbus, for use in the coming legislature.

In September, the Legislative Committees of all six counties of the Sixth Councilor District met at Alliance, with Scotty Saville from the home office and reviewed and carefully studied our findings about these candidates. After considerable discussion, we made our conclusions on the views and the probable voting or past record of each individual candidate, and which ones had the best views on health problems. The above information was sent to the membership of the medical societies for guidance in voting.

The State Legislative Committee recommends that each county society entertain at a dinner, all of the elected legislators and discuss with them, local, state and national health problems. We have asked council to sponsor such a meeting for Mahoning County. It is hoped that in addition to the Legislative Committee and Council, that many other members of the Society will attend. In fact, we would like to have every member attend. We should know our law-makers and they should know us.

This report is written on election day. As soon as results are certain, each elected legislator will get a congratulatory letter from your committee.

—C. A. Gustafson, M.D.

HOSPITAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The Hospital Relations Committee reports that Hospital relations have been very cordial this year and the Committee has had no activity.

This is a standby committee which may not function for long periods but when needed its services are extremely important.

The present period of inactivity indicates a healthy situation between the medical profession and the hospitals in Mahoning County.

—James L. Fisher, M.D.

POLIO COMMITTEE

Upon the request of the President, the "Polio" committee meeting was called in my office on May 4, and questions pertaining to "polio" vaccine injections in the schools were discussed. All members freely discussed their views and finally a unanimous opinion was obtained. Our views were set forth in a letter to the President and should be found in the minutes of the council meeting of the Society of May 12, 1956. There has been no further meeting of the committee.

—C. S. Lowendorf, M.D.

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CORRESPONDENT COMMITTEE

I sent the write up from the Youngstown Vindicator describing each Mahoning County Medical Society meeting to the Ohio State Medical Journal to be printed in "Activities of County Societies." No articles were sent to the J.A.M.A.

—Clyde K. Walter, M.D.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

This is the annual report of the Public Relations Committee.

We have been very fortunate in obtaining the cooperation and valuable assistance of the Women's Auxiliary and Mrs. Shorten as chairman of that particular committee. They have had, with our cooperation a Doctor to speak on Adelaide Snyder's program on WFMJ during the past year.

Also WFMJ has had a tape recording of Various Medical Subjects for the A.M.A. once a week. We have furnished Doctors as speakers for various College Groups, PTA Meetings, Clubs, Church Groups. Mrs. Shorten has been particularly helpful in this project.

Our own individual project is a Television Program with a film of local patients and actors participating. This is to take about 30 minutes once a month. It will include various forms of Heart Disease and Cancer. Mrs. Wm. Lindsay of WFMJ is actively participating in this program and is coordinating the scripts. Drs. Hugh Bennett, Schreiber, McDonough, Wasilko, Paxton Jones are participating in this program. The program will soon appear on TV and appropriate publicity in the newspaper will give advance notice of time.

—L. S. Shensa, M. D.

VETERANS MILITARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

No formal meeting was held during the past year since the Veterans affairs are at a status quo and any initial steps must be taken at a higher level by the House of Delegates of O.S.M.A.

The business of the Military Advisory section was readily conducted by telephone and recommendations were made on ten physicians, all interns or residents, after first consulting the hospital administrators.

—William E. Sovik, M. D.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Inasmuch as our program began in July, our report is primarily concerned with the Golf Meet. Approximately 100 members of the Medical and Dental Societies attended the affair at the Youngstown Country Club on August 23. Low Gross winners were Drs. Bellino (again), Kinsey, Wenaas, and yours truly.

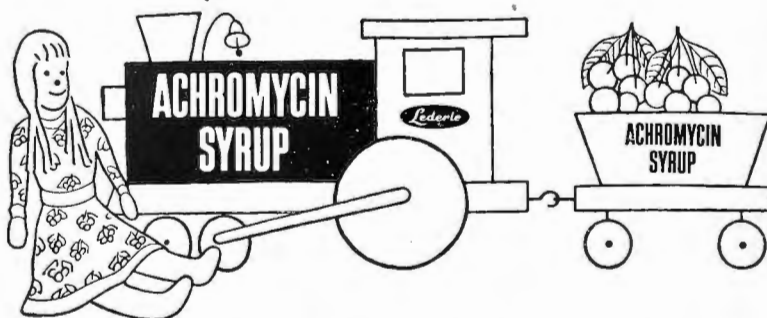
Our committee has completed final plans for the Annual Banquet in January with Jim Dudley as guest speaker. We anticipate a good turn-out at this affair and at our forthcoming May Dance.

—John Goldcamp, M. D.

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Annual Meeting — Medical Service Foundation

This meeting will be held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Mahoning County Medical Society. IT WILL START AT 8:00 P.M., just prior to the regular Society meeting. There will be election of Trustees, approval of the reports of the Treasurer and Secretary and such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

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Thursday, January 17, 1957



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**March Meeting: March 21
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BLOOD BANK COMMITTEE

The blood committee of the Mahoning County Medical Society has been active primarily in the blood bank program. The coordination and progress of operation of the Hospitals and Mahoning County Labor Blood Program has been supervised. Periodic meetings have been held with representatives of the hospitals and labor to coordinate and to expedite this work, which has been progressing very well. In the first ten months of 1956, this program has supplied 198 donors to St. Elizabeth Hospital and 407 donors to the Youngstown Hospital Association. In addition to local operations, arrangements have been sought with hospitals in neighboring towns who supply services to the members of local labor unions. The liaison with the Red Cross Blood Program in surrounding counties has been well established.

The impetus of the Hospitals and Mahoning County Labor Union Program has stimulated formation of many other blood bank clubs, particularly in various labor union groups. The Youngstown Sheet & Tube Company has set up their own blood bank for all Sheet & Tube employees. This organization has become an efficient service. About ten other Blood Bank Clubs have been organized among other unions and the A.F. of L. locals.

Recently the Nurses Association has started their own Blood Bank Club. It has been suggested, and I would like to utilize this opportunity to start the ball rolling for a Mahoning County Medical Society Blood Bank Club to supply blood for the needs of the families of the doctors. The trend at the moment is to organize clubs for the white collar workers. The union members are now pretty well cared for, but the white collar workers are not. Attempts are being made to organize clubs in the service groups and societies, as well as fraternal organizations.

It has been stated by Dr. A. E. Rappoport, of the Youngstown Hospital Association, that over 50% of the blood drawn and used is now supplied by blood bank clubs which is a highly satisfactory situation. This greatly eases the supply of blood as well as reducing the job of the family physician in trying to get the family to get in donors in many situations. Further expanding of this program is felt to be the ideal way to handle this program.

—Robert A. Brown, M.D.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Our first meeting of the year was social event, it was held on January 18, 1956 at the Youngstown Country Club. Dr. G. E. DeCicco was installed as president.

Our second meeting of the year was held on February 21, in association with the Youngstown Area Heart Association. A full program was carried out and the principal speaker was Dr. Joseph B. Vander Veer.

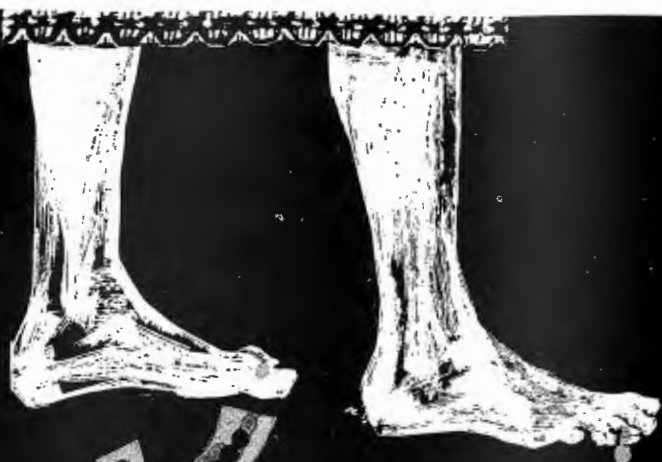
On March 22, 1956 the meeting was a combined meeting with the bar association and we entertained our lawyer friends. The principal speaker at this meeting was S. R. Gerber, M.D., Coroner of Cuyahoga County.

April 17, was the date of our fourth meeting. We had a medical legal symposium wherein hypothetical cases were discussed. Eight men comprised the visiting group.

A very successful dinner dance was held on May 5, and was followed by a golf tournament on May 24, 1956.

At the June meeting 4 papers were presented by local interns. Dr. Cibula and Dr. Weekly from the Youngstown Hospital Association and Dr. Burke and Dr. Ball from St. Elizabeth.

—Paul J. Mahar, M.D.



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CIVIL DEFENSE COMMITTEE

A meeting of the committee was held in the spring with Mr. Robert Hay, Director of Civil Defense, to discuss the problems associated with evacuation of the city before an enemy attack.

Members of the committee participated in the nationwide alert exercise held in June.

No change in the plan of operation for medical and associated personnel has been made. The procedures will be changed, but not until government sponsored surveys resolve the problems developing from the planned evacuation of the city.

—*Frederick L. Schellhase, M. D.*

AUXILIARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mrs. Paul J. Mahar has done a very capable job as President of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Mahoning County Medical Society. They did an excellent job of handling the registration at the Postgraduate Assembly, and in handling the distribution of posters and literature for the Diabetic Week. Due to their superb functioning, no work was required of the Committee.

—*G. E. DeCicco, M. D.*

CANCER COMMITTEE

No definite project has been undertaken by the Cancer Committee this year.

Tumor Registries are functioning in both Youngstown Hospital and St. Elizabeth Hospital.

Care of Cancer patients and the Educational Program is being conducted by the Mahoning Chapter of the American Cancer Society. Scholarships for graduate nurses in care of Cancer patients have been made available to nurses in this area.

—*A. J. Brandt, M. D.*

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Our committee has enjoyed a good social season. The annual banquet in January was most successful and the annual Spring Dinner Dance we believe to have been one of the nicest. Congratulations to all for a successful social season.

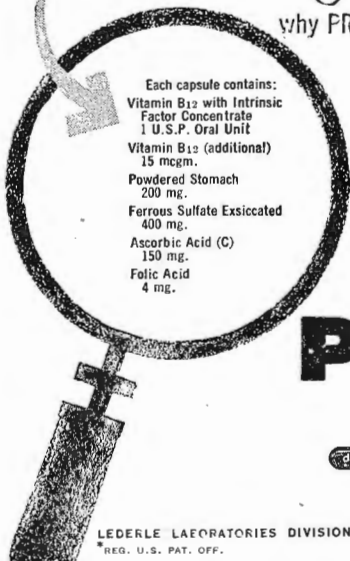
—*David R. Brody, M. D.*

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

No formal meetings of the Public Health Committee were held during the past year. On several separate occasions I discussed with the various health commissioners the problem of patients with active pulmonary tuberculosis who refused hospitalization and are definitely a menace to the public health of the community. We hope that next year this problem will be almost completely solved by the establishment by the state of a central facility to take care of people who are infectious and refuse hospitalization in their communities.

—*H. H. Teitelbaum, M. D.*

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MEDICAL LEGAL COMMITTEE

The "Proposed Statements of Principles for the Standard of Practice Governing Lawyers and Doctors" were considered at three meetings, private discussions and at a joint meeting with the Committee on Unauthorized Practice of Law of the Mahoning County Bar Association. The proposed draft was then submitted to the Council of the Mahoning County Medical Society, but after consideration at both the February and March meetings, it was not adopted, but was referred back to the committee. After further private discussion, at a meeting of the chairman with the Medical Legal Liason Committee of the Mahoning County Bar Association on November 9, 1956, it was decided not to press the matter further at this time.

A Medical Legal Symposium was held at the regular meeting of the Mahoning County Medical Society on April 17, 1956 at the Youngstown University Library, to which the members of the Mahoning County Bar Association were invited as guests. Two hypothetical cases of trauma "The Case of An Injured Spine" and "The Case of a Steering Wheel Injury" were discussed by a panel of four medical experts and four legal interrogators from Cleveland and Akron. It was an outstanding meeting of educational value to both professions and stimulated widespread interest.

—Sidney Franklin, M.D., LL.B.

HOW TO BE MORE POPULAR WITH YOUR PATIENTS!

Most people like their doctors and are generally satisfied with medical service. But the public offers some definite suggestions for ways doctors might improve the doctor-patient relationship.

These suggestions came to light when results of a nationwide survey done by a market research firm for the American Medical Association were tabulated. Heading the list of suggestions for doctors was "be available, come when called." This desire that a doctor be available when needed is not news to the medical profession, whose members have been working for the last five or six years to blanket the country with 'round-the-clock emergency call systems and similar informal arrangements to guarantee that availability.

Second suggestion from the public is "charge lower fees." Doctors have long suspected that most of the profession's public relations problems arise from the economic side of medicine. Yet in the survey individual doctors' charges receive only moderate criticism by the public. The public is by no means as critical of doctor bills as it is of other costs of medical care, such as hospital and drug bills. Almost five times as many people (41%) say hospital bills have risen the fastest since World War II as say doctors' bills have (9%). Almost four times as many (32%) mention drug bills as having increased with the greatest speed.

People want doctors to take more personal interest in them and be more friendly and sociable, the survey showed. Assembly-line medicine, where patients are rushed through in an impersonal manner is not what the average American is seeking in his own physician.

Closer adherence to appointment schedules is also suggested by the public who express annoyance at unreasonable waits to see their doctors. People also want doctors to be honest and frank with them in regard to illnesses and fees. They also think doctors ought to assume more responsibility for informing the public about medicine as a part of their efforts to get along better with the public.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DIABETES

This year, although we did not have an exhibit, the response to find the unknown diabetics was good. There were 5,183 urine tests done at physicians' offices and the local hospitals. There were 133 positive tests for sugar and 24 new diabetic positives.

	Tests	Positives	New Positives
Hospitals	233	8	5
Physician's Office	4960	125	19
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Total	5183	133	24

This year we had fewer talks but more interviews on radio and television programs with accompanying patients, dietitians, and technicians. There were also spot announcements on local radio and television stations.

Our guest speaker on Nov. 20, 1956, was Dr. George Hamwi, Associate Professor of Medicine and head of the Dept. of Metabolism and Endocrinology of the College of Medicine of Ohio State University. His talk on the hypoglycemic agents was outstanding and brought us up to date on the use of the new hypoglycemic tablets.

The Auxiliary of the Mahoning County Medical Society are to be commended for the aid they gave us in distributing the diabetic posters and sugar testing reagents.

I am most grateful to the members of my committee and others who helped make Diabetic Week a success.

—M. S. Rosenblum, M.D.

LEDERLE PLANS TOUR

An April weekend tour of Lederle Laboratories is being planned for physicians and their wives. Physicians to furnish transportation to New York and return. Tentative plans are to arrive in New York on a Thursday afternoon, be guests of Lederle for meals and lodging through Saturday morning with a tour of the Laboratories on Friday. Those interested should contact Dr. G. E. DeCicco, as soon as practicable.

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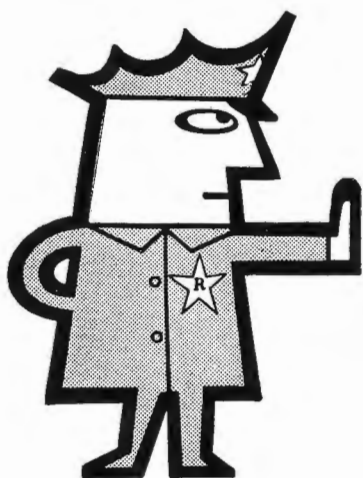
Most parents whose children suffer a slight loss of hearing don't discover it in time to prevent a greater and more serious loss.

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—Leonard Davis, Secretary American Hearing Aid Association

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PROCEEDING OF COUNCIL

Nov. 13, 1956

The regular monthly meeting of the Council of the Mahoning County Medical Society was held on Monday, November 12, 1956, at the offices of Dr. M. W. Neidus, 318 Fifth Ave., Youngstown, Ohio.

The following doctors were present: G. E. DeCicco, President, presiding, S. W. Ondash, V. L. Goodwin, H. N. Bennett, M. W. Neidus, P. J. Mahar, I. C. Smith, C. W. Stertzbach, A. K. Phillips, Fred Schlecht, A. A. Detesco comprising the Council, also Dr. H. P. McGregor.

Dr. McGregor submitted a detailed report of the 1956 Canfield Fair, and discussed the difficulties encountered. He also submitted his financial report. He reported that all exhibitors agreed to exhibit next year with the exception of two hospitals. No established plan was set for them next year, as they may either exhibit every other year or combine.

In compliance with last month's meeting concerning the appointment of a physician as a representative to the Muscular Dystrophy Association, Drs. I. C. Smith and A. K. Phillips contacted Dr. R. J. Scheetz who agreed to accept the appointment provided Dr. Smith would serve with him. Dr. Smith agreed to serve as a co-representative.

Dr. C. A. Gustafson, President of the Sixth Councilor District, requested that Council sponsor a dinner for the newly elected legislators. Council approved the suggestion, and recommended that Dr. C. C. Wales, the Program Chairman, secure one of them as a speaker to be worked into his schedule.

Dr. DeCicco discussed the replacement of the late Dr. W. M. Skipp as a delegate to the Ohio State Medical Association. Dr. Fred Schlecht was appointed as a delegate to fill the unexpired term of the late Dr. Skipp, terminating in 1957. Dr. H. P. McGregor was appointed an alternate delegate to fill the unexpired term of Dr. Schlecht, terminating in 1956.

Dr. Mahar, Chairman of the Industrial Health Committee, reported the progress of his committee, with their recommendations for a workable plan. The Committee will submit a detailed report to our members for discussion at a regular membership meeting.

Dr. J. M. Ranz was appointed as representative to the Associated Hospital Service as a replacement for the late Dr. H. E. Patrick.

Dr. Detesco called the attention of Council to our members who fail to cooperate with other members of the Society. Too many physicians "report out" at the Medical-Dental Bureau, and leave referrals without a prior contact with the referee. Council suggested that a letter should be sent to all members outlining the procedure to be followed when "reporting out."

—A. A. Detesco, M.D.
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On November 11, 1956, the committee referred to above, presented its report to the Council at a special meeting in the Columbus Office of the Association.

After careful consideration of all aspects of the question, the Council made the following decisions:

1. The Ohio State Medical Association through its committees and headquarters office staff hereby offers to cooperate with the Department of Defense on matters relating to the Government's Medicare Program in the respects enumerated below:

A. It will lend its aid and assistance in seeing that the dependents of military personnel eligible for medical care from physicians in private practice have access to medical services of the highest quality.

B. It will assist the Government in providing the members of the Ohio State Medical Association with detailed information about the program, how it will be administered, administrative rules and regulations, schedule of allowances which the Government will pay physicians, and similar data.

C. It will suggest, on the request of the Department, the names of Ohio doctors of medicine to serve on an advisory committee, or committees, of the Medicare Program administrative agency.

D. It will assist the Government in assembling data on the prevailing charges of the Ohio doctors of medicine which the Department may find useful in setting up a schedule of allowances which the Government will pay for medical services to eligible military dependents.

2. The Ohio State Medical Association is unable to enter into the proposed Medicare Program contract which has been submitted to it by the Government, because:

A. There is a seemingly irreconcilable difference of opinion between the Department of Defense and the Ohio State Medical Association on the following basic principles:

(1) The principle subscribed to by the Ohio State Medical Association that it is the privilege and right of every individual doctor of medicine, after meeting the obligations imposed on him by the state licensing law and the Principles of Medical Ethics, to decide for himself how he will practice his profession.

(2) The principle subscribed to by the Ohio State Medical Association that it is the privilege and right of every individual doctor of medicine to decide for himself whether or not a fee offered by a third party shall be accepted by the doctor as payment in full for his professional services to the patient.

(3) The principle subscribed to by the Ohio State Medical Association that the Association has no right, legal or moral, to commit any of its members to a payment-in-full medical care program.

B. Certain obligations which the Association would have to assume under the Medicare Program contract proposed by the Government might produce serious legal and financial problems for the Association.

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Optimistic over prospects of Jenkins-Keogh legislation in the next Congress, Rep. Eugene Keogh (D., N.Y.) is urging fellow members of the House to make known their support of the idea. He expressed it this way: "We think that if you make known to those professional, agricultural and business groups in your district your support of the bill, it will assure its passage next year."

He forecast a new amendment to the bill that was considered in the 84th Congress (H.R. 10). It would permit a person to withdraw funds from a pension fund prior to age 65, subject to a penalty equal to the taxes previously deferred on money so withdrawn. The original proposal allows a certain amount of money to be set aside in an annuity fund each year with a provision for deferring the taxes on that amount until it is returned in retirement payments.

The American Medical Association, American Bar Association and more than 30 other professional groups, along with the American Farm Bureau Federation have been strong advocates of this type legislation.

If we want the benefits of this bill, now is the time to begin plans for a "grass-roots" campaign.

I have been studying the medical-health budgets of Federal Department Agencies and Commissions for this fiscal year, and am amazed at the amount of money, \$2,558,719,168, we are spending for "health". Here is a brief summary from our Washington Office:

What the U. S. is spending in health fields alone represents an average cost of \$15.17 per man, woman and child. Incidentally, it is costing each of them \$1.78 more this year than last.

If only wage-earners are considered, they will be paying on the average \$38.72 each to finance the Federal government's health-medical operations. That is \$4.40 more than they paid last year.

The average family will be paying \$54.61 this year for the U. S. government's health-medical Activities.

Even in an overall Federal budget of \$61.2 billion, the total health cost is not insignificant. It is a billion dollars more than the cost of running the Commerce Department, half a billion more than all Agriculture Department expenses and six times Interior Department's budget.

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LEGS --- ARMS

For the first time since World War II, medical costs of Veterans Administration top the list, passing the Defense Department. A close third is the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

Such figures make me dizzy. Its 4:30 P.M. Sunday afternoon, November 18th, and now before I sign off for 1956, I wish all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

—C. A. Gustafson, M.D.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

I

Each and every member of the Mahoning County Medical Society who is absent from his practice for any length of time, must arrange for the proper coverage of his practice.

II

If for any reason a physician is unwilling to accept emergency or night house call requests he must arrange for a substitute to fulfill this responsibility to his patients.

—A. A. Detesco, M. D.
Secretary

MEDICAL CAREER SATISFACTION

In a survey among physicians in the six largest branches of medical practice, nine out of ten doctors would be doctors all over again were they starting anew. Three out of four would re-enter their present branch of medicine.

Of the six groups, the Psychiatrists and Internists are most content. 85% and 82% respectively.

The majority of surgeons and obstetricians are also satisfied, but this is not true of the pediatricians and general practitioners. One of every three G.P. respondents wishes he were in some other field of medicine. The reasons given (1) they work too long and too hard for too little, (2) difficulty in securing hospital privileges, and (3) they think patients put less trust in them than in specialists.

Even more dissatisfied are the pediatricians where-in for every 63 contented ones, there are 37 malcontent. Typical reason—"the volume of work needed to make an adequate living is fantastic."

—Medical Economics News Release

GENERAL PRACTITIONER NEWS

On January 8, 1957, a meeting will be held at 8:00 p.m. at the South Side Nurses Home when Herman K. Hellerstein, M. D. from Western Reserve University School of Medicine will begin an eight hour series of lectures on the "Theory and Interpretation of Electrocardiographs." The series will continue through the March, April and May meetings and is open to all practitioners and members of the hospital staffs.

—F. A. Resch, M.D.

SCIENCE FAIRS

If favorable comments are a criterion, the American Medical Association's 1956 Public Relation Institute held in Chicago last August was the most successful to date. Not only were the subjects under discussion of a timely and practical nature, but the manner in which they were presented was unusually effective.

Your Observer was especially impressed with the youth of the majority of the speakers and their obvious capabilities. Most of them were lay executives of medical societies; however, there were a number of physicians, too. The vigor and enthusiasm of this group certainly augurs well for organized medicine.

Credit for the selection of subject material and the speakers goes to the A.M.A.'s Department of Public Relations, which has a highly capable and efficient staff headed by the Department's Director, Leo E. Brown.

Among the many presentations, the one which held the greatest interest for your Observer was the discussion of "Local Science Fairs: The 1956 PR 'Plum.'" Science fairs are not new, but medical participation in them is. Such fairs have grown rapidly since 1950 under the guidance of Science Service, a nonprofit organization with headquarters in Washington, D.C. Not all fairs are sponsored by the Service's affiliates. Many are independent projects. Without exception, they are underwritten financially by interested groups in the community.

Science Fairs are invariably school projects; that is, participants are students, often from the lowest grades up to and including the last year in high school. Reasons for this were explained by Joseph H. Kraus, Coordinator of the National Science Fair, in an address at the Institute: "It has long been recognized by scientists, educators, and psychologists that a leaning toward interest in scientific pursuits may start at a very early age in life. In an effort to bring the motivation toward science to more students, and during their formative years, we encourage the development of Science Fairs.

"A typical Science Fair is a collection of exhibits, each of which is designed to show a biological, chemical, physical or technical principle. It may be a laboratory procedure, industrial development, or an orderly collection of anything which can be fitted into the broad concept of any branch of applied science.

"In 1950 the first National Science Fair was launched. Thirteen area fairs were presented. This year nearly 8½ times that many, 110 regional fairs, were affiliated with the National. This year also marks the first participation in this program by the American Medical Association—an association of which we are very proud."

The first medical organization to lend its support to the Science Fair in its community was the Porter County (Indiana) Medical Society. Dr. Ralph Eades, Past President of the Society, was on the panel at the Institute to discuss his organization's experience with the project. He told a simple story about a group of youngsters who in 1951 appealed to the Society for financial and moral support. The Society voted to give the needed assistance. The undertaking was so successful that Dr. Eades and his associates have become Fair enthusiasts.

Dr. Eades said, "The Science Fair is the best public relations prospect we have had in the past 25 years. The Science Fair program is strictly

American, an entirely voluntary effort to allow boys and girls throughout the land to develop themselves to the limit in so far as they desire. It is also a fine anti-delinquency program. Its ubiquity compares favorably with our own AMA, and its component parts reach down to a grass roots organization providing boys and girls with the best opportunities to be found anywhere in this world."

Mr. John E. Farrell, Executive Secretary of the Rhode Island Medical Society, made a telling point when he said: "A year ago a leading pharmaceutical company reported that 23 out of every 100 U.S. public high schools offer neither physics nor chemistry courses; 24 offer no geometry. Between 1950-55, the number of science and engineering graduates of American colleges dropped more than 50 per cent. High school enrollment climbed 16 per cent in the past 5 years, but the number of qualified science teachers dropped 53 per cent.

"Consequently, every group who participates in the Science Fair project is performing an outstanding service because the continued success of our industries and professions depends on an adequate supply of scientists and technologists."

Our Medical Society has to date given only modest financial support to the Science Fair locally. The Committee on Public Information believes that it is time for the Society to get behind this fine movement wholeheartedly. At a recent meeting, the Executive Board concurred. Further developments can therefore be expected.

—*Med. Annals, District of Columbia*

AMA PRODUCES NEW RADIO SERIES ON MEDICAL PROGRESS

A "hit parade" of popular songs and medical innovations of the years beginning with 1895 to the present is the theme of the American Medical Association's new radio transcription series. Entitled "Health and Harmony," this series of 13 programs traces medical progress in five-year intervals. For example, the program for 1895 deals with the invention of the x-ray and features such songs as "East Side, West Side" and "Little Annie Rooney." A discussion of the sulphur drugs interspersed with strains of "Red Sails in the Sunset" and "Zing Went the Strings of My Heart" is the 1935 contribution. The transcription depicting 1950 stresses the development of ACTH and cortisone and the popular songs of that era — "Goodnight, Irene" and "There's No Tomorrow."

Medical information is presented by W. W. Bolton, M. D. and Fred V. Hein, Ph. D., of the Bureau of Health Education while the musical portions are by a barber shop quartet. This series will be released at the end of December. Further information may be obtained from the Bureau of Health Education.

—*A.M.A. News Notes*

Broad culture, which in itself connotes breadth of vision, and high professional ideals, are two things which are in danger of being lost sight of in current medical education, and as they become less distinguishing characteristics of the profession, its prestige is sure to suffer.

—*Thomas B. Cooley.*

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