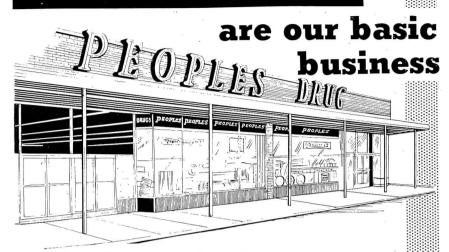


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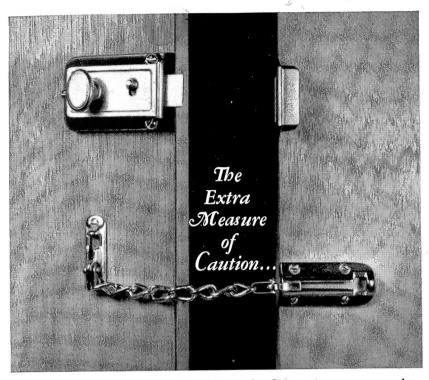
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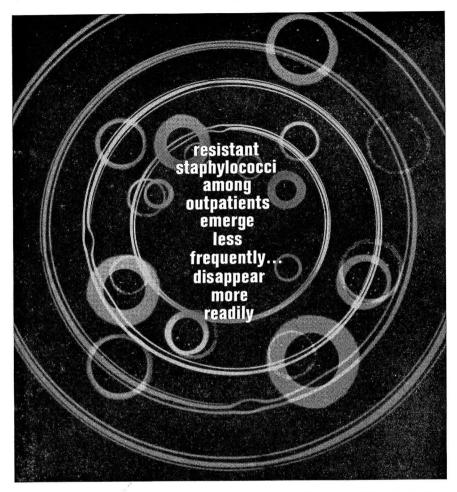
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Our President Speaks

This past year, under the guidance of Dr. Fred Schlecht, has been one of positive action. He has devoted long hours of arduous work for the benefit of our Society, in spite of a very active surgical practice.

Revising our constitution, incorporating our Society, an excellent post graduate day, are a few of the many items that have been accomplished during Dr. Schlecht's year as president. He deserves our vote of thanks.

In spite of an excellent year, with many of our dilemmas solved, we still have a few serious problems hovering over our heads. The current pertinent unfinished business —

- (1) Forand Bill
- (2) Third Party Comprehensive Medical Care.

A program has been initiated by our society to offset any social experiments being forced upon us and our patients. Again, it will require the full cooperation of our members to realize it.

It is sobering to see the growing number of so-called leaders of political thought, or politicians, who advocate an ever-growing governmental assumption of responsibility for all sorts of complex economic and social problems. Quoting Arthur Kemp, Ph.D., from the Department of Economic Research of the AMA, "The moral ethic on which our civilization rests emphasizes individual responsibility. Can such a civilization survive? Perhaps, but only if it recognizes the difference between freedom OF choice and freedom FROM choice."

Perpetual health and happiness to you and yours for the coming year.

—Alexander K. Phillips, M.D.

President

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the Sixth Councilor District Postgraduate Day, held on Oct. 26, 1960, at Stambaugh Auditorium in Youngstown, was under the supervision of a committee from the Mahoning County Medical Society, and

WHEREAS this committee did present an outstanding program of Post-graduate Day lecturers, and

WHEREAS this committee did attend to the countless details inherent in the Postgraduate Day activities, thus providing for the convenience and pleasure of visiting physicians, and

WHEREAS Postgraduate Day was a financial success, and

WHEREAS the success of Postgraduate Day has awarded the Mahoning County Medical Society with increased prestige,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the council of the Mahoning County Medical Society most highly commends Dr. Morris S. Rosenblum, chairman, and the members of his committee for the outstanding work they did on behalf of the Sixth Councilor District Postgraduate Day, 1960.

DELINQUENT DUES

The names of all dues paying members who have not met their financial obligations to the Mahoning County Medical Society by March 31st will be published as delinquent members in the April Bulletin and again in the May and June Bulletins if their delinquency persists. It shall be the duty of the treasurer of the society to furnish the editor of the Bulletin the names of the delinquent members for publication in the April, May and June Bulletins.

PHYSICIAN'S SEMINAR

Thursday evening, January 26, will see the inauguration of a new project of the County Society. Beginning that evening, a series of lectures will be conducted by top professors of Youngstown University.

This is a program to implement our over-all knowledge, especially in the area of humanities and the arts. Because of our rather narrow specialization in the scientific, many of us have long realized the need for cultural advancement.

The first series of lectures will be concerned with literature, particularly the impact of Greek mythology and French literature upon the modern novel.

The second series will be Philosophy in which four different professors will discuss the world's greatest philosophers and their influence on today's society.

The third seminar will be political science and, here again, four different experts will present practical applications of politics and government.

Each lecture will run for about forty-five minutes and will be followed by an informal discussion period during which questions will be answered from the floor. Refreshments will be served between the two periods.

As an added feature, fully detailed notes will be given to each doctor BEFORE the lecture so that we can lean back and listen and absorb. Also, the questions and answers from the preceeding session will be mimeographed and given out at the next lecture.

The seminar will be held on Thursday evenings at 8:00; the first, in the auditorium of St. Elizabeth's Hospital. The second, and third series of lectures are to be held in the auditorium of the South Unit, Youngstown Hospital Association.

Every physician will receive a brochure outlining the entire program. it is hoped that many of the doctors and their wives will avail themselves of this fine opportunity to advance their knowledge and to enjoy the social gathering at the same time.

—Jack Schreiber, M.D.

DR. SCHMID PRESENTED 50-YEAR PIN

Dr. Henri Schmid, an honorary member of the Mahoning County Medical Society, was presented a fifty-year certificate and pin from the Ohio State Medical Association in December.

Dr. Schmid was born in La Chaux-de-Fonds, Switzerland. He was graduated from the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine in 1910, and interned at Presbyterian Hospital in Pittsburgh.

Although retired from active practice, Dr. Schmid still spends an hour or so a week at the Venereal Disease Clinic where he has been Medical Director.

He is a member of the Kiwanis Club, downtown, and Westminster Presbyterian Church.

THREE NAMED HONORARY MEMBERS

Three physicians were named for Honorary Membership at the December 20 meeting of the Mahoning County Medical Society. Dr. W. K. Allsop, Dr. E. H. Jones, Sr., and Dr. W. B. Turner were accorded the honor and will be voted upon at the January meeting.

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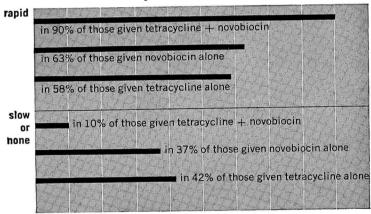


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Dr. A. K. Phillips was elected Vice President of the Staff; Dr. Louis C. Zeller, Secretary-Treasurer; Dr. P. Cestone, Director of Surgery; Dr. Paul Mahar, Director of Medicine; Dr. A. J. Brandt, Director of Obstetrics-Gynecology; Dr. P. E. Krupko, Director of Eye, Ear, Nose, and Throat Department.

Dr. Sam Goldberg was elected representative to the Associated Hospital Service. Named to the executive committee were Dr. S. J. Ondash, and Dr. J. J. Sofranec.

Dr. Pichette, a graduate of the University of Syracuse Medical School, took his resident training in surgery at St. Elizabeth's and also studied at St. Vincent Hospital in Toledo, and Rhode Island General Hospital in Providence.

He is married to the former Eleanor Jones, and they have three boys, David aged 15, Richard aged 10, and James aged 7. The family resides at 220 Griswold Drive in Youngstown.

He is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, Secretary of the Mahoning County Medical Society, and President of the Guild of Catholic Physicians.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY Get Your Annual Check-up

Jan. 17 S. W. Chiasson

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CLINICAL HYPNOSIS SOCIETY DEBATE

The pros and cons related to the clinical use of hypnosis will be discussed Thursday, January 19, at St. Elizabeth Hospital, Auditorium I, at 8:30 p.m. Pro opinions will be voiced by Dr. J. K. Herald and Dr. R. W. Scollon, with the cons led by Dr. A. J. Bayuk and Dr. Frank Gelbman.

The Youngstown Society of Clinical Hypnosis would like to extend this invitation to all members of the medical society to attend this session.

A question and answer period will follow the discussion. This should prove α worthy evening for those now using hypnosis in their practice, for those who may contemplate its use, and also for those who feel hypnosis has only limited value.

Your presence will be most welcome. Please come prepared to submit questions to the panel and enter into this lively controversy.

> -L. P. Caccamo, M.D. Chairman

BOARD OF HEALTH BULLETIN — CITY OF YOUNGSTOWN REPORT FOR NOVEMBER, 1960

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Deaths	86	60	61	42	249
Infant Deaths	6	6	4	2	18
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Deaths		60	37	46	222
Infant Deaths	6	2	2	0	10
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Measles	6	0	7	0
Mumps	16	0	34	Ō
Polio	0	0	0	0
Scarlet Fever		0	1	0
Tuberculosis	1	0	7	2
Whooping Cough	0	0	5	0
Gonorrhea	19	0	16	0
Syphilis	9	0	6	0
Rheumatic Fever	- 7	0	5	0

VENEREAL DISEASES

New Cases	Mlpha le	Female	Total
Syphilis	1	2	3
Gonorrhea	13	6	19
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Total Patients			22
Total Visits (Patients)			146

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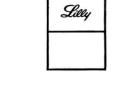
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FROM THE BULLETIN

Twenty Years Ago—January 1941

Orville J. Walker was President that year, Walter K. Stewart was President-Elect and Claude Norris was Editor of the *Bulletin*. All three are dead and gone now and to many of you they are just names but they were all remarkable men.

Dr. Walker came here soon after World War I to be the pathologist at the Youngstown Hospital. He was the first one to hold Clinical-Pathological Conferences although they were not so-called then. He would just get up at Staff meetings and talk and talk about the pathologic findings whenever a case was discussed and it was often very tiresome. It must have seemed tiresome to him too, for he quit after a few years and went away to study E.E.N.&T When he came back he opened an office in the Home Savings and Loan Bldg. and became a leading specialist in his field. He was always interested in Society affairs and had a flair for politics. For years he headed the legal committee and at every election he interviewed the candidates for State and Legislature and informed our members of their views. He was instrumental in having local candidates for Mayor pledged to consult the Medical Society on appointments of doctors to health administration offices. He inaugurated the Allied Professions Organization which included physicians, pharmacists, nurses and hospital personnel into a strong pressure group to influence legislation on health matters. He was absolutely dedicated to the cause of good medicine and many of the public relations activities we pursue today were started by him.

Dr. Stewart was a friendly, outgoing extrovert who spent more time in promoting Medical Society affairs than he did in his general practice. At least it seemed so. He was loved by everybody and more about him later.

Claude Norris came here from North Dakota to be the first dermatologist in Youngstown. He had a dynamic, explosive personality; voluble in speech and highly intelligent. He was part Cherokee as was his wife. His office on Lincoln Avenue was thronged with patients who usually received a dozen prescriptions including internal medication, diets, vitamines and surface applications.

As Editor he attended council meetings and they usually lasted long after midnight because Claude never finished talking. After the Council meetings we would repair to the nearest bistro to refresh ourselves and listen to Claude. He worked hard and after years of practice bought a plantation in Virginia called "Belle Nemus" where he planned to retire. He went there and worked harder than ever restoring the place. He lasted only a year at that when a series of strokes ended his colorful career.

Those three men: Walker, Stewart and Norris along with Bill Skipp did a lot for our Society and they should be remembered.

Asher Randell was the first member to leave for army service. The members at the annual business meeting voted to change the official "afternoon-off" from Wednesday to Thursday.

Ten Years Ago—January 1951

Elmer Wenaas took office as President. In his page he called attention to the international crisis in Korea and the need for doctors in both the armed forces and the enlarged civil defense program.

C. A. Gustafson was voted President-Elect. G. E. DeCicco was Secretary and A. K. Phillips Treasurer. There were 250 active members, 24 interne members, 2 associate, 12 non-resident and 14 honorary. Dues were increased \$15.00 to \$50.00 a year. The auditor reported a cash balance of \$1,493.46 on deposit and total assets of \$21,108.14.

The Bulletin celebrated its twentieth anniversary. S. W. Ondash was Editor. Howard Mathay was President of the Academy of General Practice and David Levy was President-Elect. W. H. Evans headed the St. Elizabeth Staff and Gordon Nelson the Youngstown Hospital Staff.

Doctors again were filling out questionnaires for the Selective Service. Harold Segall was the first to be re-called to active duty with the U.S. Navy.

New members that month were John Lo Cricchio and Edward M. Thomas, W. J. Tims as Health Commissioner recommends fluoridation of the water supply. Leading articles by local authors were "Arterial Transfusion" by Patrick Cestone and "Occupational Therapy" by Ivan Smith. C. S. Lowendorf and Rollis Miller gave demonstrations at the A.M.A. interim meeting in Cleveland.

William Breesman opened his office in Boardman for practice of internal medicine. Sidney Franklin, head of the local Veteran's Administration office was transferred to Akron but retained his residence in Youngstown.

W. H. Bunn announced a plan sponsored by the Youngstown Area Heart Association to prevent rheumatic fever by early and adequate treatment of streptococcal infections in school children. Today the plan is still going strong and has become a model for other cities to follow.

-J. L. Fisher, M.D.

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In order that cost of prophylaxis drugs should not be deterrant to embarking on a program of prophylaxis, the Ohio Department of Health initiated a program to provide through local health departments oral and intramuscular penicillin to any physician requesting the antibiotic for rheumatic subjects. Since March, 1957, this program has expanded rapidly. At the present time approximately 10,000 patients have been enrolled; about 8,000 of these are

actively being supplied with the drug. Additional cases are continuing to be added at a rate of approximately 200 α month.

Two surveys have been conducted in conjunction with this prophylaxis program. One, concerning local health department activities, demonstrated a need for a better reporting form and revision of the central registry procedure. Currently all the cases now in the register are being transferred to the new forms; it is intended that the forms will be generally in use by private physicians and local health departments by January 1, 1961. The purpose of this revision is to provide continuous follow-up information back to the local health departments so that the high rate of discontinuances will be substantially reduced.

The second survey, concerning private physicians, was conducted to determine whether detailed epidemiological data could be collected on the new reporting forms, and what types of rheumatic fever patients were being placed on prophylaxis. It was found that gaining physician cooperation in the collecting of detailed data was no problem. Further, the criteria being used by physicians to place patients on prophylaxis are valid and acceptable in almost all of the cases.

CASE FINDING

Since it is so important that patients who have actually had rheumatic fever should be placed on prophylaxis, diagnostic centers for the detection of patients with previous rheumatic fever are currently being operated around the state under the auspices of various official and voluntary agencies. In addition to these, many clinics for adult cardiacs are maintained in various hospitals as part of their out-patient program.

No screening devices can replace the doctor's stethoscope; however, the Ohio Department of Health is looking forward with interest to the results of a Chicago study. This study is using a mobile trailer unit to record the heart sounds from large numbers of school children in the Chicago area. These recorded heart sounds are then subjected to analysis by physician readers to determine those children who need further diagnostic procedures. Definitive results are not available as yet, but they may point the way for further screening programs.

EDUCATION

One of the most valuable contributions of voluntary agencies in this field is physician and public education. The Division of Health Education of the Ohio Department of Health is currently working with the various Heart asso-



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Approaches to many of the unknown questions about rheumatic fever have been made possible by these advances. The application of highly effective prophylactic measures combined with careful bacteriologic techniques should accelerate the downward trend of rheumatic fever as a cause of significant morbidity or mortality. Pending more basic knowledge of the nature of the disease, public health departments and private physicians face rheumatic fever today with considerable knowledge of the adversary and with some highly effective, if crude, defensive weapons.

-L. A. Blum, M.D.

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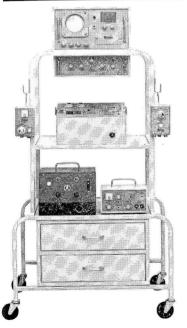
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PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL November 29, 1960

The regular monthly meeting of the council of the Mahoning County Medical Society was held on Tuesday, Nov. 29, 1960, at the Youngstown Club, Youngstown, Ohio.

The following physicians were present: F. G. Schlecht, president, presiding, G. E. DeCicco, M. W. Neidus, C. E. Pichette, R. J. Scheetz, Jack Schreiber, J. J. McDonough, E. R. McNeal, H. J. Reese, H. P. McGregor, C. C. Wales, A. K. Phillips, M. S. Rosenblum, F. A. Resch, C. W. Stertzbach, Asher Randell, S. W. Ondash. Absent was A. A. Detesco.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. A resolution was read commending Dr. M. S. Rosenblum as chairman of the Post Graduate Assembly, held at Stambaugh Auditorium on Oct. 26, 1960. The motion was made, seconded, and duly passed that the resolution be adopted.

The motion was made, seconded, and duly passed that a resolution be presented to the Women's Auxiliary for their fine work in connection with

the Post Graduate Assembly.

Dr. McGregor reported on ambulance speeding in regard to a recent death in Columbiana. Following discussion, the motion was made, seconded and duly passed that council recommend that ambulances conform to speed laws, and that notice of the recommendation be sent to the police department, the sheriff's office, the state highway patrol, ambulance companies, and the Youngstown Vindicator. Dr. McGregor was requested to write the letter.

Dr. Schreiber reported on a poll of the membership in regard to a proposed physicians' seminar. He reported that results were encouraging and requested permission of council to proceed with plans. A motion was made, seconded, and duly passed that a seminar program be instituted. Dr. Schreiber was asked to report at the December meeting of the Society. Dr. Schreiber further proposed that interns and residents be asked to join the seminar at no cost.

Dr. Schreiber made a proposal that the Society meetings be limited to six times a year. The proposal was ruled out of order by virtue of being unconstitutional.

Dr. Schreiber made a suggestion that the society might adopt a nominating committee, and that this committee might consist of: the president, the president-elect, a representative of the AAGP, a representative of the surgical services of both hospitals, and a representative of the medical services of both hospitals. Council decided to bring it up for discussion at the December meeting of the society.

A letter was read from Mrs. Virginia Lewis in regard to organization plans for medical assistants. Dr. DeCicco reported on the background of the organization and that there was to be a meeting of the local assistants on Nov. 30. The motion was made, seconded, and duly passed that council approve of this report.

A letter was read from Dr. Clyde K. Walter asking that the Public Health Committee review the health departments of the county with an eye to closer relationship between the various health boards. The motion was made, seconded, and duly passed that the matter be referred to the public health committee.

A letter was read from Mr. Howard C. Aley, offering the facilities of WXTV-TV for a proposed television program for the Mahoning County Medical Society. After discussion, the motion was made, seconded, and duly

passed that the matter be referred to the Public Relations Committee for further exploration.

Dr. Reese introduced discussion concerning the program of the Aid for the Aged. The motion was made, seconded, and duly passed that the following resolution be adopted by council and a copy be sent to the Ohio State Medical Association.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the Division of Aid for the Aged, State of Ohio, has put into effect an official list of approved medicants, and

WHEREAS the said drug list is limited by reason of a sole effort to save money, and not by reason of effort to heal the sick, and

WHEREAS the use of this restricted list of approved drugs has been harmful to beneficiaries of the Aid for the Aged program

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mahoning County Medical Society recommends to the Ohio State Medical Association that steps be taken as quickly as possible to end the present ill-conceived and poorly executed program of medical assistance to the aged of Ohio.

A letter was read from Dr. David B. Brown concerning the showing of a film to explain the disability benefits under the Social Security Act. Following discussion, it was decided that it was too late to plan to show the film at the December meeting and that the letter should be referred to Dr. R. B. McConnell, program chairman for 1961.

A letter was read from the Pioneer Mutual Casualty Company requesting distribution of their fee schedule for school accident insurance. The motion was made, seconded, and duly passed that the letter be referred to the insurance committee.

Discussion was introduced concerning 1961 dues. The motion was made, seconded, and duly passed that the Mahoning County Medical Society absorb \$5.00 of the Ohio State Medical Association dues again for 1961.

Dr. Ondash asked that council take cognizance of a fine Bulletin for 1960.

Dr. Stertzbach introduced discussion concerning certain bonds of the Mahoning County Medical Society which have come due.

Dr. McDonough introduced discussion concerning an investment program for the Mahoning County Medical Society. He pointed out that such a program could bring better returns than government bonds. The motion was made, seconded, and duly passed that a program be presented to an attorney and an auditor for improved investments.

Dr. Stertzbach introduced an article from Medical Economics magazine concerning Forand-type legislation. He proposed that society members write to their congressmen to keep them informed of medical thinking.

Dr. Schlecht turned the meeting over to Dr. Phillips. Dr. Phillips commended Dr. Schlecht on the work he accomplished as president in 1960. It was decided that council would continue to meet on the same night and at the same place during the coming year.

Discussion was introduced concerning the Annual Banquet and dance, to be held at the Mural Room on Jan. 21, 1961. It was decided that dress should be optional. It was decided that the society invite the officers of the Dental Society.

The motion was made, seconded, and duly passed that the bills be paid. Meeting was adjourned.

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Elected delegates to the Ohio Chapter of the American Academy of General Practice were: Dr. Young, Dr. Paul Krupko, and Dr. A. W. Miglets. Alternate delegates are: Dr. Phillip Giber, Dr. J. L. Finley and Dr. R. S. Boniface.



DECEMBER MEETING

The annual meeting of the Mahoning County Medical Society was held on Tuesday, December 20, 1960, at the Mural Room. Approximately eighty-five members braved a snowstorm to attend.

Business of the meeting included an important case before the Board of Censors, the passage of a resolution putting social security for physicians on the agenda at the next OSMA meeting, and election of officers for 1961.

The meeting was preceded by a buffet dinner, and a meeting of the Medical Service Foundation,

OSMA ANNUAL MEETING IN APRIL

Ohio State Medical Association President Edwin H. Artman has reminded OSMA members that it is not too soon to start planning for their attendance at the 1961 Annual Meeitng in Cincinnati's Netherland Hilton Hotel, April 9 to 13.

He also reminded members that resolutions to be introduced for consideration at the meeting should be in the Columbus office before February 8. No resolution may be introduced in the House of Delegates unless filed with the OSMA Executive Secretary at least 60 days prior to the meeting, unless this compliance is waived by a vote of at least two-thirds of the Delegates present at such meeting.

Dr. Artman pointed out that the 1961 meeting will be somewhat earlier than usual this year. "The Cincinnati meeting always draws a good turnout of Ohio Physicians and January is not too soon for members to start making arrangements for hotel reservations and other necessities," Dr. Artman said.

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As your new editor I was all ears and tried to probe how much actual

interest there is in our only organ of communication.

It appeared that all members of the Council that I interviewed admitted to reading the *Bulletin* regularly but half of this same number felt that *most* of the society did not read this local medical news medium. While this opinion sampling was indeed very small, and of dubious value, I wondered if it were true that only a small proportion of our membership read this magazine. If it was not read, why wasn't it? Moreover, what could I do as editor to improve its readership.

It has been my personal belief that the Bulletin has been improving yearly and that during the past year it was the best ever. Jack Schreiber,

in my opinion, did an outstanding job as editor. May I da as well.

I suppose there are many reasons why the Bulletin may not be read. We have a ton of material crossing our desks yearly. Certainly we cannot read it all. Other reasons may be closely allied with the physicians general lack of interest in the administrative affairs of the Medical Society, and perhaps lastly, it's the physicians work-horse schedule that leaves scarcely time to read the evening newspaper.

Be all this as it may, I am firmly convinced that if our membership would contribute more material to the *Bulletin* they would be gratified to see their

ideas in print and to learn the reactions of their colleagues.

Expression of our ideas is vital. Never before in our history has the preservation of the freedom of the private enterprise system rested so squarely on the doctor's shoulders. Our nation is on another socialistic binge and the physician seems to be starkly alone in his forthright stand against it.

May I, therefore, plead with the members of our Society to contribute their ideas on the important issues that face our country, our patients, and ourselves to the *Bulletin*. I will make certain that every line is printed.

There is nothing wrong with the Mahoning County Medical Society Bulletin: Certainly nothing that the thinking and writing talents of its membership can't cure.

—John J. McDonough, M.D. Editor

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