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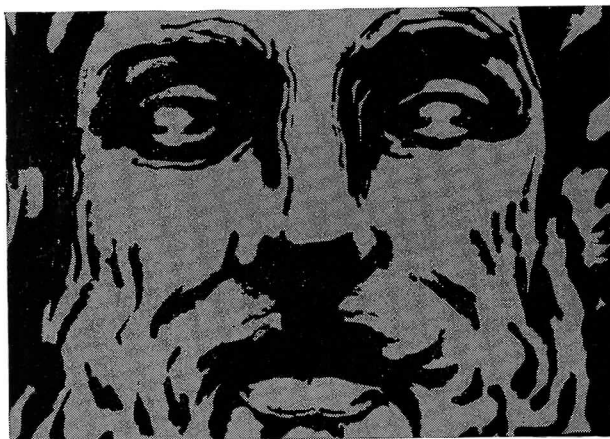
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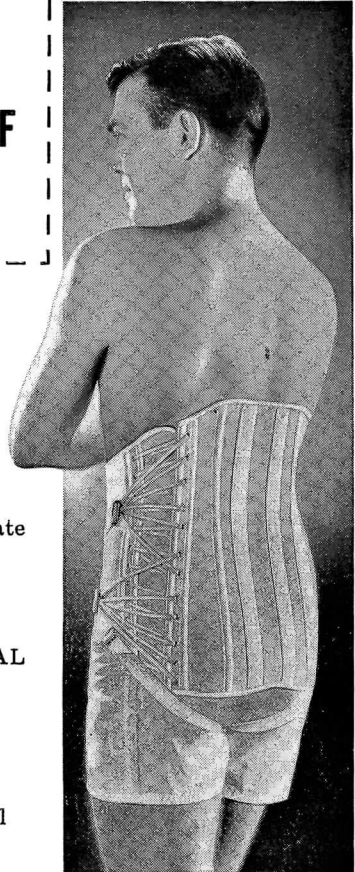
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Our President Speaks

VITAL ROLE FOR PHYSICIANS IN AUTO SAFETY

It is a known fact that more useful years are lost because of *trauma* than of any disease, including heart disease and cancer. Auto accidents are the greatest killer of the young. From ages 5 through 24, they cause more deaths than any disease. Annually, it injures 5 million people—puts nearly a million in the hospital.

If a disease were to threaten, with incapacity or extinction, every 10th person in the country, particularly among the young, the medical profession would promptly shoulder the responsibility of studying its cause and checking its havoc. Plagues like TBC, polio, cancer and heart disease have been met by concerted national efforts in which physicians, researchers, governmental and private agencies, the press, and civic organizations combined for vast educational and preventive programs. The results were spectacular.

Yet the epidemic on the highways, which has destroyed one and a third million lives, permanently crippled four million, robbed the nation of \$90 billion in property loss, and forebodes another million fatalities in the next fifteen years, continues unabated. While there has been much research, a comparatively little of it, by the scientific criteria demanded by medicine—is definitive or controlled. Outside of primitive measures for speed regulation, little effective legislation has been passed.

The auto industries' promise last February to equip 1962 cars with anchoring hardware for two seat belts—but not the belts themselves—leaves many safety advocates unappeased. This still puts the onus of buying seat belts on the public; and some cars are so designed that the hardware cannot be installed in the rear seats at all. "In Detroit," says one authority, "safety is a dirty word." Against the impediments of public indifference and industry resistance, however, the medical profession has made little headway.

"We design cars and roads," says James L. Malfitti, P.D., executive officer of Safety Education Project, Columbia University, "and then tell the driver to adapt himself to them as best he can. We should start the other way around. Let us first find out what the driver's capacities are, and then build cars and roads to fit them."

About 1,500,000 years of life expectancy (according to vital statistics) are lost every year through motor vehicle accidents. Every physician's office can become a source of accident prevention information, just as it is now the responsible source for other health information.

Patients with a stroke, diabetes, heart disease, epilepsy, neuromuscular disorders or arthritis may impose voluntary limitations on their driving when approached in an informed and sympathetic manner. We may indicate to the older patient the admissibility of driving only during the daylight hours and only on weekdays. We can also inform the patient or his family of the fact that half the pedestrians killed every year are over 65 years old (almost 4,000).

The practicing physician should always bear in mind as to the side effects of treatment or medication particularly when the patient is driving his own car. It is up to us to make the patient aware as to the side effects of illness and therapy, and point out the patients moral obligation to himself and others.

The life you save may be your patients.

—A. K. Phillips, M.D.
President

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EDITORIAL**"SLAVERY IS THE PRICE OF COMPLACENCY"**

For over thirty years the physicians of our nation have fought socialized medicine. Every real legislative effort to foist this political pork barrel on the American people has been nipped in the bud and the free enterprise system of medical care has prevailed. However, during the past ten years we have become complacent. This folly of self satisfaction has caught up with us and we have now suffered the greatest setback for the cause of freedom in three decades. This occurred when Wilbur J. Cohen was appointed Assistant Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare.

This man is not only a threat to the private practice of medicine. He is a distinct liability to the entire free enterprise system of our country. It is with a feeling of terror that we realize that this man was voted upon by the United States Senate at a time when there were only 7 senators in the senate chamber, and he was confirmed by a count of 4 votes in favor and 3 votes against him! In order that all members of The Mahoning County Medical Society realize what a danger Mr. Cohen is I asked Marjorie Shearon, Ph.D., Editor of the Shearon Legislative Service, and a legislative consultant in Washington, to summarize for me and for you the background of Wilbur J. Cohen. The following is Marjorie Shearon's letter. I wish you would read this carefully.

"John J. McDonough, M. D., Editor,
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Dear Doctor McDonough:

You have asked me to summarize my views on the threat of Wilbur J. Cohen, newly appointed Assistant Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare.

I have known Mr. Cohen for 25 years and have watched his rise to power. I was on the staff of the Bureau of Research and Statistics in the Social Security Board from 1936 through 1941 when, dismayed at what I had

observed, I transferred to the U. S. Public Health Service. Mr. Cohen during those years was Technical Adviser to Commissioner Arthur J. Altmeyer. He served primarily as Congressional liaison with the House Ways and Means Committee, the Senate Committee on Labor and Public Welfare, and the Senate Committee on Finance. These three committees were, and are, the ones responsible for Social Security legislation.

I have observed Mr. Cohen in action, the methods he uses, the persons with whom he has associated, the organizations on which he has depended for propaganda and promotion of the bills he has sponsored, and the manipulative tactics he has employed to force bills through Congress.

Mr. Cohen, in my opinion, is one of the most powerful, as well as one of the most dangerous men, in the United States for the following reasons:

1. He is obsessed with an overwhelming desire for power over people. As Lord Acton said: "Power tends to corrupt; absolute power corrupts absolutely."

2. He, more than any other man, has shaped the Social Security program. This is acknowledged by such Conservatives as Senator Carl T. Curtis (R., Neb.) and such Liberals as Senator Paul H. Douglas (D., Ill.). Mr. Cohen has supervised, and passed on, every significant piece of Social Security legislation since the original Economic Security Bill was drafted and enacted in 1935.

3. Mr. Cohen has worked for 25 years—perhaps a little longer—to force through Congress bills that would nationalize medicine for the entire population. For many years Isidore Sydney Falk, former Director of the Bureau of Research and Statistics in the Social Security Administration, was the prime mover in the attempt to nationalize medicine. Since Falk has left the Government and gone to the United Steel Workers of America as a consultant, Mr. Cohen has assumed national leadership in the drive for Government control of the medical profession.

4. Mr. Cohen has consistently through the years misrepresented the Social Security program presumably for the purpose of selling the idea to the Congress and to the people of this country. He has deliberately likened the Social Security System to private insurance with which it has practically nothing in common. He has made the American people think they were "buying insurance," and that they were entitled to benefits as a "right." He has failed to explain that so-called "social insurance", which is neither social nor insurance, is merely a device for redistributing wealth under a completely Socialistic plan.

5. Mr. Cohen has misrepresented the aims, the methods of administration, the costs, and the destructive power of compulsory health insurance tied to the social insurance mechanism of the Social Security System. He would have the deluded public believe that social insurance medicine would be virtually the same as medicine under private practice, the only major difference being the method of payment.

6. Mr. Cohen is extremely well informed about Social Security and compulsory health insurance. It is therefore inexcusable for him to have misrepresented the programs in the way in which he has. The better informed he is, the more culpable is he for leading people astray.

7. Mr. Cohen is the tool of organized labor on some occasions. At other times he leads in directing policy decisions. When he works on legislation for compulsory health insurance (formerly the successive Wagner-Murray-Dingell bills, more recently Forand-type bills and the King bill) he consults

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the AFL-CIO, but does not seek the advice of the medical profession except to the extent that he consults members of the Communist Physicians Forum, Inc.

8. Mr. Cohen is a leader in the international conspiracy to nationalize medicine throughout the world, country by country. He is working through the International Labor Organization.

9. Whether or not Mr. Cohen was a member of three Communist-front organizations, as asserted by the House Un-American Activities Committee, he has associated with, and depended upon, two lobbies: the Committee for the Nation's Health, Inc., which was penetrated by Communists and dominated by persons with subversive records, and The Physicians Forum, Inc., which was organized at the behest of the Communist Party and is still active.

10. Whether or not Mr. Cohen sympathizes with Communism, he has used Communist methods to gain his ends: divisive tactics, power politics, and deception.

11. Over the next decade Mr. Cohen plans to gain control, through Social Security taxes, of more tax revenue than will be collected through Federal income taxes. He plans to work for a \$9,000 tax base and a rate of 20% taxation of payrolls. His plan includes nationalized medicine, abolition of the fee for service, and Federal control of hospitals, physicians, dentists, nurses, drugs, appliances, etc. Medical education and research would also come under Federal control as part of the system of social insurance medicine.

12. Mr. Cohen, through long-continued deception, has captured most of the social workers and nurses of the country. He has employed mass dynamics to deceive the American people as he did, most notably, when he and his willing collaborators captured the White House Conference on Aging for the purpose of making it appear that the concensus of more than 2,500 participants favored national compulsory health insurance for the aged."

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Marjorie Shearon
 Editor, Challenge to Socialism
 8801 Jones Mill Road
 Chevy Chase 15, Maryland

EDITOR'S NOTE:

It has been stated that Marjorie Shearon is doing more for the private practice of medicine and against all growing socialistic trends than any other human being in the United States. This despite the fact that she is 70 years old. She is a scientist, lecturer, editor, and was legislative consultant to the late Senator Robert A. Taft (1945 to 1947).

Prior to her service as a Senate Consultant, she spent nearly a decade in the Executive Branch of the Government, five years with the Social Security Administration and four and one-half years with the U.S. Public Health Service. Dr. Shearon holds a Ph.D. degree from Columbia University, is a past fellow of several scientific societies, and a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Sigma Xi.

I have had other communications with her and have subscribed to her magazine entitled Challenge. I asked her if there was anything further that I could do to help her. She replied that it would be a great help if readers of the Mahoning County Medical Society Bulletin, our membership, would send her 75¢ for a copy of her testimony on Cohen. This is a thorough and extensive document on Wilbur J. Cohen which every member of the Mahoning County Medical Society would do well to read. Incidentally, Mrs. Shearon will attend the A.M.A. meeting in New York where you may meet her and she will republish the above letter in her own writings at that time. Incidentally, some copies of the magazine Challenge are being mailed by the Mahoning County Medical Society to every member, along with a subscription blank. You are urged to read these and to subscribe to the magazine.

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He did not own any land here but this pleasant valley took his fancy so he and Wolcott proceeded with a survey and made plans for the new town.

While they were busy at their project, Col. James Hillman came up the river in his canoe from Pittsburgh on one of his trips trading with the Indians and saw smoke rising from the bank of the river. He stopped to investigate and found the two men from Connecticut. He stayed and helped them build a more substantial cabin near Spring Common on what is now Front Street.

In 1800 John Young went back to Connecticut and purchased from the Connecticut Land Company the township of 15,560 acres for \$16,085, paying for it with a mortgage for the entire amount. His plans were drawn up and there were ten settlers here when he registered the first regularly organized settlement in the Western Reserve.

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In 1801 Turhand Kirtland was leading a party of emigrants from Connecticut in three four-horse wagons bound for the Ohio Territory. They passed through Wallingford where young Dr. Charles Dutton was just starting to practice and stopped for the night at the edge of the town.

There was always a flurry of excitement when a train of settlers passed through on their way to the West. The people were full of big plans and welcomed recruits with tall tales of the richness of the new land. Young Dr. Dutton was caught by their fervor and the next morning when they pulled out, down he came and hopped on the last wagon waving his hat and singing a patriotic song, never remembering to say goodbye to his aged mother or his friends.

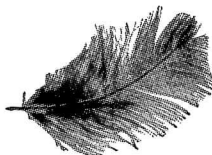
When he arrived at Young's new town there was a cluster of cabins filled with new families with prospects of more to come and plenty of cheap land to be had. He bought himself a lot (200 acres) on West Federal Street near Spring Common for \$200, built a log cabin and hung out his shingle. He was Youngstown's first doctor.

It could not have been a big deal for John Young paying \$1.03 an acre and selling it for \$1.00. He was certainly a far cry from his modern successors in the real estate business.

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Probably he got or charged six dollars for the boy and five for the girl. Boys always cost more than girls. He attended Samuel McFarland, a music teacher from Worcester who died at the age of twenty-eight and had the first funeral in Youngstown.

In 1803, the year Ohio attained statehood he was made postmaster which paid him \$13.19 for the year. He built himself a frame house better than the log houses around him, married and fathered a girl who later became the wife of Dr. Lemuel Wick.

For ten years he had things all to himself. How he got away for post-graduate study or a vacation or who filled in when he was exhausted or sick, history does not record. Probably he never left the place. He was a rough and ready type, known as an able man in his profession but somewhat heroic in his treatment of the sick.

In the war of 1812 the whole county was drafted and rendezvoused in Youngstown. A hundred men enlisted under the command of Col. William Rayen. Judge Tod held a colonel's commission in the regular army and left for active duty. Colonel Hillman was made Wagon-Master General and John Woodbridge, Paymaster of the U.S. Army. The only men left in Youngstown were Mr. Hogue, Moses Crawford, Henry Wick, Hugh Bryson, Mr. Bruce, Mr. Thorne and Dr. Dutton.

In his later years Dr. Dutton purchased more land and became interested in farming and stock raising. New doctors were coming in with new methods and he was considered old fashioned and out of date.

He died in 1842 age 65 years, a ripe old age for those times. He was buried in the "burying ground" on the east side of Market St. at North St. as laid out in the original town plan. John Young thought of everything.

—J.L.F.

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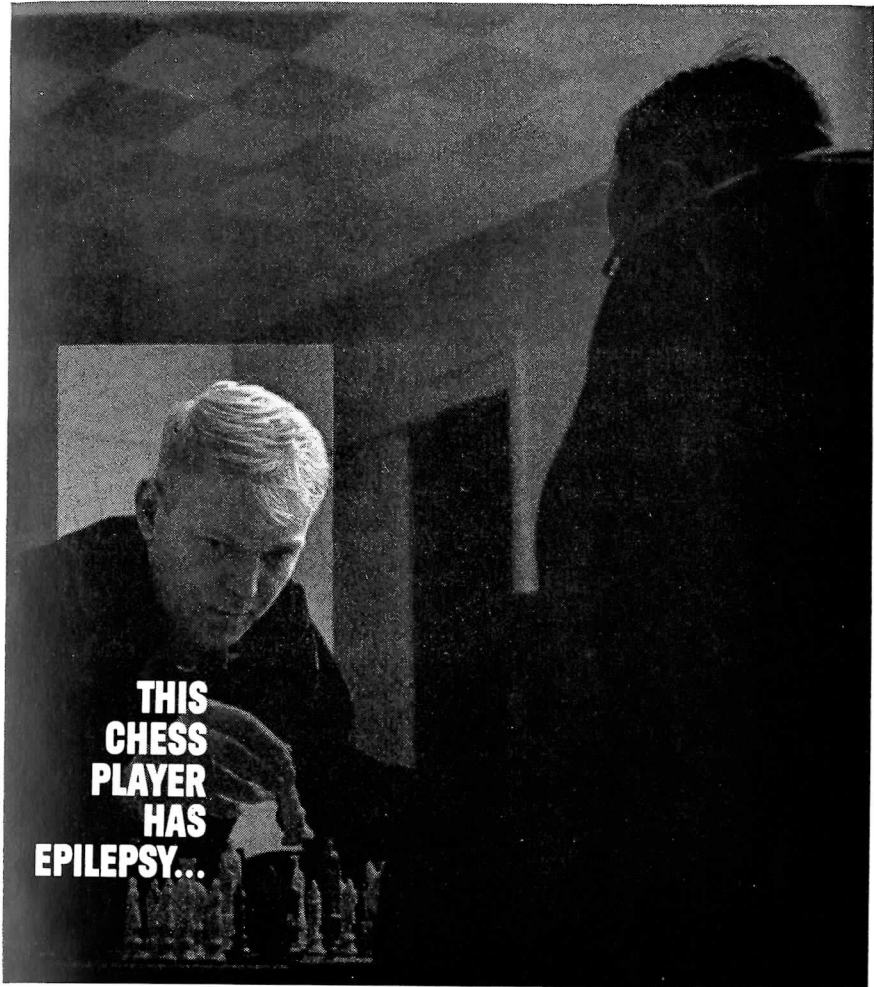
MATERNITY SNAG IN BRITAIN

In England—the land of socialized medicine—all is not sweetness and light in the area of obstetrics. According to Medical Tribune, things got so bad that widespread criticism in medical journals, newspapers, and women's magazines brought about an official report, which became known in the press as "The Mother's Charter."

An investigating committee found that the main sources of dissatisfaction were "long waiting times, often spent in poor, overcrowded premises, and followed by a rapid examination with no real privacy. Expectant mothers were also said to receive either an inadequate explanation or none at all of abnormalities that might arise during pregnancy."

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Dr. and Mrs. Clyde Walter and Dr. and Mrs. Ed Brody recently were in Chicago. Drs. Walter and Brody attended an "Intensified Course in Use of Emulsified Extracts" given under the auspices of the American College of Allergists. Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Fisher were recent visitors to the City of Brotherly Love. Mrs. Fisher attended the Annual Convention of National Council of State Garden Clubs. Dr. Fisher visited his alma mater, Jefferson Medical College, and was able to observe some open heart surgery while there.

CAP AND GOWN: Jane Middleton, the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Richard Middleton was graduated from Purdue University. She received an M.S. Degree. Mary Sears, the daughter of Mrs. Sears and the late Dr. Clarence Sears received her B.A. degree at Ohio University. Jacqueline Goudsmit, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Arnoldus Goudsmit has received the Helen Ward Memorial Prize for outstanding achievement in dramatics at Oberlin College. David Shensa, son of Dr. and Mrs. Lewis Shensa was graduated from Washington and Lee University earning the B.A. Degree.

FELLOW: Dr. J. J. Turner received certification of fellowship in the American College of Chest Physicians at the annual meeting in New York City, June 22 - June 26.

WAY BACK WHEN: In the June 10th issue of the Vindicator for 50 years ago the following was listed. "Seven physicians and dentists of Medical-Dental Bureau provided music for Bureau Dinner. Members of band: Dr. J. L. Fisher, director, Dr. Edgar B. Bailey, Dr. S. N. Farkus, Dr. Herman Kling, Dr. H. E. Kerr, Dr. Herman S. Zeve. Dr. Lawrence Segal is baritone soloist." Now the "truth?" comes out about ages "50 Years Ago Today."

MOVING DAY: Dr. F. G. Schlecht and Bertram Katz have moved into their new offices at 2124 Glenwood Avenue. Best wishes at the new location.

APPOINTMENTS: Dr. M. M. Szucs has been appointed a trustee of Central State College at Wilberforce by Gov. Michael DiSalle.

NEW ARRIVALS: Dr. and Mrs. John Kalfas, a son, on June 12 and Dr. and Mrs. Lester Gregg, a daughter on June 13. Congratulations! It's another boy at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Raul Hernandez, a son born on June 6th.

SICK CALL: Dr. and Mrs. Sam Petraglia and their son spent several days in Mercy Hospital, Pittsburgh. They were injured in an auto accident on May 21st.

Dr. William Bunn, Sr. was a patient at North Unit. John Rogers, the son of Dr. and Mrs. John Rogers is ill at South Unit. Our prayers and thoughts are with them.

MISCELLANY: Dr. Sidney Berkowitz recently received a Dr. of Divinity degree from his Alma Mater, Hebrew Union College of Cincinnati. Dr.

and Mrs. Morris Rosenblum were there for the ceremonies. To Dr. Berkowitz we say "Mazel tov". Dr. Rosenblum sure gets around. He attended the birthday dinner in Washington, D.C. given in Honor of President Kennedy. Dr. Rosenblum was awarded a plaque for meritorious service at a recent meeting of Rodef Sholom Temple.

At the Annual Meeting of Ohev Tzedek-Shaare Temple Drs. Louis Bloomberg, Louis Sharf and Harold Segall were continued as Members of the Board of Directors. Dr. and Mrs. H. E. Fusselman have returned from their vacation at Daytona Beach, Florida. Dr. and Mrs. John McDonough, (I must not forget to mention our Editor) were in New Orleans, La. for a brief vacation. Dr. and Mrs. Friedrich and family spent a week camping recently.

—G.E.D.

ASSISTANTS BLUE CROSS NOW OPEN

The medical assistants Blue Cross-Blue Shield group, which is sponsored by the Mahoning County Medical Society, is now open for new members. As with all such groups, the open date occurs once a year, and those not joining now will not be able to join until the same time next year.

Any employee is eligible to join, provided that the physician-employer carries Blue Cross Hospitalization or is included in some type of group plan, e.g. U.S. Steel, Republic, G.F., etc.

A letter has been sent to all doctors' offices inviting the employees to join. At the same time, bills have been sent to the members of the group. There are currently 49 members.

The closing date for payments is July 20, 1961. The group coverage will be renewed on August 1 and will continue through January 31, at which time another six-months payment will be due.

The group plan includes Blue Cross 120-day with a rider for nervous and mental disorders, and the Blue Shield Preferred Plan. Total cost for a family is \$96.00 for a six month period. Cost for a single person is \$35.70 for the same period.

JUNE MEETING

Attendance — 88

Dr. Jack Marks, representing the Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation of the Old Age and Survivors Insurance office in Columbus, conducted a question period following the showing of the film, "The Disability Decision," at the June 20 meeting of the society at the Mural Room. The film was introduced by Mr. William J. McCauley, District Manager of the Youngstown social security office. Mr. Robert P. King, Assistant Manager, was also a guest of the society.

Dr. Harold Reese made a comprehensive report on the second Pittsburgh meeting of medical societies in steel producing areas. Dr. R. V. Clifford reported on the current progress of the Third Party Medical Care Committee.

In a discussion concerning improved attendance, Dr. Nelson suggested that anyone who made a dinner reservation and then did not attend should be assessed for the dinner he reserved. Dr. Shensa suggested that panel discussions with non-medical persons on problems involving both physicians and others might prove of great interest in future programs.

A motion by Dr. DeCicco that the medical society endorse the half-mill operating and building levy for the Public Library of Mahoning County was passed unanimously.

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High point of the evening was an inspired rendition of Tschaikevsky's 1812 Overture by the Youngstown Philharmonic Orchestra. As the overture reached its spine-tingling climax, the audience was suddenly thrilled by the burst of a rocket overhead, lighting up the sky and spreading fingers of colored fire high above the building. Integrated with the music, a crescendo of rockets, earth shaking aerial bombs, and bells accompanied the overture to a final climactic flurry that brought the audience to its feet for a prolonged and enthusiastic standing ovation.

In his dedication speech, Dr. Murray asked that his building stand as a monument to real liberty, that it might "stand for freedom of choice and as a reminder that subversion can come from within more easily than it comes from without, particularly if self reliance and initiative can be subjugated to bureaucratic overlords."

He said, "I have elected to baptise this symbol of freedom, this union of Art and Science, with music . . . it is my hope that one day this structure will become the home of the Youngstown Symphony Society whose orchestra has been asked to do the christening job this evening. Both the building and



Dr Murray and Musical Instrument

the orchestra are products of our own soil and as such they already belong, in time, to the people of this community."

The orchestra, under the direction of John Krueger, presented a concert in two parts. The first half of the program included: Overture to Oberon (von Weber), Two excerpts from the Damnation of Faust, Ballet of the Sylphs, and Minuet of the Sprites (Berlioz), and Concerto for Orchestra, Game of Pairs, Intermezzo, and Finale (Bartok).

Following an intermission, during which a buffet was served under an enormous canopy at the rear of the building, the audience returned for the stirring 1812 Overture.

Prior to the formal program, Dr. Murray received his guests in company with Miss Laura Marinelli, Miss Velma Yeager, Mr. Frank Digicantonio, and Mr. Anthony Freedy. At this time, and throughout the evening, guests were privileged to view the offices and rooms, richly decorated and hung with paintings most of which are the work of Dr. Murray.

At the conclusion of the concert, the guests retired to the buffet area for refreshments and dancing. Music was provided by the Fountos-Yarnell Orchestra.

Special guests of Dr. Murray were: Dr. Clifford Kiehn, professor of plastic surgery, Western Reserve University, and Dr. John Tondra, assistant professor of plastic surgery, University of Indiana, Indianapolis.

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When Dr. Murray sent out invitations to his reception the following poem was returned to him written on parchment paper and attached to an elaborate scroll:

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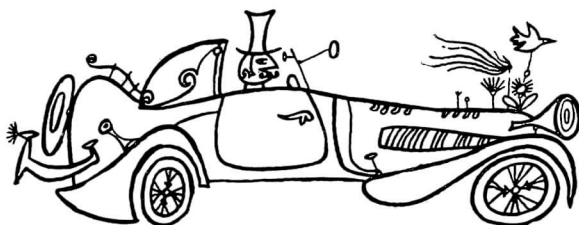
DR. MURRAY'S DEDICATION SPEECH

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The text of Dr. Murray's speech dedicating his new medical art building is printed here in its entirety because we feel that it is pertinent to the times and because he spoke as a voice for the entire medical profession.)

Those of you who have been fortunate enough to have been able to participate in any of the Mozart Festivals at Salzburg in Austria will have seen a Morality Play performed in front of the Salzburg Cathedral called *Yederman* in German, or *Everyman* in English. It is a very old story dating back to the morality plays of the middle ages, the modern version of which was written by Hugh von Hoffmanstahl, who you all know was the librettist of Richard Strauss. This is the history of a young man who is tapped on the shoulder by the figure of *Death* during a very festive banquet and told that he has only one hour left of life. He immediately begins looking around for someone or something to accompany him into the world of the great beyond. His friends will not go with him, his mistress will not go with him, and his gold refuses to go along. He is unable to find anyone or anything which will go along with him except Faith and the few good works which he has performed during his somewhat useless life. Certainly we can take a lesson from this morality play for indeed Faith and Charity are the only two companions which will survive with our souls, forever outliving time itself.

In the material order, however, as decadence has crumbled civilizations, and political corruption destroyed them completely, only the art which they have produced and the scientific industry they have engendered have survived to live on in the world as stark reminders of the past. These are the two factors which can make life comfortable or impossible as the case may be. *Sic transit gloria mundi*. Today the evidence of decadence and corruption is apparent about us to any thinking person, and if anyone would care to read the handwriting on the wall, it has already begun to spell out our epitaph. One wonders if it is also already too late to alter the course of the demagogues who have directed the pen. Individual initiative and individual liberty is fast being harnessed by a bureaucracy in this country which is self seeking to create dependence upon itself in order to retain power and to enslave us all. And indeed we are being forced by the very men we have elected to public office to accept this dictatorship of the bureaucrat, this self perpetuating power and the absolute corruption which comes with it hand in hand. We find ourselves surrounded on the one hand by the 'what's in it for me people', and on the other hand by the 'I want to be kept people'. Self reliance is being discouraged, particularly by taxation which penalizes initiative; and dependence upon the dictatorship of the bureaucrat would appear to be the order of the day. The octopus of the government by bureaucratic directive is attempting to choke the breath out of each of us. The Senate has already made it possible for the minds of our children to be perverted by a central authority directing what may or may not be taught to them. The medical profession is struggling to avert being strangled by a system which considers Charity to be a dirty word but which seeks to add additional dependence upon a single central control. And then there is the burden of taxation on all of our shoulders to assure preservation of the all powerful system, upon which so much dependence has so carefully been built up. No amount of censorship can hide the fact that privilege is being taken away from the people, but is being carefully retained by the governmental overlords, as the vultures from the treasury department descend upon all of us like so many locusts to pick the last nickel from our dying hands.

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We all are aware of the custom of christening a ship by fracturing a bottle of champagne over its prow before sending it on its way into the water. Instead of champagne, I have elected to baptise this symbol of freedom, this union of Art and Science, with music. I feel that this is a much more fitting substance because it is my hope that one day this structure will become the home of the Youngstown Symphony Society whose orchestra has been asked to do the christening job this evening. Both the building and the orchestra are products of our own soil and as such they already belong, in time, to the people of this community.

Thank you.

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The evolution of our contracts will be discussed next month.

NEW MEMBERS

At the council meeting of June 27, the following applications for membership were read and approved:

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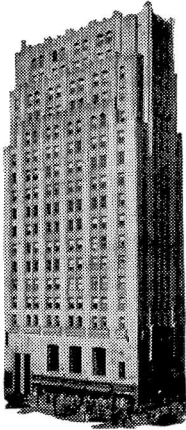
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Twenty Years Ago—July, 1941

President Orville J. Walker wrote: "America is being rapidly prepared to meet the coming storm. All too few of us, I fear, realize how dark and menacing are the clouds that are about to engulf us."

President Roosevelt had proclaimed a state of unlimited national emergency. Selective service was in operation. The Atlantic Charter was signed. Britain was sending us her children for safe keeping and we were sending her our old four-stacker destroyers and everything else we could spare.

The Surgeon General of the U. S. Navy announced a schedule of examinations for commissions in the Medical Corps. Some of our doctors were in camp and the rest were looking at each other and asking: "What are you going to do?"

Most of us just tried to take as much time off as possible and try to beat the heat. Wendell Bennett was in Boston for a course in internal medicine at Harvard. C. A. Gustafson was in Chicago at Rush University. F. W. McNamara was attending his 30th class reunion at Jefferson in Philadelphia. This year he is the national chairman of his class and arranged the program for its 50th anniversary in June.

The scientific program last month was presented by internes: D. J. Birmingham and A. G. Lasichak of St. Elizabeth's; Ben Green and W. T. Krichbaum of Youngstown Hospital. Ex-Internes day was celebrated at St. Elizabeth's Hospital. Papers were given by P. L. Boyle, A. J. Brandt, M. W. Neidus and Lt. S. W. Ondash. In the afternoon they went to the Country Club for golf and dinner after which they enjoyed cards and "other indoor sports." New internes at St. Elizabeth's were C. Edward Pichette and Vincent G. Herman.

Charles F. Wagner became a member of the Society. Eighty-nine of our members attended the A.M.A. meeting in Cleveland.

Strouss-Hirshberg's advertised Spalding golf clubs for \$1.99 and Kro-Flight golf balls, three for \$2.00. Those were the days.

Ten Years Ago—July, 1951

Dr. Roger B. Scott, Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Western Reserve addressed the Society in June on "Office Gynecology" a subject of general interest. In his President's Page Elmer Wenaas expressed deep concern about the poor attendance at the monthly meetings. Members of Council were concerned too, and moved to appoint a committee to recommend ways to improve the attendance.

The rest of us were interested in recreation. Summer is so short that we have to make the most of it. Ex-Internes of St. Elizabeth's held a reunion and had Dr. Reinhoff of John's Hopkins here to speak on lung tumors. Then they went to the Mahoning Country Club for golf where Tim Kable fired a 74 to take medalist honors. Joseph Newsome was second with an 81 while Wm. Breesman and S. W. Ondash tied for third with 85's. R. V. Clifford was President of the association.

Former internes of the Youngstown Hospital met to hear papers by A. E. Brant, Wm. Skipp, J. P. Keogh and Fred Schlecht, then went out to Bert Millikin's farm for a ballgame and clam bake. J. D. Brown was in charge of the entertainment. F. J. Bierkamp, R. R. Morrall and Harry Patrick were there

and there was the usual quota of sprains, contusions and fractures for John Rogers to treat. He was the only one who had any medical first aid supplies among all those 134 doctors. Between times he entertained the crowd by throwing one ringer after another in the horseshoe game.

Jim Brown, Keogh, Morrall, Skipp and Patrick are gone now but they left a strong imprint on the Society and they are remembered with affection by many of us who recall their important contributions to medicine in their day.

Richard Deibel Murray became a member of the Society. He was a resident in surgery and his article on the "Parathyroid Glands" was published in the *Bulletin* that month. None of us at that time realized what an imprint he was destined to make on the medical scene in Youngstown. If a historian may be permitted to prophesy, he would say that this surgeon-artist will be the most colorful doctor that Youngstown has ever known.

—J.L.F.

READ DR. ANNIS

Dr. Edward R. Annis, who is, by now, famous as a spokesman for all doctors everywhere, has a column appearing regularly in the magazine, *Medical Economics*. Because Dr. Annis has a way of cutting through political double-talk and getting to the point, his explanations are concise and clear. This is must reading for every member of the Mahoning County Medical Society.

In his first article, which appeared in the June 5th issue of *Medical Economics*, Dr. Annis denounced the Kennedy-Social Security Health Plan as not being Social Security at all!

He pointed out that Social Security is the provision of dollars for retired persons to supplement their income and allow them to purchase the necessities of their choice. The Kennedy Plan would not give them more dollars to allow them to buy more in the way of medical and hospital care. Instead, "President Kennedy's health program would depart radically from this principle. It would try to supply the necessities themselves—and not those of the beneficiaries' choice."

Dr. Annis likened the plan to that of giving social security recipients actual food instead of dollars to be spent for food—but only the food specified by Washington, with a resultant outcry from those who would not be partial to the specific menu ordered by the government. But read Dr. Annis' own words in the June 5th issue of *Medical Economics*.

DISTRICT MEETING

The regular quarterly meeting of the officers of the Sixth Councilor District was held at Congress Lake on Wednesday, June 21, for the purpose of discussing plans for Post-graduate Day. An outstanding list of prospective speakers was announced.

Attending for the Mahoning County Medical Society were Dr. C. W. Stertzbach, Dr. H. P. McGregor, and Mr. H. C. Rempes.

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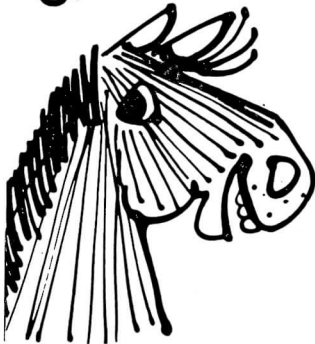
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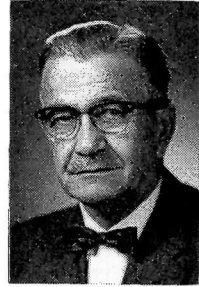
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The following editorial appearing in the Newsletter of the *United Shareholders of America, Inc.* by Benjamin A. Javits, President, throws interesting light on the price rigging investigation levelled at the General Electric Company and other major electrical manufacturing concerns in the United States. It goes as follows "Nota bene".

On Wednesday, April 25th, I went to Schenectady to attend the widely-publicized Annual Meeting of the stockholders of the General Electric Company. I appeared at that meeting in behalf of the United Shareholders of America in support of Company Management and in opposition to a number of resolutions introduced by Mr. James B. Carey, President of the International Union of Electrical Workers.

A substantial part of what I said at that time has a general bearing on the interests of American stockholders and of the companies in which they own stock. Excerpts of those sections of my remarks are reproduced below; and members of the United Shareholders of America are invited to write me their comment and for my speech in its entirety which is being printed in booklet form.

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Profit should be a holy word in our economy for it is the source of its strength and its vitality. A fair profit for all is the real reason why this system has long endured. Without the strength and vitality of our economic wealth, we, and millions of freemen throughout the world would have long ago succumbed to the dictators of communism.

For it is American management which is the source of our primary strength to meet the many challenges facing our country at home and abroad.

In two great world wars American management and American industry provided the might to keep America both free and the leader of a free world. Our great democratic body politic has been sustained and nurtured by our great democratic body economic. It is a duality that serves America well. It is the hope of all the world.

We may not be in a fighting war, but we are involved in a conflict that can be just as devastating. Cuba and Laos demonstrate this.

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The original antitrust laws were passed in 1890.

It is now seventy-one years later.

Since Senator Sherman gave them his name, the economic pattern in this country has changed greatly. All the trusts are gone. All the malefactors of great wealth are gone. All the important American corporations today are publicly-owned corporations, not privately owned. Having failed to keep up with the pace of our nation, these antitrust laws are a shamble of confusion. They are a constant source of economic inequality before the law.

The antitrust laws state that price-fixing is illegal.

Yet, you cannot buy a bottle of milk in New York City except for the same price as any other bottle of milk. You cannot sell, under a law known as the Robinson-Patman Act, your goods at a different price to the same type of customer.

If price-fixing is immoral and illegal why does government fix prices on agricultural produce? Why does government allow labor to fix prices on its services? Why does the government fix prices for the airlines?

All this price-fixing is clothed in the argument that it is in the public interest.

Is it any less in the public interest for management to fix a fair price to guarantee a fair return to its owners and shareholders?

These laws are no longer antitrust laws.

They have become anti-business laws.

They have become anti-progress laws.

They have become anti-people laws.

They have become anti-free enterprise laws.

And in our discussion here today, they have become anti-shareholders laws.

The myriad interpretations by courts of these laws, beginning with the Supreme Court and with the Standard Oil Case of 1911, are so lacking in clarity, so confused in interpretation, that they are far too difficult for any lawyer or businessman, and I daresay most judges, to understand.

The law must be made clear. It must be equally applied to all. Only then can it be just. Only then can it be freely accepted.

Today you can go to jail for agreeing on a low price, or a high price, you can even go to jail for agreeing on a fair price. Or you can go to jail if you refuse to agree on any price at all.

Today the public needs to be educated about these unfair anti-trust laws.

In many States, legislation is on the books today referred to as fair-trade laws. These laws are also price-fixing laws. In the public interest, these laws prevent unscrupulous competition and thereby protect both the consumer and the manufacturer.

Furthermore, not only does labor fix its wages, but also in many areas puts a quota on productivity. A bricklayer, for instance, is allowed by the union to lay or carry just so many bricks.

A farmer may be controlled by law as to how much of his acreage he may plant in corn, in wheat, or in cotton.

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If corporate management attempted to control or to increase prices by controlling productivity, what a hullabaloo that would raise.

But the laborer and certain businesses and the farmer do it every day of the year with the full sanction of the law.

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—Benjamin A. Javits

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Nineteen exhibitors, including the Mahoning County Medical Society, will be represented in the medical health tent, annually sponsored by the medical society at the Canfield Fair. Dr. H. P. McGregor, chairman of the Canfield Fair Committee, has announced the following list of exhibitors for this year's Fair:

American Academy of General Practice
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 Mahoning Valley Chiropdy Society
 Corydon Palmer Dental Society
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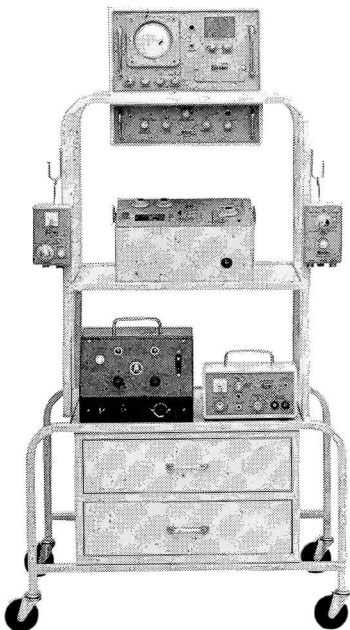
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STREPTOCOCCAL INFECTIONS, SCARLET FEVER AND SCARLATINA



Streptococcal infections and scarlet fever have continued to be reported during the past winter at about the same frequency as in the past.

In only one area in Ohio was a school closed because of Scarlet Fever. This occurred in Harrison County. In this instance, parents kept large numbers of well children home from school because a moderate number of cases had been reported.

As evidenced by the action of parents in the above mentioned outbreak there is considerable fear of scarlet fever by the public. This is accounted for by a lack of appreciation that scarlet fever is a streptococcal infection with a rash and that in any particular outbreak there are many more infected individuals than those that have a rash. It is difficult in practice to interrupt the passage of such infections in the community by the quarantine of contacts of scarlet fever cases; the cases with inapparent infections or sore throats and their contacts continue to be a reservoir which cannot be identified easily.

A review of morbidity reports has shown that unlike many other communicable diseases, the rate for these infections has not fallen appreciably since 1913, ranging from 50 to 200 per 100,000 population. A slight decrease did occur after antibiotics were introduced, but this is in no way comparable to the fall in diphtheria morbidity. The continued high incidence of such infections may best be explained by the fact that there are so many different strains of streptococci that it is possible to be exposed and become ill with a new type even though one may have some immunity to different strains by previous infection. No immunizing materials are effective in preventing such infections.

The occasional high mortality associated with scarlet fever and other streptococcal infections in the past has by and large been overcome because of the effectiveness of penicillin both as a therapeutic and prophylactic agent. The use of this antibiotic has also probably been responsible for the reduction of rheumatic fever which occurs as an aftermath of streptococcal infections. All the credit for these improvements must not be given penicillin, because dramatic differences in the virulence of streptococcal infections have been noted several times before the antibiotic era.

This seems an appropriate time for a plea against the use of the term "Scarlatina."

May I quote from 1960 edition, "Control of Communicable Diseases in Man" the official publication of the American Public Health Association.

"Streptococcal sore throat is scarlet fever infection without a rash."

The continued use of the term "Scarlatina" gives parents and patients alike an erroneous idea of the nature of the infection that is being dealt with.

Moreover it creates confusion among nurses, public health workers and school personnel who may come in contact with the patient.

May we lay this one to rest for keeps?

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REPORT FOR MAY, 1961**

	<i>Resident</i>		<i>Non-Resident</i>		<i>Total</i>
	<i>M.</i>	<i>F.</i>	<i>M.</i>	<i>F.</i>	
Births	151	112	143	149	555
Deaths	85	64	63	33	245
Infant Deaths	5	1		4	10

MAY, 1960

Births	135	105	113	133	486
Deaths	89	51	43	31	214
Infant Deaths	5	2		3	10

CONTAGIOUS DISEASES

May, 1961

May, 1960

	<i>Cases</i>	<i>Deaths</i>	<i>Cases</i>	<i>Deaths</i>
Chicken Pox	80	0	46	0
Diphtheria	0	0	0	0
Measles	283	0	14	0
German Measles	0	0	1	0
Mumps	16	0	119	0
Polio	0	0	0	0
Scarlet Fever	44	0	24	0
Tuberculosis	13	3	17	1
Whooping Cough	0	0	3	0
Gonorrhea	23	0	22	0
Syphilis	6	0	9	0
Rheumatic Fever	4	0	1	0
Infectious Hepatitis	2	0	0	1
Strep Throat	3	0	0	0

VENEREAL DISEASES

<i>New Patients</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
Syphilis	0	0	0
Gonorrhea	15	7	22
Total Patients			22
Total Visitor (Patients) to Clinic			110

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