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
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From the Desk

of the President

THANK YOU ALL

The Mahoning County Medical Society's drive to stamp out polio is history. This all-out effort pioneered and encouraged many other county societies to take similar action. I'm sure they will also derive the great satisfaction that goes with coordinating such a worthwhile service to the citizens of their community.

Last June our members voted their approval of the project and Dr. A. K. Phillips, president, appointed Dr. Kurt Wegner to organize the program. Other committee members were Drs. G. DeCicco, G. Delfs, H. McGregor, S. Petraglia and S. Squicquero. Assisting the committee were Mr. H. Rempes, our executive secretary; Mr. R. Bloch, special coordinator; and F. Nebot, publicity director. This team formed the most dedicated and unselfish group any society could ever mobilize.

The success of this program was achieved under the direction of this group, but the degree of its success was directly related to the cooperation of those five or six hundred persons who voluntarily contributed their time and services to execute the carefully detailed plans. It's not possible to estimate the hours they gave so graciously in manning the eighteen stations, in publicity assignments and in all the other "behind the scene" details that had to be worked out to assure an efficient operation.

Space does not permit further individual recognition so well deserved by so many but we all owed the following groups a sincere vote of thanks and gratitude for their generous contribution in time and services: The Women's Auxiliaries of the Medical Society and the Corydon-Palmer Dental Society, the V. N. A. and members of the District Nurses Association, our hospital's Student Nurses, the Red Cross, the Practical Nurses Association, the Averbek Drug Company, the Mahoning Valley Pharmaceutical Association, the Medical Assistants Association, the City and County School Administrators, the area Kiwanis Clubs, the Mahoning County Sheriffs Association, all City and Village Police Departments and many others.

To assure success, our citizens had to be informed of the need and value of taking the oral polio vaccine in a mass program. The final results are a tribute to the staffs of the Youngstown Vindicator, WKBN and WFMJ Radio and Television, WKST Television and Radio Stations WBBW and WHOT. They richly deserve an "Oscar" on behalf of our citizens and members of our society, for their fine cooperation and service to all.

On behalf of the members of the Mahoning County Medical Society, it is indeed my privilege and pleasure to say—THANK YOU ALL.

—C. W. STERTZBACH, M.D.
President

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TO "BE AGAINST"

How many times have you been told that you "are always against" this thing or that thing? Time and again, I'll wager. It is usually more difficult to "be against" something than it is to be for a thing. Usually those who are against are those who are alert enough, or interested enough, or thinking enough to find flaws and to find fault. To find is to discover and to find the fallacy of a thing is, in turn, to recognize an answer. Often such a discovery is measure enough to realize that to be against may not be the right stand. The power of such a discovery is the knowledge of right and wrong.

Opposition to Social Security Eldercare is to find oneself more and more convinced of the rightness of this opposition.

It is here that we run afoul of the basic hysterical misunderstanding perpetrated by the proponents of Social Security Eldercare. We doctors are *not against* medical care for the aged, we are *against* the Social Security *method*. Social Security institutionalization legislation will not provide the answer to the problem of medical care for the elder citizen. The many talks those of us of the Freedom Team have had with our elder citizens show strongly their conviction of this — would that my generation had the pride of our fathers.

We, as doctors, do not direct, nor are we directed, to say or do what others tell us. We do, however, urge you to become familiar with the spectre of Social Security Eldercare methods: to know them is to fear for the principles which have made our country great; to know the methods is to be "against" it; to know the methods is to be active in opposition to it; to know the methods is to want to stand up and to be counted as being "against" it.

So stand with us and be counted. The proponents of the King-Anderson Bill for Social Security Eldercare have selected the month of May, May 20th in particular, as the zero hour of the big offensive, climaxed by the blitz in Madison Square Garden by General Kennedy, to be witnessed by the nation over television.

Join in the struggle against this foe; against this tax with misrepresentation; against this hysteria of political expediency—and for the good of all, as we see it.

The weapon of the pen, ink and paper is a key to victory now. Write if you haven't already done so. Write to our Congressmen, and yes, write to the President—tell them of your opposition and why you are "against it."

LETTER

C. C. Stertzbach, M.D., President
 Mahoning County Medical Society
 3610 Market Street
 Youngstown, Ohio

Dear Dr. Stertzbach:

Several unfortunate situations have arisen between physicians and patients because it seems that through high pressure salesmanship some of our physicians have become victims of unscrupulous collection agencies. I refer in this letter to two of many instances:

1. A physician turned an account over to agency "A" for \$29.00. When the debtor was contacted the agency listed \$39.00 or an increase of \$10.00.
2. Another physician turned an account over to agency "B" for \$135.00. The agency also increased the amount so the patient was billed \$150.00 or increase of \$15.00.

There have been many similar cases. One must remember that a physician is not only liable for the amount of overcharge but also for wrongful attachment of wages.

Before any account is turned over to any collection agency a physician should investigate the agency. No agency has a legal right to add a carrying charge or interest. Every agency should pay out monthly all amounts collected during the previous month.

The medical profession would do well to be very careful of all business transactions with patients, especially where a third party (collection agency) is involved. We should take all steps to have a good public relations even though our accounts at times must be collected by a collection agency. None of us want wrongful attachments or malpractice suits.

I would appreciate any action that council would take to pass this information on to the members of the Mahoning County Medical Society.

Sincerely yours,
 G. E. DeCicco, M.D.
 President

APRIL BUSINESS MEETING

Seventy members of the medical society attended the first business meeting of the year on April 17th at the Mural Room.

A resolution favoring uniform physical examination forms for college applicants was passed. The resolution was previously printed in the Bulletin. A resolution to adopt a statement of policy regarding chiropractors was tabled.

Committee reports were heard from Dr. Schreiber, co-chairman of the Freedom Team; Dr. Wegner, chairman of the Polio Committee, and Dr. Clifford and Dr. Allen, co-chairmen of the Health Insurance Committee.

Dr. Ondash reported on an Athletic Injury Conference to be held with local school personnel at some time around the first of May.

Mahoning County delegates were instructed to vote against a resolution opposing Ohio Medical Indemnity writing a service contract. The resolution was amended for the sake of clarity to instruct the delegates to vote in favor of a service contract.

In his report, Dr. Schreiber presented a tape interview that he made with Dr. Walter Judd, representative from the State of Minnesota, explaining the inadequacies of the King-Anderson bill.

Dr. Stertzbach, president, presided.

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PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL

April 24, 1962

The regular meeting of the council of the Mahoning County Medical Society was held on Tuesday, April 24, 1962 at the Youngstown Club, Youngstown, Ohio.

The following physicians were present: C. W. Stertzbach, president, presiding, B. C. Berg, R. R. Fisher, Frank Gelbman, P. J. Mahar, R. B. McConnell, John J. McDonough, H. P. McGregor, A. K. Phillips, Asher Randell, H. J. Reese, M. S. Rosenblum, H. J. Scheetz, C. C. Wales and C. K. Walter. Also present were Dr. H. L. Allen, Dr. R. V. Clifford, Dr. F. A. Friedrich, and Dr. Leonard S. Pritchard of Columbiana, past-president of the Columbiana Medical Society. Absent were: G. E. DeCicco, A. A. Detesco, C. E. Pichette, F. A. Resch and Jack Schreiber.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read. A correction was made in a statement which should have read "a committee was appointed to investigate possible improvements in financing the Bulletin." Corrected minutes were approved.

Bills were read. The motion was made, seconded and duly passed that the bills be paid. A list of bills is attached to the minutes.

The following application was presented by the censors and read by the secretary:

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Dr. Allen read the following resolution:

RESOLUTION—Re: LOCAL MEDICAL INSURANCE COVERAGE

WHEREAS—It is now recognized that the public wants and needs some form of complete medical coverage:

WHEREAS—Labor, recognizing the above need has initiated action to obtain these goals for the labor population alone outside of the traditional free practice of medicine:

WHEREAS—It is recognized that a limited approach to only one segment of the population is not in the best interests of our community:

WHEREAS—The American Medical Association and the Ohio State Medical Society ostensibly have no plans to meet the public needs:

WHEREAS—The above medical societies have indicated to us that medical insurance coverage is a local problem:

WHEREAS—There is an attempt on the national political scene to use the health insurance problem for political gain by initiating politically inspired health plans which are not in the best interest of American public:

WHEREAS—The American public has demonstrated a desire and need for a service type plan:

WHEREAS—In the course of its studies, the Mahoning County Medical Society Health Insurance Committee recognizes the fact that existing plans give inadequate and non-uniform coverage, which is not generally recognized by the insured, until it is too late.

THEREFORE—Be it resolved that the Mahoning County Medical Society consider the Relative Value Study plan with a conversion factor clause as

recommended by the Medical Insurance Committee, because such a plan meets the obvious need for general coverage of the total population of Mahoning County. The success of such a plan depends on two basic requirements:

- (1) That it be a SERVICE plan based upon fixed maximum annual income; and
- (2) That it be available to the general public.

It is further recommended that as soon as possible, this be brought to the attention of the entire Society for its approval or rejection; and, if approved, that the plan be implemented at the earliest possible date.

Following discussion, the motion was made, seconded and duly passed that the motion be adopted with the last clause, beginning "and, if approved," deleted.

Dr. Randell made a report for the committee to study relations with osteopaths. The committee recommended that: (a) the policy of consultation with doctors of osteopathy is ethical be made widely known to our membership. This policy of consultation to include office consultation with written reports to the osteopathic physician. (b) Until there is clarification and accreditation of osteopathic hospitals, any doctor of medicine may care for patients at osteopathic hospitals only on an emergency basis with continuing care permissible until such time as the emergency situation has been resolved.

The motion was made, seconded and duly passed that the committee report be accepted.

Dr. Fisher reported that his committee recommended no change in the date of meeting of council. The motion was made, seconded and duly passed that the report be adopted.

Dr. Scheetz introduced discussion concerning the charge for the last polio immunization. Following discussion, the motion was made, seconded and duly passed that the third phase be given free, with no donations asked.

Dr. McGregor introduced a proposed constitutional amendment to provide that no dues be charged active members over 70 years of age by the first of any calendar year, that associate dues be \$25 per year after January 1, 1963, and that retired members may be exempt from dues upon application.

The motion was made, seconded and duly passed that the constitutional amendment be approved by council.

A letter was read from Mr. Chagnon of the Health and Welfare Council. The motion was made, seconded and duly passed that Mr. Chagnon be invited to attend the next meeting of council.

Letters were read from the Ohio State Medical Association and the Ohio High School Athletic Association stating that the recommendation concerning football time-outs in hot weather would be considered at the next joint meeting.

A letter was read from the Medical-Dental Bureau concerning unscrupulous collection agencies. The motion was made, seconded and duly passed that the letter be published in the Bulletin.

A letter was read from the Florence Crittenton Home regarding their open house celebration on Sunday, April 29.

Dr. Stertzbach introduced discussion concerning the television appearance of Dr. Edward R. Annis on Channel 8 in behalf of the Sixth Councilor District. The motion was made, seconded, and duly passed that the Mahoning County Medical Society send a check for \$125 to the Sixth District to help pay for the television program.

Dr. Randell made a report for the delegates, indicating that they will sup-

port the Mahoning sponsored resolution regarding uniform college registration forms and will oppose the resolution that is against service plans.

Dr. Friedrich made a report for the Welfare Advisory Committee concerning the treatment of welfare patients at outpatient clinics. The committee was asked to review the problem and return to council for a further report.

Meeting was adjourned.

Howard Rempes
Executive Secretary

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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May 18

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May 22

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May 23

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J. W. Tandatnick

W. J. Cleary

May 24

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May 28

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May 29

R. E. Hamlisch

May 30

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May 31

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June 3

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June 4

H. B. Hutt

H. H. Ipp

R. B. Poling

J. Schreiber

R. A. Wiltsie

June 5

J. W. Tarnapowicz

A. M. Rosenblum

June 6

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R. Cossette

June 8

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Welcome, Dr. Cleary, to the Mahoning County Medical Society.

Bulletin Board



VACATIONS: Port St. Lucy, Florida, was the vacationland of many M.C.M.S. members and their wives. Recent vacationers there were: Dr. and Mrs. Robert Foster, Dr. and Mrs. S. A. Myers, Dr. and Mrs. Paul Dobson and Dr. and Mrs. William Gross. Also vacationing in Florida were Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Scarnecchia who spent a month at Lauderdale-by-the-Sea. Dr. and Mrs. John Noll spent three weeks on Sanibel Island in Florida. I understand Dr. Noll spent much time looking for sea shells. Dr. and Mrs. C. Arthur Gustafson visited with Dr. and Mrs. J. U. Buchanan while vacationing in St. Petersburg, Florida. Buck is enjoying his retirement. Dr. and Mrs. I. Harold Chevlen were on a twelve-day cruise of the West Indies. They sailed on the S. S. Statendam. Dr. and Mrs. Elmer J. Wenaus spent several weeks in Deerfield, Florida. They also made a trip to South America visiting Peru, Chile and Argentina. Two of our members are avid fishermen. Drs. Bocker and Whitten went on a "brief" fishing trip to Florida. Arizona also was a favorite vacation spot. Dr. and Mrs. F. W. McNamara and Dr. and Mrs. Brack M. Bowman were in Scottsdale, Arizona. Dr. and Mrs. Stephen Ondash and Dr. and Mrs. Louis J. Gasser were vacationing in Phoenix. While there they visited with Dr. W. L. Mermis. Dr. Mermis is doing a limited practice and enjoying the Arizona sunshine which seems to be good for him. Dr. Richard Murray was on a cruise of the Mediterranean Sea. Dr. Gordon Nelson went fishing at Lake Okeechobee, Florida. We've heard very little about the fish.

RE-OPENING: Dr. James L. Calvin has completed his course in cardiology and has opened his office at 402 Oak Hill Ave. His practice is limited to cardio-vascular disease.

"JUNIORS" DOINGS: John R. Altdoerffer, son of Dr. and Mrs. J. Allen Altdoerffer, was awarded an Eagle badge in Scouting. Sandra Jane Neidus, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Morris W. Neidus, a senior at The College of Wooster, has been awarded an \$1,800 graduate scholarship in mathematics at Bryn Mawr College. Chosen as rush chairman for Alpha Omicron Pi sorority at Denison University was Alice Coombs, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Frederick S. Coombs, Jr. William DeCicco, son of Dr. and Mrs. G. E. DeCicco, was recently initiated into Alpha Tau Omega fraternity at Denison. Miss Marianne Weltman was named the winner of the fifth annual "Town Hall Award Recital" in New York City. She was in competition with 75 other singers. Miss Weltman is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Erhard Weltman. Richard M. Vance, son of Dr. and Mrs. J. Clair Vance has been commissioned an ensign in the Navy and has made his first solo flight in the Navy aviation training program.

BOARD OF CERTIFICATION: Dr. J. P. Kalfas passed the examination of the American Board of Neurological Surgery in Chicago on April 11th and has received his certification.

CRADLE ROLL: Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hovanec, a girl on March 21st and Dr. and Mrs. Elias Saadi, a boy on March 31st. Congratulations, parents!

LAY EDUCATION: Dr. Nathan Belinky discussed the duties of the coroner's office at a meeting of the Men's Club of the Concordia Lutheran Church April 3rd.

MEETINGS: Dr. Robert L. Jenkins attended a joint meeting of Medical Consultants of the State Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation in Columbus. Dr. Milton M. Yarmy was elected a delegate to the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Internal Medicine in Philadelphia. The following physicians attended the 43rd Annual Meeting of the American College of Physicians in Philadelphia, April 9-13; Drs. W. H. Bunn, L. P. Caccamo, A. N. Hremos, W. D. Loeser, L. K. Reed, M. S. Rosenblum, J. P. Harvey, and Donald Smith. Dr. William D. Loeser was accepted as a Fellow at the American College of Physicians and Dr. David Brown was accepted in absentia as an Associate. The following physicians attended the class reunions at Ohio State University, College of Medicine, on April 14: Drs. L. G. Coe, B. Firestone, S. Zlotnick, W. Tims, Harry Smith, S. Tamarkin and M. S. Rosenblum. Dr. R. D. Kiskaddon attended the 18th Annual Scientific Congress of the American College of Allergy in Minneapolis. Dr. S. W. Ondash appeared on a panel at the Cincinnati Surgical Society Meeting on April 11th. The following physicians attended the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of General Practice in Las Vegas April 9-12th: Dr. A. A. Detesco, Dr. R. Tornello, Dr. W. T. Martin and Dr. Gene Fry.

SYMPATHY: Our sympathy is extended to Dr. David Brown in the death of his mother, Mrs. Sarah Brown, April 3rd.

—G. E. D.

GOLF DATE SET

A golf meet is being planned for members of the Mahoning County Medical Society and the Corydon-Palmer Dental Society by the Medical-Dental Bureau. The date is set for Thursday, Sept. 27, at the Youngstown Country Club.

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Early determination of the type of aphasia resulting from cerebro-vascular accidents is a first step in assessing the communication problem of the stroke or accident patient with aphasia. Two major types may result, as well as a mixed aphasia. Reception aphasia may affect understanding of spoken language or reading comprehension; the expressive type produces a disability in areas of oral speech, writing and reading aloud (forming words). Mixed aphasia may affect both areas. Resulting frustrations and depression within the patient may retard recovery, and the task of re-training language areas may become more difficult as time goes on unless an early start is made to re-train the disturbed hearing or speech.

"Initiation of a training program as soon after the onset of the disturbance as conditions permit" is listed as one factor for a hopeful recovery by Jon Eisenson, Ph.D., eminent speech pathologist and author of "The Rehabilitation of the Dysphasic." Dr. Eisenson and other pathologists have developed tests to evaluate the extent of the disturbance and form a sound basis for development of a re-training program, "tailored" to the needs of the individual.

An early beginning utilizes the period of spontaneous recovery which exists for six to twelve months following onset of the disturbance. During this period the amount of progress a patient makes can be increased with speech, or language therapy. The establishment of poor communication habits can also be avoided. Ultimately, relatively normal communication can be re-established for many patients.

The psychological effect of having an interested, trained person helping him regain communicative function serves to minimize the usual post-CVA depression. With the increase of patient morale, therapy will be more effective.

Orientation of the family to the nature of the patient's communicative disability is an important early function of the therapist, who helps them to face the prognosis realistically and demonstrates techniques that may be employed in maintaining communication.

Re-training (speech or language therapy) may begin with many patients as early as the first or second week after involvement. At this period, there is high interest in recovery by the patient and those caring for him. The program of re-training prevents techniques of non-oral communication from being established, keeps up the morale, and in the experience of hospitals and clinics where such a program has been followed, results in a closer approximation of pre-traumatic ability. From the initial point of the therapist coming to him, the patient may reach the point of going to the therapist for his sessions.

Beginning training is built around evocation of terms which will make the patient more comfortable, as water, nurse, food, etc. It is necessary to make the patient request and manipulate his environment. Acknowledgement of greetings is important to social living in the hospital and at home. Repetition is important. A multi-sensory approach is used, the stressed techniques depending on whether the disabilities are mainly receptive or expressive. From simple language to meet immediate needs, usually nouns, therapy progresses to verbs and descriptive adjectives. Later on, adverbs, articles, prepositions and conjunctions are added, in that order, as the patient becomes able to handle them and as vocabulary builds up.

Therapy may progress from matching words (verbal or written) and pictures, to using words properly in sentences. Phonetic stress may be developed as a technique with primarily expressive-type problems.

The therapy program may require counseling to help the patient and his family handle some of the emotional factors that may develop, such as the problem of role changing (as where the wife may assume the dominant position, regarding the aphasic husband as a child and dependent). Realistic facing of his difficulty in communication, if begun early, can help avoid some of these.

The initial problems with the patient with disturbed communicative ability, whether it be receptive or expressive, are to begin early, provide family understanding and cooperation, and keep the training program moving.

Speech therapists qualified to analyze the problem and develop appropriate therapy for the aphasia patient may often be found available in the community. The Youngstown Hearing and Speech Center maintains a list of those in the city who will take private and non-ambulatory cases, and will furnish this upon request. The Center will accept patients who are ambulatory and can go to the agency, which is a Red Feather Service. It is urged by the Center's staff, however, that therapy be initiated wherever possible, while the patient is hospitalized or recuperating on a private therapy basis so as to capitalize on the factors, within the early period, which make for attainment of more normal communication habits through early re-training.

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ANNUAL PRESS MEETING HELD

The annual meeting with members of press, radio and television was held by the Public Relations Committee on April 26 at the Youngstown Club.

The problem confronting the news media of getting "cause of death" information was discussed and it was agreed that the members of the medical society should be reminded that this is public information and that the newsman requesting the information from the physician should be given every possible help. Other problems regarding medical news and information were discussed.

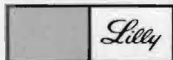
Attending for the news media were: Esther Hamilton and Cates Cannon from the Vindicator, Warren P. Williamson, III, from WKBN, Phil Rickscheidt and Don Parson from WKST-TV, and Matt Quinn from WBBW. Doctors in attendance were Dr. L. S. Shensa, who moderated the meeting, Dr. A. A. Detesco, Dr. C. W. Stertzbach, Dr. John J. McDonough and Dr. Jack Schreiber, along with Howard Rempes.



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Thirty Years Ago — May, 1932

It was an unhealthy spring for doctors. A. P. Smyth, O. W. Haulman, J. P. Harvey and M. P. Jones were on the sick list. W. P. Reckley was confined to his home with a severe case of psoriasis. Colin M. Reed, Sidney McCurdy, H. E. McClenahan and O. J. Walker were back to work.

Edgar Baker and John Lewis presented an outstanding scientific exhibit at the AMA Convention in New Orleans.

For the first time since the discovery of insulin in 1921 a normal diet was recommended for patients with diabetes. Morris Deitchman wrote: "Given an adequate dose of insulin and a modern diet, the diabetic becomes a normal individual from the dietetic standpoint as we thus make up the only difference, that of insulin deficiency."

At the Ohio State Meeting in Dayton there were 750 doctors registered and at our Post-Graduate Day last month there were 400. Much bragging about that.

From the first constitution (1873): "Art. 8. It shall be the duty of each member of the Society at the end of three months to report the names of all non-paying patients, that names of such may be entered upon a BLACK LIST, which shall be kept by each member of this Society for 'reference.' Art. 9. Members of this Society shall not give medical advice or treatment to any person on the BLACK LIST until he or she gives satisfactory proof that they have paid for previous treatment. Meritorious cases always excepted." Those doctors had good public relations. They were respected. They told the public where to get off but they couldn't get away with it today.

According to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue a doctor's expenses for post-graduate study are personal in nature and not deductible for income tax purposes.

Twenty Years Ago — May, 1942

The war was going badly. The Philippines were lost, the Pacific fleet was shattered but hope was revived by Doolittle's raid on Tokyo in April. A. R. Cukerbaum, S. J. Klatman, J. A. Rogers, Sam Schwebel and W. J. Tims left for military service.

Edward J. McCormick of Toledo, president of the Ohio State Medical Association addressed a luncheon meeting of the Medical-Dental Bureau on "The American Way." He later became president of the A.M.A.

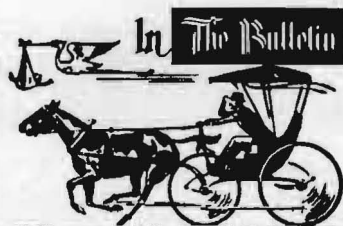
Walter King Stewart was urging everyone to fill out the questionnaire for the Procurement and Assignment Committee. That amounted to voluntary enlistment which made some of the doctors think long thoughts.

Ten Years Ago — May, 1952

The Ohio State Medical Association met in Cleveland that month. W. H. Bunn, A. J. Fisher and Edgar Baker were on the program.

Earle B. Kay came down from the Cleveland Clinic to address a combined meeting with the Mahoning County T. B. Staff on surgical treatment of pulmonary tuberculosis.

The Surgeon-General of the Public Health Service cautioned physicians



20 and 10 YEARS AGO

to be on the lookout for psittacosis carried by parakeets.

Editor McNeal said that physical diagnosis is a lost art.

New members of the Society were R. N. Catoline, H. L. Shorr, F. A. Freidrich and K. J. Hovanic. Dr. Laurence Segal retired from practice and went to Florida to live.

The Academy of General Practice had H. E. Van Ordstrand here from Cleveland to talk on "Solitary Lesions of the Lung."

W. J. Flynn had a leading article on "Thyroid Cancer." He advised the removal of all thyroid adenomas because cancer mostly arises in previously existing adenomas.

The A.M.A. was still trying to make the Internal Revenue Department allow the doctors tax deductions for Post-Graduate study.

The Auxiliary reported a membership of two hundred thirty-two. They had a busy year getting out the voters, helping with the Cancer, Diabetes, Heart and March of Dimes drives. They raised \$885.00 to sponsor two nursing scholarships. Mrs. C. A. Gustafson was president.

—J. L. F.

NEW INTERN-RESIDENT MEMBERS

At the April meeting of the medical society, the following physicians were elected to intern-resident membership:

- Dr. Donald Martin Bebak, St. Elizabeth Hospital
- Dr. Michael Joseph Casale, St. Elizabeth Hospital
- Dr. Albert E. Chalom, St. Elizabeth Hospital
- Dr. Dallas Ott Minchin, Youngstown Hospital Association

LETTER

Your editor wishes to reproduce in its entirety a letter sent to Dr. E. R. Brody by James A. Fife, Jr., executive secretary of the Mahoning County Tuberculosis and Health Association.

Dear Dr. Brody:

We have closed our books on the Christmas Seal campaign last year and I thought you would like to know the total for the doctor and dental group of which you were chairman. This year we sent letters to 345 physicians. We received contributions from 201 of these totalling \$1,842. We sent letters to 160 dentists. There were 61 returns from them totalling \$322.

This is an excellent increase over last year when the physician and dental groups were combined. Last year we sent 576 letters to physicians and dentists and received returns from 242 for a total of \$1,841.

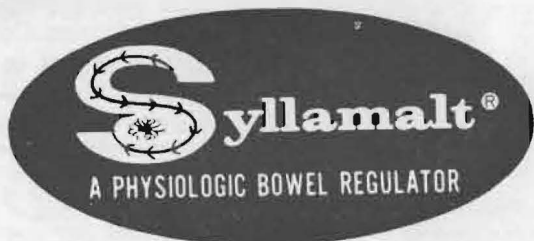
I hope the increase in contributions from the physicians indicates that we are continuing to get back into good graces with the medical group. In addition to receiving more money from them, this fact is also especially pleasing to me.

I wonder if it would be a good idea to send a letter to Howard Rempes to put in the Medical Bulletin from our President stating the number of physicians that contributed to our organization and the amount they contributed. It would serve two purposes, first, in thanking those who gave and give them credit for their support and second, to help us to receive contributions next year from the ones we did not hear from this year.

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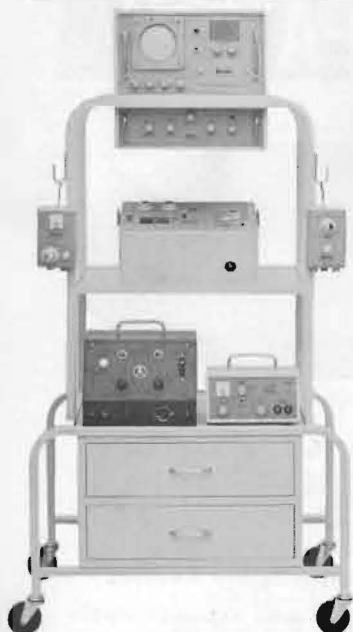
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North Phelps Street from Wood to Lincoln is only two blocks long. In the early nineteen hundreds it was a quiet stretch shaded by poplar trees, lined by substantial old dwellings and a few office buildings. In medical circles it was important. It was known as "Pill Alley" because thirty doctors had their offices there.

The Professional Pharmacy was busy filling their prescriptions. They parked their cars in front of each other's offices (never in front of their own, that was hopefully left for patients) and left them there until office hours were over. There was plenty of space for every one and people were put out if they had to walk more than half a block. The pace was leisurely and when things were slow the doctors would visit together talking about politics, automobiles or even medicine. Often in the evenings there would be ball games on the Rayen campus at Wick and Rayen and if patients coming in for evening office hours found a sign on the door saying "Back in one-half hour" it meant the doctor was over there watching Lil Parker pitch.

Phelps Street crossed the Erie tracks at ground level and ran steeply up the hill to Wood Street. It was a good place to test the hill climbing ability of cars, mostly four cylinder, 45 horsepower Dodges, Fords or Chevrolets. J. Arthur Ferris had an agency for the Cleveland Six at Wood Street and he would demonstrate how his cars could climb the hill in high gear loaded with passengers provided he got a good start and no train was coming.

The Old "Telegram"

The Youngstown Telegram was published in a large building on the southwest corner of Wood Street. For many years it outrivalled the Vindicator as Youngstown's leading newspaper. McClure was the editor and Esther Hamilton a hard working reporter. The Telegram stood for Republicanism and Temperance. It was the favorite of the church people and was responsible for the election of mayors such as Carroll Thornton and Harold Warnock. It helped to keep Congressman John G. Cooper in Washington nearly as many years as Kirwan has served. Youngstown then was a staunch Republican city and Ohio a Republican state.

Across from the Telegram building was a three-story frame structure built by Dr. B. F. Hahn, father of the well known attorney, Rollin Hahn. Dr. Hahn was killed one night in 1919 when his car was struck by a locomotive on the McGuffey St. crossing. There is no crossing there today, the big four-lane bridge over Crab Creek and the Erie tracks is the second to be built since his time. After his death the building was occupied by O. J. Walker (E.E.N.T.) and Dean Nesbit (surgeon), both of whom were prominent in affairs of the Medical Society.

Up the street from the Hahn building was the office of J. W. Veach, a general practitioner of the old school. He was a graduate of Western Reserve and in his time delivered for this community many new citizens who are now grandparents. He wore a toupee of ancient vintage which everyone recognized for what it was. One day in mid-summer he threw it in the wastebasket and never wore it again. He died of cirrhosis of the liver after a life of total abstinence. Dr. McGranahan down on East Federal Street died of the same cause after a different kind of life but that is another story.

Professional Building

At 226 was the Professional Building, a brick structure of four floors built by Judge Rose, with doctor's offices on the first floor and apartments above. David Hauser, a prominent surgeon, was his first tenant with his young

assistant, Francis McNamara. Carl Allison and Leland Phipps were there and Dr. George Nutt who installed a lot of x-ray equipment which was seldom used because Dr. Heberding was just around the corner on Rayen Ave. with his new x-ray machine. Heberding was then roentgenologist for both hospitals. George gave up and retired from practice. His office was taken over by this writer just out of his internship in 1919.

Next door was the Professional Pharmacy and across the street the studio of George Reis, pioneer portrait photographer of Youngstown.

At 234 was the office of Dr. C. C. Booth and J. U. Buchanan. They were surgeons for the Republic Iron & Steel Company and the New York Central Railroad. Dr. Booth was a dynamic person, full of ideas and inventions. He was the first physician in town, perhaps in the nation, to own and drive an automobile in his practice. That was about 1900 and it was built at the Youngstown Carriage Works to his specifications by installing a motor in one of their carriages. He invented the differential and radius rods and used to create a sensation tearing up and down Bryson Street at 15 miles an hour scaring horses and frightening women and children. He deserves a special article later.

Dr. Buchanan Was Assistant

Dr. Buchanan was his young assistant, a shy gentleman greater in learning than initiative. A descendant of President Buchanan, he lived in a big house at the corner of Dewey and Market, now the Shriver-Allison funeral home. He is living in retirement in Florida at Clearwater and happy to see visitors from Youngstown.

Up at the corner of Rayen and Phelps was a large frame building housing the offices of Evans, Turner and Lindsay. Henry (Hank) Evans and Walter Turner were surgeons for the Carnegie Steel Company and Jack Lindsay was one of the best loved family physicians of his time. Dr. Evans died in the influenza epidemic in 1918 a short time after the beloved Fred Bunn, superintendent of the Youngstown Hospital. He followed the same pattern: Sick on Monday and forced to bed. Worse on Tuesday, pneumonia on Wednesday and dead on Thursday. As he lay there cyanotic and gasping this young interne can remember his nearly last words, "Fisher . . . you . . . take good care . . . of my patients."

After Dr. Evans's death R. M. Morrison moved from West Federal Street into his office which "Pop" occupied until the Bell Telephone bought the property. Morrison then purchased and remodeled the building at the corner of Phelps and Lincoln which became a medical center with Turner, Lindsay, John Noll, Paul Harvey and C. A. Gustafson there, a very distinguished group.

"Pop" Morrison

Nearly everyone remembers "Pop" Morrison. He was the grand old man of medicine whose great monument is the North Side Hospital. He was personal physician to John Tod who gave most of the money and took Pop's advice on everything. Built in 1929 just before the depression it stood for a long time with only a few wards open and furtive figures stealing down through silent corridors. Scarcely anyone could afford to go there. It cost \$5.00 a day for a semi-private room and no one had \$5.00 in 1930. Then came the Associated Hospital Service, now the Blue Cross, born not to prevent socialized medicine but to save hospitals that were foundering and soon the wards were bustling with life (and death) and the North Wing had to be built to supply the demand for beds.

Down at the Professional Building changes were being made. Dr. Hauser moved to Rayen Avenue and Allison, Phipps and Harry Patrick took over his side of the building. On the other side were Howard Luxan, this writer



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and E. R. Thomas, a new pediatrician from Western Reserve. The place took on a scientific atmosphere and every night after evening office hours (7:00 to 9:00 p.m.) the doctors would congregate for review of the current medical literature. It kept everyone on his toes and we learned much about obstetrics, pediatrics and medicine in general.

Allison became the first proctologist in Youngstown and practiced his specialty until his untimely death from a perforated duodenal ulcer. Phipps had a droll sense of humor and yet was very matter-of-fact. Phelps Street was getting crowded and sometimes parking was a problem. One day he was standing out in front of his office watching a lady trying to maneuver her car into a place without much success. Finally she gave up and looking at him angrily she said, "Well, I'll never come back here again." Replied Phipps gravely, "Lady, that's a promise!" She had scraped the fender on his new Buick. He delivered many infants in the home and when the mission was accomplished he would say, "Here is the baby, where is the money?" Confinements were \$25.00 those days and expectant mothers seldom came in for prenatal care.

Isinglass Curtains

Most of us drove Fords or Chevrolets at first and graduated to Dodges and Buicks later. There were roadsters and touring cars; no sedans, convertibles or hard tops. It was the day of the one-man top" which two men could put up in 15 minutes in a pouring rain. The isinglass curtains buttoned on the sides and visibility was poor but it was safe at 25 miles an hour if there was nobody else on the road. Windshield wipers were worked by hand.

Luxan was a big man about six feet tall, weighing 300 pounds, and his Dodge sagged on the left side. His father was a railroad engineer so he used to lean out the window to see better where he was going. Dr. Booth at 60 was known as a fast driver. He said, "I don't need to blow my horn often because the sign on my car says 'Dodge Brothers'."

Dr. Weinberg was city physician for many years. When the time came for him to retire he took an office in the Professional Building just to have some place to go. Medicine was his hobby. He took care of anyone who came in and there were quite a few. Most of them received his free samples which the drug firms supplied generously. There was then a doctor who was a drug addict and every so often he would stop in Dr. Weinberg's office and go over his samples to see if there was anything containing morphine. Of course there was not. Dr. Weinberg was sympathetic but claimed he had no narcotic license and could not prescribe morphine. So the doctor would go back to his office and write prescriptions for fictitious patients and try to have them filled for himself. All the druggists were onto him and would be out of stock or some other excuse so it became difficult to have his prescriptions filled. All the doctors tried to protect him and he was never indicted for a violation.

A New Pediatrician

Dr. Boyd Schaffner came here from Ellwood City after many years in general practice and opened an office on Phelps Street for the practice of pediatrics.

He was an able man with many years of experience but Youngstown was not ready for another pediatrician. He became dissatisfied and left here to return to general practice.

"Pop" Morrison died in the harness as most good doctors do. The Bell Telephone Company bought his building at Phelps and Lincoln forcing Gustafson, Harvey and Noll to vacate. Gustafson moved to the new Bel-Park

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Building. Harvey and Noll went up on Gypsy Lane to be near the North Side Unit.

The others are gone through death or retirement. The young doctors moved their offices to the outlying centers surrounded by oceans of parking space. "Pill Alley" is no more. The shade trees are gone, the pharmacy is gone and empty store windows gaze silently upon an empty street. One lone physician holds forth as a practitioner of the healing art. But still from old habit people come down there looking for a doctor.

—J. L. F.

BOARD OF HEALTH BULLETIN

City of Youngstown

REPORT FOR MARCH, 1962

	Resident		Non-Resident		Total
	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Births	136	121	149	137	543
Deaths	107	62	63	50	282
Infant Deaths	6	4	2	4	16
MARCH, 1962					
Births	129	127	147	141	544
Deaths	88	69	57	37	251
Infant Deaths	1	4	8	4	17

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

	March, 1962		March, 1961	
	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths
Chicken Pox	82	0	221	0
Diphtheria	0	0	0	0
Measles	10	0	685	0
Mumps	19	0	11	0
Scarlet Fever	5	0	46	0
Tuberculosis	5	1	8	4
Gonorrhea	6	0	18	0
Syphilis	15	0	6	0
Infectious Hepatitis	1	0	3	0
Rheumatic Fever	1	0	5	0
Poliomyelitis	1	0	0	0

VENEREAL DISEASES

	Male	Female	Total
New Cases			
Syphilis	2	1	3
Gonorrhea	9	5	14
Total Patients			17
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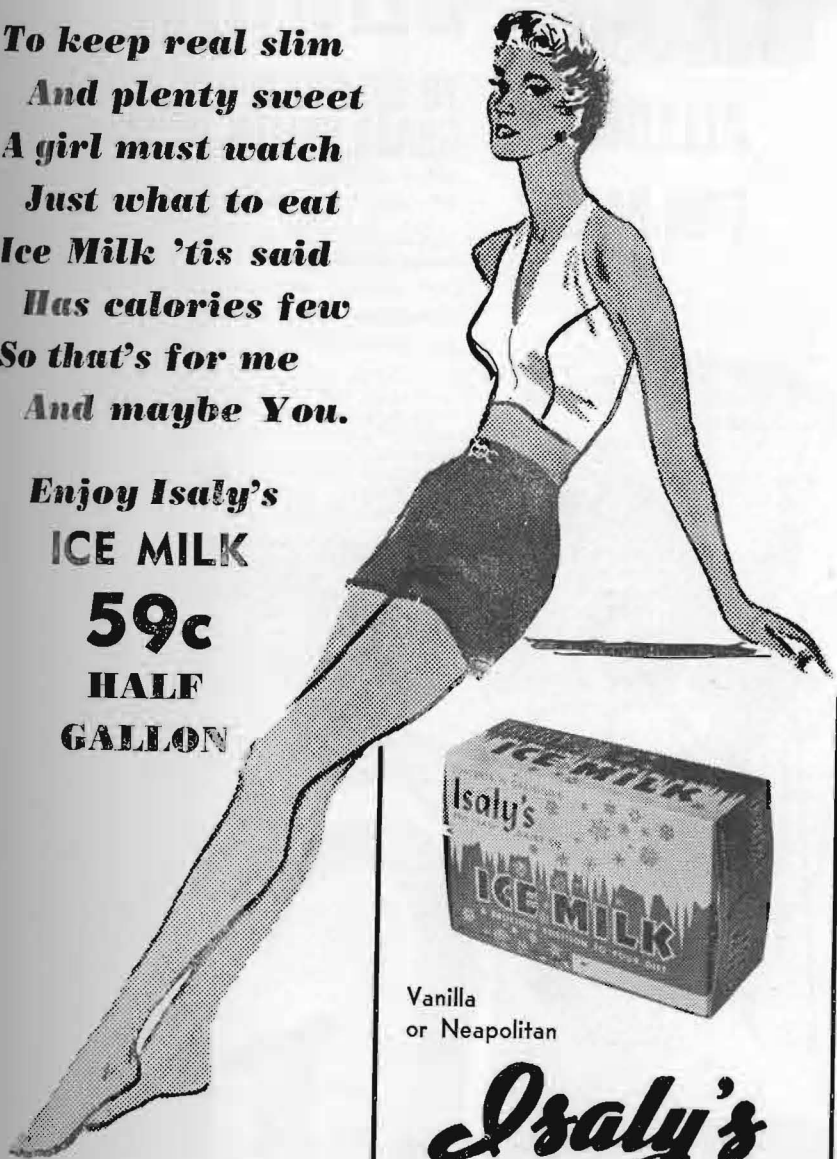
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