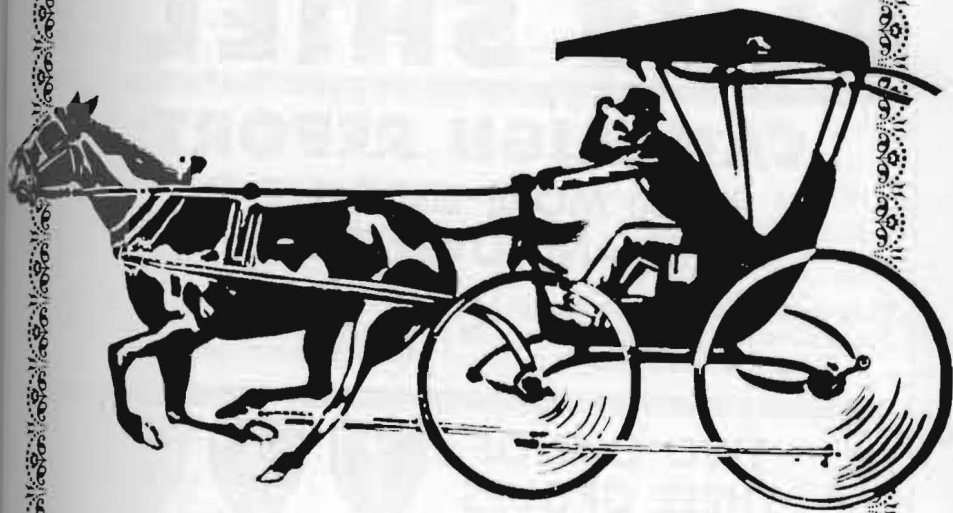


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With the Senate tabling the president's Medicare Bill we have gained a temporary respite. We hope our actions will further delay any future similar legislative proposals. Our future success will depend largely on the prudence, consideration and attitude we are all so capable of sincerely demonstrating to our patients and citizens at large.

Being familiar with the problems our Grievance Committee has had to solve over the past eight months, I feel it my duty and responsibility to convey some of my observations and thoughts to you. I sincerely hope they will be of value to you and our profession.

On several occasions the representatives of insurance companies have questioned the fees of several of our members. Thus far the committee's stand and opinion has been that this is a matter to be worked out between the insurance company and the patient, or the patient and the physician. I sincerely hope that when a fee is questioned by either, the physician will show the courtesy becoming our profession and give a logical basis for his charges. Failing to do this is not in keeping with the true spirit of understanding and consideration for which our profession is noted. A fair and just fee, average for the community, is seldom if ever questioned. If and when it is, only a moment or two is required to give a logical justification. An inadequate insurance coverage in itself should not deter you from quoting your usual fair and average fee. Contrasting this a liberal insurance program should certainly not invite an over charge. This is not only embarrassing to the Grievance Committee but extremely damaging to the prestige of our entire membership.

A problem which exists elsewhere and which I hope we are never asked to explain, had to do with referred hospitalized patients becoming unnecessarily obligated to more than one physician. I'm sure any committee would be hard pressed to justify the referring physician's charges for a daily "hello" in an uncomplicated case and these visits are not at the family request or deemed necessary by the physician accepting the referral. The hospital chart should easily determine if such visits are for something more than the patient's welfare. When a patient, out of any necessity, needs the services of more than one physician for his or her well being, the family should be so informed immediately. To first learn, while convalescing at home, that these little daily bedside chats are for something more than his or her welfare leaves the feeling of a slightly over-sized bitter pill stuck in the "craw" of the patient or the one financially responsible.

The best public relations man that money can buy is the one you see every day in the mirror. I am confident our patients and citizens will help us in the next fight to keep medicine free if we show them the consideration and kindness they have learned through the years to associate with their doctor and his profession. We can not fail them!

—C. W. Stertzbach, M.D.
President

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Editorial

"Left-overs"—Good Cooks or Bad

It is sometimes said the left-overs are a problem only to bad cooks—that good cooks find them an asset.

There are many "left-overs" from the recent Medicare struggle—we must be good cooks and use the "left-overs" to advantage.

The Legislative committee has collected some of these "left-overs" in an important, concise report which the Bulletin is most anxious to present.

Last month's editorial dealt with some of our duties as Doctors and our responsibilities to self and patient.

We must now expand our interests and participation to include our Community level. To be heard and be heeded on issues that touch on our interests we must hear, heed, and be heard on issues of community interest. We must become involved in "Government."

Read the report of your Legislative committee in this issue—and as good cooks mix and blend these "left-overs"—important lessons to be learned.

LEGISLATORS AND PHYSICIANS

(Members of the legislative committee of our society interview all local candidates for the legislature. Some opinions and impressions are worth reporting.)

Legislators are surprisingly well informed. The old stereotype—the cigar smoking, baby kissing, ward heeler who knows nothing except how to get elected—is not true.

A legislator feels that when a group is not "for" him, the group is "against" him. Of course, everyone is guilty of this human tendency.

Legislators cannot comprehend that a medical society is not and cannot be a political action group.

Legislators are far more sensitive and responsive to their constituents than the groups that represent their constituents. We should reply upon our own direct contacts with legislators as well as the state medical association.

* Legislators are not only keenly aware of any support and opposition, but also are sensitive to constituent reactions after a legislative vote. For example, they like to answer a letter asking for explanation of why they voted for a measure that a constituent opposed. They, just as any other person, react negatively to a letter of open protest and insult—but not to a reasonable letter of dissatisfaction that asks for clarification and explanation.

The legislators would like to meet physicians at informal meetings—after election. They desire to meet us for an exchange of ideas, not to make speeches. They desire to know us—they meet with groups of teachers, bankers, mechanics, nurses, etc. They have not been to a medical society meeting.

Legislators desire to inform physicians, through each society as well as the state office, regarding all pending medical and health legislation. This is not some special privilege—they do this for all associations. If they provide this service, physicians as individuals and society committees must take more action in government. Legislators dislike the word "politics"; they like "government."

What are their criticisms of physicians?

* Physicians are not interested in government—physicians are interested only in specific issues that directly effect them. We took an active role regarding "medicare" but have done nothing, for example, regarding local water pollution, a program for retarded children, the increasing cost of state mental hospitalization.

* Legislators react that physicians try to dictate when they desire some legislative action and do nothing when they could offer informed opinions and leadership regarding general problems related to medicine.

These observations and opinions are worth some consideration. Action or inaction must be the choice of each individual in our republic.

—Frank Gelbman, M.D.

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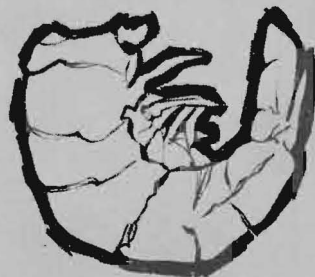
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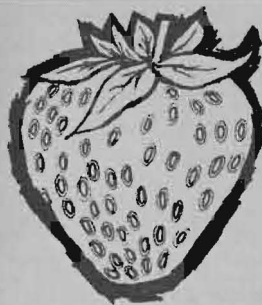
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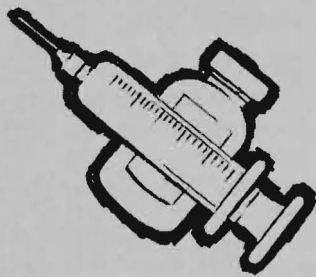
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THE DOCTOR'S FEE

Why is the surgeon's fee more for a cholecystectomy than for an appendectomy? Why does the internist charge more for a first call on a coronary thrombosis case than to a sufferer from hay fever? Why is a visit to a psychiatrist more costly than one to a general practitioner?

These are questions organized medicine must be prepared to answer fully and the answers must be sound, unless we are willing to accept what various third parties choose to have us receive, not only from them, but from our patients in whatever will be left of private practice. There are three approaches to finding the answers.

1. Law of supply and demand. This is simple in a truly free economy, but unworkable in a country where the recompense of the farmer depends on governmental regulation of acreage and parity payments, where the wages of the laborer and mechanic are set up by negotiations between union and management, and where business activity is controlled by governmental manipulation of the money market. Whether this is good or bad is not part of the discussion. One cannot, however, expect the law of supply and demand to operate in an era of fast-moving price changes with a commodity, such as a doctor, which takes twelve years to produce.

2. The "going rate." This is the current answer, and it is a poor one, as evidenced by the constant complaints, and the pressures being exerted to change the going rate. The rate is kept up by imponderables that the third parties choose to ignore, such as the benefit of free choice of physician, the improvement in medical performance under the stimulus of competition among doctors for that choice, and the personal interest and sense of responsibility on the part of doctors in response to the faith implicit in that choice.

3. A cost-accounting of medical service. This is not only scientific, as befits a discipline such as medicine, but essential in this day of living by negotiation, legislation, and bargaining for everything. We may not like to bargain, but the alternative is to accept a third party's evaluation of our worth.

The hardest problem facing any young doctor today is learning how much to charge. Can we help him, and ourselves, by analyzing what goes into medical service and how much each factor is worth in terms of dollars?

(1). Overhead. It is easy enough to calculate the gross overhead from the income tax returns, but a cost accountant would insist on breaking it down for specific activities. Are the office and equipment and personnel used on the basis of an eight-hour day or the doctor's more usual ten-hour day? Does the rural practitioner make a penny out of a call way out in the country after he has included as part of the overhead of that call not only the gasoline and deterioration of the automobile and the overtime he pays his help when seeing the patients in the office he could have seen while making the call, but also the patients he lost to his colleague while out on the call, or the laboratory or X-ray work he missed doing and getting paid for? It is easy to establish the overhead for the year, or even the month, but it is essential to establish the true overhead for the average work hour and for the specific surgical operation or medical procedure.

(2). Amortization of education cost. This is made up of two parts: (a) the actual cost of the education since graduation from liberal arts college; to include residency training in a specialty (less salary received), and (b) the loss of earning power during those years, both by personal effort and by investment of the money spent for the education. This total must be

divided by a specific number of years which will take into consideration the slow start a doctor makes. This must be in comparison with his college classmate of equal ability and intelligence who went into industry, where a graduated increase in salary is given periodically. Once the annual figure is obtained, the monthly, weekly, and hourly value can be established, to be added to the cost of practicing medicine.

(3). **Time spent in the procedure.** The average cholecystectomy takes longer than an appendectomy. But the average labor and delivery of a child takes five to ten times longer than either. An office visit can consist either of a detailed history and careful examination or a brief "If you are not getting better we'll double the dosage." A hospital visit can mean a two-hour close observation of the patient's reaction to an injected drug or a brief greeting and a perfunctory glance at the temperature chart. Yet the insurance company makes very little distinction between these various services. The doctor, chained to the philosophy of the "going rate," may be grossly overpaid for some of his services, but is woefully underpaid for others. If he spends an hour in the office with one case offering a real diagnostic problem for which his fee is limited to five dollars, he makes it up by the fees collected for "shots" given by his office nurse. The trouble is that the patients who pay excessively for the injections complain and scream for socialized medicine, while the diagnostic problem patient has no concept of the bargain he received.

The fact that doctors' annual net income is of high order indicates that this process of robbing Peter to pay for Paul's bargain is not hurting the doctors' pocketbooks, at least not yet. However, there are two very bad features to it. The first should make the responsible labor union executives very uncomfortable. The doctor's good income is due largely to overtime work without due consideration of the forty-hour week law for which they fought so hard as a matter of principle or the "time-and-a-half for overtime"

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principle. The fee for an appendectomy is the same whether it is done at 10 a.m. or at 2 a.m. Which is just another way of robbing Peter to pay for Paul's bargain. The other bad feature is that the Peters in the country are the ones who are complaining of the high cost of medical care and the Pauls are helping them because "a doctor is supposed to be available any time of the day or night." Gratitude of a patient for night calls does not help send the doctor's children to college, and the "third parties" who control our fees are not interested in gratitude.

(4). **Insurance** The doctor, almost alone in this country, must make his own provision for his disability due to sickness, or accident, his old age, and the protection of his widow and children. The doctor's college classmate works for a company with sick-leave pay, pensions, and Social Security. Almost every member of a labor union gets the same in the form of "fringe benefits" over and above his hourly wage. The cost accountant figuring what a doctor should charge must include this cost as a justifiable factor in the fee.

(5). **Skill brought to bear on the case.** This is a concept which, although difficult to evaluate in dollars, is accepted legally as a justifiable factor in determining a fee. Insurance companies ignore it. An appendectomy is an appendectomy. A hospital visit is the same whether for a coronary occlusion or a poison ivy blister. Much as patients love to dramatize the gravity of the illness from which they recover or have been saved, they consider the doctor a highwayman if he charges for more than the time actually spent, or the "going rate." This factor is really made up of two components, *the actual skill of the doctor, and the dangers inherent in the condition treated.*

To try to rate or classify the skill of doctors would be impractical, impolitic, and repugnant. In general there is a self-evaluation which is accepted if it is not too unrealistic, and over a period of years the free choice of

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physician principle tends to correct errors in the self-evaluation. Division into specialists and general practitioners is a solution with many imperfections, even though the public, and certainly the specialist, have accepted it. The various American Boards exercise some control over crude categories of skill, but actually they certify little more than adequate training, and the portion of the doctor's fee which reflects amortization of his education costs takes up a little of the differential.

But the other side, the gravity of the case which calls for certain compensable skill to be brought to bear, is somewhat measurable. A total hysterectomy is worth more than a subtotal, because it is more difficult to do, requires more skill to perform, and carries more surgical risk to the patient. The accurate diagnosis and prompt treatment of typhoid fever warrants a higher fee than the treatment of spastic colitis, because people die of the former more often than of the latter. A skillful midforceps rotation may save an infant's life even though the doctor gets not one penny more for the delivery. Open-heart surgery commands a large fee because it is new and dramatic and requires an investment in training. Should not the basis of the fee rest at least partly on the mortality of the patient without the skill brought to bear to correct the condition? With all the morbidity and mortality statistics available for the many ills the flesh is heir to, could not a rational scale of the gravity of the disease or procedure be worked out? Certainly the doctor considers it when he sends a bill, but the patient doesn't understand it and the third parties (and the insurance people, including Blue Shield) refuse to recognize it. Numerous "point" systems have been worked out and many are actually being used, but these are based again on the "going rates." Granted that actual evaluation of morbidity and mortality and complexity of procedure may be difficult, it can be done, provided there is agreement on the principle involved.

(6). Time spent in teaching or doing charity medical work. A fair estimate of the instruction obtained by medical students, interns and residents from doctors receiving *not a penny for their time spent*, is upwards of ninety per cent. Do doctors who give this time, usually during a productive part of the eight-hour working day, have a right to include the value of this time in their fees for work done in the remaining hours of the day? The labor union insists that the mechanic on an hourly wage gets paid full rates, even if he is asked to spend part of his time teaching an apprentice. The junior executive on a monthly salary is paid even if he spends half of his time teaching new employees their jobs. The doctor is entitled to recompense for this time and energy other than the satisfaction of carrying on a fine tradition at a sacrifice, or in the case of the free clinics, giving of himself to the desperately needy. As an example, a man spending four hours a day in free teaching or charity work, must be able to earn enough per hour in the remaining four hours to bring home a decent day's pay. Otherwise he must give up doing the free work.

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(7). **Capacity of the patient to pay.** There is some doubt whether this factor should be included in the fee. The arguments are realistic as well as philosophical. But when state medical societies ask doctors to accept a minimal fee for patients earning under an arbitrary amount per year, the state medical society is establishing the capacity of the patient to pay as a basic and valid principle. What is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander. One might argue that the minimum fee should be double for those earning over an arbitrary amount per year. Or that the fee should be tied to the amount of life insurance the patient carries, or to his income tax. The I. R. S. expects a patient to pay three per cent of his income in medical bills before considering any relief in taxes. Might not the doctor use the same kind of a yardstick? If we accept the idea of minimal fees for patients in the low-income bracket, we are agreeing to the principle of a sliding scale of fees.

(8). **Percentage of fees of other physicians.** This, too, is a questionable factor. Some third party plans grant to a surgical assistant a specific percentage of the fee of the surgeon, whether he merely holds retractors in lieu of an intern or does a crucial part of the surgery. Some anesthetists charge a percentage of the surgical fee. Often internists who supervise the preparation of a patient for surgery or are present in case of a medical emergency, charge a percentage of the fee. This component of the doctor's bill is open to a great deal of argument even though it is acceptable under the "going rate" technique. In a similar way, predicating the medical or surgical fee on a percentage of the hospital bill is of dubious validity if we are to justify our professional charges.

In summary, with private medical practice under terrific pressure for changes in form and remuneration, the medical profession must present a unified and constructive program. One phase of this, if we believe in fee for service, is to provide a formula for setting fees, such that the public, the labor unions, the insurance companies, and the various "third parties" will see the justice of them. To do this we must analyze what goes into a fee in order to demonstrate the true monetary value of medical service. The factors which enter into the doctor's fee are:

1. What it costs the doctor to maintain his office, his equipment, his help, his automobile, his malpractice insurance, and all other items listed as "overhead." This must be broken down into a per hour and per procedure amount.
2. His investment in being a doctor, the cost of his education from the day he left college until he hangs out his shingle, and the loss of income had he spent that time and money in another field.
3. His hourly net wages, based on the time actually spent with pay-patients, either seeing them in the office or the hospital, operating on them, or traveling to and from their homes. "Time and a half for overtime" ought to be considered.
4. The value of the "fringe benefits" which the doctor has to pay for out of his own pocket.

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Local physicians taking part in the program include: Dr. Gordon G. Nelson, who will preside at the Friday afternoon sessions; Dr. John J. McDonough, who will moderate the panel on Obstetrics-Gynecology; Dr. Oscar A. Turner, who will moderate the panel Neuro-surgery; Dr. William J. Flynn, who will participate on the panel on Current Trends in Management of Advanced Carcinoma; and Dr. J. K. Herald, who will participate in the Procto-Colonic panel.

Program participants from out of town include:

Artz, Curtis P., M.D., FACS, Assoc. Prof. Surg., University of Mississippi, Jackson

Ault, Garnet W., M.D., FACS, Prof. Surg., Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.

Clatworthy, H. William, M.D., FACS, Prof. Ped. Surg., Ohio State University
Davis, John H., M.D., FACS, Assoc. Prof. Surg. and Dir. Surgical Research, Western Reserve Univ., Cleveland

Eiseman, Ben, M.D., FACS, Prof. and Chairman, Dept. of Surg., Univ. of Kentucky, Lexington

Elliott, Daniel W., M.D., FACS, Assoc. Prof. and Dir. Surgical Laboratories, Ohio State University

Engel, William J., M.D., FACS, Staff, Cleveland Clinic Foundation, Cleveland

Evans, Arthur T., M.D., FACS, Asst. Prof. Surg., Cincinnati University
Giannestras, Nicholas J., M.D., FACS, Instr. and Clin., Cincinnati University
Green, Thomas H., Jr., M.D., FACS, Assoc. Clin. Prof. Ob-Gyn, Harvard University, Boston

Hamby, Wallace B., M.D., FACS, Assoc. Prof. Frank E. Bunts, Educational Institute; Staff Cleveland Clinic

Hoerr, Stanley O., M.D., FACS, Div. Chairman and Staff Surgeon, Cleveland Clinic Foundation

Holden, William D., MD., FACS, Oliver H. Payne Prof. of Surg. and Chairman of Dept. Surg., Western Reserve University

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Kelleher, John C., M.D., FACS, Dir. Plastic Surgery-Mercy Hospital, Toledo

Kieswetter, William B., M.D., FACS, Prof. Ped. Surg., Pittsburgh University

MacMillan, Bruce G., M.D., FACS, Assoc. Prof. Surg., Cincinnati University

Martin, Lester W., M.D., FACS, Asst. Clin. Prof. Surg., Cincinnati University

Mayfield, Frank H., M.D., FACS, Senior Attending Neurosurgeon: Good Samaritan, Christ and Bethesda Hospitals, Cincinnati

McDonald, Gerald O., M.D., FACS, Assoc. Prof. Surg., University of Illinois, Chicago

Pack, George T., M.D., FACS, Assoc. Clinical Prof. Surg., Cornell University, New York City

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Poutasse, Eugene F., M.D., FACS, Staff, Cleveland Clinic and Instr. Frank E. Bunts Educational Institute

Ravitch, Mark M., M.D., FACS, Assoc. Prof. Surg., John Hopkins University, Baltimore

Sayers, Martin P., M.D., FACS, Asst. Clin. Prof. Surg., Ohio State University

Scott, Roger B., M.D., Assoc. Prof. Ob-Gyn, Western Reserve University, Cleveland

Siler, Vinton E., M.D., FACS, Clin. Prof. Surg., Cincinnati University

Stephenson, George W., M.D., FACS, Asst. Director American College of Surgeons, Chicago

Turnbull, Rupert B., Jr., M.D., FACS, Cleveland Clinic Foundation

White, William L., M.D., FACS, Assoc. Clin. Prof. and Chief of the Section, Plastic Surg., Pittsburgh University

Winters, Chester, M.D., Prof. and Dir. Division of Urology, Ohio State University

Zimmerman, Karl, M.D., FACS, Asst. Clin. Prof. Surg., Pittsburgh University

The meeting will take place at the Pick Ohio Hotel, beginning with an 8:00 a.m. registration in the Mezzanine. Saturday dinner will be held at 8:00 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom. Entertainment will include a choral presentation by the Men's Chorus of the Youngstown Sheet and Tube.

Officers of the Ohio Chapter are: Frank L. Shively, Jr., M.D., President; Stanley O. Hoerr, M.D., President-elect; Walter A. Hoyt, M.D., Treasurer; Tom F. Lewis, M.D., Secretary.

HEART MEETING IN CLEVELAND

Many physicians, scientists, professional health workers and interested laymen from Mahoning County will attend the annual meeting and 35th scientific sessions of the American Heart Association in Cleveland October 26 through October 28.

More than 50 Ohio physicians will participate in the clinical sessions, running simultaneously with 23 scientific sessions designed to meet the interests of specialists and physicians concerned with cardiovascular diseases, as well as clinical and basic science investigators.

Hosted by the Ohio State Heart Association and the Cleveland Area Heart Society, the 4,000 attendees will represent major research centers throughout the United States and many foreign countries.

The Youngstown Area Heart Association serving Mahoning, Trumbull and Columbiana Counties, will furnish registration blanks to persons wishing to attend from this area or blanks may be secured by writing to the Ohio State Heart Association, 131 E. State St., Columbus 15, Ohio.

A Friday morning attraction, sponsored by the American Heart Association's Council on Circulation, will be a discussion of "Buerger's Disease" by a group of Baltimore physicians: Dr. Robert D. Bloodwell, Dr. William M. Shelley, Dr. Ole E. Ottesen, Dr. Richard M. Goodman, and Dr. Victor A. McKusick.

This will be followed by a presentation on "Total Calf and Muscle 'Nutritive' Blood Flow During Tobacco Smoking" by Jay D. Coffman, M.D., and Stanley L. Javett, M.D., Boston.

Among other program highlights will be a symposium Friday afternoon on "Medical Management of Hypertension" with Colin T. Dollery, M.D., of London, England, as moderator.

Of special interest Saturday morning is an "Appraisal of Open Heart Surgery" featuring ten presentations by physician teams from Cleveland, San Francisco, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Minneapolis, and Portland, Oregon.

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address Saturday afternoon, followed by the presentation of the Research Achievement Award. At the same session, George E. Miller, M.D., Chicago, will give the Lewis A. Connor Memorial Lecture on "Pride and Prejudice in Professional Education." As in the past, Cardiovascular Conferences will be held Saturday evening.

James V. Warren, M.D., Columbus, president-elect of the American Heart Association, will chair the sixth and final session on clinical cardiology Sunday afternoon.

Registration will take place at the Sheraton-Cleveland Hotel Thursday, October 25, 3 p.m. to 10 p.m., and at the Cleveland Public Auditorium on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sessions will take place at the Cleveland Public Auditorium.

Special events for an estimated 600 lady guest attendees will include a tour of University Circle and Cleveland Museum of Art, a reception, luncheon and fashion show, and a tour of the Cleveland lake front and Cultural Gardens, followed by brunch and a tour of homes in Shaker Heights, Shaker Square, and Cleveland Heights.

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MOVING VAN: Dr. Craig C. Wales has moved to 510 Gypsy Lane. Dr. Carl B. Klodell has opened his office in the Home Savings and Loan Building where he will be associated with Dr. Louis Bloomberg with practice limited to ophthalmology. Dr. E. A. Shorten is planning to build a new professional building on Oak Hill Avenue. When completed this reporter along with Dr. Shorten hopes to be able to list many movers.

VACATIONS: Dr. and Mrs. Robert Fisher and children were at Camp Fitch on Lake Erie for Family Week. Dr. Genevieve Delfs has returned from Europe where she and her family vacationed. Dr. and Mrs. G. E. DeCicco and family vacationed in New England and at home. Dr. and Mrs. Walter Tims spent ten days at Lake Chautauqua, New York. Two more colleagues had vacations with pay (?). Dr. Berke spent two weeks at Camp A. P. Hill and Dr. Salistean two weeks at Camp Pickett.

SYMPATHY: Our sympathy is extended to Dr. McKelvey in the death of his mother, Mrs. Lucius McKelvey on August 15 and to Dr. Kravec whose mother, Mrs. John Kravec, expired on August 3.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS: Dr. and Mrs. John Thanos, a daughter on August 1, and Dr. and Mrs. Nicholas Salistean, a son on August 11. Congratulations, parents!

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES: Jerold Rosenblum, son of Dr. and Mrs. Morris Rosenblum, has received his law degree from the Washington School of Law, American University, Washington, D. C. Dr. and Mrs. Rosenblum's other son, Richard, has been quite ill. Surgery was performed at Cleveland Clinic. At the time of this writing he was improving rapidly.

NEW INTERNS: Several parties and picnics have been held for the new interns of the local hospitals. The General Practice Section of Youngstown Hospital held a picnic at Dr. Friedrich's farm for the new interns on August 11. A picnic for all interns and residents with the staff of Youngstown Hospital was held on August 22 at Tippecanoe Country Club. Dr. and Mrs. W. Stanley Curtis had a group of interns at their home on August 6. A picnic was held on the School of Nursing grounds on July 25 for the new interns and residents of St. Elizabeth's Hospital.

FIRST AID: The Red Cross First Aid Station at the Canfield Fair was manned by Drs. H. Paul Bauer, Robert Ciekurs, George H. Dietz, V. Holonko, Joseph Mersol, and S. M. Zervos.

MISCELLANY: Dr. James Patrick has been ambulating with the aid of a walking cast. Dr. A. E. Rappoport was program chairman for the joint meeting of the College of American Pathologists and the American Society of Clinical Pathologists from Sept. 2 through Sept. 8.

REHASH!!! Several times this reporter has been taken to task for not giving more news. Please send in items so they can be published. Send them to me or to Mr. Rempes.

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Seems to me they are making staircases steeper than they used to make them in the old days. And have you noticed the small print they are using? Newspapers are getting farther and farther away when I hold them, and I have to squint to make out the news. No sense in asking to have them read aloud; everyone speaks in such a low voice that I can hardly hear them.

The barber doesn't hold a mirror behind me any more so that I can see the back of my head. The material in my suits is always too skimpy around the waist and seat. Even my shoe laces are so short they are all but impossible to reach.

Even people are changing; they are so much younger than they used to be when I was their age. On the other hand, people my own age are so much older than I am. I ran into an old classmate the other night and he had aged so he didn't recognize me. I got to thinking about the poor fellow while I was shaving this morning, and while doing so I glanced at my reflection in the mirror. **CONFOUND IT!** They don't even use the same kind of glass in the mirrors any more!

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Morris Rosenblum, Walter Tims and the late Sam Schwebel started the practice of medicine thirty years ago.

TWENTY YEARS AGO — SEPTEMBER, 1942

The war effort was in a state of feverish confusion. Rules and directives changed from day to day. The Bulletin mentioned induction examinations, civilian defense, scarcity of doctors, rationing of food and strikes of defense workers. Here are some of the regulations on rationing of tires:

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The Committee on Civilian Defense had to change its plans from day to day because of loss of personnel to the armed forces. Doctors who left that month were Fred Coombs, Lou Deitchman, Raymond Hall, J. B. Kupec, R. H. Middleton, W. W. Neidus, G. G. Nelson, John Noll, Harold Reese, M. S. Rosenblum, J. M. Russell, J. L. Scarnecchia, M. M. Szucs and Sam Tamarkin.

TEN YEARS AGO — SEPTEMBER, 1952

The American Cancer Society brought a group of seven speakers here from the Memorial Hospital in New York for a full day of Cancer Symposium at the Stambaugh Auditorium. Wm. Flynn made the arrangements and the program was outstanding, attracting many out-of-town guests.

7 Dr. W. H. Bunn announced an enlarged program of Rheumatic Fever prevention by the Heart Association. Children in school with sore throats were to have cultures made and to be sent at once to their family doctor for prophylactic penicillin if streptococci were found.

8 There were five cases of polio reported, one scarlet fever, thirty gonorrhoea and twenty of syphilis. No small-pox and no typhoid.

9 Dr. Sidney Davidow became a diplomate of the American Board of Pediatrics.

10 There was quite a furor over fatal reactions to chloromycetin.

11 John Rogers won the Lyons trophy at the annual golf meet of the Medical Society and Coryden Palmer Dental Society with a low gross of

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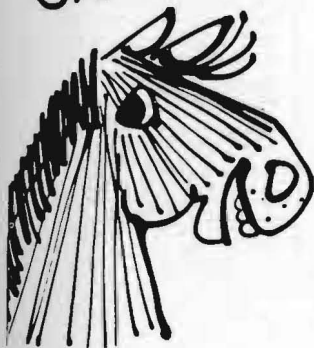
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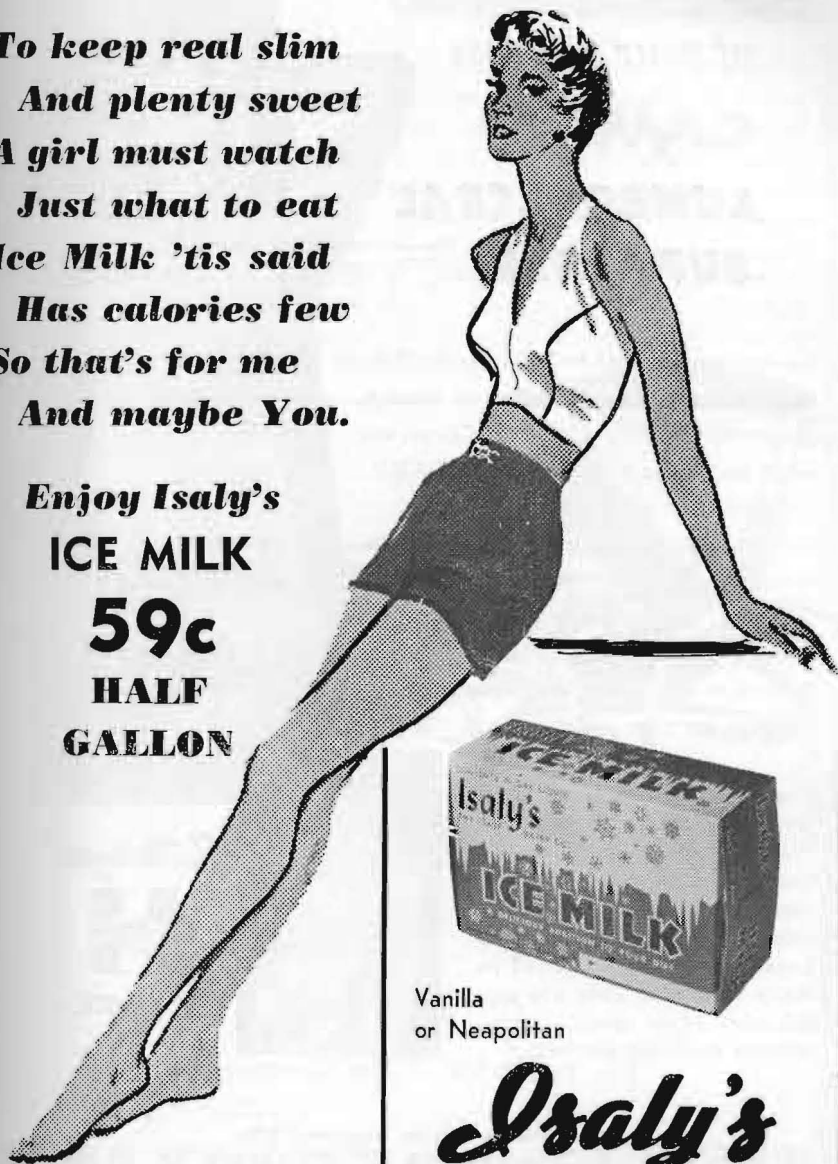
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