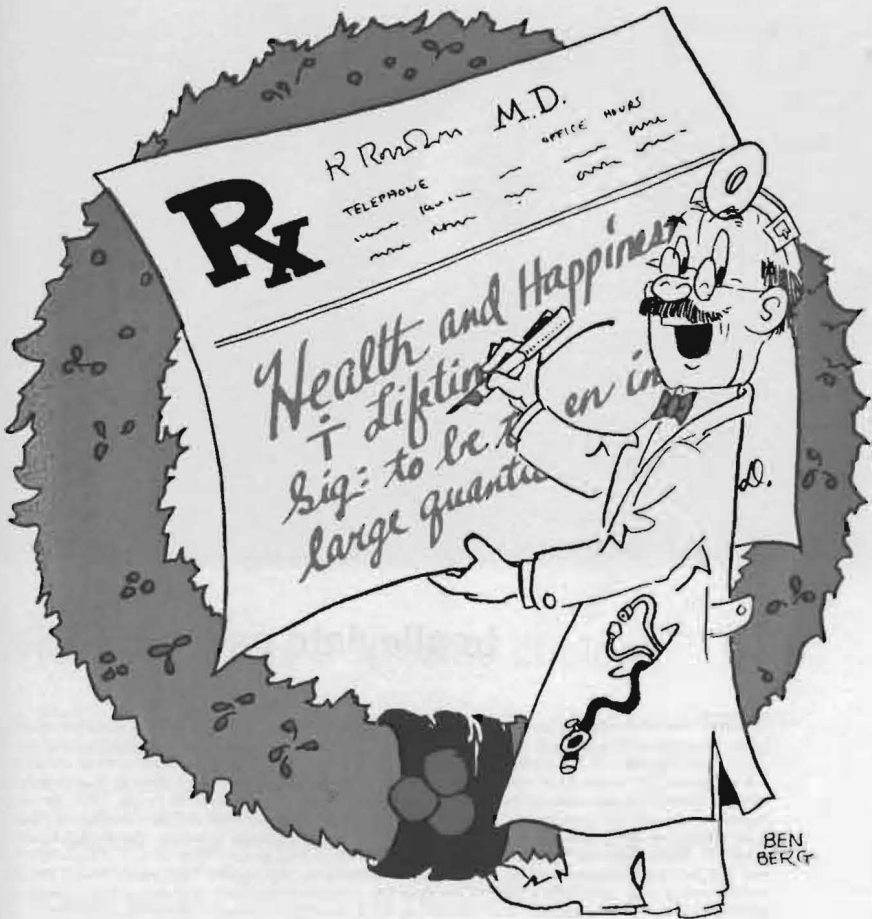


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


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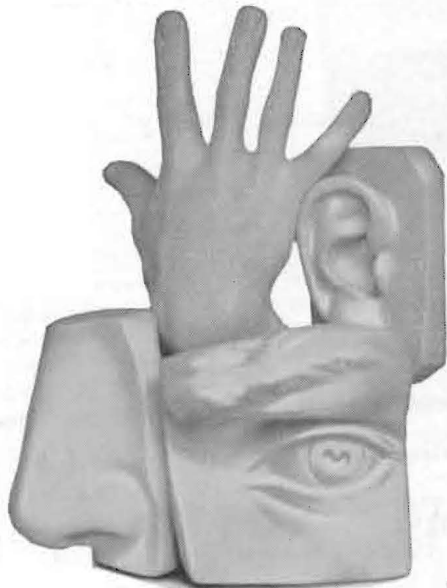
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We as Doctors must assume a responsibility of leadership, as each law abiding citizen in this Valley must. We must lead so that others will be certain to follow. We must be alert to and alert others to the destruction that will follow continuing passiveness—and that passiveness must be overcome now.

The bridge over this river of "Whys" must be strongly pillared by each and every Doctor of the Mahoning County Medical Society and of this Valley. The shame that has exploded in the midst of our community must be washed away and the river of "Whys" replaced by the reservoir of accomplishment.

PHYSICIANS AGAINST CRIME



From the Desk of the President

It has been a privilege and an honor to be President of the Mahoning County Medical Society this year. Except for the usual trying moments and occasional unfounded criticism leveled at our profession, it has also been a pleasure. With each passing year, the responsibilities of a society officer are becoming more complex and more demanding. I think our present officers, council members and predecessors will agree with this.

The practice of medicine itself is getting more complicated and time consuming as our citizens become more conscious of the need for immediate, preventive care as well as the importance of taking steps to preserve good health. Add to this, the socio-economic and politico-economic problems beamed our way today, and you begin to realize a strong medical society is a great deal more than a constitution with by-laws and a roster of dues-paying members.

This is your organization; you owe it your fullest support. It needs the efforts of those who have served, of those who are now serving, and of ALL who are willing to help in an official capacity. Our society is too large to expect even the most capable and efficient corps of officers and council members to accomplish much without the cooperation of the entire membership. Apathy is the chief menace of any free society. Rather than meeting the necessity of having to take drastic action in time of a crisis, we must keep ourselves constantly informed of the problems mentioned above and be aware of any legislative action which might interfere with the free practice of medicine and our present doctor-patient relationship. Your vote counts most when you know why you cast it!

As in every group, there are always a few who respond above and beyond the call of duty. I'm sure I'll miss the names of some, but I do want to express my deep appreciation to Mr. Rempes and his secretary, Mrs. Tidd, on behalf of the officers, council and membership. They have done an excellent job for all of us. I am also deeply grateful and indebted to Drs. Berg, Phillips, Schreiber, Jim Fisher, McGregor, McDonough, Wegner, Resch, Wales, Gelbman, Clifford and others for their loyal assistance and true desire to create an even stronger and progressive Medical Society for each of us and our community. The cooperation of all the news media in the area has been helpful in advancing our programs for the community and I thank them most sincerely. Last but not least, I would like to thank those loyal society members who attended most of the regular monthly meetings and took part in the proceedings, for without their interest and support our Society would have no voice in this community.

—C. W. Stertzbach, M.D.
President

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EDITORIAL

REQUIEM

The amazing thing about being Editor of THE BULLETIN is that in one fell swoop one is transformed from a state of wondering why something is not being done to seeing what is being done.

In one year as a "Junior Senator" in Council, listening and learning, the Editor is witness to those men who have been duly elected and appointed by the members of the Medical Society to bear the brunt of responsibility, of decision, of action, little sensed and poorly appreciated by most members of our Society.

No matter how responsible we as individual Doctors must be, there are always those who accept greater responsibility. Assumption of responsibility greater than one's own, by another, is always to the benefit of the former.

My expression of appreciation to those who were of great help to me this past year will be done at another time and another place.

My only concern as I bow out is a testimony to the dedication and travail of your officers and members of Council—and a plea—give your newly elected representatives your full support and complete recognition.

Thank you.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

At the November meeting, the following names were placed in nomination, to be voted upon at the December meeting:

For President-Elect

Frank Gelbman Jack Schreiber

For Treasurer

G. W. Cook H. P. McGregor

For 1966 Delegate

R. R. Fisher M. H. Steinberg

For Member of Council

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M. S. Rosenblum
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C. C. Wales
S. R. Zoss

For Alternate Delegate

(four to elect)

F. A. Friedrich
S. D. Goldberg
W. B. Hardin
H. P. McGregor
E. R. McNeal
J. J. Turner
C. C. Wales

Also to be elected at the December meeting will be a representative to Associated Hospital Service.

Further nominations for all of the above offices may be made from the floor.

INDOCTRINATION MEETING THURSDAY

An indoctrination meeting for new members will be held at the Youngstown Club on Thursday, December 13. All new members who have not yet attended such a meeting are invited. A complimentary dinner will be served.

Members of the indoctrination committee will speak on a variety of topics. Dr. C. A. Gustafson is chairman. Members of his committee are: Drs. V. L. Goodwin, D. W. Metcalf, G. G. Nelson, J. P. Harvey, and J. M. Ranz. Dr. G. E. DeCicco, president of the Medical Dental Bureau will explain workings of the Bureau.

What to do with Type III?

An outbreak of paralytic illness in Nebraska, linked Sabin type III polio vaccine by a Public Health Service team, is causing more uncertainty among sponsors of mass immunization programs. While types I and II continue to be administered, some sponsors are marking time on type III. Still on the books is a recommendation, made in September by Surgeon General Luther L. Terry after 4 similar cases, that type III immunization be temporarily halted in adults, but not in children. He is expected, however, to call another meeting of his polio advisory committee to consider the Nebraska situation. In that state, the PHS team found that an illness "comparable with acute polio" developed in 9 persons from seven to twenty-two days after taking type III vaccine. In Cincinnati, Dr. Albert Sabin termed the report "rather irresponsible" and said that none of the 7 suspect cases of which he was aware appeared to be polio.

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PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL

Nov. 27, 1962

The regular meeting of the council of the Mahoning County Medical Society was held on Tuesday, Nov. 27, 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, H. P. McGregor, A. K. Phillips, C. E. Pichette, Asher Randell, H. J. Reese, F. A. Resch, R. J. Scheetz, Jack Scriber, C. C. Wales and C. K. Walter. Also present was Bob White. Absent were G. E. DeCicco, A. A. Detesco, and M. S. Rosenblum.

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m.

Dr. Stertzbach introduced discussion on publicity of the radio program, "Doctors House Call." The letter that was sent out with publicity placards to every doctor's office was read. During the discussion that followed, Bob White explained his position of objecting to the medical society's placing the cards in offices. Dr. Schreiber explained the origination of the radio program and how the publicity evolved. After the discussion was satisfactorily concluded, Mr. White left the meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

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

Dr. Randell referred to the minutes of the April, 1962 meeting and cited that the report of the committee to study association with osteopaths was recorded in the minutes as "accepted," and that this did not mean that the report was approved. Following discussion, the motion was made, seconded and duly passed that the report be accepted and approved.

Dr. Stertzbach reported the status of the Santa Claus Fund and requested council members call at least one colleague and ask for contributions. The motion was made, seconded and duly passed that the full amount allowable under the constitution be added to the amount collected to be added to the doctors contribution to the Santa Claus Fund.

Because Dr. Randell had to leave the meeting, Dr. Stertzbach took the opportunity to thank all council members for their work during his tenure as president.

Dr. Phillips summarized letters from Judge Bennett and the A.M.A. stating that grievance committees are privileged to accept cases initiated by an insurance company with the patients permission.

Dr. Nelson's letter concerning publishing delinquent dues members names in the Bulletin was read.

Dr. Stertzbach introduced discussion concerning a Hospital Planning Association. Following discussion, the motion was made, seconded and duly passed that a resolution be adopted and that it be brought before the membership at the December meeting of the medical society. The resolution is attached to the minutes.

Dr. Fisher introduced discussion concerning a county-wide smallpox vaccination. The opinion was expressed that people be urged to get vaccinations in their doctors' offices.

Dr. Stertzbach introduced discussion concerning the awarding of a plaque on some regular basis to a doctor who has given outstanding service to the community and the medical society. The motion was made, seconded, and duly passed that a letter of commendation be sent to Dr. Kurt Wegner. The

motion was made, seconded and duly passed that a letter of commendation be sent to all individuals deserving recognition.

Dr. McGregor brought up the question of a category for those members who have retired from Active membership, but have not been made Honorary members. The motion was made, seconded and duly passed that this question be referred to the constitution committee.

Dr. McGregor cautioned council that because of the amendment that waives dues for those members over 70 years of age, there will be less money available during 1963.

Dr. Stertzbach mentioned the new payment-in-full fee schedule that is being prepared by OMI. He has a copy of the first draft.

Dr. Stertzbach commented on the Blue Cross current enrollment of individuals 65 or older. He noted that Blue Cross has had only 171 applications to date.

Dr. Phillips made a farewell speech, this being his last meeting as a member of council after many years service as secretary, treasurer and president. Dr. Stertzbach expressed his thanks to Dr. Phillips and to Dr. McGregor who is also leaving council.

Dr. Pichette expressed the thanks of council to Dr. Stertzbach and all other hard working members, with a special mention to Dr. Schreiber.

Dr. Fisher introduced discussion concerning nominations for offices in the medical society. He stated that the Academy of General Practice would prefer not to have the responsibility of making nominations and suggested the establishment of a nomination committee.

The following applications were presented by the censors and read by the executive secretary:

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Meeting was adjourned.

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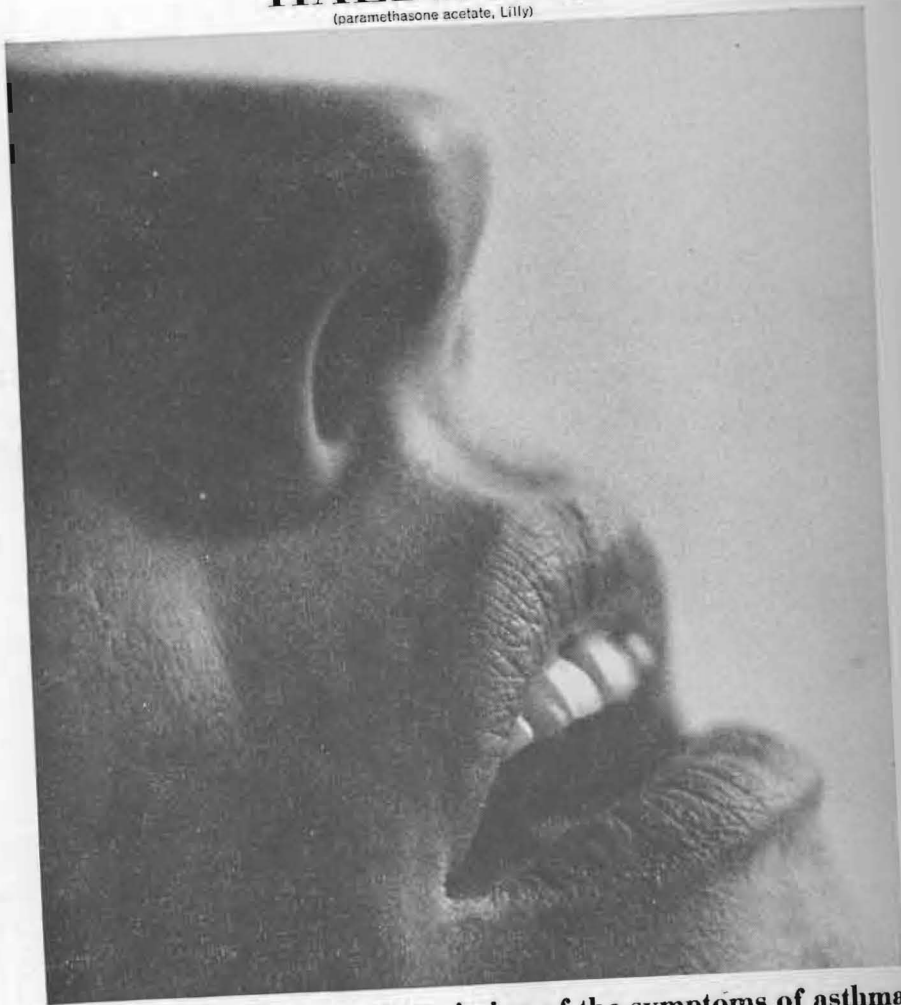
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THIRTY YEARS AGO—DECEMBER 1932

At the annual election, Dr. J. P. Harvey was voted in as President and J. B. Nelson became the first President-Elect. That was the last time we elected a President.

Louis Deitchman became the Editor of the Bulletin and got out the first number from a room in the North Side Unit where he was recovering from an operation.

The Society put on a Public Health Meeting at the Stambaugh Auditorium. Dr. Haven Emerscn from Columbia University was the speaker. It was intended to be a big public relations gesture; the publicity was well handled but there was a snow storm and bitter cold weather that night and only 500 people showed up. Very few doctors or nurses were noted in the audience. Council decided to discontinue the Public Health Meetings.

Dues were reduced from \$15.00 to \$10.00. The State Society got \$5.00 which left us with \$5.00 per member to run our programs. It was tough going those days.

Samuel J. Tamarkin and Peter Boyle became members. The Health Department reported 71 cases of smallpox in Mahoning County and 6 in Youngstown.

TWENTY YEARS AGO—DECEMBER 1942

After a months absence the members were happy to return to the Youngstown Club for their meetings. The situation was confusing with both the President and President-Elect gone to military service. Elmer Nagel was voted President-Elect and took office immediately. He is the only man who ever served two full terms as President.

New names on the honor roll: David E. Beynon and Herbert B. Hutt. Lou Deitchman and W. H. Evans were at Great Lakes. Sam Klatman was ship's surgeon on an Army transport while the F.B.I. was hunting him as AWOL. Goldstein was wintering in Newport while Zeve was baking in Trinidad. Nelson was at Camp Breckenridge in Kentucky, Kendall at Greenville, S.C., Rosenblum at Robins Field, Ga., John Goldcamp at Ft. Benjamin Harrison in Indiana, Shensa at Camp Gordon, Ga., Luke Reed and Pete Boyle were in the Officer's Training School at Miami Beach.

Secretary McKelvey reported that there were 231 active members in the Society with 64 in military service. The ones at home were feeling the strain.

TEN YEARS AGO—DECEMBER 1952

Editorial comment on the recent Post-Graduate Day: "The medical exhibits were probably better attended than the talks presented by the five physicians but it also might be said that some of the exhibits were of more interest than one or two of the talks delivered during the program."

State dues were raised \$5.00 to \$20.00 but Council decided to handle the increase without raising dues.

Dr. Armin Elsaessar died. He was a pioneer goitre surgeon, trained under the famous Dr. Koch before he came here from Switzerland. His portrait hangs in the Hitchcock Auditorium at the South Side Unit.

The Defense Department asked Selective Service to provide 544 physician for the armed services by January. Since July 1951, 3,238 physicians had been called for service in the Korea police action.

—J. L. F.

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MEETINGS: Drs. Robert Foster and Jack Malkoff were inducted as Fellows of the American College of Surgeons during the fellowship convocation held during the meeting of the American College of Surgeons held in Atlantic City October 14-19th. Attending the Clinical Congress there were Drs. Robert Foster, L. G. Gasser, F. Inui, J. B. Kupec, Jack Malkoff and S. W. Ondash. M.C.M.S. was well represented at the Annual Meeting of the American Heart Association held in Cleveland in October. Those in attendance were Drs. H. Bennett, W. Bunn, L. Caccamo, J. Calvin, P. Giber, H. Ipp, J. Noll, A. Ribari, J. Rogers, M. Rosenblum, B. Ruduski, E. Saadi and L. Shensa. Dr. John Noll was at Hotel Curtis, Minneapolis October 25 to October 30th. He attended a post-graduate extension course given by the University of Minnesota. Dr. Nathan Belinky was in Lexington, Ky, where he attended a coroner's seminar conducted by the University of Kentucky Medical Center. Dr. and Mrs. D. W. Metcalf recently spent a week in New York City where Dr. Metcalf attended the annual meeting of the American Society of Anesthesiologists as a delegate from Ohio. Dr. and Mrs. Scvik attended the American Academy of Allergy and the American Academy of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology Meetings in Las Vegas, Nevada, November 2-8. Following the meeting, Dr. and Mrs. Scvik toured the southwest including a visit to Dr. and Mrs. William L. Mermis in Phoenix. Dr. Elsa Shapiro attended the 31st Annual American Academy of Pediatrics held in Chicago Oct. 29-31st.

BIRTHS: Dr. and Mrs. Boniface announce the birth of a son on November 4th and Dr. and Mrs. Philip Bradford, a daughter on November 15th. Congratulations!

NEW OFFICES: Dr. J. M. Basile has moved his office to 2516 Market Street. His practice is limited to dermatology. Dr. Robert J. Hritz has temporary offices with Dr. Patrick Cestone at 1110 Belmont Avenue. He will move to his own office on Gypsy Lane when the building is completed. Dr. Hritz specializes in general surgery. Dr. Richard Roland has opened a second office for general practice at 510 Gypsy Lane. Dr. Michael J. Vuksta has opened his office in the Bel-Park Professional Building. Dr. Vuksta has limited his practice to general surgery. Dr. B. J. Dreiling has moved his office to 1626 Mahoning Avenue. Dr. Dreiling has remodeled part of his home into an office, which is across the street from his old office. Dr. David Beynon has moved into his new office at 3025 Southern Blvd. Dr. Beynon's practice is limited to urology. In the near future Drs. James Miller and Robert Brown will be moving to the same location. To all of them we wish them much success in their new offices!

POTPOURRI: Dr. and Mrs. John S. Goldcamp were on a European tour.

They visited most of their time in London, Paris, Rome and Torino (Italy). The Poland Optimist Club recently honored Kim Stertzbach at the Annual Youth Appreciation Week Banquet. Kim told of his experiences as an American Field Service student in Bogota, Columbia, last summer. Kim is the son of Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Stertzbach. Dr. Charles Waltner recently addressed The Akron District of Ohio Occupational Therapy Association. His subject was "Application and Meaning of Occupational Therapy in Existential Psychiatry." Dr. Leonard Caccamo gave an illustrated talk on "Guard Your Heart" at a recent meeting of the Wolves Auxiliary, Den VI. Dr. J. R. Sofranec recently gave a talk on Cancer at a meeting of the Mahoning Valley New Voice Club of Youngstown at the Hearing and Speech Center. Dr. Sidney Keys was re-elected to the executive board of the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods at the 19th biennial convention in Baltimore. Drs. Harry Fusselman and Patrick Kennedy were among a group honored at the 50th Rayen-South football game. Dr. William D. Loeser spoke at a recent meeting of the Youngstown Rotary Club. Along with Dr. Loeser were Drs. Hecetn, Baldwinsson and Mathur interns at Youngstown Hospital. They spoke on medicine in the United States and their homeland. Dr. Hecetn is from the Philippines, Dr. Baldwinsson from Iceland and Dr. Mathur from India. Drs. Halmos, Saadi, Caccamo, Ruiz and Tiberio are working with the members of the physics department of Thiel College on velocity cardiography. Dr. McGregor represented M.C.M.S. at a meeting of the Mahoning Valley Civil Defense Auxiliary. A plaque from the Medical Society was presented by Dr. McGregor for the services rendered during the Sabin Oral Polio Vaccine campaign. Dr. Gaylord presented a paper on Tetracycline Fluorescence in the diagnosis of cancer of the stomach at the November regional meeting of the American College of Physicians. This has been a research project at St. Elizabeth's Hospital for the past year.

SICK CALL: Dr. J. F. Dulick, a recent patient in North Unit is now back at work. Following an auto accident and hospitalization Dr. Harry Smith is now back at work. Dr. Rummell has also recovered from his recent illness and has returned to work.

—G. E. DeCicco, M.D.

ORTHOPEDIC SOCIETY MEETS

The Youngstown Orthopods were host to the Interstate Orthopedic Society at Tippecanoe Country Club, Oct. 17, 1962. The weather was at its Fall best and several foursomes got off about 10:00 a.m. We were all in and joined the remainder of the forty-nine that had gathered for the meeting that got under way at 2:30 in the afternoon. Representatives from Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia were in attendance. It was a good meeting. Many interesting cases were presented. In fact, the session had to be called at 5:30 because of lack of further time.

It was a good meal and the day was topped off by Dr. George Phalen, orthopedic surgeon from the Cleveland Clinic, presenting his illustrated lecture on tumors of the hand.

Editor's note—I asked Dr. Cook for a report of his meeting and this is it. I just had to submit it, unabridged. Reminds me of my home town paper, "The Newton Daily News," and to read the account is to want to be there in the worst way.

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QUESTION: Does the Social Security Act guarantee payment of future pensions?

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QUESTION: Life insurance companies are required by law to create reserves, from premiums and interest, sufficient to pay all claims. Does the Government accumulate a reserve from which to pay Social Security benefits?

ANSWER: No. The original act (1935) provided for a special Treasury account as a reserve against future benefit payments. But a few years later the plan for an actuarially sound reserve was abandoned, presumably because the necessary taxes were politically unattractive.

QUESTION: Is there no fund earmarked for Social Security benefit payments?

ANSWER: Yes, there is the Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund. But they total only a small fraction of the amount necessary for an actuarially sound reserve.

QUESTION: Does an individual's Social Security benefit bear a logical relation to his contributions (the taxes he has paid)?

ANSWER: No, there are great inequities. For example, an elderly couple now receiving benefits worth \$30,000 (at present annuity rates) may have paid only \$681 or less in taxes. Moreover, one man might pay 4 times as much in taxes as another and yet receive a benefit only about twice as large.

QUESTION: Does this mean that under the law one does not "get what he pays for"?

ANSWER: Yes. For many years, our present younger workers will be paying for benefits to people now retiring or their survivors.

QUESTION: Will Social Security benefits be increased to compensate for the continuing loss of purchasing power of the dollar?

ANSWER: Some people apparently hope so, but increase made thus far have been much less than the increase in the cost of living. To close the gap would necessitate greatly increased taxes.

How many of the above questions were you able to answer? Some defects in the original act that invited "chiseling" have been eliminated, but many provisions have been made more liberal by new legislation.

The publication, "What will social security mean to you?", is intended to explain how the act will affect your personal, financial, and business interests. The nontechnical information is arranged in six main sections as follows: I. Social Security, What It Aims To Do and How It Grew; II. Federal Old-Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance; III. Social Security and Your Insurance and Retirement Plans; IV. Unemployment Insurance; V. Public Welfare, Health and Assistance; VI. The Future of the Social Security Act.

The publication may be ordered by sending \$1.00 (Special price: \$2.00 for 3 copies) to: American Institute for Economic Research, Great Barrington, Massachusetts.

MEDICAL LEGAL COMMITTEE REPORT

A meeting of the Medical Legal Committee was held at which the present status of the relationship between the medical and legal professions was considered. Preliminary plans to meet the local needs for next year were discussed.

—Sidney Franklin, M.D., LL.B. Chairman

"LEAVES OF LIFE"

Tribute to Late Physician

A volume of poetry by the late Dr. Warren Deweese Coy of Youngstown, "LEAVES OF LIFE," has just been published by Dorrance & Co. of Philadelphia.

Dr. Coy's poetry reveals a depth of thought, a soundness of wisdom, an understanding of man and of nature as expressed by only those who are our immortals in literature. The recollections, dreams and tributes of a physician, sensitive to the beauties of nature and to the vicissitudes of his fellow man, the publisher says.

Attended Normal School

Warren Deweese Coy received his bachelor of science degree from Northeast Ohio Normal School in Canfield and a doctor of medicine degree from Eclectic Medical College, Cincinnati. After postgraduate work, he earned another doctor of medicine degree at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, University of Illinois.

Following a few years of practice he was admitted as a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. He practiced medicine in Canfield and in Youngstown, where he lived and continued in his profession until his retirement.

Dr. Coy was born June 28, 1872, and died July 16, 1953. This volume of his collected poems is published posthumously by his wife, Alma.

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Washington Newsletter

UPHILL FIGHT FOR MEDICARE. President Kennedy will see more friendly faces in the new Congress, but he still will have an uphill fight for his medicare program. The November elections failed to produce any national tide for the Social Security approach to aged health care. In most races, the issue was overshadowed by the Cuban crisis, high taxes, and other bread-and-butter questions. The Democrats made important gains in the Senate and defied off-year election tradition by nearly holding their own in the House. In the process, they made some inroads into conservative strength. Speaker John McCormack (D., Mass.), therefore, was moved to predict that "the great Democratic victory" would brighten the prospects of the President's medicare legislation. But Republicans took sharp issue with the claim, insisting there has been little or no shift toward the liberals, particularly in the House. It is also a fact that the Republican-Southern Democrat coalition is just about as strong as ever. And powerful conservatives are still in command of most of the committees that can make or break legislation being championed by the White House.

NO CLEAR-CUT MANDATE. In Senate races in which medicare played a role, the voters generally failed to provide a clear-cut mandate for the President's proposals. Democrat Sidney R. Yates, for example, backed medicare strongly in his Illinois campaign but fell before Senate Republican Leader Everett M. Dirksen, who voted against the Social Security approach. Former HEW Secretary Abraham A. Ribicoff, who led the medicare fight for the administration, rode to a comfortable victory in Connecticut. But conservative Republican Rep. Peter H. Dominick, who campaigned against medicare scored an upset victory over liberal Sen. John A. Carroll in Colorado. Sen. George A. Smathers, Democrat who opposed medicare, ccasted to re-election in Florida. In the same state, however, a former Democratic senator, Claude Pepper, used the aged care issue to help win a House seat. And in New York, Dr. Angelo S. D'eloia, who campaigned on the President's proposal, fell to Republican Rep. John R. Pillion.

The point is that in these and many other similar races across the country, aged care usually was not the decisive factor. This was particularly true in the case of the physicians who ran for Congress. Redistricting, for example, played a more important role than aged care in the defeats of 2 veteran Republican congressmen, Drs. Walter H. Judd of Minnesota and Ivor D. Fenton of Pennsylvania.

In California, Dr. Daniel Beltz, a Republican, never really was given a chance against the veteran Rep. James Roosevelt, and Republican Dr. William R. Thomas was in the same unenviable position in his race against Rep. Harry R. Sheppard, a Democrat who first went to Congress in 1937. Dr. Jack C. Redman, Albuquerque physician, ran a good race against Democratic Rep. Joseph M. Montoya in New Mexico, but lost. Dr. Louis H. Williams, Richmond obstetrician, tried to unseat an incumbent congressman in Virginia, and Dr. Kenneth G. Jones, a Little Rock surgeon, challenged Sen. J. William Fullbright in Arkansas; the Southern tradition against Republicans, however, and other factors were too much for the doctors.

Incumbent physicians winning re-election were Democratic Sen. Ernest Gruening of Alaska, Republic Rep. Durward G. Hall of Missouri, and Democratic Rep. Thomas E. Morgan, chairman of the House foreign affairs committee. In addition, Dr. James D. Weaver, Erie, Pa., Republican, defeated a businessman to bring a new physician to Congress. The total number of physicians is less than in the last Congress, but there is little evidence that

this reflects any public dissatisfaction with doctors or with their stand on medicare.

The new 88th Congress, in short, is not remarkably different from the 87th. President Kennedy will have some new political and psychologic leverage—but not a free hand.

—*Modern Medicine, November 26, 1962*

NCR ADVISORS SAY:

No Health Danger from Iodine 131

Extra precautions or countermeasures against iodine 131 in milk consumed by children would be wasted effort, according to a report on the subject by a special group assembled from the National Academy of Sciences—National Research Council Committee on the Pathologic Effects of Atomic Radiation.

The group, headed by Shields Warren of Boston, reported that ingestion of I-131 was a lesser carcinogen than diagnostic x-rays and that it had failed to find a single case of human thyroid cancer caused by known radiation levels of I-131.

ACR members Richard H. Chamberlain and Antolin Raventos, both of Philadelphia, sat as members of the study group.

The group noted that I-131 may be received from direct or scatter x-ray exposure, as radioactive iodine for diagnosis or therapy or as a byproduct of nuclear fission released into the environment. Its eight-day half-life rules out most of the danger of skin absorption or ingestion in drinking water. Similarly the time lag from harvest to consumption of most foods reduces I-131 to an undetectable level. Milk is the principal exception, being consumed normally after a relatively short processing time.

The group noted the generalization that a presumed higher milk consumption among children coincided with a presumed greater sensitivity to radiation. They pointed out that the tendency of the thyroid to collect stable or radioactive iodine limited any dose elsewhere in the body from an iodine source to inconsequential levels.

"The principal effects, which have been observed only after high doses of iodine, include a decrease in the metabolic activity of the gland, and at still higher doses, an atrophy of epithelial cells, and the appearance of numbers of atypical cells. These changes in function and structure are seen only after doses of thousands of rads. Thyroid cancer is an uncommon result, seen to date only in animals," the group stated.

"The use of I-131 was introduced into clinical medicine about 25 years ago and for 15 years it has been widely used in a variety of diagnostic procedures . . . Not one case of thyroid cancer induction has come to our attention from the thousands of patients (most of them adults) who have undergone these procedures," the group emphasized.

"The principal uses of I-131 are in the treatment of hyperthyroidism and in the management of some cases of thyroid cancer . . . There is no evidence at hand except for one doubtful case in a child, that any of the treatments for hyperthyroidism has produced a thyroid cancer, although doses have ranged from a few thousand rads upward.

"From this and other evidence, it appears that I-131 is considerably less effective than comparable doses of externally applied x-rays in producing thyroid cancer. The magnitude of the difference cannot be stated since not a single confirmed case due to I-131 is known."

—*Reprinted from American College of Radiology Bulletin*

DR. MURRAY—ROUND THE WORLD IN FIFTY DAYS

Dr. Richard Murray left Youngstown in October to attend the annual meeting of the American Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery held October 7th in Honolulu, Hawaii. While in attendance he presented an original paper entitled, "The Treatment of Keloids with Kenalog in combination with Roentgen Therapy." This study represents a three year period of experimental work and will be published in the Journal of the American Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery.

From Honolulu Dr. Murray went to Japan as a representative of the American Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery to attend the Annual meeting of the Japanese Society of Plastic Surgery in Kyoto. While there he solicited entries to the Art Exhibit which is to be held in Washington, D.C. in conjunction with the International Association of Plastic Surgery. Dr. Murray is a member of the Art Exhibit committee for that meeting.

From Japan, Teheran, via Hong Kong was visited to present a paper on Reconstructive Surgery at the Sheibani Hospital. He visited Dr. Davoud Kazemi, a former surgical resident of the Youngstown Hospital Association. Dr. Murray returned to the United States via Athens, Paris, Edinburg and Brussels. From Louvain he brought back the two children of Dr. Van der Fyver who have been visiting their grandparents for the summer.

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MEET YOUR LEGISLATORS

Ohio State legislators have been invited to the December meeting of the Mahoning County Medical Society so that members may meet them socially.

Senators from the 23rd district, Charles J. Carney, and James H. Grose, and Representatives from Mahoning County, Thomas J. Barrett, Thomas P. Gilmartin and G. D. Tablack have received invitations.

All members are urged to come early and to take advantage of the opportunity of talking to these men and to exchange ideas on medical legislation. They have been invited to attend the social hour at 6:00 and the dinner at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 18, at the Mural Room.

MEDICAL ASSISTANTS SOCIETY YEAR-END REPORT

As 1962 draws to a close we realize this completes our second year of existence. It has been a very busy year and we hope profitable educationally to the girls who have taken advantage of the opportunities presented to them.

The Medical Assistants of Mahoning County have steadily grown and our membership now numbers 82. The installation of officers was held in January at the Pick-Ohio Hotel. Our guest speaker was Dr. Schreiber speaking on "Medicare". Our program has been varied and informative. We have had several interesting tours, such as the Woodside Receiving Hospital and the Hearing and Speech Center. Our speakers have included Dr. S. W. Chaisson, representatives from the Associated Hospital Services, Raymond Brenner and Miss Ruth Weisent of the Ohio Bell Telephone Co.

The girls aided the Mahoning County Medical Society in the Sabin Oral Polio Vaccine Program in December of 1961, February and May of this year. In April, the society, adopted a resolution in opposition to the King-Anderson Bill and mailed the resolution to Senators Lausche and Young, and to the Ohio members of the United States House of Representatives. A campaign of personal letters was taken over by the membership as a whole and I'm sure that both our senators and state representatives know by the amount of correspondence received from this area that we have a working group.

In June we held our first workshop and thanks to the Educational Chairman Miss Queen and her committee it was very successful. The sessions were held at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, to whom we owe our thanks for permitting us to use their facilities. A film on sterilization provided by Wyeth Laboratories was shown, Dr. Leonard Caccamo demonstrated cardiac massage and Dr. John Bowling, a medical resident of the hospital, explained the fundamentals of temperature, pulse and respiration. Needless to say, the workshop indicated our need for further education which we hope to achieve through the organization.

Our card party and style show was a success and with the proceeds we shall enlarge our educational program. Several members attended the State Convention in Cleveland and came home with many new ideas to help our society. At our annual meeting in October the election of 1963 officers was held and Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws were presented and accepted.

During the months of October and November fourteen girls took the Home Nursing Course presented by the Red Cross. Contributions of \$200.00 to the Library of the Stambaugh Nurses' Home, \$75.00 to St. Elizabeth's Hospital, \$10.00 to the Community Chest and \$25.00 to the Red Cross were made. To round out the year a Christmas party will be held at the Pick-Ohio Hotel. The retiring officers and members of the organization can deservedly say "well done" for we have not only served our Community but helped ourselves to better serve others.

—Mrs. Louise Ferguson

DOCTORS ENTERTAIN ASSISTANTS

The annual dinner for medical assistants grows bigger and better every year, with one hundred and fifty-five attending the 1962 version at the Mural Room on November 8th.

The dinner was preceded by a social hour. Entertainment was provided by a jazz trio, The Moderns. Every girl attending received a gift, and a number of door-prizes were awarded.

Chairman was Dr. S. D. Goldberg assisted by Dorothy Klein. Special guests were Dr. C. W. Stertzbach, Mrs. Mildred Butcher, who is president of the Medical Assistants Society, Dr. W. B. Hardin, Medical Assistants Advisory chairman, and Dr. A. A. Detesco, Public Relations chairman.

Physician's Car Expenses Only Partly Deductible

A PHYSICIAN'S CAR expenses were only partly deductible, an appeals court agrees.

The doctor used the car to make house calls, to go to and from his office and home, for trips to and from social gatherings and for traveling to medical meetings. He owned another car that was devoted primarily to family use.

The taxpayer claimed all of the business car's operating outlays and depreciation as a deduction on the ground he was constantly "on call" and therefore the car was always being used for business purposes. The Tax Court, in a 1961 decision, allowed deductions in a taxable year of no more than 85%. It ruled, among other things, that expenses incurred between the taxpayer's home and place of practice were non-deductible commuting outlay. The Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals goes along with the lower court's opinion.

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The Auxiliary Dance held on November 17th at the Youngstown Country Club was greatly enjoyed by 273 persons. This charity affair, with Dorothy Shorr as the very capable and efficient chairman, provided enough profit to assure the granting of two Nurses' scholarships this year, as the Auxiliary has been doing each year in the past. The Administrators of St. Elizabeth Hospital and the Youngstown Hospital Association will submit names of prospective nursing students who need financial help, and the Auxiliary will choose one name from each hospital's list. Two young girls who might otherwise be unable to become nurses without our financial help, will each receive a \$450 scholarship for one year's expenses. These scholarships may be renewed each year until the student graduates. The financial aid to young nursing students is one of the most important projects of the Auxiliary's activities for the community, for the hospitals, and for the medical profession.

The entertainment at the Dance by the "Docs of Dixieland" was delightful, and they were very enthusiastically received. The seven piece band was started by Dr. Jim Fulks and Dr. Al Mangie about two years ago, and they play at medical conventions, hospital affairs and charity dances. Dr. Fulks is the pianist of the group; Dr. Mangie plays the accordion; Dr. Tony Altieri, clarinet; Dr. Ed Beynon, trombone, Dr. Pax Jones, drums; Dr. Bob Kiskadon, trumpet; and Mr. Lou Heyer, bass viol. They get together once and sometimes twice a month for practice sessions and have a good time playing together as a band. It seems there is no recognized or unrecognized leader of this fine group! As Dr. Jim Fulks says, "We kind of all agree on what we'll play and where we'll play, and then we just start playing and having fun." The two senior nursing students who danced so well were Miss Karen Walkama and Miss Meribeth Reinault, both very talented young ladies, who added to the enjoyment provided by the wonderful 'Docs of Dixieland'.

Assisting Dorothy Shorr in the tremendous task of arranging for the evening's success were Mary Chiasson, Peggy Saadi and Annette Loeser. Music for dancing was played by the Ernie Mitchell quartette, who did a splendid job of getting so many to want to go out on the dance floor and really enjoy themselves. A delicious buffet was served at midnight, and now we can all look forward to the Auxiliary's charity dance next year.

The Auxiliary participated in the distribution of kits for Diabetes Week, which was from November 11 to 17. Muriel Altman, who is our very competent Community Services Chairman, planned the Auxiliary's part in this national program, and the following "agreed to volunteer" their services: Pearl Gelbman, Mary Chiasson, Molly McGregor, Blanche Weickenand, Caroline Resch, Gladys Young, Irene Randell, Jean Weiss, and Margot Wegner. They delivered the special diabetes kits to each doctor's office. The kits are issued free by the American Diabetes Association in New York City and consist of pills for testing for diabetes, and educational material and

posters for display. The radio, TV, and newspaper coverage was excellent and urged everyone to go to a doctor's office to be tested for diabetes without charge.

FLASH! All Auxiliary dues must be paid by the end of this month. If you have forgotten, please, please, call Margot Wegner or Helena Costantini, and they will be most happy to pick up your check. In fact, if you call them and tell them which bank you use, they will write the check for you, and bring it up to your home for signature—and a cup of coffee! Please do attend to this. The dues are only \$5.50 a year. Helena is treasurer and most anxious to close her books, so do pay up, since we do not want to worry her—in her condition!

Annette Loeser, who is Chairman of the A.M.A.E.R.F. Committee (American Medical Association Education and Research Fund), has only a few boxes of playing cards left for sale. She will be able to order more, if you let her know as soon as possible as to how many you want. A box of two decks sells for only two dollars and we make a profit of 90 cents on each box, which goes as a contribution, in addition to the usual \$300 donation to the A.M.A.E.R.F. annually from the Auxiliary. The cards are most attractive—they come in various colors—and are truly a good buy. Any ordinary box of two decks would sell for at least \$2.50 or more, so that the two dollars you would pay for ours is quit a bargain. Please call Annette—reserve your boxes of playing cards and solve the problem of what to give to some friends. Will you call now? Annette will be happy to deliver them directly to you.

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—Charlotte M. Tandatnick
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With the average length of stay of patients in this area increasing over recent years, the Medical Advisory Committee of The Board of Trustees of Associated Hospital Service, Inc. has been studying this matter. This committee is comprised of the following: J. M. Ranz, Chairman, C. W. Stiertzbach, and R. V. Clifford.

The increasing length of stay has dramatic implications from the standpoint of cost. For example if the average length of stay were cut by only one half day it would reduce Blue Cross cost on existing patients by approximately \$462,000 per year. Of course, it is recognized that if the stay were reduced this money would not be saved but that the beds so released would be filled by someone else. This however, is much to be desired. Students of the problem of financing hospital care point out that perhaps the most important problem now facing us is to take steps to assure that the most effective and efficient utilization is made of existing beds and facilities. If this is done and reduces or eliminates the need for the building of new beds, there is tremendous long range savings to not only Blue Cross, but the total community.

With this in mind the committee discovered that in the Indiana and the Toledo Blue Cross areas that "Reconfirmation Programs" have been started whereby Blue Cross confirms original admissions for a certain number of days and if it is necessary for the patient to stay longer, the attending physician must then complete a form provided by Blue Cross indicating this need. The program has worked well in these two areas, and in view of this success, the committee is requesting the staffs at St. Elizabeth and Youngstown Hospital Association to co-operate on a 12 day Reconfirmation Program. In other words the appropriate form must be completed by the attending physician for any patient requiring more than 12 days of care before Blue Cross would approve the additional days of care.

The members of the Medical Advisory Committee urge the co-operation of the members of the Mahoning County Medical Society in this matter. If the average length of stay can be reduced through this and other methods and thus increase the effective utilization of existing beds, and in turn reduce or eliminate the need for new building programs, it is apparent that long range savings can be realized by the entire community.

—J. Ranz, M.D.
Chairman

Chest Physicians Connect Smoking, Respiratory Ills

The Board of Regents of the American College of Chest Physicians has adopted a resolution declaring its belief in a connection between cigarette smoking and various pulmonary and cardiovascular conditions.

"The weight of scientific evidence distinctly indicates that cigarette smoking and the inhalation of other atmospheric pollutants have an association relationship which strongly suggests a casual connection with chronic bronchitis, pulmonary emphysema, cor pulmonale, cardiovascular diseases and cancer of the lung," the group stated.

The chest physicians urged other members of the medical profession to join them in educational efforts to inform the public about the hazards of smoking.

In the June, 1962, meeting of the American Medical Association House of Delegates, the delegate from the ACCP introduced the resolution which led to the establishment of an A.M.A. study group to investigate health aspects of smoking. —Reprinted from American College of Radiology Bulletin



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	Resident		Non-Resident		Total
	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Births	126	130	147	138	541
Deaths	81	62	44	42	229
Infants Deaths	1	3	1	3	8

OCTOBER, 1961

Births	157	147	169	183	656
Deaths	99	61	58	47	265
Infants Deaths	7	2	3	1	13

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

	October, 1962		October, 1961	
	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths
Chicken Pox	5	0	16	0
Diphtheria	0	0	0	0
Measles	3	0	1	0
Mumps	9	0	21	0
Polio	0	0	0	0
Scarlet Fever	1	0	1	0
Tuberculosis	2	1	21	1
Typhoid Fever	0	0	0	0
Whooping Cough	0	0	0	0
Gonorrhea	23	0	27	0
Syphilis	3	0	5	0
Infectious Hepatitis	0	0	2	0
Rheumatic Fever	1	0	4	0

VENEREAL DISEASES

New Cases	Male	Female
Syphilis	2	1
Gonorrhea	16	7
Total Patients		26
Total Visits (Patients)		131

SALUTE TO 1962

The officers, council and delegates who served for the past year deserve recognition for their work on behalf of all Mahoning County physicians.

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