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Our President Speaks

It is well known that more useful years of life are lost because of *Trauma* than of any disease, including cancer and heart disease. This is a matter of startling significance since, for the most part, people involved in automobile and other accidents are generally healthy and in their active, productive years of life.

In this age of increased emphasis on speed and travel a growing increase in problems associated with the management of the injured becomes apparent. We can add to this the great number injured in accidents associated with heavy construction in an era of unprecedented industrial and community development.



As physicians, therefore, we face an increasing responsibility with regard to the management of the injured. The necessity for expanding our knowledge of *Trauma* in the light of its ever changing aspects, is quite evident. Not only is it necessary to maintain our own self-education in this field but, it is essential that we project our activities into the community and enlist the aid of lay groups and educate them to the principles of first aid and the early care of traumatic cases, including their proper transportation. Such education should extend to lay groups, to include all individuals and agencies dealing with any aspect of *Trauma*.

It is good to report that a local Committee of the American College of Surgeons, all members of our Society, is already active in this regard. This Committee, headed by Dr. W. D. McElroy also comprises members of our Society who are not members of the College or Surgeons in the sphere of medical practice but are enlisted to assist in its nationwide program in meeting problems of *Trauma* on a local scale. The local professional committee on *Trauma* will add to it a representative of the Dental Society, Mayor's Office, Civil Defense, American Red Cross, Mahoning County Bar Association, Safety Council, the Board of Education, Ambulance Agencies, Industry, Chamber of Commerce, Police and Fire Departments, Sheriff's office, Traffic agencies and service clubs. Committees on *Trauma* in our local hospitals will stress the education of *Trauma* to their professional staffs. Furthermore, the local Committee on *Trauma* will participate in the offices of the whole community, wherever *Trauma* may be a factor.

In taking steps to establish well coordinated programs for the immediate management of the injured, for their proper transportation and subsequent management in all of our hospitals, our *Trauma* committee will indicate the importance of laymen participation and will utilize films, speakers, etc. to a better education of everyone concerned with the management of the injured. It is fully evident that we must jointly study the aspects of *Trauma* peculiar to an area such as ours and in so doing we will be fully prepared to offer the finest approach to matters of *Trauma* as they occur in the individual case, in small disasters or in catastrophic disasters.

With everyone of us making it a point to become interested in all facets of the problem, our Society will lead our community not only to an

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CORRECT PROCEDURE

Elsewhere in this issue under "Proceedings of Council" one finds notice of the founding of the North-East Ohio Society of Internal Medicine. This, in itself is a noteworthy item of news.

Of considerable more pertinence to this particular article is the fact that the first public announcement was made to the County Society. This is indeed a welcome recognition and consideration of correct procedure.

So many of us have come forward in so many different capacities doing and saying what we would, seemingly representing, in the eyes of our laymen-listeners, the opinion of organized medicine.

To say that this has stemmed entirely from the human, selfish desire to seem to be the authority on a particular subject would be erroneous. It is often as much the fault of organized medicine itself for failing to establish in a democratic fashion a distinct unequivocal policy binding upon all of its members.

In such a muddled situation, it is entirely understandable how certain lay-people and organizations have taken it upon themselves to speak for us and to lead the way in our field of endeavor—a field where medical opinion should lead and go unchallenged.

If we are to succeed in meeting our obligations to our patients, to society, to ourselves, and to the generations to come we must lead in this sphere in the firm conviction of our right, obligation, and duty to do so. We cannot do this as a disorganized Society.

Strong efforts are being made to establish the County Society in its rightful place as the representative of the doctors of this area. We who constitute this group must yield this authority to the Society, and to this end we must willingly subject ourselves to the necessary discipline.

In the light of this it is refreshing to note that the Mahoning County Society was the recipient of the first public announcement of the formation of this new group. It is equally refreshing to note that in their endeavors for the public good it is the intention of this group to work within the framework of the County Society.

COUNCILOR'S PAGE

Your Council met on Saturday, February 23 at 2:00 P.M. and was in session until Sunday morning 12:45, with a brief time out for dinner. Most of our time was spent in studying current legislative proposals. You are being advised, periodically through your legislative committee when your help is needed to pass the good bills and defeat the bad ones.

We took final action on a proposed model constitution and By-laws for county societies. This will help you bring your constitution up to date, if you haven't revised it recently. You need not adopt this constitution; it merely serves as a guide, and helps you conform with the state constitution.



We took final action on a proposed model code of relations between doctors and lawyers. Your president and secretary have already received a copy of this code, and will present it to Council and/or Membership for study and applications to local situations.

We wish the conference on February 24 might have had a larger attendance. This is, I think, the most important meeting of the year. It makes the new presidents and other officers and committee members realize their responsibilities and how much your council depends on "grass-roots" thinking and action for solutions of these problems. You will find a report on other pages of this journal and in the State Journal. *After listening to our Washington representative I came away, discouraged about the future of private practice of medicine.* "Health legislation" is a popular topic with our National legislators. The expense of the Public Health Service has risen from 1940 to 1958 from 29 million to 3 billion. This has been influenced to a great extent by lay health organizations such as the cancer society and heart association, etc. Wagner-Murry-Dingle has again been introduced, and would give complete care, if inacted into legislation. Veterans care cost is mounting, as well as care for the aged. All of these and others I haven't mentioned, have become a Frankenstein.

Is "Medicare" a pattern of things to come for other government paid individuals? Is all this progress? Does it represent free thoughts of free men? We must face up to these facts! Private practice of medicine has not failed. But do our patients at the local level know of the dangers of the proposed legislations? Do they inform Congress? Have we and our patients helped our congressmen understand the problems and helped them meet the arguments of the social planners?

Seven associations, including the American Medical Association, have banded together into a national organization to promote legislation for establishment of voluntary pension plans for the self-employed, the Jenkins-Keogh proposal long supported by the AMA. Name of the new organization is "American Thrift Assembly for Ten Million Self-Employed." Its headquarters are in Washington, at 1025 Connecticut Avenue. F. Joseph Donohue, Washington attorney, is national chairman.

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The objective is passage of legislation to authorize deferment of income tax on a portion of income if put into a retirement or annuity program, with tax to be paid as the money is received back in the form of retirement benefits. Under present law, corporations need not pay taxes on money put into retirement plans for their employees, but the self-employed are denied this advantage.

Your Council will meet again on April 27th.

—C. A. Gustafson, M. D.

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awareness of the problem, but to an efficient handling of traumatic problems.

Furthermore, as a Society we are proud to provide capable professional leadership in extending the program of the American College of Surgeons and thereby take the lead in carrying the program to proper direction in our community.

—S. W. Ondash, M. D.

OHIO STATE HEART ASSN.

A scientific session for all physicians interested in heart disease will be a feature of the annual meeting of the Ohio State Heart Association, Monday, May 13, at the Deshler-Hilton Hotel, Columbus.

The afternoon session, 1:45 to 4:15 P.M., will include a talk on arteriosclerosis and a panel discussion of the treatment of heart failure.

Dale P. Osborn, M.D., Cincinnati, will preside over the program as follows:

Arteriosclerosis, a talk by Ancel Keys, Ph.D., Director, Laboratory of Physiological Hygiene, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, 1:45 to 2:45 P. M.

"Treatment of Heart Failure," a panel moderated by Howard B. Sprague, M. D., Lecturer on Medicine, Harvard Medical School, Bookline, Mass., 2:55 to 4:15 P. M. This panel will include the following presentations: "Fluid Electrotypes", John G. Snavely, M. D., Pathologist and Director of Medical Education, Maumee Valley Hospital, Toledo; "Diuretics", Joseph M. Ryan, M. D., Ohio State University, Columbus; "Digitalis Administration", Harold Feil, M. D., Cleveland; "Diet," J. Harold Kotte, M. D., Cincinnati.

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For Post-Graduate Day we had a group from the University of Michigan consisting of A. C. Furstenberg, Frank N. Wilson, Frederick Caller, Cameron Haight and John M. Sheldon. The attendance was not as good as usual due to a big meeting in Pittsburgh the same day, but Secretary Poling said about 400 attended.

President Fuzy wrote, "When you hear the work 'clique' used to designate a group in an organization, you can be almost certain that the word is used to denote those men who are actively concerned about Society activity, namely workers."

Members were invited to the Mahoning County Bar Association's gridiron show entitled "Frolics and Colics of 1937" at the Hotel Ohio. It was a musical show with the Medical-Dental Orchestra in the pit. It was a hilarious comedy written by Verne Cailor and the high spot was a song and dance number put on by Oscar Kaufman.

Dr. J. G. Brody died in March. He was a modest, scholarly man and most of us who saw him in his busy general practice did not know that he was listed in "American Men of Science" as the man who with Hatcher at Cornell University developed the Hatcher and Brody cat method of standardizing digitalis. He taught physiology at Georgia Medical College and the New York Homeopathic Medical College. In his later years he returned to Youngstown and was appointed cardiologist on the staff of St. Elizabeth's Hospital. His son now practices cardiology in Memphis and his nephew David Brody is practicing surgery in Youngstown.

Peter Boyle was abroad studying obstetrics and gynecology at the Rotunda in Dublin. E. C. Baker addressed the Cleveland Radiological Society. W. H. Bunn and John McCann appeared on the program of the OSMA meeting at Dayton. Dr. Richard V. Clifford became a member of the Society.

Ten Years Ago — April, 1947

The group scheduled from Temple University for Post-Graduate Day that year was composed of W. Emery Burnett, O. Spurgeon English, John Lansbury, J. Robert Willson and C. D. Jackson. Dr. Willson was late getting here because of plane trouble and Dr. Eleanor Steel came instead of English but everyone was happy and the day was the usual big success. Most of the lectures were abstracted in the May Bulletin which was a very acceptable innovation. Gabe De Cicco worked his head off as usual.

The Veterans Administration opened a medical office in the Union National Bank Bldg. in charge of Dr. Sidney Franklin. His Bulletin article explained in detail the procedure to be followed in the medical care of Veterans. No doubt it seemed simple to Dr. Franklin but most of us became confused after the first paragraph. In the opinion of this writer the system for out-patient medical care of Veterans is the most complicated and confusing thing yet devised.

Dr. Ray Hall's article on "Tonsillectomy And Poliomyelitis" said that there was no statistical nor experimental proof so far of any true relationship between poliomyelitis and tonsillectomy.

In his article on "The Rabies Problem," R. W. Beede said that the existence of rabies as a prevalent disease in any community that has the means to control it, is an indefensible outrage!

Dr. Firestone's paper on "Ulcerative Colitis" was well written and after ten years nothing of importance could be added to it.

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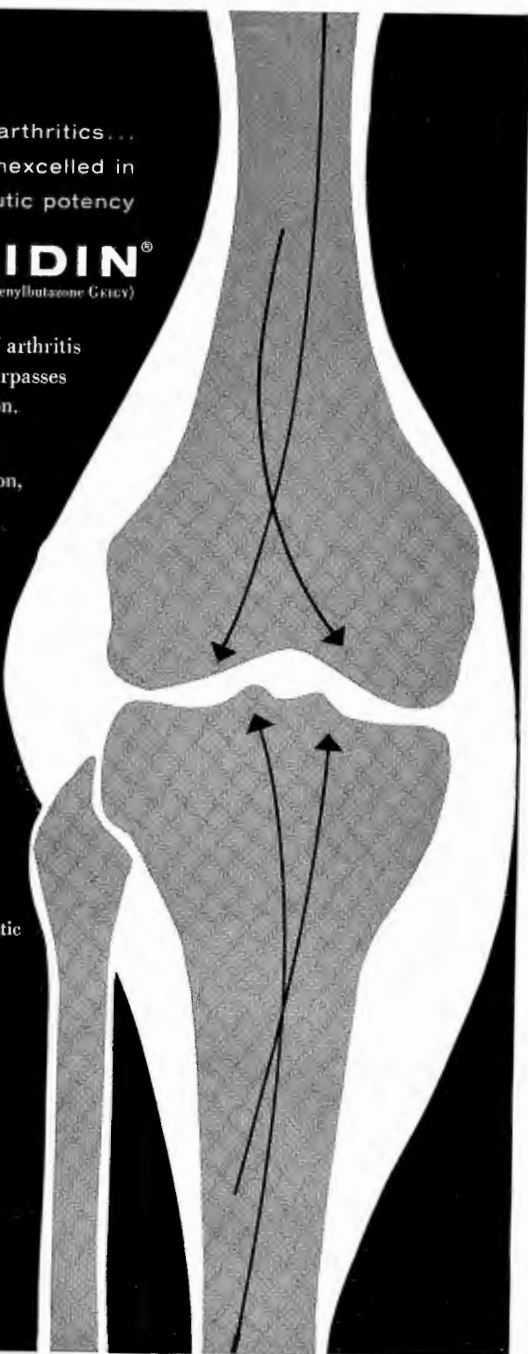
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Morris Rosenblum was studying internal medicine at the Mayo Clinic. Milton Yarmy was at the New York Post-Graduate Medical School. J. K. Herald was studying Proctology at the New York Polyclinic. C. W. Stertz-bach arrived in town to be associated with E. J. Wenaacs. Dr. Louis Bloomberg opened his office for the practice of ophthalmology. J. L. Scarnecchia completed a residency at Lakeside Hospital and resumed his practice of obstetrics and gynecology.

Andrew Detesco and Sidney Keyes were proud fathers of new born sons.

—J. L. F.

ODDS and ENDS

Dr. David B. Brown had a paper entitled *The Electron Microscopy of the Human Liver* published in the January 1957 issue of *Gastroenterology*.

Dr. Paul Ruth and Dr. George Pugh recently took a two week post-graduate course in eye surgery at New York University.

Mrs. David Brody, who is president, and Mrs. Sidney Davidow, who is first vice-president of the Youngstown Section of the National Council of Jewish Women attended a convention of two thousand women in Washington D. C. during March. While they were there they had dinner with Congressman Kirwin.

A recent three car crash on Fifth Avenue damaged the home of Dr. T. K. Golden. A wheel was knocked off of one of the cars involved; it sped across the lawn and crashed through a storm door. Police are seeking the unidentified driver who left the car at the scene of the accident.

Congratulations to Dr. Clyde Walters of Canfield who recently submitted a paper entitled *Allergy As A Cause of Genito-Urinary Symptoms* to American College of Allergists in Chicago. It is our hope in the near future to publish the entire paper.

Dr. and Mrs. Lewis Shensa recently spent a weekend in Pittsburgh.

To Florida: Dr. and Mrs. John Goldcamp.

Dr. and Mrs. A. E. Rappoport.

Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Hardin.

Dr. and Mrs. Harold Chevlen

Dr. and Mrs. Gene Fry

To Bermuda: Dr. and Mrs. Mathay.

May 11 is the date of the Annual Medical-Dental Dance at Youngstown Country Club.

Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Mermis attended the American College of Allergists Meeting at the Palmer House in Chicago on March 19.

Miss Joy Scarnecchia, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. John L. Scarnecchia, recently won an award for her design of a model home to built on the campus at Stephens College where she is a senior.

Dr. Henry L. Shorr is driving about town in his new pink and black Thunderbird.

Dr. and Mrs. A. K. Phillips recently spent two weeks in New York City visiting Mrs. Phillips' family.

Dr. Sidney Franklin is a member of the practicing Law Institute Committee of the Cuyahoga County Bar Association. On the evening of March 20, 1957 at the Hollenden Hotel in Cleveland, Ohio, he presided over a medicolegal session. On the program, Dr. Frederick S. Coombs, Jr. gave an address on "Trauma in Internal Medicine", which was very well received.

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PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL

March 11, 1957

The regular monthly meeting of the Council of the Mahoning County Medical Society was held at the offices of Dr. N. W. Neidus, 318 Fifth Ave. Youngstown, Ohio, on Monday, March 11, 1957.

The following doctors were present: S. W. Ondash, President presiding, A. A. Detesco, G. E. DeCicco, C. C. Wales, H. P. McGregor, F. G. Schlecht, A. K. Phillips, G. W. Stertzbach, M. W. Neidus, comprising the Council also J. J. McDonough and A. Goudsmit.

Meeting was called to order at 9:10 p. m.

Minutes of the January 15 Meeting and the special meeting held January 29 were read and approved.

Dr. Goudsmit read the following letter from North-East Ohio Society of Internal Medicine, dated March 11, 1957 and directed to the Society.

It is a privilege and a pleasure to announce to you on behalf of Doctor John Noll, Vice President, Doctor Hugh M. Bennett, Secretary-Treasurer, the members, and myself, that within the last month we have founded the North-East Ohio Society of Internal Medicine, with headquarters in Youngstown, Ohio. We feel that this, the first public announcement of the establishment of this organization, might be made most appropriately to you since, at the present time, the majority of us are members of this County Medical Society.

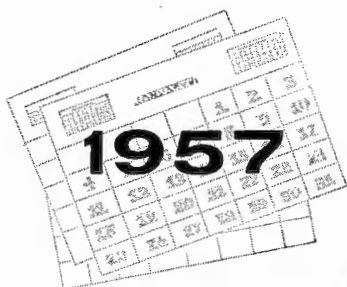
For some time there had been a growing feeling among many internists that it would be valuable to have a forum for the consideration of the special problems related to the private practice of their speciality. These problems, as discussions among our group showed, pertained particularly to matters of public relations, medical economics, and continuing post-graduate education. It occurred to us that the lack of understanding among the public, as well as among part of the profession, of the type of services which the internist is prepared to provide have caused difficulty of securing adequate recognition thereof, leading, among other matters, to inadequate compensation for the internist's services, directly, as well as under many public and private insurance contracts.

Taking cognizance of the excellent work which had been performed in these areas by the California Society of Internal Medicine, and of the latter's role in aiding the organization of the American Society of Internal Medicine, primarily toward the pursuit of similar purposes, we felt ourselves in accord with the basic premises of these societies, voiced the opinion that an Ohio Society of Internal Medicine might be helpful to the practising internists in our own state, and that an area-type of society might aid in the local setting. The triple goal of fostering a better understanding of our potential contributions, of securing a more realistic economic consideration for the services we render, and of providing additional means toward our continuing education, is conceived as an essential prerequisite if Internal Medicine is to make the greatest and best contribution to the profession by providing superior health services to the public and the community.

Needless to say, we are solemnly determined that, at the local level, these goals shall be pursued within the frame-work of, and in complete cooperation with, the organized medical profession, in the same way as the state and national Societies of Internal Medicine are working harmoniously with their state and national medical associations, in the full understanding of their joint and mutual responsibilities and opportunities for service in the public interest.

—Arnoldus Goudsmit, M. D.
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Dr. Goudsmit discussed the organizational set-up of the new Society and said that there would be a meeting at the Mural Room on April 25, 1957 and that area physicians would be invited.

Dr. Ondash commended Dr. Goudsmit for properly coming to the Society and indicating the planned activity of the new organization. He stated that the Medical Society should always be approached initially by any professional or non-professional group considering the establishment of any health or medical agency or Society. Such procedure will enable the Society to be of greatest benefit and enable it to provide a proper guidance in the conduct of such groups. Dr. Ondash directed the letter to be placed on file.

Dr. Goudsmit explained his connection with the Child Guidance Center and the study of Health services in this community.

Dr. McDonough presented the progress of his committee on Public Health to date and indicated the futile efforts of the Society over the years to obtain a full time Health Commissioner, a physician, with a board of control. They have met several times with Franklin B. Powers, Counsel for the Society and have a well planned program. He explained in detail the expenditures which such a project would entail, including Counsel's fee and printing costs. He also explained that a full time Health Commissioner, a physician trained in public health, would cost the City of Youngstown 12 to 16 thousand dollars a year. Council thanked Dr. McDonough for the work done so far by himself and the committee and the following motion was made seconded and duly passed. "That Council go on record as favoring this project and that the members be given a report and that the committee continue with its work."

Dr. Ondash reported that Dr. Mahar, Chairman, Industrial Health Committee was unable to be present but that he would make a full report of his committee at the next meeting of Council.

Care for the Aged was discussed. The following motion was made, seconded and duly passed. "That the Executive Secretary write to Montefiore Hospital, New York City for a copy of their proceedings in the study of Care for the Aged and that the information be turned over to a committee for study."

Dr. Ondash will appoint a special committee and notify the proper local group of the existence of such a committee and its willingness to meet with them.

Dr. Detesco discussed the need for better cooperation between County and City Health officials. He recommended that we invite them to attend our Council meetings.

The following applications were read:

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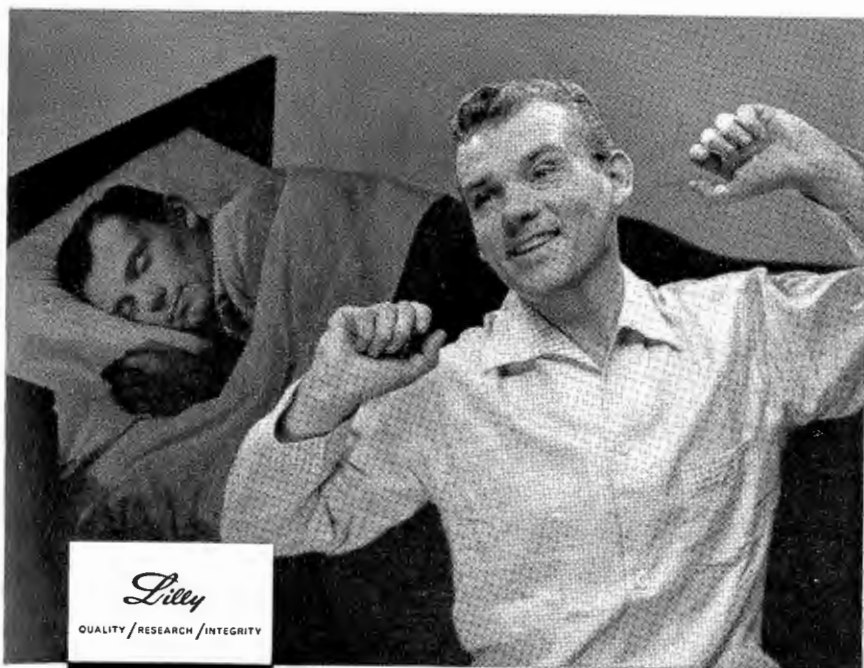
Dr. W. D. MacLean, St. Elizabeth Hospital, Youngstown, Ohio.

Dr. H. C. Gonzalez, St. Elizabeth Hospital, Youngstown, Ohio.

Bills were read.

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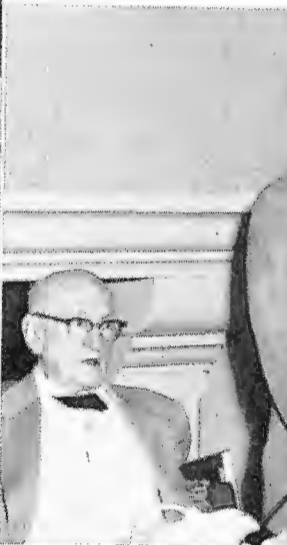
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A feature of the after-dinner program was a talk on mental health by Jack Miller, chief social worker of the Child Guidance Center.

Mrs. James N. Gordon and Mrs. Andrew A. Detesco were co-chairmen with Mrs. Smith in making arrangements, and Mrs. Jack Sines, represented the Engineers' Auxiliary of which she is president.

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MEETINGS — APRIL, 1957

- INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY OF PROCTOLOGY, The Plaza Hotel, New York, N. Y. April 29 - May 2. Dr. Alfred J. Cantor, 43-55 Kissena Blvd., Flushing, N. Y., Secretary.
- THE HARVEY CUSHING SOCIETY, April 25-27. Hotel Statler, Detroit, Michigan. Secretary, David L. Reeves, M. D., 316 W. Junipero St., Santa Barbara, Calif.
- AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR EXPERIMENTAL PATHOLOGY, Chicago. April 15-19. Cyrus G. Erickson, 858 Madison Ave., Memphis 3, Tenn.
- SOCIETY FOR AMERICAN BACTERIOLOGISTS, Detroit. April 28-May 2. J. W. Bailey, Sterling-Winthrop Research Institute, Rensselaer, N. Y.
- ALABAMA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION: Admiral Sermmes Hotel, Mobile, April 18-20. Dr. Douglas L. Cannon, P.O. Box 1788, Montgomery, Secretary.
- AMERICAN ACADEMY OF NEUROLOGY, Sheraton Plaza Hotel, Boston, April 22-27. Mrs. J. C. McKinley, 3501 E. 54th St., Minneapolis 17, Executive Secretary.
- AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF ANATOMISTS, University of Maryland, Baltimore, April 17-19. Dr. Louis B. Flexner, University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, Philadelphia, 4.
- AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF IMMUNOLOGISTS, Conrad Hilton Hotel, Chicago, April 15-19. Dr. F. S. Cheever, University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Med., Sec.
- AMERICAN COLLEGE HEALTH ASSOCIATION, Lord Baltimore Hotel, Baltimore, April 25-27. Dr. Irvin W. Sander, Wayne University, Detroit, Secretary.
- AMERICAN DERMATOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION, Bellevue-Biltmore Hotel, Belleair, Fla., April 13-17. Dr. J. Lamar Callaway, Duke Hospital, Durham, N. C. Secretary.
- AMERICAN INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE ASSOCIATION, Kiel Auditorium, St. Louis, April 22-26. Mr. George D. Clayton, 14125 Prevost, Detroit 27, Executive Secretary.
- AMERICAN PHYSIOLOGICAL SOCIETY, Chicago, April 14-19. Dr. Allan C. Burton, University of Western Ontario, London, Ont., Can., Secretary.
- AMERICAN PROCTOLOGIC SOCIETY, Jung Hotel, New Orleans, April 24-27. Dr. Karl Zimmerman, 3500 Fifth Ave., Pittsburgh 13, Secretary.
- AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR PHARMACOLOGY AND EXPERIMENTAL THERAPEUTICS, Conrad Hilton Hotel, Chicago, April 15-19. Dr. Harold Hodge, University of Rochester, Rochester 20, N. Y., Secretary.
- AMERICAN SOCIETY OF BIOLOGICAL CHEMISTS, Chicago, April 15, Dr. Philip Handler, Duke University, Durham, N. C., Secretary.
- AMERICAN VENERAL DISEASE ASSOCIATION, H.E.W. Department Building, Washington, D. C., April 24-25. Dr. S. Ross Taggart, 300 Indiana Ave., N. W. Washington 1, D. C.
- ARKANSAS MEDICAL SOCIETY, Hotel Marion, Little Rock, April 22-25. Mr. Paul C. Schaefer, 215 Kelley Bldg., Fort Smith, Executive Secretary.
- FEDERATION OF AMERICAN SOCIETIES FOR EXPERIMENTAL BIOLOGY, Chicago, April 15-19. Dr. Milton O. Lee, 9650 Wisconsin Ave., Washington 14, D. C. Secretary.
- INDUSTRIAL MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, Kiel Auditorium, St. Louis, April 22-25. Dr. H. Glenn Gardiner, Inland Steel Company, E. Chicago, Ind., Secretary.

- NEW JERSEY MEDICAL SOCIETY, Haddon Hall, Atlantic City, April 27-May 1. Mr. Richard I. Nevin, 315 W. State St., Trenton 8, Executive Officer.
- SOUTHWESTERN SURGICAL CONGRESS, Broadview Hotel, Wichita, Kan., April 15-17. Dr. C. M. O'Leary, 1215 Medical Arts Bldg., Oklahoma City, Secretary.
- TEXAS MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, Houston, April 28-May 1. Mr. C. Lincoln Wiliston, 1801 N. Lamar Blvd., Austin, Executive Secretary.

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MEETINGS — MAY, 1957

- AMERICAN GOITER ASSOCIATION, Annual meeting in the Statler Hotel, New York City, May 28-30.
- AMERICAN GERIATRICS SOCIETY, May 30-31, Waldorf-Astoria, New York, N. Y. Dr. Richard J. Kraemer, Secretary-Treasurer, 2907 Post Road, Greenwood, R. I.
- INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS, (U. S. Section and Canadian Section) May 30-June 2, White Face Inn, Lake Placid, New York.
- AMERICAN COLLEGE OF CHEST PHYSICIANS, May 29-June 2, New York. Murray Kornfeld, 112 E. Chestnut St., Chicago, Ill.
- AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THORACIC SURGERY, May 4-7. The Palmer House, Chicago, Ill. Secretary, H. T. Langston, M. D., 1919 W. Taylor St., Chicago 12, Illinois.
- AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF GENITO-URINARY SURGEONS. May 1-3. The Homestead, Hot Springs, Va., Secretary, John A. Taylor, M. D. 2 E. 54th St., New York 22, N. Y.
- AMERICAN GYNECOLOGICAL SOCIETY. May 27-29. The Homestead, Hot Springs, Va. Secretary, Andrew A. Marchetti, M. D., Georgetown University Hospital, Washington 7, D. C.
- AMERICAN SURGICAL ASSOCIATION. May 8-10, The Palmer House, Chicago, Illinois, Secretary, R. K. Gilchrist, M. D., 59 E. Madison Street, Chicago 3, Illinois.
- AMERICAN UROLOGICAL ASSOCIATION. May 6-9. William Penn Hotel, Pittsburgh, Pa. Secretary, Samuel L. Raines, M. D., 188 S. Bellevue Blvd., Memphis, Tenn.
- OHIO STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION. May 14-16. Veterans Memorial Building, Columbus.
- AMERICAN PSYCHOSOMATIC SOCIETY, Atlantic City. May 4-5, Morton F. Reiser, 451 Madison Avenue, New York 22, N. Y.
- AMERICAN FEDERATION FOR CLINICAL RESEARCH, Atlantic City, N. J., William Stead, Veterans Hospital, Minneapolis 17, Minn. May 5.
- NATIONAL TUBERCULOSIS ASSOCIATION, May 5-10, Kansas City, Mo., Mrs. Morrell DeReign, 1790 Broadway, New York 19, N. Y.
- ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN PHYSICIANS, May 7-8, Atlantic City, N. J., P. B. Beeson, Yale University School of Medicine, New Haven, Conn.
- SCIENTIFIC MEETING OF THE NEW ENGLAND CARDIOVASCULAR SOCIETY, May 13 in Boston. Alexander S. Nadas, M.D., Secretary, The New England Cardiovascular Society, % The Massachusetts Heart Association, 650 Beacon Street, Boston 15, Mass.

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MEETINGS — JUNE, 1957

- THE AMERICAN ORTHOPAEDIC ASSOCIATION — June 24-27, The Homestead, Hot Springs, Virginia.
- AMERICAN ACADEMY OF TUBERCULOSIS PHYSICIANS, New York. Oscar S. Levin, P. O. Box 7011, Denver 6, Colo. June 1.
- AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR VASCULAR SURGERY, June 2 New York. Henry Swan, 4200 E. 9th Ave., Denver 20, Colo.
- AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING, New York. June 3-7. George F. Lull, M. D., American Medical Association, 535 N. Dearborn St., Chicago 10, Ill.
- AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR PEDIATRIC RESEARCH, June 16-21. Carmel, Calif. Sydney S. Gellis, 330 Brookline Ave., Boston 15, Mass.
- AMERICAN PEDIATRIC SOCIETY, June 17-19, Carmel, Calif., A. C. McGuinness, 1427 Eye Street, N. W., Washington 5, D. C.

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The physicians listed below are some of those who have donated generously of their time and efforts in the actual giving of inoculations in the schools in the polio campaign.

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Payments to policyholders covered under hospital expense insurance, for in-hospital services, amounted to over \$855 million, the Institute further reported, with \$629 million paid under group policies and \$226 million paid by insurance companies to individual policyholders.

Reimbursements to help cover the cost of surgeons' fees amounted to \$346 million, with \$273 million received by holders of policies under group plans, and \$73 million going to persons covered by individual insurance policies.

A total of \$58 million was paid to persons under regular medical expense contracts, for non-surgical medical care and treatment, \$47 million through group policies, and \$11 million to individual policyholders.

Benefit payments to those protected against the cost of serious, or catastrophic illness or accident through major medical expense insurance, including supplemental and non-supplemental coverage to the basic health cost plans, amounted to over \$65 million. Group plan payments totaled \$62 million, while individual contract benefits were more than \$3 million. A further breakdown of the payments made for services covered by major medical expense insurance is as follows:

Hospital expense	-----	\$31,641,000
Surgical expense	-----	18,483,000
Medical expense	-----	7,694,000
Nurse	-----	4,185,000
Drugs	-----	1,214,000
Other	-----	1,214,000

In concluding its report of payment for health care by the insurance companies throughout the United States, the Institute stated that the increase in such payments reflects the continued efforts of the public to pay its doctor and hospital bills through the voluntary non-governmental mechanism.

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NORTH-EAST OHIO SOCIETY OF INTERNAL MEDICINE

The next meeting of the North-East Ohio Society of Internal Medicine will be held at the Mural Room on Thursday, April 25, 1957. A social hour will begin at 5:30 p. m. with the dinner to follow.

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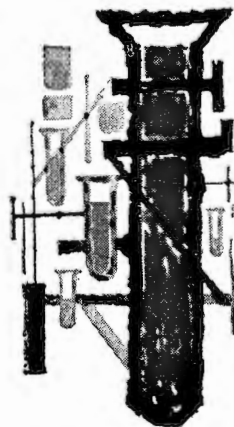
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IF YOU WERE THE PRESIDENT OF THE AMA—

Five hundred individual physicians were given a chance to put themselves in the shoes of the president of the AMA recently and asked to suggest the changes they would make in the Association.

These physicians, questioned in a nationwide survey authorized by AMA, most often call for closer ties with the individual physician and for further improvements in public relations.

About one doctor in five thinks AMA should get closer to individual doctors, perhaps pool their ideas on important subjects to get a more accurate indication of their feelings. A smaller percentage thinks there should be a greater representation of young doctors within the Association.

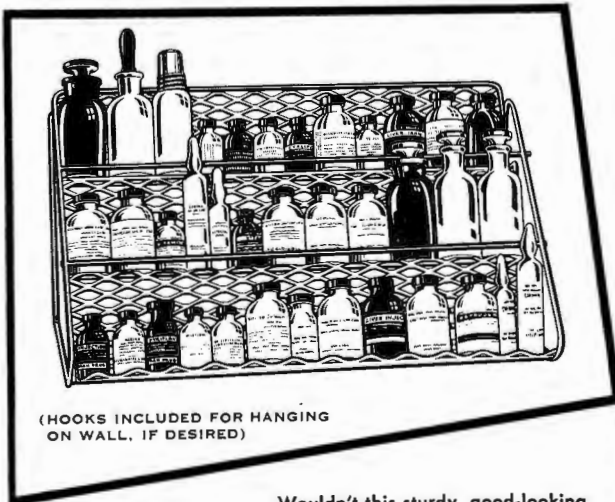
Improved public relations and public information was the second important Associational change suggested. Concentration upon these areas was called for by 14% of the doctors.

Nine percent cite social security or pensions for doctors. One out of twenty requests liberalized hospital affiliation requirements and about the same number suggest higher standards for practice. About five percent say improvements ought to be made in the Journal of the A.M.A.

Smaller percentages (3%) say opposition to government medicine should be strengthened by the Association and 2% call for elimination of fee-splitting. Increased post-graduate training is also suggested by 2%.

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A number of our members have in the recent past become active in two allied, but separate organizations, namely, the Pre-Cana Conference Movement of the Youngstown Catholic Diocese and the Catholic Physicians Guild.

The aims of the two movements are similar yet differ sufficiently to justify their existence. The Physicians Guild concerns itself mainly with the individual doctor's personal religious life, a more profound understanding of the ethics of his chosen profession and his all important relationship with his patients. The Pre-Cana Conferences on the other hand are primarily intended for guidance of engaged couples. The doctor assumes a role of educator and advisor in the physical, moral, and social aspects of Catholic married life. The Pre-Cana movement is under the direct guidance of the diocese of Youngstown and all scheduling of activities originates from its headquarters.

Members of our Society who have volunteered their time to aid in the Pre-Cana movement are; Drs. W. J. Flynn, J. D. Miller, J. Stotler, E. Pichette, C. Raupple, F. Morrison, J. Newsome, D. Dockry R. Boniface, J. R. Sofranec, Charlebois, and S. Squicquero. Two doctors spend one scheduled evening with a group of engaged couples discussing all pertinent phases of Catholic married life. The talks are given to segregated groups, male and female. The doctor's talk is one part of a week long program completed by two conferences with the clergy and one with a mature married couple. The response and results to date have been gratifying.

The Physicians Guild is a more formal organization with a charter, officers and of course the ever present dues. National headquarters is located in St. Louis, Mo. Membership is entirely voluntary. At the present time the local Guild is still in its formulative stages. The format of activities will include panel discussions on Medical-Ethical problems and group religious activities. The officers for this year are E. Pichette, president; A. Detesco, vice president; D. Dockry, secretary.

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ENTERTAINING EXAMPLE OF STATE MEDICINE

Dr. R. E. Donnell, an orthopedist of Abilene, Texas, sent me a copy of a letter which he received from one of his patients. It impressed him as being an entertaining example of state medicine. The letter read:

"I think there has been a misunderstanding some way. M_____ S_____ had an examination in your office on Nov. 10, 1956. You didn't recommend any treatment for him, just braces and crutches. You sent the report on to the Crippled Children Division. Then they passed on it and sent it to the brace shop. They sent it to the Health Division in Austin. They sent it back to me to have the county judge sign it. He signed. I sent it back to Austin. They should have sent it to the brace shop. What we want is an appointment at the brace shop. Could you give me any advice as to how to go about getting one? I don't have the address of the brace shop."

—AMA Sec'y Letter

OPEN LETTER TO PARENTS WARNS AGAINST POSSIBLE DISEASE OUTBREAKS

DETROIT — Possible outbreaks of diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus due to parents' failure to get booster shots for their children has caused a leading pharmaceutical house to take space in newspapers in the United States and Canada for "An Open Letter To Mothers And Dads."

Parke, Davis & Company said today the public-service warning would run in approximately 100 newspapers of around 50 cities, starting Jan. 21. The letter also will emphasize the need for completion of the polio vaccine program of three immunizing injections, and vaccination or revaccination for smallpox.

"Despite constant work and vigilance on the part of public health officials, physicians say that complacency and laxity about immunization programs — on the part of parents — can create potentially-dangerous situations throughout the country," the open letter points out.

"In Detroit, for example, a recent outbreak of diphtheria — the disease everybody thought was completely under control — struck down 168 children, five of whom died. Last year, more than 2,000 cases of diphtheria occurred in the United States . . . and most all of this suffering and heartbreak could have been prevented, if parents had made sure their children were protected by adequate immunization.

"The same is true of whooping cough, another childhood disease that is particularly serious with children less than one year of age. An initial series of shots in the first few months of infancy . . . with the prescribed subsequent booster shots . . . will modify or prevent the disease in most instances.

"Tetanus (lockjaw) — a dangerous and frightening disease that frequently follows injuries occurring in childhood — can be prevented with a series of initial injections and subsequent booster shots.

"As a matter of fact, three-way protection against diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus is provided now in a triple immunizing agent, which reduces the number of injections."

The open letter also refers to the need for maximum polio and smallpox immunizations, and concludes:

"Physicians these days are able to prevent children from getting most childhood diseases. If you're not sure that your child is adequately protected, we suggest you see your doctor soon."

Ralph G. Sickels is director of advertising and public relations for the pharmaceutical firm. The open letter was prepared and placed by the Detroit Office of Young & Rubicam, Inc.

—Bureau of Industrial Service

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RABIES VACCINE

A new and safer rabies vaccine, produced in embryonated duck eggs, is now available to physicians and pharmacists. It has been shown in tests to be free of a "paralytic factor" that sometimes has caused paralysis and death during rabies treatment.

Found in conventional rabies vaccines made of rabbit brain tissue, the "paralytic factor" appears to be related to myelin, the covering of brain nerve fibers. The exclusion of myelin from the new vaccine is made possible by the use of duck embryos in processing.

The new vaccine—an inactivated, or killed, virus vaccine—is being manufactured and marketed by Eli Lilly and Company. The result of six years of research and development work, it is the first commercially available vaccine for human use for which the rabies virus is grown in non-nervous tissue. The duck-embryo method was originated by H. M. Powell, Sc.D., of the Lilly biological research division.

Exclusion of the "paralytic factor" from the new vaccine is helpful to the physician in what has been a distressing problem—the decision whether to give a course of inoculations to questionably exposed patients.

The vaccine is "doubly safe" since the virus used in making it is of a strain which is nonvirulent in man. The nonvirulent virus is treated with a chemical which kills the virus but does not interfere with its antigenicity.

The development of an antirabies vaccine of such a high order of safety constitutes the most important advance in human rabies immunization since Louis Pasteur made the first rabies vaccine in 1885.

At the Lilly laboratory for Clinical Research, Indianapolis, each of twenty-one persons given the full fourteen-dose treatment exhibited antibodies against rabies by the tenth day. Five of six who received only seven doses had antibodies by the tenth day. All persons who received the anti-rabies treatment had good antibody counts by the end of the fifteenth day.

The early development of antibodies is of prime importance in the treatment of bites of rabid animals. The incubation period of the virus in man is rarely less than fifteen days. In about 80 percent of cases of human rabies, the incubation period has been from three to twelve weeks.

Local reactions to rabies vaccine of duck embryo origin have been observed to be somewhat less than those seen with vaccines of brain origin. Tenderness at the site of injection is common.

The new vaccine is more stable than that of brain origin, since the killed virus is packaged in dry form and mixed with sterile water just before use. This makes a longer dating period possible—eighteen months as compared to six months for unused vaccine of brain origin.

Rabies Vaccine, Dried Killed Virus (Duck Embryo), is sold in packages containing seven individual 1-cc. doses of dried killed virus along with seven ampoules of Water for Injection, U.S.P. Two packages are required for a complete treatment which consists of subcutaneous administration of one dose each day for fourteen days.

The seven-dose package is convenient when the biting animal is being observed for a few days and it is advisable to start treating the patient before it is learned whether the animal is rabid. About 20 percent of persons who are bitten by animals known to be rabid have developed rabies if not treated with rabies vaccine. There is no known case of recovery from rabies in man.

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