

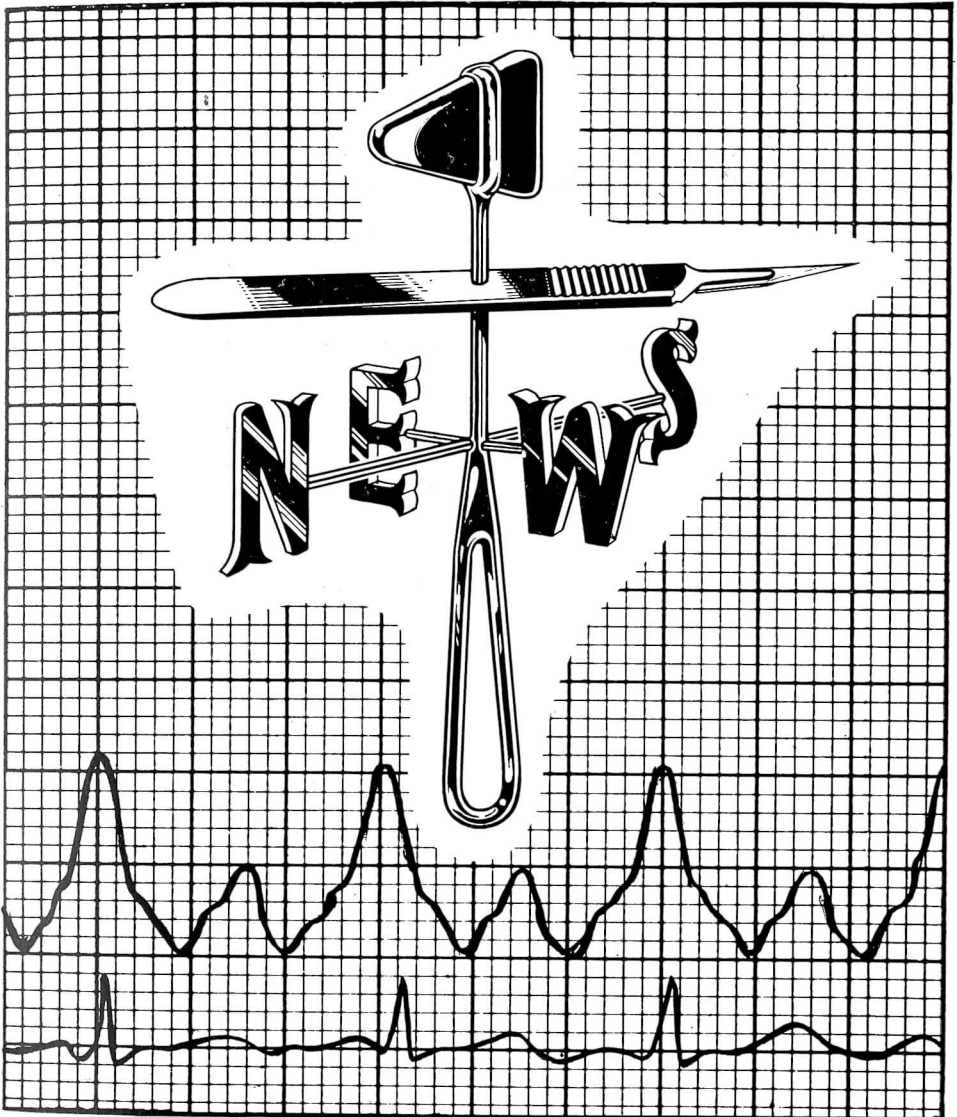
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From the Desk of the President

"We know you doctors are against Socialized Medicine, but what are you for? What is your plan?"

Most of us have heard these questions from well meaning, but misinformed, friends or from those who would trap us into an untenable position. While there is nothing basically wrong about being against something, (eight of the ten Commandments are negative), there does arise the practical value of having a positive position from which to argue a debatable issue.

In the case of the King-Anderson bill and the basic issues involved, we do have a definite and positive answer to the question, "What is your plan?" Our plan is, and always has been, the idea that Americans, for the most part, desire to take care of themselves, without the aid or interference of the federal government. When we are unable to take care of ourselves, we recognize the responsibility of the LOCAL and/or the state government in assisting those who need help. This plan is called FREE ENTERPRISE, and is responsible for the position of American medicine in the world today.

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"YOUR HEALTH INSURANCE CHECK-UP" is a positive answer to the loaded question, "What is your plan?". In addition, and more important, this brochure is a public service of the Medical Society, designed to help those who turn to their physician as a trusted friend, for advice. The Medical Society has printed 50,000 brochures for distribution to patients who can benefit by them. These brochures will perform no function lying in an office drawer. They become a service of you and your Medical Society only when you hand one to a patient.

—Jack Schreiber, M.D.
President

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THE RETURN OF THE SQUARE

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Back in Mark Twain's day the word "square" was one of the finest words in our language. You gave a man a square deal if you were honest. And you gave him a square meal when he was hungry. You stood four square for the right, as you saw it, and square against everything else. When you got out of debt, you were square with the world. And that was when you could look your fellow man square in the eye.

Then a lot of strange characters got hold of this honest, wholesome word, bent it all out of shape and gave it back to our children. Now everyone knows what a Square is. He is the man who never learned to get away with it. A Joe who volunteers when he doesn't have to. A guy who gets his kicks from trying to do something better than anyone else can.

A Square is a boob who gets so lost in his work that he has to be reminded to go home. A character who doesn't have to spend his evenings puttering in a basement workshop and his weekends scraping the bottom of a boat because he's putting all his elbow grease and steam into doing a satisfying job on the job he's getting paid to do.

A Square is a fellow who laughs with his belly instead of his upper lip; a slob who still gets all choked up when the band plays "America the Beautiful." His tribe isn't thriving too well in the current climate. He doesn't fit too neatly into the current group of angle players, corner cutters, sharpshooters and goof-offs. He doesn't believe in opening all the packages before Christmas. He's burdened down with old-fashioned ideas of honesty, loyalty, courage, and thrift. And he may already be on his way to extinction.

Laughter today is stored in Hollywood in cans, just as the gold was once stored at Fort Knox. It is taken out as needed and pasted onto TV films. And the laugh track tips us off when things are funny.

But I want to laugh when I am amused. And I want to decide what I think is funny. And this, I suppose, will mark me as a Square. And if it does, I will be in pretty good company. For this country was discovered, put together, fought for and saved by Squares. It is easy to prove that Nathan Hale, Patrick Henry, Paul Revere, George Washington, Benjamin Franklin and almost anyone else you care to include among our national heroes were Squares—by simply thinking what they might have said had they not been Squares:

NATHAN HALE: Me spy on those British! Are you trying to be funny? Do you know what they do with the spies they catch? I'll give you a news flash, chum. They hang them.

PAUL REVERE: What do you mean—me ride through every Middlesex village and town? And in the middle of the night yet. Why pick on me? Am I the only man in Boston with a horse?

PATRICK HENRY: Sure, I'm for liberty. First, last, and always. But we've got to be a little realistic. We're a pretty small outfit. If we start pushing the British around someone is going to get hurt.

GEORGE WASHINGTON: Gentlemen: I am honored. But I do wish you would try someone else. Let's say General Gates. I'm just getting things organized at Mount Vernon. Also, you might say I have already served my time. Against the French you know.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN: What we really need as Ambassador to France is a young man. I'm 70 year old! It's time a new generation took over.

It is perhaps a significant fact that what such men actually did say has been quietly sneaked out of our schoolbooks. THIS WEEK made a survey recently of school history books issued before 1920, compared with those issued since. Nathan Halle said, "I regret that I have but one life to give for my country" in 11 of the old texts and in only one of the new texts.

Patrick Henry said, "Give me liberty or give me death" in 12 out of 14 earlier texts and in only 2 of 45 recent ones.

But John Paul Jones set the record. He said, "I have not yet begun to fight" in 9 of the old books and in none of the new ones.

Maybe these aggressive and nationalistic statements went the way of contact games, which have been largely abandoned on our school grounds. Maybe the educators thought our children would be more interested in Peter Rabbit, who goes hippety-hop.

When Dwight D. Eisenhower was President he appointed a Committee on National Goals to decide where we were all going. Perhaps a first step should be a Commission on National Heritage to make sure that some of us at least remember where we have been.

Today, our country still has a choice. I believe it has already begun to make that choice. I believe it is going back to its old beliefs in such things as ideals, pride, patriotism, loyalty, devotion and even hard work.

Being a Square means being an individual in this nation where the forces of conformity are still strong. Too many of us haven't got the guts to stand up straight and dare to be square. Because the opposite of square is round, and being round is so much simpler. Responsibilities and problems roll off nice and easy. And we can just roll down the path without any bumps, being careful to stay in the middle, because that's where the most comfortable ruts are.

Too many of us know the short cuts, and too few know or care where the path leads. Too few of us dare to leave the path because the path is always the easy way, the way most people go. But there is no path to the future, there is no path to greatness, no path to progress. No path to outer space or to inner satisfaction.

We have, at least, the satisfaction of knowing our problem is not new. When Benjamin Franklin was told the war for independence was over, he said, "Say rather the war of revolution is over; the war for independence has yet to be fought." Today, the war for independence has still to be fought.

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BARRY BISHOP THRILLS AUDIENCE

Thunderous applause greeted Barry Bishop as he concluded his talk at the May meeting of the medical society, and took his audience through to the finish of a thrilling expedition to the top of Mt. Everest.

Approximately 200 persons, including doctors, their families and friends, took advantage of the opportunity to hear a first-hand account of the climb from a scientist and mountaineer, one of the five Americans to accomplish the feat.

The personable Mr. Bishop held his audience enthralled as he recounted the trials, tribulations, and even tortures which men of the expedition suffered in the name of science and the quest of a tantalizing goal.

Many youngsters were in the audience, and a number brought their National Geographics along for Mr. Bishop to autograph.

Mr. Bishop was introduced by his college class-mate and fraternity brother, Dr. W. Clare Reese, Jr. Mr. Bishop's talk was preceded by a brief business meeting, conducted by Dr. Schreiber.

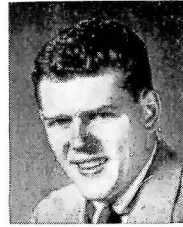


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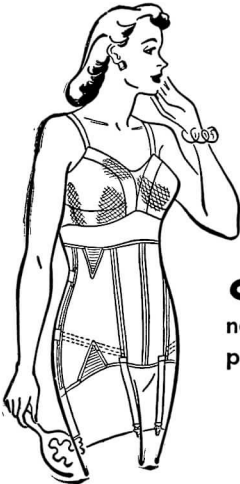
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CHILD WELFARE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

A meeting was held on Monday, March 30, 1964 at the office of F. G. Kravec, M.D. Attending this meeting were Dr. H. Bryan Hutt, Chairman of Preschool Health Committee, Dr. F. Kravec, Chairman Public Health Committee, Dr. S. Goldberg Board of Health, Dr. S. Franklin, Health Commissioner, Miss N. Grant, Visiting Nurses Association, and Dr. R. Wiltsie, Public Relations Director, Mahoning County Medical Society. The following recommendations were made by these members.

1. The health and welfare of the indigent preschool children of Youngstown be recognized as the responsibility of the Health Commissioner and that he be in charge of the Child Welfare Conferences. We realize that the adequate functioning of these conferences could not be accomplished without the continued whole-hearted cooperation of the Visiting Nurses Association.
2. Physicians in attendance at these Child Welfare Conferences will be appointed by the Health Commissioner and will be reimbursed for their services at the rate of \$15.00 per session attended. The total payments to these physicians in attendance will be made only by the Board of Health. The physicians in attendance will determine which inoculation(s) is to be given at a particular time to each individual child.
3. The adoption of the appointment system for the Child Health Conference held in the morning. The afternoon sessions will be limited to inoculations only and appointment system will not be needed.
4. That temperatures be checked on all patients before examination.
5. Written permission be obtained from parent before any immunizations are given to the child.
6. That tuberculin tests be given all children over nine months old, every three years and more often when indicated. Tine test will be given initially and if positive, will be followed by Intermediate PPD.
7. That at the present time, inoculations be limited to Diphtheria, Pertussis and Tetanus and the Salk vaccine and Smallpox vaccine.
8. That D.P.T. and Salk be given at two, three and four months of age when possible. Boosters be given one year later and before entering school.
9. That there may be a lapse of six months between the first and second D.P.T. inoculation and Salk vaccine without starting the series over. The third inoculation and vaccine may be given at any time over one month after the second.
10. That smallpox vaccine be given, preferably, between the ages of one and three years if the child has been free of eczema for six months and there are no unvaccinated siblings at home with a chronic skin rash.
11. A preschool examination will be scheduled within six months prior to contemplated entrance into school.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert A. Wiltsie, M.D., Chairman

DR. ROGERS HEADS OHIO HEART ASSN.

Dr. John A. Rogers became president of the Ohio State Heart Association at the annual meeting of that organization in Columbus. He succeeds Dr. Raymond K. Bartholomew of Dayton.

Dr. Hugh N. Bennett was elected to the board of trustees at the same meeting.

A DOCTOR VIEWS THE PRESS

A recent article printed in *California Medicine* is worth quoting. Entitled "The Press—Neither Friend nor Enemy," it offers a view of news reporters that is not always understood by all physicians.

In the article, Dr. Samuel R. Sherman, president of the California Medical Association, states: "Let me assure you from first-hand experience with the press that it is not out to harm us or to help us, to be our 'enemy' or our 'friend.' It is there to report the news, not make it. When the news that is reported about medicine is harsh or uncomplimentary, don't blame the press. To do so is as pointless as killing the courier who brings bad tidings.

"Reporters are trained to look behind the prepared statement for the 'why' of the story. And if there is another side, they need to know what it is. It is simply enlightened self-interest to cooperate with them to the fullest. The results may not always be flattering to us or our cause—but that isn't necessarily the reporter's doing; it usually is the nature of the news itself."

S. Q. LAYPIUS OBSERVES:

Professor Solomon Solis-Cohen used to lean on the rail of the clinical amphitheatre looking into the faces of the Senior Class. He would reach over and tap each student on the knee.

"What is the dose of Digitalis?" he would ask.

As he progressed from one to the other, from ten different men he would get ten different answers.

Then he would pause, shake his head for effect and say: "Gentlemen, the dose of Digitalis is *enough*, and *not too much!*"

The most dangerous place a person can be is in bed, so many people die there. Yet men and women spend the most enjoyable third of their lives there! Ah, sleep that knits the ravell'd sleeve of care.

Attorney Melvin Belli made a fortune out of the doctors in California as a plaintiff's lawyer. In Texas all he made was a mess as a defendant's lawyer. With his image so tarnished let us hope the doctors may breathe easier.

The Bar Associations have as much trouble with their mavericks as the Medical Societies. And seem just as loathe to discipline them.

Revilo P. Oliver is a real person with his first name the same as his last spelled backwards. He is professor of classics at the University of Illinois and an officer in the John Birch Society.

There ought to be more babies named that way such as Mada Adam and Rita Atir but families named Wiscniewski had better stick to Mary and John.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Those who attended the May meeting felt that they were good friends of the speaker, Barry Bishop, at the evening's end. They will be pleased to know that the Bishop's first child, a girl, was born on May 22, three days after his appearance in Youngstown, and on the first anniversary date of his climb to the summit of Mt. Everest in 1963. Her name is Tara.

DR. E. C. BAKER HONORED BY RADIOLOGICAL SOCIETY



At the annual meeting of the Ohio State Radiological Society held in Cleveland, Ohio, May 19, 1964, Doctor E. C. Baker, Emeritus Chief of Radiology at the South Unit of The Youngstown Hospital Association received the Society's Merit Award.

Dr. Baker has been a member of the Mahoning County Medical Society since 1927 and for many years took a very active part in the affairs of the Society. He served as Editor of the Bulletin, member of Council, Chairman of the Program, Postgraduate Day, and Cancer Committees. He organized and chaired the first Publicity Committee.

Doctor Baker pioneered in this community the chest survey program for school children, having built his own photo-fluorographic unit before such units were available commercially. The late Doctor Sedwitz and Doctor Baker did much of the early work in this country in venography.

Our entire community remembers Doctor Baker's untiring efforts in organizing the Women's Field Army in Ohio and Youngstown. This organization was the forerunner of the Ohio Chapter of the American Cancer Society. He received the American Cancer Society's Gold Medal Award for this task so well done.

All these activities were secondary to this devotion to Radiology and his efforts to further Radiology as a specialty. His first department was one room in the basement of the South Side Hospital.

He served as President of the Ohio State Radiological Society, the Pennsylvania Radiological Society and of the Staff of The Youngstown Hospital Association. For these and many other contributions to his community and profession, the following scroll was presented.

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The important roll of Dr. Baker as a Founder, Past-president and continued supporter of this Society is acclaimed by all of us.

His work of pioneering chest surveys, early studies in venography and the development of the Ohio Chapter of the American Cancer Society add to his stature as a great Radiologist.

Dr. Baker's doctrine of "First I am a Physician" has had a profound influence on his associates in Radiology.

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The brochure was prepared in the name of the Mahoning County Medical Society by the health insurance committee, Dr. C. K. Walter, chairman. Research, writing and final draft of the brochure was done by Dr. Frank Gelbman. Help in the preparation of the brochure was given by a number of insurance men, especially those of the Youngstown Association of Life Underwriters.

The first printing was for 50,000 copies. Additional copies for the doctor's office are available at the medical society office.

LOCAL OPHTHALMOLOGISTS ELECTED

Dr. William H. Evans was elected president of the Ohio Ophthalmology Society at the annual meeting of the society in Columbus. Dr. William E. Sovik was elected society delegate to the National Medical Foundation for Eye Care. Dr. Louis Bloomberg is governor of the Sixth District of the Ohio Ophthalmology Society.

In Memoriam

DR. CHARLES B. SCOFIELD

The death of Dr. Charles B. Scofield on April 29th, deprived Mahoning County of another physician who had contributed a great deal to the medical history and tradition of the locality. Dr. Scofield will be well remembered as Struthers' first health officer, a position that he held for 29 years.

Dr. Scofield came to Struthers in 1919 and practiced general medicine there until 1951, when he became Mahoning County Health Commissioner. He retired in 1960, due to poor health.

He was born in Washington County, Pennsylvania in 1885. His degree in medicine was conferred at the University of Pittsburgh medical school in 1911. Fifty years later, in 1961, the Ohio State Medical Association honored him with a presentation of a fifty-year pin.

After interning at Allegheny General Hospital, he first practiced medicine in Alaska, and later in Bakerstown, Pa. During World War I, he was a medical officer with the 66th Artillery. After the war, he settled in Struthers, with his wife, the former Elma M. Bailey. Mrs. Scofield died in 1957.

He took an active part in community life in Struthers. He was Struthers school physician for 15 years. He was president of the Community Center for many years, and a member of the Board of Trustees of the Thomas Struthers Branch of Reuben McMillan Library. At one time he headed a campaign to rid that city of racketeers.

He was a member of the Struthers Business Men's Association, the United Presbyterian Church, the Masonic Blue Lodge of Rock Creek, and Phi Rho Sigma. His record as a physician and a community leader will long be remembered.

Bulletin Board



The annual Recognition Dinner and Dance on June 6th highlights the hospital social news at the past month. All of our attending staff men joined that evening in wishing good luck to our young doctors leaving us to launch their new careers, or to go elsewhere for further training. The event was a brilliant success at the Ballroom of the Mural Room. Robert Tornello was chairman of the Social Committee.

Jake Turner will also be leaving us on July first for a Fellowship at the Cleveland Clinic in Thoracic and Cardiovascular surgery. He will be studying under Drs. Effler and Groves. Jake is to be admired for his ability, stamina and determination to pursue his training to such an ultimate goal of perfection. Jake already has his American Boards in Surgery and in Thoracic Surgery. Very few of us would drop out of practice for a year or two as he is doing.

Barclay Brandmiller was recently awarded the "Silver Beaver Award." This recognition is the highest award given to non-professional Boy Scouters. As far as we know, Dr. J. P. Harvey is the only other local physician who has received this award.

Frank Gelbman attended the American Psychiatric Association meeting in Los Angeles. Armin Banez was in Philadelphia at a Proctology meeting. And Al Geordan attended the annual American Urological Society meeting.

Lew Shensa is planning a Canadian fishing holiday with his son who is a student at the University of Pittsburgh Dental School. He will be on a Government Dental Research Project this summer in Pittsburgh.

Many thanks to Bob Kiskaddon who brought his brother-in-law, Dr. William McConahey of the Mayo Clinic, to talk to us on Thyroid and other endocrine problems. Also we are grateful to Clare Reese for bringing to our May meeting, Barry Bishop. His talk to the Society will long be remembered.

—John G. Guju, M.D.

Ray Boniface and Al Phillips are planning big things as co-chairmen of the entertainment committee for interns and residents. Their first big effort will be the annual going-away dinner for departing house staff, on June 11, at Youngstown Country Club . . . Now that his wife has become president of the MCMS Auxiliary, Joe Tandatnick is faced with the age-old problem: "What do you call the husband of the president?"

Sam Goldberg continues to display that healthy Florida glow . . . Steve Ondash is busy again with last minute details for for the next issue of the *Quarterly Bulletin of the Staff of St. Elizabeth Hospital*, which is due shortly. He urges all members of the staff to submit interesting material for publication

. . . At the recent meetings in Columbus, we were well represented. Our contingent included among others Jim Sofranec, Jack Malkoff, Johnny Stotler, Paul Mahar, Ed Pichette, Ray Scheetz, Mike Vuksta, Sam Squicquero, and assorted wives . . . Congratulations are in order for the Medical Staff Bowling Team who made such a big hit in the Hospital League.

This will be the last issue of the *Bulletin* published prior to the departure of our current house staff. We wish them well and hope good fortune will follow them. We should like to welcome Vince Lepore and Jim Dallis to our visiting staff; we anticipate their active interest in the staff and the MCMS.

Proudest and newest grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. Martin Conti, whose daughter Suzette gave birth to a 7 lb. 13½ oz. baby boy at War Memorial Hospital in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, on May 31. The baby will be a Junior, named after his father, Lt. j.g. Peter B. Worden of the United States Coast Guard.

—Kurt Wegner, M.D.

JUNE INAUGURATION FOR MRS. EVANS

It's a long ways from Youngstown to San Francisco, and few Youngstowners will be able to be present at the installation of Mrs. William H. Evans as president of the Auxiliary of the American Medical Association, but the thoughts and best wishes of all Mahoning County physicians and their wives will be with her on inauguration day, Wednesday, June 24.

For those few who will be making the western trip to the annual meeting of the American Medical Association and the Auxiliary, the reception for Dena will be on that date, at the Italian Room of the St. Francis Hotel in San Francisco, from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. All Mahoning County physicians and their wives have been invited to the reception, which is being held by The Woman's Auxiliary and the Ohio State Medical Association.

— LETTER —

Gentlemen:

Upon the advice of our Medical Welfare Advisory Committee, we are writing to you in an effort to enlist your cooperation.

As you probably know the Revised Code of Ohio makes it mandatory that all persons receiving assistance, where able, must perform work for assistance given. Medical testimony of incapacity to perform such work is one of the exemptions.

We would appreciate if you insert in your Medical Association Bulletin an item to the effect that the Welfare Department solicits the cooperation of the physicians in filling out medical statements submitted for this purpose. The statements should be more complete and give reason for inability to work. Such statements must pass inspection of Welfare Examiners.

Sincerely yours,

I. L. Feuer, Director

Mahoning County Welfare Department

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Most people are prejudiced. Some are prejudiced about religion, color or labor unions. Some are prejudiced against rackets, cheating or sin. A man who is not prejudiced has no strong convictions.

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A little prejudice is a good thing. Like fire, under control it warms you. Out of control it consumes you.

PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL

May 12, 1964

The regular meeting of the council of the Mahoning County Medical Society was held on Tuesday, May 12, 1964, at Ravers Restaurant, Youngstown, Ohio.

The following physicians were present: Jack Schreiber, president presiding, H. N. Bennett, B. C. Berg, W. H. Bunn, G. W. Cook, G. E. DeCicco, R. R. Fisher, F. A. Friedrich, Frank Gelbman, Bertram Katz, John J. McDonough, C. E. Pichette, R. J. Scheetz, F. L. Schellhase, C. W. Stertzbach, R. G. Warnock, R. A. Wiltsie. Absent were: A. W. Geordan, S. D. Goldberg, Asher Randell, H. J. Reese, and Kurt Wegner.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

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

Dr. Fisher made a report in the interest of the Housing Committee. He announced the availability of the WXTV building, which is owned by Dr. Miglets. He showed a floor plan of the building. Dr. Tandatnick, chairman of the Housing and Library Committee is expected to make a report at the next meeting.

Dr. Cook reported that one member still owes 1964 dues.

Dr. Scheetz presented a cancer detection plan for use in the doctor's office, as approved by the Ohio Cancer Coordinating Committee. The motion was made, seconded and duly passed that the plan be endorsed. The plan will be brought up at the May meeting of the Medical Society.

Discussion ensued concerning the primary election campaign for the office of Coroner.

An income and expense report from 1959 through 1963 for the Medical Service Foundation was made by Dr. DeCicco. Dr. Schreiber will appoint a committee to study the medical society relationship with the Medical Service Foundation.

Dr. Berg requested council approval for a change in the November meeting date from Tues., Nov. 17 to Mon., Nov. 30 because the speaker, Dr. Sternberg could not be present at the first date. The change was approved. Dr. Berg also announced a reception for Barry Bishop at Dr. Berg's home following the May 19 meeting. All council members are invited.

Dr. Schreiber announced the date of an additional meeting on Medicine and Religion, Wed., June 3rd at the Mural Room.

A communication was read from Dr. C. A. Gustafson requesting that council set a suggested fee for blood test. The motion was made, seconded and duly passed that a letter be sent to Dr. Gustafson stating that it is not the responsibility of council to officially establish a suggested fee.

Dr. Gelbman reported that Mental Health Week was a success.

Dr. Wiltsie reported on a meeting of the Public Relations Committee with a committee from the Podiatrists. They had two requests from the Medical Society, (1) that the medical society reprint an article on Podiatry that had already been printed in the Ohio State Medical Journal, and (2) that they would like to be able to take laboratory work to St. Elizabeth Hospital. Following discussion, the secretary was asked to send a letter to the Podiatrists stating that the article had already been received by all members of the medical society through the Ohio State Medical Journal, and that the laboratory request should be sent directly to the hospital concerned.

Two brochures published by the Philadelphia Medical Society were reviewed. They were entitled "Set Your Affairs In Order" and "When the Doctor Dies." The secretary was requested to see if the pamphlets could be ordered from the Philadelphia Society in quantity.

Dr. Berg requested permission to set up a special account for Postgraduate Day at the Mahoning Bank. The motion was made, seconded and duly passed that an account be opened at the Mahoning Bank with Dr. Berg and Mr. Rempes as co-signers on checks.

Last year's resolution concerning Chamber of Commerce membership was reviewed, and council members were urged to join during the present membership campaign.

Dr. Fisher announced that \$600 has been collected from members for the International Childrens Village. He thanked council for its cooperation.

Dr. Fisher announced that Dr. Miglets' building (WXTV) is available to the medical society for meetings.

Dr. Stertzbach gave some background on OMPAC, and asked council members to consider joining.

Dr. Schreiber called attention to the new brochure, "Your Health Insurance Check-up," that is being mailed to all doctors' offices, and to the Reader's Digest Reprint, "The False Promise of Medicare," which is available to all offices.

Dr. Schreiber announced that there would be no council meeting in June unless necessary.

Meeting was adjourned.

—Howard Rempes
Executive Secretary

POSTGRADUATE DATE SET

All members are urged to mark the date of Postgraduate Day, the annual scientific meeting of the Sixth Councilor District of the Ohio State Medical Association, which will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 28, 1964. Mahoning County Medical Society will be host. The meeting will be held at the Pick-Ohio Hotel.

NEW CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEMBERS

Last year, the Ohio State Medical Association, following the adoption of a resolution submitted by the Mahoning County Medical Society, established the policy of encouraging physicians to join their local Chamber of Commerces.

Six more names of members of this society were added to the Chamber of Commerce roster in the recent local Chamber membership campaign, bringing the total of local physician members to 76. The new members are: Dr. G. E. DeCicco, Dr. R. R. Fisher, Drs. Coombs and Warnock, and Drs. Wiltsie and Anderson.

Although the membership campaign is closed, new members are acceptable at any time. Physicians wishing to join may do so by contacting the office of the Youngstown Area Chamber of Commerce, or the office of the Mahoning County Medical Society.

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THIRTY YEARS AGO—JUNE 1934

Serving on the interne staff at St. Elizabeth's Hospital were Paul Mahar, S. R. Cafaro and H. B. Thomas. New internes appointed were Wm. E. Maine, Lewis Shensa, Everett Chalker, J. J. Wasilko and J. K. Herald (extern).

At the Youngstown Hospital C. A. McReynolds, A. R. Cukerbaum, S. A. Myers and C. W. Sears were finishing their year. C. A. Gustafson and Fred Coombs were staying as residents.

J. A. Altdoerffer became a member of the Society.

TWENTY YEARS AGO—JUNE 1944

Absentee voting ballots were being sent out to the men in the armed services for the November election. Later on, all the ballots marked with ink were thrown out because Ohio law stated that they must be marked "with a pencil supplied by the Board of Elections."

Herbert Hutt, John Rogers and Clyde Walter were heard from, somewhere overseas. John E. L. Keyes was promoted to Lt. Colonel. Paul Kaufman was in Corsica, Gordon Nelson in Italy. Peter Boyle and J. L. Scarnecchia were in England. W. D. McElroy was promoted to Lt. Colonel and was recovering from a broken arm.

Quinine and quinidine were scarce. To get quinidine the doctor had to write "Cardiac Case" on the prescription and order not more than 150 grains.

TEN YEARS AGO—JUNE 1954

Editor Detesco said hospital visitation could be described as "Too many and too often."

A residency exchange program between Ohio State University and Youngstown hospitals was inaugurated by Dr. Charles Doan.

Mrs. Ivan Smith became President of the Auxiliary and Mrs. Craig Wales the President-Elect.

By mid-April there were 424 cases of poliomyelitis reported in the U.S.A.

The program that month was presented by hospital residents: Ben Berg and James Quinn from Youngstown Hospital; Robert Hancock and Rocco Vernino from St. Elizabeth's.

Looking through the old advertisements, we find full pages inviting the doctors to prescribe Fello-Sed, Amphedase, Cebefortis, Paveril Phosphate and Lipocass. We wonder how many do now? Old friends and constant supporters were Lyons, Bowmans, White's Ralph Cullinan, Charles Carlin, Laeri's Apothecary and Lester's. The Scott Company was still on Phelps St. and O'Linn's was in the Bus Arcade. Renner's was going strong down on Pike St. Scott's, O'Linn's and Renner's are gone now but the Lincoln Avenue Alcoholic Clinic is active as ever. Stillson and Donahay moved into their new office at 2400 Market St. Strouss-Hirsberg's opened a new prescription department.

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Many times your pharmacist is approached by a patient that wishes, to buy, for example, Penicillin Ointment, or tablets; or Chlor-Trimeton; or some other anti-histamine; or an even worse situation is the patient who wants to buy something to help him sleep at night, and thinks he can get a barbiturate over-the-counter. These items are typical of hundreds that bear the above described legend, and are NOT SALEABLE without a PRESCRIPTION.

On the other side of the ledger for example are items like Coricidin (which is a 2 mgm. Chlor-Trimeton with APC); or Dramamine tablets; or Bonamine tablets; that are all saleable over-the-counter; or such as yellow mercuric oxide ophthalmic ointment; these are examples of drug items that bear no legend.

My point is this . . . if a Doctor should happen to give a patient a sample of a drug that bears a "legend," he should at the same time, give the patient a prescription for that drug, if the patient is to continue on such medication. Many times the patients come into their drug store and expect to be able to purchase same over-the-counter, only to become perturbed to find that it cannot be sold without a prescription.

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Thank you Doctor, for your co-operation, as it does save troubling you with telephone calls to secure authority for refills. Actually only one-fourth of the physicians writing prescriptions specify the exact number of refills, or length of time by a PRN notation. According to law there is no such thing actually as "PRN"; it requires a specific notation as to termination of such use. Perhaps a wise move would be to indicate on a PRN refill, the time of the patients next appointment, to reduce the number of pharmacist-physician phone calls.

This is all presented with the thought in mind of clarifying a perplexing situation, and making for an improved physician-pharmacist-patient relationship.

—Bob White

DIGEST REPRINT AVAILABLE

The latest pamphlet available in the medical society office is a reprint of the very fine *Reader's Digest* article, "The False Promise of Medicare."

A number of copies has been sent to every doctor's office. Additional copies may be had by calling the medical society office. Other pamphlets also available in quantity are: "What Price Medical Care for the Aged?", which is another *Reader's Digest* reprint, "Vital Questions and Answers", "To All My Patients," "Health Care Under Social Security . . . the beginning of the end," "The Case Against Federalized Medicine," and "Write Your Congressman."

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BOARD OF HEALTH BULLETIN

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	Resident		Non-Resident		Total
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Births -----	118	87	117	126	448
Deaths -----	80	62	65	48	255
Infants Deaths -----	3	3	2	1	9

APRIL, 1963

Births -----	147	118	147	136	548
Deaths -----	84	55	64	50	253
Infants Deaths -----	3	2	2	3	10

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

	1964		1963	
	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths
Chicken Pox -----	80	0	73	0
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Measles -----	112	0	111	0
German Measles -----	17	0	1	0
Mumps -----	115	0	154	0
Scarlet Fever -----	7	0	8	0
Tuberculosis -----	4	1	9	1
Whooping Cough -----	0	0	0	0
Gonorrhoea -----	18	0	22	0
Syphilis -----	6	0	4	0
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Rheumatic Fever -----	1	0	5	0

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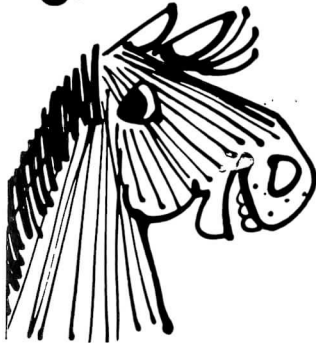
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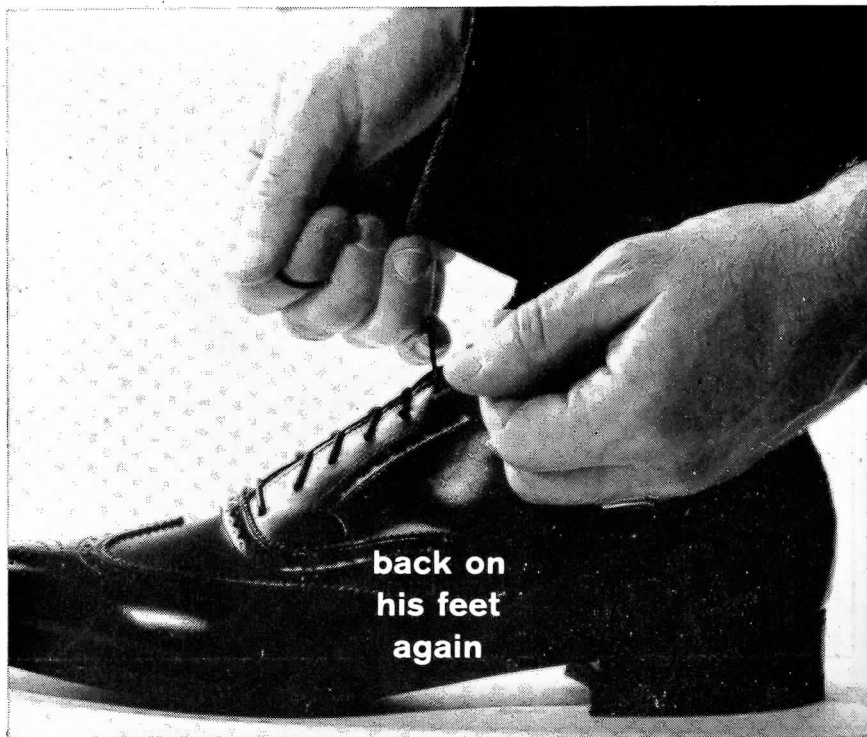
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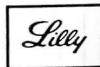
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