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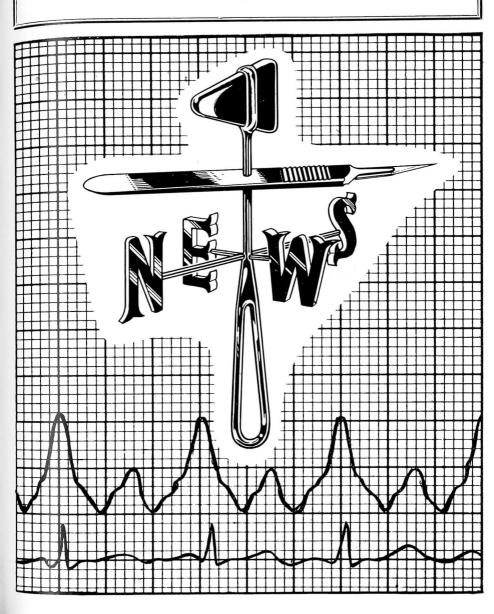
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From the Desk of the President

Because of circumstances which were current at the time of writing previous messages it would appear that your President is an acerbic, vitriolic "Sour-Puss". However, most of you know that this is not true.

At this time, although our previous problems have not been concluded, no new ones face us. This is not to say that all is quiet, but we all know that the wheels of the gods grind slowly and, most of the time, quietly.

I have but one thing about which to remind you and to ask you to take heed. Please come back to your Medical Society!! Attend meetings!! Participate!! Don't throw away your professional and constitutional rights. They have been hard won, but they are being slowly attenuated and diminished by ourselves. It is hard to believe that we can do this not by something we do, but rather by something we don't do. I hope that we don't wake up someday to find that the price of indifference can be so high that we buy oblivion for ourselves as individuals.

—Harold J. Reese, M.D. President

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Editorial

REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

The DeBakey Commission Report on Heart-Cancer-Stroke has undergone much change and the present law passed by Congress bears little resemblance to the original proposal. DeBakey's report envisioned a complex of treatment centers for victims of heart, cancer and stroke to be established throughout the country. The present Regional Medical Center law is aimed at the dissemination of knowledge, rather than acutal therapy.

The initiative rests with each region to apply for planning grants to study the establishment of the center. A region is not defined; it may be a city or several states. There are no rules. Its purpose is to continue medical education and training. It is expected each region will solve problems unique to itself. There are presently no provisions for new construction. Congress has authorized the program for three years, future extension and modification is certainly anticipated. The program, administered by the National Institutes of Health, is Regional not National and each center will devise its own program. There is no deadline; no crash program.

The initial step is the Planning Grant application made by an agent, usually a medical school. The cooperating agencies are expected to be the hospitals of the region. After approval of the Planning Grant, then, hopefully, an Operational Grant will follow to implement the plans.

The two Regional Centers of interest to Youngstown are those which will most probably revolve about Pittsburgh University and Western Reserve University. These two agents are just barely getting started in planning. One point is already made certain; a city or an area as-a-whole will be accepted into a region rather than any single institution or hospital.

THE WEEK WE SHOT THE MEASLES





Pictured on these two pages are just a few of the physicians who pitched in to help with the Measles Campaign over the six-day period, April 23 - 28

The measles immunization program conducted by the Mahoning County Medical Society during the month of April concluded with a highly successful "Measles Week," April 23-28. A total of 4,312 free immunizations were given during the final week at the regular well-baby clinics of the Youngstown Health Department, and at special stations set up in the County by the Mahoning County Health Department.

Physicians reported an increase in measles immunizations given in their offices during the month of April. One pharmaceutical representative reported that sales of vaccine to physicians had increased by 50% in the

first two weeks of April.

Although it would be difficult to ascertain exactly what proportion of immunizations given in private offices were directly due to the measles campaign, it is believed that the great amount of publicity given to the

campaign will have an effect for months to come.

The thanks of the medical society go to the many persons and organizations helping with the campaign. A special vote of thanks is extended to Joseph P. Navarro, representative of Pitman-Moore, who devoted all of his time during the final week in taking charge of supplies to all of the immunization stations and helping to operate a station each day of the program.

Thanks also go to Jim Yerian, Gordon Whittman and Art Tsigas, members of the Ohio Department of Health who came to Youngstown to help with the program. As always, a debt of gratitude is due to Miss Nellie Grant and her Visiting Nurses who performed the nursing chores at the immunization stations. Thanks also go to the parochial school nurses for nursing duties.

Registration, a large chore at each station, was carried out by the Woman's Auxiliary of the Medical Society, the Downtown Kiwaniqueens,

the Women's Auxiliary of the Bar Association, the Reserve Officers Association Ladies Club, the American Red Cross and the McGuffey Center staff.

Thanks from the medical society go to all of these fine people.

Thanks go to all of the physicans who pitched in, sometime on very short notice, to give the immunizations. Their names are listed elsewhere in the Bulletin. Special thanks go to those who worked more than one shift. Dr. R. W. Fenton worked long hours every day at his county stations. Dr. H. S. Zeve, Dr. Bernard Taylor and Dr. Kurt Wegner worked more than one shift to keep the program going.

The measles campaign was a project of the Public Relations Committee and was conducted by the Measles Committee, which consisted of Dr. Kurt Wegner, chairman, Dr. H. P. McGregor, Dr. R. A. Wiltsie and Dr. S. F.

Petraglia.

PHYSICIANS GIVE MEASLES IMMUNIZATIONS

The Mahoning County Medical Society extends thanks to those members who made it possible to run the measles campaign by giving the immunizations at the following stations:

Sunday, April 23:

Campbell—Dr. E. J. Reilly

Struthers-Dr. A. DiDomenico, Dr. R. Cossette

Monday, April 24:

Beloit—Dr. G. H. Davies Sebring—Dr. R. W. Fenton

South Side Neighborhood Center—Dr. B. M. Brandmiller, Dr. B. Taylor, Dr. J. W. Tandatnick

Tuesday, April 25:

Washington School—Dr. R. J. Hritzo, Dr. W. Moskalik, Dr. J. J. Anderson, Dr. C. A. Hixson

Wednesday, April 26:

McGuffey Center-Dr. H. S. Zeve

Lexington Settlement—Dr. Kurt Wegner Kimmelbrook—Dr. R. Ciekurs, Dr. B. C. Berg

Frank Ohl School—Dr. R. A. Wiltsie, Dr. R. W. Fenton

Thursday, April 27:

Youngstown Hospital—Dr. G. Delfs, Dr. G. E. DeCicco, Dr. F. A. Resch,

Dr. R. B. McConnell, Dr. Jack Schreiber

St. Elizabeth Hospital—Dr. B. Taylor, Dr. E. Kessler

North Lima High School-Dr. H. P. McGregor, Dr. R. W. Fenton

Friday, April 28:

Methodist Community Center—Dr. I. Mendel, Dr. M. L. Porter, Dr. Wegner Greenford School—Dr. R. W. Fenton

Lowellville High School—Dr. K. E. Camp

DR. GIKAS WAS APRIL SPEAKER

Seventy-one members of the medical society heard an unusually fine presentation at the April 18 meeting. Dr. Paul W. Gikas, Associate Professor, Dept. of Pathology, University of Michigan told of his research into auto accidents, which won the Medical Tribune Auto Safety Award. His talk was illustrated with slides.

Guests of the medical society for the meeting were: Mr. Charles Vimmerstedt, Manager of the Safety Council of Greater Youngstown, Sgt. Robert O. Byler, Commander of the Canfield Post, Ohio State Patrol and Deputy

Sheriff Stan Kreilor.

Dr. Gikas was introduced by Dr. Elias Saadi, program chairman.

MEASLES CAMPAIGN

Box Score

(number of immunizations given—April 23-28)

Sunday Struthers _____ 366 Campbell _____ 265 Monday Beloit ______ 122 Sebring _____ 153 South Side Neighborhood Center ____ 244 Tuesday Washington School _____ 226 Lake Milton _____ 344 Wednesday McGuffey Center _____ 319 Lexington Settlement _____ 241 Kimmelbrook _____ 245 Frank Ohl School _____ 253 Thursday Youngstown Hospital _____ 529 St. Elizabeth Hospital _____ 140 North Lima _____ 264 Friday Methodist Community Center _____ 316 Greenford ______ 94 Lowellville _____ 219 TOTAL _____4340

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MEDICAL SOCIETY HONORS 44 SCHOLARS

Forty-four students, the best boy scholar and the best girl scholar in the graduating class of Mahoning County's 22 high schools, were honored at the first annual Scholarship Dinner of the Mahoning County Medical

Society on Thursday, May 4.

It was an inspiring evening for both students and physicians as they heard an address by Dr. Albert LeRoy Pugsley, president of Youngstown University, and then watched the parade of earnest young people as they went forward to receive the pin and certificate that enrolled them in the first Roster of Scholars of the medical society.

The Scholarship Dinner was conceived as a public relations project by the PR committee for the purpose of encouraging and rewarding good scholarship. The committee has engaged in a number of other projects in the schools during the past year toward the end of interesting youngsters

in the study of medicine.

Chairman for the dinner was Dr. R. L. Jenkins. In attendance were Dr. Reese, president; Dr. Fisher, president-elect; Dr. Stotler, public relations chairman; and sixteen volunteer physicians representing the membership of the medical society.

The Scholarship Dinner will be an annual spring event of the Mahoning

County Medical Society.

RABBI KATZ IS MAY SPEAKER

Another in the series of Medicine and Religion meetings will be held by the Mahoning County Medical Society on Tuesday, May 16. Speaker will be Rabbi Robert L. Katz, Ph.D., Chairman of the Department of Human Relations, Hebrew Union College, Cincinnati. His topic will be "Partners in Healing; Pastor, Physician and Patient."

Two proposed amendments to the constitution will come to a vote at that meeting. The first proposes to drop the quorum from $\bar{2}0\%$ to 10%. The second would do away with the stipulation in the constitution that there must

be at least ten meetings of the medical society during the year.

The meeting will be at the usual place, the Mural Room. A social hour will begin at 6:00 p.m., with dinner at 6:30 and the meeting scheduled to get under way at 7:30 p.m. Cost of the dinner is \$3.50 per person. Reservations may be made with the medical society office.

PHYSICIANS ON RADIO AND TV

Taking part in the "Diagnosis" radio program during the month of April were:

April 4: "Cancer," Dr. David B. Brown, Dr. James R. Gillis.

April 11: "Chemo-therapy Treatment in Cancer," Dr. Arnoldus Goudsmit.

April 18: "Cancer of the Cervix," Dr. John G. Guju, Dr. John J. McDonough

Dr. Joseph W. Tandatnick.

April 25: "Measles Campaign," Dr. Samuel F. Petraglia, Dr. Kurt Wegner.
All programs are heard over WFMJ at 8:05 p.m. each Tuesday. They
are recorded at 9:30 a.m. on the same day. Any physician interested in
presenting a topic on "Diagnosis" should contact the Medical Society office
or Dr. John J. McDonough, chairman.

The following members appeared on the WYTV television program.

"Dateline-Youngstown" during April:

April 6: "Cancer," Dr. David B. Brown.

April 13: "Cardiovascular Surgery," Dr. Angelo Riberi. April 20: "Measles Campaign," Dr. Robert A. Wiltsie.

April 27: "Female Physical Examinations and Pap Smears," Dr. John]
McDonough.

All programs are live at 9:30 a.m. each Thursday over channel 33.

MCMS ESTABLISHES WELFARE FUND

A resolution calling for the formation of a Physicians' Family Welfare Fund was approved by the membership at the April 18 meeting of the Mahoning County Medical Society. The funds will be raised by an assessment of \$5.00 per member per year. A committee to administer the fund will be appointed by the president, and the expenditures are subject to approval by members of council.

MCMS WILL CONTRIBUTE TO HEALTH PLANNING

At the April 18 meeting of the Mahoning County Medical Society, members voted to support the newly-formed Mahoning Valley Health Planning Association by a contribution of \$1000 in 1967 and the same amount again in 1968.

The Association currently encompasses Mahoning and Trumbull Counties. It is reported that five physicians from the two counties will have a place on the Board of Trustees.

In November, 1965, the Mahoning County Medical Society conducted α Community Health Care Symposium in which an area-wide health care and facilities planning organization was proposed.

May 17

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THIRTY YEARS AGO—MAY 1937

There were three remarkable pictures of Medical Society picnics taken in 1913, 1914, and 1915 in the days when picnics were picnics. Fred Bunn was Superintendent of Youngstown Hospital and was responsible for organizing them. The chef from the hospital would prepare the ham and beans, corn, pie and coffee. Spitz Renner furnished the beer and a truck to take everything out to the place. The first ones were held out north of the Canfield Road just beyond Cornersburg where a creek crosses the road. Another place was Jackson's Gulch where Ray Fenton either fell in the lake or was thrown in during an argument over a poker game. There was always a ball game between teams from the two hospitals with loud arguments and high morbidity among both players and umpires. Kocialek fractured his humerus, Edgar Tobey developed a ventral hernia and Luxan was hit on the leg by a ball which ruptured his varicose veins and he was laid up for a month with phlebitis. There was some high class baseball talent those days. Bill Welsh was an old O.S.U. varsity pitcher and Wendell Bennett played on the Cornell team. Joe Nagel was a varsity catcher and M. P. Jones a beautiful out-fielder. The trouble was they were not in condition and after the picnic many of the doctors went around in bandages and splints.

The first picnic this writer remembers was in 1918 and was held along Mill Creek where the Truesdale Road crossed over a little iron bridge. It is under Lake Newport now, right near the boat landing. We all went swimming in the creek sans bathing suits and there was a great flurry when some lady hikers came along and we all had to duck under. It was a secluded spot, far above Mill Creek Park those days, very beautiful and quiet. The Truesdale Road started at Glenwood Avenue near the Newport entrance and there was an old covered bridge over one branch of the Creek

which had two channels through the valley.

Besides baseball there were more sedate sports such as poker, trap shooting and crap games where the inequities between the incomes of the medical

men and the surgeons were straightened out.

The pictures show some of the great figures in medicine of that day whose names should not be forgotten. There were W. H. Buechner, C. D. Houser, J. A. Sherbondy, H. E. Blott, C. R. Clark, C. C. Booth, John Heberding, R. D. Gibson, B. B. McElhaney, R. E. Whelan, R. M. Morrison, H. E. Patrick and Harry Evans.

Many of our members today do not remember Karl Allison, L. E. Phipps, H. L. Beers, W. P. Connor, Victor Wick, Sam Sedwitz, J. U. Buchanan, Jack Lindsay, Painter and Washburn, or A. M. Rosenblum.

TEN YEARS AGO—MAY 1957

President Ondash said that the Medical Society should lead in health matters and not be led by lay health organizations.

Editor Pichette urged doctors to be more active in public affairs.

Clyde Walter won the Bela Schick Award for the best report on original investigation presented at the American College of Allergy.

Herman L. Allen became a member of the Society. Colin R. Clark died. He was an outstanding practitioner and Youngstown's first specialist in in-

ternal medicine.



DR. RUDOLPH V. BASSO

1905 - 1967

Dr. Rudolph V. Basso was born in Vienna, Austria, on April 12, 1905. His medical degree was conferred by the Vienna Medical School in 1933. He came to America to intern at St. Vincent's Hospital in Bridgeport, Conn., 1939-40. He then returned to Vienna for three years of residency training in Psychiatry at Vienna Medical School.

In 1940, he again came to America and began his practice in South Dakota. In succession, he practiced at state hospitals in Iowa, Virginia, California, Ohio (Dayton), Indiana and Illinois. In 1964, he came to Youngstown

and joined the staff of Woodside Receiving Hospital.

Dr. Basso was a member of the American Psychiatric Association. At the time of his death, he was preparing a paper entitled, "Pilgrimage Through the Transitional Stages of Mental Illness." He was a member of Rotary, Elks, Lions and Optimist Clubs.

Dr. Basso was not widely known among his colleagues, but those who knew him had a great admiration for the courage and determination that

he displayed in the final days of his illness.

BULLETIN CALENDAR May 10 through June 15, 1967

May 10 through June 15, 1967				
May 11	8:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	Section Meetings, Youngstown Hospital Surgical V.P., C. Coleman, M.D., Aud. #2, St. Elizabeth Hospital		
	1:00 p.m.	Medical V.P., A. P. Shapiro, M.D., Renal Hypertension, Aud. #1, St. Elizabeth Hospital		
May 13	8:00 a.m.	St. Elizabeth Hospital Executive Committee		
May 16	6:30 p.m.	Mahoning County Medical Society, Mural Room		
May 17	1:00 p.m.	Cardiology V.P., James Leonard, M.D., Aud. #1, St. Elizabeth Hospital		
May 18	8:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting, Hitchcock Aud., Youngstown Hospital		
May 24	1:00 p.m.	Endocrinology V.P., T. S. Danowski, M.D., Aud. #1, St. Elizabeth Hospital		
May 25	8:00 a.m.	Medical Staff Meeting, Hitchcock Aud., Youngstown Hosp.		
	1:00 p.m.	Surgical V.P., Emmerich Von Haam, M.D., Aud. St. Elizabeth Hospital		
June l	8:00 a.m.	Section Meetings, Youngstown Hospital		
June 2	1:00 p.m.	Infectious Disease V.P., A. Braude, M.D., Aud. #1, St. Elizabeth Hospital		
June 6	1:00 p.m.	Medical V.P., G. J. Gabuzda, M.D., Gastroenteritis, Aud. #1, St. Elizabeth Hospital		
	7:30 p.m.	Section Meeting, St. Elizabeth Hospital		
	8:30 p.m.	Quarterly Staff Meeting, St. Elizabeth Hospital		
June 8	9:00 a.m.	Ex-Intern Reunion, Hitchcock Aud., Youngstown Hospital		
June 10	8:00 a.m.	Executive Committee Meeting, St. Elizabeth Hospital		
June 13	6:30 p.m.	Council, Mahoning County Medical Society, Mural Room		
June 15	1:00 p.m.	Medical V.P., B. Fleshler, M.D., Gastroenteritis, Aud. #1, St. Elizabeth Hospital		

FEMALE INFERTILITY

This has long been a vexing and challenging problem. It would seem that this whole process should be cut and dried and very scientific. However, it is so deeply immeshed with the psyche that the results are unpredictable. Nevertheless, there are certain studies that are an essential part of the work-up.

The most important is the initial interview and physical exam. It is essential to be a good listener at this time to be able to evaluate the emotional make-up of the patient. Some women are so psychologically constructed that they should not become pregnant. It is well to learn the true desires and reasons of both parties regarding a pregnancy. The most essential ingredient in pregnancy is intercourse and therefore we must be sure of this. It is not unusual to have people come in for an infertility work-up and to find that they have had not had intercourse for 6 to 12 months.

The first step is a complete history and physical. Any gross psychologicial or organic defects are noted and if there is a psychiatric problem the patient is instructed to get psychiatric help before continuing with the evaluation. Any gross anatomical or organic pathology is dealt with. If all factors seem normal, the following regime is carried out. The patient is advised that a Huhner test is performed about the time of ovulation. This helps to pinpoint ovulation and to see if the sperm is getting into the cervix and if it is motile. If the sperm is present and motile, we have an unqualified positive reaction. If there are adequate sperm but no motility, it could be because of low motility or antagonistic action of the cervical mucosa at this particular time. Before any further tests are carried out, the husband is encouraged to see a urologist. When the results are in we find the husband has a good fertility rating, low, very poor or nil. When it is low or poor every effort should be made to bring the husband up to a better level before the remaining part of the tests.

The next step in the investigation is an endometrial biopsy performed in the premenstrual phase. If this reveals a secretory endometrium we wait a few months and go to the next stage. For some unknown reason just doing the endometrial biopsy helps them get pregnant. However, this is not the general rule.

The salphingography is the next most important step, and I personally, favor it over the Rubin test, because there is a permanent record and sometimes it will reveal some unusual intrauterine abnormality. The patient is told to phone as soon as her period starts and she is scheduled for a hysterosalpingogram about the time of ovulation. The couple should not have intercourse from the time she has her period until after the test. This accomplishes three things: 1. It builds up the husband's sperm count and volume. 2. They have intercourse around the time of ovulation. 3. They have intercourse at a time when the tubes are most likely to be open. The reason I think that salpingograms are so important is from the results at St. Elizabeth Hospital from 1963-1966.

During this period, 199 salpingograms were performed. I cannot give statistics on results achieved by the other men performing tests; therefore, I will stick to my own. 55 salpingograms were done on 50 patients. 5 patients had the procedure repeated. 27 pregnancies resulted from these tests. This gives a corrected patient result of 54%. The most important factor is that not one of these patients miscarried. I hope this brief discussion may stimulate some constroversy and that I may learn some additional measures that will be helpful to my patients in the future.

S. Q. LAPIUS OBSERVES:

We have so many problems today that sometimes the situation seems

hopeless. Let me give you some hope.

In the first place, things are not nearly so bad as they have been in the past. The low point in our national history was the Civil War. For more than four years Americans were hating and killing other Americans. In 1894, 1910, 1914, 1918, 1941 and 1959 the country was at war. In 1918 there was a great influenza epidemic which killed thousands of people. In 1918 there was the great Depression when industry was paralyzed and people were hungry.

No, they have not been so bad as they have been in the past. Here is

the hope:

The teen-agers are rebellious. They always give us trouble. In 15 years

they will be parents worrying about their own teen-agers. Let us wait.

The race problem: You let your children go to school and play with other children. They are not conscious of race, they know who is good and who is bad. They grow up and their children go to school and play with other children. They know only who is good and who is bad. In three generations the racial problem will quiet down. The problem then will be between good people and bad people. It always has been.

Next month S. Q. will talk about labor and strikes.

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THE IMPENDING DEATH OF THE COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

Are local medical societies dying?

A C.P.C. is indicated.

Chief Complaints: Local medical societies no longer function as a cohesive group and attendance at meetings is poor. Local medical societies are becoming an anachronism. Is impotency a sign of death?

Present Illness: No one can state precisely when symptoms first appeared. At some undetermined time, the society (an organized group of fellow physicians) began to lose the respect and prestige it had earned. Now, the physician as an individual receives less respect and prestige while groups of physicians are disliked. At the same time, our internal dissension is increasing.

People have moved slowly and then rapidly from individuality and self responsibility to the expectation and demand for paternalistic provision of services by the government. This change has not been accepted by organized

medicine.

Hospitals have increasingly become the center of medical practice. Hospital staff duties and committees have become more important than the local medical society.

Some physicians could have made a diagnosis years ago before government intervention regarding some patients. Neither the government nor hospitals have told physicians how to practice or forced them into practicing in predetermined ways. If (or when) this happens, the county medical society will indeed be dead.

Past History: At one time, a few physicians who also were influential members of hospital staffs determined the policies of the local medical society. The medical society was a reasonably cohesive, productive, and active organization. When some one or group protested or had an idea, they were given a job to do. This method got results—people either worked or became silent. The society concentrated on local issues—until larger ones were forced upon it. Both as a group and as individual physicians, we had community support and influence.

Each society was alive, in spite of the usual minor illnesses—such as disagreers, members who were apathetic, old guard dying but not surrendering, those interested in themselves rather than the group. Perhaps our minor illnesses slowly became major.

What really happened? There are as many answers as there are physicians and people both directly and indirectly involved with physicians.

Family History: In our immediate family, the family history was one to be proud of. Although our state and national organizations had lesser meaning than locally, they had value and prestige. They made some errors, but our local problems cannot be blamed upon them or the public's opinions of them.

We have lost parts of our family support and may lose more.

The medical society and the hospital were friends who gave mutual support and understanding—in spite of the fact that membership in our society was not necessary to obtain a hospital staff appointment. The county medical society both symbolized and represented physicians.

We had close ties with the other professions. Now, for example, the nursing profession is no longer a part of our organizational family.

It is easy to say that we became the victims of "divide and conquer." If this is true, we permitted it by our own errors and complacency.

Hospital Course: The patient has not yet been admitted to the hospital. It should be.

Laboratory Studies: The enormous amount of studies, statistics, and opinions have caused more disagreement than agreement. These include: Attendance at meetings, fewer general practitioners and more specialists Attendance at meetings, to the specialist's interest in national organizations, more young physicians gravitates the changing patterns of a surveys the changing patterns of the changing patterns o ing on medical centers, economic surveys, the changing patterns of medical intervention and medical centers, economic surveys, the changing patterns of medical intervention and medical centers. practice, wishful thinking (for example, that federal intervention will disappractice, wishful thinking to hospitals fears and the pear), physicians increasing obligations to hospitals, fears and threats regarding the private practice of medicine as it exists today.

Diagnosis: The diagnosis vary from the extremes of no illness to dead. A diagnosis "good health" or "minor illness" is purely reassurance. A

diagnosis of "dead" is not correct—it may not be too premature.

Therapy: Proper therapy depends upon proper diagnosis. So long as the physicians involved cannot agree upon a diagnosis, therapy will vary in geometric progressions with diagnosis.

Some therapies have been suggested. Unfortunately, disagreement regarding therapies leads to absence of any action—while the patient continues to die.

At one extreme, therapy is reassurance that nothing is wrong; at the other extreme, physicians (often, with false pride) give no assistance to their dying local medical society.

What other therapies have been suggested? These include: The state and national societies caused our trouble—they should do something positive (any easy way out); asking for help from our national and state societies (how naive can one get?); repeals of laws (medical societies would not be stronger if existing federal laws ended tomorrow); get more members to meetings (how?); get rid of those who run the medical society (for whom?); transfusion of young blood (how many young physicians give nothing but dues to their local societies?); elect new officers—locally, state, national, in state capitols and Washington (let some one else do the job—the problem is not mine); give the members what they need and desire (60% will not answer simple questionaires); hiring public relations men (good public relations comes first from the practice of high quality medicine); improving our public image (stand back from the deluge of ideas); being for some thing instead of always against (for what and against what?).

Local medical societies are dying. They will continue to exist—but they are becoming functionally impotent and outdated. They will continue to exist (meetings with poor attendance, committees which do little or nothing, officers who try without success, sending delegates to state and national level)—existence, not hearty living.

This slow death has many causes. Those who try to inject hope, spirit, and vitality are called everything from prestige and publicity seekers to right wingers. Not only are their motives suspected, but their methods (even if wise) meet with criticism, skepticism, apathy, and disagreement.

So, pay your dues, do nothing except complain and criticize, forget your responsibilities and obligations to your local fellow physicians, remember that there are no local problems, give all your time and efforts to your hospitals, remember that your local medical society offers you nothing.

This functional death stirs many regrets. Each physician should continue his obligations to his practice, his local society, his hospital, and his specialty organization. Each physician should remember that he is his brother physcians' keeper. This ethic must have its first application in his practice, and then his local associations.

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BULLETIN BOARD

Two new diplomates of the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology are Dr. John J. Buckley and Dr. Vincent D. Lepore. They recently passed their Boards at Chicago.

Dr. R. R. Fisher has moved his office to 3720 Market St. Dr. F. A. Friedrich has moved his office to 124 South Main Street in Poland. Both were formerly

in Boardman.

Dr. Mike Vuksta and Dr. Elias Saadi recently spoke at the Columbiana County Public Health League's annual dinner in Lisbon on the subject:

"Patients Who Can't Breathe."

Dr. A. V. Whittaker will be away on a Fellowship in Cardiology by the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. He will spend a year studying under Dr. James Leonard.

Dr. Breesmen will be away 18 months on a Fellowship in Cardiology

at D. C. General Hospital in Washington.

Dr. John Melnick gave a talk at Alliance recently to the Mt. Union Health Association. He spoke on the subject of "Mammography," and about X-ray findings in early rheumatoid arthristis. Dr. Melnick recently had a paper published in the American Journal of Diseases of Children, which was reprinted in the Yearbook of Pediatrics, 1966-67. It is entitled "Chondrodystropia Calcificans Congenita."

MEDICAL ASSISTANTS SOCIETY

Even though you haven't read much about us this year in the Bulletin we have had many fine educational programs as well as several Social Events.

In July we had our annual picnic with Dr. Marinelli as our gracious host. We are indeed fortunate to have such a beautiful place to have this event each year.

In September we had our dinner meeting at the Mansion with Dr. Sch-

reiber speaking to us on, "The Progress of Medicare."

In October we had as our speaker, Miss Peg Sullivan, R.N. who gave us a lecture on Parliamentary Law and Procedures. A round table discussion followed. We also held our Annual Workshop at St. Elizabeth Hospital. Speakers included: Dr. Leonard Bernstein, Dr. D. J. Costas and Dr. Alexander Calder. Miss Laura Lockhart, State president and Education chairman, was the honored quest.

In November the group participated with Mrs. Kitty Pitts in making Christmas decorations and arrangements. This got us in the holiday spirit for our Christmas Party in the Embassy Room at the Ohio Hotel. A timely subject for the New Year was, "Collections" presented by Mr. James Herald

from the Medical-Dental Bureau.

February found us learning from Dr. Elias Saadi techniques in the Re-

habilation of the Pulmonary Cripple.

In March we took off into space with Mr. Kenneth Archibald and his eerie revelations on "Unidentified Flying Objects." This was one meeting our bosses should have attended. He certainly provided the large audience

with plenty of food for thought.

New officers were elected in April. President—Nena LaBarbera, President Elect-Matilda McConnell, Recording Secretary-Joan Dutko, Treasurer-Alice Larson, Corresponding Secretary—Joan Schuchler, and two Council Members—June Kyle and Mary Ann Donley. Delegates to the State Convention—Candy Shufflebarger, Nena LaBarbera and Josephine Sammartino. Plans were completed for our card party and style show at Idora Park. We are most happy to report it was a great success.

-Candy Schufflebarger President

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PHYSICIAN AND RED CROSS RE: SERVICEMEN

Your services as a physician or medical authority may be called upon frequently by the American Red Cross in connection with its Congressional responsibility to provide voluntary relief and service programs to members if our armed forces and their families.

The execution of these services is the joint effort of 3600 local chapters linked through a rapid communications network with Red Cross Field Direc-

tors serving military personnel around the world.

When servicemen and women are separated from their families, problems often accompany the separation and military authorities, as well as families at home, rely on the Red Cross to obtain and transmit vertified information when certain decisions must be made.

Your assistance in providing vital professional information may come

about in any of the following situations:

(1) You may be contacted by Red Cross personnel to verify the need for military authorities to grant emergency leave for a serviceman because of serious illness in his family. In some cases, you may even want to initiate such a request yourself on behalf of a patient.

(2) A member of the armed forces, his family, or the Red Cross, may also request a written statement from you, supporting a serviceman's application for transfer or even discharge from duty, due to the serious illness

of a family member.

(2a) If you believe the request to be valid, a report on your letterhead should include the nature, onset and duration of your patient's illness, the nature of care required, the degree of temporary or permanent disability, any possible future developments and professional recommendations.

All medical statements prepared for the military should include an exact diagnosis, prognosis and the anticipated life expectancy of the patient.

The information given to Red Cross and military authorities is confidential if you request that it not be shared with the serviceman concerned.

Priority for rapid transportation of a serviceman overseas returning to this country will be influenced by the nature of your report.

The Red Cross will also notify a serviceman, either overseas or on board ships at sea, about the birth of his child. Such messages should include the sex, weight and time of birth as well as the physical condition of both mother and child.

The Red Cross will also, either at the request of a physician or the family, notify a serviceman about the death of next of kin. Information desired is the cause and time of death.

Professional medical information relayed through the Red Cross communications system can be of great value to members of the armed forces in assuring them of the opportunity to deal with family situations as they would want to if they were at home.

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GUIDANCE COUNSELORS VISIT ST. E.

Guidance counselors of local high schools were guests of St. Elizabeth Hospital recently for a tour of facilities and discussion of health career opportunities available at the hospital. Dr. John F. Stotler and Public Relations

Director John J. Gillespie were hosts.

Dr. Stotler discussed careers in medicine and underscored the need for more physicians. He announced that St. Elizabeth's medical staff will conduct its third annual "Introduction to a Career in Medicine" course for high school juniors and graduating seniors interested in becoming doctors. The course begins June 15, and consists of 31 weekday morning sessions on various medical subjects and specialies. About 50 students have completed the two previous summer courses. Most are now in pre-medical studies and have formed the "Future Physicians Club of St. Elizabeth Hospital." The club meets regularly at the hospital for medical lectures.

MEDICAL ASSISTANT TRAINING LOANS

Loans for medical assistant training are now available from the Maxine Williams Scholarship Fund, sponsored by the American Association of Medical Assistants.

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The fund, named in honor of AAMA's first president, is supported entirely by private contributions. It was established to encourage those wishing to become medical assistants to take formal training, preferably at a school which offers a two-year course.

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Births	106	105	141	107	459
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Infant Deaths		5	1	2	11
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Births		91	117	123	439
Deaths		62	76	58	273
Infant Deaths	2	3	0	2	7
COMMUNICABLE DISEASES		-	967		966
			Deaths	Cases	Deaths
Influenza Meningitis			0	0	0
Tuberculosis			1	6	1
Syphilis		8	0	28	0
Gonorrhea			0	24	0
Scarlet Fever		1	0	1	0
VENEREAL DISEASES				_	
New Cases			Male	Female	
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