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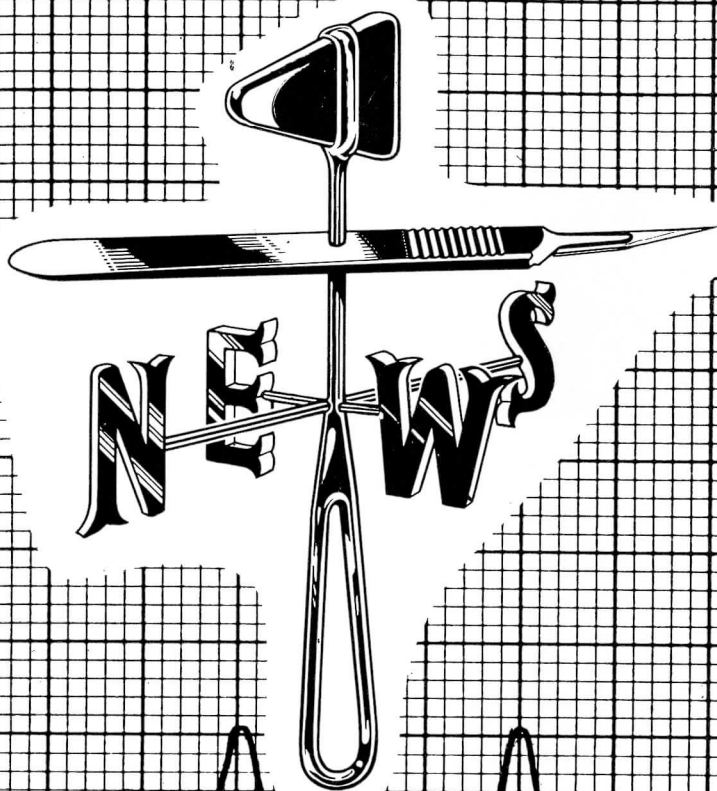
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From the Desk of the President

The trouble with summer is that by the time you realize it's here, it's gone. It seems to me that things used to quiet down some in the summer-time—the office hours were shorter and there was time for "fun things". But now, it is hard to tell summer from winter because we have the same flu bugs and virus infections that we had in the winter, only with some sun-burn and hay fever added to it.

Added to all this is the problem of taking calls for the doctors who have gone on vacation, and the ones who have quit practice for a full time job somewhere, and pretty soon summer doesn't look very jolly any more. At any rate, here it is, the middle of August already, and I just thought I ought to remind you that time is running out and the next thing you know—Labor Day!

Don't forget the first meeting of the fall season will be a steak-fry with the Dentists on September 12th. This is one you won't want to miss. See you there.

—Robert R. Fisher, M.D.
President

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Editorial

The words "third party" seem to be bad news for politics, romance, telephone service and medicine. This may be true in the first three instances, but is not necessarily so in medicine. When defined in relationship to medicine, these two words are often hooked up with a third—interference. This phrase may be appropriate at times, but to use it in the same sense that the citizens of our country's lower latitudes use the term *damnyankee* is wrong. To use the phrase "third party help" may also be appropriate.

The most common third party involvement in medicine is a financial one, and this seems to be what most of the hullabaloo is about. It is obvious that when someone other than the patient pays the patient's medical bills, the simple traditional doctor-patient relationship changes and becomes more complicated, and the third party gains some control over this relationship. It is also obvious that such control can be damaging to what we believe is vital to good medical care—the doctor-patient relationship.

However, it is just as certain that medical costs today are such that in many instances even our more affluent citizens must have the help that health insurance and other sources can give to meet these costs. Therefore we must accept third party payment as a necessity in our complicated society with its ever improving, but more costly medical care.

We must not divorce ourselves from the problems that are incurred by the involvement in medicine of third party payment of medical costs. We must become intimately involved so that the patient's interests are protected and so that medical progress can continue as it has in the past.

For example, we have heard it said that insurance companies are not helping the patient; they are only in the game to make money. Certainly the insurance companies want to make money—that is why they are in business. They are part of the free enterprise system that has made our country great. However, to say that the entire insurance industry is corrupt because a few fly-by-night outfits are cheating their policy holders is very shallow thinking indeed.

We must do our part to rid the scene of such unsavory firms, and to do this, we must become involved and cooperate with the reputable companies who obviously must have the same goal. Only then can we say that we are working for our patient's best interests.

If we ignore the problems caused by third party involvement in medicine, the problems will not disappear, they will become more numerous and more complex. The third party is here to stay, we must face the problems and help solve them.

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VISIT HEALTH EXHIBITS AT THE FAIR

All physician members of the Mahoning County Medical Society are urged to visit the medical health tent at the Canfield Fair, Aug. 29 through Sept. 2, Labor Day. The Medical Society is sponsoring the tent for the 17th successive year.

Twenty-three exhibitors will take part in the health display, including the Medical Society, the Auxiliary, and the Academy of General Practice.

Other exhibitors will include the Society for the Blind, Blue Cross, the Cancer Society, the Cerebral Palsy Association, the Cystic Fibrosis Association, the Corydon Palmer Dental Society, the Northeastern Ohio Pharmaceutical Association, the Hearing and Speech Center, the Heart Association, Kidney Foundation, Mental Health Association, Multiple Sclerosis Society, Muscular Dystrophy Association, National Foundation, Planned Parenthood, the Mahoning Valley Podiatry Society, American Red Cross, Youngstown Safety Council, the Veterinarian Association and the Youngstown Hospital Association.

The Hospital exhibit will be by far the largest exhibit in the tent and will be well worth while for physicians and public alike. The medical society will bring back the very popular "Life Begins" exhibit.

All physicians and their families are invited to make the health tent their headquarters while visiting the Canfield Fair.

BULLETIN BOARD

Dr. Winifred Liu recently returned from a one-month vacation in South America. The first part of the trip was spent in Rio de Janeiro, where she attended the Third International Congress of Cytology and spoke on the subject of Cytodiagnosis of Corpus Carcinoma.

Dr. Michael J. Vuksta has been promoted to commander in the U. S. Naval Reserve Medical Corps. Mike has served a total of 27 years, including a year of active duty at the Philadelphia Naval Hospital and more active duty in the Korean War. His current assignment is duty medical officer at the Naval and Marine Corps Reserve Training Center in Youngstown.

The son of Dr. and Mrs. R. P. Meader has been decorated for heroism under fire, receiving the Bronze Star Medal at Tan Son Nhut Air Base, Vietnam. His son, Dr. Willard L. Meader is a U. S. Air Force Major and was cited for outstanding leadership ability for directing medical units during an enemy attack.

Dr. J. J. Turner addressed the Midwestern Pennsylvania Heart Association on the subject of heart surgery at Youngstown Hospital at a meeting in June.

Dr. Raymond S. Lupsch has been elected a Trustee of the Cleveland Society of OB-Gyn, and a member of the Board of Directors of the Ohio University Alumni Association.

Dr. Armin Banez is welcomed back after hospitalization for surgery followed by a recuperative period at St. Croix in the Virgin Islands.

Dr. Arthur E. Rappoport has been appointed by Gov. Rhodes to the advisory board of the Bureau of Laboratories of the Ohio Laboratory Improvement Program. Purpose of the Board is to improve the quality of Pathology and Clinical Pathology in the State. The Board will cooperate with the Ohio State Health Department Laboratory.

Word comes from the Kent County Medical Society at Grand Rapids, Mich., that Dr. A. J. Telego has died. Dr. Telego was a member of the Mahoning County Medical Society from 1952 to 1954, at which time he left to go into military service.

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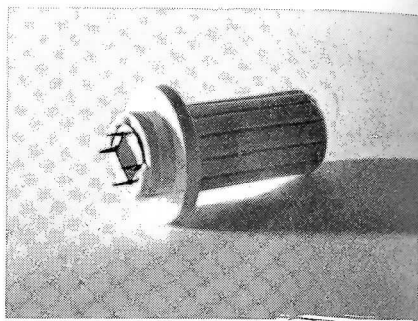
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NEW ACTIVE MEMBERS



Dr. Vincent T. Wrobel, a Psychiatrist, was born at Barberton, on July 24, 1918. He attended Barberton Central High School and Kent State University, from which he was graduated in 1948. He received his medical degree from Ohio State University in 1951.

He was an intern at Edward W. Sparrow Hospital at Lansing, Michigan, and took his residency at Cleveland Psychiatric Institute. He entered into the general practice of medicine at Barberton in 1952, and later practiced Psychiatry at Hawthornden State Hospital, Cleveland Psychiatric Institute and Athens State Hospital before coming to Woodside Receiving Hospital in 1964.

Prior to going to college, Dr. Wrobel served with the Sea-bees at Wake Island during 1941 and 1942.

He entered into private practice of Psychiatry in February of 1967 with an office at 5815 Market St. in Boardman.

He is a member of the American Psychiatric Association, the Ohio Psychiatric Association, the International Narcotic Enforcement Officers Association, the Cleveland Society of Neurology and Psychiatry, Akron-Canton Psychiatric Association, and is Board Eligible in Neurology and Psychiatry. He has published several papers, including one titled, "Personality and Drug Abuse."

His wife is the former Doris R. Kearns, whom he married in 1958, and they have one child, Vincent Michael. They live at 5474 Chapel Lane in Canfield. Dr. Wrobel's hobbies are hunting, fishing, swimming, woodworking, mechanics and electronics.

Dr. Costas A. Sarantopoulos, Orthopedic Surgeon, was born at Valtetsi, Greece, on Oct. 18, 1930. He was schooled at Tripolis, and received his medical degree at the University of Athens in 1956. After spending two and one-half years as a Medical Officer in the Greek Army, he came to America, where he interned at Euclid-Glenville Hospital near Cleveland.

He took a surgical residency at Jersey City Medical Center, 1960-61, and Orthopedics residencies at Albert Einstein Medical Center, Philadelphia, and at Kings County Medical Center, Brooklyn, completing these in 1964. He returned to Athens to practice from 1964 to 1966.

In February of 1967, he joined the office of Drs. J. J. Sofranec, Jr., W. H. Charlebois and H. J. W. Marcella at 1005 Belmont Ave.

Dr. Sarantopoulos has had papers published, entitled "Warren's Hip Fusion," and "Kidney and Rickets."

He is a member of St. John Greek Orthodox Church. His wife is the former Kay Georgelis, whom he married in 1964, and they have two children, Stacy and Athan. They live at 583 Tod Lane. Dr. Sarantopoulos' hobbies are chess, swimming, fishing, hunting, and music.



FIRST AID NEEDED AT FAIR

Volunteers are wanted to work at the First Aid Station at the Canfield Fair from Thursday, August 29 through Monday, Sept. 2, which is Labor Day.

Ten shifts are necessary to cover the Fair, two each day. The early shift is from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and the late shift is 5:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. Payment is made by the Canfield Fair Board. Anyone wishing to sign up for a shift should call the medical society office, 746-8431.



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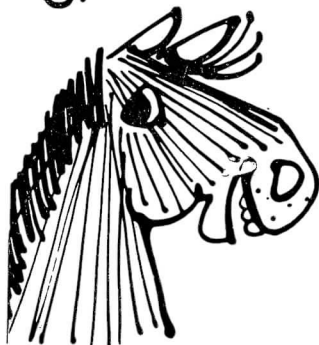
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From the Bulletin



THIRTY YEARS AGO — AUGUST 1938

The biggest news in medical circles that month was the completion of the new East Wing at the South Side Unit of the Youngstown Hospital. Proudly standing four stories high in buff brick it marked the first departure from the low gray stone buildings of the old "City Hospital". The new emergency rooms were on ground floor in the back; X-ray and plaster room on the first floor and the children's ward with a large sun parlor on the fourth floor.

It still stands as an integral part of the new South unit, no longer housing the emergency rooms which have been moved to the front of the hospital; its X-ray quarters long since outgrown and its four or six bed wards now the "slum area" compared to the new south and west wings.

But we were very proud of it then and the Bulletin was filled with praise for Dr. "Pop" Morrison and Mr. John Tod who worked so hard and gave so much to get it built. If you look you can still see the bronze plaque which reads: "This building was made possible by the generous gifts of Youngstown industries, merchants and friends of the hospital through the efforts of Dr. R. M. Morrison."

The *Bulletin* spoke in favor of a bond issue then being considered for widening streets and building new bridges. The writer spoke of the difficulty of getting from the South Unit to St. Elizabeth's Hospital through the bottleneck at Spring Common, or winding through the maze of narrow, crooked streets getting from Himrod Ave. to South Ave. In the days before the great Depression a driver going out Market St. or Mahoning Ave. would find himself in a queue of cars behind a trolley, not daring to pass to the left because of the law and not able to pass on the right because of parked cars.

There was considerable stir and much foreboding because of an article in Fortune magazine which said that Youngstown was through as a steel center.

TWENTY YEARS AGO — AUGUST 1948

New internes were arriving and President Noll reminded the members "the practicing physician has a great responsibility to give some of his time, energy and experience in fulfilling the expected curriculum, whether he be on the courtesy staff, emeritus staff or active attending staff. This is an important time to teach the art of practicing medicine. Know your interne staff and demonstrate interesting cases to them as the occasion arises. It is an important way to advance the standards and knowledge of the entire profession."

General Paul R. Hawley, then Director of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield National Organizations predicted the end of free medicine in this country in three years unless the doctors did something about it. They did.

An article by J. H. Talbott quoted by J. D. Miller stated that local reactions from penicillin were unimportant except following intrathecal injections which sometimes caused headache, vomiting, convulsions or unconsciousness. Nowadays so many people are sensitive to penicillin that

no injection of it is given without first inquiring about previous reactions. The article warned of sensitization following topical applications.

The city of Youngstown imposed a new income tax of .003% of the net income. Now the tax is 1½%.

TEN YEARS AGO — AUGUST 1958

President Detesco wrote: "It is strange that physicians have a poorer health record than the general population. Many studies substantiate this by showing that the interval of time between a specific symptom complex presenting itself and examination is longer among physicians than among the laity. The doctor may be preoccupied by his daily concern about his patients but he often delays because he had the misconception that 'it can't happen to me'. The ability to diagnose diseases should be self applied so that we physicians could properly interpret our symptoms and signs and call them to the attention of our colleagues promptly."

Editor Morris Rosenblum wrote, "Times change but values remain constant."

Dr. L. H. Getty was in the hospital with coronary thrombosis and his many friends were worried. The late J. Clair Vance was at the Mayo Clinic for treatment. Jim Birch was back to work but Golden and Ivan Smith were on the sick list.

Dr. A. V. Whittaker opened his office for the general practice of medicine in Poland.

Dr. Joseph Tandatnick became associate Director of Pathology at St. Elizabeth's Hospital.

Mr. Howard Rempes was chosen to be the first full time Executive Secretary of the Medical Society. It was a fortunate choice.

—J. L. F.

August 17

S. W. Ondash

August 18

F. Gelbman

August 19

W. T. Breesmen

J. J. Campolito

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Get Your Annual Check-up

August 30

D. R. Dockry

August 31

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September 3

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September 4

M. Krupko

E. Kessler

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F. G. Schlecht

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V. A. Neel

September 6

H. Holden

E. H. Jones, Jr.

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September 10

L. G. Coe

A. K. Phillips

September 11

B. Decker

September 12

R. Tarnopolsky

September 14

M. B. Goldstein

Is it Time to Renew Your Driver's License ?

BULLETIN CALENDAR**AUGUST 10 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 15, 1968**

- Aug. 10 8:00 a.m. Executive Committee, St. Elizabeth
- Aug. 12 9:00 a.m. VP Hematology, Dr. Jensen, St. Elizabeth
4:00 p.m. Medical Seminar, Hitchcock Aud., YHA
- Aug. 15 8:00 a.m. CPC, St. Elizabeth
8:00 a.m. "Indication for Renal Biopsy," Dr. Robert Bacani, Hitchcock Aud., YHA
9:00 a.m. Tumor Conference, Aud., St. Elizabeth
1:00 p.m. VP, Medicine, Dr. James Leonard, Aud., St. Elizabeth
- Aug. 19 9:00 a.m. Hematology Conference, VP, Dr. Jensen
- Aug. 20 8:30 a.m. Medical Grand Rounds, Drs. Gaylord and Abdu, Aud., St. Elizabeth
- Aug. 22 8:00 a.m. CPC, Hitchcock Aud., YHA
8:00 a.m. Tumor Conference, Aud., St. Elizabeth
9:30 a.m. VP, Surgery, Dr. R. A. Straffon, St. Elizabeth
- Aug. 26 1:00 p.m. Hematology Confer., VP, Dr. Westerman, St. Elizabeth
4:00 p.m. Medical Seminar: "Differential Diagnosis of Hypoxemia," Hitchcock Aud., YHA
6:00 p.m. Medical Mortality Conference, Drs. Dining Rm., South Unit, YHA
- Aug. 29 6:00 p.m. Medical Executive Committee, NU Coffee Shop, YHA
8:00 a.m. Medical Staff Educational Meeting, Hitchcock Aud., YHA
8:00 a.m. Combined Medical and Surgical Conference, Aud., St. Elizabeth
9:00 a.m. Tumor Conference, Aud., St. Elizabeth
- Aug. 30 1:00 p.m. Medical VP, Dr. A. Braude, St. Elizabeth
- Sept. 3 7:30 p.m. Quarterly Medical Staff Meeting, Hitchcock Aud., YHA
7:30 p.m. Section Meetings, Aud., St. Elizabeth
8:30 p.m. Quarterly Staff Meetings, St. Elizabeth
- Sept. 5 8:00 a.m. Wm. J. Flynn, M.D., "Treatment of Metastatic Cancer of the Lungs with Yttrium 90 Microspheres," Hitchcock Aud., YHA
8:00 a.m. CPC, Aud., St. Elizabeth
9:00 a.m. Tumor Conference, Aud., St. Elizabeth
1:00 p.m. Medical VP, Dr. T. S. Danowski, St. Elizabeth
- Sept. 9 4:00 p.m. Medical Seminar: "Hepatol Renal Syndrome," Hitchcock Aud., YHA
- Sept. 10 8:30 a.m. Medical Grand Rounds, Dr. Tiberio, St. Elizabeth
- Sept. 12 8:00 a.m. Sections Meetings, YHA
8:00 a.m. Tumor Conference, Aud., St. Elizabeth
9:30 a.m. Surgical VP, Dr. F. E. Nulsen, St. Elizabeth
- Sept. 14 8:00 a.m. Executive Meeting, St. Elizabeth

DR. REESE TAKES UNIVERSITY POST

The Mahoning County Medical Society lost the services of its immediate-past-president and loyal and hard-working member when Dr. Harold J. Reese embarked on a new career in Michigan on August 1st.

Dr. Reese is now director of student health service at Central Michigan State University at Mt. Pleasant. His friends and colleagues join in wishing him success and happiness in his new position. His departure is a loss to the medical society and the Ohio State Medical Association where he continued to serve on committees of both organizations, and to his patients and to the medical community, where there is now one less family physician.

COLLEGE OF SURGEONS TO MEET HERE

Youngstown will be the scene of the Ohio Chapter, American College of Surgeons, 13th annual meeting on Friday and Saturday, September 20-21. The program will be held at the Ohio Hotel and the Voyager Motor Inn. Program Chairman is Dr. William J. Flynn.

OHIO HOTEL FRIDAY MORNING SEPTEMBER 20, 1968

8:45 A.M. Welcoming Address Richard W. Zollinger, M.D., President Ohio Chapter American College of Surgeons

SCIENTIFIC SESSIONS

9:00 A.M. Presiding: Stephen Ondash, M.D.
 "Postoperative Management of Fluid and Electrolyte Derangements"
 Moderator: John H. Davis, M.D.
 Panelists: James L. Berk, M.D.
 Leonard I. Goldman, M.D.
 Bruce G. MacMillan, M.D.

10:25 A.M. "Metabolic Problems of the Surgical Patient"
 Moderator: Thomas R. Kelly, M.D.
 Panelists: Thaddeus S. Danowski, M.D.
 David M. Hume, M.D.
 Robert A. Macbeth, M.D.

11:45 A.M. Ohio Cancer Coordinating Committee's Tumor Registry Program
 Philip J. Robeck, M.D.

12:00 Noon Luncheon — Speaker: Angus D. McLachlin, M.D.
 "Surgery in Africa"

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Presiding: Richard W. Zollinger, M.D.

1:45 P.M. Resident Essay Contest Mary M. Martin, M.D., Chairman

2:30 P.M. Ohio Oration Charles A. Hufnagel, M.D.
 "Current Status of Valvular Replacement"

3:30 P.M. "Pre and Postoperative Cardio-Pulmonary Problems"
 Moderator: John J. Turner, M.D.
 Panelists: Laurence K. Groves, M.D.
 Charles A. Hufnagel, M.D.
 John L. Pool, M.D.
 Angelo Riberi, M.D.

5:00 P.M. Business Meeting

6:30 P.M. Social Hour

7:30 P.M. Dinner — Speaker: Red Barber, Sports Columnist
 "What Makes A Champ?"

**OBSTETRICAL AND GYNECOLOGICAL
SCIENTIFIC SESSIONS
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FRIDAY AFTERNOON
SEPTEMBER 20, 1968**

- Presiding: Richard T. F. Schmidt, M.D.
- 2:00 P.M. "Genetic Abnormalities in Reproduction"
Moderator: Raymond S. Lupton, M.D.
Panelists: Cecil B. Jacobson, M.D.
Morton A. Stenchever, M.D.
- 3:00 P.M. "Surgical Management of Congenital Vaginal Defects"
"Intersexuality and Its Management"
Moderator: Donald C. Snyder, M.D.
Panelists: Theodore A. Baramki, M.D.
Roger B. Scott, M.D.
- 4:00 P.M. "The Management of the Rape Victim"
Moderator: Simon W. Chiasson, M.D.
Panelists: Lester Adelson, M.D.
George Andros, M.D.

**OHIO HOTEL
SATURDAY MORNING
SEPTEMBER 21, 1968**

- Presiding: Thomas W. Morgan, M.D.
- 7:30 A.M. Breakfast Meeting
"The Relationship Between Surgeon, Administrator, and Governing Board of the Hospital"
Moderator: James H. Spencer, M.D.
Panelists: John J. Cranley, M.D.
Charles E. Holzer, Jr., M.D.
Donald R. Newkirk
Frank L. Shively, Jr., M.D.
- 8:45 A.M. "Management of Patient with Multiple Injuries"
Moderator: Wesley Furst, M.D.
Panelists: Robert J. Baker, M.D.
Leon L. Bernstein, M.D.
Irving M. Bush, M.D.
Nicholas J. Giannestras, M.D.
H. William Porterfield, M.D.
- 10:30 A.M. Ohio Gall Bladder Survey Drew J. Arnold, M.D.
- 10:45 A.M. "Management of Acute Renal Failure"
Moderator: Donald G. Vidt, M.D.
Panelists: Irving M. Bush, M.D.
Richard Ireton, M.D.
Victor Vertes, M.D.



In Memoriam

WAYNE B. HARDIN, M.D.
1917 - 1968

It is an irony of life that death effaces memories of friends so quickly and remorselessly. This maxim is violated only by extraordinary people, whose impact on society is so vividly indelible, that it withstands the abrasive buffing of fleeting time.

Doctor Wayne Hardin's Hallmark was his transparent honesty, his personal integrity, and his indomitable spirit. For those of us who were privileged to know him and were permitted to measure the strength of his courageous battle against his affliction, his passing will not delete our memories. Medicine and our community have suffered a grievous loss but all who were ever touched by this spirit, have been enriched immeasurably and for eternity.

He was slow to censure but quick to scorn false and empty phrases. Firm and manly in his behavior, he was compassionate to the sick and needy and humble in the estimate of his considerable talents. Wayne Hardin was the kind of man about whom one can say proudly, "He was my friend".

—His Friends

DOCTORS TEACH "CAREERS" COURSE

Fifty Juniors and Seniors, representing 15 area high schools completed a course entitled "Introduction to a Career in Medicine," at St. Elizabeth Hospital last month.

Director of the course is Dr. John F. Stotler. Participating were: Dr. Raymond Scheetz, Dr. Michael Vuksta, Dr. John Conti, Dr. S. F. Squicquero, Dr. Joseph Tandatnick, Dr. Carl Klodell, Dr. Robert Hritzo, Dr. Elias Saadi, Dr. J. J. Sofranec, Dr. Robert McConnell, Dr. John Bleacher, Dr. Anthony Pannozzo, Dr. William Cleary, Dr. Simon Chiasson, Dr. Richard Richards, Dr. Louis Zeller, Dr. Raymond Boniface, Dr. William Johnson, Dr. George Dietz, Dr. Robert Gilliland, Dr. Angelo Riberi, Dr. Ronald Mangie, Dr. Anthony Deramo, Dr. Joseph Kopinski, Dr. Edmund Massullo, Dr. Bertwin Einfalt, Dr. John Buckley and Dr. John Kalfas.

This year marks the fourth year that the course has been offered to high school students at St. Elizabeth Hospital.

ARE YOU REGISTERED?

The Legislative Committee asks every member and his wife to check to be sure that they are registered to vote. Anyone who has moved his residence, recently or who has not voted in the last two elections, should immediately check with the Mahoning or Trumbull County Board of Elections.

Dr. Frank Gelbman, Chairman, announces that the committee will not check the records of the Board of Elections this year, but asks that every member take it upon himself to see that he is registered and then to be sure that he exercises his right to vote in November.

MEDICAL ASSISTANTS SOCIETY

I am sure everyone read in last months bulletin about the beautiful installation that was held for our new officers at the Fronderlac Country Club.

The only other event to report within the month was our annual picnic, July 11th, held as usual at Dr. Marinelli's farm. Decorations followed that of a birthday theme and everyone sang happy birthday to our new president, Matilda McConnell, whose birthday just happened to fall on picnic day.

After a beautifully catered dinner, games were enjoyed, songs were sung and everyone left, spent but very happy, saying goodbye until our first meeting after vacation in September.

You will hear from us then, and may you all have a very happy summer.

—Jeanne Marie McHenry,
Bulletin Chairman

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TEN YEARS LATER



Medical Society staff consists of Mrs. Ella Tidd, office secretary, and Howard Rempes, executive secretary.

Ten years ago, the Mahoning County Medical Society took an important step in its growth. On August 1, 1958, the society employed a full-time executive secretary, hiring Howard Rempes for the job. On Sept. 1, the society established an office in the Bel-Park building, moving from the Medical-Dental Bureau offices at 125 W. Commerce St.

The office, today, is located at the same spot, room 245, on the second floor of the Bel-Park building. The society employs two people—Mr. Rempes, and Mrs. Ella Tidd, secretary and bookkeeper, who joined the staff in 1961. The first secretary, employed in 1958, was Mrs. Helen Lucas, who left in 1960.

Besides being a medical information center for the entire community, the office is the record center for 45 committees, the council, and the society itself. It is the operation center for the Mahoning County Medical Society Foundation, and the publishing office of the Bulletin. It is also a public relations office, as news stories are sent to the Vindicator and the radio and TV stations concerning all newsworthy activities of the medical society.

Special activities carried on at the office include the collection of two Blue Cross-Blue Shield groups, one for the physicians and one for the medical assistants; organization of the medical health tent at the Canfield Fair, at which time part of the office actually moves out to the Fairgrounds; organization and clearing house for publicity material and testing material for the annual Diabetes Week; clearing house for physician speakers for community organizations and radio-TV, and continual liaison with both the Ohio State Medical Association and the American Medical Association.

Among prized possessions stored at the medical society office are the original organization minutes, written in 1872, 37 bound volumes of the Bulletin, 1930 through 1967, and numerous early photos.

The office is surrounded by the offices of members on three floors of the Bel-Park building. However, many members in other parts of town have not seen the medical society office. All are cordally invited to stop by for a visit. The office is open daily from 9:00 to 5:00 o'clock, and from 9:00 to noon on Saturdays, except during the summer months. The building is located at 1005 Belmont Ave., across the street from St. Elizabeth Hospital.

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S. Q. LAYPIUS OBSERVES:

One of the most difficult things an attending physician has to do for his patient in the hospital is to explain and quiet down the alarm created by the hospital personnel. Internes, residents, nurses, aides, X-ray technicians, physiotherapists and dieticians do it. It is known as hospital diatribe.

The intern says: "Do you know you have a heart murmur?" The resident says "Your blood chemistry is bad." The nurse says "Did the doctor check this high blood pressure?" The X-ray man does a fluoroscopy and says "Wow, this is really something!" When I get there to see the patient he is a nervous wreck.

These are not imagined, they are real happenings, told to me by my patients. Why don't hospital personnel learn to keep their mouths shut? They seem so anxious to demonstrate what they know and a little knowledge is a dangerous thing. They can report their findings on the chart and contrary to their belief, the doctor does look at the chart.

Those things often put the doctor on the spot!

Every day I appreciate more the two letters after my name: M.D. Those letters are respected, envied and mimicked. They were not won easily. That is why they are so precious.

I love being an M.D. I love being an M.D. in private practice, taking care of sick people. I become involved in their problems and participate actively in their treatment and progress.

Psychiatrists say that is bad, but when they suffer, I suffer too and when they recover I rejoice. When they fail to respond I worry and lie awake at night thinking of what might be done. I treat the family, too. I keep them informed and listen to their wishes.

Can the Public Relations Committee think of any better plan than that?

There is one advantage to poor writing. The Records Committee gets many charts that are voluminous in content but so illegible that they cannot tell whether the quality of the record is good or not.

Even when the history and physical examination are complete, it takes me a good half hour to discharge a patient. That means completing the final diagnosis, condition on discharge, the orders, the progress notes and discharge summary. The instructions and prescriptions for the patient, the good wishes and admonitions.

And then I forget to write the note for my own records at the office!

Read the Vindicator, the N.Y. Times, the Wall Street Journal, The National Observer, Time and Newsweek and you will have the news in depth.

What irks me is the radio or TV news program of 15 minutes with 4 commercials and they close by saying, "Now You Have Been TOTALLY INFORMED!"

Thank goodness for the Vindicator. You can sit down in your easy chair, put your feet up and relax. You can read the news, the editorials, the columnists, the financial page and most important of all what Andy Capp is doing.

DOCTOR'S WIFE HEADS YSU BOARD

Mrs. James L. Fisher was elected chairman of the Board of Trustees of Youngstown State University at a meeting of the board last month. She succeeds Dr. John N. McCann, who served as first board chairman for Youngstown State University. One other physician serves on the board, Dr. B. B. Burrowes, who was elected to board membership earlier this year.

DR. METCALF ON CMS MISSION

Dr. D. W. Metcalf recently participated in a medical mission that took him, along with his wife and son, DeForest Wayne, Jr., to the Dominican Republic.

In a project sponsored by the Christian Medical Society, that was reminiscent of similar trips of the S. S. Hope, seventy-five physicians flew to Santo Domingo and proceeded by bus into the back country. From this point, teams of physicians, dentists and nurses visited 27 villages during a ten-day period. They treated over 7,000 patients. At the Puerto Plata hospital, a 12-man team of surgeons, pediatricians and 3 anesthesiologists handled all of the operative cases.

The physicians paid their own transportation. Of the 40 wives who accompanied their husbands, 22 were nurses, the others did the cooking. Drugs were contributed by American pharmaceutical companies. Each American doctor had a Dominican doctor working with him.

Plans are under way for a similar visit in 1969. Previous projects were carried out in Mexico and Vietnam.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT BULLETIN

	JUNE, 1968		Non-Resident		Total
	Resident M.	F.	M.	F.	
Births	85	73	132	108	398
Deaths	84	69	78	56	287
Infant Deaths	4	0	2	1	7
JUNE, 1967					
Births	102	94	117	121	434
Deaths	76	50	70	49	245
Infant Deaths	1	1	1	3	6
COMMUNICABLE DISEASES					
	1968		1967		
	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	
Mumps	0	0	3	0	
Tuberculosis	0	0	3	0	
Gonorrhea	0	0	42	0	
Syphilis	0	0	19	0	
Infectious Hepatitis	0	0	1	0	
Salmonella	1	0	0	0	
VENEREAL DISEASES					
New Cases		Male	Female		
Syphilis		4	3		
Gonorrhea		16	12		
Total patients					35
Total visits (patients)					126

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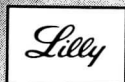
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