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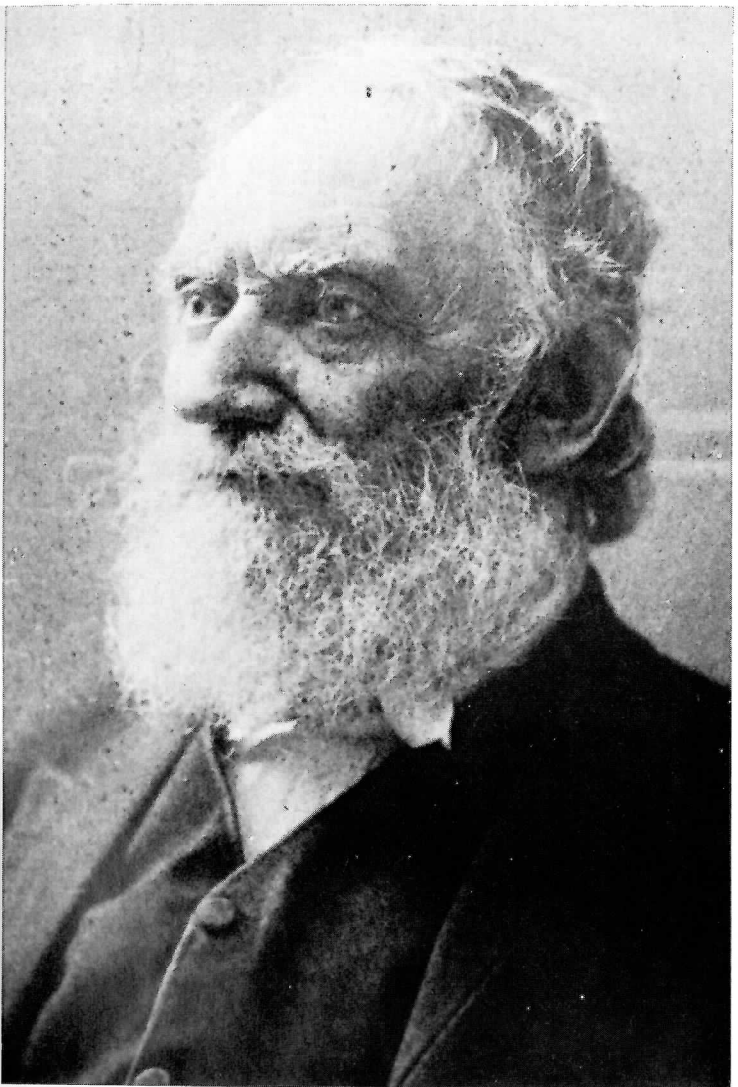


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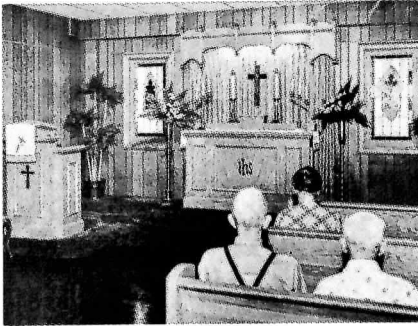
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From the Desk of the President



TOTAL PARTICIPATION

It is indeed an honor to be a member of an organization which has existed for one hundred years. The Mahoning County Medical Society has made many contributions to the membership and to the citizens of this community. For these contributions we are deeply indebted to all the past officers, council members and members of the Society. It was necessary for these individuals to make significant sacrifices to carry out the duties of their positions before the appearance of our executive secretary. Many thanks to the men who saw the need for and obtained the services of our superb Howard Rempes.

However, just as the Society has made many positive contributions, we are also faced with some major problems that plague similar organizations over the entire country. There are no simple solutions to the problems (real and imagined) facing our Society. However, I feel that we could solve most of our problems if we had total participation of the members in making decisions and establishing guide lines for the Society.

As practicing physicians engaged in a profession which is an art and not a pure science, we are trained to make positive decisions. Thus our Society is composed of positive thinking independent individuals who have different opinions on the many problems facing the organization in this complex society. This situation has produced heated discussions on some subjects in the past. Major decisions have been made by a small minority of the membership. This is an unhealthy situation, and the solution is total participation of the members in the functions of the Society.

In this 100th year of our Society, I feel we should dedicate ourselves to building a strong and unified Society. This is a vital step in our struggle to preserve the private practice of medicine.

I wish to thank the members who attended the Jan. 18th society meeting to honor Dr. John Stotler for a job well done.

—Henry Holden, M.D.
President



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A History of Medicine in Youngstown and Mahoning Valley

DR. TIMOTHY WOODBRIDGE — FIRST PRESIDENT MAHONING COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

John C. Melnick, M.D.

Dr. Timothy Woodbridge was the first native-born physician in Youngstown. He was born in March, 1810, one of three sons of John E. Woodbridge, who immigrated to Youngstown from Stockbridge, Massachusetts, about 1807. He was a grandson of Rev. Jonathan Woodbridge, a famous theologian and early president of Princeton College.

Following his arrival in Youngstown, Dr. Woodbridge's father purchased a tannery at the west end of town from Joseph Townsend, who was the first tanner in the new township. The township was settled in 1797. Young Timothy helped his father in the tannery frequently. As a small boy, he narrowly escaped death while swimming with his brother John, a year or two older than Timothy, in the Mahoning River. His brother was swept away and drowned.

Dr. Woodbridge attended Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia and graduated in 1833 as a medical doctor. He chose to attend what was considered the most famous college in America at the time; one that yearly graduated the largest classes in the world. His teachers included many distinguished giants of the medical profession, among whom were Dughson, Mitchell, Meigs, Pancoast, Gross, Dixon, Bache and DeCosta. His education was above average for the time. In his early days he was an engineer during the construction of the Pennsylvania and Ohio Canal.

His initial medical practice was in North Lima. However, several prominent citizens persuaded him to establish his practice in Youngstown, which he did a few months later.

When President Polk appointed David Tod, great-grandfather of Fred Tod, Jr., the current president of the board of trustees of the Youngstown Hospital Association, to be United States Minister to Brazil, Dr. Woodbridge accompanied Mr. Tod and a part of his family to Rio de Janeiro. As the family physician he remained in Brazil approximately one year (1847-1848).

Dr. Woodbridge then returned to Youngstown and resumed his practice of medicine until 1861, when he was appointed a Surgeon in the United States Army. He was stationed at Johnson's Island in Lake Erie, a rebel prisoner camp, where he remained until the close of the Civil War in 1865.

Dr. Timothy Woodbridge's nephew, Dr. John Eliot Woodbridge, joined him in practice in 1871. John was approximately 30 years younger than Timothy. There is frequent confusion in the literature between the two Dr. Woodbridges. Dr. John E. Woodbridge developed a tablet for the treatment of typhoid fever which contained calomel, thymol, menthol and other ingredients. The tablet was widely used both in Youngstown and in many areas of the United States and Europe. The tablet was meant to be a laxative and intestinal antiseptic. Dr. John Woodbridge enlisted in the Spanish-American War in 1898 in hopes of promoting its use among the troops, but was not highly successful.

In 1879, Dr. Timothy Woodbridge, being fond of the military, was appointed by President Hayes to be a Surgeon in the United States Army and was stationed at Fort Peck in Montana for about three years. He served as medical officer to the troops and Indians. Dr. Woodbridge again returned to Youngstown to practice until infirmities of old age limited his activities.

Dr. Timothy Woodbridge's homestead played an important role in the history of Youngstown. The eleventh sale of land in the Youngstown Township by John Young was in May, 1799, to Caleb Baldwin, who built a double log cabin on it. The land is on the north side of Federal Street, now occupied by the eastern one-half of the G. M. McKelvey Company. This parcel of land was a part of the original 100 lots laid-out by John Young in 1798 and was in lot #66 of the initial lots. When the township was laid out, John Young started at the well of Caleb Baldwin's land for the survey of Federal Street. The well was slightly west of the cabin and post for surveying was placed here. Federal Street was set as 100 feet wide and 1,752 feet in length. It passed through the Square and included two lots east of what is now Walnut Street. The "end of town" is now occupied by Haber's Furniture Store. Two of the original 100 lots, i.e. #95 and #96, were set-aside as burial grounds and were located at the southwest and southeast corners of Wood St. (North St.) and Wick Ave. (North Market St.)

Caleb Baldwin sold his log cabin and land to Dr. Henry Manning in 1813. Maps of Youngstown, however, showed the property to be owned in 1855



The Woodbridge cabin on Lake Glacier in Mill Creek Park.

by Dr. Timothy Woodbridge. The land had a frontage of several hundred feet on Federal St. and extended north to Commerce St. (then Wick St.). The land was sold to Dr. Woodbridge by Mr. Tod "for a trifle" in partial payment for professional services rendered during the trip to Brazil with Mr. Tod. Dr. Woodbridge later also owned a parcel of land on the west side of Phelps St. in approximately the middle of the block between Federal St. and Boardman St.

In May, 1874, three persons met accidentally and began a discussion of the past when it was proposed that there should be a formal gathering of old citizens. Dr. Woodbridge was to play his role in documenting the history of Youngstown's beginning from this casual conversation.

The meeting resulted in a notice being drawn up and published in the newspapers of the day. "All who are in favor of a reunion of those who have been for 35 or more years residents of Youngstown are requested to meet at the Tod House, Saturday, May 30, 1874, at 7 o'clock p.m. to make arrangements for a reunion of old settlers." This notice was signed by a number of older residents and Dr. Timothy Woodbridge.

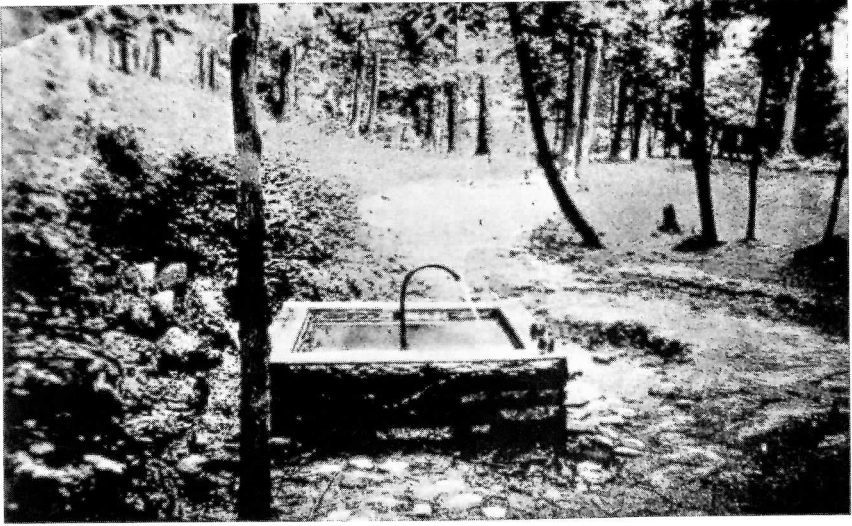
The meeting took place and arrangements were made for a formal reunion held on September 10, 1874, at the Opera House. Dr. Woodbridge was selected chairman. The Opera House stood on the southwest corner of the Public Square (Diamond) where the Mahoning National Bank now stands. The "Pioneer Reunion" was a huge success. Many of those unable to attend forwarded apologies for their inability to be present. They forwarded letters of their reminiscence of early Youngstown. The record of the reunion and letters the author believes to be the most accurate, informative and valuable material on the early history of Youngstown in existence. The outcome of this reunion was the formation of "the Historical Society of Mahoning Valley," with William Powers as president and Dr. Timothy Woodbridge as vice-president.

Dr. Woodbridge was said to have been somewhat eccentric. He drove a mule rather than a horse in his later years, and on occasions was seen to ride his mule. He rode a rig rather than a buggy. When the tires of his rig came loose in dry weather he merely wrapped wire around them rather than replace the wheels. A cloud of dust was not infrequently kicked up on Federal St. by Dr. Woodbridge's rig.

In 1872, together with Drs. Cunningham, Brooke, W. J. Whelan, John McCurdy, Charles N. Fowler, W. Buechner, Starr and others, Dr. T. Woodbridge organized the Mahoning County Medical Society on Nov. 13th. He was chairman of the initial meetings and then elected its first president. Dr. Woodbridge was to remain in office as president for seven years, 1872-1879, the longest term of the 84 presidents of the society during its 100 year history.

In 1884, Dr. Woodbridge tested water from the famous "Sulphur Springs" in Mill Creek Park and found all elements of mineral water but one and recommended it for rheumatism.

The "Woodbridge Log Cabin" in Mill Creek Park was once the residence of Dr. Woodbridge. Its history dates back to the pioneer days of Youngstown when Henry Champion purchased land from the Connecticut Land Company. This was located northeast of Bear's Den Ravine. The land was then sold in 1816 to William Hatfield, who is thought to have built the log cabin the following year. Hatfield then sold the cabin and land to Matthew Curr in 1838, who in turn sold it to Daniel Osborn in 1848. Samuel Price was married in the log cabin on April 25, 1839. Jacob Stambaugh lived in the cabin until a spring, used as the water supply, ran dry as a result of the water use in coal mining in the area. The log cabin then stayed uninhabited until 1862 when Dr. T. Woodbridge purchased it. In 1863 he had it dismantled log by log by Fred Span who moved it to its present site by oxcart and reassembled it. An uninvited guest once discovered a skeleton in the closet, resulting in a very frightened man and a tale that the cabin was haunted. Mill Creek Park acquired the log cabin in 1892.



The sulphur springs, tested by Dr. Woodbridge

Dr. Isaac Barclay was one of several local doctors who studied medicine under Dr. Woodbridge.

A contemporary, and one-time partner, Dr. John McCurdy, described Dr. Woodbridge as having a large and shapely head with marked development of his perceptive faculties, set upon broad shoulders. His chest was round and deep and there was ample room "for his digestive organs." His legs were well-formed and muscular. He is said to have been capable of a prodigious amount of physical and mental work. Dr. Woodbridge went week after week with only 4 to 6 hours of sleep in a 24-hour day.

His medical training consisted of the most advanced physiological and pathological teaching of the day. Even after long, hard hours of work, Dr. Woodbridge spent considerable time reading books and journals to keep up with the advances in medicine. He often was able to fix in his mind his readings during long rides from house to house.

When Dr. Woodbridge entered the practice of medicine in Youngstown, the original three doctors were still active. They were Drs. Charles Dutton, Henry Manning and Charles C. Cooke. All were men of great natural ability, widely known, and of unusual professional attainments. They kept abreast of their time and provided formidable obstacles in the way of the young aspirant. Dr. Woodbridge continued his habit of learning during his nearly 60 years of professional life. He had many admirers of his ability to conduct a long and dangerous case successfully.

Dr. Woodbridge's partnership with Dr. John McCurdy ran into difficulties and was threatened to break up because of Dr. Woodbridge's business methods. During the partnership each kept a day-book, the junior partner posting the books. It was extremely difficult for the junior partner to post the books with such entries as: "fat woman in Brier Hill," "old man at Crab Creek," "colored man," "red-headed woman on the hill," and "man on Coitsville Road." The senior partner, Dr. Woodbridge, had great difficulty in remembering names and so entered descriptions, driving his partner up a wall.

Another point of disagreement was when parties came to settle their accounts. If Dr. Woodbridge was present, he would state that 75% or perhaps 50% of the amount was enough. At that time, a house call and medicine was 50¢ and a careful examination made in the office and medicine was 25¢.

After a discussion, all matters were settled and a harmonious partnership prevailed.

The tools and appliances used by Dr. Woodbridge are said to have been in strict harmony with his general make up. A patient needing a felon or carbuncle lance would see the doctor reach into a near empty medical bag and bring forth an old knife with a broken and uncertain handle and then watch as he brandished it several times across his boot. Aseptic technique was yet to come. Governor Tod bought Dr. Woodbridge a complete and beautiful set of instruments for minor surgery, but these, too, soon attained a sorry appearance.

Dr. Woodbridge is said to have enjoyed life far beyond most men. He was democratic and cared little for wealth. He arose each day to face a day's work with his best efforts. He always gave to the fullest extent of his ability to establish and maintain churches of all denominations, to alleviate poverty and to make public improvements.

During his last 18 months, a partial stroke of paralysis and the feebleness of age rendered his mind, part of the time, cloudy and uncertain, but when lucid he took an interest in all public questions.

Dr. Woodbridge married Miss Isabella McCurdy, daughter of Dr. Robert McCurdy, on April 3, 1844. She died on September, 1869. His second wife was Mrs. Sarah E. Brewer, widow of Attorney A. Z. Brewer. They were married in 1871.

Dr. Timothy Woodbridge died at City Hospital in 1893 at the age of 83. He is thought to be the first doctor to die in Youngstown's first hospital, which was founded in 1882.

Dr. Timothy Woodbridge stood in the front ranks of area and Ohio physicians. He was eminent both as a physician and surgeon. He was noted not only for his professional skill but also for his kindness and benevolence. He now rests with colleagues, among whom are Dr. Charles Dutton and Dr. Henry Manning, Youngstown's first and second doctors, his teachers, consultants and friends, in Oak Hill Cemetery, lot number 108.

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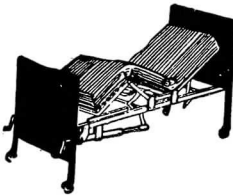
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(l. to r.) Moderator, Mitch Stanley, Dr. Frank Morrison, Dr. Jack Schreiber, Dr. Henry Holden, Dr. John Stotler, Dr. Jay Chuck.

Four members of the Mahoning County Medical Society took part in a TV program, "The State of Medical Care in Youngstown" on WFMJ-TV, Friday, Jan. 28. Representing medicine were Dr. Henry Holden, president, and Dr. John Stotler, immediate past president, Dr. Frank Morrison, Dr. Jack Schreiber, and osteopathic physician, Dr. Jay Chuck.

The larger portion of the hour-long program was devoted to the operation of local hospitals. The physician portion consisted of a panel discussion concerning medical advances, changes in private practice and the affect on medical costs. Moderator was Mitch Stanley. Several physicians took part in the portion of the program filmed at the hospitals. These were Dr. A. E. Rappoport, Dr. M. F. Sheridan, Dr. S. V. Squicquero, Dr. Charles Waltner and Dr. R. A. Wiltsie. The program was sponsored by United States Steel.

DR. EFFLER TO LECTURE AT ST. E.

All members of the Medical Society are invited to a lecture by Donald B. Effler, M.D., F.A.C.S., at St. Elizabeth Hospital auditorium, Thursday, March 9, 9:30 a.m. to noon. Dr. Effler will speak on Myocardial Revascularization—the Cleveland Clinic Experience. He will divide his talks into direct coronary artery surgery and indirect coronary artery surgery.

Dr. Effler is Chief of Department of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery at the Cleveland Clinic. He is a graduate of the University of Michigan Medical School. He is a member of a number of medical associations, including the American Association for Thoracic Surgery, Society of Thoracic Surgeons, Society for Vascular Surgery, and International Cardiovascular Society. He is a member of the Board of Governors and Board of Trustees of Cleveland Clinic Foundation, and a member of the Advisory Editorial Board of the Journal of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery.

CORRECTION

Due to an error on the part of the *Bulletin*, the 1972 Roster of the Mahoning County Medical Society, printed in the January issue, did not carry the name of Dr. Marcio A. Soares. Dr. Soares should have been listed as an associate member on that roster. Dr. Soares will become an active member in February.

The *Bulletin* also extends an apology to Dr. A. A. Detesco, whose name was misspelled in the list of all past-presidents. Dr. Detesco was president in 1958.

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| 19. Do you often cry? | 19. Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 20. Would you say you have a hopeless outlook? | 20. Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 21. Do you have difficulty relaxing? | 21. Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 22. Do you have a tendency to worry a lot? | 22. Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 23. Are you troubled by frightening dreams or thoughts? | 23. Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 24. Do you have a tendency to be shy or sensitive? | 24. Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 25. Do you have a strong dislike for criticism? | 25. Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 26. Do you lose your temper often? | 26. Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 27. Do little things often annoy you? | 27. Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 28. Are you disturbed by any work or family problems? | 28. Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

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| 25. ¿Se molesta mucho cuando lo critican? | 25. Sí <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 26. ¿Pierde el genio con frecuencia? | 26. Sí <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 27. ¿Cosas pequeñas lo hacen molestar? | 27. Sí <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 28. ¿Le molesta cualquier trabajo o problemas familiares? | 28. Sí <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

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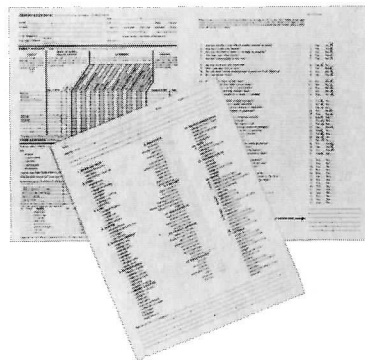
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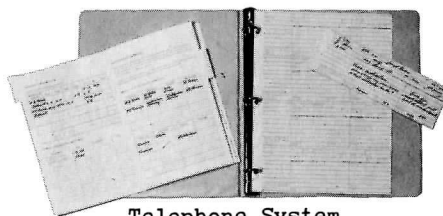
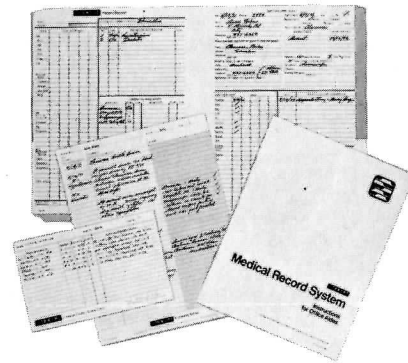
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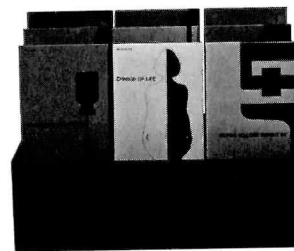
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OFFICERS INSTALLED IN JANUARY



Some of the members of 1972 council at the installation banquet. (First row) Drs. Lloyd, Petraglia, Bruccoli, White, Pichette. (Second row) Drs. Schreiber, Caccamo, Dallis, Crans, Zehr, Tandatnick, Pesa, Dietz and Anderson. Others had left before the photo was taken.

The centennial year of the Mahoning County Medical Society got off to an auspicious beginning with a larger-than-normal attendance at the installation banquet, Jan. 18, at the Cascades Room of the Ohio Hotel. Approximately 110 persons were on hand to see retiring president, Dr. John Stotler, turn over the gavel to incoming president, Dr. Henry Holden.

Dr. Stotler was presented a plaque in recognition of his work as head of the medical society in 1971. As last official act, Dr. Stotler installed Dr. Holden and all members of the 1972 council.

Dr. Stotler presented a bound volume of the 1971 Bulletin to retiring editor, Dr. Felix Pesa. He also gave recognition to those leaving the council: Drs. R. L. Jenkins, M. C. Raupple, J. V. Newsome, Henry L. Shorr, S. F. Gaylord, Charles McGowen and Richard D. Murray.

A moment of silence was observed prior to the meeting in memory of those who passed away during 1971: Dr. J. M. Russell and Dr. M. J. Sunday.

Three members were elected to honorary membership: Dr. Brack M. Bowman, Dr. J. P. Harvey and Dr. C. S. Lowendorf. All of the past presidents



Dr. Stotler presents gavel to Dr. Holden.



Dr. Stotler receives an appreciation plaque from Dr. Holden, and congratulations from his family (l. to r.) Kate, Maureen, Tim, Sheila, and his wife, Kathleen.



in attendance were acknowledged. Mrs. William T. Martin, president of the Woman's Auxiliary, was introduced and announced plans for Doctors Day, which will be in March.

Dr. S. W. Chiasson, program chairman, arranged the entertainment portion of the program and introduced Del Ray and his magic act. The invocation was given by Rev. Richard D. Speicher, chaplain to Youngstown State University.

Special guests were four of Dr. and Mrs. Stotler's children: Kate, Tim, Sheila and Maureen. A son, John, is away at college.



NOTABLE QUOTES

Dr. John F. Stotler (at the installation banquet): "Becoming president of the Mahoning County Medical Society is like a man buying a motor boat. The day you buy it is the happiest day in your life. The next happiest day is the day you sell it."

Dr. Henry Holden (same occasion): "I have just bought a motor boat."

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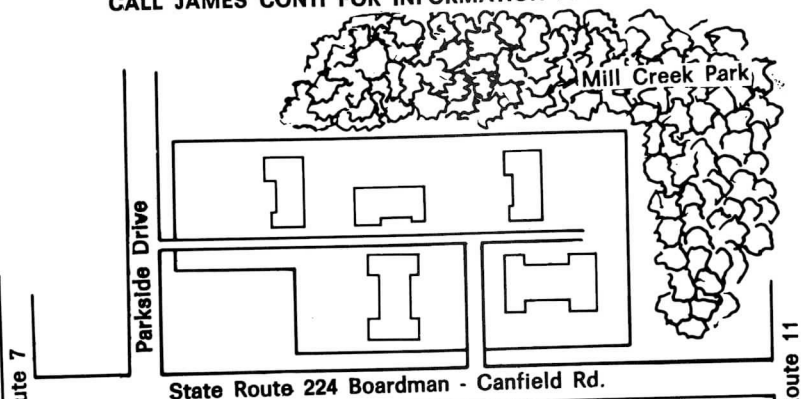
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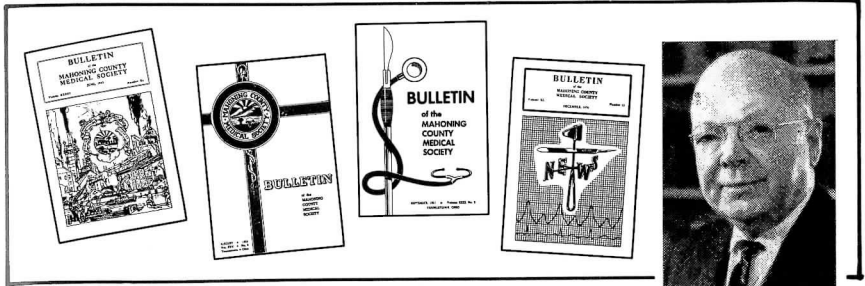
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From the Bulletin

FORTY YEARS AGO — FEBRUARY 1932

Dr. Harry Patrick had a leading article on the MAL' ARIA of Rome. It told how the disease got its name from the popular belief that it came from the bad air exhaled at night from the Pontine marsh.

In order to give prominence to the coming meeting, the announcement was given a two page spread in the center of the *Bulletin* on pink paper.

New members were W. Stanley Curtis, E. C. Mylott and John P. Kenney. You remember them?

The South Side Hospital reported that in 1931 the amount collected from patients was only 55% of the operating expense. The North Side Unit stood silent and only partially filled. The new Warner Theatre was packing them in.

THIRTY YEARS AGO — FEBRUARY 1942

The temper of the times was for immediate and positive action. News from Bataan and Corregidor was bad and many could not wait. Raymond Cafaro, Sidney Davidow, Samuel Epstein, S. D. Goldberg, J. S. Goldcamp, Joseph Keogh, Herman Ipp, O. M. Lawton, Stanley Myers, Thomas Patton, Asher Randall, J. A. Renner and Henry Sisek were in uniform and off to camp.

The Medical-Dental Bureau sponsored a symposium on Civil Defense. The entire membership of the Society was invited to lunch at the Tod House to hear Colonel Donald Lynn tell about plans for the defense of this area. Dr. O. J. Walker spoke for the physicians and W. J. McCarthy for the dentists. The attack on Pearl Harbor had the west coast in a bad state of invasion jitters and even in the Mahoning Valley we were having air raid drills. 150 doctors attended the luncheon and listened solemnly to instructions on what to do if we were attacked. The lucky people, there were no ICBM's then!

Henri Schmid, chief of the Venereal Clinic reported 578 cases of syphilis and 268 cases of gonorrhea treated during the past year. Syphilis was treated with arsenic and bismuth, gonorrhea with Argyrol. It took two years to cure an average case of syphilis and three weeks for gonorrhea.

The hospitals reported a great increase in admissions. The new O.M.I. was the reason.

Dr. B. B. McElhanev died after being struck by a car on Market St. He was our first orthopedist.

TWENTY YEARS AGO — FEBRUARY 1952

President Gustafson said: "The public is made up of many individuals. The attitude of the public is the sum total of the opinions of those individuals. If enough of those persons like us and approve of what we do, the public will think well of us and 'public relations' will cease to be a problem."

Editor McNeal invited letters to the Editor with comments, criticism or if possible, praise of the Bulletin. He hoped he would not need to write them himself.

The banquet at the Youngstown Country Club celebrated the 80th birthday of the Medical Society. W. D. Coy, S. G. Patton, H. E. Blott and C. R.

Clark were there. Dr. Clark told about his early days in the Society when meetings were held in the doctor's offices and the most important medical problem was typhoid fever. "Pancho from the Rancho" was the entertainer.

The Venereal Clinic treated 430 cases of syphilis and 294 of gonorrhea the past year. Penicillin had superceded other forms of treatment for both diseases.

New members that month were Edward Henry Jones, Jr., Sam Amil Lerro, Hugh Norman Bennett, Donn Farrar Covert, Paul Easton Ruth, William Watts Parmenter, Charles M. Geiring and Paul A. Dobson.

Ben Brown had a very informative article on "Operative Cholangiography" and recommended the adoption of the procedure as an essential part of gall bladder surgery.

Henry L. Shorr and A. J. Telego opened their offices for general practice. W. J. Flynn returned after two years at the Memorial Hospital in New York. James Calvin reported for active duty with the U. S. Army at Camp Lee, Va.

TEN YEARS AGO — FEBRUARY 1962

The Annual Banquet was no longer a stag affair. One hundred seventy doctors and their dates attended for dining and dancing in the Mural Room. Sam Goldberg was chairman and M. C.

The late Mildred Butcher was installed President by the Medical Assistants Society at their first anniversary dinner.

Statistics published by the Department of Labor revealed that from 1939 to 1969 physicians fees were up 90%. Clothing was up 106% and food was up 151%! Per capita income rose 289.6%.

—J. L. F.

BULLETIN BOARD



Dr. John C. Harvey, son of Dr. J. Paul Harvey, has been elected president-elect of the Baltimore Medical Society. He is a Professor of Medicine at Johns Hopkins Medical School. In the 1940s, while in medical school, he worked at South Side Hospital Laboratory during his summer vacation.

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Dr. Albert Cinelli has been re-elected president of the Children's Family Services Board. Dr. Henry Ellison has been re-elected president of the Child and Adult Mental Health Center.

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The Bulletin editor extends thanks to Dr. V. A. Neel for several newspaper clippings pertaining to the history of physicians, and for a 1928 and 1929 copy of the *Lamp*, Youngstown Hospital School of Nursing publication.

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The six-month payment for the Medical Assistants Blue Cross group through the Mahoning County Medical Society is due no later than Tuesday, Feb. 15. Bills were sent out last month. Payment will carry the group through July 31. Remind your girls to make their payment promptly and not let the coverage lapse.

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100 YEARS AGO: STETHOSCOPES

An interesting book in the office of the Mahoning County Medical Society is "The American Armamentarium Chirugium," published by George Tiemann & Co. in 1879. The catalogue, coming out as it did just seven years after the founding of the Mahoning County Medical Society, must have contained numerous instruments then in use by the first members of this Society, like these stethoscopes. Please note you had a preference of cedar, dogwood or ebony. Prices ran from 75c to \$2.50, with Elliottson's Stethoscope (Fig. 242) with ivory ear piece and pleximeter being an expensive \$5.00.

FIG. 239.—Hawksley's Stethoscope.

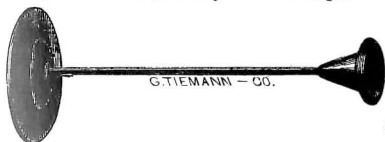


FIG. 241.—Barclay's Stethoscope.



FIG. 243.—Stokes' Stethoscope.

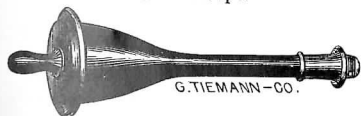
FIG. 245.—Cedar Stethoscope.
Hard rubber Ear Piece.FIG. 247.—Cedar, Ivory Mounted
Stethoscope.

FIG. 249.—Quain's Telescopic Stethoscope.



FIG. 251.—Arnold's Flexible Stethoscope.



FIG. 240.—Walsh's Stethoscope. (Dogwood.)

FIG. 242.—Elliottson's Stethoscope.
Ivory Ear Piece and Pleximeter.

FIG. 244.—Dobell's Ebony Stethoscope.

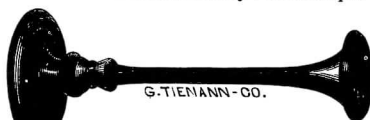
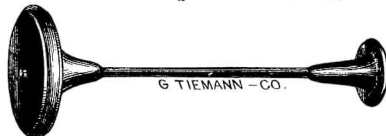
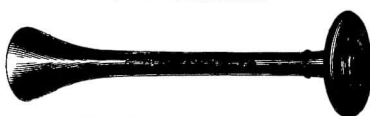
FIG. 246.—Loomis' Stethoscope.
With rubber ring used as Pleximeter.FIG. 248.—Burrow's Stethoscope.
Vulcanite Ear Piece.FIG. 250.—Short Cedar
Stethoscope.

FIG. 252.—Clark's Stethoscope.



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VD CLINIC REQUESTS HELP

The council of the Mahoning County Medical Society brings to the attention of its members a need for physicians to help at the VD Clinic. About the problem, Dr. Walter M. Greissing, health commissioner, wrote in part "The estimated caseload in our clinic for gonorrhea has almost doubled since 1967. With the new legislation allowing the treatment of minors, we are most probably short in our 1971 estimation. The caseload in syphilis has almost doubled over the last year. We are part of a national epidemic.

"Doctor Zeve, our Clinic Director, came to me with an urgent plea for additional physician manpower, and I plead with you to help us find physicians who are willing to give some of their time, for a nominal reimbursement, to help us stem the tide of this epidemic.

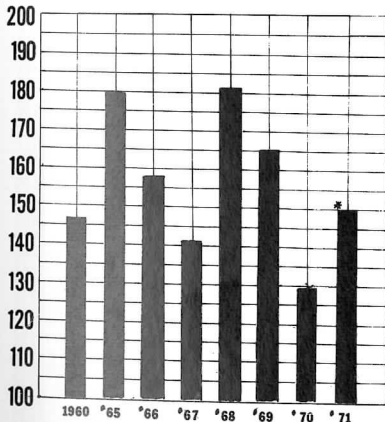
"We are considering going from a three-day week clinic to a four-day week clinic, but cannot do this without additional physicians.

"I am sure you are aware that we are only seeing the "tip of the iceberg". National statistics show that only 10%-15% of all the cases in the country are seen in Public Health Clinics and/or reported by private physicians. Here too, we plead with you to improve the reporting of V. D. cases because only if we find all the carriers will we be able to interrupt the epidemiological cycle of the infection.

"We would also like to point out to you the unusual increase in incidence of lymphogranuloma venereum."

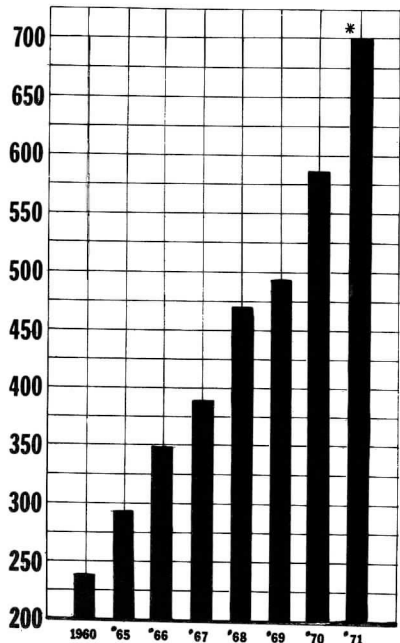
The two charts prepared by the Youngstown Board of Health show venereal statistics from the VD Clinic over the last eleven years. Statistics reflect reported cases only.

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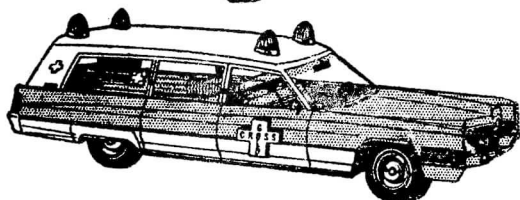
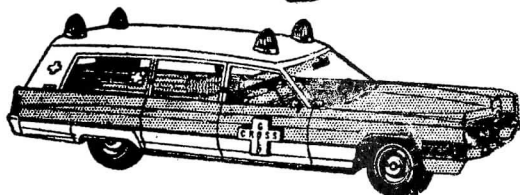
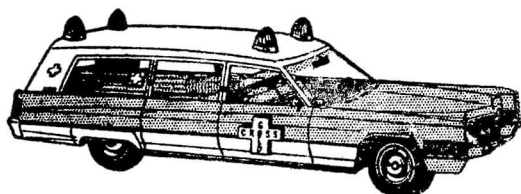


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RICHARD H. MIDDLETON, M.D.

1897 - 1972

In the space of two days, Youngstown lost two of its fine old physicians. In the case of Dr. Richard H. Middleton, it seems incongruous to even apply the word, "old." At 75, he was still in the active practice of pediatrics. In fact, he made his hospital rounds on Friday, Jan. 28th. That afternoon, he died of a heart attack.

Dr. Middleton, born on Jan. 3, 1897, in Warren, led an unusually active life. At South High School, he held the district and state record for the hammer throw and played on their championship football team. At college, he made a name in track and swimming. One of his interests was flying and he joined the Royal Canadian Air Force in World War I. The war ended before he saw overseas service.

After receiving his medical degree from the University of Toronto and following internships at Toronto and Pittsburgh and practice in Pittsburgh and Homestead, Pa., he came to Youngstown to set up a practice in pediatrics in 1928, thus establishing one of the longest continuous records in that specialty in Youngstown.

In World War II, he again entered the service and saw duty in the Pacific, participating in air raids on Tokyo, Okinawa and numerous islands. He was a flight surgeon with the rank of Major.

In the line of service in Youngstown, he had been director of pediatrics at Youngstown Hospital Association, chairman of the training school committee, instructor of pediatrics for the school of nursing and member of the executive committee of the medical staff.

His contributions to the community can best be judged by the void that now exists. We mourn the passing of a fine physician.

WALTER B. TURNER, M.D.

1883 - 1972

On Sunday, Jan. 30th, Dr. Walter B. Turner passed away after a long illness. At age 88, he had compiled a record that reads like a medical history of Youngstown.

He was born on Oct. 30, 1883, in Butler, where he lived until he went away to college. After receiving his medical degree from the University of Indiana, he externed at Youngstown Hospital and then opened an office in Youngstown for the general practice of medicine in 1911. General practice at that time included a good deal of surgery; appendices, gall bladders, hernias, fractures and all types of traumatic surgery. He saw considerably more surgery in World War I as a Major serving in hospitals behind the lines in Metz and St. Mihiel. Following more surgical training at the University of Pennsylvania Hospital under Dr. John Deaver and Dr. Charles Frazer, he returned to Youngstown in 1919 and began the practice of general surgery in association with Dr. R. M. Morrison and Dr. John F. Lindsay.

He was chief surgeon for U. S. Steel, the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad and New York Central Railroad in this area. He was a diplomate of the American Board of Surgery and a fellow of the American College of Surgeons. He served on the YHA executive committee and was chief of one of the surgical services there for many years.

He received his 50-year certificate and pin from the Ohio State Medical Association back in 1959. In 1969, he received his 60-year Masonic pin, having been a charter member of Youngstown Lodge #615.

We are saddened by his passing; and to his son, our colleague, Dr. John J. Turner, we offer this expression of our deepest sympathy.

PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL

January 11, 1972

The regular meeting of the council of the Mahoning County Medical Society was held on Tuesday, January 11, 1972, at the Ohio Hotel, Youngstown.

The following physicians were present: Henry Holden, president, presiding; R. A. Abdu, Louis Bloomberg, B. P. Brucoli, L. P. Caccamo, A. B. Cinelli, C. A. Crans, G. H. Dietz, K. M. Lloyd, S. F. Petraglia, C. E. Pichette, J. F. Stotler, J. W. Tandatnick and C. C. White. Absent were: S. G. Adornato, J. J. Anderson, D. J. Dallis, J. C. Melnick, F. A. Pesa, Jack Schreiber and L. J. Zehr.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. The motion was made, seconded and duly passed that the secretary dispense with the reading of the minutes. Bills were read. The motion was made, seconded and duly passed that each bill be paid. The any-doctor call report of the Medical Dental Bureau was passed around for all council members to see.

The following applications were presented by the censors:

ACTIVE: Ernest B. Hidvegi, M.D.
Marcio A. Soares, M.D.

The applications were approved. Applicants will become members of the Mahoning County Medical Society fifteen days after publication in the Bulletin, unless objection is filed in writing with the secretary before that time.

A letter was read from Dr. Greissinger concerning the rise in VD cases and the need for additional physicians at the VD clinic. Council requested that the information, along with graphs, be printed in the Bulletin.

A proposed letter to the Vindicator deploring the use of the word "suicide" and similar expressions in the obituaries was submitted for council approval by the mental health committee, Dr. Frank Gelbman, chairman. Council approved the sending of the letter.

Dr. Tandatnick brought to the attention of council an article from the Dec., 1971, issue of Medical Opinion, entitled "Medical Audit: The Bitter Pill is Here and Now." The article cited peer review by the New York City Department of Health.

The motion was made by Dr. Pichette, and seconded by Dr. Bloomberg, that we institute a committee, which might be called a "physician's grievance committee," the function of which is to be the professional protection of members against unjust accusations by any group. Following discussion, the motion was made by Dr. Lloyd, seconded by Dr. Caccamo, that the previous motion be tabled. The tabling motion was passed.

Dr. Holden asked the opinion of council in regard to planning the next regular meeting of the Society for discussion and information on important medical issues, such as Peer Review and the Northeastern Ohio Health Care Foundation, rather than having the usual speaker. Council agreed to a discussion program in March.

Dr. Tandatnick brought to the attention of council an article from the Dec. 2, 1971, issue of The New England Journal of Medicine, entitled "Medical Care as a Right: A Refutation."

Dr. Holden reminded council members that they are to be present at the Jan. 18 meeting of the Society to be formally installed in office.

Dr. Brucoli made a motion, seconded by Dr. Pichette that the previously tabled motion be removed from the table. Dr. Brucoli's motion was defeated.

Meeting was adjourned.

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Warnings: Do not use dietary potassium supplements or potassium salts unless hypokalemia develops or dietary potassium intake is markedly impaired. Enteric-coated potassium salts may cause small bowel stenosis with or without ulceration. Hyperkalemia (>5.4 mEq/L) has been reported in 4% of patients under 60 years, in 12% of patients over 60 years, and in less than 8% of patients overall. Rarely, cases have been associated with cardiac irregularities. Accordingly, check serum potassium during therapy, particularly in patients with suspected or confirmed renal insufficiency (e.g., certain elderly or diabetics). If hyperkalemia develops, substitute a thiazide alone. If spironolactone is used concomitantly with 'Dyazide', check serum potassium frequently—they can both cause potassium retention and sometimes hyperkalemia. Two deaths have been reported in patients on such combined therapy (in one, recommended dosage was exceeded; in the other, serum electrolytes were not properly monitored). Observe regularly for possible blood dyscrasias, liver damage or other idiosyncratic reactions. Blood dyscrasias have been reported in patients receiving Dyrenium (triamterene, SK&F). Rarely, leukopenia, thrombocytopenia, agranulo-

cytosis, and aplastic anemia have been reported with the thiazides. Watch for signs of impending coma in acutely ill cirrhotics. Thiazides are reported to cross the placental barrier and appear in breast milk. This may result in fetal or neonatal hyperbilirubinemia, thrombocytopenia, altered carbohydrate metabolism and possibly other adverse reactions that have occurred in the adult. When used during pregnancy or in women who might bear children, weigh potential benefits against possible hazards to fetus.

Precautions: Do periodic serum electrolyte and BUN determinations. Do periodic hematologic studies in cirrhotics with splenomegaly. Antihypertensive effects may be enhanced in postsympathectomy patients. The following may occur: hyperuricemia and gout, reversible nitrogen retention, decreasing alkali reserve with possible metabolic acidosis, hyperglycemia and glycosuria (diabetic insulin requirements may be altered), digitalis intoxication (in hypokalemia). Use cautiously in surgical patients. Concomitant use with antihypertensive agents may result in an additive hypotensive effect.

Adverse Reactions: Muscle cramps, weakness, dizziness, headache, dry mouth; anaphylaxis; rash, urticaria, photosensitivity, purpura, other dermatological conditions; nausea and vomiting (may indicate electrolyte imbalance), diarrhea, constipation, other gastrointestinal disturbances. Rarely, necrotizing vasculitis, paresthesias, icterus, pancreatitis, and xanthopsia have occurred with thiazides alone.

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