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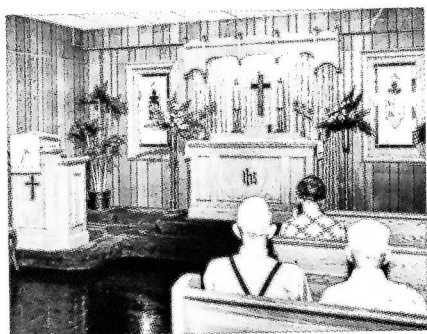
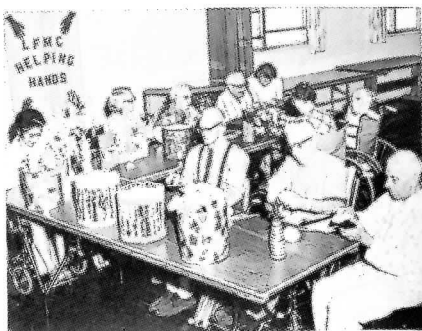
Dr. Charles Dutton, 1777 - 1842, Youngstown's first physician, lived here at the time this sketch was made. This is the earliest known picture of Youngstown. It is reproduced here through the courtesy of The Arms Museum.



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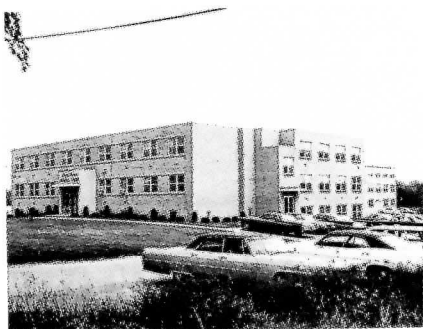
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From the Desk of the President



YOU AND PEER REVIEW

I would encourage the entire membership to study the peer review bills that are now being considered by Congress. It is the thinking of the "people who know" that some form of peer review will pass the Congress this year. This, of course, is another step towards government control of the private practice of medicine. Our local, state and national organizations are ineffective in opposing further encroachments on the fee-for-service concept. The anti fee-for-service forces are familiar with the 10-15% attendance at the local medical society meetings—nationwide. Thus, they realize that such a potentially powerful body is actually weak and ineffective.

Peer review bills now before Congress only involve Medicare and Medicaid programs. However, who can doubt that within time they will involve all health services.

We would like to see all of you at the March 21 meeting to discuss this very important program. Also on the program will be two presentations of information concerning the Northeastern Ohio Health Care Foundation.

Time permitting, I would also like to have an open floor discussion on the subject, "What's Wrong with our Medical Society, and What Can We Do to Solve Our Problems?" I would invite you to submit your criticisms by letter before the meeting, if you so desire.

—Henry Holden, M.D.
President



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A History of Medicine in Youngstown and Mahoning Valley

DR. CHARLES DUTTON (1777 - 1842)

YOUNGSTOWN'S FIRST DOCTOR

John C. Melnick, M.D.

The history of medicine began in Youngstown, Ohio, in 1801 with the arrival of Dr. Charles Dutton at the age of 24. It was 25 years after the Declaration of Independence, and eight years had elapsed since General George Washington was inaugurated as first president of the United States. The State of Ohio was not to be a state for another two years, and John Young, son of a doctor, had approximately four years previous surveyed the town and established Federal St. as the only street in his new township of 200-300 people.

During the early part of the nineteenth century the pioneers suffered from diseases that are essentially non-existent in our community today. The average life expectancy was less than 30 years. Malaria was a common disease, as was typhoid fever, smallpox, pneumonia and diphtheria. A serious problem was a compound fracture since without antibiotics the mortality rate approached 50%.

The area still had bears, wolves, fox and wild turkeys when Dr. Dutton arrived. A number of Indians lived in the vicinity. Some lived quietly beside the white man, whereas some were still hostile.

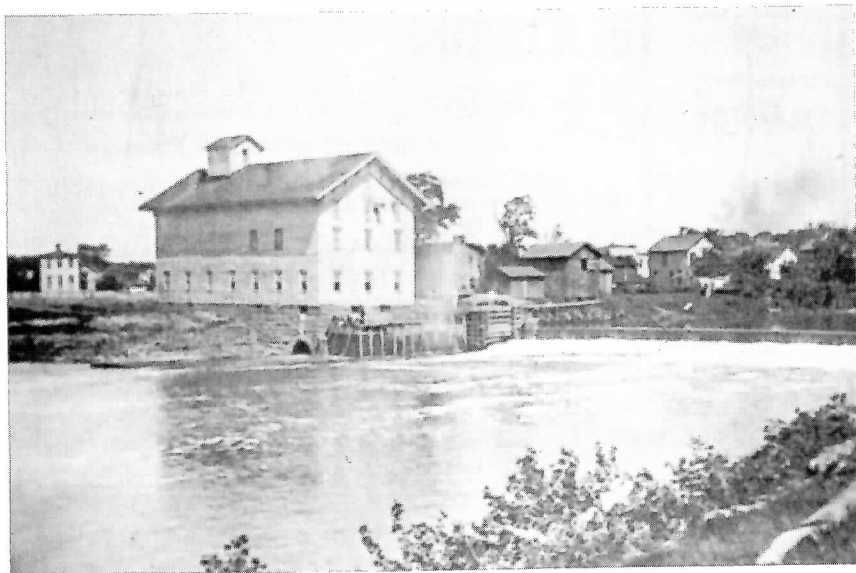
Dr. Charles Dutton was born in Wallington, Connecticut in 1777. He studied medicine under Dr. Jared Potter, grandfather of Dr. Jared Potter Kirtland of Poland, Ohio, and afterwards of Cleveland, Ohio. He was just beginning his practice of medicine in Wallington when Turhand Kirtland, father of Dr. J. P. Kirtland, stopped for the night. Mr. Kirtland was wagon-master leading a group of emigrants from Connecticut in 3 four-horse wagons for the Western Reserve Territory. Dr. Dutton is frequently referred to as having an "eccentric disposition." This, coupled with the excitement of new lands and riches, in addition to the pioneering spirit, is said to have prompted Dr. Dutton to suddenly spring upon a driver's seat of one of the wagons, crack his whip and start off the team as he sang the chorus of "Jefferson and Liberty," in an elevated voice, a political song of the day:

"Rejoice, Columbia's sons, rejoice!

To tyrants never bend your knees,

But join with heart and soul and voice,

For Jefferson and Liberty."



Baldwin's Mill, which was built on the site of Dr. Dutton's "Red Mill" which had burned down. The mill dam can still be seen today, on the northwest side of the Marshall St. bridge.
 (photo circa 1870, courtesy of The Arms Museum)

His aged and widowed mother with tears in her eyes, relatives and friends, gathered around to bid him farewell. Dr. Dutton, without noticing them, gathered up the reins and drove off the team. This episode of his departure is attributed to Dr. J. P. Kirtland. The journey west was uneventful during the several weeks of travel.

The first male child born in Youngstown was Isaac Swager, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Swager. The first female child was the daughter of Robert and Hannah Stevens. Both births are thought to have occurred prior to 1800, and therefore the deliveries were not by Dr. Dutton. Delivery fees in the early 1800's were \$6 for a boy and \$5 for a girl. The first funeral, that of Samuel McFarland, a vocal music teacher from Worcester, Massachusetts, was in Sept. 1799. The entire town turned out, including John Young.

Over a period of time, Dr. Dutton acquired a substantial amount of land. On July 14, 1802, he purchased from John Young 2 acres of land on the south side of West Federal St. This original purchase was 330 feet (20 rods) wide, facing West Federal St., and cost \$200. He later bought two additional adjoining parcels of land from George Tod to the west of his first lot, which were 2 and 2½ acres respectively. Mr. Tod had bought the land from John Young in 1801 for ten dollars per acre. Dr. Dutton's purchase of land from Young was the fourth sale by him, and the land purchased from Mr. Tod were sales number 5 and 6 by Young in 1801. The land laid between Spring Common and Chestnut St. and was adjacent to lot #35 of the original Youngstown Township Plot consisting of 100 lots. Dutton erected a log cabin, and later a frame house, and lived there his entire life.

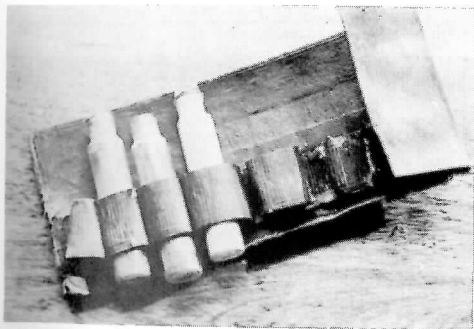
In 1804, with Caleb Plumb, he purchased land on the east bank of the Mahoning River from John Young, and an acre from James Hillman for one dollar on the west bank of the river. They erected a log building and a crude dam for a saw mill and a grist mill. In 1806, Dr. Dutton bought out Mr. Plumb and greatly enlarged the mill. The mill was known as the "Red Mill" because of its color. The mill was located east of Spring Common in the area of the now Marshall Street bridge. A portion of the dam still exists and may be seen today. In the mill venture, Caleb Plumb was the millwright and part owner

along with Dr. Dutton and James Hillman. The mill burned down in 1855. Ownership then passed to Homer and Jesse Baldwin, who built a new mill, which became known as "house of many gables." This mill also was to be destroyed by fire. The mill was then replaced by a large building which was used for the manufacturing of war materials by the Buffalo Pressed Steel Co.

In another business venture, Dr. Dutton held 75 shares, valued at \$1,875.00 of stock in the first bank of the Western Reserve, chartered in the winter of 1811-12, at Warren, Ohio, and he was elected one of its directors in 1815.

Dr. Dutton was the only physician for 10 years when Dr. Henry Manning arrived in 1811 (an article on Dr. Manning will appear in the *Bulletin* at a later date). In spite of being the only doctor in the township, Dr. Dutton was not extremely busy with the practice of medicine. He had the opportunity to become involved politically, socially, and to pursue hobbies as well as his business ventures. He was appointed Youngstown's second postmaster and held this position from July 1803 to March 9, 1818. A copy of the quarterly account from Oct. 1 to Dec. 31, 1817, was preserved among his papers which showed the amount of business in the office at that time. The amount collected on letters was \$35, on newspapers, \$3.79, total \$38.79; paid general post-office, \$25.60; total \$38.79. In later years Dr. Dutton was elected a Township Trustee and held other township offices during his time.

Dr. J. P. Kirtland in 1811 spoke of Dr. Dutton as "the leading physician and surgeon of the vicinity and sustaining a favorable reputation in that capacity of energy and good judgment." Another physician who knew him well said "Dr. Dutton was regarded by the medical men of the Reserve as an able man, a very good surgeon for those days and a successful physician; was thought to be somewhat heroic in practice. He was a shrewd man, possessing discriminating judgment, somewhat eccentric, sometimes a little rough, very social, having a large share of those kind feelings which go into the make-up of a good physician and I may add enter into the composition of a good man."

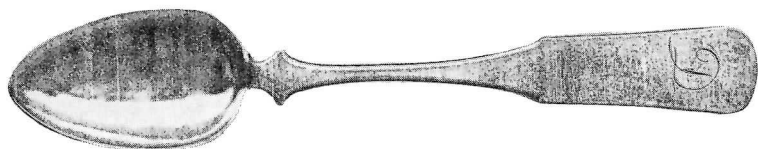


Dr. Dutton's medical kit.

across the Mahoning River. When going south, people crossed at Power's Fork, near the present Center Street bridge. According to Dr. Dutton, if the top of a certain rock was visible, the river was safe to cross since often rains would cause the river to rise considerably. In addition to his practice of medicine, Dr. Dutton pursued farming and stockraising with particular interest in raising mules.

During the War of 1812, the countryside was mobilized and rendezvoused in Youngstown. A hundred men enlisted under the command of Colonel William Rayen (Rayen School, Rayen Avenue). Colonel James Hillman (Hillman Junior High School, Hillman Street) was appointed by General Harrison, the wagon-master general. John E. Woodbridge was paymaster. The only men left in Youngstown were: Bruce, Hague, Thorne, Moses Crawford, Henry Wick, Hugh Bryson and Dr. Dutton.

Dr. Dutton made house calls on horseback. His saddle bags contained his lancets, emetics and doses of calomel. A small medical kit that belonged to Dr. Dutton has been preserved and is on display at the Arms Museum on Wick Ave. A similar kit once owned by Dr. Timothy Woodbridge, first president of the Mahoning County Medical Society, is also on display. Physicians did the best they could with their limited tools and drugs. There were no bridges



This spoon, belonging to Dr. Dutton, is in the possession of Mr. Carl Boardman Cobb, Cleveland, a descendant of Dr. Dutton.

Dr. Dutton was married twice. His first wife was Cynthia, who bore him a daughter Jane, who married Dr. Lemuel Wick, son of Henry Wick. She died on April 26, 1816 at the age of 31. His second wife was Cordelia Poole, whom he married on April 7, 1822, and she survived Dr. Dutton by several years. No children are recorded from this marriage.

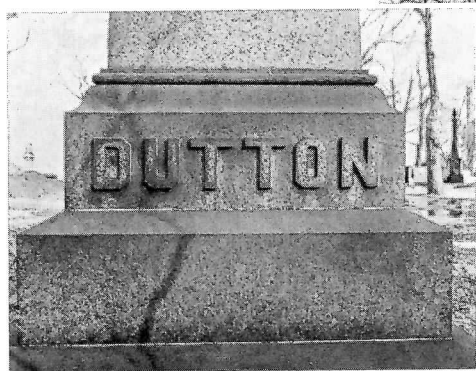
In his latter years, Dr. Dutton did not practice a great deal of medicine, but looked over his investments. He did act as consultant to the younger doctors of the time. Dr. Dutton died in March, 1842, at the age of 65, and was buried in the original cemetery laid out by John Young, but was later moved to Oak Hill Cemetery. He is located in lot #83 with other members of his family.

An inventory of his personal estate with an appraised value of \$2,745.06 shows that at the time of his death he owned the following animals:

- 136 sheep
- 12 horses, 2 colts, and 1 pacing colt
- 18 mules
- 13 steers
- 7 cows, 13 heifers and 14 calves
- 2 sows, 8 shoats and 9 pigs

Other items of interest appearing on his personal inventory are the following:

- 5 watches; 4 @ \$2.00, and 1, a gold watch, @ \$45.00
- 1 six foot clock with case, \$2.00



The author stands beside the memorial to Dr. Dutton, which is located at the north end of Oak Hill Cemetery.

- 8 guns (one of which was double barreled and valued at \$15.00)
- 1 pair horse pistols, \$4.00
- 1 Family Bible
- Family Library

Another inventory shows that he was owed, via notes from various persons, the amount of \$21,391.53 (appraised value).

In his memory, Dutton Alley appeared about 1860 as the name given to the alley between the rear of the Home Savings and Loan building and the Youngstown Vindicator. Unfortunately it was later changed to Market Court. It would be fitting and proper for our city fathers to name a new street in remembrance of the doctor who started medicine in Youngstown, Ohio, one hundred and seventy-one years ago.

100 YEARS: MOMENTS IN MEDICINE

During the centennial year, the *Bulletin* will publish from time to time a listing of "firsts" in the Youngstown area. Any corrections or additions would be appreciated by the author, Dr. John Melnick. Please forward information to the medical society office, attention of the *Bulletin* editor.

First president, Mahoning County Medical Society—

Dr. Timothy Woodbridge, 1872.

First doctor—Dr. Charles Dutton, 1801 (second doctor in the Western Reserve).

First secretary, Mahoning County Medical Society—Dr. R. E. Whelan, 1872.

First editor, the *Bulletin*—Dr. James L. Fisher, 1931.

First hospital—Old South Side Hospital, corner Thorn and New Court, 1882.

First surgery—New South Side Hospital, Dr. Peck, July 17, 1902, 4:00 a.m.

First mayor—Dr. John Manning.

First health commissioner—Dr. H. Welch.

First medical paper presented at a Mahoning County Medical Society meeting—Dr. John S. Cunningham.

First bank president—Dr. Henry Manning, First National Bank.

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MARCH 21 MEETING MOST IMPORTANT

The regular March meeting of the Mahoning County Medical Society may be the most important one held in several years. Two recently-developed organizations, Medical Advances Institute and Northeastern Ohio Health Care Foundation, will come up for in depth examination. In addition the federal government's plans for professional standards review organizations will round out the discussions.

In a personal plea, Dr. Henry Holden, president, is asking all members to attend this meeting. Future decisions by the Society's council may be made as a direct outcome of the deliberations. The meeting is Tuesday, March 21, Ohio Hotel. Dinner at 6:30; meeting at 7:30. Dinner reservations may be made by sending a check for \$5.50 to the medical society office.

DOCTORS' DAY IS MARCH 23

The Second Annual Doctors' Day, sponsored by the Woman's Auxiliary, will be held on Thursday, March 23. Physicians arriving at the hospitals during the day will be greeted with carnations for their lapels by the ladies.

A dinner in the doctors' honor will be held that evening, with Mr. and Mrs. Barry Bishop as guest speakers. They will talk on "Our Experiences in Nepal — Why We Like It." Mr. Bishop is a member of the American team that climbed Mt. Everest.

Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. at the Ramada Inn, Belmont Ave. Chairman is Mrs. Gene Fry; co-chairman is Mrs. Claire Reesey. Checks for reservations may be mailed to Mrs. Fry, 1108 Mansell Drive, Youngstown, 44505.

CANCER SYMPOSIUM THIS MONTH

The Third Annual Youngstown Cancer Symposium will be held on Saturday, March 25, at the South Unit of Youngstown Hospital Association.

The first session will begin at 9:00 a.m., and will be a panel moderated by Olaf Pearson, M.D., and consisting of Arthur G. James, M.D., John Potter, M.D. and Manuel Tzagournas, M.D. The second panel, moderated by Dr. James, will consist of Rupert B. Turnbull, Jr., M.D., Arthur Murphy, M.D. and C. William Loughry, M.D. Lunch will be 12:15 to 2:00.

The afternoon session will have Dr. Potter as moderator, with Drs. James, Murphy and Pearson. The Symposium is sponsored by Youngstown Hospital Association and St. Elizabeth Hospital in cooperation with the Mahoning County Unit of the American Cancer Society. All members of the Mahoning County Medical Society are invited and urged to attend.

WANTED (DESPERATELY): MEDICAL ANTIQUES

While the plea for old medical material has brought to light some few interesting items, the Centennial Committee and the Canfield Fair Committee need considerable more before there will be enough to construct an old doctor's office.

The old office is a major project of the Medical Society for the Centennial year. Members and their wives are urged to contact friends and relatives among the medical profession who might have items of interest or who might know where old equipment is stored.

Any equipment from 1900 or earlier is desirable. This would include office furniture, examining table, instruments, bottles, laboratory equipment, etc. Any badly out-dated equipment, such as the saddlebags shown elsewhere in this issue, would be particularly valuable for the exhibit.

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Another piece of equipment common to our medical society forebears is the medical saddle bag, shown in these illustrations from Tiemann's American Armamentarium Chirurgicum. We can be sure that most doctors in Youngstown owned one in 1872. The records show that Dr. Charles Dutton, Youngstown's first doctor, made calls by horseback. Also, those of our doctors who served as Surgeons in the Civil War had saddle bags as part of their equipment. Of the three bags shown here, Fig. 420 was the best, costing from \$9.00 for 16 vials to \$10.50 for 24. The other two ranged from \$6.00 to \$8.00.

FIG. 420. Saddle Bag.

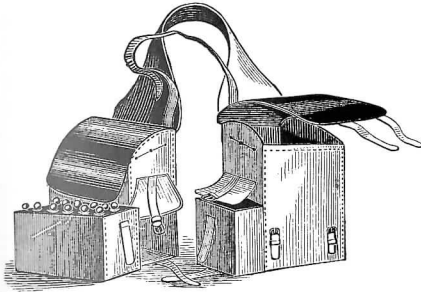


FIG. 422. Saddle Bag.

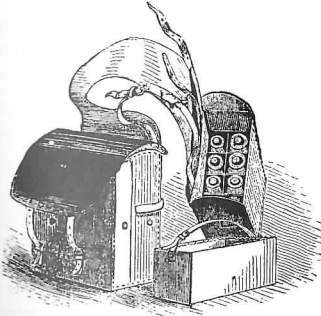
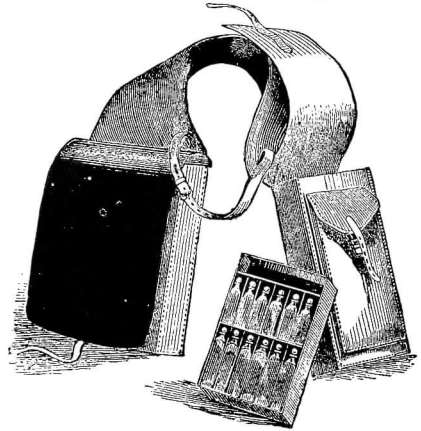


FIG. 421. Saddle Bag.



Made of the best russet leather, patent leather covers, space for instruments under the cover, walnut drawers in the lower part.

16	1½	oz.	Vials,	Glass	Stoppers.
20	1½	"	"	"	"
24	1½	"	"	"	"

DRUG ABUSE ALERT

The Mahoning County Medical Society has received information that there is now a large black market in "Sopor." The current on-the-street selling price is \$1.00 per 300 mgm. tablet.

Physicians are asked to be on the alert to abnormal use and abuse of this drug by patients and to prescribe cautiously.

FAMILY PRACTICE CONTINUING EDUCATION

- Mar. 10 Renal Hypertension Clinic — Regional Medical Program of the University of Pittsburgh
- Mar. 17 G. I. Bleeding — Dr. M. Vuksta, Dr. J. Gregori
- Mar. 24 Examination of Newborn, Cardinal Points of Examination — Dr. W. Dodgson
- Mar. 31 ENT Emergencies — Dr. J. R. Sofranec
- Apr. 7 Immunization Program Preview — Dr. B. P. Brucoli

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SIXTH DISTRICT HEARS MAI DISCUSSION



(left) Dr. Tandatnick addresses the meeting at Akron. (right) Dr. Pichette, Dr. Green and Dr. Tandatnick.

Approximately 50 doctors from the six counties in the Sixth District of the Ohio State Medical Association met in Akron on Wednesday, Feb. 16, for discussions on the subject of the Medical Advances Institute. Represented were Columbiana, Mahoning, Portage, Stark, Summit and Trumbull counties.

Attending for the Mahoning County Medical Society were: Dr. Henry Holden, Dr. C. Edward Pichette, Dr. J. W. Tandatnick, Dr. Leonard Green and Howard Rempes. The panel consisted of Dr. P. John Robeck, president, OSMA; Dr. William R. Schultz, president-elect, OSMA; Dr. James L. Henry, secretary-treasurer, OSMA; and Dr. Maurice F. Lieber, sixth district councilor.

The possibility of Medical Advances Institute being used as a mechanism for a professional standards review organization has been a controversial subject in the last few months. This will be one of the topics for discussion at the March 21st meeting of the Mahoning County Medical Society.

On Sunday, Jan. 30, Dr. Holden, Dr. Jack Schreiber and Mr. Rempes attended an all-day discussion meeting on Medical Advances Institute in Columbus.

MEDICAL NEEDS AT YSU CLINIC

In recent action approving in principle the free health clinic at Youngstown State University, the council of the Mahoning County Medical Society recommended to members that they help the work of the clinic where possible.

Dr. William Bunn has suggested three areas in which area physicians might help. First, he asks doctors to accept referrals from the clinic. Secondly, they need volunteer help. Any doctor who can spend an evening a month at the clinic is asked to contact Dr. Bunn. Thirdly, they could use drug samples in certain limited areas, including urinary track infections, upper respiratory track infections and gastro-intestinal disorders.

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In Memoriam

ROBERT CEIKURS, M.D.

1905 - 1972

Dr. Robert Ceikurs was a good and faithful member of the Mahoning County Medical Society. By his presence he let it be known that he valued the freedom that he found in his adopted country. He was born in Riga, Latvia. He received his medical degree from the Medical University in Latvia and practiced in his native land until the Russians moved him out and put him in a displaced persons camp in 1944.

He came to Canada in 1950 and to the United States in 1953, interning at both St. Elizabeth Hospital and Youngstown Hospital Association. Before returning to Youngstown to practice, he took a residency at Trumbull Memorial, Cleveland Polyclinic, and Cleveland Doctors' Hospital. He first located his practice on E. Florida Ave., later moving to Lowellville.

He was a willing worker on medical society projects and could be called on short notice to help out on immunizations and similar efforts. For many years he worked more shifts than any other member at the Red Cross Station of the Canfield Fair. He died on Wednesday, February 2, of a cerebral hemorrhage. Mahoning County has lost a fine General Practitioner, and the Medical Society has lost a warm friend and a kind and thoughtful member.

DEAN NESBIT, M.D.

1889 - 1972

The name of Dr. Dean Nesbit will be known to most of our younger members, but not many of them will have known him personally. At his death, on Tuesday, Feb. 15, Dr. Nesbit had been retired from active practice for 19 years due to poor health. He was 82.

Dr. Nesbit was born in Butler County, Pa. He graduated from Grove City College and received his medical degree at Jefferson Medical College in 1914. Then came World War I, and Dr. Nesbit served with the Army Medical Corps in Liverpool, England, and in France, along with other local physicians at Base Hospital 31.

He was the first Surgeon in Youngstown to perform an abdomino-perineal rectal resection in 1933, and developed techniques for dealing with massive collapses of the lungs. In addition to being chief of the surgical staff at Youngstown Hospital Association, he was surgeon for the Sharon Steel Corp. for 40 years. In recent years he had received 50-year awards from the Ohio State Medical Association, Jefferson Medical College, Lodge 615, F. & A.M., and Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite.

His many friends will remember his active days as a skilled and energetic surgeon and they are saddened by the passing of a fine physician.

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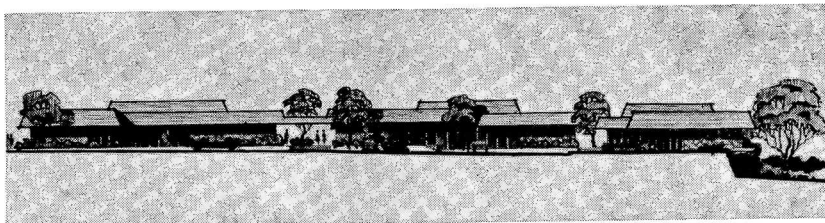
Mildred Butcher

Medical Assistants Society of Mahoning County began its new year on a sad note. The untimely death of Mildred Butcher of Dr. W. H. Evans' office in January, left a void in our Society very hard to fill. Mildred was a tireless worker, always generous with her time, and with her help to those who needed it. She was a charter member of our group and will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

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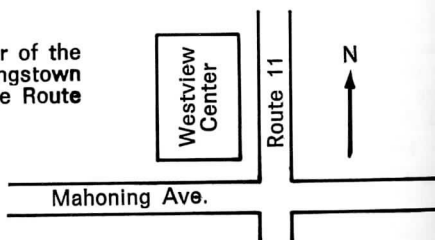
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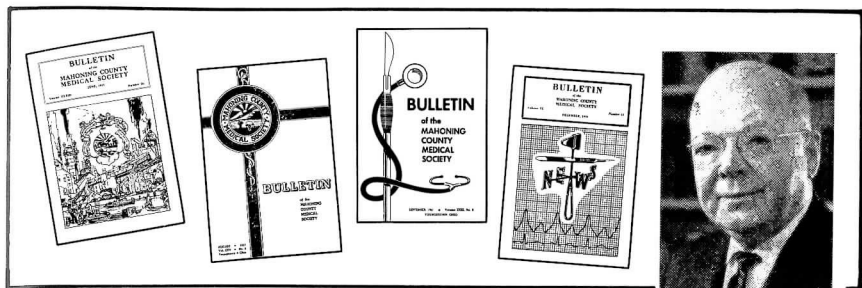
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From the Bulletin

FORTY YEARS AGO — MARCH, 1932

Dr. James L. Fisher was the editor that year along with assistant editors Louis Deitchman and W. B. Schaffner. There was much discussion regarding the importance of vaccination against diphtheria and smallpox and the need to prevent such "fearful diseases". Dr. Schaffner described in minute detail the proper technique which is still in use today, and warned against the use of shields or dressings over the vaccination site. Little did they suspect that in a short span of forty years such efforts would have been so successful that the U. S. Public Health Service would be questioning the need for requiring routine smallpox vaccination.

THIRTY YEARS AGO — MARCH, 1942

What the government wanted was more and more doctors for the armed services. In addition to those mentioned last month, Stephen Ondash, George Armbricht, A. D. Amore, Fred Tingwald and Edward Hardman joined up and were off to camp.

St. Elizabeth's Hospital installed a blood plasma bank with Dr. E. H. Young in charge.

J. K. Herald and Catherine Moore were married February 14th. William Mermis opened his office for practice on Mahoning Avenue with his brother Walter. Myron Owen of Ravenna married Harry Patrick's daughter Grace.

TWENTY YEARS AGO — MARCH, 1952

The Holger Nielson push-pull method of artificial respiration was adopted by the Defense Department supplanting the Schafer prone-pressure method.

The TB Sanatorium admitted 164 patients during 1951. Of these, 88 were far advanced and 37 moderately advanced. The institution was 93.2% filled. There were 166 patients discharged, 25 by death. Autopsy rate was 48%.

New members that month were: F. A. Friedrich, K. J. Hovanic, H. L. Shorr, and D. B. Brown.

J. N. McCann, President of the Ohio Board of Medical Examiners was made President-Elect of the National Federation of State Board Examiners.

TEN YEARS AGO — MARCH, 1962

The second stage of the mass Polio inoculation was under way under the capable guidance of Dr. Kurt Wegner. It was a huge success, with 128,636 immunizations given. Type III vaccine was not yet licensed, but was soon available. Like Diphtheria and Smallpox, another "fearful disease" had been moved into the background of medicine by an alert and concerned medical organization.

President C. W. Stertzbach warned the members and the public at large of the dangers inherent in President Kennedy's Medicare program and prescribed broader application of the Kerr-Mills program, as it was working in West Virginia. Editor Ben Berg echoed this theme, and livened up the *Bulletin* with his whimsical cartoons.

Dr. George Dietz became a member of the Society. The city Board of Health reported no cases of diphtheria, polio, or smallpox. Dr. Winifred Liu submitted an article urging all members to do uterine cytological studies periodically on all female patients, or whenever they present themselves for treatment for any condition. Perhaps this practice, if followed, might bring about an end to another "fearful disease", as medical history seeks to repeat itself.

100 YEARS AGO: THE NATIONAL SCENE

Life may have moved more slowly in 1872, the year of the founding of the Mahoning County Medical Society, but the events in the news were no less momentous than they are today. The Civil War had just been concluded seven years prior, in 1865. Within the same week the president of the United States, Abraham Lincoln, was assassinated. In 1867, the United States bought Alaska from Russia. In 1868, the next president, Andrew Johnson, was almost impeached in a close vote by congress. In 1868, Ulysses S. Grant was elected president. 1872 was to be an election year. In October, 1871, Chicago was devastated by the great fire. In November, the explorer, Stanley, found Dr. Livingstone in Africa.

In addition to these headline making events, the seven year period found the Country embroiled in reconstruction of the South. The Union Army occupied Southern towns as the need arose, and there were the expected resultant clashes. In this period, the Ku Klux Klan was formed and terrorized blacks and white sympathizers. Also formed at this time was the Grand Army of the Republic, first as a secret organization, later to become a strong political faction.

These were the events of the day as the idea was beginning to form in the minds of Youngstown doctors that the time had come for them to join together and exchange ideas and information under a formal medical organization, to be called the Mahoning County Medical Society.

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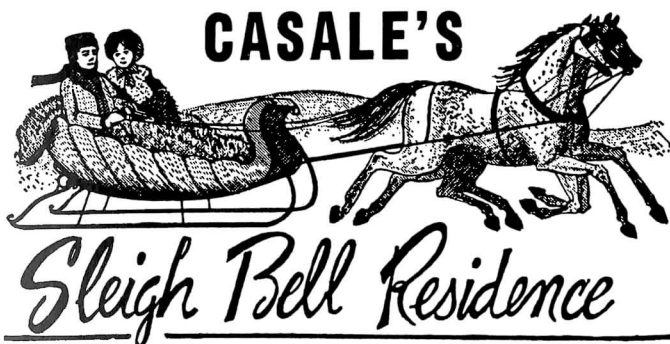
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PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL**February 8, 1972**

The regular meeting of the council of the Mahoning County Medical Society was held on Tuesday, February 8, 1972, at the Ohio Hotel, Youngstown.

The following physicians were present: Henry Holden, president, presiding: R. A. Abdu, S. G. Adornato, J. J. Anderson, Louis Bloomberg, B. P. Brucoli, L. P. Caccamo, C. A. Crans, D. J. Dallis, G. H. Dietz, K. M. Lloyd, J. C. Melnick, F. A. Pesa, S. F. Petraglia, C. E. Pichette, Jack Schreiber, J. F. Stotler and J. W. Tandatnick. Also present were: Frank Gelbman, L. N. Green, P. G. Giber, W. H. Bunn, Jr., R. L. Jenkins and Kurt Wegner. Absent were: A. B. Cinelli, C. C. White 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.

Dr. Bunn reported on the free medical clinic at Youngstown State University. Following discussion, Dr. Bloomberg made the motion, which was properly seconded, that his motion concerning the health clinic be removed from the table. The removal motion was passed. The motion on the floor was that the medical society accept in principle the formation of the free health clinic at Youngstown State University with voluntary participation on the part of those members interested. A motion to amend was made by Dr. Caccamo, and properly seconded, that the medical society inform the president of Youngstown State University that the Mahoning County Medical Society strongly urges the University to develop a student health facility. The motion to amend was passed. The amended motion was passed. A letter will be sent to Dr. Pugsley and to members of the university board.

Dr. Tandatnick, chairman of the Government Medical Care Committee, reviewed the Northeastern Ohio Health Care Foundation. Following discussion, the secretary was instructed to send a final report to each member of the medical society for him to read before the March meeting. Council commended Dr. Tandatnick for his report.

A communication was noted from Dr. Hixson asking if the medical society can give some support to those who are trying to keep the buses running. Council was sympathetic and asked that Dr. Hixson be thanked and commended.

A letter was read from Dr. Pannoza concerning action taken by the medical society in Phoenix and recommending that we get more information. The motion was made by Dr. Caccamo, properly seconded, that we accept the recommendation and acquire more information. Motion was passed.

Dr. Crans reported for the ad hoc committee that had been formed to find out about the peer review functions of the position currently held by Dr. Herman Allen.

The executive secretary, reporting for Dr. White, public relations director, announced that the scholarship dinner would be Thursday, April 13, at the Cascades Room of the Ohio Hotel and that the speaker would be Ross Wales.

Dr. Melnick brought to the attention of council that there had once been a street named after Youngstown's first physician, Dr. Charles Dutton, and asked council's support in his efforts to have it renamed. Council suggested that he try to get a new street named after Dutton.

Dr. Schreiber proposed that the following resolution be submitted to the House of Delegates of the Ohio State Medical Association. The motion was made, seconded and duly passed that the resolution be submitted.

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- WHEREAS: Existing policy of OSMA prohibits a contract by OSMA with *any* third party for the purpose of Peer Review, therefore
- BE IT RESOLVED: That MAI continue as a research and educational organization, and be it
- FURTHER RESOLVED: That MAI *not* function as a peer review mechanism.

Dr. Holden called attention to a sixth district meeting in Akron, Wed., Feb. 16, 2:00 - 5:30 p.m. on the matter of MAI. Drs. Pichette and Tandatnick volunteered to attend, along with Mr. Rempes.

Dr. Holden called attention to the OSMA House of Delegates meeting in Cincinnati, May 7 - May 11, and reminded delegates that they are expected to attend.

Dr. Lloyd called attention to the OSMAGram article on continuing medical education. He made the motion, properly seconded, that our delegates be instructed to vote against enforced continuing education.

Dr. Bruccoli made the motion, properly seconded, that Dr. Dietz be asked to investigate holding council meetings at a different place. Motion was passed.

Dr. Lloyd read a paper of his own concerning the future of the Mahoning County Medical Society. The paper will be sent to council members for their perusal.

Meeting was adjourned.

—Howard Rempes
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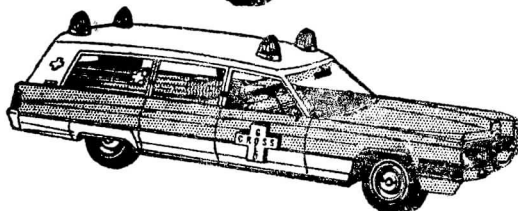
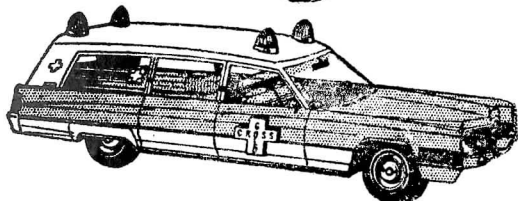
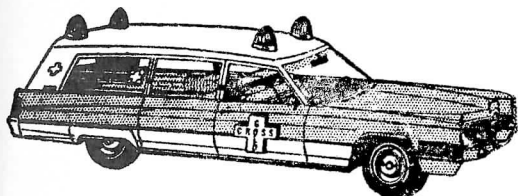
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