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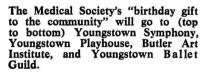


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CENTENNIAL YEAR 1872-1972

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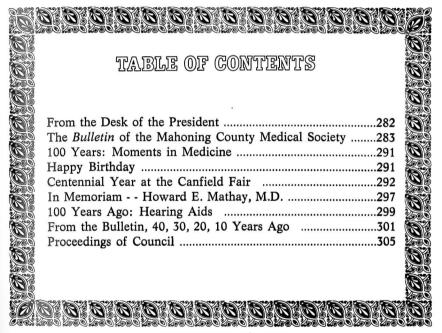
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## From the Desk of the President



#### TOGETHERNESS

Planning for the Centennial Celebration is now in the final stages after about 9 months of work by the committee. All signs point to this affair being the most outstanding event ever presented by the Mahoning County Medical Society.

Our goal remains 100% participation by members of the Society.

To date we have slightly in excess of 50% financial participation. I've been trying to determine why the remainder of our members have not indicated a positive response to our requests. There is that group of members who felt that we could have planned a more appropriate function. The present program was accepted after many discussions and I ask each of you the following question: "Is there anything else we could have planned which would have attracted in excess of 50% participation?"

There is also that group of members who are not participating because of disagreements with members on policies adopted by the Society in the past. To you I extend a personal plea to forget past differences so that for one big night we can have some togetherness in

our Society.

Lastly there is that group who feel that the assessment is too high. Undoubtedly there are some members who have been practicing only a few years and others who have other large financial obligations. To this group we urge you to contribute whatever you feel able to contribute.

Our goal is 100% physical participation and we say this to those who feel that they cannot contribute anything, "we welcome you with open arms to the Centennial Celebration Nov. 4, 1972 at Powers Auditorium."

The committee has worked hard. Dr. McDonough has obtained the services of Youngstown's Elizabeth Hartman to play the lead in the short play to be presented by the Playhouse.

The goal of a \$20,000 contribution to the Arts is in sight. This is

a personal request to each of you to help us reach this goal.

I've been very proud of being a small part of a sincere and devoted Medical Community that provides excellent care for this community. By the same token I feel this is an excellent community in which to practice good medicine. I realize that as individual physicians we make large financial contributions to various charitable organizations yearly. Also we contribute to the United Fund through a special professional section. However what have we, as a medical group, done for this community to show them that we have enjoyed being a part of this fine Valley? This is our opportunity to let the public know we do care and we are participating in the development of this community.

-Henry Holden, M.D. President



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A History of Medicine in Youngstown and Mahoning County
"THE BULLETIN" OF THE MAHONING COUNTY

MEDICAL SOCIETY

John C. Melnick, M.D.

The idea of replacing penny post cards in making announcements to members of the medical society was conceived in the mind of President Dr. Arthur W. Thomas. He was the son of Dr. J. J. Thomas and the uncle of today's Dr. J. J. Anderson. The term "bulletin," however, was used in the early twenties and consisted of a legal-size single piece of paper printed on both sides. This was remembered by Dr. J. P. Harvey and confirmed by the author who found several copies of the early bulletin among the society's minutes.

Dr. Thomas called Dr. J. L. Fisher and said, "Jimmie, the Society is going to have a Bulletin and you are going to run it!" Thus forty-one years ago, the year was 1931, the Bulletin was born as we know it today. Dr. Fisher obtained the help of Drs. William Skipp, Morris Deitchman, Colin Reed and Boyd Schaffner. They met for lunch at the Y.M.C.A. on Champion Street. Dr. Fisher took several pieces of typing paper from his packet, folded them from top to bottom, turned them halfway around and wrote on the front "Bulletin of the Mahoning County Medical Society". "Here is the dummy of the first issue," he said and that is how the size of the Bulletin was determined.

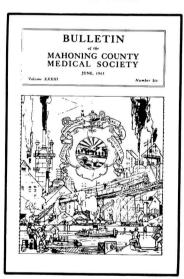
Financing was a problem since the country was in the depths of the depression. Dr. Skipp was appointed Business Manager because of his strong personality. The group of physicians visited places of business that doctors patronized and "pleaded, cajoled and threatened". In two days four pages of advertisements were sold. The price of a full-page advertisement was \$25.00; today, forty-one years later, it is \$30.00!

In the first issue appeared advertisements of the Lyons-Loesi Company (now the Lyons Physicians Supply), The Co-Operative Adjusting Company, James, Calvin and Weaver (now James and Weaver), Fred Blewitt, the Tailor, The Youngstown Printing Company, Goodman Bros. Pharmacy, Lemlake's Ethical Pharmacy, The Bloom Drug Co., and Laeri's Apothecary Shoppe.

There have been eight different covers used by the Bulletin. The first appeared for five issues—January through May of 1931. This cover was plain and simply had "The Mahoning County Medical Society Bulletin" in bold print on the cover. The second cover was very elaborate and appeared from June 1931 through May 1933. This cover attempted to depict the industry and commerce of the Youngstown area. This and other covers are illustrated. The third cover was inaugurated in June 1933. An emblem of the Medical Society was located in the left upper corner with horizontal and vertical stripes intersecting near the emblem. It was customary to have a quotation in the center. This cover was then replaced by the fourth cover which appeared for the first time in June 1934. The latter had an engraved-like framing of the cover with the society's medical emblem and the Ohio State Seal blended in the center.

The fifth cover first appeared in January 1938. It was used the longest period, enduring through the December 1959 issue of the Bulletin. An eccentric intersect of two elaborate bands formed a cross-like design. At the intersect of these bands was the Seal of the State of Ohio with the printing of "Mahoning County Medical Society." The vertical band also contained a serpent coiled around a wooden staff. Profound quotations continued to be

used on the new cover.



The Second Cover

The sixth cover of the Bulletin appeared in January 1960 and was designed by Dr. Richard Murray, an artistic member of the society. The design was a coiled stethoscope, representing a serpent, around a scalpel, representing the rod, of the historic medical emblem, the caduses. In January 1963 reappeared the elaborately designed cover which first was used in 1931 and 1933. This one was used until January 1964. The new cover at this time was designed by Eleanor Katz, wife of Dr. Bertram Katz. The design displayed a neurological hammer in the vertical position with a scalpel and blade in the form of a weather vane. Adjacent were the points of the compass spelling out the word "NEWS." At the base of the design was an EKG tracing and an example of a carotid pulse curve. This cover was used until January 1972—the beginning of the Centennial Year of the Mahoning County Medical Society. Dr. John C. Melnick, the Editor of the Bulletin, has used a variety

of picture covers related to his historical articles written for each issue of the Bulletin. The January 1972 issue had as its cover the Centennial Emblem designed by Velma Holden, wife of Dr. Henry Holden, President of the Medical Society.

Starting in 1960, the Bulletin was enlivened with drawings by Dr. Ben Berg, who later became editor in 1962. For years his humorous cartoon doctors wandered about the pages, highlighting features and special columns. One still appears in the heading of the "Happy Birthday" column. Ben also drew the holiday cover which has been used for years on the December issue. It shows a doctor encircled by a wreath and writing a huge prescription for "health and happiness to be taken in large quantities."

A variety of columns have appeared in the Bulletin over the past 41

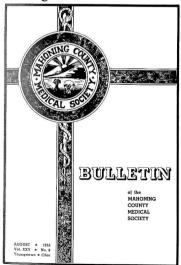
years. Listed below are a number of these columns and their author.

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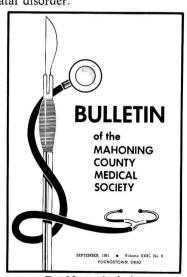
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Mr. Howard Rempes, executive secretary for the Medical Society during the past 14 years, wrote 3 articles on the Civil War published in the Bulletin. The first was "Youngstown Physicians in the Civil War". "Dear Wife" was a group of letters written by Dr. Charles N. Fowler during the Civil War. Dr. Fowler was one of the founders of the Medical Society in 1872. A third article was "For Conspicuous Gallantry" and told the story of Dr. William S. Matthews, fourth president of the Society, and his experience during the War. Dr. Thomas J. Shannon, uncle of Dr. W. S. Matthews, was the only Youngstown doctor killed in the Civil War and is buried in Oak Hill Cemetery.

Many doctors have written very informative scientific articles in the Bulletin. Some of these were later published in Medical Journals. Health Commissioners have frequently reported on statistics of various diseases. One interesting article was written in February 1933 by Dr. George Y. Davis entitled, "Smallpox in Mahoning County." He spoke of "the shameful grand total of 282 cases" of smallpox in the county "during the present season." A typhoid survey for a six year period from 1927 and including 1932 were 20, 19, 23, 4, 6 and 28 cases for a total of 102 cases during this time. The article showed that in 85% of the cases water consumed was from wells. Dr. Frederick S. Coombs wrote on "Dr. Talbott on Heat Cramps." The historic work done on this baffling problem, known since biblical days, was resolved by the Harvard Fatigue Laboratory in the area mills. This work resulted in a significant breakthrough in this serious and often fatal disorder.



From 1938 to 1959

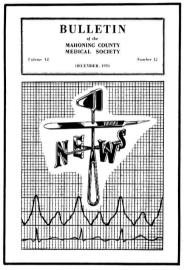


Dr. Murray's design

Hospital annual reports as well as hospital staff meeting reports have appeared regularly. The Proceedings of Council have been published monthly for years enabling physicians to be kept informed of progress of issues before the Medical Society.

During the war years, 1941-1945, a continuous flow of letters from doctors in the service kept the people at home well informed as to their duties, locations and many interesting episodes of the war. Many doctors received the Bulletin regularly overseas and expressed their appreciation for this contact

with home.



Eleanor Katz' design

Scientific papers, by members of the Society, appeared in the Bulletin and thus served as a continuing educational media for years. Abstracts of visiting physicians papers given for Post-Graduate Day also appeared enabling those doctors unable to attend the conference to gain this information.

Advertising has always been important to the Bulletin. The charge is sufficient to cover the cost of publication. There have been a few years of small profit and a few years of a small deficit. However, the overall performance for the past 41 years has been essentially a break-even record. This is the purpose of the Bulletin and therefore it has been a success.

One may follow many aspects of life in the Bulletin, such as inflation, styles, design of ambulances, improved drugs and many, many other items. Current events have always received considerable coverage. This has ranged from political office, impending Congressional legislation, improved medical diagnosis and the like.

The Bulletin has also served to keep members of the Society informed of its new members with biographical sketches, obituaries of members, births and graduations of children, marriages, vacations, publications of papers, awards, speeches, and an almost endless list of varied activities.

No discussion of the Bulletin would be complete without special reference to Dr. James Lee Fisher, father, mother and nurse maid of the Bulletin

during its years of development.

Dr. Fisher was born on August 14, 1895 in Carnegie, Pennsylvania, the son of a railroad telegrapher. He attended school in New Castle and was graduated from Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia in 1918. During his medical training he met his wife Margaret Ethel Zellman. His parents having moved from Pennsylvania to Youngstown attracted Dr. Fisher to the city where he interned at the South Unit of the Youngstown Hospital Association, 1918-1919. His fellow internes were Drs. Paul Fuzy, Bill Skipp and J. A. Walker.

Dr. Fisher's first office was over Harry Zeve's dry goods store at 1489 Market St. Harry Zeve had two sons. One became a dental surgeon and the other Dr. Herman Zeve ran the venereal disease clinic for the South Unit for some time. His training was in urology. Three months later he moved to 224 North Phelps where he still is in the active practice. The area of Wood Street, Phelps Street, and Lincoln Avenue at the time was known as "pill alley" because of approximately 30 doctors having their offices located here.

During the second World War Dr. Fisher, at the age of 46, enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served from 1942 - 1945. He was Commander and Senior Medical Officer on the U.S.S. Gage, an attack transport. Among his assignments

was receiving casualties from the Battle of Okinawa and later was on one of the first ships to transport personnel for the occupation of Nagasaki, Japan.

Dr. Fisher married Margaret Ethel Zellman of Philadelphia during his internship. They have 3 children, Mrs. Margaret Stephan of California, James L., Jr., an engineer and vice-president of Hydrair Corp. of Akron, and Dr. Robert Fisher of Youngstown. Dr. Robert Fisher has followed in his father's footsteps by specializing in family practice and serving as president of the Mahoning County Medical Society. During Bob's term of office he presented his father with a pin and certificate of distinction for having practiced medicine for 50 years. The J. L. Fishers have 12 grandchildren and one greatgrandson.

During his early years of practice he was taught by Dr. Carlos C. Booth, Dr. Brant, Dr. Nesbit and Dr. Paul Kaufman. Dr. Fisher was active in general surgery in addition to his general practice until about the age of 65 when he discontinued doing surgery. He worked in the South Unit dispensary from 1919 to 1921. For a period of ten years he was company physician for the

Republic Steel Corporation.

The author has had the pleasure of interviewing Dr. Fisher in the fall of 1971. The "old pro" is just full of stories of Youngstown, medicine, early physicians, etc. He is able to keep one interested for hours with his informa-

tive and frequently humorous narrative.

During his internship he was paid \$10 per month, room, board and uniforms. The latter was a huge step forward for in prior years the intern paid for his uniforms. In the early twenties the practicing physician was given lunch free at the South Unit! Dr. C. C. Booth (the author wrote an article about Dr. Booth in an earlier Bulletin) was nice to "J. L." Dr. Fisher initially observed him at surgery, then assisted and finally was permitted to perform surgery alone. Dr. Booth was instrumental in obtaining a job for Dr. Fisher at the Republic Steel Corporation. During a hernia operation Dr. Fisher assisted Dr. Booth, who repaired the wrong side. Dr. Fisher was then instructed to perform surgery the



Dr. J. L. Fisher

second time and this was his first hernia repair alone. The patient was so impressed with the new young surgeon that his father was J. L.'s second hernia. Dr. Fisher had a few days of anxiety since the patient developed hay fever immediately post-op and coughed and sneezed for days. The surgical repair held up and instilled a new confidence in the budding surgeon.

During the flue epidemic, locally called the "Spanish Flu," patients died faster than they could be buried. One victim was Fred Bunn, superintendent of the South Unit. Together with Mr. Yengling, hospital pharmacist, Dr. Fisher made up a 10% solution of glucose in water. Following antoclaving it turned a brown color. This was given to Mr. Bunn as an I.V. and was the first intravenous in the area. Dr. Fisher got the idea from a medical journal where it was advocated as treatment for pneumonia. Mr. Bunn died the first night following the injection from his disease.

In those days no one knew the members of the executive committee of the hospital. The members, time and location of meetings as well as the dis-

cussions held were secret!

Dr. Fisher has received many honors and distinctions during his medical career. He was largely responsible for the organization of the Mahoning Academy of General Practice and became its second president in 1950. He was editor of the Bulletin in 1931 and 1932. Dr. Fisher was elected President of the Mahoning County Medical Society in 1935 and President of the Medi-

cal-Dental Bureau which he organized, in 1941. He was also chief of the Department of General Practice of the Youngstown Hospital Association.

In 1955 he was chosen "General Practitioner of the Year," the first named for this honorary position by the Mahoning County Academy of General Practice.

He has served as president of the Bears Den Riding Club and as a director of the Ohio State Academy of General Practice.

Of the many interesting episodes during his years of practice two are well known to his many colleagues but are worth repeating. The first occurred in 1925 when a patient was stabbed in the heart and required repair. Dr. Fisher performed the surgery and it is thought to have been the first successful heart operation in the Youngstown area. In 1936 Dr. Fisher was robbed at gunpoint by a young man. Several weeks later he was called upon to do emergency surgery on a patient. Dr. Fisher saved the patient's life and recognized him as his assailant. Dr. Fisher's humanitarian qualities were exhibited when he recommended "his patient" for parole.

Dr. Fisher has been one of the most prolific writers for the Bulletin. Earlier in the article are listed his columns that have appeared for years.

Mrs. Ethel Fisher, wife of Dr. J. L. Fisher, in her own right has been very active in numerous community activities. She has been president of the Garden Club of Ohio and the Youngstown Garden Forum, as well as recording secretary of the Youngstown Federation of Women's Clubs. A highlight in her career was her appointment by Governor Rhoades as new chairman of the Trustees of Youngstown State University in 1968.

The 32 editors of the Mahoning County Medical Society Bulletin during the period 1931 - 1972 are as follows:

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Most editors served one term in office. Dr. Claude B. Norris has the honor of having been editor the most—namely seven times. Those editors that served more than one terms were:

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Dr. J. L. Fisher
Dr. Claude B. Norris
Dr. H. E. Patrick
Dr. C. A. Gustafson
Dr. John C. Melnick

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1934, 1935, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944
1936, 1937, 1939
1946, 1947, 1948, 1949
1970, 1972
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From the beginning it was the practice to have Bulletins bound into a single volume at the end of the year. An entire set of Bulletins, 41 volumes,

reposes on the shelf at the medical society office, where it sees almost daily use. Volume 42 will take its place on the shelf following the printing of the December 1972 issue.

The Bulletin of the Mahoning County Medical Society is written for and by the members of the Society. It has a long and proud history. Its contributors have been many who have given a chronological history of events in Mahoning County for nearly a half century. It deserves the continuing support of the members of the Society.

#### CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION IS NOV. 4

The 100th anniversary celebration of the Mahoning County Medical Society is going to be a big night for medicine, for doctors and their families, for the arts, for Youngstown and for the hundreds of friends who will be packing Powers Auditorium for a gala evening on Saturday New York

packing Powers Auditorium for a gala evening on Saturday, Nov. 4.

Highlight of the evening will be the presentation of a "birthday gift to the community" from the physicians of the Mahoning County Medical Society in recognition and thanks for the support that the community has given to her doctors over the years. The gift will be in the form of a check for a substantial sum of money to be divided among the city's cultural organizations: The Butler Institute of American Art, the Youngstown Playhouse, the Youngstown Symphony Society and the Youngstown Ballet Guild. The money has been raised by personal contributions from physicians plus contributions from friends of medicine. Most physicians have given a dollar

friends of medicine. Most physicians have given a dollar per year for the 100 years that the Medical Society has been in existence. The presentation will be made by the president, Dr. Henry Holden.

The program, which begins at 8:30 p.m., will include a one-act play produced by the Youngstown Playhouse, an intermission for champagne and birthday cake, and a program by the Youngstown Symphony.

The play will star Elizabeth Hartman, Academy Award nominee for her role in the movie, "Patch of Blue." She is returning to her hometown especially to take part in the centennial celebration.

The Symphony is planning their music around an Elizabeth Hartman "Americana" theme. This theme will also be carried out in the red, white and blue colors on the souvenir program, which is being designed by Henry Koerner, internationally known artist, famous for his *Time* covers. The design for the invitation is by Clyde Singer.

All members of the Mahoning County Medical Society are urged to bring their families and attend what promises to be the greatest medical society function ever held in Mahoning County. The centennial committee is out to try to achieve 100% attendance at this, the "meeting of the century."

Don't Miss This One!

## THE MEETING OF THE CENTURY

centennial celebration of the

#### Mahoning County Medical Society

Every member is invited to attend, with his family. Please make reservations at the Medical Society office, 746-8431. We want every member to attend — for once, in 100 years, let's achieve 100% attendance.

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#### 100 YEARS: MOMENTS IN MEDICINE

The Bulletin continues to publish "firsts" in each issue during the Centennial Year. Your contributions will be welcome. Send them to the editor, Dr. John Melnick.

First hypothermic surgery—Surgeon, Dr. Frank Inui Anesthesiologist, Dr. Frank Shaw

First Tibial Plateau prosthesis—Dr. I. Maeda, June 1971

First native born physician-Dr. Timothy Woodbridge, March 14, 1877

First doctors on Y.H.A. Board of Trustees-Dr. George S. Peck and

Dr. A. M. Clark-1900 First "pap" smear-Dr. H. E. Hathhorn, 1946

First medical resident, Y.H.A.—Dr. Raymond Lupse, 1942

First to remove kidneys for transplant-Dr. D. Limbert, surgeon, Dr. Y. T. Chiu, surgeon, Dr. Robert Bacani, renologist, Oct. 9, 1971

First publication of Art book—Dr. Richard Murray

First librarian, Mahoning County Medical Society—Wick Gaus.

March 14, 1877
First members, Ohio State Medical Assoc.—Dr. John McCurdy, 1870 Dr. Timothy Woodbridge, 1870

First total hip prosthesis-Dr. George Szaboky, January 1972

Dr. I. Maeda (second), February 1972

First Use of Tularemia serum—Dr. Morris Rosenbloom, 1935 First Laboratory physician—Dr. F. J. Biercamp, 1909 South Unit, Y.H.A.

First Wasserman Test—Dr. F. J. Biercamp First Parathyroid gland scan—Dr. John C. Melnick, 1970

First Unbilical artery catherization—Dr. Wilfred Dodgson, 1972

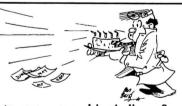
First physician with two professor sons-Dr. J. P. Harvey: Dr. J. Paul Harvey, Jr., Prof. of Orthopedics, Univ. of Southern Calif. and Dr. John C. Harvey, Prof. Medicine, Johns Hopkins Univ.

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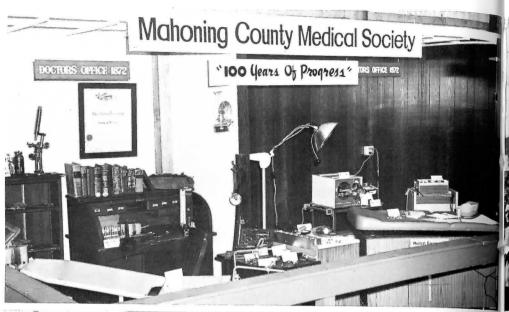
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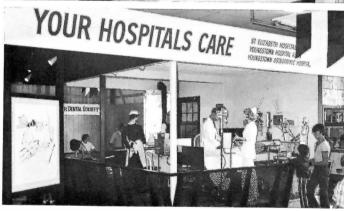
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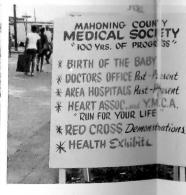
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#### R AT THE CANFIELD FAIR







ABOVE: The Medical Society exhibit at left attracted large crowds in the Medical Health Building. LEFT: Dr. Jack Schreiber compares a new and old ophthalmoscope from the Medical Society exhibit.

For the second straight year the Mahoning County Medical Society was instrumental in providing the most outstanding feature at the annual Canfield Fair. Last year, it was the new medical-health building. This year it was the old doctor's office in Pioneer Village (reported in the September issue of the Bulletin) along with the centennial exhibit at the medical-health building.

The 1972 Fair marked the 21st consecutive year of participation by the Mahoning County Medical Society. In celebration of the centennial year of its founding, the Medical Society exhibited an 1872 doctor's office side by side with a 1972 office. Also in the medicalhealth building, the Medical Society brought back the AMA exhibit entitled, "Life Begins," which illustrates the growth of the fetus. This is always one of the most popular exhibits on the Fairgrounds, and is regularly scheduled for showing every two years.

Following the centennial year theme, the combined exhibit of the three hospitals, Youngstown, St. Elizabeth and Youngstown Osteopathic, showed a 1972 intensive care unit compared with what

passed for intensive care in 1872.

The development and preparation of the Medical Society exhibit and the furnishings of Dr. Patton's office in Pioneer Village was done by Dr. Jack Schreiber, chairman, along with the Canfield Fair Committee, Drs. F. A. Friedrich, J. I. Gonzalez, C. B. Klodell, J. Mersol, F. A. Resch and Sarah Yacono, assisted by the Women's Auxiliary,

It is anticipated that the medical-health building will eventually become a health museum, and the Committee is taking steps in that

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There were 23 exhibitors in the building this year. An estimated crowd of 90,000 persons viewed the health exhibits.

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#### HOWARD E. MATHAY, M.D.

1905 - 1972

Dr. Howard E. Mathay, long-time medical director at United States Steel Corp, until his retirement in 1970, died at Cleveland University Hos-

pital, Tuesday, Sept. 26. He was 67.

Dr. Mathay first began work for U.S. Steel at the age of 16, while attending Rayen School. For a time it was thought that he might enter the steel business; but he showed a preference for medicine, only to return to the mill in 1941 as a works physician. In 1948 he became medical director on a part-time basis, and in 1961 became full-time medical chief for U.S. Steel.

Dr. Mathay was born in Youngstown. Following Rayen, he attended Virginia Military Institute from which he received a B.S. degree in 1927, and then Western Reserve University Medical School, receiving his M.D. in 1931. He interned at Youngstown Hospital Association, and, after a

residency, opened an office for General Practice at Girard.

Dr. Mathay was a fellow of the Industrial Medical Association and a director of the Mahoning Chapter, American Cancer Society. He was a past president of the Mahoning Chapter of the American Academy of General Practice. His membership in the Mahoning County Medical Society dated from 1938.

In this, the centennial year of the Medical Society, it should be of some historical significance to note the length of time given to industrial medicine in an industrial community by Dr. Mathay. At his retirement in 1970, he completed 29 years of service at U.S. Steel. Perhaps he was closer to the pulse of the Mahoning Valley than any other doctor could be.

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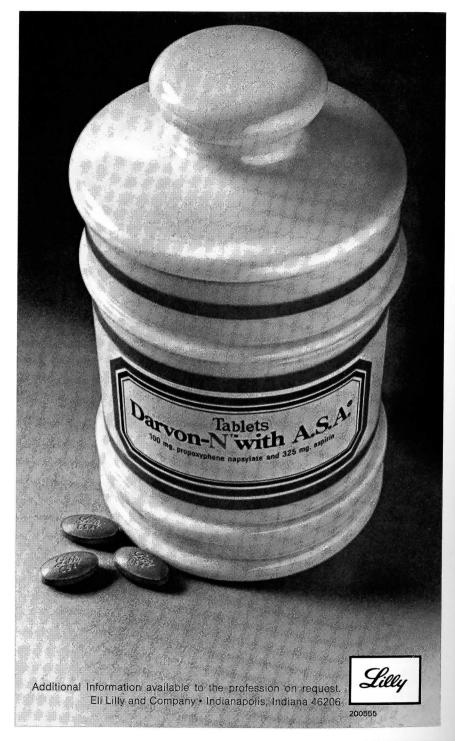
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#### MEMBERS TOUR SCHOOL FOR RETARDED

A teaching demonstration at the Mahoning County School for Retarded Children and a tour of the school's facilities proved to be a rewarding experience for those in attendance at the Sept. 19 meeting of the Mahoning County Medical Society. Dr. R. A. Wiltsie, member of the Mahoning County Board of Mental Retardation, introduced Mr. Ray Soccorsy, administrator of the School, who conducted the program.

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At the business portion of the meeting, conducted by president Henry Holden, the Society approved spending money from the undesignated portion of the investment fund to cover centennial expenses, and approved a resolution to go to the Ohio State Medical Association opposing Ohio State Welfare Department interpretation of the Social Security Title XIX program.





## From the Bulletin

FORTY YEARS AGO — OCTOBER 1932

From the Journal of the A.M.A.: "The hospitals of the Country are suffering because of the lack of occupancy of many beds. Some private hospitals are less than half occupied. A general average would indicate 40 per cent empty beds in most institutions. The situation today is a serious one."

The Sixth Councilor District held a big meeting in Youngstown that month. The program was given by five local men: John Heberding, E. C. Baker, S. J. Tamarkin, O. D. Hudnut and M. H. Bachman. There were two speakers from out of town: Roy W. Scott from Western Reserve and Thomas McCrae from Jefferson. Those days it took only one or two big names to draw a large attendance.

Dr. Wm. P. Young became a member of the Society. THIRTY YEARS AGO — OCTOBER 1942

President Walter Stewart wrote his last page for the Bulletin and said his farewells before leaving for duty with the U.S. Public Health Service. President-Elect W. H. Evans could not take over, having received orders for active duty in the U.S. Navy. Council was in a quandary but it met and solved the dilemma by appointing the Senior Censor, William Skipp acting President. Dr. Stewart died the following spring while on duty at the Plum Brook Ordnance Plant at Sandusky. Dr. Evans returned three years later after distinguished service in the South Pacific but he never got to serve his term as President.

More doctors left for service with the armed forces: Capt. Jos. Colla, Lt. J. B. Kupec, Capt. L. W. Weller, Lt. Cmdr. M. B. Goldstein and Major R. E. Odom. Others were writing back from outlandish places such as Trinidad (Herman Zeve), Ozark, Ala. (Ray Hall), Corvallis, Oregon (Hap Hath-horn) and Pearl Harbor (Joe Keogh). Their degree of comfort varied from the Plaza Hotel at Colorado Springs (Kupec) to a tent on an island, with a dirt floor and candles for light (DeCicco). S. J. Klatman was an Army Surgeon serving on a Navy ship somewhere in the Aleutians. Headquarters lost track of him completely and he was nearly court martialed for being A.W.O.L.

TWENTY YEARS AGO — OCTOBER 1952

Post-Graduate Day again at the Pick-Ohio with a group from the Mayo Clinic on the program. As usual, it rained but attendance was good and the reports enthusiastic.

The new Health Exhibit at the Canfield Fair attracted 63,000 visitors. Dr. M. M. Szucs was chairman and everybody worked, including the Auxiliary. The success of the exhibit caused President Gustafson to hope for even

greater participation in future Fairs.

David Levy was President of the Academy of General Practice. James Smeltzer opened his office on Lincoln Avenue for practice of internal medicine. New members that month were Patrick B. Cestone, Harry A. Smith, Frank W. Morrison and Robert W. Parry.

#### TEN YEARS AGO — OCTOBER 1962

The Canfield Fair exhibit had grown to huge proportions. Not only the Medical Society but the Corydon-Palmer Dental Society, both hospitals, the Academy of General Practice, the Society for the Blind, the Safety Council, the Eastern Ohio Pharmaceutical Association and many others crowded the big tent.

Guy Lombardo and his Royal Canadians played for 900 guests at the St. Elizabeth's Charity Ball at Idora Park. Marvin Itts was chairman for the event, then in its third year.

Arthur Rappoport addressed the Association of Chemical Pathologists of Great Britain on "Planning and Design of Hospital Laboratories."

Sidney Keyes and Harold Chevlen moved into their new Keylen Building on Gypsy Lane and became associated in the practice of Family Medicine.

Leonard Caccamo was named "Man Of The Year" by the National Association of Wolves. The award was given for outstanding contributions in the medical field.

-J. L. F.

#### **AUXILIARY DOES CENTENNIAL JOB**



A few of the Auxiliary members who addressed envelopes are (L. to R.) Virginia Martin, Marion Peabody, Eleanor Pichette, Edie Wieneke, Angela Gilliland, Kathleen Stotler and Karen Kohli.

How do you get out 8500 invitations, hand-addressed, for the biggest birthday party ever held in Youngstown? That's easy - - and the centennial committee had the answer. You ask the Women's Auxiliary to do the job!

That's exactly what happened. Mrs. C. E. Pichette, president, agreed to have the Auxiliary undertake the work, and the response from her members was even greater than she had hoped for. For a period of 4 or 5 weeks, more than 50 members of the Auxiliary gave their time to the job of addressing envelopes from long lists. In the end, after many days of cooperation and fellowship, the work was completed ahead of schedule.

The list of those members who helped is too long to be printed here, but Mrs. Pichette proudly joins the centennial committee in extending thanks to every one of them for a great job, well done. Special thanks are extended to St. Elizabeth Hospital for providing the space, and to Dorothy Klein, administrative assistant, for her continued attention to arrangements.

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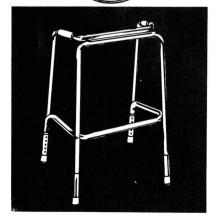
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#### PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL Sept. 12, 1972

The regular meeting of the council of the Mahoning County Medical Society was held on Tuesday, Sept. 12, 1972, at the Sokol Center, Youngs-

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

Lloyd, S. F. Petraglia, J. F. Stotler 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: ASSOCIATE: Narciso C. Domingo, M.D.

Norma J. Hazelbaker, M.D. Chander M. Kohli, M.D. Nicholas A. Pappas, M.D. V. G. Raghavan, M.D.

The applications were approved. Applicants will become members of the Mahoning County Medical Society fifteen days after publication in the Bulle-

tin unless objection is filed in writing with the secretary before that time.

Dr. Sovik, chairman of the Welfare Advisory Committee introduced discussion concerning new restrictions by the Ohio State Welfare Department. Several resolutions in opposition were read. Council directed a committee to formulate a resolution and bring it to the Sept. 19 meeting of the Mahoning County Medical Society. Dr. Holden appointed the following to the committee: Drs. Abdu, Anderson, Cinelli and Schreiber.

Dr. Holden brought council members up to date on the current status of the blood banking situation. Following discussion, the motion was made by Dr. Abdu, and properly seconded, that a committee be appointed from the Mahoning County Medical Society to meet with the executive committee of the Mahoning Red Cross. An amendment was proposed by Dr. Tandatnick, and properly seconded, that the committee meet with the board of the Community Corporation. The amendment was passed. The amended motion was passed. Dr. Holden will appoint a committee.

Dr. Pichette and Dr. Tandatnick reported on their meeting with Dr. Cashman, Ohio Health Commissioner, relative to the Mahoning Valley Health

Planning Association. They reported no change in position.

A letter was read from Jerry Knight requesting MD advisors to the Northeastern Ohio Health Care Foundation. Council agreed to announce this at the Sept. 19th meeting of the Medical Society.

Dr. Lloyd's report in answer to a request for aid from Children's International Summer Villages was read. The motion was made by Dr. Anderson, and properly seconded, that the Medical Society donate \$200 to the Youngs-

town Chapter of CISV. Motion was passed.

A letter from Mrs. Ben S. Brown was read requesting a contribution to the William Holmes McGuffey Historical Society for their project to establish a McGuffey Museum and an Educators Hall of Fame. The motion was made by Dr. Pichette, and properly seconded, that the Medical Society donate \$100 for the McGuffey memorial. Motion was passed.

Receipt of a taped "Health Lines" radio program for possible radio use

was noted.

Dr. Schreiber, chairman, reported a successful Canfield Fair in which the Medical Society sponsored two endeavors, the exhibit in the medicalhealth building, and the new doctor's office in Pioneer Village.

Dr. Schreiber, chairman, reported on centennial plans. It was noted that every member of the Mahoning County Medical Society is invited to attend the celebration on Nov. 4, whether he makes a contribution to the centennial fund or not. The centennial committee will meet Sept. 14.

Dr. Holden announced the nominating committee to be: Dr. William T. Martin, Dr. Robert B. McConnell, Dr. Edward A. Shorten and Dr. William E. Sovik, along with Drs. Stotler and Holden. Council approved the committee.

Plans for the Oct. 5 Medical Assistants Dinner were announced.

Drs. Dietz, Holden and Pichette reported on the Sixth District Malpractice Conference, held Aug. 30 at Kent.

Dr. Schreiber reported on an article in the newspaper concerning a "well-child conference" sponsored by the Mahoning County Health Department. Council requested that the Secretary write a letter to the Health Department asking for information on who is doing the exams, who is eligible and why vaccine is being furnished to physicians free.

Meeting was adjourned.

Howard Rempes Executive Secretary

#### NOMINATING COMMITTEE AT WORK

Any member having suggestions or recommendations concerning officers for 1973 is encouraged to contact members of the nominating committee. The committee, which was announced at the Sept. 19th meeting, consists of Drs. W. T. Martin, R. B. McConnell, E. A. Shorten, W. E. Sovik, J. F. Stotler and Henry Holden. The committee is currently at work and will present a slate of nominees at the Nov. 21st meeting.

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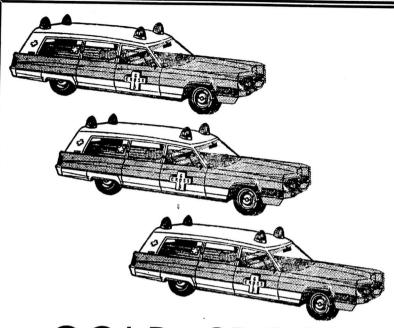
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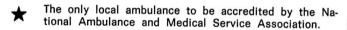
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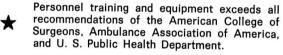
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★ Indications: Edema associated with congestive heart failure, cirrhosis of the liver, the nephrotic syndrome; steroid-induced and idiopathic edema; edema resistant to other diuretic therapy. Also, mild to moderate hypertension.

Contraindications: Pre-existing elevated serum potassium. Hypersensitivity to either component. Continued use in progressive renal or hepatic dysfunction or developing hyperkalemia.

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., elderly or diabetics). If hyperkalemia develops, substitute a thiazide alone. If spironolactone is used concomitantly with 'Dyazide', check serum potassium frequently - both can 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 patients on 'Dyazide' 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, agranulocytosis, and aplastic anemia have been reported with the thiazides. Watch for signs of impending come 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 xanthoosia have occurred with thiazides alone.

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