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100 Years Ago Nov. 13, 1872

LEFT: This news article appeared in the MAHONING REGISTER, Nov. 21, 1872.

BELOW: The meeting place was in the Howell Block, the large building at the right of the photo, on W. Federal St. at the northwest corner of the Diamond, where the Union Bank stands today.

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man and gentleman.

—On Thursday evening of last week, Drs. T. Woodbridge, J. E. Woodbridge, Buechner, Cunningham, McCurdy, Starr, Brooke, Whelan, Matthews and Powers, met at the office of Drs. Cunningham and Brooke, to form a City Medical Society. Dr. T. Woodbridge was chairman and Dr. Whelan, secretary. A committee was appointed to report a constitution and by laws at their next meeting, to be held in two weeks.



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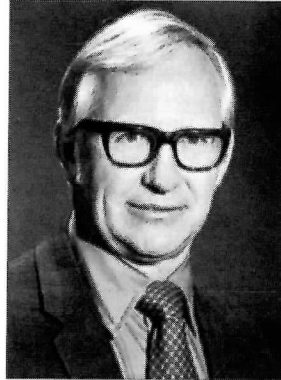


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From the Desk of the President



THANK YOU

I wish to sincerely thank all those individuals who devoted so much time in preparation for the Centennial celebration. My special thanks to Dr. Schreiber, Dr. McDonough, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Pichette, members of the centennial committee and members of the Auxiliary who spent so much time handling the invitations.

Words cannot adequately describe the contribution to the affair rendered by Miss Hartman.

I would invite all members to visit the Butler Art Museum to view the medical exhibits on display during the month of November.

—Henry Holden, M.D.
President



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A History of Medicine in Youngstown and Mahoning Valley

YOUNGSTOWN - 1872

John C. Melnick, M.D.

The Mahoning County Medical Society was founded 100 years ago—November 13, 1872. During this centennial year the author has written articles pertaining to the history of medicine in Youngstown and Mahoning Valley. This presentation contains a number of photographs illustrating the town at the time of the founding of the medical society. A brief history of the Western Reserve Territory and Youngstown, however, is in order.

In 1666 King Charles II of England granted a charter to the Colony of Connecticut and defined the boundaries of the colony to be Massachusetts on the north, Long Island Sound on the south, the Narragansett River on the east and the Pacific Ocean on the west.

When the Revolutionary War ended with the signing of the Treaty of Paris in 1783 our new, young country was faced with becoming a strong central government. Many of the states, similar to Connecticut, held claims to large tracts of land west of the Allegheny Mountains. To strengthen the Federal Government and to better define many vague boundaries the states were asked by Congress to give up these claims. With reluctance the various states did so with the exception of the state of Connecticut which was the last hold-out. Finally on Sept. 14, 1786 Connecticut ceded to "all right, title, interest, jurisdiction, and claim to certain lands *except* a strip of land south of Lake Erie." Congress accepted the "reservation" and the Connecticut Western Reserve was erected. The area was also called New Connecticut and consisted of 3,840,000 acres and was located in the northeast quarter of the state with Lake Erie on the north, Pennsylvania on the east, the parallel of the forty-first degree of north latitude on the south, and Sandusky and Seneca Counties on the west. It was 120 miles from east to west, and an average of 50 miles from north to south, although on the Pennsylvania line it was 68 broad. The area was surveyed into townships of five miles square beginning in 1796 and completed in January 1798.

In 1795 a group of 35 men purchased nearly the entire Western Reserve for \$1,200,000. The syndicate was called the Connecticut Land Company. Included in this group were Moses Cleveland (Cleveland was named in his honor) who invested \$32,000, Elijah Boardman who invested \$20,000 (Board-

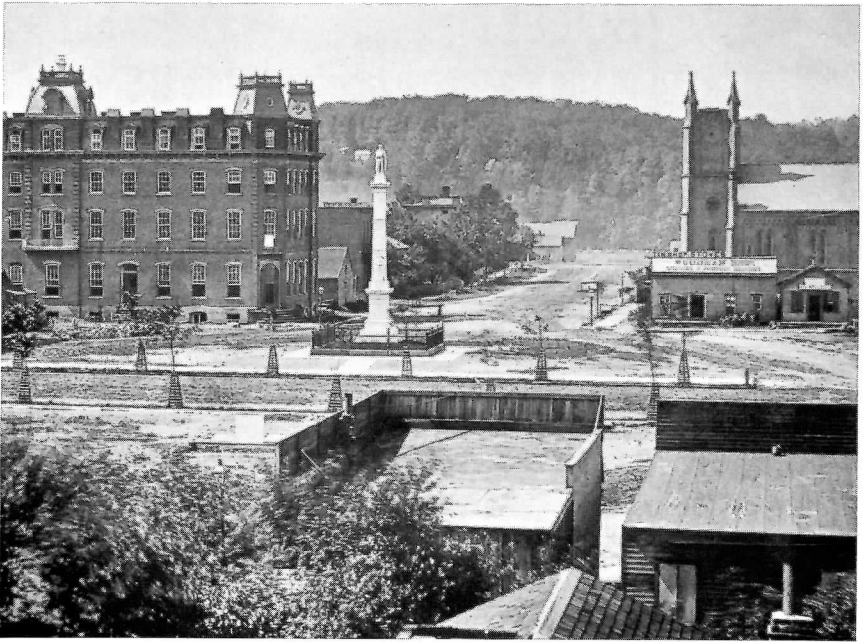


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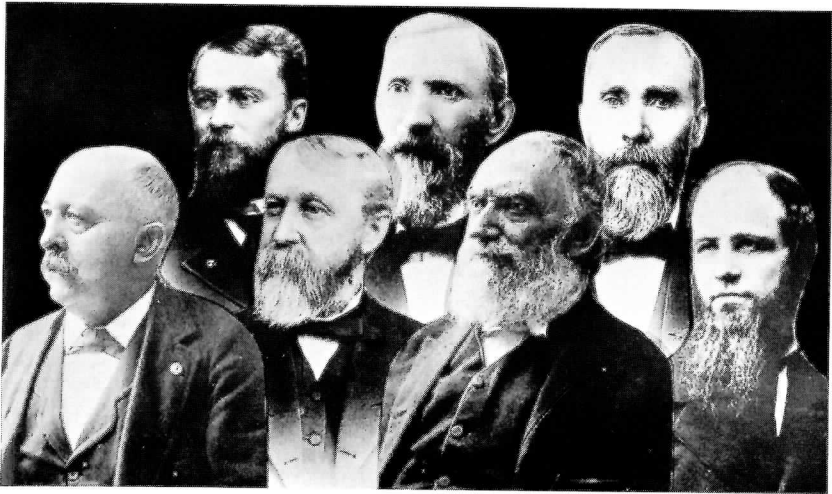
In 1872, the Diamond had not changed much from this 1870 photo, showing the Tod House at the left, and Market St. extending only to the River.



The Canal was in active use in 1872. It ran parallel to the Mahoning River (see center spread) and came in close proximity here at the Mahoning Ave. bridge, just off Spring Common.

“ . . . a motion prevailed that we organize ourselves into an association to be known as the Mahoning County Medical Society.”

—Minutes, November 13, 1872



(L. to R.) W. L. Buechner, W. S. Mathews, J. McCurdy, John S. Cunningham, Timothy Woodbridge, W. J. Whelan, Charles N. Fowler.

Of the seven physicians assembled in this composite photo, only Dr. Charles N. Fowler (extreme right) was not present at that historic meeting on Nov. 13, 1872, for the formation of the Mahoning County Medical Society. The rest met in the office of Drs. Cunningham and Brooke, along with four others not pictured, Dr. J. E. Woodbridge, Dr. Starr, Dr. Powers and Dr. Brooke. Dr. Fowler did attend the second meeting, at the office of Drs. Woodbridge and McCurdy, and the third and last meeting of 1872 was held at Dr. Fowler's office.

man Township was named in his honor) and Turhand Kirtland and a friend who invested \$4,750 (grandfather of Dr. Jared Potter Kirtland of Poland, Ohio).

John Young (after whom Youngstown is named) was born on March 8, 1763 in Peterborough, New Hampshire. He was a son of a Scotch-Irish physician who died of carcinoma of the face. Mr. Young married Mary Stone White, daughter of Hugh White and founder of Whitestown, New York (Whitesboro). Through his brother-in-law and friends he learned of the six townships to be sold and particularly of Township No. 2 in the second range in the south east corner of the Reserve—nearest to Pittsburg, Pa. and 3 major rivers. The Township, to become Youngstown, was for sale with no cash down payment and interest at 6% beginning Sept. 2, 1797.

John Young was 32 years of age with a dream. Together with Alfred Wolcott he set off to inspect and purchase the land. While they were camped on the east bank of the Mahoning River in the vicinity of North Avenue and Federal Street, James Hillman, trader and trapper, came along the river in his canoe. He was attracted by the camp-fire and stopped to greet Mr. Young and Mr. Wolcott. The day was June 27, 1796 on the Spring Common. A temporary lean-to was their shelter for several days. They then went to Beaver for the 4th of July celebration and returned to erect a permanent log house



In this 1874 photo, the south side of the Diamond has begun to develop. Four cannons, procured by President Garfield, surround the monument. The Mahoning Bank building is at the left. Next to it is the Opera House.



The north side of the Diamond is shown in 1872 at a time when they were preparing to lay water pipes. The view is down E. Federal St., with the Youngstown House where the People's Bank is today.

A B C D



This remarkable photo, taken from a point on High St. near Oak Hill Cemetery and looking toward the north hill, shows almost the entire city of Youngstown as it was in 1872. Recognizable land-marks include (A) St. Columba's School on Rayen Ave., just recently torn down; (B) St. Columba's Church, which was located across Wood St. from today's Cathedral; (C) Baldwin's Mill, which stood near where the Marshall St. bridge is today; and (D) First Presbyterian Church at Wick and Wood. Just in front of Baldwin's Mill you will see two small two-story houses under construction. One of these still stands today at the corner of Marshall and Oak Hill. Less than 50 yards away from the spot where this photo was taken there is a street called "City View Court," an indication of the popularity of the hillside with a view 100 years ago.

and the settlement of Youngstown had begun. This was probably the first log-house erected on the Reserve and the first regular settlement on the Reserve.

The town plat, which is only a small part of the city today, was divided into 100 lots. Adjoining the town were "out-lots" of a few acres each and the remainder of the Township was divided into large tracts of land suitable for farming. The town plat was not recorded until August 19, 1802. The south-east lot was No. 1 and the north-east lot No. 100. Lots No. 95 on the southwest and No. 96 on the southeast side of Market St. (now Wick Ave. at Wood St.) were designated in the plat as "burying ground." The central square was 250 x 400 feet. The east-west streets were Federal St., North Street (now Wood) and South Street (now Front St.). The north-south streets from west to east were Hazel, Phelps, Market, Champion and Walnut.

On February 9, 1797 John Young signed a contract to purchase Youngstown Township of 15,560 acres for \$16,085.16 or \$1.03 per acre! In 1799 Mr. Young's wife and two sons, John and George, moved to Youngstown. A son William was born here in November 1799 and a daughter, Mary, in February, 1802. By 1803, however, his wife found life in the Township difficult so Mr. Young and family returned to Whitestown, never to return again. He died after a long illness in April 1825 at the age of 62, 21 years after his return from Youngstown, in Whitestown, New York.

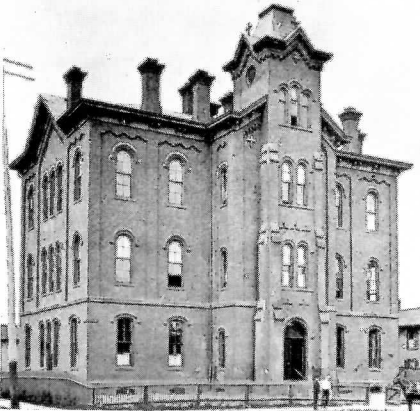
Youngstown grew and prospered. By 1810 the population was 773, larger than Cleveland. In 1830 it was 1,883. In 1850 Youngstown became a village with a population of 2,802 and elected John Heiner its first mayor. In 1860 it became a city with a population of 2,759. Dr. John Manning, son of Dr. Henry Manning, served as mayor from 1863-1865. By 1870 the population reached 8,075. In 1872 Youngstown was three-quarters of a century old

and was known as the most important settlement in the southern part of the Western Reserve as well as one of the important cities in the entire state.

In 1872 Ulysses S. Grant was President of the United States. Mr. E. P. Noyes was the Governor of Ohio and George McKee was Mayor of Youngstown. With near-by resources of iron ore, wood for the making of coke as well as coal, Youngstown was a leading iron center. There were 24 furnaces with an average daily production of 500 tons of pig iron, 11 of these furnaces were in Youngstown with an average daily capacity of 275 tons. The Township had three rolling mill companies with a fourth, one of the largest in the state, under construction.

There was no electricity nor telephones. The Youngstown Gas Company, incorporated in 1866, was located east of Watt St. between Wood St. and the railroad. The first gas lights were lighted in the streets and city buildings on the evening of January 14, 1867. Gas served only a portion of the city north of the Mahoning River. The first railroad, Cleveland and Mahoning, started operation in 1856. The second railroad had only been in operation for 5 years and ran from Youngstown to Mahoningtown (2 miles south of New Castle) having been completed since 1867.

The "Rayen School" founded in 1866 had Mr. Edwin S. Gregory as principal and Miss Florence Rayen as assistant. The first Catholic school, St. Columba, was under construction on the southwest corner of Rayen and Elm. The public schools were supported by a common school fund and were under the management of the Union School Board. A school was located on the



The Rayen School (above) looked like this in 1872. It is now the oldest school building in Youngstown. Recently demolished was the building (top left) of St. Columba's School, which stood on Rayen Ave. at the corner of Elm St. It was constructed in 1872. Also in use in 1872 was Front St. School (left) which was located on Front St. at the corner of Phelps, near the current post office, but which was torn down many years ago as business houses replaced residences in that area.



Lincoln Ave., in this photo taken shortly after 1872, was on the outskirts of Youngstown.



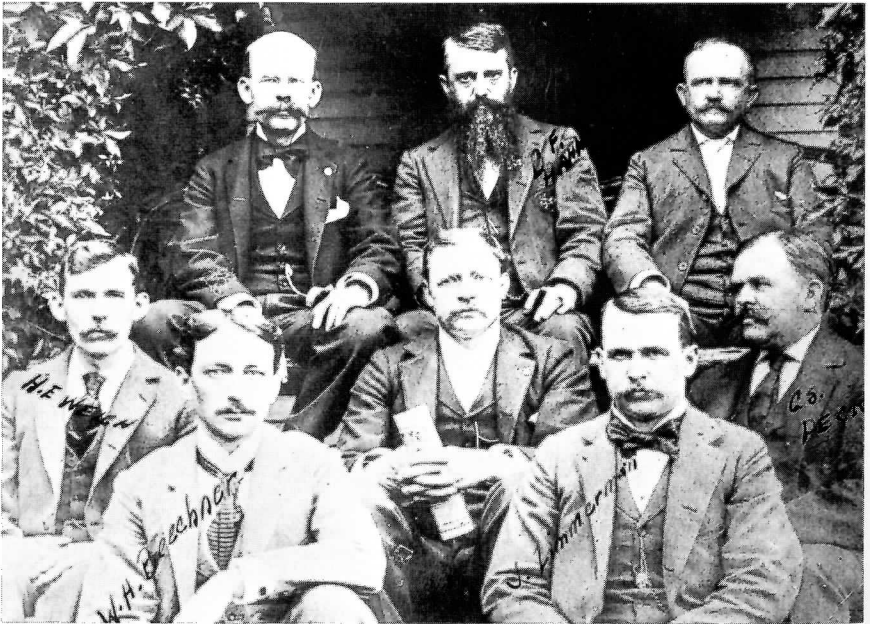
Cutting ice on the Mahoning River.

west side which was a two-story frame building. Two schools were just completed. These were Front St. School on the southeast corner of Front and Phelps streets, a three-story brick building, and a large two-story brick building on Covington Street. A binocular microscope at the Rayen School was "not excelled by an other institution in the country." It also had a spectroscope and an electrical apparatus. There were nine other school houses in the Township.

There was no city water as yet but the water works was in such an advanced state that operation of the plant was expected in a very short time. Water was to be drawn from the Mahoning River. Approximately 8 miles of pipe was to be laid and 71 hydrants installed for fire protection.



As the north side of the Diamond developed, it was beautified with this fountain. The several buildings in the background are where the Union Bank and Dollar Bank buildings stand today.



The oldest known group photo of physicians was taken on the steps of the first hospital. (Bottom row) H. E. Welch, W. H. Buechner, J. B. Kotheimer, J. Zimmerman, C. S. Peck. (Top row) A. M. Clark, B. F. Hawn, J. J. Thomas.

There were three newspapers in town, The *Vindicator*—democratic; *Register*—republican and the *Courier*—prohibitionist Some interesting figures are as follows:

Attorneys — 11 offices in the Township, including Volney Rogers, founder of Mill Creek Park in 1891.

Blacksmiths — 8

Breweries — 3

Carriage and Wagon makers — 4

Hotels — 7

Livery and Carriage Lines — 9

Dentists — 3

Civil Engineers — 3

Photographers — 2

Grocers — 28

Saloons — 22

Undertakers — 3

Druggists — 4, including Manning (Dr. Henry Manning), McKeowen and Co. on Federal St. near Phelps.

It is of interest to note that there were as many saloons as doctors, dentists, undertakers and druggists combined. The doctors in active practice in the city of Youngstown totaled 13 and were:

Dr. William Buechner — Federal St. cor. Champion

Dr. John Smith Cunningham — Howell's block on Federal St. This

Dr. G. W. Brooke

building is illustrated on the cover of this month's *Bulletin*. It was located in the area of today's Union National Bank. The first meeting of the Mahoning County Medical Society was held in Dr. Cunningham's office.

Dr. W. L. Matthews —

Dr. C. N. Fowler — Phelps St. near Federal

Dr. W. J. Griffith — Federal St. opposite the Post Office

Dr. A. Kely — northeast corner, Square

Dr. John Lanterman — Federal St. near Post Office

Dr. John McCurdy — Federal St. near Phelps

Dr. H. Slosson — Hazel near Federal St.

Dr. F. L. Starr — Federal near Hazel

Dr. William J. Whelan — Federal St. corner Hazel

Dr. Timothy Woodbridge —

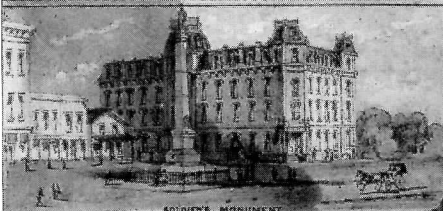
Dr. John E. Woodbridge — — Federal St. near Hazel

NEW MEMBERS

The following applicants, approved by council, will become members of the Mahoning County Medical Society on Nov. 25, unless objection is filed in writing with the secretary prior to that time: Simon A. Basile, M.D.—Active; John S. Conti, M.D.—Active; Karl F. Wieneke, Jr., M.D.—Active; Radha Krishna Murty, M.D.—Associate; Milton L. Paige, M.D.—Associate.

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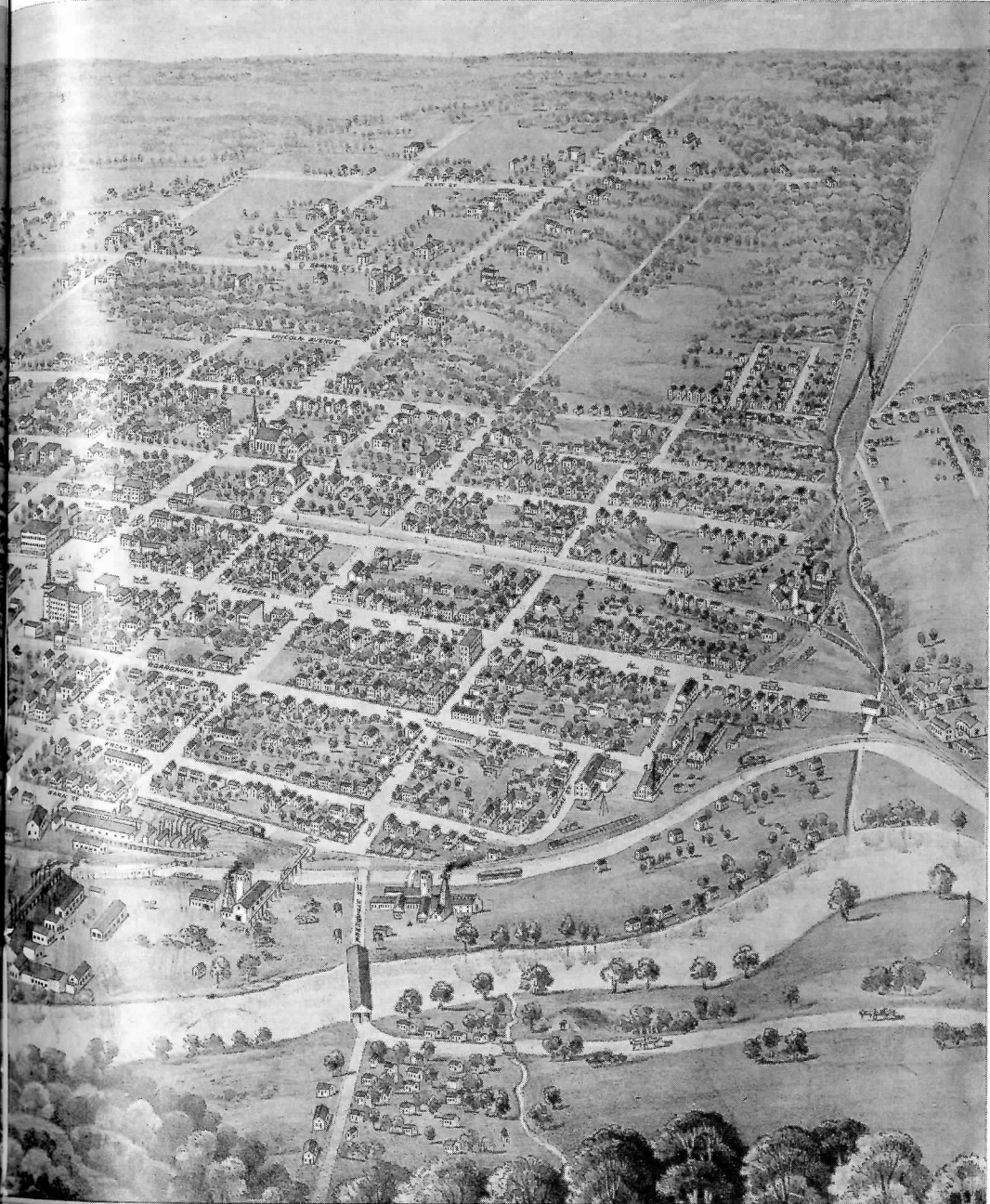
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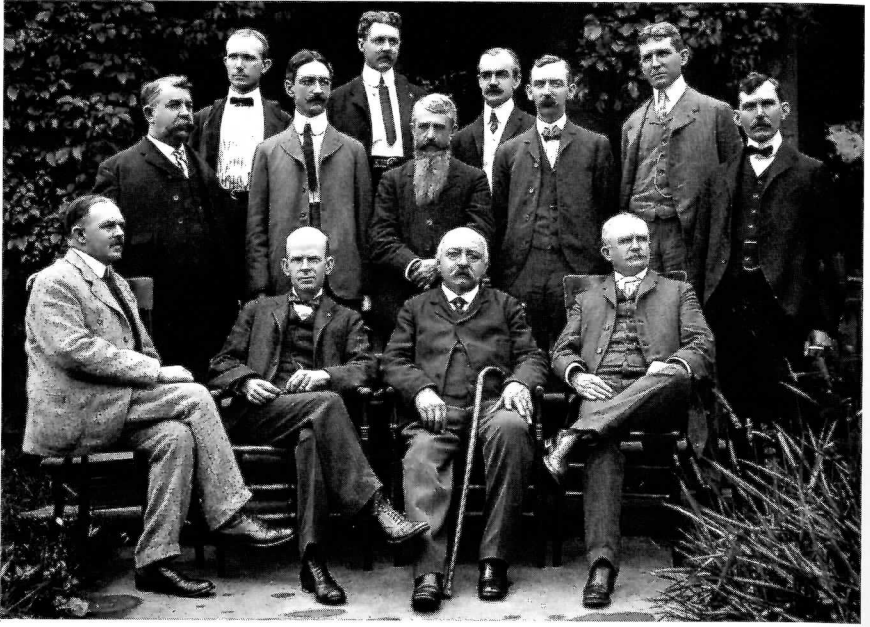
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100 YEARS: MOMENTS IN MEDICINE

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 meeting "Half Century Club" — March 18, 1948

First fiberoptic gastroscope — Dr. S. F. Gaylord, 1962

First fiberoptic gastrocamera — Dr. S. F. Gaylord, 1968

First fiberoptic esophagoscopy with photography — Dr. S. F. Gaylord, 1971

First sputa of Tuberculus Bacillus shown — July 9, 1884

First reunion of "regular" physicians of Mahoning County — November 1886

First log cabin (probably first in Western Reserve also) —
Col. James Hillman

First colonoscopy of transverse colon — Dr. Armin Banez, February 1969

First operative colonoscopy (also in U.S.) — Dr. Armin Banez, 1969

First Tissue Section Machine — Dr. F. J. Bierkamp

First Resident pathologist — Dr. C. C. Wolfeath, 1916

First pericarditis operation — Dr. Claude Beck (Cleveland), patient of
Dr. H. E. Hathhorn

First radical resection of maxilla with exoneration of orbit —
Dr. Wm. Flynn, 1952

First Syndrome named after doctor — Dr. John C. Melnick, 1969 —
Melnick-Needle's Syndrome

First 33rd Degree Mason — Dr. Wm. L. Buechner

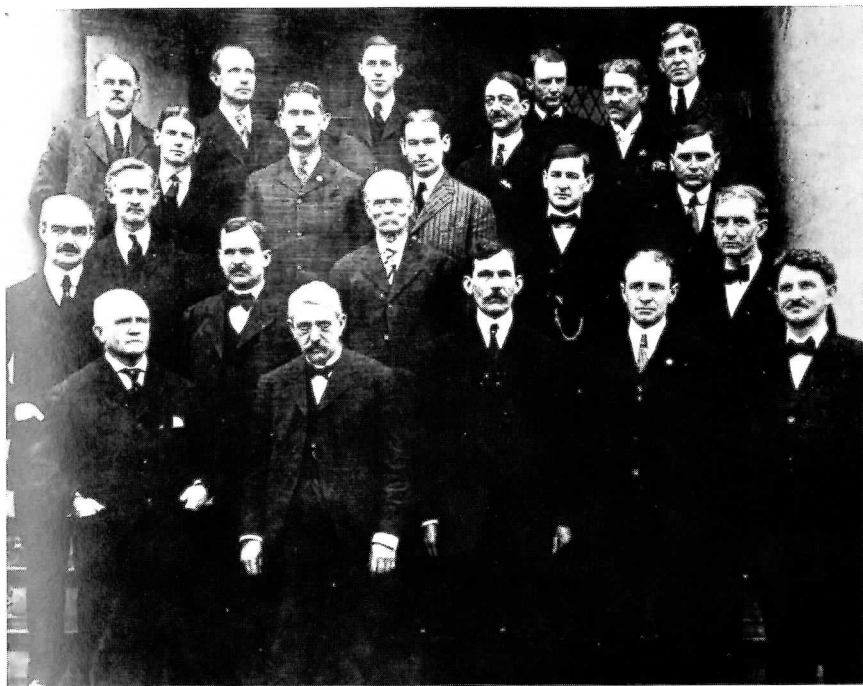
First hold of Youngstown Sheet & Tube stock —
Dr. W. L. Buechner, 250 shares

First incubator for infants — Dr. J. J. Thomas

First president of Medical Society whose wife was president of Auxiliary at
same time — Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Gustafson, 1952. Second — Dr. and
Mrs. C. E. Pichette, 1973

First breathing class (1st in Ohio, 2nd in U.S.) — Dr. Michael Vuksta,
Dr. Elias Saadi (St. Elizabeth Hospital)

First Canfield Fair Medical Exhibit — 1952.



So many of the same doctors appear in these two photos, taken perhaps 20 years apart, that it is an interesting challenge to try to match up the younger man with his later picture.

On the opposite page (seated:) G. S. Peck, A. M. Clark, W. L. Buechner, J. J. Thomas. (Standing) H. H. Hahn, C. R. Clark, W. H. Buechner, H. E. Blott, B. F. Hawn, R. D. Gibson, J. C. Yost, R. H. Montgomery, H. E. Welch. This photo was taken in front of the first hospital in 1902. Photo above (first row): J. J. Thomas, B. F. Hawn, H. E. Welch, G. Pierson, F. S. Merwin. (Second row) R. D. Gibson, Zimmerman, C. C. Booth, M. S. Clark, S. McCurdy, J. A. Sherbondy, G. Evans. (Third row) W. X. Taylor, Fowler, C. D. Hauser. (Fourth row) C. S. Pick, C. R. Clark, J. Heberding, W. H. Buechner, Robert Morrison, H. E. Blott, R. H. Montgomery.

MEDICAL EVENTS IN 1872

Billroth — resects esophagus

Abbe — introduces oil immersion lenses

H. C. Wood — investigates heat-stroke

Batley — performs normal avariotomy

Switzerland — typhoid epidemic from polluted water. (Lausen)

New York — milk stations established by Diet Kitchen Association

American Public Health Association first meeting Sept. 12, 1872

Ukraine — Society of Chersonese Physicians founded (Cherson)

Germany — German Surgical Society founded (Berlin)

Argentina — Sociedad Cientifica Argentina founded (Buenas Aires)

Australia — the Universtiy of Adelaide founded

Merck — introduces Pyoctanin (methyl violet)

London — Metropolis Water Act (piping of water into city)

Tokyo — Tokyo library (Ugeno Park)

Chicago — Chicago Public Library founded

—F. H. Garrison — History of Medicine - 1913

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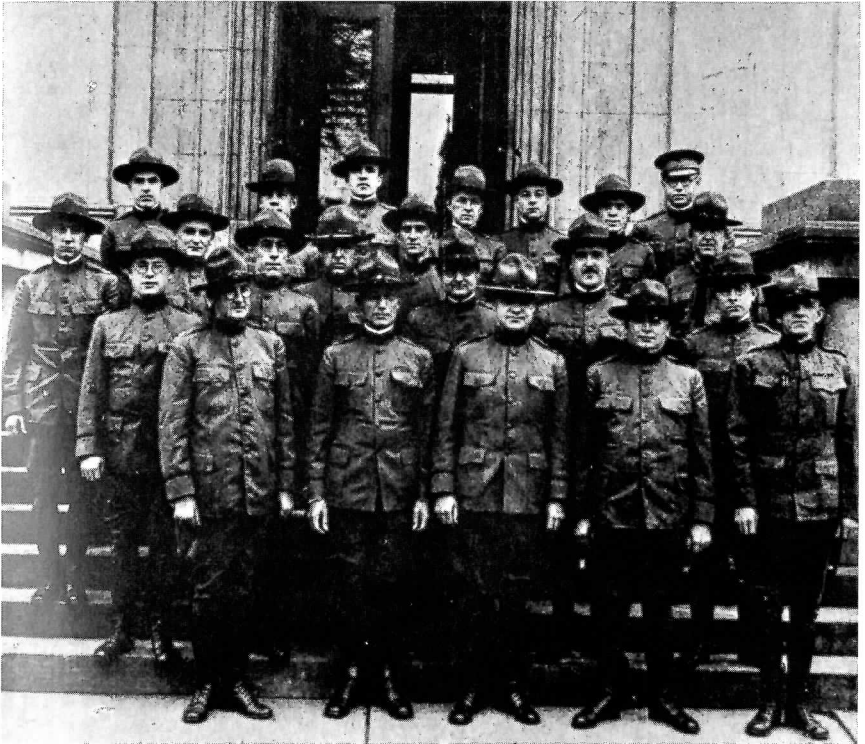
If there are any more contributions to the Centennial Fund they are still acceptable and checks may still be mailed to the Medical Society office. The final listing will be printed in the December issue. Below is the listing as of November 1st:

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Physicians of the Mahoning County Medical Society rallied to the cause in World War I. Backed by the entire community, they established Youngstown Base Hospital No. 51, which sailed for France on Dec. 31, 1917. This group of doctors was pictured on the steps of the Public Library with Dr. Colin R. Clark (front row, second from left) as medical director. The unit distinguished itself in service at Contrexeville, France. Recognizable in the photo is Dr. R. W. Fenton (second row, second from left).



This group of ladies was part of the Woman's Board of the Youngstown Hospital Association shown in this 1930 photo. Seated are: Mrs. Knittle, Mary Pollock, Mrs. Hartshorn, Mrs. John S. Ford, Mrs. John Tod, Mrs. Myron Wick. Standing are: unknown, Mrs. George Brainard, Mrs. W. O. Brown, Mrs. Myron Arms, Mrs. Fred Tod, Mrs. Philip Stambaugh, Mrs. Bert Printz, Mrs. C. H. Booth, Mrs. A. E. Adams, unknown.

STREET NAME TO HONOR MEDICINE

As a fitting climax to the centennial year of the Mahoning County Medical Society, local medical history will be honored with the naming of a new street in Youngstown. A service road is under construction to provide better access to the emergency and parking facilities of Youngstown Hospital South Unit. When completed, it will be named "Dutton," after Dr. Charles Dutton, Youngstown's first practicing physician, who came here in 1801, just four years after the arrival of John Young.

Dr. John C. Melnick requested that the street be named for Dutton in an appeal made at a meeting of Youngstown City Council last month. He received favorable response. There was once a Dutton Alley, named for the doctor, but this was changed to its current name, Market Court.

The new road will run parallel to the city's freeway and will carry traffic from Woodland Ave. to Ridge Ave., thence to the hospital property.

DENTAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Corydon Palmer Dental Society cordially invites members of the Mahoning County Medical Society to their annual Christmas Ball, Saturday, Dec. 9, at Cherry's Top of the Mall. Complimentary cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at 6:30 p.m.; dinner, dancing and entertainment at 7:30.

Reservations may be made by calling Dr. T. J. Martzial, 542-3067, or by sending a check for \$35 per couple, payable to the Corydon Palmer Dental Society, to Dr. Martzial, 391 Youngstown-Pittsburgh Rd., New Middletown, Ohio 44472. Deadline for both mail and phone reservations is Dec. 4th.

NEXT MEETING IS TUESDAY, NOV. 21

Two speakers on current health problems, along with nomination of officers for 1973, will share the program at the Nov. 21 meeting of the Mahoning County Medical Society.

LeClair Bissell, M.D., Chief, Smithers Alcoholism Treatment and Training Center, Roosevelt Hospital, New York, will speak on a subject related to alcoholism. Malcolm T. Foster, M.D., Assistant Professor of Medicine and Head of the Department of Infectious Diseases at the Washington U. Medical Service, will speak on the topic, "Venereal Disease."

In the business portion of the meeting, the Nominating Committee will present its report. The ballot will contain the names of those proposed by the committee and will also provide for a write-in nomination for each office, thus permitting members to make their own nominations from the floor.

Offices requiring nominations this year are: President-elect, Treasurer, Delegate, two Alternate Delegates, four Council Members, two Foundation Trustees, and a Representative to Blue Cross.

The meeting will be held at Sokol Center on Midlothian Blvd. Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m., preceded by a social hour at 6:00.

"MAHONING COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY WEEK"



The week that ended with the big centennial celebration on Saturday, Nov. 4th was "Mahoning County Medical Society Week." The official proclamation was signed and presented to Dr. Henry Holden by Mayor Jack Hunter in ceremonies at City Hall held the week prior.

Mayor Hunter also took the occasion to welcome Elizabeth Hartman back to her home town and to present her with the Key to the City. Miss Hartman, Youngstown's film actress, was in town to take part in the Centennial Celebration of the Mahoning County Medical Society. Her performance in "The Sugar Plum" brought her an ovation that was

a sincere and heart-warming welcome from the people of Youngstown.

MEDICAL SOCIETY MONTH AT ART GALLERY

The entire month of November will be given over to a display, "Medicine in Art," at the Butler Institute of American Art in recognition of the hundredth anniversary of the Mahoning County Medical Society.

The 45 original oil paintings of the Parke-Davis collection were brought in for the event. The paintings trace the history of medicine from ancient times, showing the men and events that have made outstanding contributions to the art.

In addition, the entire contents of the Dr. Patton office at the Canfield Fairgrounds have been moved into the Butler Art Gallery for the event. Under the direction of Dr. Jack Schreiber and Mr. Gilbert James, the doctor's office has been reconstructed at the entrance of the medical art exhibit.

This is an educational and worth-while display, and every physician is encouraged to bring his family and friends to see it. Final date for the exhibit is Sunday, Nov. 26.

In Memoriam

FREDERICK J. BIERKAMP, M.D.

1885 - 1972

Dr. Frederick J. Bierkamp, who first came to Youngstown as a resident in 1909, died at his residence on Oct. 10, 1972, following a stroke. He was 87.

Dr. Bierkamp was born at Wyandotte, Mich., in 1885. After receiving his M.D. from the University of Michigan Medical School in 1909, he came to Youngstown Hospital for an internship and there he started a pathology laboratory. It was here that he did what was probably the first Wasserman test in Ohio. He obtained two sheep and kept them on the hospital grounds, where he literally tackled and bled them when one of his colleagues called for a test on a patient.

Following his internship he did general practice for three months, then took a course at the Illinois Eye and Ear Hospital. He returned to join the office of Drs. Gibson and Hartzell as an otolaryngologist. The group gradually changed and grew until ultimately it became the long established office of Bierkamp, Goldcamp, Goldcamp, Peabody and Renner.

During a 1913 epidemic of trachoma which started in the mills, Dr. Bierkamp treated as many as 150 cases a morning. It later spread to the schools, and he took care of more than 500 youngsters in Coitsville alone.

In 1917, Dr. Bierkamp joined the Youngstown Base Hospital Unit 31 as a captain and did E.E.N.T. work here and in France, later being transferred to the Washington University Unit. At the time of his discharge in 1919, he held the rank of Major.

At a 1959 meeting of the Mahoning County Medical Society, he was presented the 50-year award from the Ohio State Medical Association. He retired in 1965.

Dr. Bierkamp was a member of the American Board of Otolaryngology and Ophthalmology and the Pan-Pacific Surgical Association. He was a charter member of both Youngstown Rotary Club and the Chesterton Club.

In this centennial year, when all physicians are so conscious of our local medical heritage, the passing of a doctor who was so long a part of that heritage is doubly mourned.

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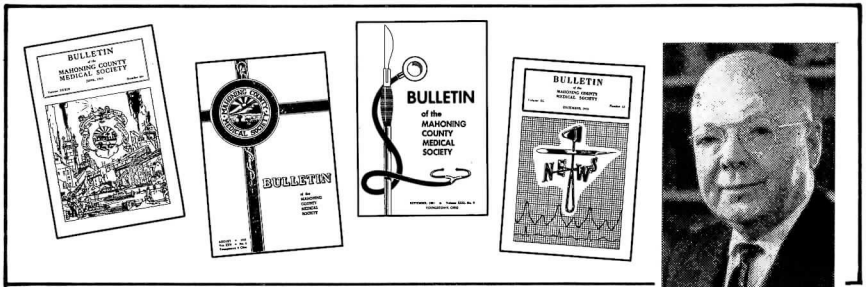
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FORTY YEARS AGO — NOVEMBER 1932

Council was enlarged by the addition of the editor and the delegates. The members were feeling the pinch of the Depression and it was decided to reduce next year's dues from fifteen to ten dollars.

The health department reported seven cases of diphtheria, eleven of typhoid and one of smallpox.

The Quotation on the cover was from Oliver Wendell Holmes: "The young man knows the rules but the old man knows the exceptions".

THIRTY YEARS AGO — NOVEMBER 1942

Those were dark days for the Society, so many members gone and the rest overworked. The November meeting was held in the nurses lecture room at the South Side Unit and it was not near filled.

Gasoline and tires were rationed. Doctors were given a "C" book which entitled them to more gasoline but they were given strict orders by the rationing board to use it "only in the service of humanity".

Capt. P. L. Boyle and Capt. L. K. Reed left for Officers Training School at Miami Beach. A. K. Phillips, J. J. Sofranec and Fred Schellhase were gone. Dave Belinky, Joe Colla, J. L. Scarnecchia and L. S. Shensa were back home on leave parading around in their new uniforms. Paul Harvey and Ray Fenton went up to Cleveland and tried to force their way into the Navy. They didn't make it.

TWENTY YEARS AGO — NOVEMBER 1952

Diabetes week was observed that month under the aegis of Morris Rosenblum with Dr. Henry T. Ricketts here from Chicago, exhibits in the hospitals and free urinalysis in the doctor's offices.

The State Bureau of Motor Vehicles announced that special license plates bearing the word "Physician" would be available in 1953.

President Truman urged the American Hospital Association to accept his plan for compulsory health insurance. Oscar Ewing was planning even then to tie it in with Social Security.

New members that month were: Edmund A. Massulo, James L. Smeltzer, Milan Halmos, Robert E. Jenkins and Robert W. Parry. John E. L. Keyes completed 12 years as an examiner for the American Board of Ophthalmology.

TEN YEARS AGO — NOVEMBER 1962

It was the ninetieth birthday of the Medical Society and the *Bulletin* celebrated the occasion by using one of the first of its covers.

There was a long article by the late Louis Deitchman reviewing the history of the Society from the old minutes.

President Stertzbach urged support for the Esther Hamilton "Alias Santa Claus" show coming up in December.

New members that month were: James Samuel Bates, Robert James Brocker, Karol Alexander Hoffman, Carl B. Klodell, David Silver, John Tullai, Julio Roberto Serrano and Michael Joseph Vuksta.

—J. L. F.

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DIABETES WEEK AND DRUG COLLECTION

Next week is National Diabetes Week. For many years the Mahoning County Medical Society has been the organization selected by the American Diabetes Association to manage diabetes week activities in Mahoning County. This year, as before, physicians are asked to give free diabetes tests to those coming to the office and requesting them.

Ten years ago Diabetes Week took on a new dimension when the Woman's Auxiliary began to pick up unwanted drug samples from doctor's offices at the same time that they were delivering diabetes week material. This has now become one of the largest annual activities of the Auxiliary. Drugs collected go to the national World Relief Program as conducted by all auxiliaries of the American Medical Association.

Mrs. R. B. McConnell is chairman for the drug sample pick-up program. Dr. S. F. Gaylord is chairman of the Diabetes Week Committee.

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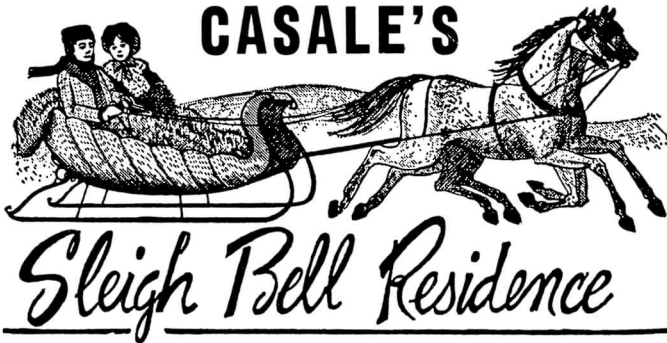
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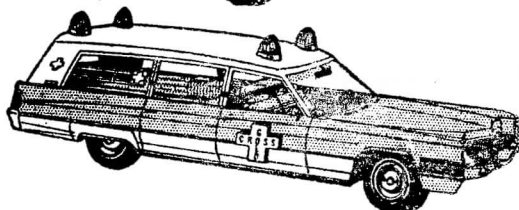
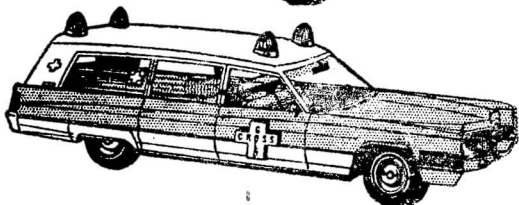
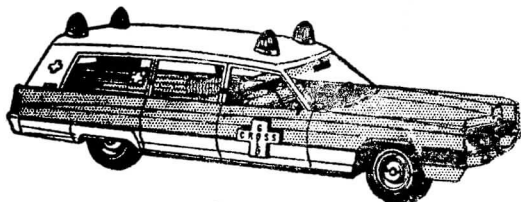


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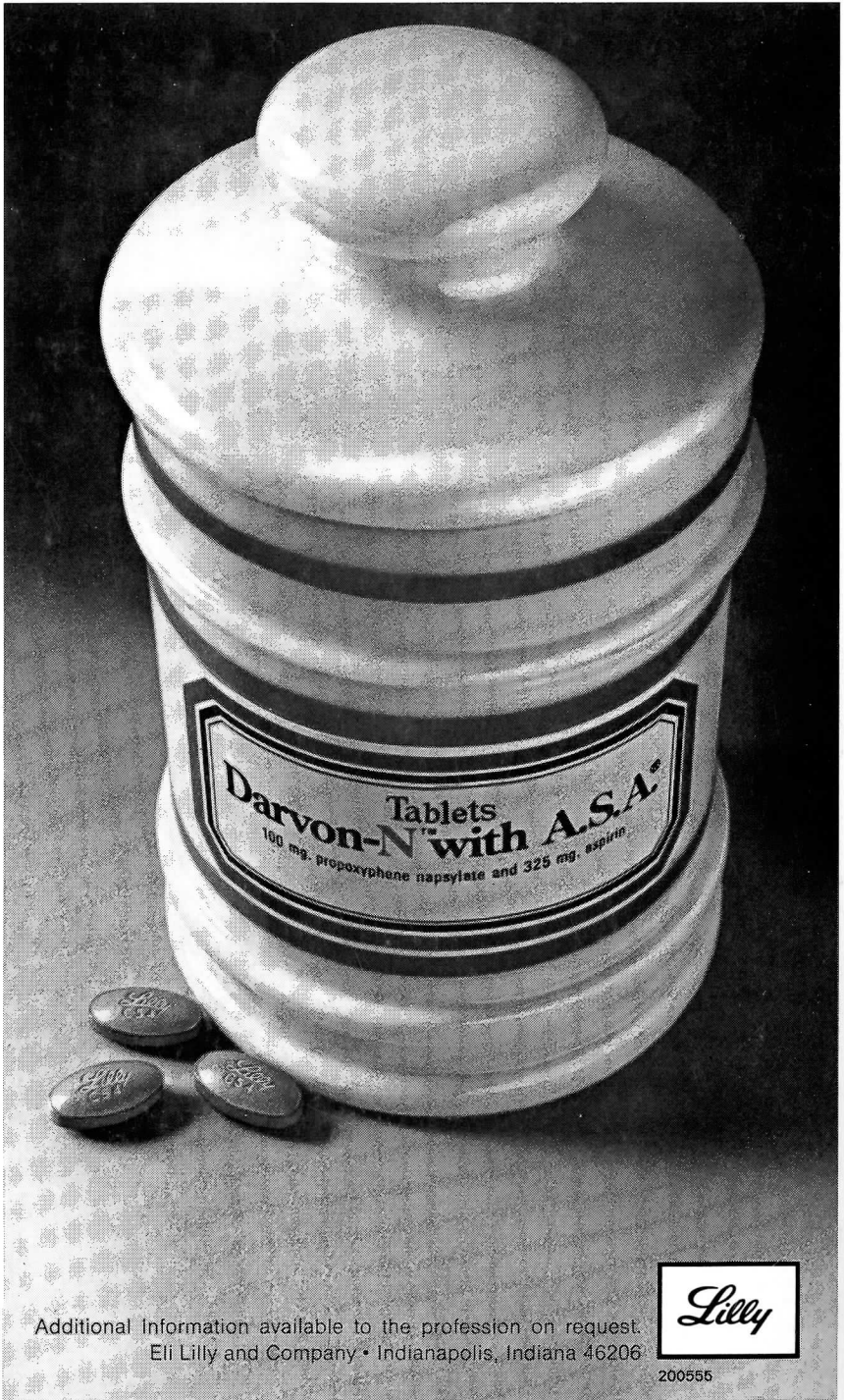
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