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From the Desk of the President

PEER REVIEW

There is much discussion and debate today of the cost of medical care, the quantity of medical care and the quality of medical care. The quality is governed by Peer Review. A peer is derived from the Latin word *par* meaning equal. That is to say a person of the same rank, ability and experience.

The doctors invented peer review. Historically it has been practiced throughout the ages of medicine. Early medical training was essentially an apprenticeship served by the neophyte under an established practicing physician. The new "doctor" was not permitted to practice medicine and surgery until it was established by his master that he was qualified to practice the art and the science of medicine.

In later years the neophyte attended lectures at a recognized school of medicine for a period of time and was tested to determine his qualification. Still later came licensure to become legally qualified after being tested and qualified by one's peers following training in medical school.

As specialization in the various branches of medicine and surgery developed and was practiced, Specialty Boards in each of the specialties were established for the examination of these doctors. In these instances their peers in that specific specialty tested the new doctors and not doctors in other areas of practice. Needless to say the practice of peer review is centuries old and has been continuously improved as well as becoming more stringent. The doctors at the local level always did peer review in cooperation with state and national medical organizations and hospitals for progressive improvement of patient care and physician knowledge.

We do not need government and bureaucratic intervention nor control. Political regimentation would not be true peer review but a costly, unnecessary, burdensome bureaucracy and inefficient.

A thorough reorganization, improved standards of quality care and peer review is in order and top priority in importance. The task requires much thought and labor of those who serve on the Peer Review Committee of the Mahoning County Medical Society. A great effort and personal sacrifice of their precious time is required. The complete cooperation of every member of the society as well as that of the area hospitals will make the task easier, fair, reasonable and hopefully unassailable to those who would destroy the private practice of medicine and institute socialized medicine which has failed repeatedly in country after country, decade after decade and resulted with the rationing of medical care, unbelievable cost to the patient and inefficiency throughout the political structure.

To serve on the peer review committee is to be considered an honor and privilege. It will require honesty and fairness of all members who will serve their patient, their fellow physician, and medicine.

—John C. Melnick, M.D.
President



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Editorial

THE FORGOTTEN AMERICANS

There is an aspect of America that is little discussed or even recognized but to an important degree it accounts for the conservatism and gradualism whose representatives may not always be articulate but who are more numerous than Washington might think. These are the communities who lie inland from the more radical seaboard states and whose citizens comprise the so called "down to earth" individuals. The physicians of these communities belong to the AMA and hold strongly traditional if somewhat narrow views about their duties and rights.

These people are concerned with the continual increase in taxes and are singularly unimpressed with uses to which the government puts the money. It is true these people seldom provide leadership in the compelling problems that circulate so freely on the eastern and western coasts. They are aware that the government salaries have risen faster than the private ones, taxes much faster than prices and many price supported foods fastest of all. They do not believe that our economic woes are primarily due to the greed of physicians. So when politicians talk about "this is what people demand," "the crises in medicine," "the greed of doctors," and the "urgent need for more medical legislation," no responsive chord is struck in Average America.

Health has become a major political issue but this does not seem to be well understood by a considerable portion of our physicians. The familiar rhetoric about medicine being a non system bordering on chaos and coupled with the threat that unless it were immediately remedied we would be caught in the stifling embrace of the federal government is purely a political theme. The key remedy suggested was "planning." Close examination of this concept leaves a sense of unease. Planning by whom, to avoid what and how? Planning by those without medical and social experience or by those with the gleam of profit in the eye, or those with political ambition, could hardly be desirable as a way of improving health care. This is not to say that planning has no place, but to say that planning must be more carefully defined lest more damage than good result. As in the practice of medicine, sometimes it is better to do nothing than something just for the sake of making a move. You may get somewhere faster by the latter procedure, but it may not be where you intended.

—Louis Bloomberg, M.D.
Editor

DESTINATION — OUT OF SIGHT



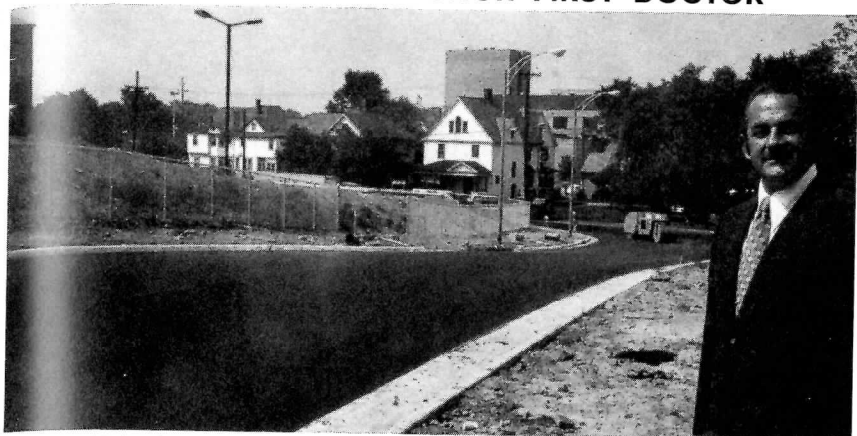
DR. LIEBER IS SEPTEMBER SPEAKER

Dr. Maurice F. Lieber, president-elect of the Ohio State Medical Association, will be the speaker at the Sept. 17th meeting of the Mahoning County Medical Society at the Youngstown Club.

Dr. Lieber will speak on the subject of the Governor's Task Force on Health. The Task Force was appointed by Governor John Gilligan in March, 1973, to examine aspects of health care in Ohio. Sixty-five Ohio citizens were named to the task force, of whom 12 were physicians. The Group issued its report in December. A minority report by Dr. William R. Schultz and Dr. Peter Lancione was printed in the March issue of the Ohio State Medical Journal.

Doctors and wives are invited to hear Dr. Lieber. Reservations may be made at the Medical Society office, phone 747-4956.

STREET NAME TO HONOR FIRST DOCTOR



Dr. Melnick stands by the newly paved Dutton Drive. Ridge Ave. and Youngstown Hospital are in the background.

Four years after John Young surveyed a spot in the wilderness that was to become Youngstown, Dr. Charles Dutton, age 24, arrived to become Youngstown's first physician. The year was 1801.

In 1972, Dr. John C. Melnick, medical historian, wrote the story of Dr. Dutton and had it published in the March issue of the *Bulletin* in connection with the centennial celebration of the Mahoning County Medical Society. At the same time, Dr. Melnick was pursuing the idea of having a street named after Dr. Dutton, and eventually presented the idea to Youngstown's city council, where it was favorably received.

At the time a new street was being planned to carry traffic from Woodland Ave. to Ridge Ave. which would permit quick access to the South Unit of Youngstown Hospital Association from the freeway. Its proximity to a hospital made it the ideal street to carry a doctor's name.

The new street will be named "Dutton Drive," a marked improvement over a former street known as "Dutton Alley." The first building to have an address on Dutton Drive is the new medical building of Eye Care Associates, Inc. at 10 Dutton Drive.

Appropriate dedication ceremonies to honor Dr. Dutton will be announced at a later date.

ANNUAL MEDICAL ASSISTANTS DINNER IN OCT.

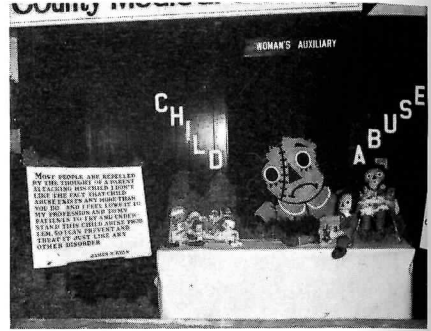
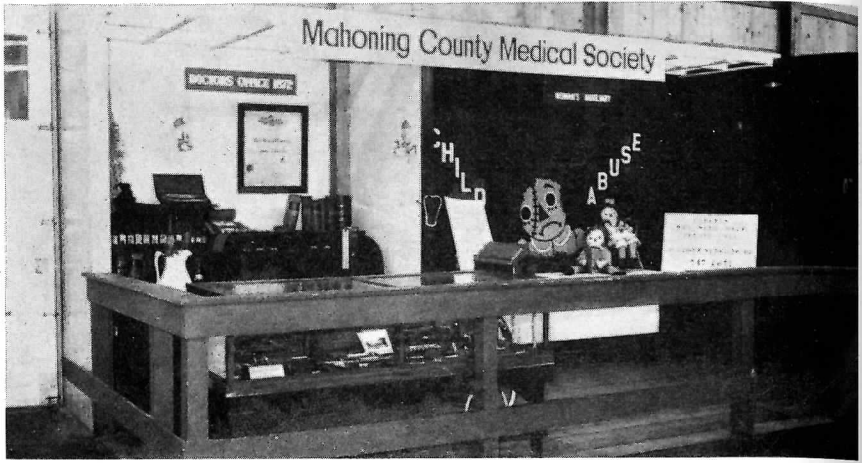
The Medical Assistants Dinner, an annual affair looked forward to by the girls who work in doctors' offices, will be held on Thursday, October 3rd, at Ramada Inn on Belmont Ave. extension.

All doctors are encouraged to send all of their girls to the dinner. The cost is \$15 per girl. Dinner will be at 7:00 p.m., with a social hour beginning at 6:30. The entertainment promises to be outstanding this year and will consist of local persons presenting songs and skits. The entertainment crew has been assembled by John Gillespie, sales representative for Argo Medical Supply and other companies.

There will be the usual door prizes galore and every girl will receive a favor. Chairman for the dinner is Dr. C. Conner White. He is being assisted in the banquet preparations by his own medical assistants.

A flyer announcing the dinner is being mailed to every office. Doctors are asked to return the reservations slip with their girls' names as soon as possible.

CANFIELD FAIR HEALTH EXHIBITION



(Top) A combined Medical Society and Auxiliary display showed an old doctor's office and the Auxiliary child abuse program. (Bottom) New outstanding display was the pharmacists old fashioned drug room.

CANFIELD FAIR HEALTH EXHIBITION

The Mahoning County Medical Society completed another successful exhibition at the Canfield Fair, the 23rd consecutive year of participation and the fourth year in the still new medical health building.

A new and outstanding exhibit this year was the old fashioned prescription room prepared by the Eastern Ohio Pharmaceutical Association. This will be another permanent exhibit to become part of an eventual medical and health museum. The display consisted of a number of cabinets from an old Youngstown drug store, complete with old medicine bottles, cash register, the usual Pharmaceutical instruments, and even an old ceiling fan.

With some new additions, the Medical Society again presented the old doctor's office as an exhibit. This year the Auxiliary joined the Medical Society with a display promoting their educational program on child abuse.

The Medical Society also brought back the popular "Life Begins" exhibit of the American Medical Association. This has been shown every other year for the past 20 years and always attracts a large audience.

Other exhibitors included the Youngstown Society for the Blind, Blue Cross of Eastern Ohio, the Mahoning County Cancer Society, the Youngstown Board of Health, the Mahoning County Board of Health, the Corydon Palmer Dental Society, District #3 of the Ohio Nurses Association, the Critical Care Nurses Association.

The Eastern Ohio Chapter of the American Heart Association, the Mahoning Valley Kidney Foundation, LaLeche League International, the Mental Health Association of Mahoning County, the Tru-Mah-Col Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, the Mahoning County Chapter of the National Foundation, Planned Parenthood of Mahoning Valley.

The Eastern Zone of the Ohio Podiatry Association, the Mahoning Chapter of the American Red Cross, the Ohio Right to Life Society, the Safety Council of Greater Youngstown, St. Elizabeth Hospital, Youngstown Hospital Association, Youngstown Osteopathic Hospital, the Mahoning County TB and Health Association, the Mahoning County Veterinary Medical Association, the Veterans Administration, Childbirth and Parent Education, and Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation.

In charge of the medical health building and the exhibits is the Medical Society Canfield Fair Committee, Dr. Jack Schreiber, chairman. Members of the committee are Drs. F. A. Friedrich, J. I. Gonzalez, C. B. Klodell, Joseph Mersol and F. A. Resch.

BULLETIN BOARD

Dr. Fred Pruitt has been named medical director of the BuDa program, succeeding the late Dr. David A. Belinky who had been medical director of the program since it was established here by the Ohio Bureau of Drug Abuse.

Dr. Michael J. Vuksta was recently promoted to the rank of Navy captain in ceremonies at the U. S. Naval and Marine Corps Reserve Training Center.

Dr. Morris S. Rosenblum is chairman of the board of directors, Dr. Daniel Corredor is president and Dr. Henry Holden is president-elect of the newly formed Mahoning Valley Chapter of the American Diabetes Association. Offices are at 420 Oak Hill Ave.

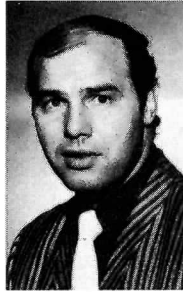
Dr. Eduardo Galanternik who is associated with Dr. Bloomberg, is interested in forming a fencing club. Any members who have a similar interest are encouraged to call him at 746-6329.



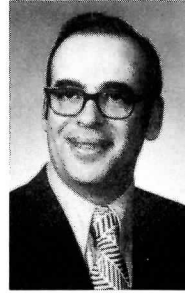
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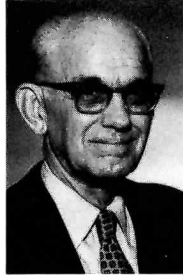
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Mahoning Month in Review...

A summary of recent developments in the field of health in Mahoning County

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WARREN MAN IS DENTAL PRESIDENT — Dr. Bernard T. Duza, Warren, was installed as president of the Corydon Palmer Dental Society in June. He succeeds Dr. Terrence J. Martzial, Jr. Dr. Palmer J. Fontanarosa is president-elect. Other officers are Dr. D. Fred Grappy, vice president; Dr. Seymour Feuer, secretary; and Dr. John Parillo, treasurer.

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NURSE HEADS NEW MENTAL HEALTH DISTRICT — Mrs. Lucy Whalen, R.N., has become the first district manager of Mental Health District 11 for the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation. She will supervise a four-county area including Ashtabula, Trumbull, Columbiana and Mahoning.

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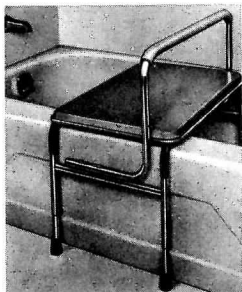
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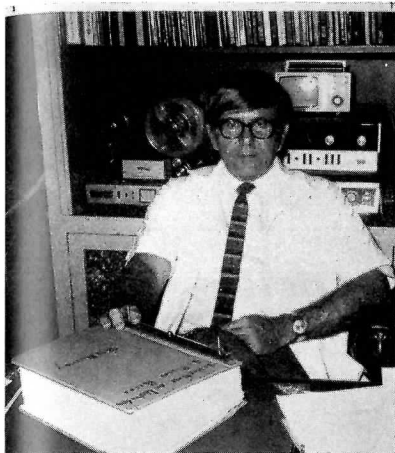
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DR. MURRAY — NOSTRADAMUS INTERPRETER

Dr. Murray with the manuscript of his book.

Has someone finally solved the riddle of the writings of Nostradamus? Dr. Richard Murray thinks so and he believes that he is the one. He has written a book, which is still in manuscript form, entitled "Reflections on Nostradamus as Pisces Passes." The book will be published sometime this year.

Dr. Murray's interest in Nostradamus and in astrology is well known to those who have heard him talk or who have seen or heard him on a number of television and radio programs in recent months. The interest of the whole community was piqued when the *Vindicator* recently cited Dr. Murray for predicting that President Nixon would resign "before September." What is not generally known, however, is that Dr. Murray predicted the *exact date* of Nixon's resignation.

Further interest was caused by a letter to the editor, printed in the *Vindicator*, from Dr. Murray in which he made the following prediction: "There is, at the present time a coup d'etat under way in the United States. This coup d'etat will climax on Sept. 4, 1974 when Nelson Rockefeller will take physical control of the government. Mr. Ford is to have only a short month of rule (one lunar month). From the day that the Rockefeller family takes control of the government of these United States, we will be ruled by the International Financiers for a period of 14 years." As Dr. Murray said in his letter, he placed his neck on the chopping block with that prediction.

By the time that this article appears in the *Bulletin*, the Sept. 4th date will have passed. Perhaps readers will have been able to judge for themselves the accuracy of Dr. Murray's prediction. On the other hand, the predicted take-over may be a behind-the-scenes event that will not immediately come to light. In an interview, Dr. Murray stated that he was not predicting an abdication of the presidency by Mr. Ford, simply a loss of power that would be transferred to Mr. Rockefeller.

In talking with Dr. Murray, one is impressed with two things—one, the confidence with which he makes his assertions, and, two, the amount of study that has gone into his predictions. In addition to the Nostradamus coded quatrains and carefully worked out astrological charts, his book is based on the new testament Book of Revelations and the old testament books of Ezekial and Daniel, a comprehensive and continuing study of history, economics, politics and governments, plus a series of personal experiences that can only be described as mystical and which have convinced him that he is, in truth, the interpreter of the deliberately obscure writings of the prophet, Nostradamus.

DR. DEAN STILLSON MEMORIAL PLANNED

A permanent memorial to Dr. Dean Stillson is being planned for Y.M.C.A.'s Camp Fitch. The exact form of the memorial will be decided by a committee at a later date.

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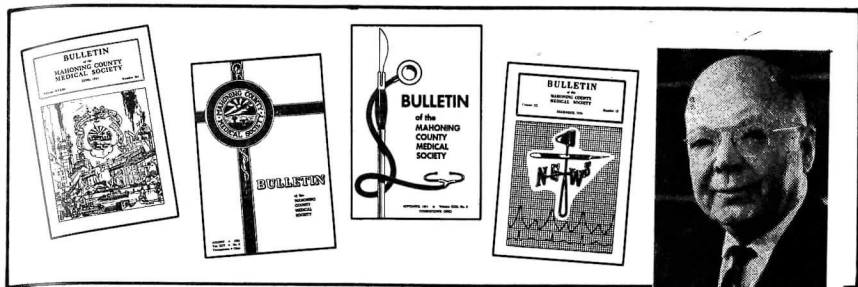


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FORTY YEARS AGO — SEPTEMBER 1934

There were eight meetings of the Society that September, instead of the usual one. That was the famous course Physiology given by Carl Wiggers, professor of Physiology at Western Reserve. Every lecture was well attended and many of us can still remember the magic of Dr. Wiggers' personality which made the staid old subject come alive and glow with clarity and reason.

Dr. Leland, Director of the Bureau of Economics of the A.M.A. sent a questionnaire asking what per cent of the people needing medical care were not able to obtain it. Secretary Skipp replied that due to the cooperation of the physicians and the relief administrator under Federal and State plan all indigent sick were receiving adequate care. Those who were financially distressed but not on relief rolls were being carried by individual physicians.

Albert Parella of the Vindicator had a two-page cartoon showing the doctors going back to school. Among some of the well remembered faces were those of Lawrence Segal, Armin Elsaesser, R. D. Gibson, Harold Beard, H. E. McClenahan, Paul Kaufman, W. D. Coy, H. E. Blott, J. S. Lewis, Herman Kling and W. X. Taylor.

THIRTY YEARS AGO — SEPTEMBER 1944

We had been involved in World War II nearly three years and the doctors at home were overworked and weary. Vacations were brief or non-existent with rationing of tires and gasoline and nobody to answer calls if they went away.

Bill Evans wrote from somewhere in the Pacific commending the Society for their good work and urging them to carry on until he could get back and raise a fuss. DeCicco was in New Guinea where he was regimental surgeon, pharmacist and stenographer. He was celebrating (?) his second year in the service. Sam Goldberg was in England and seemed to be liking it. Clyde Walter was heard from but couldn't say where he was. He sounded anxious to get home. Everybody in the service enjoyed receiving the *Bulletin*. Stan Myers was back in the states after 27 months in the Pacific. M. B. Goldstein was here for a short visit on his way to the West Coast. Harold Reese had been promoted and was stationed at Mobile, Alabama.

TWENTY YEARS AGO — SEPTEMBER 1954

The criteria for drunken driving according to Sidney Franklin were as follows: 2 oz. of whiskey or 2 bottles of beer produce 0.01% of blood alcohol with no apparent intoxication. 6 to 7 oz. of whiskey or 6 to 7 bottles of beer produce 0.9 to .21% blood alcohol impaired judgment, incoordination and slowing of response to stimuli. 0.18% to 0.30% blood alcohol produces symptoms of drunkenness and muscular incoordination. 0.27% to 0.39% cause stupor and 0.36% to 0.48% cause coma and possible death.

Donald Dockry completed his surgical residency and entered the practice of surgery with A. K. Phillips. Stewart G. Patton opened his office in Wickliffe for the practice of orthopedic surgery. Joseph Campolito opened his office

at 3119 Market St. for the practice of internal medicine. A. William Geordan opened his office in the Home Savings and Loan Bldg. for the practice of urology. Leonard F. Fagnano opened his office at 3718 Market St. for the practice of general surgery.

Harmon Blott died in July, aged 89 years. He was the grand old doctor of Brier Hill for 50 years. Six feet tall with gray hair, ruddy cheeks and an outgoing personality, his word was law with his host of friends and patients. He had only to enter the sick room to change the atmosphere to hope and confidence. He enjoyed life, he loved people, he used the materials available in his time. He saved many and harmed none. What more can be said of a good doctor?

TEN YEARS AGO — SEPTEMBER 1964

President Schreiber wrote: "What the Medical Society does in public relations is important but what you and I do as individual practitioners is far more vital."

Howard Rempes wrote about Dr. William S. Matthews, founder and fourth President of the Mahoning County Medical Society who was cited for "conspicuous gallantry" in the Civil War for venturing between the lines during the battle of Petersburg under fire to rescue a wounded comrade.

Old S. Q. Laypius classified doctors in Youngstown as 1. Ultra-scientific, or 2. Up-to-date, practical, or 3. Back-Numbers.

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—J. L. F.

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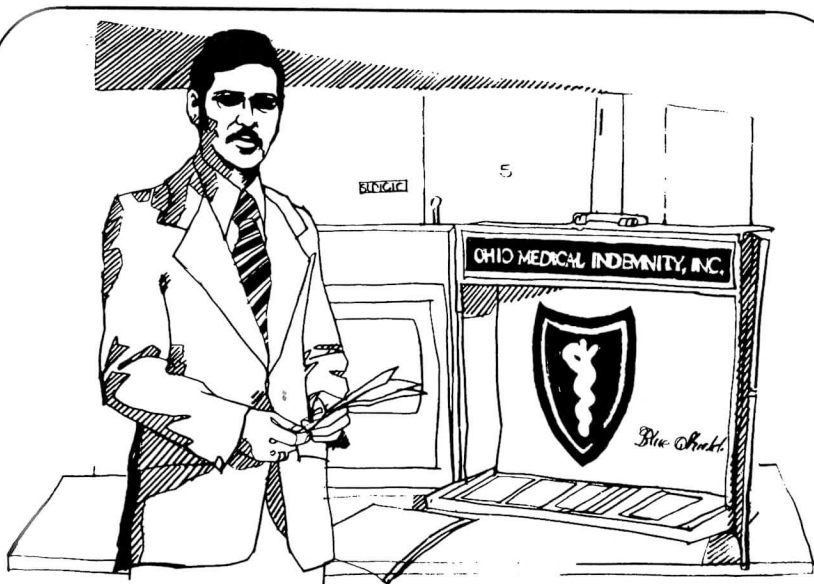
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