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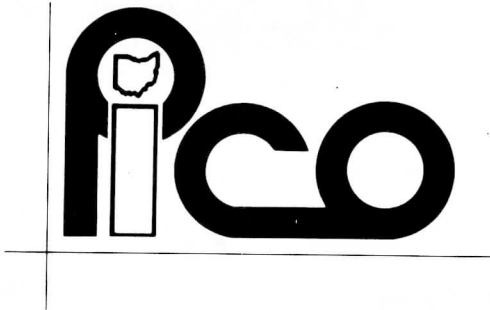
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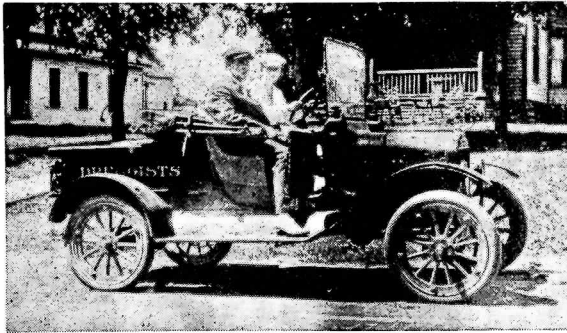
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From the Desk of the President



SOME FINAL THOUGHTS

Another year draws to a close. It has been a full year, and one that I will not soon forget. I am thankful for the opportunity to be president of our Medical Society even though I may well profit from the experience more than will the Society. Be that as it may, I hope that I have been able to make some small contribution.

Medicine today is in a state of great turmoil. We are practicing in a nation that is trying to find it's way in a world torn by strife, dissension and rapid change. In many instances we seem to be changing by destroying the past and building anew without the benefit of solid foundations. Medicine is no exception. In the period of a couple of short generations we have experienced breakthroughs in the biological sciences of such magnitude that we are unable to find ways of incorporating these advances into the art of medicine that has existed, and has been built upon, for thousands of years.

The turmoil is not going to go away: it is going to increase in intensity and complexity. It is going to take all that our profession has to offer to surmount our dilemmas; be they political, social, scientific or ethical. However, if the problems of the present and future are solved, they will be solved by our profession because we are a profession. And we must never let our professional status be taken from us. We are physicians and we must never forget it. We may have the same feet of clay as others, but we are physicians and that makes us just a little bit different. We may be members of hospital staffs. We may be board certified and diplomates of specialty societies. We may be teachers, researchers, administrators or practitioners, but our basic allegiance must be to our profession and that is the purpose of our Medical Society.

Thanks for your support and please give even more support to your next president.

—J. James Anderson, M.D.
President



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Editorial

MAINTAINING HOSPITAL MEDICAL CARE

As we enter the holiday season of 1977, we in the medical community are again plagued by labor disputes, the most recent one being the strike of the non-professional staff at the Youngstown Hospital Association. As this *Bulletin* goes to press no settlement appears in sight as negotiations remain deadlocked over "economic issues."

To the credit of the medical community there has been excellent cooperation on the part of the physicians at the Youngstown Hospital Association in preparation for this strike. As the deadline hour approached, the hospital population had been pared down to a numerical level which was in actuality below the minimum requirement established by the hospital administration. As the strike continues, there appears to be continued cooperation on the part of the medical staff to admit only those patients who are considered to be genuinely urgent problems. All these urgent problems have been promptly and properly treated.

While the work force at St. Elizabeth's Medical Center was not affected by the strike, the walkout occurred at an inopportune time when the beds of that institution were already filled to capacity, its emergency room overflowing with admitted patients on carts awaiting rooms. It is to the credit of that institution's administration and staff that beds were readily made available for Youngstown Hospital's overflow, thus assuring the people of our community good medical care in the face of this strike.

It is obvious that we are practicing medicine in a community whose health care is all too frequently disrupted by work stoppages. It is, indeed, unfortunate at these times that we are unable to give our community the complete medical services which it deserves and which we have the potential to offer. By the same token, it is to the credit of our physicians and hospitals that a sense of cooperation exists so that those in need still receive proper and prompt medical care as we await resumption of complete medical services in the Youngstown area.

—A. Reed Hoffmaster, M.D.
Editor

ELECTION IN DECEMBER

Election of officers for 1978 will be held at the December meeting, Tuesday, Dec. 20, at the Youngstown Club. Following is a list of the candidates nominated by the membership at the November meeting:

President: G. H. Dietz
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Additional nominations for all offices may be made from the floor at the December meeting.

MEDICAL SCHOOL ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENTS

The Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine has announced the academic appointments of the following physicians from Mahoning County:

Richard L. Bernstine, M.D.
 Sheldon C. Binder, M.D.
 B. Patrick Bruccoli, M.D.
 P. David Bunn, M.D.
 S. W. Chiasson, M.D.
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 Instructor of Orthopedics
 Professor of Pathology
 Assistant Professor of Radiology
 Professor of Internal Medicine
 Associate Professor of Family Practice
 Assistant Professor of Pathology
 Assistant Professor of Pediatrics
 Assistant Professor of Radiology

In addition, William H. Bunn, Jr., M.D. was promoted from Associate Professor to Professor, Clinical Council Chief for Internal Medicine.

NEOUCOM also announced a list of members of clinical councils in community hospitals receiving faculty rank. Those from Mahoning County include Jacques Politi, M.D. from the Council of Pediatrics, who was named Clinical Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, and the following from the Council of Internal Medicine, all of whom were named Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine:

Roberto A. Bacani, M.D.
 Tejinder S. Bal, M.D.
 Hugh N. Bennett, M.D.
 John W. Brady, M.D.
 David B. Brown, M.D.
 Gene A. Butcher, M.D.
 Joseph P. Cleary, M.D.
 Anthony T. Deramo, M.D.

Stanford F. Gaylord, M.D.
 Robert L. Gilliland, M.D.
 Daniel W. Handel, M.D.
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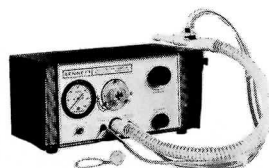
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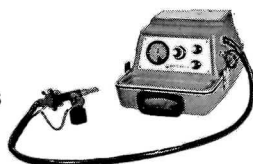


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DR. CACCAMO HONORED FOR MED SCHOOL WORK

Dr. Anderson, president, presents plaque to Dr. Caccamo.

Highlight of the Nov. 15th meeting of the Mahoning County Medical Society was the presentation of a plaque of appreciation to Dr. Leonard P. Caccamo for his years of effort in bringing a medical school to the Youngstown area. Dr. Caccamo was given a standing ovation by the more than 70 physicians and wives in attendance.

A resolution, read by Dr. Anderson, cited Dr. Caccamo as first and only chairman of the Medical Society's Medical School Committee. In this capacity, he directed a campaign that raised \$30,000 for a Youngstown medical school feasibility study. He testified on behalf of the school before the Ohio Board of Regents, and he organized a citizen's committee to carry out promotional work. He served on this and on other community and college committees working on the school project.

The plaque is engraved: "In appreciation to Leonard P. Caccamo, M.D. for his devotion and dedicated service toward the establishment of a medical school for Youngstown, The Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine. Presented by the Mahoning County Medical Society, Nov. 15, 1977."

Dr. Caccamo was commended by each of the three officials who spoke at the meeting: Dr. John J. Coffelt, president, Youngstown State University; Dr. Stanley W. Olson, provost, NEOU College of Medicine, and Dr. Robert A. Liebelt, dean, NEOU College of Medicine.

NINE 50-YEAR AWARDS IN DECEMBER

The Ohio State Medical Association annual 50-year award will be presented to nine members of the Mahoning County Medical Society at the Dec. 20th annual meeting. Dr. C. E. Pichette, Sixth District Councilor, will make the presentation.

Receiving a 50-year pin and plaque will be: Dr. James B. Birch, Dr. Leonard A. Blum, Dr. C. S. Lowendorf, Dr. John N. McCann, Dr. M. W. Neidus, Dr. G. G. Nelson, Dr. Saul Tamarkin, Dr. Walter J. Weickenand and Dr. C. H. Weidenmier. Both recipients and wives of recipients will be guests of the Medical Society

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In Memoriam

JOHN M. BENKO, M.D.**1907 - 1977**

Dr. John M. Benko, 70, died on Tuesday, Nov. 8 of a heart ailment following a long illness.

Dr. Benko was born in McKees Rocks, Pa., attended public schools at Lyndora, Pa., and was a graduate of Butler High School. He took his pre-med training at West Virginia University and received his medical degree from St. Louis University School of Medicine.

He interned at Braddock, Pa., General Hospital and came to this area in 1935 to open an office in Campbell for the practice of Otolaryngology. In 1940, he joined Dr. W. E. Sovik.

He was an emeritus member of the board of St. Elizabeth Hospital, and a past member of the American College of Allergists, American Association of Otolaryngology Allergy Society and the International College of Surgeons.

He served as a member of the advisory board of St. Elizabeth Hospital School of Nursing and was an active organizer of the annual charity ball of that Hospital.

He was a past president of the Mahoning Saddle and Bridle Club and for many years owned a stable of winning show horses. He was a member of Holy Family Church.

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HARRY E. FUSSELMAN, M.D.**1894 - 1977**

Dr. Harry E. Fusselman, 83, died on Sunday, Nov. 6, of a heart attack at the home of his son in Lorain.

Dr. Fusselman was born in Youngstown, where he attended Hillman and Rayen schools and was graduated from South High School. He was active in football, basketball and gymnastics. He took his pre-med training at Oberlin College and received his medical degree from Western Reserve University School of Medicine in 1920.

He interned at Youngstown Hospital Association and began the practice of medicine at an office in the South Side Bank Bldg. He was team physician for South High School from 1921 to 1959.

He served as an instructor at the Youngstown Hospital School of Nursing, and for 15 years was staff physician at the Florence Crittenton Home. In the 20's he traveled weekly to Sebring to hold a baby clinic. He once stated that after delivering 3000 babies he lost count.

He was at one time physician for Ohio Edison. He was a member of Western Star Lodge, F. & A.M., the Youngstown Club and Pleasant Grove U. P. Church.

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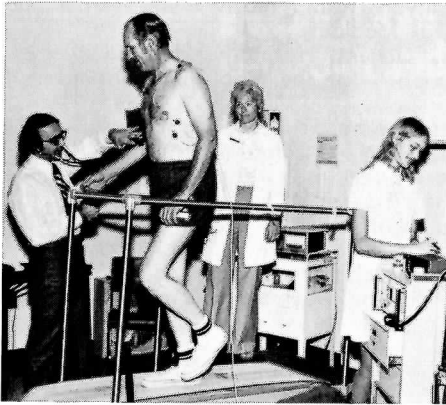
The legal requirement for 150 hours of continuing medical education is now in effect, and all physicians must complete their 150 hours between now and Dec. 31, 1979 in order to reregister their medical license in 1980.

The article "Ohio State Medical Board Physician Relicensure Program," page 724 of the December, 1976 issue of the *Ohio State Medical Journal* gives extensive information. Reprints of the article are available from the Mahoning County Medical Society and the Ohio State Medical Association.



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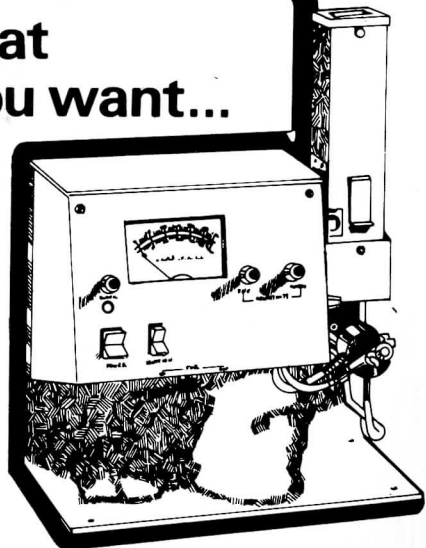
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PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL**Nov. 8, 1977**

The regular meeting of the Council of the Mahoning County Medical Society was held on Tuesday, Nov. 8, 1977, at the Youngstown Club.

The following applications for membership were presented by the Censors:

ACTIVE:

J. P. Cleary, M.D.
R. J. Cuttica, M.D.
A. G. Garg, M.D.
J. M. Kline, D.O.
Bruce Mirvis, M.D.

ASSOCIATE:

Nadar Afrooz, M.D.
J. K. Bal, M.D.
T. S. Bal, M.D.
R. W. Colla, M.D.
Abdul Ghani, M.D.
G. A. Mihok, D.O.
S. K. Mishr, M.D.

G. H. Prochnow, M.D.
T. E. Ragland, D.O.
V. A. Raval, M.D.
T. R. Rhee, M.D.
Usha Sethi, M.D.
H. W. Sharp, D.O.
S. Silberstein, M.D.

The applications were approved. Associate applications are approved subject to the report from the AMA Circulations and Records Dept. Applicants will become members of the Mahoning County Medical Society 15 days after publication in the *Bulletin*, unless objection is filed in writing with the secretary before that time.

A letter from Ms. Nancy George, chairman of the Health-O-Rama was noted.

Dr. Anderson reported on the MAI meeting, held Oct. 12 at Ramada Inn. He stated that the meeting was basically informational, with MAI offering their services as a PSRO support center. Dr. Anderson pointed out that the present stand of the Medical Society is one of non-participation in the PSRO program, but that anyone wishing to reexamine this position should feel free to bring their proposal before the Medical Society, and in no way should anyone feel that the Medical Society would interfere with any group attempting to initiate a PSRO. Council agreed with this position.

Dr. Anderson read a letter from Dr. Wells, president of OSMA, which stated that requests for a special meeting of the House of Delegates came from only 21 county medical societies, whereas 23 requests are required.

The report of the Screening Committee was read in regard to a plan for Scoliosis Screening, submitted by Dr. Raghavan. The report approved the program with stipulations that it be done under the auspices of a physician, that pertinent information be sent to the family physician, and that the sponsors provide educational material for the general public. The motion was made, seconded and duly passed that the committee report be accepted.

Dr. Kiskaddon, chairman, made a report for the Geriatric Committee. The committee met with representatives of the Mahoning County Health Department to discuss medical care for some of the aged people who come to the Mahoning County Home (not the residents). A plan by the Health Department and a counter-plan by the physician committee was discussed. The motion was made, seconded and duly passed that the committee report be approved and sent to the Health Department, and that Dr. Kiskaddon continue with the committee work as needed.

NEW INTERN-RESIDENT MEMBERS

Three physicians were voted Intern-resident Members of the Mahoning County Medical Society at the Nov. 15th meeting. They are:

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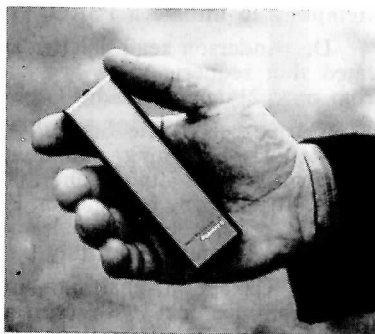
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FORTY YEARS AGO — December, 1937

From the Medical Crier's column: "Thanksgiving comes once again and we'll have turkey. If not turkey, goose. If not goose, duck. If not duck we'll have chicken. If not chicken we'll all have stew. If not stew, at least something. We are thankful we have that something without a dictator to apportion, order or with-hold. For Christmas we wish you the happiness of a secure home and warm fireside, the joy of companionship with family and friends, the peace of a clear conscience and the satisfaction of being one with a profession which is still the best in the world." Some of you may remember that Dr. J. L. Fisher wrote the "Medical Crier" column as well as authoring this page. He also appeared as "S. Q. Lapius" from time to time.

THIRTY YEARS AGO — December, 1947

The nursing shortage was critical and Dr. F. S. Coombs stated editorially that the point had been reached where the nurses had too many duties and that something should be done to relieve them of clerical and non-professional work. Evidently he made his point for now we see so many ward clerks, aides, practicals and students around the desk that it takes a strong man to wade through them.

New members that month were Francis George Kravec, Alexander K. Phillips, Sidney C. Keyes, Arthur E. Rappoport, Robert J. Heaver and Vincent G. Herman.

The W. F. Bartz American Legion Post composed of physicians in the Youngstown Area, received its charter. The Loyalty Group Insurance Plan was new that year. In eight months they paid 16 claims, two of them for coronaries. James Brown was leading the bowling league. W. J. Tims returned from study in New York and reopened his office for the practice of Proctology.

Dr. Reilly brought in a resolution at the Society meeting on December 16th which paved the way for the establishment of the Medical Service Foundation. It provided that fees paid by the Mahoning County Relief for in-patient medical care in the hospitals should be put into a fund administered by the Society to be used for educational and scientific purposes. The *Bulletin* gave very little space to this routine business which was to be of such importance later.

TWENTY YEARS AGO — December, 1957

President Ondash reported a year of great progress: The health amendment to the Youngstown City charter was passed, giving us a Board of Health with full time Health Commissioner. The Polio Committee put the "coup de grace" on that killer of children. The Constitution Committee put through the first complete revision of our constitution in twenty years. The Diabetic Committee turned up twenty-four unknown cases during Diabetes Week.

John McDonough headed the Public Health Committee that put through the charter amendment. J. J. Sofranec and James Birch did the polio job. Sidney Franklin steered through the constitutional revision. Morris Rosenblood capably handled the Diabetes Detection week.

Editor Pichette said that Social Security for doctors is no bargain; it is a hoax.

It was a good year. It was ten years ago but it seems like the day before yesterday.

TEN YEARS AGO — December, 1967

December is the time for looking back over the years' events. President Harold Reese wrote: "Who, last Decembr, would have dared to predict what the following months had in store for us? Such things as hospitals having to contend with strikes by professional employees and by non-profes-

sional workers. Unhappiness of doctors with hospital administration and of hospital administration with doctors. Everyone unhappy with himself and with everyone else." Eli Saadi wrote: "Unless each one of us has the spark of action in his soul, nothing will ever be accomplished or changed". Maybe events don't change, they just go in ten-year cycles.

New members that month were: Dr. Barry Decker, and Dr. Wm. T. Martin. Hotel Ohio was advertising a gala Buffet Dinner every Thursday and Sunday for \$2.95.

—Robert R. Fisher, M.D.

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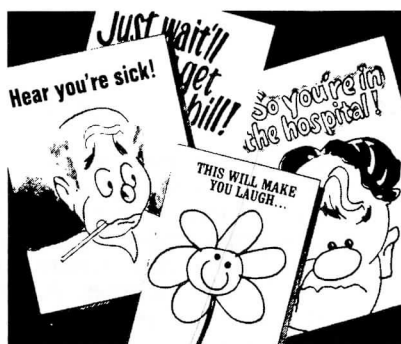
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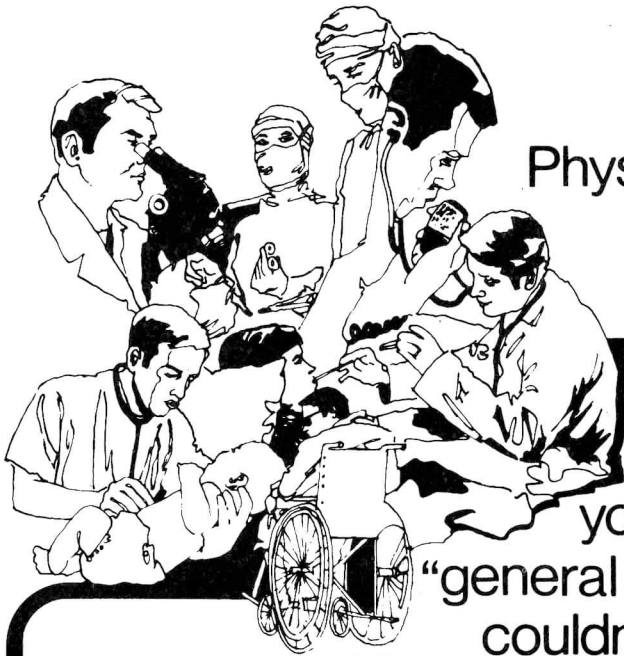
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