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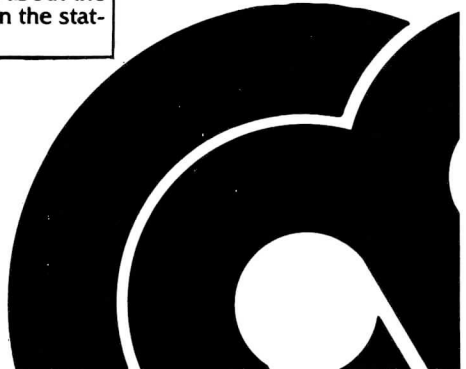
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From the Desk of the President



ACCEPTANCE SPEECH

The difficulties that beset our profession have been noised around in such a way that nary a person can be found that is not conversant with our situation.

We are so endangered by forces from within and from without our numbers that our own identity has become blurred, not only to others, but even to ourselves.

The pressures and changes of today's society and forces over which we have no control, have created an environment of frustration that is often expressed in bitter remarks of resentment, heard almost daily, along the hallways and at the lunch tables of the hospitals, "It is not fun to practice medicine anymore". We appear to be witnessing the dying spasms of organized medicine as we have known it. This thought is foreign and intolerable to us.

When we crossed the honorable threshold of what has been considered the world's second oldest profession, we envisioned with lofty youthful ideals, ourselves becoming members of a very special brotherhood, accounted among its numbers names as revered as Hippocrates, Pasteur, Osler, etc. We seriously looked forward to meeting the ravages of epidemics, the challenges of natural and industrial disasters and the horror of war and coming out the victors.

Many in our County Medical Society have lived and exercised their skills in such situations, with expertise and compassion, even at the peril of their own lives. They counted not their personal danger, but the satisfaction of fulfilling what they had sworn to do, to follow a code of ethics that demanded among other things the following, and I quote:

"The regimen I adopt shall be for the benefit of my patients according to my ability and judgment, and not for their hurt or for any wrongdoing.

"I will give no deadly drug to anyone, though it be asked of me, nor will I counsel such, and especially I will not aid a woman to procure abortion.

"Whatsoever house I enter, there will I go for the benefit of the sick, refraining from all wrongdoing or corruption, and especially from any act of seduction, male or female, of bond or free."

Can we honestly say that this is the image of the physician that

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Editorial:

"Two perceptions cast their shadows over my existence. One consists in my realization that the world is inexplicably mysterious and full of suffering; the other in the fact that I have been born into a period of spiritual decadence in mankind. I therefore stand and work in the world as one who aims at making men less shallow and morally better by making them think."

It is with these words that Albert Schweitzer, philosopher and physician, that I open my commentary. I open with the words of a man who represented the zenith of our noble profession — and to contrast him with the nadir at which we now find ourselves. When I started out on my journey towards medicine, I sought the most noble of professions — a vocation, a mission full of self-respect and respect for my fellow man: ideals of helping mankind battle physical and moral disease. By the time I arrived at the fulfillment of my vocation, I found myself entering a profession that is suspended in an existential void, and a moral vacuum. The title of physician, once envisioned in my own mind as an emblem of honor and respect, now has mysteriously transfigured itself into an albatross about my neck! As a profession, we are now regarded with disdain as the government and society prepares to redefine our lives and our profession.

In these twilight hours of our present existence, we can see ourselves scampering about and climbing over one another hoping to be in the better position when darkness finally comes. We are clearly demonstrating that we are incapable of policing ourselves — that we are incapable of acting as a single body, as a profession with a singular goal. Discreet and not so discreet forms of advertising slowly appear in more and more aggressive tones and surely indicate that some of us wish to be of *more* service than others and *more* noble than others. We are divided by a multitude of factors: division by race, by culture, by envy, by simple location. When one succeeds another weeps, and when one fails another is joyful. Is it possible that any group such as this be it a race, a nation, or a profession, could survive any assault. There are no divisive issues between us, only divisive individuals.

How and why this profession has arrived at such a state is critical. We exist as an aberration in the western socio-economic system. We provide what society considers an essential service and, for the past eighty years, we have been permitted to provide it on our own terms — most other essential services lesser than ours have long since been regulated. That in itself is

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From the Desk of the President (Continued)

the public at large still has today? Have we allowed ourselves to be so effaced before public opinion that we have become the target of our government, industries, and other professionals, as the mongrel of the village, is the target of the children who stone it mercilessly as it passes by?

Without hesitation we can say no to the above statement. While it is true that some among us have opted to forfeit their oath, the great majority of physicians view life with respect and revere it from the cradle to the grave. This concept is in danger of disappearing with many other principles that have already faded away. We would like nothing better than to be permitted to practice in peace and in an environment of confidence, honesty, respect and love for one another; sharpening our skills by friendly confrontation in competition with other physicians, and even though we are fiercely independent, we are not usually bellicose. But, however well intentioned we may be, we also owe it to ourselves and to those who have put their trust in us, to stand firm, because our battle is also their battle.

It is indeed sad and disheartening to witness the tug of war presently waged between third parties, the recipient of medical services and the providers of such, using the dollar as the proverbial rope, while other opportunists are waiting on the sideline, to grab their share of that rope, as they perceive what appears to be our inevitable defeat. As unaccustomed as we may be to do things other than what encumbers our profession, we must however be ready to make our weight be felt in this struggle.

We know that our primary responsibility is to our patients and we must preserve our concern for them at all costs. In doing so, we can view the recent regulations, as lopsided as they may be, as an attempt to legislate and "improve the quality of medical care". Unfortunately, the fiscal concern has become paramount in the regulator's mind, rather than human welfare.

All considered, practicing our profession is also our livelihood and, for many of us, is our only livelihood. Do we not have, therefore, the right to defend what we have obtained through many hours of toil, many sleepless nights, and many unrewarded efforts?

Why must it be considered dishonorable or illegal, to stand for what is ours and avail ourselves of whatever aid is needed to guard the priceless life of our profession and what it stands for?

We are, indeed, accustomed to exercise courage every time that we face emergencies and make decisions of life and death importance. Today, we need that kind of courage to bind ourselves together in a common and stronger bond than ever before, for it is our very lives that are in peril.

Let us, therefore, be united in principle, in ethics, in character, in skill, and in purpose. Let no one say that our intentions are based and our endeavors only for selfish lucre, but let us so conduct ourselves during this struggle with such clean and visible efforts, that it will rally around us those of our numbers who have been apathetic thus far, and will present to the public a real concern, the welfare of our patients and the freedom to exercise our profession without fear or coercion from any source.

Juan A. Ruiz, M.D.

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FAMILY GRAND ROUNDS

Jan. 11 ENDOCRINOLOGY "Serum Cholesterol" speaker to be announced.

Jan. 25 SLEEP DISORDERS "Sleep Disorders" speaker to be announced.

Feb. 1 PULMONARY "Management of Bronchitis" speaker to be announced.

Feb. 8 HYPERTENSION "New Choices for the Initial Drug Therapy of Hypertension", Norman Kaplan, M.D., Professor of Internal Medicine, Chief of Hypertension Division, Southwestern Medical School, U. of Texas, Dallas. PFIZER Visiting Fellow.

Editorial:

no problem but, as the cost for our services escalated to a point where the provision of our services became a burden, the cry went up — not so much from patients but, more importantly, from large financial concerns that bear the burden of payment. Our inability to defer gratification, to co-operatively plan for our own survival, manifests itself as our present chaos. It has become clear that, as we are confronted by unified forces from without the profession, our future lies in a unified and co-operative effort that will demonstrate our ability as a noble profession to rise above individual differences and institutional differences.

The evolution of our profession very well parallels the evolution of our species. Early in our development as a species, we would range the savannahs taking whatever we pleased from the abundance that nature placed before us. As our numbers grew, the open savannah and natural food supply could not support us and nature, abused, rebelled. Man found it necessary to form communities in which each talent was used to maximum benefit. The harvest was only as bountiful as the toil and sweat put into it by the community. The system that we have so long abused is now preparing to rise up, devour us and then spit us back in the form it wishes upon us. It is time we moved, from foraging individuals, toward a community existence that allows the most efficient use of our talents and our resources. I still have a great respect for our profession and wish to continue its practice in the manner I so long sought. The present climate of threat from within as well as without makes this difficult for me and for many others. I feel we are like the prodigal son. Unfortunately, in this case, we have squandered our moral and ethical birthright and now we seek to sit at our father's table, again. We have done much good as a profession, but it may not have been enough. We cannot look around to cast blame: we can only blame ourselves: likewise, we should not let the solution be imposed upon us. It can also come from within us. As we started — "I therefore stand and work in the world as one who aims at making men less shallow and morally better by making them think."

Benjamin Hayek, M.D.

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PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL

Dec. 11, 1984

The regular meeting of the Council of the Mahoning County Medical Society was held Tuesday, December 11, 1984 at the Youngstown Club.

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by Dr. Baumblatt. The minutes of the November meeting, having been read, were approved.

The treasurer's report included a list of five members who will be dropped from membership if their dues are not paid by Dec. 31, 1984. They will be notified by registered mail of the amount of 1984 dues that are due. The report noted that 252 members have paid dues for 1985 to date. The financial report listed dues and extra income for the period to date. The bills list was presented and motion made, seconded and passed to pay each and every bill.

The following applications for membership were presented:

ASSOCIATE: Nicholas P. DePizzo, D.O. William G. Palmer III, M.D. The applications were approved. The applicants will become members of the Mahoning County Medical Society in the voted category, 15 days after the printing of the names in the minutes of the December meeting that are mailed to all members, unless an objection is filed in writing with the executive director before that time.

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Communications included:

A card of thanks from Mrs. Szauter for the Society's contribution to the Foundation; an announcement from OSMA of the candidacy of Dr. Ray Gifford Jr., for the post of trustee of AMA; a response from State Rep. Gil-martin; a letter from the Americanism Foundation. No action was needed on any of the communications.

The nominating committee announced a full slate of officers and council candidates for the Dec. 18 annual meeting and noted the list was published in the December *Bulletin*.

The report of the Media Response Sub-committee of the Public Relations Committee included a recommendation that all members be aware of the need to respond, individually, to negative or erroneous medical information in the media.

Dr. Anderson, Sixth District Councilor, reported on the successful appeal of the Indiana Dental Society of an anti-trust ruling handed down by the FTC. He noted the court reversed the FTC finding. He spoke briefly on plans to review the recent GM-PPO proposal at the next session of the OSMA Council. He said OSMA is studying the constitutionality of some of the specifics of the PPO plan.

Dr. Sovik spoke concerning the establishment of a Health Maintenance Plan facility in Mahoning County by Blue Cross/Blue Shield. He also reviewed the activity of legislation being proposed by the Ohio Nurses Assoc.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to ask for a volunteer to be official photographer for the Society with a \$200 maximum allowance for expenses.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to appoint a committee to select a "Citizen of the Year" to be honored by the Society. The person to be selected is to be someone who is not a medically related person but who has had an impact on the medical or health environment in Mahoning County. The president will appoint the committee.

It was announced that election of officers and a special program about British and Canadian health care systems will be held at the Dec. 18 meeting of the Society along with the presentation of the "Doctor of the Year" award to Dr. McDonough and 50-year-in-medicine awards to Dr. Levy, Dr. Wales, Dr. Wasilko and Dr. Goldcamp.

It was noted that a holiday staff party at St. Elizabeth Hospital has been scheduled for the same evening as the Society meeting.

It was also announced that newly elected and carryover officers and council members will have their first Council meeting Jan. 8 at the Youngstown Club and formal installation of officers and council members will be Jan. 15.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

Robert B. Blake
Executive Director

PAST.

PRESENT!

FUTURE?

Past.

Physicians who openly opposed Medicare, as proposed and legislated, were considered both selfish and unconcerned regarding a definite problem.

We were certain that Medicare was unworkable, could not meet the needs of the aged, and was financially unsound.

We predicted that Medicare would fail and that the government would dictate medical practice — because it controlled the money.

We proposed major medical and catastrophic insurance through private carriers combined with subsidies for the needy.

Present!

Physicians and hospitals are confronted with D.R.G. Our time honored practice of treating patients and their families as people is disappearing. Therapy based on diagnosis is primary.

Medical care for the aged is being rationed — whether called “utilization control”, “appropriate care”, “optimal care”, “resource allocation”.

Aged have multiple illnesses. Physicians cannot order their patients to, “Have only one illness” and “Do not have any complications”. Where will people with many illnesses get proper health care? The stated purpose of Medicare (appropriate, better, total care, for the aged) has not been achieved.

Private insurance companies have started to pay claims on a “reasonable and customary” basis — as determined by them.

The number of H.M.O.s and P.P.O.s is increasing. Are physicians and the public given a total picture of the advantages and disadvantages of these types of practice? For example, does the H.M.O. withhold part of payment to physicians if it does not make a profit or pay extra if it makes more money than planned?

Future?

D.R.G. will apply to all hospital admissions — not just related to age.

Insurance carriers will determine physicians' fees for all patients.

Fewer physicians will remain in private practice.

Medical care will be rationed. Quality of care must diminish along with quantity.

Decisions will be made by people not directly involved in medical care.

Nursing homes will increase in numbers and services.

As the number of “teaching cases” necessarily decrease, graduate training will be concentrated in fewer hospitals.

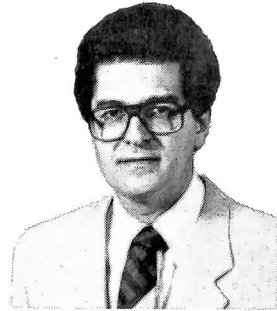
The receivers of health care will be victimized by the propaganda: “Less is Better”.

Frank Gelbman, M.D.

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Dr. John J. McDonough responded to his award as Dr. J. J. Anderson and Dr. R. A. Memo took it all in.

DR. McDONOUGH HONORED BY THE SOCIETY

The singular honor of "Doctor of the Year" was bestowed on Dr. John J. McDonough at the December 18th meeting of the Mahoning County Medical Society held at the Youngstown Club. Also recognized at the meeting were Drs. David Levy, Craig Wales, Joseph Wasilko and John Goldcamp for 50 years in medicine.

Acting in behalf of Society president Dr. Glenn Baumbblatt, vice president Dr. Juan Ruiz made the presentation to Dr. McDonough while members of the newspaper and television staffs observed the proceeding.

A practicing gynecologist and well-respected patron of the arts, Dr. McDonough was also lauded for his long-time involvement with Project Hope when the selection of Doctor of the Year was made recently by the Society.

Noting that Dr. McDonough is a scientist, an inventor, a patron of the arts, a healer, and a compassionate man, Dr. Ruiz said the choice of Dr. McDonough was based on his professional, public, religious, and society involvement and on the basis also of his scientific, literary and artistic achievement.

Dr. McDonough thanked the Society for the honor and expressed appreciation to Dr. Albert Cinelli, who was the impetus behind the nomination for the award.

The Ohio State Medical Association award and recognition for 50 years in medicine was presented by Dr. J. James Anderson, OSMA Sixth District Councilor, to Dr. Levy and Dr. Wales. Dr. Wasilko and Dr. Goldcamp were not present for the ceremony.

The election of officers was duly conducted and the nominees presented by the nomination committee were all elected.

The program consisted of Dr. Adbdur Rashid giving an insight into the workings of the Canadian Health Care System, and Dr. Charles Witkins providing information concerning the British system, while making comparisons with the system in the U.S.



Honored for 50 years in medicine, at the Dec. 18 meeting of the Society were David H. Levy, M.D. (left) and Craig C. Wales, M.D. (right). Mrs. Wales is in the center of the photo.

COMMENTS FROM THE "DOCTOR OF THE YEAR"

While I will not make an academy award acceptance speech, I do want to say "Thank You" to the Mahoning County Medical Society for nominating me to this singular honor. This recognition given to me by my peers is probably the highest award I will ever receive.

Also I want to thank Dr. Al Cinelli and my wife, Carole, for helping to make this recognition possible. Several years ago, Al Cinelli approached me about this award. He thought, in view of my work in behalf of Project Hope and The Butler Institute of American Art over a twenty year period, that I was worthy of consideration. Subsequently, my wife in great secrecy submitted all the necessary data from my curriculum vitae to Dr. Cinelli. All was in order but nothing happened. Four years later, when all concerned had long since given up on "Project McDonough," it happened.

Low and Behold! Come the Year of our Lord, 1984, I am the "Doctor of the Year". Hence, if any of you younger men hope someday to become "Doctor of the Year," you must learn to be very patient. Medical Societies move slowly and in very subtle ways. While this may be a delayed reaction for Al Cinelli and Carole McDonough, this is not so for me. I could not be more grateful.

John J. McDonough, M.D.



ITEMS

From the Exec's Desk

ROBERT B. BLAKE, Executive Director

It is expected that final tabulation of per capita health care costs for 1984 will be \$4,202 for Americans aged 65 and older. More than 45 percent of that was estimated as hospital costs, 20 percent for nursing home care; and 21 percent for physician services. It is also estimated that more than two-thirds of the health care dollar will come from government programs.

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With all the alphabet health care plans — HMP, PPO, IPA, etc. — that are ostensibly designed to reduce the cost of health care, it might be interesting to find out who gets the money that is saved. In some cases, the patient benefits because more things are paid for. In other instances, the employer reaps the benefit of the savings or the insurance company gets the extra money that is available because of the institution of a "health-care plan." In some cases, the savings in health care costs are eaten up by the cost of administration. In each case, it is almost a "lead pipe cinch" that the physician is going to come out on the short end of the stick and the hospitals are not going to fare well either.

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With the price of medical treatment approaching 11% of the gross national product, there are some experts predicting that some form of rationing will be necessary. Rationing means that some people will be denied potentially life saving - or life-longing - treatment and care. If it comes to that, it will have to be the cost-cutters who do the selecting because physicians are required to do everything that they believe may benefit each patient without regard to costs or other societal considerations. The patient first.

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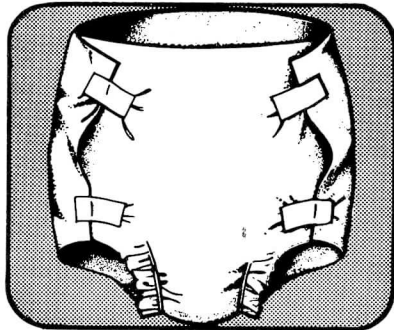


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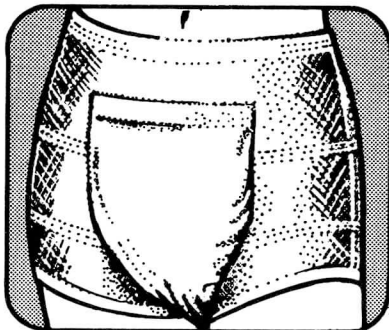
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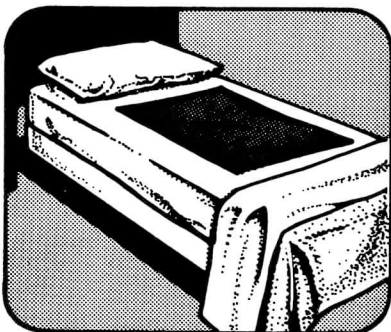
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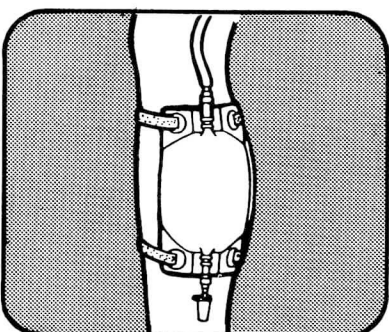
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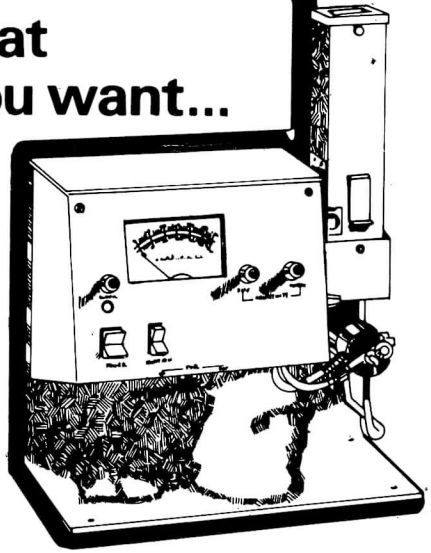

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From the Bulletin

FIFTY YEARS AGO — JANUARY, 1935

The speaker at the banquet was announced in the *Bulletin* to be an outstanding humorist but he spoke on "The Continuous Intravenous in the Treatment of Peptic Ulcer" which wasn't very funny.

J. L. Fisher was President that year. L. G. Coe was President-Elect. P. J. Fuzy was Vice-President and Wm. Skipp was Secretary. Earl Brant headed the Program Committee. H. E. Hathhorn had charge of Public Health, and R. B. Poling had Public Relations.

Youngstown Hospital Staff held a roaring party at Renners Brewery in the Club Room and raised \$500.00 for the library. The old place is gone now but some of the remains can be seen if you go down Pike Street.

FORTY YEARS AGO — JANUARY, 1945

There were 234 active members of whom 68 were still in military service. W. H. Bunn, Sr. was President; E. J. Reilly was President-Elect; George McKelvey was Secretary; Vern Goodwin was Treasurer; Edgar Baker was Editor of the *Bulletin*.

It was a hard winter. There was no banquet. There was much sickness and the work load was terrific.

From the President's Page: "Downright fatigue makes it impossible to read at night. Post-Graduate courses are not available. We must therefore try to bring the best speakers in the country for our monthly meetings."

Major Herman Ipp was heard from, address not stated. Capt. M. M. Kendall was in England for his second Christmas. Apprentice Seaman James Smeltzer and Paul Fuzy, Jr. (medical student) were home for the holidays. Lt. James Miller was home for the first glimpse of his new son.

THIRTY YEARS AGO — JANUARY, 1955

Ivan Smith was President, G. E. DeCicco was President-Elect, Andy Detesco, Secretary and A. K. Phillips, Treasurer, Robert Tornello was Editor of the *Bulletin*. There was a new addition in Executive Secretary, Mary Herald.

The Society voted the following schedule of fees: Office calls \$4.00. House calls up to 5:00 p.m. \$5.00, after 5:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. \$6.00 and after 10:00 p.m. \$7.00.

New members that month were M. C. Hanysh and Frank Inui.

Herman Ipp was President of the Academy of General Practice; Asher Randall was President-Elect and Fred Resch the Secretary-Treasurer.

TWENTY YEARS AGO — JANUARY, 1965

John McDonough was President, Fred Resch was President-Elect, R. J. Scheetz the Secretary, J. H. Reese, Treasurer. Kurt Wegner edited the *Bulletin*. Howard Rempes was Executive Secretary.

Leonard Green became a new active member.

The Society lost two valued members, Richard V. Clifford and Robert Poling.

The Society raised \$1,153.00 for the Alias Santa Claus Fund, the annual Christmas Show run by Esther Hamilton.

Richard Roland was elected President of the Academy of General Practice.

There were 301 active members, 16 Associate, 14 Non-Resident and 15 Honorary, a total of 346.

TEN YEARS AGO — JANUARY, 1975

Rashid Abdu was the new President. W. E. Sovik was Vice-President. (No more "President Elect".) George Dietz was Secretary and Y. T. Chiu was Treasurer. Ernest Perry was the new Editor. Howard Rempes was still Executive Secretary.

Herbert Queen became a new active member. New Associate Members were: Pak Chun Chan, M.D., Musli Karmindro, M.D., Hira Khanna, M.D., John R. LaManna, Jr., M.D., and Warner Floyd Stanford, D.O.

The big events for January were the "President's Ball" Dinner Dance and the Installation banquet. The Installation Dinner was held January 21 at the Youngstown Club for the new officers and the outgoing President.

The Dinner Dance was entitled "An Evening in the Orient" and was held at the Youngstown Country Club by the Medical Society Auxiliary. Committee Chairperson was Mrs. Alexander Phillips with Co-Chairperson Mrs. Francis Gambrel. Committee members were: Mrs. Dean Limbert, Mrs. Yiechul Jung, and Mrs. Anthony Deramo. Ten charming young Oriental wives of local physicians dressed in exquisite gowns served as hostesses and each prepared her own hors d'oeuvres. Mrs. Robert Gilliland, Auxiliary President, and Dr. John Melnick, retiring President were guests of honor.

Oriental Hostesses were: Mrs. Yiechul Jung, Mrs. Danny Chung, Mrs. H. S. Hwang, Mrs. Ung-Gill Jeong, Mrs. Yune-Gill Jeon, Mrs. Choon Sil Koo, Mrs. Jae Joo Lee, Mrs. David Lan, Mrs. P. H. Huang and Mrs. Mus Karmindra.

Special entertainment consisted of a presentation of Oriental Dances. Finishing touches were authentic Oriental decorations and projected slides of the Orient during dinner.

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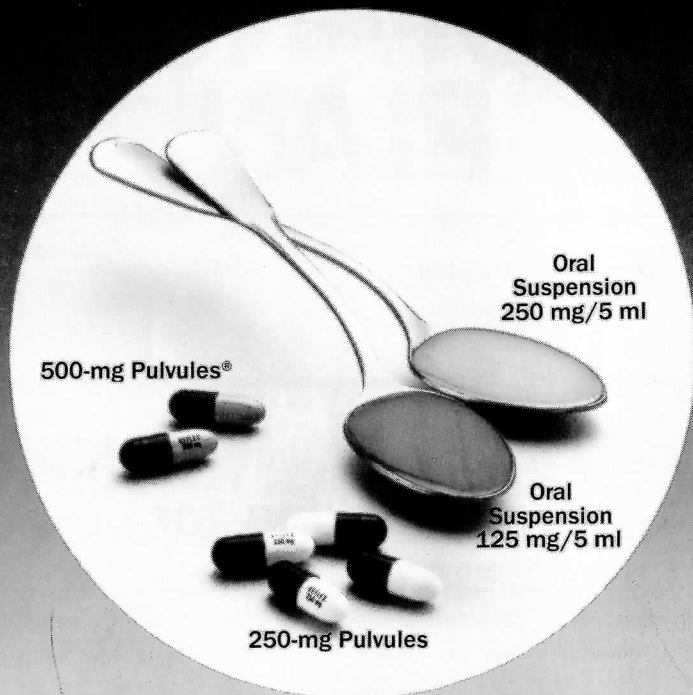
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Oriented specifically to the needs of the Medical Community. Numerous different line services available to suit each office requirement.

Collections:

Tailored to collect past due patient accounts. Each account evaluated individually to collect the maximum amount of dollars with the minimum number of complaints.

These two Service Divisions offer the best quality to price value in the tri-county area. Your involvement with the Bureau will further enhance an already efficient organization to continue its dedicated service.

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