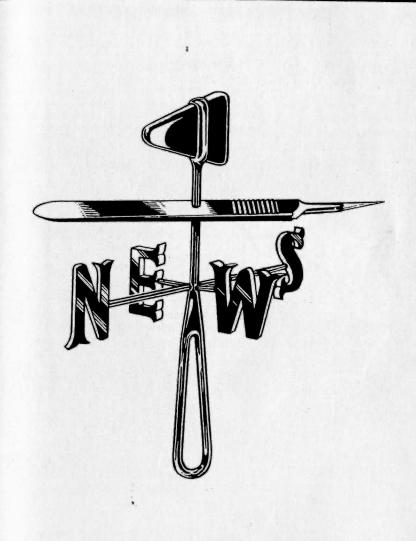
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# From the Desk of the President



## THE LEGISLATIVE REVIEW

The Ohio State Medical Journal of January 1984 has "The Annual Checkup on Medical Legislation" in our state. House Bill #208 "Practice of Pharmacy" would extend the definition of the practice of pharmacy to include: "interpret and evaluate prescriptions, participate in drug selection and reviews of drug utilization, and to advise consumers on the therapeutic values, contents, hazards and uses of drugs".

In my view this is usurping the proper role of the physician to prescribe medications and educate his patients on their uses and hazards. I am now utilizing the AMA's "Patient Instruction sheets" which help to give the patient proper warnings. I do order many drugs generically, but prescribe certain drugs by brand names for well-founded medical reasons. I follow up with indicated blood and urine studies relative to possible toxic effects and warn patients to discontinue new drugs and call me if they have what they think is a side effect.

Professional pharmacists should look for errors in prescribing and can be a great aid to the physician. They should not unilaterally proscribe the physicians' orders nor otherwise act to disrupt proper physician patient relations.

Additionally The Modern pharmacies are a haven for quack medicines. They are filled with diet drugs of no proven value, vitamin and mineral preparations, mostly not needed, and non-prescription sundries from aphrodisiacs to sedatives of dubious effect.

We are an over medicated society, but much of this medication is self administered, and it is promoted and available at your "drugstore".

G. J. Baumblatt, M.D.



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## **Editorial**

#### A NEW YEAR RESOLUTION

The physician had been sent an invitation to dinner. In reply, the hostess received an absolutely illegible note, "I have got to know if he accepts or refuses", she told a friend, "but I simply cannot read this note."

"Take it to a druggist," the friend advised. "No matter how written, a druggist can always read a doctor's handwriting."

The druggist looked at the slip of paper, disappeared into the back room and returned in a few minutes with a small bottle. "Here you are," he said, "that will be one seventy-five."

It is worthwhile taking time to make our writing legible. Some of the critical areas are doctors orders, consultation notes, signatures, radiological interpretation and prescriptions. Recently, in California, a physician lost a liability case when a nurse gave an over-dose of a Chemotherapeutic agent.

The penmanship is getting to be a lost art. (I wonder who wrote the Declaration of Independence, I could read all the signatures.) It has lost its emphasis in the elementary schools. In this era of computers, word-processors and multiple choice questions, many a doctor in making notes does not realize the importance of writing legibly.

The handwriting is an extension of a person's personality and, some say, character. It is a picture of the contents of one's thought, it is a spontaneous artistry in communications.

Harry O. Tessler in his book "Handwriting — The Key To Successful Living" has described how the U.S. Army used the handwriting science to select and analyze the character of the appointees to important posts. The different signatures of the same person at different times can reflect that person's mood at different times. Dr. Narayan Datt Shreemali analyzed thirteen signatures of Napoleon, in his book published from New Delhi, and found evidence of a war expert, defeated man, inflated ego, enebriation of victory, despondency, etc. as designated by Napoleon's signatures.

We all make New Year's resolutions. Let us make one to be legible. Suman K. Mishr, M.D.

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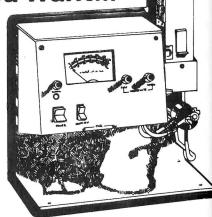


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Dr. Paul J. Mahar Jr. was presented a past president's plaque by Dr. Glenn J. Baumblatt (right) newly installed president of the Mahoning County Medical Society.

## SOCIETY INSTALLATION HELD

Dr. Glenn J. Baumblatt was installed as president of the Mahoning County Medical Society and Dr. Paul J. Mahar Jr. was honored as outgoing president at the annual installation meeting held Tuesday, Jan. 17, 1984 at the Youngstown Club.

Theme for the program was "Wine, Wonderful Wine" and featured was Arnulf Esterer, vintner and owner of Markko Vineyards in Conneaut, Ohio.

A group of 11 wines, including four from the Markko collection, were part of a wine-tasting that began with the social period at 6 p.m. Five wines were presented for the consideration of the guests and all five met with a good reception.

With dinner at 7:00 p.m., the serving of a fruit cup and cream soup also brought three Chardonnays for consideration. Highlighted during the social

period were a Chablis, two Rieslings and a Cabernet.

The entre was accented by the presentation of three fine Cabernet

Sauvignons.

A special thank you was extended to all the officers and members of Council whose terms were completed last year and special recognition was given Dr. Bishard Luyancia for his service as Bulletin editor.

given Dr. Richard Juvancic for his service as Bulletin editor.

The oath of office was administered to the incoming officers and Council members by Dr. Paul Mahar Jr., immediate past president. Dr. Mahar presented a special gavel, made by Dr. Patrick Cestone, to Dr. Baumblatt, who assumed the presidency.

Dr. Baumblatt presented a plaque to Dr. Mahar in recognition of his year as president and then presented him with a past-president's pin. Dr. Baumblatt then presented a bound volume of the 1983 Bulletin to Mrs. Mahar.

Arnulf Esterer provided a running comment on the different wines being consumed, as the dinner progressed. Following the dessert course, Esterer spoke of the origin of Markko Vineyards, touched on the original winemaking as depicted historically, and then fielded questions from the audience.

The officers for 1984: Dr. Baumblatt, president; Dr. Juan A. Ruiz, vice president; Dr. A. Zeev Rabinowitz, treasurer; Dr. K. F. Wieneke, secretary;

and Dr. Mahar, immediate past president.

Members of Council for 1984: Dr. C. E. Pichette, Dr. W. E. Sovik, Dr. J. J. Anderson, Dr. D. J. Dallis, Dr. J. A. Lambert, Dr. D. E. Pichette, Dr. A. G. Bitonte, Dr. H. S. Wang, Dr. T. N. Detesco, Dr. A. DiDomenico, Dr. S. D. Grossman, Dr. M. I. Jacobson, Dr. D. H. Levy, Dr. R. Aiello, Dr. D. R. Dockry, Dr. M. C. Galose, Dr. J. G. Guju, Dr. J. W. Tandatnick, Dr. S. K. Mishr and Dr. R. W. Juvancic.

## PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL

Jan. 10, 1984

The regular meeting of the Council of the Mahoning County Medical

Society was held Tuesday, Jan. 10, 1984 at the Youngstown Club.

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by Dr. Paul J. Mahar, Jr., immediate past president, who temporarily substituted for Dr. Baumblatt, who was on an emergency call and took over later. Routine agenda items were presented and the minutes of the Dec. 13, 1983 meeting, having been read, were approved.

The treasurer's report listed current bills, total extra income and dues income for 1983, and the names of four members suspended from membership for non-payment of 1983 dues. A motion was made, seconded and passed

to pay each bill.

The following application was presented by the censors:

ASSOCIATE: Adele Marie Lipari, M.D.

The application was approved. The applicant will become a member of the Mahoning County Medical Society in the voted category 15 days after the printing of the name in the circulated minutes of the meeting unless objection is filed in writing with the executive director before that time.

Communications included:

A thank you from the Committee for Issue 5 for the Society's support of the renewal;

A communication concerning the appearance of the Ohio Department of Health Director Dr. Jackson at a meeting at the Avalon Inn, January 25;

A letter from Dr. Patrick McFeely, internal medicine resident, who is seeking a possible affiliation after completing his residency in 1985. The executive director was instructed to post a copy of the letter on the bulletin boards in the hospitals and to inform Dr. McFeely of the Society's action;

The resignation of Dr. Anthony A. Conte from the Medical Society because he is closing his satellite office in Boardman. The resignation was

accepted with regret;

An OSMA memo concerning Hopital Pre-admission Certification Rules that are being considered by the Ohio Department of Public Welfare. Because of a public hearing, the DPW has decided to re-write the rules, refile them and hold another public hearing, in about 30 days;

The Scholarship Dinner Committee reported an April 12th date, with

the speaker yet to be selected.

The Committee for the Medically Indigent reported program is still in force and that most indigents are being taken care of by their own physicians. The service has handled a number of calls and made referrals when

The Censors reported the needs of the family of a medically disabled

physician were taken care of using funds from the Special Fund.

Sixth District Counselor Dr. J. J. Anderson reported a district meeting will be held January 25 at 6:30 p.m. at Trumbull Country Club. He noted this is a meeting at which Resolutions must be presented in order to be considered for presentation at the OSMA House of Delegates meeting in May in Cincinnati.

Dr. Baumblatt announced the following appointments: Dr. R. W. Juvancic, public relations director; Dr. S. K. Mishr, Bulletin editor; and Dr.

R. A. Memo, program chairman.

An announcement letter about DRG seminars being held in San Francisco and Washington, D.C. was discussed and several council members commented that local meetings have and will be held concerning DRGs.

An amendment to the Joint Council on Accreditation of Hospitals "Accreditation Manual for Hospitals" states "When nonphysician members of the medical staff are granted privileges to admit such patients, provision is made for prompt medical evaluation by a qualified physician for all such patients. This requirement for prompt medical evaluation by a qualified physician does not apply to qualified oral surgeons who have been granted clinical privileges to perform a history and physical examination." The executive director was instructed to present this to the proper committee of the Society for consideration and study.

A letter to the editor in the Youngstown Vindicator was taken under consideration and the council members agreed that the letter-writer and all other persons should have the right to freedom of choice in the selection of medical care. The letter precipitated a discussion concerning the Society's right to take a stand concerning alternate methods of providing medical care and it was decided that the Society cannot act in concert about any method of delivering medical care that is not like what has previously been normal methods of providing medical care because of the possibility of being cited under the Federal Anti-trust laws.

The next meeting of the Council is February 14th, which is Valentine's Day.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

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Dr. Bertwin E. Einfalt, 49, died of a heart attack at St. Elizabeth Hos-

pital Medical Center on Wednesday, Dec. 28, 1983.

Dr. Einfalt was born in St. Paul, Illinois and attended high school in Vandalia, Ill. He received his undergraduate degree University of Illinois and his medical degree from the College of Medicine of the University of Illinois. He served his internship in radiology at St. Elizabeth's Hospital after his residency at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit.

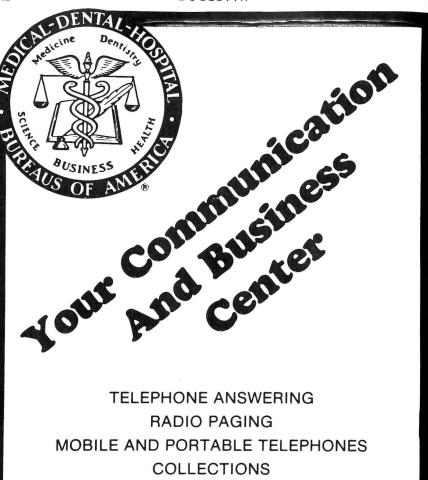
He was a staff member at St. Elizabeth's Hospital for 16 years and was

associated with Radiolog Consultants of Youngtown.

Dr. Einfalt was a faculty member of the University of Pittsburgh, anassociate professor at Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine. From '64 through '66 he served as a captain in the U.S. Air Force at Loring AFB in Maine.

He was a member of the Mahoning County Medical Society, Ohio State Medical Association, American Medical Association, American College of Radiology.

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# From the Bulletin

#### FIFTY YEARS AGO — FEBRUARY 1934

The New Deal was spending a great deal of money to boost employment. The purpose of the National Relief Administration was briefly: Hire more people and pay them more so they will have money to buy the stuff you make so you can hire more people and pay them more.

It was the fashion to ridicule some of the projects of the N.R.A. It was said that all the Works Project Administration did was put a shovel in every man's hand. But a great deal of lasting benefit which changed the appearance of Youngstown was accomplished by the W.P.A.

Federal Street was widened and the old street car tracks removed. Market Street and Mahoning Avenue were widened. They used to be narrow streets with street car tracks in the center and trolley wires overhead. Every street car was followed by a long queue of automobiles. It was forbidden to pass a trolley car on the left and impossible on the right if there were automobiles parked at the curb.

#### FORTY YEARS AGO — FEBRUARY 1944

It was a hard winter. The 150 doctors here at home were struggling to keep things going. There was much sickness. Other County Medical Societies had simply given up and suspended any pretense of organization activity but Mahoning County never missed a meeting and the BULLETIN appeared every month.

#### THIRTY YEARS AGO — FEBRUARY 1954

Dr. Henri Schmid said that syphilis was declining but he reported 387 cases treated at the V-D Clinic in 1953 and 362 cases of gonorrhea.

The American College of Surgeons expressed its regret at the loss of

Honored Fellow and Life Member, Warren D. Coy.

New members that month were: Frank M. Morrison, Anthony J. Telego, John LoCriccio, Edward G. Rizk, Alex M. Rosenblum, Charles H. Giering, Frederick R. D'Amato and Leonard S. Fagnano.

Pictures of the Annual Banquet showed a large group of happy doctors dining and dancing with their wives. In the old days, wives were never invited to any Medical Society function. I think this way is much better.

#### TWENTY YEARS AGO — FEBRUARY 1964

Steve Ondash started a new Bulletin of the Staff of the St. Elizabeth

Hospital.

James Calvin and Robert Jenkins were elected Fellows of American College of Physicians. Robert A. Wiltsie was made Diplomate of the Board of Pediatrics.

Gabriel DeCicco was elected president of the Medical Service Foundation. Armin Banez, Louis Bloomberg, Richard Murray and Bernard Schneider were on a lecture tour to the Philippine Islands. Dr. Banez is a graduate of the University of Santo Tomas in Manila.

#### TEN YEARS AGO — FEBRUARY 1974

Newly installed President John Melnick editorialized a protest of the division of the Society into two hospital staffs and suggested the by-laws and constitutions of the hospitals be changed to make it possible for doctors to be active members of both staffs rather than having to choose one over the other. It took ten years, John, but we're getting there!

New Editor, Louis Bloomberg, asked for guest editorials from the members, but there was just as much apathy there as there was in the continuing

poor attendance at meetings.

Four pillars of the medical community were lost through death in December and January. They were: Dr. J. A. "Cash" Altdoerffer who died January 9 at age 75; Dr. Morris I. Berkson who passed away January 20 at age 77; Dr. J. U. Buchanan who died December 6, 1974 at the age of 89; and Dr. Edgar C. Baker who succumbed December 22, 1973, at the age of 78. They were all great men and we recall them with pleasant memories and feel fortunate to have known them. They helped pave the way for younger doctors who were "still wet behind the ears."

New members that month were: John H. O. Bleacher, M.D. and Narciso

Domingo, M.D.

The State of Ohio passed a law effective December 19, 1973, that every pregant woman must have a prenatal test for gonorrhea. Alberta McDonough, micro-biologist for the County Health Department, reported that G.C. Cultures had jumped from fifty per month in 1973 to fifteen hundred per month in 1974.

Robert R. Fisher, M.D.

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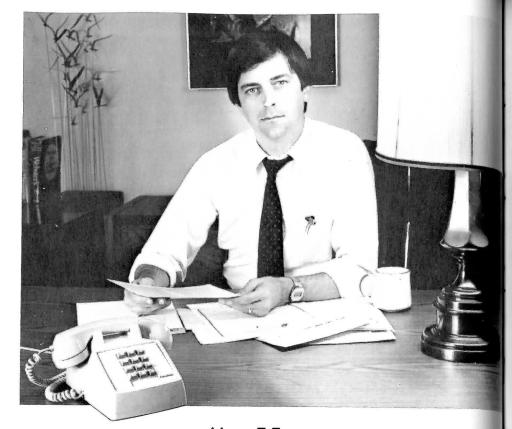


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