

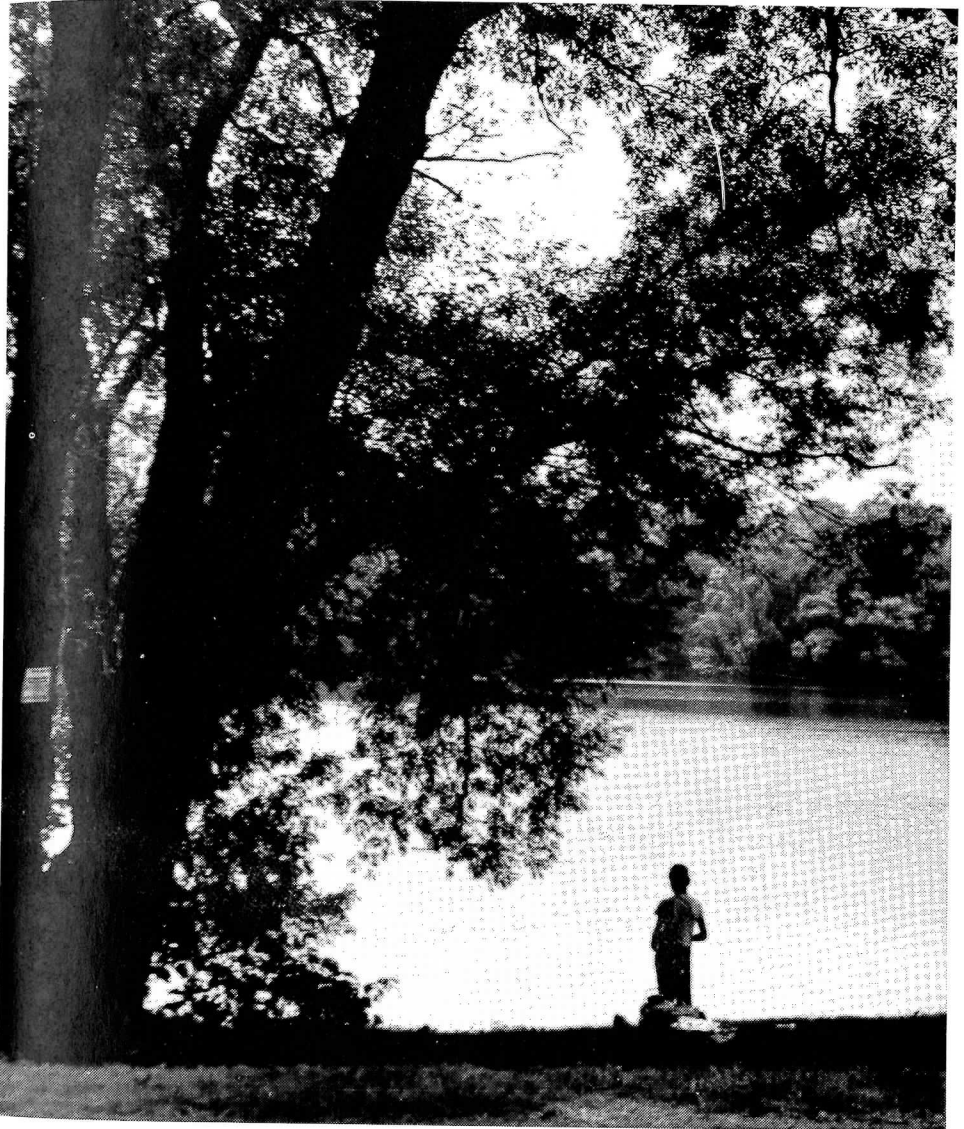
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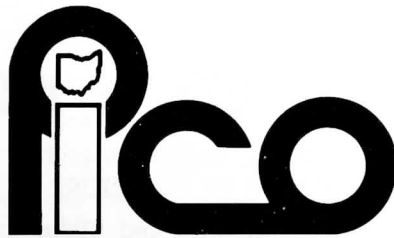
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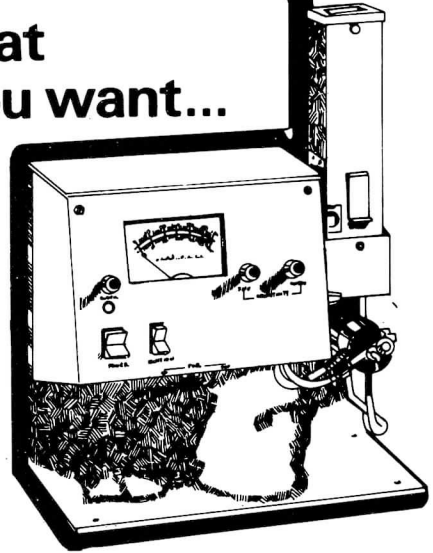
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Editorial

THE BUREAUCRACY

At the present time our government is composed of politicians, bureaucrats and judges who totally disregard the wishes, hopes and opinions of the constituents that they are supposed to serve. These people are our enemies and not our friends. As a result they are determined to destroy the economy of the whole nation by spending us into a hole and thus guaranteeing us perpetual inflation to result eventually in a total collapse. Through their arbitrary regulations they are gradually taking more and more freedom of choice away from the individual citizen. They are punishing the productive elements of society while rewarding the indolent and non productive. A walk through any city in the United States will produce visual evidence of decay and adulteration, of vandalism and blight, all due to their policies and poor judgment. Our streets have become jungles and our schools are armed camps of hatred. These people have adopted a "public be damned" attitude.

The FTC (Federal Trade Commission) is one such agency which has attacked the medical profession, as have other branches of government meddlers. The SEC is another which is trying to clamp a gag on independent news letters, so that only the opinions of the powers that be can be heard. There are dozens more regulatory agencies supported by liberal politicians and judges and who have been especially selected to do their bidding. Little do they know how short a time they have left to them to carry out their tyranny, for sometime within the next ten years an agreement will be made between Russia and the European Common Market to destroy the engine of inflation which has made their nefarious activities possible. When this happens and the collapse of paper money becomes assured, the whole of the American Economy is going to go, and with it will go the Liberal Government of the United States. When this happens we must be ready to reassert the directives of the Constitution which have been ignored and disregarded by these people. It is going to be a particularly dangerous time because we could also follow a totalitarian course with a dictatorship. In any event there is going to be a bloodbath and most of the bureaucrats, liberal politicians, and judges will be executed for treason. These people should read the Book of Wisdom in the Old Testament of the Bible to get

an idea of what the Good Lord has in store for them. They, of course, do not believe in God but rather in themselves. Like Belchazar of ancient Babylon, these rulers of the new Babylon can not read the handwriting on the wall.

The absolute control of our government began in 1912 when the International Bankers split the Republican vote, placing Woodrow Wilson in the White House. In 1913 Wilson repaid them with the Federal Reserve Act, the Income Tax Act, and the act which changed the method of electing U.S. Senators. These three acts gave the materialistic bankers absolute control of our government and they have maintained that control up to this time. Within ten years they will control nothing and everything that they have will be taken away from them. Today the bankers are the wealthiest people on earth, but tomorrow they are to be destitute. Already Russia has begun to turn against the bankers who made the whole Communist Empire possible through their fractional reserve method of banking. The bankers have now turned themselves and their multinational corporations toward the development of China. This is to prove to be their undoing, because Russia is soon to attack China and China is to lose everything. Whatever is put into China by our rulers is to go down the drain. We have seen the sad spectacle of our governor of Ohio and our local senator make trips to China to line up business for Ohio. They don't tell you, of course that it's all on credit, and that you taxpayers are expected to foot the bill, but that's the case anyhow.

—Richard D. Murray, M.D.
Editor

VOLUNTEER HOSTS WANTED

The date for the annual Scholarship Dinner has been set for Thursday, April 17. Dr. T. N. Detesco, chairman, asks that physicians and wives (or husbands) wishing to volunteer as hosts for the 50 high school seniors, contact the Medical Society office. Nine couples will be required. Those attending in the past have found the Scholarship Dinner to be a most enjoyable and inspiring event.

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DR. CHIU HONORED AT BANQUET



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(TOP) The Chiu family: Kevin, Y. T., and Marilyn; Karen, Katherine and Kimberly. Dr. Brucoli presents appreciation plaque to Dr. Chiu.

(MIDDLE) The installation of officers.

(BOTTOM) Dr. Chiu presents gavel to Dr. Brucoli and presents 1979 Bulletin to Editor, Dr. H. S. Wang.

Dr. Y. T. Chiu was honored as retiring president, and Dr. B. P. Brucoli installed as new president at the January 15th annual installation banquet of the Mahoning County Medical Society.

Dr. Chiu was presented an appreciation plaque for his work as 1979 president, and Dr. Brucoli received a new gavel made by Dr. Jim Anderson. Dr. Chiu also received a past president's pin and a bound volume of the 1979 *Bulletin*.

Dr. Chiu presented a bound volume of the *Bulletin* to the 1979 editor, Dr. H. M. Wang. He also presented a gift to the executive secretary, Howard Rempes.

A moment of silence was observed for those members who died last year, Dr. Wendell Bennett, Dr. J. P. Harvey, Dr. J. K. Herald, Dr. M. W. Neidus and Dr. J. V. Newsome. The invocation was given by Rev. Clark Kandel, pastor of Canfield United Methodist Church.

In further business, two constitutional amendments were passed which were designed by OSMA to clarify legal interpretation. Dr. S. G. Patton, Jr. and Dr. D. T. Yoder, both retired, were elected to Emeritus Membership. Installation of officers was conducted by Dr. Chiu.

Entertainment was provided by a trombone quartet from Youngstown State University.

DR. SOVIK HEADS ST. E. STAFF

Dr. William E. Sovik has been elected president of staff at St. Elizabeth Hospital Medical Center, succeeding Dr. Robert J. Hritz, president for the past three years. Other staff officers are Dr. William Crawford, vice president, and Dr. Richard S. Richards, secretary-treasurer. Members at large on the executive committee are Dr. Alexander Calder, Dr. Robert B. McConnell and Dr. Robert R. Rich.

RESOLUTION DEADLINE IS MARCH 12

The deadline for resolutions to be presented before the House of Delegates at the annual meeting of the Ohio State Medical Association is March 12th, 60 days before the opening session.

Any single member of the OSMA may compose and submit a resolution directly to the Columbus office. It need not have the approval of the member's Council or Medical Society. However, it does stand a better chance of being adopted if the local delegation knows about it and is prepared to support it in the reference committees and on the floor. Also, any member submitting a resolution should be prepared to go to Columbus and speak for the resolution before the reference committee. Reference committees always meet on Monday morning, following the opening Sunday session. This year's dates of the annual House of Delegates meeting are Sunday, May 11th through Wednesday, May 14th.

It is suggested that anyone in the Mahoning County Medical Society who has in mind submitting a resolution should contact a member of the delegation for help. The delegates are: Dr. C. E. Pichette, chief delegate, Dr. W. E. Sovik, Dr. John C. Melnick, Dr. J. J. Anderson and Dr. P. J. Mahar, Jr.

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Members are encouraged to sponsor more than one resident, at \$20 per resident. Here's how: Send in your check, made out to "Ohio State Medical Association," but mail it to "Mahoning County Medical Society," 1005 Belmont Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio 44504. Send in the name or names of the residents you wish to sponsor. If you have no choice, the Medical Society will make a selection for you. The resident will then be informed that he has been given this dual membership and he will receive all membership privileges. This includes receiving the *Bulletin*, all mailings and invitations to Medical Society meetings and functions.



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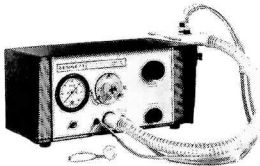
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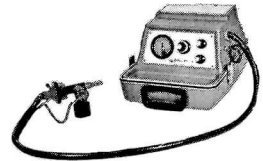


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PHOTOGRAPHS: For the past year, the *Bulletin* staff has requested photos for use on the front cover. The original criteria were that the pictures be scenes taken in Mahoning County, or, if out of county, at least be medically oriented. The staff does not want photos of individuals, for obvious reasons. Black and white glossy prints are preferred. Color prints are acceptable, but lose some of their quality in the printing. Slides are not usable, but a print made from a slide is. Do you have a photo that you are proud of? Send it to the *Bulletin*.

NEWS NOTES: These are brief 2 or 3 line items that describe some recent accomplishment of a member. The staff has no way of knowing about these unless the individual member writes it down and mails it to the Medical Society office. The few that have been printed in the past have been gleaned from the newspaper. If it doesn't appear in the paper, or if the staff misses it, it doesn't appear in the *Bulletin*. It would be helpful if such items could be mailed directly to the Medical Society office.

ARTICLES: It has been a long time since an article written by a member has been submitted to the *Bulletin*. Cost of printing and lack of space precludes lengthy articles, but brief concise informative articles, consisting of a few paragraphs are welcome.

Due to fluctuation of the amount of advertising submitted for each issue, there are times when the *Bulletin* needs extra material and there are other times when all the material on hand cannot be used. Therefore, the staff cannot guarantee that every article will be published on time.

It's your *Bulletin*. Let's keep it lively and informative. Address all material to: Mahoning County Medical Society, 1005 Belmont Ave., Youngstown, Ohio 44504. Mark it: ATTN: *Bulletin* editor.

DR. SCHREIBER WINS NATIONAL AMA AWARD

Dr. Jack Schreiber has been awarded third place in the AMA speakers contest in the TV talk show division. His was one of 57 entries. The awards will be made at the AMA Leadership Conference Banquet, to be held in Chicago on Feb. 23. He will receive a plaque and a \$250 check.

Last year, Dr. Schreiber won first prize in the first of such contests plus a \$1000 check which was turned over to the Mahoning County Medical Society for the general purpose of improving the speakers program.

NEWS NOTES

Dr. Gerald Klebanoff has been named chairman of the Committee on Operating Room Environment of the American College of Surgeons.

Dr. M. Henry Speck has been designated a Fellow of the President's Club of his alma mater, Thomas Jefferson University, Philadelphia. Dr. Speck established the Drs. Julius C. and M. Henry Speck Scholarship Fund at the university to assist medical students. He also established a similar fund at Ohio State University.

Dr. M. M. Szucs, now practicing in the Akron area, has written and copyrighted a book, "Food for Thought."

Dr. R. D. Murray's editorial from the January *Bulletin* was published in toto in the January 24-30 issue of the Boardman News.

Dr. Nicholas J. Garritano has been recertified as a diplomate of the American Academy of Family Practice.

Dr. Dean Limbert has joined the board of trustees of Planned Parenthood of Mahoning Valley for a three-year term.

In Memoriam

LEWAARON H. MOYER, M.D.

1904 - 1980

Dr. Lewarron H. Moyer, 75, died on Wednesday, Jan. 23, at Palms of Pasadena Hospital, St. Petersburg, Florida.

Dr. Moyer was born in Sharon on Jan. 24, 1904. He moved to Youngstown where he attended Elm School and the Rayen School. He attended the University of Michigan and Temple University Medical School. His internship was taken at Youngstown Hospital Association, with post-graduate courses at Chicago's Lying In Hospital.

Returning to Youngtown, he entered the private practice of medicine, but moved from this area 22 years ago. At St. Petersburg, he was a medical advisor to the Veterans Administration Hospital. During World War II, he served in the Army Medical Corp. He was a member of Rodef Sholem Temple, and later Temple Beth El of St. Petersburg.

WRITING TO YOUR LEGISLATOR

Both U.S. Representative, Lyle Williams, and Ohio State Senator, Harry Meshel, addressed the Mahoning County Medical Society last year, and both agreed on one point. They cannot know what physicians think of medical legislation unless they hear from their constituent physicians. They both urged doctors to make their view-points known. This has been echoed by the Ohio State Medical Association for many years.

Here, then, are addresses that will be useful to those members of the Medical Society who wish to present facts and opinions to their legislators by means of brief but well-written letters:

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Here are some "do's" and "don't's" in writing to legislators: Write to the right people. Concentrate on your own legislators. Be brief. Congressmen receive hundreds of letters every day. Do write your own views. Do give your reasons. Do be constructive. Do say "well done". Don't threaten or promise. Don't call names. Don't become a "pen pal". Don't demand commitments. Remember that legislative bills do change due to the complexities of the legislative process and try to keep abreast of the changes in asking your congressman to vote "yes" or "no."

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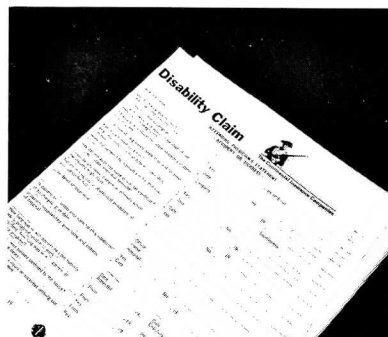


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PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL

(excerpt from Dec. and Jan. meetings)

The following applications for membership were presented by the censors:

ACTIVE: Geoffrey L. Chentow, M.D.
 ASSOCIATE: John P. Popovec, D.O.
 David S. Starr, M.B.B.S.

The applications were approved. The applicants will become members of the Mahoning County Medical Society 15 days after publication in the *Bulletin*, unless objection is filed in writing with secretary before that time.

A letter from OSMA was read in which two changes in the constitution were suggested. Dr. Tandatnick, chairman of the constitution committee recommended that the changes be adopted. The motion was made, seconded and duly passed that council approve the changes and that they be brought to the Society at the Dec. 18th meeting for a first reading, and be voted upon at the Jan. meeting.

Dr. Belinky, Mahoning County Coroner, explained some of the facets of signing death certificates. He stated that the coroner must be called in all cases of accidental death, and explained the difference between temporary and permanent certificates. He urged doctors, when in doubt, to call the coroner's office.

Dr. Brucoli read a letter from the Youngstown Health Commissioner, Robert E. Moore, asking for assistance in recommending physicians who would be interested in work at Youngstown's proposed new health clinic. Dr. Brucoli also read excerpts from the clinic proposal.

The question was raised on the continuance of the Scholarship Dinner. The motion was made, seconded and duly passed that the Scholarship Dinner be continued. Suggestions were made that we might consider something similar for pre-med students of Youngstown State University.

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From the Bulletin

FORTY YEARS AGO — FEBRUARY 1940

President Poling said that medicine had made tremendous strides in the more recent decades. One of the strides noted in that issue of the *Bulletin* was the use of Sulfapyridine which was said to be replacing sera in the treatment of pneumonia. It seemed to work in all types of pneumococcus infection but produced severe gastric irritation.

Then there was the new four-day cure of syphilis by intensive administration of an arsenical (Nearsphenamine or Mapharsen) which treatment was available for selected cases in Columbus. Local physicians could obtain Nearsphenamine and bismuth free from the local health department by filling out the proper forms. Until then, the average case took about two years to cure.

There was much enthusiasm about the new Hypertherm at St. Elizabeth's Hospital and Dr. Ivan Smith took a special course in Dayton on the use of the apparatus. It was especially valuable in C.N.S. lues and gonococcal arthritis, superseding fever therapy produced by malarial inoculation.

THIRTY YEARS AGO — FEBRUARY 1950

The Tuberculosis and Health Association started a mass chest X-ray survey of the adult population of Mahoning County. E. J. Reilly was President of the Association and Edwin Brody the Vice-President.

New members that month were: Paxton Lane Jones, Paul Fuzy, Jr., and Frederick Arthur Friedrich. Fred Schlecht opened a new office for the practice of surgery and Arnoldus Goudsmit opened his for the practice of internal medicine, both at 2218 Market St. James Miller liked the company and moved in there too.

At St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Donald Dockry and Robert Bruchs were surgical residents. New internes were James R. Sofranec, Henry Shorr and Lewis Gasser. J. F. Stotler was appointed Chief of Thoracic Surgery, J. K. Herald Chief of Proctology, J. B. Kupec Chief of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, and W. L. Mermis Chief of Allergy.

At Youngstown Hospital, James D. Gordon and Robert Parry were serving internships. Pathologist H. K. Giffen and Arthur Rappoport reported on 511 cases studied by the new Papanicolou method. Dr. Giffen stated that if the recommended time of 30 minutes per slide were followed it would take 19 weeks to examine that amount of material. Dr. R. W. Rummel created a sensation when he announced that two women internes had been accepted for next July.

TWENTY YEARS AGO — FEBRUARY 1960

President Schlecht wrote "Whether we like it or not physician-public relationship is replacing physician-patient relationship."

Arthur Rappoport was elected President of the Ohio Society of Pathology. Our hospitals were greatly concerned about the prevalence of Staphylococci Infection.

The Medical Service Foundation of Mahoning County distributed grants totalling \$6,300 to the AMEF, Youngstown University, both hospitals and the T.B. Sanitarium.

S. F. Gaylord was appointed to the Board of Directors of Youngstown Symphony. Dr. Gaylord is an accomplished pianist and made his debut playing selections on television.

The Society welcomed as new members Joseph G. Costantini, William D. Loeser, Arthur V. Whittaker and Angelo Riberi.

TEN YEARS AGO — FEBRUARY 1970

President Dr. Bob Jenkins announced the selection of a new Health Commissioner, Dr. D. M. Greissing, who held a degree in Medicine and

in Public Health. Dr. Greissing's first action was to reopen the Venereal Disease Clinic. Dr. Wegner had completed the Rubella inoculation program, vaccinating 32,329 children up to 5th Grade.

Dr. James Finley was elected President of the local General Practice Academy, and he is still President as far as anyone can remember. Dr. A. K. Phillips was elected President of the Staff at St. Elizabeth Hospital, succeeding Dr. Raymond Scheetz. Dr. Wm. Flynn was appointed to three national committees of the American Cancer Society. Dr. Kurt Wegner was named Pediatric Director of the proposed new Diagnostic and Evaluation Clinic of the Mahoning County Mental Health and Mental Retardation Board.

The February 1970 meeting of the Mahoning County Medical Society was the last meeting to be held in the Mural Room, as it was soon due to be demolished to make room for the expansion of the *Youngstown Vindicator* facilities.

New active member was Charles E. Johnson, Jr., M.D. New Associate Member was Yau Too Chiu, Jr., M.D. and Indira Kolli, M.D. was Intern-Resident member.

—Robert R. Fisher, M.D.

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BULLETIN IN 50TH YEAR OF PUBLICATION

It is with some pride that the Mahoning County Medical Society can note the "Vol. L" printed on the cover of the 1980 *Bulletin*. This marks the 50th year of continuous publication, which began with Vol. 1 in the year 1931.

There have been changes. The style of writing has changed. There have been a number of different covers used. The magazine is thinner than in the heyday of numerous advertisers and inexpensive printing costs. But through it all, the *Bulletin* has stuck by its original purpose of reporting the activities of the Medical Society in the most interesting manner possible.

No history of the *Bulletin* would be complete without a salute to the first editor, and our current Editor Emeritus, James L. Fisher, M.D. He got it started and set the pattern for excellence that was to be adhered to by all succeeding editors. For 50 years of a successful publication, we thank you, Dr. Fisher!

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*PATIENT CARE Magazine—Outlook 1977 "Face-Off: Cost Containment vs. Churn," January 1, 1977

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