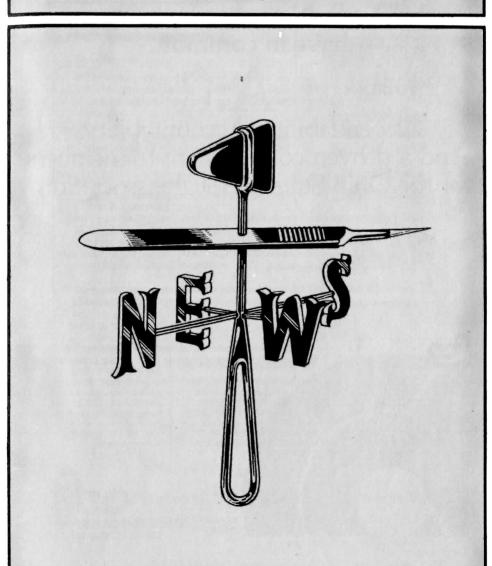
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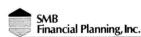


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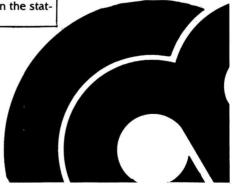
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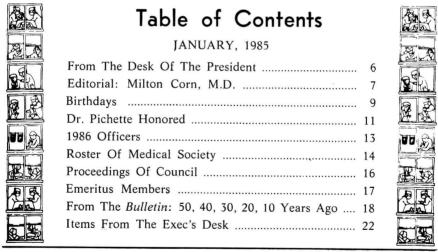
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## From the Desk of the President



There is a great sense of frustration with organized medicine and its inability to meet the problems of today's doctors. There seems to be not enough support provided by medical societies to prevent widening of the stress fractures of the doctor/patient relationship. On the other hand, these seems to be plenty to burden the skeleton of that relationship to further widen those fractures. The sense of frustration that is experienced by those active and inactive in the Society affects each of us in a different way. At the momen, for me, it is a motivator; thus I accepted the Presidency of our Medical Society. I feel like the captain of a ship that with a tiny crew has set sail on an uncharted sea. Though the course is unknown, the destination is well visualized.

The starting point of this trip is reality and the destination is a utopia where high-quality medical care can be provided to the patient. In this place there will be higher interaction between the doctor and the patient and less participation by the government and other supporting institutions that attempt to alter the quality of care. Our destination is a place with the highest concern from the medical standpoint is to constantly improve the quality of medical care. There, whether the care is delivered by an institution, group or individual, the care provided will be from competent, efficient and compassionate human beings who want to touch their fellow man. Idealism will run high. We will return to basic and clinical science research and intensify the pursuit of cures for the aliments of mankind. We will again spend more time with the academic rather than the non-academic aspects of our profession. The Medical Society in this yet mythical place is not a pyramid but a network of concerned physicians who have the capacity to reach out to each other as well as other networks of concerned people in the local, state, national and international communities. Each member of the Medical Society there will think of himself both as the President of the Society yet the footsoldiers of that group. The linked physicians of this institution will not bemoan fate but actively attempt to shape the destiny of the doctor/patient relationship. The frustrations in utopia will not restrain vision as they do in the starting point of reality. Physicians will be able o initiate legislation and can lessen the impact and minimize problems such as physician liability.

The Medical Society in the place beyond the horizon will once again have the responsibility and will be without legal restraints that currently paralyze its ability to make bold statements and initiate bold action.

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#### Editorial:

"Culture is always an aristocratic thing. The physician, the school teacher, the lawyer, the clergyman should be the best men of their village, of their city, of the circles in which they move."

Theodor Billroth (1829-1894)

The great Viennese surgeon (I can't recall whether it was Billroth I or Billroth II) made his remark in the 19th Century, and its content would be considered a truism today if women were included and the lawyer removed. We can safely assume that Billroth meant by culture a form of broad, appreciative enlightenment, not table manners or bacteria, growth plates, and if so, one wonders if physicians in general are indeed cultured, Billroth or no Billroth, if culture is truly an important attribute for a healer. Such questions, once mere merengue, have become hearty meat for medical deans in recent years as we hear that the physician has evolved into a soulless technician and the GPEP report urges us to expand the role of the humanities.

Whether or not modern physicians are cultured in the Billrothian sense I cannot say. Some are, some are not. More importantly, we cannot be called cultured or consider ourselves cultured merely because we went to school for a long time. It is the content of an education, not its length, that determines what we know and what we understand; and it is the content of the physician's education, particularly in the colleges, which is seen as all too often a joyless focus on those esoterica of science believed to be MCAT smashers.

Stung by criticism, then, deans and curriculum committees of our medical schools are examining what we have been doing and wondering what we should be doing to bring the humanities to medical school. Some, a little trendier than thou, have already made important changes in admissions criteria, in curricula, and in teaching methods. Others, more cautious or perhaps more sluggishly inert, are sticking to the tried-and-true, and point out with some justice that the system as it exists has successfully provided our country with an unparalleled number of highly skilled practitioners and a remarkable research output. At Georgetown we have decided to look before we leap, and we are studying the matter with a special committee. We have already in place, it should be noted, a special form of early admissions program in which promising undergraduates are assured of a place in the medical

school at a sufficiently early point in undergraduate education to permit the student to choose his courses on the basis of curiosity rather than fear.

We can approve in general the desirability of having each of our physicians (in fact, of everybody) being an educated, sensitive citizen without however, confusing humanism with the humanities. Biochemists are no less likely to be decent compassionate members of our society than are historians. It is a pernicious and essentially anti-intellectual ism which holds that the study of science in itself leads to detached callousness at the bedside. A professor of medicine need not (and usually does not) gaze upon his patient with the cold eye of a soldier. If we are to provide the premedical student with greater freedom to enrich his education, and the medical student with a broader view of the social aspects of the profession (and I think we should do both of these), we do so because we believe that medicine, as an applied science, is applied most effectively when the physician understands that "the patient" is a person who exists in a complex social setting. Curricular shifts, formal courses in general, do not make saints.

(The existence in our society of a corps of widely educated physicians has value, of course, other than the gain to medical practice. Physicians are affluent, articulate, and self-confident; on rare occasions one or two may even appear to be arrogant. The voices and checkbooks of doctors give them influence. We all benefit when such influence is broadly informed.)

What then of compassion? If neither the great books nor the concert hall provides a royal road to empathy, how do we who teach medicine ensure that our graduates sustain always a strong sense of the tragedy of the human condition which lies at the core of our art? The patient, rightly, wants his doctor to care as well as to know. We can, of course, instruct our admission committee to select only the genuinely decent, but the algorithm for the selection remains undiscovered. (Going all out for English Lit majors is not going to do it.) We can try to teach the students to be aware of their own reactions and of the patient as human being, and for such matters some formal course work or seminars may have some modest utility. We can at the very least teach the external behavior patterns which seem to indicate caring to a patient: courtesy, jargon-free explanations, eschewal of the lordly manner, and sufficient time to permit a human conversation.

Most of all, we who teach students and residents must ourselves display the decency and sympathy we hope to nurture; role models can accomplish effortlessly what hortatory lectures strive for in vain. The commonly heard complaint that harsh courses of study and endless tours of duty in the hospital burn away the good feelings the student brought to medical school gets my unadulterated scepticism. Being a nice person while contemplating suffering from an armchair is easy enough. Sustaining one's humanity amidst the rough and tumble of actual practice is a different matter. (Not all patients are likeable, courteous, or grateful). Medical students who turn Caligula by senior year never had much soul to begin with, I suspect, despite all those application essays which mumble something about wanting to go to medical school because of the opportunity to help people etc.

Billroth, I think, was right. We want our physicians to be cultured, each the best man in his village. But, in addition, we want them to be decent people, which is not to say that boorish barbarism is the present rule. Surely, however, we wish to do better, and to that end we at Georgetown will be addressing admission policies, curricular changes, and our own behavior.

Milton Corn, M.D., Dean

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As I write these words, I can see cynics wondering how far from home this ship will sink in the sea of frustration. My answer to them is that if we do not have high expectations of our destinations it seems that the risks of the trip are not worthwhile. For those who plan to travel this ship with me, "Welcome Aboard!" If you see any signs of bad weather or see that the course should be changed, please let me know. For those who choose not to sail but to stay here in reality, I wish you well. You are welcome to join us later if you can catch us. We will always be looking for new crew members.

For those who choose to reach a different destination on a different vessel, I also wish you well and hope that we do not collide at sea, sinking each of us. If you can convince me that your course and your destination can provide and insure better patient care and improve the health of the community more efficiently and faster than mine, I will give you the pleasure of watching me abandon ship and swim to your vessel. Until that time, however, I am committed to improving the organized medicine ship as it, at the moment, seems most seaworthy. Unlike Captain Nemo who explored the sea's floor, Captain Nemo's ship hopefully will be known as one than can stay afloat despite the sea's conditions.

Richard A. Memo, M.D.

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Dr. C. Edward Pichette (right) was presented his "Doctor of the Year" award by Dr. Richard Memo, MCMS V. P., at the Dec. 17 meeting of the Society at the Ramada Inn.

#### DR. PICHETTE IS HONORED

The "Doctor of the Year" honor was bestowed on Dr. C. Edward Pichette at the Dec. 17 meeting of the Mahoning County Medical Society at the Ramada Inn and the award was presented to Dr. Pichette by Society Vice President Dr. Richard Memo, acting in behalf of Dr. Juan Ruiz, who was temporarily disabled and unable to attend.

Also recognized at the meeting were three physicians who were cited for 50 Years In Medicine. Receiving the recognition were: Dr. John A. Renner, Dr. Samuel D. Goldberg, and Dr. Sidney I. Davidow. Making the presentation was Dr. J. J. Anderson, Sixth Councilor OSMA, on behalf of the Ohio State Medical Association.

The annual election of officers was conducted and the following were elected: President, Richard A. Memo; vice president, G. Robert Barton; secretary, J. W. Tandatnick; delegate, C. E. Pichette; alternate delegate, D. E. Pichette, J. A. Ruiz; council-at-large, K. J. Carter, M. Guthikonda, D. W. Handel, A. D. Kasamias, M. J. Lenhart, P. R. Lakhani. Elected as three-year trustees of the Foundation were: Dr. D. E. Pichette and S. F. Gaylord. W. E. Sovik was re-elected representative to Blue Cross.

Guest speaker for the evening was State Senator Harry Meshel who spoke on Critical Issues Surrounding Health Care. Program chairman was D. J. Dallis.

Dr. Pichette, the honoree, just recently retired from the practice of urology but is still active in the surgery department of St. Elizabeth Hospital Medical Center. He is past president of the Mahoning County Medical Society and is presently serving as delegate to OSMA. He is also a past president of the medical staff at St. E's. His introduction at the meeting was met with a standing ovation.



Presented with "50 Years In Medicine" awards were: (I. to r.) Dr. John A. Renner, Dr. Samuel D. Goldberg, and Dr. Sidney L. Davidow, during the Dec. 17 meeting of the Medical Society at the Ramada Inn.

#### MEDICAL ASSISTANTS NEWS

The Mahoning County Medical Assistants Chapter hosted the Ohio State Society of Medical Assistants board of trustees and fall seminar at the Ramada Inn on October 19-20.

Guest speaker for the November 5 meeting at Choffin Career Center was Lloyd Slusher, M.D., of Medical Ultrasound Inc., who gave a presentation on the uses of ultrasound.

The Mahoning County Chapter celebrated its 25th anniversary at the annual Christmas party held December 5 at Jimmy Chieffo's restaurant. Several charter members of the Chapter were present for the celebration.

The Chapter will meet February 5 at St. Elizabeth Hospital School of Nursing's Jean Mance Hall. Speaker will be Debra Harkulich, clinical instructor in X-ray whose topic will be "Seeing is Believing." The meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. Hostess is Peggy Creps.

#### AMA HOME HEALTH CARE RESOLUTION

The AMA House of Delegates adopted Resolution 35 at its 1985 Annual Meeting. The Resolution reads as follows:

Resolved, That the American Medical Association call upon the nation's physicians to write or carefully review all initial and renewal orders for home health services and approve only those that are medically indicated; and be it further

Resolved, That the AMA urge physicians to report to appropriate payment agencies and regulatory authorities cases of abusive practices by home health agencies; and be it further

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#### PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL Dec. 10. 1985

The regular meeting of the Council of the Mahoning County Medical Society was held Tuesday, Dec. 10, 1985 at the Youngstown Club.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Ruiz at 7:38 p.m. The minutes

of the November meeting, having been read, were approved.

The treasurer's report included a list of seven members who were notified by registered mail that they will be dropped from membership if their dues are not paid by Dec. 31. The bill list was read and a motion made, seconded and passed to pay each bill. The financial report stated total income through November 30.

The following applications were presented for membership:

ASSOCIATE: Riffat P. Iqbal, M.D.; Andres G. Pangilnan, M.D.; George Georgopoulos, 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 received in writing by the executive director before that effective date.

#### COMMUNICATIONS INCLUDED:

AMA notice of extension of the Medicare reimbursement freeze. A request for support of legislation on the Ohio level for pool-risk legis-

lation for diabetics to assure equity of insurance premiums.

Membership solicitation from the Youngstown Board of Trade. The Council instructed the executive director to inform the Board of Trade that its policy is to have the individual society members decide on such items.

Notice from GIGNA Insurance of its hospital review and second

opinion requirements.

A request for a resolution to be presented to the Ohio House of Delegates pertaining to unwarranted public disclosure of names of physicians that come up at Medical Board sessions, even though the physician is not at fault, with subsequent publishing of the names in the print medium.

A letter resolving the meeting date conflict between a local hospital and the medical society. Council expressed its appreciation of the recognition of the prior conflict.

A letter protesting the type of advertising being done by an alternative medical care facility in the county.

The "Doctor of the Year" committee reported the recipient of this year's award will be Dr. C. Edward Pichette and he will receive his recognition at the Dec. 17 meeting of the Society at the Ramada Inn.

Under unfinished business, it was noted a letter has been sent to YSU suggesting the university consider providing space for a medical museum; a follow-up on the letter to the editor of the Vindicator was mandated by Council; a discussion of problems with the paging system used by the physicians resulted in Council suggesting the director of the Medical-Dental Bureau and the supervisor of the paging system be invited to the January meeting of Council; the use of the M.D. title by persons with a D.O. degree came under discussion; clarification of the action taken by the Cleveland Academy of Medicine regarding endorsement of an IPA was presented.

The resignation of Dr. J. A. Lambert from the post of alternate delegate was accepted by Council. Appointed to the one-year unexpired term as alternate delegate was Dr. Lloyd Slusher, who served on Council in 1978-79.

Following a report by the executive director about a media training seminar he attended in Warren in November, the Council agreed to sponsor

a media-training seminar for the local society in March. It was noted the seminar will include on-camera TV interviews as well as instructions for participation in radio, TV and newspaper interviews. The seminar is presented by the Communications Department of OSMA.

Following a lengthy discussion concerning Independent Practice Associations (IPAs) the Council promulgated a motion of support for the concept and will finalize the motion after it is reviewed for legality.

President Ruiz reminded the members of Council that the Annual Installation Dinner will be Jan. 21, 1986 at Antone's.

The meeting adjourned at 9:51 p.m.

Robert B. Blake Executive Director

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## From the Bulletin

JANUARY 1936 — FIFTY YEARS AGO

The year 1936 marked the emergence from the Depression. We did not know it that January, when President L. G. Coe wrote "Our recent years of depression have so effected all of us, have given rise to such changes and alterations in our economic, social, and political viewpoints and philosophies that the expressed wish for a Happy New Year carries with it . . . a more poignant meaning than theretofore.

As usual the Secretary (R. B. Poling) complained about the poor attendance at the annual business meeting when such minor business as electing

the Society officers was transacted by 64 of the members.

FORTY YEARS AGO — JANUARY 1946

Edward J. Reilly was President and George McKelvey was President-Elect. V. L. Goodwin was Secretary and P. J. McOwen the Treasurer, C. A. Gustafson was Editor and had Mary Herald, new Executive Secretary, to help him. Delegates were E. J. Wenaas, John McCann, Bill Skipp, E. C. Baker, John J. McDonough and W. J. Tims.

V. L. Goodwin headed the Program Committee; J. K. Herald was Social Chairman; Sam Zoss had Post-Graduate Day; John McDonough was in charge of Public Health and DeCicco was Economics Chairman; Tims had

Public Relations and Getty had Indigent Reilef.

There were 232 active members, 5 interne members, 12 non-resident, 6 honorary and 1 associate. Forty-four members were not yet discharged from the military service. Eighty-two of the active members were working on committees.

The service records of Major P. R. McConnell, Capt. M. H. Steinberg, Capt. L. H. Moyer, Major S. D. Goldberg, Major Asher Randall, Comdr. Stanley Myers and Capt. O. M. Lawton were published. Captain Barclay Brandmiller arrived home after Christmas but in time for New Year's Day.

THIRTY YEARS AGO — JANUARY 1956

G. E. DeCicco was President. S. W. Ondash was President-Elect. A. A. Detesco was Secretary and A. K. Phillips was Treasurer. C. W. Stertzbach was Editor of the Bulletin.

New active members that month were: A. DiDomenico, W. G. Tobin, I. H. Grove, and D. R. Bernat. Interne members were: J. C. Melnick, R. A.

Keffler, A. S. Weekly and Richard Stein

The Blue Cross and Blue Shield plan of hospital and surgical benefits was offered to the members. They were being canvassed to see if the necessary 75% would sign up. They did.

TWENTY YEARS AGO — JANUARY 1966 Fred Resch was President; Harold Reese was President-Elect; Clyde

Walter was Secretary; and M. C. Raupple was Treasurer.

Robert L. Jenkins was Editor of the Bulletin. The Society had new headquarters in the Bel-Park Bldg. and Howard Rempes was Executive Secretary.

Jack Schreiber's article, "Your Doctor and the A.M.A." was featured

in the Saturday Evening Post.

New members that month were: Active - Samuel Adornato, Rudolph Basso, Isadore Mendel, Richard S. Richards and Wm. Torok. Associate members — Alfonso Corso and R. L. Paulino.

TEN YEARS AGO — JANUARY 1976

W. E. Sovik was the new President; J. J. Anderson was Vice-President (no more President-Elect). A. T. Deramo was Secretary and Y. T. Chiu was Treasurer. The new Editor of the Bulletin was James A. Lambert who stated, "There really needs to be an entire re-thinking and re-dedication on the part

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of the entire membership." But, as usual, the same faithful few showed up

at the meetings.

Ground was broken December 17, 1975, for the new North Eastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine basic Medical Sciences Building at Rootstown, Ohio. Dr. Leonard Caccamo was there representing Youngstown State University as a Trustee, a position richly deserved. The ceremony was conducted by Dr. Stanley W. Olson.

There were 36 Honorary members, 286 Active members, 35 Associate

members and 24 Non-resident members, for a total of 381.

New members that month were: Active — Cesar A. Ariza, M.D., Guaroa Ariza, M.D., E. O. Galanternik, M.D., Raymond W. Jackson, M.D., James A. Lambert, M.D., Robert R. Rich, M.D., Gerald S. Sevachko, M.D., and J. P. Shah, M.D. Associate members were Ronald Aiello, D.O., Masur Ur Rehman Bhatti, M.D., L. N. Harichand, M.D., Hyun-Bo Lee, M.D.

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## ITEMS

#### From the Exec's Desk

ROBERT B. BLAKE, Executive Director

There has been a lot of movement in the Society during the past year or so. Many of the physicians have changed location, moved to another building or traveled to another site across town, all to newer and/or better quarters, we hope.

One thing to be remembered is that you must inform the Ohio State Medical Board, Licensure Division, of your new address. That's right, the Licensure Division of the Ohio State Medical Board, 65 South Front Street,

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Even if you are currently receiving communications from the Ohio State Medical Board, do not assume that the License Division has your NEW address. The License Division will mail your application for license renewal to the address they have on file. IT WILL NOT BE FORWARDED and, if they do not have your current address, they will get it back.

We had a local physician who didn't receive a renewal application, never filed for his new license and ended up in a bit of trouble, just because his change of address had not been sent to Columbus. IF YOU ARE IN DOUBT, notify the Licensure Division of current address. Applications for renewal

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The Mahoning County Medical Society is working in cooperation with the Ohio Department of Human Services and St. Elizabeth Hospital Medical Center to provide a Medicaid Management Information System Seminar in February. The seminar will take place Feb. 6 and will cover all the NEW forms and procedure being implemented in the MEDICAID program. A lot of the current forms will be consolidated into one form and the new "on-line" system will be explained. Notice about the seminar will go to all active physicians' offices.

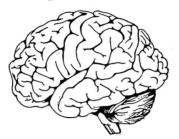
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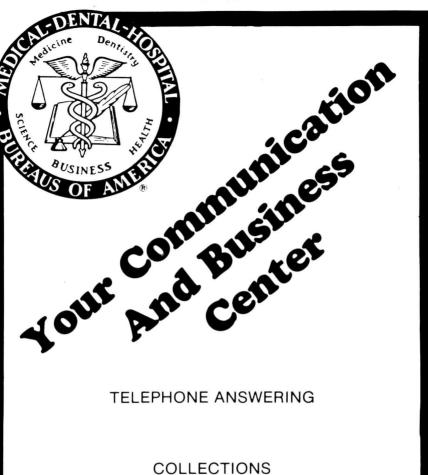
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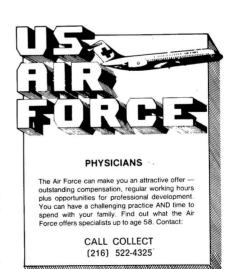
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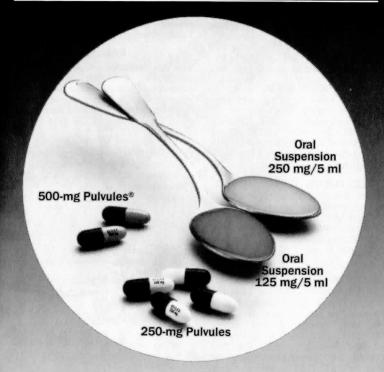
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