

THE MAHONING COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY BULLETIN

*Thou must be like a promontory of the sea,
against which, though the waves beat contin-
ually, yet it both itself stands, and about it are
those swelling waves stilled and quieted.*

—*Marcus Aurelius.*

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The Bulletin as a new-born infant modestly greets the members and friends of the Mahoning County Medical Society. Conceived in the mind of the President and born by the travail of the Editorial Committee, it wishes to take this opportunity to thank those who watched by the bedside and aided in the delivery, and asks that you receive this nursling to your breasts that it may grow strong and rugged through its first year during which infant mortality is the highest.

This is your journal. Your ideas and suggestions as to its form and contents will be gladly received. It hopes to reflect your progressive spirit as shown by your professional activities and ideals. It is supported solely by the income from the advertising in its pages, no remuneration is paid to anyone on its staff, and it is intended to be not only a chronicle of past and future events, but also a medium of exchange of ideas among the membership to the end that it will stimulate an even greater interest in Society affairs and aid in the crystallization of opinion on various matters which affect the profession.

The united sentiment of a strong organization containing the best minds of the medical fraternity of this County, expressed through such a medium, should have a great deal of weight and should command the respectful attention of everyone on matters of public health or other issues on which the profession is entitled to speak with authority.

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PROGRAM for JANUARY MEETING

Tuesday Evening, January 27th

At Youngstown Club

Dr. HUGH TROUT

of Roanoke, Virginia

Lecture with Motion Pictures

"The Relief of Pericardial Adhesions"

Meeting called to order at 8:30 P. M.

Buffet Luncheon

COMING EVENTS

Dr. P. Brooke Bland, Professor of Obstetrics at Jefferson Medical College, will be here in February for an all-day demonstration.



Watch the Bulletin for detailed announcement.



The Annual Banquet will be held on March Tenth at the Youngstown Club and will be bigger and better than ever. Our banquet committee has one of the foremost humorists in the country coming for this event.

Constitutional Amendment

At the annual meeting December 16, 1930, the committee for revision of the constitution to conform to the model constitution as advised by the State Medical Society adopted the following changes which must be voted upon by the society. These articles are hereby submitted ten days before the meeting at which they are to be voted upon: for adoption as specified by the constitution:

Chapter III, Section I, to be changed to read as follows: The dues for the different classes of membership shall be respectively as follows: Active, \$15.00 per year; Non-Resident, \$2.00 per year, and Honorary, none.

Chapter III, Section 2, to be changed to read as follows: The dues of all members shall be due and payable in advance before the 1st of December preceding the calendar year for which such dues are collected. Note—Delinquency of dues after January first, forfeits the right of the individual to Medical Defense furnished by the State Medical Society, during the period of delinquency.

Chapter III, Section 4, to be changed to read as follows: A member suspended for non-payment of dues, shall be restored to membership on the payment of all indebtedness, provided such payment is made within one year of delinquency. Members who have been more than one year in arrears, shall be dropped from the membership roll and can be reinstated only through regular application as is required of new members. A member shall be deemed delinquent and in arrears in all his relationships as a member from and during the period extending from January 1, of the current year, until his dues and assessments have been paid.

Chapter VII, Section 2, to be changed to read as follows: Special meetings shall be called at any time by the President at the direction of the Council or upon written request of five active members of the Society. At such meetings, any programme of literary exercises may be offered, but such business shall be transacted as has been specified on the call of the meeting.

Signed: Dr. D. H. Smeltzer
 Dr. M. H. Bachman

President's Corner

More than fifty years ago the Mahoning County Medical Society was organized by a group of physicians of this County. No such local organization had preceded this one, but the founders were men of vision and of action. For years the regular meetings were held in the offices or residences of the members. Scientific papers were presented, discussion was animated and at times bitter indeed. New discoveries were frowned upon until definitely proved, but withal there was awakened professional interest on the part of the members of the Society. Gradually the roster included more names. Some years held more of scientific advancement than others but never did the organization become defunct. These men were the pioneers and hard was the road they blazed.

In 1931 we find ourselves to consist of nearly 170 members. We meet regularly in luxurious environment. We are addressed and instructed by masters of our art. We travel on cushioned wheels. We have much within the reach which was beyond the most fanciful dreams of our predecessors. In recent years we seem to have made rapid strides. And toward what?

The Constitution of our Society states that "the purposes of this Society shall be to bring into one organization the physicians of Mahoning County, so that by frequent meetings and full and frank interchange of views they may secure such intelligent unity and harmony in every phase of their labor as will elevate and make effective the opinions of the profession in all scientific, legislative, public health, material and social affairs, to the end that the profession may receive that respect and support within its own ranks and from the community to which its honorable history and great achievements entitle it."

It seems that we have been following our purposes rather well but it is not for us to be satisfied and to repose in our success. Conditions are definitely changing in our country and we must adapt ourselves to those conditions. We must be constantly thinking and planning for better things. Many of the ideas and experiences which we have inherited are invaluable and must be retained,—others are even antique and must be discarded.

For 1931,—if we can become better acquainted with one another,—if we can continue the type of scientific meeting which we have recently enjoyed,—if through these events and our efforts our members may be stimulated to pursue diligent study and reading of our journals and volumes and if we can encourage post-graduate work,—if we can advise in matters where the public health is affected,—if we can perform these functions, then we shall justify our existence and it is the community which shall profit by our being organized, and we shall profit in the realization of a high type of medical service indeed well performed.

Some suggestions for consideration by the County Society Committee on Public Health.

1. Periodic physical examinations: their importance, proper forms as a guide in carrying out such examinations; advisability of having demonstration.
2. The advisability of having all T. A. T. immunizations done by the family physician, except in indigent families. Best method for accomplishing above. Furnishing by Boards of Health or Boards of Education of suitable slips to be given to immunized children.
3. Signs in physicians offices, such as: "Is your child protected against smallpox and diphtheria."
4. Copies of quarantine regulations to physicians.
5. Milk commission.
6. Suggestions as to fuller and fairer coöperation of physicians with Health Departments.

Dues

The officers wish to express their appreciation of the prompt manner in which seventy-five percent of the members have responded.

To the other twenty-five percent we wish to call your attention to Chapter III, Section 2 of the Constitution, printed elsewhere on page three, which states that any one delinquent forfeits his right to Medical Defense. We trust you all know whether or not you are delinquent. If in doubt call 7-7224. If you know you are delinquent kindly send your check immediately to the Secretary.

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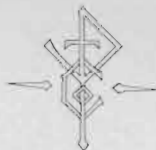
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Notes

The Medical Society has lost several members due to change of residence during the past year. Dr. T. R. Shrop, who moved to New Castle, Penna., Dr. R. E. Gardner, who has moved to Mentor, Ohio, and Dr. J. R. Sullivan who has moved to Elyria, Ohio.

Dr. E. H. Jones is at the Massachusetts General Hospital taking special work in Skin Diseases and Cancer.

Dr. P. R. McConnell is at the New York Post-Graduate studying urology.

Dr. Rosenfeld has returned recently from Vienna and Berlin where he gave special attention to internal medicine and fluoroscopy.

Dr. M. S. Zervos has been elected president of the Greek-American Progressive Association.

It is with regret that we announce the death of an Honorary member, Dr. Silas Schiller, who died on December 23, 1930. Dr. Schiller was president of the Ohio State Medical Association in 1902.

If any of the members know a physician in this community who should be affiliated you may get an application for him from the Secretary.

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—Arthur Lippmann.

Hospital Notes

Hospitals in the State of Ohio will be relieved of a great liability if the proposed new automobile bill is passed by the Legislature. This is a law that Hospitals receive compensation from the general maintenance and repair fund for indigent patients injured in traffic accidents and unable to defray Hospital expenses.

The Legislature will also have before it at this session a health bill sponsored by the rural districts, levying one cent tax on every package of cigarettes sold in the state. The revenue has been estimated at four and one half million dollars annually to be used in Public Health work, divided equally between the cities and rural districts.

A bill is already before Congress proposing an appropriation of \$52,000,000 to erect additional hospitals for veterans. The bill, if passed, will provide additional hospital facilities at government expense for veterans and their families regardless of whether their sickness or injury is of service origin or not.

Every citizen of course wants to see that all veterans suffering from service disabilities are given the best care that can be obtained. But we question the wisdom of building the proposed additional institutions to care for non-service ailments in competition with existing hospitals which may be in position to give as good or better care and which are not supported by taxation.

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