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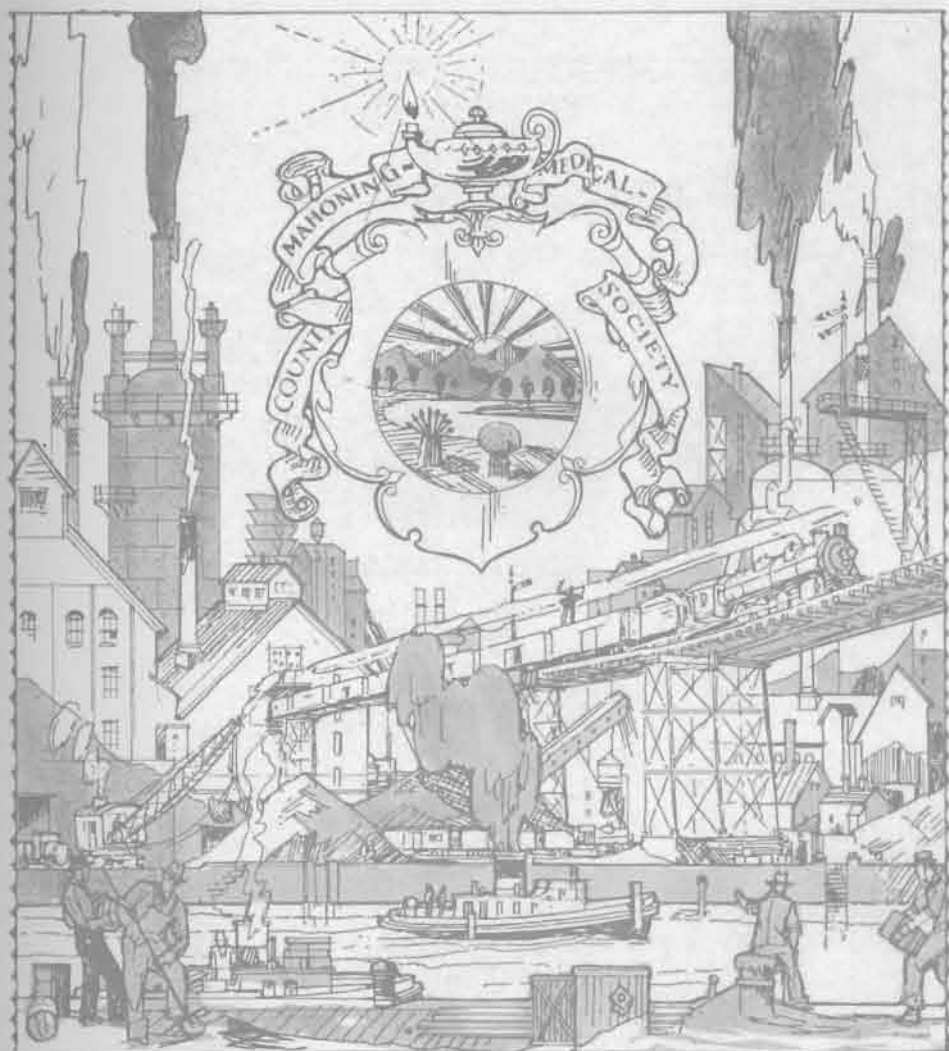
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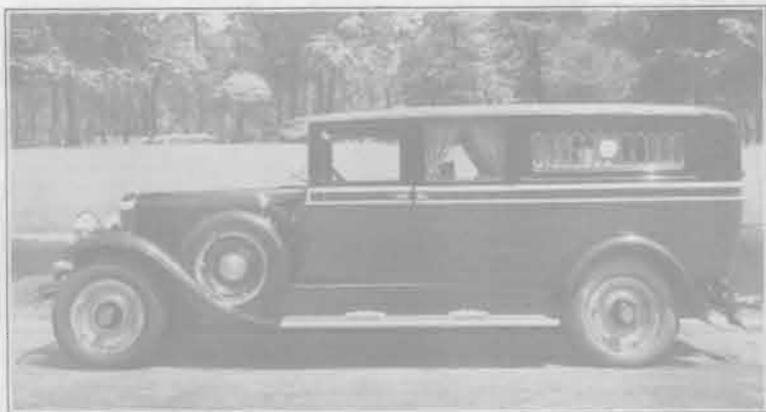
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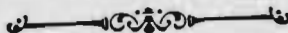
If you had to ride on a Band Wagon wouldn't you like to have a choice in the kind of seats provided?

Just because there will be no meetings until Fall does not mean we should forget that there is a Medical Society. As I have said before, this coming year is most important politically, and it is very essential that we get our horn in now and not wait until it is too late.

There is not any question whatever in my own mind that some day, not far off, there will be some form of socialized medicine, whether we want it or not. If that is so, then we should be thinking along these lines and try to formulate ideas so that we can have some definite plans to suggest and fight for instead of sitting back and becoming the victims of our own careless indifference.

Your splendid response to the business meeting has given your officers new courage and zeal for the work ahead of us. We need it. Thank you.

A. E. BRANT.





# The Mahoning County Medical Society BULLETIN

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## WHY MEDICAL ORGANIZATION?

Committee reports presented at the recent business meeting revealed a state of organized efficiency and inter-committee co-operation which probably has never before been attained in this Society. But compared to what is in prospect in the minds of its officers for the future development of this body, our present state is one of lispng infancy.

It is well known that there are some who do not approve of what is being done and there are those who do not hesitate to say "Why all this organization? Why not tend to our business of caring for the sick and let all this fol-de-rol alone?"

The reasons for medical organization are two-fold. First, to benefit the public through a more efficient, well informed and progressive body of physicians. Second, to benefit the physician himself by scientific programs, by interchange of ideas and by protection against harmful outside influences. Think what a step backward it would be to give up all meetings of the County Society! There is no doubt that the effect upon the quality of local medical practice would be harmful indeed. Granted that *some* medical organization is good, the question is, where should it stop? It is our opinion that it should stop before it reaches the point where the good of the public and the patient personally are placed second to any other consideration.

To consider the first reason, surely there is no doubt that the public will benefit through increased efficiency if we have our own Central Office with a telephone exchange handling our calls, with supplies of culture tubes, vaccines and sera on hand. Surely the public will benefit from public health activities in the way of educational talks by our own members and visitors of distinction, by our alertness in advising measures to control epidemics and cooperating with the local Board of Health, by our inspections of schools and other public institutions, and by our assumption of leadership in public health matters.

As for the second reason, who can deny that we have received untold benefit from our monthly scientific programs, our Post Graduate Days and our opportunity for friendly interchange of ideas? When it comes to protection against harmful outside influences, what can one doctor here and there do, except complain, if the rest are all indifferent? To quote the Pittsburgh Medical Bulletin, "Where was our organization when the Workmen's Compensation Act was passed? Where was our organization when the National Prohibition Law was passed? Where was our organization when the National Narcotic Law was passed, which taxes our individual members to support laws to control addicts?" Let us add a question of our own—where will our organization be when State Medicine comes? And we firmly believe that it will come in some form sooner or later. Individually you will be able to say very little about the methods under which it will operate. Strongly organized you may be able to build a system which will be fair to all and prove a blessing to an overworked and underpaid medical profession.

These are some of the reasons for improving medical organization. Will you help?  
J. L. F.

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**Medical Gleanings**

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Dr. and Mrs. John R. Buchanan announce the birth of a son.

Dr. O. W. Haulman is recuperating from his illness by vacationing in northern Michigan.

Dr. Birch's marriage recently was a prominent social event.

Doctors enjoyed a dinner and a very pleasant evening at the home of Dr. Armin Elsaesser, and were introduced to his new son, Emil Peter.

Dr. Edgar Baker had the members of the Medical Arts Club completely snowed under and counted out by his paper on "The Physics of Radiation" at their last meeting.

We are pleased to see Dr. Coy out again after his recent illness.

Co-operation with the Board of Health during the smallpox epidemic means urging all your patients to be vaccinated.

Plans are under way for a picnic at the Heberding Farm, details to be announced later.

## Secretary's Report

DR. W. M. SKIPP

Council has held meetings on June 8th, June 20th, and June 21st, 1932, when there was much discussion on the different plans for election of officers. The changes to the Constitution were gone over in detail with the members of the Constitution Committee. This is a rehash of what was presented at the semi-annual business meeting on June 28th, 1932.

On June 21st, 1932, the regular meeting was held in the Youngstown Club, with Dr. Chester D. Christy of Western Reserve University, as the speaker of the evening. He gave a very enlightening and instructive paper on diabetes. Before the address by Dr. Christy, Dr. Brant presented to the society a letter that was written by the Youngstown Hospital to the City and to the County Commissioners, explaining the seriousness of the Hospitals' finances, and this letter stated that if aid was not immediately forthcoming, the South Side Unit would have to close its doors. The hospital trustees made a proposition that the City pay ten thousand dollars a month from now until the first of the year 1933. This amount would cover any new permits and would pay up the indebtedness to the hospital for past permits. A similar letter was sent to the County Commissioners, with the figure being three thousand dollars.

Reports from Dr. O. W. Haulman are that he is doing very nicely, but it is impossible to state when he will return to work. At the present time Dr. A. J. Brandt has taken over the doctor's practice until he returns.

Dr. Richard Gross, one of our close friends from a neighboring city has been taken ill, and at the present time is located at the following address, 57 Park Avenue, Saranac, N. Y. Dr. Richard Shannon is taking over his work until he returns.

Dr. H. L. Beers is ill at his home on Madison Avenue.

A son, Emil Peter, was born to Dr. & Mrs. Armin Elsaesser on June 14th, 1932. Both mother and babe are doing nicely.

Dr. Otis D. Brungard was elected a member of our society at the semi-annual business meeting on June 28th, 1932.

The name of W. P. Young was read, and the application turned over to the Censors.

On June 28th, 1932, the semi-annual business meeting was held with ninety members present. A wonderful dinner was served, and reports of all standing committees given, which was very interesting. For all the meeting was long, it was not tiresome or boring. It was interesting in this respect, that the members were enlightened as to the work of the society and the work of each and every committee, and that they were doing a good job in organizing and conducting the business of the society. This office feels that the members of the society should thank our president for his efforts and enthusiasm, as it is due to his untiring and devoted service that our society is progressing and going forward with such rapid speed. A great number of changes were made in the Constitution and By-laws of the State organization. These changes have been submitted to the secretary of the state organization. As there is a great deal of legislation coming up this fall that pertains to the practice of medicine and public health laws, this office earnestly requests in conjunction with the president, that each member knowing a candidate for our state legislature either senator or representative, contact this individual and if possible get his views and put him straight as to medical practice acts and public health measures.

W. M. SKIPP, M. D.



REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON A CENTRAL OFFICE

During ten years membership in the Mahoning County Medical Society, I have seen the society grow from a membership of less than 100 to a membership of 170 and have seen the attendance at meetings grow from 20 or 30 up to more than 400 at our recent Post Graduate Day meeting. During this transition the duties of the officers have increased proportionately. The duties of the Secretary have increased from keeping minutes of meetings, sending out notices of meetings and helping with collection of dues to duties that involve a vast volume of correspondence in addition to handling a greatly increased mailing list.

The duties of the Treasurer have increased from handling dues and rent of meeting place to handling the funds of an organization that spends about \$8,000 a year.

The duties of the other officers and committees have increased in proportion and the detail work of the Bulletin is great and time-consuming, so that it is an imposition to elect a busy practitioner to any of these offices and expect him to perform these duties in addition to his professional work.

The Council of the Society which has met often and discussed voluminously during the last year, fully appreciates this situation and believe we have arrived at the proper stage to establish a central office and engage a paid secretary. We have considered including telephone exchange, credit rating system, collecting agency, medical finance plan, insurance agency, office girl agency and other allied enterprises ad infinitum. We have invited promoters, finance plan enthusiasts, credit rating men, and collectors to our meetings and listened to their propositions. We have visited Akron and investigated their system. We have visited local concerns that are interested in this type of work, and finally our President has appointed this committee to present to the society the figures we consider necessary for the establishment of a central office, secretary, telephone exchange and credit rating system. We have attempted to determine the minimum expense that will lay the corner stone of what to us appears to be a building of unlimited possibilities.

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We do not ask for a motion on this report, we do not want a vote at this time but we do want discussion. We feel that if this project is sufficiently discussed, every member can be persuaded of its value to the society and that dollars spent in establishing such an office will be returned many fold in the next few years. But most important of all is the fact that the society cannot continue to expand and sponsor meetings such as we have had in the last few years under the old regime.

A central office with a manager is not a luxury, it is a necessity, and I am firmly convinced that we would have come to the breaking point this year if the volume of professional work had been up to normal.

—WENDELL H. BENNETT, M. D.



PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT  
COMMUNICABLE DISEASES, JUNE 1932

|                                    |    |
|------------------------------------|----|
| Chicken pox cases .....            | 33 |
| Diphtheria cases .....             | 3  |
| Measles cases .....                | 34 |
| Scarlet fever cases .....          | 39 |
| Smallpox cases .....               | 42 |
| Whooping cough cases .....         | 55 |
| Septic sore throat .....           | 1  |
| Mumps .....                        | 1  |
| LaGrippe .....                     | 3  |
| Pulmonary tuberculosis cases ..... | 16 |
| Syphilis .....                     | 5  |
| Pneumonia .....                    | 2  |
| Gonorrhoea .....                   | 1  |
| Typhoid fever .....                | 1  |

MUNICIPAL HOSPITAL REPORT  
JUNE 1932

|                         |    |
|-------------------------|----|
| Smallpox .....          | 35 |
| Diphtheria .....        | 1  |
| Syphilis-Positive ..... | 4  |
| Syphilis-Negative ..... | 3  |

It will be noted by a careful study or comparison of the previous months report that the Municipal Hospital cases have increased from 25 to 43. The smallpox cases having increased from 12 to 35.

It will be noted that the report for the month shows a very gratifying decrease in the total number of communicable diseases reported. The total number for June was 236 as compared to 405 in May. This is a decrease in all types, except smallpox.

It is unfortunate that the number of smallpox cases have not decreased. This epidemic has now spread to all parts of the city. The Health Department of the City of Youngstown again wishes to urge the medical profession to assist in every way possible to try and correct this condition.

C. H. BEIGHT,  
Commissioner of Health

## DR. ARTHUR P. SMYTHE

On July eleventh the Society lost one of its most distinguished and beloved members. Coming to Youngstown in 1913, Dr. Smythe engaged in the Practice of Medicine, was elected to the Staff of St. Elizabeth's Hospital and at the time of his death was Senior Attending Physician on the Medical Service. He was elected President of the Mahoning County Medical Society in 1926, and since then has done valuable service on the Council and various committees. During his long illness, his patience and cheerfulness were an example to all. Such men are a credit to the profession and a valuable asset to the community they serve.

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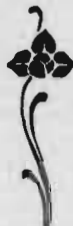
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## Contemporary Review

Stimulated by the National Parent-Teacher Association, the local organization wished to cooperate in the program outlined by the National Association for the examination of children of pre-school age—those who will enter school for the first time this fall. In substance the national plan was to have parents bring these children to the school in their vicinity and have them examined without fee. This plan was opposed by the Medical Economics Committee and a counter proposal of procedure was substituted and accepted.

The Board of Education has sent a card to every family with a child entering school for the first time this fall. One side of this card is for the record of the examination and bears this headed inscription: "All Clothing should be Removed for Record of Pre-School Health Examination." On the reverse side is printed the following suggestion:

### Interest Parent:

"It is well known that many children when they first come in close contact with others in a group develop illness of some kind. It is very seldom that little folks escape every sort of sickness for they do not have an immunity or resistance to disease.

"Many conditions of the delicate body tissues make the younger pupils liable to have an illness.

"With the idea of having your child enter school in the best possible condition so as to escape sickness, and also as a means of knowing whether other children are safe when placed in a room with your child, you are asked to take this card to your family doctor and dentist. Have each carefully examine your child and record his findings. Take the card to school when your child enters in September. Insist that your doctor and dentist do everything to give your child the best health and greatest protection. If teeth are bad, have them treated. Large or diseased tonsils need removal as a rule. Lungs and heart need care. Secure protection against smallpox and diphtheria.

"The Board of Education and its workers want your child ready to se-

cure the greatest good from school opportunities and be without any body weakness that will hinder progress."

During the summer the Health Commissioner will instruct the City Nurses to call on all these families and urge that their children be taken to the respective family physicians for examination and immunization. Children of indigent families will be cared for by the Health Department. This fine cooperation is very much appreciated by the medical profession.

The Toledo Academy of Medicine-Bulletin.

Mouth cancer would disappear if it were not for tobacco, bad teeth and syphilis.

*Dr. James Ewing.*

No one can be a good physician who has no idea of surgical operations, and a surgeon is nothing if ignorant of Medicine. In a word, one must be familiar with both departments of Medicine.

*LANFRANC, seventh century.*

It has become increasingly apparent within recent months that governing bodies composed in part of selfish-minded politicians, lacking in fundamental knowledge, are unable to cope wisely with the extraordinary economic problems facing the country. If we are to find our way out of the present maze, it will be when the medical profession, together with the other highly-trained groups of citizens, reawaken their interest in problems of government and see to it that they are capably represented in our governing bodies.

*—Bulletin of the Academy of Medicine of Cleveland.*

The Examination of the *pre-school-age child* is to be made only in the physician's office this year, following the custom established the last few years. Repeated requests to allow neighborhood physicians to conduct a school clinic for this examination have been denied and it is not considered proper for a member of the Society to take part in such a clinic.

*—Bulletin of the Wayne County Medical Society.*

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—Spokane Medical Society Bulletin

Ohio says "only" in contemplation of 121 smallpox cases during April; but only one case would be 100 percent too many.

Despite the fact that no child need have diphtheria, Ohio still has a weekly average of 43 cases, which represent 43 instances of individual neglect.

Ohio had a daily average of 57 cases of scarlet fever in April, and those who recovered probably will have 57 kinds of life-shortening sequellae.

—Ohio Health News.

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## Contemporary Review

In 2285 B. C., a considerable time before Moses who is considered the law giver, Hammurabi, King of Babylon saw fit to regulate the professional conduct of doctors and their fees:

"If a doctor has treated a gentleman for a severe wound with a bronze lancet and has cured the man, or has opened an abscess of the eye for a gentleman with a bronze lancet and has cured the gentleman, he shall take ten shekels of silver.

"If he (the patient) be the son of a poor man, he shall take five shekels of silver.

"If he be a gentleman's servant, the master of the servant shall give two shekels of silver to the doctor.

"If the doctor has treated a gentleman for a severe wound with a lancet of bronze and has caused the gentleman to die, or has opened an abscess of the eye for a gentleman with the bronze lancet and has caused the loss of the gentleman's eye, one shall cut off his hands.

"If a doctor has treated the severe wound of a slave of a poor man with a bronze lancet and has caused his death, he shall render slave for slave.

If he has opened his abscess with a bronze lancet, and has made him lose his eye, he shall pay money, half his price.

"If a doctor has cured the shattered limb of a gentleman, or has cured the diseased bowel, the patient shall give five shekels of silver to the doctor.

"If it is the son of a poor man, he shall give three shekels of silver.

"If a gentleman's servant, the master of the slave shall give two shekels of silver to the doctor."

(The Bulletin of the Des Moines Academy of Medicine and Polk County Medical Society.)

It is a generally accepted axiom that treatment, applied without a sound diagnosis, is futile or worse; yet how many physicians of your acquaintance are making really thorough examinations of every patient who consults them? How many are making oracular diagnoses by means of some hypothetical divine inspiration, supposedly conferred by the receipt of a mystical sheepskin covered with runes, *without the laying on of hands?*

—*Reed and Carrick Medical Observer.*

"Physicians can be divided into two great groups: those that are learning and those that are forgetting; those that each year know more, and those that each year know less. There seems no third group, those that are stationary.

*Dr. Henry A. Christian.*

### SPEAKER'S BUREAU BEING ORGANIZED

Will you help the Mahoning County Medical Society provide occasional speakers on medical and allied subjects? Such requests are frequently made to the officers of the Society by P. T. A., Service Clubs, Mother's Clubs, etc., and it would seem advisable to provide such facilities.

This seems a worth while effort and function of our Society; and this Committee has been appointed to organize available material. Please advise us of the subjects on which you yourself will be prepared to talk, so that we can reply promptly when and if requests for such talks come to us. For your convenience the coupon below may be filled in and mailed or handed to one of the Committee.

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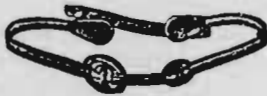
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The young cow is called a calf, and is used in the manufacture of chicken salad.

The cow's tail is mounted aft and has a universal joint. It is used to disturb marauding flies. The tassel on the end has unique educational value. Persons who will milk cows and come often in contact with the tassel have vocabularies of peculiar and impressive force.

The cow has two stomachs. The one on the ground floor is used as a warehouse and has no other function. When this one is filled, the cow retires to a quiet place where her ill manners will occasion no comment and devotes herself to belching. The raw material thus conveyed for the second time to the interior of her face is pulverized and delivered to the auxiliary stomach, where it is converted into cow.

The cow has no upper plate. All of her teeth are parked in the lower part of her face. This arrangement was perfected by an efficiency expert to keep her from gumming things up. As a result, she bites up and gums down.

The male cow is called a bull. He is lassoed along the Colorado, fought south of the Rio Grande, and shot in the vicinity of the Potomac.

A slice of cow is worth 8 cents in the cow, 14 cents in the hands of packers, and \$2.40 in a restaurant that specializes in atmosphere.

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Included amongst safety-first measures, we respectfully suggest that hereafter all safety-pins be made of gold so that when swallowed and retained within the bodies of infants, they (the pins) will not corrode.

We remember the "coin sound" used in chest diagnosis, but that term is now obsolete and should not be taught. No one remembers what coin sounds like, and the term is not descriptive enough. We are, however, thoroughly conversant with "flat" sounds at this stage of the depression.

Some of us will be joining the nudist cult through force of necessity before much longer.

Watch the person who "does not believe" in vaccination. Too often he is also agnostic as regards payment of bills.

So many of our bonds have turned out to be fetters. At least they have kept us tied down for the past 2½ years.

Why are farmers so much like financiers? Yes, Gerald, they have each felt constrained to water their stock.

There is also the difficulty of budgeting one's balance (if any).

Here we've been shaving all these years and no efficiency expert has even suggested any use for the shavings. Think of the economic loss.

Ardent "dry" speaker deplores the fact that one of our Ambassadors drank whiskey and soda. We agree. That soda does have a rather flat taste.

These bonus "marchers" should have pretty well-developed thumbs by the time they get back home.