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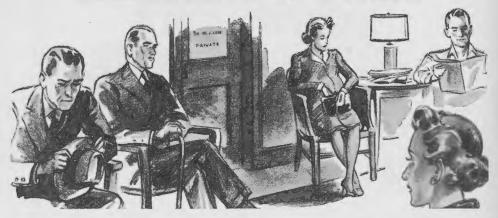
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PRESIDENT'S PACE

A decision concerning the attitude which we should take relative to a plan for mass chest X-ray survey of the population has been discussed at length by your Council and by the Public Health Committee. The Mahoning County Tuberculosis and Health Association requested your president to accept membership on a committee to help in the establishment of such a service. The other medical members of this committee are: Doctors Heberding, Baker, Tamarkin, Birch, Main, McCann, Mylott, and Reilly.

It seems certain that the United States Public Health Service will set up a registry for records of tuberculosis patients and for making chest X-rays of the population in this county unless it is done by a local group. The Medical Society, therefore, has an opportunity to perform a service to the community by cooperating with a well established organization which for years has distributed the Christmas seals so successfully and which has tuberculosis as its chief interest. The Council has gone on record as favoring a mass chest X-ray survey as a diagnostic measure. We have asked for representation on the Executive Committee of the Mahoning County Tuberculosis and Health Association but no final action has yet been taken on this point. It is planned to have a transportable X-ray unit which can be taken to the schools and to the various industries. Doctors Heberding, Baker, and Tamarkin have volunteered their services to read the small X-ray films. This will require a great deal of their time and certainly is a sacrifice on the part of these busy members of our Society for the good of the community. About 25,000 school children have already been expeditiously X-rayed on small films at the South Unit. Other cities have similar plans.

We are not certain of the advantages which will accrue from the establishment of a downtown central clinic for tuberculosis patients which has also been suggested. It will be expensive to equip and to maintain such a center. It has been suggested that apart from a central office for clearing the records of all tuberculosis patients, that cases could be better served through the Mahoning County Tuberculosis Sanatorium. If you have any suggestions, please pass them on to the Chairman of the Public Health Committee or to any member of Council.

W. H. BUNN, M. D., President.

The Red Cross has initiated a campaign this month to solicit subscriptions for war work. The speaker who opened the campaign asked us to consider this thought: "You are giving through the Red Cross rather than to the Red Cross." Place your subscription through the most convenient channel.

FEBRUARY MEETING

The February program of the County Society was given by Major Leo Walzer, Chief of the cardiac section of the Fourth General Hospital. The Major is a graduate of the Harvard Medical School and had practiced internal medicine in Cleveland prior to joining the army. He has spent thirty-five months overseas and is at present at the Crile

General Hospital.

His interesting talk was a resume of his experiences in cardiology while overseas. Compliments were extended to the weeding-out process before the inductees enter the army. The number of actual cases of heart disease seen, were extremely few, compared with the total number of men in the area which he served. A few cases of active rheumatic fever developed while the men were in the army. In one of these cases the first attack was actually in the tropics. Chronic valvular disease, coronary occlusion, hypertension, myocradial infarction, and congenital heart disease were all seen in small numbers. Idiopathic pericarditis was found in a few cases in the men in service. The main function of the cardiologist was to distinguish between actual organic heart disease and functional heart disease. Two or three cases of functional heart disease were seen for every one of actual organic heart disease. DeCosta described an irritable heart after the Civil War. In the last war the term neurocirculatory asthenia was used. At present this is not an acceptable diagnosis and these cases are now listed in the psychoneurotic field. A typical history was given of a case with functional heart disease. The complaint was made of shortness of breath, chest pain and inability to work. The physical examination was negative.

All laboratory studies were usually negative. The illness of the patient, however, was disabling. In this case psychiatric help was needed and usually not obtainable. Repeatedly the major stressed the psychiatric approach to medical problems and felt that this would be used many times after the war to once before the war. In these cases with functional heart disease the family history was had. Usually the individual had been pampered by the mother, was not athletic, had night-terrors and walked in his sleep. Usually schooling had been stopped early because of inability to properly fit into school life. Jobs had been numerous. When the inductee reached the army the life was too much for him. These cases were gradually evacuated to a General Hospital and here decision had to be made as to the final disposition. Some of the patients did have a murmur. Transient hypertension and tachycardia was also observed. When, however, the murmur was loud and persistent the diagnosis of organic heart disease was made. Two hour blood pressure readings for twentyfour to forty-eight hours were needed to decide whether the case was one of transient hypertension or persistent hypertension. It was difficult to prove the lack of organic heart disease.

Psychiatric findings were necessary in cases of functional heart disease. Occasionally abnormal E. K. G.'s were demonstrated and the individual might have a low metabolic rate.

A third group of patients was described by the major with the entity of scrub typus fever. This is one of a group of rickettsial diseases which are found in different parts of the world. An arthropod, an animal host and man are needed for the disease.



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The incubation period was between eight and ten days. The patient then presented generalized symptoms with diffuse lymph adenopathy. height of the disease occurred between the twelfth and twentieth day and deaths did occur during this period. Following this there was the long convalescence for ninety to onehundred twenty days. Mortality varied in different places even though these places were only two or three miles apart. The pathology was that of a diffuse vasculitis of the small vessels. The heart, lungs, brain and kidneys were the organs most damaged. The eyes occasionally showed evidence of damage. Some patients presented deafness and peripheral nerve palsy. There was exceeding weakness after the acute disease passed. In treatment of the disease fluids were given in moderation; excessive fluids and plasma were found to be incorrect treatment. The patient should not be moved during the acute phase. At present there is no effective remedy for this disease.

All of these present enjoyed this excellent resume of medical experi-

ence in the South Pacific.

ASSOCIATED HOSPITAL ELECTS OFFICERS

All officers of the Associated Hospital Service, non-profit group hospitalization program, were re-elected at the annual meeting of the organization in Youngstown Tuesday. They are A. C. Cook, president; Walter Bender, vice president; H. H. Wickham, secretary; and James P. Hyland, treasurer. Cook also is executive director of the organization.

At the same time all members of the board of trustees were named to serve another year. In addition to the officers they include Drs. W. K. Allsop, C. D. Hauser, and H. E. Patrick, and J. Fearnley Bonnell, David Endres, N. B. Folsom, F.

W. Mourey, J. A. Reisinger, Paul Wick, all of Youngstown, and H. Burdette Crow, of Steubenville. They represent hospitals, medical groups, and the public-at-large in the nine-county area covered by the plan.

Hospital expenditures on behalf of 13,109 member patients totaled \$662,393 for 1944, Cook reported. Members were hospitalized in institutions scattered throughout the United States and Canada and American territorial possessions as far away as Pearl Harbor. The average monthly hospitalization expenditure was \$55,200, and average cost per member-patient under contract terms was \$50.53. 1805 of the total members hospitalized received maternity care, at a total expenditure of \$98,-210 or \$54.41 per patient.

Maximum Hospital-Care Benefits For Associated Hospital Service Members

Maximum hospital-care benefits for the 160,000 members of the Associated Hospital Service will go into effect March 1st, according to an announcement by A. C. Cook, president and executive director of the organization. The extended program will include 31 days of care annually after two years' membership instead of the present 21, and will include many benefits not covered by the present contract. There will be a slight increase in premium rates.

The change was authorized by the Department of Insurance of Ohio last week and was approved by the board of trustees of the Blue Cross plan at a meeting held Wednesday at noon at the Youngstown Club. The change will be effective March 1st for all new applicants enrolling this month. Present members must sign a new enrollment card, because f the rate change.

"We are very happy about our new contract," Cook stated. "It has the full approval of the Ohio insurance department. Our members can now go to any general non-profit hospital the world over and, except for X-rays and blood transfusions, will have their entire bills paid on the basis of their contract classifications for 21 or 31 days, as the case may be. Higher priced accommodations than the contract indicates can also be had. In such instances members will pay the difference between the hospital's established rates."

Important additions to the present contract include all drugs and dressings, some of which were heretofore considered special, casts, all laboratory, pathological, and basal-metabolism examinations, serums, physiotherapy, and oxygen. Maternity care, available after ten months' membership, will now include all delivery room services and care of the newborn baby while the mother is a hospital patient.

Other than X-rays and the furnishing of whole blood or blood plasma, or more expensive room accommodations than the contract calls for, Cook says the only additional hospital charges will be for tax on meals, drugs taken home, or commodities not required in hospital treatment.

New premium rates will be 80¢ and \$1.00 for individual membership for the ward and semi-private contracts respectively; \$1.60 and \$2.00 for the family contract, including husband or wife and all children under 19 not married or gainfully employed; the same for the husband and wife contract only; or for one adult, husband or wife, and all children under 19 not married or employed. A dependent father or mother or adult brother or sister may enroll for the semi-private contract only at the rate of \$1.00 per month.

Membership is available only in groups of five or more through places of employment. More than 2,000 groups, embracing most places of employment in the nine-county area covered by the Associated Hospital Service, are now enrolled in the pro-

gram. Membership need not be relinquished by reason of employment changes, and is transferable from one employed group to another.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The regular monthly Council meeting was held at the office of the Secretary on the 12th of February. The following doctors were present: W. H. Bunn, G. M. McKelvey, E. J. Reilly, E. C. Baker, J. N. McCann, V. L. Goodwin, J. B. Birch, E. H. Nagel, and R. B. Poling.

Dr. C. A. Gustafson duly elected Alternate Delegate and Dr. E. J. Wenaas Delegate.

Tuberculosis X-Ray Clinic discussed. Moved, seconded and duly passed to adopt the following resolution:

Whereas: The Council of the Mahoning County Medical Society approves the plan of the survey proposed by the Mahoning County Tuberculosis and Health Association, in their health service plan referred to the Council.

Whereas: The Mahoning County Medical Society will submit details of the plan to the Public Health Committee of the Society for study and further recommendations working with the Mahoning County Tuberculosis and Health Association.

Whereas: A Tuberculosis Registry for Mahoning County should be established immediately.

Therefore: Council does not feel that a Central X-ray Clinic is practicable or feasible but that Portable X-ray Equipment should be purchased and used under the supervision of a proper medical executive committee.

G. M. McKELVEY, M. D., Secretary.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE

February 12, 1945
To the Council of Mahoning County
Medical Society:—

You will find enclosed a report of a special Committee appointed by President Bunn.

The report is self-explanatory. Each member of the Committee has approved this report and we suggest that it be published in the Mahoning County Medical Society Bulletin, so that the members of the Society will understand what the Red Cross is attempting to do for the dependents of Service Personnel (Army and Navy).

We of the Committee hope this answers many questions that are continually coming up between the profession and these dependents.

You will also find enclosed a copy of the minimum fee schedule which we recommended be used in this setup.

W. K. Allsop R. W. Fenton Wm. M. Skipp

Report to Council of a Special Committee appointed by President Wm. H. Bunn to discuss medical fees for dependents of service personnel of U. S. Armed Forces. Committee appointed—Dr. W. K. Allsop, Dr. Ray Fenton and Dr. Wm. M. Skipp.

This Committee met February 1, 1945, at the Red Cross Offices, Ohio Edison Bldg., with Miss Elizabeth Crawford, Executive Secretary, and Mrs. Lawrence D. McPhee, Home Service Director of the American Red Cross, Mahoning Chapter; also interviewed several of the Red Cross Case workers of which the Chapter employs eleven.

The purpose of this investigation and consultation with Red Cross executives was to bring to the Medical Profession of Mahoning County a better understanding of the handling of medical problems of these depend-

ents and as there was an apparent misunderstanding of the position and attitude of the Red Cross to clarify if possible this misunderstanding between the Red Cross and our profession.

The Red Cross feels that all these home dependents of our armed personnel would have proper and adequate medical care and that the amount paid either by the Red Cross or the Army or Navy Emergency Relief should be in keeping with the economic status of these people; that is, the service should be complete and the fees charged should be in keeping with the amount of money received by these dependents.

The Red Cross feels that medical service should be paid for just the same as food, clothing, heat and coal are paid and that the fee should be fair to all concerned.

The Red Cross is the investigating agent for the Army and Navy Relief service and must have all available information when submitting its report to these services for their consideration. As stated, the Red Cross employs investigators and in each case a thorough investigation is made and all income is determined other than that to be received from the Relief Service; also the ability of the dependent to pay for medical attention determined beforehand. If the individual is found able to carry on without aid, they are so informed: also the medical attendant is informed of this fact.

The Local Chapter will pay small medical bills but large outlays are referred to the Army or Navy Relief Service and thus the Red Cross just becomes the intermediator. When referring to these services (Army or Navy) a detailed report must be made of the dependent's economic status, the kind and extent of medical service and the cost of this service. Herein many questions may be

asked of the medical attendant which may seem personal but these services (Army and Navy) require such information before they will give economic aid. So in making such a report give all details possible. Do not just say, "Operation \$100.00 or \$250.00," but give amount of work necessary to get patient back to a self-supporting basis. For example, fee for operation may seem large but if hospital stay is given with amount of time required, the total would be less that should be charged. Medical fees such as heart or pneumonia should be itemized as completely as possible. In both instances when the report is reviewed at a distance it can be readily seen that the fee is not out of line with the service rendered.

The Committee found in checking bills from Mar. 1, 1944, to Jan. 1, 1945, that there was a wide variance in charges made by doctors for the same services rendered. We also noted that most charges were made in accordance with understanding of the doctors rendering the charge that they were charging a low-income patient. Here we feel there should be a minimum standard fee approved for

this type of practice.

The Council of the Ohio State Medical Association has recommended as of November, 1943, that a fee of about two-thirds the regular amount be rendered for these dependent cases and as this almost identically conforms to the fees set up by the Mahoning County Medical Society in its fee schedule of Aug. 20, 1935, we therefore recommend to the members of our Society that in making charges to the recipients of Army and Navy Relief that this minimum fee schedule be followed if possible.

From our investigation we feel that these cases are thoroughly investigated by the Case Workers of the Local Chapter of the American

Red Cross.

The Case Worker will contact the Medical attendant and many pertinent questions may be asked but it is

required by the services they are representing. Diagnosis—give what you can but do not involve your patient. Prognosis—cannot be answered in many cases, so tell the investigator to that effect.

All medical men have requests for getting service persons home because of sickness or surgical procedures. State your views to the investigator and it will be transmitted to the service person's commanding officer, which he no doubt will turn over to the soldier or sailor. Guard what you say for it may come back to you.

Do not find fault with the Red Cross investigators as they are only following instructions and cannot help what they have to ask and how

it may sound.

Wm. M. Skipp, M. D.

Ladies Auxiliary

Mrs. W. K. Allsop, Forest Glen Estates, entertained about sixty members of the Women's Auxiliary of the Mahoning County Medical Society at the February meeting. Assisting Mrs. Allsop were Mrs. Donald A. Gross, Chr. Mrs. W. Z. Baker and Mrs. A. J. Brandt.

Mrs. A. Earl Brant, President of the Auxiliary, presided at the buffet

supper table.

Awards at bridge went to Mrs. D. M. Rothrock, Mrs. R. W. Fenton, Mrs. R. H. Middleton, Mrs. James B. Nelson, Mrs. J. K. Herald, Mrs. J. J. Wasilko, Mrs. W. O. Mermis, Mrs. J. M. Benko and Mrs. John Goldcamp.

MODERN ART

Artist: That, sir, is a cow grazing. Visitor: Where is the grass? Artist: The cow has eaten it. Visitor: But where is the cow?

Artist: You don't suppose she'd be fool enough to stay there after she'd eaten all the grass, do you?

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS TO MEMBERSHIP

Several important measures are before the Legislature of Ohio at the present session. Our honorable representatives are looking to us for

guidance.

House Bill 62 and Senate Bill 164 are known as Christian Science bills. Both have the same meaning in that they would break down the Medical Practice Laws of this state so that anyone without training or even believing there is disease could and can treat the sick and dying of our

state with prayer.

The bill reads "Any provision of the General Code to the contrary notwithstanding the ministering to human ills through prayer or spiritual means alone, in accordance with the tenets or teachings of any religious denomination by a member in good standing of such denomination. shall not be regarded as practicing medicine." These bills must be opposed by all of us and all other right thinking persons. The children of our state should not be subjected to the ravages of disease when they cannot help themselves. These practitioners cannot make a diagnosis without training and how can a diagnosis be made if they believe there is no dis-

Also H. B. 224 should be vigorously opposed because it opens the doors of our state to all unqualified, untrained persons of this state or any other by giving these individuals who are called Naturopaths their own Licensure Board so that they could treat all diseases, injuries, etc., without training. This is unnecessary as the Medical Board now has the power to give examinations to those qualified to take the same and if passed shall issue a license in this limited practice, but the bill if passed will take away from the people of Ohio this protection.

H. B. 284 is the usual old Chiropractic Bill asking for special privileges of a separate board and asking that they be allowed to practice medicine, again without complete medical training. This group comes under the Medical Practice Act and should remain there for the protection of

the public.

We have two worthy Senators and three Representatives who have and will do their duty with some aid from those interested and who understand the measures that are presented. You must remember that they have hundreds of bills presented and cannot be expected to understand every detail but they are interested in the right and want to pass proper laws but do need your help, so please give each a ring so that he will know you are interested and willing to help. If he is a friend of yours, see him persnoally and explain the measure, why it should or should not be passed. Do not take for granted they understand. They are intelligent individuals and will listen to any reasonable explanation and again may I emphasize that they will welcome your assistance.

Maurice Lipscher is an old hand in the Senate, is one of its leaders, is trustworthy and sincere in his

actions in that body.

Clingan Jackson is not a new face in Columbus. He was in the House some time ago, does a good job, is sincere and trustworthy.

John F. Cantwell is one of the older members of the House, is one of the leaders in this body, is a thinker and listens to home folks talk, has his ear to the ground at all times.

is sincere and trustworthy.

John J. Buckley is one of the leaders in the House, gives matters before voting a lot of sincere thought and always uses good judgment in what he decides. If at times he may vote wrong to our way of thinking, he does it because he thinks it is right and should be backed and congratulated on his stand.

Thomas J. Barrett, one of the (Continued on Page 89)

March Meeting

Speaker:

ANTON J. CARLSON Ph.D., M.D., Sc.D., LL. D.

Professor Emeritus of Physiology, University of Chicago

Subject:

"VITAMINS"

Dr. Carlson, at The University of Chicago until his retirement 3 years ago, was first a member and their chairman of the department of physiology, teacher of a generation of scientists, a power on the campus and in national societies and an indefatigable worker. Here he, and his loyal colleague, Arno B. Luckhardt, performed studies on the stomach and hunger, on the whole digestive system, on the endocrines, on diet, on the lung, on all parts of the body.

World War I took Dr. Carlson (ending as Lieutenant-Colonel) to Europe and finally into Hoover's food rehabilitation group. The contact with starvation and other health problems, as well as the many intense experiences, launched Carlson into his next phase. He then threw himself into the national activities already mentioned. His recent commitments include, for example, the following: President of the Research Council on the Problems of Alcohol; the Society for Experimental Biology and Medicine; the Union of American Biological Societies; the American Association of Scientific Workers, and the American Association of University Professors; Chairman or member of the editorial board of Physiological Reviews; the Board of Trustees, Biological Abstracts; the Committee to Promote Research on the Nature of Aging, National Research Council; the Public Advisory Committee, U. S. Public Health Service, and the Medical Advisory Committees of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis; Consultant to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, and serving the Federal Trades Commission; the Office of War Information; the Aero-medical Service, and the Office of Price Administration.

Tuesday, March 20, 8:30 YOUNGSTOWN CLUB

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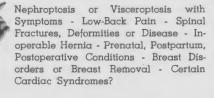
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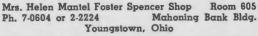
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Lt. Comm. W. H. Evans

January 14, 1945 "Say doctor, aren't you from Youngs-

town? Those words from an injured boy in the Pacific were the sweetest music this side of heaven to Lt. Commander W. H. Evans, eye specialist, home on leave after

22 months in the South Pacific.

Every so often a boy from Youngstown would be among the casualties brought to Commander Evans on a hospital transport used to carry men and ammunition in and bring out the casual-

Commander Evans was as glad to see the boy from Youngstown as the boy was to see him. But there was little time for checking up on the folks back home. A surgeon on duty in the South Pacific when the casualties are coming in works until he literally drops. Then he gets a sandwich, a bowl of soup, sleeps an hour, and is up and at it again until all the men are cared for.

'Youngstown," Commander says Evans, "the name has magic in it for the boys who are away. They all have the same line of thought from top officer to the newest man in the battle line, 'Let's get it over. Let's beat 'em and get home'."

Commander Evans says none of the South Pacific scenes held the charm for him that Youngstown did when he first saw the sign out on Route 18. Commander and Mrs. Evans traveled home from San Francisco by car on navy orders.

Evans trained at Great Lakes, then at Oakland, Calif., and finally went to sea, Mrs. Evans remaining in San Francisco. His present visit home is the first in 27 months.

He brought a message that will delight parents with boys in the South Pacific

"Your sons are getting the finest medical attention and care it is possible

to give them. We have the very best in equipment. The very latest drugs are made available to us, penicillin and the sulfas, for example. The boys get good care. There is no need to worry on that score.'

Commander Evans says the Japanese taken prisoner get the same medical care

and the same food.

'Most of them speak some English, make docile prisoners, but are fierce jungle fighters," he reports. He does not minimize the enemy's fierceness and ability in the jungles where U. S. troops had to learn the tricks to cope with

"You run into Youngstown physicians everywhere," Commander Evans says, and all of them are doing a good job. He paid a special tribute to medical corps men everywhere who aid the physi-

The troops are well fed, in many cases supply ships providing them a wellrounded diet.

Commander Evans asserts that parents of boys who wear glasses need not worry too much about what their boys do when they lose their glasses or the glasses are broken in combat. Every man carries an extra pair, and optical units are with the troops.

He reports that, contrary to impressions gained by some commentators, he had found the folks at home "working hard to win the war, behind the boys all the way. You must take time to laugh and relax and play or you'll go stale," he says. "We do that in the South Pacific, too. But the people I have met are working harder than when I went away, working longer hours and not grumbling over rationing and shortages. Of course, they gripe, but it's letting off steam mostly, the same as the boys do.'

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the length of the supply lines," he points out, "but we're gaining every

Commander and Mrs. Evans left for Norfolk, Va., where he will be stationed at the Naval Hospital Operating Base. They will live at the Norfolk Country Club.

Major L. S. Deitchman

January 21, 1945 There may be a shortage of nurses here, but it doesn't compare with the shortage in the European Theater of Operations, says Maj. Louis S. Deitchman, who has just returned from a year's service in the 182nd General Hospital in England. He was chief of the eye, ear, nose and throat section of the hospital.

For instance, Major Deitchman said, one nurse takes care of two 34-bed wards -and don't forget those are all casualties. When a trainload of casualties comes in everyone, nurses and doctors alike, work as long as necessary—in many cases they work all night until all patients have been dressed and made comfortable. They try to establish hours for the nurses but when convoys come in they work until they're done-and with surprisingly little complaint either from the patients

or the nurses.

"Your sons, brothers and other relatives are getting the best of care in the hospitals," Major Deitchman emphasized. Doctors are keeping up with the latest medical information. The patients are treated very rapidly—much more so than in the last war and added that they are evacuated from the front in a surprisingly short time. Their food is adequate, with plenty of calories-and four packs of of well-qualified men. Treatment is defi-nite in the general hospital. In other words, at the end of 90 days the patients are either sent back to combat, or are sent back to the United States for other treatment or discharge.

Major Deitchman stressed the fact that "there has been a lot of unjust criticism of the British. They are a very patient people and have been most kind to the Americans. They stand in line for their foods of which they get very little because it's strictly rationed—and they stand in line for buses, etc., without complaint."

The British make few predictions about the war and are very patient about

the whole thing, he said.

The major said the doctors live near the hospital in tiny huts made of plastic material with cement floors. While their hospital was not attacked at any time he saw several buzz bombs overhead while he was visiting London.

In the army two and one-half years, Major Deitchman was commissioned in August, 1942, and has been in the ear, eye, nose and throat division of each hospital he has been attached to. He first went to Chicago, attached to a radio school of the air forces and from there went to Grand Rapids, Mich., and then to Wichita Falls, Tex., before going overseas. He will return to the O'Reilly General Hospital in Springfield, Mo., for reassignment.

Lt. Comm. J. L. Fisher

January 31, 1945

"It was a pleasant surprise to get the Christmas card with all the doctors' names on it. How did you round them all up in these busy times?

Hard to imagine all the ice and snow you have been having up there. I have not seen anything like that for so long,

get a sun bath every day.

We are really getting some nice experience now and I enjoy the work very much. Just like being in a first class hospital. Will have lots of yarns to spin in the staff room when I get back.

Give my regards to all the boys and tell them to keep plugging. I am doing my best to advertise Youngstown out

here."

Lt. Dave Carlson

Jan. 16. 1945 "Anyone trying to keep up with me would be led a merry chase-since leaving Youngstown I have been at Great Lakes, Treasure Island and several other places in rapid succession. As you notice my address is again changed; and this time for keeps-I hope. Like several others I, too, am placing a ship in com-mission, and like them, it has been a task, the likes of which only such for-tunate as we, can fully appreciate. However, my present assignment is a fine one; I am more than pleased; and suffice it to say, it will task my ingenuity, resourcefulness and the like no end. Up to the present writing we have been able to keep up with it all and our plans for the future hope to keep things on the present even keel.

In my travels about I have yet to actually meet anyone from Youngstown. However, in going through the addresses as listed in the Mahoning County Medical Society Bulletin, the chances of doing so in the future are good. And before I forget, the Bulletin caught up with me today-and I was glad to receive the copy. My appreciation is great; it affords me some contact to my interne and resident days back in Youngstown; and is the one link I will have with the



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Medical world as I knew it. I trust you will inform the proper person as to my change of address—that listed above.

In my enthusiasm for receiving the Bulletin, I had forgotten completely any cost etc. of sending it. If there is any charge or the like please inform me of such for I am more than willing to reimburse anyone for the copies I receive.

So much for things in general.

As to my present duties, well; I am the medical officer of the good ship U.S.S. Pasig AW3—more than that I cannot say at the moment. The particular duties that this assignment entails are more than routine medical attentionbut there again I cannot divulge for security reasons. I am alone; am responsible to no one but myself-and the rules, etc. of good medicine and Navy. The equipment, etc., available are of the best, and do not lack in quantity or quality. Seems funny to have all this at one's disposal, to "have or to hold," etc.

That takes care of me. I imagine that you remember my wife; well, she is contemplating returning to Youngstown on or around the first of February to get "into the harness" again. She feels somewhat ill at ease at home doing nothing—so she insists on return-ing to her former fields of endeavor; and Youngstown affords the most lucrative, most pleasant of opportunities. Besides, the greater majority of our friends are in Youngstown and she feels that she will be happier there than any other place. So if in the course of the next month or so you chance upon her, be not alarmed—forewarned is forearmed.

Lt. Christie E. Davis

Jan. 31, 1945 "Still in the good old U.S.A. but back again in the Eastern part. When I first arrived in Georgia, my opinion was that it wasn't a part of U. S., not only by the way we "Yankees" are shunned, but also by the peculiar southern talk. However, I've gotten used to it now.

After spending two and one-half months at Bruns, which was a chest center, I was sent back to here. This hospital is also a General Hospital but is an orthopedic and plastic center. Can't say I want for surgery, for we younger men get 4-5 scrubs a day with some of the best men in the country; all 1st Assist-

ant, too.

The plastic surgery is very unique. These surgeons have a different approach to every problem and use meticulous care in how they handle tissues. Best surgery I've seen yet. They can rebuild a whole side of a face from bone from the tibia. fascia from the thigh, and skin from the abdomen. Of course most of their work is done in stages, but the final result is astonishing-very few visible scars.

The concensus of opinion is that the medical men will be in the service quite a long time after actual war is over. Some type of legislation is now up in Congress to enable the Army to transfer them to Veterans facilities. Oh, well, only time will tell.

Not much more to write about now. I'll try to keep you posted from time to time as to what has happened to me and how I'm progressing. Best wishes and

regards."

Major John S. Goldcamp

January 19th, 1945 "Just a line to the Bulletin to wish everyone a Happy & Prosperous New Year. Have written to the Bulletin twice within the past six months but apparent.

ly my letters were not received.

I am now in the Philippines, our unit arrived here not long after the invasion and sea battle and it has been rough going. We left Townsville, Australia, where we spent a fairly comfortable year and made the trip here in two stages, stopping over in Dutch New Guinea. We had a Jap welcome as we approached this island, but were missed a couple hundred yards. Landing and getting set-tled were uneventful. Two words describe this place, rain and mud, rain as we never see it in the states. Our area is on the outskirts of a native village with nothing between us and our infantry in the hills. Consequently we spent several unpleasant and exciting nights as result of Jap infiltrations, plenty of the dead rats around the next mornings. Air raids were frequent, but our area has been free of bombings. Have seen quite a few Jap planes go down in flames.

The natives are small brown people, very friendly and most of them speak a little English. They have large families, a few pigs and chickens, a water buffalo (caribou) and live in thatched huts. Many families had to move to make room for our hospitals and they did so by putting their huts on their shoulders and moving off. The men are either guerillas or laborers for the U.S. The women do our laundry in the near by river. The Filipino was treated pretty roughly by

the Japs.

Things have been very quiet for the past month as our boys have the island under control. We have had our share of work to do but not as busy as we expected. We have spent a lot of time fixing up our area and trying to get ourselves out of the mud. In all it has been quite an experience. We have been

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Lawrence County Meeting

At its regular monthly meeting on April 5, 1945, 9:00 P. M. in the Coral Room in the Castleton Hotel, the Lawrence County Medical Society will be privileged to have as its guest speaker, Dr. William Bates of Philadelphia, Pa., the president of The Medical Society of the State of Pennsylvania. Dr. Bates will discuss our public relations program in Pennsylvania.

infantry, carpenters, engineers, cement layers and plain laborers. Never expected to spend nights in a fox hole guarding a parimeter. Our entire set up is under tents at present.

Again my best wishes to the members of the Society. Please note my change of APO No. 72."

(Hello, John! Sorry your letters seem to have gone astray, as this is the first

we've had.

Thanks, very much, for this. The Society will be happy to read it. Best luck to you, and Dr. Baker, my successor, will be pleased if you will write again soon .- Claude.)

---Dr. Scarnecchia Retired

Dr. John L. Scarnecchia entered service September 7th, 1942, served overseas with a medical unit of the army air corps from February until July, 1944, was retired to inactive service January 20th, and is now a resident physician in City Hospital, Cleveland.

He has been assigned to the staff there until July 1st when he will be transferred to the University Hospital at Western Reserve. When he returns to Youngstown, he expects to specialize in obstetrics and gyne-

cology.

During his service in the European theatre of operations, he was attached to an air corps base hospital, caring for the flyers of B-51s and B-47s. His medical unit moved along with the air corps as it established new air strips.

Maj. Donald A. Miller Home On Leave

Major Donald A. Miller, husband of Dr. Frances Miller, South Side Unit, recently returned from 13 months in Persia and 15 months in India. He was chief of the surgical service in the first American hospital in Persia, organizing the surgical section. After 13 months there the entire hospital with all its equipment and personnel was moyed to India.

Dr. Miller praised the work of nurses and said they deserve to come home for a rest since they work very hard and for long hours. He also lauded the enlisted personnel which assisted in building up the surgical service.

He emphasized that the best of medical attention is given to the servicemen. He operated on several Youngstown men in the Near East area.

SINCE LAST MONTH—

Dr. and Mrs. Orin W. Haulman recently returned from a visit in New York City where they were guests at the Roosevelt. With them were Mrs. Haulman's brother and sisterin-law, Dr. and Mrs. Edwin R. Murbach of Archbold, O.

Mrs. F. F. Monroe, wife of Dr. Monroe, is at South Side unit, Youngstown Hospital, suffering from a broken leg. She will be there for several weeks.

Dr. H. E. Kerr, former Youngstown dentist, has been promoted to Commander in the Dental Corps at Great Lakes Naval Training Center, Ill., where he is chief of oral surgery. Commander Kerr has been in the service since May, 1942.

Dr. Saul Tamarkin and Dr. Wm. Dean Collier entertained the staff of St. Elizabeth Hospital at the home of Dr. Saul Tamarkin, Tod Lane, on February 13, 1945.

Major Asher Randall is home on leave from Camp Atterbury, Ind. He will leave in a few days for his new assignment at Fort Lewis, Washington.

Lt. Commander John A. Renner was recently transferred from his previous station at Great Lakes to his new assignment at the U. S. Naval Hospital at Receise, Brazil.

Captain Joseph Kupec was home recently on a short leave prior to going to his new assignment at Camp Atterbury, Indiana.

Dr. Wenaas joined Rotary on February 20, 1945. He was sponsored by Dr. J. P. Harvey.

The "Clatter" has this to say "Welcome to new Rotarian Elmer Wenaas, who has had an eye on most of us, and vice versa for several years. Having the State Golf Champ of the Ohio Medical Association for the past five years in our midst should prove an inspiration to our died-in-the-rough golf fans."

Dr. C. W. Sears has been retired to inactive service and is taking a Postgraduate course at the Margaret Hague Maternity Hospital, Jersey City. He expects to return to private practice about May 1st.

Thanks To Dr. Cronick

There has been many expressions of thanks for the splendid co-operation of Dr. C. H. Cronick, Director of the New Youngstown Receiving Hospital. The City Venereal Clinic will continue to operate in the basement as soon as repairs and remodeling have been completed.

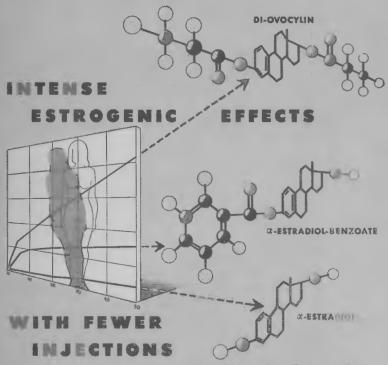
Both Dr. Cronick and the staff of the Clinic feel sure that the two institutions will get along well together and that each will benefit from the other.

From Esther's Column

Street scene: Dr. W. W. Ryall putting ashes under wheels of a man's car and then helping push. He got him going, too. The doctor has been carrying ashes and a shovel for a long time and hasn't been stuck for long anywhere.

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