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MEDICAL CALENDAR

lst Tuesday	Monthly Staff meeting, Youngstown Hospital Auditorium- Nurses' Home
8:30 p.m.	Monthly Staff meeting, St. Elizabeth's Hospital, St. Elizabeth's School of Nursing
Sunday following 1st Tuesday 11:00 a.m.	Monthly Surgical Conference, St. Elizabeth's Hospital L brary
2nd Monday 9:00 p.m.	Council Meeting—Mahoning County Medical Society—Office of the Society—Schween-Wagner Bldg.
2nd Tuesday 11:30 a.m.	Monthly Medical Conference, Youngstown Hospital Auditorium—Nurses' Home
8:30 p.m.	American Academy of General Practice, Youngstown Hospital Auditorium—Nurses' Home.
3rd Tuesday 8:30 p.m.	Monthly Meeting—Mahoning County Medical Society—Hotel Pick-Ohio.
4th Tuesday 8:30 p.m.	Monthly Staff Meeting—Tuberculosis Sanitarium, Kirk Road
Every Tuesday 8:00 a.m.	Weekly Medical Conference, St. Elizabeth's Hospita Solarium
Every Tuesday 11:00 a.m.	Orthopedic Conference, St. Elizabeth's Hospital Library
Every Thursday 12:30 p.m.	Orthopedic Section, Library—South Side Unit, Youngstown Hospital
	Weekly Surgical Conference, Youngstown Hospital— Nurses' Home
Every Friday 11:00 a.m.	Urological Section, Library—S. Side Unit, Youngstown Hospital
	Clinico-Pathological Conference, St. Elizabeth's Hospital Library
Every Friday 11:30 a.m.	Clinic—Pathology Conference, Auditorium Nurses' Home South Side Unit Youngstown Hospital
Every Friday 2:00 P. M.	Conference—X-ray Dept., St. Elizabeth's Hospital.
	Obstetrical Section—North Side Unit of Youngstown Hospital

COMING MEETINGS

American Academy of General Practice, Cincinnati, March 7-8-9, 1949.

American College of Physicians, Annual Session, New York City, March 28-April 1, 1949.

Mahoning County Annual Post-Graduate Day, April 13, 1949.

Ohio State Medical Association Annual Meeting, Columbus, April 19-22, 1949.

A.M.A. Annual Session—Atlantic City, June 6-10.

PRESIDENT'S PACE

* * *

The medical profession can be proud of its achievements and leadership in building a healthier nation both in the civilian population and in the military personnel.

In 1872 the death rate in American cities exceeded 30 per thousand, infant mortality was 175 per thousand, the life expectancy at birth was 40 years. The last available records, 1947, show a decrease to 10 per thousand, infant mortality had dropped to 34 per thousand and the average life expectancy had risen to a new high of 66 years. The maternal death rate which was 6 per thousand in 1937 has reached an estimated low of 1.3 per thousand.

The figures of World War II deaths show a death rate of 0.6 per thousand of service personnel. This is low in comparison to 25 per thousand in the Spanish American War and 15.6 per thousand in World War I.

These results have been accomplished thru philanthropic foundations, people in communities that have built and supported hospitals, the various voluntary health agencies, the increase consciousness of the people in health matters through the public press, but the motivating force has been the medical profession.

JOHN N. McCANN

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S.5: DECEPTIVE AND DANGEROUS

In this issue of the Bulletin you will find an outline of our plan to prevent the passage of S-5, the Senate bill to socialize medicine. Socialized Medicine is a blueprint for the nationalization of medicine in the United States. As I write this, I have before me on my desk a copy of the bill. The law is the same as the Wagner-Murray-Dingell Bill of the 80th Congress. It is a political promise by party line planners in Washington, that if the people will but turn over to the bureaucrats all hospitals, clinics, medical schools, research laboratories, doctors, dentists, nurses and technical staffs, Government then will keep us all strong and healthy—for only a modest tax, to be deducted every week from our paychecks. It would require some 1½ million clerks to administer this plan. It would make many lush jobs in Washington. It would give the proposed medical dictator and his handpicked staff unmeasured power over the daily lives of our people. It would bring the powerful, grasping, hand of aggressive bureaucracy into every home in the land.

We must see to it that our people know that socialized medicine has been tried in many lands and that it has never worked as the planners have dreamed. Financial disaster has been the one unfailing result. Progressively lower standards of medical care and a steady deterioration in hospital facilities; medical education and scientific research likewise have been consistent harvests of every such experiment. It is the history of this medicine by bureaucrats that medical regulations progress to the point of rigid standard prescriptions and fixed dosages for several common ailments. Physicians who venture beyond the official text do so at their personal and professional risk. In Russia under socialized medicine, assignments for medical care in many instances are certified not by the physician or the medical director but by the chairman of the local labor union. This practice obviously makes medical care a privilege available only to those who are in good standing in the union.

Is this invasion of our private lives and liberties necessary? Is there a real reason for this change in a system that has led the world in medical advancement? American medicine is sparked by a steadier, surer drive for progress, a drive which somehow is diminished or frustrated in other lands. The difference is the driving power of freedom—freedom from bureaucrats,

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WHY ALL THIS SMOKE?

Since the public has been responding to the politician's urge to look at us, it has become advisable for us to look at ourselves. Though we may feel that our ministrations are not being appreciated and that our motives are misjudged, it is necessary that we know the reason for our not being held in higher esteem. Facing the facts and trying to correct our errors, and at the same time increasing our efficiency, is a much more effective way of bettering public relations than is the broadcasting of our learning or contending in public places for our rights or our independence.

When we are inaccessible or are arrogant, we may increase our sense of importance more than we impress favorably those who otherwise might want our services. Free choice of physician is an empty phrase to a person who is in need of care, yet through no fault of his own has difficulty in getting attention, or who receives minimum attention for a maximum fee. Explanations are wasted on people who have reason to be dissatisfied with the service they had received.

It is doubtful if persons who have been ill make deliberate evaluation of their physician's services, but the general sense of value received must be experienced. The feeling of satisfaction and confidence, which is the foundation of our relation with those who are sick, can not be obtained or retained in the presence of the suspicion that they are being made to pay enough to cover unethical transactions.

Persons with small incomes have just claims to our attention. Not only may they become vocal, but they constitute our citizenry. As such, they are entitled to service that can be efficient and not necessarily expensive. Useless laboratory procedures, which add to the patient's burden, are more likely to make the doctor lazy than to increase his diagnostic ability. His skill might well be judged by the directness of the laboratory aids that he uses to supplement the history and physical examination.

The public has been kept informed concerning our alertness to different aspects of disease and of new approaches to effective treatment to the extent that it thinks of us in terms of progress. While this is a distinction that we have earned, we must be conservative in our advances if we are to retain the confidence of those to whom we minister.

Most of our patients expect to have the advantage of the advances in types of treatment and in choice of medicaments. Some of them are aware that our practice is supposed to be based on moderately priced drugs, and not on specialties and proprietaries and food adjuncts for questionable deficiencies. Our enthusiasm is apparent for remedies that are most efficient while they are expensive, their therapeutic value declining in proportion to their availability. The psychic value of these innovations is not so readily discerned; and no doubt, would be resented. But as these heralded medicaments and methods pass into desuetude, there develops the idea that much of our advancement might be uncontrolled experiment; and consequently would be unworthy of confidence, that readily adopting the new was no improvement over continuing to use the obsolete.

What if this be not a true idea of medical service? Popular opinion is not based on volume of well-established facts. It expresses itself through franchise by hasty judgments formed from incomplete data. It behooves us



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The physician-patient relation is directly influenced by our behavior and self-control in our daily contacts, rather than by external authority. This relation is a heritage that is ours to cherish, but is easily lost. Should the impression become general that our private interests are being considered as greater than public needs, regimentation is sure to follow.

That the federal government could create a more satisfactory arrangement, is not reasonable in the light of its extravagance, inefficiency and multiplicity of unrelated projects. However, appeal to reason is not apt to be effective beyond the apparent and the proximate. People do not form attachments for their doctor through a conscious reasoning process. It comes more directly, and we must continue to merit the confidence that this implies.

W. D. C.

THE YOUNGSTOWN HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION STAFF MEETING January 4, 1949

The regular monthly meeting of the Youngstown Hospital Association was called to order at 8:30 P. M. on January 4, 1949 by the president, Dr. W. K. Allsop. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The staff report for December was read and approved. There was a discussion on the reading of the minutes. Dr. Patrick moved that a detailed report of previous meeting be read. This was seconded by Dr. Coombs.

Dr. Gustafson spoke about records. Recommendations of the American College of Surgeons were received. A letter from Dr. Stillson was read. The program was on Diabetes, by Dr. Noll and Staff.

A discussion of peripheral vascular disease in diabetes by Dr. Rogers and Dr. Steinberg advocated not using hot compresses.

Dr. Baker and Dr. Skipp spoke about radioactive iodine. Dr. Skipp spoke about the discovery of many diabetics discovered in thyrotoxic patients. Dr. Vance spoke about the foundation of a diabetic team and a plan for treatment of diabetic coma to be placed in emergency and on wards. Dr. Bunn said the procedure book contained this information. Advances in information given by such discussion as the one tonight have helped the treatment out, of diabetes in the hospital.

Dr. Rummell was introduced as the Medical Director and spoke briefly about the 24-hour ward connected with emergency at the South Unit.

The February meeting will be a joint meeting with the Board of Trustees and Women's Board. Dr. Clark spoke about each member of the staff writing down needs for the South Unit.

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

E. C. Baker, M. D. Secretary

Youngstown, Ohio January 4, 1949.

THE CARDIAC'S VALENTINE

As long as the mortality from diseases of the heart and blood vessels continues at an unprecedented rate to rise toward the crest, the cardiac patient's Valentine may well be flowers. It is the responsibility of practicing physicians, in conjunction with investigators with resources at their command, to make a continuous effort to check this mounting mortality, that it may be reduced to a minimum. The organized effort to accomplish this had its origin in 1922 with the formation of the American Heart Association as a voluntary agency to provide leadership and a national program for the fight against heart disease.

The Youngstown Area Heart Association had its inception in 1948 and has gained the required national recognition by the American Heart Association. The local chapter will concentrate the Mahoning Valley attack against cardiovascular disease by the expenditure of time and money from both physicians and other interested groups.

It is evident that the public is becoming aware of the heart disease problem and expects efforts to be made toward its control, for subscriptions for this purpose have more than doubled the expectations. These funds will, for the most part, be used here at home for case finding studies and similar purposes in the field of heart disease. Expenditure of these funds will be under the critical supervision of a local committee.

During the week of February 7-14, including St. Valentine Day, a period which is symbolic for all concerned, the local Heart Association will be active in a campaign, both educational and financial.

Plastic hearts will be available to receive donations. There will be radio, magazine and newspaper publicity on both a local and national scale. Students in public and parochial schools will have opportunity to enter an essay contest on a subject relating to heart disease.

As physicians in the practice of their profession come into intimate contact with heart disease in all of its ramifications, they should have more than a casual interest in this program, particularly since they are included in this high rate of mortality. Physician membership in the Youngstown Area Heart Association has as its only requisite an interest in the problem of heart disease. Those having such interest are invited to become members. Regular meetings are held. Noteworthy physicians have been and will continue to be our guest speakers. In the past, these have included Doctors Nichols and Brannon from St. Luke's Hospital in Cleveland and Doctor Louis N. Katz from the Michael Reese Hospital in Chicago.

MAHONING COUNTY TUBERCULOSIS SANATORIUM MEETING

Dr. E. C. Baker was the guest speaker at the regular monthly meeting of the Mahoning County Tuberculosis Sanatorium held at the auditorium of the Nurses' Home of South Side Hospital on January 25, 1949.

Dr. Baker spoke on "Factors other than Tuberculosis in X-Ray Survey."

Dr. Joseph Keogh, President of Staff, announced that the roster for staff service at the hospital would be announced soon and members would be notified of their period of service in the very near future.

John F. Stotler, M. D. Secretary

PLANNING COMMITTEE OF MAHONING COUNTY, OHIO FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE VOLUNTARY SYSTEM OF MEDICAL CARE

Several Committee Chairmen met Sunday, January 16, 1949 to discuss ways and means of getting into motion a plan whereby the entire membership of Mahoning County Medical Society could be welded into an effective organization, to present to our patients the facts concerning the proposed "Federalization of the Practice of Medicine."

To this group will be added men and women who will give aid in the fulfillment of the program as outlined on advice of the Medical Society Council.

The Medical profession now is faced with a crisis which until now has been passed by the statement, "it cannot happen here." It is here and is upon us now.

It is the duty of each individual of the medical profession to take a little time from his practice "if he would practice without red tape and government interference" and educate each and everyone of his patients in where his government is leading him. He should show them how the professions have prolonged his life; given him less disease like typhoid and diphtheria.

That it is not money that has brought all of the scientific advances in medicine. For instance, insulin was discovered in a small inexpensive laboratory, penicillin the same. Many surgical advances were made by men in small operating rooms. All of the government's money will not bring advancement if the worker is hampered by red tape. These cited examples have been brought about by unhampered free men and women of a free society.

The following plans have been worked out. Any suggestions will be welcomed.

- (A) The membership will be divided into groups with a leader and each member having a certain duty to perform.
 - (B) Material will be made available for self education.
- (C) Material will be available for public addresses; all addresses before any group on a medical or educational subject should be checked through the Speakers' Bureau, Dr. S. W. Ondash, 2514 Mahoning Ave., Phone 95358.
- (D) Radio stations will be contacted. We hope time can be arranged. Suitable material will be available. When a member is called he must not say, "I am too busy", for the time may be shorter than you think and then you will wish you had spent the time as requested to make this educational program a success. Think before you say "No" to any request that is made of you. This is a job not for a few but for all of us in the profession.



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- (E) This is individual responsibility; each member of the Society should see that at least 20 of his patients understand where we are heading, taking it upon himself to instruct these 20 patients so that they understand what it will cost, how his doctor will be handicapped in giving him good service. A card will be furnished with the name and address of your Senators and Congressmen so that each patient may write an individual letter to each, stating his views against "Federalization."
- (F) Radio programs will be set up from material originated in Chicago and through local efforts. The material will cover scientific and current problems and will be presented by some member of the Society. Round table discussions will be arranged to cover all types of educational programs.
- (G) School programs will be arranged where possible to encourage college and high school pupils to read and understand what we know as the free practice of medicine and how it will be interfered with by the proposed government plan.
- (H) Newspaper releases will be furnished covering the educational program showing what medicine has performed unhampered.
- (I) All addresses given before any group should be briefed, then turned over to the daily paper. This should cover medical subjects as well as the stand we are taking toward "Federal Medicine."

Again let us stress, this is your profession we are urging you to fight for and it is to be a knock down and drag out battle. Each one must be willing to give of himself personally and financially if we are to educate our patients to the perils that are facing them in the future in obtaining good medical care.

Wm. M. Skipp, M. D. Chairman Legislative Committee

UNCLE DUDLEY

In order to account for the various forms of matter, Anaximander thought there was a first element which was infinite, from which all things were derived; an infinite in eternal motion. Twenty-six centuries is a long time for an idea to survive and still be reputable.

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To an old person whose capacity for enjoyment has become limited, there is more pleasure in the gratitude of a sparrow than there is in the disdain of a peacock.

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The ancient Greeks were aware of the necessity of gradual exposure to hardship as the process that gave the best results in physical development. Perhaps it did not occur to them that this would always be required in the psychic realm as well. A man may change his mind with apparent suddenness, but weight may have been added continuously to the other side before the balance was altered.



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January 12, 1949:

Dr. William M. Skipp spoke before the Third District Nurses' Association. His subject: "How Will We Relieve the Nursing Shortage"?

January 15, 1949:

Dr. Fred Coombs served as speaker and moderator on a Career Clinic Devoted to Medicine. Participating in the round table, in addition to Dr. Coombs, were four seniors from local high schools.

January 20, 1949:

Dr. Bernard M. Schneider addressed the Hubbard Exchange Club at 6:30 p. m. His subject: "Cancer—General Aspects".

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Subject: "FOOD ALLERGY"

Annual Banquet

Speaker: Attorney Frank T. Bow

Washington, D. C. (Formerly from Canton, Ohio)

Subject: "Federal Medicine"

Attorney Bow is legal advisor to the Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Department of the United States Senate.

MARCH 17, 1949

6:30 P. M.

YOUNGSTOWN COUNTRY CLUB

FRISCO DOCTOR PRESENTS HIS OWN PROGRAM

In this day and age when everybody is talking himself hoarse about medical plans and programs, Dr. Anthony B. Diepenbrock of San Francisco comes up with his own 13-point health program which, he says, "might be interesting to our colleagues":

- 1. Continue to sit on your fat derriere and do nothing.
- 2. Be apathetic and, like 5,000,000 registered Republican voters who failed to vote, do not bother to make your opinion known. If you think, as they did, that your opinion or your vote is not worth anything, the opposition will agree with you and act accordingly, as they have.
- 3. Write an occasional letter to your congressman, tell him off, and then explain proudly to the interns in the surgical dressing rooms how smart you are and what a stinker your congressman is.
- 4. Tell everybody you see that the gag is up, and we might as well prepare for the inevitable.
 - 5. Moan and groan and issue explosive and unprintable epithets.
- 6. Refer to your medical leadership as a group of impotent, ineffective and bumbling ignoramuses.
- 7. Make speeches before sympathetic lay audiences, and convert those who already believe in free enterprise.
- 8. Don't bother to tell your county society heads, your state society heads, or your national association heads what you want them to do. Expect them to find a way for you without your guidance.
- 9. Scream about high medical society dues and forget that our friends in the trades unions demand many times what we pay: in other words, make the situation as difficult as possible, then grumble about it.
- 10. Oppose any program developed by the majority of your colleagues because it demonstrates your superior wit and your general greatness.
- 11. Remain superbly and learnedly dignified when Joe Doakes asks why you oppose state medicine. Brush him aside with any insult you can think of. Joe will like you for that.
- 12. Don't bother to use the selling methods which actually bring messages before the public. Continue to depend on occasional radio feature programs. Billboard advertising, newspaper advertising, national magazine advertising, radio advertising and above all, continuous and daily radio spot programs over national hookups and all such like are too commercial, too troublesome, too expensive and too undignified; don't use them.
- 13. Above all, disregard the "little guy"—the one with a vote. Tell him nothing; push him around. He doesn't know anything anyhow.

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LAY EDUCATION AND SPEAKERS' COMMITTEE OUTLINES PROGRAM

Current problems in medicine and their present national importance make an organized effort of attack on issues mandatory from each level in organized medicine. Our Society, operating at the local level is charged with a definite responsibility. One of its most powerful instruments lies in the organized and concerted effort of your Committee on Lay Education and Speakers. Initially, it must make its plan known to Society members, then it must execute the plan by utilizing every member of the Society for the cause that is common to each and every member and not only to a committee or any portion thereof. Therefore, the militant effort against compulsion in medical practice here at the local level, as it affects the Lay Education and Speakers Committee, will be carried on as follows:

- A. It will co-operate with your Legislative Committee in stimulating public interest to urge legislators to allow medical practice to stay on a voluntary basis. The committee will make available speakers who will further the cause of medicine and interest the public in the cause of the physician.
- B. A publicity program will be undertaken to announce the availability of physicians as speakers before any group on any subject pertinent to medicine. Organizations will be instructed to contact your Speakers' Committee who will make the arrangements and provide the necessary publicity. Augmenting local newspaper publicity, the Society will send letters to all representative local organizations indicating the availability of physicians as speakers before their groups by proper arrangement. Speakers will appear as representatives of the Mahoning County Medical Society and will make it so known at the time of their talk. Publicity will always refer to the speaker as a member of the Society. Any physician approached to give a talk by an organization will first clear through the Chairman or Co-chairman of the Speakers' Committee.
- C. Effort will be made to secure lay speakers to present talks favoring the maintenance of the medical practice on a voluntary basis.
- D. Arrangements are being made for radio time with local stations for talks and round table discussions on scientific matters and current problems of medicine. In the round table discussions lay representatives will be asked to join and ask pertinent questions.

Kits for radio talks and for talks before organizations will be obtained in order to assist speakers in preparation of talks. These will be made available through the Speakers' Committee.

The medical profession must carry its cause to the people during the coming months. Society members must push the cause of medicine by individual contact with the patient, with friends, by talks before organizations of all types and by round table discussions on problems in medicine. We must tell the people the facts about medical contributions and about the advantages to them of a voluntary system of health service. We must present our case and it must not come from any one level in organized medicine or from any one physician. It must begin with the physician locally and then be carried on through the higher echelons.

Members will be called upon to present these talks, to join in round table discussions, etc. The committee will make such arrangements, will publicize

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them in the local papers and in the Bulletin. It will carry notice of the activities of the Speakers' Committee from month to month in the Bulletin. The committee solicits co-operation in its effort. It admittedly would be unreasonable to expect it to carry on a speakers' program by itself. It will organize and direct, it will co-operate, publicize and assist in every conceivable way to help every Society member bring the cause of his profession to the public.

Stephen W. Ondash, M. D. Chairman

THE MEDICAL CRIER

A Page of Sidelights, News and Views in the Medical Field

The least that you can do to fight socialized medicine is to make your views known to your patients. Many of them will ask you and you can tell them frankly what you think. Others will not because of reticence, lack of time or absorption in their immediate physical needs. But while sitting in your waiting room, they have time to reflect and an eye-catching sign or poster will give you a chance to get a message to them. With this in mind we have prepared on the back page of the Bulletin a short talk on socialized medicine which can be removed and posted in your office. If you like it you are invited to use it. If you have better ideas, please let us know and we will make a better one next time. We think that the subject matter should be in the form of plain talk that everyone can understand.

One of the most satisfactory short post graduate courses for the busy practitioner is the Bunts Course given every so often at the Cleveland Clinic. The teaching is intensive, subjects are presented with speed and precision, the technical arrangements are perfect, the talent is the very best and you don't have to go far. More of our men should attend. The next course is on Diabetes, March 17, 18, 19.

At the interim session of the A.M.A. in St. Louis, the Indiana delegation presented a resolution condemning compulsory attendance at staff meetings. The reference committee on Miscellaneous Business reported on it as follows: "Your committee calls attention to the fact that the American Medical Association has not at any time advocated compulsory attendance at stated staff meetings. This committee is in sympathy with the philosophy prompting the resolution."

The C.I.O. and U.A.W. and the Political Action Committee are determined to force through legislation on Federal Health Insurance. They claim that the last election was a clear mandate of the people for them, forgetting the farmers who really swung the election and who are indifferent to socialized medicine. Down in Australia, medicine is not socialized, mainly because of the determined resistance of the medical profession. We can learn a lesson from those doctors down under. Let our resistance be determined and aggressive. Let it be known here and now that we think it is bad for the country, that we won't have any part of it and that you can't have any kind of medicine without doctors.

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A LETTER FROM ENGLAND

On July 5th all practices were to be assessed and a capital value placed on them when taken over by the government. If by July 5th a doctor had not signed acceptance, he couldn't then enter the Insurance scheme at a later date and still recover the capital value of the practice that would be lost. Had the profession stood firm and listened to the advice of Lord Horder all would have been well; but weak leadership and the dread of financial loss drove a small section into acceptance and the remainder followed, but only after vigorous protest.

Well, they have sold their birthright, no doctor can now select his area of practice; having graduated that is now arranged for him by a Regional Board. As a result and despite his most fervent desire, he may be directed to the slums of an industrial city or the most remote region in the country. From there he cannot move without permission.

A doctor can still remain outside the scheme and carry on private practice, but only the rich can now afford to indulge in the luxury of a private physician because they pay twice, that is, into the National Insurance Scheme whether they avail themselves of it or not and also their private physician. How many will be able to do that in view of the crushing taxation?

The Minister of Health now prides himself on being a "tough guy" of the gangster type I imagine. Only a Welshman, he states, could have bludgeoned the profession into the scheme.

He has been rightly portrayed by Winston Churchill as a "Squalid Nuisance" and a burden to all parties, his own included during the war years.

A very recent utterance in public was that the Conservative or Tory party in this country were "lower than Vermin."

Evidently he is not only anti-social but has a pathological hatred for all who are not of the socialist creed. Now that the National Health Scheme is in being, Mr. Churchill has rightly suggested that the first patient who should have priority of treatment would be the Minister of Health—and in the clinic of a psychiatrist.

Thus we have a man in high office who only stirs up class hatred, lacks all ideas of statesmanship, is lacking in tolerance and forbearance, yet never in the history of this country were these attributes so essential as now for a basis of national effort and unity.

But what of the Act itself? As yet it would seem that the government is obtaining money under false pretenses.

The slogan is Insurance from the "Cradle to the Grave," sickness benefit, unemployment, injuries at work, maternity benefit, dental treatment, spectacles, aids to hearing and so on.

As women and children now come under the scheme in a short space of time, the consulting rooms of practitioners throughout the country will be unable to cope with the flood, desirous of receiving free advice and medicine no matter how trivial the complaint.

To cope with the present sickness incidence practitioners are grossly overworked, and the grandiose scheme now inaugurated will require the services of another 20,000 doctors. Such an increase in numbers means great extensions to the present Universities, doubling the professional staff in all those, not forgetting skilled technicians. This is not done in 5 years or even 10. Again no allowance has been made for sickness and vacation. I fail to see the profession standing up to what in the course of a year or so will be an intolerable strain.

The majority of the dental profession still refuse to collaborate, but even

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although they did, there are not enough to go round. Even now the School Dental Clinic has never been fully implemented; so what hope has a nation of 40,000,000? In other words the dental profession will require 100 per cent augmentation.

Now about hospital treatment, even now 30,000 additional nurses are required. There are plenty of hospital beds but no nurses, and wards have had to be closed down.

About 4,000 beds in Sanatoria are lying idle and as many patients at home are in need of constant treatment in those idle beds.

The scheme is grandiose and has been rushed through all its stages without due thought and consideration in order that a socialist government can lay claims to its birth; like so many pipe dreams, there is much wishful thinking.

The present self evident facts stand out crystal clear, there are not the men and material at hand to carry it through to success.

-Bulletin D. C. M. A.

ST. ELIZABETH'S HOSPITAL STAFF MEETING

The regular monthly staff meeting of St. Elizabeth's Hospital was held January 3, 1949. Dr. R. B. Poling, President of Staff, presided.

A scientific program was presented following completion of routine business. The program was presented in two sections.

First, brief case abstracts and reviews were presented by members of the resident and attending staff. Two cases were presented from each of the major departments, that is, surgery, obstetrics-gynecology and internal medicine. Dr. B. I. Firestone presented an interesting case of Myasthenia Gravis in a young female adult. Following a discussion of the disease he demonstrated the effect of prostigmine upon the conspicuous symptoms. The dramatic effect of the drug was reflected in the admission of the patient of better well being and actual demonstrable improvement in speech and gait. Dr. Neidus presented the case history of a 20-year-old female with a clinical diagnosis of terminal Bright's Disease. Autopsy findings demonstrated congestive heart failure and hemorrhagic exacerbation of terminal Bright's Disease.

Dr. Munson, assistant obstetrics-gynecology resident, presented two case histories. One of the patients underwent caesarean section for termination of pregnancy at term. During operation a rupture of the lower uterine segment was demonstrated. The patient made an uneventful recovery after a panhysterectomy.

Drs. A. Bax and Donald Dockry, surgical residents, presented two cases 'rom the surgical division. Dr. Bax reported a case of portal thrombosis with extensive intarction of the gastro-intestinal tract. The patient died of peritonitis and septicemia on the 23rd post-operative day. Dr. Dockry reviewed a case of gunshot wound of the right thigh with mid thigh amputation and an uneventful recovery.

Dr. John F. Stotler presented a paper on "Mediastinal Tumors." He made a concise classification of tumor types, their symptomatology and treatment. Discussion of the surgical pathology of such tumors and the radiological role in diagnosis was led by Drs. W. D. Collier and R. J. Scheetz.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Stephen W. Ondash, M. D. Secretary

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COUNCIL MEETING January 10, 1949

The regular monthly meeting of the Council of the Mahoning County Medical Society was held on January 10, 1949 at the office of the Society, 125 W. Commerce St., Youngstown, Ohio.

The following doctors were present: J. N. McCann, J. Noll, C. A. Gustafson, J. C. Vance, W. M. Skipp, G. M. McKelvey, I. C. Smith, G. G. Nelson, L. H. Getty, W. J. Tims, R. E. Odom, and E. J. Reilly.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Dr. McCann announced that we have received checks for forty-two emblems. Council's opinion was to order 25 additional, also to announce at the next membership meeting to be held on January 18th, that any members failing to send in checks who wanted emblems, were to do so at once. The Secretary was instructed to order emblems within a reasonable length of time after said meeting.

A communication was read from Dr. Sovik, with reference to his dues. It was moved, seconded and duly passed that the Secretary notify Dr. Sovik that for the duration of his Postgraduate course, he is to pay State dues only.

A letter from the Coordinating Council, with reference to "Out-Patient Departments of Local General Hospitals", was read. A motion was made, seconded and duly passed, instructing the Secretary to acknowledge receipt of the letter and advise The Coordinating Council that they will hear from us at a later date, after studying the matter in question.

The President read a letter from the Youngstown Receiving Hospital. Council instructed the Secretary to answer the communication, advising the Youngstown Receiving Hospital that the matter has been referred to the Hospital Relations Committee for study, and that the chairman of that committee, Dr. R. W. Rummell, will get in touch with them at an early date. Council instructed the Secretary to send a copy of the letter, together with the attached six-point program mentioned in the letter, to Dr. Rummell, instructing him to report back to Council after careful study. Also, write to Dr. Elder, advising him of the referral and that he will hear from us in the near future.

Dr. Edward Pichette's request for status of his membership was discussed. It was moved, seconded and duly passed that Dr. Pichette shall finish out his Interne Membership. Dr. Pichette paid \$5.00 for Interne Membership in 1946, was in Mahoning County six months, then went to Toledo for a postgraduate course, returning to Mahoning County in January, 1949. There are six months remaining in the Interne Membership year.

Dr. W. M. Skipp discussed the National Health Program. No action was taken.

Dr. Noll announced that a change of date for the January meeting was requested by the Hotel-Ohio, but that he told them it could not be done.

The Secretary was instructed to order gavels for the past presidents not having received them.

Dr. Gustafson discussed honoring the past presidents every ten years. Also, that we honor, at the Annual Banquet in March, those of our members who have become Fifty Year Club eligibles.

A motion was made, seconded and duly passed instructing the Secretary to check those who have become 50 year members during the year, honor them at the Annual Banquet and purchase pins for them.

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Dr. Tims presented a letter from the E. I. Donahue Publishing Co., 608 So. Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill., in which they requested names and addresses of doctors who report births to the Health Department of the City of Youngstown. They are publishers of a booklet, "Maternal and Newborn Care", which will be available soon. Secretary was instructed to check with the A. M. A.

Bills were read. A motion was made, seconded and duly passed to pay each one.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, upon motion, it was adjourned.

V. L. Goodwin, M. D. Secretary

VENEREAL CLINIC Report for 1948

Report	01 1340
SYPHILIS:	GONORRHEA:
No. of cases treated this year 323	No. of Cases treated this year 209
Carried over from 1947 .174 Admitted this year .149 Primary .20 Sero negative .7 Sero positive .13 Early .60 Secondary .31 Others .29 Late .34 Neuro .13 Latent .12 Congenital .10	Carried over from 1947 26 Admitted this year 183 Acute 136 Males 132 Females 4 Chronic 47 Males 4 Females 43 Discharged as cured 74 Transferred 2 *Delinquent 110 Remaining 23
Males 66 Females 83 Discharged as cured or arrested 84 Transferred 35 Delinquent 41 Remaining 162 Died 1	Number of Clinic Visits
Number of Blood Tests taken	in Females
Number of Spinal Punctures	Number of Smears for Females
No. of Intramuscular injections administered 3278 No. of Chest and Eye Examinations 214 No. of Patients sent to Rapid 79 No. of Clinic Visits 5037	Number of Clinic Visits
CHANCROIDS:	QUESTING EXAMINATION AND NOT ADMITTED AS PATIENTS 679
No. of Cases treated this year 3	GRAND TOTAL:
Carried over from 1947 0 Admitted this year 3 Discharged as cured 3 No. of Clinic Visits 10	Number of patients treated at Clinic during 1948 535 Number of visits

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REPORT OF SOCIAL WORKER 1948

Total patients seen in home visits 36	36
Total visits made in the homes 53	39
Classification of patients for whom home visits were made.	
Delinquent registered clinic patients14	18
Pre natals with positive serology	2
Pre maritals with positive serology 1	11
Discharged from the armed services with doubtful serology	4
Contacts of active cases of venereal disease 12	15
Referred from Youngstown Receiving Hospital	2
Clinic patients (These failed to report for their blood or smear reports) 1	2
Delinquent cases reported by local Physicians	7
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TOTAL 36	6
Disposition of patients, other than those who were delinquent from the clinic	c:
	22
	0
Still under observation 1	8
	37
	5
Unable to locate. (These were turned over to the male investigator for	
further investigation) 2	23
Found infected and admitted to the V. D. Clinic4	17
Already under therapy	7
Referred to an army Hospital	1
TOTAL17	0
CLINIC PATIENTS 19	6
TOTAL SEEN IN HOME VISITS 36	6

This report constitutes only the field visits made by the social worker. In addition to these, many individuals were reached by telephone and form letters. It was necessary to call many Physicians in order to verify treatment and to learn results of tests. If a Physician's name was given on an epidemiological report the doctor was called to determine whether treatment was necessary and to ascertain that the individual was under medical care. If the doctor indicated that the patient was following his instructions no further contact was made.

It was necessary throughout the year to contact various social agencies, the juvenile court, the humane society, the Youngstown police department, the Campbell Board of Health, and attendance workers in the local school system.

I have endeavored to interview all patients when admitted to the V. D. Clinic. Some clinic periods were devoted entirely to encouraging eligible patients to undergo penicillin therapy at the Columbus Rapid Treatment Center. A three day visit at the Center has enabled me to describe more vividly to the patient his routine and his surroundings during his 10 to 12 days of hospitalization.

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Nellie Grant, R. N. Visiting Nurse Part time Social Worker, V. D. Clinic.

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freedom from regulations and forms, freedom to work, to strive to explore new methods and attempt new solutions. As long as we keep American medicine out of bureaucratic shackles, we shall maintain our world leadership in health and welfare.

The campaign for socialized medicine in the United States stems directly from Kremlin Communism. Lenin, the founder of international revolutionary Communism once proclaimed socialized medicine "The keystone of the arch of the Socialistic State." Not all persons who favor socialized medicine are communists, but all communists favor socialized medicine.

Your legislative chairman and the writer attended the January meeting of the Stark County Medical Society at Canton. The main speaker of the evening was Mr. Frank T. Bow, who, for two years has been identified with a committee of Congress as its counsel in investigating the National Health Program. The above remarks are notes taken from his address. He is an excellent, forceful speaker. He is available for Youngstown. This fight against socialized medicine must be carried at the community level.

C. A. G.

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Most of the boosting that we hear is boasting in advance of the accomplishment.

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DON'T think that medical care will be free. It will cost more than ever and you will have less "take home" pay. Are you willing to give up 5 or 6 per cent of every pay whether you are sick or not?

THINK of the waste and extravagance in government hospitals today. Think of the thousands of administrators, officials and clerks who will have to be paid to do the paper work.

YOU wouldn't want to live in England or any European country today. Then why copy an inferior medical system from them? American Medicine is the best in the world.

WILL you like having every detail of your illnesses reported to the government so that dozens of clerks will know all about you? Remember, if we have Socialized Medicine you

LOSE the confidential relationship between yourself and the doctor of your choice. You will lose more than that.

YOUR health is your most precious possession. When you are sick you want the best of care. Do you want politicians telling your doctor what he can do?

FREEDOM is precious, too. Socialism is a step toward Communism, which is the greatest menace in the world today.

THE MAHONING COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

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Rachitic changes were present as late as the fourteenth year, and the incidence was higher among children dying from acute disease than in those dying of chronic disease.

The authors conclude, "We doubt if slight degrees of rickets, such as we found in many of our children, interfere with health and development, but our studies as a whole afford reason to prolong administration of vitamin D to the age limit of our study, the fourteenth year, and especially indicate the necessity to suspect and to take the necessary measures to guard against rickets in sick children."

*R. H. Follis, D. Jackson, M. M. Eliot, and E. A. Park: Prevalence of rickets in children between two and fourteen years of age, Am. J. Dis. Child. 66:1-11, July 1943.

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