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1. Filler, W.: J. A. M. A., 143: 1235 (Aug. 5) 1950

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## MEDICAL CALENDAR

1st 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 Library
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—Elks Club, 220 W. Boardman St.
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 Hospital Solarium
Every Tuesday 11:00 a. m.	Orthopedic Conference, St. Elizabeth's Hospital Library
Every Tuesday 3:30 p. m.	X-ray Conference, South Side Unit, Youngstown Hospital
Every Wednesday 11:00 a. m.	Obstetrical Section—North Side Unit of Youngstown Hospital
Every Thursday 12:30 p. m.	Orthopedic Section, Library—South Side Unit, Youngstown Hospital
Every Friday 11:00 a. m.	Clinical-Pathological Conference, St. Elizabeth's Hospital Library
Every Friday 11:30 a. m.	Clinical-Pathological Conference, Auditorium Nurses' Home, South Side Unit Youngstown Hospital
Every Friday 2:00 p. m.	Conference—X-ray Dept., St. Elizabeth's Hospital

## PRESIDENT'S PAGE



We are approaching the end of the year filled with momentous and significant happenings. We have seen the cold war break out into a hot war, which well may develop into the third World War. Some of the Doctors who served in the last World War again are receiving orders and being inducted into the service.

We have had an election of tremendous national and international significance. The people of this country at grass roots level have demonstrated they can think for themselves. The power of the ballot box still remains in the hands of the individual voters of this country. This fact remains a bright hope in the midst of the welter of chaos and confusion that exists in our government at top levels today.

I believe our local Medical Society played a great part in helping to bring this about. Early this year, we started a campaign to make every physician conscious of his responsibility as a citizen. In the last election I am sure each Doctor and the members of his family were registered and did vote.

I wish at this time to pay tribute to the Woman's Auxiliary of the Society for its excellent help in pre-election days. These tireless ladies did a great deal of footwork and were instrumental in sending out thousands of letters to help to mould public opinion. The entire Society sincerely thanks them.

The essay contest sponsored by the Society was very much worth while. The Society owes a debt of gratitude to members within the Society and lay leaders outside of the Society who worked to make success possible.

I wish to thank all the members of the Society for the sincere and hearty co-operation during the past year. I ask that the same spirit of loyalty and helpfulness be extended to my successor, Dr. Wenaas.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Gordon G. Nelson,  
President

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### A.M.A. VOTES MEDICAL SCHOOL AID

Cleveland, December 6.—Responding to the challenge voiced by its president, Dr. Elmer L. Henderson of Louisville, Ky., in his address to the House of Delegates yesterday, that the medical profession take the initiative in raising private financing for hard-pressed medical schools, rather than seeking federal subsidies for medical education, the American Medical Association appropriated a half million dollars as the nucleus of a fund to be raised for the aid of medical schools throughout the Nation.

The half million dollar contribution was voted unanimously by the A.M.A. Board of Trustees and was announced by its chairman, Dr. Louis H. Bauer of Hempstead, New York, at the Clinical Session of the A.M.A. in Cleveland this month.

Dr. Bauer's statement follows:

"The Board of Trustees of the American Medical Association is pleased to announce to the House of Delegates that it has appropriated a half-million dollars out of its National Education Campaign Fund, which was raised to defend medical freedom, for the aid and support of medical schools which are in need of additional financing.

"This fund will be given to the medical schools for their unrestricted use in their basic training of future physicians.

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1. Jolliffe, N., Special Article, Council on Foods and Nutrition: The Preventive and Therapeutic Use of Vitamins, J.A.M.A., 129:613, Oct. 27, 1945.

2. Lewey and Shay, Dietotherapy, Philadelphia, W. B. Saunders Co., 1945, p. 850.

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The fight against socialized medicine must go on until this issue has been clearly and finally resolved, but the pressure for regimentation of the medical profession has greatly lessened, due to the magnificent public support which we have received.

"The Board of Trustees, therefore, feels that it is keeping faith with the American people, who have given medicine such a splendid vote of confidence, when it contributes this amount to the medical schools of the Nation.

#### FEDERAL SUBSIDY POSES BURDEN

"There is growing public awareness that federal subsidy has come to be a burden, not a bounty, for it is bringing intolerable increases in taxation, and is dangerously increasing federal controls over our institutions and the lives of our people.

"American medicine feels very strongly that it should not seek federal aid for medical schools, until all other means of financing have been exhausted. The Board of Trustees announced its belief that funds for this purpose could be obtained from private sources—and as practical evidence of our sincerity of purpose, this appropriation has been made as the nucleus of a fund which we hope will be greatly augmented by contributions from many other sources.

"The Board hopes that this action will become a stimulus to other professions, industries, businesses, labor groups and private donors to contribute to this very important cause of protecting and advancing the interests of medical education and the public health.

"The American Medical Association urges all its members to contribute individually to this cause, and we hope that doctors will take the lead in securing contributions from other sources.

"Furthermore, the American Medical Association invites attention to the fact that it has been spending about a quarter of a million dollars a year for many years past to advance medical education through its Council on Medical Education and Hospitals and other departments. This appropriation, voted today, for an entirely new purpose, is in addition to nearly \$285,000 already budgeted for this work during 1951.

"The Nation's medical schools are of the greatest importance to every American citizen and the A.M.A. has had the advancement of their standards as one of its main objectives for over 100 years. The Board of Trustees feels that if all other organizations and individuals will render support of this worthy cause in accordance with their financial ability that not only will the financial security of medical schools be assured, but that their freedom will be protected."

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## 1950 COMMITTEE REPORTS

### PROGRAM COMMITTEE

The following is a brief resume of the activities of the Program Committee for 1950-1951:

- September 1950: Dr. M. A. Blankenhorn, Professor of Medicine, University of Cincinnati, School of Medicine, "The Spotted Fevers".
- October 1950: Dr. Allan R. Moritz, Professor of Pathology, Western Reserve University, School of Medicine, Cleveland, Ohio, "Unexpected Deaths from Natural Causes".
- November 1950: In conjunction with Diabetes Week (November 12-18), Dr. Howard F. Root, Physician-in-Chief, New England Deaconess Hospital, Boston, Mass., spoke on, "The Medical and Surgical Treatment of Diabetes".
- December 1950: No speaker was scheduled for this meeting since the annual meeting for election of officers is to be held at the Elks Club.
- January 1951: Annual Banquet. Installation of President E. J. Wenaas. The speaker will be Attorney Jack Landsdale, of Cleveland, Ohio.
- February 1951: Dr. Paul Bunn of Syracuse, New York, is to speak at this meeting concerning "The Use and Applications of the Various Antibiotics".
- March 1951: Dr. Clarence D. Selby of the University of Michigan will speak on "Some Aspects of Industrial Medicine".
- April 1951: Inasmuch as Post-Graduate Day is not to be held, tentative plans at present include a program of presentations by Residents from the various hospitals.
- May 1951: At the present time no definite plans for a speaker have been made.
- June 1951: At the present time no definite plans for a speaker have been made.

O. A. Turner, M.D.  
Chairman

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### TREASURER'S REPORT

Our expenses for the year 1950 have increased considerably over previous years, due mostly to our extensive Public Relations Program.

The members realizing this, at the regular membership meeting held on October 24, voted an assessment of \$15.00 on dues for Active Members for 1950. Statements for 1951 dues will not be mailed until after the December meeting, at which time an increase in dues will be voted on.

In the January issue of the *Bulletin* there will be inserted the financial report as of the close of our fiscal year, November 30, 1950, submitted by Mr. W. C. Fisher, the Society's Auditor.

L. H. Getty, M.D.  
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## LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

The activities of your legislative committee have been numerous throughout the year. Members of the committee have attended and taken an active part in the three following Ohio State Medical Association activities:

1. Mid-year conference for the discussion of a legislative program. This meeting was held in March, 1950.
2. Sub-committee on legislation in June, 1950, at which time plans were formulated for the medical profession's activities in the November elections.
3. The Sixth District legislative meeting in Alliance in September, 1950. All of the committeemen from the district attended this gathering when candidates were discussed and plans for each society's activities were drawn up.

The members of your committee also took part in the following deliberations of the Allied Professions Committee:

1. In mid-August questions were formulated and dates set for interviewing all candidates for public offices.
2. In the latter part of August all of the Democratic candidates were interviewed by the committee and questionnaires collected.
3. In September all Republican candidates were interviewed and their questionnaires collected.
4. In October all of the questionnaires were reviewed and reports were furnished to each parent organization and its members of the questions and answers of each candidate.

The committee has been active in educating the physician and his patient in matters pertaining to the election of proper candidates in order to protect the American way of life and free enterprise.

Members of the committee also have taken an active part in the Public Relations activities of the A.M.A. program held in Cleveland December 3-4, 1950.

May I report that all members of the committee have been very co-operative and have worked hard on all tasks assigned to them.

W. M. Skipp, M.D.  
Chairman

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## INDIGENT RELIEF

The aid for Mahoning County's indigent for the first nine months of 1950 was \$894,953 which is an increase of \$109,314 over the same period in 1949. It is estimated that it will take \$235,000 for the remaining three months of 1950.

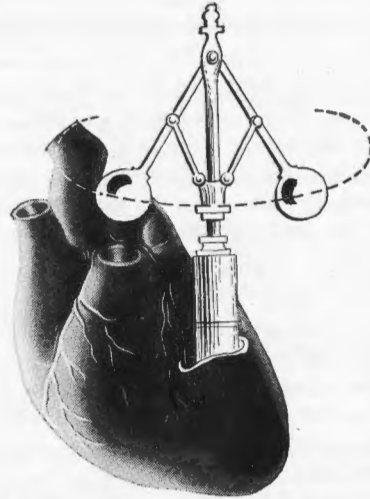
Up until October 1, 1950, \$22,900 was spent by the county to pay physicians for house calls; \$177,925 paid to hospitals for care of bed patients, and the rest of the \$894,953 was spent for clothing, food, shelter, and miscellaneous items by the relief department.

There were 637 persons hospitalized in the two local hospitals, and 23 persons hospitalized in institutions out of the county in the first nine months of 1950.

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## SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The annual banquet of the Mahoning County Medical Society was held on Thursday, March 16, 1950, at the Elks Club. The guest speaker of the evening was Jimmy Swan, well known humorist. He was one of the best ever to speak at our banquets. His subject for the evening was "Go Ahead and Worry, It's Fun". Mr. Swan was a huge success and made a hit with all the doctors. He will, no doubt, be asked to return in the near future.

The banquet was attended by about 150 members.

The Mahoning County Medical Society, the Mahoning County Dental Society and the Medical-Dental Bureau held their annual Golf Meet at the Youngstown Country Club on August 3, 1950. More than 50 per cent of the members of the respective groups attended. They enjoyed a wonderful day of golfing, climaxed with a well-planned dinner.

Practically every member of the respective groups received a gift. Dr. E. C. Brown deserves a vote of thanks for getting the individual gifts.

There was a unanimous decision that the affair should be repeated in the near future.

A. K. Phillips, M.D.  
Social Chairman

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## LAY EDUCATION AND SPEAKERS COMMITTEE

Your committee continued to process, schedule and in some instances, publicize talks given by the Society membership before various civic organizations, clubs and on various radio stations.

A number of talks were given on socialized medicine. Three members of the Society participated in open forums on, "The Preservation of the Voluntary System of Medical Practice", with Drs. J. K. Herald, J. J. McDonough and W. M. Skipp rendering outstanding service in that regard.

The committee worked hand in hand with the special committee on the Preservation of the Voluntary System of Medical Practice headed by Dr. C. A. Gustafson. An essay contest for college students highlighted this activity. Thousands of pieces of literature were dispersed to college students all over Ohio and the essays submitted for judging indicated wide reading and evaluation of the literature.

Radio talks were given in connection with the Cancer Fund Drive, and the Heart Association and Diabetic educational campaigns.

Society members demonstrated ready willingness to participate in speaking programs whenever called upon.

Stephen W. Ondash, M.D.  
Chairman

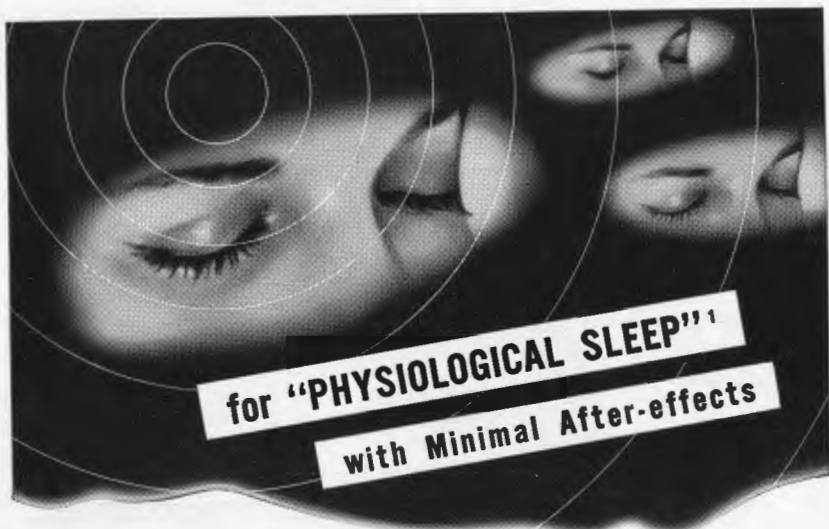
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## PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

The work of the Public Health Committee for the current year has been confined to:

1. Smoke control.
2. A joint committee statement to the Council concerning proper methods of reporting tuberculosis.
3. Active participation in the Diabetic Detection Week.

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### CANCER COMMITTEE

Cancer Clinics have been functioning at South Side and St. Elizabeth Hospitals with approximately six patients a week being examined. In September a dinner meeting of the physicians who are serving in the Cancer Clinic was held at Youngstown Country Club. The aim and principles of the American Cancer Society were explained at that time. The chairman of the Cancer Committee wishes to express his gratitude to the men who have made the Cancer Clinics a success by their loyal support.

G. E. DeCicco, M.D.  
Chairman

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### VETERANS COMMITTEE

No meetings of the committee have been held this year. The fine cooperation of the participating physicians in the care of veterans has continued.

In April the records of veterans were transferred from the local office of the Veterans Administration to Cleveland, Ohio, and authorizations for treatment by participating physicians have since been issued by the Regional office in Cleveland.

Two of the three physicians of the Youngstown Veterans Administration office have been transferred. Dr. Francis R. Harrison remains as Chief Medical Officer.

Your committee chairman entered upon the duties of Assistant Chief Medical Officer at the Veterans Administration office in Akron, Ohio, October 29, 1950.

Sidney Franklin, M.D.  
Chairman

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### THE HOSPITAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The activities of the Hospital Relations Committee have been very few during the past year which should speak well for the good will which exists between the four institutions.

R. W. Rummell, M.D.  
Chairman

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### DR. ONDASH TO EDIT BULLETIN

Dr. Stephen W. Ondash has been appointed Editor of the *Bulletin*, beginning with the January, 1951 issue, to succeed Dr. F. S. Coombs, who has resigned. Dr. Coombs will continue to serve as one of the Associate Editors.

Dr. Ondash is now planning some innovations for the forthcoming issues of the *Bulletin* and is canvassing the membership of the Society for new associate editors. He is interested in interviewing any physician who would like to help with the *Bulletin*.

Dr. Ondash interned and was surgical resident in St. Elizabeth Hospital and then served for five and one-half years in the Armed Services. For the last two years he has been chairman of the Society's committee on Lay Education and Speakers. During the last year he also served on the Prize Essay Contest committee. He has been an Associate Editor of the *Bulletin* for the past three years. As Editor, Dr. Ondash will become a member of the Council of the Society.



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### COUNCIL MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Council of the Mahoning County Medical Society was held on November 13, 1950, at the office of the Society, 203 Schween-Wagner Bldg., Youngstown, Ohio. The following doctors were present: E. J. Wenaas, presiding; G. M. McKelvey, J. N. McCann, G. E. DeCicco, C. A. Gustafson, J. C. Vance, and F. S. Coombs.

The following applications were presented by the Censors:

#### FOR INTERNE MEMBERSHIP

Dr. Henry Levy Shorr, St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Youngstown, Ohio.

Dr. David Edward Beynon, 604 Home Savings & Loan Bldg., Youngstown, Ohio.

Unless objection is filed in writing with the secretary within 15 days, the above become members of the Society.

Dr. McCann discussed the plan for Home Treatment of Tuberculosis Patients, in order to acquaint Council with the setup and asked for constructive criticism, if any. Council felt that the co-operation of the four Health Commissioners was essential and could be worked out satisfactorily when Dr. McCann discussed the plan with them. Council had previously approved the program.

Dr. DeCicco discussed, for Dr. Noll, a similar plan for cardiac patients. Council expressed approval of the plan as outlined by the Heart Association, it being very helpful to these patients and to the hospitals.

G. E. DeCicco, M.D.  
Secretary.

### ANNUAL BANQUET IN JANUARY

At the November meeting, the Council of the Society recommended to change the date of the annual banquet to January 16, 1951, at which time Dr. Elmer J. Wenaas will be formally installed as President.

The Council also voted to make this a formal dress affair following the custom established many years ago, but temporarily abolished during World War II.

Dr. Wenaas is expected to make a short inaugural address and this will be followed by the speaker of the evening, Attorney Jack Landsdale, of the law firm of Squire, Saunders and Dempsey, Cleveland, Ohio, who will talk on "Corporate Practice of Medicine." Mr. Landsdale is an authority on the present controversy of the role of hospitals in regard to medical practice.

The banquet will be held in the Elks Club and will be preceded by the usual social hour. The price for the banquet will be \$5.00 which is a bit less than in former years. The decrease in price has been achieved since part of the expense will be charged to regular meeting costs.

The present social committee with Dr. Alexander K. Phillips chairman, is in charge of arrangements for the affair.

### WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

The next regular meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Mahoning County Medical Society will be a tea to be held Tuesday, January 9, 1951, at 1:30 P. M. in the St. Elizabeth Hospital.

The members of the Auxiliary were quite busy during the November pre-election days when they helped prepare and distribute 36,000 letters urging the re-election of Senator Taft. A number of members helped transport voters to the polls on election day.

The Auxiliary celebrated 10 years of its existence at the October meeting, honoring all of the past-presidents including Mrs. Robert M. Morrison, first president of the organization. Mrs. W. H. Evans is president during the present year.

# **JANUARY MEETING**

## **ANNUAL BANQUET**

(Formal)

**Installation of Dr. E. J. Wenas as President**

**Speaker:**

**Attorney Jack Landsdale**  
Cleveland, Ohio

**Subject:**

**"Corporate Practice of Medicine"**

**Time:**

**Tuesday, January 16, 1951**  
**6:30 P. M.**

**Place:**

**Elks Club, 220 W. Boardman St.**

**Cost:**

**\$5.00 Per Person**

## MEDICAL SERVICE FOUNDATION

By Franklin B. Powers

(Editor's Note: Mr. Powers, counsel for the Mahoning Medical Service Foundation, has been the guiding hand in arranging for and making the Service Foundation operate.)

Your editor is informed that the Medical Service Foundation of Mahoning County is now functioning, so a brief review of what it is all about is in order.

Foundation exists and will continue to operate by reason of the continuing generosity of the physicians of Mahoning County. It was made possible by the agreement of the County Commissioners to pay for medical service to indigent patients of the County during hospitalization. Each day that a physician serves an indigent patient in the hospital a fee of \$1.35 is due to the Foundation.

A complete history of the project would fill several pages of this *Bulletin* but you are not interested in the whys and wherefores of that story. We can give you every step, however, if you wish. The highspots are as follows:

First, a so-called "Non Profit" corporation was organized under the laws of Ohio with a Board of Trustees of whom nine are physicians and six are laymen. Officers were elected and an Executive Secretary and Counsel were secured. While no plan just like we wanted could be found elsewhere, studies were made of similar programs.

Next, the Commissioners of Mahoning County were contacted and various proposals submitted for their consideration. The commissioners were sympathetic and helpful but pointed out the many problems that had to be solved. Next we conferred with the County Welfare Director and more problems faced us. Since approximately one-half of the funds devoted to County Welfare come from the State of Ohio, we made several trips to Columbus to ascertain the attitude of the Director of Welfare for the State of Ohio.

### ENTIRE SOCIETY IN FOUNDATION

Meantime the plan was presented to the Mahoning County Medical Society and approved. Following that, the individual members of the Society signed the formal approval of the plan and the authorization to the officers of the Foundation to collect the checks to be issued by the Welfare Department so that these payments would become a part of the funds of the Foundation. It should be stated that each member in good standing of the Mahoning County Medical Society automatically becomes a member of the Medical Service Foundation. Many obstacles had to be overcome and the good will and cooperation of a great number of persons had to be won.

The Foundation was organized in July, 1948. The first payment by the County Welfare Department for treatment of indigent patients, amounting to a total of about \$1,800.00, was collected in July, 1950. In December of 1950 we received what we hope will be the first of a series of payments every month from here on.

Where will this money go?

First: For the expenses of operation, office records, a part time Executive Secretary, Counsel, stenographic, and clerical work, all being essential to the proper functioning of the Foundation.

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Second: The funds necessary to cover the cost of nursing scholarships in St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Youngstown Hospital and Youngstown College as authorized by the Trustees of the Foundation. The balance of the funds will be held pending further action by the Trustees.

We believe that the Foundation has great possibilities and promises real benefit to the Medical Society and its public relations, to the medical and nursing professions generally, and ultimately to Youngstown College. We urge your continuing interest and cooperation in the plan.

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### DR. ROOT REVIEWS DIABETES

Dr. Howard F. Root, physician-in-chief of the New England Deaconess Hospital, Boston, and past president of the American Diabetes Association, reviewed the complications of Diabetes in his talk on the "Medical and Surgical Management of Diabetes", before the Society November 14, 1950, in the V.F.W. Hall as a part of the Diabetic Week program.

The meeting was held in the V.F.W. Hall because of a mix-up in dates for use of the Elks Lodge Room. A dinner before the meeting was held at the Elks Club.

"We are seeing more complications of Diabetes in the last 10 years," Dr. Root declared. "These are principally in the eye grounds, coronary vessels, and the kidney. Some investigators feel that these complications occur irrespective of the mode of therapy of the diabetes, though I am not so sure that I agree.

"Whatever the complications are, they all seem to center around the kidney, intercapillary glomerulo sclerosis. I prefer to call this complication Diabetic Nephrosclerosis."

He went on to point out that Diabetics also could have arteriolar nephrosclerosis and pyelonephritis. He went on to emphasize the importance of glomerulo sclerosis, stating that it is more frequent in young Diabetics of the severe type and 52 per cent of Diabetics die of renal lesions.

Dr. Root illustrated his lecture with slides showing the follow-up statistics on 213 cases which he had classified into groups with excellent, good, fair, and poor control of their Diabetes. His figures showed that the patients with excellent or good control (of treatment) had far less complications in the way of Diabetic retinitis or vascular calcification than did those in the fair or poor control (of treatment) groups.

In discussing the surgical aspects of Diabetes, Dr. Root first pointed out that Diabetic tissue necroses more readily than does normal tissue and has more capillary fragility. He said such Diabetic lesions of the feet often have more local anemia and thus transfusions are required in treatment. He declared that antibiotics have permitted control of infections in Diabetic lesions and thus more conservative surgery is possible.

He thought that sympathectomy alone was accompanied by 25-40 per cent of failures, but when sympathectomy was used in preparation for conservative surgery it was more successful. He pointed out that sympathectomy was most valuable in those cases in which vasospasm could be demonstrated by sweating of the involved extremity.

He concluded with the thought that the painless Diabetic foot is more dangerous than the painful one, but cautioned that the Diabetic should not walk on a painful toe or foot.

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## PHYSICIANS AND THE ARMED SERVICES

Unless there is an about-face in military planning, substantial numbers of physicians not now anticipating military duty will have to be called up in the next year. Although military medical planners have made no announcement of new requirements, some facts are inescapably clear.

Between July 1 and December total military manpower was increased from 1,500,000 to about 2,200,000. Until the new Korean crisis, the goal was 2,800,000 by next July 1. Physicians to care for the additional men were expected to come mainly from doctor-draft registrants classified 1-A and 1-A-O, and reserves who otherwise would be so classified.

However, the services now plan to speed up inductions and reach the 2,800,000 total by early spring. This means that the present pool of 1-A's and 1-A-O's and draft-eligible reserves will be used up earlier than anticipated. After that, the services will have to call on physicians not now classified 1-A or 1-A-O and possibly again reach into the ranks of reserves with World War II experience.

In his request to Congress for additional defense money, President Truman did not specify a new manpower total, but he left no doubt that a figure higher than the current goal of 2,800,000 would be set. Mr. Truman said: "We now face the necessity of having to raise our sights both in terms of manpower and in terms of production."

It should be remembered that last fall the services' request for a 3,500,000 ceiling was not approved. If, in view of the new crisis they should get authorization for this total, several thousand additional physicians would be needed. Officially, military leaders decline to set a troop ratio for physicians, but unofficially some of them agree that four per thousand would not be too far from the actual figure. Against a 700,000 increase in troop strength, this would mean almost 3,000 additional medical officers.

### COMMISSIONING SPEEDED UP

Army has stepped up its procedure for commissioning of medical reserves in an effort to insure that no man who wants to volunteer will be involuntarily inducted and deprived of the \$100 bonus.

Here is the new system:

At the time a registrant reports for physical examination, he has an opportunity—his last—to apply for an army reserve commission as a volunteer. If he accepts, his records go to the Army area commander, who sends a letter of appointment if the registrant qualifies in other respects. Once he receives this notice, the registrant is expected to take the oath of office within 72 hours. Then he is to notify his Selective Service Board of his reserve status, and SS will cease processing him.—*Capitol Clinics.*

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Seen on a nurse's quiz: "How many times stronger acid is a solution of pH<sup>3</sup> than a solution of pH<sup>5</sup>? (Ans. 100).

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Another famous last line: "Then the bulldozer came along and blocked my drive again."

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The American College of Surgeons' Board of Regents has protested to President Truman and top military medical officers against the "doctor draft" and the waste of medical manpower. The Regents noted that Korean casualties for four months "were equal to only about one month's casualties in U. S. from automobile accidents alone."

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## TWO BLOOD TESTS FOR SYPHILIS DURING PREGNANCY

By *Henri Schmid, M.D.*

Several considerations suggest that at least two blood tests for syphilis during pregnancy would reduce the incidence of congenital syphilis, one blood test taken early during pregnancy, the other in the third trimester or at the time of delivery.

Statistics from the Surgeon General of the Public Health Service state that the incidence of congenital syphilis has remained constant for the last five and a half years.

The treatment of early syphilis by various rapid treatment schedules employing either penicillin or heavy metals appears to have been followed by a higher incidence of reinfections than occurred under the "standard" alternating heavy metal therapy.

The average rate of relapse and noncure in syphilis is anywhere between 5 to 30 per cent.

Infection of the foetus probably requires the seeding of treponemes in the maternal circulation during the last five months of pregnancy.

The mechanism of relapse and reinfection is fairly well understood. Briefly, according to Thomas, it is this. Within two years, often much less, after infection, *untreated syphilis* produces immunologic changes in the host which are permanent and make it impossible for the development of early syphilitic lesions. Thus, whether or not the syphilis is subsequently cured, once this permanent "refractory state" is established, infected individuals who receive no treatment for two years following infection never again react to the syphilitic virus with early dark-field positive lesions, even though reinfected or super-infected with heterologous treponemes. Early treatment, however, interferes with the progressive development of this immunity.

### PENICILLIN PREVENTS REFRACTORY STATE

When treatment with penicillin is completed before the establishment of the refractory state, reinfection will result in the redevelopment of early lesions. In poorly treated patients, subcurative penicillin therapy enables the tissues to react to the seeding of treponemes from within by the reappearance of early infectious lesions. Most relapses occur between the third and ninth month after the completion of treatment, rarely during the second year and perhaps never two years or more after treatment has been completed.

Our former concept that early infectious syphilis lasted for 4 to 5 years after the beginning of infection resulted from our experience with the "standard" treatment of alternating courses of arsenicals and bismuth. Then many lapsed patients received irregular and inadequate treatment. The establishment of the permanent refractory state was thus postponed for a much longer period and it was common to see the reappearance of infectious mucocutaneous lesions during the first 4 years of the infection.

Serologic relapses usually precede infectious relapse.

Admissions at the V. D. Clinic in Youngstown clearly show that the incidence of gonorrhea is decidedly on the increase especially in the colored population, both male and female. In the pre-penicillin days it was not

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uncommon, on account of the longer incubation period for syphilis, to observe a chancre appearing during the course of an acute gonorrhoeal urethritis. The ordinary curative dose of penicillin for gonorrhoea is subcurative for syphilis. It is difficult to estimate how many cases of cured or arrested gonorrhoea harbor "resting" treponemes in their body. Follow-up is practically impossible since most patients fail to report after the urethral discharge has subsided.

#### REPEAT SEROLOGY IMPORTANT

Stokes, speaking on what the antibiotics have done for venereal disease control, says: "They have abolished patient education in courses, hampered contact tracing, and weakened follow-up. They have provided treatment so rapid and simple as to make almost immediate reinfection a common-place; they have returned the management of venereal diseases to the general practitioner if not to the patient himself; they have put the skids under fear."

There seems to be among the medical profession, whether for good or bad, a growing tendency to treat venereal diseases on suspicion, without diagnosis and without follow-up of results.

All this suggests a probably under-estimated potential reservoir of infection, certainly a menace to the woman in the child-bearing period.

Thomas has definitely shown that at Bellevue Hospital, the low incidence of infected babies in syphilitic women is due to a careful search for relapses and reinfections and to prompt retreatment of all such cases.

It is known that treatment of the mother, even if given immediately before delivery, affords some protection to the offspring.

Our experience at the V. D. Clinic indicates that the suggestion of taking at least two blood tests for syphilis during pregnancy is all in favor of the unborn child. It is not too much to hope that, if this procedure was generally adopted as a routine part of every pregnant woman's prenatal care, the incidence of congenital syphilis could be reduced by a good one per cent.

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### BARTZ POST LAUNCHES MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Seeking to enroll all eligible medical World War II veterans in the County, the Frederick Bartz American Legion Post 726 has launched a membership drive in conjunction with the national campaign for membership in the American Legion.

Over 65 members of the Mahoning County Medical Society are listed on the Bartz roster and attainment of the Legion objective would augment the number near the century mark.

Chairman of the membership committee is Dr. Raymond A. Hall with Drs. M. E. Conti and R. S. Donley as associates. Medical veterans eligible for membership are requested to contact Dr. Hall or any member of his committee for application forms and any data reference the organization, unique in Legion circles in that it has only physician members.

The Post commemorates the late Dr. Frederick Bartz, only area medical officer lost in World War II. Its meetings, few in number, are usually in conjunction with a luncheon, and serve to consolidate the ranks of county medical veterans in the spirit of true comradeship.



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Dr. Williams was born in 1863 near Oskaloosa, Iowa. In the same year his parents moved to a farm in Liberty Township, Trumbull County, Ohio. His early education began at Seceder's Corners Grade School and later he was graduated from Hubbard High School. In 1891 he received his medical degree from Columbus Medical College which is now Ohio State University. He retired July 1, 1950 after 58 years of practice. He passed away at the North Unit of Youngstown Hospital on October 15, 1950, after a short illness.

Dr. Williams was a medical pioneer in Trumbull County and served that community the entire 58 years he practiced medicine. It is not given to many of us to touch the lives of so many, so intimately, in a community like Girard, for so many years. At the time of his retirement the Girard Kiwanis Club, speaking for all the citizens of the community, expressed in a full-page tribute in the *Girard News*, their love and gratitude. The tremendous accomplishments in his long career are too numerous to mention here. He served on the Girard Board of Education for 27 years, and was the Liberty Township and Girard City Health Officer for 30 years. The present Girard Board of Health, together with its nursing service will always remain a living monument to his endeavors. He was active in many fraternal orders and organizations. He was a life-long member of and a regular attendant at local, state and national medical organizations.

Dr. Williams was a village doctor of the old school. I wish I had the pen of Charles Dickens, that I might adequately paint his picture. He was always cheerful, friendly, dignified, immaculately dressed and invariably wore a boutonniere in his lapel. He was deeply in love with his profession and considered it the greatest and noblest of all callings. He was an intimate friend and great admirer of the late Dr. George Crile. Among my most cherished possessions is his autographed copy of Dr. Crile's biography. He was religious, not to the point of fanaticism, but to the extent of living by his convictions and setting a worthy example. He was a modest and unassuming man. He was loved by all. He was truly an inspiration to all of us, and we are all better for having known him.

The Trumbull County Medical Society in its *Bulletin*, summed up Dr. Williams' practice and life in the following words:

"Fifty-eight years! How much worry and heart aches and how many sleepless nights that represents! The vigils over the cradle of a youngster suffocating from diphtheria, in pre-anti-toxin days; the labored respirations of a pneumonia patient, drowning in his own secretions, the pain-drawn faces, the suffering, the anguish of the families, and the sorrows of the bereaved. All these were his lot, day in and day out. Yes, all these and more. The lusty cry of the newborn babe and the happy Madonna-like smile of its mother; the thrill of a temperature drop after a pneumonia crisis; the satisfaction of a good diagnosis and a recovered patient; the privilege of relieving pain and suffering of a fellow human; above all, the contentment that comes at the end of a day."

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## MICHIGAN GRADUATE COURSES

The University of Michigan Medical School has announced its schedule of review course for the practicing physician for the year 1951. For detailed information on the courses those interested are requested to write to Dr. Howard H. Cummings, professor of Post Graduate Medicine, 2040 University Hospital, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

The schedule of courses is as follows:

Anatomy -----(Thursdays) February 15-May 31

Cancer ----- January 16-19

Internal Medicine:

Diseases of the Heart ----- **March** 19-23

Endocrinology and Metabolism ----- **March** 26-30

Rheumatic Disease ----- **April** 2-6

Allergy ----- **April** 9-13

Diseases of the Blood ----- **April** 16-20

Diseases of the Gastro-Intestinal Tract ----- **April** 23-27

Recent Advances in Therapeutics ----- **May** 3-5

Electrocardiographic Diagnosis ----- **August** 27-Sept. 1

Neurology, Clinical ----- **May** 14-17

Obstetrics and Gynecology ----- **February** 19-March 3

Ophthalmology Conference ----- **April** 23-25

Pediatrics ----- **February** 28-March 3

Roentgenology, Diagnostic ----- **April** 16-20

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## LAY EDUCATION AND SPEAKERS CALENDAR

Nov. 9, 1950: Dr. Robert McKee Kiskaddon: Kiwanis Club: "Diabetes".

Nov. 11, 1950: Dr. Gordon G. Nelson: WFMJ: "Introducing Diabetic Week".

Nov. 12, 1950: Dr. Morris S. Rosenblum: WKBN: "The Diabetic Detection Drive".

Nov. 13, 1950: Dr. Arnoldus Goudsmit: WFMJ: "The Diabetic Patient".

Nov. 14, 1950: Dr. Herman H. Ipp: WBBW: "Diagnosis of Diabetes".

Nov. 15, 1950: Dr. E. J. Wenaas: WBBW: "Diabetes and Eye Disease".

Nov. 16, 1950: Dr. H. Bryan Hutt: WFMJ: "Diabetes in Childhood".

Nov. 17, 1950: Dr. M. W. Neidus: WBBW: "Complications of Diabetes".

Nov. 18, 1950: Dr. Frederick S. Coombs, Jr.: WKBN: "Review and Significance of Diabetic Week".



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Dr. Allan L. Schaffer of Warren, Ohio, has announced the association of Dr. Densmore Thomas, formerly of Niles, in the practice of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Dr. Lewis K. Reed, 2914 Southern Blvd., Youngstown, attended a post-graduate symposium on Peripheral Vascular Disease and Hypertension at the Mayo Clinic and Mayo Foundation, Rochester, Minnesota, during the week of November 26 to December 2, 1950. The program was sponsored and arranged by the American College of Physicians.

Dr. Stephen W. Ondash was elected treasurer of the Fourth Auxiliary Surgical Group, an association of front line surgeons of World War II, at its annual meeting held at the Harvard Club in Boston during the Clinical Congress of the American College of Surgeons. Elected president was Dr. Lamar Soutter, Assistant Attending Surgeon at Massachusetts General Hospital.

Drs. Paul McConnell, Brack Bowman and A. J. Brandt were elected to fellowship in the International College of Surgeons during the clinical sessions of the College held in Cleveland October 31 through November 3.

## *Health Department Bulletin*

### REPORT FOR OCTOBER, 1950

	1950	Male	Female	1949	Male	Female
Deaths Recorded . . . . .	203	117	86	169	109	60
Births Recorded . . . . .	552	287	265	535	285	250

	1950		1949	
	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths
<b>CONTAGIOUS DISEASES:</b>				
Chicken Pox . . . . .	14	0	12	0
Measles . . . . .	2	0	28	0
Mumps . . . . .	1	0	6	0
Polio . . . . .	5	0	1	0
Scarlet Fever . . . . .	5	0	0	0
Tuberculosis . . . . .	6	4	3	4
Whooping Cough . . . . .	2	0	41	0
Syphilis . . . . .	35	0	40	0
Gonorrhoea . . . . .	23	0	35	0

#### VENEREAL DISEASES:

New Cases:	Male	Female	
Syphilis . . . . .	6	4	
Gonorrhoea . . . . .	16	6	
Total Patients . . . . .			32
Total Visits to Clinic (Patients) . . . . .			384

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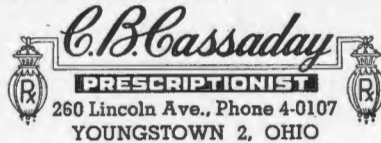
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The Clinical Conference of the Chicago Medical Society, March 6-9, 1951 in the Palmer House, is designed to bring physicians new resources to meet their problems in every-day practice. A faculty of thirty-four outstanding speakers will present half-hour lectures and another group of authorities will participate in the four panels on timely topics.

Each year the Society presents something new which will be of interest to those attending. The special feature for the 1951 Conference will be daily teaching demonstration periods from 11 A. M. to 12 noon and 1:30 to 3:00 P. M.

### FROM THE BULLETIN

By J. L. Fisher, M.D.

#### FIFTEEN YEARS AGO (DECEMBER, 1935)

New members of the Medical Society were John B. Kupec, John R. Buchanan, E. H. Young, C. A. McReynolds.

Earl Brant was program chairman. Claude Norris edited the *Bulletin* and Ivan C. Smith was the business manager. H. E. Hathorn was chairman of the Public Health Committee and James Brown ran the Post-Graduate Day. Dr. Wm. Skipp was Secretary.

For the first time in Youngstown's history, the Mayor requested the Society to submit recommendations for appointment of Health Commissioner and City Physician. A special meeting was held and candidates voted on to select three men for each office. Those recommended for Health Commissioner were C. H. Beight, W. W. Ryall and E. R. Thomas. For City Physician the high candidates were P. J. Fusco, H. E. Patrick and Colin M. Reed. Mayor Lionel Evans chose Ryall and Fusco.

At the end of the year the Society had a cash balance of \$151.73 with \$186.00 uncollected dues.

#### TEN YEARS AGO (DECEMBER, 1940)

R. B. Poling was President, Claude Norris again edited the *Bulletin*, W. H. Evans was Program Chairman. Gordon Nelson was Public Health Chairman and Marinelli ran the Post-Graduate Day. John Noll was Secretary.

The Medical-Dental Bureau was putting on a luncheon meeting every Thursday at the Lincoln Hotel with a free meal, a speaker and sometimes music by the ensemble.

The Alcoholics Anonymous were just beginning to be recognized as a force for good in the community.

The Council voted to increase dues to \$12.00 per year.

### INVITATION

The members of the Mahoning County Medical Society are cordially invited to visit the Child Guidance Center of Youngstown, 554 W. Indianola Ave., Youngstown.

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## NURSING EDUCATION



Like any other physician, we have been interested in nursing education for some time, but particularly in these last five post war years. There seem to be many opinions on methods of educating young women to be nurses and likewise many opinions on just what constitutes the duties of a nurse.

We are of the opinion that a nurse is one who has been trained to minister to the care of the sick, usually under the guidance of a physician. That should mean such an individual has been trained to make the sick comfortable physically and be acquainted with some aspects of the disturbances of personality in ill persons.

To make the sick comfortable physically means bedside nursing care: making beds, straightening sheets and pillows, caring for the skin, caring for bodily functions, and administering such medication as is ordered. To make the sick comfortable mentally means displaying a cheerful disposition on the part of the nurse, allaying the patient's fears by reassurance and avoidance of improper remarks, and understanding the irritable personality of the sick.

It is generally understood that there is a great shortage of such nurses today. Indeed many persons prefer to be sick in their own homes and cared for by members of their family who will carry out the rudiments of bedside nursing. This puts our hospitals in an unfavorable light.

Shouldn't we train bedside nurses rather than "ersatz" physicians and nursing superintendents? We believe our colleague physicians would like to see more bedside nurses!

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