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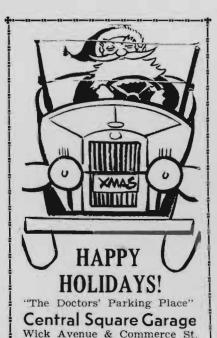
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# Happy Holiday

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### THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

The reports of the various Committees appear in this Bulletin. These reports speak for themselves and show that the members of the Committees have been most active throughout the year. Progress has been made, thanks to the untiring efforts of these Committeemen and the loyalty of the Society members in supporting them.

At no time could plans be made for too definite a line of action. Council has met and dealt with the various questions as they were presented, and the welfare of the Society as a whole, rather than that of any particular person or group of persons, has always been considered in our decisions.

Some moves have been made that have been termed radical. But a close study of all the factors involved will show they have been necessary, rather than radical. The trial of something that may prove better than that which we have is not wrong, provided that an avenue of retreat is left open so one may return to his starting point if this should be desirable. No steps have been taken this year that cannot be retraced if the new way is not better than the old.

It is hard to depart from the old, especially for those of us who have been deeply rooted to the precepts of the past, even for changes the need for which is self-evident. What a painful transition it must have been for the accoucheur, who notched the nail of his index finger so he could more easily rupture the membranes, when he had to accept finally rubber gloves. One wonders why we can not see things alike, particularly when they are so distinct to us. Why should we hesitate to correct a wrong if it is within our power to do so? Can we not realize that there are many roads from wrong to right? Can we not realize that by traveling together we shall reach our destination more surely? Can we not realize that by traveling together we may help one another over the rough spots?

Are we forever to fear public opinion? To think that we who at times have felt that we are a power in the community, should have permitted such a system as the F.E.R.A. and the C.W.A., as administered in this State, to be forced on us! Other lines of business asserted their rights but we physicians, to be true to tradition, took it lying down.

When one considers the developments of the past month, one wonders if within a few short months we shall not all be Federal Physicians, thankful for any small favors that the State may care to extend to us. Not many States have possessed leaders of sufficient vision to have ready a plan of social medicine to offer as a substitute for the one that the government will surely present.

As your President, I feel that I have had the support of the membership to an unusual degree. In turn, I have kept my pledge to place the affairs of the Society first at all times. It can truthfully be said that I have had no cause for disagreement with any member, and to serve you has been an honor and a pleasure that I shall never forget.

JAS. B. NELSON

### SECRETARY'S REPORT

Two Council meetings were held during the month, with a final disposition of the Baby Welfare Stations. The final correspondence is reported in this issue. According to the feeling of the Public Relations Committee this disposition of the matter was very unsatisfactory.

Baby Welfare Correspondence

Oct. 30, 1934

TO THE VISITING NURSES' ASSOCIATION,

Att.: Mrs. Augusta Bentley Dear Mrs. Bentley:

The Council of the Mahoning County Medical Society instructs me to acknowledge, with their thanks, your courteous letter of October 16, 1934.

The Council feels that your reply expresses a spirit of willingness to cooperate in our mutual responsibility to give to the citizens of this community the health services which, in the long run, will be efficient and fair to all concerned. The Council views your statement as sincerely intended to comply with the purposes of our resolutions. Those purposes have never been to thwart or to hinder humanitarian efforts in behalf of the unfortunate poor. Our only motives are, and will continue to be, to prevent those who are not entitled to free service from receiving it; and to prevent unfair encroachment upon what should be the domain of private medical practice. With these two concepts your letter, in spirit, seems to agree.

There are two minor points in your letter, however, which, it seems to us, are not quite clear. The question of the care of such minor ailments as diaper rashes and umbilical hernias, we feel are therapeutic measures, and that the child having sucn is not a well child, and should be referred for attention. As you say, these matters we may handle through our member physicians who do Baby Station work. The other is the question of what shall constitute indigency. We do not feel that debts, or anything else, against an individual who has a fair income should be relieved at the exclusive expense of the Medical Profession. This point, however, we anticipate will be dealt with in a spirit of fairness to all concerned.

In conclusion, Council wishes again to thank you, and we pledge our cooperation, as we want yours, in an equitable and fair effort to give good medical service to our people.

Yours respectfully, WM. M. SKIPP, M.D., Secretary

WM. M. SKIPP, M.D., My dear Dr. Skipp:

Your letter of Oct. 30th has been received and I want to thank you for the same. I think it is fair to say that we as a society, can comply with the things mentioned in your letter, and that the minor points can be left to the doctors in attendance at the clinics. I am sure there is a much better understanding between the two organizations and that we will each strive to be fair to each and to ourselves and to do the best we can for the children of this community.

Very sincerely,
AUGUSTA Z. BENTLEY
Nov. 7th.

regular monthly medical The meeting was held at the Youngstown Club, November 20th, 1934, Dr. J. B. Nelson presiding. Some one hundred and seventy-five members and guests were present. Doctors from surrounding counties and cities were welcomed. It was a rather marked disappointment in the beginning that Dr. Frank Lahey, of the Lahey Clinic of Boston, could not be present to address us on the subject of "Carcinoma of Colon and Rectum". But after hearing his able associate, Dr. Cattell, the meeting was pronounced a marked success by all present. Dr. Cattell knows his subject, is an able speaker, has unlimited knowledge of the subject, and we are grateful to have heard Dr. Cattell.

### THE ANNUAL BANQUET

Your especial attention is directed right now to the Annual Banquet of the Society, to be held on January 17th. Two things are sure to come to you as you reflect over that meeting afterwards: (1) That that man Hendon has the most fetching sense of humor you ever experiencedsly, subtle, at one moment; burstingly hilarious at the next,-a rich, cultivated, elegant humor, funny but very thought-provoking! Something unique for a SURGEON! (ouch!!) and, (2) You will reflect,—"After all, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

To every member of the Mahoning County Medical Society, and to friends of our Society everywhere, we, the Editor and the Business Manager, extend our heart-felt Christmas Greetings.

CLAUDE B. NORRIS, Editor
SAMUEL TAMARKIN, Business Mgr.

### PINCH HITTER KNOCKS HOME RUN

Dr. R. B. Cattell, who spoke to the Society Tuesday evening, November 20th, in place of his associate, Dr. Frank H. Lahey, scored very high. His large audience, of more than 250 doctors, was delighted with Dr. Cattell's masterly presentation of his subject, "Cancer of the Rectum and Colon".

Dr. Lahey, unfortunately ill and confined to the hospital, could not be with us at this time. But we are now assured, more than before, of later having the honor of his presence. Indeed, a strong probability exists that Dr. Lahey will be willing to head a group for our 1936 Postgraduate That would be a genuine tri-Day! umph!

Incidentally, Dr. Cattell is almost a local product. He was brought up at Martin's Ferry, Ohio, and did his first collegiate work at Mt. Union College, at Alliance.

Our Society unanimously regrets Dr. Lahey's inability to be with us, but eagerly anticipates his coming in the future. And we are equally enthusiastic in our approval of the brilliant young man whom he sent to "pinch-hit" for him!

### POSTGRADUATE ASSEMBLY

Plans will be initiated soon looking towards our next April Postgraduate Day. The selection of the Mayo Group by Dr. Beard was a stroke of rare good fortune for our Society and for the large territory from which our confreres come. The coming of this group will result in a high-water mark in registration for all our Postgraduate Days up to now. Once more we as members are to have the grand privilege of acting as hosts: Let us do it in the grand manner!

### THE ANNUAL MEETING

This month the Society elects the officers for next year, including the President-elect, who will lead us in Our Society is practically a pure democracy. It is safe to assume that every member wishes it to remain so. But the blessings of democracy cannot be separated from consequent responsibilities! No functions of the individual member are more important than those of voicing and voting honest convictions as to men and measures pertinent to the progress of the Society. Be present this month, and exercise your dutyladen right to help shape constructively the course of our Society during the coming year!

### Applications For Membership

The following men have passed by the Censors and Council: Dr. Lloyd C. Couchman, Sebring; Dr. Morris S. Rosenblum, and Dr. Walter J. Tymochko, Youngstown.

If there are any objections to these becoming members of our Society, kindly communicate in writing to this office within 15 days after the publication of this notice.

Wm. M. Skipp, Secretary.

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### **ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

With this issue of the Bulletin my duties as Editor end. At the beginning I expressed honest doubt that I should be able to sustain the fine quality of workmanship of my predecessors, Drs. James L. Fisher and Louis Deitchman. But I made one important miscalculation: I underestimated the counsel and direct assistance of my Editorial Committee; and I failed to evaluate in full the fine cooperation of other members of the Society, and indeed, also, of people who are not even members of our Profession! To these must go the credit for all praiseworthy features,-but the defects, alas! They are mine!

Especial acknowledgments are due to the members of the Editorial Committee. To each of them and to every man and woman who has contributed to the Bulletin this year, goes my most sincere gratitude.

Just a word of appreciation of our out-going President. During all this trying, discouraging year, Dr. Jas. B. Nelson has maintained a uniformly straight course. Under his leadership many projects have been dealt with by definite constructive action. Such mistakes as he may have made were the honest errors of an earnest man who gets things started. The committee reports, printed in this issue, bear eloquent witness to the

fruitfulness of Dr. Nelson's administration. His support and encouragement have been inspiring and invaluable.

Perhaps above all the rest, splendid as their assistance was, so far as concerns the success of the Bulletin, the highest commendation is due to our Business Manager, Dr. Sam Tamarkin. Dr. Tamarkin's faithful and efficient work is spread over about half the pages of the Bulletin. In a year such as no man has ever seen before, Dr. Tamarkin has never faltered. Today, thanks to his indefatigable zeal, our advertising support exceeds the best so far in the history of our publication. Without such excellent work the Bulletin could not prosper. The entire Society owes much to Dr. Sam Tamarkin, and for myself—and you,—I salute him!

Finally, throughout this year, as indeed has been the case since the beginning, Mr. Charles G. Muter, of the United Printing Company, has been ever faithful, always patient and courteous. To him I extend, also, my sincere thanks.

May the Editor now express for his successor and all those connected with the Bulletin next year, his best wishes! May this most useful Society instrument prosper in their care!

C. B. N.

### This Month

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ANNUAL BANQUET

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Professor of Surgery, University of Louisville

Thursday, January 17th, 1935,-6:30 P. M.

YOUNGSTOWN CLUB

# DR. HARMON E. BLOTT - A BIOGRAPHY OF THE LIVING BY H. E. PATRICK, M.D.

Harmon E. Blott, the subject of this sketch, is the oldest general practitioner of Youngstown. He was born at North Jackson, Ohio, April 2, 1865, the eldest of three children. His father and mother were John Blott and Amanda Craver Blott. His early education was obtained in the district school of North Jackson. At the age of 15, he entered the North East Ohio Normal School at Canfield, and, after two years' attendance, entered the teaching profession, spending a year each at Boardman, Cornersburg, and West Austintown. The year at Cornersburg seems to

have made the most lasting impression, as you shall see. During these years of teaching, the future Doctor was reading medicine with Dr. D. W. Stafford who was then located at Cornersburg. At the age of 20, he entered Western Reserve Medical College and spent the years of 1885, '86, and '87 in attendance there. period of residence at Reserve follows Dr. Welsh's by a year or so.

Following graduation Dr. Blott returned to Cornersburg where that lasting impression had been created and was married on May 15, 1888 to Miss

Cora Strouse. Of that union, there are two sons and a daughter; also three grandchildren on occasions have graced Grandpa's knee.

On August 15th, 1888, Dr. Blott set up practice in Brier Hill, Ohio, if you please, not West Federal Street at that time, as it has later become. Here he maintained an office for 20 years, moving then to the center of the Youngstown business district.

The Doctor's reminiscences of the practice of medicine are interesting and entertaining. At first of course, horses and horse-drawn vehicles were the means of transportation. About 1900 the Mahoning Automobile was

put upon the market and Dr. Blott secured one and for several years had city license No. 53 on his car. No state wide regulation was then in vogue. Telephones came in about 1889 or '90. At great expense he installed one at his home and office.

As the years rolled onward, civic honors accrued to the Doctor. He was president of the Mahoning County Medical Society, later coroner of Mahoning County, and served for six years as a member of the Board of Education.

Dr. Blott was appointed to the Staff of the Youngstown Hospital Associa-

tion in 1897, at a time when an appointee was expected to do all phases of work coming to his service, medicine and surgery Dr. Blott performed amputations and laparotomies occurring in his services. One interesting case resulting in recovery was a laparotomy for rupture of the bladder. A catheter in the urethra is given most credit for the recovery, as Dr. Blott relates it.

Dr. Blott has seen and comments upon the great change in the character of medical practice. First, diminution in volume of medical work due to the

incidence lessened of typhoid, scarlet fever, diphtheria and small pox, all the result of improved sanitary and public health measures. Secondly, the changed and extended methods of diagnosis. And it is pleasurable to note that Dr. Blott, despite his forty-six years of practice, has not lagged behind in his knowledge of the use and application of these measures. No one in our Society more assiduously attends the meetings, post-graduate assemblies, and special lectures than he. He remarked in the course of the interview that Dr. Wiggers gave more regarding the physiology of the kidney in his recent lecture than he had re-



H. E. Blott, M.D.

ceived in the three years of his attendance at medical school.

Three score years and ten are the Biblical limits of man's years. Possibly so. But Dr. Blott's fine, upright figure and clear mentality are still going strong. The ardent wish of his younger confreres is that he may so continue for a long time to come.

"Little minds are too much wounded by little things; great minds see all and are not even hurt."-Rockefoucauld.

### MEDICAL GLEANINGS

Drs. Joseph Rosenfeld, J. P. Harvey, J. C. Vance, attended the International Medical Meeting in Philadelphia, week of November 5, 1934.

We are are bereaved with the death of Mrs. C. M. Reed; also the mother of Drs. R. H. and F. S. Middleton.

Council and Committee Chairman were entertained at the home of Dr. J. B. Nelson, November 3, 1934.

Dr. G. G. Nelson has left the North Side Unit Hospital.

### THE MEDICAL DENTAL MEETING

The joint meeting of the Corydon-Palmer Dental Society and the Mahoning County Medical Society was held November 27, at the Youngstown Club. The meeting was addressed by Dr. Weston A. Price, of Cleveland. It was a disappointment to the Arrangements Committee that so few of the Medical Profession heard such a wonderful address. Dr. Price is an outstanding scientist, and he has spent many years of his life in attempting to find the causes of some of our degenerative diseases, particularly the cause of the decay of teeth or dental caries. The doctor took as his subject, "New Light on How Modern Civilization Teeth and Health."

The doctor does not advocate that we turn back immediately from our modern foods, but feels that we should eat more of the whole grains and more dairy products. The dairy products should be taken from cattle that are fed on rapidly growing wheat. He stressed that the wheat can be pastured and that pasturing does not very much lessen the crop.

Beyond doubt the poor attendance of medical men was entirely due to the unfortunate conflict with the joint social meeting of the nurses of

the hospitals.

### S. Q. LAYPIUS OBSERVES

Many a great man goes down, in history!

Twelve-point buck deer reported seen on Central Square. Vision possibly induced by about twelve pints of Bock Beer.

Orthopedists are now concerned with football results.

More pedigreed humans and fewer pedigreed animals might help, alsc. \* \*

It is estimated that state medicine would be about 90% state and 10% medicine. \* \* \*

The doctor sucks at his pipe and forbids the baby a pacifier. \*

Believe-it-or-not Ripley cites the instance of a cow whose custom it is to eat any golf-balls knocked into its pasture from the adjacent course. Not so harmful to the cow's digestion as one might think-remember, the balls were sliced.

It is a bit disturbing to one's ego to see that the first issue of the Bulletin printed after he has left town is entitled the "Thanksgiving Number".

In emitting his final, wheezy gasp old S. Q. Laypius takes the opportunity of expressing his pride in Mahoning County Medical Society and his hope that individually and collectively the members shall continue to show courage, vision, unity and camaraderie. May the Society continue to be described as a group of gentlemen practicing medicine in Mahoning County, with mutual aims and thoughts and sympathies. S. Q. Laypius saying a lingering "Au Revoir". \* \*

Possibly a few indefinite leaves of absence wouldn't hurt this country, either. \* \* \*

Some years ago the world was not considered safe for democracy. Now it appears to be not so safe for Republicans.



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Dr. F. F. Piercy

Dr. I. C. Smith

# REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, ETC., 1934 SECRETARY'S SUMMARY REPORT

Early in the year the Society was working through its Medical Economics Committee in formulating a plan to aid and facilitate the handling of the indigent sick in Mahoning County. Through its Committee a plan has been devised which is partially satisfactory and is functioning officially with the whole-hearted cooperation of the County Relief Director, R. A. Noble. A central office, under direct supervision of the Committee is handling the work throughout the County.

At the beginning of the year this was a much talked of and argued question, because of the uncertainty of most of us in its functioning, but at the present we hear very little of this activity, due to the official handling and whole-hearted cooperation of the Committee and the Relief Office in th's undertaking, and to the whole-hearted cooperation of the entire

membership in this regard.

Early in the year, the President appointed a committee known as the Central Office Committee, headed by Dr. R. B. Poling. This Committee finally discarded the idea of a central office as a unit of the Society and they set up, in conjunction with the Dental Society, a society which is known as the Medical-Dental Bureau. This organization has no connection with either the Dental Society or the Medical Society, other than that members of both organizations are members of the Medical-Dental Bureau. This organization is entirely economic, and is functioning officially.

In February, the Council, due to restricted finances, felt that they could not under-write any special courses of teaching, unless the Program Committee could be sure of financial support from these lectures before the course should be arranged

for.

In March, the Council requested the Public Health Committee to urge the Board of Health and the Baby Welfare Stations to refer all pre-school children to be immunized against diphtheria, to their own physician. The Public Health Committee made no progress in this matter and the immunization was carried on by a lay-organization.

In April, due to a dispute of who was responsible for paying bills, at

a special meeting of the Society the Medical Economics Committee was empowered to hire legal council to determine who was responsible for the care of indigent in this County. After having contacted County Commissioners and the Relief Director, it was found that the Public Emergency Relief was responsible. Also, the Society, at a special meeting passed a resolution to the effect that they were unwilling to do charity work for lay-organizations that were only willing to pay hospital bills, or were having the doctors bid in competition to each other. That was making a racket out of the practice of medicine, and setting themselves up as well-doers, while the Medical Profession did the work. The Society decided that the fee for services rendered shall be paid to the physician, but that if a dispute arises it will be settled by the Council of the Society.

In June, the Public Relations Committee, asked Council to consider the advisability of stopping the practice of medicine in the Baby Welfare Stations, conducted by the Visiting Nurse Association. Through repeated correspondence with this organization, that has been reported under the Secretary's report from month to month, little headway was made with this organization. It was finally decided by your Council that the matter could not be handled and that the stations should be conducted as before any investigation was made. At the first meeting a committee was appointed which was composed of the members of our Society conducting the Baby Welfare Stations. This committee brought in a resolution which if lived up to by these stations will definitely terminate the prac-tice of medicine by them. The Council finally decided that the only way to stop the practice of medicine in these stations was to do so through the individual members working in these stations. The final letters in this controversy are published at this time. But, the Council asks that we keep in mind that these stations were originally formed "to keep well babies well", and not for the practice of medicine; that the Welfare Stations should insist that no babies shall be admitted whose families budgets were more than \$75 per month. The Medical Foonomics Committee instituted a plan whereby all syphilitics of the County will be cared for by the physician of their choice. The drugs necessary for this treatment shall be furnished by the County and City Board of Health and the Relief Office. This is closing

another dispensary.

Through the efforts of our Public Health Committee our City Council was persuaded to appropriate \$3000 for the care of indigent children for the prevention of diphtheria. Due to this appropriation our Society has conducted a very successful campaign in the prevention of diphtheria. At this time, I would like to thank our City Councillors for their foresight and consideration of this matter.

Another act which Council has sponsored during the year is the participation of your Legislative Committee in an organization known as "The Committee of Allied Professions". This organization has made progress and has contacted all candidates for legislative and executive offices and has obtained an expression of cooperation in all matters pertaining to public health. This committee wishes that their recommendations for future candidates be en-

dorsed by the Allied Professions and supported in all elections.

The Society conducted a very successful course of lectures under the supervision of its Program Committee on the more recent advances in "Physiology". The course of lectures was given by Dr. Carl J. Wiggers, Professor of Physiology at Western Reserve.

The Council, through resolution in October, requested the Board of Health of the City of Youngstown that employees of the Department be not restricted as to the number of days employed because of the five-day work week. They were greatly curtailing the efficiency of the Department of Health in Youngstown, and urged that the employees be put back on six days a week.

Throughout the year, with the exception of the summer months, we have had outstanding men address us, such as: Drs. Morris Fishbein, Irvin Abell, Wm. E. Lower with Associate Wm. J. Engle, John H. Stokes, Chas. L. Brown, C. L. Cummer, John Duff and R. B. Catell. These men have been outstanding for giving us worth-while programs and the Society is to be congratulated on their being present with us.

### BULLETIN BUSINESS MANAGER Year 1934

January	
Amount of advertising sold	
Amount Collected	
Cost of Printing	186.00
Cost of mailing	8.96
Cost of mailing	
Amount of advertising sold.	
Amount Collected	255.50
Cost of Printing	
Cost of Mailing	10.72
March	
Amount of advertising sold	\$267.50
Amount Collected	291.28
Cost of Printing	202.50
Cost of Mailing	15.90
6,000 Bulletin Env. Printed	41.00
April	
Amount of advertising sold.	. \$380.50
Amount Collected	
Cost of Printing	298.00
Cost of Mailing	20.00
Мау	
Amount of advertising sold.	\$265.50
Amount Collected	304.69
Cost of Printing	252.00
Cost of Mailing	11.76
June	
Amount of advertising sold.	\$264.50
Amount Collected	
Cost of Printing	

1934
Cost of Mailing 8.72
July
Amount of advertising sold\$239.50
Amount Collected 199.33
Cost of Printing 197.50
Cost of Mailing 9.20
August
Amount of advertising sold \$236.50
Amount Collected 250.69
Cost of Printing 197.50
Cost of Mailing 9.60
September
Amount of advertising sold \$234.50
Amount Collected 229.39
Cost of Printing 198.25
Cost of Mailing 9.04
October
Amount of advertising sold \$234.50
Amount Collected 289.14
Cost of Printing 205.75
Cost of Mailing 10.00
Year of 1934
Summarized Statement

Summarized Statement
Ant. Adv. sold thru October \$2,628.00
Ant. Collected thru October \$2,522.30
Cost of Printing, Mailing and
Catalogue Envelopes \$2,295.90

SAMUEL TAMARKIN, Business Manager

### TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer is pleased to report that, in spite of reduced annual dues, the Society is close to balancing its budget for the current year. As was already explained at a recent meeting, this was made possible only through the extraordinary work of the Program Committee and a surplus from the Bulletin. Below is a statement of receipts and disbursements from Dec. 21st, 1933, the date of assumption of office, to Nov. 17, 1934:

Receipts and Disbursements

Receipts and Disbursement		
Receipts		
Bank Balance December 21, 1933	\$ 186.78	
Dues Received During Audit Period	1192.00	
Bulletin Revenue	2426.80	
Received from Meetings and Affairs	2875.74	
Total Cash Available	\$6681.32	\$6681.32
Disbursements		
State Association Dues	\$ 580.00	
Meeting Expense	2477.53	
Bulletin Expense	2260.26	
Secretary Salary	275.00	
Miscellaneous Expense	302.58	
Transferred to Permanent Fund	500.00	
Due and Paid on Meetings Prior 12-21-'33	110.00	
Check Tax	2.74	
CHECK TAX	2.13	
Total Disbursements	\$6508.11	\$6508.11
		173.21
Overage Unaccounted for		
Bank Balance November 17, 1934		\$ 177.21
Bank Balance as per Statement 10-31-'34		\$ 339.16
Deposits 11-5-'34		10.00
		349.16
Less Outstanding Checks		\$ 171.95

Your treasurer is glad to report that the Society has a tidy sum laid by as a permanent fund, which is deposited on interest bearing accounts as follows:

Bank Balance Reconciled ...

PERMANENT FUND Interest computed as of Jan. 1, 1935 Federal Savings and Loan

Co. \$5,087.64 Union National Bank 1,586.65 City Savings and Loan Co. 245.51 City Savings and Loan Co.

At a time when our individual financial barks are tossed about and buffeted so mercilessly, it is comforting to know that the Society has this nest egg. Most of this was accumulated during Dr. Taylor's tenure of office, and \$500.00 was added during the present year.

It is the opinion of forward looking members of the Society that the reserve fund should be kept intact and increased, if possible. Our community will grow and so will our So-

ciety. The time will come when we shall want a home of our own and the reserve fund will be a good nucleus for this.

\$ 177.21

Your treasurer has already made a verbal report to the effect that our reduced dues are not sufficient to cover the budget for an average year. We have an active society with an ambitious and comprehensive programme; If we are to continue our activities and have a balanced budget, the dues will have to revert to \$15.00 per annum.

A word about the mechanics of handling the Society finances: When the distinguished predecessor of the present treasurer was about to retire, he arranged an ironclad system of checks and counter checks on our money:

1. All money is first received by the recording secretary, who keeps a duplicate record. When this money is turned over to the treasurer he also makes a duplicate record of de-

posit slips. These duplicates are checked against each other and the bank pass book.

2. All bills payable must be ap-

proved by Council.

 Disbursements are made by checks drawn and signed by the treasurer and must be countersigned by the secretary.

This arrangement, though somewhat unflattering to officers who handle the finances, is very helpful to both, and provides a complete check on receipts and disbursements.

In closing your treasurer wishes to thank the members for the prompt payment of dues, and urges them to help the Society by paying the 1935 dues early. He also thanks the various committees that have helped the Society financially and averted an inevitable and substantial deficit.

Respectfully submitted, L. S. DEITCHMAN, Treasurer

### PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Dear Dr. Nelson:

I hand you herewith annual report of your Program Committee.

The regular monthly meetings with social and scientific programs have all been held according to schedule with only two substitutions, in which we were fortunate in securing able and attractive speakers with programs of interest.

The annual Post Graduate Day was a howling success, as to character of programs, unprecedented attendance and interest manifested in fact a very enjoyable event.

The Physiology course, consisting of eight meetings with one hundred twenty-five paid subscribers and nightly attendance of more than the above number, attests the appreciation and interest of members and invited guests in the fine presentation of a live subject by one of the foremost authorities in the nation. I might interline that Council's admonition—"make this course self-sustaining"—was more than respected.

Obviously all of the programs were interesting if we are to judge by the fine attendance and rapt attention

during their presentation.

It will interest the members to know that eight monthly meetings, eight lectures on Physiology and eight lectures in the annual Post Graduate course were presented and after all expense incident thereto, was taken care of, we were yet able to hand the treasurer some three hundred dollars.

While economies were effected throughout the year, it was done without the curtailment of the scope of programs either social or scientific.

I now acknowledge my indebtedness to the members of my committee for any accomplishment this year. I am indebted especially to Drs. J. B. Brown and M. H. Bachman for their fine leadership, Dr. Brown in the scientific and Dr. Bachman in the social activities.

My predecessor, Dr. Claude Norris, has proven an invaluable aid and wise counsellor in removing obstacles and shaping programs. I proffer my services to my successor with a desire to emulate Dr. Norris' splendid example.

We submit for the ensuing year

the following programs:

January—Dr. George Hendon, Prof. of Surgery, University Louisville, Banquet Speaker.

February—Dr. George Draper, Prof. Clinical Medicine, Columbia University.

March—Dr. R. H. Jaffie, Director of Laboratories, Cook County Hospital, Chicago.

April—The Mayo Group, Post Graduate Day.

May-Dr. William H. Gordon, Harper Hospital, Detroit, Mich.

June—Dr. Arthur G. Hyde, Supt., and Dr. Arthur O. Gillam, Asst. Supt., Massillon State Hospital.

Respectfully submitted, H. J. BEARD, Chairman

### SUB - COMMITTEE ON ENTERTAINMENT

Dr. Beard:

Herewith I give you a report of the activities of Sub-committee on Entertainment during the past year.

The annual Banquet was held February 1, 1934, at the Youngstown Club, and was well attended and a delightful affair.

The Post Graduate Day held in April was highly successful. The banquet of which was arranged by your chairman and his committee.

The Annual Outing was held at Southern Hills Country Club during August, and was well attended. Golf was enjoyed by some 50 members and a delightful dinner was served during the evening. A slight deficit of \$14.48 was incurred.

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### MEDICAL ECONOMICS

In respect to economics, the Medical Profession might be likened to the now forgotten Republican Party. As Will Rogers so aptly writes, "You can't go on denouncing forever. You've got to offer the people something sometime". What you have to offer might not be feasible but at least it is a step in the right direction.

In this new social scheme, as in previous times, the indigent is being taken care of medically and in my observation it is better care than he has received in the past. But that "backbone of the nation", middle class, low salaried worker is still the forgotten man even in medical economics. His salary has been cut from 20 to 60 per cent. His is the class to whom hospitalization or long medical treatment has always been a financial calamity. Even under normal conditions this class couldn't afford the best medical care. In this social era, we as a profession should arise from our lethargy and attend to the economic illness of this class as we so faithfully attend his physical illnesses. We should offer the Government our best economically minded medical brains, that the profession as well as the patient may profit by health insurance which is apparently just around the corner.

The Medical Economics Committee offers below a financial statement of the Emergency Relief in Mahoning County from January to October. Please keep in mind that free choice of physician has been maintained through these months and of the 150 Youngstown physicians signed up, 110 g. p.'s and 40 specialists, some 80 odd per cent. enjoyed in September a distribution of well over \$5000.00.

DOCTORS AND DRUGS FROM JAN. 1. 1934 TO SEPT. 30, 1934, INC.

CITY OF YOUNGSTOWN				
Month	Drugs	No. of Drs.	Paid to Drs.	
First Half January	\$ 487.49	74	\$2149.29	
Second Half January	810.67	76	2163.61	
First Half February	570.36	82	1770.70	
Second Half February	816.45	86	2068.85	
First Half March	792.57	78	1960.58	
Second Half March	1034.94	104	2818.18	
Month of April	1447.65	117	7176.33	
Month of May	1.727.37	100	5005.55	
May Supplement	73.75	71	2977.90	
Month of June	903.26	92	5261.00	
June Supplement	54.30	60	665.31	
Month of July	852.20	115	3603.45	
Month of August	999.59	118	5411.17	
August Supplement	26.28	20	150.50	
Month of September	1109.28	127	5455.05	
TOW	NSHIPS			
First Half January	\$ 109.70	24	\$ 716.86	
Second Half January		21	526.75	
First Half February	223.68	21	714.41	
Second Half February	127.34	22	544.95	
First Half March	186.38	23	843.95	
Second Half March	152.02	32	1219.30	
Month of April		47	1939.55	
Month of May	304.90	39	1041.25	
May Supplement	17.42	28	888.90	
Month of June	161.30	29	1437.90	
June Supplement	40.69	23	204.46	
Month of July	201.98	44	1156.61	
Month of August	224.47	55	1465.60	
August Supplement	12.75	15	232.50	
Month of September WAI	245.31	62	1698.25	
WAI	TER KING	STEWART,	Chairman.	

### AUDITING COMMITTEE

Nov. 22, 1934.

The Auditing Committee has on this day reviewed the books and statement of the treasurer of your Society, covering the period from December 21, 1933 to November 17, 1934.

We find that all receipts and disbursements, together with his report, are correct in every detail.

> Yours respectfully, HERMAN S. ZEVE, M.D.,

Chairman

REPORTS (From P. 19) I wish to thank Drs. E. W. Cliffe, W. H. Bennett, J. W. Shaffer and P. R. McConnell, for their hearty cooperation during the past year. They were willing at all times to do their share when called upon. During the year we lost one member of the committee, Dr. M. P. Jones, whose aid and counsel were ever at my call. He was untiring in his efforts to help.

I wish also to thank Dr. H. J. Beard, Program Chairman, for his wise counsel and valuable suggestions. It has been a pleasure to work with his committee. Our President, Dr. J. B. Nelson, made many valuable suggestions during the year, and I wish to congratulate him for a very successful year as President of the Mahoning County Medical Society.

M. H. BACHMAN, Chairman.

### LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Following our appointment as the Legislative Committee of the Mahoning County Medical Society for 1934, we set ourselves to study the duties and problems of our committee. We soon came to realize that if we were to function adequately we had a very busy year ahead of us. Correspondence with our State Headquarter's office, together with study of the legislative bulletins issued by them, informed us that numerous public issues having to do with government ownership and control, prospective programs of broad implication in the field of social insurance, social readjustments and governmental benefits and services to individuals, emphasized very vitally the imminent peril of the COMPLETE SOCIALIZATION OF MEDICAL PRACTICE. dition problems of taxation, the proposed reorganization of county government, and increasing aggressiveness of the anti-medical forces, including the so-called League for Medical Freedom, the antivacinationist, the antivivisectionists, the Christian Scientists, the chiropractors and osteopaths, make it imperative that organized medicine take a very active interest in politics and particularly legislative problems, if we are to successfully maintain the present high standards of medical practice and public health measures.

We followed with considerable interest the accounts of the formation in Pennsylvania, New York, California, and other states of groups consisting of all those professions muinterested in Public Health tually matters; and so the Public Health Committee of the Allied Professions of Mahoning County was initiated July 31, 1934, for the purpose of correlating the activities of those allied professions especially interested in health legislation. The group members and their official representatives on the committee follow:

Mahoning County Medical Society R. H. Middleton, M.D.

O. J. Walker, M.D. Corydon Palmer Dental Society

W. H. Hayden, D.D.S. C. H. Clark, D.D.S.

Mahoning County Retail Druggist Association

Thomas Hewitt, Ph.G. C. H. Bloom, Ph.G.

Ohio State Nurses Association District No. 3

Miss Sarah Evans, R.N. Miss Mary E. Boyd, R.N.

Youngstown Hospital Association B. W. Stewart

St. Elizabeth's Hospital Association F. W. McNamara, M.D.

Shortly after the primaries August the Committee submitted to each candidate coming up to the November elections and concerned with Public Health legislation, the following question:

'Are you in favor of consulting with the duly constituted representatives of the Medical Society, the Dental Society, the Retail Druggist Association, the Nurses Association and the Hospital Association, whenever any legislation affecting any of the above groups, or any legislation concerning public health measures is up for consideration?"

In addition to this, all local candidates and some from other districts appeared presonally before the joint committee.

After careful consideration of the replies to the above question and the attitude of those who appeared personally before them, the committee indorsed those candidates whom they felt were right on public health matters.

The list of the approved candidates appeared in the October Bulletin and reprints to the number of more than two thousand were sent to the friends and members of the other groups composing the committee.

The committee has held almost weekly meetings since its inception, and has discussed at length most of the problems mentioned.

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#### LEGISLATIVE (Continued)

Owing to the effect of the two amendments submitted to the voters at the November 6th election, on the funds available for Medical Relief and Auto Accident cases, we felt that our opposition was merited and so stated in a bulletin sent to our mem-

Recently a letter was sent to President Roosevelt and to Francis Perkins, Chairman of the Committee on Economic Security, submitting the position of organized medicine on efforts being made for the socialization of medicine. Copies of this letter were sent to Congressmen from this district.

Early in December all Legislators will be contacted individually and finally will be invited to a meeting for instructions and suggestions on pending legislation, pertaining medicine and public health.

So important, do we feel, is the work of the Leg'slative Committee of our Society that we recommend that the committee be given a more permanent form by hereafter appointing one member for 3 years, one for 2 years and one for 1 year. Then as each member's term expires, new appointments would be for 3 years. This would keep at least 2 men who were initiated in the work on the job and make the work of the committee much more effective.

Furthermore it is recommended that membership, through the Legislative Committee, be continued in the Public Health Committee of the Allied Professions in order that this very effective work be carried on.

O. J. WALKER, Chairman

### MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The Medical Society gained nine members during this year as follows:

Dr. O. A. Axelson, 2222 Market St.

Dr. J. C. Hall, 1012 Glenwood Ave. Dr. L. W. Weller, 11 Funston Ave. Dr. J. A. Altdoerffer, 138 Lincoln

Ave.

Dr. L. C. Youngblood, 1505 Market

Dr. E. H. Hake, Dollar Bank Bldg. Dr. Lloyd C. Couchman, Sebring, Ohio.

Dr. Morris S. Rosenblum, Home Savings & Loan Bldg.

Walter J. Tymochko, 2123 South Ave.

The following members were lost during the year: Dr. M. P. Jones and Dr. George Pearson, both by death; and Dr. A. W. Thomas, who moved

to Ashtabula and Dr. O. D. Hudnut who returned to his former home at Plainville, Mich.

J. P. HARVEY, Chr.

### DELEGATES' REPORT

Your delegates attended all business sessions of the House of Delegates at the meeting of the State Association held in Columbus Oct. 4.

5. and 6.

Acting on instructions from Council we presented to the House of Delegates a resolution prepared by our Economics and Legislative Committees. This resolution asked in effect that our State Association cooperate with the Ohio Hospital Association in securing legislation necessary to insure medical and surgical care and hospitalization for the indigent ill with proper recompense to both physicians and hospitals. And, that in event of re-enactment of the auto accident bill (House bill No. 80) reimbursement to physicians for care of such cases be included in the

We are pleased to report that your delegates were asked to appear before the Committee on Resolutions. to whom all resolutions are referred in the routine of business, and took part in a worthwhile discussion and consideration of the above proposals.

Our resolution was reported un-favorably by the Resolutions Committee, and not adopted by the House of Delegates, for certain reasons of political expediency. The basic intent and purpose of the resolution was, however, endorsed by the Committee and will we feel have some effect in shaping the policies of our State Association in the future.

In this respect it is of interest to note that since our Columbus meeting officials of the Ohio Hospital Association met with the Council of the Ohio State Medical Association, together with three of its past presidents, and with members of the State Board of Health and took action along the lines suggested in our resolution.

A more detailed report of this, and other business coming before the House of Delegates, has been made to you through our State Journal.

May we call your attention to the fact that if we, The Mahoning County Medical Society, can secure a few more paid members we wi'l be entitled to a third delegate at the State Meetings, and we think this would be a good thing to accomplish.

have now 194 paid memberships; if we can boost this over 200 we will be

entitled to a third delegate.

This, one of the most active, energetic, and progressive, although not at all most influential, of the county units of our Association, should have more representation, and wield more influence, in shaping the policies of our State Association than it has in the past.

L. G. COE, SIDNEY McCURDY, Delegates

### PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

The Public Health Committee has had quite a busy year. During the early part of the year, several meetings were held at which proposals for our Committee work were considered. A plan of Public Health activity, modified after the Detroit We desir-Plan, was decided upon. ed to avoid any mass treatment or free clinic work. The Committee was unanimous in its feeling that the patients should be treated by their own family physicians and in the physicians' offices where practical. In justice to physicians and to every one concerned, it was felt that the burden of the care of the indigents should be borne by the general taxpayer and not by the physician alone. Accordingly, an ordinance was drawn up proposing that the Youngstown City Council cause to be set aside a sum of \$3,000.00 to be used as a special Health Department Fund to be known as the Preventive Immunization Fund. The said fund to be used solely in payment of medical services rendered by physicians in giving service, involved in this preventive immunization program, to indigent persons who are residents of the City of Youngstown. The physician to be paid at the rate of fifty cents for each immunization of an indigent person.

The ordinance was revised somewhat by the Youngstown City Law Department and finally presented to the Council. In passing the ordinance, Council limited the immunization work to diphtheria. The ordinance was passed by Council and approved by Mayor Mark E. Moore on

August 23, 1934.

In September the Committee began to make plans for a Diphtheria Immunization Campaign to take place from November the first to the fifteenth. In executing this campaign, the Committee had 100 per cent. co-

operation from the Youngstown Department of Health and Welfare, represented by Doctor C. H. Beight, Commissioner of Health. The Publicity Committee of our Society, Doctor J. L. Fisher, Chairman, gave us an immense amount of help in attending to the rad'o broadcasts and to the articles and the advertising in the newspapers. We greatly appreciate the courtesy and the helpfulness of the Youngstown Vindicator and the Youngstown Telegram. In our efforts to gain publicity for the campaign we received much appreciated help from Doctor George Roudebush, Superintendent of Schools and from Miss Jean Webb, Art Director of the public schools, who allowed the students in the art classes to create original posters for display.

The Public Health Committee of the Federation of Women's Clubs, Mrs. Florence Heberding, Chairman, gave us most excellent cooperation in securing the attention of the club women of the city. We also had very fine co-operation from the Youngs-town Retail Druggists' Association, Mr. C. H. Bloom, President; the Parent-Teacher Association, Mrs. J. L. Marsh, President; the Federated Council of Churches, Mr. N. B. Folsom, President; and the Visiting Association, Miss Nurses Enima Modeland, Superintendent.

The complete report as to the results of the Immunization campaign cannot be given at this date but the Youngstown City Department of Health and Welfare has records showing that 610 children have been immunized. We believe that if the physicians will only take advantage of the public's interest in diphtheria immunization many children will still be immunized.

The Committee has one more task which it hopes to complete before the end of the year; namely, the correction of certain legislation by the Youngstown City Council whereby, in order to effect certain economies, the working hours of certain members of the staff of the Health Department have been so reduced that a distinct and potentially disastrous curtailment of the operating effic-iency of the Department of Health has resulted. The reduction in hours has so affected the laboratory work that practically nothing is done from Friday evening until Monday morning. Some efforts have been made to have Council correct this condi-

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PUBLIC HEALTH (Continued) tion, but so far our efforts have been unsuccessful. The Committee promises to renew the attack upon this condition in the immediate future.

The Chairman of the Committee desires to take this opportunity to thank his fellow Committeemen for their faithful work and for their cooperation during the past year. The men were of such high caliber that, when the Chairman failed to function, they were always able to take his place and to keep the ball roll-

H. E. McCLENAHAN,

Chairman

### PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Dr. J. B. Nelson,

President, Mahoning County Medical Society:

In January and February of 1934, the Public Relations Committee, composed of Drs. Skipp, Scarnecchia, A. W. Thomas, Leimbach, Bierkamp, and Fuzy, had several meetings to outline a program of activity. It was decided that the Baby Welfare Stations were alarmingly increasing their scope of activity. Action was therefore concentrated on this activity-others to follow.

The introduction and acceptance of resolutions on the floor of the Society in March, furnished the basis of activity against the Baby Welfare Sta-Accordingly the committee tions. made its report and recommendations to Council. The recommendations were rejected. Again in August the committee appeared before the Coun-Again cil with recommendations. these were rejected.

In October the committee again appeared before the Council with These specific recommendations. were again not accepted, as present-

The Public Relations Committee, therefore, reports the year 1934 a complete failure.

P. J. FUZY. Chairman

(The chairman of this committee is needlessly pessimistic. His was a fine committee, with a most capable chairman, and did excellent work,-a fact well-known to the Society! We hope Dr. Fuzy will forgive our inability to agree with his conclusions. --Editor.)

### CORRESPONDENT

Nov. 14, 1934.

Dear Dr. Nelson:

The Society correspondent func-

tioned during the year.

News of personal activities of members, and of The Society as a whole, were forwarded during the year to the Secretaries of The Ohio State Medical Association, and of The Journal of the A. M. A. respectively.

B. W. SCHAFFNER, M.D.,

Correspondent

### CENTRAL OFFICE COMMITTEE

November 17, 1934.

The central office committee was not in existence previous to the current year. This committee was arranged for the purpose of organizing an effective bureau to aid in executing a portion of the business activities for members of the Mahoning County Medical Society.

A similar general plan was initiated by some members of the Society during the course of a previous year. The germ of that effort had been working ever since and furnished a considerable degree of impetus in the success of the committee this year. Therefore, we are grateful for the proposals offered by them.

The Central Office Committee met with whole hearted cooperation from Council and allied groups. As a reinstructions were obtained wherever possible and especially from the Akron Medical-Dental Bur-Mr. McGhee of the Akron Bureau. eau aided freely in giving us the benefit of his experience. His counsel was liberal.

As a result of the widespread interest by numerous members of the Society in an organization to aid in carrying on the business of Medicine a new Bureau was incorporated known as THE MEDICAL-DENTAL BUREAU. Thus endeth the existence of this Central Office Committee.

The new organization was incorporated March 15, 1934. Dr. Sidney McCurdy has effectively written of its efforts, plans and successes in the July number of The Bulletin. At the present time it shows signs of continued success and the number of members is being greatly enhanced. Its influence in the community is rapidly increasing.

R. B. POLING. Chairman

### INFANT WELFARE STATIONS

At a meeting held on June 1st, 1934, by the physicians in charge of the Infant Welfare Stations, resolutions pertaining to the conduct of the Stations were discussed and passed. They were presented by the Committee to the Council of the Mahoning County Medical Society for approval. (The resolutions appear in full in the Secretary's report in the July, 1934 Bulletin.)

Respectfully submitted, J. B. BIRCH, M.D., Chairman

# HOUSING AND LIBRARY COMMITTEE

Nov. 16, 1934.

Dear Doctor Nelson:

The function of our committee, is to deal with essential business pertaining to the welfare and improvement of our Medical Society, when needed.

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Dr. John Lewis, and Dr. E. C. Baker, spoke at the Pittsburgh Urological Society on "Physiology of Ureters", on November 12.

Dr. E. C. Baker addressed the American Rhoentgenological Association when they met in Memphis, December 3, 1924.

Fourteen members of our Society talked over WKBN during the first two weeks of November on Diphtheria prevention.

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