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# Our President Speaks

Some years ago Doctor Samuel A. Levine addressed a Medical group on the topic "Worry, Where Does It Get You?" Knowing his pre-eminence in cardiovascular disease, the audience expected to hear how worry would get YOU either through your coronaries or cerebrals. What he did say was that Worry—by which he meant thoughtful concern for the patient often leads to detecting early signs of disease complications, and instituting appropriate diagnostic and therapeutic measures.

It has been clear for some time that third party comprehensive medical care, and all that it implies, is our present dilemma. Thought provoking concern and anticipation—worry, if you please—may do much to solve the problems before they become a reality.

We all know that you cannot beat something with nothing. We must formulate a program NOW to offset any social experiments being forced upon us and our patients. It is going to require some worry by all of us, if we are to maintain the private practice of first rate medicine in Mahoning County.

The society owes a debt of gratitude to Dr. M. W. Neidus, retiring as president, for his unselfish leadership in 1959 and for his militant devotion to the American ideals of free enterprize.

Best wishes to you all for good health and happiness in the coming year.

Fred G. Schlecht, M.D. President

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#### **EDITORIAL**

#### REFLECTION

Change the *Bulletin*? This was the question raised to your new editor as I explained my ideas about this journal some months ago. Being young and somewhat impetuous, change for me is a challenge. But change must be good to be worth the effort and this will be difficult because the previous *Bulletin* and fine editor, Les Gregg, have been very good. So, in the coming twelve issues, the new staff will endeavor to continue the same good quality but with a slightly different approach.

The cover is new and its author, Dr. Richard Murray, gives an explanation of it on another page. The City Board of Health, through its commissioner, Dr. Leonard Blum, will have a regular monthly article. Social news will be expanded to include more of the activities of our busy membership. Dr. Ben Berg is responsible for the new illustrations, captioning several of the features—more are to come.

The theme for the *Bulletin* of '60 is REFLECTION. We hope to mirror what the members of our society are doing, thinking and saying. There will be few, if any, scientific articles—our desks are overflowing now with too much unread material of this kind. Rather we hope to present the readers with information obtainable nowhere else—except possibly Esther's column.

Trite as it may sound, factually it is true, this is your news sheet. We want you to use it, criticize it if you choose, contribute to it if you will. "Letters to the Editor" will be a regular department as long as you, the readers, are interested enough to contribute. Formally, we have a staff of thirteen, but informally every one in the Society is on this staff. Let's go to work! The challenge is yours.

—Jack Schreiber, M.D. Editor

# SOCIETY HONORED FOR CRASH INJURY REPORTS

A citation was presented to the Mahoning County Medical Society for its participation in the Youngstown urban study of Cornell University Automotive Crash Injury Research program. The occasion was the Nov. 30 termination of the survey. Dr. M. W. Neidus accepted the certificate for the society at a luncheon on Dec. 10.

The citation reads:

Automotive Crash Injury Research
of Cornell University
presents this certificate of appreciation to the
Mahoning County Medical Society
In recognition of its outstanding contributions
toward the Automotive Crash Injury Program
conducted in the City of Youngstown, 1958-1959.

John O. Moore Director

Also honored with certificates were: Dr. Stephen W. Ondash, medical coordinator for the study in Youngstown; Police Chief, Paul Cress, whose traffic department provided accident reports; Dr. Patrick B. Cestone, who supervised the medical reports at St. Elizabeth Hospital; and Dr. Frederick L. Schellhase, who performed a similar job at Youngstown Hospital.

Sister M. Baptista accepted a certificate for the work of St. Elizabeth Hospital, and Mr. G. L. O'Hara accepted a certificate for the Youngstown

Hospital Association.

Mr. Charles Vimmerstedt, director of the Safety Council of Greater Youngstown was praised for his efforts in bringing the traffic study to Youngstown. Traffic investigators Tom Grady and Roy Welsh were lauded for their work.

John Moore, director of ACIR, and principal speaker at the luncheon commended Youngstown for undertaking the study and said that it will be easier to institute similar studies in other cities because Youngstown has

set the pattern.

He announced that the eighteen months of survey produced 407 accidents, involved 586 cars and 709 injured survivors. Every accident was carefully diagrammed and photographed by the police traffic department. These police reports were then sent to the Mahoning County Medical Society. Meanwhile, the medical reports were made up by doctors, internes and residents at the hospitals, and these reports were sent to the medical society. At the society office, the accident and medical reports were assembled and sent on to Cornell University.

Although it will take some time before the reports are completely analyzed, Mr. Moore said that they already know that the pattern of accidents in an urban area is vastly different from the pattern in rural areas or on

the highway.

In the research, automobiles are thought of as shipping containers and people as contents. The research is proving that if passengers are properly packaged, they can survive an accident with minor or no injuries. The end result of the study is to provide safer automobiles.

Accompanying Mr. Moore to Youngstown were Mr. Myron I. Macht, Administer of Field Operations, and Mr. William J. Fitz-Patrick, Field Repre-

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#### THE HERALD'S WAND

It was not the sound of trumpets nor the roll of drums that preceded the souls of Greek Heroes to the River Styx, but rather the staff of Hermes; for in the ancient world all persons of importance, ambassadors, heralds, government officials, and the like were preceded by an emblem which tended to render them inviolable. While the caduceus of Hermes is probably the most famous of these emblems to survive the Peloponnesian Wars, there were also many other caducei or emblems associated with other individuals. The caduceus of Hermes consisted of a single staff encircled by twin serpents whose heads faced each other at the top, and which was sometimes surmounted by a pair of open wings. It is this symbol of the messenger of Pluto which is used today as the emblem of the Army Medical Corps of the United States. Another caduceus, or symbol, however, more closely associated with the history of medicine than that of the purveyor of dead souls, is the staff of Aesculapius, the father of Modern Medicine.

Aesculapius, the greek god of medicine was the son of Apollo and Coronis, a nymph of whom Apollo had become enamored. Actually he probably lived in Thessaly. According to legend his father entrusted his education in the healing arts to the centaur, Cheiron, who developed the boy's genius to fruition. In fact Aesculapius became so adept at his art that in one instance he even succeeded in restoring the dead to life. This act, Pluto, god of the underworld, deemed sacrilegious and prevailed upon Jupiter for vengeance. The latter took the physician's life with one of his famous thunderbolts, but then promptly received the great physician into the number of the Gods. One therefore wonders if the life of Aesculapius was not perhaps, in actuality, terminated by a streak of lightening. His name has certainly illuminated the pages of Medical History ever since that fateful day so many centuries ago.

Because serpents were suspected of being able to renew their youth simply by being able to shed their skins, they became sacred to the cult of Aesculapius, and so today we find most statuary depicting the father of medicine as a bearded man clad in a loose tunic, open in front to reveal a powerful naked chest. In his hand one finds a club-like staff about which is entwined a single serpent, and this is the staff which became identified with medicine and its study throughout the centuries. It is only recently that the Caduceus of Hermes has also identified itself with the healing arts. There are three children who are also associated with Aesculapius; his two daughters, Hygeia, the goddess of health, and Panacea. The third is the boy genius of healing, Telesphorus.

At Epidaurus there was a great temple dedicated to Aesculapius where the sick of the ancient world would sleep in the hope of being cured by the god of medicine. And so, during the tenure of Roman prominence when a great plague was decimating the Roman populace, an embassy was sent to the temple at Epidaurus to beg the help of the great god of medicine. Legend again relates that Aesculapius accompanied the Roman ambassador back to Rome in the form of a serpent. When the ship docked in the Tiber, the serpent glided through the water to an island in the river where it took up its abode. Here the Romans built a temple to Aesculapius.

It is therefore to this symbol of the father of Modern Medicine that I have turned in creating a new cover design for the *Bulletin* of the Mahoning County Medical Society. A few liberties have been taken with this caduceus, but it should be apparent to everyone that the two great divisions of our



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Squibb Quality the Priceless Ingredient profession are medicine and surgery. Certainly the symbol of medicine is the stethescope while that of surgery is the scalpel. Utilizing these two emblems, the scalpel has become, on our new cover, the clublike staff of Aesculapius while the stethescope has become the snake. Entwined together they have become today the symbol of Modern Medicine as well as that of the ancient healing arts, the old and the new, the legend and the actuality, diagnosis and treatment. From past to present, all is prologue to tomorrow when the design will change again, but the symbol will remain as always.

-Richard D. Murray, M.D.

## FUNCTIONS OF THE LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH

The functions of the local health department are numerous and varied. They are usually listed under seven different headings.

- 1. Vital Statistics
- 2. Control of Communicable Disease
- 3. Environmental Sanitation
- 4. Public Health Laboratory Service
- 5. Maternal and Child Health Service
- 6. Public Health Education
- 7. Chronic Disease Control

#### VITAL STATISTICS:

Since July 30, 1951, the Youngstown City Board of Health has kept all birth and death records for births and deaths which occur in Mahoning County with the sole exception of those births and deaths which occur within the cities of Campbell and Struthers.

The processing of the certificates consists of correcting errors whenever possible by consultation with the physician, making a photostatic copy of the original certificate which is kept here in our files for future reference and forwarding the original copy to the Ohio Department of Health, which is the official central registry of vital statistics for the State of Ohio.

Because nearly all births and deaths for Mahoning County occur in the Youngstown hospitals most of the records are processed here in the Youngstown City Board of Health offices. In 1958, 8,294 Birth Certificates were recorded, 2,940 Deaths were recorded and in addition 5,354 Certified Copies of Birth Certificates were issued along with 4,254 certified copies of Death Certificates. This total of 20,842 certificates for 1958 averages out to almost eighty certificates processed for each working day and occupies a large part of the time of our clerical force.

—Leonard A. Blum, M.D. Commissioner of Health

#### DIABETES WEEK RESULTS

Diabetes Week in 1959 produced a gratifying number of persons who took advantage of the test. 4,252 local people visited their doctor or the hospital for a diabetes check. Of this number 57 tests were found to be positive.

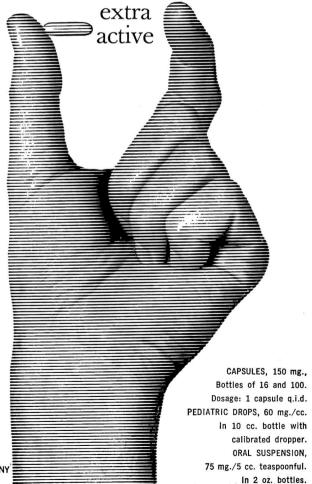
Dr. Milton Yarmy, Diabetes chairman, attributed the success of the drive to a great amount of work by a great number of people. There were more than 200 physicians who made the tests. The ladies of the Woman's Auxiliary delivered the testing material, brochures, and posters to every doctor.

The Vindicator carried several pictures and a great many stories about the diabetes drive. All the radio and television stations saturated the air with spot announcements urging participation, and several doctors appeared on radio and television personally to explain the purposes of the drive.

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An Eulogy to Dr. Ralph R. Morrall



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Some times I have difficulty getting shoes and remember as a child objecting to wedged shoes and not being able to wear tennis shoes. Because my original work was done as a baby, I do not remember my first plaster casts but I do remember my surgery and the hospital when I was eleven. Several months ago I was in the hospital getting a picture of my knee I had injured while playing high school football. While there in the cast room, I saw a very small baby whose feet were all twisted and turned. I was told that the child had club feet. Now I know that if it hadn't been for this man who had not passed me by, I would probably never have had the opportunity of playing football.

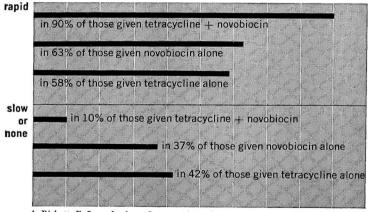
Some times I grumble because I have to use a cane to get by but I have a good job and have a fine family. I had tuberculosis of the hip early in life before they had these new drugs. I spent over two and one-half years in a hip spica. I was only eight then so was young and active—a hip spica couldn't hold me so I broke them repeatedly. This man threatened me, argued with me, but always put me back in plaster. At times I hated him but as I look back and realize what I would probably have been like, I'm happy he was persistant and had not passed me by.

If I live to be a hundred, I will never forget the blackness of the night that sent my car sliding off the road, or the pain in both my legs which quickly had replaced the dead numbness, or the crookedness of both legs as I lay on the cart in the emergency room, or this man as he looked at them, barked orders, then slowly took off his coat, and as he rolled up his sleeves, he quietly assured me that my legs would be saved and that I would once again be able to walk. It took eighteen long long months but I do walk, and

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So we, the dislocated hip, the club feet, the infected hips and knees, the fractured, the maimed bodies, the arthritics, and we who worked with him regret his death but are happy that this man, Dr. Ralph R. Morrall, during his living years did not pass us by.

—G. W. Cook, M.D.

Dr. Morrall died Monday, Dec. 21, in South Side Hospital, following an internal hemorrhage at his home.

He was born in Niles, Nov. 24, 1888. He attended Niles High School, and the Rayen School, from which he was graduated in 1907. He was a graduate of the University of Michigan Department of Medicine and Surgery in 1911. He trained in orthopedics under Dr. J. E. Goldthwait, at Massachusetts General Hospital and Children's Hospital, in 1916. He was an internand chief resident at Youngstown Hospital.

In 1913, he opened an office for general practice. In 1917, following his training at Massachusetts General Hospital, he opened an office for the practice of orthopedics. He was then the only orthopod between Cleveland and Pittsburgh.

During World War I, he served as a Major in the Medical Corps with the British army in Scotland and with the French army and the American army in France.

The association with Dr. McElroy began in 1932. They were joined by Dr

George Cook in 1948, and by Dr. Robert G. Foster in 1957.

Dr. Morrall was a diplomate of the American Board of Orthopedic Surgery, a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, of the Ohio and the Interstate Orthopedic Societies, a member of the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons, and a member of the American Society for the Study of Neoplastic Diseases.

He held numerous positions on the Youngstown Hospital Staff, including membership on the Intern Committee, the Nurses Training School Committee, and the Executive Committee. He organized the orthopedic and fracture

service at that hospital.

# MAYORS APPOINT TWO PHYSICIANS

In a flurry of year-end political activity, two members of the Mahoning County Medical Society were appointed to municipal positions.

On Dec. 18, Dr. John F. Stotler was appointed to the Youngstown Board of Health by Mayor Frank X. Kryzan. He is the first doctor to be appointed to this board. Succeeding Mr. Innocenzo Vagnozzi, he will serve until April 1. 1964.

On Dec. 20, Dr. Raymond N. Catoline was appointed city physician by the incoming mayor, Frank R. Franko. Dr. Catoline succeeds Dr. William E. Maine.

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Elected delegates to the Ohio Chapter of AAGP were Dr. Andrew Miglets and Dr. W. P. Young. Alternate delegates are Dr. Sidney C. Keyes and Dr. Andrew A. Detesco.



At a business session, the chapter went on record as approving the inclusion of nervous and mental diseases under Blue Cross hospitalization coverage, in the same manner as other diseases.

## OPEN LETTER TO THE MAHONING COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

Mr. Howard C. Rempes, Executive Secretary

The Mahoning County Medical Society

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Youngstown 4, Ohio

Dear Mr. Rempes:

As Chairman of the Public Health Committee of the Mahoning County Medical Society I should like to congratulate and gratefully thank Mayor Frank X. Kryzan for the appointment of Doctor John F. Stotler to the Youngstown Board of Health.

This is an excellent choice. Doctor Stotler, a chest surgeon, has long been associated with the Mahoning County Tuberculosis Sanatorium and is particularly interested in the follow-up status of tuberculosis patients. This latter condition has been a weak spot in our Public Health Program in Mahoning County.

Mr. Kryzan, who originally opposed the formation of the Board of Health, has now completely reversed his field and has vigorously supported Doctor Blum, the Youngstown Health Commissioner.

The people of Youngstown owe Mr. Kryzan a debt of gratitude for this forthright stand in appointing a physician to the Board of Health.

It is the hope of the Mahoning County Medical Society that future mayors will see fit to appoint a member of the dental profession and of veterinary medicine to the Youngstown Board of Health.

Yours very truly,

John J. McDonough, M.D.

### SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

At the beginning of a new year, the membership count of the Mahoning County Medical Society is as follows:

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#### FROM THE BULLETIN

#### Twenty Years Ago-January, 1940

President Robert Poling planned a luncheon meeting the second Thursday of every month for all the committee chairmen. Editor Claude Norris asked the members for "your support when I falter; your indulgence when I am capricious; your forgiveness when I am foolish; your sympathy when sin overtakes me!" John Noll was Secretary and Elmer Nagel Treasurer.

Mayor Spagnola made all his medical appointments from a list supplied by the Medical Society. They were R. G. Mossman, Commissioner of Health; Dr. Raymond Cafaro, City Physician; Samuel Goldberg, Police Surgeon and Dr. M. M. Szucs, Parochial School Physician.

Council sent the Mayor two other recommendations, the first one recommending a full time Health Commissioner with a Doctor of Public Health degree and the second one recommending that the Municipal Hospital be brought up-to-date as a modern contagious hospital. (It is now the Woodside Receiving Hospital.)

President Roosevelt was starting his third term. Poland had fallen to the combined attack of the Germans and Russians but the Finns were still stoutly defending the Mannerheim Line. Americans were hoping to stay out of the war although Congress had raised the embargo on arms to give more help to England and France. Youngstown doctors were more concerned about medical care for the low income group and the threat of the Wagner Act than about world affairs.

Dr. L. G. Coe, J. M. Ranz and Henry Sisek were in Florida. W. H. Evans celebrated his birthday visiting his mother in Texas. L. K. Reed, M. S. Rosenblum and A. R. Cukerbaum opened their new offices. Martin Conti married Virginia Corah on December 28th, J. B. Kupec and Matilda Gaydos were married on January first. M. B. Goldstein and Emily Keller said their vows on November 4th. Vernon Goodwin became a member of the Society.

#### Ten Years Ago-January, 1950

President Gordon Nelson said that the Fate of medical practice as we know it is at stake. The publicity work that the A.M.A. is doing should have been started years ago.

Fred Coombs was the new Editor, G. E. DeCicco was Secretary and L. H. Getty, Treasurer. There were 231 active members, 7 interns, 2 Associate, 11 non-resident and 10 Honorary.

The Elks Club was the new meeting place for the Society. The Medical Service Foundation was ready to function and through the efforts of Atty. Franklin Powers the Mahoning County Commissioners had agreed to pay for services to indigent patients in the hospitals. Since then the Foundation has paid many thousands of dollars to educational institutions including Youngstown University and the medical schools (A.M.E.F.) It has helped many nurses and medical students to complete their education.

New active members were E. R. McNeal and J. B. Stechschulte. New intern members were I. H. Chevlin, G. W. Cook, Frank Gelbman, Dean Stillson, E. M. Thomas and Wm. Breesman. The Society voted 95 to 53 to discontinue its own Post-Graduate Day and 112 to 29 to combine with the 6th Councillor District. Dr. Paul Harvey was elected a Fellow of the American College of Physicians. E. J. Reilly was elected President of the Mahoning Academy of General Practice.

Michael Ficocelli of the Youngstown Symphony Orchestra invited physician musicians to try out for the Community Symphony Orchestra. So far as

our memory serves, no one did although there were many talented musicians among the doctors. The old Medical-Dental Ensemble which used to appear at banquets was disbanded after the war when they lost their red-hot drummer (Herman Kling), the hot-lips trumpeter (Herb Kronick) and saxaphonist (Ed Bailey). Luke Reed, Harold Kerr and Frank Simmerly are still extant but confine their efforts strictly to private parties. There should be a revival of interest in music among the doctors.

—J. L. Fisher, M.D.

## ANNUAL BANQUET THIS MONTH

Don't miss the annual banquet! This is the only medical society function for members and wives during the year. Last year, for the first time, a dance was held in conjunction with the annual banquet and the affair was highly successful.

Remember the date—it's Saturday, January 23, at Tippecanoe Country Club. Dancing 9:00 to 1:00. Dinner at 8:00. Come early for cocktails. Music by Lou Sikora.

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## PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL December 14, 1959

The regular monthly meeting of the Council of the Mahoning County Medical Society was held on Monday, Dec. 14, 1959 at the office of Dr. M. W. Neidus, 318 Fifth Ave., Youngstown, Ohio.

The following physicians were present: M. W. Neidus, president, presiding, F. G. Schlecht, S. W. Ondash, Asher Randell, A. K. Phillips, P. J. Mahar, H. P. McGregor, G. E. DeCicco, C. W. Stertzbach, M. S. Rosenblum, J. J. McDonough, F. A. Resch, C. C. Wales, C. E. Pichette, H. J. Reese, L. O. Gregg. Also attending was Dr. L. A. Blum.

Meeting was called to order at 9:10 p.m. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Dr. Neidus mentioned  $\alpha$  meeting of the council of the Corydon-Palmer Dental Society and requested that Dr. McGregor attend that meeting as chairman of the Canfield Fair Committee.

Dr. Neidus introduced discussion concerning the certificate being used by the Mahoning County Welfare Department requesting medical information. The executive secretary was directed to ask Mr. I. L. Feuer for a memorandum explaining the certificate.

Dr. McDonough reported that he had written to the Ohio State Medical Association in regard to legislation protecting the physician who renders emergency treatment, and that the letter was to be submitted to the council of the O.S.M.A.

Dr. Blum announced that he wanted to ask for a regulation from the Board of Health which would allow a health officer to bring in a TB contact for X-ray. He read a sample regulation and said that other cities have similar regulations. Following discussion, the motion was made, seconded and duly passed that the Mahoning County Medical Society cooperate with the Board of Health and give approval to proceed with such a regulation.

Dr. Blum asked for a copy of the resolution and the executive secretary was directed to furnish such copy.

Dr. DeCicco introduced discussion concerning football injuries and their treatment in the local high schools, Dr. Neidus appointed Dr. DeCicco chairman of a committee to investigate treatment of injuries.

The following applications were presented by the Censors and read by the secretary:

## INTERN-RESIDENT MEMBERSHIP

Maria M. L. Liang Fok, Youngstown Hospital, Youngstown, Ohio.

Morton Kalker, Youngstown Hospital, Youngstown, Ohio.

The above applicants will become members of the society unless objection is filed in writing with the secretary within fifteen days.

Bills were read. A motion was made, seconded, and duly passed to pay each one. A list of bills is attached to the minutes.

Dr. Blum was asked if he had any particular problems during his initial year as Health Commissioner. He mentioned the problem of medical examinations for campers.

Dr. Schlecht polled council for the best day to hold council meetings in 1960. It was agreed that the fourth Tuesday would be most practical and the date for the next council meeting was set at Tuesday, Jan. 26, 6:30 p.m., at the Elks Club.

Dr. Neidus thanked council members for their cooperation and help during the year that he was president. Dr. Schlecht, speaking for council thanked Dr. Neidus for his leadership and expressed the hope that he would continue to lend his experience to the society during the coming year.

Meeting was adjourned.

—A. K. Phillips Secretary

#### NEWS

Sidney Franklin, M.D., LL.B. represents the Mahoning Valley Chapter of the National Council for Exceptional Children on The Mahoning County Citizens' Committee on Services to Delinquent Children and Youth.

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# Social News

#### St. Elizabeth Hospital



That fellow with the copy of "Army Times" sticking out of his pocket is (former) Colonel John Martin, the new eye man on St. E's staff. He was a C.O. at so many army establishments that we stand up and salute him every morning when he enters the office.

The intern resident party was a success . . . all those attending who had the feeling they were going to be kidded for their mannerisms, were, and more than one wife raised an eyebrow to learn how the house staff evaluate their better half. That Dr. Harnois was a ringer, tho. He sings too well to be on the same stage with "Hudson's Hams".

The Alexander Phillips held a cocktail party at their home Dec. 20th. They had almost as many people present as the X ray men (Sheetz, Tamarkin and Altman) had at their cocktail party just prior to the Sisters' Christmas dinner. That dinner was really sumptious. I managed to out-wrestle everybody at my table to capture enough favors to take home to my kids. The Sisters were wise to us, having learned from last year's party. As I strode out juggling my five little crib sets, they helped me place them in the boxes they'd come in, as they had wisely saved them for guys like me.

Joe Newsome is sneaky. He and Betty contrived to have twins just so they could forge ahead in the baby derby. Henry and Dorothy Shorr are closing the gap with their new boy. But wait a few more months for Don and Marge Dockry, and me and my own dear wife and we'll really make a race of it.

### J. R. Sofranec, M.D.

Dr. and Mrs. Saul J. Tamarkin returned recently after four weeks in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Las Vegas, and Chicago. While in Chicago, Dr. Tamarkin attended the annual meeting of the Radiological Society of North America.

Dr. Chaisson and his family have moved to 117 Gypsy Lane.

We hear Dr. Mangie was out Christmas carolling.

Dr. W. O. Mermis has just returned from a fabulous trip around the world. The internes and residents of St. Elizabeth Hospital entertained the staff at the Mural Room.

The Sisters of St. Elizabeth had a dinner for the Medical Staff and Advisory Board preceded by a cocktail party given by Drs. Tamarkin, Sheetz, and Altman of the X-ray Department.

George L. Altman, M.D.

#### REVISION OF CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

One meeting was held at which the entire unapproved portions of the proposed Constitution and By-Laws were considered and further revised. The Society could not take up the new revision at its meeting on October 13, 1959, due to lack of a quorum.

—Sidney Franklin, M.D., LL.B.

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# Social News

## Youngstown Hospital



Dr. M. S. Rosenblum and Dr. Edwin R. Brody, accompanied by their wives, represented The Congregation Rodef Sholom at the Bi-annual Meeting of the Union of the American Hebrew Congregations at Miami Beach, Fla. November 14 to 20.

If you are wondering why Dr. Friedrich is so brown, he and Mrs. Friedrich spent the first two weeks of December in Miami.

Dr. G. E. DeCicco is running a taxi service between here and Granville where his son Bill is a freshman. Bill was home for Thanksgiving and for the Christmas Holidays.

Doctors having their children home for the holidays were Dr. and Mrs. L. W. Weller and Dr. and Mrs. James D. Brown.

Dr. and Mrs. J. Clair Vance had his sisters and families as holiday guests. Entertaining for their daughters during the Christmas Holidays were Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Birch, Dr. and Mrs. J. S. Goldcamp II, Dr. and Mrs. Vernon Goodwin and Dr. and Mrs. G. M. McKelvey.

## DR. McDONOUGH NAMED SCHOLARSHIP TRUSTEE

Dr. John J. McDonough has been named a trustee for the Ohio Scholarship Fund. The appointment was made by Gov. Michael V. DiSalle.

It is hoped that contributions from the state, other governmental units and individuals will amount to \$2,000,000. The interest from the invested money should provide about 1,000 scholarships for the trustees to assign.

# ANNUAL CHECK-UPS

In recent years the annual physical examination and appraisal has taken its rightful place as a well established medical procedure. The members of the Mahoning County Medical Society have participated in the program and appreciated its value and significance, not only from the therapeutic, but from the preventive point of view.

It is not at all surprising therefore that the Mahoning County Bar Association now offers the ANNUAL LEGAL CHECK-UP program. Its members will thus be able to offer their clients a comprehensive service that will not only point out existing legal defects and involvements for immediate attention, but also will discover difficulties before they actually come to a head and work them out expeditiously.

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#### WOMAN'S AUXILIARY NEWS

On November 28th, the Woman's Auxiliary to the Mahoning County Medical Society held its annual American Medical Education Foundation and Para-Medical Scholarship Fund Dance at Squaw Creek Country Club. Dancing was from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. with Frankie Ambrose and his orchestra providing the music. The dance was preceded by several dinner and cocktail parties. Featured during the evening was a continuous buffet with a continental breakfast served at midnight. Tables were centered with yellow candles, yellow and white flowers on dark green cloths.

Mrs. J. B. Stechschulte, chairman and Mrs. Harold Chevlen co-chairman were assisted by Mrs. David Brown, Mrs. Eugene Fry, Mrs. Stephen Ondash, Mrs. Robert Tornello, Mrs. Louis Zeller, and Mrs. Samuel Zlotnick.

—Mrs. Paul E. Ruth Publicity Chairman

# BOARD OF HEALTH BULLETIN—CITY OF YOUNGSTOWN REPORT FOR NOVEMBER, 1959

	Resident		Non-Resident		Total
	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Births	135	132	141 1	26	534
Deaths	79	59	37	46	221
Infants Deaths	Res.	8	Non. Res. 2		10
NOVEMBER 1958					
Births	159	149	134 1	40	582
Deaths	81	61	60	41	243
Infants Deaths	Res.	10	Non. Res.	8	. 18

#### CONTAGIOUS DISEASES

3	November 1959		November 1958
	Cases	Deaths	Cases Deaths
Chicken Pox	9	0	50 0
Diphtheria	. 0	0	0 0
Epid. Sp. Meningitis	0	0	1 0
Infectious Hepatitis	0	0	0 0
Influenza	0	0	0 0
Measles	7	0	2 0
Mumps	34	0	49 0
Pertusis	5	0	2 0
Poliomyelitis	0	0	1 0
Scarlet Fever	1	0	8 0
Tuberculosis	6	2	14 0
Typhoid	0	0	0 0

#### VENEREAL DISEASES

New Cases	Male	Female	Total
Syphilis	2	1	3
Gonorrhea	8	8	16
Total patients			46
Total Visitor (Patients) to Clinic			115

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#### MEDICAL LEGAL COMMITTEE REPORT

One meeting was held and then at the invitation of the Medical-Legal Liaison Committee of the Mahoning County Bar Association, a joint dinner meeting was held to discuss problems and cooperation between the two professions. It was decided to recommend that an annual joint professional meeting of the Mahoning County Medical Society and the Mahoning County Bar Association be held, in addition to the annual joint dinner-social meeting. It is recommended that the Mahoning County Medical Society sponsor such a meeting in the Spring. It was also resolved that another joint meeting of the two committees be held in February, 1960.

The interest and devotion of the committee members is deeply appreciated. —Sidney Franklin, M.D., LL.B.

Chairman

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY !!! Get Your Annual Check-up!

Jan. 17	Jan. 28	Feb. 5
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Jan. 18	Jan. 31	Feb. 6
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Jan. 20	Feb. l	A. H. Holt
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Jan. 23	Feb. 4	E. G. Rizk
K. J. Wegner	F. W. McNamara	Feb. 12
Jan. 24	L. S. Shensa	S. D. Goldberg
F. M. Lamprich	C. Stefanski	Feb. 13
L. H. Moyer		P. E. Ruth
Jan. 25		Feb. 14
A. W. Geordan		I. C. Smith
L. K. Reed		Feb. 15
M. S. Rosenblum		R. N. Catoline
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#### VA POSITIONS FOR PHYSICIANS

A recent letter from the Veterans Administration office in Cleveland indicates that there are vacancies in the various offices of the Veterans Administration requiring the services of qualified physicians for administrative positions.

According to the letter, "These positions should be particularly attractive to physicians who by reason of age or physical disability would prefer sedentary occupations on a regular, five-day, 40-hour work week, yet offer the opportunity of continued contact with medicine."

Latest list of vacancies were in Cleveland, Atlanta, Baltimore, Nashville, Philadelphia, and St. Paul. Physicians interested in this type of employment should communicate with the Personnel Officer at any of these VA offices. Further information is on file at the office of the Mahoning County Medical Society, RIverside 6-8431.

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## KEFAUVER AND THE INTEGRITY OF MEDICINE AND PHARMACY

Estes Kefauver is a smart, practical politician.

Several years ago he made  $\alpha$  national reputation by putting on  $\alpha$  television circus as head of  $\alpha$  United States Senate committee investigating racketeering.

Now Kefauver is putting on another dramatic show of purported concern for the people's welfare. As chairman of the Senate anti-monopoly sub-committee, he is conducting an investigation into the cost of drugs, which promises to drag through the election year.

Ostensibly—and it may be sincerely—Kefauver is seeking to determine whether ethical drug prices are exorbitant and whether remedial legislation should be enacted to control them.

Profit expectations, based upon the free movement of prices are the spark plug of pharmaceutical manufacturing; for that matter, of our entire free enterprise system. Not only do they determine the volume of production and employment that an individual firm will undertake and whether it will stay in business at all, but they are also an essential indicator as to how much a company can invest in expansion and research. In considering pharmaceuticals, that word research is one to keep foremost in mind.

For the government to interfere with fees and prices of private enterprise—and certainly medicine is among the most private of American enterprises—means that it could have the power of extermination of many businesses. It means that an entrenched bureaucracy could not only control prices but through that very control decide how resources should be used and where and how men shall work.

Competition is stiff in the pharmaceutical industry. No one company holds a monopoly on research and development brains. Indeed, it is this very competition of brains which has created such drug marvels at competitive prices. Compare, for instance, the  $99\frac{1}{2}$ % drop in prices for streptomycin since its introduction. Or the equally impressive reduction in the cost of penicillin.

And imagine, if you will, if the prices of penicillin and streptomycin had been set by some government bureaucracy, ignorant of scientific research and commercial production and distribution costs, when those drugs were first put on sale. How many competitive companies would have entered the field with resultant lower prices?

You know this—but do your patients who resent paying seemingly high prices for the prescriptions you give them to be filled? Do you tell them the facts when you prescribe for them?

You, in your day-to-day, week-to-week contact with your own patients can, by being deliberately but honestly informative, correct much of the prejudice based on misconception and misinformation with which the American public regards the cost of medical care.

You can convince them the politicans should keep hands off the medical profession and the pharmaceutical industry just to win votes, lest the incredible progress of the last quarter century be not only halted but turned tragically into reverse.

Let's render unto government the things that are government's and unto the free spirit of free enterprise the things that belong to private industry.

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### MEDICAL RADIO PROGRAM

Common illnesses that strike American families and their treatment by family physicians is the subject of a new public service radio series scheduled to start the first week in December over the nationwide network of the American Broadcasting Company.

The series is under the supervision of the American Medical Association and is called "Highroad to Health". It is being presented in cooperation with Lederle Laboratories, a Division of American Cyanamid Company.

Weekly programs of fifteen minutes each will deal with a wide range of health problems from the careless household accident to the burdens created by chronic illness. Subjects to be covered include hypertension, acute childhood infections, cancer, household accidents, toxemia of pregnancy, chronic illness, geriatrics, mental health, rheumatic fever, tetanus, surgery, nutrition and medical emergencies.

Each program will open with a nine-minute dramatization of a health problem. This will be followed by a five-minute discussion; of the problem by a guest physician who will also answer questions posed by the program host.

Dr. Gerald Dorman, Eastern Co-chairman of the Physicians' Advisory Committee on Radio and Television of the A.M.A. has said of the series, "We feel that 'Highroad to Health' will be a useful link between the public and the medical profession. It will cover a wide range of health problems in a factual, informative answer and will contribute to a better understanding of how the family physician wants to guard family health."

"Highroad to Health" will be heard over WKST at 2:15 p.m. and also each Saturday at 10:30 a.m.

#### HOSPITAL POSITION

The society has been advised by Dr. Leon Ross, manager of the Veterans' Administration Hospital at Brecksville, Ohio, that that hospital has a vacancy for a physician. He stated that the position might be particularly attractive to a physician who might appreciate regular hours and infrequent night work.

The hospital is affiliated with the Medical School at Western Reserve University.

For further information, call the medical society office, RIverside 6-8431.

#### DUES ARE DUE

Reminder! If you have not already done so, send your check to the Medical Society office for your 1960 dues for Mahoning County Medical Society, the Ohio State Medical Association, and the American Medical Association.

#### CORRECTION

In the December issue of the *Bulletin*, the picture of the doctors who were awarded 50-year-pins was incorrectly identified. The printer inadvertantly reversed the negative causing the picture to come out backwards. So, whereas the identifying line beneath the picture read left to right, the photo, itself, read right to left.

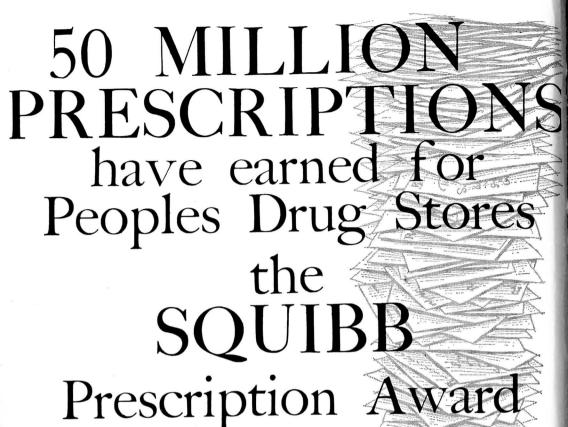
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