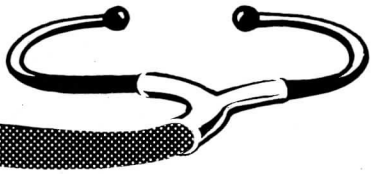


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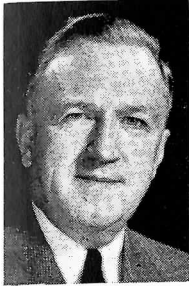


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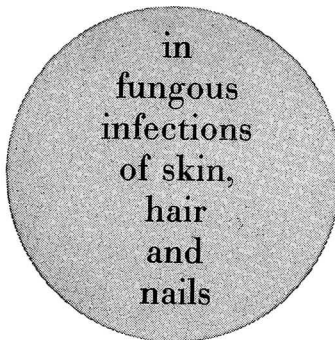


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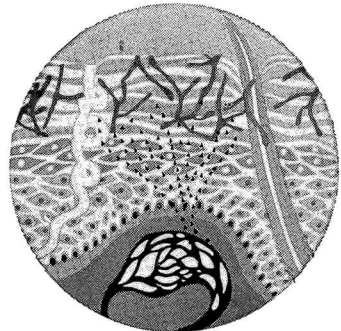
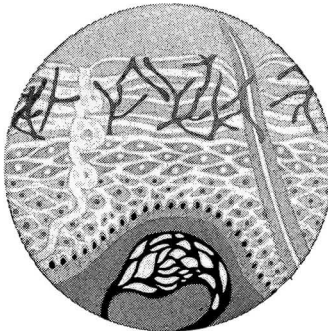
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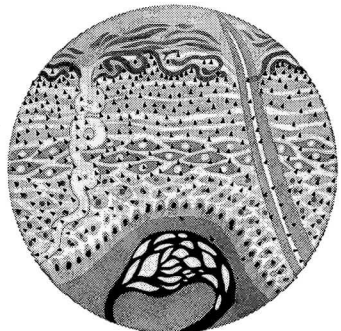
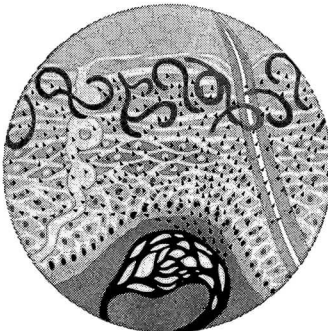


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Our President Speaks

IN DEFENSE OF THE PHYSICIAN

In administering the affairs of the society, one is surprised—almost to the point of disbelief—by the unrelenting criticism of medicine. Paradoxically, the more efficiently medicine performs, the more burdens are brought to bear upon it.

Medicine is an easy prey for attacks by the pseudo scientist, the self-appointed health guardian, the cultist, the social schemer, and from among us, our own frustrated and irascibles. The golden tongue of perverted political rhetoric is most often directed against our ideas of medical care. We are confronted by men convinced of our deficiencies through carelessness of their own. We are told that our patients are not pleased with us as a profession. Medicine is being blamed for economic ills over which it has no control. When we are tolerant of criticism, however unreasonable, we are accused of indifference. Clearly, medicine is on the defensive.

It seems to have been forgotten that, after gruelling years of preparation, physicians become dedicated to the care of the sick and distressed, the poor as well as the rich, and the old as well as the young. Our profession was not born yesterday and we are bound by a time honored code and ideals which our critics could well heed. We also realize there needs to be a rededication of these ideals by some of us

In reply to monetary matters, we know that the fees of physicians have not risen proportionally to the general economic scale. Most people accept, without complaint, the loss of \$800 a year in depreciation on a new car. Annually, people spend 58% more for alcoholic beverages, 62% more for tobacco products, and 8% more for beauty care than is spent for physicians services. The physician renders home care for less than most household commodities are serviced—and with considerably more responsibility. Has anyone wondered what would occur if we were regimented into a 40 hour week instead of 65 hours a week?

In the face of these persistent storms, medicine must learn how to defend its actions, interpret its decisions, and reveal weaknesses in unfair criticism. This involves all of us, and it does not seem unreasonable to expect those who share the honor of medicine, to participate in its defense.

Fred G. Schlecht, M.D.
President

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EDITORIAL —

Poor attendance at Medical Society meetings? The answer is obvious, but the reasons why and solution for are less revealing. With only 52 physicians out of a membership of 350 attending our most recent meeting, I asked, "Why?"

Why we don't attend Medical Society meetings can probably be summed up in one basic observation. Essentially, times have changed. Gone is the day of great enthusiasm for fraternal orders, clubs, and meetings of all kinds. The change has taken place primarily because of the revolution of communication and transportation. At the flick of a switch we can now be entertained in our living rooms. More of us travel than ever before.

All this is to say that most of us are just too "darned" busy — busier than ever with the practice of medicine, busy with church, community and other extra-curricular affairs. Add to this the distractions of our materialistic environment and as one of our colleagues put it, "Frankly, I just don't have time."

I don't believe we can attract the 85 per cent non-attenders by telling them they *should* attend, or conjure them about their responsibility to the Society. Rather, it would seem to me that perhaps we should take a new, up-to-date look at the problem.

Practically speaking, the Medical Society functions in a unique manner. It is the one common denominator for us all, whether generalist or specialist. It is the *only* method on a local level of preserving medical practice as we know it now. And whether we like it or not, social medicine is upon us and the only way of combating the loss of our freedoms is through unified effort. The Mahoning County Medical Society is our greatest hope.

How to encourage attendance — this is the question. Perhaps a new look is needed. Do we necessarily have to meet every single month? What about location of the meetings? Should the emphasis be centered about scientific presentations, or should the social, economic, and common interest spheres receive our attention?

Real soul-searching is needed and needed now. We must have good thinking here, or we stand to lose by default.

—Jack Schreiber, M.D., Editor

SOCIAL NEWS

St. Elizabeth Hospital

Bill Mermis celebrated his birthday with his entire family for the first time in 25 years, but he had to journey to Hays, Kansas, to do it. Then he and his wife journeyed to St. Louis to visit her family. They were joined there by Bill, Jr.

Speaking of junior, Joe Kupec, Jr., made the Dean's list at John Carroll. He's in pre-med.

Jack Malkoff was out in California for two weeks taking a course in ear surgery. He must have been out there to learn because he didn't take his wife on the trip. Besides learning about all the latest techniques in endaural surgery, he gained ten pounds.

John Kalfas takes the prize for thoughtfulness, or maybe, preparedness. When his wife went into the delivery room he hurried down to

his locker in surgery, where he had stored a floral arrangement, so he dashed back up to delivery and was waiting to present it to his wife and new daughter as soon as she awoke from the anesthetic.

Dr. and Mrs. Aniceta DiDomenico are parents of a girl born on January 22nd, Catherine Mary Grace.

Dr. and Mrs. R. V. Bruchs are also proud parents of a baby girl.

Saw in the papers where Dr. Lowendorf's son, Henry, was a finalist in the competition of the National Merit Scholarship program. Among the 500,000 who took the tests he was one of the relatively few who received a Certificate of Merit.

J. R. Sofranec, M.D.

G. L. Altman, M.D.

COUNTY OFFICERS HEAR FORAND BILL DISCUSSION

Three representatives of the Mahoning County Medical Society attended the Annual Conference of County Medical Society Officers, held in Columbus, on Sunday, February 21.

Dr. C. W. Stertzbach, Dr. C. C. Wales, and Mr. Howard Rempes attended a morning session devoted entirely to the Forand Bill. Speakers were: Mr. C. Joseph Stetler, LL.B., secretary of the Council on Legislative Activities of the American Medical Association; Mr. Aubrey D. Gates, director of the Division of Field Services, AMA; and Mr. Stephen T. Donohue, director of the Department of Media Relations, Communications Division, AMA.

Mr. Stetler said that the strongest AMA objection to the Forand Bill is that it is not necessary, and that it would result in poorer, not better, health care for the very persons that it sought to help.

He said that the Kefauver hearing will help the Forand Bill. He indicated that it had a good chance of passing and pointed out that 1960 is a political year and that there are always amendments to the Social Security Act in an election year.

He said that it is essential that all doctors become informed and communicative.

Other sessions at the meeting included a discussion of the Ohio Aid for Aged Medical Care Program, and a meeting of the Sixth Councilor District.

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TUESDAY

- March 15 Mahoning County Medical Society Meeting
 Dinner 7 P. M. Speaker: Dr. Charles Doan, Columbus, Ohio
 Meeting 8 P. M. Jade Room at V.F.V. (Mural Room)
 March 22
 7:30 P. M. Annual Education Program
 Academy General Practice
 Auditorium 1, St. Elizabeth Hospital

THURSDAY

- March 10 CPC
 8:00 A. M. Auditorium, South Side Hospital
 March 17 Visiting Professor LeRoy Matthews
 8:00 A. M. Associate Professor Pediatrics, Cleveland, Ohio
 Auditorium, South Side Hospital
 March 24 Visiting Professor E. Perry McCullagh
 1:00 P. M. Department Endocrinology, Western Reserve
 Auditorium 1, St. Elizabeth Hospital
 "Endocrinology Clinic"
 March 24
 Dinner 7 P. M. Medical Society - Bar Association Banquet
 Meeting 8 P. M. Miss Mary Cowan, Speaker
 Youngstown Country Club
 March 31 Special Staff Meeting—"Aid for Aged"
 8:00 A. M. Auditorium, South Side Hospital
 April 7 Visiting Professor Joseph Marcy
 1:00 P. M. Children's Hospital, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
 "Anaesthesiology"
 Auditorium 1, St. Elizabeth Hospital
 April 24 CPC
 8:00 A. M. Auditorium, South Side Hospital

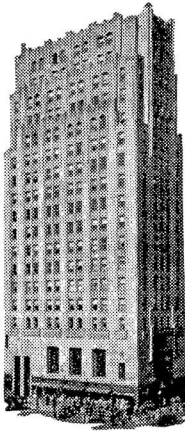
FRIDAY

- March 11 CPC
 8:00 A. M. Auditorium 1, St. Elizabeth Hospital
 March 18 Combined Conference
 8:00 A. M. Auditorium 1, St. Elizabeth Hospital
 March 25 CPC
 8:00 A. M. Auditorium 1, St. Elizabeth Hospital
 April 1 Combined Conference
 8:00 A. M. Auditorium 1, St. Elizabeth Hospital
 April 8 CPC
 8:00 A. M. Auditorium 1, St. Elizabeth Hospital

SIXTH DISTRICT OFFICERS HAVE QUARTERLY MEETING

Dr. F. G. Schlecht, and Dr. M. S. Rosenblum, chairman of the Program and Postgraduate Committee, along with the executive secretary, Mr. Rempes, attended a quarterly meeting of the Sixth District at Congress Lake, on Sunday, January 31.

The two major subjects for discussion at this quarterly meeting were Third Party Medical Care plans that affected the Sixth District, and plans for the annual Postgraduate Day. Dr. Rosenblum announced the date and place of Postgraduate Day and outlined a proposed plan of speaking sessions.



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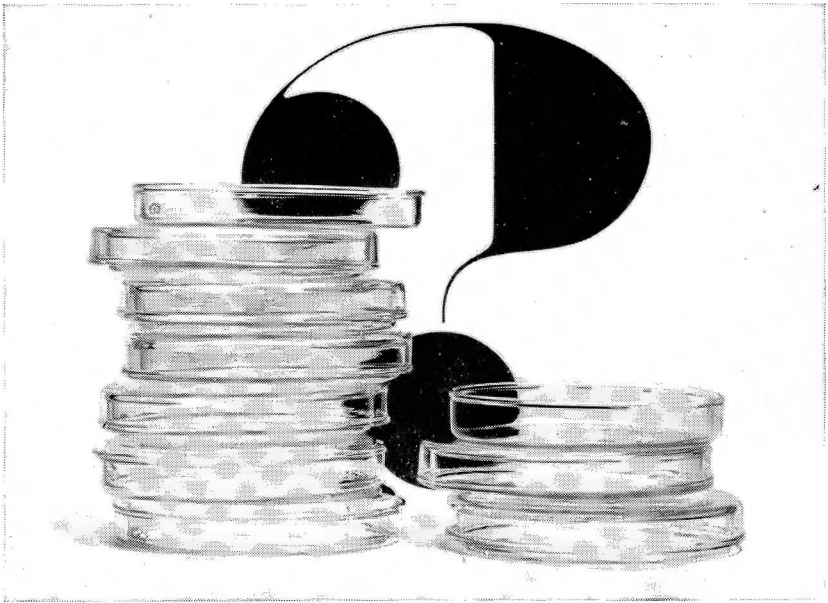
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3. When you are disabled, and are receiving basic loss of time payments from any group or individual accident and sickness policy, the payments received, regardless of amount or period of time, are tax free income. Reference: Internal Revenue Code, Section 104. Par. 1010, 1019 of 1957 Standard Federal Tax Reports.

4. If you have a group or individual accident and sickness policy which provides extra benefits when hospitalized or for surgery performed, the premium charged for these benefits is given special consideration tax-wise. Such premiums paid can be a tax deduction item in figuring medical, dental and hospital deductions in excess of 3% of adjusted gross income. However, the policy-holder must report as income the insurance benefits received for hospitalization, and other items of medical reimbursements attributable to, but not in excess of deductions allowed him as medical expense in any prior year. Reference: Internal Revenue Code, Sections 104 (a) (3) and 213.

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7. If you own a Professional Overhead Expense policy, the premium you pay is deductible as business expense for tax purposes. Reference: Internal Revenue Code Ruling 55-264. 1955—I.C. B 11.

8. When you are disabled and receive payment for loss of time under a Professional Overhead Expense policy, the payments are to be included as taxable income for the year in which received. However, this becomes a "wash out" transaction to you, because you will tax deduct the expenses for which you are insured under this policy. Reference: Internal Revenue Ruling 55-264. 1955—1 C.B. 11.

9. Personal disability insurance policies cannot be "earmarked" or "endorsed" to be used for the same purpose as Professional Overhead Expense policies, and premiums cannot be deducted as a business expense.

This issue has been ruled upon by the U. S. Tax Court. Reference: Marvin J. Blaess, 28 T.C. No. 78, 6-25-57. Reviewed.

10. If you purchase health and accident policies for any employees, with benefits not in excess of \$100.00 per week limitation, (a) you may deduct the premiums as an ordinary and reasonable business expense. (b) The premium is not includible in the employee's gross income and (c) benefits to employee when disabled, are tax free. Reference: Internal Revenue Code, Section 106, Para. 1050, 1059, of 1957 Standard Federal Tax Reports.

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MEDICOLEGAL INSTITUTE IN CLEVELAND

Dr. Sidney Franklin will present a paper at the Third Medicolegal Institute of the American Board of Legal Medicine, in Cleveland on Friday, April 1. Dr. Franklin will speak on: The Medicolegal Role of the General Practitioner in Psychiatry.

Local doctors are urged to attend the Institute, which will be held from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Fairhill Psychiatric Hospital, 12200 Fairhill Road in Cleveland. Three credit hours in Category I has been approved by the AAGP.

In all, there will be five sections. In addition to Dr. Franklin's section, there will be the following: Psychiatric Aspects of Suicide from the Coroner's Viewpoint, by Dr. Samuel Gerber; Responsibility of Hospital and Psychiatrist in Potential Suicide, by Dr. Irwin N. Perr; Evolution of a Sexual Psychopath Law, by Dr. Gordon R. Kamman, and Civil Rights and Problems of Mental Hospital Administration by Dr. Ewing H. Crawfis.

The institute is free to physicians and attorneys. For further information, contact Dr. Franklin.

The Fairhill Psychiatric Hospital was formerly known as Cleveland Regional Treatment Center. Dr. Irwin N. Perr, formerly Director, Outpatient Department of the Center, is now Clinical Director, Fairhill Psychiatric Hospital.

WANTED—VOLUNTEER PHOTOS

For several years, applicants for membership in the Mahoning County Medical Society have been requested to send along a photograph with their applications. As a result, the medical society has pictures available for use as identification, for publishing in the Bulletin, and for publishing in the Vindicator or other newspapers.

The executive secretary would like to have photographs of the rest of the society members for similar purposes. If you have a photo that you can spare, please send it to the office of the Mahoning County Medical Society.

Next time you have your photo taken, order an extra glossy print (any size from 2x3 to 8x10) and send it to the society.

NEWS

Dr. W. P. Young was re-appointed by Governor DiSalle as a trustee to Central State College at Wilberforce, Ohio.

Dr. Hugh Bennett was in an auto accident in Cleveland during the big snow and banged up his face and got a broken rib.

David Loeser, son of Dr. and Mrs. William Loeser underwent an appendectomy at North Side Hospital.

SOCIAL NEWS

Youngstown Hospital



Drs. F. A. Friedrich and R. R. Fisher attended a seminar at the Bunts Institute of Cleveland Clinic February 9, 10 and 11. Dr. and Mrs. John A. Rogers spent a short holiday at the Carolina Hotel in Pinehurst, North Carolina.

Dr. and Mrs. A. Earl Brant spent five weeks in Sunnydale, California. They were at the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W. King Stewart. Mr. Stewart is the son of

the late Dr. Walter King Stewart who was on the staff of Youngstown Hospital. Dr. Richard Middleton had a serious operation at North Unit. At the time of this writing he is progressing nicely. Our thoughts and prayers go out for a speedy recovery.

Dr. and Mrs. Elmore McNeal spent an enjoyable week-end at nearby Cambridge Springs, Pennsylvania. Dr. and Mrs. Donald Gross have returned home after a vacation in beautiful, sunny Delray Beach, Florida. Dr. Gabriel DiCicco and Dr. Carl Weidenmier of Berlin Center attended the Graduate Assembly at Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia February 17-20.

On January the Youngstown Vindicator featured several physicians from the MCMS and their hobbies. The story occupied the entire front page of the rotogravure section. Those pictured were Drs. Jack Schreiber, Oscar Turner, A. E. Brant, Richard Murray, P. H. Leimbach and J. M. Cavanaugh, Barclay Brandmiller, A. J. Brandt.

—G. E. DeCicco, M.D.

This is the time of year when everyone gets fed up with winter and flu epidemics and heads for the wide-open spaces. Any place is better than home and the eternal telephone at a time like this, but, of course, the most popular place is the land of sea and sunshine. Bill Bunn got tired of fighting his cold and took off for Pompano Beach for the cure. Good therapy, eh?

Still, there were those who went other directions. The Cook's and the Shorten's took off on a skiing expedition to Canada. I think if I went, I'd take an orthopedist, too. Maybe they figure if they've got to have winter they may as well make the most of it. Brack Bowman had the right idea; he and Rose took off for Arizona for a month, and the Ed Rizk's took a trip back home to Texas for their vacation.

The biggest busman's holiday of the season was taken by Ben Berg. For his two-week tour of active duty with the Naval Reserve, where do they send him? Caribbean cruise? No! He spent two weeks working his head off in the X-Ray department at the Philadelphia Naval Hospital. Well, it might have been Alaska. Also taking working holidays were Drs. Gordon, Friedrich, W. P. Young, Yoder, Heaver, Ipp and R. R. Fisher, who attended a two-day Bunts course at the Cleveland Clinic in February.

We are pleased to report that Mrs. Al (Camilla) Geordan is up and about on crutches, after a prolonged siege of infection in her foot. Why not give her a call, she's probably sick of sitting at home.

Dr. K. C. Kunin and Dr. David B. Brown and their wives attended the Pan-American Conference on Infertility in Miami Beach in January.

R. R. Fisher, M.D.

FROM THE BULLETIN

Twenty Years Ago—March 1940

Doctors treating pneumonia those days usually ordered the sputum typed routinely, but the new sulfapyridine interfered with typing because it killed off the pneumococci so rapidly. Some were about to give up typing but authorities recommended that it should be done before sulfapyridine was started so that in case of toxic reaction to the drug, the proper serum could be given.

J. B. Kupec was in St. Elizabeth's Hospital with pneumonia. The Bulletin does not say how he was treated but he made a nice recovery. B. J. Dreiling, C. S. Lowendorf, R. B. Poling, J. M. Ranz, S. J. Tamarkin and E. H. Young were victims of the "flu." R. V. Clifford was at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore studying surgery and pathology.

Clarence Stefanski was running for coroner on the Republican ticket. This was a Republican town and nomination on that ticket was tantamount to election. A thumbnail sketch of Clarence told how he worked for 40 dollars a month as a male nurse in Cincinnati to put himself through medical school.

Council passed two important resolutions: 1. That Youngstown should have a full time Director of Health who possessed a degree of Doctor of Public Health, and 2. That the Municipal Hospital be brought up-to-date as a modern contagious hospital.

The Voluntary Health Insurance Committee was working hard on a system for medical care of the low wage earner. The program committee recommended that our speakers should receive an honorarium but Council could not decide on the amount.

Vernon L. Goodwin and Erhard Weltman became members.

Ten Years Ago—March 1950

The Society sponsored a contest open to all Mahoning County college students for the best essay on "Why We Should Preserve the Voluntary System of Medical Care in the United States." First prize was a \$250.00 United States Government Bond, second prize a \$100.00 bond and third prize a \$50.00 bond.

President Nelson took the membership to task because in the last election, 10 per cent of them did not even register.

New members that month were Fred Schlecht and F. A. Resch. Emeritus Staff members of the Youngstown Hospital were honored by a dinner at the Youngstown Country Club. Of those, Henri Schmid and W. B. Turner are still with us. Dave Endress has been superintendent since 1939.

The first patient entered the Youngstown Hospital on January 1, 1883. The second on January 15. In July, 1885, it was reported that no new patient had been received within the year and the Board considered closing the hospital. There was a deficit of \$695.00 but John Stambaugh, president of the Board, gave his personal check for the amount. The first building had 12 ward beds and six private rooms. There was a matron, \$400.00 per annum; a nurse, \$12.00 a month; and a male nurse and general factotum at \$20.00 a month. The training school for nurses was started in 1896. There were 12 doctors on the staff, two nurses and one orderly in 1883; no emergency, no operating room and no laboratory. In 1902 the hospital was enlarged and the first intern was appointed. He received room and board. In 1904 a total of 1,292 patients were admitted and there was a deficit of \$6,591.78. The more patients, the greater the deficit.

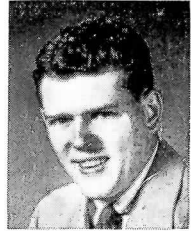


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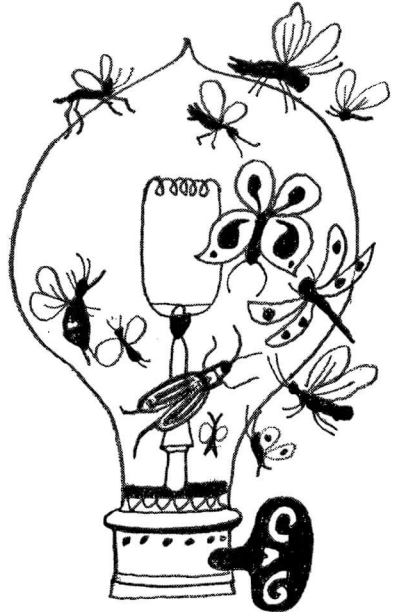
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An article by E. R. McNeal saluted the Visiting Nurse Association which has so capably administered home nursing care since its organization in 1904. Besides their home nursing of the sick they have operated the baby welfare clinics, assisted in the V-D clinics and conducted tuberculosis follow-up.

Fred Tingwald left his ORL practice here to become associated with the Cleveland Clinic. Ben Brown became a diplomate of the American Board of Radiology and Joseph Sofranec, Jr., a diplomate of the American Board of Orthopedic Surgery.

—J. L. Fisher, M.D.

Reports From Meetings

INTERSTATE POSTGRADUATE

I wish to call to the attention of the physician who is seeking the "truth and nothing but the truth" about medicine in its general and non-specialized form, to the program presented each fall, usually in November, by the Interstate Postgraduate Medical Association. This meeting was held at Cleveland City Auditorium in 1958 and a number of us attended. It was held at Palmer House in Chicago in 1959 and too few of us attended. It will be held in Pittsburgh this year; let's more of us attend.

The program is made up of an excellent assortment of subjects presented by carefully chosen speakers who represent the world's masters of the art and science of the lofty profession that Hippocrates so nobly taught and gave us as a sacred heritage that we, too, might be privileged to practice and keep above reproach.

I sincerely recommend this meeting to the practitioner of general medicine as a superior course in graduate education.

—W. P. Young, M.D.

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AMERICAN COLLEGE

The Combined Regional Meeting of the American College of Physicians of Ohio, West Virginia and Western Pennsylvania was held in Columbus, Ohio, on January 28 and 29, 1960. The following doctors from Youngstown attended: Drs. William Loeser, Herman Ipp, James Calvin, Elmore McNeal, Arnoldous Goudsmit, Lewis Reed, Leonard Caccamo, A. Miglets, Morris S. Rosenblum and C. R. Stewart.

A very fine paper on Guillain-Barre Syndrome Following Tetanus Antitoxin; the Second Reported Case with Immunologic Studies was presented by Dr. William D. Loeser. The co-authors on this paper were Andrew Miglets, M.D., William G. Bartlett, M.D., Carl E. Arbesman, M.D.

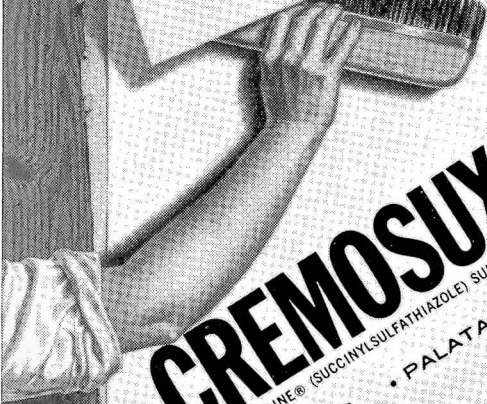
M. S. Rosenblum, M.D.

FORAND BILL PAMPHLET AVAILABLE

A pamphlet, "Political Medicine Is Bad Medicine," prepared by the American Medical Association, has been made available to every doctor. This brief question and answer bulletin points up the deficiencies in the Forand Bill. Every doctor should have a supply in his office.

An order form for the pamphlets was printed in the February 22 issue of AMA News. Order some for your waiting room. Additional copies are available at the office of the Mahoning County Medical Society.

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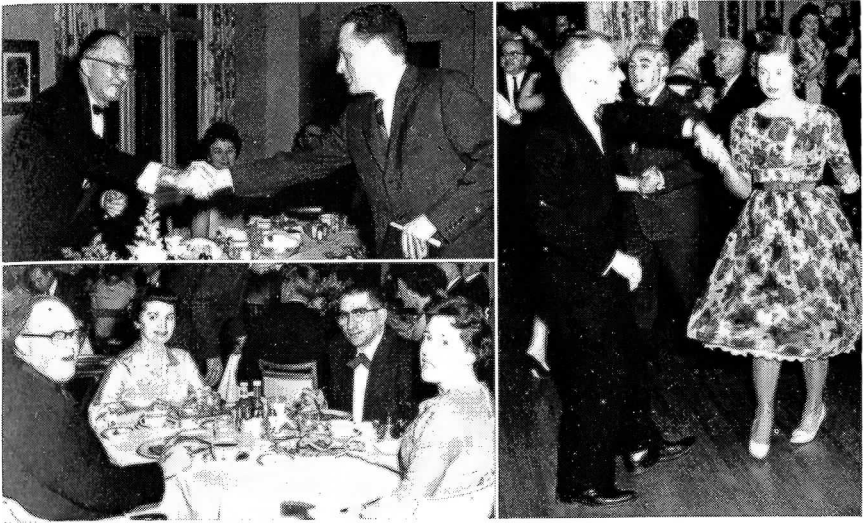
One hundred and thirty persons attended the Annual Banquet and Dance for physicians and their wives at Tippecanoe Country Club, Saturday, Jan. 23.

POST GRADUATE YEAR FOR MCMS

This is our society's year to conduct the annual Postgraduate Assembly for the Sixth Councilor District of the Ohio State Medical Association. The date has been set as Wednesday, October 26. The place is Stambaugh Auditorium.

Chairman for the Postgraduate Assembly is Dr. M. S. Rosenblum. His committee members are: Drs. L. P. Caccamo, B. Katz, W. D. Loeser, J. J. McDonough, R. D. Murray, S. W. Ondash, W. R. Parry, P. E. Ruth, C. K. Walter, and K. Wegner.

MORE BANQUET SHOTS



Dr. Stephen W. Ondash was toastmaster. He presented an appreciation plaque to Dr. M. W. Neidus, who was the retiring president. He presented a bound volume of the 1959 Bulletin to the editor, Dr. L. O. Gregg.

Dr. Neidus presented a gavel to the incoming president, Dr. F. G. Schlecht. The gavel was a gift from Dr. A. Earl Brant, who turned it out in his workshop.

Dr. Ondash asked for a moment of silence for those members who had passed on during 1959. These were: Dr. E. E. Kirkwood, Dr. James Medley, Dr. R. R. Morrall, Dr. W. W. Ryall, and Dr. C. C. Stewart.

Invocation and benediction were offered by Rev. Robert B. Harriman, pastor of John Knox U. P. Church.

Lou Sikora's Orchestra played for dancing. Chairman for the banquet was Dr. R. R. Goldcamp.

WANTED—LOQUACIOUS DOCTORS

Any doctor who is willing to talk on his favorite medical subject will be doing a good public relations service for the medical society and for medicine in general by signing up with both the speakers bureau and the radio program of the Mahoning County Medical Society.

Last month, requests went out from both Dr. Hugh Bennett, chairman of the speakers bureau, and Dr. Jack Schreiber, chairman of the radio program, "Consultation," asking for volunteers. Each letter of request contained a return post card. If you have not already done so, please mark both these cards and send them back.

"A PAGE FROM THE TELEPHONE BOOK"

During the past week I had a drink (tea) and a thought-provoking conversation with Youngstown's "Mr. Telephone," Guion Osborne (he had coffee).

In general we talked of many things but basically economics. I took the opportunity to congratulate him in behalf of his company on the magnificent job the American Telephone & Telegraph Company was doing. He smiled warmly and added that 1959 was an excellent year and that 1960 promised to be even better. I told him that I had read recently where an old and conservative investment advisory service recommended his company's common shares, stating that they seemed undervalued and contained a very substantial growth element. Further, this same service had classified A. T. & T. as the "stock of the month."

I then remarked to my friend that it was positively amazing to me that an American industrial giant of A. T. & T.'s proportions could continue to grow, what with annual revenues now of approximately seven billion dollars with 212 million shares of common stock outstanding and with 1 million 700 thousand shareholders. Furthermore, since A. T. & T. is classified as a public utility, it is consequently closely "regulated."

We then discussed the various reasons for the telephone company's success, and Mr. Osborne spoke of top flight management, worthwhile research, good employee relationship, and lastly but by no means least, service to the consumer. I then asked him, "What in your opinion is the most important single factor for the resounding growth and success of your company?" He said without a moment's hesitation, *service*. Service, he continued is far and away the one factor that has made everything else in the growth picture of our company possible. We have tried steadfastly to serve the consumer, employee, and shareholder. Moreover, the consumer must be satisfied. When rate increases have been imperative to our development, we have obtained them because confidence in our product and efficient service spoke for us.

Our conversation then drifted to other things but when our talk ended and I walked away from "Mr. Telephone" those words "service" and "service spoke for us" kept ringing through my head. Is this not dominantly the very basis for the great growth and success of the private practice of medicine in our country? Furthermore, if this progress is to continue, must not service to the patient remain the dominant force in our continued development?

It is unlikely that the American people will ever "turn us out" if service is the bed rock of our scientific and progressive achievements.

John J. McDonough, M.D.

(Ed. Note: Dr. McDonough stated regretfully that he is not an A. T. & T. shareholder.)

AMA VIEWS THE FORAND BILL

Q. *If the Forand Bill became law, would this mean completely socialized medicine in the United States?*

A. Yes — it would just be a matter of time. Some of the Bill's supporters are determined to socialize medicine across the board. Their next step would be to lower the ages of eligibility, and broaden the field of coverage. This would continue, year after year, until every American was under a rigid Federal system of compulsory, socialized medicine.

—Reprinted from AMA pamphlet, "Political Medicine Is Bad Medicine."

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APPLICANTS FOR ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

Dr. James Howell Fulks was born in Findlay, Ohio, on July 30, 1927. He obtained his B. A. degree at Ohio University at Athens. He was graduated from the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine where he received his M.D. in 1955. Following this he came to Youngstown Hospital for his rotating internship. He liked Youngstown well enough to take a residency in Anaesthesiology and when he completed his training he joined the Anaesthesia Associates at 402 Oak Hill Ave. He is a member of the courtesy staff of Youngstown Hospital. He is married to the former Donna Guthrie of Athens, Ohio. They have four children and have recently moved to the south side of Youngstown from Girard. He plays the piano for relaxation and he also likes to play golf.



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Dr. David R. Ginder the Director of Medical Education at St. Elizabeth's Hospital was born in Palmerton, Penna. He received his B.A. Degree at Lehigh University in 1940 and his M.D. at Harvard in 1943. He then interned at Geisinger Memorial Hospital, Danville, Penna. He was in the Army from 1944 to 1946 serving part of that time in the Tokyo Virus Laboratory. He has his 1st year medical residency at Boston City Hospital 1946-47, 2nd year at Jefferson Medical College Hospital Philadelphia 1947-48 and 3rd year again at Boston City Hospital 1948-49. He was instructor of Medicine at Emory School of Medicine 1949-50, assistant professor 1950-53 and associate professor 1953-58.



He is married to the former Helen Turner of Boston. He has 2 daughters, Ann and Debbie. He has been director of Medical Education at St. Elizabeth's since 1958.

—G. E. DeCicco, M.D.

DR. DOAN AND ASSOCIATES TO SPEAK

Dr. Charles A. Doan, professor of medicine, director of medical research, and dean of the College of Medicine of Ohio State University, will be the moderator for the meeting of the Mahoning County Medical Society, of Tuesday, March 15. The other speakers will be: Dr. Hans P. Pieper, assistant professor of Research Physiology; Dr. Erick Ogden, professor and chairman of the Department of Physiology; and Dr. Howard Sirak, associate professor of Surgery and head of the Cardiac Vascular Service Department.

Dr. Pieper will speak on "Immediate Cardiac Response to Peripheral Hemodynamic Changes." Dr. Ogden's subject is: "Methods of Study of Flow Patterns Through the A-V Orifice." Dr. Sirak will talk on "Present Trends in Acquired Valvular Disease Surgery."

The meeting will be held in the Jade Room of the Mural Room (across the street from the Elks Club). Cocktail hour will be at 6:00, dinner at 7:00, and meeting at 8:00. Make your reservations by sending a check for \$5.00 to the Mahoning County Medical Society office. Deadline for reservations is noon, Monday, March 14.

Chairman for the meeting is Dr. M. S. Rosenblum.



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The Woman's Auxiliary to the Mahoning County Medical Society and the Woman's Auxiliary to the Trumbull County Medical Society met for a combined meeting at the Mahoning Country Club on February 16. A spring style show and guest luncheon was attended by about 140.

Mrs. Arthur Rappoport, Mahoning County president, and Mrs. Bruce Brown, Trumbull County president, were on hand to greet members and their guests.

Members of both auxiliaries acted as models. Mrs. William Goodman and Mrs. Clyde Muter modeled for the Trumbull County group and Mrs. B. M. Bowman, Mrs. George McKelvey, Mrs. P. A. Dobson, Mrs. H. L. Allen, Mrs. D. R. Brody and Mrs. L. C. Zeller modeled for Mahoning Auxiliary.

Tables for the day were decorated with arrangements featuring spring and costume design.

Mrs. Robert Tornello was program chairman assisted by Mrs. James Calvin. Serving on the social committee with Mrs. W. P. Young as chairman and Mrs. Edward Shorten as co-chairman were Mrs. James L. Smeltzer, Mrs. A. William Geordan, Mrs. Wayne Hardin, Mrs. Stephen Ondash and Mrs. Kenneth Hovanic.

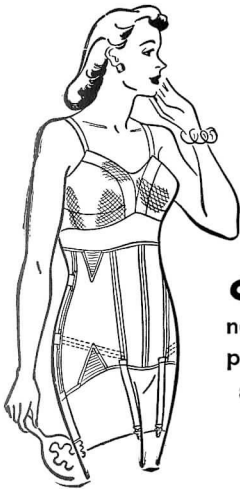
The next meeting of the year will be the Para-Medical recruitment party at St. Elizabeth Hospital, March 15. Students attending this meeting will be selected by the high schools as being interested in a Para-Medical career. About 200 students are expected.

—Mrs. Paul E. Ruth, Publicity Chairman

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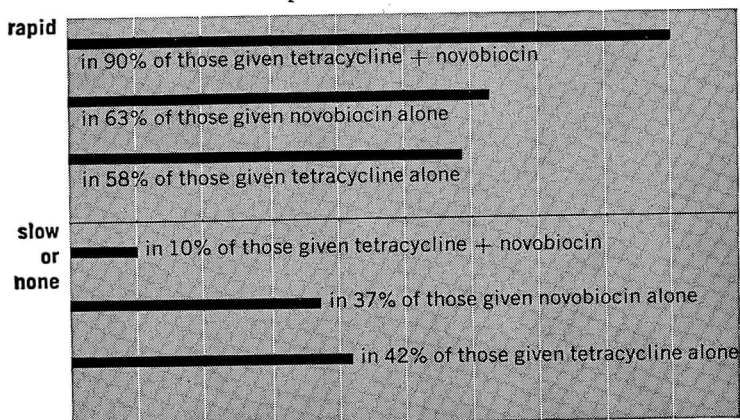


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PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL

Feb. 23, 1960

The regular monthly meeting of the council of the Mahoning County Medical Society was held on Tuesday, February 23, at the Elks Club, Youngstown, Ohio.

The following physicians were present: F. G. Schlecht, president, presiding, H. P. McGregor, C. C. Wales, C. W. Stertzbach, Jack Schreiber, E. R. McNeal, F. A. Resch, G. E. DeCicco, A. K. Phillips, M. W. Neidus, C. E. Pichette, J. J. McDonough, P. J. Mahar, H. J. Reese, S. W. Ondash, F. J. Scheetz, and M. S. Rosenblum. Absent were: R. R. Fisher and Asher Randell.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Dr. Schlecht introduced discussion concerning hospital clinics. The matter of a possible change in the resolution, as reprinted in the minutes of the January meeting, was referred to the Hospital Relations Committee.

Dr. Ondash introduced discussion concerning reappraisal of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield hospitalization group plan of the medical society. This was referred to the Insurance Committee.

A letter was read from Dr. L. P. Caccamo regarding the objections of some funeral directors to post mortems. Following discussion, the letter was turned over to a newly appointed Post Mortem Committee. Dr. P. J. Mahar was named chairman. Other members are: Dr. L. P. Caccamo, Dr. W. D. Loeser, Dr. B. Taylor, and Dr. A. E. Rappoport.

An excerpt was read from a letter from Mr. Charles Nelson requesting the names of any members who would volunteer, at AMA expense, to attend a Forand Bill meeting at the AMA, and then speak at societies in other states. The executive secretary was requested to post the request on the hospital staff room bulletin boards.

Dr. Rosenblum reported on the quarterly meeting of the Sixth District held at Congress Lake on Sunday, January 31. He said that the meeting was concerned with third party medical care plans, and with the 1960 Postgraduate Assembly. He further reported on the Postgraduate Committee, of which he is chairman. He announced a recent meeting of that committee, and that the date and place had been set as being Wednesday, October 26, at Stambaugh Auditorium.

Dr. Schlecht reported an interest by all medical societies at the Sixth District meeting in the disciplinary resolution that was adopted by council at the January meeting of council.

Dr. Stertzbach reported on the County Officers meeting, held in Columbus, on Sunday, February 21. He reported discussion on the Aid for the Aged in Ohio, and expressed the opinion that Dr. Frank Mayfield and his committee were trying to do a good job.

Dr. Reese reported on the letter that Dr. Mayfield had written to Mrs. Mary Gorman, administrator of the Aid for the Aged program, and on the letter of reply from Mrs. Gorman. Discussion followed.

Dr. Stertzbach reported that a new OMI fee schedule was announced at the Columbus meeting. He suggested that Dr. Dean Dooley, director of the Physicians Relations Department of Ohio Medical Indemnity be invited to speak before our society.

Dr. Wales reported on the discussion of the Forand Bill that took place at the Columbus meeting. He stressed the importance for every doctor to be informed and communicative about the Bill.

Mention was made of the rotogravure section about doctors' hobbies in a recent Sunday edition of the *Vindicator*. The suggestion was made that council thank Esther Hamilton for her efforts in producing this section. Dr. Schlecht announced that he had already sent a thank you note to Miss Hamilton.

Dr. Schlecht introduced discussion concerning a television program carried locally that is not in the best interest of good medical practice. Following discussion, the motion was made, seconded and duly passed that a letter be sent by Dr. Schlecht to the manager of the local TV station objecting to the program as being medically unsound, with the stipulation that the letter first be reviewed by Mr. Franklin Powers, and that it have the individual approval of each and every council member before being mailed.

The executive secretary read a note from Dr. Randell asking for council's opinion on a suggestion that this society promote and administrate a Blue Cross group hospitalization plan for doctors' secretaries. The matter was referred to the Insurance Committee.

Dr. Rosenblum raised the question of the date of the May meeting, inasmuch as the normal meeting date would conflict with the OSMA annual meeting in Cleveland. It was decided that the Mahoning County Medical Society would forego a meeting in May in order to encourage attendance at the State meeting.

Dr. Schreiber introduced discussion concerning attendance. The following motion was made, seconded, and duly passed: Be it moved that the Housing and Attendance Committee be requested to meet in order to study the problem of attendance at Mahoning County Medical Society meetings. The committee should act on the following questions: (1) number of meetings per year, (2) place of meetings, (3) format of meetings—whether they should be scientific or non-scientific, or a combination of the two. The chairman of the Program Committee shall sit as ex-officio member of the committee. The committee shall report to the next regular meeting of council.

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

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

James Howell Fulks, 402 Oak Hill Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio.

David Richard Ginder, St. Elizabeth Hospital, Youngstown, Ohio.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

Rene Cossette, 335 Bel-Park Bldg., 1005 Belmont Ave., Youngstown, Ohio.

INTERN-RESIDENT MEMBERSHIP

Stephen Kurt Haller, Youngstown Hospital, Youngstown, Ohio.

Engelbert Hecker, Youngstown Hospital, Youngstown, Ohio.

The above applicants will become members of the society within fifteen days after publication in the *Bulletin*, unless objection is filed in writing with the secretary during that time.

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

—C. E. Pichette, Secretary

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Births	47	58	29	34	168
Deaths	98	70	66	40	274
Infant Deaths	5	3	4	2	14

JANUARY 1959

Births	94	95	92	79	361
Deaths	93	61	73	35	262
Infant Deaths	4	4	9	3	20

CONTAGIOUS DISEASES

	January 1960		January 1959	
	Causes	Deaths	Causes	Deaths
Chicken Pox	61	0	44	0
Diphtheria	0	0	0	0
Epid. Meningitis	0	0	0	0
Infectious Hepatitis	0	0	2	0
Influenza	0	0	0	0
Measles	11	0	29	0
Mumps	96	0	57	0
Pertussis	2	0	4	0
Poliomyelitis	0	0	0	0
Scarlet Fever	7	0	6	0
Tuberculosis	5	2	6	4
Typhoid (para)	1	0	0	0

VENEREAL DISEASES

New Cases	Male	Female	Total
Syphilis	1	0	1
Gonorrhoea	12	3	15
Total Patients	16		
Total Visitor (Patients) to Clinic	107		

NAMES IN THE NEWS

Fred W. Lyons, president of Lyons Physician Supply Co., has been elected the new chairman of the Bureau of Good Business Practices Inc. in the Youngstown Area.

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Newly elected president of the Eastern Ohio Pharmaceutical Association is *Joseph Biros* of Guy's Drug Store in Hubbard. Other officers for 1960 are: Vice-president, *Anthony Perry*; Treasurer, *Robert Roth*; Executive Secretary, *William R. Dilts*. Dilts was president last year.

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George W. Brown, president of Brown Drug Stores, was the subject of a biographical article by *Esther Hamilton* in a recent Sunday edition of the *Vindicator*.

POSTGRADUATE COMMITTEE MEETING

At a recent meeting of the Postgraduate Committee, Dr. M. S. Rosenblum, chairman, made the following appointments. In charge of registration, Dr. W. D. Loeser and Dr. L. P. Caccamo; in charge of food, Dr. B. Katz; and in charge of exhibits, Dr. R. D. Murray.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Editor,
Bulletin of the Mahoning County Medical Society,
Youngstown, Ohio

Sir,

Pusillanimity not being one of my characteristics I should like to write to you forthrightly and endeavor not to be antipodal from paragraph to paragraph.

The context of the letter to Cousin Frank reminds me strongly of *Spenser's Archimago Archimage*, and it concludes as *Abou Hassan in the Arabian Nights*. Certainly some of the spirit of the legendary *Rhadamonthus* would be much more appropriate.

Were it not for many spurious animadversions that letter would necessitate no reply, for the last three words of paragraph three were its essence and its rebutter.

With the exception of the executive secretary and his assistant none of the officers of the Society receive a copper of remuneration. Yet for the benefit of the membership they spend many hours every week meeting among themselves, with their committees, and with the multitude of lay organizations who make demands on the profession. Any benefits that accrue from these hours do so for the entire membership; and I could fill the better part of a Bulletin enumerating these benefits. That in itself is sufficient *raison d'être* for a local Society and puts the lie to any statement of passivity on the part of the officers.

I have seen six or seven presidents and their program chairmen literally sweat trying to compose the meetings for their year's tenure so as to present something that would be attractive to the greatest number. The subject matter of these meetings has varied from A to Z. But the attendance has been uniformly poor. Specifically there was a meeting on insurance and estate planning a few months ago. Each speaker limited his remarks in order to give time to the members attending for questions. No one spoke from the floor. The constitution meeting is another example. The ideas of the membership, contributed from a previous meeting, have been incorporated into the new constitution. This local Society, being not an independent body, but a component group of a State organization, of necessity had the constitution reviewed by the legal counsel for the State, and subsequently were requested to make certain changes that would result in no conflict with the State's charter. Is that a rubber stamp?

Webster defines a committee as "one or more persons elected or appointed to attend to any matter or business referred to them either by a legislative body, court, corporation, society, or collective body of men acting together". By definition alone it is obvious to anyone that the officers of this Society are fully cognizant of what constitutes a committee, and that some of the members apparently are not. A committee meets at the call of the chairman upon the referral to it of a matter by the Society or one of its duly qualified officers. Even to the unwitting it should be apparent that of the twenty eight committees there may be many that will have little or no business referred to them for months on end. And to the similarly unwitting and unpolitic it should again be obvious the need for these standing committees. And since committees report to Council and the membership at large how can one be so dolt as to state "it's conclusions are accepted only if they coincide with that which has already been determined by higher authorities". That is positively the quintessence of inanity.

This Society is suffering from neither malcontent, discontent nor deep conflicts. It has its proportionate share of lackadaisical members. To quote one, many have selected an "inactive role". These members are not to be criticized. That is their privilege. Many organizations are so endowed. However it does not fall within the province of the inactive member to assume the mantle of Osiris.

The officers (and I am not so included) are doing the best possible job they can. If they pleased all they would be angels, not men. Since they are no more nor less mortal than the men and women they are exerting their utmost to serve, it would behoove all to assist as much as they can or wish by coming to Council meetings (which are open), or the Society's regular meetings and express their opinions freely so there can be full and frank discussion with the improvements therefrom resulting. To snipe and hide is poltroonery.

Very truly yours,

—Asher Randell, M.D.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

February 23, 1960

Dear Editor,

I am pleased to see that the members of our medical society who are subscribers to the Blue Cross Hospitalization Plan have seen fit to adopt the Nervous and Mental diseases rider which has been offered by the Associated Hospital Service, Inc., Youngstown. I think the membership is to be commended in setting an example for other groups in the community by their having adopted this rider.

I would like to point out to the members of the medical profession that this should not be considered the finished product of the efforts of certain groups and individuals. It is only a step in the right direction. For several years now the Cleveland Blue Cross has provided the same amount of care for nervous and mental diseases as for any other illness. I believe that this is as it should be and that judging from the actual experience they have gained that the cost is not prohibitive.

While talking to the executive vice-president of our local Blue Cross he told me that he did not have any figures available but that it would appear that the majority of subscribers are voting to adopt the present rider. It is the feeling that the people want to have the broadest coverage possible and the Associated Hospital Service, Inc., wants to provide it as long as it is financially sound.

Yours truly,

Clyde K. Walter, M.D.

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MCMS HOST AT MEDICAL-BAR BANQUET

The Mahoning County Medical Society will be host for the Sixth Annual Medical-Bar Banquet, to be held on Thursday, March 24, at the Youngstown Country Club.

The speaker will be Miss Mary E. Cowan, Medical Technologist in charge of Trace Evidence Examinations at the Cuyahoga County Coroner's Laboratories. Her subject is: "Tremendous Trivia." Before joining the coroner's staff, Miss Cowan was an instructor in Legal Medicine, Department of Pathology, Western Reserve University, and was later a Lecturer at Seminars for State Police conducted by the Department of Legal Medicine, Harvard Medical School.

She obtained her Bachelor of Science Degree from Denison University. Her Medical Technology training was taken at Mt. Sinai Hospital, Cleveland. Her professional affiliations include: American Chemical Society; American, Ohio State, and Cleveland Societies of Medical Technologists; ASCP Registry; Ohio Society of Microscopy; and American Academy of Forensic Sciences. She is chairman of Criminalistics Section for the latter organization.

Reservations for the dinner may be made by check (\$5.00) at the Mahoning County Medical Society office. There will be a cocktail hour at 6:00, dinner at 7:00, and the meeting at 8:00. Dr. M. H. Steinberg is chairman for the meeting.

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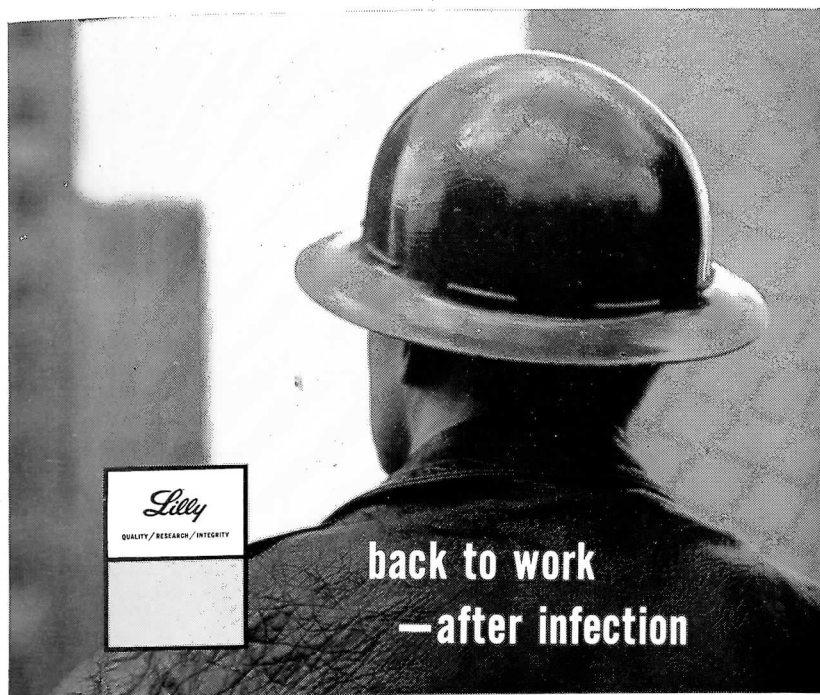
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