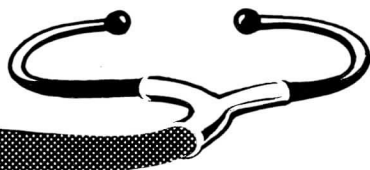




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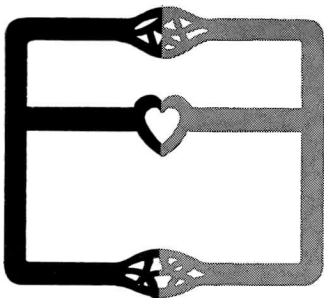
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Our President Speaks

IN DEFENSE OF THE PATIENT

People do not expect us to be perfect and there is no need for us to wear a false cloak of infallibility. Patients do not become displeased with us because of scientific inadequacies or lack of acumen. Rather, they become angry and unfortunately, litigious, because of rejection, real or fancied slights, or lack of consideration.

Perhaps, the most serious complication of modern medicine is the loss of understanding of the patient as an individual. In our preoccupation with scientific medicine, the patient tends to be fragmented and depersonalized.

Consider the patient who becomes hospitalized and bedfast. He undergoes limitations or modifications of his normal movement that, under other circumstances, would be intolerable. His usual bed apparel is replaced by a hospital gown — which was not designed with the modest in mind. From the morning temperature, pulse, and respiration to the evening medication, every detail of his waking hours is subject to professional control. Not the least of his trials are bathing and toilet in bed. While hospitalized, this irritated George Bernard Shaw to the point where he demanded a receipt after each bath. As the hospital program proceeds the patient begins to feel like he is on a medical conveyor belt and senses the impersonality of his care. He becomes resentful of being treated as a human test tube or the innocent vehicle of interesting clinical findings. He wonders whether medicine exists for the benefit of the afflicted and not the afflicted for the benefit of medicine.

The situation is accentuated by the psychological reaction of a majority of patients. The average person, regardless of his normal outlook, becomes introspective, egocentric, and selfish when ill. This reaction becomes accelerated by any unkind, roughshod, or shabby treatment by any of the personnel involved in his confinement.

The more intricate the technical and scientific advances in diagnosis and treatment become, the more serious the danger of detachment becomes. The larger and the more perfect the hospital refinement, the less personal human interest is apt to emerge in the care of the patient.

It is clearly our duty to look after the interest of the patient. Lives are still more than case histories and people more than subjects. Medical care is similar to religion in that it must be personal.

For our part, we must exercise extreme forbearance in the face of unbelievable affronts; and attitudes that might properly be resented in the sound and healthy are ignored or tolerated in the sick. We must set the example for all members of the health team.

Who among us has not been inspired and strengthened by those courageous ill — those who bear adversity, pain and disability so bravely? On the other hand, a frightened, hurting, and confused sick person will never disown the compassionate physician who helps him.

In the final analysis, patience, sincere kindness, and forbearance will count more than comprehensive knowledge of isolated scientific data.

We are best motivated by a deep compassion for suffering humanity. I believe that is what Dr. Schwietzer means by "Reverence for Life."

Fred G. Schlecht, M.D.
President

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Editorial . . .**ACTION**

There is a time for words and a time for action. The time for action is at hand — it is *now!* I speak of the Forand Bill soon to be debated in Congress. Even as these words are being read, time may have run out.

Much has been written and said about this controversial legislation. To simplify the issue I think it fair to say that this is *Socialized Medicine* — period! It's backers intend it so in the long run — therefore let us call a spade a spade. Too many of our colleagues are ignorant of the fearful potentialities of this bill — far too many of the general public share their apathy. We need only to read our daily mail to become well informed about this proposed legislation — if we rise up from our easy chairs of "lack of interest" long enough to get the facts!

There is something every single physician in this society can do to preserve our medical way of life. In addition to writing to Mr. Kirwan TODAY, we can take definite action to enlighten our patients and encourage their written protests to their elected representatives. But — and this is the crux — it must be done this very day and this week if this crusade is to be effective!

When men become weak, government must become strong, and when government becomes strong, government does for the individual what the individual should do for himself. Time is short and the candle of freedom burns low.

Jack Schreiber, M.D., Editor

MEETINGS OF GENERAL INTEREST FOR APRIL AND MAY OF 1960**TUESDAY**

- April 5, 7:30 P.M. Section Meetings, St. Elizabeth Hospital
 April 12, 8:00 P.M. Annual Education Program, Academy of General Practice, St. Elizabeth Hospital Auditorium 1
 April 19, 7:00 P.M. Mahoning County Medical Society Dinner and Business Meeting, Mural Room
 April 26, 6:30 P.M. Mahoning County Medical Society Council Meeting, Youngstown Club

THURSDAY

- April 7, 1:00 P.M. Visiting Professor Program, Dr. J. H. Marcy, "Hypothermia," "Specific Pediatric Anaesthesiology Problems," St. Elizabeth Hospital Auditorium 1
 April 14, 8:00 A.M. Visiting Professor Program, Dr. Robert Zollinger, South Side Hospital Auditorium
 April 21, 8:00 A.M. CPC, South Side Hospital Auditorium
 1:00 P.M. Visiting Professor Program, Dr. G. J. Gabuzda, "Liver Disease," St. Elizabeth Auditorium 1
 May 12, 8:00 A.M. CPC, South Side Hospital Auditorium
 May 19, 8:00 A.M. Visiting Professor Program, Dr. Jack Meyers, South Side Hospital Auditorium

FRIDAY

- April 8, 8:00 A.M. CPC, St. Elizabeth Hospital Auditorium 1
 April 15, 8:00 A.M. Combined Medical-Surgical Conference, St. Elizabeth Hospital Auditorium 1
 April 22, 8:00 A.M. CPC, St. Elizabeth Hospital Auditorium 1
 4:00 P.M. Chest Conference, South Side Hospital Auditorium
 April 29, 8:00 A.M. Combined Medical-Surgical Conference, St. Elizabeth Hospital Auditorium 1
 May 6, 8:00 A.M. CPC, St. Elizabeth Hospital Auditorium 1

DOCTORS' CURRENT DILEMMA

If a doctor operates on an Aid for the Aged client in nearly any hospital in Cuyahoga County, he gets no pay.

If the same doctor, however, performs the same operation on the same patient in a hospital nearly anywhere else in Ohio the state welfare department will pay him according to a fee schedule.

The state welfare department's explanation is that in making payment for medical services it follows the policy of the welfare department in the county in which the service is performed.

In Cuyahoga County, and in two other counties, there are agreements between the county welfare departments and most hospitals. They provide a per diem rate for each patient, the same daily payment being made, within each hospital, whether the patient undergoes open heart surgery or has his athlete's foot treated.

Doctors are not paid for work they do in this connection. It is charity work, so designated by them years ago.

But who designates charity work? Can the state step in and tell the doctors in Cuyahoga, Mahoning and Summit counties that they have more charity work to do, meanwhile paying doctors in 85 other counties for performing exactly the same services?

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3. Provide the Prosecuting Attorney with whatever information he may require.

4. The Coroner's records shall be received as evidence in any criminal or civil court in this state. Any person may receive a copy of any report upon demand in writing and payment of a fee which shall be turned into the County Treasury.

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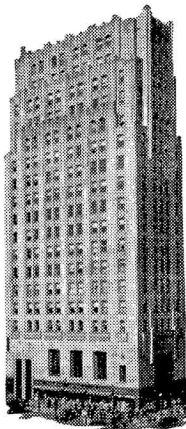
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Paul Cress

(Editor's Note: Former Police Chief, Paul Cress, was asked to submit this article in light of the May Primary Election. It is incumbent in all of us to take an active interest in this campaign, especially to exercise our right to vote.)



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SOCIAL NEWS

St. Elizabeth Hospital



Dr. and Mrs. Paul J. Mahar spent "Junior Week" at Notre Dame visiting Paul, Jr.

Dr. V. L. Goodwin and W. H. Evans attended meetings in Ear, Nose, Throat, Plastic Surgery and Allergy in Miami.

Dr. M. W. Neidus visited relatives in Waterville, Ohio.

Dr. S. W. Ondash attended the Boston sectional meeting of the American College of Surgery with his wife from February 29th to March 4th.

Dr. and Mrs. Michael Galose are proud parents of a boy born March 6th.

Drs. Lowendorf, Sofranec and Marcella attended the Interstate Orthopedic Society meeting in Pittsburgh, March 16th.

Dr. S. F. Gaylord with two of the residents of St. Elizabeth Hospital are putting on a concert at Butler Art on April 21st.

Dr. F. W. McNamara is vacationing in Phoenix, Arizona.

Dr. J. J. McDonough is out of town for two months taking special courses in New York City.

Dr. C. E. Pichette attended a post-graduate course in Urology in Cleveland on March 16th and 17th.

Dr. and Mrs. Charles A. Granito are parents of a girl born March 15th.

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PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL

March 22, 1960

The regular monthly meeting of the Council of the Mahoning County Medical Society was held on Tuesday, March 22, 1960, at the Youngstown Club, Youngstown, Ohio.

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Dr. Clifford, chairman of the Third Party Medical Care Committee, related some background concerning the third party problem in this area. He stated that his committee would meet to discuss four objectives: (1) to set up a meeting with labor representatives, (2) to exchange information with other county societies in the Sixth District, (3) to appear before a meeting of the society to present proposals, (4) to achieve a medical care plan that will provide comprehensive care to the general public. He further stated that other county society committees look to the Mahoning Society for leadership in this matter. Dr. Schlecht asked Dr. Clifford to include the Dental Society in future plans. The executive secretary was asked to invite Dental Society representation to the next committee meeting. Dr. Clifford was asked to report before the society at the next meeting.

Dr. Schreiber played a tape-recording of two TV programs which concerned council as not being in the best medical interests. Dr. Schlecht read a proposed letter to be sent to the management of a local TV station. The letter voiced objection to the program. The motion was made, seconded, and duly passed that the letter be accepted by council.

Dr. Reese read the following proposed policy of the society on combined meetings:

The Mahoning County Medical Society, in representing organized medicine at the local level, continually strives to maintain the highest level of excellence in any medical activity within the community area served by its membership. In attempting to achieve this goal, it permits its name, its facilities and its membership to be used by certain groups and agencies which are interested primarily in their particular phase of medicine. Certain of these groups or agencies conduct meetings which feature physician participants and require our own membership to co-ordinate such meetings under Society sponsorship.

Accordingly, the Mahoning County Medical Society is convinced that the best interests of its membership and its organization must remain paramount to those of other medical groups or individuals of health agencies and that as a Society it should spearhead, rather than simply be a part of, a meeting or meetings which seek its sponsorship.

It announces that, henceforth, no association, agency or groups of persons desirous of obtaining the good-will, cooperation and participation of the Society to promote a health or medical program shall publicize programs, speakers, or share a Medical Society meeting date without previous consultation with, and with the approval of, the Mahoning County Medical Society.

Furthermore, it rules that liaison between such association, groups or agencies be established sufficiently in advance of any such meeting that the activity can be fully coordinated with the program of the Society which, with its executive office, can cooperate in the best interest of all parties concerned.

The motion was made, seconded, and duly passed that the above policy be adopted by council.

Dr. Randell presented a report of the Insurance Committee. In regard to the possibility of the Society administering a group hospitalization plan for doctors' secretaries, with the billing to be done through the society office, the committee was in favor, if the expense did not necessitate a raise in dues.

The committee further reported that the Blue Cross fifty dollar deductible plan now in effect was the best available hospitalization. The committee further reported that the Ohio Medical Indemnity was not the best, but recommended that the group continue with OMI in view of the fact that OMI is the only surgical plan giving coverage to those over 65, and therefore the only plan that is giving the medical profession help in their stand against the Forand Bill.

Dr. Randell was asked to send out a postcard poll to see who are interested in the medical secretaries group hospitalization.

A letter was read from the Phipps for Sheriff Committee requesting a reply concerning an item of his program which read: "I suggest that each inmate of the County Jail should be checked by a doctor for tuberculosis and venereal disease." Following discussion, it was suggested that a reply be sent stating that the matter is being taken up with the county physician.

After considerable discussion, a motion was passed. The motion read that the society members be polled as to whether they favored endorsement of a candidate for coroner by the Mahoning County Medical Society, and, if in favor, to indicate who they wanted to endorse. Dr. Randell and Dr. Wales were appointed a committee, along with the executive secretary, to poll the membership.

The following policy was offered to council for adoption:

It is not unethical to furnish accurate medical information on subjects deemed newsworthy by responsible members of the press, radio and television.

In general, all opinions on medical subjects which are communicated to the laity should be presented as coming from some organized and recognized medical society or association. However, in certain circumstances, individual physicians' names may be used.

The motion was made, seconded, and duly passed that the policy be adopted.

Dr. Detesco reported on the work of the Public Relations Committee.

A policy in regard to relationship with osteopaths was read. (That policy is published elsewhere in the Bulletin.). A motion was made, seconded, and duly passed that the policy be adopted.

Dr. Schreiber introduced a plan for putting a sign and postcards in each doctor's office in opposition of the Forand Bill. Following discussion, the motion was made, seconded, and duly passed that the Mahoning County Medical Society provide the necessary number of posters and postcards to carry out the plan.

Dr. Stertzbach brought up the question of a waiver in dues for doctors carrying on very little practice due to ill health. Dr. Stertzbach was requested to outline a policy in regard to this and to bring it to the next council meeting.

Dr. Rosenblum reported regarding the Postgraduate Committee and requested suggestions for speakers.

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

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Annelies Ruth Dziadzka, 1009 Belmont Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio.

JUNIOR ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

Michael A. Kachmer, 3455 Chicago Avenue, Detroit, Michigan.

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

A. K. Phillips, Acting Secretary

DRS. MERMIS, SAADI, PRESENT PAPER

Dr. Elias Saadi, resident in Internal Medicine at St. Elizabeth Hospital, has returned from Nassau, where he spoke before the International Bahama Conference on Allergy.

Dr. Saadi read a paper on "Contact Dermatitis" written by Dr. W. L. Mermis. Because of a previous commitment, Dr. Mermis was unable to attend the meeting himself.

The conference included doctors from the United States, Canada, South America, Cuba and Puerto Rico.

Prior to going to Nassau, Dr. Saadi and Dr. Mermis attended the meeting of the American College of Allergists, in Miami, Florida.

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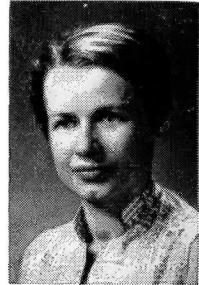


Dr. Leonard Blum, Youngstown's first full-time Health Commissioner, was born in Catasauque, Pennsylvania, on Flag Day, 1903. He received his preliminary education at Campion Academy, Notre Dame Prep School and Notre Dame University and his M.D. degree at St. Louis University in 1927. He was a classmate of Dr. M. W. Neidus. He was in practice of medicine in Niles, Ohio, from January 4, 1929, to September, 1957. He then went to Tulane University where he received the degree of M.P.H. in 1958.

He is a boating enthusiast and while on a recent vacation in Florida managed to snare a barracuda. As Health Commissioner he is doing much to make Youngstown a better place in which to work and live. Mrs. Blum is the former Mary Gegan of St. Louis. They live at 2448 Gladwae Drive in Youngstown. They have five children, two of whom are married, and they have one grandchild.

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Dr. Annelies Ruth Dziadzka was born in Gleiwitz, Germany, on December 16, 1922. She received her medical education at Kiel University in Kiel, Germany, where she was graduated in 1951. After her graduation she practiced in Hamburg until 1955 when she came to the United States. She had a residency in Anaesthesia at Cleveland Clinic where she served from 1955 through 1958. She has been an Anaesthesiologist at St. Elizabeth's since that time.



Her brother is Dr. W. Dziadzka who is at present an interne at Youngstown Hospital. She has another brother who is an architect in West Germany. She is a devotee of good music. She and her mother live at 3023 North Gate Drive.

G. E. DeCicco, M.D.

NAMES IN THE NEWS

Dr. Jack E. Young of Warren was elected president of Corydon Palmer Dental Society at the March meeting of that society. Other officers are: Dr. Robert C. Bitonte, president-elect; Dr. Robert V. C. Carr, secretary; and Dr. John A. Parillo, treasurer.

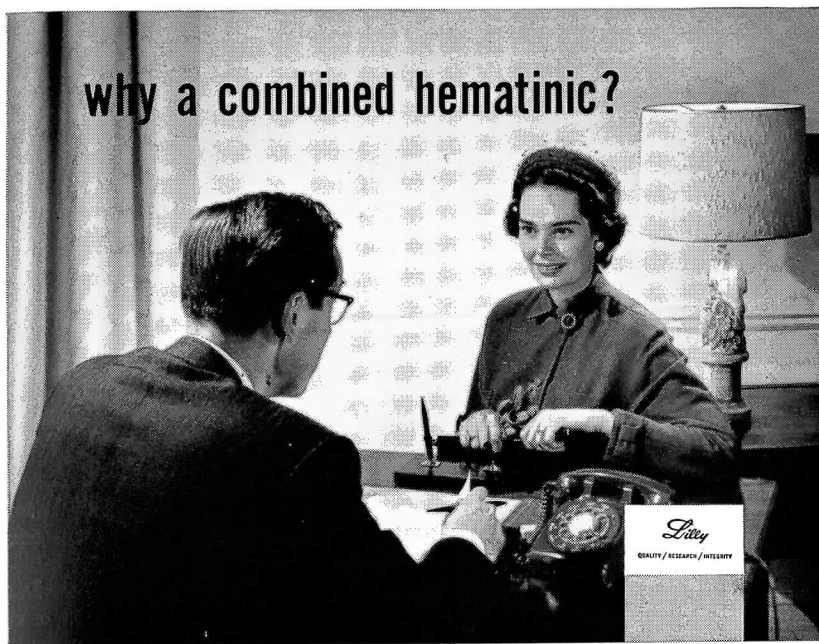
Dr. Young was named delegate to the Ohio State Dental Association. Alternates are Dr. D. A. Bitonte, Dr. H. E. Oles, Dr. R. E. Sacherman, Dr. A. Wansach, and Dr. G. E. Schrum. Council members are Dr. Philip B. Hodes, Dr. William L. Lyons, Dr. Alfred S. Mangie, and Dr. Bertram F. Goldstein. Dr. Goldstein is retiring president.

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Atty. Donald J. Lynn was recently elected president of Associated Hospital Service, Inc. (Blue Cross). He succeeds Walter Bender, who has been president since 1957. Mr. Bender has resigned, after serving on the board of trustees since 1938, the beginning of Blue Cross in Youngstown.

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Dr. Leon D. Osborne, of the Corydon Palmer Dental Society, has been appointed to represent several counties in this area on plans for the 100th anniversary of the Ohio Dental Society in 1966.



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POISON INFORMATION CENTERS



Is there any home completely free from poisonous substances? Probably not even one. And it is a tragic fact that annually, in the United States, over 1,500 children die from accidental ingestion of poisonous materials commonly used in the home. And for every death, at least 100 to 150 cases of non fatal poisonings occur.

It would be virtually impossible for any physician to become fully informed about all the thousands of substances children manage to gulp down in the course of a year. There are estimated to be more than 200,000 commercial products and brands of products currently marketed in the United States. Most of these are relatively harmless, but it is dangerous to assume that simply because a product is commonplace and is not labeled poison that it can be taken in any quantity without harm.

Fortunately for everyone concerned in the past seven years poison information centers have come into being and there are now over 150 well equipped and staffed centers in the United States, six of them in Ohio.

A National Clearinghouse for poison information in Washington, D. C., compiles and distributes well organized and indexed information on a constantly growing list of products and substances to all regional centers. An index of this type will never be 100 per cent complete, but it is unusual for a poison information center to receive a request for information it cannot immediately provide.

In many instances, parents have misinterpreted the purpose and use of the poison information center, and have contacted the center directly for advice when their children have ingested questionable substances. Since the information on file cards must be interpreted in terms of the individual child's needs, it is always best that the doctor take the responsibility of translating this information in terms of recommendations for the child's care.

The poison information center is designed to serve the community by serving the physician. The list of centers in Ohio which follows is for reference and should not encourage direct contact of the center except in an emergency where a physician cannot be reached promptly.

POISON INFORMATION CENTERS IN OHIO

The following centers have agreed to co-operate in a program to extend their services to any physician requesting information from them. When a center is called, the physician should have four basic facts in mind: the full name or brand of the product ingested or inhaled; an accurate estimation of the amount of the particular agent ingested; the time of ingestion; and the age and weight of the patient.

Location	Facility	Telephone
Akron	Children's Hospital W. Bowery and W. Bechtel	BL 3-5531, Ext. 246
Cincinnati	The Academy of Medicine of Cincinnati 152 E. Fourth St.	PA 1-2345

Columbus	Children's Hospital 561 S. 17th St.	CL 8-9783
Cleveland	Cleveland Academy of Medicine 2121 Adelbert Road	CE 1-4455
Mansfield	Mansfield General Hospital 335 Glessner Ave.	LA 2-3411, Ext. 248
Springfield	City Hospital E. High St. and Burnett Road	FA 3-5531, Ext. 226
Toledo	Toledo Health Department 635 N. Erie St.	CH 4-1961 (Day) GR 9-2244 (Night)

L. A. Blum, M.D.

BOARD OF HEALTH BULLETIN — CITY OF YOUNGSTOWN

Report for February, 1960

	Resident		Non-Resident		Total
	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Births	171	179	184	168	702
Deaths	90	73	60	50	273
Infant Deaths	2	5	2	1	10

FEBRUARY, 1959

	Resident		Non-Resident		Total
	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Births	134	150	125	143	552
Deaths	84	56	55	36	231
Infant Deaths	7	4	4	5	20

CONTAGIOUS DISEASES	February, 1960		February, 1959	
	Causes	Deaths	Causes	Deaths
Chicken Pox	92	0	35	0
Diphtheria	0	0	0	0
Epid. Meningitis	1	0	0	0
Infectious Hepatitis	0	0	1	0
German Measles	0	0	1	0
Measles	7	0	65	0
Mumps	100	0	52	0
Pertussis	0	0	0	0
Poliomyelitis	0	0	1	1
Scarlet Fever	8	0	8	0
Tuberculosis	3	2	7	0
Typhoid	0	0	0	0

VENEREAL DISEASES

	M.	F.	Total
New Cases			
Syphilis	3	1	4
Gonorrhoea	14	9	23
Total Patients			27
Total Visitor (Patients) to Clinic			116

TWO APPOINTED TO OMI COMMITTEE

Two members of the Mahoning County Medical Society have been appointed to a Liaison Committee of Ohio Medical Indemnity. Dr. Herman L. Allen and Dr. Asher Randell were appointed by Dr. Schlecht to a state-wide committee which will include representatives from every county in Ohio.

The purpose of the county committees, as stated by Dr. H. M. Clodfelter, president of OMI, is "to serve as communication lines between the OMI and the county societies." The appointment is for a three-year period.

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Social News

YOUNGSTOWN HOSPITAL

The Winter "Olympics" has taken its toll of our staff. Dr. Wayne Hardin slipped on the ice in his driveway and fractured his first right metacarpal. Dr. Jim Smeltzer went to Oglebay Park, at^t Wheeling, West Virginia, for a toboggan ride. He wound up with a fractured internal malleolus. Dr. George Cook went on a skiing expedition to Canada and while running in deep snow with his camera (at least that is what he says), he ruptured the cartilage in his right knee. He is recovering following surgery.

Dr. Richard Middleton is doing quite well after his operation. He is convalescing at home. I am sure he would welcome a visit from his many friends.

Dr. Frances Miller was hostess for a meeting of the Monnett Club of Ohio Wesleyan University on March 8. Dr. and Mrs. Ivan Smith recently spent a week-end in Toledo as guests of Dr. and Mrs. Henry Brunstung.

Dr. Earl E. Brant, son of Dr. A. E. Brant, is associate radiologist at Lenox Hill Hospital in New York. As such, he has been involved in the treatment of Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

Dr. and Mrs. John Goldcamp got tired of all the snow so they went to Hollywood, Florida, for a vacation. Dr. and Mrs. Donald Rothrock are also staying in Florida for the duration of the winter. Dr. Rothrock has retired from active practice.

Dr. and Mrs. W. P. Young, Dr. Andy Miglets and Dr. Clyde Walter were in Philadelphia seeing the "Cradle of Liberty" and attending the A. A. G. P. Convention.

Dr. Robert M. Kiskaddon will give a talk at the meeting of the Northeast Ohio Psychological Association. He will speak on "Allergies and the Psychosomatic Approach to Them." Dr. Elsa Shapiro spoke at their last meeting on "The Clinic Team, an Ideal Approach," with other panelists. Dr. Shapiro has recently moved into her new offices at 333 Crandall Avenue.

Dr. and Mrs. John Noll have been on a vacation to the West Indies. Dr. W. K. Allsop has been a patient for quite some time and at the time of this writing his condition is improving. We wish him a speedy recovery.

G. E. DeCicco, M.D.

March sailed in, looking like anything but a spring lamb. Plenty of wintry weather meant plenty of winter sports and, of course, the winter accidents. George Cook came back from Tremblaunt with a ruptured semi lunar cartilage, and had to be operated by McElroy. George insists this was not a skiing accident. Jim Smeltzer joined the club by ending up with a broken leg after a toboggan run at Oglebay Park, West Virginia. Then there are those who can't win, no matter how hard they try. Wayne Hardin, who gave up skiing after his wife's accident two years ago, fell on the ice in his own driveway and broke his thumb. That stops his surgery for some time.

Then, of course, there were the ones who fled the weather to get away from it all. Dr. H. P. McGregor took off for Pinehurst, North Carolina. I think he got there about the same time the southern blizzard hit. Dr. and Mrs. Paul Dobson took off on very short notice for Florida.

In the new homes department, Dr. Ben Berg bought a beautiful new home in Poland for his wife and four children. Took him two days to move all the stuff he forgot he owned. Dr. and Mrs. LaManna are building a new home way out on Raccoon Road, on their farm. *R. R. Fisher, M.D.*

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But before you yell that, ask yourself this: Would I like for the government to operate all the filling stations? Of course you wouldn't. You've worked hard to build your business. It's your mark in life. You do not want a federal bureau telling you how to sell gasoline and what forms to fill out when you change a tire.

When the government takes over the doctors, they won't care whether you get penicillin or quinine. And when a federal bureau takes over your filling station, and everything you make goes to the government, you won't care whether you put ethyl or regular in a gasoline tank — much less how much pressure a tire has.

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Miss Miriam J. Nogal, Chairman, at RI 4-5103 or KE 4-3261
or Miss Jean Priore, Co-Chairman, at RI 3-4119 or PL 5-4110.

TB SESSION IN JUNE

Mahoning County Physicians interested in attending the 45th session of the Trudeau School of TB and Pulmonary Diseases, may contact Mr. James A. Fife, Jr. Executive Director of the TB Association for additional information. The address of the association is 27 E. Rayen Avenue, and the Phone Number is RI 4-7511.

This session is scheduled from June 6th through June 24th at Saranac Lake, N. Y., and this is an excellent Post-Grad course in chest diseases.

"MEDICAL RUSSIAN ROULETTE"

Physicians who would prescribe drugs by generic name rather than by trade name "may be playing a type of medical Russian roulette," a leading drug industry scientist told an audience of nearly 200 industrial pharmacists at St. John's University's annual Pharmacy Congress on the campus in Jamaica, New York.

Dr. Rudolph H. Blythe, director of pharmaceutical research for Smith, Kline & French Laboratories, said that products labeled to contain identical compounds will not necessarily produce identical therapeutic effects. This is especially true, he added, in the case of sustained release medication.

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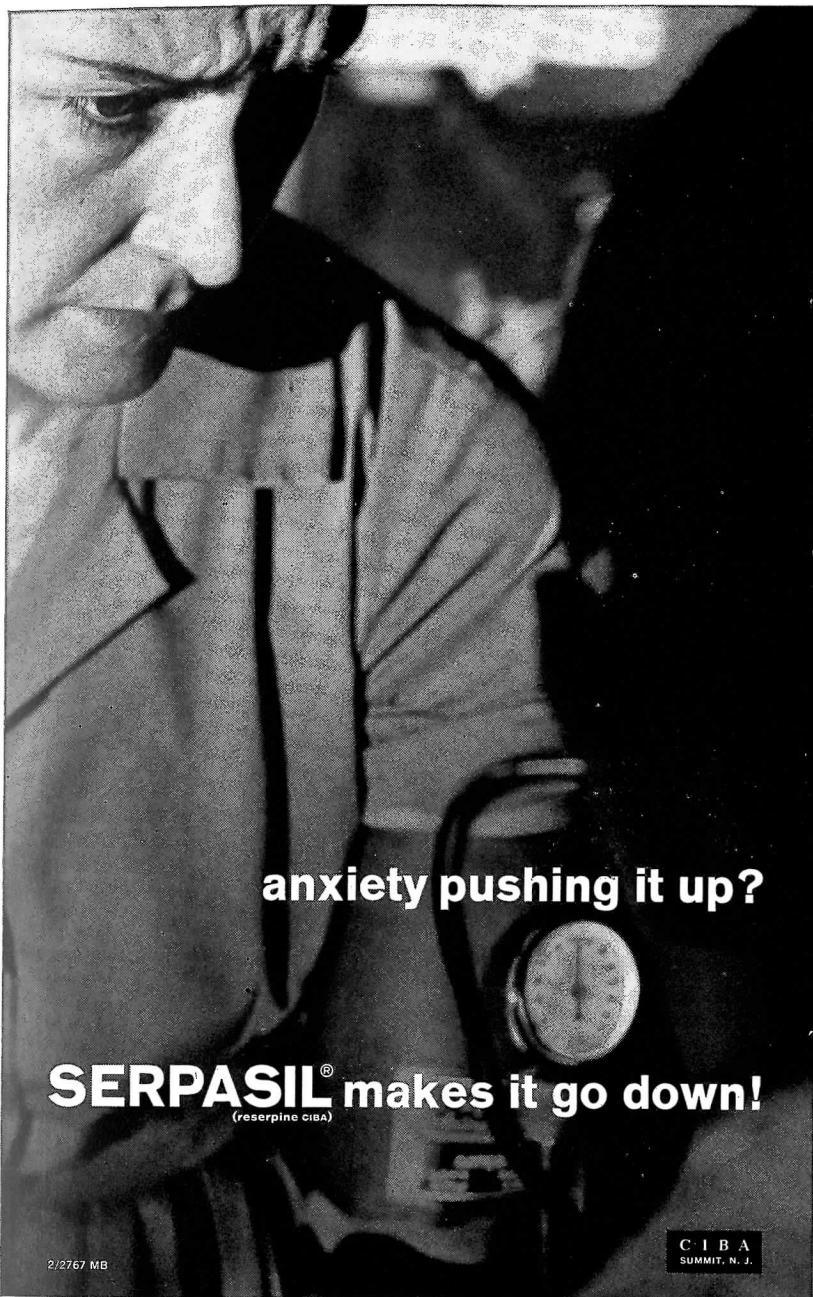
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Dr. Stephen Ondash has recently been elected president of the Ohio State Surgical Association. This is an honor well deserved by one of our most conscientious Society members. Dr. Ondash has long been most active in the affairs of our Society, having served in many capacities as well as being a Past President. He has been most active on the teaching staff in Surgery at St. Elizabeth Hospital and has devoted many hours to the teaching of residents and interns.

Dr. Ondash lives at 3645 Kiowa Drive and his most attractive wife, Sabina, is equally active in Auxiliary affairs. They have four daughters ranging in age from eight to thirteen years. Dr. Ondash has lived in Youngstown since the age of one, having moved here from nearby Pennsylvania. He graduated from St. Louis University Medical College and took postgraduate training at St. Elizabeth Hospital, University of Pennsylvania and the New York Postgraduate School.

In addition to the aforementioned positions, Dr. Ondash is a member of the Cleveland Surgical Society, Executive Committee on Trauma for the American College of Surgeons. He served in the Armed Forces during World War II from 1940 to 1945 and was discharged with the rank of lieutenant colonel.

From all of us to you, Steve, congratulations and may your tenure in office be most pleasant.

Alexander Calder, M.D.

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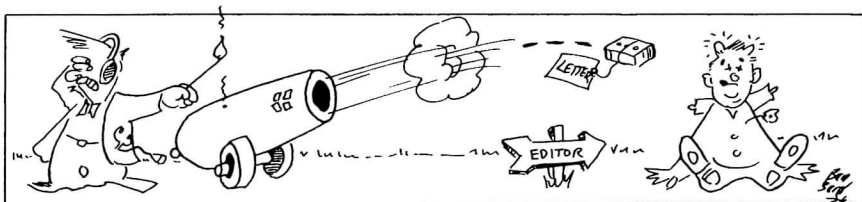
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR



Dear Sir:

A recent issue of the Bulletin carried a compilation of the suggestion of the Infection Committees of the two hospitals in Youngstown. One error in that article should be corrected. It was stated that the use of any antibiotic was at the discretion of the attending doctor, in St. Elizabeth Hospital.

For several months the pharmacy at St. Elizabeth Hospital has been instructed not to issue kanamycin, vancomycin, and ristocetin for use in the hospital without specific permission from a member of the Infection Committee.

Respectfully yours,

Robert B. McConnell, M.D.
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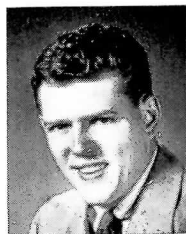


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Twenty Years Ago — April, 1940

April in Youngstown meant Spring and Easter and a rebirth of hope and fervor, a sort of emergence from hibernation for most natives of this cold climate; but to the Medical Society the big event was Post-Graduate Day. On that thirteenth renewal of the great event we had a group from Johns Hopkins headed by W. T. Frior, professor of surgery, and Richard Te Linde, professor of gynecology.

Doctors came here from New Castle, Butler, Warren, Cleveland and nearby towns to hear the latest word from the great medical center. Good weather was traditional. Nature smiled and all the doctors took a holiday. We used the visiting teachers, poor fellows, to the utmost. One spoke at Rotary, another addressed the Auxiliary and all took their turns on the program. They were taken to the Sheet and Tube between times to see steel made. One or two were lured away to the hospital to see some important patient for his benefit and the enhancement of the attending physician's reputation. Marinelli, Tims, Fuzy, Reilly and Coe had a hard time keeping them rounded up and the show on schedule.

They were plied with liquor and food; questioned, complimented and cajoled until at last, utterly exhausted, they were poured into their train headed back home probably hoping they would never see this place again. It was then, as it is now, part of the prominent teacher's life to go out to the hinterland on call and tell all he knows so that medicine can maintain its progress.

Many changes were in the making in Mahoning County. Judge Woodside was urging new facilities for local care of mental illness and advocated the changeover of the municipal contagious hospital to a mental hospital. Our committee met with him and promised their support. Ivan Smith's committee was studying plans for voluntary health insurance as an alternative to compulsory government insurance plans. Joe Hall's committee on Indigent Relief was negotiating with Mr. Feuer to provide compensation for the care of indigent patients in the hospitals. Gordon Nelson's Public Health Committee was working with the County Commissioners to organize a medical staff for the County Tuberculosis Sanitarium. Walter Tims reported on the progress of the Social Hygiene Campaign conducted jointly by our Society and the Junior Chamber of Commerce to stamp out venereal disease. It was a busy time.

Dr. Milton Cohen from Cleveland addressed the Society in March. He was an outstanding allergist and a colorful figure. Our Dr. Zoss studied with him and can tell many interesting stories about him. He was an enthusiastic aviator but had to give up flying because he was developing a tremor and something had happened to his depth perception.

New members that month were Donald A. Gross and John Evans Allgood. Candidates for Coroner were: David Houser (the incumbent), Dr. A. Rosapepe and William E. Maine.

Ten Years Ago — April, 1950

The scientific program that month was presented by residents from our hospitals. Frank Inui gave a paper on "The Closure of Broncho-Pulmonary Fistulae" based on experimental work in which he was aided by Paul Dobson, resident in anesthesia at Youngstown Hospital. Frank was then resident in thoracic surgery at the Mahoning Tuberculosis Sanitarium. Joseph Rogers and Robert Thomas reported on a new anti-coagulant. Edward Massulo from

St. Elizabeth's spoke on "Lumbar Sympathectomy" and Hugh Munson discussed "Total Hysterectomy Versus Subtotal Hysterectomy."

Hospital staff meetings those days were devoted chiefly to scientific papers by staff members with a short report on statistics: admissions, births, deaths and autopsies. Due to the rules of the Joint Commission on Accreditation, they are now devoted entirely to discussion of the work done in the hospital: committee reports, section reports, vital statistics and business. Scientific programs are presented at C. P. C.'s and the new institution of Visiting Professor's Day. Critical evaluation of diagnosis, treatment and results are conducted in the Section Meetings.

It is not the function of this column to express opinion, only to record the changing scene. It may be noted in passing that now we have a meeting every week instead of every month and every staff member is kept on his toes not only to be there but be prepared to participate. Like most things that are good for us it is sometimes difficult to take, but it is progress and that is better than stagnation.

One plea should be made. In the welter of staff meetings, committee meetings and section meetings do not neglect the Medical Society meetings. There we meet on a common ground, no division into sections or sects. A good strong Medical Society is our only protection against outside interference which would degrade the profession and lower the standards by which we serve the community.

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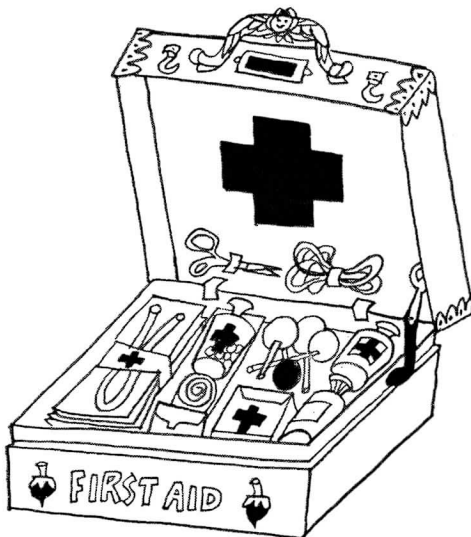
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On March 15th at St. Elizabeth Hospital the members of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Mahoning County Medical Society were hostesses to twenty-one Youngstown area schools' students who are interested in Para-Medical careers. Para-Medical Recruitment Day will replace Nurses Recruitment Visitation Tea and on alternate years will be held at the Youngstown Hospital Association.

Approximately 250 students gathered for a tour of Health Career Departments. The departments visited were Medical Record Room, Physical Therapy, Laboratory, General Business Offices, and various Nursing Departments, including Surgery. A special conference and tour was presented to pre-medical students. Department representatives and representatives from Youngstown University talked to the students regarding these vocational opportunities on the Health Team of the future.

Brochures were given each student to acquaint them with the scholarships that are available for the study of these careers. The Auxiliary will present two students with one of these scholarships.

Following the tour the students met at the Student Union for a "coke" party.

Mrs. Frank K. Inui has headed the Steering Committee for the study of vocational guidance opportunities available on a local, state, and national basis.

Co-chairmen for the program committee were Mrs. Frank Morrison and Mrs. George Cook. Chairman of the social committee was Mrs. R. S. Boniface with Mrs. Joseph Newsome as co-chairman and Mrs. Lester O. Gregg and Mrs. R. B. McConnell assisting.

Stations WKBN-TV and WFMJ-TV filmed portions of the afternoon program. These films were shown the same evening on television.

The next meeting of the Auxiliary will be held April 19th at the V. F. W. This will be a combined meeting of the Mahoning County Dental and Engineering Auxiliaries. Program of the day will be a report of the Nominating Committee, election of officers and a discussion of "Juvenile Services in Youngstown."

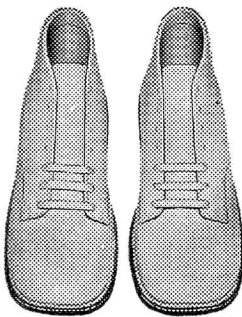
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A schedule of events has been mailed to every doctor from the OSMA office. Included was an invitation for the doctor's wife to attend and enjoy the special events planned for the Auxiliary.

Those planning to stay over should make hotel reservations immediately. A hotel reservation blank is printed in several of the recent copies of the Ohio State Medical Journal.

In addition to the scientific portion of the program, an outstanding event will be the President's Ball, to be held at 6:30 p.m., May 18, at the Sheraton-Cleveland Hotel. Tickets for this may be ordered at a cost of \$10 each from the Ohio State Medical Association.

Highlights of the three-day meetings will be presentations on Cancer, Heart, Diagnosis, Trauma, as well as scientific and technical exhibits, and a section on "What's New," and one on the ever-pressing problem of socialism.

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