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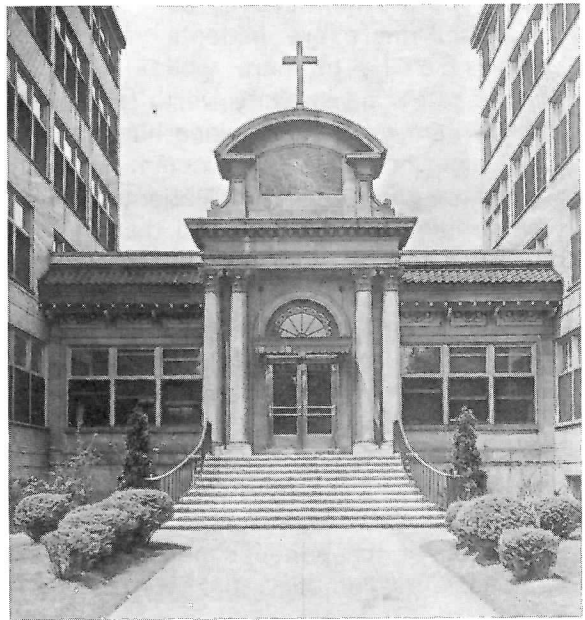
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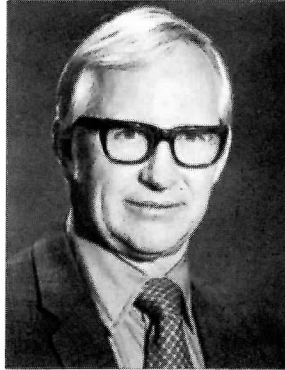
ST. ELIZABETH HOSPITAL—This classic entrance joined the North and South Wings in 1929.



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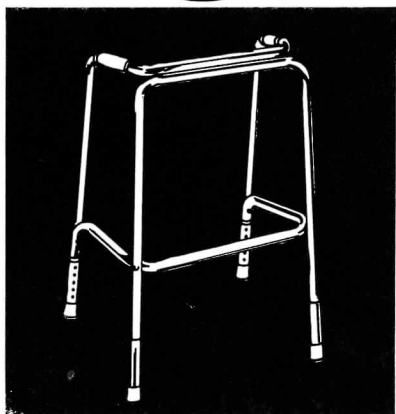
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From the Desk of the President

ABOUT THE AMA

What useful function does the AMA serve? I'm sure most of us have asked this question from time to time. I hope our members read an article in the July 10th issue of the American Medical News, entitled "AMA Is Involved and Productive."

The highlights are as follows:

1. AMA-ERF Student Loan Program has arranged over \$51 million in loans to over 19,000 medical students, interns and residents (a total of 46,000 loans). AMA has received and distributed over \$35 million to medical schools in this country.

2. Maternal and Child Health. AMA has stimulated the establishment of centralized community or regionalized intensive care centers for infants born at risk, a program which will have a dramatic effect on the U.S.A. Infant Mortality Rate once it has been implemented in all key areas.

3. Blood Banking. The Committee on Transfusion and Transplantation is conducting a survey of 6,000 blood banks to provide up-to-date information.

4. International Medicine. (A) The AMA stimulated the formation of the National Council on International Health. (B) The AMA is stimulating an interchange between Russian and Chinese medical authorities. (C) The AMA is providing volunteer practicing physicians for medical service in Vietnam.

5. The AMA has invited 51,000 interns and residents to become members and to participate in organized medicine locally.

6. Public Affairs. The Washington office staff has been deeply involved in many controversial issues before congress such as national health insurance legislation, HMO's, PSRO's, Chiropractic in Medicare, catastrophic expense coverage, medical man-power proposals, cancer and heart research. Due partly to the efforts of the Washington office staff, no significant legislation opposed by AMA has passed congress in this session. Conversely, many bills have become law due in part to AMA support.

7. The AMA Center has now become one of the leading medical social economic research and development activities in the U.S.A.

Doctor Ernest B. Howard, executive vice-president of AMA, further states that every segment of American life that involves health is touched by some AMA program.

At the recent AMA meeting in San Francisco the House of Delegates strongly protested the policy of Aetna Insurance Company to advertise their willingness to supply legal aid to patients whose physician attempts to collect total fees when the fee exceeds the amount the insurance company pays. This was an excellent move and probably will result in a change in this policy by Aetna and possibly other insurance companies, including O. M. I. The House of Delegates also went on record opposing PSRO.

The AMA is a viable active organization which needs and deserves the support of all physicians.

—Henry Holden, M.D.
President



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A History of Medicine in Youngstown and Mahoning Valley

ST. ELIZABETH HOSPITAL

Organized July 1909

Opened December 8, 1911

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LEGEND OF ST. ELIZABETH

St. Elizabeth, the Patron of the Sick and Poor, was a Duchess in Hungary who had concern for the sick and poor people who lived in the area of the castle. Against the wishes of her husband Louis the Duke, she went among the people to distribute food and medicine which were hidden beneath her cloak. The Duke became suspicious and one day confronted St. Elizabeth angrily and demanded to see what was beneath her bulging cloak. When she uncovered herself instead of food and medicine there was an array of beautiful roses. Most statues of St. Elizabeth for this reason portray her with a bouquet of roses.

1911—Original Buildings

The first meeting to discuss the feasibility of establishing a Sister's hospital in Youngstown was held on the evening of July 1, 1909 at St. Columba's auditorium located at the southeast corner of Elm and Wood Streets. The meeting of representative Catholic priests and laymen was called by the Reverend Edward Mears. Reverend M. P. Kinkead, pastor of the Immaculate Conception Church, presided. A permanent organization committee was established to pursue the hospital plan with Reverend Edward Mears as president, Austin P. Gillen, secretary and Hugh W. Grant as treasurer. A committee composed of Charles B. Cushwa, Austin P. Gillen, John F. Cantwell and Hugh W. Grant obtained the approval of Bishop John P. Farrelly of the Cleveland Diocese. Endorsement of the Mahoning County Medical Society was also obtained.

A fund raising campaign was then undertaken by a committee of twenty-two men. As a result of the fund raising, an historical event took place on "Aviation Day", October 12, 1910. An aerial flight by an airplane took place at the Willis Park ball grounds (near Sherwood on Glenwood



Two houses on Belmont Ave. were combined to make this St. Elizabeth Hospital of 1912.

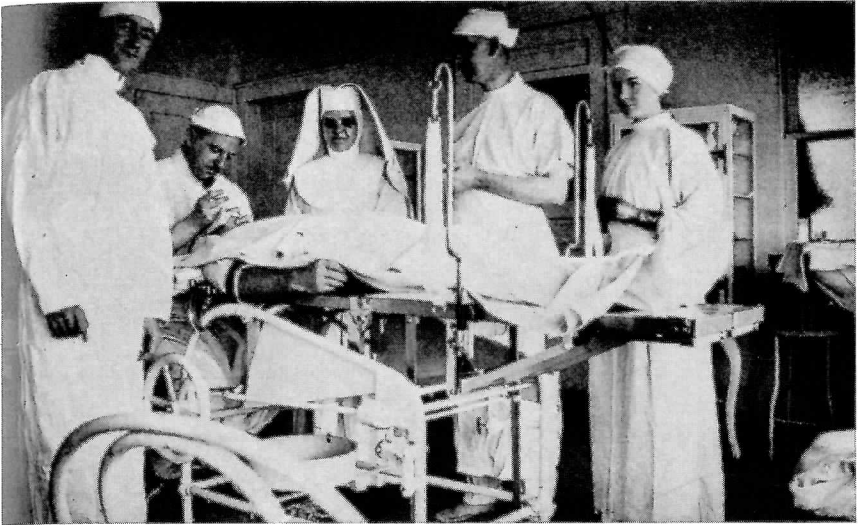
Avenue). This was perhaps the first airplane seen by most Youngstowners. This event resulted in \$3,918.46 for the treasury.

Adequate funds were available by early 1911 to purchase the initial property for the hospital. First acquired was the Paul Fitch property on the Southwest corner of Belmont Avenue and Burke Street (now Park Avenue). The property had 133 feet frontage on Belmont Avenue and a depth of 300 feet and consisted of three frame houses. The Sisters of the Holy Humility of Mary, who established the first hospital in the Valley at Villa Maria, Pennsylvania in 1879, were placed in charge of the hospital in May, 1911, by Bishop Farrelly. (Since then, St. Elizabeth's has always been operated by the sisters although under the auspices of the Diocese of Cleveland until 1926, when it was separately incorporated by the sisters.) The largest of the three frame houses was converted into a hospital with a capacity of thirty patients. The second house provided quarters for sisters and the third house provided quarters for employees and also served as a laundry. The renovation of the three houses was begun in August, 1911. The first superintendent named was Sister M. Genevieve. The hospital received its first patient and was officially opened on December 8, 1911 and was, within a month, filled to capacity.

The following year, 1912, an adjoining parcel of land and house was purchased. The newly acquired property was converted into the hospital's second nursing home, permitting the original house to be expanded. In the same year, another purchase was made on Belmont Avenue, adding another 225 feet frontage and permitting the hospital to begin its northward expansion. The house was moved and annexed to the hospital providing for more patient beds. A photograph illustrating the expanded hospital appears with this article. The house facing Burke Street (now Park Avenue) was necessary for the nurses residence and school which was established in 1912.

1915—North Wing

The continued need for further expansion resulted in a public subscription campaign for funds. Mr. J. G. Butler, Jr., served as chairman for the campaign committee, whose members were Grant S. Whitslar, secretary and H. W. Grant as treasurer. Hundreds of people were involved to obtain the goal of one hundred thousand dollars and in approximately one week in April, 1912, one hundred and thirty thousand dollars was raised. The



1915 operating room, with Dr. Milan, Dr. Fitzpatrick, Sister Geraldine, Dr. Whelan and Margaret Gallagher.

North wing of the current St. Elizabeth hospital was under construction in 1913, completed in 1914 and opened on January 14, 1915. The official opening, however, took place on January 31, 1915.

A benefit for the hospital was held on March 7, 1915 at the Hippodrome Theater, itself only two weeks old at the time. John McCormack, famous Irish tenor, sang at the concert.

The new hospital section had accommodation for approximately two hundred patients. The architect was Charles F. Owsley of Atelier-Masqueray, New York. The contractor was Heller Brothers' Company (Louis and Adolph) of Youngstown, the oldest contracting firm at the time in Youngstown, having been incorporated in 1891.

The new building was 47 by 150 feet in dimensions. It was an Italian renaissance design with a grey brick exterior. There were wide corridors and broad stairways, the latter of steel coverage with battleship cork. The structure was six stories high with sun porches at both the north and south ends of the building. The entrances faced Belmont Avenue. Essentially all floors were of terrazzo, extending for a distance of six inches along the walls. The hospital boasted of a "rest and smoking porch" for the surgeon as an example of a consideration and detail that went into the planning of the hospital.

The chapel was off the southern sun parlor with room for 100 pew worshippers and an area for wheelchairs. The chapel ceiling was of ivory and the walls of tiffany grey. A Carrara marble statue and the main altar were gifts of Miss Katherine Walsh in memory of her brother, Michael Walsh. Chapel windows were donated by Reverend Edward J. Gracey, in memory of his brothers, Reverend Edward Spizig and another by "Little Leo Connor", son of Dr. and Mrs. William P. Connor.

The second floor had four private rooms, one two-bed ward, one four-bed ward and a twelve-bed ward. The utility room, nurse's station, linen corridor, drug room and private bath for convalescents completed this floor. The third floor "is, and always shall be, reserved exclusively for women"! The north portion of the third floor was for the obstetrical department—"the daintiest and most inviting rooms in the structure". The south portion was divided into wards with the accessory bath, drug, linen and utility rooms.

The fourth floor was primarily for men. The operating pavilion was located on the fifth floor of the north end. Prior to entering the surgical suite was the "package room" used to prepare bandages and a surgeon's dressing room on the right. Other rooms were for anesthesia, cystoscopy and special treatment rooms for eye, ear and nose. A proud possession of the hospital, the autoclave, was also located on this floor.

The pathology department was under the direction of Dr. Milan, who with the use of the microscope and electrical contrivances, was able "to have the answer on surgical specimen in four to seven minutes". A ventilating fan, located on the roof, was guaranteed to change air in the operating and bath rooms twelve times an hour and six times an hour in every other room. The southern portion of the fifth floor was divided into wards for the children. "Wee folks" had exclusive use of the south sun porch.



Altar in the first hospital.

The emergency room was on the basement floor as was the x-ray department. The latter had an examining room, developing room and a room for filing plates. Roentgenograms were "plates" at this time and gave rise to the term "chest plates", "flat plate of abdomen", etc. Today's doctors, throughout the city, still request these "plates" and none have been taken for nearly a half century. The kitchen was in the basement as well as the dining rooms for Sisters and nurses.

One of the "proud boasts" of the hospital was an Artesian well. The well was discovered by well-drillers and flowed freely. The City laboratory tests showed no evidence of bacteria.

During the hospital's operation from December 8, 1911 to January 1, 1915, a total of 2,312 patients were cared for. There were 1,306 males and 1,006 females. Full payment was received from 969 patients, a partial payment from 543 patients and 800 patients were charity patients. There were 1,609 surgical cases, 646 medical cases and 57 obstetrical cases. A total of 1,602 surgical operations were performed. Of interest were the anesthetic agents given; 1,131 received ether, 11 chloroform, 120 cocain and novacain, 6 nitrous oxide and 60 patients received chloroform and ether. Radiograph totaled 264 during this period including tuberculosis of joints—21 cases, sarcoma (mandible, femur)—2 cases and syphilis (tibia, radius)—2 cases.



This building, now the North Wing, was the complete hospital in 1915.

In 1916, Sister Genevieve was elected Superior General of the Sisters of the Holy Humility of Mary. The new superintendent was Sister Geraldene who was in the first group of nurses assigned to the hospital as well as a graduate of the first class from the school of nursing at St. Elizabeth Hospital. In September, 1922, the third superintendent, Sister Marie Hortense was named. Sister Hortense had been the hospital's pharmacist for the previous eight years. It is of particular interest to note that during the influenza epidemic of 1918 and 1919, Fred Bunn died. He was superintendent of the Youngstown Hospital Association at which time, only the South Unit existed. Sister Genevieve then ran both St. Elizabeth Hospital and the Youngstown Hospital Association.

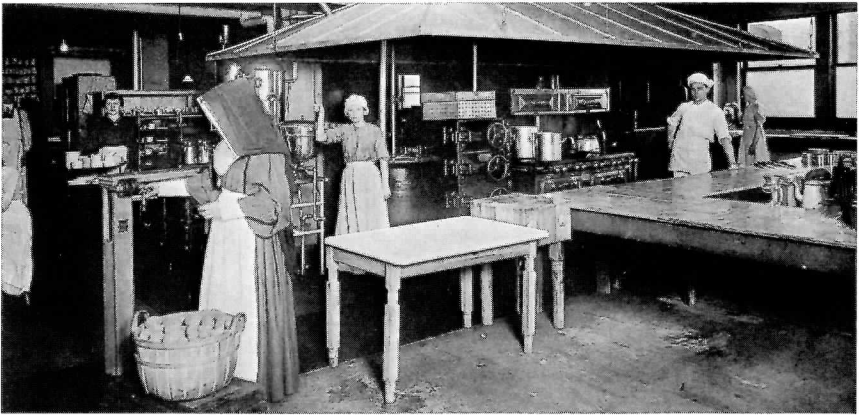
Crowded conditions at the hospital soon once again developed. Wards, initially intended for 12 patients, now contained as many as 16 patients. The sun parlors at the north and south ends of the building were converted into wards in an attempt to provide additional patient beds. These crowded conditions provided the impetus for a one-day fund raising campaign on September 14, 1926. A city-wide campaign was headed by Hugh W. Grant, which resulted in one hundred and twenty-five thousands dollars in cash and pledges.

1926—Nurses' Home (Stambaugh Mansion)

The plans for the expansion of St. Elizabeth Hospital was somewhat modified with the purchase of the Stambaugh mansion. This was located across Belmont Avenue from the hospital. The purchase was negotiated in November, 1926. In 1927, the mansion was remodeled to provide the appropriate facilities for a nurses' residence as well as a nursing school. This was the third home for the nurses during the hospital history. The nurses residence was opened in July, 1927 and formally dedicated on October 17, 1927.

1929—South Wing

The cornerstone of the second of the two large buildings comprising St. Elizabeth Hospital was laid on Sunday, July 8, 1928 by the Most Reverend Joseph Schrembs of Cleveland. The new building, which was to become the south wing, was completed in January, 1929 and received eight patients



What was known as the A Wing Kitchen. Sister M. Assumption in the foreground.

from the north unit on February 3, 1929. The formal opening of the structure took place on April 22, 1929 with the public opening taking place on Hospital Day, May 12, 1929.

The new south wing was comprised of seven stories and was adjacent to the older north wing with a connecting entrance and lobby between the two wings to provide a symmetrical and balanced appearance of a single building. A photograph illustrates the entrance. The exterior of the south wing is similar to that of the north wing. The new wing provided a maternity division occupying two floors, private rooms on two floors, quarters for the Sisters, offices, dining room for students and graduate nurses. A new pharmacy and a complete unit for a larger dispensary service. The original free dispensary was opened in 1921. With the new wing, the hospital capacity was increased to approximately 300 patient beds.

Sister Marie Hortense, superintendent, was succeeded by Sister De Lellis in 1931. Sister De Lellis' administration was to see additional expansion and modernization. The hospital, by this time, was approximately 22 years old, having approached the quarter century mark. Many additional and modernized facilities became a necessity. These included additional operating rooms and special rooms for blood chemistry in the department of laboratories, modernized x-ray facilities, pediatric wards with glass and steel cubicles as well as an isolation ward for pediatrics, a treatment room and a milk laboratory.

A number of rooms in the south wing were donated by the following people:

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| 2. Mr. and Mrs. John Tod | 11. Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Jones |
| 3. Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Cushwa | 12. Mr. and Mrs. Julius Kahn |
| 4. Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Grant | 13. Dr. and Mrs. A. P. Smythe |
| 5. Mr. and Mrs. John W. Ford | 14. Dr. H. J. Beard |
| 6. Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Hannan | 15. Dr. and Mrs. John Heberding |
| 7. Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Sharp | 16. Henry and Eleanor Heedy |
| 8. Mr. and Mrs. Charles N. Crandall | 17. Sarah and Caroline Higgins |
| 9. Mr. and Mrs. Fred B. Handel | 18. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence J. Strouss |

With the opening of the south wing, the hospital was not to have a major construction program for nearly a quarter of a century. The dual buildings were connected by a central one story entrance. This center section contained the administration department, information desk and telephone exchange. Adjacent to the lobby were located the administrative offices, record rooms, doctors' lounge and library.

The surgical and medical department occupied five floors. Each floor had private rooms and wards. The usual facilities also included were tray rooms, utility rooms, nurses station, drug rooms and a waiting room for the patients. Each floor was in charge of a supervisor, under whom was a head nurse assistant whose duty was to direct student nurses.

The pediatric department was on the sixth floor of the north wing. Above this was the solarium and sun deck for both children and adults. This area was fenced off for safety and provided a panoramic view of the city. The fifth floor of the north wing was the surgical suite of four operating rooms. Near surgery was the central dressing room and solution room.

The Pathology Department was near surgery and consisted of a full-time pathologist and four technicians. The physiotherapy department was located on the ground floor of the north wing. Pharmacy had two registered pharmacists and was located near the rear entrance of the south wing. The dietary section was on the ground floor between the two wings of the hospital. Dining rooms for graduates and student nurses were near the kitchen at the south end of the hospital. Nearby were dining rooms for doctors, employees and personnel.



Children's Ward, 1915.

The x-ray department had been enlarged and occupied a six-room suite on the first floor of the north wing. One full-time and one consulting radiologist were available day and night! The department had four x-ray machines, two of which were mobile units. A new deep therapy unit of 225,000 volt had recently been added to the department as well as 100 milligrams of radium.

Maternity was said to be the most modern department of the hospital. It occupied two floors of the new south wing. The department had two delivery rooms, several private rooms for lying-in room and a 60-bassinet nursery on the same floor.

1945—School of Nursing

The need for additional space at the nursing school resulted in construction of an addition in 1945. The new structure providing a large class room facility and a residence hall was added to the old Stambaugh mansion. The structure paralleled Caroline Street perpendicular to Belmont Avenue. The two-story structure provided accommodations for 150 student nurses

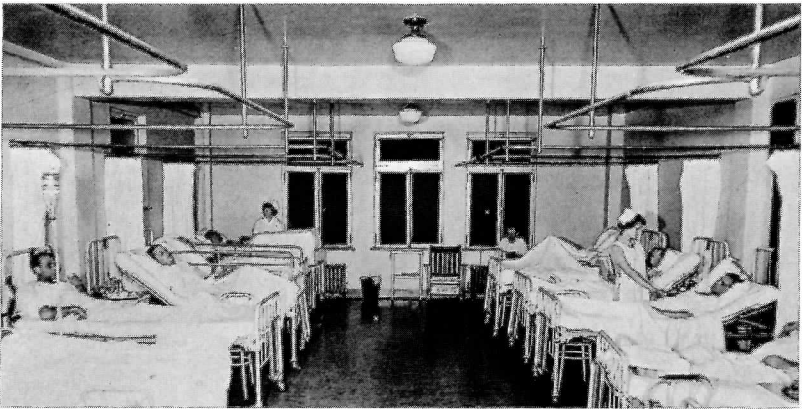
1956—West Wing

The needs for additional beds, improved facilities and care for patients was provided by the \$4,500,000 expansion of St. Elizabeth Hospital in 1956. The increase of 196 beds brought the total capacity of the hospital to approximately 540 beds and 60 bassinets. Construction on the new expansion began in August, 1953.

The expansion program was financed through a \$2,000,000 public subscription campaign among individual and industries as well as monies from

the Federal Government. The addition, with the older north and south wings, gave the hospital a "T" shape with a central tower design motif. The new west wing formed the stem of the "T" and the north and south wings a crossbar. The structure had a basement, ground floor and six additional stories.

Major departments occupying the new west wing were: the emergency department, cast rooms, maintenance department and mechanical equipment areas, purchasing department and storerooms, employee lockers, morgue, auditorium and medical library in the basement. On the ground floor were the chapel, sisters' convent, food service department and cafeteria, laundry, and enlarged pharmacy and central service. The first floor contained 10 air-conditioned operating rooms and large recovery room, anesthesia department, x-ray department and medical records office. Floors two through six were each 40-bed medical-surgical units, with the fifth floor designated as maternity, with nurseries adjacent. Each of these units had its own utility rooms, service kitchen, supervisor's office and conference room.

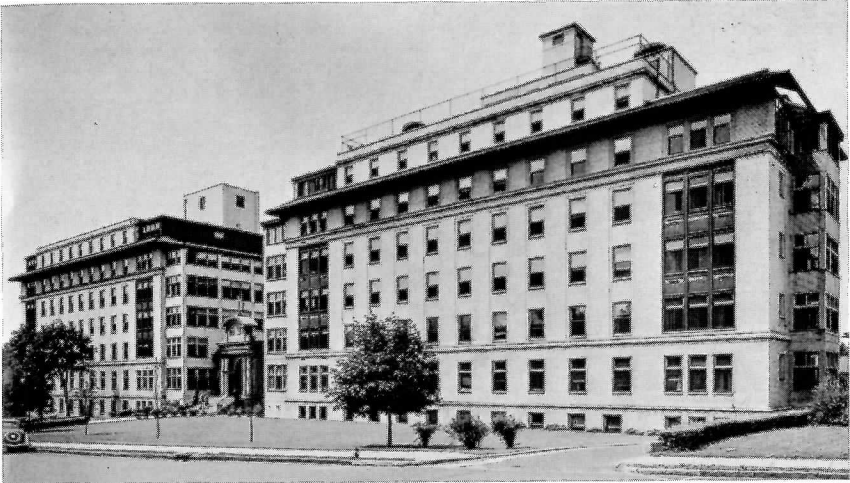


Ward Scene.

The new wing, as well as the remodeled section of the hospital, provided opportunities for memorial gifts. These could be for rooms, departments, laboratories or an entire wing. The donors are too numerous to list in this presentation. The facilities provided by the donors were appropriately identified by a plaque. Although the work for the new structure began in 1953, it was opened in June, 1956. The opening of the new wing consisted of a four-day dedication program. The ceremonies began on Thursday afternoon with a cornerstone laying ceremony. The following day there was a preview tour by some one thousand guests. Saturday saw the blessing of the hospital and chapel, and on Sunday, July 1, 1956 there was an open house and tour for the general public.

1960—Cardio-vascular department **1961—Intern and resident quarters**
1961—Psychiatric Unit **1962—Constant Care**

Several very important modern facilities were established in the early sixties. In 1960 the Cardio-Vascular Department was opened with Dr. Angela Riberi and Dr. Edmund Massullo as co-directors of Cardio-Vascular Surgery and Dr. Elias Saadi as Chief of the Cardio-Vascular Laboratory. These doctors performed the first open-heart surgery in Youngstown on a three-year-old child with a ventricular septal defect. In July 1972 the patient was alive and well. During the ensuing years a variety of surgical procedures on the heart and coronary arteries have been performed including valve replacement, by-pass procedure with saphenous vein grafts, and others. The receipts from the First Annual Charity Ball helped provide for the equipment in the department.



In 1929, the North and South Wing were joined by a lobby entrance.

In 1961, a seventh floor was added to the south wing to provide quarters for on-duty interns and residents. The same year St. Elizabeth was the first general hospital to establish a psychiatric unit, which opened on January 23, 1961. Dr. Michael A. Kachmer was the director. During the first year of operation, 255 patients were admitted to the 14-bed psychiatric service. The service was licensed by the Department of Mental Hygiene and Correction, Ohio Division of Mental Health. In 1962, a ten-bed intensive (constant) care unit was initiated.

Golden Anniversary

The fiftieth anniversary of the founding of St. Elizabeth's Hospital was celebrated in 1961. The eight-month jubilee started in May. A special emblem was designed by Youngstown's artist Salvatore Fossaceca. The celebration had many activities including a special display at the Canfield Fair called "Then and Now," consisting of hospital equipment of 1911 and 1961. The second annual Charity Ball that year had as its theme "The Golden Anniversary." Other events were Ex-interns Day, School of Nursing Alumnae Association Homecoming, The White Mass—honoring St. Luke, patron of physicians on Oct. 15, 1961. Nov. 19, 1961 was the feast of St. Elizabeth of Hungary, dinner for hospital employees and volunteers, recognition dinner for the hospital's lay advisory board and finally in December the annual employees service awards dinner.

1966 Doctors Emergency Service

The 120 staff members had been providing coverage for the emergency room since July 1965. In January 1966 a new plan was implemented whereby a newly formed "Doctors Emergency Service" would provide service in 12 hour shifts. The group consisted of:

Dr. D. J. Dallis

Dr. Rashid A. Abdu

Dr. U. A. Melaragno

Dr. Frank W. Morrison

Dr. Milan Halmcs

Dr. Rene Cossette

Dr. William Johnson

Dr. William Moskalik

The chairman of the group was Dr. Frank Morrison.

1972—Westerward Extension of West Wing

The most recent expansion program of the hospital is a 180-foot west ward addition to the West Wing, adding 244 beds to the hospital. The addition is the first completely air-conditioned wing of a hospital in the city. The eight-level structure contains the maintenance department, laundry and laboratory on the basement level and the purchasing offices, storeroom,



Early Laboratory.

ambulatory care unit and telephone room on the ground level. The x-ray department and Hynes Emergency Pavilion are located on the first floor. A 32-bed intensive care unit occupies the second floor whereas the third through sixth floor each have either a 44-bed medical or surgical unit.

The building will have four passenger and three service elevators. A pneumatic tube system is present through the new addition.

The ground-breaking ceremony took place on Monday, July 28, 1969. The \$12.5 million dollar structure will have an additional nearly \$2 million in equipment and furnishings. The financing includes a \$1,700,000 Hill-Burtin federal grant, \$6,500,000 mortgage and the proceeds of two community-wide fund raising campaigns.

The Staff

The staff of St. Elizabeth's Hospital was founded in 1915, the same year as the opening of the North Wing. Dr. Raymond E. Whelan was elected its first president. He was also president of the Medical Society in 1912. The staff increased from its original six members to 66 in 1932 and its present 1972 membership of approximately 120 doctors.

The Presidents of the Medical Staff are as follows:

Dr. Raymond E. Whelan	1915-1930	Dr. William H. Evans	1951-1955
Dr. Charles D. Hauser	1931-1936	Dr. M. Wm. Neidus	1956-1960
Dr. Francis W. McNamara	1937-1947	Dr. C. E. Pichette	1961-1965
Dr. Robert B. Poling	1948-1950	Dr. Raymond J. Scheetz	1966-1969

Dr. Alexander K. Phillips 1970-To date

Administrators of St. Elizabeth Hospital:

	Superintendent		Administrator
Sr. Genevieve Downey	1911-1916	Sr. Germaine Hawkins	1957-1949
	Superintendent		Administrator
Sr. Geraldine Cantillon	1916-1922	Sr. Adelaide Krummert	1949-1956
	Superintendent		Administrator
Sr. Marie Hortense Kenney	1922-1931	Sr. Baptista Fruitkin	1956-1962
	Superintendent		Executive Director
Sr. DeLellis Kennelley	1931-1937	Sr. Consolata Kline	1952-To date

Presidents—Advisory Board

James P. Hyland	1934-1947	Gerald H. Hammond	1952-1958
Charles B. Cushwa, Sr.	1947-1952	Charles B. Cushwa, Jr.	1958-To date



St. Elizabeth Hospital as it looks today.



Artist's conception of the westward extension of the West Wing.

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It appears that Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever may be a bigger problem than usual this year. Three deaths have been reported so far this year and they are being investigated by personnel of our Communicable Disease Division. This is one more death than was reported in all of 1971. This disease may be vastly under-reported, partly because it is so difficult to diagnose accurately. Man becomes infected by being bitten by an infected tick or by contamination of his skin by the crushed tissues or feces of an infected tick. In Ohio, the American dog tick (*Dermacentor Variabilis*) is responsible for the transmission of the disease to man. In its immature stages the dog tick confines feeding to small animals, but the adult tick feeds readily on man and other larger animals.

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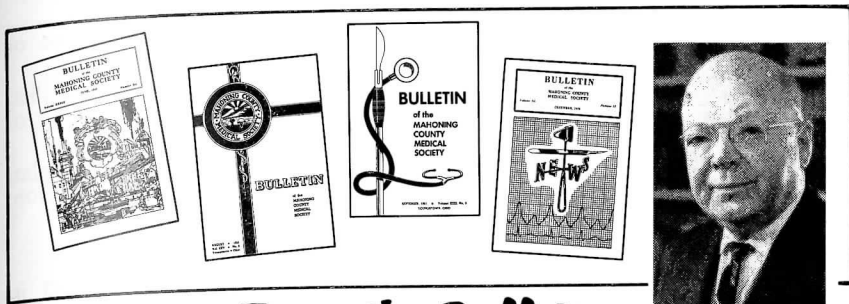
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FORTY YEARS AGO—AUGUST 1932

The depression was bad. Superintendent Byron Stewart of the Youngstown Hospital said that hospital income was down from \$18,000 to \$5,000 a month. Doctors were no longer able to carry the load of caring for indigent patients and were calling for payment out of public funds. Banks were failing and mortgages were being foreclosed. President Hoover said prosperity was just around the corner.

Five cases of typhoid fever were reported. The State Board of Health was supplying arsenicals free for the treatment of syphilis. Arsphenamine and Bismuth were the drugs of choice. The Wasserman test was used for diagnosis. The doctors enjoyed an old-time picnic at Heberding's Indian Creek Farm. They rowed on the lake and swam in it, played baseball and pitched horseshoes; then they stuffed themselves with fried chicken and corn on the cob washed down with prize Holstein milk.

THIRTY YEARS AGO—AUGUST 1942

There was such a rush of applications for commissions in the armed forces that the Office of Procurement and Assignment was swamped. A list of names of those who applied looked like a roster of our entire membership. Members listed who were leaving for active duty included B. I. Firestone, H. E. Hathhorn, P. M. Kaufman, J. E. Keyes, Herman Kling, P. R. McConnell, W. D. McElroy and Ivan Smith.

The Mahoning County Welfare Department was handling the medical care of the indigent sick under Director Isadore Feuer. The Bulletin said he was a shining example of a public official who combines in action both prudence and good faith.

Loren Shaffer of Detroit addressed the Society on "Modern Management of Early Syphilis". He described the new rapid treatment with Mapharsen, giving 1.2mgm per pound of body weight by intravenous drip every day for five days. This was known as the "Five Day Cure".

Special prominence was given to a long article on Poliomyelitis, a timely subject and serious problem those August and September days. Treatment with hot packs and the use of the Drinker respirator were described.

TWENTY YEARS AGO—AUGUST 1952

Ten cases of poliomyelitis were reported that month and Health Commissioner Tims hoped the situation would not get as bad as 1951. He urged everyone to avoid mixing with strange crowds, fatigue, chills and over-exposure to direct sun. He advised against giving children routine immunizations during the polio season. Jonas Salk was working on his vaccine down at Pittsburgh but we still had a year to wait until it was ready.

Dr. W. H. Bunn proposed a Home Care Program in Youngstown for chronically ill and aged persons. It was intended to empty hospital beds filled with chronic cases and make them available for acute cases. The plan was talked about for a long time but it never passed the experimental stage.

The Commerce Department reported that the mean net income of physicians in private practice in 1951 was \$13,378.

Frank W. Morrison opened his office for general practice at 1506 Market Street. Sam Schwebel re-opened his office for the practice of dermatology.

The Keogh Bill was introduced in Congress to provide a pension plan for self-employed persons, including doctors. It was a long time before it was adopted.

TEN YEARS AGO—AUGUST 1962

President Stertzbach announced that Medicare had been defeated in the U.S. Senate.

Columnist Drew Pearson estimated that the lobby organized by the A.M.A. had spent \$7 million to do it.

The late Dr. Y. P. Young was elected G-P of the year and presented a plaque by the Academy of General Practice.

Bill Flynn flew to Moscow to participate in the International Cancer Congress. G. L. Altman and R. J. Scheetz were certified by the American Board of Radiology in nuclear medicine.

Anderson, Bloomberg, Dave Brown, Fuks, Hassel, Kunin and Tornello were amateur aviators. They are still alive. *Mirabile Dictu!*
J.L.F.

100 YEARS: MOMENTS IN MEDICINE

The *Bulletin* continues to publish "firsts" in each issue during the Centennial Year. Your contributions will be welcome. Send them to the editor, Dr. John Melnick.

First Vice-president, Mahoning County Medical Society —

Dr. G. W. Croke, 1872

First Thyroid Uptake — Dr. Raymond Sheetz, 1952

First combined glaucoma and cataract surgery — Dr. E. J. Wenaas, 1943

First Presidents, Ohio State Medical Association —

Dr. John McCurdy, 1889; Dr. William Skipp, 1940

First Charter members Youngstown Library Assoc. — Dr. F. Whitslar

and Dr. John S. Cunningham, Oct. 27, 1900

First Coronary Care Unit — St. Elizabeth, 1966 — Dr. Leonard Caccamo

Youngstown Hospital Assoc., 1970 — Dr. William Bunn

First Chairman, Board of Trustees, Youngstown State University —

Dr. John N. McCann

First Pancreatic Scan — Dr. Clayton Hixson, Feb. 29, 1972

First Cardiac catheterization — Dr. Elias Saadi, 1961

First mass polio immunization program in U.S.A. — Mahoning County Medical Society, Dr. Kurt Wegner, Chairman

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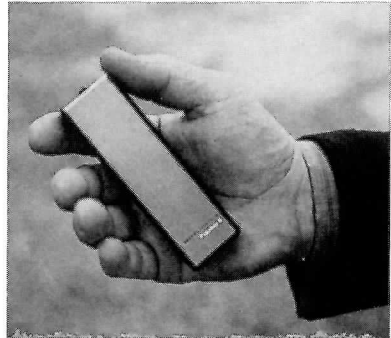
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FIG. 401.—Allis' Ether Inhaler.

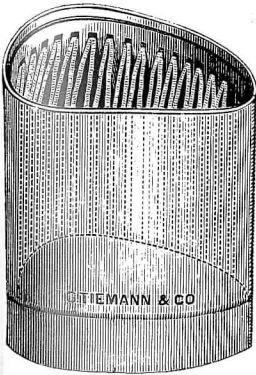


FIG. 402.—Chisolm's Pocket Ether Inhaler.

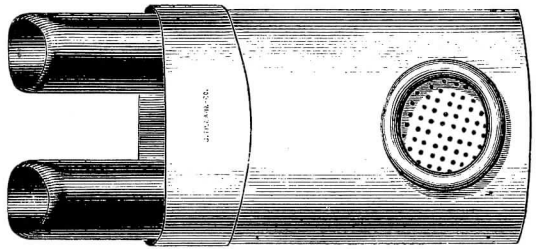
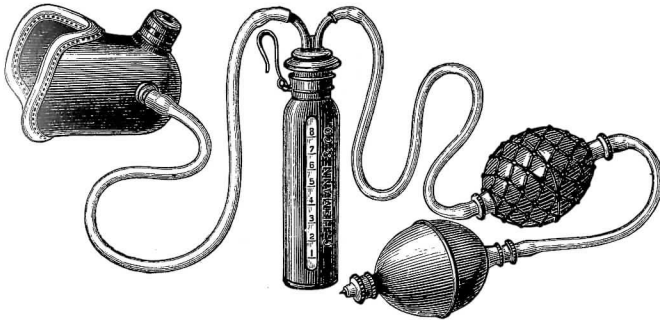


FIG. 406.—Junker's Methylene Inhaler.



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PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL**June 13, 1972**

The regular meeting of the council of the Mahoning County Medical Society was held on Tuesday, June 13, 1972 at the Sokol Center, Youngstown.

The following physicians were present: Henry Holden, president, presiding, S. G. Adornato, J. J. Anderson, Louis Bloomberg, B. P. Brucoli, C. A. Crans, D. J. Dallis, G. H. Dietz, S. F. Petraglia, Jack Schreiber, J. F. Stotler, J. W. Tandatnick and C. C. White. Also present were: Ted Dravis, John Bohne, John Panko, and Drs. Bernard Taylor, Lawrence Pass, J. R. Gillis, G. L. River and F. L. Schellhase. Absent were: Drs. R. A. Abdu, L. P. Caccamo, A. B. Cinelli, K. M. Lloyd, J. C. Melnick, F. A. Pesa, C. E. Pichette and L. J. Zehr.

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 p.m., and opened for a discussion of blood banking.

Following a two-hour discussion, the guests retired from the meeting. A resolution was moved by Dr. Anderson, and properly seconded, to the effect that any help that the Red Cross can give to the community in donor recruitment would be appreciated, provided that all blood remain in the Youngstown area and be processed by existing facilities. Motion was passed. Dr. River will be asked to write the resolution for presentation to the Medical Society at the next meeting, and to write a news release on it.

The motion was made, seconded and duly passed that the secretary dispense with the reading of the minutes. Bills were read. The motion was made, seconded and duly passed that each bill be paid. The any-doctor call report of the Medical Dental Bureau was passed around for all council members to see.

Several letters of thanks were noted from winners of the *Vindicator* Spelling Bee, who received book awards from the Medical Society. A letter from the *Vindicator* thanked the Medical Society for annual participation.

A letter was read from Jerry Knight concerning bringing in a speaker on H.M.O. Council was agreeable to having a speaker at an autumn meeting.

A letter was read from Atty. James Bennett recommending office and auto liability insurance. The motion was made, seconded and passed that we continue this.

A letter was read from Mrs. Guju requesting both financial and publicity assistance for Children's International Summer Village in Youngstown in 1973. Council referred the letter to the treasurer for study and a report. The editor was requested to give CISV due publicity in the *Bulletin*.

A communication was read from Dr. Wiltsie in regard to a special tour-night for physicians at the School for the Retarded. Council agreed to set this up as a special meeting in October.

A letter was read from Irvin Ryan of the NEO Senior Citizens Council, asking for a physician to meet with the group to discuss problems. Dr. Schreiber agreed to talk with the senior citizens.

A letter was read from the Health and Welfare Council requesting names of delegates for 1972. Council agreed to keep the same delegates, Dr. Asher Randell and Mr. Rempes.

A communication was read from Dr. D. A. Walsh, Mahoning County Health Commissioner, requesting names of physicians interested in doing school bus driver examinations. Council requested a letter go to Dr. Walsh suggesting that he use the same procedure as his predecessor.

A letter was read from the District Nurses concerning a situation wherein a local department store proposes to hire nurses to pierce ears for earrings. It was noted that this is against the law. A letter will be written to the store to that effect, and a letter of support sent to the nurses.

A letter was read from OSMA regarding local approval of a sponsored radio health talk program, with local participation. Council asked for more information on the program.

A communication was read from Alden Cummins, Executive Director of the Mahoning Valley Health Planning Association, regarding meeting with Dr. John Cashman, Director of the Ohio Department of Health. Dr. Bloomberg and Dr. Tandatnick volunteered to meet with Dr. Cashman.

Dr. Holden brought to the attention of council a speaker's kit on National Health Insurance, provided by the Ohio State Medical Association.

A report was read from the Centennial Committee. The motion was made, seconded and duly passed that the report be accepted and approved.

Dr. Tandatnick introduced discussion concerning the recent questionnaire sent out by Dr. Holden.

A communication was read from Dan Negron, local OMI representative, in regard to OMI providing a speaker on the new "hold harmless" concept of OMI. Council agreed to invite the speaker to the next meeting of council.

Dr. Holden asked for council support and attendance at the June 20th meeting of the Medical Society at Ramada Inn.

Council agreed on the Sokol Center for the next meeting on Sept. 12.

Meeting was adjourned.

—Howard Rempes
Executive Secretary

CANFIELD FAIR HONORS MCMS

The Canfield Fair Board honored the Mahoning County Medical Society at the annual Canfield Fair Kick-off Dinner, July 12th at the Fairgrounds. The Medical Society was cited for 20 years of consecutive participation in the Fair, as well as for the 100 year celebration of the founding date, 1872.

Dr. F. A. Resch, whose personal participation dates back to the first medical society health tent, spoke for the Society and introduced those physicians present, Dr. C. E. Pichette, president-elect, Dr. F. A. Friedrich, Dr. Sarah Yacono, and Howard Rempes.

The first medical society exhibit at the Fair was actually in 1946, which was the Canfield Fair's 100th anniversary. Several years later, the Medical Society started the medical health tent by assembling allied professions and volunteer health agencies into one exhibit area.

The Medical Society plans to exhibit an old doctor's office as it would look at the turn of the century. All members are urged to search for and donate old medical equipment for the exhibit. Please notify the Canfield Fair chairman, Dr. Jack Schreiber.

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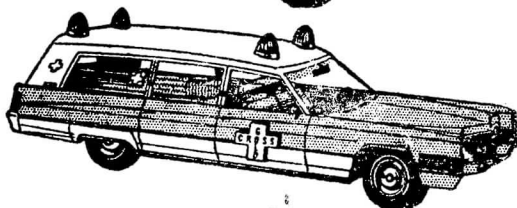
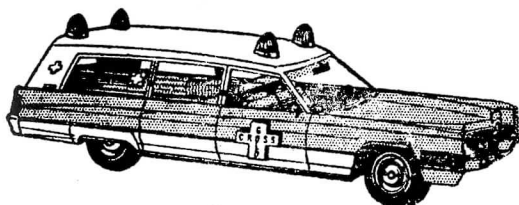
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