

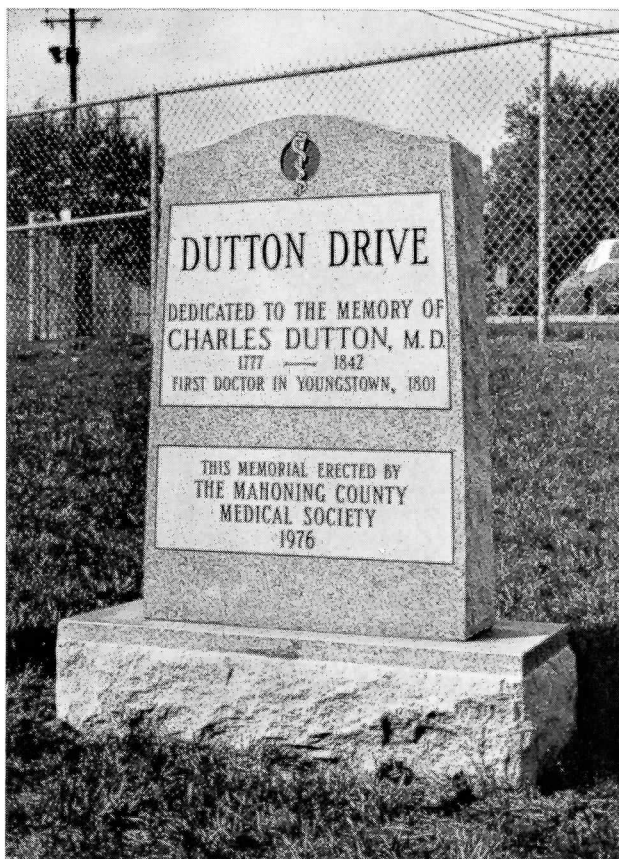
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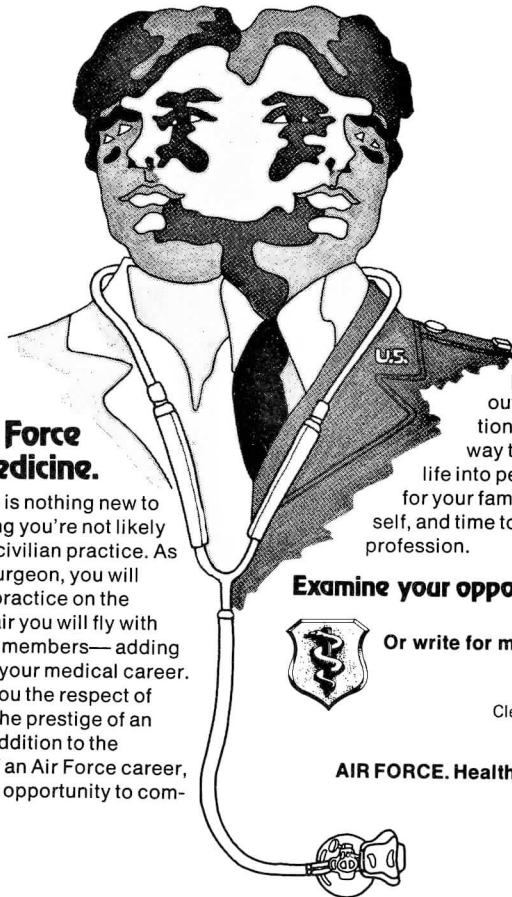
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From the Desk of the President

REPORT

The Constitution and Bylaws of the Mahoning County Medical Society states that the President should address the members on the day of the last meeting of the year. In order that every member may have the benefit of the address, for not all may be present at the meeting, this report will be published instead.

You may recall that in January I stated we have three objectives.

The first was to increase attendance by giving you a stimulating program and speakers. I believe we have accomplished this, for attendance is improving gradually. Our speakers were articulate on current subjects and problems. Unfortunately not as many members were present as I had hoped to hear Dr. Tom E. Nesbitt from Nashville. He has just announced his candidacy for president of the A.M.A. He was excellent!

We have forty-five days remaining in this year with excellent speakers scheduled. Let's break all attendance records.

The second objective was to give the highest quality medical care to our patients. Our current Swine Flu Immunization Program directed by Dr. Kurt Wegner and Dr. Douglas Walsh is a tremendous success. They, with the assistance of the Health Department and volunteers, worked many arduous hours. They gave our community the image of the true concern and interest of the medical profession in patients' welfare. However, our medical society could have divided the burden more equitably by more members offering their services.

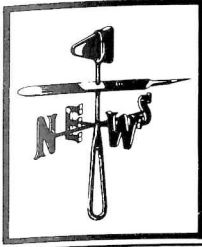
Our health care and civic pride was exemplified by Dr. Jack Schreiber and his committee when a new record attendance was established of visitors viewing the Medical Health Building Exhibit at the Canfield Fair. Similarly our activity was revealed in the Bicentennial Participation headed by Dr. John Melnick; the Youngstown Public School Science Fair Awards; Northeastern Ohio Medical School Sponsorship; Scholarship Awards to Medical Students; Honors to High School Seniors; Expansion of all three hospitals, and the current Youngstown Pride program.

The third objective was the welfare of the physician. We successfully endorsed Dr. John Budd of Cleveland in his election to be President of the A.M.A. We had Dr. Jack Schreiber elected as a delegate to the A.M.A. We sponsored one district resolution at the annual convention which was adopted. We modified the PICO (liability insurance) plan by our vigorous protests at the special delegate meeting in August.

Six of our members were on special State Committees and one is chairman of the Manpower Committee. Three of the letters from the Desk of your President were published in whole or part in other journals and two of the editorials were similarly honored. The annual "Colonial Williamsburg Ball" was so highly successful some doctors and wives were disappointed, for they were turned away.

I have been proud of our accomplishments in the past year. However, with the increasing bureaucratic control on the horizon, so much continued vigilance, courage and work lies ahead. This can only be accomplished by every doctor's participation in all the endeavors in the future and support of your elected officers and council.

—William E. Sovik, M.D.
President



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Editorial

RESTRUCTURING OUR FOUNDATIONS

The presidential address at the American College of Surgeons contained some fascinating concepts. These were especially pertinent to the current situations.

There needs to be a restructuring of priorities. Economics are playing a more prominent role in decision making. There is an unlimited demand for services with limited medical and financial resources. In the countries with "socialized medicine" the demand on the medical resources increases each year, necessitating a larger proportion of the national budget. That form of medicine in a free economic system does not reduce total medical expenditures.

The continuing financial drain has its roots in three major areas: the patient, the physician, and a burgeoning technology. Many patients are becoming more demanding in their medical care. There is a pervasive attitude that everyone should be able to be maintained in a nearly perfect state of health. This brings increased numbers of patients into the physicians' offices. If there isn't a readily forthcoming remedy, then some doctor shopping occurs. This places a strain on the providers of medical care.

The physician becomes ensnared in this tangle. The patient continues to return without relief of his symptoms and the physician feels pressured. Various medications are tried. More and more esoteric laboratory tests are obtained. A good serum porcelain would solve many of these problem cases, but alas it is not yet refined.

The area of technology is perhaps the most insidious. The new devices and techniques permit more intensive and thorough evaluation but at tremendous costs. The machines are very expensive to buy and operate. This cost is usually passed on to the already burdened third party payer. The financial reserves of these companies have been severely depleted in recent years.

As physicians we can control a large segment of the overwhelming demand on resources. We need to ask if all this treatment and testing is really necessary. We need to establish more prudent use of our medical and financial resources. The nasty factor of cost effectiveness has to be evaluated. For example, is it really worth all the time and money expended in some of the

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intensive care units if the survival rate is only twelve percent? On this isolated, non-renewable globe in space, there is a need for controlled moderation. The solution that might arise to solve the resources problem can be even more frightening than the consequences of unchecked demand. Certainly in an uncaring universe, mankind's continued existence is suspect.

—J. A. Lambert, Editor

FLU VACCINE FOR MAHONING COUNTY

The flu vaccine program for Mahoning County, with the Mahoning County Health Department as the sponsoring agency, took place at ten selected sites on Saturday, Oct. 30 and Sunday, Oct. 31. Chairman for the program was Dr. Kurt Wegner. Dr. Douglas Walsh is the County Health Commissioner.

It was reported that approximately 46,000 immunizations were given. The mass program was limited to non-high-risk persons and only the monovalent (Swine Flu) shots were administered. In a later make-up program, the bivalent (Swine and Victoria A) shots were given.

Doctors having bivalent vaccine in storage should return what they are not using. There is no anticipated shortage. Doctors are requested to make weekly reports of usage to the hospital pharmacies.



Dr. Warner Stanford (right) supervises at the Boardman station. Paul Cramer administers the shot. Dr. Walsh is at left.

NOMINATIONS IN NOVEMBER

The November meeting, which will be held on Nov. 30 instead of the previously announced Nov. 16, will include nomination of officers on the agenda.

The offices that will be up for election in December are: vice president, treasurer, one delegate, two alternate delegates and four council members. In addition, it will be necessary to nominate and elect two members of the board of trustees of the Mahoning County Medical Society Foundation, and a representative to the board of Blue Cross of Eastern Ohio.

The report of the nominating committee will be made at the November meeting. Because certain offices have eligibility requirements, an information sheet will be available to each person attending the meeting.

A complete listing of current council members will be found on the "Table of Contents" page of this *Bulletin*.

FOUNDATION MAKES THREE LOANS

The Mahoning County Medical Society Foundation, at a meeting of the Board of Directors on Sept. 28, elected to make \$500 loans to three medical students. Recipients are Hayes Ronald Berk, Ohio State University; David T. Volarich, Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine; and a third student yet to be confirmed by the dean of his medical school. This brings to a total of 19 the loans made by the Foundation since its inception in 1966.

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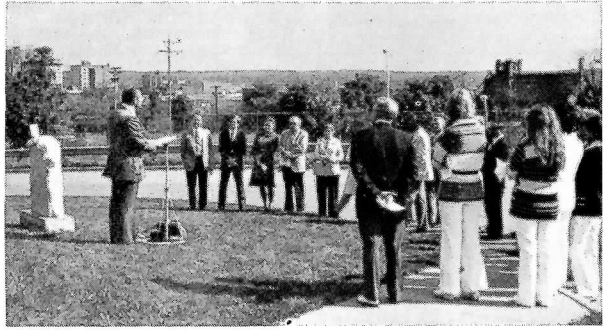
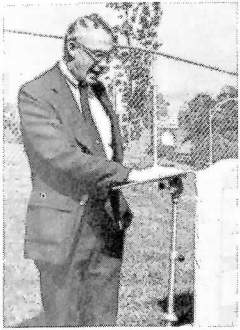
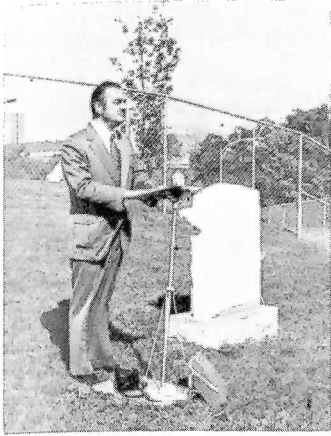
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(Top) Dr. Melnick relates history of Dr. Dutton. Dr. Schreiber and Dr. Abdu unveil memorial. (Bottom) Mayor Hunter. Audience of interested spectators attend ceremony.

Dedication of Dutton Drive and the memorial to Charles Dutton, M.D., Youngstown's first doctor, took place on Thursday, Oct. 7th, at 11:30 a.m. at the corner of Dutton Drive and Woodland Ave.

In a brief program, Dr. Jack Schreiber welcomed guests and introduced the speakers. Special guests were Mayor Jack C. Hunter and First Ward Councilman Richard Hughey. Dr. John C. Melnick gave the historical background of Dr. Dutton, and then the memorial was unveiled by Dr. Rashid Abdu and Dr. Schreiber.

Dr. Dutton came to Youngstown in 1801, just four years after the arrival of founder John Young. For 10 years he was the town's only doctor. As a pioneer settler he held several offices. He was the second postmaster of Youngstown, a position that he held for 15 years. He was also elected a township trustee. There was no hospital, and he made his visits by horseback. He enjoyed a favorable reputation for his skill as both a physician and surgeon, and continued the practice of medicine until his death in 1842.

The memorial (pictured on the cover of the *Bulletin*) is a granite marker, 4 ft. high, and was erected by the Medical Society through funds collected in the bicentennial assessment. Several years ago, Dr. Melnick was instrumental in having the new street named Dutton Drive. The memorial stands on the property of Eye Care Associates, through the courtesy of Drs. Cinelli, Pugh and Wenaas.

RECORD ATTENDANCE FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANTS



Dr. Dietz presents oil painting as door-prize.

than 25 door prizes, including two oil paintings brought back from New York by Dr. Dietz. The dinner was preceded by hors d'oeuvres and cocktails. Musicians played during dinner, and the entertainment following dinner was lively.

Setting a new attendance record, 368 persons attended the Medical Assistants Dinner on Thursday, Oct. 14th at the Holiday Inn, Belmont Ave.

The huge attendance was anticipated and the site of the annual dinner was changed from the Ramada Inn in order to accommodate the larger crowd. The annual "big night for the girls" has grown steadily since it began some 20 years ago.

Dr. George Dietz was master of ceremonies and introduced the guests, including Mrs. Grace Brady, president of the Medical Assistants Society, who thanked the doctors on behalf of the girls. There were favors for all attending, plus more

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE

In order to accommodate the speaker, Mr. Homer S. Harrison, executive with Ohio Medical Indemnity, the November meeting of the Mahoning County Medical Society has been changed from Nov. 16th to Tuesday, Nov. 30th. Wives and husbands are invited. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m. at the Youngstown Club. Reservations may be made at the office of the Medical Society.

AUXILIARY COMPLETES DRUG PICK-UP

The Woman's Auxiliary completed their annual drug sample pick-up during October, and shipped a large number of boxes to Detroit for distribution through World Medical Relief. As usual, transportation was furnished by White Star Trucking Co., through the courtesy of William T. Garrett. Mrs. Y. T. Chiu was chairman for the drug pick-up. Numerous members of the Auxiliary visited doctors' offices and brought the drugs to the Oak Hill Medical Building, where they packed them for shipment.



Some of those who helped were Martha McConnell, Janet Warnock, Marilyn Chiu, with special assist from Valeri Warnock.

DR. MCGOWEN PUBLISHES BOOK

With the publication of his book, "In Six Days," Dr. Charles H. McGowen joins the ranks of authors in the Mahoning County Medical Society. His book is a treatise on creation "to give the lay reader greater insight into scientific support for the teachings of the Bible."

Other local doctor-authors are Warren D. Coy, Richard D. Murray and John C. Melnick. Dr. McGowen's book is available at Best Books' Store.

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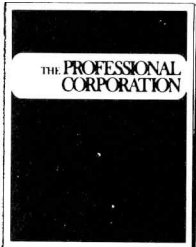


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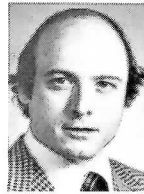
MEET THE NEW DOCTORS

With this issue, the *Bulletin* is reinstating the practice of printing the photo and some brief information about new members of the Mahoning County Medical Society.

Beginning with January of 1976, the first ten active members are pictured below. There are four more 1976 actives, who will be presented in the next issue, along with a number of 1976 associate members. Associate members are "first year" members. Once the *Bulletin* has caught up with the current new active members, pictures will be limited to new associate members—thus allowing everyone to become acquainted with a doctor as soon as he becomes a member of the Medical Society.



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Butter was 40 cents a pound. Farm labor got \$2.00 a day. Office visits were \$2.00 and house calls \$3.00.

Sam Goldberg opened his office in the Central Tower. Wendell Bennett was back to work after a severe illness. John Rogers and Blodwyn James were married last July. The Youngstown Sheet & Tube Company invited the doctors to lunch and a tour of the new continuous strip mill.

THIRTY YEARS AGO — NOVEMBER 1946

Dr. William Bunn, Sr., announced the initiation of a nationwide program of public education of diseases of the heart by the American Heart Association. Dr. Rappoport recommended that the Society should further a program of mass vaccination against influenza. Drs. Gustafson and Tims were urging action to control rabies which "is a record of disgrace in any civilized community". Paul Harvey said that every time a physician appears to demand all that the traffic will bear, he makes a new supporter for socialized medicine.

At the October meeting, the members voted to raise fees for office calls \$3.00 and day home calls (7:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.) to \$4.00. In doing this they did not seem to realize that they were establishing an official working day of eleven hours for doctors.

TWENTY YEARS AGO — NOVEMBER 1956

President DeCicco said "Let us put thanks and giving back into Thanksgiving!"

Asher Randall wrote: "The County Medical Society is the bulwark for the physician. If the Society fails, we are left without a single means of expressing our wishes, uniting in a common cause, acting for the common good or joining together for whatever the purpose may be."

Speaking to the new interns Hap Hathhorn said: "We doctors have the inherent ability to place our hands into our patient's pockets, figuratively speaking and draw out sums of money in the ordering of drugs, laboratory procedures, X-rays, etc. This calls for considerable judgment. Rarely does an 'across the board' ordering of laboratory procedures add to the diagnosis. However, expense is of secondary concern in the seriously ill. The most costly of drugs or technical examinations are to be used when indicated for the patient's welfare."

New members were: John G. Guju, David Shapira and Kurt Wegner.

Footnote from the *Bulletin*: Many people are like processed coffee: 98% of the active ingredient has been removed from the bean.

TEN YEARS AGO — NOVEMBER 1966

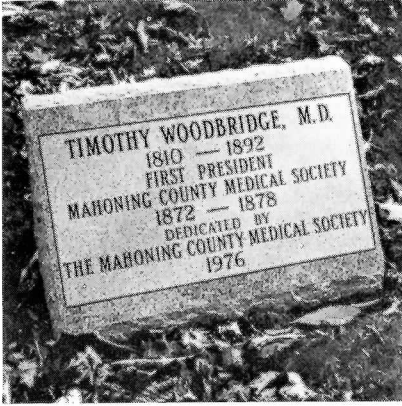
Richard Murray became the second physician to receive the Frank Purnell award for community service. The first was John McCann.

New members that month were: Richard Ebie, Clayton Hixson, George Szaboky, John K. Altier, Barry Decker, A. T. Deramo, Wm. T. Martin, Dennis Salcedo, John Werning and Marshall Lewis.

At the meeting of Council, Dr. Reese reported a proposed medical school for Youngstown. A motion was passed showing that the Medical Society was expressing interest in the formation of a new medical school in Mahoning County.

—J. L. F.

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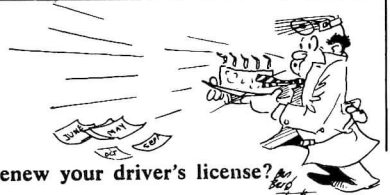


As part of the bicentennial year, the Mahoning County Medical Society placed a marker at the grave-site of the man who organized the Medical Society and served as its first president, Timothy Woodbridge, M.D.

Dr. Woodbridge was Youngstown's first native-born physician. He was born in 1810, nine years after the arrival of Dr. Charles Dutton, Youngstown's first physician. He was a surgeon with the Union army during the Civil War. He was the personal physician of David Tod, Ohio's Civil War Governor and accompanied the Tod family to Brazil when Tod was appointed U. S. Minister there. His cabin still stands at the edge of Lake Glacier in Mill Creek Park. He served as Medical Society president for seven years.

In researching material for his book, "A History of Medicine in Youngstown and Mahoning Valley," Dr. John C. Melnick visited Oak Hill Cemetery and found that the marker at the grave of Dr. Woodbridge was worn away to the point of being unreadable. The bicentennial committee decided to remedy the situation, and the new marker has been placed near the old one as a lasting memorial to our first president.

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PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL

October 12, 1976

The regular meeting of the Council of the Mahoning County Medical Society was held on Tuesday, Oct. 12, 1976, at the Youngstown Club.

The following applications for membership were presented by the Censors:

ACTIVE

Ali F. Azimpoor, M.D.
William L. Crawford, M.D.
Alam M. Qadri, M.D.

George F. Hromyak, Jr., M.D.
James Frederick Johnson, M.D.
Steven M. Kalavsky, M.D.
Gerald Klebanoff, M.D.
Chi Sown Ko, M.D.
Fun Cheng Lin, M.D.
Mohamed M. Masry, M.D.
Ivan Nenadic, M.D.
David E. Pichette, M.D.

ASSOCIATE

John N. Brucoli, M.D.
Paul David Bunn, M.D.
Ludwig M. Deppisch, M.D.

The applications were approved. The applicants will become members of the Mahoning County Medical Society 15 days after publication in the *Bulletin*, unless objection is filed in writing with the secretary before that time.

A letter was read from Mrs. Grace Brady, president of the Medical Assistants Society of Mahoning County, offering the help of her members in the flu immunization program. Council asked that a letter of thanks be sent to the Medical Assistants Society and commended the members of that organization.

The motion was made and properly seconded that the Board of Censors review the ethics policy of the Medical Society in regard to announcements of new physicians, especially in regard to hospital teaching physicians in comparison to physicians coming in to private practice. Motion was passed.

Dr. Melnick reported for the Bicentennial Committee. The Dutton monument was erected on Dutton Drive, dedicating the street and commemorating Dr. Dutton. A monument to Dr. Timothy Woodbridge was placed in Oak Hill Cemetery. The large composite photo was displayed at the Canfield Fair and will be lodged at the Arms Museum. Three smaller enlargements will be placed in the staff rooms of the North and South units of Youngstown Hospital Association and of St. Elizabeth Hospital Medical Center. Dr. Melnick and Dr. Schreiber were commended for their work.

Dr. Dietz, chairman, reported plans for the Medical Assistants Dinner for Thursday, October 14th.

Dr. Barton, chairman, reported for the Youngstown Pride Committee. He presented a letter that he wished to be sent to all members asking for contributions. The letter was approved.

Dr. Sovik reported for the Mahoning County Medical Society Foundation. He announced that the yearly meetings were held in October and that three applicants will receive \$500 loans. He also announced that the committee chairmanship will be changed and that the investment is being reconsidered.

Dr. Mahar, a member of the Board of Youngstown Area Community Action Council, brought to the attention of Council that the June Board minutes reported that in a 5-month period only 361 clients were screened at the Multi-Phasic Health Screening Project at McGuffey Center, at a cost of \$68.65 per client.

Dr. Sovik noted that we anticipate a speaker from OMI at the next meeting and that Jim Bennett, legal representative in the law suit, will be invited to speak also.

Meeting was adjourned.

Howard Rempes
Executive Secretary

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