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From the Desk of the President



SHOULD WE STRIVE FOR A BALANCED BUDGET?

Should we strive for a balanced budget? That does not seem to be a question the way we are living today, as a person, as a family, or as a company. At some point the budget has to be balanced; otherwise we will be driven to bankruptcy when the creditor calls upon us to pay the bill. In the last two decades, from 1960 until the projected 1980, there have been only two years in which we have had a surplus budget — in 1960 with .32 billion dollars, and in 1969 with 3.2 billion dollars surplus. The rest of the time we have been running a national debt close to 100 billion dollars deficit by the end of 1980. It does not take much of an economist or a great thinker to know that our economy is in trouble. Our inflation continues. An 8% rate of inflation is probably an underestimate. In general that means that working people are gradually losing money and losing buying power. What with the graduated income tax, the individual who receives an 8% increase in wages is losing out when the Federal government takes a larger amount in tax. Consequently labor demands a higher increase to offset this inflation. This ends up in an increasingly vicious circle, feeding the fire of inflation. Somewhere we have to draw the line and stop the inflationary process so that the public will have faith in our dollar and faith that there will be no cutback in their earnings.

It seems that there is no end in sight in the near future. Being that the Federal government is the sole largest spender, I feel that it is time that the Federal government should tighten up the belt, cut down on expenses and drive toward a balanced budget. This might not be achieved in a year or two, but at the present time I see no indication that our big spender even feels that there is a necessity to slow down. The trend of monetary spending by the Federal government is increasing yearly instead of decreasing. This worries everyone. We have to admit that we are not doing too well, that we are in trouble, and then look back and cut back. Hopefully we can save our economy instead of following the rapid downhill course that has seen the near default of several major cities. I don't see any magic formula. I cannot see that creating false security by printing more and more paper money would improve our general well being as a country.

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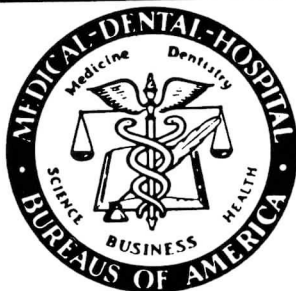
FROM THE THREATENED STRIKE AT YHA TO OUR NATION'S ILL'S

Three years in a row, YHA has been forced to reduce its service because of strike action by its unionized personnel. It has created difficult times for the striking staff, hospital administration, doctors, and most of all the patients that the hospital was designated to serve.

Recently, I took a trip to Taiwan and South Korea. Their gross national product has increased at a rate of 10-20% in recent years. A personal friend, who works in a motorcycle plant, was compensated with 30 months of wages during the last year. The average employee at private firms is paid 3-6 months wages as a bonus during the year, while civil servants received 1-2 months extra compensation. No striking is allowed in those two nations. Risk capital has been continuously pouring in despite the political uncertainty. A stable, skillful and industrious labor force is one of the most attractive inducements for the investors. This provides a good example of what a cooperative labor-management relations can create; both sides profit from it.

Let us not forget the fundamental principle that the congress has given unions the right to strike. It provides a useful means for the laborer to bargain collectively against selfish enslaving employers. But in many instances of current practice it becomes a confrontation of union people versus the general public. Union demands for compensation are founded on a desire for more wages and benefits, unsupported by any gain in productivity. They seek a bigger piece of the pie, a redistribution of a new shrunken pastry. This morality actually exists in all segments of our society to a greater or lesser extent. Consequently, inflation is fed and businesses are driven to bankruptcy or out of the area. American goods become less competitive in the national and international market. This behavior is shrinking our dollars, stagnating our economy, and weakening the entire nation. Everyone living in this land will suffer from it and everyone will pay its costs.

Unfortunately, I see no signs of reversal of the present psychology in the near future. It is much like our confronting a terminal cancer patient.



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SIXTH DISTRICT MEETING HELD

A meeting of the delegates of the Sixth District, OSMA, consisting of the counties of Columbiana, Mahoning, Stark and Trumbull, was held on Tuesday, Feb. 28, at Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine, with Dr. C. Edward Pichette, Councilor, presiding.

Attending for Mahoning County were delegates Dr. James Anderson, Dr. John Melnick, Dr. William Sovik and Dr. Pichette. Also in attendance were Dr. Joe Tandatnick and Dr. Karl Wieneke, alternate delegates, and Dr. Y. T. Chiu, president.

Mahoning County has four delegates. Stark County has five. Trumbull has two, and Columbiana, one, giving the Sixth District 12 delegates in all.

In addition to discussing resolutions to be submitted to the OSMA House of Delegates by medical societies of the Sixth District, the delegation made certain elections and appointments. Dr. Anderson was elected chairman of the delegation. Dr. Ray MacMahon and Dr. Joseph Sudimack were named vice chairmen. Dr. Joseph Yut will be nominated for Councilor to succeed Dr. Pichette. Dr. MacMahon was elected to the OSMA nominating committee. Drs. William Banfield, Sovik and Sudimack will be recommended to represent the District on resolutions committees.

The delegation will hold its official caucus meeting on April 18th, and will meet again just prior to the OSMA House of Delegates meeting in Columbus, May 13th.

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

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The current trend of our people seems to be more conservative. Desire for more conservative government spending has been shown by proposition thirteen as well as tax-cut measures across the country. I hope that our legislators can sense that people want security instead of insecure, inflated economy. I call on our legislators to consider this seriously when voting on any expenditure proposed strictly for the purposes of "buying votes." Making big promises before an election, and then trying to fulfill them before the next election only means going into a vicious cycle of senseless spending instead of working for the betterment of the future of this country.

—Y. T. Chiu, M.D.
President

Editorial . . .

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We can only inject morphine (print more money) to comfort him, until nature takes its exaction.

I would like to congratulate both the union and the hospital for their efforts which produced an acceptable contract prior to the strike deadline. They have thus demonstrated their responsibility to the community which needs their services, and which pays for them.

—Hai-Shiuh Wang, M.D.
Editor

HUMANISTIC MEDICINE IS YSU TOPIC

Youngstown State University will host the Sixth Annual Conference on Medieval and Renaissance Cultures, emphasizing medicine, law and the humanities, March 30-31, at the Arts and Science Lecture Hall.

Of special interest will be the panel, "Humanistic Medicine: Where Has It Been and Where Is It Going?," featuring special guest Laurel Cappa, M.D., Program in Social Medicine, Montefiore Hospital and Medical Center, Bronx, New York. The panel will be chaired by Theodore J. Voneida, Professor and Program Chairman of Neurobiology, Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine, and is scheduled for 1:45 p.m. Saturday, March 31.

The Conference is sponsored by the Departments of English and Continuing Education of YSU and will feature well-known speakers and writers: John A. Alford, Professor of English, Michigan State University; Pearl Kibre, Professor Emeritus of History, Hunter College (CUNY) and Fellow of the Mediaeval Academy of America; and Vern L. Bullough, Professor of History, California State University at Northridge.

For further information and registration forms contact John Loch, Department of Continuing Education, or Lorraine Y. Baird, Coordinator of the Conference: CMRC, English Department, YSU.

NEED SCHOLARSHIP DINNER HOSTS

Several physicians and their wives have volunteered to play host at the annual Scholarship Dinner, Thursday, April 26, but there is room for more. Up to twelve couples will be required to enable one couple to sit with each table of students.

On that date, the Mahoning County Medical Society will honor the top scholars from 25 high schools in Mahoning County and the adjacent area. Each student, a member of the senior class, will be presented a certificate and a pin, emblematic of scholastic achievement.

All members of the Mahoning County Medical Society are eligible to act as hosts. This is the thirteenth annual banquet sponsored by the Mahoning County Medical Society. Many members have attended in the past and have found it an inspiring evening.

Dr. Gerald Klebanoff, chairman for the dinner, asks that doctors and their wives wishing to attend call the Medical Society office and make arrangements at their earliest convenience.

OSMA COMPUTERIZED

A computer form was sent to all members of the Ohio State Medical Association in September with the request that it be filled out with biographical information for use with the newly installed Data General computer system.

It is proposed that the computer file will be used by OSMA for multiple purposes including addressing of all publications, dues billing for county societies requesting this service, membership record keeping, AMA dues certification, licensure record, and continuing medical education planning and record keeping. With a membership of 1200, OSMA is looking to the computer for an upgrading of general efficiency of the Association structure.

Members are urged to complete the form and return it to OSMA. The Mahoning County Medical Society office will assist in obtaining a form for anyone who did not receive one.

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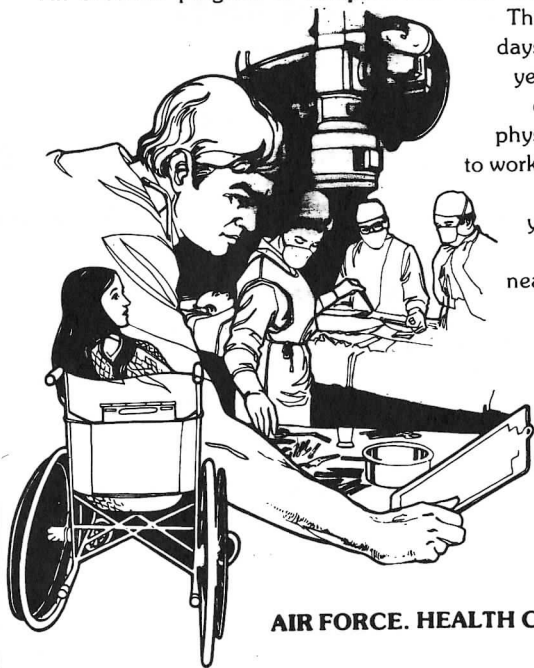
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MAY MEETING

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DR. HRITZO AGAIN HEADS ST. E. STAFF

Dr. Robert J. Hritz has been re-elected to a third term as president of staff at St. Elizabeth Hospital Medical Center.

Dr. Joseph V. Newsome was re-elected vice president and Dr. William Crawford, secretary-treasurer. Dr. Robert L. Gilliland was elected a member-at-large of the executive committee and Dr. Rashid Abdu and Dr. Robert R. Rich were both re-elected to the committee.

MORE NEUCOM APPOINTMENTS

The Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine has announced approval of additional physicians receiving faculty rank, including the following from the Mahoning County Medical Society:

William Moskalik, M.D.	Assistant Professor of OB-GYN
Kurt J. Wegner, M.D.	Associate Professor of Pediatrics
Frank Gelbman, M.D.	Clinical Assistant Professor of Psychiatry
Jae J. Lee, M.D.	Assistant Professor of Radiology
Ramiro Albarran-Sotelo, M.D.	Assistant Professor of Anesthesiology
Herman L. Allen, M.D.	Assistant Professor of Anesthesiology
James H. Fulks, M.D.	Assistant Professor of Anesthesiology

ALCOHOLISM SYMPOSIUM MARCH 25

Nationally known lecturer and author, Joseph A. Pursch, M.D., Chief of Alcoholic Rehabilitation Services, Naval Regional Medical Center, Long Beach, California, is the featured speaker at an educational program entitled *Alcoholism: A Symposium for Physicians*, scheduled for Sunday, March 25, 1979, at the Avalon Inn, Warren. The program is sponsored by the Northeastern Ohio Regional Council on Alcoholism and the Mahoning Shenango Area Health Education Network.

The program will examine the many facets of the alcoholism problem and therapeutic procedures as they relate to physicians. Among the areas the program will cover are: "Who Is the Alcoholic - Identification" featuring Richard Juvancic, M.D., Director, Family Practice Residency Program, and Coordinator of Medical Education, Youngstown Hospital Association; "Industrial Alcoholism Programs: A Cost Effective Treatment Model" by John A. Renner, Jr., M.D., Director, City of Boston Drug Treatment Program, Boston, Massachusetts; and "Local Resources for Alcoholics and Families—Alcoholics Anonymous" by Lewis K. Reed, M.D., Secretary/Treasurer of the International Doctors in Alcoholics Anonymous. Highlighting the event will be Dr. Pursch's presentation, "The Psychodynamics in the Alcoholic Family." Following his lecture, Dr. Pursch will moderate "The Road Back," a panel discussion involving a group of recovering alcoholics. Dr. Pursch is well known for his assistance to Mr. Betty Ford, and the Ford family, during her recent successful encounter with alcoholism.

The program will be held from 10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. including lunch. Physicians, other health care professionals, and their spouses are encouraged to attend. The fee to be determined.

Four professional credit hours for the program have been awarded for AMA, Physicians Recognition Award Category I. Applications have also been made to the American Academy of Family Practice and the American Osteopathic Association.

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PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL

Feb. 13, 1979

The regular meeting of the Council of the Mahoning County Medical Society was held on Tuesday, Feb. 13, 1979, at the Youngstown Club.

A letter from OSMA was read in which they acknowledged the receipt of our letter nominating Dr. C. E. Pichette for the office of secretary-treasurer.

A letter from the HSA of Eastern Ohio was read in regard to procedure in the event of closing hospital beds. Dr. Chiu will meet with Alden Cummins to discuss the matter.

The movie, "The Critical Difference," produced by AMA was shown. The Council approved it and will solicit dates for it to be shown to community groups.

The following applications for memberships were presented by the Censors:

ACTIVE: Surjit K. Bal, M.D. ASSOCIATE: Brian Stewart Gordon, M.D.
 Ralph W. Colla, M.D.
 Abdul Ghani, M.D.
 Vikram Raval, M.D.

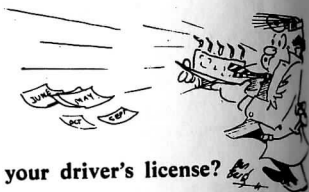
The applications were approved. Applicants will become members of the Mahoning County Medical Society 15 days after publication in the *Bulletin*, unless objection is filed in writing with the secretary before that time.

Dr. Finley, chairman of the Mahoning Valley Paramedic Committee, submitted for approval standing orders for (1) medical problems, (2) anaphylactic shock or severe allergic reaction and (3) hypovolemic shock. The motion was made, seconded and duly passed that council adopt the recommendation as presented by Dr. Finley with a change to be made in one area of the anaphylactic shock standing orders.

Discussion ensued over group hospitalization rates with Blue Cross as compared to individual rates. Dr. Abdu will investigate and report at the next meeting of council.

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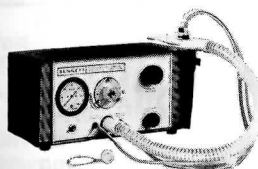
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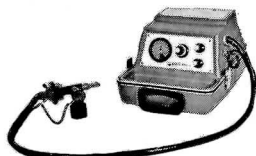


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FORTY YEARS AGO — MARCH 1939

E. C. Baker writing on "The Use of X-ray in Tuberculosis" said that until the start of this decade, numerous medical men had no appreciation of the necessity for Roentgen work in connection with tuberculosis. He discussed the use of paper film which was being tried then for group studies but did not last long. He said that the new method of photofluoroscopy showed great promise for public health work.

President Skipp announced that the State Medical Council was going to offer each County Medical Society a plan for complete medical service for the low income group under Society supervision with free choice of physicians at a price they could afford to pay. There was a great deal of time spent on planning and discussing such a venture but nothing ever came of it.

The Mahoning Tuberculosis Sanitarium was well filled with patients. Dr. Kirkwood was business manager, roentgenologist, clinician, and therapist all in one. Dr. Harry Patrick said that our Public Relations Committee should go to the County Commissioners with a plan for proper staffing of the institution.

Renner's was advertising Bock Beer as the best spring tonic. Scott's was selling the new spring Knox hats at \$5.00.

THIRTY YEARS AGO — MARCH 1949

President McCann urged the members to pay promptly the \$25.00 assessment levied by the AMA for a campaign of publicity against socialized medicine. Editor Gustafson called the whole scheme of compulsory health insurance, "Pickpocket Medicine".

A group from the University of Buffalo was scheduled for the April Post-Graduate Day. Our old friend John Talbott talked on "The Treatment of Hypertension". Dr. John Paine lectured on "Carcinoma of the Lung". A. K. Phillips was the Committee Chairman.

By this time the Tuberculosis Sanitarium had a medical and surgical staff and a resident physician. Joseph Keogh was staff President. Dr. Newcomer was the Director and J. F. Stotler was Secretary. Monthly staff meetings were held with scientific papers and reports on the work in the institution.

Pertussis Hyperimmune Serum was available at Lyons Physicians Supply. Who has seen a case of pertussis recently? Renner's said that Old Oxford Ale was a good spring tonic. The new Knox hats were \$8.50 to \$20.00.

TWENTY YEARS AGO — MARCH 1959

Winifred Liu Mutschman reported that 4,127 Papanicolou smears were examined and 28 were found to have carcinoma of the cervix or corpus uteri, not otherwise suspected. That makes the test worthwhile.

Anglo Riberi and Robert Hritzo wrote about the relationship of hiatal hernia to coronary thrombosis and reported an interesting case.

John Benko was elected President of the Tri-State Horse Show Association.

L. O. Gregg was in Chicago studying operations on the middle ear. Vernon Goodwin spoke on Rhinoplastic Surgery at the E.N.T. meeting in Mexico City, Lewis Zeller attended the meeting.

TEN YEARS AGO — MARCH 1969

This issue of the "Bulletin" contained a long letter from Dr. Louis Bloomberg protesting the apathy on the part of the membership toward the socialization of our profession. Here are some excerpts: "It is rather ironic that we are being judged by a group of Congressmen who haven't been able

to police themselves or exercise restraint! Witness their treatment of congressmen convicted of outright embezzlement and misuse of public funds and their voting themselves a tremendous increase in salaries and other benefits when the entire tax paying body is crying out for economy in government expenditures."

"Witness the fact that the Medical Staff still does not have any voting representation on the hospital board. I think that the situation is tragically humorous — that those who are most concerned with the proper working of a hospital should have no voice in policy making. After all, a hospital without a medical staff is nothing but a nursing home."

Prophetic remarks — ten years old — yet the situation remains the same today, only worse.

NEWS NOTES

Dr. P. R. Lakhani became a Diplomate of the American Board of Internal Medicine in January.

Dr. A. Gary Bitonte has been appointed a member of the Mahoning County Board of Health.

Dr. Bruce R. Mirvis was certified in October by the American Board of Pediatrics and named a Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Dr. Dong S. Lee and Hyon S. Hwang have been certified as instructors in basic and advanced life support at a workshop sponsored by the American Society of Anesthesiologists in Chicago.

Some alert readers spotted Dr. Jack Schreiber in among the joggers pictured on the January cover of the *Bulletin*. In the Peace Race, he came in fourth in his age group at a time of 2 hours and 2 minutes for the 15-mile track.

RESOLUTION DEADLINE

Deadline for resolutions to be submitted to the OSMA House of Delegates at the May meeting is March 14, 60 days prior to the Columbus meeting. Any member of the Mahoning County Medical Society may submit a resolution directly to OSMA. However, the chairman of our delegation, Dr. Jim Anderson, asks that a copy of the resolution be submitted to our own delegates so that they may be familiar with it and be prepared to support it at the proper resolutions committee of the House.

CME REMINDER

The legal requirement for 150 hours of continuing medical education mandates that all physicians must complete their 150 hours by Dec. 31, 1979 in order to reregister their medical licenses for 1980.

It is suggested that a doctor send the record of his CME hours to the Ohio State Medical Board as soon as they are completed, thus avoiding the delay and confusion that may occur in a last-minute deluge of records at the Board office.

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