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From the Desk of the President



THE SATISFACTION OF SERVING

Since time immemorial, man has been called upon to serve his fellow man, the society in which he lives, or the country he loves. For the services he has rendered, he has been duly rewarded by the self-satisfaction and the knowledge that the job was well done. He might even be rewarded by a word of praise by his peers.

The privilege of serving has not been monopolized by the philanthropist or the politician in this present day, but rather has been exercised by numerous individuals.

The services rendered by those of us in medicine would certainly exemplify such often unacclaimed contributions. We, as physicians, are constantly serving our patients, our peers and our institutions. For this, what do we receive? Is the reward an outward praise or an inward satisfaction, or rather is vehement criticism the result of service?

In wishing to serve, do we find our efforts being thwarted? In accepting this responsibility a position of criticism must also be accepted. The inner satisfaction and self esteem gained from these contributions far exceed any criticism or opposition to the effort.

We are now entering the new year, 1981. Will this follow the course of 1980 in which there was apathy as illucidated by poor attendance at meetings, and lack of enthusiasm when requested to serve on committees?

Let us recall the Hippocratic Oath and allow ourselves to serve our patients, our community and our Society. If we do this, we may again regain that feeling of self-satisfaction because we have indeed, served.

D. J. DALLIS, M.D.
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Editorial

GOVERNMENT AND HEALTH CARE

One often speculates on the quality of medicine to the general public that can be provided by government financed health care systems. If one explores present government supported institutions, one can easily spot glaring examples of stressed organizations. From 1972 through 1974 I had the opportunity to be the General Medical Officer in the United States Public Health Service, American Indian Health Corps. As one of ten physicians in a referral 66-bed Indian Hospital I shared in the care of 55,000 out-patients per/year. Additionally, from 1973 through 1974 I had the opportunity to be the Chief of Staff of this hospital.

My responsibilities included the distribution and management of a limited budget to multiple necessary programs. This inside look into Indian hospitals convinced me that government and health care to general public mix poorly. I saw several problems that can easily be projected to the problems of national health insurance or other blank-check coverage plans that are being proposed around the country. The foremost problem, as one might guess, is that of insufficient funding to cover the commitment the government makes to the community.

In the case of the Indian-hospital we had a budget of approximately \$500,000 to cover all of the in-house and out-of-house laboratory and professional services for the 55,000 patients mentioned. One of these patients required extensive intensive-care at a non-Indian hospital and had a bill of \$44,000 which had to be covered out of the mentioned allotment so that one of 55,000 patients required 8.8% of the total yearly funding. When our quarterly allotment of \$125,000 was gone, no outside services could be allotted. The doctors at the hospital at that point had to make moral judgments as to who should be treated.

To cite examples, if \$5,000 were left in a quarter and there were five children who needed tympanoplastics, and one father of five children needed cardiac surgery, the former may have been permitted and the latter denied. As one may imagine, it was difficult to determine to whom the funds should be allocated. Though the example postulated was not real, moral questions of this magnitude were pondered on a regular basis. One should not get the opinion, however, that responsibility for system-failure should be all on the government's shoulders, as patients must also share the burden of free-care

abuse. It was not uncommon for a patient to drive 100 miles to get free bottles of aspirin, laxatives, or other over-the-counter medications. Likewise, unnecessary visits were seen in approximately 40-60% of the total visits. In addition, the Indian rolls have swollen to the extent that most Indian tribe members are now partial-blood Indians rather than full-blooded Indians so that you have patients who are 1/16 or 1/32 or even much less Indian blood now claiming and being guaranteed full Indian health care.

I could go on and on but the points to be made are clear. In the Indian health system the government did not, nor could not, provide the care needed and promised to the community. From a political standpoint there were not enough states represented in Congress to give the Indian block clout. On the other hand, the patients disrespected the free-care system offered. Sick calls were diluted by the majority of people who demanded and were entitled to treatment of minor illnesses.

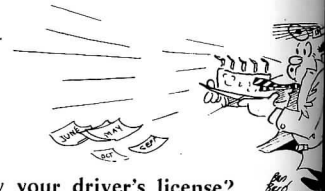
The experience was interesting and left me with many examples of how dangerous, inefficient and demoralizing government medicine can be. When the sickle of national health care insurance or other government sponsored care to the general public attempts to fall, my guns will be loaded with examples that show the system does not and cannot work without a significant share of our national budget.

Unfortunately, the quality and quantity of care will not escalate in proportion to cost increases.

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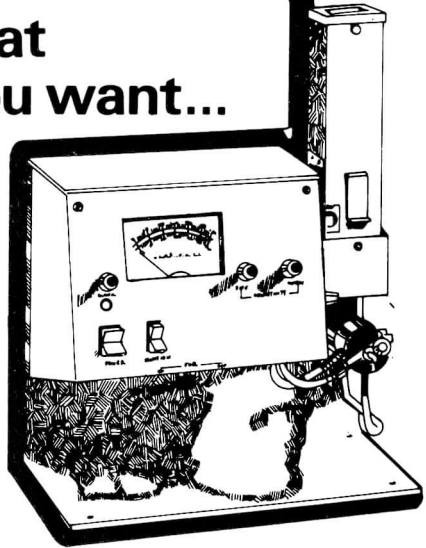


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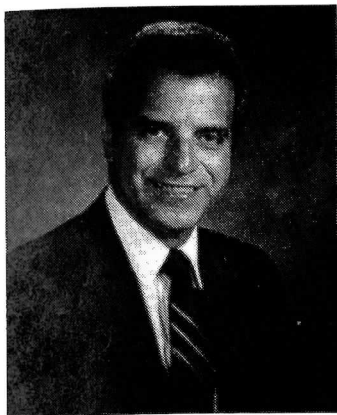
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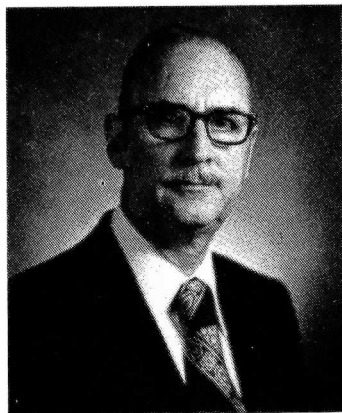
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From the Bulletin

FORTY YEARS AGO — JANUARY 1941

Orville J. Walker was President that year. Walter K. Stewart was President-Elect and Claude Norris was Editor of the *Bulletin*. All three are dead and gone now and to many of you they are just names, but they were all remarkable men.

Dr. Walker came here soon after World War I to be the pathologist at the Youngstown Hospital. He was the first one to hold Clinical-Pathological Conferences although they were not so-called then. He would just get up at Staff meetings and talk and talk about the Pathologic findings whenever a case was discussed and it was often very tiresome. It must have seemed tiresome to him, too, for he quit after a few years and went away to study F.F. N & T. When he came back he opened an office in the Home Savings & Loan Bldg. and became a leading specialist in his field. He was always interested in Society affairs and had a flair for politics. For years he headed the legal committee and at every election he interviewed the candidates for State and Legislature and informed our members of their views. He was instrumental in having local candidates for Mayor pledged to consult the Medical Society on appointments of doctors to health administration offices. He inaugurated the Allied Professions Organization which included physicians, pharmacists, nurses, and hospital personnel into a strong pressure group to influence legislation on health matters. He was absolutely dedicated to the cause of good medicine and many of the public relations activities we pursue today were started by him.

Dr. Stewart was a friendly, outgoing extrovert who spent more time in promoting Medical Society affairs than he did in his general practice. At least it seemed so. He was loved by everybody.

Claude Norris came here from North Dakota to be the first dermatologist in Youngstown. He had a dynamic, explosive personality; voluble in speech and highly intelligent. He was part Cherokee as was his wife. His office on Lincoln Avenue was thronged with patients who usually received a dozen prescriptions including internal medication, diets, vitamins and surface applications.

As Editor he attended council meetings and they usually lasted long after midnight because Claude never finished talking. After the Council meetings we would repair to the nearest bistro to refresh ourselves and listen to Claude. He worked hard and after years of practice bought a plantation in Virginia called "Belle Nemus" where he planned to retire. He went there and worked harder than ever restoring the place. He lasted only a year at that when a series of strokes ended his colorful career.

Those three men: Walker, Stewart and Norris along with Bill Skipp did a lot for our Society and they should be remembered.

Asher Randall was the first member to leave for Army service. The members at the annual business meeting voted to change the official "afternoon off" from Wednesday to Thursday.

THIRTY YEARS AGO — JANUARY 1951

Elmer Wenaas took office as President. In his page he called attention to the international crisis in Korea and the need for doctors in both the armed forces and the enlarged civil defense program.

C. A. Gustafson was voted President-Elect. G. E. DeCicco was Secretary and A. K. Phillips Treasurer. There were 250 active members, 24 interne members, 2 associate, 12 non-resident and 14 honorary. Dues were increased \$15.00 to \$50.00 a year. The auditor reported a cash balance of \$1,493.46 on deposit and total assets of \$21,108.14.

The *Bulletin* celebrated its twentieth anniversary. A. W. Ondash was Editor. Howard Mathay was President of the Academy of General Practice and David Levy was President-Elect. W. H. Evans headed the St. Elizabeth Staff and Gordon Nelson the Youngstown Hospital Staff.

Doctors again were filling out questionnaires for the Selective Service. Harold Segall was the first to be re-called to active duty with the U.S. Navy.

New members that month were John LoCriccio and Edward M. Thomas. W. J. Tims as Health Commissioner recommended fluoridation of the water supply. Leading articles by local authors were "Arterial Transfusion" by Patrick Cestone and "Occupational Therapy" by Ivan Smith. C. S. Lowendorf and Rollis Miller gave demonstrations at the A.M.A. interim meeting in Cleveland.

William Breesman opened his office in Boardman for the practice of Internal Medicine. Sidney Franklin, head of the local Veteran's Administration office, was transferred to Akron but retained his residence in Youngstown.

TWENTY YEARS AGO — JANUARY 1961

New officers were A. K. Phillips President, C. W. Stertzbach President-Elect, C. E. Pitchette Secretary, H. P. McGregor Treasurer, J. J. McDonough Editor.

Jack Schreiber announced a new series of lectures on humanities, the arts, philosophy and literature given by the Faculty of Youngstown University every Thursday evening designed to broaden the over-all knowledge and cultural advancement of the members.

Henri Schmid, W. K. Allsop, E. Henry Jones and Walter B. Turner were honored for fifty years of service.

After a fatal accident involving a speeding ambulance, Council sent a notice to the City Traffic Department, the Sheriff's Office, the State Highway Patrol and the ambulance companies recommending that ambulances observe the rules of traffic.

W. P. Young was elected President of the Academy of General Practice. President-Elect was Robert R. Fisher. Clyde Walter was named "General Practitioner of the Year".

TEN YEARS AGO — JANUARY 1971

Outgoing President R. L. Jenkins turned over the reins to John F. Stotler who, like those before him, hoped to stimulate more member interest in the Society. Ken Lloyd was Treasurer and M. C. Raupple Secretary. President-Elect was Henry Holden. F. A. Pesa was the new Editor.

New active members were G. Robert Barton, Gene Allen Butcher and Wm. Katz. New Associate members were Simon A. Basile, Ernest B. Hidvegi and Karl F. Wieneke. Intern-Resident members were Joseph Naples and C. B. Reddy.

Two members were lost through death: Dr. George B. McKelvey, well known surgeon who was president of the Society in 1947, and Myron C. Hanysh a popular family practitioner who passed away at the age of 54. He had a degree in Medicine and Pharmacy, and he served as Youngstown Police Physician from 1965 to 1969.

Five members were honored for 50 years of service to medicine by the OSMA. These were Dr. B. J. Dreiling, Dr. Patrick H. Kennedy, Dr. Harry Fusselman, Dr. Vern Neel, and Dr. Henry Speck.

Hotel Ohio was still having fancy doings in the Ballroom, Crystal Room and Cascades Room. Lester's had three locations—5th Avenue, Belmont Avenue and West Federal St. and Peoples Drug Store had a full page ad for sale or rental of sickroom supplies.

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PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL December 9, 1980

The following applications for membership were presented by the Censors:

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James Giannini, M.D.

Robert Eugene McArtor, 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.

Discussion ensued concerning the matter of D.O. members using the designation of M.D. Dr. Spucquero submitted a letter from the Ohio State Medical Board stating that it appeared contrary to the Medical Practice Act for a doctor of medicine and surgery to use the title "D.O.", or for a doctor of osteopathic medicine and surgery to use the title, "M.D." The Executive Director reported a phone call from the Ohio State Medical Association stating that, legally, a person cannot use a degree that has not been properly granted to him and that the use of an M.D. designation by a D.O. cannot be encouraged because it would be the perpetrating of a fraud. The motion was made, seconded and duly passed that a notification to this effect be sent out in the next mailing to members with a cover letter by the president.

Dr. Brucoli reported on the progress of the lawsuit and made council aware that our attorneys have presented to us a consent decree for our consideration. This will be given further study at a future meeting.

Dr. Sovik and Dr. Pichette reported on the OSMA Update meeting of the House of Delegates, which they attended on Sunday, Nov. 16th.

Mr. Rempes and Mr. Blake were invited to leave the meeting while the 1981 budget was discussed. The budget that was approved at the May council meeting was revised.

The motion was made, seconded and duly passed that the Medical Society again ask individual members to sponsor residents in OSMA and MCMS at a cost of \$20 per member, as was done last year.

Dr. Dallis announced his selections for appointed members to council. Dr. Memo will be editor of the *Bulletin*. Dr. Shorr will be public relations director. Program chairman will be Dr. Pesa.

The motion was made, seconded and duly passed that Dr. Brucoli be commended upon his successful year as president of the Mahoning County Medical Society. Dr. Brucoli received a standing ovation from Council.

In Memoriam

RAYMOND A. HALL, M.D.

Dr. Raymond A. Hall, 74, died Wednesday, Dec. 24, of complications following surgery in Sarasota (Florida) Memorial Hospital. He was an ear, nose and throat specialist.

Dr. Hall was born June 29, 1906 in Youngstown, where he attended South High School. He received his A.B. Degree at Adelbert College of Western Reserve in 1928 and his medical degree from Western Reserve University in 1931. After interning in Youngstown City Hospital in 1931, he had a residency in Cleveland City Hospital and took post-graduate work in Vienna in 1936.

Dr. Hall began his practice in North Jackson and then moved to Youngstown where he had an office in the Home Savings & Loan building until his retirement in 1976.

A World War II veteran, he served in North Africa as a captain in the Army Medical Corps. He was a member of the Youngstown First Presbyterian Church, Elks Lodge 55, Youngstown Rotary Club, and Youngstown Country Club.

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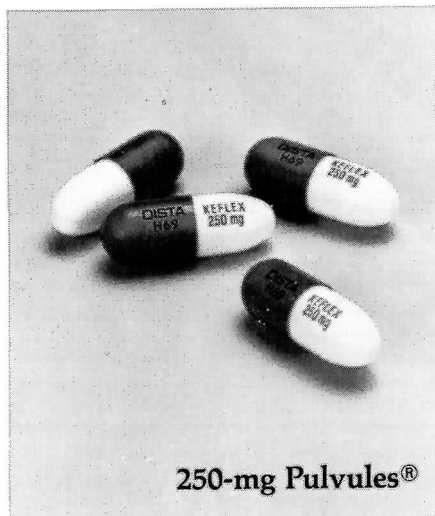
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