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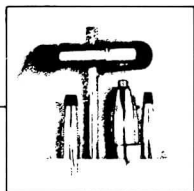
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From the Desk of the President



TODAY IS YESTERDAY'S TOMORROW

It seems as if it were only yesterday that I accepted the gavel signifying the beginning of another year for our Society. We resolved to attain certain goals during this year and to an extent these goals have been met.

Foremost on everyone's mind at the beginning of the year, was the resolution of a lawsuit with which our Society was deeply involved for several years. Although this problem was not completely resolved during this year, much was accomplished which will bring about its complete resolution very shortly.

As is the goal of every President, high on the priority list was the dream of a more closely knit Medical Society with a common bond. To somehow bring about an awareness of what the Medical Society is doing seemed so important; to make each member a part of at least some of all this activity and to put a high priority on attending its meetings. To that end, we have made some strides, although there is still a very great need for cooperation and understanding among members to enable us to build a strong and unified Society.

In the field of education, I feel we have made much progress. We have more members than ever before involved in the teaching of medical students from N.E.O.U.C.O.M. This has been done with great enthusiasm and sincerity.

In general, the year has been somewhat tranquil. There were no problems that cannot be resolved to everyone's satisfaction in the very near future.

Shortly, the gavel will be passed on to a new leadership. Let us continue to work towards attaining these high goals and eliminate the pre-existing apathy of our members.

In conclusion, I wish all of you Happy Holidays and a healthy and happy New Year.

—D. J. DALLIS, M.D.,
President



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Editorial

LEAVE THE CAGE DOOR OPEN

All physicians were cautioned in medical school to be sure diagnoses such as rheumatic heart disease, tuberculosis, venereal disease or hypertension were not part of the patients' permanent record until those stigmata were properly and accurately documented. The social and economic losses of such misdiagnoses that those patients could sustain may be immeasurable. Proper labels are important to proper care. For example, a discharge diagnosis of congestive heart failure without qualification is improper. Congestive heart failure is a symptom and sign complex, it is not a disease. The cause of the failure is the culprit and must be pursued for adequate treatment.

Just as proper labels are important, accurate representation of the illness to the patient or guardian is necessary. Minor illnesses must remain minor and major illnesses must remain major. Representation of urethral stenosis as a serious problem is as dangerous as regarding an initial episode of hemoptysis as a negligible problem. In the case of the minor illness, the psychic trauma of chronic illness is more damaging than the organic disease itself. In major illness, the uninformed patient may be wasting valuable time getting his affairs in order prior to the serious phase of the illness.

The author remembers seeing a patient who was treated for 22 years for a seizure disorder with Phenobarbital and Dilantin at therapeutic doses who, upon careful questioning, had only a single episode of dizziness without syncope, loss of consciousness, or other focal seizure signs. Without diagnostic tests the patient was labeled epileptic, followed regularly by the doctor, and faithfully took her medication. Because she lived in fear of recurrent seizures, she altered her life pattern and was resistant to change in the medication or any change in the diagnosis. To the best of my knowledge this patient had been misdiagnosed and mislabeled. An illness, which probably was minor, was too quickly diagnosed without documentation and was conveyed as a permanent illness to the patient. The psychological scar created was much greater than the illness itself. The change in life style, I'm sure, prevented her from reaching her intellectual, economic and social potentials. Too often one sees similar patients who need deprogrammed from illnesses which they have been led to believe are major. The physician has participated in the creation and the perpetuation of anxiety. Too many people have been conditioned to be ill or on the verge of illness. This pendulum must swing into

programming people to be well. There is certainly a role for careful follow-up and screening programs but on the other hand there are people who must be freed from long-term follow up. A positive approach to illness with the hope of full or partial recovery is essential not only to the patient with a minor illness but also to the critically ill one. Diseases and labels are like cages. The physician has the key and must leave the door open for the person inside to escape or at least stick his head out for a breath of fresh air.

—RICHARD A. MEMO, M.D.

SOCIETY MEETING TOPIC WAS MALPRACTICE

A special program of slides and narrative relating to malpractice was presented to the members of the Mahoning County Medical Society at the meeting of the Society held November 17 at the Youngstown Club.

Linda Trafford, Director of Communications for Physician's Insurance Company of Ohio, presented the program that revealed statistic compiled since PICO has been in operation as a physician-owned insurance company covering malpractice claims. Mrs. Trafford was accompanied by Ed Hassay of Gluck Insurance Co., the Youngstown representative for PICO.

The program included a review of claims presented during the past years and a projection of what can happen in the future. There was also information relating to what is to be done when a claim appears imminent.

The November meeting was Nomination Meeting and the members present chose a slate of officers and council members for the ballot in December.

The members approved the initial presentation of the names of members to be given final consideration for Emeritus Membership at the December meeting.

A list of 44 resident members was read as a prelude to final approval at the December meeting.

DR. HOLDEN HONORED

Henry Holden, M.D., a staff member at Youngstown Hospital Association, was honored as the most outstanding college basketball player of the century by his alma mater, South Carolina State University, September 18.

The ceremony, held at South Carolina State College in Orangesburg, South Carolina, honored outstanding graduates from South Carolina State during the last century.

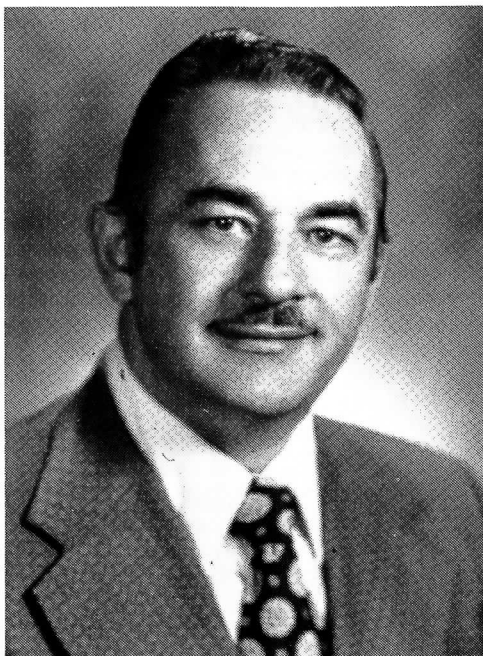
Dr. Holden played center for South Carolina State from 1941 to 1943. He led the university to many championships before graduating in 1944. Dr. Holden received offers from professional basketball teams but decided to enter medical school instead.

Dr. Holden is a member of YHA's Board of Trustees. He has been a staff member at YHA since 1956. He and his wife, Velma, have three children.

DOLL HOUSE GOES DEC. 13

Funds should be collected and all tickets should be turned in before the December 13th drawing for a winner of the Doll House, the fund-raising project of the Women's Auxiliary of the Mahoning County Medical Society.

Anyone with tickets or funds for the project should make certain everything is turned in before the drawing takes place.

DOCTOR OF THE YEAR**1 9 8 1****JOHN C. MELNICK, M.D.**

The fourth annual "Doctor of the Year" award will be presented to Dr. John C. Melnick at the December 15th meeting of the Mahoning County Medical Society.

Dr. Melnick was recognized for his demonstrated expertise in his specialty, which just recently resulted in the indication of a link between the high incidence of cancer in this area and irradiation of the thymus gland, and for his community involvement and his authorship of a volume about Mill Creek Park and a definitive history of the medicine in Youngstown and the Mahoning Valley. A rare bone disease, Melnick-Needles Syndrome, was discovered by Dr. Melnick in 1966 and is named after him. This led to recognition in the world medical community after the paper was published about the disease.

Dr. Melnick directs the department of radiology and nuclear medicine at Youngstown South Side Hospital and is vice-chief of the division of radiology at YHA, and an associate professor of Radiology at North Eastern Ohio Universities School of Medicine.

In the field of medicine, Dr. Melnick is affiliated with the American Association of Medical Museums, American College of Nuclear Physicians, American College of Radiology, American Roentgen Ray Society, Ohio Academy of Medicine, Ohio State Medical Association, Radiology Society of North America, Rocky Mountain Radiological Society and Scientific Research Society of America.

As a member of the Mahoning County Medical Society, Dr. Melnick has served as president, chairman of the grievance committee, Council member, chairman of the Foundation, delegate and alternate delegate to the Ohio

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State Medical Association, editor of the *Bulletin* of the Mahoning County Medical Society, member of the speakers bureau, chairman of the historical committee, and member of the radio and television committee.

He has held board positions with Ohio Medical Indemnity, Associates in Radiology, Mahoning Valley Historical Society, Youngstown Symphony ballet Guild, Mill Creek Park Citizens Committee, and Mahoning Tuberculosis and Health Association.

His community involvement has included Ballet Western Reserve, YMCA, Children's International Summer Village, Friends of American Art, Kiwanis Club, Ohioanna Library of Ohio Authors, and Western Reserve Historical Society.

Dr. Melnick has served as United Way Chairman, has been a Boy Scout sponsor, has given more than 50 talks and speeches to different groups, and has many appearances on radio and television. As the result of efforts by Dr. Melnick, a street and monument were dedicated as Dutton Drive, in memory of Dr. Charles Dutton, Youngstown's first physician; a granite monument was erected in Oak Hill cemetery in memory of the Society's first president, Dr. Timothy Woodbridge; the x-ray library at South Side Hospital was dedicated to the memory of Dr. Frances Miller; a Mill Creek Park Historical Fund was established; and a medical museum was established at the campus of North Eastern Ohio Universities School of Medicine in Rootstown.

Dr. Melnick was born in Youngstown and attended Rayen School and Youngstown College. He did postgraduate work at Youngstown College and acquired a teaching certificate in science, biology, mathematics, chemistry and physics. He did his graduate work at Western Reserve University where he had a biochemistry Fellowship, and then obtained his Medical Degree in 1955 from Case-Western Reserve University. His internship and residency were at Youngstown Hospital Association and he completed a Fellowship in Radiology at the University of Cincinnati in 1962. He served in the U.S. Army Medical Corps from 1956 through 1958 at Tacoma and Seattle, Washington. In 1980, he was invested as a Knight of Malta in the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, Knights Hospitaller.

DR. MELNICK'S PAPER SELECTED

A paper written by John C. Melnick, M.D., Director of the Department of Radiology at the South Unit and Director of Nuclear Medicine, both at YHA, and Paul E. Stemkowski, M.D., a resident in diagnostic radiology at YHA was selected for the abstracted 1982 Year Book of Endocrinology by Theodore B. Schwartz, M.D., of Year Book Medical Publishers.

"Thyroid Hemiagenesis (Hockey Stick Sign): A Review of the World Literature and A Report of Four Cases" is the result of research conducted by Dr. Melnick on the thyroid glands of thousands of patients in Youngstown, in addition to studying all available world literature on the subject.

There are 25 yearbooks published yearly, each in a different specialty. Some 500,000 articles are reviewed from medical journals from all over the world. Several hundred of the best of these are selected to be published in yearbooks each year. Dr. Melnick's was among those selected.

The paper is one of several research articles which will be written as the result of a one-year \$10,000 research grant provided by the American Cancer Society, Ohio Division, Mahoning County Chapter, Dr. Melnick said.

This is the third paper written by Dr. Melnick which has been selected for a yearbook. The others were "Chondrodystrophia Calcificans Congenita" which was published in the Yearbook of Pediatrics in 1966-67 and "Intervertebral Disc Calcification in Children" written by Dr. Melnick and Frederic N. Silverman which was published in the 1963-64 Radiology Yearbook.

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*PATIENT CARE Magazine—October 1977, "Face Off: Cost Containment vs. Chaos," January 1, 1977

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PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL**November 10, 1981**

The regular meeting of the Council of the Mahoning County Medical Society was held on Tuesday, November 10, 1981 at the Youngstown Club.

The treasurer's report showed four members have not paid 1981 dues and will be notified of their delinquency.

A letter of thanks from Foundation loan recipient Linda Cuculic was noted.

An announcement concerning the AMA interim meeting in Las Vegas in December was read.

A letter from OSMA regarding House Bill 317, pertaining to the State Medical Board, was noted.

A letter from Dr. Abdu concerning unavailability of plastic surgeons on a recent occasion was noted and the executive director was instructed to contact Dr. Abdu.

A letter concerning Republic Steel's insurance carrier's second opinion policy was noted and commented on by the members of council.

A letter from HSA accepting the offer of a liaison committee was noted.

Dr. Anderson reported on the progress of the lawsuit and noted it is nearing the point of resolution.

The report of the nominating committee was accepted after Dr. Mahar agreed to relinquish his delegate post in favor of nomination as Vice President. The Doctor of the Year was announced by the nominating committee.

The executive director reported on a contact with the Pharmacy Association representative in regard to prescriptions and generic drugs, a contact with the Youngstown Vindicator in regard to a speaker at the next council meeting, the agreement of four members to serve on the proposed ambulance committee, and an investigation of a program about sports medicine.

In his report about the sports medicine program, the executive director noted he had contact with the sports editor of the radio station that aired the program and with a director of the YSU program, Larry Looby. It was determined that the program in question was not a commercial segment but an interview by the sports editor that involved the head trainer of the YSU sports medicine section. It was explained the enthusiasm for the sports medicine program, rated number one in Ohio, could have given an unwanted impression. Dr. Vuksta, a society member, is the director of the program, it was noted. The interview was extemporaneous and not intended to depreciate other physical rehab programs, Looby declared.

Guidelines from the local Medical Assistants chapter for participation in a convention bulletin advertising program was approved by Council, with agreement to use a cover page.

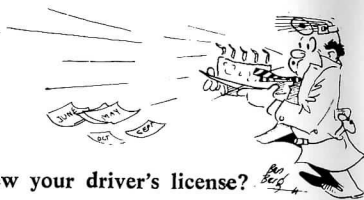
Dr. Sovik presented a report of the Leadership Meeting held in Columbus on October 30, 1981 that included information concerning competition and group programs.

Dr. Dallis announced the names of five members who retired in 1981 and are eligible for emeritus membership. He reminded those present that the November and December meetings of the Society are very important and each Council member should attend. He made several other announcements, concerning birthdays and a District Meeting.

Meeting was adjourned.

—Robert B. Blake
Executive Director

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ANNUAL MEETING IS DECEMBER 15

The annual meeting and election of officers of the Mahoning County Medical Society will be held Tuesday, December 15th at the Youngstown Club. Principal item of business will be elections of officers. There will also be the presentation of the "Doctor of the Year" award. Social period is at 6:00 p.m.; dinner is at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting is at 7:30 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend this important meeting of the society.

ANNUAL BANQUET IS IN JANUARY

The Annual Banquet of the Mahoning County Medical Society is slated for Tuesday, January 19th at the Youngstown Club. The event has become almost a family tradition with spouses and friends of members invited to attend. There will be installation of new officers and members of the Council for 1982 and a program to honor the outgoing president and officers of Council who are leaving office. There will also be some entertainment.

Special notification of the meeting will be sent to all offices. Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. and will be preceded by a social period at 6:00 p.m. Reservations for this outstanding Society event will be taken at the office of the Medical Society.

CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION

January 29 — CARDIOLOGY "New Antiarrhythmic Therapy" with Lon Casle, M.D., head of Pacemaker Center, Cleveland (OHIO) Clinic.

February 5 — CARDIOLOGY "Are We Suing Fibrinolytic Agents Often Enough?" with Victor J. Marder, M.D., professor of Medicine and Co-chief of Hematology of the Department of Medicine at University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry, Rochester, New York.

February 12 — ENDOCRINOLOGY film "The Testing Tree: an Evaluation of Laboratory Methods for Assessing Thyroid Function and an Algorithmic Approach to Diagnosing Thyroid Disease," with panel of Charles Wilkings, M.D., asst. professor of Internal Medicine NEOUCOM, Director of Education in Internal Medicine at St. Elizabeth Hospital, and Yiechul Jung, M.D., attending staff on internal medicine at St. Elizabeth Hospital.

February 19 — HYPERTENSION "Uses of Newer Vasodilators" with Nathan Levin, M.D., Clinical professor of Internal Medicine, University of Michigan and Division Head of Department of Nephrology at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit.

February 26 — HYPERTENSION "Modes of Action for Hypertensive Drugs" with Robert McDonald, M.D., Department of Pharmacology and Hypertension at University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine.

March 5 — INFECTIOUS DISEASE "Gram Negative Sepsis" with Edmund Tramont, M.D., F.A.C.P., Col. MC, Associate Professor of Medicine and Coordinator of Division of Infectious Diseases at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences Medical School at Bethesda and Chief of Infectious Disease Services at Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

March 12 — NUTRITION "Cancer and Nutrition" with Armin Banez, M.D., assistant professor of Surgery at NEOUCOM, Chairman of Nutritional Advisory Committee, Director of Proctology, Colonscopy and the Enterostomal Rehabilitation Service, and co-Director of Fiberoptic Gastrointestinal Service of Youngstown Hospital Association, and member of the Multi-disciplinary Nutritional Faculty of Youngstown State University.

March 19 — ORAL MEDICINE "Head & Neck Oncology: an Interface" with William P. Webster, D.D.S., M.S., professor of Oral Medicine and Pathology at University of North Carolina Schools of Dentistry & Medicine and North Carolina Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill.

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ELECTIONS IN DECEMBER

The following were nominated for office at the Nov. 17th meeting of the Mahoning County Medical Society and they will be listed on the ballot for the December 15th meeting. Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the meeting.

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But the time will come when there is not enough food to feed the people, when there is not heat to keep them warm and not enough water to quench their thirst.

Thank Heaven you and I do not have to worry about it, nor our grandchildren but the time will come when this planet can no longer support life.

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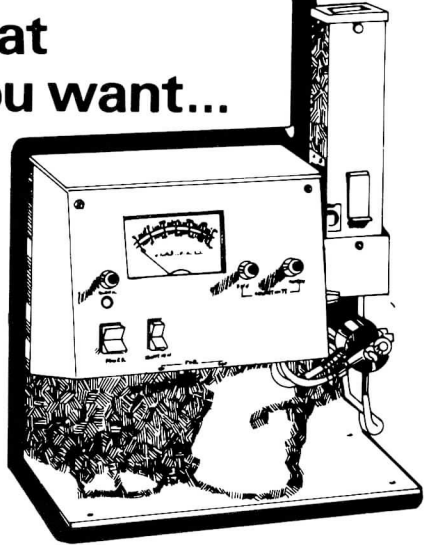
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From the Bulletin

FIFTY YEARS AGO — DECEMBER, 1931

The great Chevalier Jackson was here to speak at Stambaugh Auditorium. He invented the bronchoscope, designed the instruments, perfected the technique and taught it to his disciples. He served as Professor of Laryngology at the University of Pittsburgh, Jefferson Medical College, University of Pennsylvania, and Temple, staying at each school long enough to train young laryngologists, then moving on. His mission in life was to save children who would die from swallowing lye or inhaling foreign bodies. His visit here was a proud moment for the M.C.M.S.

Dr. James Birch became a member. Karl Allison was recuperating from pneumonia. Sam Tamarkin was back to work after a severe illness and Harry Patrick was convalescing from undulant fever.

Secretary Harvey said the Society was big enough to have a full time Executive Secretary.

S. Q. Laypius observed that we were one month nearer the return of prosperity than we were thirty years ago.

Times were bad but there was hope.

FORTY YEARS AGO — DECEMBER, 1941

The Medical Society had 224 active members, 9 non-resident, 6 associate and 4 interne. Total was 249. Twelve were away on active duty with the armed forces. Dues were twenty dollars.

1941 was a busy year. There was a banquet in January, Post-Graduate day in April, a golf tournament in July, an old-fashioned picnic in August, a fall lecture course in October in addition to the monthly meetings. The young Medical-Dental Bureau collected over \$10,000 for the doctors that month.

Most members were home for the holidays. Ralph Morrall, Sam Weaver, Paul Fuzy, Paul Kaufman, Pat Kennedy, Walter Turner, George McKelvey, and Francis McNamara were back from the College of Surgeons meeting in Boston. Charles Hauser was recuperating from an operation and Kocialek was on the sick list.

On the *Bulletin* cover it said, "All glory be to God and to the Earth be Peace." On December seventh, the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor and we were in the war up to the hilt. There has been little peace since.

THIRTY YEARS AGO — DECEMBER, 1951

There were 55 polio cases that fall and one death. Fluoridation of our drinking water was instituted on recommendation of our Public Health Committee (Walter Tims) and the Corydon Palmer Dental Society.

The Society had 250 active members, 9 junior active, 5 associates, 12 intern, 12 non-resident and 13 honorary. Total was 289.

During that year the Society acquired some new members of distinction and their pictures appeared in the December issue. They were: Frederick A. Resch, DeForest W. Metcalf, Frank Gelbman, Robert S. Donley, Elmore R. McNeal, Benjamin S. Brown, Dean E. Stillson, Merrill D. Evans, Edward M. Thomas, Earl E. Brant, Hugh B. Munson, Francis J. Gambrel, Robert G. Thomas, William T. Breesman, Harold H. Teitelbaum, Irving H. Chevlin, Edward A. Shorten, George W. Cook, David Edward Beynon, Frederick L. Schellhase, and David Robert Brody.

Dues were \$75.00 which included the OSMA and the AMA. As usual, there were a few delinquent members.

TWENTY YEARS AGO — DECEMBER, 1961

Diabetes week turned up 48 new cases. 2989 people were tested.

The health department reported 2 new cases of syphilis and 19 gonorrhea. There was 1 case of measles, no diphtheria, no scarlet fever, no typhoid and no smallpox.

New members were Michael Kachmer, Gust Boulis, Philip Bernard Giber, Robert Hamlisch, Maurice Budiz, Walter Joseph Weikenand and Skevos Michael Zervos.

TEN YEARS AGO — DECEMBER, 1971

The Medical Dental Bureau introduced a new function for the "Page Boy", called automatic dial paging. Now you could pick up the phone and dial the pager number, even in another city, and give your message. What will they think of next? Now we couldn't even hide in the "John".

The Womens Auxiliary collected and packaged almost two tons of drug samples from doctors' offices to be sent to missionary hospitals and clinics all over the world. The Chairwomen were Mrs. Jose Gonzales, Mrs. Carolyn Dietz, and Mrs. Angela Gilliland. White Star Trucking donated the Truck and drove the shipment to Detroit, for the third year in a row.

At the annual meeting on December 21, Dr. Henry Holden, President Elect accepted the gavel from out-going President John Stotler. New President-Elect was Dr. C. E. Pichette, and Dr. John Melnick was to be the new Editor of the *Bulletin*.

The new officers had a big year ahead of them, for it was to be the Centennial year for the Mahoning County Medical Society. More about that next year.

—Robert R. Fisher, M.D.

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SHADES OF DR. TOM SWIFT

(from POSTGRADUATE MEDICINE - July 1980)

Early in the 20th Century - young people thrilled to the adventures of Tom Swift, as described by author Victor Appleton. Tom was a serious-minded young man, years ahead of his time with respect to an interest in newfangled things as radio, submarines, and flying machines. Tom's conversation, as reported by author Appleton, was thoughtful and concise and always seemed to require strong adverbial support, eg, "We shall solve the problem in no time," said Tom earnestly.

Sometime after midcentury, perhaps at about the time of the hula hoop craze, a much less reverant generation was entertained by "Tom Swifties," parodies on the speaking style of the original Tom, featuring distorted adverbs. Examples might have included, "My favorite author is Memingway," said Tom earnestly, and "That was an interesting visit to the mausoleum," said Tom, cryptically.

It is good to report that Tom is back and is up to new tricks. He has graduated from medical school and is now Thomas Swift, M.D. He finds his stock of adverbs well adapted to his new profession. Here are a few "Dr. Tom Swifties":

"I am considering going into otology," said Dr. Tom, eerily.

"Madam, I believe you have lichen planus," said Dr. Tom, rashly.

"I believe you should have a proctoscopic examination," said Dr. Tom, assiduously.

"The angiogram showed on one atrium and one ventricle," said Dr. Tom, half-heartedly.

"Sir, I believe you should have a penile implant," said Dr. Tom, stiffly.

"You seem to have contracted scrapie," said Dr. Tom, sheepishly.

"Im sorry about the problem on the bottom of your foot," said Dr. Tom, callously.

"I am afraid your aorta is about to rupture," said Dr. Tom, archly.

"The right leg is 5 cm shorter than the left leg," concluded Dr. Tom, lamely.

"Should we consider removing the gluteus maximus muscles," asked Dr. Tom, endlessly.

"That was a terrible accident with the corn-shredder," said Dr. Tom, disarmingly.

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(Original text was by Robert B. Howard, M.D.)

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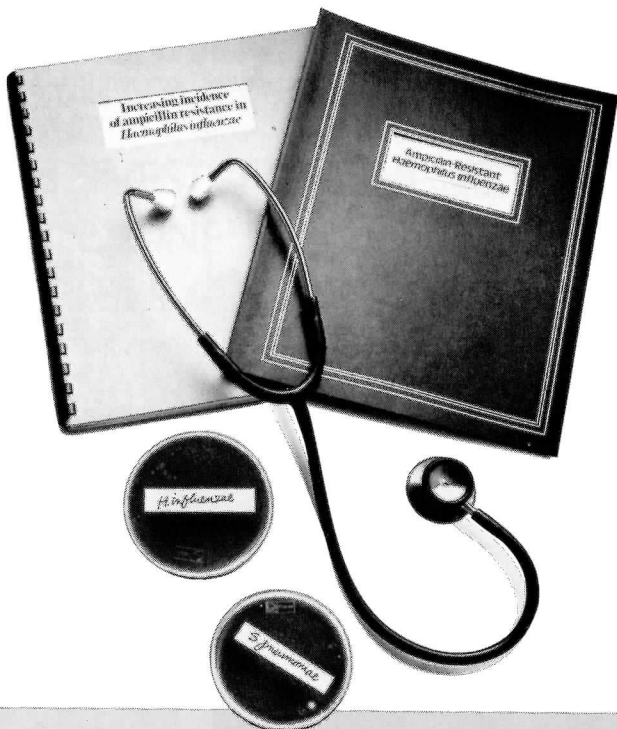


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