

Dietz on Science
NEW DEAL IN MEDICINE FOR U. S. NEEDED

Day of Exorbitant Fees Past, Assertion of Hospital Head.

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America needs a new deal in medicine, as well as in politics and economics.

That is the opinion of Dr. Willard C. Stoner, director of the medical division of St. Luke's hospital of Cleveland. He explained his views this week in an address at the annual meeting of the American Protestant Hospital Association in Milwaukee.

"The problem in America today is to see that every one has a chance to make a living, and an equal chance to keep alive," Dr. Stoner said.

"The day is past when a surgeon can, in a spirit of justice, collect a fee for surgical service that is exorbitant with the statement that 'I saved your life.'

Dr. Stoner does not believe that the blame for the present situation can be placed fairly upon any group. He believes that the processes of social evolution, rather than the conscious desires of practitioners, hospital executives or patients, has brought about the present situation.

Family Mobility Ended

"For example," he says, "the doctor seems to have less and less hold upon the patient. The mobility of the average modern American family has destroyed the close relationship formerly achieved by the old family doctor, with the result that when illness strikes, the patient has no idea where to turn for aid.

"Casting about, he usually is tempted toward the 'specialist,' who may or may not find the difficulty within his particular field. If not, the patient must spend additional money for diagnosis by another specialist, with a net result of unnecessary expenditure of both money and time in searching through the twenty-five recognized fields of specialization for that one dealing with his specific trouble."

Incomes Are Shrinking

But while the average man is finding the cost of medical service high, medical men are finding their incomes shrinking. Dr. Stoner points out that the average gross income for the 554,100 physicians registered in 1929 was \$5,300. Out of this, the physician had to spend about 40 per cent for office rent, office assistants, etc.

Most medical men had an income under \$5,300, the average figure being raised by the effect of a few very high incomes on the total average.

Dr. Stoner sums up the present situation as follows: "We find that in a period of enormous advance in medical knowledge and practice, large numbers of middle-class people actually in need of care are deterred from seeking it owing to the prohibitively high cost of obtaining it."

High Fees Encouraged

This hesitancy on the part of the public encourages the doctors and hospitals to charge high fees to make up for the lost volume upon whose fees the purchase of modern equipment and further training depends. Thus begins the vicious circle out of which thinking groups are endeavoring to lead medical practice."

Several plans have been tried to meet the situation. Health insurance is one. But the majority of middle class people find that accident and life insurance requires all the money they are able to spare for insurance purposes.

STATE JUNIOR C. OF C. CHOOSES INDIANAPOLIS

Local Members Select City for Convention Next Year.

The 1934 convention of the Indiana Junior Chamber of Commerce will be held in Indianapolis, members of the organization voted at the annual session now on in Evansville.

Robert B. Taylor, Evansville, will succeed Kenneth B. Benn, Marion, as president. William Shively, Ft. Wayne, was elected vice-president.

New directors for various state chapters include: Evansville, Robert C. Taylor and W. W. Lowe; Marion, K. B. Benn and Vern Powers; Ft. Wayne, William Shively and William Loggett; Indianapolis, Robert Kirby and Edward Green.

YOUNG PRESBYTERIANS MEET AT STATE PARK

Indianapolis Group Hears Discussion of Youth Budget Plan.

Young People's League of the Indianapolis Presbytery held its first annual conference at McCormick's Creek state park near Spencer on Saturday and Sunday.

The conference chose for its topic, "A Youth Budget." Mrs. Norman Green and Miss Mildred Clark spoke on "Benevolence," and Dr. W. L. Pearcey spoke on the success of the youth budget plan at his church in Evansville.

Dr. Elliot Porter of Hanover college gave an address on "The Meaning of Jesus." Dr. R. J. McLandress of Indianapolis and the Rev. Anthony Meengs of Franklin also spoke.

Southport Presbyterian Church Prepares for Centennial Program



Miss Ruth Pickhardt



Mrs. Olive D. Kortepeter



Mrs. Inez Askin List



O. W. Pickhardt



William B. Miles



Dudley D. Davis

Four-Day Observance Will Be Started Thursday With Neighbors' Night.

Centennial of the founding of the Southport Presbyterian church will be observed in a four-day program to open at 7 Thursday night.

Oldest member of the church is William B. Miles, 94, who has been a member sixty-six years. He is shown in his uniform as a soldier in the Civil war.

Musical portion of the program is charge of O. W. Pickhardt. A history of the church has been written by Dudley D. Davis.

In charge of young people's part in the program is Miss Ruth Pickhardt. Mrs. Olive D. Kortepeter is pageant chairman, and Mrs. Irene Askin List has a leading part in a centennial prologue.

The program Thursday night will be in observance of "Neighbors' Night" with "The Church and the Community" as the theme. The centennial prologue will be presented. Howard C. Smith will be general chairman.

"A Night of Pageantry" describes the Friday night program. A pageant, "America's Unfinished Battalions," will be presented.

The centennial banquet and a young people's program will be features Saturday night.

The closing day Sunday has been set apart as "A Day of Consecration, Reunion, Memory and Music. The program will open with a consecration service at 9:30. There will be a home-coming dinner at noon followed by dedication of a centennial memorial tablet. The night program will be a centennial concert.

U. S. LABOR BOARD TO FORCE STRIKE TERMS

Tailoring Firm Officials Face Questioning in Code Delay.

By Scripps-Howard Newspaper Alliance

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18.—Senators

Robert F. Wagner, chairman of the national labor board, took personal charge today of a New Jersey strike involving the chairman of the state NRA board, J. Lester Elsner, whose company receives government contracts for manufacturing army uniforms.

Summoned today representatives of the Sigmund Eisner Company of Red Bank, N. J., to force them to come to terms with striking workers, four of whom were arrested for picketing. The cases involve unionization and the right to picket.

Wagner was prepared to talk sternly to the company representatives because of their delay in settling the strike and because of the methods employed in combating the Amalgamated Clothing Workers' attempt to unionize the plant.

He is to be announced.

4:15—Characterists (NBC).

4:30—Amos 'n' Andy (NBC).

5:15—Joe Emerson and orchestra.

5:45—Lum & Abner (NBC).

6:30—Deacons Black & Blue.

6:45—Helen Nugent & Joe Brattain orchestra.

10:00—WLB (WEAF)—Hollywood on the Air (WEAF).

10:30—Terrace Gardens orchestra (WEAF).

11:00—Sign off.

WKBF (1400) Indianapolis

(Indianaans Power and Light Company)

MONDAY

5:00—Drakes drums (WEAF).

4:45—News flashes.

5:00—Dinner melodeon (WJZ).

5:30—Manhattan serenaders (CBS).

7:00—Radio talk (CBS).

7:30—Theater of Today (CBS).

8:00—Lester Melodeon (CBS).

8:45—Columbus symphony (CBS).

9:00—Lester Melodeon (CBS).

10:00—Lester Melodeon (CBS).

11:45—Midwest Myths (WJZ).

12:30—Sign off.

TONIGHT'S Radio Tour

NETWORK OFFERINGS

MONDAY

7:00—Viennese ensemble (NBC) WEAF.

7:30—Hilmer's ensemble (NBC) WEAF.

8:00—Milt W. Eastman's orchestra (WABC).

8:30—Gustave Hoenschen's orchestra, OH.

9:00—Milt & Arden, piano duo (WABC).

9:30—Potash & Perlmutter (NBC).

10:30—Serenade, Virginia Marucci orchestra (WABC).

11:30—Lotus Garden orchestra (NBC).

12:30—Mooch River.

A.M.—Potash & Perlmutter (NBC).

12:30—Walkathon orchestra.

12:45—Johanna Grosse, organist.

1:00—Sign off.

LAW SCROLL GIVEN TO CONGREGATION

Merchant Donor to Jewish Group on South Side.

Haianan Barrett, merchant and pioneer member of the Jewish community, Sunday present "Sefer Torah, a scroll of the law containing the entire five books of Moses, to the Congregation Sharah Tefilla. The scroll was dedicated with impressive ceremonies.

The presentation was made at the synagogues, Meridian and Merrill streets, following a parade on Meridian street from Norwood street to the synagogues.

The scroll, incased in a brilliant covering and fitted with silver mounting, is hand painted with special ink, a quill pen on sheets of parchment, with the sheets sewn together and fitted to the silver standards.

The scroll was carried in the parade beneath a canopy, by Morris B. Bernstein, president of the congregation. Following the ceremony, a special alphabet was filled in with initials of all members of the congregation.

A water-hose of sparkling dance tunes will be presented by Freddie Rich and his Manhattan Serenaders in a broadcast of current Broadway melodies, Monday from 6:30 to 6:45 p. m., over WFBM and the Columbia network.

4:45—Lester Melodeon (WJZ).

4:45—Arnold & Amber (WEAF).

4:45—Soloists (WJZ).

7:15—To be announced.

7:30—Columbus Country romance (WEAF).

8:00—Hollow glass (WJZ).

8:00—Blindfold orchestra (WEAF).

8:45—Columbus—Barlow and Columbia Sinfonia orchestra.

10:00—NBC (WEAF)—Hollywood on the air (WEAF).

11:00—Sign off.

Fishing the Air

The Happy Bakers' new tapestry of music, featuring Harriet Lee, popular conductor of the radio orchestra, and Phil Donaldson, the orchestra's pianist, will present the melodic threads of twelve songs from WFBM and the Columbia network from 6 to 6:15 p. m.

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