

House Call

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FROM THE MHC ARCHIVES:



Colored postcard of Ohio State School for the Blind, c.1920

THE MHC MISSION:

The Medical Heritage Center preserves, promotes, teaches and celebrates the health care legacy of central Ohio as the essential foundation from which the future of the health sciences are born.

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Library of Medicine Consortium

Note from the Curator

by Judith Wiener, MA, MLIS

Fall brought many exciting developments to the Medical Heritage Center. The staff offices moved back into Prior Hall in September and our collections are slated to be moved back onto the fifth floor by the end of January. This coincides with the completion of the two-floor academic expansion of the building.

The MHC hosted two fall events in October. The first annual Medical Heritage Lecture was held this year in honor of Dr. Paul Metzger, a founding member of the MHC Advisory Committee and pillar of the physician community in central Ohio. The lecture discussed the past, present and future of evidence-based medicine. Moderated by Stephanie Schulte, MLIS, the panel featured Patricia Temple Gabbe, MD, MPH, John Davis, PhD, MD, and Susan Bejciy-Spring, BSN, MS. Later in the month, the MHC co-hosted the 9th annual John C. Burnham Lecture in Medical/Science History. This year's event featured Keith Wailoo, PhD, the Townsend Martin Professor of History and Public Affairs at Princeton University. His lecture, "Between Liberal Medicine and Conservative Care: The History and Politics of Pain Relief in America," was met enthusiastically by a cross-disciplinary audience.

We have also embarked upon a project to digitize our extensive subject and biographical file collection. These files contain images covering a wide array of topics in local, national and international health sciences history and are among our most-used and requested materials. Look for more in the months to come about the other exciting digital projects taking place at the MHC!



The biographical and subject file collection contains a wealth of information on ranging topics, such as the Starling Loving Hall gargoyles.

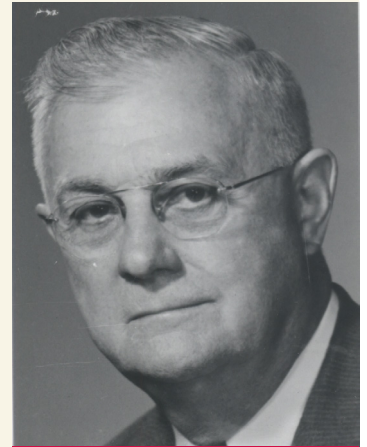
A Pediatric Vignette: Kids are Goats

by Frank Stroebel, MD

In 1941, Earl Hayes Baxter became the first Chairman of the Department of Pediatrics of The Ohio State University College of Medicine. Dr. Baxter was born and raised on a farm near Mount Vernon, Ohio. As a founding member of the American Academy of Pediatrics, a professional organization dedicated to the health of all children, he was a local pioneer in pursuing recognition for Pediatrics as a discipline separate from Internal Medicine.

The University of Cincinnati had already established its department in 1925. Up to that time, the needs of adults superseded the interests of children in administrators' thinking. With the idea that "children are not little adults," attributed to pioneering pediatric surgeon Willis O. Potts, Pediatrics was beginning to come into its own. Baxter gave a series of lectures entitled "Introduction to Pediatrics" during spring quarter of our sophomore year. He began the lecture with this opening statement:

"Kids are Goats!" He would go on to impress on us that a child, sick or well, deserves our respect and full attention. He or she should be referred to appropriately as children, child, or by their name. He was trying to do away with the term "kids" or "the kid" in our thinking. It still hurts my ears to hear "the kid this, the kid that."



Dr. Earl Baxter

Collection Highlight: Homeopathic Hospital

by Kristin Rodgers, MLIS

Homeopathy, a form of what is now called alternative medicine, attempts to treat patients with heavily diluted preparations. The first homeopathic schools in the United States opened in 1830. By 1900, there were 22 U.S. homeopathic colleges and 15,000 practitioners. From its inception, however, homeopathy was criticized by mainstream science and the last school in the United States exclusively teaching homeopathy closed in 1920.



The Ohio State University had a College of Homeopathic Medicine. It was in operation from 1914 to 1922. The Homeopathic Hospital, which stood on the corner of 10th and Neil Avenues (the present location of Newton Hall), originally served as a dormitory and was converted to clinical use as the Hospital in 1914. This was the first hospital on campus and by 1921 there had been a total of 20,000 bed days with over 3,800 outpatients and 1,800 inpatients served by this facility. The Hospital was staffed by nurses with Jessie Harrod as chief nurse and additional staff consisting of an assistant at night, a teacher of surgical nursing, a house physician and eight student nurses. Starling Loving University Hospital

(now known as Starling Loving Hall) was built in 1917 to replace the Homeopathic Hospital. In 1922, after the University Board of Trustees voted to stop operating two colleges of medicine and the College of Homeopathic Medicine was discontinued, Starling Loving University Hospital served as the main hospital on campus. The Homeopathic Hospital on the corner of 10th and Neil served as Children's Hospital.

Giving to the MHC

Giving to the MHC, whether through material donations or financially, is easy and serves to further the Center's goals of preserving, promoting, teaching and celebrating the health care legacy of central Ohio as the essential foundation from which the future of the health sciences are born.

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