

# The Cabell County Medical Society

Huntington, West Virginia

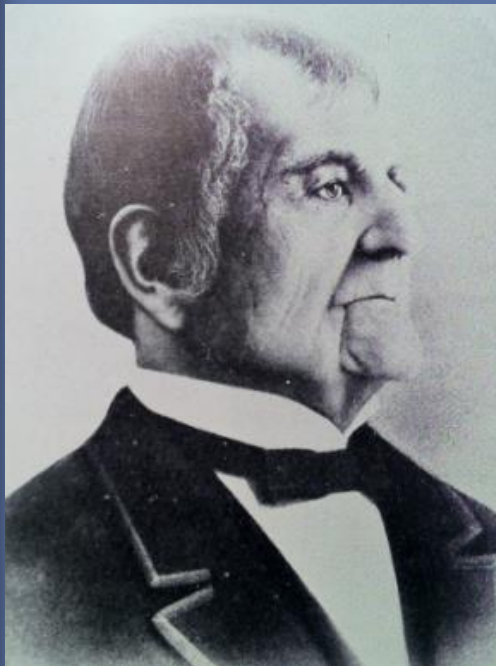
Founded 1903

Huntington Medical  
Society

Founded 1891

# Official Call: February 28, 1867

To all the members of the legitimate profession in West Virginia



*Gentlemen, as a means of elevating the standard of Practical Medicine and Surgery in West Virginia – and to render quackery odious, as it deserves,*

*the want of State Medical Organization is severely felt by all true cultivators of our noble science within the limits of the state.*

*William Jourdan Bates, M.D.*

University of Pennsylvania, 1835  
Guy's Hospital, London,  
L'Hospital de la Charite, Paris, 1837  
City Dispensary, Wheeling, WV

WEST VIRGINIA  
**State  
Medical  
Association**

The logo features a white caduceus (a staff with two snakes entwined and wings at the top) on a red background.

Past Presidents of the WVSMA 1867-1942  
Norma Hogshead, Editor, July 1942; p. ix

# Empathetic Clinician

- ◆ *For over half a century, Dr. Bates devoted himself to his profession and when the end came on January 14, 1892...*



*...he was at the bedside of a patient rendering his last professional service.*

# The Typical Practitioner

- ◆ *Dr. Buffington, a son of the first mayor of Huntington, exemplified the noblest qualities of the typical practitioner at the close of the last century.*



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# Empathetic Clinician

- ◆ *One doctor said of him that Buffington's mere presence in the sick room was oftentimes more effective than the medicine he prescribed.*
- ◆ *There were still other physicians with qualities of heart and mind who brought hope and consolation to many a distraught family.*



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# Medical Topics: 1891-1892

- ◆ Bronchial affections
- ◆ Tuberculous meningitis
- ◆ Hepatic affections
- ◆ Uric acid diatheses
- ◆ Bright's Disease
- ◆ Suppurating glands (Scarlet Fever)
- ◆ Puerperal convulsions
- ◆ Instrumental labor





**The Cabell Court decided not to pay more than \$2 for examination on a warrant for lunacy.**

**Unanimous motion that members do not serve on Commission of Lunacy for less than \$8.**

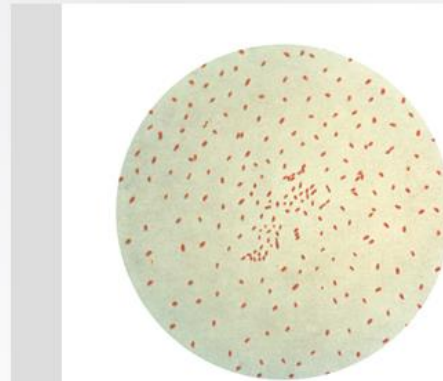
Trans-Allegheny Lunatic Asylum, Weston, WV

May 19, 1891

# Purpura Hemorrhagica

Probably due to Whooping Cough with a fever of 102 degrees

Dr. LeSage - March 18, 1893

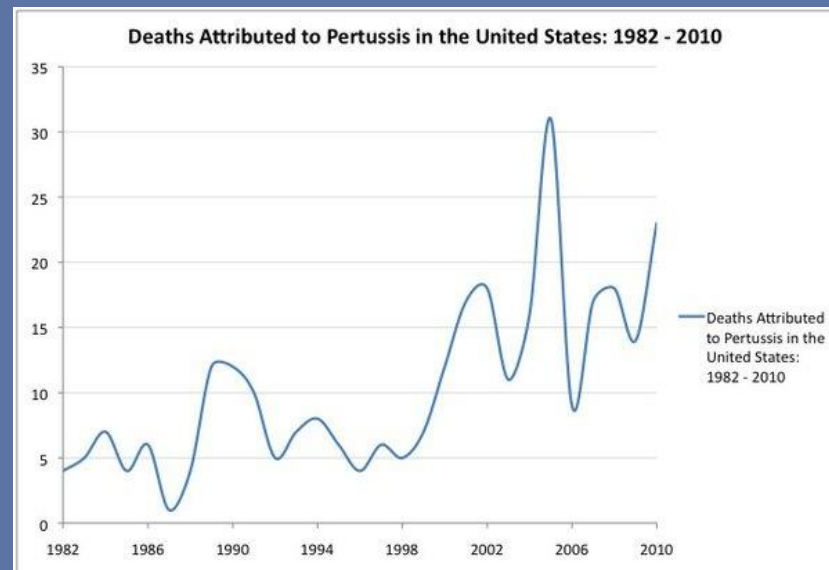


1906

## Whooping Cough: Bacteria Isolated

Belgian scientists Jules Bordet (1870-1961) and Octave Gengou (1875-1957) isolated the bacterium *Bordetella pertussis*, the causative agent of pertussis (whooping cough), which they had first observed in 1900. It would later also come to be known as the Bordet-Gengou bacillus.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
*Bordetella pertussis* bacteria





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January 3, 1893

# Endorses Dr. J.C. Culbertson

The Cincinnati Lancet Clinic – November 7, 1893

## The Amick Business.

At a meeting of the Marion County Medical Society, Indianapolis, Ind., held January 2, Dr. Brayton presented the following resolutions adopted by the Philadelphia County Medical Society, October 28, 1893, which were adopted unanimously by the Society:

WHEREAS, Dr. James E. Reeves, of Chattanooga, having denounced the so-called "Amick Cure" for consumption as a quack nostrum and stated that its proprietor was not a physician in good and regular standing, was accused of criminal libel; and whereas, the grand jury has ignored the indictment brought against him; be it

*Resolved*, That the Marion County Medical Society congratulates Dr. Reeves on his bravery, a bravery unfortunately too rare at

*Resolved*, That no person who makes, deals in, or advertises as a cure a quack nostrum—that is to say, a preparation the composition of which is kept secret—can be termed a physician in good and regular standing, because such action is *ipse facto* sufficient to cause forfeiture of membership in this or any other county medical society governed by the laws of the American Medical Association.

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions, duly attested with the signature of the president and secretary and with the seal of the society, be forwarded to Dr. Reeves, and that they be handed to the press for publication.

One advantage of the above resolutions, aside from the vindication of Dr. Reeves, is that they define from one of the highest sources the nature of a nostrum, "a preparation the composition of which is kept a secret." To deal in or advertise such preparations as cures is sufficient to cause forfeiture of membership in any society governed by the laws of the American Medical Association.



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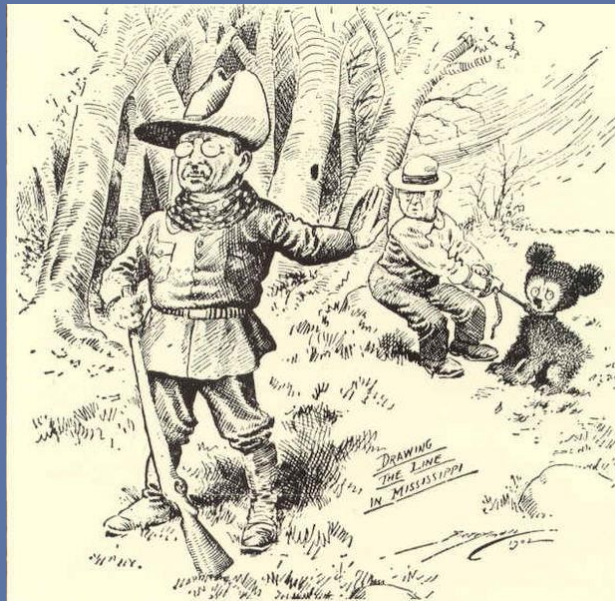
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# Fast Forward to 1903



# The need for change...



- ◆ Apathy plagued the Huntington Medical society for more than a decade prior to the founding of the Cabell County Medical Society.
- ◆ A number of doctors would promise to read papers at the bimonthly meetings and yet they would fail to show up at the appointed hour..

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# Appalling indifference of members

- ◆ Now what am I to do to get them to deliver the goods? There have been times in the last few years when I felt determined to resign as secretary and let the society get along as best it can.
- ◆ All of them are apathetic...I am anxious to get some help in keeping our society alive.



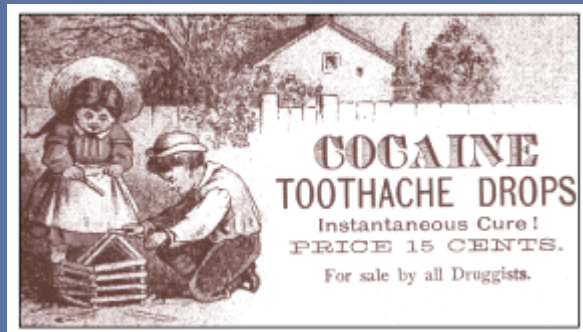
**Dr. James R. Bloss, Secretary**

# Dr. Thomas R. Evans Request

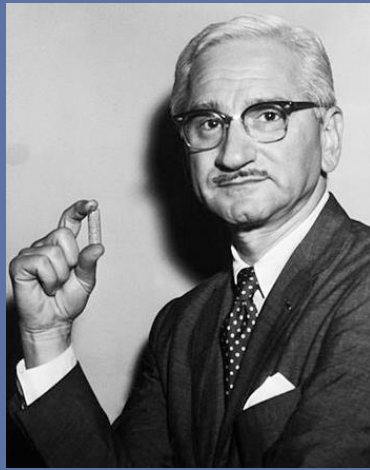
## Vote of Confidence

Under indictment for violation of the Harrison Narcotic law  
Feb. 28, 1919

- ◆ Doctors may not prescribe maintenance supplies of narcotics to people addicted to narcotics
- ◆ Illegal for doctors to prescribe opioids for the purposes of maintaining an addiction
- ◆ Does not prohibit doctors from prescribing narcotics to wean a patient off of the drug



# Famous Speakers



- ◆ Dr. Gang introduced the Speaker of the evening, Dr. Albert Sabin of Cincinnati, an outstanding research investigator in poliomyelitis.
- ◆ The paper was discussed by Dr. Folsom, but due to the fact that it was necessary for Dr. Sabin to make train connections, the remainder of the discussion was cut somewhat short.

CCMS June 14, 1951 – James A. Heckman, MD, Secretary



- ◆ It might be added that there were six telephone calls per day on an average, classified as emergency calls, into the Kanawha County Medical Society emergency call system.
- ◆ Of that average, only two were approximately real emergencies and necessitated visitation by the physicians.
- ◆ Each physician is asked on a voluntary basis and the method which the Kanawha County system has devised is ingenious.

CCMS, April 6, 1952 - Sunday 9:30 AM – Daniel Boone Hotel, Charleston WV




**RESERVED  
PARKING  
DOCTOR ON CALL**



- ◆ After much discussion, Dr. John Stone made the motion that “it be recommended that the Society go on call in consecutive order, mandatory, to answer any emergency call and that all men up to the age of 55 be placed on call; those men over age 55 to volunteer for the call service.”
- ◆ The tour of duty was made from eight o’clock am until eight o’clock am.

CCMS, Sept. 4, 1952 - A.C. Esposito, MD, Secretary



**MAJOR DIFFERENCES IN THE PRESENT SOCIAL  
SECURITY LAW AND H. R. 7225 AS REPORTED  
BY THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

**RELATING TO**

**OLD-AGE AND SURVIVORS INSURANCE  
AND PUBLIC ASSISTANCE**

- ◆ Whereas, HR 7225 would be entering the wedge for the socialization of medicine and the medical profession...
- ◆ ...rushed through the House Ways and Means Committee without public hearings,
- ◆ ...passed by roll-call vote under a procedure suspending the rules, barring amendments, and limiting debate...

**CCMS, January 12, 1956**

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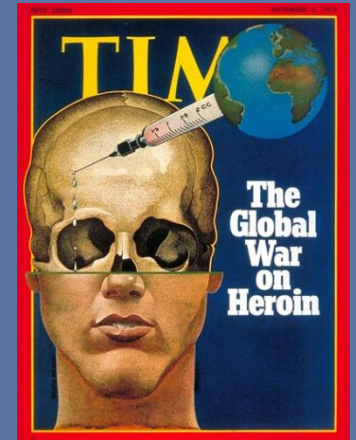
- ◆ Therefore, be it resolved by the CCMS that we urge upon the Congress...the necessity and the wisdom of the creation of a well qualified non-partisan commission... to make a thorough objective and impartial study of the economic, social, and political impact of social security, both medical and otherwise, upon the United States of America;
- ◆ Be it further resolved that copies of this resolution be sent to the President of the United States...

Motion by Dr. Francis A. Scott, seconded by Dr. Charles M. Polan  
CCMS, January 12, 1956



- ◆ The speaker for the evening was Mr. Oscar Simon, of the Baltimore Field Office of the Federal Food and Drug Administration.
- ◆ Mr. Simon spoke on “Drug Abuse in Our Changing Society” and showed a movie on the drug L.S.D.
- ◆ The meeting was adjourned at a late hour.

Jack Sheppe, MD, Secretary  
CCMS, April 11, 1968



DR. SAM BIERN SPOKE ON THE PROGRESS HE'S MAKING TO SECURE FEDERAL FUNDS FOR TREATMENT AND PREVENTION OF DRUG ADDICTION. HE URGED ALL LOCAL PHYSICIANS TO REPORT TO HIM CASES OF DRUG OVERDOSE, AS HE NEEDED THIS INFORMATION TO DEMONSTRATE SUCH A NEED IN THIS AREA.

CCMS - November 30, 1972



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Weather: Partly sunny, mild today; fair tonight. Clear, mild tomorrow. Temp. range: today 46-53; Monday 55-64. Full U.S. report on Page 74.

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## LYNDON JOHNSON, 36TH PRESIDENT, IS DEAD; WAS ARCHITECT OF 'GREAT SOCIETY' PROGRAM

### High Court Rules Abortions Legal the First 3 Months

#### State Bans Ruled Out Until Last 10 Weeks

National Guidelines Set by 7-to-2 Vote

By WARREN WEAVER Jr.  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 22 — The Supreme Court overruled today all state laws that prohibited abortion, as ordered by the Roman Catholic Church, as well as the ruling which barred abortion during the first three months of pregnancy. The vote was 7 to 2.

In a historic resolution of the reaction were Cardinal Cooke

#### Cardinals Shocked — Reaction Mixed

By LAWRENCE VAN GELDEREN  
Reaction to the Supreme Court decision on abortion fragmented yesterday among predictable lines, as leaders of the Roman Catholic Church as well as the ruling which barred abortion during the first three months of pregnancy. The vote was 7 to 2.

In the forefront of Catholic reaction were Cardinal Cooke

#### 3.7 MILLION CARS RECALLED BY G.M. TO CORRECT FLAW

Shields Will Be Installed to Prevent Entry of Gravel Into Steering System

By JERRY M. FLINT  
DETROIT, Jan. 22 — The General Motors Corporation recalled today 3.7 million 1971 and 1972 cars, its full-line Chevrolet, Pontiac, Buick and

#### KISSINGER IN PARIS, CEREMONIAL SITE CHOSEN FOR TALKS

Citizens Join Leaders in Voicing Sorrow and Paying Tribute

By ROBERT D. McARDEN  
Shock, sorrow and the sense of a historic trader lost were the recurring themes of public officials and private citizens across the nation last night as word spread that Lyndon Baines Johnson was dead.

From the White House and the halls of Congress where he had served, and in cities and towns across the land where he

#### NATION IS SHOCKED

Stricken at Home

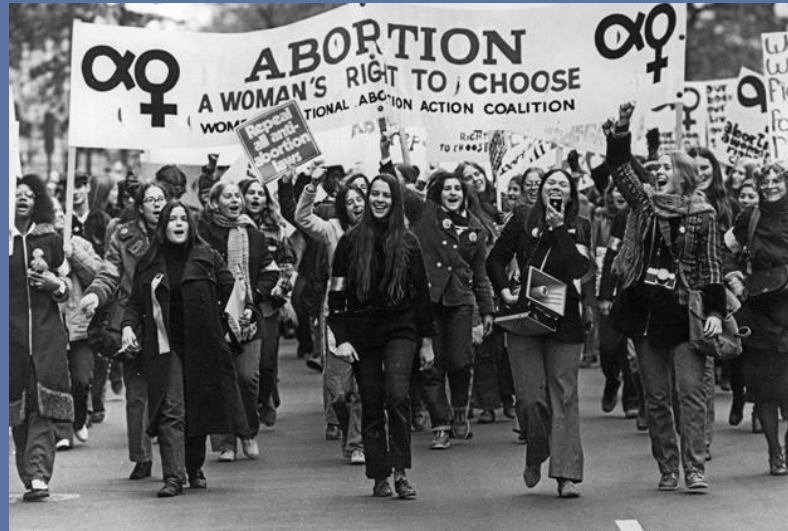
Apparent Heart Attack Comes as Country Mourns Truman

By ROBERT D. McARDEN  
SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Jan. 22 — Lyndon Baines Johnson, 36th President of the United States, died today of an apparent heart attack suffered as he rested in Johnson City, Tex.

The 64-year-old Mr. Johnson, whose history of heart illness began in 1955, was pronounced dead on arrival at 6:23 P.M. central time at San Antonio



- ◆ Whereas, the Supreme Court of the United States, in their historic ruling of January 22, 1973, virtually removed all restrictions from the performance of abortion on demand, and,
- ◆ Whereas, by their ruling they subjugated all rights of the unborn baby to those of the mother, and,
- ◆ Whereas, Physicians have had as their primary concern, and have indeed gone to great effort, to preserve life both before and after birth,...



- ◆ Resolved, that the CCMS, in regular meeting March 14, 1974, go on record as recommending that abortions be performed only for sound medical reason, and be it further...
- ◆ Resolved, that we recommend to all legislative bodies that laws should protect the rights of all physicians, hospitals, nurses and other medical personnel, for moral, ethical or other reasons, to refuse to participate in the performance of abortion, and be it further...
- ◆ Resolved, that these resolutions be released to the local news media and copies sent to our national legislators.



## Why Morgantown?

- ◆ Dr. Brown asked for the Secretary to read a letter from the Monongalia Medial Society, asking that the Cabell County Medical Society consider the vicinity of the University of West Virginia, located in Morgantown, as the site for the proposed four year medical college.
- ◆ Dr. Wilkerson then moved that the CCMS should go on record as approving... seconded from the floor.
- ◆ Dr. Sarah Louise Stevens spoke against Dr. Wilkinson's motion, and presented many reasons why the medical school should be located in Huntington.
- ◆ Dr. Wilkerson asked that his motion be withdrawn.





MARSHALL UNIVERSITY  
School of Medicine

1977

- ◆ Dr. Albert Esposito spoke about the progress for a medical school at Marshall. Dr. Esposito's hard work and obvious sincerity about this issue were acknowledged by everyone. His talk generated much enthusiasm and discussion.
- ◆ Dr. Charles McKown then introduced two resolutions:
  - The CCMS goes on record that it endorses and actively supports the efforts to establish a medical school at the Huntington Veteran's Administration Hospital and Marshall University
- ◆ The resolutions were both passed unanimously.

# Fast Forward...



CCMS – October 17, 2013