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Phases of Therapy Program Demonstrated—Reports Are Given

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F. T. Reed, vice-president, and W. B. Schiltges, treasurer, also were re-elected. Leo Kaminsky was elected secretary, succeeding W. B. Ward.

Directors are Bishop Titus Lowe, Dr. Guy O. Carpenter, Hugh McK. Landon, W. W. C. Hartinger, Mr. Kaminsky, Dr. George J. Garceau, Wilson Mothershead, Ray Holcomb, Myron McKee, Fred D. Leete, Jr., the Rev. E. L. Hutchens and Mrs. Hutchens, Charles A. Clark, Mr. Ward and Charles Jones.

The nominating committee comprised the Rev. Mr. Hutchens, Mr. Holcomb and Mr. Clark.

At program feature was a demonstration of phases of the newly developed occupational therapy program. Yearly reports were given by the Rev. Howard J. Lytle, executive secretary, and Mrs. Doris H. Lytle, director of social service.

DANCE TO BE BENEFIT FOR PARALYSIS FUND

One of the first activities celebrating the President's birthday will be held Saturday night at the Democratic Club, 4141 College avenue, at 8 o'clock. Junior members of the Bruce P. Robison Unit of the American Legion Auxiliary will sponsor a dance, the proceeds to be given to the infantile paralysis fund. The music will be provided by Steele's dance orchestra.

At 10 o'clock a floor show will be given featuring the S. S. S. vocal trio, consisting of Betty Scott, Shirley Williams and Betty Mills. Accordion solos will be given by Marion Scott and James Winkle; vocal numbers by Alice Andrews, accompanied by Dorothy Allbright. Miss Mable Risdon, president, has appointed the following committees: Tickets, the Misses Margaret Collman, Olive Buenaman, Helen Humphrey and Virginia Skidmore. Refreshments, the Misses Carolyn Gregory, Sarah Sertell. Favors, the Misses Betty McCammon, Marjorie Stewart, Eileen Harris and Sarah Asher. Reception, the Misses Mary C. Gardner, Virginia Richmond, Betty Hasselbring and Jean Marendt. Invitations have been extended to other junior groups, Sons of the Legion, and high school stu-

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community service chairman, has announced Monday as the next sewing day of the unit at James Whitcomb Riley Hospital for Children.

CHURCH TO HOLD ANNUAL FATHER AND SON DINNER

The annual father and son dinner will be held Friday evening in the dining room of the Tabernacle Presbyterian church.

Paul Hancock will be toastmaster and Governor Henry F. Schricker will speak.

Awards will be given for the youngest son and dad and the oldest son and dad present. Football letters will be presented by Le Roy E. Allen, director of recreation, to the following boys: John Mitchell, Paul O'Bryan, Bud Speake, Bill Byram, Ralph Waddington, Tom Miller, Byram Breedlove, Marshall Williams, Jim Lamb, Ralph Wooden, Virgil Moore, James Rice, Reid Rice, Charles Marlowe, Ed Gasper and Joe Hampson.

THE WEATHER

United States Weather Bureau.
Indianapolis, Jan. 23, 1941.

—Temperature—

Year Ago.	Today.
6 a. m. 19	6 a. m. 32
1 p. m. 24	1 p. m. 32

—Barometer Today—

6:30 a. m.	30.22
1 p. m.	30.23

Indiana Forecast on Page 1.
Illinois—Occasional snow, mostly light, except rain or snow in extreme south tonight and Friday; not much change in temperature.
Lower Michigan—Mostly cloudy, light local snows, somewhat colder tonight; Friday light snow.
Ohio—Snow in north and snow or freezing rain in south tonight and Friday; slightly colder tonight.
Kentucky—Rain in south and freezing rain or snow in north tonight and Friday; colder tonight and Friday.

Precipitation for twenty-four hours ending at 7 a. m., .20 of an inch. Total precipitation since January 1, 1.27 inches. Deficiency, 1.11 inches.

—Weather in Other Cities—
The following table shows the state of weather in other cities at 6:30 a. m.:

Station.	Weather.	Bar.	Temp.
Amarillo, Tex.	Clear	29.88	24
Bismarck, N. D.	Cloudy	30.40	2
Boston, Mass.	PtCldy	29.84	43
Chicago, Ill.	Cloudy	30.32	24
Cincinnati, O.	Cloudy	30.21	35
Cleveland, O.	Cloudy	30.22	30
Denver, Colo.	Cloudy	29.97	25
Dodge City, Kas.	Cloudy	30.05	24
Kansas City, Mo.	Cloudy	30.17	28
Little Rock, Ark.	PtCldy	30.14	40
Los Angeles, Cal.	PtCldy	30.06	50
Miami, Fla.	PtCldy	30.16	70
Mobile, Ala.	Foggy	30.14	55
New Orleans, La.	Cloudy	30.11	55
New York, N. Y.	PtCldy	29.97	47
Okla. City, Okla.	Cloudy	30.00	37
Omaha, Neb.	Cloudy	30.30	17
Pittsburgh, Pa.	Cloudy	30.14	32
Portland, Ore.	Cloudy	29.82	39
San Antonio, Tex.	Cloudy	29.84	62
San Francisco, Cal.	Cloudy	29.92	51
St. Louis, Mo.	Cloudy	30.21	32
Tampa, Fla.	Cloudy	30.18	59
Washington, D. C.	PtCldy	30.06	42

J. H. ARMINGTON, Meteorologist.

Hourly Temperature.

6 a. m.	32
7 a. m.	32
8 a. m.	31
9 a. m.	31
10 a. m.	30
11 a. m.	32
12 noon	32
1 p. m.	32
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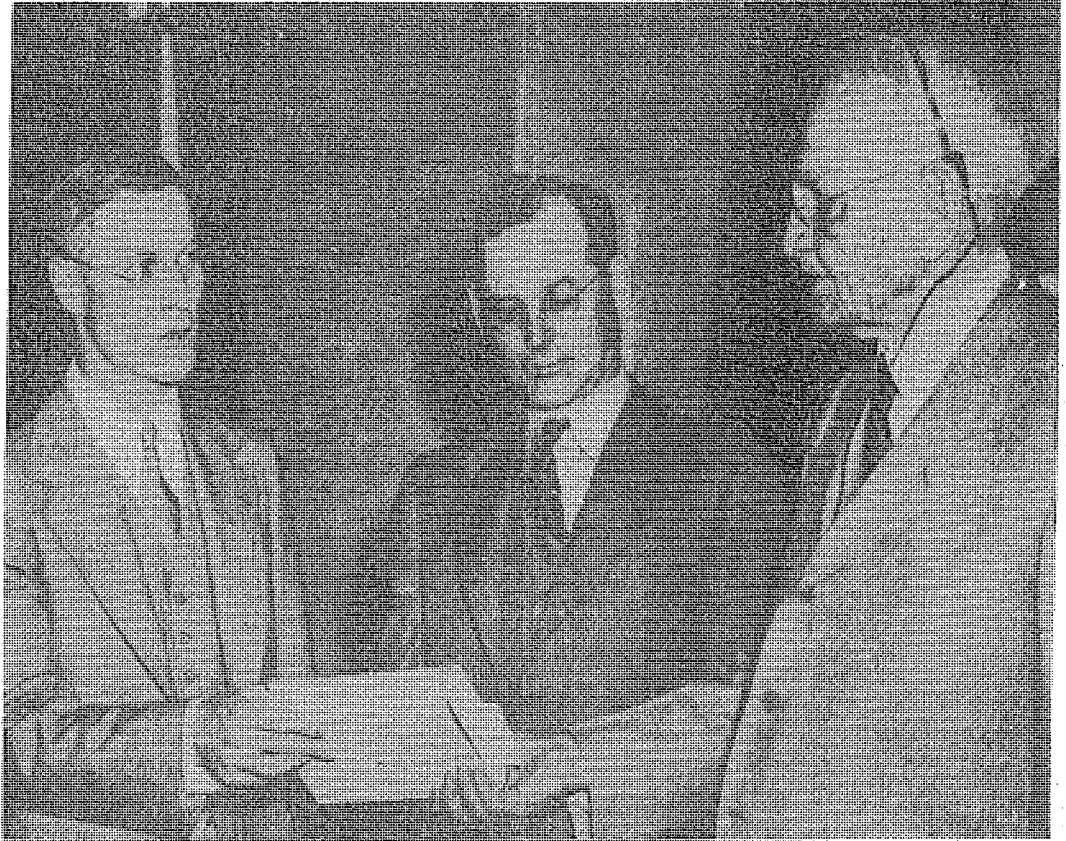
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MESSENGER BOY ROBBED

A colored bandit chose a telegraph messenger boy for a victim Wednesday night.

Paul Henry, age nineteen, 1314 East Raymond street, was robbed of five telegrams, a money order for \$10 and a flashlight by the bandit as he rode a bicycle in the 1300 block in West Sixteenth street. The bandit ordered the youth to stop, but apparently had no weapon.

Dr. Wishard Gave Volume to Hospital



Dr. William N. Wishard Sr. (right), 89-year-old internationally known Indianapolis physician and surgeon, who died last night in his home, 2050 North Delaware street, made his last public appearance May 13, 1940, when he presented

the first volume to the then new City Hospital medical library. Dr. Frederick Taylor (left) chief of the hospital staff, accepted the volume as Dr. Charles W. Myers (center), hospital superintendent, looked on.

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Medical School to Honor Dr. William N. Wishard

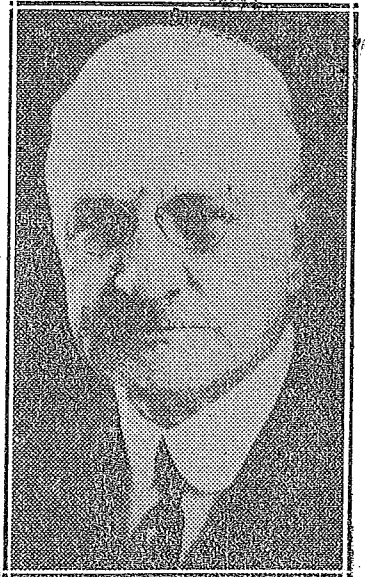
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Senior Class Giving Dinner for Veteran Physician at Hospital.

Honoring Dr. William N. Wishard, who was graduated sixty years ago from the Indiana university school of medicine, the senior class of the medical school will give a dinner tonight in the Riley hospital. Prominent physicians who have been associated with Dr. Wishard in student and professional life will be guests, in addition to officials of Indiana university.

Much of Dr. Wishard's sixty years of service have been in public and institutional work. He was superintendent of the city hospital in 1879, when there was no general hospital in the entire state. He was instrumental in launching a movement, through the Flower Mission at the Old Plymouth Congregational church, to provide a women's and children's hospital and a course of training for nurses.

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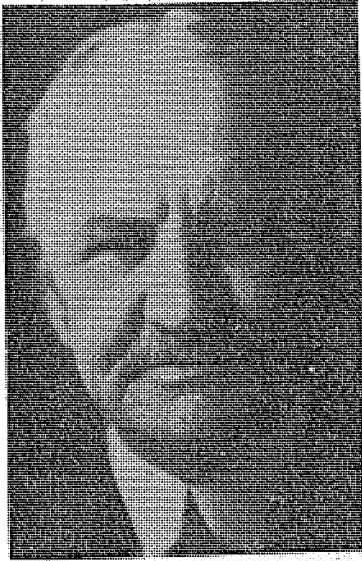
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(Bretzman Photo.)



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He was a member of medical organizations in this and other countries and held honorary degrees from five universities and colleges. He had been critically ill since Sunday.

Practiced First In 1874.

Dr. Wishard began the practice of medicine in 1874 in Southport. He obtained his premedical education in the Southport schools and Wabash College. He was graduated from the Indiana Medical College in 1874 and Miami Medical College, now a part of the University of Cincinnati, in 1876. He came to Indianapolis in the latter year.

He began his public service in 1876 as a deputy coroner. In 1879, he became superintendent of the City Hospital and served in that capacity until 1887. He made the original plans of the new hospital which was completed in 1885.

With the co-operation of the Flower Mission, he established the first training school for nurses in Indiana in Indianapolis. It was the second school for the training of nurses which had been organized west of the Alleghenies.

When Dr. Wishard retired as superintendent of the hospital, he continued for many years as a member of the attending staff of surgeons. Later he became a member of the consulting staff.

Dr. Wishard served as president of the Mississippi Valley Medical Association, the Indiana State Medical Association, the Indianapolis Medical Society, the American Urological Society and the State Board of Health.

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Served State Association.

Following his retirement from active legislative work, Dr. Wishard induced the State Medical Association to establish its bureau of publicity, which supplies medical news for more than 300 newspapers in Indiana and surrounding states. He was chairman of the committee which had charge of the bureau since its inception 18 years ago. He served 42 years on these two important committees of the association. He became a member of the association in 1875.

Dr. Wishard had spent much time abroad and did post-graduate work in New York, Berlin and London. His honorary degrees included an A.M. from Wabash College in 1890; an LL.D. from the College of Wooster, O., in 1919, and LL.D. from Indiana University in 1924; a Sc.D. from DePauw University in 1929 and an Sc.D. from Hanover College in 1933.

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"Grand Old Man"

Dr. Wishard, long known as "the grand old man" of Indiana medicine, was honored on the anniversary of his graduation from medical school by the senior class of the Indiana University school of medicine in 1934. Scores of eminent physicians who had been associated with him as students, in

practice or as specialists in the genito-urinary field, attended.

He also was honored in 1936 by Phi Rho Sigma, national medical fraternity, at a banquet here.

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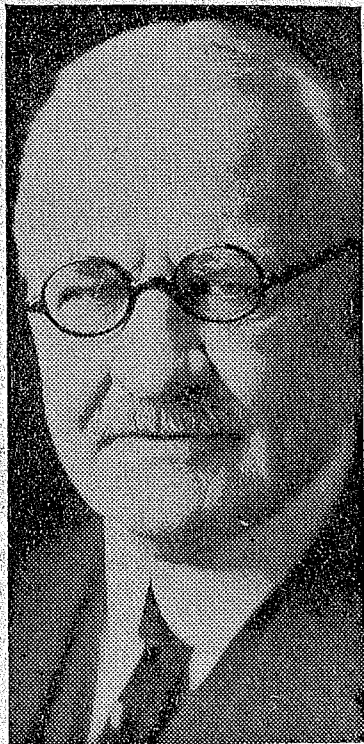
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As a boy Dr. Wishard attended the public schools, spent a year in a private school at Tecumseh, Mich., and finished his high school course

at home. He was afflicted with a kidney stone, which had to be repeated daily. The man died. Post-mortem examination revealed a growth, which might easily have been moved. Dr. Wishard realized patient's life might have been saved and he immediately began an intensive study of such cases. His great knowledge of urology developed from this incident.

He later took post-graduate work at the New York Post-Graduate Medical School and Hospital and at the New York Polyclinic and Chicago Polyclinic and became a private pupil of some of the noted medical men connected with these institutions. In June, 1890, he went to Berlin to attend the International Medical Congress. While in Europe he visited the hospitals of Berlin and Vienna and attended clinics in the prominent hospitals in London. He made subsequent trips to European hospitals, acquiring additional technical knowledge and developing greater skill. He later devised improvement of certain important instruments for cauterization and visualization of operative areas.

Obtains New Building.

While superintendent of City Hospital, he obtained the erection of a new building, which was completed in April, 1883, and two additional wings in 1884 and 1885. He later was elected professor of genito-urinary surgery in the old Medical College of Indiana. He had served on the consulting staffs of St. Vincent's Hospital, the old Deaconess Hospital, the Methodist Hospital, the old Bobbs Dispensary and the Indianapolis City Dispensary. Since 1910 the greater part of his operative work had been done at the Methodist Hospital.

For twenty-four years he was chairman of the committee on public policy and legislation of the Indiana State Medical Association. In that capacity he wrote the law governing the practice of medicine as enacted by the legislature in 1897, and which remains unchanged except for some minor amendments. He was a member and former president of the Marion County Medical Society and the Indiana State Medical Association. He also was a member of the American Medical Association, the American Association of Genito-Urinary Surgeons, the American Urological Association and the Mississippi Valley Medical Association and had been president of the last two organizations.

He was first vice-president of the American Medical Association in 1919, was a member of the Indiana state board of health from 1900 to 1912 and its president at the time he resigned from the board. In 1906 he was chosen as a member of the National Urological Society of France.

Dr. Wishard was married in May, 1880 to Miss Alice M. Woollen, daughter of the late William Wesley and Sarah Woollen. Mrs. Wishard died in December of that year. In June, 1896, Dr. Wishard married Miss Frances C. Scoville, of Evansville. To them five children were born, three dying in infancy.

Survivors are the widow and two sons, Dr. William N. Wishard, Jr., who followed the example of his father and grandfather in adopting the profession of medicine and surgery, and Charles Scoville Wishard, who is pastor of a Presbyterian church