

OLD BROOM

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The new broom that swept into editorial service with the *Bulletin* January a year ago has been considerably worn down by now. Nevertheless, older, battered and frayed, it is preparing grimly for another year of duty.

Somehow during 1962, twelve more issues appeared more or less on schedule, and this month finds the *Bulletin* embarking on its tenth year. Not all of last year's efforts were top notch, but a few of the issues did turn out to be entertaining. The steady support of ex-president, Jim Rhea, and the two Pathology Departments has been most gratifying. The CPCs along with the writings of the editorial staff members and other interested contributors have been of great help in keeping the pages filled. Barbara Walden has done her usual fine job as executive secretary and general wheel turner, and her added effort among the advertisers has kept us solvent through another twelve months.

Some changes in the format and make up of the *Bulletin* were made during the year, which we hope have improved its appearance and readability. A few more of minor nature may still be desirable.

Since the size of any issue is limited, not only by the amount of material available as copy but primarily by the hard facts of finance, we urge all county society members who are able to help in the procurement of additional advertising revenue. Unofficially we would also recommend that the society at large consider a fixed yearly contribution from its hoarded savings to the *Bulletin* account in order to allow for greater leeway in the number of pages and the printing of an occasional picture or two.

There has been a deficiency in the field of local medical news and events that we hope to remedy by including monthly reports from the local hospitals and from the Public Health Department. We think too that some regular coverage of medical activities at Fort Benning and Martin Army Hospital would be a welcome and useful addition.

The "Doctors' Lounge" section needs an infusion of new contributors to make it what it was originally planned to be—a forum for discussion and a letter and answer section, as well as a repository for extra editorializing, observations, anecdotes and tired jokes.

So, it does look as if there is more work ahead. Overall the job has been a stimulating one so far, and we can only hope that the broom straws will last for another year.