Adalbert G. Bettman Papers, 1932-1935

Overview of the Collection

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Historical Note

Dr. Adalbert G. Bettman was born March 28, 1883, in Eugene, Oregon. He became a registered pharmacist, in both Oregon and Washington, at the age of nineteen, and later attended the University
of Oregon Medical School, graduating in 1907. He was a staff member at many Portland hospitals, including Good Samaritan, Saint Vincent’s, Multnomah County Hospital, Physicians and Surgeons, and Doernbecher Children’s Hospital.

His interest in plastic surgery dated back to 1912, and he served as a plastic surgeon at Shriner’s Hospital for Children, was a clinical associate in surgery at the Medical School, as well as maintaining a private practice in plastic surgery. For many years he was the only plastic surgeon west of St. Louis.

Dr. Bettman is best known for his many articles on plastic surgery and the treatment of burns; he developed the tannic acid-silver nitrate burn therapy. He also promoted the use of Chinosol (oxyquinolone sulphate) impregnated gauze in an article titled, “A Simpler Technic for Promoting Epithelialization and Protecting Skin Grafts,” published in the Journal of the American Medical Association, December, 1931. The advent of the new technique elicited correspondence and reports of positive results from physicians around the country and in Europe, who tried his innovative methods. Aside from his medical articles, he wrote a book of short stories, How It Happened, published in 1931.

Dr. Bettman was a life member of the American Medical Association, a Diplomate of the American Board of Plastic Surgeons, a member of the Multnomah County Medical Society and the Oregon Medical Society, and belonged to many various professional and lay societies, including B’nai B’rith and the Royal Rosarians.

He was one of the organizing founders, in 1913, of the Alumni Association of the University of Oregon Medical School. He helped organize the Library at the Medical School.

Bettman was involved with establishing the first Blood Bank in Portland (with the assistance of the Royal Rosarians) in 1942. He was awarded the patent for the first sanitary (spoonless) sugar dispenser in 1914.

In 1921, Dr. Bettman married Hermine Loewy of San Francisco; she died in 1949. They had no children. Dr. Bettman died August 17, 1964, leaving numerous bequests, not only to his brother and family, secretary, and nurse, but also to many Portland area hospitals and institutions including the Congregation Beth Israel, the Robison Jewish Home, the Crippled Children’s Division, and the Oregon Historical Society. He also established an education foundation, which left $1000 scholarships to each of fifty-eight children and grandchildren of friends and relatives.

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Administrative Information

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Location of Collection
Archives, Old Library, Room 440

Preservation Note
No special equipment is needed to access the materials

Acquisition Information
The accordion file of documents, photograph album, and green cloth scrapbook were all stored in a single box with brown paper wrapping, with a mailing label on which was written: University of Oregon, Medical School Library, Portland 1, OR: For: A. B. Bettman, M.D. The materials had been stored in the Archives storage room for many years before being processed. No other details of acquisition were known at time of processing. The OHSU Special Collections staff processed the collection September 2001-February 2002.

Detailed Description of the Collection

B1 - Correspondence, Pamphlets and Documents

Description

F1A - Northwest Medicine, American College Surgeons, Journal, AMA. From accordion file with four handmade cardboard dividers.

Bettman to the editor, American Journal of Surgery, re clearing the use of reprints of his article by Chinosol Products Company, 1933 May 20

Bettman to Charles Roome Parmelle, company president, re his use of Chinosol product (oxyquinolone sulphate) in his burn treatment, and use of reprints of Bettman’s article for advertising, 1933 May 20

Paul Hoeber, editor, American Journal of Surgery, to Bettman, re company also needs permission from journal, 1933 May 24

Parmelle to Bettman, re his use of Chinosol brand of oxyquinolone sulphate, and requesting the use of his article as reprints distributed by the company, 1933 May 24

Bettman to Parmelle, re fine with him to use reprints; clear with publisher also, 1933 May 29

Bettman to Hoeber, re reprint use, 1933 May 29

Parmelle to Bettman, re reprint use, 1933 June 13
Maxwell Maltz, M.D., president of the American Society of Plastic Surgeons, to Bettman, re program for Society meeting, 1934 March 30

Editor ZW, Journal of the American Medical Association, to Bettman. Rejection letter for tannic acid and silver nitrate burn treatment article; too specialized and in need of controls, 1934 December 26

Program for joint meeting of the Medical Association of the Greater City of New York and the Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, 1943 April 13

Bettman to Dr. Morris Fishbein, editor, Journal of the American Medical Association, re rejection letter. Burn treatment is of benefit in general medicine practice; have already placed article elsewhere, 1934 December 29

David Bryce, M.D., Calco Chemical Company, to Bettman, re use of Scarlet Red, and the toxicity of benzene, 1935 March 4

Bryce from Calco, to Bettman, re request that he become an ongoing contributor to their income indices, 1934 July 31

Bettman to Bryce, re refusal, 1934 August 8

Robert Montgomery, M.D., Wisconsin Orthopedic Hospital for Children, to Bettman, re use of his treatment of oxyquinolone sulphate Scarlet Red ointment, 1934 June 1

Bettman to Montgomery, re suggestions on impregnating bandages, 1934 June 6

Bettman to Maltz, American Society of Plastic Surgeons, re membership and meetings, 1934 March 26

F1B - Reprints (Epithelization, Burns, etc.)

Edited draft of “An Exact Technic for Circumcision.” Presented to Good Samaritan staff, 1933 March 10

Draft of “Burns: Treatment of the Shock and Toxemia; Healing of the Wound; Reconstruction.” Read before the Central Willamette Medical Society, Lebanon, Oregon, 1932 June 2. Also in Longview, 1932; St. Helens, 1933 March; Doernbecher Children’s Hospital, 1933 March 29; Good Samaritan Hospital, 1932 September 9

Second edited copy of “Burns” paper

Edited draft of “A Simpler Technic for Promoting Epithelization and Promoting Skin Grafts.” Read before 18th annual meeting of the Alumni Association of the Medical School of the University of Oregon, in Portland, 1931 March 11-12

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Bettman to pharmaceutical company, Bilhuber-Knoll Corporation, re treatment of an overdose of Dilaudid. Clipped to draft of letter is a page from the company’s literature, re use of Dilaudid in place of Morphine, 1933 September 12

Bettman to Dr. Robert Kapsinow, re reprints and fluid therapy for burn patients, 1933 September 12

H. B. Taylor, M.D., St. James Hospital, Anking, China, to Bettman, re obtaining supply of his burn ointment ingredients, 1932 February 2

[Patterson], M.D., Medical Director of Klamath Agency Hospital, U.S. Dept. of the Interior, Office of Indian Affairs Field Service, to Bettman, re thanks for reprints received and plans to adopt Bettman’s burn treatment, 1931 March 10

D. V. Whipple, M.D., School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania, to Bettman, re article and success using his method. Has he used it for treating osteomyelitis? 1932 January 13

C. L. Poley, M.D., Grass Valley, Oregon, to Bettman, re success using burn treatments in harvest injuries, and requesting help obtaining ingredients, 1933 August 9

F. [Gibron], M.D., Western Hospital Association, Potlach, Idaho, to Bettman, re thank you for medicated bandages he sent, and reporting good results, 1932 November 7

Hugo Aach, M.D., Kalamazoo, Michigan, to Bettman, re using his methods same day read article, in treating two severe burn cases, with improved results over previous treatments in use, 1932 January 6

Small engraved card from Maurice Coelst, M.D., from Brussels with handwritten note of thanks for reprints [ND]

F1C - Northwest Medicine

P.S. McIntyre, M.D., Bradley, South Dakota, to Bettman, re thank you for gauze Bettman sent, and reporting success with his treatment methods, 1932 January 9

H.J. Capell, M.D., Kennewick, Washington, to Bettman, re having read article, and questions on treatment methods and obtaining the impregnated gauze, 1932 February 5

John Godwin Downing, M.D., Boston, Massachusetts, to Bettman, re thank you for gauze and informative letter, 1932 January 23

John M. McCullough, M.D., Seattle, Washington, to Bettman, re thank you for sending impregnated gauze, 1932 January 9
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J. G. McQuarrie, M.D., Richfield, Utah, to Bettman, re interest in using his treatment, and requesting help obtaining the gauze, 1931 December 23

J. C. Blanton, M.D., Richmond, Virginia, to Bettman, re thank you for letter and gauze, 1932 December 12

P.S. McIntyre, M.D., Bradley, South Dakota, to Bettman, re request for gauze, to use for specific patient after reading his article, 1931 December 31

Clarence W. Kilcher, M.D., Los Angeles, California, to Bettman, re request for reprint of epithelization article, 1931 December 31

Bettman to W. B. Saunders Company, re requesting corrections of the misspellings, of Bettman's name and chloretone, in a book on minor surgery by Frederick Christopher, M.D., and ordering a copy of the corrected book, 1932 December 6

Bettman to Dr. Frederick Christopher, re thanking him for the mention in his useful book, and requesting the correction of the misspellings of his name and chloretone, 1932 December 6

C. P. Fordyce, M.D., Medical Director at Merck & Co., to Bettman, re his epithelization article and requesting data, studies, or bibliography supporting Bettman's statement that oxyquinolone sulphate is a non-toxic powerful antiseptic, 1932 June 27

Bettman to Revue de Chirurgie Plastique, Brussels, Belgium, re plans to submit an article on ear reconstruction, after reading it at medical gathering in New York in October, 1932 June 27

Bettman to Fordyce, Merck & Co., re data request. His statements based on clinical experience and references in the literature, including Merck’s Index (1907). He has done no original research but has substantiated the results clinically, and has received letters from many physicians reporting their success employing his method, 1932 July 7

Bettman to Fordyce, re amending his statement on use of particular brands, 1932 October 4

Bettman to Dr. Pease, re request for reports of use of high dilution of oxyquinolone sulphate, which Pease mentions in earlier letter. Discusses his own methods of using the antiseptic, and will send reprints, 1931 December 28

H. D. Pease, Pease Laboratories, Inc., New York, to Bettman, re epithelization paper and that Bettman's results agree with their clinical trials. Handwritten postscript offering information on their findings using high dilutions of the antiseptic, 1931 December 23

Bettman to Bryce, re gauze formulas, reprints, and success reports he has received from other physicians. He has no disagreement with the switch to liquid petrolatum; his formula uses solid formulation primarily for availability reasons, 1933 July 19
Bryce, Calco Chemical Co., to Bettman, re plans to market the Scarlet R gauze. They plan to change to formula from solid petrolatum to liquid to simplify procedure. Does Bettman have any objections? 1933 July 11

Bettman to Bryce, re use of Scarlet R, and his willingness to do anything he can to promote the ointment’s further use. He grants permission to Calco to reprint and distribute his article, 1932 May 19

Bryce to Bettman, re collecting facts on medical dyes, praising his Journal of the American Medical Association article, and requesting permission to make and circulate reprints, with the usual restrictions, 1932 May 14

Bryce to Bettman, re thanks for “Burns” article reprint, 1933 July 28

Bryce to Bettman, re earlier correspondence on Bettman’s formula, and the company’s dyes, 1933 July 25

Robert Kapsinow, M.D., Lafayette, Louisiana, to Bettman, re thank you for reprint; discusses and disagrees with his recommendations on fluid management in burn patients, 1933 August 26

Superintendent of Aberdeen Hospital, New Glasgow, Nova Scotia, to Bettman, re a request to forward 25 yards of the impregnated gauze, 1935 January 2

Bettman to Superintendent, Aberdeen Hospital, re having fulfilled gauze request and sending reprint, 1935 January 2

**F1D - American College of Surgeons, Society of Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery and Medical Editors & Authors' Association**

List of medical journal article titles, [ND]

W. A. Richardson, Managing Editor, Medical Economics, in form letter to Dear Doctor, re soliciting articles for journal, including a list of article suggestions, [ND]

Bettman to Dr. Jacques Malinak, President of the Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, New York, re acceptance of nomination as member of the Executive Committee, 1934 October 10

Bettman to Malinak, re unable to attend this year’s Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery meeting, 1934 September 20

Maltz to Bettman, re nomination to the Executive Committee, and requesting response on acceptance, and requesting reprints of his plastic surgery articles, 1934 March 7
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<td>Application for membership in the American College of Surgeons, filled out but not signed, [ND]</td>
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<td>Franklin H. Martin, M.D., Director General of the American College of Surgeons, to Bettman, re his nomination as a fellow, with application and requirements enclosed, 1930 May 6</td>
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<td>Ralph C. Watson, M.D., to Bettman, re completion and return of reference application form for Bettman, to the American College of Surgeons, copy enclosed, 1930 June 26</td>
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<td>Martin to Bettman, re receipt of his case records, 1930 September 17</td>
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<td>Bettman to Martin, re congratulations to American College of Surgeons for resolution regarding rebate on eyeglasses. Discusses failure of basic science bill in Oregon Legislature due to similar rebates, 1931 August 31</td>
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<td>Clarence Straatsma, M.D., Assistant Secretary of Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, to Bettman, re activities including presentation of papers to the society, at meetings in New York, 1932 November 21</td>
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<td>Arthur Palmer, M.D., Recording Secretary of Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, to Bettman, re invitation to become a member, 1932 July 7</td>
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<td>Bettman to Palmer, re thank you and hope to attend, 1932 August 31</td>
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Bettman to Malinak, re thank you for election as corresponding member, suggestion on scheduling meetings close together, 1932 November 30

Malinak to Bettman, re planning to schedule meetings close together, agrees logical way to do it, 1932 December 6

Bettman to Malinak, re request for clarification of point in last letter, 1932 December 12

Malinak to Bettman, re further discussion of meetings scheduling, 1932 December 16

Palmer to Bettman, re next meeting of the Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, 1933 January 4

Bettman to Dr. W. H. Belknap, Secretary of Alumni Association, University of Oregon Medical School, re paper on skin grafts Bettman plans to read at next meeting, 1933 January 12

Malinak to Bettman, re pleased to have his case reports with lantern slides at next meeting, 1933 January 31

Palmer to Bettman, re sending enclosed membership application to Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, 1932 July 15

Bettman to Dr. M. Coelst, Revue de Chirurgie Plastique, Brussels, Belgium, re thank you for invitation to prepare paper for publication, 1932 May 24

Malinak to Bettman, re program for paper presentation on ear reconstruction at the upcoming October meeting; hopes to visit Portland and have Bettman show him the sights, 1933 July 21

Bettman to Dr. H. Lyons, New York City, re noting they are fellow members of the American Medical Writers’ and Authors’ Association; Bettman sending list of his published books and articles, 1930 November 21

Bettman to Coelst, re submission of ear reconstruction article for publication in Revue de Chirurgie Plastique, which was read at meeting of the Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, with a separate page listing legends for the article’s illustrations, 1933 December 18

Gervais Ward McAuliffe, M.D., to Bettman, re appointment to membership committee of Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, 1934 January 17

Bettman to McAuliffe, re happy to serve if can do so by mail, 1934 January 23

List of books and medical articles. “Publications A. G. Bettman,” [ND] [see above letter to Dr. Lyons, 1930 November 21]

E. Vandervoort, Secretary-Treasurer of the American Medical Editors’ and Authors’ Association, to Bettman, re refusal by executive council to accept Bettman’s resignation; voted him a leave of absence with full privileges and no dues, 1932 July 27

Vandervoort to Bettman, re reluctant receipt of resignation, if related to finances, pay when you can, 1932 April 8

Bettman to Vandervoort, re surprise at letter, resigned some time ago and wish to have it stand, 1933 November 24

Vandervoort to Bettman, re submission of resignation to the American Medical Editors’ and Authors’ Association council, 1933 December 4

Bettman to news editor, Journal of the American Medical Association, re sending program of 50th Anniversary of Multnomah County Medical Society at the Portland Hotel. “Attendees included Dr. Alfred Kinney, the 1st and 50th president of the society, Dr. S. E. Josephi, honorary president, Dr. C. H. Wheeler, honorary secretary, Dr. Olof Larsell who sketched the society’s history with a lantern slide presentation, Dr. Andrew C. Smith who reviewed 50 years of progress in medicine. Personal reminiscences were shared by Drs. Josephi, Wheeler, Banner. R. Brooke and Ralph Fenton.” Bettman was the toastmaster. 1934 May 22

Bettman to Dr. Howard L. Undergraff, Hollywood, California, re burn article, submitted to Journal of the American Medical Association, would you like me to present it to your medical society? 1934 November 27

Bettman to Undergraff, re thank you for response, details re request for treatment methods information, 1934 December 14

Bettman to Dr. George Brown, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, re desire to attend Interstate Medical Society meeting during trip, and would like to present a paper, 1934 December 27

Bettman to Malinak, re burns article due to be published in Journal of the American Medical Association; discusses treatment specifics, 1934 September 27

Bettman to Dr. Morris Fishbein, editor Journal of the American Medical Association, re surprise at rejection of his tannic acid and silver nitrate burn treatment paper as being better suited to specialty journals. Paper has already been placed elsewhere, 1934 December 29

Bettman to Dr. George Warren Pierce, San Francisco, California, re burn article, submitted to Journal of the American Medical Association, would you like me to present it to your medical society? 1934 November 27
Bettman to Pierce, re thank you for response, details re request for treatment methods information, first page only of draft, 1934 December 8

F1E - Pamphlet, Documents, Correspondence

5th Annual Meeting of the Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery. Program for the meeting, October 30-31 [no year]

Draft of report to the Oregon State Medical Society by the Committee on Publications, on Bettman’s letterhead. Discussion of new bylaws and constitution and Northwest Medicine; disagreement among committee members reflected in handwritten note on last page from Dr. R. C. Coffey, who will make his own statement to the council, 1931 [no other date given]

Clarence M. Smith, M.D., to Bettman, re draft of letter to Washington State Medical Association, and regret recent financial changes made, especially the reduction of the Northwest Medicine Journal subscription from $2.00 to $1.00 which will adversely impact the quality of the journal, 1933 September 5

Smith, editor, Northwest Medicine, to Bettman, re thank you his support, 1933 November 3

Bettman to Smith, re supports Smith’s position, 1933 November 1

Smith to Bettman, re would be pleased to have Northwest Medicine designated official journal of the Alumni Association of the University of Oregon Medical School, will publish meeting details and papers read, 1929 March 12

Smith to Bettman, re cancellation of Northwest Medicine board meeting (no quorum); journal financial details for review, 1930 July 8

Bettman to Smith, re received auditor’s report, discusses journal’s financial details, 1930 July 26

Smith to Bettman, re journal’s finances, 1930 July 29

Smith to Bettman, re journal’s finances, 1930 July 30

Smith to Bettman, re needing response, decision on journal’s finances, 1930 September 24

Bettman to Smith, re journal’s finances, concurs with Northwest Medicine becoming official publication of the Montana State Medical Society, 1930 September 26

Charles E. Hunt, M.D., Eugene, Oregon to Bettman, re would be glad to be trustee of Northwest Medicine (to serve with Bettman and R. C. Coffey), 1931 October 28
Bettman to Hunt, re congratulations on becoming trustee, primarily honorary, discusses publicity and public recognition of American Medical Association, 1931 October 30

Smith to Bettman, re inquiry on any knowledge of a device called the El-Pelvo-Therm, which treats pelvic inflammation with hot water. Invented by Dr. Ralph Walker of Seattle, Washington. Manufacturer wants to place ad in Northwest Medicine. Would he ask colleagues if favorable experiences? 1931 October 28

Bettman to Smith, re El-Pelvo-Therm. Unable to find anyone with knowledge of it, 1931 November 18

Smith to Bettman, re thank you for inquiries, dubious of its merits and will not accept the ad, 1931 November 20

Smith to Bettman, re abstracts from Northwest Medicine included in state medical journals of New York and Delaware, sending copies, 1931 December 8

Bettman to Smith, re receipt of abstracts, pleased eastern journals looking to Northwest Medicine for news of Pacific Northwest, 1931 December 10

Smith to Bettman, re recent criticism on cost of article reprints, will do cost comparison of printers’ prices, 1932 January 32

Smith to Bettman, re approval of engaging Dr. James M. Bowers as assistant to Smith at Northwest Medicine, 1932 April 16

Bettman to Smith, re concur with Bowers’ appointment; requesting annual financial report to review before next meeting, 1932 April 19

Bettman to unknown correspondent. Incomplete letter, pages 2 and 3 only, detailing news of local medical groups, hospital staff election, [ND] [Appears to belong to first page of letter from January 14, 1933, which is the last document in Folder I]

F1F - Correspondence, Documents

Smith to Bettman, re request Bettman observe and report on actions of the current Oregon Legislature session, 1933 January 19

Smith to Bettman, re thank you for medical legislation information, anything to add for upcoming issue? Handwritten notes on back of specific bill numbers and titles, 1933 March 3

Bills introduced into the Oregon Legislature; typed and handwritten notes regarding passage, [ND]
The Oregon State Medical Society, in form letter to Dear Doctor, re support for a bill on workmen’s compensation now before a House Committee, and a list of members of the 1933 Oregon Legislature, 1933 February 15

Draft of letter Bettman sent to seven legislators, re House Bill (H.B.) 361, safeguarding interests of injured workers, [ND]

Bettman to Smith, re planned to send legislation update today, but advised by Dr. Fenton to wait until 23rd of February, when will be able to give full details, 1933 February 21

Smith to Bettman, re legislative update, 1933 February 21

Bettman to Smith, re legislative update, H.B. 361 indefinitely postponed, 1933 February 23

Bettman to Smith, re changes to previous update, 1933 March 3

Smith to Bettman, re requesting opinion on accepting Lucky Strikes advertising, which has always been rejected as not ethical for medical journal. Now American Medical Association board has okayed and is accepting tobacco ads. Smith not in favor but revenue would be useful, 1933 March 20

Bettman to Smith, re discussed with number of doctors who felt no one would be enticed to start smoking by the ads; changing brands of little consequence, so long as not misleading (Camel preferred for this reason) would accept the ads, 1933 March 24

Smith to Bettman, re annual Northwest Medicine trustees meeting, enclosing CPA report, 1933 June 28

Bettman to Smith, re previous letter overlooked, approves of Smith’s management, 1933 August 15

Smith to Bettman, re response, discusses ad space marked “for sale” in journal, 1933 August 16

Smith to Bettman, re election of officers to board of trustees, Bettman suggested as vice-president, 1933 September 6

Bettman to Smith, re possible bills to be introduced before the Oregon Legislature, 1933 January 20

Bettman to Smith, re agrees with trustees nominees, pleased to accept vice-president position, 1933 September 8

Bettman to Hunt, as fellow board member, re change in subscription price, and consequent adverse impact on Northwest Medicine, 1933 September 8
Bettman to Smith, re subscription price reduction, 1933 September 6

Hunt to Bettman, re reply and concern Northwest Medicine changes; let us meet and discuss, 1933 September 11

Bettman to Smith, re notes on recent election of officers of the Multnomah County Medical Society and the Portland Academy of Medicine. Bettman elected treasurer of both groups, 1934 December 22

Bettman to Smith, re amending list of officers for Portland Academy of Medicine, 1934 December 27

Bettman to Smith, re sending requested copy of his burn paper, which was rejected by Journal of the American Medical Association, 1934 December 29

Bettman to Smith, re pleased Washington Medical Society has corrected error of decreased journal price, 1934 September 20

Smith to Bettman, re request for Northwest Medicine to become official publication of the Utah State Medical Association; they left to go to Western Medicine and now want to return to Northwest Medicine, 1934 September 26

Bettman to Smith, re would accept Utah Medical Association’s request to have Northwest Medicine become their official journal. President of the American Medical Association attended the September meeting of the Oregon State Medical Society; attendance and presentations were better than usual. Enclosed list of newly elected officers, 1934 October 2

Bettman to Mercantile Printing Company, Seattle, re unacceptable quality of article reprints, please send usable ones, 1934 January 2

Bettman to Smith, re sending copy of letter sent to printers, 1934 January 2

Smith to Bettman, re agrees poor print quality, trying to sort out source of problem, 1934 January 5

N. P. Atkinson, Mercantile Printing, to Bettman, re apology, will reprint, suggestions to aid reprint, 1934 January 4


Bettman to Smith, re legislative update. Fine tribute to Coffey; Bettman was an intern under him for 3 years, 1934 January 20

Bettman to Mercantile Printing, re reprints, 1934 January 6
**F1G - Correspondence**

Bettman to Smith, re improved reprints received. Name change made, now Multnomah County Medical Society. Planning 50th anniversary meeting and celebration, 1934 January 23

Smith to Bettman, re reprints, name change, 1934 January 22

H. G. Willard, M.D., and Caspar W. Sharples, M.D., both of Seattle, Washington, to the journal trustees of Northwest Medicine, re recommendations for changes in managing journal, including salaries and rents, double signatures on checks, 1934 May 29

Sharples to Bettman, re suggestions he and Willard made, please okay if approve, 1934 June 5

Bettman to Sharples, re recommendations. Bettman consulted another trustee, Dr. Schauffler. Suggestions good and approve except for few discussed minor details, 1934 June 15

Smith to Bettman, re Northwest Medicine subscription situation. Sharples and Willard asked to investigate and report on journal management. Expect bylaw to be repealed, back to $2.00 subscription, 1934 August 13

Bettman to Smith, re glad situation being resolved, 1934 August 14

Smith to Bettman, re Northwest Medicine meeting dates, 1934 August 15

Smith to Bettman, re Northwest Medicine controversy, thanks for his support, 1933 August 31

Smith to Bettman, re meeting, Dr. Schauffler nominated to replace Dr. Coffey. Discussion of journal subscription controversy in which the President has requested that Drs. Sharples and Willard investigate and make recommendations, and discussing layout changes needed for article reprints, 1933 October 30

Bettman to Smith, re layout changes to article for reprints, will leave decision to Smith, 1935 January 9

Bettman to Smith, re changes to paper layout, reports that eastern surgeons praising the merits of his new treatment methods, 1935 January 7

Smith to Bettman, re layout changes for article, 1934 [1935] January 8

Smith to Bettman, re journal subscription amended, proceedings of the Washington Medical Association meeting, election new officers, 1934 September 14
Description

Smith to Bettman, re vetting credentials of two people in Portland (not physicians), who have submitted an unscientific paper to the journal stating phosphorus causes cancer, 1935 April 10

Blair Holcomb, Secretary of the Oregon State Medical Society, to Bettman, re request for his annual committee report. Enclosed is last year’s report on audit and financial statements (dated 1933 June 17, from William McAdam CPA, Seattle) as an example to follow, 1935 August 28

Smith to Bettman, re annual audit, with cover letter and copy of audit of Northwest Medical Publishing Association (dated 1935 June 14, from McAdam CPA), 1935 July 5

Smith to Bettman, re unpaid editor’s salary owed to Smith by Northwest Medicine. Smith canceling his claim to the salary, 1934 June 15

Smith to Bettman, re annual audit, with cover letter and copy of audit of Northwest Medical Publishing Association (dated 1934 July 10, by McAdam CPA), 1934 August 1

Bettman to Smith, re receipt of audit, 1934 August 11

F1H - Pamphlet, Document, Postcard

Program and invitation card to annual dinner and clinic of the Seattle Surgery Society, 1934 February 16-17

Northwest Medical Publishing Association audit from McAdam CPA, 1936 June 15

Invitation to the Alumni of the University of Oregon Medical School to attend meeting and luncheon of the Washington State Medical Association, August 4-5 [no year]

Frederick Stricker, Oregon State Health Officer, in form letter to “Dear Doctor,” re new venereal disease law and requirement to reports. Folded inside letter are enclosed copy of the law, reports cards, and a mailing envelope, 1935 May 31

Program (two copies) for the 22nd annual meeting of the Alumni Association of the University of Oregon Medical School, in Portland, 1935 March 4-6

Program for the 44th annual session of the Washington State Medical Association in Seattle, with the Women’s Auxiliary, and the Medical Golf Association, 1933 August 28-31

Clipping from the American Journal of Surgery, page 329, review of three volume plastic surgery atlas in German by Dr. J. Joseph, August 1931 [source handwritten on side]

Small clipping of book ad for Heathen Rage by Gerald Stanley Lee, published 1931
Report of deliberations of the Oregon Councilors of Northwest Medicine, [ND]

Constitution and By-laws of Northwest Medical Publishing Association, [ND]

Northwest Medicine Constitution and By-laws, vol. 1 no. 1, 1909 August

Hunt to Bettman, re his appointment as associate editor of Northwest Medicine for 1937, honored to accept, 1936 December 26

Bettman to Smith, first page of letter only, re reprint prices and the financial difficulties in the profession, and the free hospitals, 1933 January 14 [This first page appears to belong to pages 2 and 3 of the letter which is the last document in Folder E]

F1J - Journal A.M.A.

Bettman to Paul Nicholas Leech, and the American Medical Association, re their inquiry into the responses to a Scientific Exhibit for health care providers, 1929 August 15

Leech to Bettman, re thank you for response and comments, 1929 August 28

Editor, Journal of the American Medical Association, to Bettman, re rejection of paper on epithelization and skin grafts, as the formula “seems extraordinarily complicated,” 1931 May 11

Bettman to the editor, Journal of the American Medical Association, re article rejection. Discusses why attempts already made to simplify the formula were unsuccessful, and his ingredients are readily in stock at drug stores, 1931 May 23

Bettman to the editor, Journal of the American Medical Association, re revision of his formula so that it contains only 3 active ingredients, 1931 August 18

Editor, Journal of the American Medical Association, to Bettman, re acceptance of revised method and the article for publication, 1931 September 10

Bettman to the editor, Journal of the American Medical Association, re returning proof of his epithelization paper. He made corrections, as they changed Scarlet R to Scarlet red and they are not the same thing; refers them to the Merck Index, 1931 November 10

Editor, Journal of the American Medical Association, to Bettman, re request for corrections to the proof, which will be made, 1931 November 23

Bettman to Olin West, M.D., Journal of the American Medical Association, re approval of the inclusion of American Medical Association endorsements on food billboards appearing in Portland. Interested in “adequate and ethical publicity” for the medical profession, 1931 October 31
Bettman to Will C. Braun, re misleading information being given to patients with their eye exams, perhaps the Journal of the American Medical Association could instead promote correct information? 1931 November 4

Bettman to the editor, Journal of the American Medical Association, re spelling error in the article; please correct before reprints made. Regrets rules prevent mention of Chinosol rather than oxyquinolone sulphate, which his correspondents tell him they can not obtain, 1931 December 26

Editor, Journal of the American Medical Association, to Bettman, re while his view has some merit, Chinosol has made some unwarranted advertising claims and still awaiting acceptable revised material, 1932 January 15

Editor, Journal of the American Medical Association, to Bettman, re received letter but apologizes as it is too late to correct misspelling in reprints, 1932 January 15

E. Vandervoort to Bettman, re cover letter and annual dues form for the American Medical Editors’ and Authors’ Association, 1933 January 14

Franklin Martin, M.D., to Bettman, re his re-election as secretary of the executive committee of the American College of Surgeons, 1934 March 22

Charles Roome Parmele, President, Chinosol Company, to Bettman, re his recent Journal of the American Medical Association article using oxyquinolone sulphate, and inquiring whether it is their Chinosol brand he employs? 1931 December 28

Bettman to Chinosol Company, re yes, he only uses Chinosol, and the name was included in his article, 1931 January 4 [1932; 1931 has pencil line through last 1]

Parmele to Bettman, re use of Chinosol and the company’s ongoing differences with the Council on Pharmacy, and the American Medical Association. Requests Bettman write to the Journal of the American Medical Association about his exclusive use of Chinosol, and the brand’s deletion from his manuscript, 1932 January 11

Bettman to Parmele, re has already called attention to the matter with the Journal of the American Medical Association, but please do not quote his letter, as does not wish quarrel with the journal, 1932 January 16

Parmele to Bettman, re further discussion of Chinosol and company’s attempts to comply with Council on Pharmacy and Chemistry (Council on Pharmacy and Chemistry), 1932 January 22

Parmele to Bettman, re further discussion of Chinosol, 1932 March 18

Bettman to Parmele, re reaffirming his use only of Chinosol, and good reports he received after article published, 1932 March 22
Parmele to Bettman, re thanks and continuing his discussion about his difficulties with the Council on Pharmacy and Chemistry, 1932 March 28

Parmele to Bettman, re Chinosol has sent new pamphlet to Council on Pharmacy and Chemistry, and has asked them for permission to quote Bettman’s article, including mentioning that their brand was in original manuscript, 1932 April 20

Bettman to Parmele, re giving company his permission to quote from his article, and perhaps they will add statement to reprints that Chinosol is product Bettman uses, 1932 April 28

Parmele to Bettman, re thank you and more about the Council on Pharmacy and Chemistry struggle, 1932 May 2

Bettman to Parmele, re sending copy of earlier paper from 1923 where he mentions Chinosol, 1933 February 17

Parmele to Bettman, re thanks and more discussion about the Council on Pharmacy and Chemistry and American Medical Association, 1933 February 21

Bettman to Parmele, re sending another article on treating burns, which will shortly appear in the American Journal of Surgery, 1933 March 2

Parmele to Bettman, re thank you for article, 1933 March 10

Parmele to Bettman, re article in journal, more discussion about the Council on Pharmacy and Chemistry, 1933 May 15

B2 - Green cloth scrapbook, the cover is imprinted with: The Journal A. M. A.

Description

Loose documents and photographs

Typed on small slip of paper: Serendipity unexpectedly finding a good while looking for something else, [ND]

Program for the banquet of the 50th anniversary of the Multnomah County Medical Society in Portland, Oregon, 1934 May 16

Sermon by Rabbi Julius J. Nodel. “What if Dr. Salk had lived in Germany?” Delivered from the Temple Beth Israel pulpit, 1955 April 22
Description

Four photographs- wrapped in paper. On outer paper is handwritten, “4 Eugene photos,” [ND]

Studio photograph of young boy by F. A. Rankin, photographer, Eugene City, Oregon. On back is a label “Adalbert Bettman”

Small photograph of a store building with men standing out in front. It is inside a white paper with “Abe Goldsmith Goodman Bettman” ink stamped on it. On the back of the photograph is handwritten “Abe Goldsmith & Goodman Bettman in front of the latter’s store Eugene Ore. S. W. cor 8 & Willamette st. AGB.” Below is glued on label ink stamped “G. Bettman I.X.L. Store”

Studio photograph of three boys in uniforms, holding prop bayoneted guns. From Rankin photography. Label on back reads “Three marine cadets. Adalbert, Monte, Hugo Bettman”

Studio photograph of a young boy [older than in first photograph] by Lloyd and Burton, Eugene, Oregon. Label on back reads “Adalbert Bettman”

Certificate from B’nai B’rith, to Bettman, in recognition of twenty-five years of service

Correspondence from Governor Mark Hatfield, to Bettman, re making a meeting appointment, 1960 February 16

Documents affixed to scrapbook

Bettman, Adalbert G. “A Simple and Inexpensive Device to Prevent the Contamination of Sterile Solutions.” Journal of the American Medical Association LV (1910 July 9) 127

Pierce, E. A. “Autoserotherapy.” Northwest Medicine (1914 August)


Bettman, Adalbert G. “President’s Address.” Presented at the 6th Annual Meeting of the Alumni Association of the University of Oregon Medical School (1918 June 24-26)

Bettman, Adalbert G. “The Removal of Foreign Bodies from the Tissues by the Use of Transillumination.” Journal of the American Medical Association 73 (1919 September 6) 766

Bettman, Adalbert G. “Plastic and Cosmetic Surgery of the Face.” Northwest Medicine (1920 August)

Bettman, Adalbert G. “Plastic Surgery of the Nose.” Medical Journal and Record [ND]. Read before Portland City and County Medical Society, 1926 April 7 and 21

Bettman, Adalbert G. “The Minimum Scar.” Medical Sentinel (1926 April)


Bettman, Adalbert G. “Pedicled Skin Grafts.” Northwest Medicine (1928 February)

Bettman, Adalbert G. “Plastic Surgery About the Eyes.” Annals of Surgery (1928 December). Read before the King County Medical Society, Seattle, Washington, 1928 March 19


Bettman, Adalbert G. “A Medical Society That Came out of Hiding: How the Physicians of Portland, Oregon, Turned a Threatening Crisis into a Progressive Health Program.” Medical Economics (1929 May)

Bettman, Adalbert G. “Jewish Contributions to Medicine During Modern Times.” The Scribe (1929 June 7)

Bettman, Adalbert G. “Medical Aspects of the Abrahamic Rite.” The Scribe (1929 October 4)

Bettman, Adalbert G. “Scars.” The American Journal of Surgery VI: 2 (1929 February) 244-245

Bettman, Adalbert G. “Tannic Acid Treatment of Burns.” The Medical Sentinel (1930 August)

“Poetry of Patients.” Four printed pages of poems by various authors, with a drawing. On back is printed “compliments of Adalbert G. Bettman, M. D., Portland, Oregon.” [ND]


Bettman, Adalbert G. “A Simpler Technic for Promoting Epithelialization and Protecting Skin Grafts.” Journal of the American Medical Association 97 (1931 December 19) 1879-1881. [This reprint has the correction requested by Bettman in his correspondence added to bottom of front page, noting the misspelling of “Chloretone” and correcting the preparation formula.]
Bettman, Adalbert G. “Syndactylizing the Fingers Preliminary to Skin Grafting.” Northwest Medicine XXXI: 2 (1932 February) 70

Bettman, Adalbert G. “An Exact Technique for Circumcision.” From the Department of Surgery of the University of Oregon Medical School (1933 March)


“Plastic Surgeon Rivals Triumphs of Inventors.” Article about the Northwest Inventors’ Congress, with mention of Bettman, [ND or source]

“Treatment For Burns Pointed Out.” The Oregon Daily Journal, 1936 July 10. “By far the most important of the more recent contributions to treatment of burns was made by a Portlander, Dr. A. G. Bettman.”

Program and bulletin of the 4th Annual Meeting of the Pacific Northwest Medical Association, in Portland, 1925 June 29-July 1

Newspaper clipping glued to thick paper. “Has the Jew Equal Rights With Other Citizens: A Consideration of the Attitude of this Government on the Question of Religion.” The Jewish Tribune [Portland, Oregon], 1911 May 19


Newspaper clippings attached to thick paper. Various letters to the editors of the Oregonian and an unknown publication, none by Bettman but many by Melissa Uvedalia, [ND]

Label from Oxyquinoline Sulphate Scarlet R Gauze with Chlorbutanol from Braley’s Inc. Pharmacy. “Formula originated by Adalbert G. Bettman, M. D.” [ND]

“Offizelles Protokoll der Gesellschaft der Aerzte in Wien,” (1933 November)

Bettman, Adalbert G. “The Back as a Source for Pedicled Skin Grafts.” Northwest Medicine XXXII: 11 (1933 November) 453


Bettman, Adalbert G. “Plastic Surgery and Its Psychologic Effects.” Western Barber and Beauty Shoppee [sic] (1934 June)


Bettman, Adalbert G. “The Rationale of the Tannic Acid-Silver Nitrate Treatment of Burns.” Journal of the American Medical Association 108 (1937 May 1) 490-1494

White, Fred M. “When Roy Burnett Was Doomed to Death by Fire.” Sunday Oregonian, 1937 August 22. First patient treated with the tannic acid-silver nitrate burn therapy. [Photographs in article also in Bettman photo collection]


Also in the reprint is Bennett, Josephine. “The Nursing Care of Burned Patients: With Special reference to the Tannic Acid and Silver Nitrate Treatment.”


Bettman, Adalbert G. “Congenital Bands About the Shoulder Girdle.” Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery 1: 2 (1946 September)


Newspaper clippings attached to single sheet of paper

From Sunday Journal. Letter to the editor about article on plastic surgery, from Bettman and six other physicians, 1958 April 6


Program from Multnomah County Medical Society Diamond Jubilee. 75th Anniversary; menu, participants, and brief history of the Society, 1959 March 21

Newspaper clipping attached to single sheet of paper. “Scars, Tattoos Gone, Offenders ‘New Men’.” Oregon Journal, 1961 July 26. Program at Oregon Correction Institution in which Bettman removes tattoos and scars, and Dr. Merrill Reeh corrects vision defects with surgery

Clipping from appendix to The Congressional Record, 1959 April 8, A2844- A2845. Marked with red ink arrow are the remarks of the Hon. Richard L. Neuberger regarding the Multnomah County Medical Society Diamond Jubilee. Included are the remarks of Bettman, the toastmaster

Second loose copy of same page from The Congressional Record

Newspaper clipping in 2 sections of Abraham Lincoln’s Gettysburg Address [ND]


B3 - Plaques

Description

Multnomah County Medical Society Honorary Life Member: May 17, 1963
B4 - Photographs from leather photo album

Photographs of patients, mostly before and after reconstructive surgery or treatment for burns. The 115 images are numbered on the back in order of removal from the album, “A” for After and “B” for Before. Most are sets of two, but there are some single images, and several series of four or five images. Some of the photographs have dates and names written on backs.

B5 - Archival materials deaccessioned from the Pacific Northwest Archives added 2009 July 16

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms:
- Burns
- Medicine and Health
- Reconstructive surgical procedures

Form or Genre Terms:
- Photographs

Occupations:
- Physicians--Oregon

Other Creators:
- Personal Names:
  - Coelst, Maurice (correspondent)
  - Malinak, Jacques (correspondent)
  - Maltz, Maxwell, 1899-1975 (correspondent)
  - Martin, Franklin H. (Franklin Henry), 1837-1935 (correspondent)
  - Parmelle, Charles Roome--Correspondence (correspondent)
Smith, Clarence M.  
(correspondent)

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