



To a friend on  
his retirement:

JOHN BEACH HAZARD, M.D.

**J**OHAN BEACH HAZARD is doubly distinguished as Editor of the *Cleveland Clinic Quarterly* and Chairman of the Division of Pathology of The Cleveland Clinic Foundation. He joined the staff of the Foundation as its Chief Pathologist in 1946 and became Editor of the *Quarterly* in 1950. He relinquishes both posts at this time, after many years of productive and devoted service, to assume the role of elder statesman in an emeritus capacity.

Born in White Horse, Pennsylvania, and reared there and in Florida, "Beach," as he is known to his intimates, received his degree of Doctor of Medicine from Harvard Medical School in Boston, and his postgraduate training in Pathology at the Mallory Institute, Boston City Hospital, under master pathologists Frank B. Mallory and Frederick Parker. While Beach was still a Resident in Pathology he married Mae Holly, whose understanding and support through the years have been a major influence in his professional success.

His early career as Chief Pathologist at the Faulkner Hospital in Boston was interrupted by a tour of duty as Chief Pathologist for the Fifth General Hospital, one of the Harvard Units in World War II, serving in the European Theater of War. The war years underscored the outstanding personal traits that have dominated Beach's character: warmth, unassuming friendliness and simplicity, a passion for perfection in his professional duties, unusually wide knowledge in the field of medicine, quiet leadership, and devotion to service and the needs of patients.

As Editor of the *Cleveland Clinic Quarterly* he has consistently elevated the standards of medical communication and has guided the Editorial Board and editorial aides in the production of a journal that has a solid reputation both for its scientific content and its format. The Quarterly is sent to members of the medical profession and to medical institutions throughout the world, and it is indexed in the major bibliographic publications.

His career as a pathologist has brought Beach national and international recognition. Author and coauthor of many scientific publications, his particular field of interest has been diseases of the thyroid gland, in which he is an acknowledged authority. He was the first to describe the presence of amyloid in medullary cancer of the thyroid, a pathognomonic feature of the disease. He served on the committee of The American Thyroid Association which clarified the nomenclature relating to thyroid cancer and thyroiditis. He is Clinical Professor of Pathology at Case Western Reserve University, The School of Medicine, and has managed to find time to teach undergraduates throughout his active career.

Of significance equal to that of his scientific and educational contributions has been his ability to recruit an outstanding staff for the Division of Pathology of the Cleveland Clinic, with the development of subspecialization and effective cooperation with the Division of Research.

To a surgical colleague, Beach and his associates are exemplified by the words *service* and *excellence*. For many years his office stood on a sort of highway from the operating rooms, with the door always open, the desk top an organized litter of papers and, open books, and like as not, the Chief looking at a frozen section while simultaneously conducting a conference with colleagues from the Division of Medicine seeking help on a clinical

problem. The hallmark of a technician trained by Beach is excellence—nothing less is tolerated. A frozen section from his laboratory is often superior to the permanent sections of others. Unfailing willingness to help is the motto of Beach and his group—no matter how much time, how much inconvenience, or how many extra frozen sections in a difficult problem.

An unselfish man with loftier goals than personal ones inherent in his ambitions, he has held high offices in national and in international scientific organizations. At the Cleveland Clinic he has served effectively and well not only as Chairman of the major Division of Pathology, but also on the Board of Governors of the Foundation, as a Trustee, and, at the sacrifice of a great deal of time, as Acting Head of the Division of Research.

As though a dual career as Pathologist and Editor were not sufficient, Beach has given up innumerable afternoons and evenings to serve with Committees of the Cleveland Academy of Medicine and the Ohio State Medical Association, grappling with socioeconomic problems beleaguering his specialty and the medical profession generally. He served for some years as Trustee of Blue Cross. His wise counsel has helped physicians, patients, and insurance carriers alike in ways that probably will never become generally known.

One might suppose that a paragon possessing all the virtues enumerated were more than flesh and blood. Not so. Beach has a unique type of speech, heavily interlarded with gentle profanity, which is such an endearing aspect of his personality that it is enjoyed by all who know him, and would actually leave an unpleasant void if this habit ever should change. Furthermore, a hobby, pursued with characteristic energy, has been a lifelong interest in horses and horse racing. It is a rare Kentucky Derby where he and Mae are not in attendance. It is rumored that his encyclopedic memory, wide knowledge, and scientific know-how coupled with careful study of the Racing Form have enabled him not only to stay out of debt but to finish in the black year after year!

It would be with a tinge of sadness that one would record the conclusion of an active phase of this splendid career, were it not a certainty that the energies and abilities of John Beach Hazard will continue to find productive outlets in the service of his fellow man.

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