



## IN MEMORIAM

### John Beach Hazard, MD

**A**s remarkable as his clinical and administrative abilities were, it is the delightful personality of John Beach Hazard, MD, that most of us remember. Dr. Hazard, or "Beach," was the personification of a gentleman and scholar. His kindness was such that everyone, from students in the School of Medical Technology to the chairman of the Board of Governors, revered him as a colleague and friend. Dr. Hazard, The Cleveland Clinic Foundation's "father of modern pathology," died in Key Biscayne, Fla, on September 13, 1994, at the age of 89. He served as editor of the *Cleveland Clinic Quarterly* (forerunner of the *Cleveland Clinic Journal of Medicine*) from 1950 through 1969.



Dr. Hazard received his medical degree from Harvard University in 1930, then trained at the Mallory Institute of Pathology in Boston, where he became director of pathology at the Faulkner Hospital and consultant at the Robert B. Brigham Hospital. He served as Commandant of Army Base Laboratories in Europe during World War II. On his return to the United States he was recruited by George "Barney" Crile to be the head of the Department of Tissue Pathology. Under his leadership this department developed into the Division of Pathology in 1958; he was chairman until his retirement in 1970. Among other positions he held at the Cleveland Clinic were acting chairman of the Division of Research from 1966 to 1968 and vice-chairman from 1968 to 1970; he was also a member

of the Board of Governors and Board of Trustees.

Dr. Hazard was an active member of numerous professional societies and held many offices including president of the International Academy of Pathology, chairman of the Section of Pathology of the American Medical Association, and director of the American Society of Clinical Pathologists.

Dr. Hazard's many publications included a seminal article on medullary carcinoma of the thyroid, an organ on which he was an internationally recognized authority. However, articles and books on many other subjects reveal that Dr. Hazard was a pathologist of re-

markably wide knowledge. Dr. Crile described him as one of the greatest assets the surgical division ever had. Dr. Hazard's abilities encompassed all aspects of pathology—surgical, clinical, investigative, and administrative.

As Stanley Hoerr, former chairman of the Division of Surgery, said on Dr. Hazard's retirement, he was a man of kindness, warmth, and humanity with an uncompromising professional perfectionism and rugged scientific honesty. If those of us who knew Beach, worked with him, and learned from him have been able to emulate him to any degree, our lives have been that much blessed.

Beach is survived by his wife Mae in Key Biscayne. Together they formed a beautiful team.

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