The Editorial Board of the Journal of Nuclear Medicine has proposed that historic information on the outstanding men and events related to nuclear medicine be brought to our membership through the Journal. Communications of significant historic interest will be published several times a year, beginning with this issue. We will endeavor to make these accounts not only scientifically worthwhile, but also anecdotal with comments from the historian’s own knowledge and personal experience.

William Graydon Myers, Ph.D., M.D., Historian for the Society of Nuclear Medicine, will shoulder the responsibility for selecting the material for these interesting communications and will invite distinguished contributors to broaden the scope of their subject matter. “Bill” Myers brings a unique background to the challenge of providing us with a chronicle of our rapidly developing discipline. Because of his foresight, one of the early cyclotrons in this country became operative at Ohio State University 35 years ago, and his research with this unit has given him the distinction of introducing more radionuclides into medicine than any other scientist. Twenty years ago he was performing thyroid scans with a “home-made” instrument. He has the singular distinction of teaching the oldest continuing course in nuclear medicine and his enthusiasm has convinced many young men that a great future lies in this specialty.

Dr. Myers has personally known many of the “greats” who have contributed so abundantly to our field. He is thoroughly familiar not only with their accomplishments, but also with the circumstances surrounding their research. This perspective brings additional richness to the lives of these men and their ideas. His collection of memorabilia, scientific, personal, and photographic, promises a series of historic vignettes that will be rewarding and interesting.

Dr. Myers plans to establish archives for nuclear medicine with his material as the nucleus. Contributions to this collection will be welcome additions to a permanent repository that will enrich our Society.

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