A Past President of the Manitoba Medical Association, Dr. Dyck was a deeply religious man whose Mennonite faith meant he registered as a conscientious objector during World War II, although he did serve in the Canadian Dental Corps. His interest in medicine stemmed in part from a family tragedy — his brother died of spinal meningitis at age 6. He said his goal as CMA President was to seek more cooperation among health care workers: “He [also] considers that the time has come to re-emphasize the humane aspects of medicine,” CMAJ reported. "He thinks medicine has become dominated by scientific method at the expense of humaneness."