

# Visiting physicians mystery healers

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were they out on the road doing three- or four-day stands in other places?

Their claims surely must have elevated the respective blood pressures of local doctors. It is unlikely that either Rose or Lameroux had a medical degree.

A scan of the history of Hamilton County, Ohio, and Cincinnati — Rose's supposed base of operations — turns up the names of some 150 physicians. "Dr." Rose is not among them, though he claimed to have both bachelor of science and doctor of medicine degrees.

As for Lameroux, he claimed to be "formerly connected with the Chicago Medical and Surgical Institute." If the school existed, it must have had a short life, for it is not mentioned among medical facilities in a history of Cook County, Ill., and Chicago. Nor is his name among the county doctors.

If any humor can be found in the alleged quackery of visiting doc-

tors, perhaps it can be found in "Doctor" Schiller, who arrived in Bloomington in the spring of 1913. His pitch, called "Divine Healing," attracted the attention of Chief of Police Joseph B. Hensley. After fining Schiller \$10 for practicing medicine without a license, the officer gave the healer some timely advice — namely to get out of town before the Whitecappers got him.

Schiller was intelligent enough to take the hint and left for greener pastures in Greencastle. After he was gone, Hensley discovered the "healer" had bilked a 75-year-old

blind Monroe County farmer out of \$10 and the officer went there to retrieve the money. Schiller had told the old man that his cure would come in the mail in the form of something he could read when it arrived.

Hensley got the \$10 back in exchange for "not arresting" the man at his Greencastle hotel. Apparently that city's sheriff was interested too, but by the time he got a warrant, the "divine healer" was speeding toward Indianapolis on a Big 4 train.

## Judge dismisses Tescione suit

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regarding last fall's city council election.

In that case, Tescione is seeking \$22,460 in damages from the Monroe County Election board in connection with their effort to keep him off the fall ballot. The election board said Tescione could not run twice for the same office in both a

primary and general election. Tescione had made an unsuccessful bid for a district city council seat in the 1987 Democratic primary, and then chose to run as an independent for an at-large city council seat last fall.

A three-judge, Monroe Superior Court panel overturned the election board ruling on Sept. 2. Tescione finished seventh among ten candidates for three at-large seats in the general election. He got 2,220 votes.