

the explosion of information that was bound to follow. Other institutions, of course, had physicians active in Pediatric Radiology, but Dr. Caffey's experience at Babies Hospital was the first to be recorded as "A Textbook for Students and Practitioners of Pediatrics, Surgery and Radiology" which was the subtitle of the book. Dr. Caffey acknowledged his debt to his predecessors and his esteem for his contemporaries in a review entitled "The first 60 years of Pediatric Radiology in the United States, 1896 to 1956"<sup>1</sup> in which can be found the same scholarship, attention to detail and clarity of expression that mark his scientific publications. The 7th edition of Pediatric X-ray Diagnosis became available shortly after his death, 33 years after the appearance of the first edition.

Dr. Caffey was retired from his post at Babies Hospital when he attained the statutory age limit in 1960, but *he* did not retire. After 3 productive years at the Children's Hospital in Denver and at the Primary Children's Hospital in Salt Lake City, he joined his former student, Dr. Bertram Girdany, at the Children's Hospital in Pittsburgh where he found not only a cordial and stimulating environment in which to continue his work, but also a loving, ready-made

family in the persons of Bert and Ula Girdany and their children. The more than filial devotion of Bert and Ula supported Dr. Caffey through the years of "retirement" he spent in Pittsburgh and especially during the trying times after the sudden death of his wife, Barbara in 1973. Meanwhile, he also enjoyed (and dominated) the John Caffey Society, an organization of his students and their students who met with Dr. Caffey annually to present their triumphs, problems and disasters for general discussion. He was harsh, kind, autocratic, tolerant, and always stimulating at these meetings. He maintained his interest in both the American and the European Societies for Pediatric Radiology with which he was affiliated, participating in their meetings whenever possible.

Dr. Caffey's long list of publications, memberships, honors, etc. are not included because Dr. Caffey would not want them to be. In fact, he would even have objected to any kind of obituary. But he might not have objected to a relation of what can be done with a keen mind, a healthy curiosity, a willingness to take sides, and as he remarked "... chance – and perhaps something a little more."

Dr. Caffey is survived by a sister, Mary Caffey, in Salt Lake City and a brother, Paul Caffey, in Philadelphia.

1 [Am. J. Roentgenol. 76, 437 (1956)]

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## Lutz Schall 1894–1978

Dr. Lutz Schall, honorary professor in the University of Hamburg and previously director of the Municipal Children's Hospital of Bremen (FRG) died on October 17, 1978, aged 84 years. He was a honorary member of the Gesellschaft für Pädiatrische Radiologie and of the European Society of Pediatric Radiology.

In addition to his pediatric work, Lutz Schall worked in radiology throughout his medical career. This is reflected in many of his 90 publications, especially in the book written together with Birk on "Strahlenbehandlung von Kinderkrankheiten", and the "Handbuch der Röntgendiagnostik und -therapie im Kindesalter" edited in 1932 with Stefan Engel. From 1940 to 1960, Dr. Schall was, with some interruptions, the Head of the Children's Hospital of Bre-

men, where a department of radiology was built up on his initiative. Papers on radiation biology, X-ray protection, history of pediatric radiology and the construction of special X-ray apparatus for children mark his interest in his specialty. He also constructed the motor-driven "Paidoskop". His pupils were stimulated by the richness of his ideas. Beyond the field of medicine he was an extraordinarily gifted and artistic man, full of original ideas. With his determination and humour he was a model of creative energy. German pediatric radiology has lost its doyen, European pediatric radiology has lost a pioneer.

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