

# Two new doctors to open practices



**DR. DON BRADEN**

Next month, two new doctors will come into the area, to begin practices in what has been defined as the "20th specialty" — family practice.

The two, Dr. Robert Ley III and Dr. Don Braden, were classmates at the Ohio State University School of Medicine. They will open separate offices in the medical building built by Dr. James Houghlan at 1716 Cross st., Dover.

Their specialty in family practice is a modern version of the traditional role of general practitioner, the "old-time" family doctor who treated the various ills of all members of the family.

"This is a practical aspect of family medicine," Ley stated. Braden added to the definition: "In addition to dealing with family members as they get sick, family practice adds continuous com-

prehensive care, emphasizing preventive medicine and dealing with the family as a unit."

Both men completed specialized residencies in family practice, Ley at Akron General Hospital and Braden at Akron City Hospital.

**LEY, A NATIVE** son returning home, is a son of Dr. and Mrs. Robert Ley Jr. of Dover. He is currently winding up his military service with the U.S. Navy before he and his wife, Christel, and three children return to Dover.

Braden, formerly of Stow, also is completing military service, with the U.S. Army, and he and his wife, Barbara, also will move to the area in July.

Both are enthusiastic about the concept of family practice and its importance as a specialty. They noted that

American Medical Assn. has recognized this, by now emphasizing its role and encouraging medical students to enter the field.

For many years, it was pointed out, the trend towards the other specialties resulted in having families in which each member of the family had its own separate specialist but there was no doctor serving the entire family.

"The development of this program provides more depth in training to treat the entire family," Ley said, pointing out that family practitioners are reviewed every six years for re-certification.

Increased record-keeping is an important part of the family practice, providing more and better-organized information on the patient.



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