

BRANCH NEWS

WESTERN PROVINCE

Lectures Given.

A lecture was arranged by Combined Auxiliary Medical Professions on the Cardiac Research Clinic and on Open Heart Surgery and was delivered on February 24th, 1959, by Mr. Pillar, Head Technician of the Cape Town Cardiac Clinic. An American colour film on Open Heart Surgery followed this most interesting talk.

In March the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, University of Cape Town invited members to a lecture and film delivered by Miss S. Oosthuizen on the work carried out by the Avalon Organisation for Paraplegics, Cerebral Palsy and Polio-patients. This was greatly appreciated by all who attended.

Births.

To Mr. and Mrs. Bill Woodgate, a daughter, 10th February, 1959.

New Members.

Miss W. A. Dugmore and Mr. D. E. Evans.

Change of Address.

Miss C. Junack, 7, Glen Crescent, Oranjezicht, Cape Town.

Mr. V. Lerm, 7, van Riebeeck St., Stellenbosch, Cape.

Mr. B. G. Moth, 17, Clarendon Court, Belmont Ave., Oranjezicht, Cape Town.

Miss G. Sutherland, 5, Devon View, Devonshire Hill Rd., Rondebosch, Cape.

Mr. M. D. Oliver (Business), 748, Stuttafords Building, 63, St. Georges St., Cape Town.

NORTHERN CAPE

The members of this Branch were pleased to have the opportunity of meeting our Chairman, Miss Blair, when she paid Kimberley a short visit, after the Conference at Bloemfontein.

Mr. Nicholson has been granted two months leave and is attending the Post Graduate Course on "The Bobath Method of treatment for Cerebral Palsy" being held at Cape Town.

Later in the year Mrs. Salmon will be sailing for England and Europe where she will attend the 3rd International Congress in Paris.

SOUTHERN TRANSVAAL

Jumble Sale.

A Jumble Sale will be held on Saturday, 4th July, 1959, on the back lawn of Mr. Vaughan's home (96, Central Ave., Athol, Johannesburg) in aid of branch funds.

Will all members send jumble to:

Miss R. Fox,

C/o Physiotherapy Dept., General Hospital, before that date.

Lectures.

Two films on "Sheltered Employment" and "Cripple Care Publicity" were shown on the 10th March. This was followed by a general meeting. The business of the meeting was to discuss and vote for branch resolutions and amendments to the constitution which were to be presented to the Special Council Meeting. The following delegates were elected for Council:

Miss Baines, Mr. Vaughan, Mr. Sroka, Mrs. Kruger, Mr. Radcliffe and Mr. Arts.

Miss Cochrane was elected as the official delegate for the branch. Mr. Vaughan was also able to attend council.

On April 13th, Mr. W. Girdwood gave a lecture and showed slides on "Hand Deformities and their treatment, and some contributions to the knowledge of the post-phlebotic leg." This informative talk was well attended and enjoyed by all.

Annual Subscriptions.

It has come to the notice of the Branch Treasurer that some subscriptions for last year, 1958-59, have gone astray owing to change of Treasurer and address. If any members have paid their subscription but received no official receipt, will they please communicate with Mrs. Kruger, Physiotherapy Department, General Hospital, Johannesburg, at once.

Letters to the Editor

The Editor,

Dear Madam,

May I use the *Journal* to address the members on the urgent need for more teachers of Physiotherapy. As you know at present all three Physiotherapy Training Schools are staffed entirely by English trained teachers. This state of affairs should not continue and I feel there are now a sufficient number of South African trained Physiotherapists in this country to provide personnel for the schools.

This year the Witwatersrand University is running a Teacher's Course but only two Physiotherapists are taking the course, to them I offer my congratulations on their courage, and best wishes for success.

Next year the University of Pretoria is prepared to run a similar course provided they have a sufficient number of applicants (minimum three).

The course will be officially advertised towards the end of the year, in the meantime may I appeal to Physiotherapists who have been qualified for two or more years and have a real interest in the profession to consider very seriously the possibility of taking this course.

Many Physiotherapists I know are very diffident about offering themselves for this training, and feel that a teacher is some one far above them in academic ability, let me assure them that is not so, the ideal teacher is one who convinced of the value of what she is doing sees the necessity of imparting her knowledge to others so that they in turn may use this knowledge for the benefit of the patients.

If any of you are at all interested but doubtful as to whether you are suitable I shall be only too pleased to help you and give you what information I can either by letter or interview.

Consideration and discussion of the matter will not commit you in any way but discussion with other Physiotherapists may stimulate interest.

We must not disregard this offer of the Pretoria University, it seems to me to be the opportunity of establishing a very firm foundation which is going to give additional support to the profession in this country.

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) A. M. Bodoano, M.C.S.—.