MALE HEALTH VISITORS

As a result of changes in legislation, it has become possible since 1 January 1973 for men to enter health visiting. Previously they have been barred by lack of obstetric experience. But now as a temporary measure pending the revision of the obstetric component of health visitor training a six-week obstetric appreciation course is possible for men who wish to train as health visitors.

WINCHESTER

The E.C.1. Club at Winchester is holding an evening meeting at 20.15 hours on 13 December 1973 at which Mr P. D. Trevor Roper, ophthalmic surgeon, at Westminster Hospital will speak on 'The Influence of Eye Disease on the Artist.'

THE SMOKING PROBLEM AND THE FAMILY DOCTOR

A joint one-day conference on the smoking problem and the family doctor has been arranged by the Scottish Committee of Action on Smoking and Health and the Scottish Council of the Royal College of General Practitioners.

This will be held on 23 November 1973 at the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh and has been approved under Section 63. Further information is available from: The Honorary Secretary, Scottish Council of the Royal College of General Practitioners, 39 Cowgate, Edinburgh EH1 1JR.

B.U.P.A.

The British United Provident Association has reported 80,000 new subscribers forming a new record number. Its subscription income increased by over 20 per cent to exceed £23 million in 1972.

MONOPOLIES COMMISSION

Restrictions on advertising by veterinary surgeons are to be examined by the Monopolies Commission as a result of a referral by the Department of Trade and Industry.

MISUSE OF DRUGS REGULATIONS

The Home Office has published a list of 49 doctors all of whom are on the staff of drug treatment centres. They have been exempted from the 'own handwriting' provisions of the Misuse of Drugs Regulations and exemption has been granted to them for 12 months.

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Obituary

DR JOSEPH GARLAND, M.D. (Harvard), Hon. D.S.C.

Dr Joseph Garland, Editor of the New England Journal of Medicine, has died aged 80. He was the son and grandson of family doctors and graduated from Harvard in 1919. He then practised as a paediatrician until 1947 when he was appointed Editor of the Journal that has remained the oldest existing medical journal in continuing publication.

He retired in 1967 having increased the circulation of his Journal from about 25,000 to 80,000. He was well known for his crisp editorials and the balance of interest that the *Journal* achieved. When he retired the *New England Journal of Medicine* was established as one of the leading medical publications of the English-speaking world.