

1975. A sorry tale it makes—a story of lack of nets, belts, and crawling boards, of unshored trenches, of unsecured ladders, and unsafe roofs. Responsibility was thought to lie with management in 68 cases, with the deceased in 18, and with a fellow worker in two cases. In only 12 accidents was there no clear responsibility. Surprisingly, the report makes no mention of alcohol or other drugs as being even a possible factor.

This report is required reading for those who have a commitment in industrial medicine. It will also provide

valuable material for trainers and trainees. In view of its conclusions, I hope the Health and Safety Executive issues it free of charge to every firm involved in construction—at 90p a time this might be a worthwhile investment.

J. C. MURDOCH

OCCUPATIONAL MORTALITY 1970-1972

*Decennial supplement
Office of Population Censuses and
Surveys*

HMSO
London (1978)

224 pages. Price £4.75

This is the national standard reference for variations in occupational mortality in relation to social class and occupation. It is not light reading and is best used for reference purposes only and as such can be thoroughly recommended for reference libraries. It is particularly valuable as a source for general-practitioner trainees preparing sessions on the influence of social class on health statistics.

D. J. PEREIRA GRAY

OBITUARY

Eileen Phillips HON. FRCGP

FEW institutions have been so well and faithfully served as was the College through the years of its childhood by Eileen Phillips. Mrs Phillips, who was born on 14 July 1905, joined the College staff in 1955 and worked part time as Clerk to the Research Committee for 10 years while at the same time acting as secretary to Lady Docker. She was an extremely fast and accurate typist.

She played a main part in the beginnings of many aspects of the College which are now firmly established and her influence on the course of events in the late 1960s was considerable. When, as often happened, she was faced with unprecedented situations, she handled them with imagination, resourcefulness, and an almost maternal insight.

She became Administrative Secretary in January 1965 and during her five years in that position she never once missed a Council meeting and saw the College take long strides towards maturity. She kept an active interest in the committees with which she had been concerned, especially the Research Committee which she claimed held pride of place in her affections.

She was a good administrator, and this, combined with her warm and loyal personality, resulted in a happy working relationship not only with her staff, but with the many different doctors with whom she had to deal among the early membership. Her welcoming and gracious presence was particularly appreciated by visitors to the College from overseas and the furnishing of the building itself owes much to her good taste. She gave the College much of the furniture in the President's flat.

Honorary Fellowship of the College was conferred upon her at the Annual General Meeting in Leeds in 1971, a year after her retirement, and her dedication to and interest in the College's affairs continued throughout her retirement until her final illness.

She was devoted to her family and her late husband was most generous in his attitude to the demands made by the College on her time and energy.

She leaves a son and a doctor daughter to whom the College extends its deepest sympathy.

Trenchard Louis Robert Hall, MRCGP

DR T. L. R. Hall, who was in general practice in Plympton, Devon, was killed, with his wife, Patricia, and their elder daughter, Mary, in a train accident on 6 July 1978. He was 52.

Bob Hall was born in County Cork, Ireland on 30 January 1926 and was educated at Blundell's School, Tiverton, Devon. He then joined the Royal Sussex Regiment and served in Greece, where he was commissioned.

He entered the London Hospital and graduated MRCS LRCP in 1957. He met his wife, Patricia, whilst she was doing her midwifery training, and they married in January 1960.

In 1960, following hospital house posts at Barnet, Bury St Edmunds, and Bow, Bob Hall entered general practice, first as a trainee, then as a junior partner at Southend-on-Sea. In 1963 he moved to Plymouth and took over a single-handed practice in Plympton, which steadily increased in size. In 1974 he became a member of the Royal College of General Practitioners. Bob Hall always had a flare for practice organization and management, and it was mainly through his enthusiasm and initiative that a large multi-practice health centre was built at Plympton in 1975. He also became very interested in postgraduate training and was appointed Civilian Trainer to Naval Trainees in 1976.

Bob Hall was always a keen and conscientious committee man. He served as Assistant Honorary Secretary, BMA Representative, and Chairman to the Plymouth Division of the BMA. He was also an active

member of his local medical committee, and held the post of Honorary Secretary from August 1972 to March 1976. He served as a member of the South West Faculty Board of the Royal College of General Practitioners, and held office on the Regional General-Practitioner Sub-Committee of the University of Bristol.

As well as his many medical duties, he found time to be a keen Rotarian and was due to be installed as Junior Vice Chairman of the Plympton Rotary Club this year.

His other main interest was sailing, and over the years he had built up a considerable experience of coastal sailing around Devon and Cornwall; only a few days before his death he had returned from a cruise to Brittany. He had just passed the theoretical and practical parts of his Yachtmaster's Off-shore examination and was within a few sea miles of obtaining his ticket.

Bob Hall was a good friend and colleague, whose dedication to medicine will be missed by many friends and patients in Plymouth, and by the whole of the profession in that area. He is survived by his younger daughter.

JOHN S. MAKIN

P. H. Diemer, MRCP

DR P. H. Diemer, formerly in general practice at Nottingham, died on 3 July 1978, aged 86.

Philip Hilton Diemer was born in Bedford on 1 July 1892. Educated at Bedford Modern School and St Bartholomew's Hospital he served in the army in the First World War, returning with the rank of Captain. In September 1915 he was severely wounded at the Battle of Loos while serving in France with the 2nd Royal Warwickshire Regiment. In 1921 he married Margaret Helen Paddock (who died in 1949) and qualified MRCS LRCP in 1924, going to Nottingham in 1926. He acted as Senior Medical Officer to the Nottingham Friendly Societies' Medical Association until 1948 when he took up private practice.

During the latter part of the Second World War he was in charge of the City of Nottingham Casualty Services and amongst other duties was responsible for the detrainment of the wounded.

Owing to ill health he gave up his general practice in 1962. He is survived by his son and daughter.

DIANA DIEMER

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VOCATIONAL TRAINING SCHEME**

Applications are invited for posts in a three year General Practice Vocational Training Scheme in the Barking and Havering Area commencing on 1 February 1979.

There are two years in Hospital posts followed by one year in General Practice with an option of one month in a Practice before commencing the three year period. There is a fully structured half-day release course covering the full three year period.

Oldchurch Hospital is 20 minutes from London by main line train and is adjacent to pleasant Essex countryside.

Trainees are given ample opportunities to meet their colleagues from other Vocational Training Schemes and there is a Regional Trainee organisation. Trainees will be appointed to the Senior House Officer grade in Accident and Emergency, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Paediatrics and Psychiatry. The jobs are recognised for D.C.H., D.Obs., R.C.O.G. and M.R.C.G.P.

Applications, giving full names, age and marital status together with curriculum vitae, to the District Personnel Administrator, Oldchurch Hospital, Romford, Essex.

Closing date: 14 November 1978.

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YORK HEALTH DISTRICT**

**VOCATIONAL TRAINING
FOR GENERAL PRACTICE**

Applications are invited for admission to a three year course of training commencing 1 February 1979. The course consists of four six month hospital posts and two six month periods in General Practice.

The hospital posts are in four of the following specialties: Accident and Emergency; General Medicine; Obstetrics; Paediatrics; Psychiatry.

Other specialties may be available to suit the requirements of the trainee. The course of training has been approved by the RCGP and although it is primarily aimed towards General Practice it would also be suitable as a course for General Professional Training.

Written applications, giving full details of qualifications, past experience and the names and addresses of two referees should be sent to the District Personnel Officer, York Health District, Bootham Park Hospital, York YO3 7BY.

Closing date: 15 November 1978.