

Branch News

SOUTHERN TRANSVAAL

At the beginning of November a cocktail party was held for the final year Physiotherapy students. This was a most enjoyable event.

Lecture

Towards the end of the month a panel discussion was held on "The Medico-legal Neck". This meeting was very well attended. The chair was taken by Mr. C. Froman, who spoke from the Neurosurgeon's point of view. An Attorney gave us the legal background to the subject and a Physiotherapist spoke from the Private Practitioner's point of view. Unfortunately there was not much discussion from the floor, but as this is a new approach to our monthly meetings we hope that the members will express their views more freely at the next meeting.

Forthcoming Lectures

The subject for the January meeting will be "The Management of Chest Conditions in the Young Child". The meeting will be chaired by Mrs. C. Eales and Dr. A. Olinsky, principal Paediatrician at the Transvaal Memorial Hospital, will speak on the "Medical Management of the Young Child in Intensive Care". Mrs. Beth Ratcliffe will speak on the practical aspects of Paediatric Chest Physiotherapy.

Post-Graduate Course

In February the Manipulative Therapists Group is holding a post-graduate course on Mobilisation of the Knee Joint.

EASTERN PROVINCE

In November we had a most interesting lecture by Mrs. Ethel Woolf on Motor Development.

News of Members

We are very sorry to lose Mrs. J. Selley and Miss P. Gerdner. Mrs. Selley is one of the longest standing Branch Members and we hope that she and her family will be very happy in Canada. Miss P. Gerdner is moving to the Transvaal and we wish her well in her new post.

GOLDFIELDS

Lectures

Dr. M. Barry's lecture in October, 1975, was postponed as we were invited by the Orthopaedic Association to attend a lecture on Hand Surgery. This lecture was delivered by Professor Dawkins, a visiting Orthopaedic Surgeon from California, U.S.A.

Our November lecture was most informative and was given by Mrs. Maud Malick, consultant Occupational Therapist at Pittsburgh Hospital, U.S.A. She is an authority on the treatment and rehabilitation of Burns and showed an excellent film on this subject.

Social

Our annual "Get-Together" took the form of a "Sheep-Braai" on Wilf and Patti Cahl's farm near Wesselsbron. To say the party was a success is an understatement. Almal het die aand baie geniet.

News of Members

We say farewell to Mrs. A. Atkins who is moving to Roodepoort and bid a hearty welcome to Mrs. P. Collie who has joined our Branch.

SOUTHERN O.F.S.

Lectures

At our August meeting Mrs. J. Utermöhlen was asked to report on the Jubilee Congress to those members who were unable to attend. Her report was most comprehensive and informative.

In October Dr. Dorkins, Orthopaedic Specialist from Los Angeles, well known for his hand surgery, gave a most interesting lecture on the latest methods used in hand surgery emphasising the importance of the Physiotherapist in post-surgical treatment.

The annual general meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. Burger towards the end of November. The following Office Bearers were elected for 1976: Chairman, Mr. W. J. L. Vermeulen; Vice-Chairman, Mr. K. Theron; Secretary, Mrs. A. Burger; Treasurer, Mrs. N. van der Walt.

The meeting was followed by a most enjoyable "braai".

General

Congratulations to Miss L. Bosman on her recent marriage to Mr. J. Erasmus, and to Miss D. Naude, student member, on her engagement to Mr. L. Fourie.

Book Review

A POCKET BOOK OF EXERCISE THERAPY: AN INTRODUCTION TO PURPOSEFUL ACTIVITY.

by M. Dena Gardiner (G. Bell & Sons Ltd., 1975).

In her preface to this little book Miss Gardiner writes "This Pocket Book is intended to instruct or remind therapists of some activities which may be used to help the patient gain a measure of independence progressively until no further treatment is required."

I think Miss Gardiner has succeeded well in doing this with her clear instructions on some of the basic functional activities. But the charm of this book lies in the bits of practical advice on how to get the desired results and other homilies, interspersed between the descriptions.

There is a very welcome emphasis on the need to use functional and purposeful activities in re-education of function and on the need for proximal stability before attempting distal control.

This book is not intended to be a comprehensive survey of functional activities. It is a useful reminder of how functional activities combined with a bit of imagination, can be used to gain that "measure of independence."

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BOOK RECEIVED

Mobilisation of the Spine. Notes on Examination Assessment Clinical Method.

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