

disabled people in their own homes, even when living alone, the investigators looked into the types of alarm systems such people had—if any—and their effectiveness and quality. Guidelines are given for identifying people at risk, and advice on the selection of alarm systems and their maintenance. Different types of equipment, together with suitability, price, and availability, are listed at the end of the booklet. *Alarm Systems for Elderly and Disabled People*. Available from Institute for Consumer Ergonomics Ltd., University of Technology, Loughborough, Leicestershire, price £1.

### Audiovisual Aids

In order to make audiovisual tapes more readily available to medical students and to discuss the cost of preparing these, a small group was formed in 1974 under the auspices of the Medical Recording Foundation. This group, designated the Medical Audiotape-Slide Producers' Association, borrowed tapes made by its members so that these could be copied by others, or made available to the general medical public through the Recording Service's library.

To date, people from 19 medical schools are working with this group and tapes on the following subjects are available: endocrinology, obstetrics and gynaecology, surgery, family planning, and anaesthetics. Others are in production. Members of the association invite medical schools to join them, so that they may have the opportunity of hearing about, and making use of, tapes already in use, and exchange others already available. Information from John and Valerie Graves, Medical Recording Services Foundation, Writtle, Chelmsford, Essex.

### COMING EVENTS

**Cardiff Medical and Dental Old Students' Association.**—Conversazione, 15 March, Park Hotel, Cardiff. Applications to the registrar, Welsh National School of Medicine, Heath Park, Cardiff CF4 4XN. (Tel. 0222 755944.)

**Ultrasonics International 1975.**—Conference and exhibition on advances in ultrasonics research and its applications in industry, physics, and medicine, 24-26 March, Imperial College, London. Details from Ultrasonics International, I.P.C. House, 32 High Street, Guildford, Surrey GU1 3EW. (Tel. 0483 71661.)

**West Suffolk Hospital Postgraduate Medical Centre.**—Copies and details of the 1975 programme are obtainable from the secretary of the centre, at the hospital, Hardwick Lane, Bury St. Edmunds, IP33 2QZ. (Tel. Bury St. Edmunds 63131, extn. 342.)

**St. George's Hospital and S.W. Metropolitan Orthopaedic Training Scheme.**—Copies and details of the teaching calendar April-July are obtainable from Mr. S. C. Gallannaugh, F.R.C.S., St. George's Hospital, Blackshaw Road, London S.W.17.

### SOCIETIES AND LECTURES

*For attending lectures marked \* a fee is charged or a ticket is required. Applications should be made first to the institution concerned.*

#### Sunday, 9 March

**INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOTOLOGY.**—10.15 a.m., Mr. O. H. Shaheen: Swellings of the Salivary Gland.

#### Monday, 10 March

**INSTITUTE OF CHILD HEALTH.**—5.30 p.m., Dr. G. Keys Smith (Melbourne): Handicapped Children—Priorities in Planning Services with particular reference to Australian Experiences.

#### Tuesday, 11 March

**ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.**—4.30 p.m., Arnott demonstration by Dr. H. J. Gamble: Connective Tissue of Peripheral Nerves and their Roots.

**ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE.**—9.30 a.m., Pathology section day symposium: Quality Control.\*

#### Wednesday, 12 March

**CHRISTIAN MEDICAL FELLOWSHIP.**—At Royal Commonwealth Society Hall, London W.C.2, 8.15 p.m., Mr. D. F. Ellison Nash: Integration and Disintegration in British Health Care.

**INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.**—4.30 p.m., Dr. M. M. Black: Cutaneous Amyloidosis.

**ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL.**—2 p.m., Pathology guest lecture.

#### Thursday, 13 March

**ABERDEEN UNIVERSITY.**—5 p.m., Sir Andrew Kay: Diarrhoea—some Surgical Lessons.

**ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.**—5 p.m., Arris and Gale lecture by Mr. A. E. Kulatikale: Isolated Perfusion of Canine and Human Kidneys.

**ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL.**—4 p.m., Professor J. Milic-Emili (Montreal): Control of Ventilation, Awake, and under Anaesthesia.

**ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPICE, LONDON E.8.**—8 p.m., Dr. A. Elliott: Future of Community Medicine.

#### Friday, 14 March

**ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL.**—11 a.m., Mr. A. Johnson: Measurement and Clinical Significance of Cholecystokinin.

### B.M.A. NOTICES

#### Diary of Central Meetings

MARCH	
13 Thurs.	Central Committee for Hospital Medical Services, 10 a.m.
13 Thurs.	Steering Committee for Investigation into Effects of Fatigue on Work of Hospital Doctors, 2 p.m.
13 Thurs.	Liaison Committee with the Royal College of General Practitioners, 2.30 p.m.
19 Wed.	Compensation and Superannuation Committee, 10 a.m.
19 Wed.	Panel on Prizes, Research Awards and Fellowships (Board of Science and Education), 3 p.m.
20 Thurs.	General Medical Services Committee, 10 a.m.
20 Thurs.	Organization Committee, 11 a.m.
20 Thurs.	General Medical Services Committee, 10 a.m.

#### APRIL

2 Wed. Council, 10 a.m.

#### Branch and Division Meetings to be Held

*Members proposing to attend meetings marked\* are asked to notify in advance the honorary secretary concerned.*

**Barking and Havering Division.**—At academic centre, Harold Wood Hospital, Thursday, 13 March, 8.30 p.m., B.M.A. lecture by Dr. P. R. Evans: "Experiences in Saigon Children's Hospital." (Buffet supper, 7.30 p.m.)\*

**Belfast Division.**—At 609 Ormeau Road, Thursday, 13 March, 8 p.m., short paper: "Medicine in Detection of Crime."

**Blackburn Division.**—At De Tabley Hotel, Thursday, 13 March, 8 p.m., dinner. Speaker, Canon L. Jackson. Guests are invited.\*

**Bradford Division.**—At Connaught Rooms, Thursday, 13 March, annual dinner.\*

**Doncaster Division.**—Friday, 14 March, dinner lecture by Dr. Ruth Cammack. Ladies are invited.\*

**East Berkshire Division.**—At postgraduate medical centre, Windsor, Monday, 10 March, 8 p.m., general meeting for all doctors in the area. Speakers include Mr. M. Wallace on the "Consultant Contract" and Dr. G. Taylor on the "Resignation Issue."

**East Yorkshire Branch.**—At postgraduate centre, Hull Royal Infirmary, Wednesday, 12 March, 7.30 p.m., meeting to discuss "Future Progress of the Area Social Medical Services."

**Guildford Division.**—At Clandon Park Restaurant, Thursday, 13 March, 7.45 for 8.15 p.m., buffet supper meeting. Dr. M. O'Donnell: "Looking Sideways at Medical Journalism."

**Halifax Division.**—At Marmaville Country Club, Mirfield, Thursday, 13 March, annual dinner dance.\*

**Harrow Division.**—At Edith Martin Memorial Hall, Harrow Hospital, Tuesday 18 March, 8.45 p.m., meeting to form the new Harrow Division of the B.M.A., as the Harrow part of the Harrow and Hillingdon Division is separating from the Hillingdon part. Election of officers, etc.

**Havering Division.**—At Harold Wood Postgraduate Centre, Thursday, 13 March, 7.30 for 8.30 p.m., B.M.A. lecture by Dr. P. Evans: "Vietnam Children's Hospital." (Buffet supper provided.)\*

**Hendon Division.**—At Hendon Hall Hotel, Tuesday, 11 March, 8.30 p.m., Dr. J. Dominian: "Marriage Problems and Counselling." Guests are invited.\*

**Lancaster Division.**—At Heysham Nuclear Power Station, Sunday, 16 March, 10.30 a.m., B.M.A. lecture in form of short talks on "Radiation Medicine and Health Physics." Followed by tour of the plant. Guests over 18 are invited.\*

**Manchester Division.**—At Ashley Hotel, Hale, Saturday, 15 March, 7.30 for 8 p.m., diamond jubilee dinner. Mr. Walpole Lewin (Chairman of Council, B.M.A.) and Dr. Derek Stevenson (Secretary, B.M.A.) will attend. Guests are invited.\*

**North of England Branch.**—At Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle upon Tyne, Thursday, 13 March, 7 for 7.30 p.m., scientific meeting: "Some Aspects of Surgery for the Elderly."

**Plymouth Division.**—At Plymouth Medical Centre, Wednesday, 12 March, 8.30 p.m., jointly with L.M.C. meeting to discuss possible resignations from N.H.S.

**Reading Division.**—At nurses' education centre, Royal Berkshire Hospital, Wednesday, 12 March, 8.30 p.m., B.M.A. lecture by Professor R. S. Illingworth: "Important or Not?"

**Southampton and South-west Hampshire Division.**—At Potter's Heron Motel, Ampfield, Friday, 14 March, 7.30 for 8.15 p.m., annual dinner dance.\*

**South Middlesex Division.**—Saturday, 15 March, visit to Yvonne Arnaud Theatre, Guildford, to see "Romeo and Jeannette". Dinner will follow. (Transport will leave West Middlesex Hospital, 6.45 p.m.)\*

**South-west Wales Division.**—At Ivy Bush Royal Hotel, Carmarthen, Friday, 14 March, 7 for 7.30 p.m., annual dinner and B.M.A. lecture by Professor H. Ellis: "Royal Operations."\*

**Stockport Division.**—At Alma Lodge Hotel, Tuesday, 11 March, 7.30 for 8 p.m., dinner meeting, jointly with Law Society, Dr. J. Wall: "Medicolegal Pitfalls for Doctors." Guests are invited.\*

**Swansea Division.**—At Singleton Hospital, Thursday, 13 March, 8 p.m., B.M.A. lecture by Professor H. Spencer: "Carcinoma of the Lung, the Early and Differential Diagnostic Problems." (Followed by buffet.)\*

**Wandsworth Division.**—At postgraduate centre, St. James's Hospital, Monday, 10 March, 7.45 for 8.45 p.m., a.g.m. (Refreshments provided.)

**Wigan Division.**—At postgraduate institute, Malvern House, Friday, 14 March, 8 for 8.45 p.m., annual dinner. Medical guests only.\*

**Woking and Chertsey Division.**—At postgraduate centre, St. Peter's Hospital, Chertsey, Wednesday, 12 March, 8 p.m., inaugural meeting, talk and discussion by Dr. E. Brian Lewis: "The Role of the B.M.A. in the Present Situation."

**Worcester and Bromsgrove Branch.**—At Raven Hotel, Droitwich, Wednesday, 12 March, 7.45 for 8.15 p.m., dinner and dance.\*

### UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

#### LIVERPOOL

**Appointments.**—Dr. M. C. L. Orme (senior lecturer (special appointment), pharmacology and therapeutics); Miss Irene M. Irving (lecturer (special appointment), paediatric surgery).

### APPOINTMENTS

**CITY AND EAST LONDON A.H.A.(T).**—Dr. O. O. McCarthy (consultant, general medicine with special interest in thoracic medicine).

**EALING, HAMMERSMITH, AND HOUNSLOW A.H.A.(T).**—The following consultants have been appointed: Mr. I. S. Duff (orthopaedic surgery); Dr. Usha A. Sheorey (and South-west Thames R.H.A., anaesthetics).

**NORTH-EAST THAMES R.H.A.**—The following consultants have been appointed: Dr. F. F. Casale (anaesthetics); Dr. C. D. Eraut (general/thoracic medicine); Dr. J. O. Stewart (histopathology).

**NORTH-EAST THAMES R.H.A.**—The following consultants have been appointed: Mr. C. E. M. Lamb, Mr. A. P. C. C. Su (e.n.t. surgery)

**PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY SERVICE BOARD.**—Dr. J. E. M. Whitehead (second deputy director, P.H.L.S.).

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