

*your child*, a Family Doctor booklet written by psychiatrist Dr Doris Odum. Copies of the booklet, price 25p, are available from chemists or from Family Doctor House, 47/51 Chalton Street, London NW1.

## COMING EVENTS

**National Society for Autistic Children**—Course for doctors on "Early Childhood Autism and Other Problems Affecting Language and Communication," 19-21 March, Cambridge. Details from Advisory Centre for Education, 32 Trumpington Street, Cambridge, or the National Society for Autistic Children, 1a Golders Green Road, London NW11 8EA. (Tel 01-583 4193.)

**Family Planning Association**—Conference "The pill . . . on or off prescription?" 23 March, London. Details from the Association, 27-35 Mortimer Street, London W1A 4QW. (Tel 01-580 2333 and 01-636 7866.)

**Cardiothoracic Institute**—Symposium "Drugs and the Heart," 24-25 March, London. Registration forms and details from House Secretary, Cardiothoracic Institute, 2 Beaumont Street, London W1N 2DX. (Tel 01-486 3043.)

**British Nuclear Medicine Society**—Fourth annual meeting held jointly with the Hospital Physicists Association, 25-26 March, London. Details and abstract sheets from Dr D N Croft, Department of Nuclear Medicine, St Thomas's Hospital, London SE1 7EH. (Tel 01-928 9292, ext 2163.)

**General Practitioner and Social Worker Workshop**—Annual general meeting and conference, 26-27 March, Manchester. Details from the Secretary, Darbshire House Health Centre, Upper Brook Street, Manchester M13 0FW. (Tel 061-224 6322.)

**Geriatric Care**—Exhibition of equipment for the care of geriatric patients, 5 March-30 April, Mondays to Fridays (closed 16 and 19 April). Scottish Health Service Centre, Crewe Road South, Edinburgh.

## 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, 7 March

INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOLGY—10.15 am, seminar for general practitioners, Mr O H Shaheen: Swellings of the salivary gland.

### Monday, 8 March

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND—4.30 pm, Erasmus Wilson Demonstration by Dr A R Sanderson: Enhancement: specific unresponsiveness invoked by alloantibody.

### Tuesday, 9 March

NORTH-EAST LONDON POLYTECHNIC—Starling lecture by Professor J Lenihan: Radiation and man.\*  
ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF EDINBURGH—6 pm, colloquium for consultants and registrars on: The diagnosis and management of biliary obstruction.

### Wednesday, 10 March

INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGY—5.30 pm, inaugural lecture of Professor G H du Boulay: Animals have arms as well as legs.  
ROYAL COLLEGE OF PSYCHIATRISTS—At Royal Society of Medicine, 8.15 pm, Dr Julian Bird: Use of role play in the teaching of interview skills.  
ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL—5 pm, Dr O F W James: Paracetamol toxicity.  
UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD—At Radcliffe Infirmary, 5 pm, Professor A O Lucas (Ibadan): Research for national development: a review of medical research in Nigeria.

### Thursday, 11 March

MEDICO-LEGAL SOCIETY—At Royal Society of Medicine, 8.15 pm, Mr J Carver: Impact of legal requirements on safety and health in mines and quarries.  
MEDICAL WOMEN'S FEDERATION—At South London Hospital for Women and Children, 8.30 pm, agm.

### Friday, 12 March

INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOLGY—5.30 pm, Mr P McKelvie: Hypophysectomy.

ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL—4 pm, Professor R Schmid (San Francisco): Hereditary defects of the liver: update 1976.

ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL—3 pm, Mr R Blamey: Measurement of the immune reaction against an allograft.

## BMA NOTICES

### Diary of Central Meetings

	MARCH
11 Thurs	Organisation Committee, 10.45 am.
16 Tues	Negotiating Subcommittee (CCCM), 10.15 am.
18 Thurs	Executive Subcommittee (CCHMS), 10 am.
18 Thurs	General Medical Services Committee, 10 am.
24 Wed	Finance and General Purposes Committee, 10 am.
24 Wed	BMA Council Executive, 2 pm.
27 Sat and	
28 Sun	Junior Members Forum, University of Nottingham,

### Branch and Division Meetings to be Held

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

**Bradford and Airedale Division**—At Connaught Rooms, Thursday, 11 March, 8 pm, annual dinner dance.\*

**Brighton and Cuckfield Division**—At Hove Town Hall, Saturday, 13 March, 8 pm, annual ball. \* (Guests are invited.)

**City and Hackney Division**—Joint meeting with Tower Hamlets Division at Hackney Hospital, Wednesday, 10 March, 12.30 pm, Dr Louis Blonstein: "The medical aspects of boxing."

**Dewsbury Division**—At Central Restaurant, Cleckheaton, Friday, 12 March, 8 for 8.30 pm, annual dinner.\*

**East Dorset Division**—At Poole General Hospital, Friday, 12 March, 8 for 8.15 pm, Dr Tony Keable-Elliott: "Current medicopolitical problems."

**East Kent Division**—At Chiesman Pavilion, Canterbury, Thursday, 11 March, 7.15 for 7.30 pm, buffet supper followed by appraisal of by-gones.\*

**East Yorkshire Division**—At Ferens Art Gallery, Hull, Wednesday, 10 March, 7.15 pm, Mr John Bradshaw: "Museums and art galleries in Hull." (Followed by buffet supper.)\*

**Edgware and Hendon Division**—At Hendon Hall Hotel, Tuesday, 9 March, 8.30 pm, Dr Richard Hunter: "Psychiatry without words."\*

**Gloucestershire Branch**—At Pittville Pump Room, Cheltenham, Thursday, 11 March, 7.15 pm, annual guest night. \* (Guests are invited.)

**Halifax Division**—At Marmaville Country Club, Thursday, 11 March, 7.30 for 8 pm, annual dinner dance.\*

**Harrogate Division**—At Harrogate General Hospital and St George Hotel, Saturday, 13 March, 7.15 for 8 pm, annual symposium and dinner dance.\*

**Lambeth and Southwark Division**—At Guy's Hospital, Sunday, 7 March, 9.30 am, symposium on "The treatment of sexual dysfunction in the male and female, including impotence and frigidity and their relationship to marital problems."\*

**West Berkshire Division**—At Royal Berkshire Hospital, Wednesday, 10 March, 8.30 pm, annual BMA Lecture by Dr Derek Stevenson: "Medical politics."\*

**West Dorset Division**—At Poole Postgraduate Centre, Friday, 12 March, 8 for 8.15 pm, Dr Tony Keable-Elliott: "Current medicopolitical problems."

**Woking and Chertsey Division**—At Ship Hotel, Weybridge, Friday, 12 March, 7.30 for 8 pm, first annual dinner dance.\*

## UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

### MANCHESTER

Appointments—Dr M E Grant (senior lecturer in medical biochemistry); Dr J R Fozard (senior lecturer in pharmacology); Dr M W Atkinson (senior lecturer in psychiatry).  
MD—D H Bennett.

### ROYAL COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNAECOLOGISTS

At meetings of the Council held on 6 and 7 February with the president, Professor C J Dewhurst, in the chair, the following were admitted to membership:

O A Adewunmi, S Ahnaimugan, A S Al-Beidh, W R Al-Omari, H B H Arshat, N N Aye, Layla F Badria, A M Bahar, Shashi Bala, Annamma Basani, T S Bassan, J G Bibby, Soorendra Bissoonauth, B Blumenthal, A J Breeson, P R Brinsden, W L Caulfield, Tanny T L Chan, R L Cheifitz, M Cherian, C T Chua, A J Davies, J F De Pasquale, T P Dutt, M A M El Maraghy, N E J Evoh, M'b K B Faal, R F Fanoos, P McL Fisher, M E Foley, C W Fong, L B Francis, R Garry, G A Geili, M R Ghoneim, B K Ghosh, T H Goh, A J Gordon, K R Greene, Sajela Hafeez, Rehana Hameed, J D T Handy, I K Hoffman, P J Hugo, C J Hutchins, I S Isaac, M N Iskander, R Jamshidi, J D Keeping, K Lahon, M P Lamb, B F Leabeater, R D Londhe, T A MacPherson, L A Macauley, M S Mahawish, R D Marin, C N Maxwell, M T B Member, S A

Mikhail, G D Miller, M P Milligan, J A Milne, R Monro, B El D A Mustafa, M J Mylotte, K Nair, B C Obiekwe, M C O'Connor, M J O'Dowd, K C Ooi, J Overton, M Panda, B M Patel, D J Pearce, C M Perry, Krishna Persad, M S S Price, Sumithra Raghuvaram, M D Read, J W Reynolds, M K Risam, W A H Ritchie, Y Z Saleh, R S Sawers, Shail B Sharma, So-Mai E Shiu, R Smith, S P Sng, R A D Sommers, J D Steven, B Stuart, P J Sullivan, June R Swinhoe, A L S Szirt, C H Tan, B H Valentine, Catherine A Vaughan Williams, D A Viniker, P R Vlies, T M Wanas, D S L Weerasinghe, W A L Weerasinghe, R Weissenberger, T J Westgarth, Helen M Wightman, P D Wilson, T B Yacoub, C-M Yim.

## APPOINTMENTS

**NATIONAL HOSPITALS FOR NERVOUS DISEASES AND CAMDEN AND ISLINGTON AREA HEALTH AUTHORITY (TEACHING)**—Dr G S Ingram (consultant anaesthetist). **SOUTH-EAST THAMES RHA**—The following consultants have been appointed: Mr K C Kamdar (orthopaedics); Dr J P Shardlow (obstetrics and gynaecology); Dr S R Patel (radiology); Dr Gillian T McCarthy (paediatrics); Dr T A Husaini (histopathology and morbid anatomy); Dr K G E Brown (general medicine); Dr J B Pearce (child and adolescent psychiatry); Dr W I Mikhail, Dr S A Montgomery (psychiatry); Dr Freda E Stockings (anaesthetics).

**NORTHERN RHA**—The following consultants have been appointed: Dr H R Shenkin, Dr P Ryan (chest medicine); Dr D J H Daniel, Dr D I Macnair (anaesthetics); Dr T J Deebie (haematology); Dr K Moslehuddin, Dr Agnes W Justice (mental illness); Dr F S Johnson, Dr C R Gomersall, Dr A A Brown (obstetrics and gynaecology); Dr J B Douglas, Dr Jan Lesny, Dr C D Wilson-Sharp, Dr Mary A M Irwin (radiology); Mr D G Ghanekar (otolaryngology); Dr Elizabeth Elliott (paediatrics); Dr Y P Suri (geriatric medicine); Mr J T Anderson (orthopaedic surgery); Dr O M Korieh (radiotherapy); Dr H M Palmer, Dr G R Harlow (general medicine); Dr Sheila R Gangye (mental handicap); Dr Elspeth C Spencer (child psychiatry); Mr D S Chapman (general surgery).

**SALFORD AREA HEALTH AUTHORITY (TEACHING)**—Dr A C Young (consultant neurologist).

**HAMPSHIRE AREA HEALTH AUTHORITY (TEACHING)**—The following consultants have been appointed: Dr C Shannon (anaesthetics); Dr J Powell-Jackson (physician).

## Corrections

### Priorities and expenditure

In "Priorities and expenditure" (28 February, p 513) the third sentence in the first paragraph under the heading "Public expenditure" should read: "In this coming year, April 1976 to April 1977, current expenditure on the NHS overall will have a growth rate of 2.6%, measured in real terms and personal social services 3.8%. Over the following three years the situation will be much tighter but we will still have a real economic growth rate in current expenditure of 1.8% in the NHS and 2% in the personal social services." We apologise for this error in the interview with Dr Owen.

### Chair of anaesthetics, Manchester

The chair to which Dr A R Hunter has been appointed (24 January, p 233) is a personal part-time chair.

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