

their lectures. Wider use of brand names in appropriate circumstances would, the report claims, improve the quality of NHS care at little if any monetary cost.

### Typhoid in Spain

At least eight British tourists are now known to have contracted typhoid while on holiday at the Spanish resort of Salou, near Tarragona. A statement from the DHSS says that the Spanish authorities are investigating the outbreak. It recommends that anyone travelling outside northern Europe, north America, Australia, or New Zealand should be advised to be vaccinated against both typhoid and paratyphoid.

### Kidney transplants

The number of kidney transplants undertaken in Great Britain and Eire for the month ending 31 August 1976 was 44 (number of transplants for month ending 31 July was 61). The number of potential recipients on file at 31 August, 1976 was 1080 (number of potential recipients on file at 31 July 1976 was 1054).

### Mobility allowance for disabled children

The Minister for the Disabled, Mr Alfred Morris, announced on 25 August that from 24 November children between 11 and 14 would qualify for the new mobility allowance of £5 per week. In the past outdoor mobility help was based on the individual's ability to drive and children were excluded. "Mobility allowance," Mr Morris said, "is the child's own benefit in a way that is unique in our social security system." The allowance will be payable whether the child is at home with his own parents, with foster parents, in hospital, or a children's home. Claims for children between 5 and 10 will be invited as soon as possible. It is estimated that there may be as many as 30 000 children between 5 and 15 who will qualify at an annual cost, at the current rate, of £8m.

### Smoking in the USA

The Weekly Epidemiological Record of the WHO reports that smoking is continuing to decline in popularity in the USA. Defining a current regular smoker as "anyone who has smoked at least 100 cigarettes in his lifetime and who now smokes cigarettes," the latest data show that in 1975 39% of men and 29% of women were smokers: in 1970 the figures were 42% and 30%, and in 1965 52% and 32%.

## COMING EVENTS

**"Alcoholism" advances in medical and psychiatric understanding**—Conference, 25-29 September, London. Details from the Alcohol Education Centre, Maudsley Hospital, 99 Denmark Hill, London SE5 8AZ. (Tel 01-703 8053 or 01-703 6333 ext 40.)

**Royal College of Physicians of London**—Teach-in on "Herpes virus infections," 5 October, London. For details see advertisement at p xiv.

**Homoeopathic Trust for Research and Education**—Seminar for medical students, 6 October, London. Details from the Trust, Hahne-mann House, 2 Powis Place, Great Ormond Street, London WC1N 3HT. (Tel 01-837 9469.)

**"Clinical Biochemistry and the Medical Graduate"**—Meeting, 9 October, Cambridge. Details from Dr A Grant, Department of Clinical Biochemistry, Addenbrooke's Hospital, Hills Road, Cambridge CB2 2QR. (Tel 0223 45151.)

**43rd Clean Air Conference**—11-15 October, Edinburgh. Details from National Society for Clean Air, 136 North Street, Brighton BN1 1RG. (Tel Brighton 26313.)

**Castle Priory College**—Course on "The handicapped child in the learning situation," 18-21 October, Wallingford. Details from the principal, Castle Priory College, Thames Street, Wallingford, Oxfordshire OX10 0HE. (Tel 0491 37551.)

**King's Fund Centre**—Centenary conference "Service and sanctuary," 21 October, Northampton. Details from King's Fund Centre, 126 Albert Street, London NW1 7NF. (Tel 01-267 6111.)

**Ashford Postgraduate Medical Centre**—MRCP course (Part II), 22-23 October, Ashford. Details from Medical Centre Secretary, Ashford Hospital, Ashford, Middlesex TW15 3AA. (Tel Ashford 51188 ext 370.)

## 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.*

### Monday, 27 September

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND—6 pm, Mr N O K Gibbon: Prostatectomy.\*

### Tuesday, 28 September

INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGY—5.30 pm, Dr L S Wolfe (Canada): Prostaglandin endoperoxides and thromboxanes in normal and abnormal brain function.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND—6 pm, Mr B J Harries: Intracranial space occupying lesions: some pathological and diagnostic aspects.\*

### Wednesday, 29 September

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND—5 pm, Tudor Edwards Memorial lecture by Mr W P Cleland: Chest injuries during and after World War II.\* 6.15 pm, Mr N V Addison: Chronic inflammatory disease of the large bowel.\*

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE—At Addenbrooke's Hospital, 5.15 pm, Professor I H Scheinberg (New York): The life and death of plasma proteins.

### Thursday, 30 September

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND—6 pm, Mr G L Bunton: Some aspects of the acute abdomen in childhood.\*

### Friday, 1 October

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND—5.15 pm, Mr J W Jackson: Oesophageal obstruction: diagnosis and management.\* 6.30 pm, Mr J Chapman: Hydro-nephrosis.\*

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON—5 pm, Ernestine Henry lecture by Professor E P G H du Boulay: Radiation hazards.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND—At Dental Hospital, Birmingham, 5.30 pm, Pocklington memorial lecture by Professor A E Maumenee: Advances in corneal transplantation.

### Saturday, 2 October

SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF HUMAN SEXUAL BEHAVIOUR—At Royal Edinburgh Hospital Department of Psychiatry, Edinburgh, 10.30 am, agm.

## BMA NOTICES

### Diary of Central Meetings

	SEPTEMBER
29 Wed	Private Practice Committee, 10.30 am.
	OCTOBER
1 Fri	Full-time Medical Teachers and Research Workers Committee, 10 am.
6 Wed	Council, 10 am.
12 Tues	Scottish Council (7 Drumsheugh Gardens, Edinburgh), 10.45 am.
19 Tues	Joint Consultants Committee (Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh), 9.30 am.
20 Wed	Central Ethical Committee, 10 am.
20 Wed	Occupational Health Committee, 10.30 am.
20 Wed	Scottish Committee for Hospital Medical Services (7 Drumsheugh Gardens, Edinburgh), 10.45 am.
20 Wed	Committee on the EEC, 2.30 pm.
21 Thurs	General Medical Services Committee, 10 am.
21 Thurs	Organisation Committee, 10 am.

## Division Meetings to be Held

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

**Burton upon Trent and District**—At Stanhope Arms Hotel, Tuesday, 28 September, 7 for 7.30 pm, dinner meeting, speaker Mr G Newton.\*

**Doncaster**—At Doncaster Royal Infirmary, Wednesday, 29 September, 7.30 for 8 pm, Doncaster Medical Society dinner lecture, speaker Mr R Brearley: "Tomorrow to fresh woods and pastures new." (Wives are invited.)\*

**Greenwich**—At 93 Kidbrooke Gove, Saturday, 2 October, 8 pm, buffet supper with chairman. (Partners are invited.)\*

**Ipswich**—At Orchard Street Health Centre, Thursday, 30 September, 7.45 pm, agm.\*

**Islington**—At 31 St Mary's Grove, Canonbury, Thursday, 30 September, 8.30 pm, get together at Dr Core's house.

**Lewisham**—At Yeomanry House, Bromley Road, Friday, 1 October, 8 pm, chairman's annual reception.\*

**Redbridge and Stratford**—At King George Hospital, Tuesday, 28 September, 8.30 pm, agm.

**Sheffield**—At Nether Edge Hospital, Friday, 1 October, 8.30 pm, agm.

**South Middlesex**—At Jolly Gardeners, Wednesday, 29 September, 8.30 pm, joint symposium with Hounslow Veterinary Club on rabies.\* (Preceded by dinner, 7 pm.)

**South Tees**—At Marton Country Club, Thursday, 30 September, 8.45 pm, BMA lecture by Professor Sam Shuster: "Melanocyte stimulating hormone—my part in its cutaneous downfall."\* (Preceded by dinner, 7.15 for 7.45 pm.\* Guests are invited.)

**Woking and Chertsey**—At St Peter's Hospital, Wednesday, 29 September, 8.30 pm, general meeting.

## UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

### LONDON

The title of professor of surgical studies has been conferred on Mr J H Wyllie in respect of his post at University College Hospital Medical School.

The title of reader in clinical pharmacology has been conferred on Dr A Richens in respect of his post at St Bartholomew's Hospital Medical College. MD—P M Carter, M Davis, P O Fasan, G L D Gibbens, A B O O Oyediran, R L Powles, Diana M Samson. MS—S J S Kent.

## APPOINTMENTS

**BIRMINGHAM AREA HEALTH AUTHORITY (TEACHING)**—Dr Linda M Winkley (consultant child psychiatrist).

**CITY AND EAST LONDON AREA HEALTH AUTHORITY (TEACHING)**—Mr O J A Gilmore (consultant surgeon and senior lecturer).

## Corrections

### Change at DHSS

The photographs of Mr Stanley Orme and Mr Roland Moyle (18 September, p 709) were incorrectly captioned by Universal Pictorial Press. The names appearing under these pictures should read from left to right Mr Roland Moyle and Mr Stanley Orme and not as printed.

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