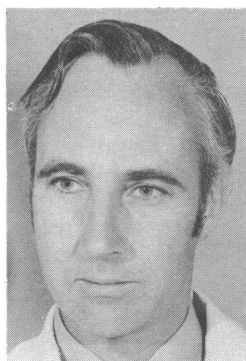


Nuffield Chair of Surgery, Oxford

Mr. Peter J. Morris, reader in surgery and director of the tissue transplantation laboratories,



Melbourne University, has been appointed to the Nuffield professorship of surgery at Oxford University, from a date to be arranged. Mr. Morris, who was born in 1934, graduated M.B., B.S. Melbourne in 1957, and took the F.R.C.S. in 1962 while at

Hammersmith Hospital, London. From Britain he went to the U.S.A. in 1964, becoming clinical and research fellow in surgery, Harvard Medical School, and then assistant professor of surgery at the Medical College of Virginia. Mr. Morris returned to Australia in 1968 as second assistant in the Melbourne University department of surgery, Royal Melbourne Hospital, where in 1969 he was promoted first assistant.

Singapore Academy of Medicine

The following office bearers have been elected for the year 1973-4: *master*, Dr. Chew Chin Hin; *assistant master*, Mr. R. Loh Choo Kiat; *scribe*, Dr. Beatrice Chen Tsung Mong; *bursar*, Mr. Choo Jim Eng; *bedel*, Mr. V. K. Pillay.

The Consumer and the N.H.S.

"Patients, as consumers, require—and are entitled to receive—value for money from the National Health Service. It was essential, therefore, that they should have a voice in the reorganized N.H.S.," according to Dame Elizabeth Ackroyd. Dame Elizabeth, director of the National Innovations Centre and formerly director of the Consumer Council, was speaking at the King's Fund Centre on 12 December. She pointed out that patients tolerated the hardships of long hours of waiting at outpatient departments, as well as the short time allotted by G.P.s for consultations, because they had no present means through which to complain officially. Dame Elizabeth is also president of the Patients' Association and in her view it is essential that voluntary organizations must press for representation on the community health councils.

Proposed Chair in Virology

As part of its support of cancer research the Yorkshire Council of the Cancer Research Campaign has announced that it is going to establish the Sir George Martin chair in virology at the University of Sheffield. The chair is named to recognize the contributions to cancer research made by Sir George Martin, who is chairman of the Yorkshire Council. The council is increasing its financial support to the University of Sheffield Medical School, and £84,000 a year will be used for new posts in cancer research, in addition to an equipment grant of £30,000 to the department of chemical pathology.

Environmental Control: Open University Course

About 190 hours of programmed study on environmental control and public health are planned for presentation through its multimedia teaching system by the Open University, from February to November 1975. The course is part of a "Post-experience Programme" which is intended as a refresher type study for those already professionally involved in environmental problems, such as local government employees, and for ordinary laymen who simply wish to widen their knowledge. The cost of the course is expected to be about £70.

General Nursing Council for Scotland

Professor K. W. Donald, Dr. Jean Ellis, Dr. J. McGlone, Dr. T. S. Wilson, and Dr. A. W. Wright are among the 13 members recently appointed to the General Nursing Council of Scotland for a five-year term of service. These members are appointed by the Privy Council and the Secretary of State for Scotland; the 14 other members of the G.N.C. are all registered nurses working in Scotland and are elected by their fellow nurses.

Bath Spa Treatment Centre

The South Western Regional Hospital Board has made public a document in which it states that it proposes to end its present agreement with Bath City Council for the treatment of N.H.S. patients at the Spa Treatment Centre by 1975. Patients presently being treated at the Spa Centre—the annual total has been over 40,000 for the past four years—will then be treated in the comprehensive physiotherapy centre in Bath's new district general hospital now under construction at Combe Park, two miles out of the city.

The Board has invited comments on its proposals, and already protests against the closure have appeared in the local press.

People in the News

Brigadier J. E. Miller, late R.A.M.C., has been appointed Director of Medical Services, United Kingdom Land Forces, and has been granted the acting rank of Major-General.

Sir George Godber is to become the new president of the Bath Institute of Medical Engineering. He succeeds Sir Barnes Wallis who is to become a vice president for life.

COMING EVENTS

Royal College of Physicians of London.—Teach-in, "Headaches," 8 January. For details see advertisement on page

Edinburgh Postgraduate Board for Medicine.—Course, "Scientific Basis of Anaesthesia," 28 January—8 February. Fee £35. Applications to the postgraduate dean of the board, Pfizer Foundation, Hill Square, Edinburgh EH8 9DR.

Edinburgh Postgraduate Board for Medicine.—Details of forthcoming specialist and general (medical and dental) practitioner courses, January—April, are obtainable from the postgraduate dean of the board, Pfizer Foundation, Hill Square, Edinburgh EH8 9DR.

Medical Commission on Accident Prevention.

—Details of meetings and conferences, information on the commission's activities, and copies of its newsletter are obtainable from the secretary, M.C.A.P., 50 Old Brompton Road, London SW7 3EA. (Tel. 01-584 9240)

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.

Wednesday, 2 January

ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL.—5.15 p.m., lecture by Dr. T. B. Reynolds (U.S.A.).

UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE

Dr. M. W. Greaves has been appointed to a personal readership in dermatology.

Appointment.—Dr. J. M. Garland (lecturer, department of anatomy).

M.D.—N. A. Wright, D. R. Cullen.

Ph.D.—In the Faculty of Medicine: Angela Archibald, P. Dyson, Wendy M. Hinks, M. L. Jasiewicz, M. J. Moore, Thein-Than, M. R. Ward.

M.Sc.—In the Faculty of Medicine: R. P. Webster, Roberta Manstoft, P. M. Wilcock, D. A. Winter.

APPOINTMENTS

MANCHESTER REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD.—Dr. Constance M. Hesling (consultant chest physician, Wythenshawe and North Cheshire group); Mr. J. R. Ogden (consultant obstetrician and gynaecologist, Burnley and District group); Mr. G. B. Rawsthorne (consultant general surgeon, South Cheshire group); Dr. J. M. Young (consultant radiologist, Wigan and Leigh and Wrightington groups); Dr. S. D. Soni (consultant psychiatrist, Greater Salford area); Dr. G. M. Yuill (consultant neurologist, North-east Manchester group); Dr. B. E. Boyes (consultant physician, Ashton, Hyde and Glossop group); Dr. M. I. D. Cawley (consultant in rheumatology and rehabilitation, Wrightington, Preston and Chorley and Wigan and Leigh groups).

NORTH-WEST METROPOLITAN REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD.—Dr. H. N. C. Gunther (consultant geriatrician, Staines group); Dr. A. Montanez (consultant psychiatrist, Napsbury Hospital, Barnet General Hospital); Dr. M. B. Conran (consultant psychotherapist, New Southgate group); Dr. D. C. Macdonald Burns (consultant venereologist, H.M. Prison, Holloway).

UNITED BIRMINGHAM HOSPITALS.—Dr. Susan E. F. Jones (consultant paediatric anaesthetist); Dr. J. S. Mather (consultant anaesthetist); Dr. Kishore J. Shah (consultant paediatric radiologist).

WESSEX REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD.—Dr. D. S. Andrew (consultant anaesthetist, West Dorset group); Mr. A. D. Clark (consultant, obstetrics and gynaecology, Portsmouth group).

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