

MEDICAL NEWS

New Secretary for Social Services

Mrs. Barbara Castle has been appointed Secretary of State for Social Services in the new Government. Mrs. Castle, born in 1911,



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was educated at Bradford Girls' Grammar School and at Oxford University. She has been a Member of Parliament for Blackburn, or Blackburn East, since 1945 and from then until 1951 she was P.P.S. to the president of the Board of Trade. A past vice-chairman (1957-8) and chairman (1958-9) of the Labour Party, her ministerial appointments have included Overseas Development, 1964-5, and Transport, 1966-8. From then until 1970 she was the First Secretary of State and Secretary of State for Employment and Productivity. In Opposition she has been spokesman on Employment, 1970-January 1972, and on Health and Social Security, January 1972-January 1973, and a member of the Shadow Cabinet from 1970-December 1971 and from May-November 1972.

Chair in Clinical Oncology

The second chair in clinical oncology, endowed by the Cancer Research Campaign, is to be at the University of Glasgow in the Western Infirmary. The new department will consist of a professor and supporting staff for which the Campaign is providing about £500,000, in addition to an annual research grant.

The first chair in clinical oncology in the Campaign's programme of founding five such departments in the next 10 years was established last year at Manchester (see *B.M.J.*, 3 March 1973, p. 561).

J. Sainsbury Research Fellowships

The Royal Society has received £80,000 from the J. Sainsbury Centenary Grant for the support of two research fellowships in human nutrition. The appointments will be for up to five years from 1 October 1974, and will be tenable in any university department or research institution, subject to the approval of the council of the Royal Society.

The J. Sainsbury Centenary Grant was inaugurated in 1969 and since then over £125,000 has been given to support research at five Food Science Technology Departments in the United Kingdom.

Phenacetin

On the advice of the Committee of Safety of Medicines the Department of Health and Social Security is to restrict the sale of phenacetin-containing compounds to pharmacies only from 1 June. It is also proposed that from 1 January 1975 phenacetin should be available only on doctors' or dentists' prescription.

People in the News

Dr. Desmond A. A. Parker, officer in charge and medical officer, Davis Station, Antarctic, 1969, has been awarded the Polar Medal.

Major James Anderson, R.A.M.C., has been awarded the Queen's Commendation for brave conduct "when an explosion followed by a fierce chemical fire broke out in a part of the operating theatre at a military hospital."

COMING EVENTS

Symposium on Obesity.—20 March, 8 p.m., at Royal College of Physicians of London. Admission is free but application must be made to the symposium co-ordinator, *British Clinical Journal*, 178-180 Wardour Street, London W1V 3AA. (Tel. 01-437 2975.)

Casualty Surgeons Association.—Annual conference, 4-6 April, University of Kent, Canterbury, open to non-members. Details and application forms from Mr. E. P. Abson, Accident and Emergency Department, Kent and Canterbury Hospital, Canterbury, Kent.

Royal College of Surgeons of England.—College evening, "A Career in Surgery?", 29 April, 6 p.m. Fee £2 (including supper). Applications to the surgical training office, R.C.S., 35/43 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London WC2A 3PN. (Tel. 01-405 3474).

Leiden University.—Boerhaave course, jointly with European Thrombosis Research Organization, "Synthesis and Conversion of Prothrombin and Related Coagulation Factors," 10-11 May. Application forms, to be returned by 15 April, and details from the secretary, Boerhaave Committee, University Hospital, Leiden, Netherlands.

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, 18th March

INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—4.30 p.m., Dr. J. Pegum: The Apocrine Glands.
ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL.—2 p.m., Dr. B. T. Donovan: Neuroendocrinology of the Hypothalamus.

Tuesday, 19th March

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL COLLEGE.—5 p.m., Professor J. F. Soothill: The Role of Immunodeficiency in Common Disease.

Wednesday, 20th March

INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—4.30 p.m., Dr. R. H. Meara: Skin Manifestations of Internal Malignancy.
ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND: FACULTY OF ANAESTHETICS.—4 p.m., Joseph Clover lecture by Dr. W. D. Wylie: There, but for the Grace of God....
ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL.—2 p.m., Haematology lecture.
WILLESDEN GENERAL HOSPITAL.—8.30 p.m., Mr. G. Westbury: Malignant Melanoma.

Thursday, 21st March

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—5 p.m., Hunterian lecture by Professor A. J. Webb: A Cytological Study of Mammary Disease.

Friday, 22nd March

ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL.—4 p.m., Dr. J. Smellie: Scarring of the Kidney.

UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

CAMBRIDGE

M.CHIR.—R. M. Greenhalgh, R. V. Jeffreys, R. W. Marcuson.

GLASGOW

Dr. J. O'D. McGee has been awarded the Bellahouston medal for 1973 for his M.D. thesis.

LONDON

Under the special association set up by the University of London the following appointments have been made at the Royal Postgraduate Medical School:

Mr. G. H. Jantet (vice-dean and part-time lecturer in surgery); Dr. D. M. Krikler (part-time lecturer in medicine, cardiovascular diseases); Dr. H. B. McMichael (part-time lecturer in medicine, gastroenterology); Mr. A. E. Carter (honorary lecturer in surgery); Dr. R. E. Eban (honorary lecturer in diagnostic radiology).

PH.D.—*In the Faculty of Medicine:* D. W. K. Cotton.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS IN IRELAND

F.R.C.S.I.—M. Y. Al-Ani, O. E. M. Dabbous, P. D. Fry, M. Carew-McColl, C. P. Mullangi, G. A. O'Malley.

APPOINTMENTS

MANCHESTER REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD.—Mr. A. M. Platt (consultant obstetrician and gynaecologist, Blackburn and District group); Mr. S. Chatterjee (consultant ophthalmologist, Oldham and District and Ashton, Hyde and Glossop groups); Dr. M. D. K. Rahman (consultant psychiatrist, Bolton and District group); Dr. M. J. Greene (consultant anaesthetist, University Hospital of South Manchester); Dr. H. M. Myat (consultant pathologist, Burnley and District group); Dr. D. V. Bansal (consultant physician in geriatric medicine, North-east Manchester group); Dr. M. J. Noronha (consultant in paediatric neurology, University Hospital of South Manchester, Salford, and Booth Hall and Monall groups).

WESSEX REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD.—Dr. T. S. Hamblin (consultant in haematology, Bournemouth and East Dorset group); Mr. R. L. Jowett (consultant in orthopaedic surgery, Bournemouth and East Dorset group); Mr. David Moss (consultant ophthalmologist, North Hants group); Dr. A. B. Gardiner (consultant in psychiatry, North Hants group).

Corrections

Jaundice after Halothane

We regret that a printing error occurred in the fourth line of the third paragraph of the letter from Dr. Fiona Acheson and others (2 March, p. 388). The third word should have read "causal" and not "casual" as printed.

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