



Road Accidents in June

Casualties on the roads in June totalled 19,360. This number was 389 less than in June, 1951, and the decrease was mainly in the numbers of killed and seriously injured. The killed numbered 382, a decrease of 23, and the seriously injured 4,508, a decrease of 221. Pedestrian casualty figures continued to improve. Altogether 4,460 pedestrians were injured, 137 of them fatally. Compared with June last year, the figures show a reduction of 328 in the total and of 12 in the killed.

Week Ending August 23

The notifications of infectious diseases in England and Wales during the week included: scarlet fever 559, whooping-cough 1,800, diphtheria 23, measles 5,256, acute poliomyelitis 220, dysentery 119, paratyphoid fever 58, and typhoid fever 13.

Medical News

Nuffield Foundation's New Headquarters.—The Nuffield Foundation has acquired the lease of Grove House, a large mansion in Regent's Park, London. The house will be used as the headquarters of the Foundation and of its associated trusts, the Nuffield Provincial Hospitals Trust and the National Corporation for the Care of Old People. Much of the four-acre garden will be made available to University College, London, for botanical research.

New Professors.—Recent appointments to university chairs have included Dr. C. F. Barwell to the Goldsmiths' Company's Chair of Bacteriology at the London Hospital Medical College; Dr. G. W. Harris to the FitzMary Chair of Physiology at the Institute of Psychiatry (Maudsley Hospital); Dr. C. A. Keele at the Middlesex Hospital Medical School as Professor of Pharmacology and Therapeutics; Dr. N. H. Martin at St. George's Hospital Medical School as Professor of Chemical Pathology; and Dr. A. W. Woodruff to the Wellcome Chair of Clinical Tropical Medicine at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

Jewish Medical Congress.—In Jerusalem the Second World Congress of Jewish Physicians has recently been concluded. As well as 1,000 members of the Israeli Medical Association, 300 other Jewish doctors from over 20 countries attended the Congress. The president of the Israeli Medical Association said that the aims of the Congress were to further co-operation between doctors in Israel and Jewish doctors abroad, and to assist in the building of the State of Israel and the integration of the immigrants.

Barclay Prize.—Under the will of the late Dr. A. E. Barclay the British Institute of Radiology received a legacy of £1,000 for the general purposes of the *British Journal of Radiology*. This money is to be used to establish an annual prize for the best essay on original work in diagnostic or experimental radiology. The first award will be made in 1953. The prize is open to anyone working in medical radiology or in related subjects. The essays will be judged by the editors of the *British Journal of Radiology*, helped, if necessary, by outside assessors. The winning essay will be published in the *British Journal of Radiology*. Further details will be found on p. 319 of the June issue of that journal.

Treacher Collins Essay Prize.—The council of the Ophthalmological Society of the United Kingdom is awarding triennially a prize of £100 for the best essay submitted upon a subject selected by the council. The prize is open to qualified medical practitioners of any nationality, but the essay must be written in the English language. The subject for the next award of the prize is "The Eye in General Vascular Disease," and essays must be sent in by December 31, 1953. They should be sent to the honorary secretary, Ophthalmological Society of the United Kingdom, 45, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C.2, from whom further particulars can be obtained.

War-blinded Physiotherapists.—A conference for war-blinded chartered physiotherapists was held at St. Dunstan's Training Centre near Brighton on August 30 and 31. The principal guests were Brigadier J. G. Smyth, V.C., Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Pensions, and Professor T. Pomfret Kilner, Nuffield Professor of Plastic Surgery at Oxford. Professor Kilner spoke on the place of physiotherapy in plastic surgery. Sir Ian Fraser presided at the luncheon on the first day.

London Ambulance Service.—Last year the 38 ambulances in the Accident Section of the London Ambulance Service dealt with 87,012 emergency calls. This is a record. On average ambulances took just over eight minutes to arrive. Busiest time was in the afternoon between 3 and 4 p.m.;

most maternity calls, on the contrary, were at night, between 3 and 4 a.m.; suicides were attempted at all hours of the day and night. The general section of the service, which deals with the non-urgent removal of sick people, conveyed 550,621 patients, covering over three million miles in the process.

COMING EVENTS

Medical Defence Union.—The annual general meeting will be held at 3.15 p.m. on September 16 at Tavistock House South, Tavistock Square, London, W.C.1. Any member of the Union is eligible to attend the meeting.

Renal Association.—Professor J. G. C. Borst, of Amsterdam, will address the Renal Association on September 19 on "Electrolyte and Water Balance with Relation to the Kidney." The meeting will be held at the Ciba Foundation, 41, Portland Place, London, W.1, at 4.30 p.m. The meeting is open to anyone who applies for an invitation to the hon. secretary of the association, at 66, Harley Street, London, W.1.

William Meredith Fletcher Shaw Memorial Lecture will be delivered by Professor Miles H. Phillips, emeritus professor of obstetrics and gynaecology, University of Sheffield, at 2.45 p.m. on September 26 in the Barnes Theatre, Royal Society of Medicine, 1, Wimpole Street, London, W.1. His subject is "Percivall Willughby's Observations in Midwifery." Admission is by ticket only. Tickets may be obtained from the secretary, Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, 58, Queen Anne Street, London, W.1.

King's College Hospital Medical School.—The 1952-3 session of the school will open on Friday, October 3, at 2.30 for 3 p.m., when Dr. F. M. R. Walshe, F.R.S., will deliver the inaugural address.

N.A.P.T. Conference in Scotland.—The National Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis has arranged a clinical conference for doctors at Perth on October 3 and 4. There will be three sessions: "The Choice of Surgical Methods in the Treatment of Pulmonary Tuberculosis and Allied Conditions," "Antibiotics and Other Recent Methods in the Treatment of Pulmonary Tuberculosis," and "The Protection of Nurses and Medical Students against Tuberculosis." The fee for the course is £2 2s. Inquiries should be addressed to Miss A. J. Weir, N.A.P.T., Scottish Branch, 65, Castle Street, Edinburgh, 2.

Unusual Foods.—On October 18 the Nutrition Society is holding a whole-day conference on "Unusual Foods for Human Consumption." Seaweeds, insects, mushrooms, and toadstools are among the foods to be considered. In addition there will be contributions on the diets of Australian aborigines, Canadian Indians, Eskimos, a primitive Nigerian tribe, and dwellers in Central America. The conference will be held at Bedford College, London, N.W.1, starting at 10.15 a.m. Further details may be obtained from the programmes secretary, Dr. R. J. Allen, Monkhouse and Glasscock Ltd., Snow's Fields, London, S.E.1.

Convention of Gastroenterologists.—The National Gastroenterological Association will hold its 17th Annual Convention in New York from October 20 to 22. The programme includes symposia on liver diseases and on bleeding oesophageal varices and the problems of portal hypertension. There will also be a session specially for general practitioners. Immediately following the convention the association will conduct a three-day postgraduate course in gastroenterology. Further information may be obtained from the secretary, National Gastroenterological Association, 1819, Broadway, New York, 23.

Postgraduate Courses at Cambridge.—A number of one-day symposia for general practitioners will be held at Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, during the coming academic year. Each symposium will start on a Saturday at 10.30 a.m.

and end at 5 p.m. It will consist of three to five lectures or lecture-discussions and demonstrations either of clinical cases or to illustrate modern methods. The subject-matter and clinical material will be chosen for its special appeal to those engaged in general practice. Numbers attending each symposium will be limited to 50. The dates and subjects of the symposia are as follows: October 25, nervous diseases; November 22, obstetrics and gynaecology; December 20, surgical diagnosis and minor surgery; January 24, radiotherapy; February 28, dermatology; March 28, orthopaedics and fractures; April 25, cardiovascular diseases; May 30, common fevers; June 27, paediatrics; July 25, diseases of the ear, nose, and throat, and diseases of the eye. Further information may be obtained from the Secretary, The Medical School, University of Cambridge.

Correction.—In the *Journal* of August 16 (p. 401) we stated that the first lecture of the series run by the Royal Army Medical College would be on October 6. This should have been October 16.

SOCIETIES AND LECTURES

A fee is charged or a ticket is required for attending lectures marked ●. Application should be made first to the institution concerned.

Friday, September 12

INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOLGY, 330, Gray's Inn Road, London, W.C.—5 p.m., "Analysis of Clinical Hearing Records," discussion to be opened by Dr. Norton Canfield (Yale).

APPOINTMENTS

BULSTRODE, J. C., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.M.R., Consultant Radiologist, Princess Elizabeth Hospital, Guernsey.
EAST ANGLIAN REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD.—Consultant Chest Physician, Norwich Area Chest Clinic, P. H. Sutton, M.D., M.R.C.P. Senior Registrar in Chest Medicine, Ipswich Area Chest Clinic, J. M. Workman, B.M., B.Ch. Ear, Nose, and Throat Registrar, Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, H. B. Juby, M.B., B.S., D.L.O.
EDCUMBE, J. O. P., M.D., Consultant Pathologist in Exeter Clinical Area, South-western Regional Hospital Board.
NATIONAL COAL BOARD.—Area Medical Officers, North-eastern Division, A. H. W. Fleming, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.; G. E. MacElevay, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.; F. W. Meichen, M.B., Ch.B.
SHARPE, BERTHA E. A., M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., Divisional Medical Officer for the Boroughs of Finsbury, Holborn, and Islington, London County Council.
TOLLAND, JOHN, L.R.C.P.&S Ed., L.R.F.P.S.Glas., D.P.H., Medical Officer of Health, Kidsgrove Urban and Newcastle-under-Lyme Rural District Councils; Area Medical Officer, Newcastle-under-Lyme Health Area, Staffordshire County Council.
WILSON, RALPH, N., M.B., B.S., D.P.H., Medical Officer, The Stanton Ironworks Co., Ltd., near Nottingham.
WISHART, GEORGE N. M., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H., Medical Officer of Health and School Medical Officer, County Borough of Southport.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS

BIRTHS

Freeman.—On August 27, 1952, at Cardiff Royal Infirmary, to Florence Eleanor (formerly Thomas), wife of Dr. A. G. Freeman, a daughter—Susan Jane.
Mulhern.—On August 21, 1952, to Ruth (formerly Heller), L.D.S., wife of P. H. Mulhern, M.B., Ch.B., D.Obst.R.C.O.G., a son.

MARRIAGES

Maling—Dearden.—On August 9, 1952, at the Friends' Meeting House, West Hartlepool, Derek Hylton Maling, B.A., to Rosemary Dearden, M.B., Ch.B.

DEATHS

Gloster.—On August 24, 1952, at Elwy, Little Baddow, Essex, Thomas Henry Gloster, M.B., B.Ch., Lieutenant-Colonel, I.M.S., retired, aged 79.
Horne.—At Southsea, Hants, Eustace Abbott Horne, M.B., Ch.B., of 18, The Ropewalk, Nottingham, formerly of Aberdeen.
Hunnard.—On August 30, 1952, at 1, Dulwich Wood Avenue, London, S.E., Arthur Hunnard, M.B., B.S., aged 81.
Hunter.—On August 27, 1952, at St. James' Hospital, London, S.W., Charles Stewart Hunter, L.R.C.P.&S Ed., L.R.F.P.S., D.P.H., of 12, Becmead Avenue, Streatham, London, S.W.
Innes.—On August 24, 1952, at Grantown-on-Spey, Elgin, Flora Riddell Innes, M.B.
Johnson.—On August 26, 1952, in Eire, Florence Heath Johnson, B.M., B.Ch., M.R.C.P.
Small.—On August 25, 1952, at Kinghurst, Stoke Gabriel, Devon, Robert Small, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H., D.T.M.
Spitzer.—On August 27, 1952, at 1A, Bentinck Terrace, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Ignacy Maria Spitzer, M.D., aged 55.
Stephenson.—On August 26, 1952, at West Haddon, Northants, William Arthur Stephenson, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., of West Haddon, and Links Cottage, Sheringham, Norfolk, aged 84.
Watt.—On August 26, 1952, at Chalmers Hospital, Edinburgh, Alexander Mitchell Watt, M.B., C.M., of 15, Midmar Gardens, Edinburgh.