In Memoriam

Mr. V. G. Lerm

Physiotherapy services in the Western Cape, and his many friends and colleagues, became the poorer for the loss of Vic Lerm, who died suddenly in Stellenbosch on 6th March, 1976.

He served in the Second World War in the First and Sixth South African Divisions, later transferring to the Medical Corps where he worked in the Pathology Laboratories.

He was one of the first candidates to pass the external physiotherapy examinations of the S.A.S.P., being issued with Certificate No. 3. He worked at Windhoek Hospital for his first Physiotherapy post, moving to Cape Town in 1954 where he was on the staff of the Westlake Hospital. He bought a small practice in Stellenbosch in 1955, which he built up over the years into one of the best-equipped and largest practices in the Cape.

It was entirely due to his personal efforts and enthusiasm that, in the Western Province, the very first S.A.S.P. Group of Private Practitioners was formed. The inaugural meeting took place on 5th October, 1965, at which he was appointed Convenor and Chairman, and a letter of commendation and congratulations on his initiative was received from the N.E.C.

He was also an active member of the Executive Committee of the W.P. Branch of the S.A.S.P., on which he served from 1964-1969, and, apart from giving of his time to various charitable bodies, he gave financial assistance to individual university students in whom he had a special interest.

He leaves two married daughters, Leslie and Betsy Ann, and, having remarried, a widow and two stepsons.

Mr. L. Harrison

It was with real regret that the death of Mr. Harrison was learnt. He was one of the earliest members of The South African Society of Physiotherapy.

After serving on the staff of the Physiotherapy department at the Non-European Section of the Johannesburg General Hospital, Mr. Harrison retired about fifteen years ago and had been living at the coast. He had suffered ill health for the past two years and was seventy-eight years old when he died recently.