

In Memoriam

GENERAL

MRS. NAN McARTHUR (nee Cullen, nee McMillan) M.C.S.P., Dip.T.P., Dip. Phys. Ed.

Mrs. Nan McArthur, better known to her associates and past students in South Africa as Mrs. Cullen (nee McMillan); passed away in Rhodesia on December 19th, 1975; following a stroke three days previously.

As Miss McMillan she came to Johannesburg to teach at the first training school for physiotherapy in South Africa, the University of Witwatersrand.

Previously she, herself, had trained in Physical Education at Dunfermline College, Scotland and completed her Physiotherapy training and teachers training at St. Thomas' Hospital, London, under Miss Minnie Randall.

During the Second World War she returned to London but after the death of her first husband she returned to Johannesburg. In 1953 she re-married and lived in Rhodesia until the time of her death.

As Nan McMillan and Nan Cullen she did much to inspire those who came under her influence. She was always full of enthusiasm and a teacher far above average.

It was sad that she had to spend the last lonely years of her life in ill-health and far from her relatives and friends.

from Joan Cleeve-Edwards,
(Rhodesia).

DR. A. L. LOMEY, Specialist in Physical Medicine

With the sudden passing of Dr. A. L. Lomey on November 13th, 1975, Physical Medicine has lost one of the stalwarts of the Profession. Dr. Lomey succeeded the late Dr. H. Haden as part-time head of the Department of Physical Medicine, Johannesburg General Hospital in 1957 and held this position until his retirement in December 1968.

During the eleven years that he held this position, Dr. Lomey established the Rehabilitation Department. Mr. E. Kruger was appointed Rehabilitation Officer — a position which he has filled most ably.

Dr. Lomey was keen on interesting Medical Practitioners in specialising in Physical Medicine and during the time he served in the Department succeeded in appointing three Registrars, one of whom is specialising in Physical Medicine in Cape Town and has done Part I of the degree.

Dr. Lomey will be greatly missed.

T. Dreyer.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE OF REPRESENTATIVES' MEETING

The first meeting of the National Committee of Representatives was held at the Forest Town School for Cerebral Palsied Children, Johannesburg on Saturday 31st January, 1976 at 9 a.m. Mrs. K. M. Levy, National Chairman, was in the Chair. Those present included Mr. J. Craig, President of the Society, members of the National Executive Committee, Officers and Representatives of the Society and delegates from the Branches, Sub-Committees and the Sub-Groups or Associations.

At the recent National Committee meeting, it was felt that there was a need for national representatives to meet more frequently to discuss matters of national importance. The Constitution of the South Africa Society for Physiotherapy was duly amended approving the formation of this Committee, with a smaller National Executive Committee, responsible primarily for the day-to-day business of the Society.

The Chairman tabled a report on the activities of the National Executive Committee. Matters arising from the report included discussions on Finance and on the actions taken on Resolutions adopted at the National Council meeting such as the Memoranda on Salaries and Conditions of Service, Ante- and Post-Natal Services rendered by physiotherapists. The correspondence from the Professional Board for Physiotherapy and the World Confederation for Physical Therapy was discussed at length.

Brief reports on the activities in their own particular sphere were tabled by each of the representatives. Everyone was encouraged to enter into the discussions and ask as many questions as possible. This applied particularly to the representatives of the Branches. Many problems were aired and constructive help was given where possible. Members were particularly interested in the activities of the newly formed Activations Committee.

It was agreed that at future meetings, representatives wishing information on specific matters, request that these be itemised on the Agenda to facilitate the discussions. It was also agreed that a copy of each report to be tabled be forwarded to the Secretary before the meeting, but that these reports would not be circulated in full, and only the salient points be minuted.

The next meeting will be held on 14th August, 1976, in Johannesburg.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS 1975

Christmas greetings were received from the following Member-Organisations: Austria, Australia, Belgium, Canada, Colombia, Denmark, Federation of Western Germany, Great Britain, Greece, India, Israel, Jamaica, Japan, Malaysia, Netherlands, Norway, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Rhodesia and Luxembourg, Poland and Turkey.

The President of the W.C.P.T., Mr. E. Michels, Secretary General W.C.P.T. Miss E. McKay.

All Branches of the SA Society of Physiotherapy. Professor J. Blair, Miss M. Catt, Miss J. Creswell, Mr. and Mrs. S. Deacon, Miss F. de Bruin, Mrs. A. Hodges, S.A. Association of Occupational Therapists, Miss M. Roper, Mr. and Mrs. A. Rothberg, Miss M. Runnalls, Miss B. Setzer, Mr. J. Stockton and Mr. and Mrs. E. J. van Wyk.