

NEWS LETTER

THE ANNUAL MEETING

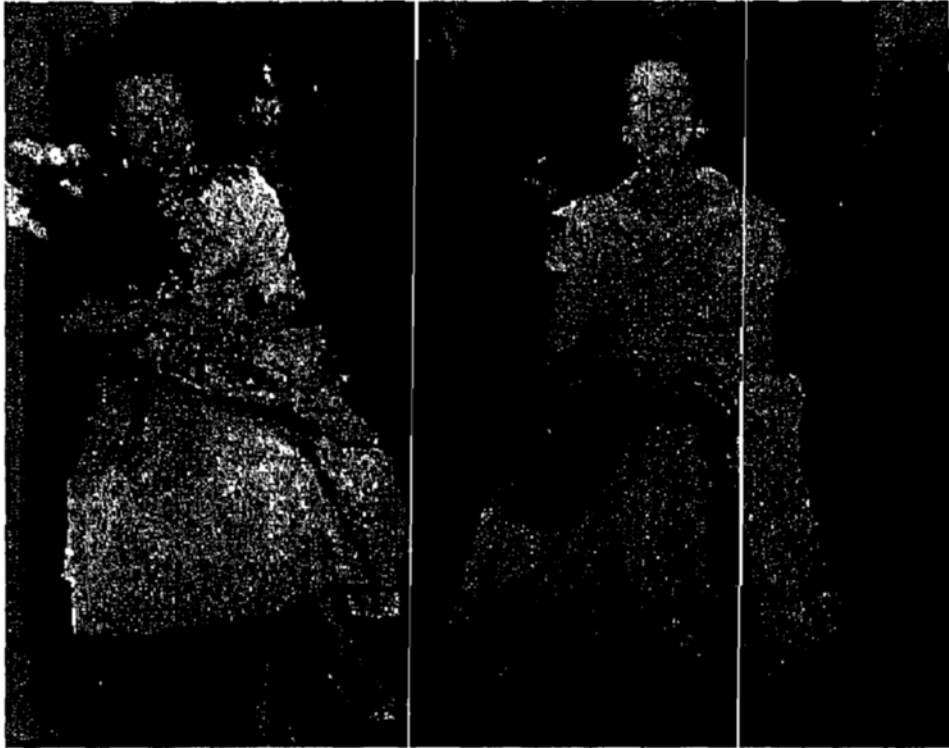
The registration at the Annual Meeting of the Society at the Bessborough Hotel in Saskatoon was somewhat smaller than usual, but the calibre of the programme and the superb social arrangements made this Meeting one of the outstanding events in the history of the Society. We are certain that all who attended are pleased to have been there, and those who did not or could not undoubtedly will have ample time for regret.



Upper left Dr E. A. Gam, Vice-President, presents an inscribed gavel to Dr M. W. Bowering, retiring President

Upper right Professor R. N. H. Haslam, Department of Physics, University of Saskatchewan, guest speaker at the dinner

Below, left to right Dean Wendel McLeod, Dean Emeritus, W. S. Lindsay, and Dr. Gordon Wyant of the College of Medicine, University of Saskatchewan

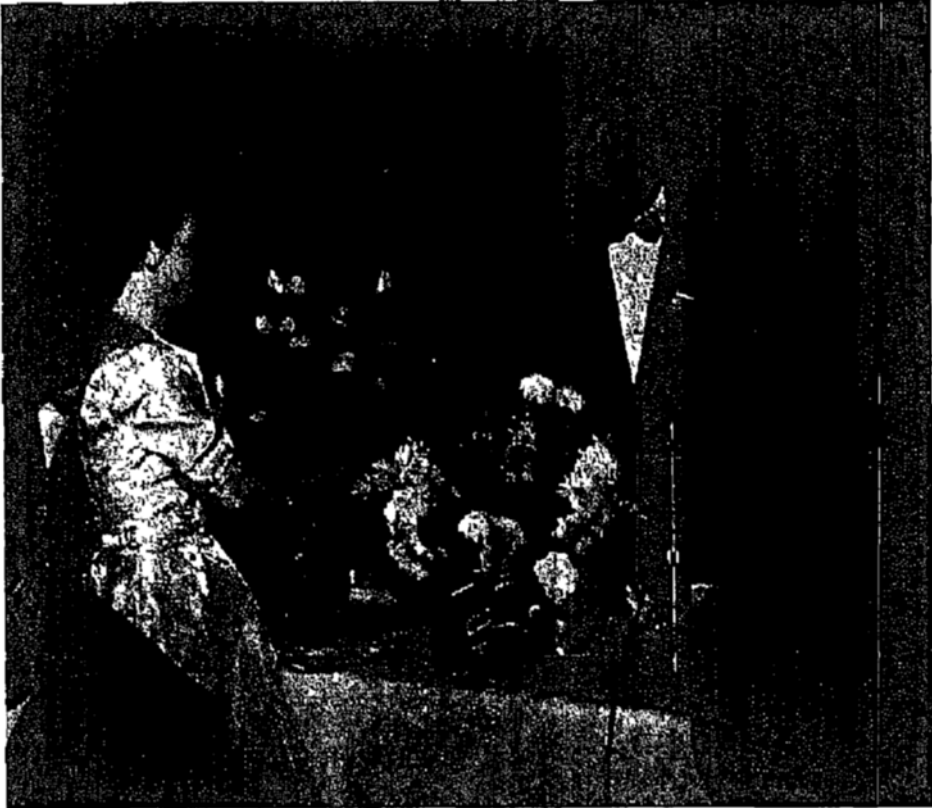


Above Miss E R Campbell, Assistant Secretary, and Mrs J E Marshall, Hamilton, Ontario

Below At the Head Table Dr James Forrester, Mrs R A Gordon, and Dr Alan B Noble, Past-President

We are still wondering how the Anaesthetists managed to win the ball game from the Exhibitors at the Saskatoon Meeting Surely this is carrying salesmanship a little far Perhaps the commercial boys may do better at golf or water polo at the Seignory Club next year

The President, Dr M W Bowering, and the Secretary, Dr R A Gordon, were interviewed on an afternoon television show during the Saskatoon Meeting They



The President, Dr M W Bowering, presents a bouquet of yellow roses to Miss E R ("Happy") Campbell, Assistant Secretary

are still suffering insomnia as they try to answer the question "What is an anaesthetic?" The panel of experts assembled for the closing hour of the Meeting was no help whatever in providing an answer

We were interested at Saskatoon to hear identical comment from a seven-year-old "dependent," a "visiting lady," and a middle-aged anaesthetist With some small variations, they all said "Gosh! I didn't know the West was like this!"

Now is the time to make sure that you get to the 1958 Meeting at the Seignory Club in Quebec, the dates June 23, 24 and 25—and if the Council can arrange it, the 28th Moreover, if you want a chance to talk at that Meeting, now is the time to let the Secretary know about it

Back issues of the Journal are urgently required to complete the volumes in a number of libraries Please consult the list on the last page of this issue

DR. HAROLD GRIFFITH RETIRES

ON MONDAY, June 3, 1957, Anaesthesia Night in Montreal, some two hundred Montreal anaesthetists and their spouses gathered at a banquet to honour Professor Harold R. Griffith on the occasion of his retirement from the post of Professor of Anaesthesia and Chairman of the Department at McGill University, and his promotion to the post of Professor Emeritus.

Dr. Alan B. Noble, who acted as chairman of the evening, graciously thanked Professor Griffith on behalf of the many present who are still his students, despite their graying hair, for his efforts towards the advancement of anaesthesia in Montreal. Dr. Georges Cousineau, in proposing the health of Mrs. Griffith and the ladies, recalled a friendship of twenty years with the Griffith family.

Following the presentation, by Dr. Robert Ferguson, of an oil painting of the Medical Building, Dr. Griffith thanked the assembled company, recalling some of his early experiences as an anaesthetist, urging continued co-operation among the anaesthetists in Montreal and the Province of Quebec, and stating that the recent establishment of a full-time department of Anaesthesia Research at the University was "a dream come true."

Other speakers who paid tribute to Dr. Griffith were Professor Wesley Bourne, and Professor C. P. Martin, representing Dean Lloyd Stevenson.

Dr. R. G. B. Gilbert has been appointed Professor and Chairman of the Department of Anaesthesia at McGill University.

Dr. R. A. Gordon has been promoted to the rank of Assistant Professor and Dr. R. H. Meredith to the rank of Associate in the Department of Anaesthesia at the University of Toronto.

LIFE MEMBERS

Dr. Wesley Bourne, Dr. Harry J. Shields and Dr. Beverley C. Leech were elected Life Members of the Canadian Anaesthetists' Society at the Annual General Meeting on June 25 at Saskatoon.

NEWFOUNDLAND DIVISION

The Newfoundland Division of the Canadian Anaesthetists' Society continues to be active. Now there are eleven members, at least there will be when all these who plan to join do so.

In the past year, largely through the efforts of the division, the anaesthetic equipment in the St. John's hospitals has markedly improved and compares to what is seen in larger centres. There is an organized anaesthetic department at the General Hospital, St. John's, with a recognized programme for one year residency training. Two of the other hospitals in St. John's recently organized staffs. Attempts to have departments of anaesthesia have not been successful as yet, although some progress has been made in this direction. It is hoped that they will be established soon and efforts are continuing towards realization of this objective.

Dr. W. P. Jones of the resident staff of the General Hospital is joining the Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, Ohio, for further anaesthetic training.

Dr. John W. K. Tyl of the resident staff of the General Hospital is going to continue his anaesthesia training in Montreal in the autumn.

Clinical programmes have been better worked out and organized and plans are being made to improve these further.

SASKATCHEWAN DIVISION

Dr. & Mrs. G. M. Wyant are to be congratulated on the birth of their fourth son Gordon Spencer, on July 9.

Dr. Thomas A. Christie has returned to Regina from the University Hospital, Saskatoon, and is in practice there with the Associated Anaesthetists.

Dr. Geordis M. Aasheim is continuing her training at King County Hospital, Seattle.

Dr. Hannaliese Kralemann is continuing her training at the University of Minnesota Hospital.

Dr. Frank C. Haley of Calgary and the University of Alberta has joined the Department of Anaesthesia, University Hospital, at Saskatoon as Assistant Resident.

Dr. Otto W. Schuh completed his first year of training at the Regina General Hospital and has now joined the Department of Anaesthesia, University Hospital, at Saskatoon, as Assistant Resident.

Dr. Edward T. Thomas, F.F.A.R.C.S., of England, has joined the Department of Anaesthesia, University Hospital, Saskatoon, as Teaching and Research Fellow.

It is rumoured that Dr. E. Asquith and Dr. C. J. Kilduff gave the Regina Siamese twins their first anaesthetic.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The scientific papers and addresses of Dr. Ralph Waters have been published in a single volume of 130 pages under the sponsorship of Dr. Robert A. Hingson of the Department of Anesthesia, Western Reserve University, School of Medicine, Cleveland, Ohio, U.S.A. A limited number of copies of this volume are available to anaesthesiologists throughout the world at a cost of \$4.00 per copy.

OBITUARY

DOCTOR WALTER LAWSON MUIR

The death of Dr. Walter Muir of Halifax occurred on May 26, 1957, in his seventy-sixth year.

Dr. Muir was one of the pioneer anaesthetists in the Atlantic Provinces, and was head of the Departments of Anaesthesia of the Victoria General Hospital in Halifax and of the Faculty of Medicine of Dalhousie University from 1927 to 1946. He was a Senior Member of the Canadian Medical Association and a Life Member of the Canadian Anaesthetists' Society.

Dr. Muir was born at Truro, Nova Scotia, in 1880. He graduated from King's College at Windsor in 1903 with a Bachelor of Arts degree and received his medical qualification from McGill University in 1907. Following post-graduate study in Montreal he established a practice in Truro in 1910, but left in 1914 to serve as a Battalion Medical Officer with the Canadian Expeditionary Force. On his return from overseas he was appointed to the Departments of Anaesthesia of Camp Hill Military Hospital and the Victoria General Hospital in Halifax.

Dr. Muir enjoyed a wide circle of friendship and held the respect, admiration and affection of his colleagues in the medical profession and particularly in his chosen speciality of anaesthesia.