



W M Murray

W M MURRAY
MA, MB, CHB, DOMS

At an early stage in his medical career Bill Murray decided that ophthalmology was to be his life's work. In 1939 several important events occurred. He became a registrar in ophthalmology in Sheffield, joined an ambulance unit in the Territorial Army, married the day before war was declared, and six weeks later was called up for active service. He served throughout the Norwegian campaign and on his return to the United Kingdom undertook further training in ophthalmology. In due course he was posted to north Africa. At this stage, to help him to put up with the discomforts of active service, Peggy, his wife, sent him a box of painting materials; thus began a hobby that proved to be deeply satisfying in later years. After service in north Africa he commanded a mobile eye clinic during the Italian campaign. After the horrors of war Bill believed strongly that his mission in medicine was to heal, and this was the foundation for his clinical success.

Basically a shy man, Bill had a dry sense of humour and a caring disposition. He was a past president of the North Staffordshire and District Caledonian Society. After his retirement he moved to Fochabers, hoping to enjoy to the full his garden, painting, and golf. Two years later, however, he suffered a right sided hemiparesis, though he continued to paint, using his left arm. During recent years he faced up courageously to his deteriorating vascular condition. He is survived by his wife, Peggy, and by two sons and four grandchildren.—SRF.

William Nicoll Murray, consultant ophthalmic surgeon at North Staffordshire Royal Infirmary 1946-71, died 17 June aged 82. Educated Robert Gordon's College, Aberdeen, and Aberdeen University (MB, ChB 1932). During second world war served in Norway, north Africa, and Italy.

T M GALLOWAY
FRCPED

Tom Galloway went to Carlisle as an assistant in 1933 and within two years was appointed honorary consultant physician. With the introduction of the NHS he became consultant physician to the hospitals of east and west Cumberland. He served on hospital and regional board committees; was twice chairman of the medical staff committee; and gave his time freely, furthering the development of Silloth Convalescent Home and the Doughty Fund, a hospital charity of which he was a trustee. From 1955 to 1969 he was an examiner in medicine and therapeutics for the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh. Proud of his attachment to Cumberland Infirmary, he wrote a well researched history of the hospital, a shortened version of which was published when a new wing was opened in 1982.

Tom Galloway seemed a shy, introspective man with a quiet and unassuming manner to the outside world, but he was an excellent and generous host to his friends, whom he entertained with a sharp wit and not infrequently with a joke directed against himself. Despite a busy medical career he found time for other interests, notably music—he was a talented pianist. He was interested in radio from his schooldays and held a transmitting licence for many years, and he was also an enthusiastic photographer. He is survived by his wife,

Helen, and two children, Anne and Colin, from his first marriage to Irene, who died in 1963.—AI.

Thomas McLaren Galloway, formerly consultant physician at Cumberland Infirmary, Carlisle, died 4 June. Born Kirkcaldy, Fife, 1905. Educated Dollar Academy, Edinburgh University (MB, ChB 1928).

D W JAMES
MD, FRCOG

David James was one of the last of the general practitioner obstetricians. As a general practitioner he had developed an interest in obstetrics and shortly after the outbreak of war took over the supervision and delivery of expectant mothers evacuated from London to local country houses converted for the purpose. At the end of the war the North Herts Hospital became the maternity unit and David became a full time obstetrician and gynaecologist. He developed a local obstetric service of the highest order, advising the county council on maternity matters and helping and guiding the local development of the Family Planning Association and Marriage Guidance Council. He was for many years an examiner to the Central Medicine Board, and he took a keen interest in the medical students who did their obstetric training in Hitchin. His fellow obstetricians were always encouraged by his all embracing diagnosis of "status horridus."

He had many interests outside medicine, his most abiding ones being perhaps fishing and a deep feeling for the countryside. He continued with his interests well into retirement and was greatly flattered by an invitation to address the Gastro-Enterological Society on the commemoration of Sir Arthur Hurst, whose house physician he had been.

Of his four children, one is a general practitioner in Aylsham, Norfolk.—GHB-L.

David Worsley James, formerly an obstetrician and gynaecologist in Hertfordshire, died 21 June aged 81. Born south London; educated Merchant Taylors' School, Guy's Hospital (MRCS, LRCP 1931). Became general practitioner in Hitchin in 1933.

G PHILLIPS
MB, CHB, DOBSTRCOG, DA

Gordon Phillips went into practice in 1959. His considerable drive together with his clinical competence and wish to give of himself unstintingly to his patients contributed to the practice's rapid development. His other major professional interest was anaesthetics, and for many years he was anaesthetist to several local dental practices. He also showed a keen interest in sharing his knowledge both clinical and managerial with youngsters in the profession. Initially, he took medical students under his wing, and later he became one of the two trainers in the practice. He was an active member of Coventry Local Medical Committee and as its representative served on the committee of the obstetric and gynaecology division. In this capacity and as coordinator of the local general practitioner obstetric services he was instrumental in bringing about several major improvements in the general practitioner obstetric unit in Coventry.

His spare time activities consisted of shooting, fishing, and skiing, all of which he did well and with enthusiasm. He was devoted to his family and is

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A F Lang

survived by his wife, Stella, and two sons and two daughters. —DBM.

Gordon Phillips, formerly a general practitioner in Coventry, died 12 June aged 57. Born Ryton on Tyne, 12 June 1932; educated Leamington Boys' College, Birmingham University (MB, ChB 1956).

A F LANG

MBE, MD

Sandy Lang was born in Bathgate and both his parents were doctors. After qualifying he served in the Royal Air Force and helped in the evacuation of casualties in north west Europe. He formulated the medical management necessary during evacuation by air for a variety of war injuries, for which he was awarded the MBE; this work was used as a standard reference for many years.

After the war he took over the family practice. He was an enthusiastic member of the local medical committee for 20 years, chairman of the West Lothian branch of the BMA, and a member of Bangour hospitals board. A local councillor and a keen curler, he was much in demand as an after dinner speaker, particularly at Burns suppers. He was a member of Bathgate Rotary Club and elected president in 1961. Golf was his favourite hobby. He was captain of Bathgate Golf Club and played in the Halford-Hewitt trophy for Edinburgh Academics for many years. He won the first world Rotary individual championship at St Andrews in 1964. He supported his family's love of horses, and the meet of the Linlithgow and Stirlingshire Hunt was often held at Marchwood, their home. He led a full life centred on his family; his wife, Mary, and their five children. In retirement he derived immense pleasure from entertaining his grandchildren and interesting them in his various hobbies, including glass engraving, leatherwork, upholstery, and gardening. His tremendous energy for life combined with his outspoken common sense and community spirit ensured him a large circle of friends. He is survived by his wife; his son, who is a general practitioner in Edinburgh; four daughters; nine grandchildren; and his mother and sister. —SY.

Alexander Finlayson Lang, formerly a general practitioner in Bathgate, West Lothian, died 8 February aged 72. Educated Edinburgh Academy and Edinburgh University (MB, ChB 1941). During war served in Royal Air Force (mentioned in dispatches).

N THOMPSON

BDS, MB, BS, MS, FRCS

Noel Thompson was appointed consultant at Stoke Mandeville Hospital in 1959 but took six months off in the United States as a guest of the Foundation of the American Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, working with Lyndon Peer. This founded his interest in tissue transplantation, which culminated in his work on free grafting of muscle. He was appointed consultant to the Middlesex Hospital and Mount Vernon Hospital in 1963.

Noel's great interest was academic research, and he was an innovator. He devised a new surgical treatment for lymphoedema, "the buried dermis flap." Linked with this was his laboratory work on the fate of dermal structures when buried in the body. Another experimental study looked at the fate of onlay bone grafts and the relevance of including periosteum with the graft. He was interested in the possibility of free grafting of skeletal muscle, which had hitherto been considered impossible. Laboratory work led him to a successful technique, which he used particularly in the reanimation of the paralysed face. Although with

the advent of microneurovascular procedures this technique has largely been superseded, his work stimulated the initial interest and was a precursor to later developments.

Noel was Hunterian professor of the Royal College of Surgeons in 1975 and gave several eponymous lectures abroad. He was known internationally.

He retired in 1979 and subsequently lived for much of the year in Tuscany, keeping an active interest in developments in plastic and reconstructive surgery and continuing to write. He also developed a keen interest in Florentine art. He is survived by his wife, who is a doctor, and by two sons and a daughter. —BDGM.

Noel Thompson, formerly a consultant plastic surgeon at Middlesex Hospital, London, and the regional plastic surgery centre at Mount Vernon Hospital, Middlesex, died 2 July. Born 1914; educated University of Durham (BDS 1940; MB, BS 1950). During second world war served in Royal Army Dental Corps in Far East as specialist dental surgeon with rank of major. Previous appointments in Oxford and Sheffield and as consultant at Stoke Mandeville Hospital.

H G DOWLER

MD

Graham Dowler went into general practice in 1938. In 1940, two days before he was due to enter the army for war service, he was told by the local medical war committee that he had to remain in practice. This was something about which he later always had mixed feelings. In 1948 he started many years of service to the medical profession and the NHS when he became a member of the local medical committee, serving for periods as representative, chairman, and secretary. In the same year he became a member of the family practitioner committee.

Always an active member of the BMA locally, Dr Dowler was a member of the branch council for many years. The BMA's clinical meeting was held in Cheltenham during the centenary year of the Gloucestershire branch, and it was for this year that he was its president. He was an excellent chairman and when he conducted business there was always an infectious vein of humour just below the surface. He became a representative of the Gloucestershire branch of the BMA soon after the war and remained a member of the representative body in this capacity, or as a member of the council, for nearly 30 years. During his many years on the council he served on several committees, including the organisation committee and the central ethical committee. He was instrumental in starting the Charles Hastings Wine Club and was its first chairman and later its secretary. He set a standard for the club, which included enjoyment, education, the wise use of alcohol, and tours to wine producing countries, many of which he organised and led. He was made a fellow of the BMA in 1960.

He was a precise and punctilious man, and his many and varied interests reflected this. He had a great love of music, particularly the piano concertos of Mozart. He enjoyed golf, fishing, and bridge and was churchwarden for many years, but his chief occupation in retirement followed his early interest in clocks. He became a considerable expert in repairing clocks and carried out advanced restoration work on many fine and old clocks. He was at one time secretary and treasurer of the Cheltenham branch of the British Horological Society. His book *Gloucestershire Clock and Watch Makers* must be the definitive work on this subject. Above all he was a family man. In 1938 he married a nurse, Beryl Laborda. She survives him with their four children and 11 grandchildren. —JWB.

Harry Graham Dowler, formerly a general practitioner in



C D Kennedy

Churchdown, Gloucestershire, died 17 May. Born 25 September 1912; educated Bromsgrove School and Queens' College, Cambridge, and Middlesex Hospital (MRCS, LRCF 1936).

C D KENNEDY

FRCS(ED), FRCPE(D), FRCOG

Clifford Kennedy started his career in the days of the voluntary hospitals and had to develop a private consulting practice while fulfilling his clinical and teaching commitments to the hospitals: he was appointed assistant obstetrician to the "Old Simpson" (the Royal Simpson Maternity Hospital) in 1928 and assistant gynaecologist in the Royal Infirmary in 1933. These appointments continued when the new Simpson Memorial Maternity Pavilion opened in 1939.

He was not called up during the second world war and had a heavy workload. With the advent of the NHS he continued as "subchief" until 1958, when he became chief of two wards in the infirmary. The old hierarchical system was changing, and he abandoned the authoritarian ways to which he had been subjected in his youth and shared responsibility for the care of the patients in his unit with his junior consultant colleagues. He was a perfectionist and a scrupulous operator and was always solicitous to his patients.

Clifford was an exciting and stimulating teacher. Attachment to his clinics was much sought after by students. With W F T Haultain he ran the extramural classes in obstetrics and gynaecology on behalf of the Royal Colleges of Physicians and Surgeons. Together they wrote the *Practical Handbook of Midwifery and Gynaecology*. Never an enthusiastic committee man, when called on to represent his peers he expressed his views without fear or favour. He served for a time on the council of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists.

Small, neat, always elegantly dressed and courteous, Clifford had a fund of stories that he delighted to tell and a puckish sense of humour. As secretary for many years of the Aesculapian Club he was able to make the most of his ability to compose hilarious minutes. His wit and command of the English language made him much sought after as an after dinner speaker. His social and professional contributions to the Gynaecological Club of Great Britain were always well received. His formal lectures on historical and philosophical subjects, notably his J Y Simpson oration to the Royal College of Obstetricians in 1965, were brilliant.

In his later years he devoted his sporting activities to fishing in the highlands, where he spent most of his holidays. He followed rugby football with enthusiasm, and when his clinic won the infirmary ward rugby cup on two occasions the celebratory dinners were memorable events.

Clifford and his wife, Sybil, herself a medical graduate, were generous hosts. He was devastated when Sybil died in 1984 but continued to take great pleasure in his children and grandchildren; he is survived by his sons, Michael and Donald. — JDOL.

Clifford Donald Kennedy, an obstetrician and gynaecologist at Edinburgh Royal Infirmary 1933-66, died 13 April aged 88. Born 23 March 1901; educated Edinburgh University (MB, ChB 1923).

R O PAYNE

FRCP(SYCH), DPM

Rudolph Payne was born in what is now Czechoslovakia but was then still part of Hungary. His father died in the 1919 influenza epidemic, and his mother later married Walter Payne, a theatrical manager in London,

who adopted him. After training as a psychiatrist he moved to Norfolk, where he spent the last decades of his life as an active member of the medical community. He sat on several committees and helped set up the Royal College of Psychiatrists, of which he became a foundation fellow. He was cofounder of a local society, which he aptly named the Norfolk Alienists. His main interests were in mental and psychological abnormality, but he was also particularly effective in dealing with mental problems of juveniles.

The salient feature of Rudolph's personality was his sense of fun, which was entirely free from malice; if anybody ever was the butt of his jokes it was himself. His happy good nature was complemented by flashes of a sharp intuitive intellect, a strong grasp of essentials, and a good insight into his own and other peoples' minds, all of which helped him greatly in his work. He had a long and happy marriage to Phyllida, who survives him, and was a devoted father and grandfather. Mercifully his final illness was not long. — EMG.

Rudolph Otto Payne, formerly a consultant psychiatrist to the Little Plumstead Hospital and Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, died 19 June aged 73. Educated Pembroke College, Oxford, and University College Hospital Medical School, London (BM, BCh 1949). Previous appointments at Darenth Park Hospital, Dartford, and Broadmoor Institution.

Lieutenant Colonel William Joseph Moody, OBE, MB, BCH, FRCS(ED), who had worked in the Indian Medical Service, died on 21 April. He studied medicine at Cambridge University and The London Hospital, qualifying MRCS, LRCF in 1925. He was in practice in Newmarket for some years before joining the Indian Medical Service in 1933 and working in India. He served in hospital ships during the second world war and finally worked in Bahrain and Afghanistan.

Hugh Mason Woodman, MD, formerly senior medical inspector for the southern provinces of Sudan, died on 20 May aged 89. He studied medicine at Pembroke College, Cambridge, and King's College Hospital, London, qualifying MRCS, LRCF in 1925. Keen on adventure, fishing, and shooting, he was with Gino Watkins on a Polar expedition in 1927. He was employed on a trip around the world before taking up his duties in the Sudan. While quite junior he developed a new station on the remote Congo border, where he was surgeon, magistrate, farmer, and builder. Later he was in charge of the 11 hospitals and 18 doctors of the southern provinces. He did research on filariasis, goitre, trypanosomiasis, nutrition, and leprosy. In the second world war he became deputy assistant director of medical services with the military mission in Ethiopia. He is survived by the daughter of his first marriage and two grandsons.

Mr Michael Thomas Arthur Wallace, MB, BS, FRCSI, formerly chief of orthopaedics and rehabilitation in Al-Bahar, Saudi Arabia, died on 28 May aged 54. He graduated in medicine from King's College Hospital, London, in 1957 and then pursued a career in orthopaedic surgery that took him to Rhodesia, the Bahamas, the United Arab Emirates, and Saudi Arabia. He became interested in reconstructive surgery, particularly in patients with poliomyelitis, and became a member of World Orthopaedic Concern. After his illness was diagnosed he returned to King's College Hospital to work. A jazz musician, oenophile, and linguist, he particularly loved gardening. He is survived by his wife, Rita, and daughter, Clare. — HTIJ.