OBITUARIES

DR. JOHN MUNRO STEWART

DR. J.M. STEWART, a senior anaesthetist at St. Joseph's Hospital, London, died while vacationing in Florida on March 22, 1977.

Dr. Stewart was born in Hamilton, Ontario, on June 6, 1917. He attended elementary school at De La Salle in London and completed his secondary school education at Cathedral High in Hamilton and Glebe Collegiate in Ottawa. He then entered U.W.O. and graduated from the Faculty of Medicine in 1943. Following his graduation, he joined the Canadian Army, and under the aegis of the Army, interned at Victoria Hospital, London, and completed a residency in anaesthesia at the Royal Victoria Hospital in Montreal. He qualified in anaesthesia in 1945, following which he returned to London to practise the specialty until his death.

In 1941, Dr. Stewart married Noreen Mott who predeceased him. In 1955 he married Audrey Erb. Besides his widow and son Jonathan in London, he leaves a daughter Linda Jane and three grandchildren in Ottawa. Two sisters, Mrs. Jean Trudell and Mrs. Marion Clifford, and a brother William all reside in London.

Plagued by osteomyelitis of the lower extremity since the age of twelve, Dr. Stewart nevertheless enjoyed life to the fullest. He exhibited a love for life that could be described as infectious. He particularly enjoyed flying and typically inspired others with whom he came in contact to undertake this interest. Professionally, as well, Dr. Stewart encouraged a number of housemen to the specialty of anaesthesia.

Dr. Stewart will be missed not only by his family, but by his many friends among the nurses, sisters and former colleagues at St. Joseph's.

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DR. ABRAHAM LEVITZ

DR. ABRAHAM LEVITZ of Montreal died on March 4, 1977, after a lengthy illness. Dr. Levitz graduated from Dalhousie University Medical School in 1949. He achieved the Fellowship of the Royal College of Physicians of Canada and Certification in Anaesthesia in 1953, and for many years practised his specialty in St. John's, Newfoundland. In 1970 he moved to the Jewish General Hospital in Montreal, where he was Associate Anaesthetist until his death.

Dr. Levitz is survived by his wife Bernice, daughters Suzanne, Carolin, and Tamara, and by a son, David.

DR. MAX COHEN

DR. MAX COHEN of Montreal died on June 26, 1977, after a short illness. Dr. Cohen graduated from McGill University in 1940 and served in the Canadian Armed

Forces from 1942 to 1945. He was Certificated in Anaesthesia in 1950, when he joined the Staff in Anaesthesia of the Jewish General Hospital in Montreal. He was Chief of the Department of Anaesthesia from 1954 to 1969, and remained as Senior Anaesthetist from 1970 to 1977.

Dr. Cohen is survived by his wife, a daughter and two sons.

DR. NORMAN SCOTT PARK

DR. NORMAN SCOTT PARK died on the 10th of August, 1977, aged 62 years. Born on 14th October, 1914, in Cromarty, Ontario, he graduated in medicine from the University of Toronto in 1939. He spent the following two years at the Toronto General Hospital, the first year as a rotating interne and the second as a trainee in anaesthesia. In 1940 he joined the R.C.A.F., and after a short period in Alberta, was posted overseas to England. Here, as an anaesthetist, he joined what was to become a world famous plastic surgery team centred at East Grinstead in Surrey. He spent the next few years at East Grinstead and gained wide experience in the anaesthetic management of patients having major reconstructive surgery, developing an incomparable expertise in the management of the difficult airway.

Returning to Canada in 1946 he elected to spend a further year of training in anaesthesia under Dr. Harry Shields at the Toronto General Hospital, and Dr. Charles Robson at The Hospital for Sick Children. In 1946 Dr. Park was among the first to become certified in the new speciality of anaesthesia. In January 1947 he joined the anaesthetic staff of The Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, where he was to practice for the next thirty years. In common with most other anaesthetists during the early post-war years, Dr. Park also conducted a successful general practice until 1956.

"Norm" Park was well liked and greatly respected as a paediatric anaesthetist both by his colleagues in the anaesthesia department and by the many surgeons with whom he worked. He was skilful in every aspect of his practice and always, however difficult the case, had the situation calmly under his control. Whenever one faced the problem of a difficult intubation it was most reassuring to know that Norman was available to advise and if necessary to take over: he never lost the uncanny skills that he had acquired during his years at East Grinstead.

In 1941 Dr. Park was married to Elizabeth Wilson of Richmond Hill. Shortly thereafter they were both to travel to England for Military Service in different regions of that country; Norman to East Grinstead and Elizabeth to Northern England where she served as a dietitian. Later, after returning to Canada they had two children, Elizabeth and Norman. Though he had been an active sportsman during student days Dr. Park found the demands of a busy professional life prevented his continued active participation. He did however maintain a keen interest in professional hockey and for many years regularly followed the Toronto Maple Leafs. In the summers his prime recreational interest centred on his cottage near Parry Sound.

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