OBITUARY

DR. EDWARD ARTHUR CUMMINGS

DR. CUMMINGS was born in Thornbury, Ontario, on January 13, 1903. He graduated in Medicine from the University of Toronto in 1928. After a year's internship at St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto, he was associated with Dr. W.A. Lewis in practice in Barrie, Ontario, for two years. He returned to Toronto and established a general practice in the eastern section of the city. From 1931 to 1935 he demonstrated in Biology at the University of Toronto while he was establishing his practice.

Dr. Cummings belongs to the generation of great physicians who combined anaesthesia with general practice and who subsequently limited their practice to the specialty. He received instruction and encouragement from the late Dr. Kenneth Heard and was granted certification in anaesthesia by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada.

Dr. Cummings became a member of the Department of Anaesthesia at the Toronto East General and Orthopaedic Hospital in 1938, where he was a very reliable and conscientious anaesthetist until his retirement in 1968.

Dr. Cummings died on October 9, 1976, and is survived by a widow, a son and two daughters.

Arthur was a member of the Toronto East Medical Association for forty-five years, and was president for the year 1953 to 1954. He was an enthusiastic golfer and curler.

His death was noted with great regret by his friends at The Toronto Hunt and the Toronto Cricket Skating and Curling Club.

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OBITUARY

DR. NORMAN EDWARD FOSTER

DR. NORMAN FOSTER died suddenly on October 11, 1976. Born at Abernethy, Saskatchewan, in 1910, Dr. Foster graduated B.Sc. from the University of Saskatchewan in 1935, and achieved his qualification in Medicine from McGill University in 1938. After internships at Montreal General Hospital and the University of Alberta Hospital in Edmonton, he served as a medical officer in the Royal Canadian Air Force during World War II. After the war he conducted a general medical practice in High River, Alberta.

Dr. Foster entered training in Anaesthesia in 1953 and, following certification by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada in 1955, he practised his specialty in Calgary, Alberta, until his retirement in 1971. During his career in the Specialty he was active in the affairs of the Alberta Division of the Canadian Anaesthetists' Society, and represented his Division on the Council of the Society from 1963 to 1967. He retired in 1971 to Sooke on Vancouver Island.

Dr. Foster is survived by his wife Ethel.

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DR. ROBERT WILLIAM MCKEEVER

DR. ROBERT WILLIAM MCKEEVER died at St. John's, Newfoundland on October 10, 1976.

Dr. McKeever was educated in Ireland and initially graduated in Engineering. He worked in this field for several years in South America, returning to Dublin to complete his medical training in 1954.

Dr. McKeever came to Newfoundland in 1961 following a period of general practice in Ireland and joined the Cottage Hospital Service at Stephenville. During this period an interest in Anaesthesia and related subjects emerged and he returned to Belfast where he did two years in anaesthesia training. Following this he spent a year at Burlington, Vermont, U.S.A. and a year at The General Hospital, St. John's.

Dr. McKeever received his certification and Fellowship in the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada and joined the private practice of anaesthesia with Newfoundland Anaesthesia Associates in 1966.

Always keenly interested in acute care medicine he developed the intensive care and respiratory support unit at The General Hospital and subsequently at Clares Mercy Hospital.

His other interests were widespread and included music, outdoor activities, and involvement in the medical political field within the Newfoundland Medical Association and the Canadian Anaesthetists Society. He also fostered the development of the professional aspects of the Canadian Thoracic Society and was a past president of the Newfoundland Division. At the time of his death he was President of the Medical Staff of St. Clares Mercy Hospital.

In the short span he had with us Dr. McKeever's presence was felt in all of the above mentioned places but in none more than in the day to day excellence of the clinical care of his patients in the operating rooms and intensive care units. He has left his mark on the speciality within the province of Newfoundland and his loss leaves a void which will be difficult to fill.

Dr. McKeever is survived by his wife Joan, sons Patrick, Adrian, and Thomas, and daughter Victoria at St. John's.

C.U. Henderson