

## OBITUARIES

### DR. NICHOLAS PARSELL HILL

Dr. Nicholas Parsell Hill, 76, a pioneer Canadian anaesthetist for almost 50 years, died recently at the St. Catharines General Hospital after a short illness.

Born in Buffalo, Dr. Hill graduated from McGill University in 1925. After a two-year internship at Toronto General Hospital, he set up an Obstetrical and Gynaecological practice in St. Catharines. His field of interest spread into general practice and anaesthesia. From the onset of his medical career he began developing his skills in anaesthesia by taking numerous post-graduate courses and becoming an active member in various anaesthetic societies.

He was a full-time practicing anaesthetist, retiring in December 1972 and was a life member of the Lincoln County, Ontario and Canadian Medical Associations. He was President of the Niagara Peninsula Anaesthetists Society in 1956 and he organized then served as Chief of the Department of Anaesthesia at The St. Catharines General Hospital from 1948 to 1957. Other contributions to the Medical Staff included Chairman of the Disaster Plan Committee in 1956, four years on the Credentials Committee and he served on the Medical Advisory Committee from 1953 to 1957.

In 1946 he was certified in Anaesthesia by the Royal College and in 1973 he was awarded the honorary position of Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada.

An ardent follower of all sports and in particular hockey and lacrosse, Dr. Hill served for a period of time as the team physician for the old St. Catharines Athletics Senior Lacrosse Team.

After his retirement, he was asked and obliged, by writing an autobiography entitled "Fifty

Years in Anaesthesia", in which he covers the development of anaesthesia to its present specialized state.

Dr. Hill is survived by his wife Emily; three sons, Richard in Hamilton, Donald in Washington D.C., and William in Williamsville N.Y., as well as nine grandchildren.

Two brothers, Herbert and Donald Hill, died before him.

He was a member of Welland Avenue United Church.

### DR. IRENE MARY CLEARIHUE

Dr. Irene Mary Clearihue, a Senior Member of the Canadian Anaesthetists' Society, passed away in Victoria, B.C., on June 7, 1978, aged eighty-one years.

Dr. Clearihue's preliminary education was in England and Switzerland. She received her medical training in England and was granted M.R.C.S. Eng. and L.R.C.P. London in 1922.

Following practice in Norfolk, England, she engaged in post-graduate training in anaesthesia at the London Hospital, Montreal General Hospital, and Cook County Hospital, Chicago, Ill.

Dr. Clearihue established practice in Victoria, B.C. in 1925 and was a member of the staff of the Royal Jubilee Hospital until her retirement in 1960. She was a member of the Canadian Anaesthetists' Society, the American Society of Anesthesiologists, and the Canadian Medical Association. She was also an Honorary Member of the Victoria Medical Society.

Her husband, Judge Joseph B. Clearihue, predeceased her in 1976. A daughter, Dr. Joyce G. Clearihue, is a practising Dermatologist in Victoria, B.C.