

IN MEMORIAM

The news of Evelyn Smith's sudden death early in May greatly saddened her colleagues and friends. To her husband Berry and to her children our deepest sympathy is extended.

She graduated with a B.Sc. in Physiotherapy from the University of the Witwatersrand in 1950. She gained varied experience in hospitals in Johannesburg, England and Zambia. Shortly after coming to the Cape with her family she enrolled at the University of Cape Town to study for her Teacher's Certificate in Physiotherapy. She gained this qualification in 1967 and taught at the U.C.T. School of Physiotherapy for some years. In 1971 she took a year's sabbatical leave to study Anatomy II. Following her appointment to a lectureship in Anatomy at U.C.T. Medical School in 1972, she transferred from the physiotherapy to the anatomy department. She lectured to the paramedical services and subsequently to the medical students.

She continued with her studies and in 1975 achieved a first class pass in her B.Sc. Med. Honours degree with Anatomy as a major. She was involved with research in the embryological field and had a number of publications to her credit. She was an excellent teacher and will be remembered by her many students for her enthusiastic tuition and her willingness to help and advise them.

Not only was she an outstanding academician but as a mother she stayed interested and involved in the activities of her growing children. She also devoted the same whole-hearted enthusiasm to the projects and sports in which she was interested. She loved the outdoors and had a wide knowledge of natural history. Many friends will remember with affection the open-hearted sharing of her sea-side home. She was a keen league squash player and mountaineer. A creative person, as well, her enjoyment of and skill at gardening and photography particularly, were very much part of her.

Evelyn Smith was a vital loving person who always had time and energy for others. She was a talented and dynamic person whose presence will be greatly missed by all.

OBITUARY

DR. H. D. EPSTEIN

30-11-1896—7/7/1977

It is with great regret that we heard the news of Dr. Harry Epstein's death at the age of 80.

He was born in Wellington and started his medical training at U.C.T. but completed his M.B. Ch.B. degree in Edinburgh. He returned to South Africa, married Sadie Katzen in 1926, and started his practice in Paarl. Many of the colourful stories he told related to this period and reflected his great sense of humour and understanding of human nature.

During the second World War, he did military service as a camp doctor at Zonderwater. He returned to civilian life and in 1948 joined Dr. Levitt in a physical medicine practice in Pretoria. For 22 years he was actively involved in clinical work at the H. F. Verwoerd Hospital.

Always generous and interested in physiotherapy, he donated a cup to the Pretoria Physiotherapy College in 1964, to be awarded each year to the most popular and promising student. Furthermore, on his retirement he donated the whole of his medical library to the non-European students of Ga-Rankuwa.

The physiotherapists who worked for and with him will miss this dear old man.

Ga-Rankuwa First Diplomates

At the end of 1976 four students at Ga-Rankuwa wrote their final examinations in the National Diploma in Physiotherapy and all four were successful in the examinations.

To mark the occasion Mrs. Molly Levy, Chairman of the South African Society of Physiotherapy, sent the following letter to Mrs. Audrey McFarlane, Senior Lecturer, in charge of the Physiotherapy training at Ga-Rankuwa:

Dear Mrs. McFarlane,

On behalf of the National Executive Committee and all the members of the Society may I congratulate you most sincerely on the successful completion of the first training of physiotherapists at the Ga-Rankuwa Hospital.

We are all aware of the frustrations and hardships with which you were faced, particularly in the initial stages of the course. We know how proud you must be of your first fully-fledged physiotherapists, and wish you continued success.

Yours sincerely,

Chairman.

Mrs. McFarlane replied as follows:

Dear Mrs. Levy,

I was very gratified to receive your letter on behalf of the National Executive Committee and all the members of the Society, congratulating me on the successful completion of the first training of physiotherapists at Ga-Rankuwa Hospital.

I too was very pleased that all candidates passed.

I really do appreciate your kindness in writing to me. The thoughtful gesture helps to spur me on in the efforts I am making. I have always said that the challenge of what I am doing has opened up facets of my life I did not know even existed and it is an additional boost to receive a letter such as yours.

Kindly convey my appreciation to the Executive Committee and Members of the Society.

With many thanks.

Yours very sincerely,

Mrs. A. McFarlane.
Senior Lecturer, Physiotherapy.