

**NEW FORMAT:** Looks a bit squeezed, doesn't it? To save money, we are trying to streamline this monthly newsletter. Printing one side rather than two sides of this sheet saves \$9 per issue. We would appreciate your comments on the change. It means cutting announcements, media news and "want ads" down to the bare essentials. All submissions are welcome -- please be brief. We will publish towards the end of each month, and the FIRM deadline for submissions will be the 15th, as a rule. For the next issue, however, due to Christmas (in)activities, publication will be Jan.20 and deadline will be Jan.10, 1981. Call or send submissions to: TORONTO: Jack Onrot, 416-536-2220, 9 Olive Ave., Toronto M6G 1T7. HAMILTON: before Jan.10/81: Joel Lexchin, 416-627-4363, 69 Sydenham St., Dundas L9H 2V1. After Jan.10/81: Benjamin Loevinsohn, 416-522-5051, 151 Robinson St., Hamilton L8P 1Z6.

**A NEW PUBLICATION:** The MRG is planning a twice-yearly "magazine", about 20 pages long on 8½ x 11 inch paper. It would contain articles of general interest to MRG members, up to 4,000 words long, on e.g.: summaries of research or thought from MRG working groups or committees, analytical pieces, personal experiences, etc. It will also include news briefs from the media, and ads and announcements from the membership. Please send submissions to Benjamin Loevinsohn (address above). DEADLINE is Feb. 28, 1981, for the first issue. Ink drawings, humorous or not, are welcome. Photographs cost too much to print.

**BILL 70:** Hamilton Area Occupational Health and Safety Committee is sponsoring a conference on Bill 70 (1978 Ontario law on Occupational Health and Safety). Time: Tuesday Dec. 2, 7 to 10 p.m. Place: CUPE Hall, 231 Bay St. North (at Barton), Hamilton.

**CHRISTMAS PARTY** put on by Hamilton MRG. Time: Friday, Dec. 12, 8 p.m. Place: Nick Kates', 107 Melville St., Dundas (627-3720). Bring your own: food, beverages, instruments, etc.

**PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY:** A meeting to rework resolutions on this topic will be held at Brian Gibson's, 27 Springbank (698-4068), Toronto, on Dec. 8, 1980, at 8 p.m.

**MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR 1981:** As mandated by the Oct. 1980 general meeting, the steering committee has set the 1981 fees schedule as follows:

FULL MEMBERS: Graduate MDs \$45; Medical students \$20  
AFFILIATE MEMBERS: Graduate MDs \$25; Medical students \$20  
ASSOCIATE MEMBERS: (non-MDs) \$10  
ORGANIZATIONS: \$50

In Toronto and Hamilton, members should pay directly to their local chapters. Elsewhere members should send their fees to MRG, Box 366, Station J., Toronto M4J 4Y8. New members who joined after Oct.1, 1980, may apply fees already paid towards their 1981 dues.

**NATIVE PEOPLE AND HEALTH CARE:** The Hamilton MRG is sponsoring a seminar on this topic on Weds., Jan. 14, at 7:30 p.m. at Hamilton Regional Indian Centre, 150 John St. W., Hamilton. Ross Parker, assoc. prof. in depts. of Family Medicine and Pediatrics, who has worked on the Six Nations Reserve, will speak, and people from the native community will be there to discuss the issues with us. Read Dr. Parker's interesting article on the topic in Canadian Family Physician, 1980, 26: 1220-1226, whence we quote: "Indian, Inuit and Metis children are the most deprived and unhealthy of all Canadian children, largely because their parents are the most deprived of all Canadians. Native children have the poorest dental health ... they are subject to the highest rates of TB, violent death, neglect and abuse, gastroenteritis, venereal disease, diabetes, pneumonia, myopia, middle ear disease and infant mortality."

#### MEDIA NEWS:

1. A letter from the MRG supporting FAIRO in the recent interns' and residents' strike, appeared in the Globe and Mail Oct. 26, 1980.
2. Comments on the Hall report by Toronto MRG member Cynthia Carver appeared in Canadian Family Physician, Oct. 1980 issue.
3. Thanks to all who contributed to the fall issue of "Critical Condition" which will now be replaced by the twice-yearly magazine.

#### CLASSIFIEDS.

1. Locum available for family physician. Starts Feb. 1981 for 1 to 5 month Obstetrics an advantage. Salary negotiable. Good Call. Contact: Dr. Barbara Jent, 631 Commissioners Rd. E., London, N6C 2V1. 519-681-7911.
2. South Riverdale Community Health Centre in Toronto is looking for a fourth physician to work half-time with three other MRG physicians. Available immediately. Send resume to Bogna Andersson, Administrator, SRCHC, 126 Bape Ave., Toronto M4M 2V8. Info: 416-461-2494.

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