

## Reference

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## Obituary

### *N. W. Gardener, MRCS, LRCP, DOMS*

N. W. Gardener, who was consultant ophthalmic surgeon at Watford and Hemel Hempstead, died on 18 October 1981 at his home at Boxted Farm at the age of 74.

Norman William Gardener was born on 16 September 1907 the eldest of 6 children. He qualified at Guy's Hospital in 1933. After a post as ophthalmic house surgeon at Chesterfield Royal Hospital he became ophthalmic registrar at the Wolverhampton and Midland Counties Eye Infirmary and later ophthalmic registrar at Guy's Hospital. He obtained the DOMS in 1935 and was outpatient officer at Moorfields Hospital prior to his appointment as ophthalmic consultant to Watford General Hospital and West Herts Hospital, Hemel Hempstead. An excellent surgeon who took infinite pains over his patients' problems, both medical and social, he developed a large practice in the Watford area and will be sadly missed. Apart from his ophthalmic work he took a great interest in his farm at Boxted, Hemel Hempstead. Over the last 20 years he was dogged by ill health and had to retire early from his hospital work. However, he did continue for a time working in the practice at Watford as long as he was able. The sad loss of his wife Joan in 1972 was a blow from which he never really recovered, and his active life the last few years had been very limited.

Norman Gardener leaves 4 surviving sons and one daughter and 17 grandchildren, and to them we extend our deepest sympathy.

R. S. E. B.

## Notes

### Retinal vascular and macular disorders

The Retinal Vascular Center of the Wilmer Institute will hold its 12th anniversary meeting at Sun Valley, Idaho, on 12-16 July 1982. The conference is entitled 'Diagnosis and Management of Retinal Vascular and Macular Disorders.' Topics will include treatable macular disorders, argon and krypton laser photocoagulation, pigmentary retinopathies, diabetic retinopathy, vitrectomy, macular degeneration, toxoplasmosis, lupus retinopathy, immunology and ocular inflammation, cystoid macular oedema, uveitis syndromes, and complications of cataract surgery. The format will include lectures, free papers, and open discussion between faculty and course participants. Sessions daily from 8.00 to 12.30 pm. Registration fee \$425.00. For further information: Program Co-ordinator, Office of Continuing Education, Johns Hopkins University, 720 Rutland Avenue, Turner 22, Baltimore, Maryland 21205, USA.

### Cosmetic surgery

The Department of Ophthalmology and the Page and William Black Postgraduate School of Medicine of the Mount Sinai School of Medicine will hold a postgraduate course on 'Cosmetic surgery of the aging eye' on 18-19 June 1982. Further details from The Director, Page and William Black Postgraduate School of Medicine, Mount Sinai School of Medicine, 1 Gustave L. Levy Place, New York, NY 10029, USA.

### Lacrimal surgery course

The eighth annual Boston lacrimal surgery course will be held at the Colonnade Hotel, Boston, Mass, USA, on 3-4 June 1982. Further details from the Boston Eye Research Institute, 20 Hope Avenue, Suite 106, Waltham, Mass 02154, USA.

### The Treacher Collins prize essay

Under this title the Council of the Ophthalmological Society of the United Kingdom has instituted a prize of £200 awarded triennially for the best essay submitted on a subject selected by the council. The prize is open to qualified medical practitioners of any nationality. The essay must be written in the English language. The subject for the next award of the prize is 'Developments in the Treatment of Cataract.' The winning essay may be published in the *Transactions of the Ophthalmological Societies of the United Kingdom* if the Council so desires. The closing date for sending in essays for this award is 31 July 1982. Essays should be submitted in triplicate to the Honorary Secretary, Ophthalmological Society of the United Kingdom, Royal College of Surgeons, 35/43 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London WC2A 3PN. No name should be on any essay, but a distinguishing pseudonym or quotation on a sealed envelope containing the candidate's name and address should accompany the essay.

### Glaucoma group travel fellowship

This fellowship, sponsored by Merck Sharp and Dohme, is available to medical graduates and nonmedical scientists resident in the United Kingdom or Eire. It will assist a visit to a hospital or research centre during the academic year starting 1 October 1982 and will be equivalent to £1500. Its purpose is to enable the successful applicant to gain experience and knowledge in pursuit of a specific research project related to glaucoma. It may be held concurrently with other awards. Applicants should send a curriculum vitae with information on their research project and details of their proposed visit (preferably with confirmation from the centre(s) to be visited) to: Dr S. Nagasubramanian, Glaucoma Group Secretary, Glaucoma Unit, Moorfields Eye Hospital, City Road, London EC1. The closing date for applications is 31 May 1982, and the successful candidate will be informed by 31 July 1982.