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Mission Hospital Needs Doctor -- For Six Months

A mission hospital in far-off Rhodesia is in search of a doctor with six months to spare.

The Mt. Silinda Hospital greatly needs a medical man--or woman--who could fill a vacancy there from July of this year to January, 1969, and Dr. Kirk Stetson, presently of Livonia, hopes there may be such a person in Observerland.

Dr. Stetson himself has served in the hospital in Africa for close to ten years, and had planned to be back there by July.

But a family complication--namely a 10-year-old son with a reading difficulty that requires more attention at Hawthorn Center--is delaying the return of the family of five.

DR. STETSON has worked at the hospital with Dr. Almarose Worden until his furlough, which began a year ago. He then arranged with the mission board of the United Church of Christ, which operates the facility, to fill the vacancy with another physician who will leave soon, and with a second replacement who can stay until July, 1969.

He said the mission board would pay the expenses of a physician who would accept the short term assignment, and a comfortably-furnished three-bedroom brick home is available for him to use. In-door plumbing, too.

"A doctor finishing residency or one being released from military service might consider the experience," Dr. Stetson said.

"Or if there is a physician with a practice in this area who would be interested, I am available to work with some of his patients."

THE APPLICANT would have to have general medical knowledge, but would not have to be a surgeon, since Dr. Worden can take care of surgical patients.

Meet Set On Family Relations

Family-related provisions in the proposed State Penal Code revisions will be discussed in the annual meeting of the Michigan Council on Family Relations, to be held on the Michigan State University campus Thursday, May 16.

Speakers will include Judge Horace C. Gilmore of Wayne County Circuit Court, who will open the session at 9:30 a.m. with a report on the proposals, and Dr. Leroy Augenstein, MSU biophysics department chairman, who will discuss "Moral and Ethical Implications in the Social Designing of Families" at the convention luncheon.

Several resource leaders will head discussion groups.

They include Dr. James Thomas, on abortion; Dr. Daniel Reardon, on child abuse; Dr. Richard Bates, on alcoholism; Dr. James E. Barryman, on drugs and drug control; Judge George Bowles, on divorce and changing law; and Dr. Lawrence H. Lang II, on sexual behavior and legal constraints.

All interested persons are invited to attend. Officers pointed out it is the first time in nearly a century that provisions have been set up for the penal code.



HOSPITAL NEEDS A DOCTOR — This is Mt. Silinda hospital in Africa, which needs the services of a doctor for six months.

don can take care of surgical patients.

"Mt. Silinda is an 85-bed general hospital with operating room and a 60-bed T.B. Sanatorium we also care for," Dr. Stetson said.

"The climate is mild, something like southern California, and 90 per cent of the diseases are the same as a doctor would treat in general practice here. The other ten per cent are tropical diseases--mostly malaria and bilharzia, and the treatment is quite straightforward."

Whatever happens in the present search for a doctor, the Stetson family plans to head back to Rhodesia at the end of

the year.

By that time, specialists at the Hawthorn Center expect to have made enough progress with the reverse reading difficulty that is hampering ten-year-old Lorin, and son Eric, 13, and daughter Charla, 15, also will be ready to return.

MRS. BURNICE STETSON, a Michigan girl and graduate of Adrian College, expects to get back to her work of teaching in the school for the mission children at Mt. Silinda.

The plan is all set. All that's needed is the service of one doctor for half a year. Anyone interested may call Dr. Stetson at 477-7471.



DR. KIRK STETSON

m.m. memos

Our dog doesn't know daylight saving time has started, and that's just about the only advantage I can see to the time change.

Like most mothers of young children, I don't like to delay bedtimes, and you just can't put kids to bed when it's broad daylight. Next fall I'll like still less to see them start to school in the grey dawn.

But right now, I do enjoy not getting up before 6 a.m. every morning to let the dog out.

I should explain that I answer those yips quite willingly, because our dog is a rather special mutt. He made the household scene before any of our girls, and recently attained the ripe old age of 14½ years.

In dog years, I'm told, that makes him almost 100. And he still enjoys life greatly, runs nearly as fast as in young doghood and jumps nearly as high.

So if he wants to get up at 6 a.m. to chase the neighbors' cats out of our back yard, I'm not one to deprive him of his pleasure.

I'll be glad to get up and let him out. But because of the time change, the barking starts a little before 7 a.m., and my other alarm already has sounded.

When daylight saving began, I'm glad he forgot to set his clock ahead.

Dystrophy March Chairmen Appointed

Community chairmen for the Mothers' March Against Time of the Michigan Muscular Dystrophy Association have been appointed for the Observerland area.

The March is scheduled for Tuesday evening, May 28. The fund raising appeal is the only source of funds for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. The money collected finances both a research program and services for patients with the disease.

Community chairmen will recruit volunteers for the door-to-door march. Mothers who would like to volunteer should contact the chairman in their city.

Mothers appointed to serve as chairmen are:

Livonia -- Mrs. Willis Penn, 33055 Myra; Mrs. Robert Champe, 9907 Cranston.

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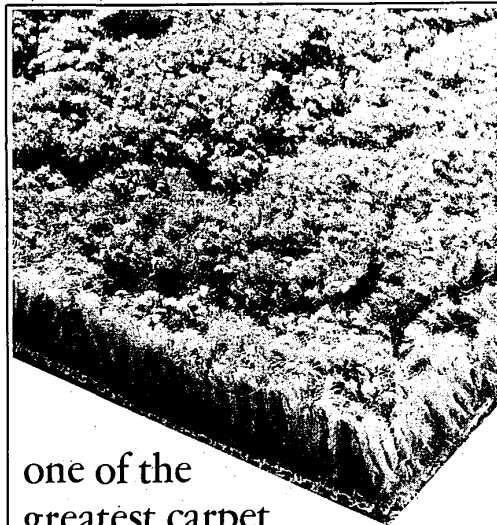
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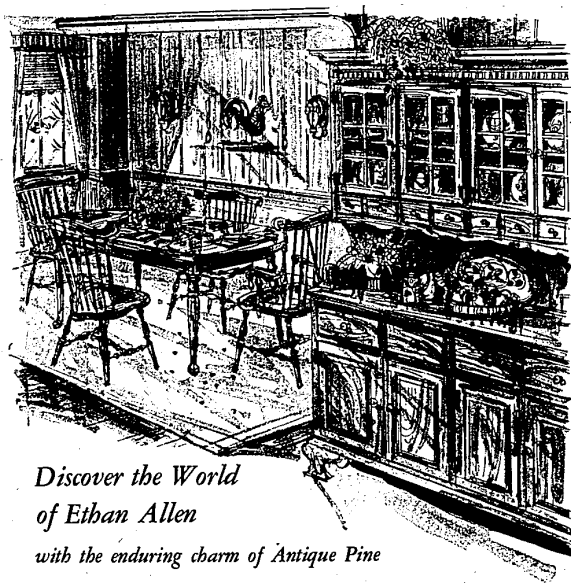
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