

PRWAD NEWS NOTES

Beatrice Lamb, PRWAD Board Member, Dies Suddenly. Members of the Professional Rehabilitation Workers with the Adult Deaf will be shocked and saddened to learn of the sudden passing of Beatrice Lamb. "Bea," as she was known, died suddenly while visiting relatives in Georgia on December 16, 1966. She was enroute to a meeting at Gallaudet College in Washington, D.C., at the time.

Bea was very active and interested in the formation of the PRWAD. At the St. Louis workshop, where the organization was formed in May of 1966, she was elected to the Board of Directors, and took part in meetings and conferences involving the organization at Chicago, Illinois, and Denver, Colorado, during the year. In Chicago, she was an active contributor to discussions involving the future of the organization and communication between its officers. She was selected to join a smaller group in Denver to draw up an introduction to the manual that will evolve from the proceedings of the St. Louis Workshop, "Introduction to Rehabilitation Casework with Deaf Adults."

Mrs. Lamb was rehabilitation counselor for the deaf in the California Department of Rehabilitation in the San Francisco Bay area. Prior to this, she was a counselor at the California School for the Deaf in Berkeley. In the course of her duties, she pioneered the development of a resource teacher program which permitted the absorption of a group of deaf students into a large public vocational adult school. At the time of her death, she was involved in developing psychiatric services for deaf adults in the Bay area, and a VRA planning project is now being developed to provide this much-needed service.

A graduate of Mary Mount College for Women in Salina, Kansas,

She is survived by her husband, Sidney, who is in the armed forces, and by two children; Peggy, eleven, and Michael, nine.

Andrew Marrin, Chief Deputy Director of the California Vocational Rehabilitation Department states: "It is hard to estimate the extent of our loss because of the many services she rendered to the Department, to her clients, and to the cause of rehabilitation of the deaf." All those who knew Bea will heartily agree with this. Both the PRWAD and the deaf of America have lost a warm, genuinely concerned friend and professional worker.

Nominating Committee. This committee, as we go to press, is being formed by the Executive Board. Members should begin receiving notices soon regarding election of a new Board, to take place before July 1, 1967. The Board is also in the process of electing a replacement for Bea Lamb.

1967 Convention. It is hoped that the first convention of the PRWAD will be held late in 1967. Mr. Geno Vescovi, Second Vice-President of the PRWAD, is chairman of the committee charged with planning the first convention, and Mr. Gary Blake, Mr. Robert Lauritsen, and Mr. Richard Johnson are on his committee. We expect to be able to announce the details in the next issue of the *Journal*.

According to the Bylaws of the organization, persons desiring to join the PRWAD must do so before conventions. The Membership Committee, which screens all applications, does not function during conventions. For this reason, anyone not a member of the PRWAD now who desires to apply, should send in his application before the convention. Those who are members now, however, may renew their memberships during the convention itself. Dues cover membership from convention to convention — or two years.

Also in connection with the convention, amendments to the Bylaws must be submitted to First Vice-President Robert Lauritsen in writing not less than ninety days before the convention. Send proposed amendments to Mr. Lauritsen at Minnesota Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, Room 180, 1821 University Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota 55104.

Journal Deadlines. The next issue of the *Journal* is expected to be ready for mailing by July 1, 1967. Deadline for articles will be April 1. This deadline will probably be a thing of the past by the time our first issue reaches you. However, the third issue will be mailed on or about October 1, and editorial deadline for this issue will be July 1, 1967. Articles should be written in a professional manner. "Letters to the Editor" will be considered. Send articles to Roger M. Falberg, Editor,

Journal of Rehabilitation of the Deaf, c/o Greater Kansas City General Hospital & Medical Center, Kansas City, Missouri 64108.

Classified Advertising. While the *Journal* does not accept display advertising, classified advertising will be available in the next issue. Rates are \$1 per line at present, and advertisers will be billed after their ads have appeared. Both agency ads and ads from individuals will be accepted.

Casework Studies. Professional work with deaf people is unique in that the population served by the professional is often quite small, although the amount of work required is very extensive and intensive. Another unique feature in many communities is that deaf people know each other very well. The usual agency social worker or psychologist, for example, will not ordinarily encounter two clients in the same day who are well-known to each other; the professional who deals with deaf adults must constantly keep in mind that many — in fact, sometimes almost *all* — of his clients will know each other at least casually. This creates a problem in exchanging or publishing case studies. The professional's clients know each other so well that the professional is hard-put to write case studies in such a way that he successfully conceals the client's identity from deaf readers in the same community. If the deaf reader knows the person lives in the same town he does and knows which professional is writing the study, he can usually identify the client.

Yet, there is a veritable dearth of professional case studies of deaf adults, and such material is badly needed to give a full picture of the complexity and intricacy of professional work with deaf adults. On the other hand, if client identities are not adequately concealed, the deaf community will quickly lose confidence in and reject specialized services.

Perhaps the difficulties would be overcome by publishing case studies anonymously, with the name of the city omitted. Of course, care must still be taken to conceal the client's identity by altering names, situations, etc., where to do so would not distort the accuracy of the case study itself. In this way, the professional's client is doubly protected.

With the above in mind, we are willing to consider case studies whose authors request anonymous publication. Of course, we must know who the author is for correspondence purposes, but the information will be kept in the *Journal's* confidential files.

We recognize that in this "publish or perish" age, anonymous publication is not going to enhance the writer's professional reputation. However, good case studies can be an invaluable contribution to the

mit a case study but hesitate to do so lest the client's identity inadvertently become public knowledge simply because of the name of the professional and/or agency attached to the study, we offer the cloak of anonymity if the professional wishes to make use of it.