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MENTAL PATIENTS PRODUCE OWN +HOUSE+ MAGAZINE
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PATIENTS AT THE CASTLE PEAK HOSPITAL HAVE JUST PRODUCED THEIR OWN 24-PAGE +HOUSE+ JOURNAL, AND THE EFFORT HAS BEEN WELCOMED BY THE STAFF AS A MAJOR CHALLENGE SUCCESSFULLY MET.

CALLED THE +CASTLE PEAK HOSPITAL MAGAZINE,+ IT IS A BI-LINGUAL PUBLICATION WHICH THE PATIENTS HOPE WILL EVENTUALLY APPEAR AT REGULAR INTERVALS.

THE HOSPITAL'S MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT SAYS IN A FOREWORD: +IT IS GRATIFYING TO SEE THE RENEWED PUBLICATION OF OUR PATIENTS' OWN MAGAZINE WHICH FIRST APPEARED IN 1966, BUT WAS DISCONTINUED IN 1967.

+THE PRESENT ISSUE CONTAINS ESSAYS WRITTEN, AND PICTURES DRAWN, BY THE PATIENTS THEMSELVES.+

HE CONGRATULATES THE STAFF OF THE OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY DEPARTMENT FOR THEIR +INITIATIVE AND HARD WORK IN HELPING THE PATIENTS TO COMPLETE THIS TASK.+

HE IS ALSO LOOKING FORWARD TO THE TIME WHEN THE MAGAZINE WILL +FORM A PLATFORM FOR OUR PATIENTS TO EXPRESS THEIR FEELINGS, AS WELL AS THEIR ARTISTIC TALENTS.+

THE OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST WRITES IN AN +ACKNOWLEDGEMENT+ THAT AT THE END OF 1973, THE STUDY-ROOM PATIENTS DECIDED TO RENEW PUBLICATION OF A MODEST VEHICLE DESIGNED TO PROVIDE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR A DISPLAY OF LITERARY POTENTIAL WHICH WOULD OTHERWISE FIND NO OUTLET.

+IT HAS PROVED A MAMMOTH TASK,+ SHE COMMENTS.

BUT THE RESULT MAKES THE WORK APPEAR WORTHWHILE.

TYPED ON STENCILS, AND GLUED TOGETHER, THE MAGAZINE HAS AN ILLUSTRATED COVER. THE MARGINS OF SOME PAGES ARE DECORATED, ALTHOUGH ONLY IN BLACK AND WHITE.

ONE DRAWING, OF THREE LITTLE BIRDS ON A BRANCH, SUGGESTS AN AVIARY OF CANARIES, AND ANOTHER SHOWS A HOUSE IN A RURAL SETTING, WHICH COULD BE ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD.

THESE ARE ROUGH SKETCHES AFTER THE STYLE OF YOUNG AMATEURS, BUT THEY BETRAY A YEARNING TO PROJECT SOME FORM OF IMPRESSION ONTO PAPER IN RESPONSE TO SOME STIMULUS CONCEALED IN A RECESS OF THE SUB-CONSCIOUS.

ONE PATIENT EVEN ATTEMPTS A CROSSWORD IN CHINESE, AND PROVIDES THE ANSWER ON ANOTHER PAGE.

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OF 19 ESSAYS, NINE ARE IN ENGLISH. ONE, ENTITLED +THE PLEASURE OF READING,+ CONTAINS THE FOLLOWING PASSAGE: +MANY PEOPLE READ ON THE BUS AND FERRIES, AND READING WILL BECOME ONE OF THEIR HOBBIES. AS FOR MYSELF, I LIKE THE JOY OF READING VERY MUCH. FROM READING I LEARN MANY THINGS, AND I SOMETIMES GO TO THE LIBRARIES TO BORROW MY FAVOURITE BOOKS TO READ AT HOME.+

ANOTHER ESSAY, +THE THOUGHT OF BEING A STUDENT,+ CASTS A NOSTALGIC LOOK AT WHAT COULD HAVE BEEN, FOR THE WRITER, THE RECENT PAST.

HE WRITES: +ALTHOUGH THE LIFE OF A STUDENT IS HARD, ESPECIALLY IN TIME OF TESTS AND EXAMS, I REALLY ENJOY BEING ONE BECAUSE I HAVE TO REMEMBER THAT I HAVE TO LIVE IN SOCIETY.

+A STUDENT SHOULDERS THE RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE THE WORLD PROGRESS.+

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PROCEDURES FOR RENEWAL OF DRIVING LICENCES
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TODAY REMINDED REGISTERED VEHICLE OWNERS AND APPLICANTS FOR DRIVING LICENCES THAT THEY MUST BRING ALONG THEIR IDENTITY CARD WHENEVER THEY MAKE AN APPLICATION AT ITS LICENSING OFFICES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT EXPLAINED THAT THE DRIVING LICENCE RECORDS AND VEHICLE REGISTER MAINTAINED BY THE DEPARTMENT INCLUDE AN ITEM RELATING TO THE IDENTITY OF THE PERSON, AND NORMALLY THE HONG KONG IDENTITY CARD WAS USED FOR IDENTITY PURPOSES.

IN ORDER TO AVOID INCONVENIENCE AND UNNECESSARY DELAY, HE SAID, THE APPLICANT MUST BRING ALONG HIS IDENTITY CARD TO BE PRODUCED WHEN HE APPLIES.

+SHOULD HE APPLY THROUGH THE MAIL, HIS IDENTITY CARD MUST ALSO BE ENCLOSED. WHEN PROCESSING IS FINISHED, IT WILL BE RETURNED TO HIM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BY REGISTERED POST OR BY RECORDED DELIVERY TO ENSURE IT WON'T GET LOST,+ HE SAID.

FOR IDENTITY PURPOSES IN LIEU OF THE HONG KONG IDENTITY CARD, THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL ACCEPT A PASSPORT ONLY IN CASES WHERE THE APPLICANT HAS NOT REGISTERED WITH THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS DEPARTMENT.

+FOR THOSE WHO ARE EXEMPTED FROM REGISTRATION UNDER THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS ORDINANCE, THEIR NORMAL MEANS OF IDENTITY WILL BE REQUIRED,+ HE SAID.

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VENTILATION SYSTEMS MUST BE INSPECTED REGULARLY

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT TODAY REMINDED BUILDING OWNERS OF THE STATUTORY REQUIREMENT TO HAVE THEIR VENTILATION SYSTEMS CHECKED THOROUGHLY AT LEAST ONCE EVERY TWELVE MONTHS.

THE REQUIREMENT APPLIES TO ANY SYSTEM CONTAINING DUCTS WHICH PASS THROUGH WALLS, FLOORS OR CEILINGS.

+THE REGULATIONS GOVERNING VENTILATION SYSTEMS ARE DESIGNED TO ENSURE THAT MACHINERY FILTERS AND TRUNKING ARE KEPT FREE FROM INHERENT FIRE RISK,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID, +AND ALSO TO ENSURE THAT, WHEN A DUCT DOES PASS THROUGH A WALL, FLOOR OR CEILING, THE POINT OF PENETRATION IS PROTECTED BY A FIRE RESISTING DAMPER WHICH CLOSES IF THERE IS A FIRE.+ WITHOUT THIS PROTECTION, A FIRE ORIGINATING IN ONE PART OF A BUILDING COULD SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE BUILDING VIA THE DUCTS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT SMOKE WAS ALSO A PARTICULAR HAZARD IN THE EVENT OF A FIRE. +WHERE CONDITIONED AIR CAN PASS, SO CAN SMOKE, UNLESS THE DAMPERS ARE IN GOOD WORKING ORDER AND IN POSITION,+ HE POINTED OUT.

+FOR THESE REASONS, IN THE INTERESTS OF FIRE PREVENTION AND FIRE SAFETY, WE URGE OWNERS TO COMPLY WITH THE REGULATIONS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE REGULATIONS REFERRED TO ARE THE BUILDING VENTILATION SYSTEMS REGULATIONS AND THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND URBAN SERVICES ORDINANCE. THE FORMER WAS AMENDED IN 1971, WHEN RESPONSIBILITY FOR ENSURING THAT A VENTILATION SYSTEM INSTALLATION WAS OPERATING PROPERLY TRANSFERRED FROM THE DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES TO THE OWNER, ALTHOUGH THE FIRE SERVICES STILL CONDUCTS INSPECTIONS TO SEE THAT SYSTEMS ARE BEING MAINTAINED SATISFACTORILY.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID A LIST OF CONTRACTORS QUALIFIED TO CARRY OUT CHECKS ON VENTILATION SYSTEMS AND CERTIFY THAT THE FIRE DAMPERS, AIR FILTERS AND PRECIPITATORS ARE IN EFFICIENT WORKING ORDER IS KEPT IN ALL FIRE STATIONS. THE LIST, CONTAINING THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF 87 CONTRACTORS IN HONG KONG, KOULOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES, IS AVAILABLE FOR PERUSAL BY THE PUBLIC.

+IF BUILDING OWNERS ARE IN ANY DOUBT ABOUT THEIR VENTILATION SYSTEM, + THE SPOKESMAN SAID, +WE RECOMMEND THEY CONSULT THE LIST TO FIND THEIR NEAREST CONTRACTOR AND DISCUSS THE MATTER WITH HIM.+

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MINI-ZOO BEING EXPANDED

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HONG KONG'S MINI-ZOO AT THE BOTANIC GARDENS IS UNDERGOING MAJOR EXTENSION WORKS TO PROVIDE LARGER AND BETTER HOMES FOR THE WILD MAMMALS AND BIRDS ON EXHIBIT.

UNDER THE \$600,000 PROJECT, THE HOMES FOR WILD MAMMALS ARE BEING MADE TEN TIMES LARGER THAN THEY ARE NOW, WHILE THE AVIARY WILL BE TWICE ITS PRESENT SIZE.

ALTOGETHER, TEN INDIVIDUAL ENCLOSURES FOR WILD MAMMALS HAVE BEEN BUILT AND SOME OF THE 31 MAMMALS, INCLUDING A BOUNCING BABY APE, HAVE ALREADY MOVED INTO THEIR NEW HOMES.

WHEN ALL OF THEM HAVE MOVED, THE OLD CAGES WILL BE CONVERTED INTO A BREEDING AND EXHIBITION AREA FOR ASIATIC BLACK BEARS. THIS WILL PROBABLY MAKE THE MOTHER BEAR HAPPY BECAUSE SHE HAS LOST ALL FOUR OF HER BABIES SO FAR, THE REASON BEING LACK OF SPACE FOR HER TO BE ISOLATED DURING AND AFTER PREGNANCY.

ACCORDING TO THE CURATOR, MR. JOHN ROMER, THE EXTENSION ALSO PROVIDES ROOM FOR MORE ANIMALS TO BE KEPT THERE IN FUTURE. NEW ADDITIONS MAY INCLUDE MARMOSETS, DIANA MONKEYS, GIBBONS AND CELEBES APES.

EXTENSION WORK ON THE AVIARY, TO MAKE IT TWICE AS BIG AS NOW, IS ALSO IN AN ADVANCED STAGE.

THE WORK MAINLY INVOLVES THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN OPEN ENCLOSURE ADJACENT TO THE EXISTING CAGES. THIS WILL ENABLE THE PRESENT COLLECTION OF FLAMINGOES, CRANES AND WATERFOUL TO BE INCREASED.

THE HONOURARY CURATOR OF THE AVIARY, DR. KENNETH SEARLE, SAID A LOT OF THE WORK WOULD BE DEVOTED TO DECORATING THE NEW ENCLOSURE WITH FLOWERS AND TREES. THIS WILL INCLUDE A LILY POND.

AT PRESENT, THE AVIARY HOUSES ABOUT 700 BIRDS OF OVER 300 SPECIES.

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NEW DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE APPOINTED

MR. THOMAS LEE CHUN-YON HAS BEEN APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, IT WAS ANNOUNCED TODAY.

MR. LEE, 50, IS CURRENTLY DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND IS THE FIRST DEPARTMENTAL OFFICER TO BE APPOINTED TO HEAD THE DEPARTMENT.

HE WILL TAKE OVER FROM MR. KENNETH TOPLEY WHO IS DUE TO ASSUME HIS NEW POST AS DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION TOWARDS THE END OF NEXT MONTH.

MR. LEE HOLDS A B.A. (HONS) DEGREE FROM THE LONDON UNIVERSITY, A BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK (FIRST CLASS HONOURS) DEGREE AND A MASTER DEGREE OF SOCIAL WORK FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO.

HE FIRST JOINED THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT IN SEPTEMBER 1952 AS AN ASSISTANT PROBATION OFFICER. HE WAS PROMOTED TO PROBATION OFFICER IN 1957, PRINCIPAL SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER IN 1963, SENIOR PRINCIPAL SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER IN 1967, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE IN AUGUST 1970 AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE IN SEPTEMBER THE FOLLOWING YEAR.

MR. LEE IS MARRIED WITH FIVE CHILDREN.

NOTE TO EDITORS: COPIES OF MR. LEE'S PHOTOGRAPH ARE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM THE G.I.S. PRESS ROOM, 6TH FLOOR, DEACONSFIELD HOUSE.