

Ethology at the Max-Planck-Institut für Verhaltensphysiologie in Seewiesen (Bavaria). And it was here that he wrote his last books, among them a penetrating search for a natural history of human knowledge, entitled *Behind the Mirror* (1977), a truly great contribution to modern epistemology.

But what did Konrad Lorenz contribute to psychiatry? When I dedicated my first treatise on ethology and psychiatry to him on the occasion of his 60th birthday I was convinced that ethological concepts of human nature and behaviour would in time make an impact on research into and our subsequent understanding of psychopathology and abnormal behaviour. But only recently has an 'evolutionary psychiatry' begun to emerge where mental and affective disorders are viewed in the light of evolution and of the disintegration of man's species-typical behaviour. This would not have been possible without Konrad Lorenz's ideas about animal and human behaviour, and his growing concern for the ultimate fate of mankind.

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WILLIAM HERBERT WHILES, formerly Consultant Child Psychiatrist, Wessex Child Guidance Service

William (Bill) Whiles died on 26 August 1990, aged 81. He was educated at the Magnus School, Newark, and studied medicine at King's College and King's College Hospital, London, qualifying MRCS, LRCP in 1933. He attended the Maudsley Hospital Post-graduate Course in 1936; obtaining the DPM in the same year and was elected a Foundation Fellow of the College in 1971. Dr Whiles showed an early interest in academic and practical psychology and achieved the somewhat rare distinction for a psychiatrist of being elected FB Ps S in 1961.

Although he had a comprehensive training in adult psychiatry, which included service in the RAMC from 1943–6, he chose to specialise in work with children. Thus, he worked with children who were deaf, or had communication difficulties as well as maladjusted children. He was a part-time lecturer in child psychology at the universities of Nottingham and later Southampton, and undertook study and lecture tours of Israel in 1965 and India in 1972. His publications in various journals between 1940 and 1965 were concerned mainly with the problems of maladjusted children.

Dr Whiles was a man of wide interests and was well-famed for his skill in puppetry: in 1954 he won the Arthur Petersen cup for the best puppet play. He was active in politics and for ten years was chairman of the Sandford (South Dorset) Labour Party.

His widow and two children survive him.

JS writes:

Perhaps the phrase most often used to describe Dr Bill Whiles was "a lovely man". Already distinguished in

the field of child psychiatry, he came to Dorset in 1951 to establish the Child Guidance Service. In his daily clinical work, his support of therapeutic establishments for children, his teaching and committee work at local and national levels; to troubled children, distressed parents, and with colleagues, he conveyed acceptance, understanding, warmth, and an unpretentious wisdom.

In retirement he remained active in his concern for a just society and for the emotional welfare of children. Dorset was lucky to have him and there are many whose lives he touched who remember him with gratitude and respect.

The deaths of the following have also been reported:

ARTHUR LEOPOLD BECKER, Consultant Psychiatrist, Department of Psychiatry, Johannesburg Hospital, Johannesburg, South Africa.

JOHN CAMPBELL, formerly Consultant Psychiatrist, Lennox Castle Hospital, Lennoxtown, Glasgow.

BALTAZAR CARAVEDO, Consultant Psychiatrist, Centro de Investigaciones Psiquiátricas y Psicológicas, Chorrillos, Lima, Peru.

SYDNEY CATTERALL, formerly Consultant Psychiatrist, 2 The Logan, Liff, Dundee, Scotland.

EDGAR CITRY, Private Practice, 1 Croydon Road, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

ALEXANDER CRAIG, formerly Consultant Psychiatrist, North Wales Hospital, Denbigh.

HARRY FLEMING, formerly Consultant Psychiatrist, Winwick Hospital, Warrington.

DANIEL TOPPING GEMMELL, formerly Consultant Psychiatrist, Highcroft Hospital, Birmingham.

HANS ERICH HAAS, formerly Consultant Psychiatrist, Uffculme Clinic, Birmingham.

FRANK JOHANNES GROUT HAUPT, Consultant Psychiatrist, Komani Hospital X7074, Queenstown, Cape Province, South Africa.

ARTHUR RAYMOND ("BILL") JONES, Consultant Emeritus, Chesterfield.

MAXWELL SHAW JONES, CBE, Consultant Psychiatrist, RR1 Wolfville, Nova Scotia, B0P 1X0, Canada.

DUNCAN LAMONT McNAB, Consultant Psychiatrist, Argyll and Bute Hospital, Lochgilphead, Argyll, Scotland.

ALFRED MEYER, Emeritus Professor of Neuropathology, Institute of Psychiatry, Denmark Hill, London SE5.

JOHN DECLAN MORRISSEY, formerly Consultant Psychiatrist, Graylingwell Hospital, Sussex.

ARTHUR NICHOLSON MUNRO, Consultant Psychiatrist, Sunnyside Royal Hospital, Montrose, Angus, Scotland.

HENRY A. MURRAY, Emeritus Professor, Harvard University, USA.