

Ronald Sinar, 1924-1979

Ronald Sinar, Public Analyst, died on 24 April, 1979, at the age of 54. His official appointments at the time of his death included: Public Analyst or Joint Public Analyst for the Counties of Cheshire, Clwyd, Greater Manchester, Gwynedd, Northumberland, Shropshire and the whole of Northern Ireland, and with the exception of Greater Manchester he was their Official Agricultural Analyst. He was also an Official Analyst under the Drug Testing Scheme.

Born in Bolton, Sinar was educated at the Bolton Municipal School, Great Moor Street, Bolton, and he was apprenticed in retail pharmacy prior to his attendance at Nottingham University. After graduating in pharmacy he joined the drug company of Messrs. Hough Hoeseason in Manchester.

In 1948 he joined the firm of Ruddock & Sherratt, Public Analysts, in Warrington, and was engaged there on the analysis of samples of drugs under the Ministry of Health Drug Testing Scheme. During this period he continued his studies and gained further qualifications including, B.Sc., M.Chem.A., M.Ph.A., F.P.S. After several years in this capacity he joined the staff of Boots, Nottingham, where he worked on research with Dr. Garratt. He stayed with Boots for approximately two years and then rejoined Ruddock & Sherratt in 1958 as junior partner to Mr. John Graham Sherratt. He became Deputy Public Analyst to the counties and local authorities for which Mr. Sherratt acted as Public Analyst. In 1961 the firm expanded when it acquired the practice of the late Harold Lowe in Goss Street, Chester. This led to additional Public Analyst appointments, including the North Wales Counties and Shropshire. Development in central Warrington necessitated the whole of the practice being transferred to Chester in 1967 and the two laboratories were combined into premises in Watergate Street.

Sinar became senior partner of the business when Mr. Sherratt retired in 1969 and he succeeded him in all appointments as Public Analyst. In 1971 he joined in partnership with George F. Hooke and Eric C. Conchie and the business expanded yet again, opening a laboratory in Belfast. Sinar was appointed Joint Public Analyst and Agricultural Analyst for the whole of Northern Ireland.

In 1977 the laboratory moved again into larger premises in Newry Park, Chester, where space was available to improve working conditions for both office and laboratory staff. Unfortunately, because of his untimely death, Sinar was not able fully to enjoy the improved facilities he had worked for.

Sinar took an active part in the work of the Association of Public Analysts, the Pharmaceutical Society and other Professional Bodies. He served on many Committees including: the Council of the Association of Public Analysts, a British Pharmacopoeia Committee, Committees of the Pharmaceutical Society (including the Committee on Quality Assurance), the M.Chem.A. Examinations Board of the Royal Institute of Chemistry, the Animal Feeding Stuffs Methods of Analysis Panel of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Standing Committee of Analysts of the Department of the Environment. In addition, he was Chairman of the North of England Section (now North West Region) of the Society for Analytical Chemistry from 1969 to 1971.

Socially, Sinar was a popular man and he was a keen golfer having been the inaugural chairman of Walton Hall Club, Warrington, and at the time of his death he was Captain of Lymm Golf Club, Cheshire. He was also interested in photography, model railways and foreign travel.

Sinar is survived by his wife, son and daughter and he is remembered with affection by his colleagues in the A.P.A. for his professional expertise and his active participation in more social events.

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