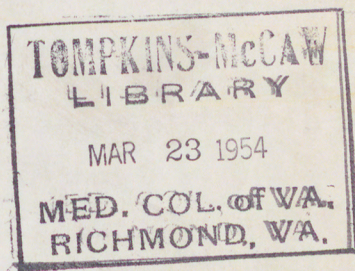


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Richmond has many hotels, if you haven't made a reservation for the State Meeting, April 12th 13th, 14th. Do it today.

You will find the preliminary program in this issue of the Bulletin. Your Program Committee has selected outstanding men in their respective fields, as essayists. The Clinic Committee has arranged many interesting table clinics and exhibits.

Be sure to bring your wife. The ladies will long remember the Richmond Meeting in '54, excellent entertainment, good shopping area.

As most of you know, I have two primary objectives, which I would like to accomplish before April 12th.

1. Virginia should contribute, at least, 100% of its quota for the A.D.A. Relief Committee. To my knowledge our State has never reached its quota. At the present time, we are close—95.5% If you have overlooked your A.D.A. Relief Seals, send your check today. You might be helping yourself or your best friend.

2. I want 50% of the Dentists in the Association to apply for The American Dental Association Group Plan of Accident and Health Insurance. Virginia lacks 85 applications before both impaired and unimpaired risks will be covered. Another enrollment period begins February 1st. and will end May 1st, 1954. An amendment to the group policy will make members up to 70 years of age eligible for this insurance. If you have not applied, do so without delay. Not only will you help yourself; you will be helping your colleague, who cannot get any other type of disability insurance.

Remember the State Meeting April 12th, 13th, 14th. Make your hotel reservations today.

JOHN B. TODD; President
Virginia State Dental Association

VIRGINIA WITHIN 4.5 PERCENT OF GOAL — LET'S GO OVER THE TOP BY APRIL 12th

A list of contributions to the A.D.A. Relief Fund to Feb. 11 by constituent societies follows.

	Quota	Contri- bution	PCT.
Air Force	\$ 600.00	\$ 431.50	71.9
Alabama	750.00	1,649.11	219.9
Alaska	50.00	177.00	354.0
Arizona	280.00	95.00	33.9
Arkansas	560.00	624.00	111.4
Army	630.00	332.50	52.8
Delaware	160.00	173.00	108.1
Dist. of Col.	850.00	1,374.00	161.6
Hawaii	360.00	414.00	115.0
Idaho	260.00	512.00	196.9
Maine	450.00	300.00	66.7
Mississippi	520.00	423.10	81.4
Montana	370.00	402.15	108.7
Navy	830.00	396.50	47.8
Nevada	90.00	118.50	131.7
New Hampshire	290.00	261.00	90.0
New Mexico	250.00	271.50	108.6
North Dakota	340.00	492.05	144.7
Oklahoma	890.00	1,205.00	135.4
Panama C. Z.	20.00		
P. H. Service	260.00	133.00	51.2
Puerto Rico	190.00	171.00	90.0
Rhode Island	580.00	385.00	66.4
S. Carolina	410.00	335.00	81.7
S. Dakota	340.00	482.00	141.8
Utah	450.00	354.50	78.8
Vermont	190.00	137.00	72.1
Vet. Admin.	900.00	338.15	37.6
W. Virginia	740.00	757.50	102.4
Wyoming	180.00	136.00	75.6
California	3,740.00	4,161.00	111.3
So. California	4,530.00	6,732.50	148.6
Colorado	920.00	879.00	95.5
Connecticut	1,930.00	1,755.12	90.9
Florida	1,270.00	1,353.00	106.5
Georgia	1,040.00	891.50	85.7
Illinois	7,370.00	7,251.25	98.4

Indiana	2,350.00	2,465.00	104.9
Iowa	1,860.00	2,167.30	116.5
Kansas	990.00	880.80	89.0
Kentucky	1,120.00	1,079.76	96.4
Louisiana	1,010.00	1,080.50	107.0
Maryland	1,060.00	991.00	93.5
Massachusetts	3,780.00	3,453.83	91.4
Michigan	4,010.00	4,240.65	105.8
Minnesota	2,940.00	2,737.50	93.1
Missouri	2,530.00	2,333.56	92.2
Nebraska	1,060.00	1,058.85	99.9
New Jersey	4,070.00	4,115.50	101.1
New York	15,210.00	9,523.86	62.6
N. Carolina	1,230.00	1,043.50	84.8
Ohio	4,980.00	4,369.05	87.7
Oregon	1,200.00	1,145.00	95.4
Pennsylvania	6,830.00	5,213.50	76.3
Tennessee	1,200.00	3,175.53	264.6
Texas	3,160.00	2,155.00	68.2
Virginia	1,130.00	1,079.00	95.5
Washington	1,780.00	2,049.50	115.1
Wisconsin	2,910.00	2,135.00	73.4
TOTAL	\$87,210.00	\$81,516.56	93.5

LATEST REPORT ON ADA GROUP PLAN OF ACCIDENT AND HEALTH INSURANCE

Beginning February 1, 1954, there will be another enrollment campaign to qualify the Accident and Health Plan sponsored by the American Dental Association. The National Casualty Company of Detroit, Michigan, are the underwriters; and M. A. Gesner, Inc., 150 East Superior Street, Chicago, Illinois, are the official insurance administrators representing the Association.

After the charter enrollment campaign last year, we had about 7,000 dentists who were accepted for insurance and about 3,300 whose applications and checks were returned to them as not being acceptable.

This situation of returning over 3,000 applications would never have occurred if we had received the required number of applications. We needed about 17,000 applications to qualify. The Association receives credit toward our national quota of 26,000 for an additional 11,000 dentists already insured in the States of California, Utah, Nevada, New Jersey and New York by the National Casualty Company.

We wish to stress at this time that every dentist whose application was returned to him will receive a letter urging him to re-submit a new application to be sent to your Insurance Trustee, Dr. Paul W. Zillmann, who will hold it until we know whether or not the required number is obtained before submitting to the insurance company. If we get the number we need, these particular applicants will then receive an insurance certificate and bill for their premium.

This campaign will extend from February 1 to May 1, 1954; and at its close we hope we will be able to announce that this endeavor has been successful.

Each and every dentist is urged to file an application, if it is only for benefits of \$100 per month—we need numbers. The more applications we receive the easier will be our task.

This Accident and Health Policy is one of the finest written. It has been in operation for dental groups for about fifteen years. New Jersey State Dental Association was the first state society to inaugurate this plan. There are over 6,000 dentists participating in this plan in the Dental Society of the State of New York, and they have been enjoying this protection for over twelve years. So with this kind of background there cannot be anything wrong with the plan as offered by the Council on Insurance last year to the members of our Association.

This insurance is 35 to 50 percent lower in cost (depending on age) than comparable coverage on an individual basis.

This policy has been tailor-made for members of our profession.

The question has often been asked, "Why isn't the rate the same for everyone?" The answer is that no dentist would expect to buy life insurance at age 30 and expect to pay a rate that he would have to pay at age 50. This is the reason why the Council on Insurance in its deliberations decided to accept what is known in insurance parlance as "step rating"—that is, a different rate for various age groups.

This policy provides coverage for illness for two years—monthly payments beginning on the eighth day of total disability. And, it is not necessary that a dentist be house confined to collect.

Under the accident clause the dentist can collect for a period of five years for total disability, and six months for partial disability. Limit of time for total and partial disability is five years. Under the accident provisions the policy pays from the first day.

In order to provide greater coverage for all members of the Association the Board of Trustees accepted the recommendation of the Council on Insurance to add a fourth age group to this policy. This will include dentists from 65 to 70 years of age; but, a dentist who has the insurance before his 65th birthday will not have to pay the increase in premium when he goes into the new age group—his rate will remain constant.

To continue this insurance a dentist must remain a member in good standing of the American Dental Association, and be actively engaged in his profession.

We urge all of you who did not apply during the last campaign to do so now. The maximum coverage for acceptable risks is \$400 per month. For those who have physical disability the maximum coverage is \$200 per month.

Won't you please help to put this plan into operation so that all dentists regardless of physical fitness may be insured?

Following are the rates and coverage for the various age groups: Premium Rates are applicable to ages at entry and attained at annual renewal date of the group policy, which is November 1 of each calendar year. Renewal rates do not change on attainment of age 65.

SEMI-ANNUAL RATES

Mo.	Accdtl. Death	Dismem- berment	Ages up to 50	Ages 50 to 60	Ages 60 to 65	Ages** 65 to 70
Benefits	Benefit	Benefits				
\$100.00	\$3,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$16.05	\$18.30	\$22.80	\$26.30
200.00	3,000.00	10,000.00	30.15	34.65	43.65	50.65
300.00	3,000.00	15,000.00	44.25	51.00	64.50	75.00
400.00	3,000.00	20,000.00	58.35	67.35	85.35	99.35

Premiums payable half-yearly, November 1 and May 1.

The top limit of \$400 monthly will be granted insurable risks, with impaired risks limited to \$200 monthly benefits.

**Although the age limit for acceptance of risks is the 70th birthday, there is no termination age limit for renewal of insurance.

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Preliminary Program on following Pages

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

SUNDAY, APRIL 11, 1954

12:00 Noon—Registration

2:30 P. M.—Meeting Council on Dental Health—Washington Room.

7:30 P. M.—Executive Council Meeting—Monroe Room.

MONDAY, APRIL 12, 1954

8:30 A. M.—Registration and Opening of Exhibits

11:00 A. M.—Opening Session—Roof Garden

Invocation

Report of the Executive Council

President's Address

2:00 P. M.—“The Preparation of the Patient and the Dentist for
Efficient Operative Dentistry.”

Lecture—Roof Garden

L. G. Schultz

3:30 P. M. —Activities of the American Dental Association

Lecture—Roof Garden

Dr. L. M. Fitzgerald, President, A.D.A.

4:15 P. M.—Resume of Veterans Administration Dental Activities in
Virginia During the Past Year.

Lecture—Roof Garden

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6:00 P. M.—Social Hour—Marshall Room

7:00 P. M.—Banquet—Virginia Room

Dr. P. D. Sanders, Editor of “Southern Planter” will
speak on “The Land of Opportunity”Recognition Ceremony for Men Who Have Practiced
50 Years or More.

Guest Speaker

Dancing—Virginia Room

TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 1954

9:00 A. M.—Movie—Roof Garden

9:15 A. M.—Root Canal Therapy

Lecture—Roof Garden

R. E. L. Miller, Jr., D. D. S.

10:15 A. M.—“Cavity Preparation and Impression Technic for Cast
Gold Restoration.”

Lecture—Roof Garden

Dr. L. G. Schultz

- 11:45 Report from State Health Commission
Lecture—Roof Garden
- 12:00 Noon —Dental Research in the Year 1953.
Lecture—Roof Garden
Seymour J. Kreshover, D. D. S. and
Oliver W. Clough, D. D. S.
- 1:00 P. M.—Luncheon for members of State Dental Veterans Assn.
- 2:00 P. M.—Clinics and Scientific Exhibits
Roof Garden
- 5:00 P. M.—Psi Omega Fraternity Social Hour
- 5:30 P. M. —Delta Sigma Delta Banquet and Social Hour for Alumni
and Their Ladies
- 7:00 P. M.—“Surgical Contribution to Satisfactory Complete Denture
Construction.”
Lecture—Roof Garden
Colonel Jack B. Caldwell
- 8:30 P. M.—Report of Trustee
Howard B. Higgins
Lecture—Roof Garden
- 8:45 P. M.—Business Session—Virginia Room
Report on President's Address
Election of Officers
Selection of Next Convention City

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 1954

- 8:00 A. M.—Executive Council Meeting—Washington Room
- 9:00 A. M.—Movie—Roof Garden
- 9:15 A. M.—“The Mandibular Anterior Fixed Bridge”
Lecture—Roof Garden
Dr. Claude R. Baker
- 10:30 A. M.—Clinical Interruption of Basic Periodontal Pathology
Lecture—Roof Garden
Dr. B. O. A. Thomas

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

MONDAY—GOLF

- 9:00 A. M.—Hermitage Country Club

ENTERTAINMENT FOR WOMEN

General Chairman—Mrs. W. O. Powell

SUNDAY, APRIL 11, 1954

Open House—8:00 P. M. John Marshall Hotel—Parlor A.

Chairman—Mrs. Herbert Boyd.

MONDAY, APRIL 12, 1954

Garden Tour and Tea

Transportation provided leaving hotel 12:45 P. M.

Chairman—Mrs. James R. Fleet

TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 1954

Ladies Buffet Luncheon—1:00 P. M.—Commonwealth Club

Guest Speaker—Sara Sue Sherrill

“1954 Spring and Summer Hat Collection”

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THE WOOD MEMORIAL

The dedication of the Wood Memorial Building, the new house of the School of Dentistry of the Medical College of Virginia is now a part of the history of that institution. It is appropriate, therefore, that the Dentists of Virginia give cognizance to it in the Bulletin. We salute these men and women who have been instrumental in its accomplishment. It represents physical growth in our institutions of higher learning and it pronounces the great advancement that has been made in dental education.

Set forth in these pages is an account of the dedication ceremony with several illustrations to depict, in a very inadequate way, the beauty of this building.

SERVICES OF DEDICATION

HARRY LYONS, Dean, *Presiding*

This is a moment to which many of us have looked for years. The dedication of our new dental building, known as the Wood Memorial, is the realization of a dream and an aspiration of long standing. It is the culmination of years of planning and of work, of endless hours spent by many people in a labor of love without the thought of reward beyond the structure itself.

The late Dean Harry Bear left his indelible imprint in its design and plans, and this occasion has the one sad note related to his untimely death. He contributed so much to this building!

This structure represents much more than a building of bricks and mortar. It is a symbol of a health service profession, already rich in its history and its attainments. In name, it memorializes Dr. and Mrs. Jud B. Wood, benefactors of the College and the profession and, through these, the population at large. Dr. Wood was one of the founders of the Virginia State Dental Association, an early organization meeting of the Association having been held in his office. He was motivated by the broadest concept of health care and education in leaving his bequest to the College without restrictions as to its use. Here is another of many examples of a dentist and dentistry contributing importantly to education and care in the broad field of health. Dr. Wood was first urged to enrich our College by a professor and former dean of our dental school, Dr. R. L. Simpson. It was, however, Dr. Sanger who convinced him of the opportunity for eternal service.

During the long months of planning and construction, when our

spirits were at times low, we found renewed courage and motivation in some immortal lines by Ruskin:

"When we build, let us think that we build forever. Let it not be for present delight, nor for present use alone.

"Let it be such work that our descendants shall thank us for, and let us think as we lay stone on stone that a time is to come when those stones shall be held sacred because our hands have touched them.

"And men shall say as they look on the labor and wrought substance of them, 'See, this our fathers did'."

As the present dean of our dental school it would appear timely at this moment that, on behalf of the faculty, I give you certain assurances. We pledge you that in the lecture rooms, the laboratories and the clinics of this new building will be taught not only the best and the newest knowledge and techniques but also a professional idealism characteristic of the dedicated health servant. Our students, selected with utmost care, will be the recipients not only of an educational discipline in dentistry scaled to the needs and practices of the present but a discipline that will also condition them for the changing needs and practices of the future. This building and our faculty will serve as a repository of all that is worthy in dental science. From our halls must issue forth not only the knowledge now available but also new facts and new techniques yet to be developed through research within our laboratories. Without the latter no school can remain a moving force in education. Lastly, our students must leave our corridors with the determination that the American way of democratic life with its free enterprise system of health care shall not perish from our soil.

In arranging the exercises of dedication for our new dental school building it appeared appropriate to recognize several important organizations and persons. Among the organizations having a noteworthy interest in our school are the Virginia State Dental Association and the Virginia State Board of Dental Examiners. These organizations are represented here today by their presidents. We are happy to invite to this rostrum Dr. John Todd, President of the Virginia State Dental Association. Dr. Todd is an esteemed alumnus of our school, Class of '32.

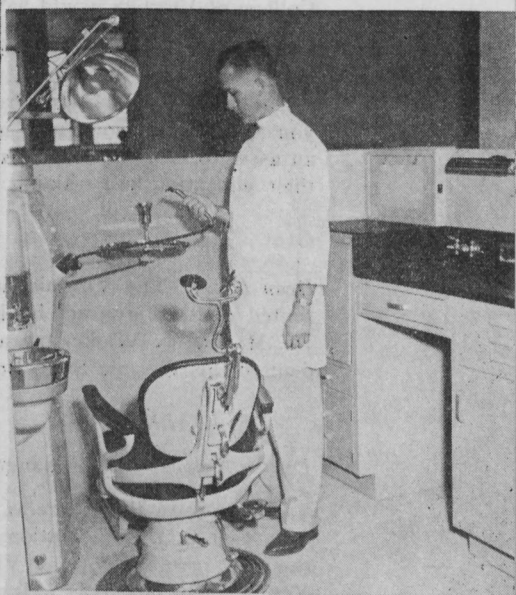
DR. TODD

Dr. Sanger, Dr. Lyons and Distinguished Guests:

As President of the Virginia State Dental Association and as an Alumnus of The Medical College of Virginia, I bring congratulations to you on this occasion.



WOOD MEMORIAL BUILDING—Located on the campus of the Medical College of Virginia, contains classrooms for academic instruction, specialty clinics, research laboratories, and, illustrated left and below, the main clinic composed of individual student's cubicles.



The marvelous new Dental Building, which has been named for a Virginia Dentist, who has been a generous benefactor to the College, is not the largest in the country, it certainly is the most modern in every respect. It is one that will be an asset to the State of Virginia, The Medical College of Virginia and the Dentists of Virginia.

From this new and modern structure, it really beats the foot engine days when I was a student, with the well trained faculty, under the able guidance of an outstanding Dean, will graduate better Dentists to serve the dental needs of the people in Virginia.

With the opening of this building Virginia Dentists stand to profit much. Space is now available to hold refresher courses, post graduate work can be done with more ease, research work can be done by the faculty, without being cramped, and their results are passed right on to us.

As a matter of fact, I know of only one big thing that the Dental School lacks. I don't know how to get it unless Governor Stanley includes it in his budget to the General Assembly and they pass it, or for Dr. Sanger to get his hands into the pockets of some philanthropist or some wealthy dentist or individual leave the College a million or more dollars for an endowment, to be used to supplement the income of the faculty, for fellowships and scholarships, then The Medical College of Virginia would have "The Dental School of Dental Schools."

Dr. Lyons, this new building, which you have worked so hard to get, I know you are proud; so are the Dentists of Virginia. As a representative of the Dental Profession in this State I again congratulate you. I know the men who graduate from this school will be as great an asset to Organized Dentistry as this new building will have been to their education and training.

Dean Lyons: The Virginia State Board of Dental Examiners is represented on this program by its president. It is a pleasure to recognize Dr. M. Bagley Walker, an alumnus of our school, Class of '29, president of the Virginia State Board of Dental Examiners.

DR. WALKER

Doctor Lyons, Doctor Sanger and Guests:

I am sure that there is no other dental group that is happier to take part in the dedication of this magnificent new dental building than the members of the Virginia State Board of Dental Examiners. Your present board, as well as former boards, have been most fortunate

in having a dental school in which to give their examinations. As some of you know, there are quite a few states that are not thus privileged. I can recall most vividly taking the North Carolina Board some years ago after finishing ours here in Virginia. The written examinations were given in the state capitol in Raleigh and from the legislative halls of this historic old building, we journeyed for our practical assignments to another seat of the government, the North Carolina State Penitentiary. With alcohol lamps we accomplished our "set-ups", with straight-back chairs, your chest as a head rest, a foot-engine, and a "guest" of the state institution as a patient, we finished our practical work. Thus, we here in Virginia, have been most fortunate.

For the past several years there has been a marked increase in the number of applicants taking the board, and even with the facilities afforded us in the old school, the task was a difficult one for both the applicants and examiners. I would like at this point to give the board's sincerest thanks to you, Doctor Lyons, and to your fine associates, for the excellent help which you have given us. You have always been most cooperative in arranging for our every need and the many courtesies extended us will certainly not be forgotten.

The board is looking forward with a great deal of pleasure to having the use of these grand new facilities which are contained, I dare say, in this the finest and most modern dental school in the country. In closing, may I add, that the foresight of those who have passed on, and the never-ending efforts of all who have made possible this new educational building, marks the beginning of another great chapter in the history of dentistry in Virginia. To these persons we owe a debt of gratitude.

Dean Lyons: Those of us in education recognize that a school is made up of three component parts inseparably welded: 1. physical facilities; 2. the faculty; 3. the student body. The most important of these components is the student body. We exist as a school for our students. It is my happy privilege to recognize the president of our dental school student body, Mr. J. E. Lumsden:

J. E. LUMSDEN

I wish to welcome you to the Dedication Ceremonies on behalf of the student body. We know that those of you present must feel a slight twinge of regret at not having been able to prepare yourselves for the Dental Profession under the ample and modern facilities now available to us as students. We of the Junior and Senior classes especially can appreciate the new dental school building since we were

a part of the old one. We also feel that in moving from McGuire Hall to the Wood Memorial Building we helped the faculty carry along some of the spirit that was so deeply instilled in McGuire Hall, that this will remain as an integral part of our new building and be felt by you as you are a part of this new and most modern school and not just a visiting stranger.

In conclusion, I would like to say, on behalf of the entire student body, that we feel highly honored to be a part of the new dental school, the dedication of which may well be the beginning of a new era in Dentistry in the State of Virginia.

Dean Lyons: Our Board of Visitors is represented on this program by its able chairman. He has served our College for 25 years and unfortunately must retire from our Board this year because of legal provisions governing re-appointments to Boards of our state schools. In his dedicated service to MCV he carries on the work of his distinguished father who served as chairman of the Board of the University College of Medicine from 1904 to 1910. He is an attorney by profession and served with valor in both World Wars. He is a former member of our General Assembly and one of our wisest and most able citizen-statesmen, Mr. Robert T. Barton.

MR. BARTON

Dr. Lyons, President Sanger, graduates of the College of Dentistry, and other distinguished guests:

Those very gracious words of introduction are not very well deserved. I think any man who serves on the Board of Visitors a quarter of a century ought not particularly be relieved of further service but I think in justice to the institution which he has served you ought to get some new blood. So I leave with regret, but I think it is a wise provision of the law that says 'Now we must rotate members of the Board of Visitors.'

I have a strong feeling of sympathy and affection for you all. My first experience with dentistry, of course, was that that all youngsters had when your mother tied a string to your eye tooth and the other end to the knob of the door and told you to slam the door. The usual thing happened!

Some time ago I was honored by a request to deliver the founders day address. I got interested in the history of this institution and rather bored a captive audience for about half an hour with its history

from its founding in 1837. I don't intend to do that to you although you are also sort of a captive audience.

I have an Encyclopedia Brittanica so I looked it up and I find that, in dentistry your patron saint was Herodotus back in 500 B. C. and I was very much tempted to trace the history of dentistry from 500 B. C. down to the current date. Especially that period of the Dark Ages when the functions of the Dentist were usurped by the Barber, and the functions of the Pharmacist were usurped by the witch. I think the leech took over the functions of the medical man and I just don't know who did the nursing. But I am going to spare you that and come down to 1837 when the Medical College of Virginia was founded, as you know, down on Main street. It is a coincidence perhaps that at about that time the systematic study of dentistry was begun in the United States, and the advance of Dentistry has somewhat paralleled the growth of the Medical College of Virginia which soon moved to the Egyptian Building, where all of its activities were housed. Then perhaps due somewhat to the feeling between the medical man and the dentist there was a delay in the establishing of schools for the study of dentistry in Richmond. The first school was established by the old University College of Medicine in 1893 and then four years later the Medical College of Virginia established its own school and then when they were combined and eventually moved into McGuire Building and the McGuire Building has served so wonderfully in the advancement of your profession.

So we are very happy today, and I am happy to be here on behalf of the Board of Visitors. I suppose we should accept that beautiful building over there, and I can't help thinking, and I know you all are thinking as we do it, that it is a dream of Dr. Harry Bear. I know you feel that he is here today looking upon this ceremony and this assembly with gratification and pleasure that the realization of his dream has come true through the able direction and vision and imagination of Dr. Harry Lyons. I know this new building will serve a fine purpose. I understand it is the best and most modern building in the United States devoted to the teaching of dentistry. And I can say in accepting it, on behalf of the Board of Visitors, and turning it over to your able Dean I know that under his able guidance, direction and ability that building will serve as handsomely and finely as the McGuire Building has served. It is so appropriately named the Wood Memorial because this institution owes a great debt to Dr. Wood and his wife who made possible this magnificent growth since 1926. So Dr. Lyons I suppose officially we have now turned the building over to you when we cut that little ribbon over there. As I said before it will serve handsomely under your direction to advance the teaching

of dentistry in the State of Virginia, to the end that the people's needs for dental care may be more adequately met. Thank you very much for giving me the opportunity to appear on this program.

Dean Lyons: In the drama of life occasionally a striking and unique character walks across the stage. He appears ageless. He has the maturity, judgment and wisdom of the aged. He has the vigor of the man in the full glow of life, and he has the enthusiasm and eagerness characteristic of the youth yet to be tried in the crucible of experience. In the history of dentistry we count but few such characters. Rich is the community that can boast one. We are among the fortunate. To recount Dr. J. B. Williams' contributions to dentistry, dental education and MCV would embarrass the man and delay these ceremonies unduly—and so I simply present Dr. J. B. Williams who will address us as a representative of our profession.

DR. WILLIAMS

Dr. Lyons, Dr. Sanger, members of the Alumni Association, ladies and gentlemen:

I have been asked to talk about ten minutes. This limits me to a short address and protects you from a long one. However for such an occasion even a few words require considerable thought in what is said and considerable care in how it is expressed.

Since Winston Churchill has won a Nobel prize for literature in spite of ending sentences with prepositions and since scientists have fulfilled a prediction made by a member of the faculty of the Medical College of Virginia in 1905 that the atom would some day be split into a multitude of fragments, we ordinary folk may easily split an infinitive or ask—to whom are our remarks to be addressed to—without a quiver or a qualm.

We dedicate today this new building for dental education. It has been constructed and equipped through the interest, work and prodding of Dr. Sanger, his assistants, the College's Governing Board, the faculty, the profession and friends. The cost has been borne by the people of Virginia through the familiar fashion of siphoning off earnings by means of the system known as taxation. Hence it belongs to the people. It is therefore a public trust expected to return ten times ten fold in public service. It is named for Dr. and Mrs. Jud B. Wood whose liberal, unrestricted legacy has done great things for the Medical College of Virginia, not the least among which was financing the building of the teaching hospital used primarily for the school of medicine. In this and many other ways the legacy from Dr. and Mrs. Wood

has had and will continue to have profound influence on medical education and practice in Virginia for years to come.

I leave to others, however, the important questions of education and shall endeavor to summarize some extra-curricular interests that seem appropriate to balance our minds at all times and particularly important at the opening of a new building for teaching professional men.

Now, there is no concise term which completely defines the meaning of that well known phrase—the professional point of view. We are sometimes bewildered by its diverse aspects though the general ideals implied by the term are familiar but elusive.

I refer to those cultural and philosophical satisfactions that penetrate like isotopes the innermost recesses of man. Things which are sorely needed to complete a formal education but which all too often are confined to the intellectuals who constitute the professional aristocracy of this era. They are the innate and elegant arts and graces necessary to a harmonious and useful “standard of life” without which this gadgeted age of a material “standard of living” becomes tawdry indeed.

Aristotle, who included our work in his studies, laid them down as fortitude, temperance, prudence and justice. To these the renaissance writers added liberality and courtesy. As used their outstanding characteristics are fairness, good judgment and firmness combined with patience and consideration into what is known simply as good manners. These exert themselves from an inner consciousness of a position to uphold, a dignity to maintain and an example to set. They produce an instinctive behavior—not ostentatious but unassuming and natural without over-extended familiarity nor freezing into stuff-shirted formalities of snobbishness. They enable people from all walks of life to be at ease and free.

This standard of life recognizes a code like the unwritten British constitution in being so flexible that those who live by it know when and how it can be changed without violating the rules. It presumes the privilege of leadership and self denial; in other words that precept contained in the Biblical quotation, “Greater is he that ruleth his own spirit than he that taketh a city.” For it is certain that ends do not justify means when means tarnish the ends.

Today even the opening of a new building raises thoughts of the atomic age and man's ever-recurring opportunity for choosing in the eternal conflict between good and evil. Similarly, but to a lesser degree, we cannot see to what extent the manifest effect of hypnotism in

holding peoples' faces to the television screen can be used in this structure but the continuation and enlargement of proven fundamentals of ethical conduct remain the roots from which the human mind must reseed itself or wither. These seeds have been planted along with this foundation that our profession may always be renewed and always move forward.

Thus, we dedicate this building; planned that youth may find here opportunities to lay up treasures that moths cannot corrupt nor thieves break through and steal. We ourselves represent parallels characterized by Shakespeare's two most popular plays: in Hamlet the difficulties of growing up, and in King Lear the difficulties of growing old. Joined together as students, one side looks forward to a satisfying future while my generation looks forward to looking back with satisfaction.

It is as a fellow student then that I express my pleasure in having the honor of representing the dental profession in the dedication of this splendid building.

After having been an anvil for a long long time it is inspiring to own a hammer!

Dean Lyons: Before presenting our next speaker I deem it appropriate to recognize and have you acclaim two men who made very important contributions to the Wood Memorial. The first is our Comptroller who handled its complicated financial aspects. He is a distinguished member of the distinguished family of Tompkins, a family associated with the College throughout its entire history. He is a graduate of West Point, a class-mate and intimate friend of President Eisenhower, and a Major-General now retired after a brilliant military career which saw him active through both World Wars. At the College he has the enviable reputation of dealing fairly, squarely, and equitably with all the schools and with everyone concerned. In the inner circles of this group I must confess that on many occasions he has appeared to be partial to the dental school.

General Tompkins, we would be complimented to have you stand.

Every member of our faculty made important contributions to the Wood Memorial. I wish that time would permit citations for all of them. They all deserve special commendation.

I cannot permit this occasion to pass without a personal reference to one member of our faculty who served as deputy in all matters pertaining to the building and its equipment. Laboring over and beyond

the call of duty he checked the construction of the building with our architects at every step. Almost single-handedly, he designed all our special equipment and supervised its installation.

I take the opportunity to thank Dr. Phillip J. Modjeski publically for his superb contribution toward making the Wood Memorial what it is.

The introduction of the last speaker is a most pleasant task but one that defies the limited talents of this introducer. The editor of our 1953 College annual publication aptly described him as "a dreamer of dreams who puts foundations under them." The Wood Memorial Building is the most recent of those accomplishments. He dreamed of a new skyline for this part of Richmond and he has put foundations down for much of it. In our president we have not only a dreamer and builder but also a superb architect of health education and care. To work with him is a tremendous challenge. To share his dreams and aspirations for our school is a treasured privilege of our faculty. It is with great pleasure that I now call on Dr. Sanger.

DR. SANGER

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Our devoted and able chairman of the Board of Visitors has most appropriately turned over to Dean Lyons, his Staff, the Student Body, our Alumni, and the people of Virginia this new structure which is to house the dental clinic activities of our very fine School of Dentistry. It is now merely my responsibility to officially dedicate this building to the welfare of the people of our commonwealth, to the memory of a great college benefactor, Judson Wardman Wood, and his wife Betty Davis Wood, and to the art and science of Dentistry well based in fundamental and clinical research. Research which is expected to conserve the best of the past and to give us new fronts for the future. I know of no responsibility, which has been mine in the many years, that has brought really more satisfaction than to thus dedicate this building. For the first time we shall begin to have adequate arrangements and adequate programs not only for the undergraduates but, also, for the graduate student and the post graduate student. That is an achievement which has been hard and involved many people. My part has been modest except to encourage. But I can tell you, ladies and gentlemen, that we now have dedicated this building to a great service and I hope it will be of great benefit to you and of all of our people for generations to come. It seems so appropriate when the General Assembly is in session that we should dedicate ourselves anew in a fundamental way to the welfare of our people.

PROGRESS REPORT ON 1955 CONVENTION CRUISE

It has been necessary to change the dates of the cruise as follows: Leave Norfolk April 30, 3:00 p.m.; return to Norfolk May 7, 9:00 a.m., thereby, making it possible for more of the faculty from M.C.V. to attend.

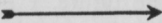
The return of the postal cards has been most encouraging. With well over half of the membership replying, we find that four to one are interested in taking the cruise.

Arrangements have been completed with the Furness Lines to secure the Queen of Bermuda for our cruise, with the option of a larger ship if necessary. There will be booth space to accommodate approximately 42 exhibitors, a large number of whom have been contacted and several have already made definite commitments.

We are doing everything possible to have all arrangements made by our meeting in Richmond and a booth will be set up in the lobby of the Hotel John Marshall to answer any questions and to take reservations. A deposit of \$75 per person will be required with each reservation; however, should it become necessary to cancel your reservation, your deposit will be refunded up to 60 days prior to the sailing date. If you should cancel after that time, your deposit would also be refunded, provided your reservation is resold.

The Virginia Bankers Association is taking this same cruise in May of this year and they already have a complete sell out with a waiting list, so if you are interested in going on our cruise, it would be advisable to make your reservations early.

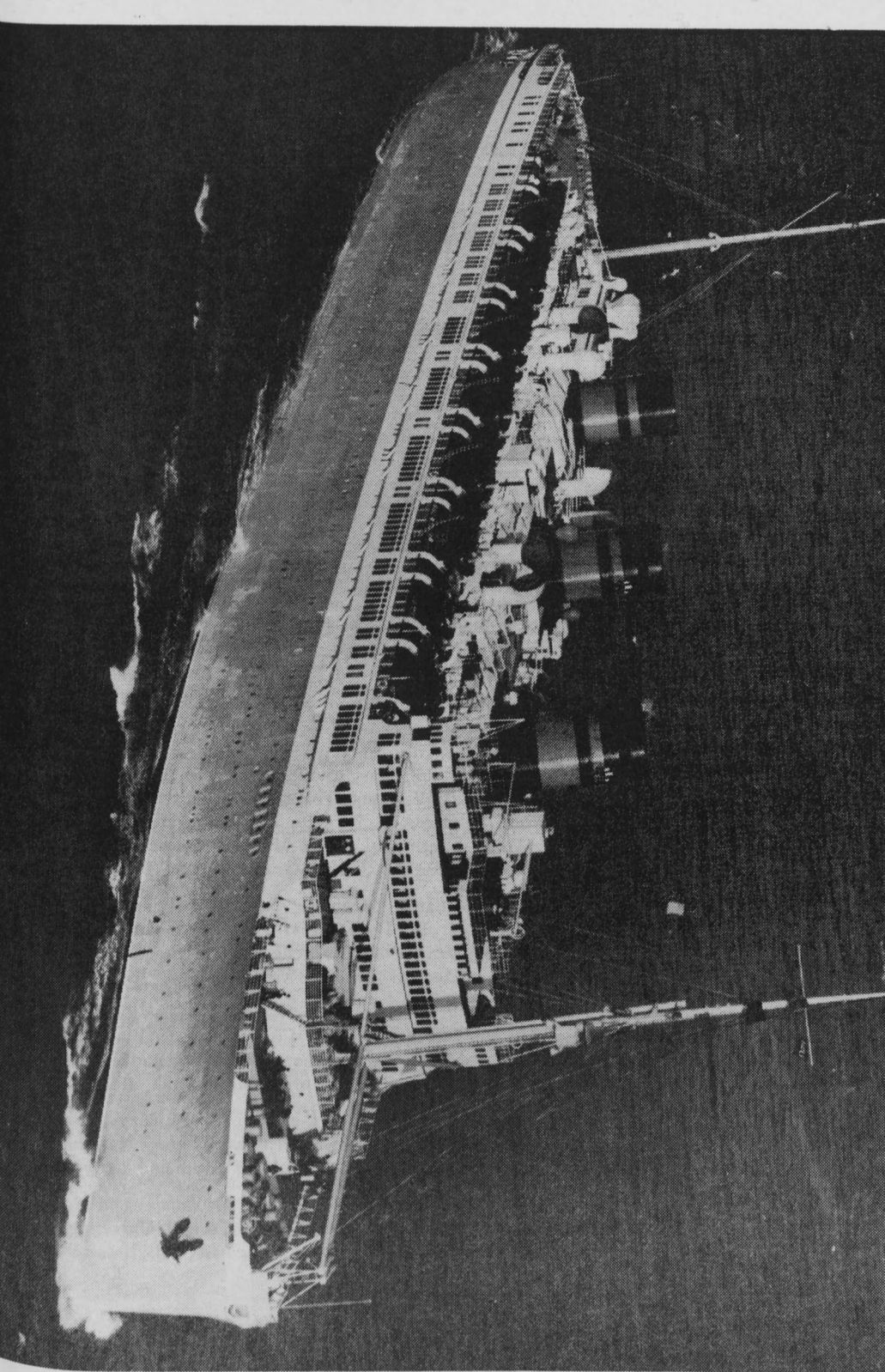
GROVER STARBUCK, Cruise Chairman

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April 29—4 A. M.—NEW YORK	May 8—10 A. M.
April 30—3 P. M.—NORFOLK	May 7—9 A. M.



THE FEDERAL CIVIL DEFENSE ADMINISTRATION

The following material should be read and acted upon by every dentist in the State of Virginia. The primary action cannot be accomplished on a National, Regional or State level. It must be done on the local level and even then it is the responsibility of the individual dentist. We should not rest until each one of us has complied, in every detail, with the suggestions given in this article

Dr. Franklin A. Tyler of Richmond, our organization's representative on the Medical Advisory Committee of the Federal Civil Defense Administration, was good enough and thoughtful enough to bring this matter to the attention of your Editor and to provide him with the majority of this material. I wish to take this opportunity to thank Dr. Tyler for his time, effort and interest in sending us this information.

A COMMITTEE REPORT OF REGION 2, FEDERAL CIVIL DEFENSE ADMINISTRATION

The Medical Advisory Committee of the Federal Civil Defense Administration, Region 2, met at West Chester, Pa., October 21, 1953. Virginians attending and speaking on plans for participation in Civil Defense were: Miss Hazel Knibb, Executive Secretary of State Nurses Association; Dr. John Powell Williams, Veterans Administration Hospital, Richmond; Mr. C. P. Cardwell, Director Medical College of Virginia Hospital; Dr. W. R. Southward, Chief Medical Emergency Services, Richmond; Dr. Franklin A. Tyler, Oral Surgery, Richmond.

Others: Mr. John Wornam, Executive Secretary Pennsylvania Hospital Association; Dr. N. H. Dyer, Chief Division Health, West Virginia; Dr. W. R. Krill, Dean Veterans School, Ohio State University; Dr. H. C. Hundley, Medical Officer Region 2; Mr. J. George Bruecker, Director Region 2.

The place of the allied professions in Civil Defense; Functions of the Regional Medical Advisory Committee; Availability and evaluation of personnel and material; Specific problems of the Regional Medical Officer were discussed in committee.

The Pilot Program of 1952-3 Medical Education for National Defense was also noted, the following Schools of Medicine actively participating:

University of Buffalo, University of California, Cornell University, Illinois University and Vanderbilt University.

These programs have been endorsed by the Association of America Medical Colleges. It is hoped that Dental Schools will initiate a training program to make available trained personnel in major emergencies.

Region 2 Federal Defense Administration includes Virginia, West Virginia, Ohio, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, Maryland and Delaware.

RESOLUTIONS PERTAINING TO CIVIL DEFENSE

Adopted by The American Dental Association in

Cleveland, September 29, 1953

23-1953-H RESOLVED, that members of the dental profession prepare themselves independently for participation in civil defense functions through certified first aid courses and through the directed forms of training outlined in the Federal Civil Defense Administration manual, "The Dentist in Civil Defense."

24-1953-H RESOLVED, that the Subcommittee on Civil Defense be authorized to develop overall policies for the participation of dentistry in civil defense programs within the framework outlined by the Federal Civil Defense Administration and to advise constituent dental societies in the development of programs at their own level and in component dental societies.

25-1953-H RESOLVED, that the continuation of the Subcommittee on Civil Defense be authorized until the 1954 annual session.

26-1953-H RESOLVED, that participation by members of the Association in the Red Cross First Aid Training Program for dentists be endorsed and be it further

RESOLVED, that agencies of the Association are requested to publicize this activity to members.

DENTISTS TOLD HOW TO HELP CIVIL DEFENSE

How dentists can help in the civil defense casualty services program, and what training they should have to perform their duties is described by the Federal Civil Defense Administration in a new technical manual, "The Dentist in Civil Defense."

The manual points out "in a major disaster the number of available physicians and nurses would be far too few to provide even emergency relief" and that dentists could give valuable auxiliary medical service if they had previous casualty-care training.

It urges dentists to "plan and carry out a complete training program to enable them to work with physicians in providing first aid and emergency care."

The American Dental Association has approved recommendations in the manual. It was written by Russell W. Bunting, former Dean of the School of Dentistry, University of Michigan, an FCDA consultant.

The new FCDA manual "The Dentist in Civil Defense" (TM-11-9) is now distributed and available to dentists, dental societies, and others who are interested. A supply has been sent to each Regional FCDA Office and to each State Civil Defense Office where individual copies may be obtained by civil defense workers on application.

Dental societies may purchase copies in any quantity from the Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C., at a cost of 15 cents each. In lots of 100 or more the cost will be reduced 25 percent.

FROM THE COMPONENTS

Component No. 1—Tidewater Dental Association

IN MEMORIAM

The death of Dr. E. T. Stevens on January, 17, 1954 removed from the roll of the Virginia Tidewater Dental Association one of its respected members.

Dr. Stevens, a native of Accomack County, was born 58 years ago at Wachapreague, the son of Joseph H. and Mollie Hargis Stevens. He was educated in the Public schools of the county and at Virginia Polytechnic Institute. In 1920 he was graduated from the University of Maryland, School of Dentistry. Until 1922 he was an instructor at the University of Maryland. Dr. Stevens was a member of the Cape Charles Rotary Club and a Mason.

Dr. Stevens was a kindly, tolerant man, an amiable companion, enjoying the respect and affection of his friends and associates in the profession.

This society feels keenly the loss of one of it's valued members of long standing and association with us.

THEREFORE, the Virginia Tidewater Dental Association, at its first Spring meeting of 1954, desires to adopt the following resolutions;

RESOLVED, that our society realize with sorrow the loss of a valued member and we individually and collectively join his many friends in sincere sympathy with his family.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of these resolutions be recorded in the minutes of this meeting a copy sent to his family, and one to the Virginia State Bulletin.

Respectfully,

CARL R. PIERCE

Component No. 2—Peninsula Dental Society

DR. ISHAM HARDY, Newport News*President*
DR. WILSON AMES', Newport News*President-Elect*
DR. A. G. ORPHANIDYS, Newport News*Secretary-Treasurer*
DR. JOHN TODD, Newport News*Executive Council*

Component No. 3—Southside Dental Society

BARNEY STARR, Petersburg	<i>President</i>
W. E. SNIPES, Franklin	<i>President-Elect</i>
D. H. REAMES, Petersburg	<i>Secretary-Treasurer</i>
E. F. HODGES, Petersburg	<i>Executive Council</i>

Executive Committee

E. W. STRICKLAND, Zuni	W. TRENT WILSON, HOPEWELL
DARDEN W. JONES, Franklin	

Component No. 4—Richmond Dental Society

The annual Christmas banquet and installation of officers of the Richmond Dental Society was held at the Commonwealth Club on Tuesday evening, Dec. 8, 1953.

The following are the officers for 1954.

DR. HUME S. POWELL	<i>President</i>
DR. WM. J. LONGAN	<i>President-Elect</i>
DR. WM. B. FITZHUGH	<i>Secretary-Treasurer</i>
DR. R. I. MILES	<i>Chairman Executive Committee</i>
DR. W. O. POWELL	<i>Member Executive Committee</i>

Dr. W. C. Henderson, retiring president of this component received the congratulations of the society on his very successful administration.

Guest speaker of the evening was the Honorable Watkins Abbitt, Representative from the Fourth Congressional District.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. B. FITZHUGH

Sec.-Treas.

Component No. 5—Piedmont Dental Society

CLARENCE K. GARRARD, Lynchburg	<i>President</i>
K. MCC. CRAWFORD, Covington	<i>President-Elect</i>
SANFORD A. LIPFORD, Bassett	<i>Secretary-Treasurer</i>
K. MCC. CRAWFORD, Covington	<i>Executive Council</i>

Executive Committee

T. W. ROBERTS, Lynchburg	M. E. HENDERSON, Roanoke
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Component No. 6—Southwest Virginia Dental Society

D. L. FRANCIS, Marion	<i>President</i>
M. W. BROCKMEYER, Pulaski	<i>President-Elect</i>
C. M. QUILLEN, Bristol	<i>Secretary-Treasurer</i>
C. K. POLLY, Appalachia	<i>Executive Council</i>



Bristol Dentist Honored—Dr. C. M. Quillen (standing, right) of Bristol was honored Oct. 29 when the Southwest Virginia Dental Society presented him a plaque commemorating his 15 years of service as the society's secretary-treasurer. Dr. C. L. Hampton of Galax, society president, made the presentation. It was the final order of business at the banquet which climaxed the all-day 30th annual meeting of the Southwest Virginia Dental Society and the First District Dental Society of Tennessee at the Hotel General Shelby in Bristol.

Others, seated, are from left: Mrs. Hampton, Mrs. Quillen, Mrs. George W. Moss and Dr. Moss of Kingsport, Tenn., president of the First District Dental Society of Tennessee.

The Southwest Virginia Dental Society held the spring meeting in Marion, Hotel Lincoln, March 4th. Dr. D. L. Francis, Marion, President called the meeting to order 2 p. m. for the first one of the three our Southwest Society will hold this year and needless to say we got off to a good start for fine programs for 1954.

Drs. R. M. Roberts and S. J. Kreshover of the School of Dentistry, Medical College of Virginia, Richmond, were the speakers and clinicians on "What the Dentist Should Know About Cancer." Their discussion on this subject was very good and well worthwhile.

The social hour was at 6 p. m. and the meeting closed with a dinner for the dentists, ladies auxiliary, dental assistants and guests at seven.

Our summer meeting will be held in Wytheville.

C. M. Quillen, Secretary

Component No. 7—Shenandoah Valley Dental Society

LEON SLAVIN, Winchester	<i>President</i>
F. A. LASLEY, JR., Staunton	<i>President-Elect</i>
W. H. WUNDER, Woodstock	<i>Secretary-Treasurer</i>
D. B. ALLEN, Berryville	<i>Executive Council</i>

Component No. 8—Northern Virginia Dental Society

G. C. STARBUCK, Arlington	<i>President</i>
N. C. BAILEY, Fredericksburg	<i>President-Elect</i>
T. W. PUMPHREY, Arlington	<i>Secretary-Treasurer</i>
B. N. HALEY, Warrenton	<i>Executive Council</i>

FROM ADA NEWS RELEASES

HEALTH MATTERS

A number of legislative proposals dealing with federal health programs and other items of direct concern to members of the dental profession, such as action on President Eisenhower's recommendation that Old Age and Survivors Insurance be extended to self-employed dentists, are slated for consideration in the new session of Congress. Major items relating to dentistry which are expected to be on the legislative calendar follow:

OASI. President Eisenhower's recommendation that OASI be extended to all self-employed will be opposed by the A.D.A. as well as the American Medical Association and the American Bar Association. The best guess of Washington observers as to the outcome is that Congress will probably extend OASI to groups that want it and will probably omit groups opposed. It is expected that the present limit of \$75 per month on outside earnings will probably be raised and some changes made in the formula for determining benefits.

Reed-Keogh bills. The proposal to permit self-employed persons to establish their own pension funds by setting aside prior to federal taxation a portion of their annual earnings will probably receive some attention in the House Ways and Means Committee. The A.D.A. is on record in support of the principle expressed in these bills.

Dentist draft law. With the present draft bill extending to 1955, no action is expected on this measure.

Universal Military Training. It is anticipated that the National Security Training Commission may present another recommendation for UMT to Congress. On previous bills, the A.D.A. recommended that dental care for trainees be limited to emergency care and that no veteran benefits for dental care accrue from this type of training.

Veterans Administration dental program. It is expected that the V.A. dental program will receive attention from congressional committees. The A.D.A. is on record urging Congress to provide earmarked funds for the dental program in sufficient amount to meet anticipated costs. The A.D.A. also will probably urge that no action be taken by Congress until the recently revised program has been in operation long enough to permit a reasonable evaluation.

Military scholarships for dental students. Congress is almost cer-

tain to consider a proposal that federal scholarships be granted to medical and dental students who agree to serve in armed forces for a period equal to the years covered by each scholarship. The A.D.A. is on record favoring the principal of federal aid to dental students. Official comment, however, will depend upon the final text of the proposal.

Care for military dependents. Some congressional action is expected on this subject. President Eisenhower recently said he was in favor of health care for dependents of military personnel. The new bill is expected to follow recommendations of the Moulton Commission that the Army and Air Force conform to the course followed by the Navy which provides care for dependents of Navy personnel only in isolated areas, foreign stations and in cases of emergency. The A.D.A. is on record against dependent military care as now provided by the Army and Air Force and agrees with the Navy program.

Dental research funds. The A.D.A. will ask Congress to provide an additional \$500,000 for the National Institute of Dental Research in fiscal 1955 and will also seek funds for construction of the NIDR building authorized by Congress in 1948. It is expected that the Bureau of the Budget will recommend a new annual appropriation of \$1,740,000 for dental programs of the Public Health Service, an amount identical to that appropriated last year.

Local public health units bill. This bill, which proposed a system of federal grants-in-aid to establish new and strengthen existing local public health units, has been pending in Congress for several years. It probably will be brought up for consideration but final action is expected to be delayed until an overall report on the federal grants-in-aid system is received from the Manion Commission. The A.D.A. is on record favoring enactment of this bill with slight changes.

School health services bill. This is another bill which has been pending for several years. It proposes that the federal government match grants to states to provide for examination and some rehabilitation services to school children. The A.D.A. is on record favoring the general principle of the proposed measure.

National health bill. Congress will undoubtedly give some attention to a number of other bills relating to the overall health programs of the federal government. Compulsory health insurance is not expected to be a major issue during the 1954 session.

Increased income tax deduction for dental expenses. The House Ways and Means Committee is expected to propose that the present tax laws be changed to permit individuals to deduct dental and medical

expenses in excess of three per cent of annual gross income. At present, only those whose expenses above five per cent of gross income may be deducted in computing federal income taxes.

MEMBERS URGED TO SECURE SIGNATURES FOR "FREEDOM SCROLL"

Dr. Leslie M. Fitzgerald, A.D.A. president, urges that all members support the Crusade for Freedom campaign on behalf of Radio Free Europe which will be conducted throughout the nation during January and February by the American Heritage Foundation. In the campaign, efforts will be made to enlist the support of 25 million Americans "in a bold and practical effort to carry the truth behind the Iron Curtain and to give new hope to enslaved people." As part of the campaign, the Crusade for Freedom is asking leading citizens throughout the nation to circulate a "Freedom Scroll" to obtain the signatures of millions of Americans who are supporting the objectives of the Crusade. A blank "Freedom Scroll" is enclosed with this issue of the A.D.A. News Letter. Dental society officials and others who receive the News Letter are requested to ask their colleagues, their patients and other interested persons to sign the "Freedom Scroll" and return it to the headquarters of the American Heritage Foundation, 345 E. 46th Street, New York 17, N. Y. The signed scrolls will be presented to President Eisenhower in special White House ceremonies during Freedom Week, Feb. 12 to 22. Additional copies may be obtained upon request to the American Heritage Foundation.

COLORADO SPRINGS APPROVES FLOURIDATION

Additional evidence of the safety of the fluoridation of community water supplies was provided last month by the El Paso County (Colorado Springs, Colo.) Medical Society. In a resolution noting that the water supply of Colorado Springs has for 75 years contained more than two and one-half times the recommended amount of fluoride ions for the prevention of dental caries, the society went on record stating that its members have not observed any clinical symptoms among their patients which could be attributed to the use of fluoridated water. The resolution was adopted without opposition on Dec. 9. Dr. Frederick S. McKay, a resident of Colorado Springs and a pioneer researcher in water fluoridation, hailed the resolution as of "great significance." The resolution follows:

WHEREAS, there is substantial evidence that the water supply of Colorado Springs has contained a surplus amount (2.6 parts per million) of fluoride for a period of about 75 years;

BE IT RESOLVED that during the long practice of medicine in Colorado Springs, it is the considered opinion of the members of El Paso County Medical Society that we have not experienced any clinical symptoms which can be attributed to the use of such water. It is known, however, that a condition known as "mottled enamel" can be produced by the use of water containing an excess of fluoride.

UNITED STATES NOW HAS 93,726 DENTISTS

There are 93,726 licensed dentists in the United States—approximately one dentist for each 1,700 persons—according to a count of dental practitioners based on the 1954 edition of the American Dental Directory recently published by the A.D.A. Dentistry is the third largest professional group engaged in independent practice, exceeded only by medicine and law, it was noted in the report compiled by the A.D.A.'s Bureau of Economic Research and Statistics. The new Directory lists 85,970 civilian dentists and an additional 7,756 dentists on duty with the armed forces or employed by the U.S. Public Health Service or the Veterans Administration. There are 599 dentists in Alaska, Guam, Hawaii, the Marshall Islands, Panama Canal Zone, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. The newest tabulation shows 2,957 more dentists than were listed in the 1953 Directory and 7,449 more than were reported in the 1950 Directory. Of the total number of 93,726 dentists in the continental limits of the United States, the Bureau of Economic Research and Statistics estimates that approximately 83,000 are active dentists; that is, dentists engaged in active practice, teaching, administration, research and other related fields. Approximately 79,000 are estimated as practicing dentists, including those in the armed forces, while 73,500 dentists are estimated as engaged in chairside private practice, providing services to the general public. The ratio of active dentists in private practice to the nation's population is estimated at one to 2,100 while the ratio of practicing dentists to population is one to 1,900.

FLUORIDATION FOR NEARLY 17 MILLION

The total number of U. S. communities fluoridating local water supplies reached 910 this week as 16 additional programs were reported.

Nearly 17 million persons are served by these programs. New communities in the continental United States include Guyer Springs, Searcy, Bald Knob and Judsonia, in Arkansas; Middletown in Rhode Island; Watertown in South Dakota, and the Illinois town of Morton Grove. In Puerto Rico, nine other communities, with a total population of 400,000 persons, were reported fluoridating their water supplies. Health officials there said that within four years it is planned to fluoridate all 76 approved water systems serving nearly one million individuals.

DENTAL HEALTH MESSAGE FOR MILLIONS

Basic information on dental health for children reached millions of residents of the United States and Canada during the early part of February during the 6th annual observance of National Children's Dental Health Day. Reports from all sections indicated that the 1954 observance on Feb. 1 was the most extensive since National Children's Dental Health Day was inaugurated in 1949 by the American Dental Association. Hundreds of special community programs were staged by local dental societies, reaching millions of school children. Excellent cooperation was also received from the nation's press and radio and television stations. Numerous commercial firms also cooperated by sponsoring advertisements emphasizing the importance of dental health for all children. A particularly outstanding example was provided by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. During the entire first week of February, dental health messages were carried daily on news programs sponsored by the company over 81 major radio stations including 68 in the United States and 13 in Canada. In addition, the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company sponsored advertisements entitled, "When should a child first go to the dentist," in 14 national magazines. Included were the February issues of National Geographic, Ladies Home Journal, McCall's, Woman's Home Companion, Good Housekeeping, Cosmopolitan and American. The advertisement was also carried in the following weekly publication (issues are indicated in parentheses): Time (Jan. 4), Saturday Evening Post (Jan. 9), Newsweek (Jan. 18), Colliers (Jan. 22), Forbes (Feb. 1), U. S. News and World Report (Feb. 5) and Business Week (Feb. 13).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POST GRADUATE COURSES AT M. C. V.

The Educational Committee of the State Association recently voted unanimously to endorse and to urge whole hearted support by the profession to the Post Graduate program now being offered by our College.

Dr. G. V. Black once said that "No professional man has the right to be anything other than a continuous student." The Medical College of Virginia is now providing the means for us to accept our professional responsibility. We should all be proud of the fact that a dentist, Dr. Judson B. Wood, played such a vital part in providing the new school that we might continue our professional education. Let us not betray the ideals he had for dentistry in our State.

We too owe a debt of gratitude to Dean Harry Lyons and his faculty who are willing to accept this additional responsibility. The improvements in dentistry have been many and the advancement rapid, but dentistry in Virginia will grow only as we as individuals grow. Let us not fail to take advantage of the opportunity of participating in these courses which are being so generously offered.

Respectfully submitted,
EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE
VIRGINIA STATE DENTAL ASSOCIATION

OHIO STATE U. COLLEGE OF DENTISTRY

The College of Dentistry, The Ohio State University, will present the following postgraduate courses in dentistry from January 1954 to June 1954:

Anatomy of the Head and Neck	
June 7-11	Dr. Linden F. Edwards
Children's Dentistry	
February 8-12	Dr. Lyle S. Pettit
Clinical Oral Pathology and Diagnosis	
April 26-30	Dr. H. B. G. Robinson
Crown and Bridge	
March 29—April 2	Dr. Frank C. Starr
Endodontics	
March 8-12	Dr. J. Henry Kaiser

Full Denture Prosthesis

May 10-14 Dr. Carl O. Boucher

General Anesthesia

April 12-16 Dr. Morgan L. Allison

Oral Surgery

April 5-9 Dr. Morgan L. Allison

Partial Denture Prosthesis

May 17-21 Dr. Victor L. Steffel

Periodontics

May 3-7 Dr. John R. Wilson

Each course is given for five consecutive days—Monday through Friday—and the enrollment is limited to approximately ten in each class. The fee for each course is \$50 with the exception of Oral Surgery and Endodontics for which a fee of \$100 is charged.

Further information and application may be secured from the Postgraduate Division, College of Dentistry, Ohio State University, Columbus 10, Ohio.

TUFTS COLLEGE DENTAL SCHOOL

FIFTH ANNUAL BERKSHIRE CONFERENCE IN
PERIODONTOLOGY AND ORAL PATHOLOGY

The Division of Graduate and Postgraduate Studies of Tufts College Dental School will conduct the Fifth Annual Berkshire Conference in Periodontology and Oral Pathology at the Cape Codder Hotel, Falmouth by the Sea, Falmouth, Massachusetts, June 20-24, 1954. The Conference will consist of four days of lectures, seminars, and panel discussions regarding clinical problems by outstanding teachers and clinicians in dentistry, medicine, and their related fields. A special feature of the Conference will be a clinico-pathological seminar with microscopes provided for all participants.

The curriculum is arranged so that mornings and evenings are devoted to professional activities with afternoons open for recreation. This is a conference for general practitioners as well as those interested in a specialized practice.

Included amongst the faculty and subjects to be considered are:

Monday, June 21, 1954

Morning

Hamilton B. G. Robinson, D.D.S., M.S.—Professor of Oral Pathology and Oral Diagnosis, Associate Dean, Ohio State University, School of Dentistry

Subject: Clinical and Experimental Basis for the Diagnosis and Treatment of Oral Disturbances of Nutritional Origin

Afternoon—Recreation

Evening

Irving Glickman, B.S., D.M.D.—Professor of Oral Pathology and Periodontology, Director of the Division of Graduate and Postgraduate Studies, Tufts College Dental School.

Subject: Evaluation of Current Periodontal Treatment Techniques on a Clinical and Histo-Pathological Basis.

Tuesday, June 22, 1954

Morning

Col. Joseph Bernier, D.D.S., M.S.—Chief of the Dental and Oral Pathology Section of the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, Pathologist to the Registry of Dental and Oral Pathology.

Subject: Clinical Pathological Seminar on Diseases of the Oral Cavity. Each participant will be equipped with a microscope to correlate the histo-pathological features.

Afternoon—Recreation

Evening

Harry H. Shapiro, D.M.D.—Associate Professor of Anatomy, Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons.

Subject: The Interrelationship of the Temporomandibular Joint and the Function of the Teeth

Wednesday, June 23, 1954

Morning

Robert E. Moyers, B.S., D.D.S., M.S.—Professor and Head of the Department of Orthodontics, University of Michigan, School of Dentistry.

Subject: An Evaluation of the Temporomandibular Joint and Occlusal-Interrelationship from the Viewpoint of the Orthodontist.

Afternoon—Recreation

Evening

Joseph S. Landa, D.D.S., F.A.C.D.—Associate Professor of Dental Prosthesis and Oral Diagnosis, New York University, College of Dentistry.

Subject: The Significance of the Temporomandibular Joint in Denture Construction

Thursday, June 24, 1954

Morning

Don Bellinger, D.D.S.—President-Elect, American Society of Oral Surgeons, Saginaw, Michigan.

Subject: The Role of Surgical Procedures in the Correction of Temporomandibular Joint Disturbances.

David Weisberger, D.M.D., M.D.—Professor of Dental Medicine, Harvard School of Dental Medicine, Chief of the Dental Department, Massachusetts General Hospital.

Subject: Medical Aspects of Temporomandibular Joint Disturbances

Afternoon

Open Forum and Panel Discussion by all Participants and Clinicians. For further information and application, write to:

The Fifth Berkshire Conference

Tufts College Dental School

136 Harrison Avenue

Boston 11, Massachusetts

A.A.D.M. ANNUAL MEETING

The Eighth Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Dental Medicine will be held at the Penn Sheraton Hotel in Philadelphia, Pa., on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 14, 15 and 16, 1954. "Diagnosis and Treatment Planning" will be the theme of the scientific sessions and will include lectures and discussion groups on all phases of the subject.

A program of sightseeing and entertainment is also being arranged for those attending and their families. All members and interested dentists and physicians are cordially invited. Programs and reservations are available through the office of the National Secretary, Dr. William M. Greenhut, 124 East 84th Street, New York 28, N. Y.

GRADUATE INSTRUCTION IN ORTHODONTICS, PEDODONTICS, AND ORAL SURGERY

The School of Dentistry, University of North Carolina, will admit its second class of graduate students in Orthodontics, leading to certification or the Masters Degree, in June 1954. Graduate instruction in Pedodontics also will begin in June 1954. A graduate degree or certification will also be initiated in Oral Surgery in September 1954. Communications may be directed to Dean, School of Dentistry, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

