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Old Dominion Dental Society In Silver Anniversary Celebration

THE annual meeting of the Old Dominion Society was held in old historic Fredericksburg on Easter Monday and Tuesday. This meeting marked twenty-five years of continuous effort in organization by the dentists of Virginia. On several occasions during the session proper tribute was paid the farsightedness of the founders of the organization and to the loyalty of their successors who are largely responsible for the continuous life and progress of the Society.

There were present twenty men of the profession from the District of Columbia and the Faculty of Dentistry of Howard University. The College of Dentistry was represented on the program by Dr. Jackson L. Davis as principal speaker at the public meeting and by Dr. Walter Garvin who was guest speaker at the banquet.

Drs. Harris, Wyatt, Blue, and Lewis constituted the Local Committee; Dr. Bland, '24, of Suffolk, was the outgoing President and Dr. Ward of Newport News was elected President for 1938-39.

Washington, D. C., Dentists In Health Activity

THE Robert T. Freeman Dental Society of Washington, D. C., is sponsoring this year an extensive health program in the schools of the City. The school authorities are giving the effort full support and it appears that much should be accomplished.

The Society is also giving unstinted support to a Bill in the Federal Congress designed to prohibit advertising among practitioners and to further regulate the practice of dentistry in the District of Columbia. In keeping with the splendid spirit of its past the Society made its annual donation of twenty-five dollars to aid a needy and worthy student in the College of Dentistry.

Philadelphia Dentists Hold Eleventh Annual Clinic Day Program

TRUE to the traditions of the Odonto-Chirurgical Society of Philadelphia, the organization held its annual meeting on April 29. The following program was offered: "Table Clinics; Full

Denture Construction," Dr. Ernest B. Wetmore of New Jersey; "Oral Diagnosis," Dr. J. H. Nicolson, Howard University, Washington, D. C. Dr. Robert H. Thompson of New Jersey addressed the banquet on the subject—"The Trend in Dental Organization."

Palmetto Medical Association In Annual Session

THE above named organization with dental and pharmaceutical sections held its forty-second annual meeting at Columbia, S. C., April 26th-29th. Dean Dixon and Drs. Turner and Fitzgerald offered splendid contributions to the program of the dental section.

Georgia Dentists In State Organization

THE dentists of Georgia have formed a State organization and held their annual meeting in Atlanta beginning May 10th. Dr. J. E. Carter of Augusta and Dr. Dewitt Walton of Macon are among those of our alumni active in this progressive movement.

The men are to be congratulated on this forward step which puts them in position to handle their own State problems and to aid in solving the national problems of the profession. It is to be hoped that the men of Georgia will send a creditable delegation to the Chicago meeting of the National Dental Association, August 9, 10, 11, 12, 1938.

Virginia Courts Uphold Dental Law

IT IS very pleasing to call attention to the stand taken by the Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia in upholding the Dental Practice Act in the state.

In giving its opinion in this test case, the Court among other things said in substance as follows: In recent years laws of this character have been passed in a number of states. Thirty states prohibit the advertising of prices, twenty-eight prevent display signs carrying cuts or illustrations of teeth, twenty-one prohibit advertising free dental service, and nineteen outlaw advertising the

guarantees of dental service. The constitutionality of these laws has been upheld in a majority of cases. With one accord the courts have pointed out that while the advertising of prices and terms, and the display of teeth, etc., may not be harmful in itself, the laws are aimed at the unscrupulous quack who resorts to high-powered salesmanship methods to lure the ignorant and unsuspecting public. Many laws intended to protect the public must put restraint upon honest men, but they are only restrained from dishonesty. The statute does not destroy the plaintiff's right to practice his profession but simply requires him and every other dentist to conform to the ethics of his profession.

AMERICAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION PLANS SAN FRANCISCO FAIR EXHIBIT *

THE extensive educational dental show in the Hall of Science at the 1939 Golden Gate International Exposition on San Francisco Bay under the direction and sponsorship of the American Dental Association, will attempt to impress dramatically upon the minds of millions of Fair visitors the importance of correct care of the teeth.

Realizing that the education of the public in health requirements is a serious responsibility, the dental association is making elaborate plans for the telling of its side of dental health. The general story of the teeth and how they affect health, and the history of dentistry will be the two main subjects of the exhibits.

One of the unusual displays will show, principally through the use of models of heads and jaws, the development of the teeth in the evolution of man. Another will portray the Eskimo, the South Sea Islander, the African native and the American Indian before and after his introduction to the white man's diet, illustrating the surprising effect this change of diet has had upon their teeth.

One of the displays revealing the history of dentistry will depict the progress which has been made in the profession during the past 100 years. A section of this display will contrast the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery as it looked in 1840 with the

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modern dental school of 1939. Through the use of transparencies, the discovery of nitrous oxide by Wells in 1844, the discovery of ether by Morton in 1846, and the invention of vulcanite rubber by Goodyear in 1850 will be portrayed. The hand drill and foot engine of these early days will also be shown in comparison with modern dental equipment.

The evolution of the artificial tooth and the story of the use of various filling materials will likewise be covered. In contrast with early dental practice modern plastic surgery and orthodontia will be illustrated. A magic dental office, which by means of mirrors and concealed lighting changes the scene from an 1839 dental office to an office of 1939 as the spectator looks on, will effectively denote the progress the profession has made during the past hundred years.

On the preventive and corrective side, a series of displays is planned to emphasize how early discovery and treatment of defects prevents serious decay. Murals and transparencies will be used to suggest how regular dental care improves the appearance and effects success, enables the mastication of food, improves health, prevents disease and reduces the expense of medical and dental treatment. Another transparency panel will show how the modern dentist eliminates pain in all dental operations.

Other transparencies will show the prevention of decay, prenatal care, infant and pre-school care, the effect of calcium and phosphorus foods and the various vitamins on the teeth, and mouth hygiene. Large animated displays with flash translights will show teeth changing from good to bad to worse. The "Talking Tooth," a huge model of a molar which deteriorates in full view of the visitor, will tell its own tragic story. Still other displays will show the eruption of baby teeth, cancer of the mouth, syphilitic lesions of the mouth and other vital subjects.

Under the direction of Dr. Milton Silverman, the Hall of Science, one of the huge exhibit places leading off the central court, promises to be an outstanding attraction at the \$50,000,000 Pageant of the Pacific.

Your colleagues will be at the N. D. A. Convention a thousand strong. Meet them there.