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**THE WASHINGTON DENTAL HYGIENISTS SOCIETY**

**T**HE SOCIETY has rung down its curtains for the summer after completing a most successful year. With the addition of nine new members we feel much stronger and plan a broader program for the coming year. We expect to sponsor a project to stimulate interest in better mouth hygiene among elementary school children.

The Annual Child Health Week project was carried on with a great deal of success. Children of the three settlement houses, ranging in ages from two to six, had their teeth inspected. Parents of those having defects were notified and urged to have corrections made. It was interesting to note that the percentage of defects has decreased since the last inspection. As usual, the children enjoyed the stories and movies on the care of the teeth, as well as the tooth-brush drill.

It is with deep regret that we report here the passing of our Vice-President, Mrs. Edith Lee, who was one of our most faithful members. She was graduated from the Forsyth-Tufts Training School for Dental Hygienists in January 1927. Mrs. Lee was appointed by the D. C. Health Department as a hygienist in the public school system in 1930, which position she held until her death. Her presence is sorely missed in our society.

Officers of this society are: Pres., Mrs. Hazel Chitwood Johnson; Vice Pres., Miss Miriam McGottry; Secretary, Mrs. Myrtle Mackall; Treasurer, Miss Amanda Bowman; Chairman of social committee, Miss Marie Tignor; Reporter, Miss Barbara Ward.

New members are: Mesdames Clara Scott, Adele Gordon Johnson, Harry M. Summerfield Leake, Florence Castor; Misses Mary Blakemore, Barbara Ward, Hazel Holmes, Anna Mae Davis and Johnnie Mae Childress.

**CLASS NEWS**

1935

Mrs. Myrtle S. Mackall, who was assigned to the Sumner and Bell Dental Clinics during the absence of Mrs. H. Chitwood Johnson and Mrs. Edith Lee respectively, has been appointed dental hygienist at the Bell Dental Clinic to fill the vacancy created by the death of Mrs. Lee.

Mrs. Hazel Chitwood Johnson has returned to active duty at the Sumner Dental Clinic after a period of ten months maternity leave. She is the proud mother of a fine baby girl, born September 7, 1940. The baby was christened Joyce Elaine Johnson.

Miss Charlotte Marie Tignor, daughter of Attorney and Mrs. Harry L. Tignor was born April 18, 1919. She was educated in the schools of the District of Columbia, attending Miner Teacher's College for one year before entering the School of Dental Hygiene, Howard University, from which she was graduated in June 1936. She passed the District Board that year and practiced dental hygiene until she resumed her studies at Miner. In June 1940 she was awarded the degree of B. S. in Education from Miner Teachers' College.



MISS CHARLOTTE MARIE TIGNOR

It gives me great pleasure to announce that only three months after graduation, Miss Tignor was honored with the first appointment in the Kindergarten Primary held in the District of Columbia. She is now teaching the first grade at Birney School, Anacostia, D. C.

As one of the co-founders of the Washington Dental Hygienists Society, her affiliation with the organization has been maintained. The first meeting, five years ago was held at Miss Tignor's residence which is now the meeting headquarters of the Society. Realizing the importance of initiating correct dental habits in children at an early age, this hygienist, as a teacher, still carries on her first profession in correlation with her second.

1937

It has been reported that Miss Johnnie Mae Childress is practicing in the office of Dr. C. Thurston Ferebee, Washington, D. C. Mesdames Antoinette Lyles Thornton and Lucille Miles Rogers

are employed in the Census Bureau of the U. S. Government, Washington, D. C.

Miss Dorothy Kader is switchboard operator at the new Tuberculosis Unit of Freedmens' Hospital.

1938

For the past year, Miss Mary Blakemore has been employed as hygienist in the University Health Service office, Howard University.

1939

I am sure everyone was pleased to see the smiling face of Miss Fische Ella Simms who recently visited here.

1940

Miss Eileen Wilson of Springfield, Ill., was married last year. She is now Mrs. Jackson.

Mrs. Clara H. Scott, winner of the Dr. Louise C. Ball Gold Plaque and Gold Seal Certificate, spent the past year as a volunteer worker at Howard Dental Clinic. During National Negro Health Week, Mrs. Scott gave a series of illustrated lectures in some of the elementary schools and at the Northwest Community House, Washington, D. C. She has passed the D. C. board.

Miss Alice Ford is interning in the dental clinic, Freedmen's Hospital, Washington, D. C.

#### NOTES OF INTEREST

The United States Civil Service Commission recently held an open competitive examination for the position of dental hygienist, at the salary of \$1,620 a year. Persons whose name appears on the list of eligibles may be certified not only for employment in the Federal Government but the District Government as well. Applicants for these examinations must have successfully completed a full course leading to graduation from a recognized school of oral hygiene and be registered as a dental or oral hygienist in a state, territory or the District of Columbia. In addition they must have had at least two years of experience in oral hygiene in public health or school work or in a private ethical dental office since graduation. Inasmuch as the Civil Service Commission does not require this to be paid experience, it is suggested that hygienist who are unable to find employment, and anticipate taking the next

examination when offered, may volunteer service in an institution, clinic, hospital or dental office in order to receive the required experience. Also those who have not passed a State or the District Board are urged to do so. The hygienist who is prepared gets the job.

I, hereby, call your attention to the recently enacted dental law governing the practice of dentistry and dental hygiene in the District of Columbia. (Act of July 2, 1940, Public No. 708, 76th Congress.) Especially sections 23, 24, 25, and 26.

Section 26 states that dental hygienists who have been licensed to practice in a state, may receive reciprocity from the District if the laws of such state accord equal rights to a dental hygienist of the District of Columbia who desires to practice dental hygiene in such state, or territory, of the United States.

If you have not received a copy of the law address your request to Dr. Harold B. Hertford, Secretary-Treasurer, District Board of Dental Examiners, 1835 I Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

