



A Digest Of DENTAL HEALTH

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The Physical Significance of Oral Disease To Its Victims

There seems to be four important differences between oral disease and some other form of disease which may be summarized as follows:

1. So far as the effects of oral disease are confined to the mouth, they do not constitute a very serious threat against the general health.

2. The real significance of oral disease may lie in the mouth being a barometer of diseased conditions in some other parts of the body, and that oral disease may cause disease elsewhere in the body.

3. The tissue destroyed by some forms of oral disease may be more satisfactorily repaired or replaced than the tissue destroyed by some other forms of disease.

4. The teeth are more easily separable from the body than most other organs.

To take these summaries in reverse order, the teeth are so much more readily separable from the body that, under some conditions, the body gets rid of them without outside aid. Some by extraction, and others because of the patient's general condition.

The tooth tissue destroyed by oral disease may generally be repaired with an ease and satisfaction quite impossible with that of the body.

Small wounds in soft tissues are usually self-repairing. Serious wounds and burns may be repaired by modern surgical methods, but not generally with the ease and comfort, from the patient's point of view, that attends the repair or replacement of several teeth.

When a part of the body other than the teeth and their supporting tissues has been lost, the re-

placement is rarely so effective as it is in the mouth. The artificial eye does not see, the artificial hand does not pick up things, and the artificial leg serves merely as a crutch to help the owner limp about.

Even when all the natural teeth have been lost, artificial dentures may often be made to maintain the most desirable proportions of the face, to retain or restore the habitual expression in repose, or smiling, to effect clear enunciation in speech to masticate food efficiently, and perhaps to conceal from rather critical observation the fact that any teeth have been lost.

We used to think that the teeth had no such power of resistance and so such reserve power of recovery. Once formed, they were exposed to the unopposed attacks of the agents of decay. Accordingly, as external circumstances happened, they might succumb or might not.

If dentist and patient kept the mouth sufficiently clean, the teeth would not fall before the attacks. If the dentist failed with his instruments and the patient with brush and dentifrice, the teeth would surely decay.

The newsman charges that on

Charlotte Legionnaires Into Drive For 1,000 Members

CHARLOTTE -- "It's Great To Be An American Legionnaire" can Legion gospel to every soldier. That is the slogan of the 1955-56 veterans' three-year membership enrollment campaign. On Wednesday night July 20 according to Post Commander W. L. Dixon of Colonel Charles which marked the "kick off" of Young American Legion Post 168's 1955-56 membership campaign and Membership Chairman Claude Commander Dixon and Membership Chairman Boyd said that the

1955-56 post was 500 members for the Post.

The present membership was divided into ten teams, the captains of which are the following Comrades: Wm. Neal, Marvin O. Grigsby, M. B. Meadows, Donald Grigsby, W. H. Bonner Pearson, Lonnie Smith, D. J. Abraham, William Conner, and G. F. Butler. The quota for each team was set at 50 and it was announced that at the expiration of the campaign December 31, the team having solicited the largest

number of members over its quota will be honored at a banquet.

Veterans of World War I who served honorably during April 6, 1917 to November 11, 1918; World War II veterans with honorable service from December 7, 1941 to September 2, 1945; as well as veterans of the Korean War with honorable service from June 25, 1950 to July 27, 1953, are eligible to join the American Legion.

The American Legion button in the lapel of a veteran denotes honorable service in time of war. The Post Commander said, "It is also indicative of a veteran dedicated to the service of his country and my fellow citizens."

High enthusiasm in the 1955 membership drive was shown by the Legionnaires' present, and Commander Dixon also stated that Post 168 was out to be one of the largest and best Posts in North Carolina.

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PAIR OF MOVIE PUGS — Former heavyweight champion, Joe Louis, was in Hollywood recently to appear in "The Square Jungle," a boxing film. Joe portrayed himself, while star, Tony Curtis (right), essayed the role of a pugilist for the first time. (Newspress Photo)

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FAYETTEVILLE — Eleven out of well over two hundred summer school students and in-service teachers registered in the Summer School of Fayetteville State Teachers College beat down all opposition including the intense summer heat, and accumulated all-A Scholarship records. A majority of those who so distinguished themselves are teachers in service.

The list includes names as follows: Maxine Ramsour, Fayetteville; Grace Diggs Morris, Fayetteville; Beatrice Jones, Wilson; Charles Mumford, Clarkton; Elizabeth McArthur Maxton; Joanne Pettiford, Creedmoor; Mary Robinson, Roxboro; Lillian Simmons, Fayetteville; Beatrice Q. Holley, Kinston; Lydia R. Jones Oxford; and Mary C. Shields of Scotland Neck.

The Summer Session closed on Wednesday, July 20.

Al Bethune Attends MRA

CAUX-SUR-MONTRÉUX, Switzerland—(AP)—Albert Bethune, son of the late Mary McLeod Bethune, was one of 35 persons who arrived here last week to attend the World Assembly for Moral Re-Armament.

The party was given a rousing welcome from the entire assembly of 800 delegates from 30 nations at the flag-decked door of Mountain House, and were received by government and opposition members of parliament from the Gold Coast and Nigeria and parliamentarians from Turkey.

The platform was packed with African delegates from Nigeria, the Gold Coast, Kenya, Uganda and Rhodesia as well as all races from South Africa.

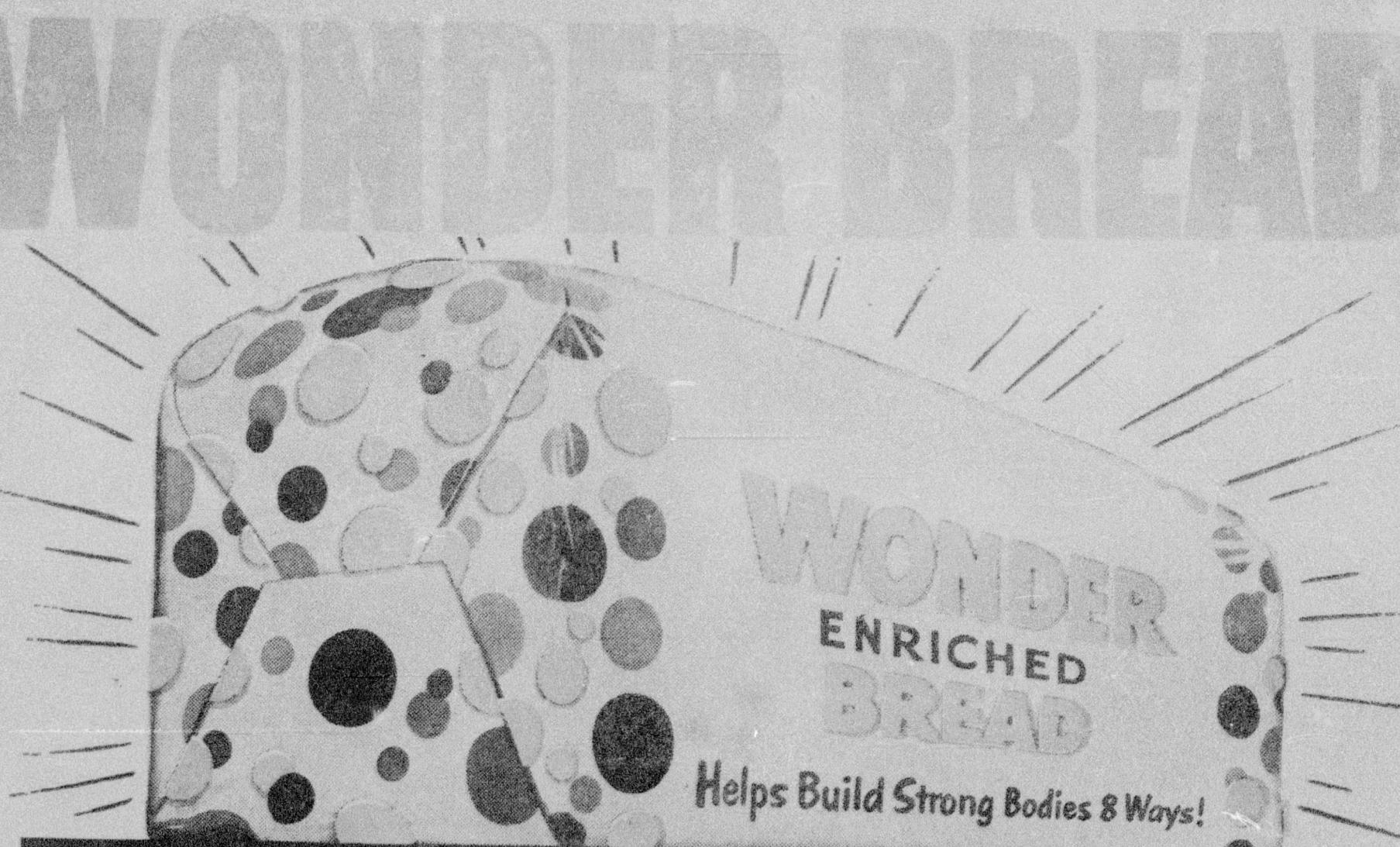
M. Moerano, president of the Federation of African Teachers Associations in South Africa, spoke on behalf of the African delegation. Among other things, he said:

"They say Africa is the continent that has been kept in reserve. Today she is going into action as one united brotherhood. We band together not only for our own unity, but we commit ourselves to the fight to create a new world."

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