

## Good Teeth—For You, Your Child Your Community

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The Council on Dental Health of the North Carolina Dental Society is sponsoring this series of articles on Dental Health. The writer, Dr. Ernest A. Branch, is the Director of the Division of Oral Hygiene of the North Carolina State Board of Health. In this, the first of the series Dr. Branch poses a very personal and pertinent question.

### HOW MANY TEETH HAVE YOU?

One of the anecdotes in dental lore tells of a pseudo-scientist who, boasting about his profound knowledge of astronomy to the learned Gamaliel, said, "The number of stars is well known to me." To this the wise Gamaliel replied, "Tell me how many teeth you have." In a state of utter ignorance and confusion the boaster put his hand to his mouth and began to count them.

From personal experience we know that some wise and well educated people of our day would have to profess ignorance on this point. To many more the question would cause great embarrassment and regret. If you can answer thirty-two you have a perfect score, not only on your I. Q., but also on your tooth quotient. And, if you have this perfect score, you are among the very fortunate minority.

A survey of 225,000 school children in our State showed that one out of every five, or twenty per cent, of these children, under sixteen years of age, had already lost or needed to lose one or more of their permanent teeth. Among the adult population the percentage is much higher. In the early days of the draft one requirement was that the applicant should have at least four opposing posterior teeth. This standard was soon lowered as so few young men could qualify. Plates or bridges became almost a standard equipment. It is feared that this generation will have lost half of their teeth before the age of 40.

The villain in this situation is a disease called dental caries, the most prevalent of all human ills. All of us should be vitally interested in its control. Indeed, every individual must be concerned, for the price of freedom from this enemy is eternal vigilance. Dental caries cannot be completely conquered by external measures as can yellow fever, malaria, typhoid fever, and many other diseases. It is true that dental scientists have discovered ways of helping reduce the incidence of tooth decay. These measures, the fluoridation of municipal water supplies and the topical application of sodium fluoride to children's teeth offer great promise and will be discussed in subsequent articles. They will never replace certain effective steps which can and should be taken by every individual.

The consensus of recognized author-

ities in the field of dentistry and dental research is that there are three essential factors in the control of tooth decay. These three measures are:

1. Regular visits to the dentist for the early detection and correction of dental defects.
2. A well balanced diet and temperance in the consumption of sweets.
3. Proper and regular cleaning of the teeth as soon as possible after eating.

Perhaps many of you are thinking that in your own case the damage has already been done. This may be true, but you may still be able to make the best of a bad situation by following these simple procedures. And you can certainly help your children to profit by your experience and your knowledge. After we have talked to a civic club, a parent-teacher association, or even to a group of public health workers about our dental health education program in the schools, the lament so frequently heard is, "Why didn't someone teach me to take care of my teeth when I was young?" That is certainly the time to start on this three-point program of prevention.

In the next article Dr. Branch answers the question, "why do you need good teeth?"

### Earl O. Shreve New Savings Bonds Director

Chief Justice Warren of the U. S. Supreme Court Wednesday of last week administered the oath of office to Earl O. Shreve of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, as National Director of the United States Savings Bonds Division of the Treasury Department.

Earl O. Shreve was sworn in as the new National Director of the U. S. Savings Bonds Division of the Treasury Department at a colorful ceremony in room 4121, Main Treasury Building. The oath of office was administered in the presence of Secretary of the Treasury George M. Humphrey and other Treasury and Savings Bonds officials.

### Court Scene

Useless Partner—I'm afraid I played rather badly in that set, but my racket is a bit warped. I'll have to keep it in a frame.

She (bitingly)—You ought to keep it in a glass case.

### Lieut. Charles E. Mayo Now Serving In Korea

Second Lt. Charles E. Mayo, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eli Mayo, 130 W. Freemason Street, Edenton, is serving with the 24th Infantry Division in Korea.

In July, 1950, the 24th Division landed in Korea to become the first American combat division to fight under the UN flag. After 19 months of action, the 24th rotated to Japan as part of the security force in the islands, but returned to Korea when the Communists launched their pre-truce offensive.

Lieutenant Mayo, wearer of the UN and Korean Service Ribbons, arrived overseas in August and is now assigned to the division's 21st Infantry Regiment. He entered the Army in July, 1951 and was last stationed at Camp Rucker, Ala.

### Operation Christmas Week November 10-21

Governor William B. Umstead has officially set aside November 10-21 as Operation Christmas Week. Present at the Governor's office in Raleigh for the occasion were Chief Warrant Officer Clyde Gurkin, director of Operation Christmas; Lieutenant Colonel Bernard A. Katz, assistant to Major General Edward J. Timberlake of the Ninth Air Force, and Vestal Taylor of Fayetteville, representing Gene Ochsenreiter, president of the State Junior Chamber of Commerce.

The Governor asked the delegates to express his appreciation to General Timberlake and Mr. Ochsenreiter for making Operation Christmas possible again this year. The project is now in its fourth year. It pro-

vides holiday cheer for more than 5,000 children in North Carolina orphan and child care homes. Funds for the project are being raised through donation at Pope Air Force Base and a series of benefits held by the Jaycees in ten cities during Operation Christmas Week.

### TWO MASSES NEXT SUNDAY IN EDENTON CATHOLIC CHURCH

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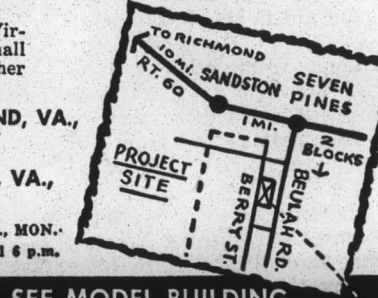
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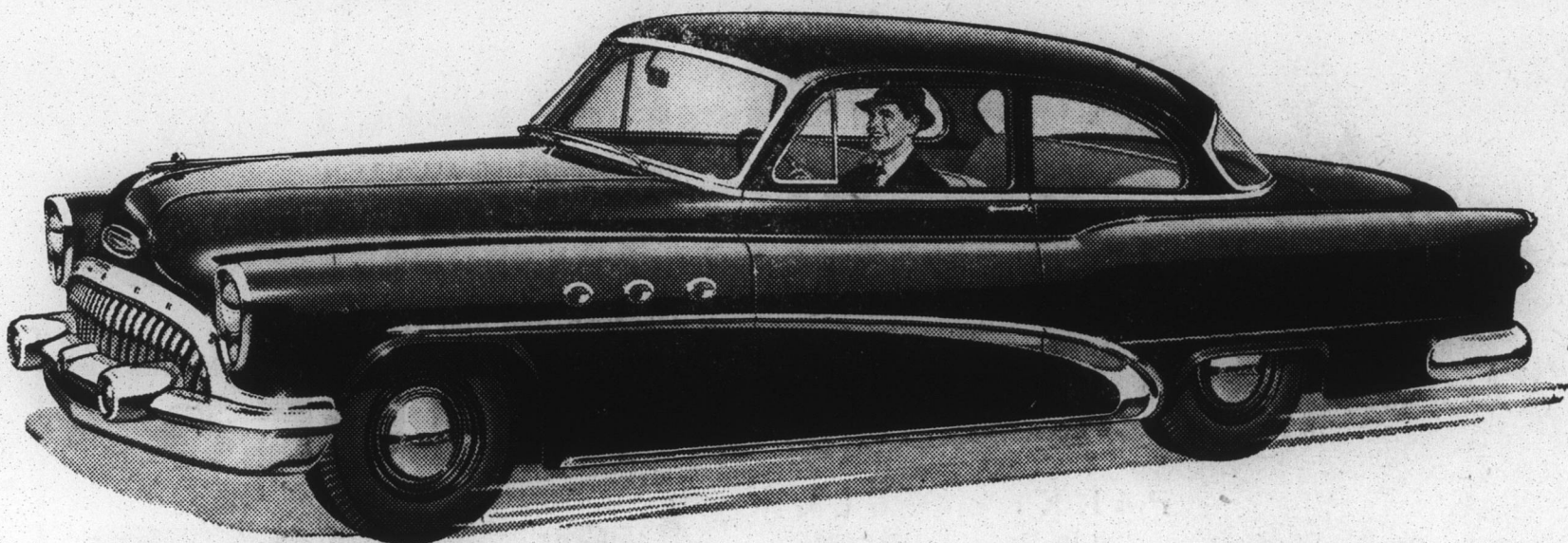
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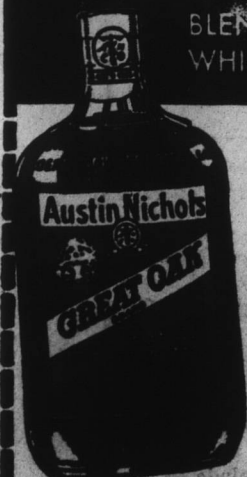
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