



Mouth Health Teaching Revolutionizes Dentistry In Wake County

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The writer has said that "ignorance is odious," and the "ignorance" has been often noted, especially where a steady improvement has not been accomplished on the old ratio of dental maintenance. But when you compare the rapid improvement in mouth health conditions in Wake County with conditions some years ago you immediately see that comparisons are not odious, but rather that they become a matter of pride and a cause of congratulation.

My boyhood, more than fifty years ago, was an average boyhood of the country boy of that time. I knew nothing of dentistry. The fact is, I doubt if I knew there was such a profession as dentistry. My first knowledge of teeth even was when an aching six-year molar finally drove me to a physician to have the tooth extracted. It was a rough experience, the memory of which will continue to linger with me, but I was told that I should see a dentist; that, probably, was my first knowledge that there was such a profession.

My home was in Wake County, a county supposed to be an average county, of average intelligence, and this experience was not different from that of other children of that same day and generation. Can you imagine such ignorance in any child of today, even in remote sections of the State, not to mention the counties more centrally located? What has caused this change?

The awakening has been almost wholly the result of mouth health teaching in the schools. For some years Wake County has maintained a whole-time school dentist. He has worked faithfully and well, and, together with the work of the State Board of Health, it has now become almost impossible to find any child in the county who has not been told something of mouth health and the general care of the teeth.

From gross ignorance of tooth problems the children have become "toothwise," if I may use that expression, and have talked much at home that their parents are becoming "tooth prudent." No truer word was ever said than that "A little child shall lead them." Not only have they been led in a general way, but the actual conditions in each individual child's mouth have been brought to their attention.

This does not necessarily mean



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that all parents have taken advantage of this knowledge. Some will always neglect the most urgent needs of a child—vaccination against smallpox, typhoid vaccine, diphtheria antitoxin. They will take a chance. We will probably have such parents as these with us always, but they are not in the majority. Numbers are taking advantage of all health information given them and thanking those who give it. They know that neglect leaves its permanent mark not only in the mouth of the child, but on its general health.

Probably in no line of health work has so much progress been made, nor with such far-reaching results, as in mouth health teaching in Wake County. And the beauty of it is we are just beginning a realization of its ultimate results. It is something you cannot measure with ordinary comparisons.

The health of future generations is bettered by the health of this generation, and the next by the next, in an ever-increasing ratio of improvement. It is difficult to tell what another fifty years of mouth health progress will do for this county. We have no reason to think there will be any step backward, while an equal pace forward would carry us a long way towards the approach of a preventive rather than a curative practice of dentistry.

You may say that is an Utopian dream, but it is a worthy one, and we should use our best endeavors to make such a dream the program of our lives.

The Story of the Constitution

By CALEB JOHNSON

THIRTEEN FREE AND INDEPENDENT NATIONS

When we start to study anything, we must begin at the beginning. The Constitution of the United States begins with a Preamble. A Preamble is intended to explain the purpose of what follows. The Preamble to our Constitution does that in 53 words.

"We, the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect Union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America."

That explains what the Constitution was expected to do. It does not, however, explain why it was necessary to draw up a Constitution, eleven years after the English Colonies of America had declared their independence of great Britain. The Declaration of Independence was signed in 1776. The Constitution was adopted in 1787. Before we can understand the why of the Constitution, we must understand what kind of a government we had in America before there was any Constitution.

The very first phrase of the Constitution raises questions. "We, the people of the United States." How were the States united before there was any Constitution? What had kept them together throughout the War of the Revolution? What had held them together after the Revolution and before they adopted the Constitution? For, as they expressly stated in the Declaration of Independence, they were not only free states, but independent states.

For that matter, what did they mean by the word "states," in the Declaration of Independence and in the Constitution itself? When the Founding Fathers of the Republic said "state" they meant exactly what we mean today when we say "nation." In

the 18th century, the word "nation" was seldom used; the word "state" was always understood as meaning a nation. The Declaration of Independence, after declaring that "these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent States," continues: "and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain is, and ought to be, dissolved."

"United States," then, meant "United Nations."

Thirteen independent nations, seeking to free themselves from the domination of another nation, fought the War of the Revolution. They called their union a "Confederation of States." Exactly the same meaning would have been conveyed if they had called it a "League of Nations."

In the beginning, this union of independent states was nothing more than a mutual alliance to carry on the war. It was almost exactly the same sort of a "union" as that between the allied but independent nations of Europe, for the conduct of the World War from 1914 to 1919. The American States had the common background of having all been subject to the same domination by another nation. But the utmost their leaders had in mind in the way of a union, at the beginning of the Revolution, was an alliance of independent nations in what they explicitly termed a "League of Friendship."

The only central government that existed in America for the first five years of the war with Great Britain was the Continental Congress, composed of delegates from the thirteen states. It had so little power or authority that it could hardly be called a government at all. The Continental Congress could borrow money, if anyone would lend it, but could not levy taxes to repay such loans. It could issue requisitions to the separate states for supplies and troops, but it could not make its acts effective.

ON THE GASOLINE CIRCUIT

by A. B. Clark



SHOUSE PREDICTS DEFEAT OF F. D. R.

New York, July 17.—President Roosevelt will be defeated in 1936 if he attempts to curtail the Supreme Court, J. P. Shouse, former chairman of the Democratic National Executive Committee and now chairman of the American Liberty League, predicted today.

"The present administration is perverting the form of American government and must be stopped," Shouse said. "The President's plan to force his bills on Congress and the people is un-

known to our form of government."

He said the league now had more than 100,000 members.

Death Called Suicide

Hendersonville, July 17.—Shot through the heart, the body of Thomas Granville Heffner, 20, of the Mills River section of Henderson county, was found this morning by members of the family. He was the son of Albert Heffner. The coroner said death was due to suicide.

Bluegrass 4 Foot Tall

Lennox, S. D.—Dakota is challenging Kentucky's reputation as a "bluegrass" area. Blue grass measuring 50 inches high is growing on a farm near here. The grass is topped by an abundant growth of rye.

Still Made In 1784 Seized

Smithfield, N. C.—A whisky still captured by officers near here was believed to be 151 years old. Made of extraordinarily thick steel, it bore the inscription "Bristol, Va., 1784."

LEAGUE WILL FACE CRISIS SQUARELY

Geneva, July 17.—The League of Nations tonight decided to face the Italo-Ethiopian crisis squarely, staking its future on a peaceful settlement of the war.

From Paris, where he is conferring with Premier Pierre Laval, Joseph Avenol, league secretary-general, telegraphed council members to prepare for a special session between July 25 and August 2.

After discussions with British and French officials, Avenol decided the league cannot dodge the issue, although France and Italy oppose new Geneva intervention in the threatened East

Veterans Choose Asheville

Hickory, July 16.—The United Spanish War veterans, department of North Carolina, in closing their 12th annual encampment here today selected Asheville as the next meeting place. Winston-Salem was the only other city extending an invitation for the 1936 encampment.

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Describes Moon Eclipse

On last night, July 15-16, while gazing at the moon as the eclipse was coming on, I was made to wonder how many people were doing likewise and what they thought of the marvelous scene. I for one was seriously thrilled with amazement as the dark shade came over the moon with its brilliant redish cast looking similar to a bed of hot embers. Yet it did not extinguish the shape and features of the "man in the moon" as it has commonly been called, but made it look plainer and really more like a man's face than before. O the scene was beautiful as the eclipse came on slowly over the moon and as I gazed upon the scene I imagined I could almost see the hand of God in the procession, for in a way God is seen in everything, and His hand should be recognized in everything that is good. O what a wonderful display of His power in that eclipse. It reminded me of the change of earth life into that of another world, especially those who are on the Lord's side and when the dark hour of death passes the light on the other side will enrapture the soul with delight. So let us praise God for the light for He is the light of the world. God made the earth and all things therein and pronounced it good, and everything runs in the channel that He bade it but poor rebellious men and women. How thankful we ought to be for His mercy endureth forever.

MRS. L. C. BLACKBURN.

ALBERT SOMERS TO BE MARRIED TONIGHT

Several relatives and friends of Albert Somers, son of Mrs. C. H. Somers, of Wilkesboro, left today for Chapel Hill, where he is to be married tonight to Miss Margaret Pritchard.

Ten Miners Killed In German Mine Explosion

Dortmund, Germany, July 15.—Ten miners were killed and 32 injured in an explosion today in Adolph Hensemann coal mine in a suburb in Mengede. Rescue workers found five additional bodies when searching in the wreckage of the mine. This brought the total to ten dead.

Salvaging Ship To Get Treasure From Luitania

Glasgow, Scotland, July 14.—The steamer Orpheus, elaborately equipped with diving and salvaging apparatus, sailed from Dalmuir today to salvage the \$6,000,000 treasure from the Luitania, sunk by a German submarine during the World War.

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