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Orthodontic Care

A frequently asked question by parents is, "When is the best time to start planning for orthodontic care for our child?" Early visits to the dentist will help establish whether there are indications that a need is developing and, if so, the earlier the work is started the better the chances for intercepting some of the problems thereby making the treatment easier to accomplish.

Of course, the psychological drawback is that the child must wear braces, and this is often sufficient cause to have the whole matter put off far beyond the ideal time to begin treatment. But, as in all other areas of dentistry, there have been many technique advances, and now there are orthodontic braces that can be removed by the patient.

This new type of brace can be taken out to clean, to allow for better brushing and flossing of the teeth and, in many cases, when the individual condition allows it, the removables can be taken out to eat, for contact sports and other special activities. The advantages of being able to remove the appliances are numerous, aside from the obvious fact that eating is much more enjoyable. But the really big plus is that removable braces aren't nearly as noticeable.

For several years removable braces have been in use in Europe with very acceptable results, and now this type of appliance is gaining in popular use among orthodontists, pedodontists and general dentists here in the U.S. Most agree that the sooner the work begins the better will be the results.

Beginning orthodontic treatment between the ages of 6 and 12 - with the added advantages offered by removable braces - in many cases provides the dentist with the opportunity to intercept some of the problems developing in the child's mouth, as this is the time when many primary (baby) teeth are being

replaced by permanents. Since orthodontic appliances correct misaligned teeth and bite problems, among other things, braces that help to guide the growth of the jaws will, in many cases, make room for the incoming permanent teeth, thus allowing less crowding. This helps head off the reasons for teeth becoming crooked.

The older the child becomes the more difficult becomes the developing problem of alignment and bite, if treatment is delayed. The should-be-obvious best answer is, see your dentist for complete analysis of potential problems early.

WRET-TV Seeking "Quibble" Contestants

If you've ever wanted a chance to be on television, Channel 36 wants to hear from you!

The station, purchased in July by Group W (Westinghouse Broadcasting Company), is looking for contestants from throughout its viewing area for its new quiz show format public affairs program, "Quibble." Under the new ownership the station's call letter will become WPCQ-TV on October 13.

"Quibble" will air each Friday evening from 9-9:30 p.m., beginning October 24, as the first half of the station's one-hour emphasis on local public affairs.

The game show is entirely locally produced and will be played on a specially-constructed set.

Said Channel 36 General Manager Bob Schuessler, "The direct and continual involvement of people, of our viewers, in what we do at Channel 36 is going to be more and more important. With 'Quibble' we have an excellent beginning. We are committed to a philosophy of localism at this station and we believe that programs like 'Quibble' are going to do much to firmly establish that image for us."

According to Nat Tucker, Channel 36 program director, "Quibble" is "designed to inform the public about current events, history, people and places of interest to the residents of the Piedmont area." It will be played by two contestants and three local celebrity guests.

Questions used on "Quibble" will be selected from twelve categories on a game board. Said Tucker, "The categories are representative of some of the ascertained needs and problems of our area and relate to housing, the economy, crime, education and recreation along with history and trivia categories."

Celebrity guests will offer answers (one correct, the other two "bluffs") to multiple choice questions from the categories. Studio contestants will guess who has given the correct answer. Another segment, "The Quibble Square," consists of true-false trivia questions. During "The Big Q" contestants vie to get the most correct answers in thirty seconds, winning ten dollars for each correct answer.

To audition as a "Quibble"

contestant, send your name, address and telephone number to Channel 36, P. O. Box 18665, Charlotte, N.C. 28212, or call 704-536-3636.

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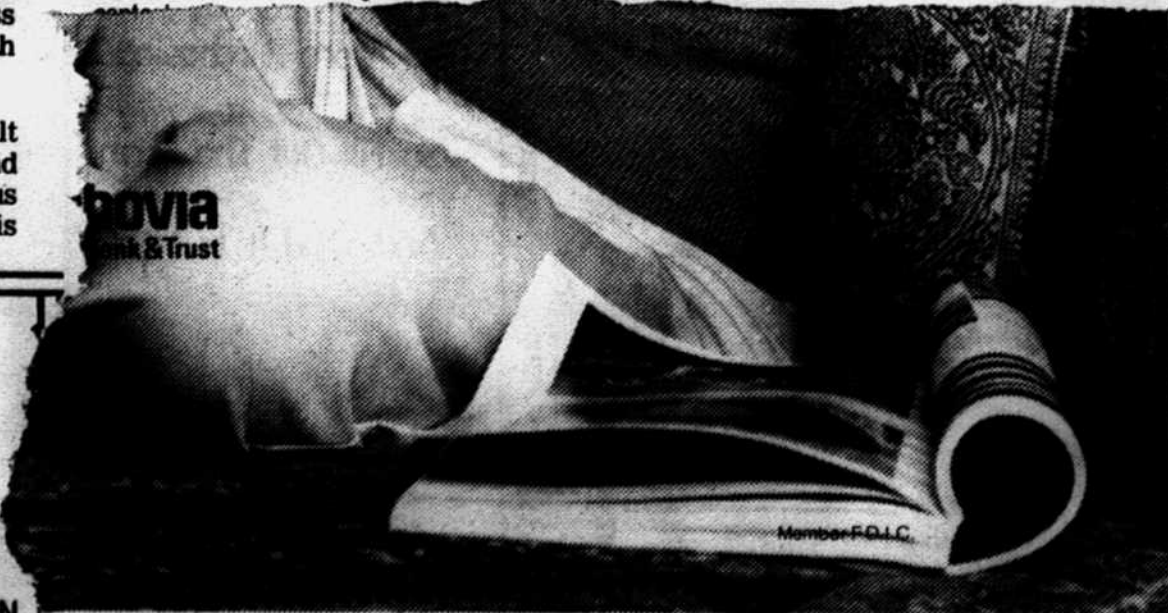
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