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May 11th Meeting

We met again at Mrs. Lawton's in Lewiston with 14 members and our guest speaker, Dr. E. Hoch, Psychologist, from the Veteran's Hospital in Togus. We were glad to have so many girls present because our dinner was delightful and our speaker rated high interest.

We felt very fortunate to have Dr. Hoch with us. His speech was an interesting and witty one depicting the various drives of human beings. He displayed pictures drawn by actual patients and explained the motives which were responsible for the drawing. Dr. Hoch answered questions asked by many of us and it was fun and entertaining listening to his discussion of our individual problems.

Our business meeting was called to order at 9:15 p.m. The Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were read and accepted.

The Employment Committee reminded us of the many job openings in Maine at this time. There are certainly plenty of jobs if the girls graduating from dental hygiene schools this June are interested.

A major portion of the meeting was spent discussing the brochure. Salaries were the highlight of discussion. Each member present stated her present salary allowance on paper. These were passed in to a chairman and we hope that the "high" and "low" salary in the state can be determined approximately from these figures. From this information, we will have some idea of what to put in our brochure about salaries.

In the way of new business, it was decided that we should have a written list of duties of each chairman placed on each folder to be taken care of by the present chairman of each committee for the benefit of future chairmen. In this way, it was pointed out that the duties of each new person taking over a chairmanship would be clearly mapped out.

It was decided to have a sub-committee of the Ways and Means Committee compose and send out letters to dental hygienists in the state stating the desire for donations of money for the financing of the brochure.

A type of table clinic has been requested for the National Convention in Atlantic City next fall. However, it was decided that everyone has their hands full with their present duties and to undertake such a project at this time would be impossible.

We are all anxiously looking forward to the convention at the Samoset Hotel in Rockland. It is the 21st and 22nd of June. Hope to see you there.

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The convention turned out to be "one of the best yet" and a most interesting and informative assortment of speakers were enjoyed throughout our two days at the Samoset.

The first general session got off to a grand start Thursday, at 2 o'clock with our president, Jeannette Williams presiding. There were 11 members present and one guest. Dr. Raymond Malone, Pres. of the Maine Dental Society, extended greetings to us and we were welcomed to all general sessions of the Dental Society. Following Pres. Malone's greetings, we were audience to a most interesting panel, made up by Dorothy Woodcock, Nutrition Consultant from the Maine Department of Health and Welfare, Kathryn Briwa, from the U. of M. Extension Service, and Mr. Sigurd Knudson, Director of School Lunch Programs in Portland. In the panel's topic of "What's New in Nutrition", they showed slides and explained how deficiencies of the vitamins effect the health of a tooth. They talked briefly of fluoridation and continued to discuss the good and bad effects foods and liquids have on tooth structure. The speakers also talked about recent new nutritional developments based on questions sent in by our members.

After this, we had a one hour rest period before going to the clam bake put on by the Dental Society. Dorothy Bryant and Edith White invited us all to their room for some zippy punch and refreshments which gave everyone a ravenous appetite for the clam bake. What a feed - - - everyone wore lobster bibs and chef's hats and ate to the tune of gay music in the background. And it's not every day that you get lobster, ham, fried chicken, and clams all on one plate! In the evening we were invited to a barn dance put on by the Dental Society and that was a pleasant end to a busy day of numerous activities.

The second general session got underway when our Trustee in District I, Edna Bradbury, talked to us on "The Role of the Dental Hygienist in Dental Health Education". She explained why we should orient the principles of dental health with those of public health. She stressed the using of visual aids with patients and the promotion of education to patients through good public relations. Cleverly made visual aid booklets and slides made by the students at Forsyth this past year were on exhibit and these were very colorful, useful looking objects.

One of the highlights of the convention was when we joined the Dental Society in hearing Dr. Jacob Seidenberg of Boston, Mass., speak on "Hypnosis in Dentistry". This session fascinated us especially when Dr. Seidenberg tried to hypnotize the whole audience at once. We were most interested to learn the methods used in hypnotism and on what types of individuals it proves most effective. I'm sure that most of us were on the edge of our seats when we eye-witnessed Dr. Seidenberg giving an excellent demonstration of his skill by hypnotizing a young dentist on the platform before us.

After luncheon, we had our business meeting, which was called to order at 2 o'clock. We heard the annual reports from our president and all of the committee chairmen who were present. There were 11 members present. Instead of putting more money into the student loan fund, it was voted that if feasible, enough money be drawn from the Student Loan Fund in order to finance the composition of the brochure so that this project can be completed by September. This was decided to be done with the intentions of returning the money to the Student Loan Fund as soon as the funds are available.

The following motions were made and seconded:

That we have a committee to sit in with a committee from the Dental Society to discuss ways and means of financing the brochure. (This was suggested by Dr. Malone in his address)

That the Executive Committee make up a budget to be presented for approval at the next organization in September.

That the Legislative Committee prepare constitution by-laws for publication when so instructed.

Our new officers for the coming year are: President, Martha Whitman; Vice Pres., Nancy Nutting; Secretary, Nancy Leigh; Treasurer, Marge Linscott. We decided to have nominations for delegate and alternate at the convention in Atlantic City. Delegate - Jeannette Williams, alternate - Martha Whitman. The business meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Late in the afternoon, the Dental Society presented Dr. Paul Losch of Harvard Dental School, Boston, Mass., who spoke on "Children's Dentistry". The finale to this informative session was the Maine Dental Society Banquet. Dr. Parker Mann, having been elected Pres. Elect of the Dental Society, now becomes the new member of our Advisory Committee.

This was the finale of our association's activities for the year. We are anticipating another full and busy year in 1956-1957. Hope to see you at the September 12th meeting to be held in Brunswick.

Here are sincere wishes to you all for a wonderful summer!

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