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## PREFACE

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The American Dental Association has long been cognizant of the importance of dental history. However, in more recent years, it has been particularly interested in the compilation of dental history of its constituent societies for the national library. Recently the Council on History of the ADA requested a listing and copies of all articles that had been written, pertaining to the development of dentistry in Indiana.

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Although, the Indiana State Dental Association has been in existence for nearly a century (1858), the history committee of the ISDA could report but seven articles pertaining to the history of dentistry in Indiana; four of which had been printed, while three were in the original manuscript form. The inadequate effort of dentists to record their history is hardly commensurate with the maturity of the profession nor has it kept pace with the rich and interesting history of medicine.

This condition is especially true of the fourteen component societies, who were granted their official charters during 1914-1920. To date, the only known history of a component society is that of the Indianapolis District Dental Society, by C. E. Worth, D.D.S. It was published in serial form, (Bulletin—1948), in a monthly publication of the said society, edited by D. C. Barnhill, D.D.S.

With this background, the Northwest Indiana Dental Society offers the publication of its history as a contribution to the record of progress of the profession and the growth of organized dentistry.

The work in gathering material, searching records and organization of notes has been a pleasant experience for the author. It is in the hope that it will serve to acquaint future members with their heritage. The book of secretarial records (1933-1943) was misplaced or lost during the years of confusion of the Second World War as officers were called into military service. If names of members or activities of the society, were omitted it was done inadvertently.

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The most exacting task of the author has been an attempt to express the sentiments and desires of the membership. The repetition of names in the text has been inevitable in recording the work of individuals and the society as they appear in the minutes.

The motives of the author to compile the facts relative to the Northwest component are as follows: An endeavor to assemble early history from the founders and fading original minutes—To pay due tribute to the father and founders of the society—Preserve within the covers of a book, the services and offices held by many of the members—To record the services of the society to the state and nation—The society's efforts in behalf of the ISDA and ADA activities—Relationships to ISDA affairs, (being the second component in number of members).

For assistance in compiling the varied data, I am grateful to many loyal friends and members, especially to Robert R. Gillis for his counsel and Carl A. Frech, Secretary of the Indiana State Board of Dental Examiners; E. E. Ewbank, Secretary of the Indiana State Dental Association; Edward J. Ryan, Chairman, The Institute of War Medicine and Surgery for Dentists; Lon W. Morrey, Editor for the American Dental Association; Rita Lee Downing, Librarian of the Indiana University School of Dentistry and F. Lyle Summers, Lt. Col., State Director, Selective Service System.

Finally, for her constructive criticisms of the manuscript and encouragement in the endeavor, I thank my wife.

Wayne K. Stoler, D.D.S., *Chairman,*  
The History Committee  
Indiana State Dental Association

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Founders, officers and guests attending the thirty-third anniversary of the Northwest Indiana Dental Society, held at the Gary Country Club on June 8, 1949. Seated, left to right, are founders, Drs. W. A. Hall, Sr., of Michigan City; B. W. Avery and G. S. Hilliard of Whiting; S. A. Bell of Hammond; G. H. Denison (guest) of Hanna; K. L. Myers of Elkhart; G. L. Smith and R. R. Gillis of Hammond; J. A. Dinwiddie of Lowell and C. R. Ross of Michigan City. Standing, left to right are the officers of the society for 1949-50, Drs. R. A. Roche of LaPorte, president; E. S. Quinn of Hammond, editor; W. K. Stoler of Valparaiso, secretary; W. A. Hall, Jr., of Michigan City, treasurer; W. T. Smith, vice-president and J. W. Powley of Hammond, retiring president.



William T. Smith, D.D.S.

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## SOCIETY PRIOR TO NORTHWEST

The Indiana State Dental Association was formed in 1858 and is the eldest of all state dental societies. It is third in age among all societies in the United States. The Pennsylvania Association of Dental Surgeons, a city society of Philadelphia, dates from 1845 and the St. Louis Dental Society dates from 1856. There were numerous dental societies, local and state, prior to 1858 but all of them fell by the way-side for one reason or another. Our neighbor Michigan claims seniority (from 1856) but it is a false claim because that earlier organization included Canada West (as Ontario was then called) and their president in 1863 was from Hamilton, Ontario or Canada West. Ohio and Kentucky had earlier organizations but each in turn disbanded. Many ceased during the Civil War years. Indiana was one of the few that continued to function. Dr. E. J. Church, of LaPorte was President of the ISDA in 1892. A later organization showing participation by dentists from this region was formed in Fort Wayne, Indiana on May 1, 1899 and known as THE NORTHERN AUXILIARY SOCIETY (now N.I.D.S.).

The earliest active interest in a dental society from the Northwest District was demonstrated by Dr. T. E. Bell of Hammond in 1889. A report copied from the Transactions of the 31st annual meeting of the ISDA reads as follows:

(Bulletin of the ISDA, Vol. 4, Dec. 1925, P. 20-56-57)

A list of all charter members of the Northern Component Society is given and Dr. T. M. Teal is listed as president for 1889. The charter members were; J. E. Waugh, S. B. Brown, S. B. Hartman, W. Shryock, J. S. McCurdy, J. D. Doyle, D. D. Widell, all of Fort Wayne; S. T. Kirk of Kokomo; T. E. Bell of Hammond; T. E. Goodwin of Warsaw; and J. M. Teal of Kendallville.

"The secretary also read the report of the Northern Auxiliary Society:

Mr. President and Gentlemen:

As chairman of the Committee for the Northern Auxiliary, I beg leave to report that your committee issued a call for a meeting, which was held in Fort Wayne, May 1. We were unfortunate enough in selecting this date to come into conflict with the Eastern Auxiliary meeting, affecting to slight degree the attendance of both.

Owing to circumstances too numerous to mention and incident to our first meeting we were not so successful as we could have desired, still we had a fairly good meeting.

Dr. Bell of Hammond, read an interesting paper, which reports of cases in practice and a general discussion of subjects relating to dentistry, kept us well employed during the entire day.

We had an attendance varying from fifteen to twenty at each of the three sessions.

We feel under especial obligations to Dr. Kirk for his presence and assistance.

Previous to adjournment we elected a president, vice president, secretary and an executive committee; so that we start out for our next meeting with a better organization and fair prospect of good meeting at Warsaw, Sept. 17 and 18, at which place we now extend an earnest invitation for as many of you to be present as can find it convenient to attend. While this our first meeting was not a remarkable success in point of interest, we feel all confidence that the auxiliary in our division of the State can be developed into an excellent society.

It seemed to be the prevailing sentiment in our meeting not to require any special qualifications to become a member, but to consider every dentist in our division of the State as belonging to the society. We have many good dentists throughout the State who are not identified with any dental society. It should be the duty, and we think it is an obligation of this association to adopt such means as will awaken their interest and secure their influence. We ask the hearty cooperation of every member of this association to this end.

J. E. Waugh  
Chairman of Northern Auxiliary"

It is interesting to note these early pioneers in dentistry are related to the present society. Dr. Waugh was the dentist of Dr. Gillis when he was a child in Angola. Dr. McCurdy's son, Dr. H. A. McCurdy, practiced in Gary for a short time. He was the first dentist to lose his life in World War II, occurring at Hickam Field, Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. A naval vessel was named after him in recognition of his sacrifice. Dr. T. E. Bell is the last survivor of that group of organizers.

The earliest form of a dental society to make its appearance in Northwestern Indiana was known as the Lake County Dental Society, which was organized in 1905-06. From this society grew the embryo which developed into the NORTHWEST INDIANA DENTAL SOCIETY as it is known today. This group was organized not only as a local benefit but so that they might be able to invite the Northern Indiana Society to meet in Hammond at an early date. This ambition was realized two years later.

In May of 1916 many exciting and stimulating events were taking place and history was being made. Woodrow Wilson was president of the United States and Charles Evans Hughes was about to be nominated as the Republican candidate. General John J. Pershing was placed in charge of the Mexican Expedition. World War I had been in progress for two years and the historic battle of Verdun was being fought. A bit of reflection by the members on this historic year will reveal the city of Gary celebrated its eleventh birthday, and some of the founders of this society were considering the possibility of having to serve in the armed services as the nation felt the flames of war.

However, in Gary, Indiana on May 2, 1916, a meeting was being held to form the first district dental society as a Component of the Indiana State Dental Association.

A copy of the original minutes of the first meeting reads as follows:

ORGANIZATION OF COMPONENT DENTAL  
SOCIETY OF INDIANA ASSOCIATION

Gary, Indiana, May 2, 1916



William A. Hall, D.D.S.

Meeting called to order by State President R. R. Gillis of Hammond.

Dr. Gillis was elected Temporary Chairman and Dr. C. D. Ross of Michigan City elected as Temporary Secretary.

Dr. Gillis read the bylaws of the State Association.

Moved by Dr. G. F. Laue and seconded by Dr. Sawyer that this society accept the bylaws of the State Association. Motion carried.

Moved by Dr. K. L. Myers and seconded by Dr. M. A. Schutt that the name of this society be NORTHWEST INDIANA DENTAL SOCIETY. Motion carried.

Moved by Dr. Myers and seconded by Dr. Laue that the annual dues be \$1.00. Moved by Dr. Hall and seconded by Dr. Sawyer that the time limit of paying dues be April first. Motion carried.

Moved by Dr. Schutt that the society hold one business meeting a year and a recreation meeting at the call of the President. Motion amended to read that the business meeting be held the first week in April of each year. Motion carried.

Moved by Dr. S. A. Bell and seconded by Dr. Myers that (10) constitute a quorum. Motion carried.

Election of officers were as follows: President, Dr. M. Ruge, Valparaiso, Vice President, Dr. J. A. Dinwiddie, Lowell, Secretary, Dr. J. C. Sawyer, Michigan City, Treasurer, Dr. W. A. Hall, Michigan City.

The following paid their annual dues, Drs. H. S. Espey \$1.00, M. Ruge \$1.00, Hilliard \$1.00, W. A. Hall \$1.00, W. L. Myer \$1.00, K. L. Myers \$1.00, M. P. Avery \$1.00 and State dues \$3.00, B. W. Avery \$1.00, Butler \$1.00, Dinwiddie \$1.00, O'Keefe \$1.00, Laue \$1.00 and state dues \$6.00, G. L. Smith \$1.00 and State dues \$5.00. Total receipts of the NIDS were \$15.00. Total receipts for the State Ass'n. were \$14.00.

The president appointed the following committees: Censors, Drs. Jacobs, O'Keefe and Schutt. Membership Committee Drs. Ross, Michigan City; Laue, Gary; Kenward, Hobart; Smith, Hammond; Hilliard, Whiting; C. A. Nixon, Valparaiso. Program Committee Drs. Dinwiddie, Lowell; Gillis, Hammond; Butler, Gary. Oral Hygiene and Education Committee Drs. Ross, Michigan City; Leroy Myers, M. P. Avery, Gary.

Being no further business the society adjourned until the call for the recreation meeting. Signed, Dr. J. C. Sawyer, Secretary, Dated, May 2, 1916.

The records of the Indiana State Dental Association reveal the following business transaction—Wednesday, May 17, 1916 the Chairman of the Board of Censors reported the following petition from the Northwest Indiana Dental Society for a charter:

“To the Indiana State Dental Association:

Whereas, the dentists of Lake, Porter, Jasper and part of La-Porte counties, including Michigan City and part of Starke County, including North Judson, including many already members of the Indiana State Dental Association; have expressed a desire to affiliate more closely with the State Association, thru the organization of their territory into a Component Society of the Indiana State Dental Association, and

Whereas, such preliminary steps already have been taken as will insure the success of the organization;

Therefore—these dentists (thru their duly elected officers) hereby petition the members of the Indiana State Dental Association for the granting of a charter to their organization to be known as the Northwest Indiana Dental Society.

Respectfully submitted, J. A. Dinwiddie, Vice President; J. C. Sawyer, Secretary; Per—Robert Gillis.

On motion it was granted.”

A review of the secretary's report of the first recreation meeting portrays the tempo of our Founders when at play. The secretary's report of the meeting reads as follows:

## THE FIRST RECREATION MEETING

“Members congregated at the Vreeland Hotel at 10:00 A. M. While waiting, a sick committee was appointed to visit C. D. Ross who had been sick since the state meeting in May. When the members had assembled, they were given the choice of playing golf or taking a bath in Lake Michigan. The country club donated their golf links for the golf fiends. The rest of the bunch were the guests of Dr. Sawyer at the Ahksakewah Canoe Club where bathing suits were furnished for those who needed the water cure. Some were even afraid to take the bath and spent their time on the beach with the girls.

All were back to town at noon for lunch which was served at the Vreeland Hotel. Then over to the wharf where the good ship Theodore Roosevelt was waiting to take the bunch along the shores of Indiana for an hour and a half ride. There being only about fifty of us on the big boat that holds about 3,000, we were unable to tell where the crowd was.

After the uneventful trip upon the lake we were hustled into waiting autos and rushed out to the State Prison, where we were the guests of Warden Fogarty and a trip through the prison with a band concert by the Prison Band, through the hospital, insane department, shops and the dental office run by Secretary Sawyer. One thing worth mentioning about this trip is that in the last

eighteen years there has only been two dentists confined in our state prison and they were both advertising dentists.

With our visit concluded at the prison we were treated to an auto ride about the city and to the Sheridan Beach along the lake front where the beautiful cottages are to be found. At six-thirty we sat down to a six course dinner as guests of Heller, the affable dental Butcher.

When the inner man was satisfied we listened to a talk by our honorable State Secretary Ross on State affairs and one by the State President, Gillis on state legislation. Before he was through he had wormed about \$200 out of us to help the cause along. Owing to a rain storm coming up, the band concert arranged had to be called off and the time was spent at the banquet hall with a general social evening.

The session adjourned by giving three Tigers for the Michigan City boys who provided the days entertainment at their expense and the dose was repeated for Heller for his fine chicken dinner.

Signed, J. C. Sawyer, Secretary."

This meeting surely was a great stimulus to the young organization for by March 1, 1917 forty-eight members had paid their dues, showing a gain of twenty-eight members in seven months. These early members represented all parts of the society's jurisdiction. The virility of the young society was shown in the minutes of the second business meeting held in Hammond on February 14, 1917. A contest between Component societies of the state for new members resulted in Northwest taking second place. The contest resulted as follows: First District 94.87%, Northwest District 78%, West Central District 68.62%, Thirteenth District 64.63%, Indianapolis District 51.46% and Wabash District 35.41%.

Second place among the Components has been maintained throughout the thirty-five years. There were 236 paid up members in 1949, first place being held by the Indianapolis Component.

Of the Founders, special tribute is paid to Drs. J. A. Dinwiddie, W. A. Hall and C. A. Nixon for their constant and faithful service to the society over the thirty-five years. If they held office or not, their untiring interest and council can be credited to the society's maturity.

Dr. Dinwiddie served as the first program chairman, the second president and the first member to serve on the State Board of Dental Examiners.

Dr. Hall served as the first treasurer and as the sixth president. His leal offer of Michigan City's hospitality has been a most stimulating influence throughout the years.

Dr. Nixon was the third member to serve on the State Board and the thirteenth president of the society. He also served on the Educational Council of the ADA during that period when dental colleges were first being rated by the ADA. While serving on the Board he made many friends over the state for the district. His jovial personality was an asset to the society in many of its undertakings.

Other early members who presented their applications for membership during the second business meeting in Hammond on February 14, 1917 were, Drs. G. R. Jones, O. D. Morton, C. L. Throop, E. L. Stefes, A. B. Orenn, J. R. Bennett, W. H. Davis, A. P. McConnell, H. Stephen, A. J. Warber, H. W. Cawley, and J. S. Clark.

## FOUNDERS

The original minutes of the first meeting of the society do not designate those attending as Founders. However, those taking an active part in the meeting and paying dues were twenty in number. Thus the names appearing in the minutes are the only authentic means of determining the Founders of the organization.

Those honored as Founders are as follows: Drs. S. A. Bell, G. L. Smith, W. J. O'Keefe, and R. R. Gillis of Hammond. Drs. W. A. Hall, C. D. Ross, J. C. Sawyer\* and M. A. Schutt\* of Michigan City. Drs. M. Ruge\* and C. A. Nixon\* of Valparaiso. Drs. John O. Butler, M. P. Avery and G. F. Laue\* of Gary. Drs. G. S. Hilliard, B. W. Avery, and K. L. Myers of Whiting. Dr. C. F. Kenward\* of Hobart and Dr. J. A. Dinwiddie of Lowell. Dr. W. L. Myer\* of Rensselaer. Dr. H. S. Espey of Gary.

(\*Deceased)

The Thirty-third anniversary of the society was celebrated by honoring the Founders and their wives with a dinner party at the new Gary Country Club in June 1949. The memorable occasion was prompted by the history of the organization which had been presented to the society in manuscript form at the regular business meeting in April. Dr. and Mrs. H. C. Hayden and Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Powley were credited with the beautiful dinner appointments and favors presented to the guests of honor. Dr. Hayden served as master of ceremonies and received an enthusiastic response from each of the founders present. Mrs. Nellie Ruge, of Valparaiso, wife of Dr. Marx Ruge, the first president of the society, expressed her appreciation of being remembered on the historical event.

Founders responding to the roll call of 1916 were as follows: Drs. K. L. Myers, G. L. Smith, W. J. O'Keefe and R. R. Gillis, of Hammond; Drs. W. A. Hall, Sr., and C. D. Ross, of Michigan City; Drs. B. W. Avery and G. S. Hilliard of Whiting; M. P. Avery, of Gary and J. A. Dinwiddie, of Lowell. Letters of congratulations on the occasion were read from founders unable to attend, due to the element of distance. They were, Dr. John O. Butler, Miami, Florida and Dr. H. S. Espey, of Muroc, California. Dr. G. H. Denison, of Hanna, a member of the component, was also an honored guest, being the eldest practicing dentist in the state. A picture of the founders in attendance and officers of the society appears elsewhere in the publication.

## WORLD WAR I



Frederick C. Baker,  
D.D.S., F.A.C.D.

On Good Friday, April 6, 1917, Congress passed a joint resolution declaring war on Germany. This young society held its second business meeting nineteen days later. The feeling and spirit of the members was expressed in the minutes of that meeting which read as follows: "Resolved that the members of the Northwest Society desire to express their willingness to cooperate in any manner with the State Association with a view to make more efficient the Army Dental Service."

Although there are no records of members serving the Armed Services, the adopted resolution of February 13, 1919 is an exhibit of the fact that some of them were involved. A motion was placed by Dr. Sawyer and seconded by Dr. Myer that all members joining the Army be remitted the local dues while in the Armed Service.

In common with dentists elsewhere, members participated by joining The American Dental Preparedness League whose purpose was to rehabilitate so far as possible the mouths of the men who were going into the Armed Services. This was a wholly voluntary service and without cost to the recipients. The dental services of the armed forces were most inadequately organized at that time.

However, the above resolutions reveal a profound cognizance of the new phrase "Selective Service", which effected each member directly or indirectly. The development of the new term which was destined to become most enduring has been credited to the celebrated psychologist Dr. Lydiard H. Horton, staff member of the Boston Psychopathic Hospital. He gave the term to President Woodrow Wilson for the draftees of World War I. (Collier's-Fowler, December 9, 1950)

Dr. Ira D. Funkhouser of LaCrosse served as a Captain in the D. C. 1917-19. He was attached to the 315th Field Artillery, 80th Division and was on the front lines for four months in the Saint Mihiel and Argonne offensives. Dr. Glen B. Ross of Michigan City also served as a Captain in the D. C. While on detached service he was stationed in Paris in 1919. During the Peace Conference General J. J. Pershing developed a dental infection and Dr. Ross was assigned to the case. Others serving with the rank of Lieutenant were, Drs. J. M. Siegle, J. Bortz, E. C. Wojahn, C. A. Frech, F. J. Newton and C. E. McCready.

During the conflict many of the present members were in dental schools and were classified as Reserves. Still other members serving in the War prior to becoming interested in dentistry were, Dr. C. E. Doyle who served as chauffeur to General Pershing. Dr. Newton Clark

of Michigan City served in the Navy and later held high rank in World War II. Dr. F. C. Baker served as a private in the Medical Corps along the Rio Grande River during the Mexican Expedition in 1916. It is interesting to note, one of the duties of these units was to patrol the shores of the Rio Grande River for a stretch of forty miles each day on horseback. He later became a Second Lieutenant in Artillery and made five trips from the United States to France with military personnel.

Though only fifteen years of age, Dr. G. L. Solt, of Hammond, served as a sailor on the Leviathan on its first crossing of the Atlantic as a troop transport.

## A DENTAL BIOGRAPHY OF ROBERT R. GILLIS



Robert R. Gillis, D.D.S., F.A.C.D.

As there is a general feeling among dentists over the state and district that the name of Robert R. Gillis is synonymous with the ISDA and the Northwest District, a review of his life work is most timely.

Many feel this a modest statement when he has actively served the State and Component Society for forty-seven years and has done so much to shape the course of each.

It is impossible to portray the esteem and regard in which he is held by members of the profession, over the nation, state and district for his contributions to the development of dentistry and dental society.

He is considered the father of the Northwest Indiana Dental Society, and directed its formation while he served as President of the ISDA.

Robert R. Gillis was born in Angola, Indiana on March 12, 1881. He was married to Katherine Evans of Fort Wayne, Indiana, on June 3, 1903. He attended Tri State College at Angola, Indiana. His first two years of dental education were taken at the old Ohio College of Dental Surgery in Cincinnati (the second oldest dental school in the world; now extinct.) His course of instruction was completed at the University of Indianapolis (now University of Indiana Dental School), graduating with the degree of D.D.S. in 1904.

He was granted a license to practice in Indiana in 1904 and has maintained the same practice in Hammond, Indiana for the past forty-seven years. His Illinois and Florida licenses to practice dentistry were granted in 1905 and 1920. In recognition of his service to the profession he has earned fellowships in the following honorary societies, F.A.C.D. 1922, F.A.I.D. 1944, Pierre Fauchard 1946, and O.K.U.

For the past thirty-eight years, (1911-1949), Dr. Gillis has been a faithful servant of the legislative committee of the ISDA. Without reservation he can be credited with much of the profession's protection today.

As the woodsman's skill is revealed by the chips from his ax, so is the father of the Northwest Dental Society known by the record of his many contributions to the profession, not alone in dental society but in dental science and literature. Yet with all of his efforts in dentistry he has demonstrated his ability in leadership in civic affairs as well.

A review of the offices he has held in many organizations is as follows:

Secretary and President of the Northern Indiana Dental Society, (about) .....	1912
President of ISDA .....	1916
Member of Legislative Committee ISDA .....	1911-1949
President of Indiana State Board of Dental Examiners .....	1925-1926
President of National Society of Denture Prosthetists .....	1927
President of National Board of Dental Examiners .....	{ 1935-1937 1941-1945
President of American Academy for Plastic Research in Dentistry .....	1942-1943
Member of National Board of Dental Examiners from .....	1934-1950
President of Hammond Community Chest for its first six years	
President of Hammond Chamber of Commerce .....	1936
President of Hammond Rotary Club .....	1937
President of Lake County Area Council .....	1941-1945

Certainly, the progress of American Dentistry is exemplified in the person of Dr. Gillis by the following publications:

"Pulp Nodules"	Dental Summary XXX, 1910, 200; British JNL Dental Science LIII, 1910, 410
"Pressure Anesthesia in Pulp Removal"	Dental Summary XXXI, 55
"Faith and Fear"	Dental Summary XXXV, 710
"Educate Ourselves"	American Dentists III, 10
"Deep Cusp Grinding for Full Dentures"	Dental Summary XXXIX, 609
"A Method Affording Denture Service Immediately Following Extraction"	Dental Summary XL (1920) 800 N D A JNL VIII (1921) 667
"Denture Economics"	Nat. Dent. Assn. Jnl IX (1922) 28
"Preservation versus Restoration"	N D A Jnl IX (1922) 295
"How About the Patient?"	Dental Summary XLIII (1923) 560
"Dentist's Responsibility to the Edentulous Patient"	Ill. Dent. Soc. Trans. 1923, 52
"Importance of Observing the Condyle Path"	Ill. Dent. Soc. Trans. 1924, 21

- "Facebow Essential in Full Denture Prosthesis" Dental Summary XLV, 179
- "In Consideration of the Denture Patient" Chgo. Dent. Soc. Bulletin VII, 11
- "An Ideal State Society Program" ISDA Bulletin VI, 17
- "A General Practitioner's Consideration of Partial Restorations" Penn. State Soc. Trans. 1927, 80; Dental Cosmos. LXX, 306
- "Setting-up the Full Denture" ADA Jnl XVIII, 1930, 227
- "What Should the Prosthetist Expect from the Exodontist?" ADA Jnl XVII, 1930, 1334
- "A Denture Technic Applicable by the Average Dentist" ADA Jnl, 1933, 304
- "A Predenture Message" Florida Dent. Jnl IV, 1933
- "A Message to our Denture Patients" Florida Dent. Jnl IV
- "Wanted - A Short Cut to Successful Dentures" Ill. Dent. Jnl III, 1934, 477
- "Examination and Diagnosis in Full Denture Service" Chicago Dent. Soc. Bull. XV, 1934, 22
- "Roentgen-Ray Study of the Temporo-mandibular Articulation" ADA Jnl XXII, 1935, 1321
- "The National Board of Dental Examiners" New York Dent. Soc. Jnl XXIII, 1938; Minneapolis District Dent. Soc. Jnl XXII, 1938
- "Establishing Vertical Dimension in Full Denture Construction" ADA Jnl 28; 430 (1941)
- "Xrays Reveal Dysfunction of the Temporo-mandibular Joint" Dental Survey 15: 17 (1939)
- "The Denture Space and its Registration in Full Denture Construction" Fortnightly Review of the Chicago Dent. Soc. June 1, 1946
- "The Determination and Registration of the Denture Space" Jnl Ohio State Dent. Soc. August 1947

## FINANCE

During the thirty-four years (1916-1950) the society grew from the embryo of 20 members to a total of 236 members. With the development of dentistry and desire for knowledge the meetings increased from the original two per year to ten. The years were rich in lectures and clinic material.

As all young organizations, they had their problems of finance and membership with the changing economic conditions. On April 25, 1917, the society "resolved that the dues should be raised to \$10.00 so as to have a fund to promote postgraduate courses during the state meeting." Another resolution on the same date read as follows, "Resolved that it

is the opinion of the members of Northwest Indiana Dental Society, that the dues of the ISDA should be increased to \$10.00 in order that each member shall do his proportionate share in the establishing of a fund to properly support the various dental societies and to make possible a post-graduate course." While each of the above resolutions were adopted, there is no record of how long they were enforced.

However, on April 26, 1922, when Dr. W. A. Hall was president and Dr. L. J. Moran was secretary, a motion was made and passed to change the component dues to \$8.00. Secretary-Treasurer, E. C. McCready's report for the year 1922-23 revealed a steady growth in members and finance. On September 1, 1923 the cash balance in the treasury was \$430.81. Some of the expenditures read as follows: Mrs. Davidson (40 dinners), \$30.00; J. Roy Blaney, lecture \$20.00; E. E. Graham, \$25.00; Dr. Puterbaugh lecture, \$10.00. State and National dues \$424.00.

Following the visit of the State Secretary, Dr. A. J. Kimm, on February 12, 1924, who held that the ADA dues should not have been raised, a committee was appointed to see if the Component dues could be lowered for the next year.

On December 17, 1924 the local dues were reduced to \$2.00 making the total dues \$10.00 for the year of 1925. Secretary E. C. McCready's report revealed a growth in the treasury, from a cash balance of \$151.00 in 1919 to \$680.15 in 1924.

The Society's first donation, \$100.00 was made on February 12, 1925 to the Riley Memorial Fund. Later, the society purchased \$300.00 of the Riley Memorial Fund Bonds. The second donation of record was for \$50.00 made on December 14, 1927 to the Hunt Memorial Committee. The latter was donated by individual members.

The February meeting was an eventful one in many ways. It was the first meeting to be held in Valparaiso. Dr. F. A. Hamilton of Indianapolis spoke on, "The Importance of Sending News Items to the Bulletin (State magazine of ISDA)."

By November 16, 1927, it was realized the office of the secretary needed a reward for his many services and time. While Dr. R. C. Schurr was secretary, it was granted the person holding the office shall receive his Component dues and 25c from each member as a reward for service. On the suggestion of Dr. R. R. Gillis, invitations were sent to the dentists of LaPorte to attend our meetings.

When E. A. Frantz was president, E. C. Hulett, secretary and E. J. Davis, treasurer, the depression made itself felt in no small way with members of the society. Dr. Hulett reported, "He had no funds with which to do business, as the funds of the society were in the defunct People's Co-operative Bank." To meet this emergency, dues were paid in advance



Carl A. Frech, D.D.S., F.A.C.D.

by the membership and the Building & Loan stocks were authorized to be sold.

By motion, on June 22, 1932, \$15.00 was allowed for expenses of the Trustee attending the State Meeting, from then on.

President C. A. Frech and the society witnessed an alarming decline in membership in 1932. In 1929 there were 100 active members, 1930—97, 1931—90 and 1932—68. On January 18, 1933, Dr. N. M. Campbell's report as Chairman of the Membership Committee resulted in an offer of paying dues in three payments to make the obligation easier for the members.

The president gave honorable mention on March 15, 1933 to Drs. H. C. Hayden and F. C. Baker for their efforts put forth on the membership committee. Ten applications were presented during the meeting. A member versed on legal affairs, read and discussed the new State Income Tax Law, and its effect on the dental profession during the same meeting.

In September of the same year, the \$200.00 in the Hammond Building and Loan Shares and the \$403.11 in the People's Co-operative Bank were accepted as assets, in the secretary's report.

The society's greatest expenditure occurred in 1946. During that time \$3,030.60 was expended for newspaper announcements as each member returned from the Armed services and opened his office. The intent was a token of welcome to the veteran.

With the greatly improved economic conditions of the district during and following World War II, the assets of the society amounted to \$1,700 in 1949. While the general economy was improved, costs to the society in conducting its affairs advanced, necessitating an increase of dues. The same was true of the ISDA and ADA. However, the seventeen-year-old threat of Socialized Medicine and Dentistry in the United States greatly influenced the amount of the state and national dues. The expense of the ADA legislative program in Washington to counter the menace was imperative.

The total dues for the year 1949 were \$30.00 with \$12.00 going to ADA, \$10.00 to the ISDA, and \$8.00 to the Component.



John W. Powley, D.D.S.

An outstanding service was offered to the membership in June 1949 by President, Dr. J. W. Powley and his insurance committee. After many months of study, the committee composed of Drs. Robert R. Gillis, Robert A. Grove and Newton M. Campbell presented the society with the True Group Insurance Plan which offered benefits in case of death, accident or sickness. The group form of the insurance offered protection to many members that could not qualify for insurance in other forms. Over eighty percent of the members signed for the plan and policies were issued by

the Provident Life and Accident Insurance Company for an annual premium of \$109.00. Mr. Charles O. Finley, of Gary, served as agent for the company and is credited with arranging many of the provisions of the contract.

The society was presented with a most inspiring form of programs for the year 1949, due to the foresight of President, Dr. R. A. Rocke and his fellow officers. Earlier in the year the officers had registered the group with the University of Illinois College of Dentistry for the Telephone Extension Course. This was a pioneer offering in a new form of education. The course was composed of six series of lectures and a manual of photographs and graphs. Prominent educators in medicine and dentistry made up the lecture panels. The membership was most elated when they learned that Dr. Robert R. Gillis had been invited to give his lecture, "The Denture Space", as a member of the fifth panel in March 1950. One hundred-fifteen members enrolled for the course of instruction and they were informed in the following months by Dr. Saul Levy that they were the largest group enrolled in the United States.

## SOCIAL

The spirit of fellowship among the members is an outstanding reason for the success of the society throughout its thirty-four years. This was cultivated from its inception by many of the Founders. The expression of hospitality and friendship expressed by Drs. W. A. Hall and J. C. Sawyer and others has never waned. Michigan City was always considered a delightful place to meet in winter or summer. The visits to the State Prison, the golf links, Lake Michigan and the splendid hotels assured a rare occasion.

The wives of the members were gradually included in the recreation meetings. It was soon observed their expression of interest in the society could be used to a great advantage. The first they occur in the records

was in the secretary's report of February 17, 1932. "The society entertained the wives and assistants to a 6 o'clock dinner, Venetian room, Gary Hotel, followed by an evening of bridge and motion pictures." Their interest and attendance had much to do with the picnics and Christmas parties that have been annual events throughout the years.

With Dr. S. F. DeHaven as chairman, the society sponsored golf meetings for its members in the same year. The first event was held at Turkey Creek Golf Club, in Gary on July 13th.

The rapid decline in membership and the depressing business conditions of 1933 called for a stimulating form of entertainment. While Drs. G. D. Kingery and N. M. Campbell served



Newton M. Campbell,  
D.D.S., F.A.C.D.

as president and secretary, the following sentiment was expressed in the minutes of November 18th, "For the good of the society and in the interest of attracting new and former members into the fold, for our mutual benefit, it was decided to dispense with the regular December meeting and have a Stag Party as a group of men, inviting every ethical dentist in the district." Drs. Campbell, Nixon, Baker, DeHaven and others served on this committee. The event was so successful that the Stag Party was repeated for several succeeding years. Its merits were soon reflected on the membership records of the secretary.

By 1947 all of the members serving in the armed services had returned to their respective locations and the general membership was in a celebrating mood. The stag parties gave way to the Yule-Tide dinner dances which were held in various country clubs about the district. These parties were most beneficial to the society as they provided an opportunity for the members to entertain their wives and their guests of allied professions.

## LEGISLATIVE

For the thirty-four years of its existence the society has depended on one of its Founders, Dr. Robert R. Gillis to keep it informed on all legislative matters pertaining to dentistry. Through his many days and hours of labor, the society takes great pride in one of its members helping to formulate national and state laws governing the profession. Having served as a member of the Legislative Committee of the ISDA for the past thirty-eight years, he can be credited with much of the dental law that is enforced today.

"An Act to Regulate the Practice of Dentistry in Indiana," (1879) is the earliest known regulation to the practice of dentistry in Indiana. The Acts regulating the practice of medicine were not formed until eighteen years later (1897).

It is interesting to note that during the society's second business meeting, on April 25, 1917, they took action to serve the state. At this meeting they sanctioned the appointment of Dr. C. A. Nixon and K. L. Myers to become members of the State Board of Dental Examiners.

Child Welfare received its first attention in February 1921, while Dr. B. W. Avery was president. Dr. A. R. Ross, then state president, read a paper on the proposed plan of the ISDA for a statewide census of school children. The society voted unanimously to accept the plan and do everything possible for its success. Chairmen were appointed to represent the various counties.

Dr. Gillis' influence on national legislation is in evidence in February, 1924, when he gave a talk on "The Dental Laws and How They Can Be Changed." Letters were mailed to the two senators and thirteen representatives, asking their support on Bill 1785, which had to do with "Regulations of Dental Practice in the District of Columbia."

Secretary C. E. McCready's report in February, 1925, revealed a continued interest in Child Welfare. James Standley, Principal of the Roosevelt School of Gary, explained the work being done in the Gary schools. Children were instructed in Oral Hygiene. The importance of

the Oral Hygiene Bill was stressed, which would make it possible to do the work more efficiently.

Perhaps the most important legislative issue in many years was before the dentists of the state in 1925. Bills appropriating the University necessary funds to take over the Indiana Dental College were before the legislature.

Until November 13, 1926, meetings of the society were irregular and dependent on call. Gatherings conformed to an approximate schedule in 1927-28 as a result of discussion by the society and its Board of Directors. The following schedule was adopted—First meeting date from October 1st to 10th, second meeting date from November 15th to December 1st, third meeting was declared a stated meeting to be held on the third Wednesday in February. The State Secretary was instructed to place the date in the records. Fourth meeting date from April 8th to 12th. This schedule prevailed until October 21, 1931, when it was resolved the meetings would be held on the third Wednesday of each month except the months of February and May. Recess on these months was declared in order there would be no conflict with the meetings of the Chicago Dental Society and the ISDA.

The society directly affected the liberty of dentists over the state when they presented their resolution to the State Board of Dental Examiners, recommending "That a legally qualified dentist, shall not be prosecuted for conducting a dental practice in more than one county of the state."

A most unusual approach to acquaint state legislators with our project, occurred on December 17, 1930. Five newly elected assemblymen were introduced by Dr. R. R. Gillis. They had been invited to be present and hear about the proposed new dental law. After some discussion they all responded by assuring the society of their support in the bills. On March 18, 1931, the society voted Dr. Gillis a vote of gratitude for his untiring efforts in seeing the legislation become a reality.

Another federal law to affect our society was the National Recovery Act. On September 20, 1933, Dr. Gillis explained the ADA effort to establish a "Dental Code", to cooperate with the N.R.A. President Roosevelt's Blanket code dictated the hours and salary to be paid the dental assistant, according to the population of a particular community.

As the N.R.A. affected all forms of business relations, patients naturally had more leisure hours. As a result of this change, the society recommended that office hours be limited to three evenings a week. The hope was expressed they could later be reduced to two evenings, thereby protecting the health of the dentist and insuring greater efficiency of the members.

Having served many years as chairman of the state legislative committee of the ISDA, Dr. Gillis was relieved of this position in 1948 by Dr. E. A. W. Montgomery of Evansville. However, he continued to serve on the committee with Drs. Barb and Terrell. In 1949, the Committee placed two bills Nos. 135 and 154 before the state legislature for passage. They were successful with Bill No. 135, while Bill No. 154 failed to be reported out of committee. The Health Bill provided for further protection of the public and the profession. The Financial Bill permitted the

raising of the registration fee from \$3.00 to \$5.00 and other matters of finance of the State Board of Dental Examiners.

## NATIONAL SERVICE

The society took an active part in two endeavors of national scope. The first was when the Committee on the Costs of Medical Care requested a dental examination and chart made of each school child from the first to the eighth grade inclusive. This occurred about 1930 under the direction of the United States Public Health Service. Chairmen were appointed for all the respective counties. All the schools in the district were served by members of the Northwest and the charts were delivered to the ISDA.

The second occasion was in the fall of 1943 and was a part of the War effort. It was known as The High School Physical Fitness Dental Health Program and sponsored by the ADA. Its main objective was to enable high school students entering military or civilian war services to begin training without loss of valuable time necessary for dental rehabilitation. Dr. H. C. Hayden served as chairman for the district and appointed chairmen for the respective counties. All high school students were examined and charts made. Those requiring dental services were given priority in dental offices.



Wayne K. Stoler, D.D.S.

It was gratifying to the society to have one of its members appointed to the role of Contact Dentist for the Second Congressional District, as the district was composed of eleven counties. It was the duty of the Contact Dentist to serve as liaison between the Legislative Committee of the ADA and the Senator and Congressman of the district. The author served in this capacity, in the legislative programs of the ADA from 1945-1950. Through the years Senator William E. Jenner and Congressman Charles A. Halleck have been loyal supporters of the ADA legislation and opposed to any form of socialized medicine for this country.

By circumstance, the society was in a key position in the ADA program when Congressman Halleck held the powerful position of Majority Leader in 1947. He was opposed to the Wagner-Murray-Dingell legislation as proposed by the Roosevelt-Truman Administration and was in a position to help the cause of the ADA.

The society takes great pride in its members who have contributed to the advancement of dentistry by their inventions.

The most widely known, was Dr. John O. Butler, of Gary, The "Dr. Butler Tooth Brush", became famous as it was revolutionary in design. Spacing of the bristle tufts in a small head, created an improved instru-

ment for oral hygiene. The increased demand for the product required his full attention and it became necessary for him to retire from dental practice in 1923.

The vitality of the pioneers of the society was again demonstrated in Dr. Bruce W. Avery, of Whiting, and Dr. M. P. Avery, of Gary, while associated with their brother Dr. Samuel K. Avery, of Goodland, in their tenacious spirit of research for better denture service. As early as 1924, it was their conviction that a departure from the complicated set-up involving compensating curves and interlocking masticating surfaces was necessary, if the average dentist was to construct efficient artificial dentures. At that time a taxidermist was located near the office of Dr. Bruce Avery which offered a natural and excellent opportunity for a thorough study of comparative dental anatomy. They soon learned that animals in many cases had much more efficient masticatory mechanism than humans.

The results of their studies and research were presented in clinic form, to the denture section, of the Indiana State Dental Convention in 1926. The first article on the subject appeared in the June 1929 issue of the Dental Digest. By 1929 their studies caused them to develop, "A Scissor-Bite Denture Technic; Using Incising Angles, Parallel Planes and Diverging Grooves", Jour. A.D.A., July, 1930. This work was presented before the Section on Full Denture Prosthesis at the Seventy-first Annual Session of the American Dental Association, Washington, D.C., October 10, 1929.

Not only are they known for their research which is still in progress after twenty-five years but they have invented several instruments related to the technic of forming and arranging Scissor-Bite teeth. Also, the society is proud of them as authors of the above mentioned subject. The article covers twenty-six pages and presents excellent photographs and technical drawings illustrating their subject.

Dr. H. D. Kesling of LaPorte, who confined his practice to orthodontia, developed the "Tooth Positioning Appliance" in 1943. The Positioner is in the form of a pliable rubber negative of the teeth and arches formed to the ideal arrangement of the dentition. The appliance offered several desirable features (a) the time element of wearing orthodontia appliances was reduced, (b) improved alignment of the teeth and arches, and (c) served as a retainer.



Harold D. Kesling, D.D.S., M.D.S.

The new principal was acclaimed by students of the subject and attracted international attention. As a result, he was required to hold seminars regarding the philosophy and technique in various cities about the country including his city of residence. Training courses were also given to

orthodontists of the United States and foreign countries at the University of Detroit and before national meetings of orthodontists.

An article entitled, "The Philosophy of The Tooth Positioning Appliance", written by the inventor, appeared in the American Journal of Orthodontics and Oral Surgery, St. Louis, Vol. 31, No. 6, Orthodontics, June, 1945.

His dental education was obtained at the Chicago College of Dental Surgery, where he received his D.D.S. degree in 1924. Nine years later he received his M.D.S. degree from the same college, a department of Loyola University. In 1938 and 1941, he did postgraduate work in the orthodontic department of Columbia University.

Dr. S. E. Kroczek of Hammond invented the scientific motor driven precision instrument sharpener in 1946. The controls can be set to maintain the exact design and shape of the blade as intended by the manufacturer. He also designed the Kroczek cutting instruments for cavity preparation.

Dr. V. O. Snowden of Gary, having specialized in Prosthodontics for several years, designed an articulator in 1948, the lower portion of which was movable and featured many of the normal excursions of the mandible.

Dr. J. E. Magnuson, of LaPorte, made an interesting contribution to history of the district, in 1932, by his treatise entitled, "One Hundred Years of Dentistry in LaPorte". The article was prepared for the centennial celebration of the city. Copies were presented to the libraries of the Dental School and the ADA.

Jos. R. Jarabak, D.D.S., M.S., of East Chicago, received the Master of Science degree from the Dental School of Northwestern University for advanced study in Orthodontics and Facial Growth in 1939-41. His interest in the subject continued, and his efforts as Research Associate in Anatomy were recognized by the USPHS with dental research grants in 1948-49-50. The grant in 1950 was for, "Effect of abnormal tensions upon the sites of growth of the cranium and face." (\$6,031) Having combined his interest in advanced education and research, Dr. Jarabak contemplates receiving the Ph. D. degree in 1952.

## NORTHWEST DISTRICT'S PART IN WORLD WAR II

The national effort on the part of dentistry toward Selective Service involved 9,499 dentists. While 243 served in the state, approximately 45 of this number were from Jasper, Lake and Porter counties, LaPorte and Michigan City.

In 1941, each member of the various Selective Service Boards was issued a certificate of appointment, as Dental Examiner, by the President of the United States. A certificate of appreciation in recognition of uncompensated services rendered his country was issued to each member by the President, in 1942, 1943, and 1944. They were signed by Franklin D. Roosevelt, President of the United States; Lewis B. Hershey, National Director of Selective Service; Henry F. Schricker, Governor of Indiana and R. Hitchcock, State Director of Selective Service. The certificate issued in 1945 carried the signatures of Harry S. Truman,

President of the United States; Lewis B. Hershey, National Director; Ralph F. Gates, Governor of Indiana and F. Lyle Summers, State Director.

Board members serving the entire period, from May 22, 1941 to March 21, 1947 were released from their affidavits and pledges with a certificate of service. It was issued by the Selective Service System and bore the previously mentioned signatures. They were also presented with the Selective Service System—World War II—Medal, which was the first medal ever issued by the Congress of the United States for this service. The medal carries the following inscription: "Awarded in the name of the Congress of the United States for faithful and loyal service."

Members who served as dental examiners on the various Selective Service Boards were as follows:

#### Jasper County

Pavy, R. L.

Sutherland, E.

#### Porter County

Conover, G. D.

Jones, G. R.

Stoler, W. K.

#### LaPorte County

Ross, G. B.

Herrold, A. E.

Gilmore, A. E.

Gardner, R. C.

Ginther, L.

Rocke, R. A.

Magnuson J. E.

#### Lake County

Baker, F. C.

Gaunt, R. A.

Beck, W. R.

Alger, R. F.

Barton, H. R.

Kamm, E.

Flora, K. L.

Bills, R. T.

Wilkes, S. A.

Lenburg, J. V.

Specter, W. E.

Marshall, V. M.

Grove, R. A.

Cravens, J. J.

Sirlin, A. W.

Courtice, C. J.

Adkins, A. S.

Powley, J. W.

Avery, M. P.

Davies, W. H.

Bardowski, A. E.

Wadas, J. J.

Brooks, K. R.

Johnson, A. M.

DeHaven, S. F.

McCready, C. E.

Taggart, D. O.

Asher, P. H.

Goldstein, B. H.

Avery Jr., M. P.

Hayden, H. C.

Bratton, R. H.

Jurgens, A. F.

Janzig, R. W.

Steffes, C. L.

Ross, G. H.

Grupe, W. S.

Brown, C. M.

Bucur, N.

## OFFICERS OF THE ARMY-NAVY DENTAL CORPS

Baranowski, A., Major	LaPorte
Bardowski, A. E., Captain	Gary
Berens, E. J., 1st. Lieutenant	Hammond
Bieker, D., Captain	Hammond
Bingham, L. W., Captain	Gary
Buda, J. M., Captain	Hammond
Burns, E. J., Lieutenant	Gary
Chalko, A. J., Captain	Whiting
Clark, L. L., Lieutenant Commander	Griffith
Cohn, L. M., Lieutenant	Gary
Cory, B. G., Lieutenant Colonel	Whiting
Courtice, C. J., Major	Hammond
Daubenheyer, S. B., Captain	Gary
DeGrazia, M. G., Captain	Valparaiso
Delk, Wm., Major	East Chicago
Denison, W. R., Major	Crown Point
Dinwiddie, G. A., Captain	Lowell
Downey, R. C., Major	Hammond
Geisel, J. E., Captain	Gary
Gregoline, M. R., Captain	Gary
Gregoline, L. J., Major	Gary
Gutowski, F. J., Captain	Gary
Hall, W. A. Jr. Commander	Michigan City
Hartley, G. N., Lieutenant Commander	East Chicago
Harris, P. P., Captain	LaPorte
Hulett, R. L., Captain	Hammond
Jarabak, J. P., Commander	East Chicago
Jaracz, L., Captain	East Chicago
Johnson, A. M., Major	East Chicago
Jurgens, A. F., Lieutenant Commander	Hammond
Kosior, F. J., Major	Whiting
LaCount, D. P., Captain	Valparaiso
Levinson, F. F., Major	Gary
Lindborg, R. D., Lieutenant	LaPorte
Lonsbury, L. F., Captain	Gary
McCready, C. E., Captain	Gary
Meisel, R. R., Captain	Hammond
Metaxas, G. G., Lieutenant Commander	Hobart
Mintz, H. S., Captain	East Chicago
Pavy, R. L., Captain	Rensselaer
Pinkerton, H. E., Lieutenant Commander	Whiting
Powley, J. W., Lieutenant Commander	Hammond
Raycraft, K. F., Major	Hammond
Redman, P., Captain	Hammond
Sheffield, T.B., Major	Valparaiso
Shurr, R. C., Major	Valparaiso
Siegesmund, K. W., Major	Hobart

*Sitko, J., Captain	Hammond
Sullivan, J. E., Lieutenant	Hammond
Sullivan, Robt., Captain	Hammond
Tilka, M. A., Lieutenant Commander	Hammond
Tolpa, T. W., Captain	Gary
Troutwine, G. H., Captain	Crown Point
Tullis, E. R., Lieutenant Commander	Crown Point
Vojak, C. J., Major	Michigan City
Wadas, F. J., Captain	East Chicago
Wadas, A. J., Captain	East Chicago
Wagner, G. N., Captain	LaPorte
Walsh, J. E., Lieutenant	Gary
Watts, E. E., Captain	Gary
White, L. H., Lieutenant Commander	Valparaiso
Zimmerman, J., 1st. Lieutenant	Valparaiso

(\*Deceased)

Note—The society is very proud of the members who served in the Dental Corps. Due to the confusion of induction and discharge of those in the services it was impossible to maintain an official record. The above list of names and rank was compiled with the assistance of many of the members. If any names have been omitted or inaccuracies in rank recorded, it was done inadvertently.

## THE INSTITUTE OF WAR MEDICINE AND SURGERY FOR DENTISTS

Northwest furnished thirteen of the forty-seven Indiana dentists registered among the 723 receiving the certificate for the course of instruction. In all, there were 575 dentists, 98 D. C., USA and 50 D. C., USN. The institute and its publication by the same name were sponsored by the Chicago Dental Society. The course was offered to the members of the dental profession to help prepare them for the realities of their function in modern war. There were thirty lecture hours and demonstrations. The sessions of the Institute were held during the dark days of the conflict, on October 26, 27, 28, 29, 1942. They were held in the John B. Murphy Memorial Hall of the American College of Surgeons, exemplifying the unity of purpose that exists between medicine and dentistry in the United States. Those registered are:

Berens, E. J.	Morgenthaler, C. F.
Clark, L. L.	Powley, J. W.
Eisenhutt, L. L.	Prall, J. W.
Gillis, R. R.	Smith, R. P.
Hayden, H. C.	Smith, W. T.
Johnson, R. O.	Specter, W. E.

Stoler, W. K.

Following the tragedy of Pearl Harbor and the continued advance of the Japanese in the Aleutian Islands, bombing of our cities, transpor-

tation centers and industries became a very real threat.

Many dentists of the district gave considerable of their time to the activities of the Office of Civil Defense. In addition to their increased patient load many hours were spent in training, and exercises in caring for the injured following bombing and fire.

As many of the physicians had entered the Armed Services, dentists were called upon to fill the breach. They held responsible positions in disaster, ambulance, First Aid Units and Civil Air Patrol.

Fortunately, the Japanese withdrew, removing the immediate threat of bombing to the cities and industry of the great Calumet District and the units were never employed.

Dr. G. D. Conover directed the Valparaiso Unit during 1943 while he served as Mayor of the city.



Raymond C. Shurr,  
D.D.S., F.A.C.D.

In 1942, the Northwest District and the Indiana State Dental Association lost one of their most valuable members in the person of Dr. R. C. Shurr, of Valparaiso. He was granted a commission as Captain in the Dental Corps of the United States Army and was inducted at Camp Gruber, Oklahoma. For twenty-five months 1943, to 1945 he served in Africa and Italy as Dental Chief of the 57th, Station Hospital. He was discharged in 1945 and promoted to the rank of Major in 1946. The societies were pleased to be able to offer such a treasured member for military service but, they were shocked when they learned that he chose to locate in Muskogee, Oklahoma, following the war.

During his twenty-one years of active practice in Valparaiso, he was a constant worker for dental society and his enthusiasm was a stimulating influence which radiated from the many offices he served. His record of service to organized dentistry is as follows:

Upon graduation from the Chicago College of Dental Surgery, in 1921, he joined the American Dental Association. However, during his years in dental school World War I was a major issue and he served as a member of the Student Army Training Corps. He served in all of the offices of the component, as a secretary in 1927-28 and as president in 1930-31. He served as trustee, representing the district on the Board of Trustees, Indiana State Dental Association, 1929-34. Perhaps one of his greatest contributions occurred when he served five years, 1934-39, in the difficult office of executive-committeeman (program chairman) for state conventions. This effort was recognized and he was made president-elect in 1939-40. Still other groups realized his meritorious efforts and bestowed upon him the honorary degree of FACD in 1939.

During his presidency of the Indiana State Dental Association, in 1940, he personally visited each of the component societies of the State and presented dental health talks to schools and various civic groups. Dr. Shurr's last services to the state were in 1941, when he served as chairman of Redistricting Committee of the Indiana State Dental Association, and as a member of the Military Affairs Committee and Procurement and Assignment Committee of the ISDA.

## MEDICAL—DENTAL RELATIONS

The first joint meeting of physicians and dentists was held on March 16, 1932, when President Dr. E. C. Hulett extended a cordial welcome to all physicians including members of the Lake County Medical Society. The mutual interest was so profound, the meetings have continued to be an annual event, with each society alternating as host. Dr. R. R. Gillis was the speaker on this occasion, discussing, "Panel Dentistry". He had compiled statistics on its use in foreign countries, especially England. In the discussion that followed E. L. Schaible, M. D., who had recently returned from a visit to England added his observations of the plan in operation. Dr. Schaible then expressed the gratitude of all the medical society for the timely program and delightful meeting.

The insurance system of supplying medical care had its inception in Germany in 1883. Although England adopted its so-called "panel" system in 1911, the movement progressed slowly until the period following the World War. Following 1919 there was a tremendous acceleration of the movement and by 1931 compulsory medical insurance was in operation in twenty-seven countries and some form of voluntary medical insurance was to be found in fifteen countries.

All the elements that preceded medical insurance in other countries were present here and the country had moved toward health insurance in the operation of the workmen's compensation legislation. The professions in this country realized the opportunity of having a hand in determining the direction and tempo of the change.

Another instance of medical-dental relations occurred on October 18, 1933, when Mr. Blake, superintendent of the Methodist Hospital, Gary, extended an invitation to the society. The chairman of the dental section of the hospital staff was invited to become a member of the Executive Board of the Hospital. Many of the dentists of the district enjoyed the courtesy of the various Staffs and Hospitals, doing dental and oral surgery. Drs. W. T. Smith and C. F. Morgenthaler, of Hammond and R. W. Janzig, of Gary, were granted the courtesies of the various hospitals in the Calumet district.

For the past seventeen years, regardless of the economic conditions in the nation, the Roosevelt-Truman administrations pressed their Health and Social Security schemes on the nation. With England's adoption of Socialized Health Services in 1948, the progress of Communism and President Truman's request for Compulsory Health Insurance, the medical and dental professions were eager for enlightenment.

With this background, a mutually interesting and informative meeting was held on January 12, 1949. The Northwest served as host to

the Lake and Porter County Medical Societies. Mr. M. H. Peterson, Associate Administrator of the National Physicians Committee was the speaker. His talk not only revealed the inroads made by Communism on our society but its interest and relation to socialized health services. Then he spoke of the effort being made by various forms of business to counter the scheme of forcing Compulsory Health Insurance upon the nation, regardless of its failure in many foreign countries. The economic effect of the 14% payroll tax was discussed at length. After speaking and answering questions for two hours to an attendance of eighty-five, he was only permitted to depart after a promise of a return visit in the near future.

The National Physicians Committee and the National Committee of Dentists were disbanded in 1949 and the fight against socialized medicine and dentistry continued under the direct supervision of the AMA and the ADA.

The growing interdependency of the two professions was again demonstrated during the joint meeting of the two societies in October 1950. The four months old Korean war exposed the military weakness of the nation and the absence of preparedness to care for civilians in case of atomic bombing. A study of this problem soon revealed there would not be enough physicians to care for the injured if cities were bombed. The universal Civil Defense Plan was composed of eight divisions, including medical. The magnitude of duties of the medical branch was presented by members of the Lake County Medical Society and revealed the importance of dentists in augmenting the roll of the physician. All dentists were requested to volunteer for special training in several fields of medicine and surgery in order that they might be able to assist in care of casualties resulting from atomic bombing in the Calumet area.

## PAST PRESIDENTS OF THE SOCIETY

1st. Marx Ruge*	1916	18th. G. D. Kingery*	1933
2nd. J. A. Dinwiddie*	1917	19th. F. C. Baker	1934
3rd. J. H. Long*	1918	20th. N. M. Campbell	1935
4th. J. C. Sawyer*	1919	21st. R. P. Smith	1936
5th. B. W. Avery	1920	22nd. H. C. Hayden	1937
6th. W. A. Hall	1921	23rd. H. D. Kesling	1938
7th. W. H. Davis	1922	24th. C. F. Morgenthaler	1939
8th. L. J. Moran	1923	25th. S. F. DeHaven	1940
9th. P. L. Riggs*	1924	26th. E. R. Tullis	1941
10th. A. P. Craig	1925	27th. S. A. Wilkes	1942
11th. C. E. McCready	1926	28th. R. G. Banks	1943
12th. A. P. McConnell	1927	29th. J. R. Jarabak	1944
13th. C. A. Nixon*	1928	30th. P. H. Asher	1945
14th. E. A. Frantz	1929	31st. R. A. Grove	1946
15th. R. C. Shurr	1930	32nd. A. F. Jurgens	1947
16th. E. C. Hulett	1931	33rd. W. J. Powley	1948
17th. C. A. Frech	1932	34th. R. A. Rocke	1949

(\*Deceased)



Paul H. Asher, B.S., D.D.S.

## MEMBERS WHO HAVE HELD STATE OFFICES

President ISDA, R. R. Gillis.....	1916
President ISDA, R. C. Shurr.....	1940
Treasurer ISDA, F. C. Baker.....	1947-

### STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

J. A. Dinwiddie, Lowell.....	1909-1913
W. L. Myer, Rensselaer.....	1917-1921
(President, 1919-20)	
C. A. Nixon, Valparaiso.....	1919-1923
R. R. Gillis, Hammond.....	1921-1929
(President, 1923-25)	
F. C. Baker, Hammond.....	1933-1939
C. A. Frech, Gary.....	1939-
(Secretary from January 1943)	

### TRUSTEES

1916-1919.....	C. D. Ross, Michigan City
1919-1922.....	Marx Ruge, Valparaiso
1922-1925.....	B. W. Avery, Whiting
1925-1928.....	P. L. Riggs, Lowell
1928-1932.....	C. E. McCready, Gary
1932-1934.....	R. C. Shurr, Valparaiso
1934-1937.....	C. A. Frech, Gary
1937-1940.....	N. M. Campbell, Gary
1940-1943.....	W. A. Hall Sr., Michigan City
1943-1946.....	F. C. Baker, Hammond
1946-1949.....	P. H. Asher, Gary
1949-1952.....	P. H. Asher, Gary

## CONCLUSION

Brevity of the subject does not permit discussion of the many offices and servants of the society. There is much to be related in regard to those who have served the ISDA. However, there is an appreciation of the many, many hours required each year in traveling, attending conferences and study of the affairs of the ISDA. The jewel of office is not only symbolic of proficiency in the proceeding station, but one of contributions of time and effort in behalf of dental society.

Another very important position in the organization is that of Program Chairman. Much credit for the progress of the society is attributed to these men and those who served with them throughout the thirty-five years.

The Contributing Editors have advertised the activities of the society and its various members to the state. Their hours of labor have done much to stimulate interest on the part of the members. Dr. C. A. Frech had the honor of being appointed an Associate Editor, by the Editor-in-Chief of The Journal of the ISDA, Dr. H. C. Dimmich, of Fort Wayne, in 1939, also the writer, in 1949. Not only is the society proud of the monthly contributions to the Journal of the ISDA, but of the articles contributed by other members.

By June of 1950, dental practice through-out the district had approached a degree of normalcy. Practices interrupted by the war had been re-established by the members who served in the armed services. Others had been readjusted to a post-war basis and some members were able to devote a portion of their time to research that had been laid aside during the war years. However, the long armistice was terminated by the Korean police action on behalf of the United Nations, which soon developed into a vicious war that produced more casualties than the country had suffered in its first two wars. Meanwhile, international relations further deteriorated to the extent that a national defense emergency was declared. The threat of a third world war caused the Eighty-first Congress to amend Section 4, Title 1 of the Selective Service Act of 1948, relative to medical and allied specialties, on September 9, 1950. Following President Truman's October 6 Proclamation governing registration of medical and allied specialists, all dentists under fifty years of age registered for the Medical Draft on October 16, 1950 or January 8, 1951.

The universal draft had an immediate effect on several members of the district who were granted commissions in various branches of the armed services, by January 15, 1951. Those commissioned were as follows: Drs. J. S. Routes and C. R. Herrick of Hobart; E. W. Griffith and R. E. Redding of Gary; P. J. Narcowich, of Griffith; D. W. Weber, of Michigan City and J. A. Beck, of Valparaiso.

In September of 1950 the Military Affairs Committee of the ISDA registered all dentists of the state in anticipation of a national need. Dr. A. F. Jurgens of Hammond, served as a member of this committee. President W. T. Smith appointed Dr. J. W. Powley, of Hammond, chairman of a like committee to serve the district. Others named on the committee were: Drs. A. M. Johnson, of East Chicago; G. B. Ross, of

Michigan City; P. P. Harris, of LaPorte; A. L. Kazwell, of Cedar Lake; and T. B. Sheffield, of Valparaiso.

In conclusion, the data presented, herewith, is an attempt to record historical chronology of dental events relative to the history of the society from the records available. The importance of dental history needs no emphasis, for the present is a product of what has gone before. The restrictions on materials accompanying the Korean War and the national emergency bring the research on this subject to an end.

## ROSTER OF MEMBERS AS OF JANUARY 1, 1951

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Spector, Louis D.	Gary	Walsh, John E.	Gary
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