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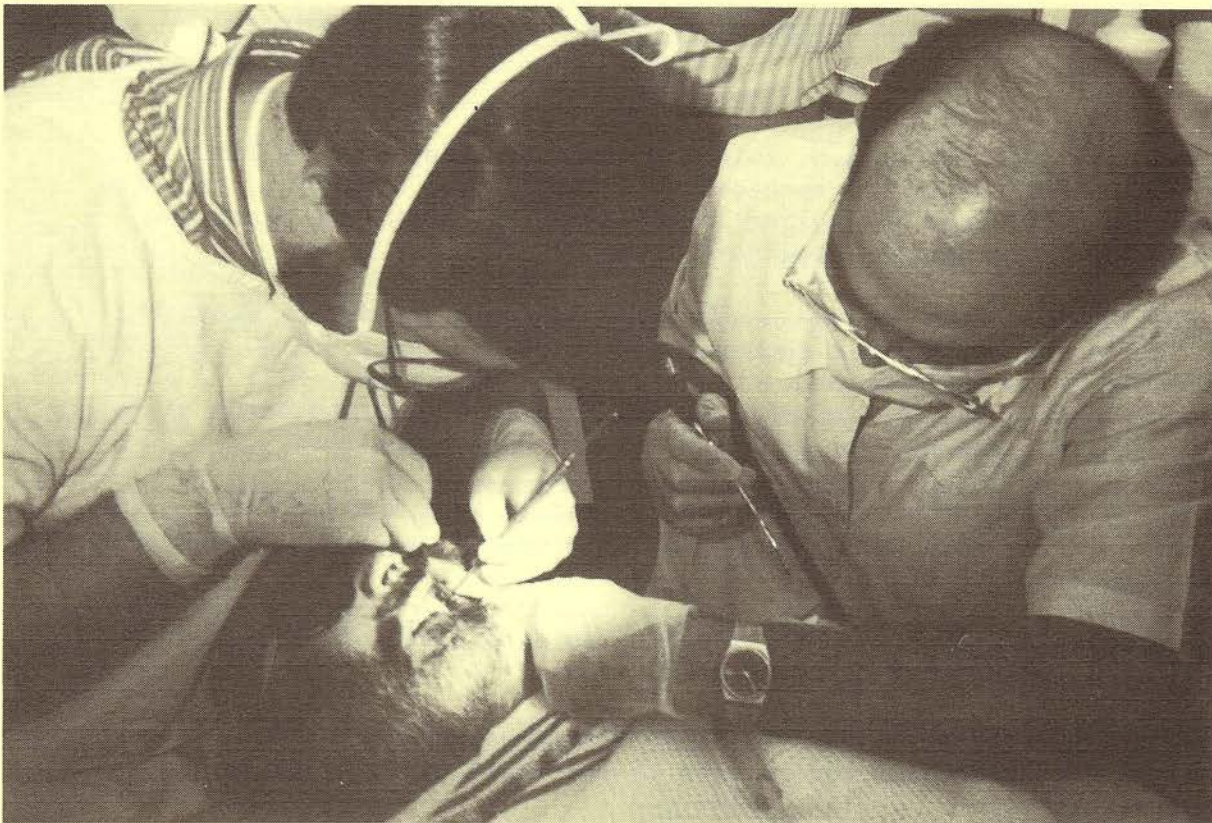
NORTHERN TERRITORY PROJECT.

It is pleasing to be able to report our project in sending Stephen Blackler to the Northern Territory was an outstanding success.

The Dentists particularly welcomed the practical approach and hands on component. This was made possible when the Government Dental Clinic was made available for clinical demonstrations and especially the provision by John Plummer of his maxillary molar tooth (while attached to John) to have an apicectomy and retro-filling of the buccal roots carried out.

Our Lecturer and Clinician was feted in the manner for which our N.T. Fellows have earned a reputation second to none, and he suggests that any future lecturers prepare themselves adequately for the overwhelming enthusiasm and generosity of the hosts.

School Dental Therapists were invited to be present for some of the lectures as they are responsible for treatments involving the pulp of deciduous teeth, especially pulpotomy, etc.



Stephen Blackler operating on John Plummer.

The attendance at Alice Springs was 4 dentists and 3 therapists.

In Darwin 21 dentists and 17 school dental therapists were present. The programme was developed after the dentists in the N.T. had provided comment as to those aspects of endodontics they wished to embrace and as such, the presentation was geared to very practical clinical aspects.

Dentists travelled from Katherine, Gove, Nhulunbuy and Mackay in Queensland to be present at the course.

The lecture programme included instrumentation difficulties and techniques, managing the endodontic emergency, periapical surgery, restoration of the root filled tooth, deciduous endodontics, pulpotomy/pulp capping indications, diagnostic problems, success and failure - criteria, radiographic techniques, treatment of the traumatized anterior tooth, update/instruments and materials.

Only dentists were present at the technique and clinical day and apart from our local hero, four other patients were treated to demonstrate - diagnostic procedures, rubber dam application, locating canals, by passing obstructions, instrumentation of the tortuous curved canal and of course apicectomy and retro-fillings of maxillary molar buccal roots.

The programme made your Editor envious of those that were able to be present as the course appeared to embrace all the difficulties he has encountered over his years of practice.

For the record John Plummer recovered and was free of discomfort or complications.

NEWS OF FELLOWS.

VICTORIA.

Dr. Bob Cook received an A.M. in the Queen's Birthday Honours list. His contributions to Dentistry extended well beyond Oral Surgery by his many activities within the Australian Dental Association at both State and Federal levels. Note also the next item.

Dr. Bill Chalmers has retired as Chairman of the Professional Provident Fund having steered it to a remarkable success over many years. 21 years as Trustee, 9 as Chairman and still a working Consultant. Bill is also one of our Regents. The Chairmanship of the Fund is now in the hands of Fellow Dr. Rhys Milner and Dr. Bob Cook A.M. is the Deputy Chairman.

Fellow Vin Amerena recently received the Meritorious Service Medal after 15 years service with the Army and has now retired as Colonel Consultant of the 3rd Military District Dental Corp.

The Victorian Branch of the Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons has elected Fellow Ross Bastiaan as Chairman.

It is hard to keep good men down. Syd Warneke is now President of the Society of Alumni and Friends of the Faculty of Dental Science and guess who is Vice President.....Bill Chalmers.

Fellow Peter Finch took the plunge and retired as from 30th June. We wish he and his charming wife Bobbie happy holidays. Have you been in any good train sleepers lately? Peter?

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Western Australia now has a Dental Faculty Alumni Committee. It's aims and ideals are as for those of other Schools. Your Editor has no doubt of its future success with Fellow Ray Owen taking on the Presidency following his return from a trip to the U.K.

While in the U.K. our longstanding Fellows Tom Goodall and John Prichard witnessed our cricketers Ashes Victory over England. I am not sure if Bob Turner actually got to the cricket while in England.

Ken Sutherland appears to be more out of Australia than in. Retirement seems to have further inspired him. Already this year Japan, the Phillipines and yet again to Sydney and Melbourne for his honorary activities.

This month Robin Powell and Terry Cutress are to visit Tonga to finalise their previous 3 year project. The College is pleased to be able to assist and a report will appear in a future Newsletter.

Following earlier discussion in New Zealand between your President, Registrar and Dr. Cutress, while in Tonga he will develop a protocol for a new project the concept of which is exciting. It is far too early to comment on the realities but we hope to develop a system with the potential to improve Dental Health in many of the Pacific Islands.

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GENERAL

Did you know that nearly all members of the Dental Health Committee of the N.H.M.R.C. are Fellows of the College.

The Committee comprises.....Ken Adkins as Chairman, Tas Brown, Bob Norton, Spiro Halikis, Dan Hurley and Bob Sharp is Secretary.

Fellow Michael Bennett though up to his ears in work as President of the Far North Queensland Convention at Cairns (August, 20-25), still found time to let me know they expect over 150 Dentists and Associates at the time of going to print, 10 Fellows (including President Bob Norton) have enrolled for the Gastronomic College Dinner at the Water's Edge Restaurant. I expect to hear some burps for our next Newsletter.

Fellow John Sinclair has been elected to the Council of the R.A.C.D.S. - this should prove to be quite a change from his activities as Chairman of the Biennial Convention of the N.Z.D.A. held in Christchurch last year.

STOP PRESS.

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Dear Don,

After two years as President of the Branch I was ineligible to serve again in that position. It therefore falls to me



The President and Registrar with the seven new Fellows inducted at Christchurch last August.

Do you recognise the one Australian?

NEW SOUTH WALES.

The Dentist Population Ratio has taken a plunge in N.S.W. Those recently retired include Fellows Tom Boshier, George Lonsdale, Bruce Burns, Bob Henry and Ian Noble.

Our good friend Andy Barnett has retired from Westmead but is now the Part-Time Secretary of the A.D.A. (N.S.W. Branch) Superannuation and Accident and Sickness Funds.

Earle Bastian has completed his retirement now he is no longer the Executive Director of the R.A.C.D.S., a post he held for some years.

Warren Berry has retired from his Taree Practice after 40 years. The district will miss his dental services. A true surprise party was organised by his family and friends. Those present included some well known Fellows (who will all be dated by this) who were classmates with Warren. viz Kendall Binns, Bob Carter, Lloyd Crawford and our President Bob Norton.

While mentioning Kendall Binns, he was recently honoured by the A.D.A. (N.S.W. Branch) in recognition of his role as organiser for the Annual Golf Days during the past 30 years.

With the retirement of Noel Martin the Department of Preventive Dentistry at Sydney University is now under the guidance of Fellow Peter Barnard.

NEW ZEALAND.

The new Dental Council has just elected Clive Ross as chairman. When you add in his time as Vice President of the F.D.I., when does he have time to practice?

Meanwhile, Peter Collins has done his round the world in 80 days principally for the F.D.I. These New Zealanders are tigers for punishment. (N.B. it wasn't 80 days but he achieved 80 days work).

Fellow Marsden Bell is chairman of the Section of Oral and Maxillo Facial Surgery of the R.A.C.D.S. -- some mouthfull, What? He is Chairman of the Organising Committee for the Sections Scientific Meeting being held at the Boulevard Hotel in Sydney, February 23-25, 1990. This is a first for the R.A.C.D.S. - good luck Marsden.

TASMANIA.

Peter Brothers returned from a whirlwind, long service leave, grand tour of Europe to find fluoridation of his Tasmanian municipal water supplies under siege by the newly elected "greenies". Watch this column for further developments.

Eric Canning, Tasmanian dentistry's only Member of the British Empire, is a man of action. When the Annual Eighth of August celebration of the mighty Australian Army endeavour in WW1 took place at the Anglesea Barracks, Eric led the traditional charge through the streets. He was heard exhorting his comrades with the battle cry, "Go get those Huns".

Did you know Herb Hammer, one of our Tasmanian stalwarts, has the most fantastic roses - he attributes them to the Elephant Manure he acquired.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

John Lavis is the first Patron of the recently formed Sir Joseph Verco Dental Chapter of the Alumni Association of the University of Adelaide. Tasman Brown was the speaker at the inaugural dinner meeting.

John Irwin has retired as consultant, Dental Services in the Department of Veteran Affairs in South Australia after several years of service in this capacity.

Trevor Martin has retired from Federal Council after many years of outstanding service, during which time he served as as Executive Officer and both chaired and was a member of several Federal Committees.

Tasman Brown has been appointed Convenor of an Expert Panel of the National Health and Medical Research Council to review the impact of changes in Oral Health within Australia.

FAUX PAS.

Though this is my first correction it will certainly not be the last.

It has been politely pointed out that Fellow Reg Hession is Secretary of the R.A.C.D.S. and not Registrar. The Registrar is Fellow George Hewitt who was also elected to the Council. I must congratulate George on the fact that it was a pleasure to read his hand written note.....so different to most "hands" one sees today.