

## THE DENTAL CLINIC OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

SEEKING to bridge the gap between medical and dental research, the University of Chicago this month will open its new Zoller Memorial Dental Clinic, as a division of the University Clinics. The project is made possible through a fund bequeathed to the university by the late Walter G. Zoller, a Chicago coal magnate who died in 1933, which now amounts to \$2,900,000.

The Zoller Clinic will represent the most concrete recognition yet made of the close relation between the condition of the mouth and that of the rest of the body. It will have the three-fold purpose of prosecuting research, providing advanced training for young dentists and giving dental service to a selected group of indigent patients. Initially, the patients will be drawn from among charity patients in the University Clinics or its affiliates, notably from the Home for Destitute Crippled Children, the Country Home for Convalescent Children and the Bobs Roberts pediatric hospital.

A selected group of dental graduates will be added to the staff as internes, fellows and instructors. Part of their time will be occupied with giving dental service, part in study and research in the university's basic departments of biological science. Working through such departments as bacteriology, physiology, biochemistry, pathology, anatomy and embryology, this group will engage in research on problems relating these fields with dentistry. Degrees granted will be the regular academic awards made through those departments, such as master of science or doctor of philosophy.

Dr. James R. Blayney, formerly professor of dental pathology and therapeutics at the University of Illinois, who is director of the Zoller Clinic, points out that "Never before has there been such an opportunity to integrate the oral diseases with the systemic diseases. In the study of dental conditions the research worker can reach the frontiers of the unknown more quickly than in any other field of medical research." Despite the fact that 98 per cent. of modern men are affected by disorders of the teeth and mouth, the cause of dental caries, or tooth decay, the commonest ailment, is largely unknown. Neither is it known why tooth decay occurs so frequently during adolescence.

Dr. Arthur C. Bachmeyer, director of the University Clinics, commenting on the "unfortunate hiatus that has existed between medicine and dentistry," states that the Zoller dental project will be started on a modest scale. Eventually, however, its budget will be \$80,000 a year. The clinic will be housed in quarters adjoining the Frank Billings Library in the

University Clinics. The late Dr. Billings is credited with the discovery that teeth can be centers of focal infection.

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## THE AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY AND THE COUNCIL ON FISHERY INVESTIGATIONS

THE sixty-sixth annual meeting of the American Fisheries Society was held in Grand Rapids, Michigan, on September 2, 3 and 4, with about 360 members and guests in attendance.

As is the usual custom, this meeting was held during the same week as that of the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners. The meeting of the American Fisheries Society followed the commissioners' meeting, with joint sessions of both organizations on September 2 that were devoted to a field trip and the joint annual banquet at the Pantlind Hotel. Under the supervision of the president, Frank T. Bell, U. S. Commissioner of Fisheries, and the secretary, Seth Gordon, a program of some fifty-six papers was arranged.

Following the presentation of reports of officers and committees, management of the lake fisheries occupied the attention of the association including the presentation of fourteen papers followed by research developments including fifteen papers. Creel census and tagging studies, disease parasites and predators, breeding and food habit studies, and a miscellaneous section were included on the program. Owing to the crowded program a night session was held to complete Thursday's program at which was presented as an added feature two motion picture films that were shown for the first time. One of these depicted the cooperative Great Lakes fishery investigations of the state of Michigan and the U. S. Bureau of Fisheries; the other was a preliminary showing of an unfinished film of four reels prepared by Arthur H. Fisher for the Bureau of Fisheries, showing the natural history of trout.

The following were elected officers for the coming year: *President*, Dr. A. G. Huntsman; *First Vice-president*, I. T. Quinn; *Second Vice-president*, Fred J. Foster; *Secretary-Treasurer*, Seth Gordon; *Librarian*, Kenneth Cobb. Division vice-presidents for the coming year are Arthur Aldrich, fish culture; Dr. M. M. Ellis, aquatic biology and physics; M. C. James, commercial fishing; William C. Tucker, protection and legislation, and Kenneth Reid, angling. The next meeting of the association will be held from August 23 to 25, 1937, in Mexico City, Mexico.

The twenty-third meeting of the North American Council on Fishery Investigations was held in New