Dr. Carl O. Boucher: Prosthodontist and Dental Editor

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Dr. Carl O. Boucher
Prosthodontist and Dental Editor
The Boucher Book
Drs Hickey & Zarb former residents
When George Washington was inaugurated for his first term as president in 1789, he had only one natural tooth remaining and was wearing his first full set of dentures made by John Greenwood. Previously he had had partial dentures which were held in place by hooking them around the remaining teeth. The Greenwood dentures had a base of hippopotamus ivory carved to fit the gums. The upper denture had ivory teeth and the lower plate consisted of eight human teeth fastened by gold pivots that screwed into the base. The set was secured in his mouth by spiral springs.
5 sets of dentures in last 10 years

• Washington's next set of dentures was made in 1791 and a third in 1795, for which he paid sixty dollars. James Gardette made a large and very clumsy set for him in 1796. Apparently Washington was not pleased with these dentures and may have ordered another set from Greenwood in 1797. Washington often returned dentures for adjustments and repairs, at one time complaining that "they were forcing his lips out." His final set was made in 1798, the year before he died.
Timeline Ohio Dental Education
Dr. Harvey Van Doren Cottrell, Boucher’s mentor
Center right between deans Semans & Postel
1890 Complete lower denture
Silver-plated lead, 4.5 ounces
Denture bases Vulcanite Rubber
Invented Akron, Ohio, used until 1940s
Newer acrylic resin bases much better
Carl Opdyke Boucher
Born October 14, 1904

Parents

Charles Foster Boucher
Winifred Opdyke Boucher
General Samuel Emmerson Opdyke
Maternal grandfather
Battle of Chickamauga
“Opdyke’s Tigers”
Born in Ft. Wayne, Indiana
Moved to Bryan, Ohio in 1914
White Cross Hospital on right
Psi Omega Dental Fraternity
109 East 12th Avenue
2 miles from OMU, 1 mile from Hamilton Hall

ΦΩ

Established at Baltimore College of Dental Surgery 1892
Colors: Blue and White
Flower: White Rose
ΨI Chapter
Hamilton Hall
OSU Dental & Medical 1925-1950
Beggs Building, 21 East State Street
Private office, practice limited prosthodontics 1935-75
Milestone *JADA* Article March 1942
Anatomy of the Mouth in Relation to Complete Dentures

ANATOMY OF THE MOUTH IN RELATION TO COMPLETE DENTURES

By LINDEN F. EDWARDS, Ph.D.
CARL O. BOUCHER, D.D.S.
COLUMBUS, OHIO

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Vol. 29, Pages 20-24, March, 1942
American Board of Prosthodontics
Recognized by ADA 1948

-Twice a year, Dr. Boucher offered a one week clinical education course on complete dentures.
-Attended by general practitioners and dentists preparing to take the Board examination.
-Procedures demonstrated on patients he considered too difficult for dental students.
-Prosthodontic residents also attended.
Backyard picnic with residents
JPD 1952

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Professor George Kienzle
Director OSU Journalism School
1958 - 1967
Brighter Writing For Dentistry
Robert C. McGiffert, Asst Prof
OSU School of Journalism
Dental editing workshops

- Began with dental students, then expanded to medicine, nursing, optometry, agriculture and other OSU schools.
- Dental editors workshops sponsored by ADA Council on Journalism, attended by dentists from across the country.
- Later, workshops moved to Michigan State.
OSU History teacher, example
One sentence – 84 words

for there are many victories that lead up to the final climactic one. The thrill of the kickoff, the first down play, making the first down, crossing the 50, the bonus of the extra down as the drive gets inside the opponent’s 40, the goal line offense, the decision to try the placement, and even the fumble along the way that changes the complexion of the drive — all of these are mini victories or mini defeats on the way to the touchdown, which leads along the way to the final victory or to the chasm of defeat. All of these serve to make it a great contest. a great
Written by Coach Woody Hayes
Wordy Hayes
Dr. HVD Cottrell, ‘00
Chair, Complete Dentures 1903-39
Emeritis Professor 1939-61

EMERITUS PROFESSORS

HARVEY VAN DOREN COTTRELL, D.D.S.
Ohio Medical University, 1900
Prosthetic Dentistry
Retired, 1939
COB Prosthodontic Conference
Established 1965
1987 Dr. David Citino wrote
“The Field For Woody Hayes”
Conference Room Dedication
April 12, 1996

The Carl O. Boucher Memorial
Conference Room

DEDICATED ON APRIL 12, 1996

COLLEGE OF DENTISTRY
THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY
COLUMBUS, OHIO
Boucher Conference Room (#3089B)
Third floor, Postle Hall, west end
New Psi O House 1958
85 East 13th Avenue

We go first class....
Or we don't go.

Psi Omega, the nation's largest Dental Fraternity
Boucher Ship Award
Senior Psi O student with highest g.p.a.
Boucher & Steffel, November 1974
Psi Omega Senior Recognition Banquet

Two past national presidents of Psi Omega, Dr. Victor L. Steffel, left, and Dr. Carl O. Boucher, attended the annual Senior Recognition Banquet given by Psi Chapter.
Wallet photo
Psi Omega House Mother

ANN SPRATELY
Colonel Carl Cobb
"GET UP EVERYDAY, DO YOUR WORK. NOBODY EVER BS'd HIS WAY THROUGH DENTAL SCHOOL"

Carl, cont. from page 3

Over the years, the Old Man's favorite class was '37, with Trippy, Crawford, and Byrd. There were 18 Psi 0's living in the house (60 in the whole class), almost all of them lived there the whole four years. Rooms were $3/mos, board $22 and social dues were a dollar. In the 1940's-60's, the average graduating class had 50-60 Psi 0's. At one time there were over 200 active members. The Old Man estimates he's known around 2100-2400 dentists. Dr. Dew (Psi '34) says "Carl has been an institution both at Psi Omega and Ohio State. He knows more dentists by first name than any other person."

Dr. Dageforde (Psi '56) remembers the Colonel's cooking as the best
COB Conference Website began 2000
http://thejpd.com/cob
Sponsoring Organization Tribute
2000
Centenary October 14, 2004
Boucher Conference Room

CENTENARY CELEBRATES CAREER OF DR. CARL O. BOUCHER
October 14, 1904—March 11, 1975

The College of Dentistry held a ceremony on October 14 to commemorate the centenary anniversary of the birth of the late Dr. Carl O. Boucher, a former faculty member for whom the College’s third-floor Carl O. Boucher Memorial Conference Room is named. Dr. Boucher was a prosthodontist, educator, researcher and editor, known as the man who “wrote the book” about complete dentures,” according to Dr. Robert Stevenson, DDS ’75, MS ’80, clinical assistant professor of restorative and prosthodontics, who published an essay about Boucher’s life in The Journal of Prosthetic Dentistry, in October, 2004.

A 1927 graduate of the OSU College of Dentistry, Dr. Boucher practiced in downtown Columbus and began teaching at the College in 1928. He served as chairman of the division of prosthodontics at the College from 1940 to 1970. In 1951, he became founding editor of The Journal of Prosthetic Dentistry, continuing to serve until 1975. He developed a division of dental laboratory technology at Ohio State, using his Dental Prosthetic Laboratory Manual as the instructional text.

Dr. Boucher was highly involved in the dental profession, serving in leadership roles in many professional associations, and receiving many honors. He lectured extensively throughout the U.S. and Canada, and also internationally. After a brief illness, Dr. Boucher died on March 11, 1975.

With the support of 167 charter sponsors from twenty-six U.S. states as well as England, Sweden and Singapore, the Carl O. Boucher Prosthodontics Conference was established in his honor in 1965. It continues to be held annually in Columbus. The 40th conference will be held in April 2006. More information is available at the Boucher Web page at www.csboucheconf.org.
Dr. Carl Boucher centenary held at OSU

COLUMBUS — A centenary occurred Oct. 14 at Ohio State University’s Carl O. Boucher Memorial conference room at the OSU School of Dentistry. Carl was a prodigious, educator, researcher and editor of the Journal of Prosthetic Dentistry and lectured across the country and around the world in the middle of the 20th century.

In honor his quest for excellence the OSU School of Dentistry established an annual conference bearing his name in 1996 and a memorial fund in 1998.

At the centenary, Dr. Monarch stated that only a few years ago, early dental school in Canada had a dental school in Canada had at least one well placed “Boucher Day” on its calendar.

The centenary was attended by Dr. Robert Stevenson, faculty member at OSU School of Dentistry and emeritus of the Boucher conference. He developed and delivered Carl’s biographical sketch.

Observing OSU procedures, Carl became an emeritus professor at age 65 with full retirement at age 70.

Inevitably, it was not until he arranged a head teaching professor in prosthetic dentistry at the university in 1965.

His death at 71 prevented this fulfillment. He and his wife Florence are buried at St. Peter’s Cemetery.

A descendant of two early Williams County families, Boucher and Daphne, Carl was a 1922 graduate of Bryan High School.

He graduated from OSU dental school in 1927. By 1940 he was named chairman of the division of prosthodontics.

Carl had two brothers, Dean Boucher DDS who had a dental practice in Bryan and Richard, owner of the former Bryan Dental Company. Carl’s son Janus is also a dentist.

Attending the 100th anniversary of Dr. Carl Opley’s Boucher’s birth, held at OSU were sons Bryan Carl’s brother Richard Boucher, niece daughter of brother Leon, Shirley Boucher Beard, and cousin, George Opley. Family from Columbus, son James Boucher DDS, who Roberts and grandchildren. Timothy and Mark.

COB Sketch 1980
by Ted Chapman, DDS
Newspaper route customer

Carl O. Boucher, D.D.S.
COB’s Favorites

• Steak for dinner
• Bourbon on the rocks
• Cowboy movies “Cimmeron”
• Dancing to “Hold That Tiger”
• Vacations: camping, fishing, boating
• Ohio State football games, Rose Bowls
• Some golf, once had a hole-in-one
• Pet Parrots
Two Pet Parrots
Joe & Schotzie
Florence & Carl Boucher
Ohio State Archives
Armory on Woodruff Avenue

Archivist Dorothy Ross, Secretary
1980
All He Wanted For Christmas Was New False Teeth To Eat Turkey; He Got Them, Too
Thank You!