

# First false teeth are just temporaries

So-called "immediate dentures" frequently are constructed to avoid embarrassment caused by having to go without teeth for days or weeks while the gums heal following tooth extraction.

In this procedure, the teeth back of the cusps are removed and a period of time allotted for the gums to heal and the bony ridges to smooth out and become firm.

Sometimes it is necessary to contour the bone and remove sharp prominences by surgical procedures. This is simple and painless under local anesthesia. It is known as "bone trimming" and leaves a desirably shaped surface.

WHEN THE GUMS are healed, impressions of the jaws are taken with the front teeth still in place. Models are made from these impressions, and then the teeth are cut off from these models and shaped to approximate the contour which the gums will have after the natural teeth are extracted.

Dentures are made to fit the models that have been so prepared.

The patient's front teeth are carefully removed and any necessary bone trimming and gum suturing performed. After the bleeding has been controlled, the dentures are inserted and the individual is given instructions for wearing them.

Healing beneath the immediate denture is usual.



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occurs. The immediate denture acts as a protective covering for the jaw as it is healing.

AFTER A FEW weeks or months, there may be enough bone shrinkage to loosen the denture. Then it may be necessary to relin or remake the denture to compensate for bone loss and reestablish its fit.

The artificial teeth can be set in the denture to so resemble the shape, color and position of the natural teeth that even close friends are not likely to detect the transition.

The writer is an retired area dentist.

ly uneventful. One might expect pain to result from wearing denture over an area from which teeth recently have been extracted, but just the opposite

## JWF's 33rd meeting

Officers and board members for the coming year will be elected at the 33rd annual meeting of the Jewish Welfare Federation Women's Division at noon Wednesday, May 16, at Adat Shalom Synagogue, 29501 Middlebelt in Farmington Hills.

Barbara Marcuse of Southfield is chairman of the 1979 annual meeting planning committee. Working with her are division vice-president Ellen Lahee and advisor Lea Field. Both are Southfield residents.

A highlight of the event will be "You Did It," an original musical production honoring the accomplishments of Women's Division workers.

Division president Dulcie Rosenfeld, of Detroit, will give her annual report and campaign chairman Shelby Tauber, of Franklin, will report on the division's progress in the 1979 campaign.

Reservations or more information are available by calling the women's division at 965-3939.

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The telephone volunteers will man free test sites from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the north and southbound roadside rest stops near Holly, according to Fred Hughes, Pioneers ecology chairman.

"WE'LL BE performing emissions tests to let motorists know if

their cars are wasting valuable fuel and polluting the air," Hughes said. The test process is relatively simple and takes only about three minutes. If a car is emitting an excessive level of pollutants, the tester will provide a list of suggested adjustments to help correct the problem, Hughes said.

An electronic analyzer is inserted into the exhaust pipe to measure the amount of hydrocarbons and carbon monoxide — two major pollutants — being emitted, he said. The test equipment is on loan from Michigan Bell and is regularly used to test telephone company vehicles.

"Properly adjusted engines mean cleaner exhaust emissions and better performance," he explained, "and a simple tune-up can boost gas mileage considerably."

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