

Metal gadgets may ease life for denture wearers

By MARILYN BETMAN
Past scientific and medical achievements have enabled surgeons to replace almost every part of the human body with a viable substitute. In recent years, oral surgeons have been working on alleviating denture discomfort that has plagued millions of older people.

According to Dr. Michael Bloom of Southfield, a lower jawbone plate has been successful for denture wearers with atrophy of the lower jaw. A lengthy period of denture wearing can cause erosion of the jaw, a condition which has been a problem for middle age and older denture wearers. Described by Dr. Bloom as "a metal gadget with two pins on either side

that penetrate the jaw," the staple bone plate is designed to relieve pressure of the gum tissue and enable the patient to chew with greater ease. The breakthrough in oral surgery originated in the state in studies conducted by Dr. Irwin Small.

Dr. Bloom, who has performed approximately 100 staple operations, says the success rate has been very high.

"When it comes to teeth," he said, "there is no real substitute for your own. But the staple bone plate is what we can do for a bad situation."

The plate, containing two holes and two pins, is inserted in the mouth through an incision that is made in the crease line underneath the chin. Once the staple is in place, it is secured with

metal fasteners. They are well concealed by the dentures, and are difficult to detect.

"This procedure is for the exception, and not the rule," Dr. Bloom said.

"We've experienced no unusual complications," he noted, "and if a breakdown should occur, the plate can be easily removed."

"A patient must be in good health in order to undergo this type of surgery, because a foreign object is being introduced to the body."

As a result of the success to date with the staple bone plate, Dr. Bloom predicts thousands will soon be implanted on a national level.



DR. MICHAEL BLOOM

It's official: Board member confirmed

The county board of canvassers Monday confirmed that Jerold Scheel had four more votes in last week's Birmingham school election than Wade Crane, assuring Scheel of a four-year term on the board.

William Frever led a field of eight candidates for two four-year posts on the board with 1,057 votes. Scheel's 997 vote count, topping Crane's

983 by only four votes, was not official until certified by the board of canvassers.

Until final precinct totals were posted on election night, June 12, Crane was ahead of Scheel but then fell 12 votes behind. However, errors in one precinct brought Crane's total to within four votes of Scheel's.

Crane said Tuesday he

does not plan to ask for a recount.

"The possibility of an error is remote and I do not feel a recount at this time would produce any change in the results," he said.

"I have been giving it considerable thought and just reached that decision within the last few hours," he added. Crane said he hopes "to be in a position to run again in the future."

Holocaust lessons set for teachers

Beginning this fall, Southfield teachers will receive in-service resource sessions regarding the Nazi Holocaust.

"Next year there will be a more extensive plan for staff development concerning the Holocaust," Beverly Gould, director of instruction in Southfield said.

In addition, school officials will take a look at existing courses such as political science and history where Holocaust information can be added or increased. The program will include resources available to teachers and how to use them.

The intent of the program will be to provide a continuing awareness of the lessons learned by the Holocaust. Mrs. Gould said the Holocaust teachings

will be incorporated in the middle and high school social studies programs, which is a continuation on a more in-depth basis of the last few years.

The Southfield Board of Education was the first school board to pass a resolution endorsing Holocaust-related classes. Following their supportive position, proposed by board member Zeida Robinson, the Interfaith Committee on the Holocaust used the board's resolution verbatim as a model for adoption in other schools.

During a seminar at Mercy College last month the committee presented the resolution before a group of 25 educators from Detroit and suburban communities.

Southfield public schools was represented at the Holocaust seminar advisory committee by Beverly Gould and Helen McAskin, social studies department head at Southfield High School.

Mrs. McAskin was also a participant in a three member panel of educators presenting models and approaches for teaching the significance of the Holocaust in public and private schools.

Nationally, sociologists and educators maintain that educating Americans about the Holocaust is the only way to prevent future atrocities.

Country Day names grads

Detroit Country Day School recently graduated 67 seniors at the First United Methodist Church of Birmingham.

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The purpose of the meeting is to hold a Public Hearing on the question of whether the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission should acquire the Glen Oaks Golf and Country Club and two (2) additional parcels of land, all totaling 137.6 acres.

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