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Water Fluoridation Designed To Prevent Decay of Teeth But Dentists Like It Anyway

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(Editor's note: This is second in a four-part Statesman series explaining the growing trend toward fluoridation of public water supplies, the dental benefits claimed for it, the position of dentists, public health groups and the public.)

Just how is fluoridation of public water supplies received in dental circles and why is it said that fluoride helps in the betterment of tooth structure?

Dental research, comparing geographical areas, shows figures which indicate a lessening of tooth decay where a measure of fluoride is present in water. Such an area natural quantities of fluoride in the water supply, is often cited as a classic example of how such fluoridation could be beneficial. In Colorado Springs there is said to be 60 per cent less tooth decay than in nearby Boulder, Colo., where no fluorides are present.

If fluoridation is designed to decrease dental decay, why should dentists favor its being put into common use?

Explanation of this question shows that fluoridation is not a "cure-all" nor is it "mass-medication" as some would call it, nor do dentists proclaim, as it socialized medicine.

Dr. John A. Dyke, Salem dentist, in a recent address to a local service organization, pointed out the magnitude of dental work needed "just in the Willamette Valley." He stated that, "If all the local dentists turned just to the repair of children's teeth, there would still be as much work as now exists."

"Fluoridation is not the complete answer," Dyke stated, "but modern dentistry has found it to be one of the most impressive contributions toward that end." Dental journals explain that fluoridation—this adding of fluorides to a water supply—does not eliminate tooth decay by being a "cure-all"; it merely aids in retarding the possible growth of such decay by building more strongly the structure of the teeth.

It has been found through research that if an amount of fluoride is made available during a child's first eight years of calcification (hardening of tissues of the teeth), benefits in decreased tooth decay carry through the rest of the person's life.

Dentists have for years tried to impress upon children and their parents the importance of keeping baby teeth healthy. Oftentimes the children are more easily impressed with the lesson than parents, for the penalty of "one too many candy bars" can be understood while a tooth is being drilled.

(Next: How is fluoridation received by the public?)

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VANCOUVER (AP)—If restrictions on lawn watering are needed here this summer, residents will find them easier to remember. Those on the even-numbered side of the street would be permitted to hose their lawns on even-numbered dates and vice-versa for odd numbers.

James Cates Dies Following Long Illness

James Ruben Cates, a farmer and mill worker in the Salem area for 45 years, died Saturday at his home, 1143 Mill St. He was 79.

Cates had suffered a stroke four years ago and since then had been confined to his home. He came to Oregon around 1907, settling on a farm between Salem and Jefferson. Shortly before World War I he came to Salem. For a while he worked for the Spaulding Logging Co., and later for the old Hanson and Lillquist Sash and Door Co., which has since been torn down.

Cates was born in Bollivar, Mo., Dec. 21, 1872 and was married in Aldrich, Mo., more than 54 years ago to Mrs. Alta Cates, who survives him. He was a member of the First Baptist Church. Surviving besides the widow are a daughter, Mrs. Clara Dornhecker of Reedsport; a son, Ray C. Cates of Salem; four grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Services will be held in the Howell-Edwards Chapel at 1:30 p. m. Tuesday, with the Rev. Lloyd Anderson officiating.

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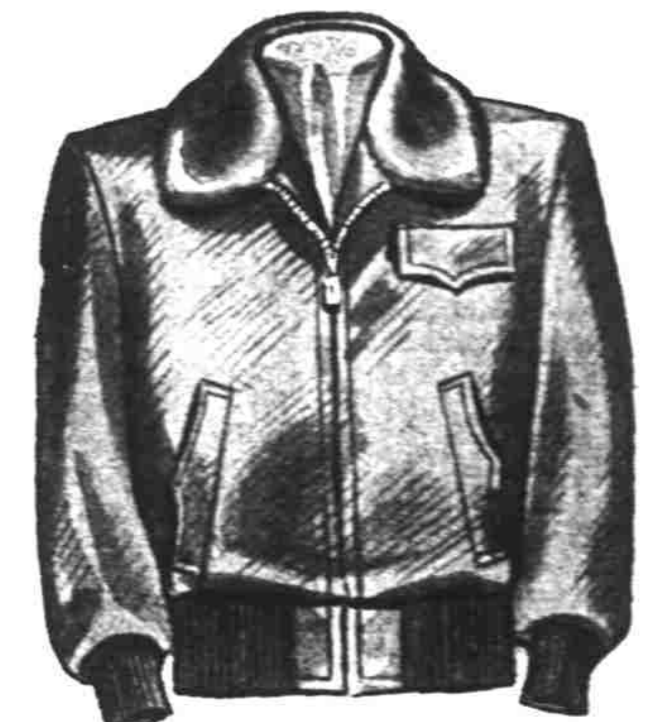
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