

Desire To Change Looks Is Said Nothing Unusual

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POINT CLEAR — There is nothing unusual in having a strong desire to change your looks, according to a medical expert on this subject.

"The function of appearance is a definite craving on the part of every human being," explained Dr. Mario Gonzales-Ulloa of Mexico City.

Dr. Gonzales, one of Mexico's most prominent plastic surgeons, is a special guest of the convening Southeastern Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons.

During an interview with newsmen Thursday, he noted that psychologists have recently discovered that everyone wants to appear a certain way "in order to give a certain image of themselves."

For this reason, he indicated, the cosmetic branch of plastic surgery gives people a new lease on life.

The Mexican surgeon has performed more than 5,000 plastic operations, mostly on the hands and face. He has operated on numerous movie stars and other famous people to correct problems of senility "in order to increase their span of productivity."

However, he quickly stressed that plastic surgery will aid anyone who desires to increase their period of productivity and enjoyment of life.

The surgeon then explained that there are other phases of plastic surgery. "There is pathology," he said, "which corrects problems due to organic ailments."

He added that plastic surgery, when performed in early childhood, can correct most congenital malformations. "One in every 300 children is born with a severe malformation," he noted.

Another important branch of plastic surgery, he stated, is tramatology. This deals with persons disfigured as a result of accidents.

Dr. Gonzales said he is not attending the plastic surgeons' convention here as a speaker but simply as a guest.

He said he was highly impressed with the full program of technical speakers and the

wide range of plastic and reconstructive subjects they covered.

He also lauded the members of the Southeastern Society of Plastic Surgeons for their knowledge and progress in this medical field.

The meeting, which is being held at the Grand Hotel, began early Thursday and will continue through Saturday. The scientific sessions opened at 8:45 a.m. with a talk by the

president of the group, Dr. McCarty DeMere of Memphis, and a welcome from two Mobile surgeons, Drs. John Crosby and Byron Green.

Entertainment at the meeting included a fashion show at the luncheon Thursday and a steak fry at Julep Point Thursday night. A banquet and dance is on the schedule tonight.

Some 75 surgeons from 11 states are attending the organizations annual meeting here.

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Plastic surgeons elect officers; plan convention

POINT CLEAR, May 22 — The 1966-67 convention of the Southeastern Society of Plastic and Reconstructive surgeons will be held in Atlanta, Ga.

The society selected the site Friday during its annual convention here.

The group also named Dr. Charles Horton of Norfolk, Va., as president for next year. Horton succeeds Dr. McCarthy DeMere of Memphis, Tenn., who was named to the board of trustees. Also named to the board was Dr. Leigh Haynes

Other officers elected were: Dr. Francis A. Marzoni of Birmingham, president-elect; Dr. James Stuckey of Little Rock, Ark., vice president; Dr. Carter McGuire of Charleston, S. C., secretary; Dr. Richard Vincent of New Orleans, treasurer; and Dr. William T. Berkeley of Charlotte, N. C., historian.

Doctors' Meet Endorses Hall

POINT CLEAR—Delegates to the convening Southeastern Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons Friday endorsed Dr. Durwood Hall of Springfield, Mo., as their choice for president of the American Medical Association when AMA meets next month in New York City.

In other action Friday, the plastic surgeons elected Dr. Charles Horton of Norfolk, Va., as their own president for the coming fiscal year. He succeeds Dr. McCarthy DeMere of Memphis.

Other new officers are: Dr. Francis A. Marzoni of Birmingham, president-elect; Dr. James Stuckey of Little Rock, vice president; Dr. Carter McGuire of Charleston, S.C., secretary; Dr. Richard Vincent of New Orleans, treasurer; and Dr. William T. Berkeley of Charlotte, N.C., historian.

Elected to the board of trustees were Dr. DeMere and Dr. Leigh Haynes, both of Memphis.

The regional group, which will conclude its annual convention at the Grand Hotel this afternoon, voted to hold its 1966 meeting in Atlanta and the 1967 convention in the Bahamas.

Dr. John Crosby and Dr. Byron Green, both of Mobile, are in charge of arrangements for the convention.