

To Open Scientific Sessions Wednesday

Approximately 100 of the leading plastic surgeons from the southeast will attend, along with their wives, the 11th annual meeting of the Southeastern Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons to be held in Biloxi May 29-June 1.

The four-day affair will be devoted primarily to a series of scientific sessions during which the various phases of plastic surgery will be discussed and new developments explored.

Among the guest speakers will be Dr. James D. Hardy, professor and chief of surgery, University of Mississippi, who will speak on various aspects of shock and its treatment; Dr. Suat Karasu, department of anesthesia of Crawford W. Long Hospital Emory University, who will speak on Neurolept Analgesia and Anesthesia, a new innovation in anesthesia for surgery; Dr. John W. Curtin, clinical professor of plastic surgery at the University of Illinois, who will speak on Bilateral Cleft Lip and Palate in relation to prevention of deformities of the upper jaw, and also on facial paralysis

and methods of repair; and Dr. Richard C. Webster, of Bookline, Mass., who will speak on Otoplasty, giving a twenty-three year experience with corrections of deformities of the ears.

Other guest speakers include physicians from ten states. Mrs. John B. Howell, Canton, will present a History of Medicine in Flowers for the plastic

Panel Discusses Head And Neck Cancer Control

A panel of surgeons of the Southeastern Society of Plastic Surgeons today elaborated on the management of cancer of the head and neck at their meeting at Broadwater Beach Hotel, Biloxi.

The four member panel discussed newer techniques in the diagnosis of the malignant mole and described tongue and mouth lesions and new techniques in their treatment and repair.

Panelists told of malignant lesions of the pharynx, esophagus and larynx and eyelid and ear lesions. An important point was made by Dr. Charles E. Horton, Norfolk, Va., who stated that plastic and cancer surgery are one and the same in order to perform adequate surgery cures. It must be known how widely to resect tissues without leaving objectionable deformities, he continued.

Surgeons on the panel included Dr. Robert Ryan, Dr. Duncan McKee, both of New Orleans, and Dr. Claude E. Coleman Jr., Richmond, Va.

STAPLING OPERATION

The stapling operation for bilateral cleft lip and palate was the subject of Dr. John W. Curtin, Chicago.

He noted that the technique was borrowed from the orthopedic surgeons and was designed to place a staple across the suture (the growth center) to retard the growth of the maxilla (upper jaw). This allows for consistent relative growth in the upper and lower jaws in double clefts of the lip and palate, he informed.

A presentation on the History of Medicine in Flowers was given by Mrs. John B. Howell, wife of a Canton, Miss., physician.

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Officers of the Southeastern Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons, one of the largest organized groups of plastic surgeons in the world, are Dr. Andrew M. Moore of Lexington, Ky.; president-elect Dr. Carter P. Maguire of Charleston, S.C.

Sessions Open . . . Newest Innovation In Anesthesia Described

A new innovation in anesthesia was described today at opening sessions of a meeting of the Southeastern Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons in Biloxi.

Dr. Suat Karasu of the department of anesthesia, Crawford W. Long Hospital of Emory University, Atlanta, Ga., explained neurolept analgesia and anesthesia in plastic surgery as that method which makes possible the patient to be awake and have no recollection of having been in the operating room.

The method has proven to be safe and effective.

The surgeon joined other physicians in a series of scientific sessions on the various aspects of plastic surgery, discussion methods, techniques, new developments and related subjects at Broadwater Beach hotel.

The Society is considered one of the oldest, largest and most active groups of plastic surgeons in the United States and its annual meetings have considerable interest to plastic surgeons throughout the area.

Another speaker, Dr. Jerome E. Adamson, Norfolk, Va., described a detailed classification of malignant tumors of the oral cavity (mouth and throat) to be used in an international classification of disease as presented by the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

This classification is to be applied to the computerized system and is expected to lead for the first time to a uniform classification of diagnosis and

treatment of diseases related to plastic surgery.

The system, he said, is to be related to computers devised and supplied by IBM.

A Little Rock, Ark., physician discussed the use of hyperbaric oxygen and methods of cleaning up decubitus ulcers (pressure sores) and scientific means of curing them and reconstructing the areas.

Dr. Harry Hayes Jr., in describing the radical versus conservative treatment of the ulcers, observed that a new product, recently introduced, helps to prevent the occurrence of these decubitus ulcers by giving proper support to the tissues and by avoiding pressure which causes these ulcers.

Dr. George W. Hoffman, New Orleans, spoke of further experiences with the mesh graft dermatones—machines that allow one to obtain skin grafts which expand two or three times or more of their original size for covering large areas.

He recommended its use in many skin defect problems and discussed methods of getting the best results.

The Society will elect new officers Saturday.