



AMERICAN ACADEMY OF CROWN AND BRIDGE PRESIDENTIAL BIOGRAPHY



JOHN ADAMS, DDS

PRESIDENT, AACB 1964-1965

Dr. John Adams was born in McKeesport, PA on January 16, 1912. He graduated from Harding High School in Aliquippa, PA in 1930. He attended the University of Pittsburgh from 1930 to 1932, and from 1934 to 1937, receiving both Bachelor of Science and DDS degrees. During 1937 and 1938, he interned at Lenox Hill Hospital in New York City.

John conducted a private practice in Waynesburg, PA between 1939 and 1942, and later during 1946 and 1947. Between 1942 and 1946, he served in the U.S. Navy Dental Corps, entering as a Lieutenant J.G. USNR and he was discharged as a Lieutenant Commander 40 months later.

Dr. Adams began his teaching career in 1947 at Washington University in St. Louis as an instructor in Operative Dentistry. He rapidly achieved promotions to Assistant Professor and then Associate Professor. He transitioned to Crown and Bridge Dentistry and by 1951 was promoted to Professor and Chairman of the Department of C & B. He continued in that position until 1958, when he left St. Louis for Morgantown and the West Virginia University School of Dentistry.

During the nearly 20 years that John taught Crown and Bridge at WVU he was involved in most of the important committees of the dental school, including Admissions, Curriculum, Promotion and Tenure, Dean's Council, and Faculty Council. He was Professor and Chairman of the Department of Fixed Prosthodontics, serving until his retirement in 1977 as the schools first Professor Emeritus.

Dr. Adams regularly attended and presented C. E. courses over the years learning and passing along to his students the knowledge and techniques of the master clinicians of his time. He particularly loved his associations in the Academy of Crown and Bridge Prosthodontics for which he served as President in 1965. He would remark about the work and friendship of pioneers in the field such as Stanley Tylman (PP 1960), Webb Gurley, Charlie Stuart, Ernie Nuttal (PP 1963), Sam Guyer (PP 1978), Johnny Johnson, and especially his St. Louis buddy, Everett "Barney Brooks (PP 1962).

Dr. Adams was named Outstanding Educator by many classes at WVUSD in the '70s.