

CDC Medical and Dental Service

The Medical and Dental Service of the Communicable Disease Center is a service to promote and maintain physical and mental fitness through:

- (1) Treatment of on-the-job illnesses and dental conditions requiring emergency attention.
- (2) Preemployment and other diagnostic examinations.
- (3) Advisory diagnostic services directed at the early detection of disease or disorder and followed by suitable treatment through referral to private physicians and dentists.
- (4) Preventative programs relating to health.

Thus the Medical and Dental Service, housed in 14 rooms in the Rialto Building in Atlanta, now provides a well-rounded program of medical and dental care for commissioned officers and

their families, and the preventative and emergency treatment mentioned for its Civil Service employees. As a preventative program against dental caries, all children of CDC officers and employees between the ages of 3-18 are eligible for the topical application of 2 percent sodium fluoride solution.

In charge of the Medical and Dental Service, which is a unit of the Executive Office, is Dr. Frank W. Nelson, who is also Chief Dental Officer. Dr. Nelson, a regular corps dental officer, was stationed at the U. S. Public Health Service Dispensary in Washington prior to his assignment to CDC.

Dr. Nelson has instituted a program of producing dental audio-visual training aids. A filmstrip entitled "Oral Hygiene" has been released. This filmstrip, together with additional material when released, will be available on a loan basis from the CDC film library.

