conjunction with its parent organization, the American Association of Orthodontists. It is known as the Albert H. Ketcham Memorial Award, and it is presented annually “in recognition of valuable contributions to the science and art of orthodontics.” It is named after the principal founder and first president of the Board for his own remarkable contributions to orthodontics. Forty-two men have received the Ketcham Award, including B. F. Dewel, the 1972 recipient at the Association’s seventy-second annual session in Denver in May.

The Association’s second major award was established in 1962. Known as the Distinguished Service Scroll, it is awarded to persons who have made “substantial scientific, technical, and nonscientific contributions to orthodontics.” Fourteen men have received the Distinguished Service Scroll, including Ernest T. Klein and Richard A. Lowy, the 1972 recipients.

A third orthodontic award is the Milo Hellman Research Award; it is presented by the AAO Council on Orthodontic Research, and it is first recorded in AAO programs of 1958. The 1972 recipient was Donald R. Joondeph, for his investigation entitled “An Autoradiographic Study of the Temporomandibular Articulation in the Growing Saimiri Sciureus Monkey.” A second Council award is the First Research Essay Award; its winner was Richard J. Meldrum, for his study entitled “Alterations in the Upper Facial Growth of Macaca Mulatta Resulting From High-Pull Headgear.”

The final Council award is known as the First Research Essay Award of Merit. This award went to a study on the “Inheritance of the Craniofacial Complex” by a University of Michigan group composed of Larry K. Aagesen, Robert D. Cushman, Harold F. Fromhart, Earl S. McLaughlin, Jr., James G. Pagonis, Stanley A. Smith, Terry A. Timm, Thomas R. Twigg, and Donald E. Vanitvelt.

Ketcham Award presentation to B. F. Dewel by Eugene E. West, President of the American Board of Orthodontics

For the American Association of Orthodontists and the American Board of Orthodontics, the presentation of the Albert H. Ketcham Memorial Award is always a proud moment. This year it takes on added significance because Denver was the home of Dr. Ketcham and his office was but a short distance from the place where we are assembled today.

Our recipient, Dr. B. F. Dewel, has distinguished himself by displaying competence in many areas. He has had more than fifty articles published in national and foreign journals; he is an excellent clinician, and a fine teacher. He is a receptive sounding board for new ideas and concepts through his editorship of the American Journal of Orthodontics. He has served as a consultant on educational matters for the American Dental Association and its Council on Dental Education, as well as being a former chairman of our own Council on Orthodontic Education.
Born and raised in Iowa, he served an early apprenticeship as a printer's devil and news reporter while working for his father, who was a newspaper publisher and editor. His dad had the reputation of being a purist as far as the English language was concerned, and this is how the man we all know as Tod received his earliest training in journalism. When he split his infinitives his mother, who had been an English teacher, was right at hand to keep him on the straight and narrow. It was a matter of doing it right or doing it over.

This attention to detail has stayed with him in his every endeavor. While he enjoyed his newspaper association, there was something about dentistry that was to attract him. After his graduation from the University of Iowa College of Dentistry, he spent 4 years in a full-time teaching position in the Iowa Department of Graduate and Undergraduate Orthodontics. This teaching career was to take many forms and lead him to recognition, not only in this country, but around the world. In a more limited fashion, he is still teaching today.

Of his writings, perhaps the one that is most widely read and discussed is the one that deals with serial extraction. He was the first American to use the term serial extraction and to describe this procedure in some detail. An indication of his thoroughness and concern for his patients can be gleaned from the fact that he worked with and evaluated serial extraction treatment for 14 years before he formally presented this new concept on a university program in 1951.

He has served dentistry and orthodontics at the local and national levels as a committeeman and as a leader. He served on the American Board of Orthodontics for 7 years and was president in 1963. He is a Fellow of the American
College of Dentists. In 1965 the American Association of Orthodontists, cognizant of his work in behalf of orthodontics, presented him with its Distinguished Service Scroll. He became editor of the *American Journal of Orthodontics* in 1968 and is currently serving as vice-president of both the European Orthodontic Society and the International Orthodontic Congress that is to be held in London next year.

There are other things that could be mentioned—for example, his service to continuing educational programs at many dental schools throughout the country and his appearances on programs in foreign countries, but we cannot forget his thoughtful, considerate sensitivity to those about him, especially when they have problems. Some of us here might recall the first year he served on the American Board of Orthodontics. That year he was the official greeter for those who sought certification. I can still recall that as he escorted me to the room for my oral interview his palms were as sweaty as mine; yet all the while he was assuring me that I should not worry, that everything would be just fine.

His quiet, modest frankness makes him a valuable friend. He typifies everything that the recipient for the Ketcham Award should be—an outstanding individual who has made significant contributions in the arts and science of orthodontics.

His father is reported to have said once that he was not quite sure what sort of dentist Iowa had made out of his son but it had certainly taken a good newspaperman from the Fourth Estate. The implication was, of course, that he felt Tod should have stayed in the newspaper profession. He would have been proud, indeed, if he could have seen his son as the current editor of a national publication.

In honoring Dr. Dewel today, we are giving evidence that there is nothing wrong with this dentist from Iowa and we are aware of the fact that he has returned to the printer's ink with real enthusiasm—as witnessed by the current issues of the *American Journal of Orthodontics*.

There is always an unrecognized recipient at a presentation such as this. Even though she will not be receiving a certificate, Tod's lovely wife, Helen, has her own private reward: Pride, deep satisfaction and joy, for she has played a major role in Tod's accomplishments. She has put up with his preoccupation with books and writing and with his traveling about the country. His success could not have happened without her patience, understanding, and encouragement. We wish to express our congratulations and thanks to her. With them also today is their son, John Roe, and his lovely wife, Pat.

For the American Board of Orthodontics and for the American Association of Orthodontists, it is a privilege for me to present the Albert H. Ketcham Memorial Award for 1972 to Dr. Tod Dewel.

**Response by Dr. Dewel**

A recipient of the Ketcham Award has conflicting emotions. He is excited at having been chosen, but he is concerned over whether he is worthy. He is grateful