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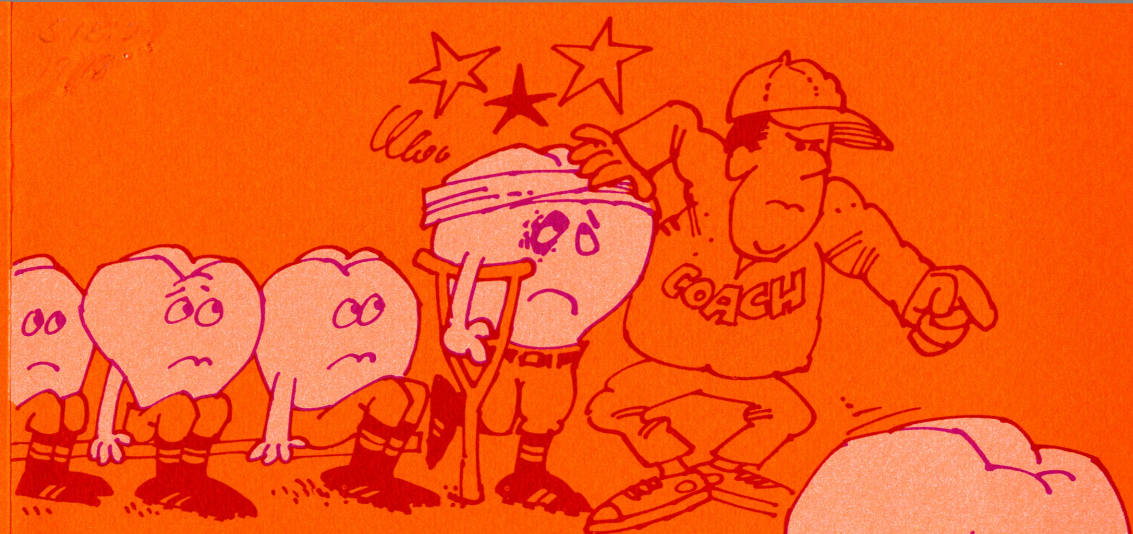
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**HAVE
MISSING
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REPLACED**

Replacing a tooth in time can save nine. Ignoring a lost tooth can cause a lot of your other teeth to be lost.

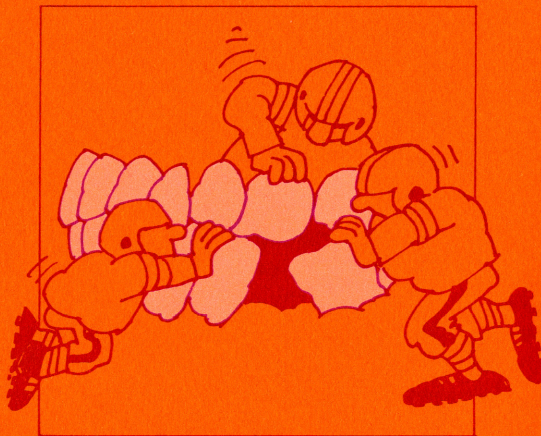
Your teeth depend on each other. Like an athletic team, they work best as a group. When one is missing, the whole line can break down. In motion, the whole group is needed—both the regulars and substitutes. Chewing, speaking, laughing, singing all put your mouth in motion.

Losing a tooth can change the mechanical and biological balance of your mouth.

- The neighboring teeth tip over.
- Upper teeth move down into the empty space.
- Tipped teeth “mesh” incorrectly with the teeth in the other jaw. If the hills and valleys of your teeth don’t mesh, you can have trouble even finding a comfortable resting position for your teeth when your mouth is closed. The teeth grind on each other

searching for rest, and your teeth and jaw joint can become sore.

- Chewing and other mouth movements put added stresses on the teeth when a few are out of line.



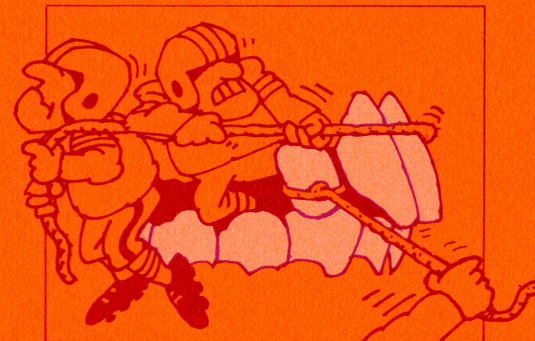
- Stress not only pushes the teeth further out of line but strains and breaks down the periodontal (gum) tissues that hold the teeth in place.

- Tipped teeth trap and protect plaque—the sticky layer of bacteria that causes gum disease and tooth decay. The teeth are hard to clean.
- The gums bleed as the plaque attacks them. And supporting bone is lost every day that the plaque is not removed.
- Diseased gums can’t hold the teeth in position. Chewing pushes on them. Soon, the adjoining teeth can be lost, too. With the loss of another member, the whole group is weakened, but the jobs of chewing, speaking and laughing go on.

Your dentist can replace a missing tooth. A bridge can be attached permanently to your other teeth. Or a removable partial denture can help carry the work load.

If you lost a front tooth, you would want to replace it right away so that you could look attractive again. Replacing back teeth is just as important! The loss of just a few

back teeth can change the way your front teeth look.



It doesn't take the loss of too many teeth to make your mouth sink in, and your face look older. Keeping your mouth in shape helps keep you looking young.

- Have your dentist replace missing teeth right away.
- Improve your appearance.
- Hold the space.
- Prevent gum disease.
- Make chewing easier.
- Avoid further tooth loss.

Help your mouth stay young and active by keeping it healthy all your life.



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