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# ada News Letter

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## BUSY SCHEDULE PLANNED FOR DELEGATES AND VISITORS AT 89th ANNUAL A.D.A. SESSION IN CHICAGO SEPT. 13-17.

A busy schedule awaits the thousands of delegates and visitors from all parts of the nation who will gather in Chicago the week of Sept. 13 to 17 for the 89th annual session of the American Dental Association. From Monday through Friday, an extensive program of activities has been planned. At the Hotel Sherman, members of the House of Delegates will make decisions on policies which will govern the course of the Association during the next year. At the Stevens Hotel, a program of scientific essays, clinics, exhibits and other features will run almost continuously for the anticipated 8,000 to 10,000 visitors. While the formal opening of the meeting will not take place until Tuesday morning, Sept. 14, in the grand ballroom of the Stevens Hotel, convention preliminaries will get underway next week when meetings of more than a score of A.D.A. agencies, associated groups and dental fraternities will be held. The first of the advance meetings will be that of the A.D.A. Board of Trustees which will convene at the Central Office headquarters, 222 East Superior Street, on Tuesday, Sept. 7. The Board will meet daily through Saturday, Sept. 11 preparing budgets and other recommendations for the House of Delegates. Other A.D.A. agencies scheduled to meet next week include the Council on Dental Health which will meet Sept. 9 to 12, in room 118 at the Hotel Sherman; the Council on Dental Education which will meet Sept. 10 and 11, at the Central Office headquarters; the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws which will meet Sept. 11 to 14 in room 107 at the Hotel Sherman; the Committee on Legislation will meet in room 110 of the Hotel Sherman at 10 a. m., Saturday, Sept. 11 and will hold an open forum on national and state legislation problems in the Grey Room of the Hotel Sherman at 10 a. m., Sept. 12; and the National Board of Dental Examiners which will meet in room 111, of the Hotel Sherman at 7 p. m., Saturday, Sept. 11. On Sunday, Sept. 12, special events will include the annual Conference of State Society Officers in the Crystal Room of the Hotel Sherman at 9:30 a. m.; a meeting of the Committee on Dental Economics in room 114 of the Hotel Sherman at 10 a. m.; a meeting of the Committee on International Relations in room 110 of the Hotel Sherman at 10 a. m.; and a meeting of the Committee on Membership in room 116 of the Hotel Sherman at 9 a. m. (See below for a list of meetings of associated groups and dental fraternities.)

**HOUSE OF DELEGATES** The House of Delegates will meet in the grand ballroom of the Hotel Sherman. The opening meeting will be at 9:30 a. m. Monday, Sept. 13. Other meetings will be Monday afternoon, Wednesday afternoon, Sept. 15, and Thursday morning, Sept. 16. Nominations of officers and trustees will be made during the Wednesday afternoon session following which delegates will cast their ballots on voting machines. Results of the balloting will be announced at the final session on Thursday morning.

**SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS** Scientific section meetings will be held at the Stevens Hotel on Tuesday afternoon, Sept. 14, all day Wednesday, Sept. 15, and the morning of Thursday, Sept. 16. The clinic program will be presented in the grand ballroom of the Stevens Hotel, Thursday afternoon and all day Friday. Scientific and health exhibits and technical and commercial displays will be open from 9 a. m. to 6 p. m. Monday through Friday in the Exhibition hall and Normandy Lounge at the Stevens Hotel.

**GENERAL SESSIONS** The first general session will be held in the grand ballroom of the Stevens Hotel at 9:30 a. m., Tuesday, Sept. 14. It will feature the presentation of distinguished visitors and international guests and the annual address of the Association's president, Dr. H. B. Washburn, of St. Paul. A second general session will be held in the grand ballroom at 8 p. m. Tuesday evening. Principal speakers will be Dr. Gerald D. Timmons of Philadelphia, Pa., who will speak on "Dentistry in a National Emergency," and Dr. Leonard A. Scheele, of Washington, D. C., surgeon general of the U. S. Public Health Service. Dr. Scheele will speak on "A Forward Look at Dentistry."

**SPECIAL FEATURES** Special features planned for the session include the annual golf tournament of the American Dental Golf Association which will be held on Monday, Sept. 13, at Olympia Fields Country Club, Chicago Heights, and the Calcutta Pool dinner at the Hotel Blackstone on Sunday evening, Sept. 12; a testimonial luncheon in honor of Dr. Harry B. Pinney, former A.D.A. secretary, in the Louis XVI room of the Hotel Sherman at 12:30 p. m., Tuesday, Sept. 14; an informal dinner and entertainment in honor of President and Mrs. H. B. Washburn in the grand ballroom of the Stevens Hotel at 8 p. m., Wednesday, Sept. 15; and an informal reception staged by the Chicago College of Dental Surgery and the Loyola University Alumni Association in the North Ballroom of the Stevens Hotel at 5:30 p. m., Wednesday, Sept. 15.

**WOMEN'S PROGRAM** Open house for visitors will be held at the A.D.A. Central Office building, 222 East Superior Street, all during the meeting. From Monday through Thursday, Sept. 13 to 16, from 2 to 4 p. m., tea will be served in the Board of Trustees room on the fifth floor. Other events will include a book review and tea at 2 p. m. on Monday, Sept. 13, in the North ballroom and North Assembly room of the Stevens hotel and a luncheon and style show 12 o'clock noon on Tuesday, Sept. 14, in the Gold Room of the Congress Hotel. On Thursday, Sept. 15, there will be a special tour of the Railroad Fair and other points of interest in the city. Women visitors are also invited to attend the general sessions of the convention and the informal dinner and entertainment program on Wednesday evening.

**ASSOCIATED GROUPS** Meetings of associated dental groups have been scheduled as follows:  
American Academy of Periodontology: Hotel Sheraton, Sept. 9-11.  
American Academy of Plastic Research: Stevens Hotel, Sept. 11.  
American Academy of Restorative Dentistry: Stevens Hotel, Sept. 11-12.  
American Association of Dental Editors: Northwestern University Library, 311 East Chicago Ave., Sept. 11.  
American Association of Dental Examiners: Hotel Sherman, Sept. 11-12.  
American Association of Public Health Dentists: Stevens Hotel, Sept. 11-12.  
American College of Dentists: Hotel Sherman, Sept. 12.  
American Dental Assistants Association: Hotel LaSalle, Sept. 12-16.  
American Dental Hygienists Association: Hotel Sheraton, Sept. 13-17.  
American Full Denture Society: Congress Hotel, Sept. 11-12.  
American Society of Dentistry for Children: Stevens Hotel, Sept. 11-12.  
American Society of Oral Surgeons: Stevens Hotel, Sept. 9-11.  
Association of American Women Dentists: Hotel Blackstone, Sept. 13.  
International College of Dentists: Stevens Hotel, Sept. 12.  
National Association of S.D.A. Dentists: Stevens Hotel, Sept. 10.

**FRATERNITY MEETINGS** Meetings of national dental fraternities have been scheduled as follows:  
Alpha Omega, Stevens Hotel, Council meeting, Sept. 11; Congress Hotel, luncheon, Sept. 14.  
Delta Sigma Delta: Hotel Sheraton, Sept. 11-12; banquet, Sept. 12, 7 p. m.  
Psi Omega: Stevens Hotel, banquet, Sept. 12, 7 p. m.  
Xi Psi Phi: Stevens Hotel, banquet, Sept. 12, 7 p. m.  
Upsilon Alpha Sorority: Illinois Athletic Club, banquet, Sept. 14.

## A.D.A. MEMBERSHIP REACHES A NEW RECORD HIGH OF 70,533

On the eve of the 89th annual session in Chicago, total membership in the American Dental Association reached an all-time high of 70,533. This total included 65,383 regular members, 3,380 undergraduate members and 1,770 life members. During August, a gain of 439 was recorded in the total for regular members. The present over-all membership total is 2,332 higher than that recorded for Aug. 31 of last year. During the year, 32 constituent societies showed gains in the total number of regular members while 21 reported losses. Only one unit, the Panama Canal Zone reported no change over last year with a total of 18 members. Gains were reported in the Army, Navy, Veterans Administration and the U. S. Public Health Service. Membership totals by constituent societies and the various federal dental corps groups for Aug. 31 of this year and the same date a year ago are as follows:

	<u>1948</u>	<u>1947</u>		<u>1948</u>	<u>1947</u>
Alabama	528	523	Nevada	64	67
Arizona	159	135	New Hampshire	202	206
Arkansas	294	307	New Jersey	2,725	2,622
Army	280	200	New Mexico	129	127
California	2,318	2,213	New York	10,274	10,049
Colorado	561	587	North Carolina	753	724
Connecticut	1,274	1,280	North Dakota	224	208
Delaware	85	93	Ohio	3,154	3,143
Dist. of Columbia	563	525	Oklahoma	585	594
Florida	716	675	Oregon	754	722
Foreign	10	11	Panama Canal Zone	18	18
Georgia	647	593	Pan American	305	290
Hawaii	218	232	Pennsylvania	4,899	4,932
Idaho	104	149	Public Health Service	120	107
Illinois	5,042	5,413	Puerto Rico	197	133
Indiana	1,588	1,597	Rhode Island	347	334
Iowa	1,254	1,317	South Carolina	275	306
Kansas	756	741	South Dakota	235	232
Kentucky	731	712	Southern California	2,744	2,612
Louisiana	670	666	Tennessee	735	710
Maine	308	291	Texas	1,897	1,839
Maryland	669	645	Unorganized	2	3
Massachusetts	2,472	2,498	Utah	299	305
Michigan	2,542	2,510	Vermont	133	131
Minnesota	2,054	2,036	Vet. Administration	639	444
Mississippi	317	323	Virginia	715	721
Missouri	1,762	1,782	Washington	1,066	1,032
Montana	228	236	West Virginia	531	498
Navy	325	270	Wisconsin	2,011	2,082
Nebraska	772	769	Wyoming	104	108

## NEW PAMPHLET ON FLUORIDES NOW AVAILABLE

A new pamphlet on fluoride therapy, designed to acquaint the lay public with the desirability of topical applications of sodium fluoride for all children, has been published by the Division of Dental Health Education of the Council on Dental Health and is now available for general distribution. The pamphlet is popularly written and should meet basic questions of patients regarding the role of fluorides in dentistry. The Division also has just published an attractive new pamphlet for teen-agers entitled, "Attractive Teeth for Young Men and Women." New revised editions of two other pamphlets which long have been standard items in the Association's dental health education literature have also been issued in the past two weeks. They are, "Tommy's First Visit to the Dentist," and "X-rays and Your Teeth." Sample copies of all four pamphlets may be obtained without cost from the Order Department, American Dental Association. Special prices for quantity orders will be quoted upon request.

## **18 DENTAL SCHOOLS WILL HAVE ARMY R.O.T.C. UNITS THIS FALL**

Faced with the most critical shortage of dental manpower in its history (see A.D.A. NEWSLETTER, Aug. 15), the Army this year is reviving its R.O.T.C. program for dental schools for the first time since 1933 when all such units were abolished. Eighteen dental schools are scheduled to organize R.O.T.C. units during the 1948-49 school year. They are: University of California, College of Physicians and Surgeons (San Francisco), Georgetown (District of Columbia), University of Illinois, Indiana University, State University of Iowa, University of Louisville, University of Maryland, University of Michigan, University of Minnesota, New York University, Ohio State University, University of Oregon; University of Pennsylvania, University of Pittsburgh, University of Texas, Tufts College, and Washington University (St. Louis.)

## **HOOVER COMMISSION GARNERS COMPLAINTS FROM GOVERNMENT DENTISTS**

In mid-August, the Hoover commission mailed questionnaires to a limited number of dentists, physicians and nurses, both civilian and military, now in government service. The questionnaires asked those receiving the blanks to describe their work, list their complaints and provide other comments on aspects of government service. A different questionnaire was sent to a number of professional persons who formerly worked for the government. Officials of the Commission, assigned the task of preparing plans for a reorganization of the executive branch of the government, withheld all comment on the answers received in early returns of the forms. The report will not be made public until after the November elections, according to officials of the Commission.

## **A DENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MAY BE NAMED FOR THE ARMED FORCES**

According to an unconfirmed report from Washington, D. C., high officials in the office of Secretary of National Defense James Forrestal are considering the appointment of a new dental advisory committee to develop over-all policies and procedures for the coordination of dental services in the various branches of the armed forces. According to the report, the new committee would consist of the dental chiefs of the Army, Navy, Air Force and an equal number of dentists from civilian ranks.

## **OCTOBER A.D.A. JOURNAL WILL FEATURE SYMPOSIUM ON CARIES**

The scientific section of the October issue of The Journal of the American Dental Association will feature a symposium on dental caries research. The articles were selected from those presented originally at a recent meeting of the subsection on dentistry of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. The October issue of JADA will also carry complete reports on the 89th annual meeting.

## **PREPARE INFORMATION PACKETS FOR 1949 CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH DAY**

Portfolios of material which will serve as a guide to state and local societies in planning observances of the first annual Children's Dental Health Day Next February 7 are now being prepared jointly by the staffs of the Council on Dental Health and the Bureau of Public Information. The portfolios will contain recommendations for program planning, community participation, school activities and publicity. Included will be a reproduction of material developed by dental societies during recent years in observance of local Children's Dental Health Days.

## **CORRECTION**

In the Aug. 15 issue of the A.D.A. NEWSLETTER, Dr. Percy T. Phillips, of New York City, was incorrectly given the title of secretary of the Dental Society of the State of New York. Dr. Charles A. Wilkie, of Brooklyn, is secretary of the state society. Dr. Phillips is secretary of the First District Dental Society in New York.

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N.B. -- The Sept. 15 issue of the A.D.A. NEWSLETTER will be delayed to provide coverage on final actions at the Association's annual meeting Sept. 13-17.

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