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DR. J. ROY DOTY, DIRECTOR OF THE A.D.A. BUREAU OF CHEMISTRY, IS NAMED SECRETARY OF THE COUNCIL ON DENTAL THERAPEUTICS

Dr. J. Roy Doty, of Chicago, has been appointed to the position of Secretary of the Council on Dental Therapeutics of the American Dental Association by Dr. Harold Hillenbrand, A.D.A. secretary. Dr. Doty succeeds Dr. Donald A. Wallace who resigned as secretary of the Council to accept a position as assistant research manager of the Pepso-scent Division of Lever Brothers Company. Dr. Doty will also continue as director of the A.D.A. Bureau of Chemistry, a post he has held since 1948. As secretary of the Council, Dr. Doty will be in charge of the administration of the Association's program of evaluation and acceptance of all therapeutic products related to the practice of dentistry. The Council also will continue to issue advisory reports on therapeutic products and will advise other Association agencies regarding the acceptance or rejection of such products for advertising in Association publications or display at scientific meetings. Dr. Doty has been a member of the Association's Central Office Staff since 1943 and for several years served as the senior chemist of the Bureau of Chemistry. Prior to joining the A.D.A. staff, Dr. Doty served as assistant professor of physiology at Louisiana State University School of Medicine. He also formerly was an instructor in analytical chemistry at Monmouth College. He received his Ph. D. degree at the University of Illinois in 1933. Dr. Doty has been a frequent contributor of articles on chemical research to scientific journals including such publications as Analytical Chemistry, Journal of Biological Chemistry and the American Journal of Physiology. He is a member of the American Association of Biological Chemists and the American Chemical Society.

SENATOR DOUGLAS OFFERS "DEDUCTIBLE" HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN

A proposal that the federal government provide protection against catastrophic illness was advocated as a substitute for compulsory health insurance last week by Senator Paul H. Douglas (D., Ill.) who said he would introduce a bill supporting his views in Congress next month. This plan, which is very similar to that suggested by Senator Lester C. Hunt (D., Wyo.) at the A.D.A. annual session in San Francisco last October, sets a limit of \$150 or \$200 in medical expenses below which no benefits would be paid and, according to Senator Douglas, could be financed by a compulsory payroll tax of 1 per cent. Senator Douglas did not specify whether dental care would be included under his plan. The announcement, coming from one who had hitherto been a staunch supporter of all of President Truman's social legislation, was a surprise to many observers in Washington. It was the second such move within the month. Earlier Senator Hubert H. Humphrey (D., Minn.) had said that "legislation for health insurance is not yet in the legislative action stage and will not be in that stage, regardless of its merits, until there have been further

hearings, further research and until a primary basic administrative formula has been developed." Previous to that statement Senator Humphrey had publicly supported President Truman's drive to make compulsory health insurance law during this session of Congress. Other recent developments, though, indicate that compulsory health insurance still is far from being a dead issue. Federal Security Administrator Oscar R. Ewing left Washington this week to inspect operation of government health services in England, Sweden and Switzerland. Earlier he and other administration leaders conferred on the problem and reportedly won a promise from Representative Robert Crosser (D., Ohio) chairman of the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee of the House of Representatives, that he would do all he could to aid passage of the scheme. According to the Washington Report on the Medical Sciences, the administration will probably press for a showdown on this legislation during the coming year, even though defeat seems certain. The strategy, according to that publication, is to get all Congressmen to vote on the bill so that it can be made a public issue in the 1950 elections.

MASSACHUSETTS BEGINS RESEARCH PROJECT TO INVESTIGATE PROGRAM FOR INCREASED SERVICES BY DENTAL HYGIENISTS

A special research project to determine the desirability of increasing the scope of service rendered by dental hygienists has been started by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. This project is to be of five years duration. The first two years will be devoted to the training of feminine personnel, and the last three will be used as an evaluation period. The project will be carried out at the Forsyth Dental Infirmary for Children, Boston, Mass., under the direction of Dr. Howard M. Marjerison, a member of the infirmary staff. Though the research will be under the supervision of the state health department, it is to be financed through a grant from the Children's Bureau of the Federal Security Agency. An official announcement of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health said:

For many years the desirability of increasing the scope of the service which auxiliary aids may render in the field of dentistry has been a debatable subject. No evidence, however, has been available in the United States to support the contentions of various groups concerning this question. In an effort to provide concrete evidence as to the advisability or inadvisability of such a program this project has been initiated. The Department and the Forsyth Dental Infirmary are approaching this experimental project with an open mind. Careful statistical analyses and all available means of obtaining objective evidence will be utilized during the course of the study in an effort to determine the quantity and quality of dental care that can be performed by auxiliary personnel so trained. A representative group of trainees will be selected from the first-year class of the Forsyth School for Dental Hygienists. As a part of their course of training, the students selected for this project will qualify as dental hygienists as presently defined under the laws of the Commonwealth.

DENTAL EDUCATION CONGRESS WILL BE HELD FEB. 4 IN CHICAGO

Plans are now being completed for the A.D.A. Congress on Dental Education and Licensure to be held Feb. 4 in the Stevens Hotel, Chicago. The program will be devoted to pre-professional education at both the secondary school and university levels. A special committee on arrangements headed by Dr. Otto W. Brandhorst, of St. Louis, Mo., will invite dental examiners, college presidents, high school principals and guidance officers and counselors from high schools and universities all over the country. An attendance of about 300 is expected. The date was set at a committee meeting of the A.D.A. Council on Dental Education in Chicago, Oct. 28. The Council also discussed plans for assisting the American Association of Dental Examiners in its Workshop on Testing Techniques to be held the following day, Feb. 5. Chairman of the workshop arrangements is Dr. Philip Schwartz, of East Orange, N. J., of the New Jersey State Board of Dental Examiners. Attending this workshop will be about 150 dental examiners, teachers and testing experts from many sections of the United States.

COUNCIL ON LEGISLATION DEVELOPS NEW SYSTEM FOR LIAISON WITH A.D.A. CONSTITUENTS -- DR. BRUCE KURTZ ELECTED VICE CHAIRMAN

A new system of liaison between the A.D.A. Council on Legislation and other A.D.A. agencies and constituent societies was put into effect at a council meeting in Chicago, Nov. 13-14. Dr. E. Harold Gale, of Albany, N. Y., council chairman, divided the United States into five geographical areas and assigned one council member to take charge of the legislative liaison activities in each. He also assigned council members to particular legislative problems related to other agencies of the A.D.A. In another action the Council elected Dr. Bruce R. Kurtz, of Pasadena, Calif., as its vice chairman. The new system of individual assignments is expected to improve coordination of legislation activities between the A.D.A. and its constituents. Dr. Gale will maintain liaison with legislative committees of dental societies in New York, New Jersey and the New England states. The other assignments: Dr. Kurtz, the western states; Dr. Paul E. Jones, of Farmville, N. C., the southern and southeastern states; Dr. W. R. Alstadt, of Little Rock, Ark., Illinois and the plains states west of the Mississippi; and Dr. T. J. McDermott, of Cleveland, Ohio, the central states east of the Mississippi and Pennsylvania. The assignments to legislative problems of different A.D.A. agencies were: Dr. Gale, Council on Dental Health; Dr. Alstadt, Council on Federal Government Dental Services; Dr. Jones, Councils on Dental Museum and Registry, Research and Dental Therapeutics and problems relating to general administration; Dr. Kurtz, Council on Dental Trade and Laboratory Relations; and Dr. McDermott, Council on Dental Education. By working closely with these other councils on an individual basis, the Council on Legislation expects to clarify policy problems as they relate to new legislation. The Council appointed all chairmen of legislative committees of A.D.A. constituent societies as ex officio consultants to the Council.

PENNSYLVANIA CLINIC WINS FIRST PRIZE AT A.D.A. MEETING

The Exhibit, "Cleft Palate Prosthesis," sponsored by the Pennsylvania State College Speech and Hearing Clinic, won first prize in the scientific exhibit section at the 90th annual session of the A.D.A. in San Francisco. Second prize went to an exhibit by Dr. Noble G. Wills entitled "Evolution in the Development of Surveying and Designing Instruments for Partial Denture Use." Third prize went to an exhibit on silicate cements sponsored by the A.D.A. Council on Dental Research and the National Bureau of Standards. Honorable mention went to the following exhibitors: Mayo Clinic, Naval Medical Research Institute, University of Chicago, Army Institute of Pathology, University of Illinois College of Dentistry, University of Southern California School of Dentistry, University of California College of Dentistry and Navy Bureau of Medicine and Surgery.

A.D.A. TO PROVIDE SPEAKERS AT STATE MEETINGS

A new program whereby an official representative of the Association will be available as a speaker at the annual meeting of each state society during 1950 has been authorized by the Board of Trustees on the recommendation of Dr. Clyde E. Minges, immediate past president. Under the program, each state society may invite an officer, trustee or Central office department head to appear before the society's annual session with travel expenses paid by the A.D.A. Selection of the speaker for each society will be handled by invitation only from the state society. Directions for the operation of the program will be issued shortly by Dr. Harold Hillenbrand, A.D.A. secretary. The new program is being instituted to provide direct liaison between Association officials and all the constituent societies.

URGE EARLY ELECTION OF DELEGATES FOR 91ST ANNUAL SESSION

Delegates and alternates for the 91st annual session to be held at Atlantic City next fall should be elected by January 1, it was recommended by the House of Delegates at the 90th annual session last October. While it is realized that not all states can elect delegates by the first of the year, Association officials are urging that delegates be selected as soon as possible so that they may be fully informed regarding various issues scheduled for consideration at the next annual session.

10,694 CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED BY A.D.A. RELIEF FUND



A total of 10,694 individual contributions from dentists in all parts of the United States had been received by the American Dental Association Relief Fund by Dec. 1, two weeks after the start of the annual campaign. Because of the heavy volume of contributions, an exact compilation of these early contributions could not be made in time for publication in this issue of the A.D.A. News Letter. A scattered check of contributions, however, showed a range of from \$1 to \$25 in individual donations received to date. A goal of \$100,000, approximately \$40,000 more than was contributed last year, has been established for the 1949-50 campaign. Because of increased demands for assistance from needy dentists and their dependents, members of the A.D.A. Council on Relief have urged that A.D.A. members double their contributions of last year. All contributions should be mailed directly to the AMERICAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION RELIEF FUND, 222 East Superior St., Chicago 11, Illinois.

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION ISSUES ORDER AGAINST ADVERTISING OF THERAPEUTIC CLAIMS FOR IPANA TOOTH PASTE -- FIRM TO APPEAL

The Federal Trade Commission last Tuesday announced issuance of a sweeping order directing Bristol-Myers to discontinue advertisements claiming that the use of Ipana with massage will prevent "pink tooth brush" or aid in the treatment of its causes; that Ipana has any significant therapeutic value in the treatment of mouth, tooth or gum diseases; or that massage with Ipana stimulates circulation in the gums, imparts firmness or health to the gums or prevents gum trouble. The Commission's order also directed the discontinuance of representations that twice as many U. S. dentists personally use Ipana as any other dentifrice, and that more U. S. dentists recommend Ipana for use by their patients than any other two dentifrices combined. The F.T.C. challenged the corporation's claims concerning a survey as to Ipana's popularity among dentists, claiming that the actual sampling "was from a restricted list of dentists, not representative of the dental profession as a whole, comprising replies from less than 2,000 of the nation's 66,000 dentists." The F.T.C. also charged that there were discrepancies in the tabulation such as to make the results "wholly unreliable." In reply, Mr. Lee H. Bristol, president of Bristol-Myers, said, "It is inconceivable to us that the members of the F.T.C. should have reached their decision on the basis of a full consideration of the evidence introduced at the trial." Mr. Bristol said that to let the order stand as written would be against the public interest and that the firm would seek a reversal of the order in the Federal courts. He added: "We welcome this opportunity -- the first we have had since the complaint was issued in 1942 -- to place the evidence before a court of law."

BRIEFS IN THE NEWS

The Supreme Court of Georgia has declared constitutional a law which requires dental hygienists to have either a year of college training or pass both a written and "practical" examination....Minutes of the 90th annual session of the House of Delegates at San Francisco last October will soon be mailed to A.D.A. officials and all delegates and alternate delegates of the session....Dr. H. Trendley Dean, director of the National Institute of Dental Research, last month was selected by the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States to receive the Gorgas Award for 1949 "for outstanding contributions in the field of military medicine."....The Cleveland Dental Society is one of the first A.D.A. constituents to complete its plans for the 1950 National Children's Dental Health Day. It will hold a Children's Dental Party on Sunday, Feb. 5, and an all day Children's Dental Health Day Meeting on Feb. 6....A new technical film, "Denture Resin," has just been completed at the National Bureau of Standards and is available for dental society meetings. "Silicate Cement" and "Dental Amalgam" are the other two films in this series which was prepared jointly by the Bureau and the Council on Dental Research of the A.D.A....The new American Museum of Health, Inc., which will be opened early next year at Hunter College, New York, will include dental exhibits endorsed and supported by the First, Second and Tenth District Dental Societies of New York.