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News Letter

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SECOND ANNUAL NATIONAL CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH DAY WILL BE OBSERVED IN HUNDREDS OF COMMUNITY PROGRAMS ON MONDAY, FEB. 6

On Monday, Feb. 6, the nation's dentists will join with parents, teachers, health educators and civic leaders in observance of the second annual National Children's Dental Health Day. Several hundred constituent and component societies of the A.D.A. are planning local and district programs designed to promote dental health for children and to aid in establishing and maintaining school and community programs to make dental health education and care available to all children. More than a score of state governors and hundreds of mayors have agreed to issue proclamations urging public support of the observance. A.D.A. officials are also hopeful that a national proclamation may be issued by President Truman. A Congressional resolution authorizing President Truman to issue such a proclamation has been passed by the House of Representatives and is now pending before the Senate Judiciary committee. Members of the committee have assured A.D.A. officials that the resolution will be given prompt consideration. It is still problematical, however, whether Senate action can be secured before Feb. 6. Dr. E. Harold Gale, of Albany, N. Y., chairman of the A.D.A. Council on Legislation, urges that all A.D.A. members write Senator Patrick A. McCarran (D., Nev.), chairman of the Senate Judiciary committee, requesting early action on the resolution. Dr. Gale and Mr. Francis J. Garvey, Council secretary, will be in Washington Jan. 9 to check on this resolution and other proposed legislation affecting dentistry. Packets of publicity and promotional material for use in state and local programs were mailed from the Central Office last week to children's dental health day committee chairmen and state and district society secretaries. A quantity of specially-designed posters and a supply of a new pamphlet on dental health for children will be mailed this week. According to reports from state and local chairmen, the 1950 observance will be the most widespread in the Association's history.

HEALTH LEGISLATION WILL BE MAJOR ISSUE BEFORE CONGRESS

Health legislation is expected to be a major issue during the new session of the 81st Congress opening Jan. 3. Compulsory health insurance will again be debated vigorously but there is little likelihood that there will be a vote on this proposal of President Truman this year. Sen. James E. Murray (D., Mont.), one of the authors of the omnibus health bill (S. 1679), has said that "probably" this bill would not be voted on. From other quarters, however, it was reported that the administration's strategy is to attempt to get a record vote prior to the fall elections so that compulsory health insurance could be made a campaign issue. Both proponents and opponents were agreed that compulsory health insurance legislation would not be enacted by the 81st Congress and that the future of the proposal would be determined largely by the outcome of the fall elections. Several other health bills, including the Army dental bill sponsored by the A.D.A., are reported to stand a chance of passage during 1950. These include the Hill bill (S. 522) which would increase by \$7 million a year federal grants for public health assistance to the states; the school health services bill (S. 1411) which would provide \$35 million in grants-in-aid to the states for health services for school children; and the national science foundation bill (S. 247). All three of these bills have been passed by the Senate and are now pending in the House of Representatives. Another bill on which there may be action is the aid-to-education bill (S. 1453), which proposes federal grants to dental and medical schools. This bill has been debated in the Senate but has not been brought to a vote in either house of Congress. Also scheduled to be dropped into the Senate hopper early in this session is the bill of

Sen. Paul H. Douglas (D., Ill) to provide a modified federal compulsory health insurance program to aid individuals meet the cost of "catastrophic illness."

91ST ANNUAL SESSION TO STRESS "FIFTY YEARS OF DENTAL PROGRESS"

The 91st annual session of the A.D.A. in Atlantic City, Oct. 30 to Nov. 2, 1950, will feature critical evaluations of the progress made in dentistry in the last 50 years, it was announced by the Council on Scientific Session. During a meeting at the A.D.A. Central Office on Dec. 18, the Council decided on a tentative program schedule for the annual session and completed nominations for 1950 section officers. These nominations will be submitted to the A.D.A. Board of Trustees for approval at its meeting in Chicago, Feb. 6-7. The Council, headed by Dr. William A. Garrett, of Atlanta, Ga., will meet Feb. 8 at the A.D.A. Central Office with new section officers to discuss plans for the 1950 annual session. Several other A.D.A. agencies and associated groups also will meet during late January and early February. These meetings, all of which will be held in the A.D.A. Central Office except when otherwise noted, have been scheduled as follows:

Council on Journalism, Jan. 21-22; Council on Dental Education, Feb. 2-3; Council on Federal Government Dental Services, Feb. 4; A.D.A. Congress on Dental Education and Licensure, Stevens Hotel, Feb. 4; A.A.D.E. Workshop on Testing Technics, Stevens Hotel, Feb. 5; Council on Legislation, Feb. 5-6; Council on Dental Museum and Registry, Feb. 6; Council on Membership, Feb. 6; A.D.A. Board of Trustees, Feb. 6-7; Council on Scientific Session, Feb. 8; Council on Dental Therapeutics and Advisory Committee to Bureau of Chemistry, Feb. 10-11.

A.D.A. IS INVITED TO NAME REPRESENTATIVE TO ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR MID-CENTURY WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH

The A.D.A. has been officially invited to name a representative to the steering committee of the Advisory Council on Participation of National Organizations in the Mid-Century White House Conference on Children and Youth scheduled to be held in late 1950 at Washington, D. C. This council is one of four major advisory councils created by the conference's National Committee headed by Mr. Leonard W. Mayo, and is expected to have several hundred members including representatives of organizations in the field of health, welfare, recreation, citizenship, religion, and business. At the time of the announcement of the appointment of the National Committee in 1949, A.D.A. officials protested the exclusion of a representative of the dental profession (See A.D.A. News Letter, Nov. 15, 1949). The request for official A.D.A. representation on the council does not modify the Association's original stand on representation for the dental profession on the National Committee, A.D.A. officials said.

NORTH DAKOTA IS FIRST STATE TO EXCEED QUOTA IN 1949-50 A.D.A. RELIEF FUND CAMPAIGN -- TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS REACH \$35,111.51



Contributions in the 1949-50 campaign for the A.D.A. Relief Fund reached \$35,111.51 on Dec. 15, a little over one-third of the goal of \$100,000 set by the A.D.A. Council on Relief. Leading the entire nation in per capita contributions were the dentists of North Dakota who have subscribed 104 per cent of their quota. In second place in the nation were dentists of Alabama who have contributed 76 per cent. Four other states -- Mississippi, Iowa, Montana and West Virginia -- had exceeded the 50 per cent mark in total contributions at the end of the mid-December accounting period. In all, a total of 15,338 contributions, representing donations from approximately 23 per cent of the total A.D.A. membership, were received up to Dec. 15. Since then, an additional 8,294 returns have been received at Relief Fund headquarters but have not been tabulated. The average contributions through mid-December was \$2.29. Individual contributions, however, ranged as high as \$25. The campaign will continue during the next two months and all A.D.A. members are urged to send in their contributions as soon as possible to the A.D.A. Relief Fund, 222 East Superior Street, Chicago 11, Illinois. Receipts grouped by constituent societies and the percentage of quota contributed by each are shown in the following table:

To Dec. 15				To Dec. 15			
1949-50	CONTRI-	PCT		1949-50	CONTRI-	PCT	
QUOTAS	BUTIONS			QUOTAS	BUTIONS		
Alabama	\$ 810.00	\$ 614.50	76	Nebraska	\$ 1160.00	\$ 102.50	09
Arizona	260.00	78.00	30	Nevada	100.00	29.50	29
Arkansas	490.00	165.00	34	New Hampshire	410.00	88.00	21
Army*	510.00	140.00	27	New Jersey	4290.00	1584.00	37
California	3640.00	1304.00	36	New Mexico	190.00	90.00	47
S. California	4340.00	1554.50	36	New York	15560.00	4366.50	28
Colorado	880.00	46.00	05	North Carolina	1190.00	350.00	29
Connecticut	1940.00	773.50	40	North Dakota	340.00	355.05	104
Delaware	150.00	36.00	24	Ohio	4910.00	1652.30	34
Dist. of Col.	810.00	372.00	46	Oklahoma	920.00	380.00	41
Florida	1180.00	523.00	44	Oregon	1150.00	481.50	42
Georgia	1020.00	405.50	40	Panama C. Z.	30.00	5.00	17
Hawaii	360.00	124.00	34	Pennsylvania	7260.00	2603.30	36
Idaho	270.00	126.00	47	P. H. Service	300.00	37.50	12
Illinois	7640.00	3537.50	46	Puerto Rico	290.00	61.00	21
Indiana	2340.00	1114.00	48	Rhode Island	530.00	140.00	26
Iowa	1910.00	993.50	52	South Carolina	380.00	103.00	27
Kansas	1130.00	545.01	48	South Dakota	350.00	72.00	21
Kentucky	1100.00	185.00	17	Tennessee	1100.00	287.00	26
Louisiana	1040.00	267.50	26	Texas	3040.00	956.00	31
Maine	420.00	145.00	35	Utah	470.00	28.00	06
Maryland	1040.00	419.00	40	Vermont	210.00	2.00	01
Massachusetts	3780.00	578.50	15	Vet. Admin.	980.00	168.00	17
Michigan	3900.00	1566.50	40	Virginia	1120.00	375.00	33
Minnesota	3060.00	1252.00	41	Washington	1680.00	820.25	49
Mississippi	500.00	265.60	53	West Virginia	730.00	367.50	50
Missouri	2670.00	1111.00	42	Wisconsin	2990.00	953.50	32
Montana	340.00	178.00	52	Wyoming	170.00	78.00	46
Navy	710.00	123.50	17				

* Air Force contributions included

** Includes \$31.50 in miscellaneous contributions

TOTALS \$100,000.00 \$35,111.51** 35

INTER-ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE ON HEALTH WILL MEET JAN. 7

The second meeting of the Inter-Association Committee on Health, composed of representatives of six national professional associations, including the A.D.A. and the A.M.A., will be held next Saturday, Jan. 7, at the Hotel Statler in New York. A.D.A. representatives on the committee include Dr. Philip E. Adams, A.D.A. president; Dr. William McGill Burns, New York Trustee; Dr. Harold Hillenbrand, A.D.A. secretary, and Dr. Kenneth A. Easlick, a member of the A.D.A. Council on Dental Health. Also scheduled to meet in New York on Friday will be the ad interim committee of the A.D.A. Board of Trustees. Members of the committee are Dr. Adams, Dr. Harold Oppice, president-elect; Dr. Burns, Dr. LeRoy M. Ennis, Dr. James E. John and Dr. Hillenbrand.

CHILDREN'S BUREAU OFFICIAL IS GRANTED W.H.O. FELLOWSHIP TO STUDY OPERATION OF DENTAL NURSES PLAN IN NEW ZEALAND

Dr. John T. Fulton, dental services advisor of the U. S. Children's Bureau, has been granted a fellowship by the World Health Organization to make a survey of the dental nurses plan being operated under government auspices in New Zealand. Dr. Fulton will leave for New Zealand on Feb. 11. Under the New Zealand plan, dental nurses are permitted to fill teeth and to provide other dental treatment for children.

MISS DOROTHY WRIGHT IS NAMED HEAD OF A.D.A. ACCOUNTING DIVISION

Miss Dorothy Wright, of Chicago, has been named head of the accounting division at the A.D.A. Central Office. Miss Wright, who has been an employee of the Association for the past seven years, succeeds Mr. O. T. Evans.

A.D.A. JOURNAL TO PUBLISH SPECIAL MID-CENTURY ISSUE

A special, mid-century issue of The Journal of the American Dental Association, summarizing the progress of dental science during the first half of the century, will be published in June or July of this year, it was announced by Dr. Lon W. Morrey, editor-in-chief of A.D.A. publications. The special issue will feature four main divisions covering dental education and licensure, dental science, social responsibility and dental literature. A leader in each of the four fields will be appointed as the editor for each section and will be assisted by a number of associate editors. The special issue will evaluate current trends and problems in the various phases of dentistry rather than provide an exhaustive historical summary of dental progress, Dr. Morrey said. Plans are being made to provide the widest possible distribution of the mid-century issue similar to that given the special supplement, "Compulsory Health Insurance Is Not the Answer," which was published last April.

REPRINTS OF ARTICLE, "BRITAIN PAYS THROUGH THE TEETH," BY DR. HAROLD HILLENBRAND, NOW AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION

By special arrangement with the editors of Nation's Business, the article, "Britain Pays Through the Teeth," by Dr. Harold Hillenbrand, A.D.A. secretary, is now available in reprint form. A copy of this report on the operation of the dental program of the British National Health Service is being mailed with this issue of the A.D.A. News Letter. Extra copies may be secured without cost by request to the A.D.A. Bureau of Public Information.

MANUFACTURER RECALLS CERTAIN LOTS OF ANESTHETIC SOLUTIONS

Cook-Waite Laboratories, Inc., has requested dealers and all of its dental customers to return certain lots of local anesthetic solutions which were reported to be causing "transient swelling" in a limited number of cases. In a letter to Dr. J. Roy Doty, secretary of the A.D.A. Council on Dental Therapeutics, a representative of the firm said that a survey among dentists using the anesthetics revealed that "post-operative swelling sometimes associated with pain in the area of injection occurred in some but not in all cases." The firm voluntarily worked out a plan with the Food and Drug Administration for recalling the solutions, and asks that all anesthetic solutions coded MB, OB, NB, TB and HB be returned to its dealers. According to a spokesman for the firm, "tests showed that the solutions were sterile and had been correctly compounded." The spokesman added; "The extremely fugitive cause of the irritating reactions which have been reported, our scientists believe, can be attributed to the chemical treatment of the public water supply necessitated by unprecedented drought conditions."

BRIEFS IN THE NEWS

Dr. Oren A. Oliver, of Nashville, Tenn., has reported that approximately 500 A.D.A. members have taken out individual memberships in the Federation Dentaire Internationale for the coming year. Dr. Oliver, who is treasurer for the enrollment of F.D.B. members in this country, has announced that a limited number of memberships is still available....A fully equipped dental clinic, built for a staff of 15 dentists, has been installed in a public housing project in New York City. This clinic, which is to be operated on a voluntary basis under sponsorship of the Community Service Society of New York, is believed to be the first of its kind ever built....Newest members of the Veterans Administrations deans committees are Dr. Harry Bear, Medical College of Virginia; Dr. Harold J. Noyes, University of Oregon; and Dr. Raymond E. Myers, University of Louisville. The announcement was made by Dr. Bion R. East, the V. A. dental chief....Copies of A.D.A. testimony on the Army Dental Bill (S 1205) may be obtained free of charge on request to the A.D.A. Council on Legislation, 222 E. Superior Street, Chicago 11....Mr. Thomas G. McMahon and Mr. Harry E. Radix, of Chicago, left the active management of the Chicago plant of Handy and Harman on Jan. 1, according to a company announcement. They formerly were co-owners of Thomas J. Dee and Co., which was absorbed by Handy and Harman three years ago....The State Department recently announced that 82 British students, including three who will study dentistry, were recipients of travel grants under the Fulbright Act which aids foreign students who wish to study in American colleges and professional schools....Dr. Russell W. Groh soon will resign his deanship of the School of Dentistry, University of Buffalo, to become chief dental officer of the New Veterans Administration hospital in Buffalo.