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## REVISED PROGRAM FOR EVALUATION AND STUDY OF DENTAL DRUGS AND THERAPEUTIC PRODUCTS IS AUTHORIZED BY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

A new program proposed by the A.D.A. Council on Dental Therapeutics under which four instead of two classifications will be used for reporting on dental drugs and therapeutic products was approved unanimously last week by the Board of Trustees. Previously, the Council listed only two principal categories for dental products -- "Accepted" and "Unaccepted." Under the new program, these two classifications will be retained and new designations employed (1) for products which lack evidence to justify acceptance but for which there is reasonable evidence of usefulness and safety, and (2) for those products for which the evidence is so limited that they cannot be properly evaluated. The inclusion of the two new categories will permit the Council on Dental Therapeutics to classify products in an early stage of their development. As a guide to dentists and as a protection to the public, the Council will use the following classifications for the evaluation of dental products in the future:

- Group A consists of accepted products which will be listed in Accepted Dental Remedies and may use the Seal of Acceptance unless otherwise provided..
- Group B consists of products which lack sufficient evidence to justify present acceptance, but for which there is reasonable evidence of usefulness and of safety. These products meet the other qualifications and standards established by the Council on Dental Therapeutics and the Bureau of Chemistry. It is the Council's opinion that Group B products may be promoted for special use and study.
- Group C consists of products for which the evidence is so limited or inconclusive that the products cannot be accurately evaluated. It is the Council's opinion that Group C products require further study by qualified investigators.
- Group D consists of products which are unacceptable because of their demonstrated inability to meet the standards outlined in the provisions for acceptance.

### AMMONIATED DENTIFRICES ARE PLACED IN GROUP C

The Council on Dental Therapeutics, meeting last week, voted to place ammoniated dentifrices and dentifrices containing fluorides and chlorophyll derivatives in Group C. It was agreed that products listed in Group B would be necessarily small in number and that they would be subject to frequent review. Products listed in Groups A and B would be automatically recommended by the Council for advertising in Association publications. In other actions, the Council agreed to join with the Council on Dental Health in the preparation of a policy statement on the fluoridization of municipal water supplies for consideration by the House of Delegates next fall. The Advisory Committee to the Bureau of Chemistry met jointly with the Council on Dental Therapeutics.

## DR. BIRKBECK NAMED CHAIRMAN OF DENTAL EXAMINERS COUNCIL

Dr. Thomas M. Birkbeck, of Milton, Ore., was elected by the Board of Trustees as chairman of the Council of the National Board of Dental Examiners, succeeding Dr. Charles I. Taggart, of Burlington, Vt., who resigned from the Council following his election as A.D.A. trustee for the New England district. Among reports received by the Board was the annual audit which revealed that in 1949 the Association operated in the black for the first time in three years. Income during 1949 was \$1,107,373.81 compared with total expenses of \$1,011,800.00. During the previous years, the Association has operated at a deficit in excess of \$300,000.00. Other reports to the Board revealed that the circulation of The Journal of the American Dental Association reached 75,250 in December, 1949, an all-time high. A new record was also established last year for The Journal of Oral Surgery, which now has a circulation of 5,635, more than double that for a year ago. In other actions, the Trustees authorized the Council on Dental Health to employ a full-time consultant to develop community and state dental health programs. The Council on Legislation was authorized to employ a full-time legislative assistant, and the Bureau of Chemistry was authorized to institute a program for the award of research assistantships in the A.D.A. laboratories. In conjunction with this latter program, the Board voted to accept a gift of \$2,500 a year offered by the Board of Regents of the American College of Dentists.

## DENTAL SOCIETIES TO BALLOT ON FALL DATE FOR 1951 NATIONAL CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH DAY

All state dental societies will soon be asked to select by ballot the date during October and November, 1951, for the observance of the third annual National Children's Dental Health Day. According to a resolution approved by the A.D.A. House of Delegates in San Francisco last October, the observance must be held during the two months of October and November. Constituent society secretaries will be asked to secure the advice of component or local societies. The ballot will be conducted by the A.D.A. Council on Dental Health. At its meeting last week, the Council, headed by Dr. Leo J. Schoeny, of New Orleans, announced plans for a series of special conferences to be held in conjunction with the A.D.A. annual session in Atlantic City next fall. The first, to be held Oct. 27, will be devoted to the development of a teaching manual of a course of study for teachers in dental health. A number of health educators will be invited to participate. State dental health directors will be invited to attend the second conference, on Oct. 28, to discuss plans for state and community dental health program planning. During the same week, council members will meet with insurance company representatives to discuss the possibility of including dental questions on the physical examination forms for life insurance applications. The Council also approved a plan for compiling an authentic table of food values with special emphasis on sugar content. In addition, the Council drafted a policy statement for dental services under the vocational rehabilitation program of the federal government for consideration by the House of Delegates. An outline for the survey to be conducted during the next three months in New Zealand by Dr. Allen O. Gruebbel, Council secretary, was approved. Dr. Gruebbel left Chicago today (Feb. 15) for New Zealand. He will return in May.

## FIRST DENTIST HONORED BY WASHINGTON ACADEMY

A research associate doing work under an American Dental Association senior fellowship was singled out for unique honor last week when Dr. Edward G. Hampp, of the National Institutes of Health at Bethesda, Md., was announced winner of the 1949 Academy Award in the biological sciences by the Washington Academy of Sciences and its 19 affiliated societies. Dr. Hampp is the first member of the dental profession to be cited by the Academy, which limits its awards to persons under 40 who make noteworthy contributions to the physical, biological and engineering sciences. The award, announced by Dr. Frank H. H. Roberts, Jr., of the Smithsonian Institution and retiring president of the Academy, was granted in recognition of Dr. Hampp's "fundamental contributions to the knowledge of diseases of the oral cavity... particularly (as) the first to isolate in pure culture borrelia vincentii, thus making possible new approaches to the study of spirochetes." Dr. Hampp will be formally presented with the award at a meeting of the Academy in the nation's capital March 16.

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, GEORGIA AND MONTANA GO "OVER THE TOP" IN RELIEF FUND DRIVE



Three additional state dental societies -- Southern California, Georgia and Montana -- have exceeded their quotas in contributions to the A.D.A. Relief Fund Campaign. Up to Feb. 8, dentists of Southern California had contributed a total of \$4,814 to give their society a total credit of 111 per cent of quota. Contributions from Georgia dentists equalled 114 per cent of quota and those from Montana, 102 per cent of quota. Earlier, three other constituent societies -- Alabama, North Dakota and Panama Canal Zone -- had exceeded their quotas. During late January and early February an additional \$10,680.12 was received to send total donations in the 1949-50 fund drive to \$70,479.39, or slightly over 70 per cent of the national quota of \$100,000. Over four-fifths of the additional contributions were received in response to the "red letter" appeal sent to the membership in late January by the Council on Relief. Dr. John S. Owens, council chairman, predicted that if contributions continue during the next few weeks at the same rate the fund drive will come close to its \$100,000 quota this year for the first time in history. All members who have not contributed are urged to send in their donation as soon as possible to the A.D.A. Relief Fund, 222 East Superior Street, Chicago 11, Ill. The percentage of quota reached by each of the constituent societies up to Feb. 8 is shown in the following table:

Alabama	203	Indiana	79	Nebraska	84	Puerto Rico	31
Arizona	86	Iowa	81	Nevada	68	Rhode Island	42
Arkansas	67	Kansas	78	New Hampshire	39	South Carolina	52
Army	56	Kentucky	57	New Jersey	73	South Dakota	56
California	68	Louisiana	63	New Mexico	87	Tennessee	73
S. California	111	Maine	69	New York	56	Texas	58
Colorado	54	Maryland	75	North Carolina	92	Utah	19
Connecticut	77	Massachusetts	52	North Dakota	134	Vermont	34
Delaware	59	Michigan	70	Ohio	68	Vet. Admin.	34
Dist. of Col.	79	Minnesota	71	Oklahoma	71	Virginia	68
Florida	81	Mississippi	87	Oregon	83	Washington	86
Georgia	114	Missouri	76	Panama C. Z.	130	West Virginia	89
Hawaii	78	Montana	102	Pennsylvania	66	Wisconsin	54
Idaho	80	Navy	43	P. H. Service	37	Wyoming	71
Illinois	75						

### 1950 MEMBERSHIP SHOWS INCREASE OVER LAST YEAR

A.D.A. membership for 1950 got off to a highly promising start last month. A total of 33,443 memberships for 1950 was reported by Jan. 31, compared with 30,864 for the same time last year. On the basis of A.D.A. tabulations, outstanding state performances came from the East and Far West. New Hampshire signed up 77 per cent of its total membership; Wyoming, 75 per cent, and Idaho, 70 per cent. Among the states with greatest concentration of dentists, Southern California led with 67 per cent, followed by Massachusetts, 50 per cent, and Pennsylvania, 32 per cent. The Navy, Veterans Administration and Army ranked high with 83, 70 and 60 per cent of its memberships, respectively, already enrolled.

### A.D.A. COUNCIL BEGINS PREPARATION FOR 1951 MEETING

Arrangements for the 1951 meeting of the A.D.A. at Atlantic City were set in motion Feb. 8 when the Council on Scientific Session met with 1950 section officers at the A.D.A. Central Office. According to Dr. William A. Garrett, of Atlanta, Ga., council chairman, the program will stress critical evaluations of developments in dentistry during the last 50 years. The Council approved a special manual to assist section officers in the conduct of the scientific meetings.

### GEORGETOWN SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY GETS A.D.A. APPROVAL

The School of Dentistry, Georgetown University, at Washington, D. C., was accorded full approval this week by the A.D.A. Council on Dental Education, bringing to 33 the number of dental schools fully approved by the Association. There are six provisionally approved schools.

## STATE SECRETARIES TO HOLD THREE-DAY CONFERENCE

For the third consecutive year, secretaries of state dental societies have been invited to assemble at A.D.A. headquarters for a conference on management. Theme of the three-day session, to be held March 20-22, will be "The Secretary's Responsibility as an Administrator." Among state secretaries who will lead discussions are Dr. Fred Wertheimer and Mr. H. C. Gerber, Jr., of Michigan; Dr. Willard Ogle, Texas; Mr. Kenneth F. Crane, Wisconsin; Dr. Charles A. Wilkie, New York, and Dr. John G. Carr, New Jersey. Other speakers will include A.D.A. staff members. The third day of the session will be devoted to a discussion of specific problems of the constituent societies.

## ANNOUNCE FREE DISTRIBUTION OF COMPULSORY HEALTH INSURANCE PAMPHLETS TO STATE AND LOCAL SOCIETIES

Limited quantities of three recently-published pamphlets dealing with compulsory health insurance proposals and copies of the special supplement published last April by The Journal of the American Dental Association are now available for distribution by state and local dental societies without charge. State and local societies are requested only to pay the shipping charges from Chicago. The pamphlets are particularly suitable for distribution at annual meetings and to teachers, librarians, civic leaders and others. Requests for the material should be mailed to the A.D.A. Bureau of Public Information. The quantity desired of each of the following should be clearly indicated: "Compulsory Health Insurance Is Not the Answer," "What Are We Arguing About?" "Will You Get Your Money's Worth," and "A Dental Health Program for the Community, State and Nation."

## DR. ADAMS ENDORSES RED CROSS DRIVE

Dr. Philip E. Adams, A.D.A. president, this week endorsed the American Red Cross drive to be conducted in March. In a letter to Gen. George C. Marshall, American Red Cross president, Dr. Adams pointed out that "members of the dental profession, like others concerned with health, are acutely aware of the importance of the Red Cross in the maintenance of the health and well being of the people." Dr. Adams urged all dentists to support the Red Cross appeal.

## ADMIRAL RAULT RESIGNS -- TWO NEW DENTAL ADMIRALS APPOINTED

Admiral Clemens V. Rault, chief of the Navy dental department and a member of the A.D.A. for more than 30 years, announced this week that he will resign July 1 to become dean of the Georgetown University School of Dentistry, succeeding Dr. John P. Burke. Admiral Rault's successor has not been named. Earlier in the month President Truman approved the promotions of Captains Henry R. Delaney and Daniel W. Ryan to the rank of rear admiral. Admiral Delaney is now deputy chief of the Navy dental department and Admiral Ryan is senior dental officer at the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md. Both are active members of the American Dental Association.

## BRIEFS IN THE NEWS

The chief dental officer of the new veterans hospital at Ft. Hamilton, N.Y., will be Dr. Jacob M. Wisan, now the director of Joseph Samuels Dental Clinic in Providence, R.I. Dr. Wisan formerly was director of the A.D.A. division of dental health education....The World Health Organization this year will allot between 9 and 12 fellowships to dentists for foreign study in the field of health. Application blanks may be obtained from the Education Programs Branch, Division of International Health, U.S. Public Health Service, Washington, D.C., and must be returned not later than March 1....Dr. Lloyd H. Dodd, of Decatur, Ill., former president of the Illinois State Dental Society, has been named a member of the advisory board of the Illinois public health department. Dr. Dodd is the first dentist to be named a member of the board....The House of Representatives has passed H.R. 3001, which would permit entry of 3,200 immigrants possessing special skills, including dental training. The bill, which would not affect present licensing procedures, is now in the Senate Judiciary Committee.