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U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE RECOMMENDS FLUORIDATION OF COMMUNAL WATER SUPPLIES AS CRIES CONTROL MEASURE

Artificial fluoridation of communal water supplies has been found to be as effective in reducing the incidence and prevalence of dental caries among children as does water naturally containing fluorides, it was reported today by Assistant Surgeon General Bruce D. Forsyth of the U. S. Public Health Service. As a result of new evidence from its Grand Rapids project, where community water has been fluoridated since Jan. 25, 1945, the Public Health Service, Dr. Forsyth said, has now altered its basic policy regarding fluoridation to read: "Using scientific methods and procedures, communities desiring to fluoridate their communal water supplies should be strongly encouraged to do so." Dr. Forsyth said that a recent analysis of data from Grand Rapids regarding six, seven and eight year olds reveals that their caries experience and expectancy is the same as that found in individuals of the same age group who have been receiving 1 to 1.5 p.p.m. of fluorides naturally in their drinking water over the same period of time. "One can now predict," he said, "that next year the nine year olds, when examined, will have dropped to this same curve; the following year, the ten year olds, etc." It was pointed out that it may be necessary to add lesser amounts of fluorides to community water supplies in the southern parts of the nation because of the higher consumption of water in hot climates. In cooperation with the Public Health Service, a number of communities have been adding fluorides to domestic water supplies as a test of its effectiveness in reducing dental decay. Earlier tests had revealed that children residing in communities where fluorides were naturally present in drinking water had materially less dental decay than children of the same age group residing in communities with fluoride-free water supplies. Details of the new report will be published in the July issue of The Journal of the American Dental Association.

LOYOLA (CHICAGO) AND SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ANNOUNCE APPOINTMENT OF NEW DENTAL DEANS

Two of the nation's leading schools of dentistry will be headed by new deans, beginning next fall. Dr. A. Raymond Baralt, Jr., of Philadelphia, 32 years old, was appointed dean of the Chicago College of Dental Surgery, Loyola University, last week. He will succeed Dr. Robert W. McNulty who has resigned to become dean at the College of Dentistry, University of Southern California. Dr. Baralt is associate professor of crown and bridge prosthesis and secretary to the faculty at the School of Dentistry, Temple University, from which he received his degree in 1942. Before joining the faculty in 1945, he was a dental resident at Philadelphia General Hospital and an assistant oral surgeon at St. Mary's Hospital in Philadelphia. He has been active on the A.D.A.'s Committee on Aptitude Testing. Dr. Baralt is a native of Philadelphia. Dr. McNulty, 52, who has been a faculty member at Loyola 24 years and dean of the dental school since 1943, is chairman of the A.D.A. Council on Dental Education, a former president of the Illinois State Dental Society, a fellow of the American College of Dentists and an executive member of the Federation Dentaire Internationale. A native of Braidwood, Ill., he earned a bachelor's degree at Hanover College in Hanover, Ind., a dental degree at Loyola and a master's degree in education at Loyola.

SIX PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE DENTAL CONSULTANTS TRANSFERRED TO NEW POSTS ACROSS U. S.; ONLY FAR WEST UNAFFECTED

Sweeping transfers of dental consultants on the staff of the U. S. Public Health Service were announced this week by Dr. Bruce D. Forsyth, chief dental officer. Only the far west was unaffected. To date, four of the transfers are scheduled for July 1 and two for Aug. 1 with indications that several other shifts will also be made. Temporary promotions to the rank of dental director are in store July 1 for Dr. Norman F. Gerrie, who has been appointed as regional dental consultant for Region 9 of the Federal Security Agency with headquarters in Denver, and Dr. Frank E. Law, who will be regional dental consultant for Regions 1 and 2 with offices in New York City. Dr. Gerrie will move from the post of consultant for Region 7 at Kansas City, Mo., and Dr. Law from the post of assistant chief, division of dental public health, bureau of state services, in Washington, D. C. Dr. George A. Nevitt, senior dental surgeon, will take the Kansas City post Aug. 1, moving from his present position as consultant for Region 3 of the Federal Security Agency in Washington, D. C., and the position of assistant chief in the bureau of state services will be filled July 1 by Dr. Thomas L. Hagan, dental director, who will also serve as consultant for Region 3 in Washington. Dr. Hagan will be transferred from Region 6 in Atlanta, Ga. The position in Atlanta will be taken July 1 by Dr. William P. Kroschel, dental director, who has been in Chicago in charge of Regions 4 and 5, and the Chicago vacancy will be filled by Dr. Walter J. Pelton, dental director, who will move from the Denver office Aug. 1. Dr. Donald J. Galagan, senior dental surgeon, is scheduled to remain in Region 10, with headquarters in San Francisco.

REFRESHER COURSES SCHEDULED FOR GEORGIA, TENNESSEE CITIES

Postgraduate dental seminars will be offered throughout two southern states this month. In what is believed to be the first program of its kind in the state, the Georgia Dental Association, in cooperation with the dental division of the state health department, will present refresher courses at Augusta, June 12; at Waycross, June 13; at Albany, June 14, and at Atlanta, June 16. Participating will be Dr. Joseph Volker, dean of the University of Alabama Dental School, and Dr. Joseph T. Hartsook, assistant professor of children's dentistry at the School of Dentistry, University of Michigan. In charge are Dr. Steve A. Garrett, president of the Georgia association, and Dr. J. G. Williams, state dental health director. The Tennessee State Dental Association, cooperating with the state public health department, will present its eighth annual postgraduate dental seminar with Dr. Harry B. McCarthy, director of clinics and professor of practice management at the University of Maryland Dental School, and Dr. B. O. A. Thomas, executive officer of the department of periodontology, University of Washington Dental School, as instructors. The sessions will be held at Johnson City, June 19-20; Knoxville, June 21-23; Chattanooga, June 26-27; Nashville, June 28-30; Columbia, July 3-5; Lake Ocoee, July 6-7; Jackson, July 10-11, and Memphis, July 12-14. In charge is Dr. Carl L. Sebelius, of Nashville.

DENTAL SPECIALISTS BILL APPROVED BY HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE

An A.D.A.-sponsored bill to create the rank of dental specialist in the Veterans Administration (See A.D.A. News Letter, May 1, 1950) moved a step forward last week after two spokesmen of the Association testified at a hearing before a subcommittee of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs. The representatives approved the bill with three minor technical revisions which were incorporated into a substitute measure (H.R. 8619) introduced the next day by Rep. John E. Rankin (D.-Miss.) and referred to the veterans committee. The full committee is expected to report it out directly to the House for approval. A similar measure in the Senate has not yet been acted upon by the Labor and Public Welfare Committee. Testifying for the A.D.A., Dr. C. Willard Camalier, assistant secretary, and Francis J. Garvey, secretary of the Council on Legislation, pointed out that the bill would make available qualified specialists in oral surgery, periodontology, prosthodontics and oral pathology to supervise needed dental care for veterans, that it would result in ultimate savings as well as better service and that it would place on a par the two health professions of medicine and dentistry.

DR. HOWARD MILLER, DR. LEON KRAMER DIE; BOTH PROMINENT IN ASSOCIATION AFFAIRS

Death has taken two members of the dental profession prominent in A.D.A. activities. Dr. Howard C. Miller, of Chicago, A.D.A. trustee from 1942 to 1944 and past president of the American Society of Oral Surgeons and Exodontists, died May 18. He was 56 years old. Dr. Miller, who had practiced in Chicago since 1920, also headed the Chicago Society of Oral Surgeons and the Chicago Dental Society. A graduate of the dental department of Creighton University at Lincoln, Neb., in 1916, he served as a navy lieutenant in World War I before joining the staffs at Grant and St. Luke's hospitals in Chicago as an oral surgeon. Dr. Leon R. Kramer, Kansas state dental director since 1936 and a member of the A.D.A. Council on Dental Health from its inception in 1942 through 1949, died May 21 in Topeka. Dr. Kramer was past president of the American Association of Public Health Dentists and of the Kansas State Dental Association. A graduate of the School of Dentistry, Kansas City Dental College, in 1918, he received a master's degree in public health from Columbia University's College of Physicians and Surgeons. He served as an army lieutenant in World War I. Dr. Kramer was born in 1894.

DENTAL SOCIETY PRAISED FOR ATOMIC RESEARCH PROGRAM

An official of the Atomic Energy Commission last week praised the First District Dental Society of the State of New York for its new program to stimulate atomic energy research as it pertains to dentistry. Dr. Edith Quinby, associate professor of radiology at Columbia University and a member of an A.E.C. subcommittee, said, "Many problems in the growth and maintenance of healthy teeth may be studied through the use of radioactive substances.... This should then lead to better understanding of the causes of various dental troubles, and hence to improvements in their treatment." Dr. Quinby told representatives of the dental society that the A.E.C. would cooperate with them in the development of ways in which radioisotopes may be used in dental research. The First District Dental Society recently appointed an Atomic Energy Program Committee which was directed to keep the membership informed on current developments in this field of atomic energy research, to stimulate further study and research in the field and to initiate, develop and sponsor atomic research projects in dentistry.

A.D.A. AD INTERIM COMMITTEE TO MEET JUNE 10

Dr. Philip E. Adams, of Boston, A.D.A. president, has called a meeting of the ad interim committee of the Board of Trustees for Saturday, June 10, in New York City. Expected to attend are Dr. Harold W. Oppice, of Chicago, president-elect; Dr. William McGill Burns, of Brooklyn; Dr. LeRoy M. Ennis, of Philadelphia; Dr. James E. John Sr., of Roanoke, Va., and Dr. Harold Hillenbrand, A.D.A. secretary.

MASSACHUSETTS TRUSTEES UNANIMOUSLY OPPOSE FORSYTH INFIRMARY PROJECT

The Board of Trustees of the Massachusetts Dental Society last week officially went on record as opposing the federally-financed dental nurse training project at Forsyth Dental Infirmary in Boston. The trustees voted unanimously to support a bill in the state legislature which would repeal the enabling act setting up the program. The board's action followed a similar one of the society's House of Delegates, which early last month voted 45 to 27 against the Forsyth plan (See A.D.A. News Letter, May 15, 1950). Another action opposing the program came from the North Carolina Dental Society. The society passed a resolution against the program at its annual session in Pinehurst May 19. Earlier, directors of the Seventh District Dental Society of the State of New York, with headquarters in Rochester, voiced its opposition to the Forsyth plan in a resolution urging that the project be abandoned "as being definitely detrimental to the dental health of the American children." The Forsyth program calls for young women to receive two years of training to prepare them to fill children's teeth under the supervision of a registered dentist. (N.B. The Forsyth project is being financed by federal funds made available through the Children's Bureau and the project is not under the sponsorship of the U.S. Public Health Service as was erroneously stated in the A.D.A. News Letter of May 15, 1950.)

PRESIDENT TRUMAN AGAIN PROPOSES CABINET STATUS FOR FEDERAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

President Truman yesterday (May 31) submitted to Congress another reorganization plan which would give cabinet status to the Federal Security Administration and, presumably, cabinet rank to the present federal security administrator, Oscar R. Ewing. It is Reorganization Plan No. 27 and is similar in many respects to Reorganization Plan No. 1, which was defeated by the Senate last August. The A.D.A. was active in opposing the original plan. The new reorganization proposal would create a Department of Health, Education and Security and preserve the present administrative structure of the Federal Security Agency in which the commissioner of education, the surgeon general of the Public Health Service and the commissioner of social security are responsible to the federal security administrator. The plan proposes that the administrative autonomy already granted these three offices be maintained. In framing the new plan, the Budget Bureau consulted senators who were opposed to Reorganization Plan No. 1. Unless rejected by the Senate, it will go into effect July 30.

ALASKA SOCIETY SETS DATE FOR FIRST ANNUAL MEETING

The Alaska Territorial Dental Society, youngest of the A.D.A. constituents, will hold its first annual meeting Aug. 2-4 at Anchorage, it was announced this week by Dr. C. N. Hoveland, of Anchorage, secretary-treasurer. Dates for the three-day session were set at a recent meeting of the executive council, made up of Dr. Howard Hughes, of Fairbanks, Dr. Russell Wagner, of Seward, and Dr. Joyce Smith, of Juneau. The president is Dr. R. D. Livie, of Anchorage, and the vice-president is Dr. J. O. Whaley, of Ketchikan.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, UTAH EXCEED RELIEF FUND QUOTAS

Dental societies in the District of Columbia and Utah this week became the 13th and 14th A.D.A. constituents to exceed the Relief Fund quotas set for them when the annual campaign began last November. In late May dentists in the District of Columbia contributed an additional \$551 to bring their society from 89 to 157 per cent of quota. The District of Columbia now ranks next to Alabama (216 per cent) in per cent of quota contributed. During the same period, dentists in Utah contributed \$42 to go from 99 to 109 per cent of quota. The total contribution during the late May accounting period was \$788.50. It brought the total contribution in the 1949-50 campaign to \$83,133.51, the highest in A.D.A. history.

BRIEFS IN THE NEWS

A prominent Utah dentist, Dr. Preston L. Jones, of Nephi, has announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination for U. S. Congressman from the state's 1st congressional district. Dr. Jones was president of the state dental association in 1948-49 and has been engaged in practice since his graduation from the College of Dentistry, University of Southern California, in 1927. He has been mayor of Nephi for several terms....State and territorial dental directors will assemble in Washington, D. C., June 7-9 for their third annual conference. A principal topic will be the expansion of community dental health programs....The annual report of the Murray and Leonie Guggenheim Dental Clinic, which provides free dental care for needy children of New York City, reveals that treatment was completed for 22,297 patients in 1949 with an average of 5.9 visits for each patient....The rate of applications for dental treatment from the Veterans Administration has reached a level of more than 80,000 a month....The sudden cancellation of the appointment of Dr. Frank Cady, of New York, district director of the U.S. Public Health Service, as dental consultant to the World Health Organization for the establishment of a permanent dental program, was reported to be on the orders of Dr. Martha Eliot, assistant director-general of the organization....Newly published as a simplified dental aid to cancer detection is "Oral and Facial Cancer," written by two University of Illinois dental scientists, Dr. Isaac Schour and Dr. Bernard G. Sarnat....Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey (D.-Minn.), sponsor of a bill calling for federal aid for cooperative, non-profit clinics and hospitals, said last week that his sponsorship of the bill in no way changed his support of the administration's proposed compulsory health insurance legislation.