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DR. HAROLD W. OPPICE, OF CHICAGO, INSTALLED AS PRESIDENT AT 91ST ANNUAL SESSION AT ATLANTIC CITY, OCT. 30 TO NOV. 2...DR. LEROY M. ENNIS, OF PHILADELPHIA, NAMED PRESIDENT-ELECT...ATTENDANCE REACHES 11,608...DELEGATES VOTE TO INCREASE DUES FROM \$12 TO \$20 ANNUALLY EFFECTIVE FOR 1951...FLUORIDATION OF DOMESTIC WATER SUPPLIES IS RECOMMENDED WHEN APPROVED BY LOCAL DENTAL SOCIETY...FIRST MONDAY IN FEBRUARY APPROVED AS 1951 DATE FOR NATIONAL CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH DAY...COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL EMERGENCY DENTAL SERVICES IS REACTIVATED...COUNCIL ON DENTAL EDUCATION REQUESTS DEFERMENT OF ALL DENTAL STUDENTS AND TEACHERS...ACTION DEMANDED TO CORRECT "UNTENABLE POSITION" OF DENTISTRY IN THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION...REVISED CODE OF ETHICS IS APPROVED...GREATER USE OF AUXILIARY DENTAL PERSONNEL IS URGED...DENTAL NURSE PLAN IS FORMALLY DISAPPROVED...ASSOCIATION PLACED ON RECORD AS OPPOSED TO UNITED MEDICAL ADMINISTRATION FOR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT...MOVE TO ABOLISH COUNCIL ON HOSPITAL DENTAL SERVICE IS DEFEATED...OPERATING BUDGET FOR 1951 SET AT \$1,240,429 -- \$282,164 EARMARKED FOR RESERVES...317 ARE ELECTED TO LIFE MEMBERSHIP...GOAL OF \$100,000 SET FOR 1950-51 RELIEF FUND DRIVE.

Dr. Harold W. Oppice, of Chicago, was formally installed as president of the American Dental Association at the close of its 91st annual session in Atlantic City last week. Dr. Oppice succeeded Dr. Philip E. Adams, of Boston, who presided at convention sessions drawing a record attendance of 11,608. Dr. LeRoy M. Ennis, of Philadelphia, was unanimously chosen as the new president-elect. Both Dr. Oppice and Dr. Ennis are former Trustees, Dr. Oppice representing Illinois and Dr. Ennis, Pennsylvania. Dr. Edward R. White, of Jersey City, N. J., general chairman of local arrangements for the Atlantic City meeting, was elected first vice-president. Dr. White succeeded Dr. B. C. Kingsbury, of San Francisco. Rear Admiral Alfred Chandler, of Washington, D. C., inspector general for the Navy Dental Corps, was elected second vice-president succeeding Dr. Don M. Hamm, of Clarksville, Ark., and Dr. M. F. Jarrell, of Alexandria, La., was named third vice-president succeeding Dr. Gerald G. Burns, of Rochester, N. Y. Dr. Percy T. Phillips, of New York, was re-elected speaker of the House of Delegates. All the elections were unanimous.

DR. CRAIG IS ELECTED PENNSYLVANIA TRUSTEE

Dr. W. Earle Craig, of Pittsburgh, was elected to a three-year term as Trustee for the Third District (Pennsylvania) to succeed Dr. Ennis. Dr. Craig is the only new member of the Board, four other members being re-elected to new three year terms. They are: Dr. Daniel F. Lynch, of Washington, D. C., Fourth District (Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, Puerto Rico and Federal Corps); Dr. James E. John, of

Roanoke, Va., Fifth District (Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia); Dr. L. H. Jacob, of Peoria, Eighth District (Illinois); and Dr. Obed H. Moen, of Watertown, Wis., Ninth District (Michigan and Wisconsin). Dr. H. B. Washburn, of St. Paul, Minn., was reappointed treasurer and Dr. Lon W. Morrey, of Chicago, reappointed as editor. Dr. Harold Hillenbrand, of Chicago, continues as secretary and chief administrative officer of the Association under previous appointment.

OK \$8 INCREASE IN DUES;
TOTAL NOW \$20 ANNUALLY

Acting on an amendment to the bylaws which had been introduced a year earlier at the San Francisco meeting, members of the House of Delegates voted to increase annual dues of the Association from \$12 to \$20, effective Jan. 1, 1951. The increase, which is estimated will boost income from dues from \$800,000 this year to \$1,230,000 in 1951, was approved by more than a two-thirds majority of the delegates. Income from advertising in Association publications and from other sources is expected to provide the Association with a total income of \$1,597,593 during 1951. Of this total estimated income, \$1,240,429, or approximately \$60,000 less than original askings, was appropriated for the operation of Association agencies and departments during 1951. An additional \$75,000 was appropriated for a contingent fund. A total of \$282,164 was earmarked for reserves, thus committing nearly two-thirds of the anticipated increase in income to rebuild Association reserves depleted by deficit spending in 1948 and 1949. In a report to the House of Delegates, the Board of Trustees declared that it had recommended that some requested activities for 1951 should not be authorized because "it would sacrifice building the reserve fund in the first year of increased income." The Board report pointed out that additional income in future years will be used "to build the reserve to a point where the reserves will not be jeopardized by every emergency."

RECOMMEND FLUORIDATION
OF LOCAL WATER SUPPLIES

Artificial fluoridation of community water supplies when the procedure is approved by the local dental society and other responsible health authorities was recommended in a resolution unanimously approved by the House of Delegates. Action by the House followed a joint report from the Association's Council on Dental Health and Council on Dental Therapeutics that fluoridation of domestic water supplies had been demonstrated to be effective in reducing the incidence of dental caries. (In a report presented at the scientific session, Dr. David B. Ast, of Albany, N. Y., director of the New York Bureau of Dental Health, said that experiments at Newburgh, N. Y., revealed the procedure had resulted in a reduction of about one-third in the incidence of caries among children as compared with the decay rate for children in a nearby community where local water supplies were fluoride-free.) Text of the resolution follows:

Whereas, numerous studies have demonstrated a decreased incidence of dental decay associated with the presence of fluoride occurring naturally in drinking water, and

Whereas, there is a rapidly accumulating body of data derived from direct studies of the artificial addition of fluoride to drinking water, and

Whereas, these data provide convincing evidence of the safety of this procedure and of its benefits in terms of reduced incidence of dental caries, therefore be it

Resolved, that in the interest of public health, the American Dental Association recommends the fluoridation of municipal water supplies when the fluoridation procedure is approved by the local dental society and utilized in accordance with the standards established by the responsible health authority, and be it further

Resolved, that the American Dental Association recommends the continuation of controlled studies of the benefits derived from the fluoridation of water supplies.

REACTIVATE COMMITTEE
ON EMERGENCY SERVICE

On recommendation of President Adams, delegates authorized immediate reactivation of the special committee on National Emergency Dental Services. Duties of the special committee, to be headed by Dr. William McGill Burns, of Brooklyn, Trustee for New York, will be "to coordinate...the program under which the Association participates in the

military emergency." Delegates also unanimously approved action taken by the Board of Trustees last summer in endorsing the dentist-physician draft act (See A.D.A. News Letter, Oct. 6, 1950) passed in early September by Congress. (According to late reports from Washington, few if any dentists face immediate draft. Present quotas are being filled by volunteers and unless there is an unexpected change it will not be necessary to use the draft act to secure dental officers, defense officials said.) In other actions dealing with the national emergency, delegates authorized the formation of a program for the participation of the dental profession in civilian defense and went on record favoring the appointment of advisory civilian medical and dental committees to the National Security Resources Board. Delegates also recommended that civilian advisory boards be established at the policy level for all dental activities of the federal government. A resolution commending the "accomplishments and manner of operation" of Dr. Richard L. Meiling, director of the Office of Medical Services, Department of Defense, was also approved.

ASK DEFERMENT FOR ALL STUDENTS AND TEACHERS

A recommendation that all dental students and teachers and at least 5,000 pre-dental students a year be deferred from military duty to provide a continuing supply of dentists for the nation was made in a communication sent to the National Security Resources Board by the Council on Dental Education and the American Association of Dental Schools. The two groups, meeting during the A.D.A. annual session, urged that government agencies plan now to "avoid mistakes that might be made under the stress of an emergency," and warned against a repetition of World War II policies under which dental faculties and student bodies were materially reduced by Selective Service. It continued: "The most acute shortage is in trained dental teachers and research workers...A recent survey showed that there were approximately 600 full-time and 1,600 part-time dental teachers and that there were about 200 full-time faculty vacancies. More than 500 of the faculty members hold reserve commissions in the armed forces. These facts give emphasis to the urgent need to adopt measures which will preserve the faculties so as to insure a continuing supply of the maximum number of well-qualified dentists." Dental students should be deferred as long as they make satisfactory progress in their educational program and should be required to accept Reserve Corps commissions after graduation in the event of war or a national emergency, the statement said.

VA DENTAL PROGRAM SHARPLY CRITICIZED

Sharply critical of operation of the dental program of the Veterans Administration, delegates approved a resolution asking that legislative action be taken to correct "the untenable position in which dentistry finds itself in that agency." Delegates also reiterated previous policy of the Association that V. A. fee schedules should be determined only at state or territorial levels and asked that each constituent dental society undertake as soon as possible a survey of dental fees within its jurisdiction to aid in determining an "equitable state fee schedule." In another action, the House of Delegates approved criteria for providing dental services under the federal and state vocational rehabilitation programs. In a resolution, the House urged all state dental societies to negotiate with state vocational rehabilitation agencies for "the establishment of a fee schedule, appointment of a dentist on the professional advisory committee and the appointment of a dental administrative consultant when such employment is justified." Formation of a United Medical Administration for the federal government, as recommended by the Hoover Commission, was opposed. In going on record against U.M.A., the House quoted a report from the Council on Federal Dental Services which said that "its experience in the Veterans Administration, where progressive measures to improve the dental service have been obstructed by the Civil Service, is sufficient warning against the approval of any program which would make permanent civil service control of professional matters."

NEW CODE OF ETHICS FOR DENTISTRY WINS APPROVAL

A revision of the Association's code of ethics was unanimously approved by the House of Delegates. To be known as "Principles of Ethics," the new statement represents nearly two years of study by the Judicial Council and a committee of the Board of Trustees and is designed to serve as a guide for "professional conduct along sound, intelligent lines." Full text of the new "Principles" will be published in the January issue of The Journal of the American Dental Association.

SEEK GREATER UTILIZATION
OF AUXILIARY PERSONNEL

On recommendation of the Council on Dental Health, delegates approved a resolution urging increased utilization of auxiliary dental personnel. Pointing out that studies have shown that dental services can be increased through the use of auxiliary aids, the resolution urged that "appropriate dental educational agencies establish undergraduate and postgraduate courses which will enable dentists to make more of their services available to a larger number of people through the extended use of auxiliary dental personnel working under the limitations of the statutes of the individual states and under programs approved by the dentists of the state or community." Delegates also urged that state dental societies foster a more rapid development of new facilities and expansion of present facilities for the training of dental hygienists. The present number of dental hygienists, the resolution stated, is insufficient to meet the large demand in private dental offices and in school and community dental health programs. The House went on record against the New Zealand dental nurses plan and reiterated the Association's opposition to "any plan in the United States designed to permit or authorize persons with less training than that required of dentists to render intra-oral operative, surgical or prosthetic dental services." Delegates also recommended that all state societies take official action to assure that administration of state dental departments be assigned to members of the dental profession and not relegated to physicians or other non-dental health officials.

VOTE TO KEEP COUNCIL ON
HOSPITAL DENTAL SERVICE

Following a heated debate, delegates voted overwhelmingly to reject a proposal that functions of the Council on Hospital Dental Service be transferred to the Council on Dental Education. The House also voted down a recommendation that no additional life memberships be granted after this year. In other actions, delegates approved a revision of the laboratory accreditation program, which will now be under the direction of constituent societies, and went on record as opposed in principle to the enactment of all legislation for the registration or licensure of dental laboratories and dental laboratory technicians on the grounds that it is not in the public interest. The House expressed its disapproval of the issuance of exclusive franchises or licenses to individual dental laboratories.

CREATE NEW SPECIALTY FOR
PUBLIC HEALTH DENTISTRY

A dental specialty board was authorized for the field of public health dentistry, increasing to seven the number of recognized specialties within the profession. Those authorized earlier are: oral surgery, orthodontics, pedodontia, periodontia, prosthodontia and oral pathology. The House also gave final approval to requirements for the certifying of specialists in the fields of oral pathology and orthodontics, and directed that a section of public health be added to the list of sections for the annual scientific section. The office of secretary was abolished for the various scientific sections, leaving each in charge of a chairman and vice chairman. Also abolished were the advisory committees to the Bureau of Chemistry, Economic Statistics and Research, Library and Indexing Service and Public Information. Delegates also voted to abolish the honorary award of the Association.

CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH
DAY TO BE OBSERVED FEB. 5

Reversing a decision made last year to observe National Children's Dental Health Day in the fall, the House directed that the 1951 observance be held on Feb. 5, the first Monday in February. The House instructed the Council on Dental Health to study the matter further "in the hope that means can be developed whereby the constituent societies who find this date unsuitable may participate in a program of a similar type with adequate support from the Association."

OTHER ACTIONS

By unanimous vote, delegates conferred an honorary membership in the Association on Dr. Don W. Gullett, of Toronto, secretary of the Canadian Dental Association. Dr. Gullett was cited for his "faithful cooperation in many dental projects which are of interest to the two national associations." A recommendation that dentists in the employ of the federal government be forced to secure membership in the Association through the component or constituent dental society in the area in

which they reside rather than by direct application to the Association was rejected. The Council on Insurance was directed to make a study of various forms of insurance, including social security, which might be available to members of the dental profession. A year ago, delegates went on record as opposed to the inclusion of members of the dental profession in the social security program of the federal government. An amendment to the bylaws was approved limiting the consecutive tenure of office of members of the Board of Trustees to two terms of three years each. By a two to one vote, delegates selected Cleveland, O., over Miami, Fla., as the site for the 1953 meeting. The 1951 meeting will be held Oct. 15 through 18 at Washington, D. C., and the 1952 meeting will be held at St. Louis. A total of 317 was elected to life membership in the Association.

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES NAME
THREE NEW COUNCIL HEADS**

Three new Council chairmen were appointed by the Board of Trustees following the election of new Council members by the House of Delegates. The new chairmen are: Dr. David W. Brock, of St. Louis, Council on Dental Health (replacing Dr. Leo J. Schoeny, of New Orleans); Dr. Paul W. Zillman, of Buffalo, N. Y., Council on Insurance (replacing Dr. L. D. Cleek, of Charleston, W. Va.); and Dr. Leo W. Kremer, of Chicago, Council on Relief (replacing Dr. John S. Owens, of Camden, N. J.).

**NAVY WINS FIRST AWARD
IN SCIENTIFIC EXHIBITS**

The U. S. Navy Dental Corps was awarded first place among scientific exhibits at the annual session. Second place was awarded to Dr. Thomas M. Meloy Jr., of the University of Pennsylvania School of Dentistry, Philadelphia. Dr. Joseph L. Bernier, of the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, Washington, D. C., was awarded third place. Honorable mention awards were given to: Drs. Cloyd S., William R. and John F. Harkins, of Osceola Mills, Penna.; Dr. Harry Kazis, of Boston, Mass.; Dr. Bion R. East, of the Veterans Administration Dental Service, Washington, D. C.; Dr. Joseph S. Landa, of New York City; Drs. E. A. and E. C. Thompson, of International Falls, Minn.; Drs. Philip P. Gross and S. Gordon Castigliano, of Philadelphia; Dr. Abram Cohen, also of Philadelphia; Drs. James Jay and Robert L. Fisher, of New York City; Dr. Noble G. Wills, of Connersville, Ind., and Dr. Jesse V. Boswell, of Springfield, Mo.

**INFORMATION KITS ON COMPULSORY HEALTH
INSURANCE SENT TO HIGH SCHOOL DEBATERS**

Several thousand documented information kits on compulsory health insurance, prepared by the Bureau of Public Information, have been mailed to high school debaters. The packet is intended to assist the debaters in preparing arguments for the national high school debate subject, "Resolved: That the American people should reject the welfare state." The kit includes pamphlets covering the economic, social and political aspects of compulsory health insurance, reprints of authoritative articles, fact sheets, statistics and an up-to-date bibliography.

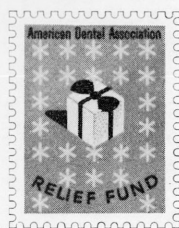
MID-CONTINENT DENTAL CONGRESS TO MEET AT ST. LOUIS, NOV. 26-30

The 10th annual Mid-Continent Dental Congress will be held Nov. 26 to 30, in St. Louis. The Congress, sponsored by the St. Louis Dental Society, will include clinics, scientific and commercial exhibits and laboratory demonstrations. Essayists are: Drs. Wm. A. Albrecht, of Columbia, Mo.; Lester W. Burket, of Philadelphia; W. T. Ewing, of Akron; A. R. Frechette, Commander, U. S. N., Bethesda, Md.; J. B. Hutcherson, of Louisville; Olin Kirkland, of Montgomery; Stewart A. MacGregor, of Toronto, Canada; Walter T. McFall, of Asheville, N. C., and Arthur W. Schultz, of Los Angeles.

REPORT W. H. O. FELLOWSHIP IS SLATED FOR DR. CARL SEBELIUS

According to unofficial reports from Washington, the World Health Organization is planning to grant a fellowship to Dr. Carl Sebelius, of Nashville, Tenn., senior dental officer of the Tennessee Department of Public Health, to study dental conditions in Europe. Previously W. H. O. granted a similar fellowship to Dr. Philip Blackerby, of Battle Creek, Mich.

GOAL OF \$100,000 IS SET FOR 1950-51 RELIEF FUND CAMPAIGN -- ALL DENTISTS URGED TO SUPPORT FUND WITH GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS



The annual campaign for contributions to the American Dental Association Relief Fund for 1950-51 was officially opened last week. Goal for this year has been set at \$100,000. Christmas seals, traditional reminders of the appeal for contributions from all members of the dental profession, were mailed to each member of the Association last week by the Council on Relief. Each dentist is urged to increase his contribution this year to help meet the increasing number of appeals from needy dentists for aid. The Relief Fund is operated exclusively to help those members of the dental profession who, through accident or illness, are unable to meet the cost of the bare necessities of life for themselves and members of their families. "Mounting costs of living for relief recipients plus an increase in the number of distressed dentists seeking help from the Relief Fund," the Council said, "make it necessary that every possible effort be made to send this year's total contributions above the \$100,000 goal." In last year's campaign, a total of \$83,047.29 was contributed toward the goal. Sixteen constituent societies exceeded their individual quotas, setting a new record. One half of each contribution will be returned to the relief fund of the state society of which the contributor is a member. All contributions should be mailed directly to the American Dental Association Relief Fund, 222 East Superior Street, Chicago 11, Illinois. Quotas for each constituent society for the 1950-51 campaign and the total contributions from each last year are shown in the following table:

	1950-51 QUOTAS	1949-50 CONTRI- BUTIONS		1950-51 QUOTAS	1949-50 CONTRI- BUTIONS
Air Force*	\$ 480.00	\$	Nebraska	\$ 1130.00	\$ 1056.58
Alaska**	40.00		Nevada	90.00	71.00
Alabama	780.00	1756.50	New Hampshire	290.00	191.00
Arizona	280.00	248.00	New Jersey	4220.00	3724.53
Arkansas	480.00	345.00	New Mexico	200.00	205.79
Army*	490.00	307.40	New York	15590.00	11584.98
California	3670.00	3001.36	North Carolina	1220.00	1342.29
Colorado	890.00	789.37	North Dakota	330.00	459.34
Connecticut	1920.00	1700.75	Ohio	4890.00	3593.58
Delaware	160.00	99.00	Oklahoma	910.00	717.08
District of Columbia	810.00	1267.29	Oregon	1170.00	1175.78
Florida	1200.00	1093.16	Panama C. Z.	30.00	41.00
Georgia	990.00	1262.00	Pennsylvania	7140.00	5157.96
Hawaii	370.00	374.29	P. H. Service	250.00	142.50
Idaho	270.00	256.50	Puerto Rico	270.00	123.87
Illinois	7570.00	6283.99	Rhode Island	530.00	274.50
Indiana	2220.00	1991.91	South Carolina	440.00	208.29
Iowa	1800.00	1672.58	South Dakota	350.00	203.00
Kansas	1040.00	937.18	Southern California	4420.00	5636.47
Kentucky	1070.00	916.58	Tennessee	1150.00	1126.50
Louisiana	990.00	1040.00	Texas	3100.00	2006.38
Maine	460.00	321.00	Utah	490.00	481.79
Maryland	1040.00	856.08	Vermont	190.00	100.00
Massachusetts	3720.00	2489.50	Vet. Admin.	1040.00	379.50
Michigan	3830.00	3012.44	Virginia	1150.00	870.00
Minnesota	2990.00	2336.38	Washington	1670.00	1730.33
Mississippi	530.00	499.99	West Virginia	740.00	715.14
Missouri	2620.00	2235.31	Wisconsin	2890.00	1731.47
Montana	350.00	353.00	Wyoming	170.00	133.29
Navy	880.00	347.29			
			TOTALS	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 83,047.29

* Army, Air Force combined last year.

** New Constituent.