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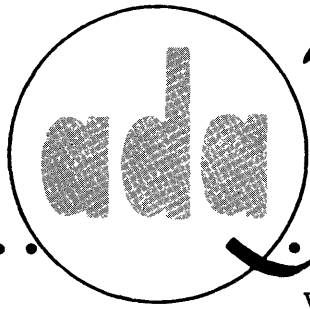


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COMMISSIONS FOR DENTISTS IN PRIORITY ONE OF DRAFT ACT ARE NOW AVAILABLE ONLY IN ARMY; NAVY AND AIR FORCE QUOTAS ARE FILLED

The Army is the only one of the three major branches of the armed forces which is currently accepting voluntary applications for reserve commissions from dentists and physicians who are in priority one of the physician-dentist draft act. This week, the Air Force formally announced that it would grant no more reserve commissions to professional men in the first priority group. The Navy earlier had shut off commissions for men in this classification. Thus, all civilian dentists who either were deferred during World War II to continue their educations or who received government training and who have had less than 90 days active service must now accept Army commissions if they volunteer to avoid being drafted. Volunteers are eligible for a \$100 a month salary bonus. Both the Navy and the Air Force, it was reported, have received sufficient applications from volunteers to meet current requirements for dental officers. The Army, however, was reported to be seriously short of dental manpower. Approximately 2,000 dentists, classified as 1-A by their draft boards, were given an opportunity to volunteer for Army duty as they took pre-induction physicals last week. As yet, however, final figures are unavailable on the number of these men who volunteered. Under a new policy to facilitate processing, applications for reserve commissions are now being handled in the various Army areas. The Army has requisitioned 200 dental officers from Selective Service for Dec. 15. This immediate quota, however has been met by volunteers and indications are that the actual draft of dentists will not be ordered at least for several weeks.

NEED FOR DENTAL OFFICERS MAY BE EXPANDED SHARPLY

Should an additional expansion of the nation's armed forces be authorized as a result of the turn of events in Korea during the past few days, additional thousands of dental officers might be needed above current quotas. Reports from Washington were that the armed forces may be expanded to 4,000 by June 30, an increase of 1,500,000 over the present authorization. On the basis of the present working ratio of two dentists for each 1,000 military personnel, this would mean that 3,000 more dental officers would be required. The expansion plans, however, are still in the discussion stage. It appeared certain, however, that the present emergency would tend to speed up the filling of present quotas for both dental and medical manpower in the Army.

FIVE A.D.A. OFFICIALS NAMED FOR DENTAL MISSION TO JAPAN

At the request of the Japanese Dental Association for assistance in raising the standard of dentistry in the country, five officials of the A.D.A. have been invited to Japan in January. The invitation was issued by Brig. Gen. Crawford F. Sans, U. S. medical corps chief in Tokyo, and approved last week by the Department of Defense. Reporting that progress in dentistry had been lagging, Gen. Sans said the Japanese association sought help from a U. S. dental mission in the fields of education, oral hygiene, technics and dental health programs. The American professional view on health insurance programs is also sought. Costs of the mission will be defrayed by the Japanese government. The group is expected to leave the United States Jan. 2 and will visit Japan's principal cities. The trip is expected to take about six weeks. Those named by the A.D.A. Board of Trustees to make up the mission are Dr. Harold W. Oppice, of

Chicago, Association president; Dr. LeRoy M. Ennis, of Philadelphia, president-elect; Dr. Philip E. Adams, of Boston, immediate past president; Dr. R. C. Dalglish, of Salt Lake City, trustee, and Dr. Harold Hillenbrand, of Chicago, secretary. Alternates are Dr. E. Harold Gale, of Albany, chairman of the Council on Legislation; Dr. Stanley D. Tylman, of Chicago, chairman of the Council on International Relations, and Dr. George C. Paffenbarger, of Washington, D. C., A.D.A. research associate at the National Bureau of Standards.

ANNUAL PROCLAMATION FOR CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH DAY SOUGHT

National Children's Dental Health Day would be automatically proclaimed as an annual observance under a bill introduced in Congress Monday (Nov. 27). Sen. Murray (D., Mont.) presented a bill calling for a proclamation of the observance on the first Monday in February of each year. The measure was referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee. A similar bill is expected to be introduced into the House. The third annual Children's Dental Health Day is scheduled for Monday, Feb. 5, 1951. In other actions, the lame-duck session received from the White House a 13-point list of bills "which the President believes should be passed if possible." These included federal aid to medical and dental education (S. 1453) which was passed by the Senate and is now pending before the House Interstate Commerce Committee and aid to county and local public health units (S. 522) which also received Senate approval. Both are sought now on civil defense and national defense grounds.

NEW AMERICAN DENTAL DIRECTORY LISTS 86,876 DENTISTS

Distribution of the 1950 American Dental Directory is now underway. The new directory, first edition since 1947, lists both alphabetically and geographically the names and addresses of 86,876 dentists in the United States, its territories and possessions. On the basis of this total it is estimated that there is now one dentist for every 1,733 persons in the United States. In 1947 the ratio of dentists was estimated at one for 1,815 persons. A new feature of the 1950 directory is the separate geographical listing of specialists in the fields of oral pathology, oral surgery, orthodontics, pedodontics, periodontia and prosthodontia. Another innovation is the listing of schools for dental technicians and dental assistants. The 1950 directory may be purchased for \$12.50 from the A.D.A. Central Office.

ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE TO MEET DEC. 26-30

The 118th annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science will be held Dec. 26 through 30 in Philadelphia. Presiding at the three sessions of the subsection on dentistry, Dec. 29 and 30, will be Dr. Thomas J. Hill, of the Western Reserve University Institute of Pathology; Dr. Isaac Schour, of the University of Illinois College of Dentistry, and Dr. Paul C. Kitchin, of the Ohio State University School of Dentistry.

FIRST ISSUE OF INTERNATIONAL DENTAL JOURNAL ARRIVES IN U. S.

The first issue of the International Dental Journal arrived this week in the United States. Publication of the 156-page scientific quarterly climaxed nearly 30 years of planning by the Federation Dentaire Internationale for an international dental publication. "The F.D.I. is to be congratulated that at the moment when it celebrates the 50th anniversary of its foundation, this effort has materialized as planned so many years ago," Dr. Charles F. L. Nord, of Amsterdam, president of the F.D.I., said in a foreward. "The journal will be indispensable to every practitioner who wishes to keep abreast of the times and become acquainted with each new discovery or improvement in technic yet cannot gain access to, or even spare the time to consult world dental literature." The publication, in English, contains seven scientific articles with summaries in French, German, Italian and Spanish. The editor is Dr. Hubert H. Stones, of Liverpool, England, director of dental education at the University of Liverpool. U. S. dentists may obtain annual subscriptions to the new periodical by sending \$5.60 to the American agents, British Publications, Inc., 150 E. 35th St., New York 16, N. Y.

**NEBRASKA DENTISTS TAKE EARLY LEAD IN RELIEF FUND RETURNS --
TOTAL OF \$18,533.15 IN CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED BY NOV. 15**

Nebraska dentists lead the entire nation in early contributions to the American Dental Association Relief Fund. Up to Nov. 15, the end of the first accounting period, members of the Nebraska State Dental Association had contributed 80.8 per cent of their quota in the 1950-51 Relief Fund drive, or more than four times the national average. Second high were dentists of Georgia with total contributions equaling 40.2 per cent of their quota. Tabulation of the 6,802 individual contributions received during the first two weeks of November showed contributions totalling \$18,533.15, or 18.5 per cent of the national quota. The average contribution to date is about \$2.70, somewhat higher than that of a year ago. Included in donations was a total of \$100.75 from dental students. Individual contributions ranged from \$1 to a high of \$50. Clerks have now begun tabulation of an additional 9,000 contributions received during the second accounting period, Nov. 16 to 30. These will be reported in the Dec. 15 issue of the A.D.A. News Letter. All contributions should be mailed direct to the AMERICAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION RELIEF FUND, 222 E. Superior St., Chicago 11, Illinois. A breakdown of donations by constituent dental societies up to Nov. 15 follows:

	To Nov. 15				To Nov. 15		
	1950-51 QUOTAS	CONTRI- BUTIONS	PCT		1950-51 QUOTAS	CONTRI- BUTIONS	PCT
Air Force	\$ 480.00	\$ 28.50	5.9	Nebraska	\$ 1130.00	\$ 913.00	80.8
Alaska	40.00			Nevada	90.00	23.00	25.6
Alabama	780.00	214.00	27.4	New Hampshire	290.00	39.00	13.4
Arizona	280.00	17.00	6.1	New Jersey	4220.00	823.00	19.5
Arkansas	480.00	84.00	17.5	New Mexico	200.00	40.00	20.0
Army	490.00	52.50	10.7	New York	15590.00	2057.00	13.2
California	3670.00	497.00	13.5	North Carolina	1220.00	136.00	11.1
Colorado	890.00	90.00	10.1	North Dakota	330.00	31.00	9.4
Connecticut	1920.00	302.00	15.7	Ohio	4890.00	1171.00	23.9
Delaware	160.00	13.00	8.1	Oklahoma	910.00	175.00	19.2
Dist. of Col.	810.00	205.00	25.3	Oregon	1170.00	102.00	8.7
Florida	1200.00	191.00	15.9	Panama C. Z.	30.00		
Georgia	990.00	398.00	40.2	Pennsylvania	7140.00	1135.50	15.9
Hawaii	370.00			P. H. Service	250.00	18.00	7.2
Idaho	270.00	7.00	2.6	Puerto Rico	270.00		
Illinois	7570.00	1599.00	21.1	Rhode Island	530.00	13.00	2.5
Indiana	2220.00	510.00	23.0	South Carolina	440.00	73.00	16.6
Iowa	1800.00	488.50	27.1	South Dakota	350.00	67.00	19.1
Kansas	1040.00	210.65	20.3	Southern California	4420.00	705.75	16.0
Kentucky	1070.00	63.00	5.9	Tennessee	1150.00	135.00	11.7
Louisiana	990.00	107.50	10.9	Texas	3100.00	482.50	15.6
Maine	460.00	48.00	10.4	Utah	490.00	23.50	4.8
Maryland	1040.00	249.00	23.9	Vermont	190.00	13.00	6.8
Massachusetts	3720.00	815.00	21.9	Vet. Admin.	1040.00	57.00	5.5
Michigan	3830.00	924.00	24.1	Virginia	1150.00	165.00	14.3
Minnesota	2990.00	806.50	27.0	Washington	1670.00	281.50	16.9
Mississippi	530.00	122.50	23.1	West Virginia	740.00	151.00	20.4
Missouri	2620.00	842.50	32.2	Wisconsin	2890.00	594.50	20.6
Montana	350.00	44.50	12.7	Wyoming	170.00	24.00	14.1
Navy	880.00	53.50	6.1	Dental Students		100.75	
				TOTALS	\$100,000.00	\$ 18,533.15	18.5

DADE COUNTY DENTAL CLINIC TREATS 2,400 CHILDREN

Nearly 2,400 school children were treated last year at the Dade County Dental Research Clinic at Miami, Fla., according to the clinic's annual report. The clinic was organized by 60 members of the East Coast District Dental Society in 1946.

CHICAGO DENTAL SOCIETY SUES 36 LABORATORIES

Dec. 20 has been set as the deadline for replying to a suit brought by the Chicago Dental Society, headed by Dr. Arno L. Brett, against 36 Chicago dental laboratories and the publisher of the Chicago classified telephone directory. The suit was filed in Cook County's Superior Court. In what was believed to be the first action of its kind by a dental society, the suit charges illegal advertising in violation of the Illinois Dental Practice Act. It accuses the laboratories of dealing directly with the public in the furnishing of dental appliances as the result of display ads in the directory. It also charges the laboratories with such other means of unlawful advertising appealing to the public as neon signs depicting heads and mouths and the display of dental appliances in show windows. The state's dental practice act limits laboratories to dealing only with licensed dentists. The complaint, which seeks a permanent injunction against the advertising, was filed in the name of the society, its officers and directors and members of its legislative and law enforcement committee. The suit declared that the complaint was brought "to promote the public welfare by preventing the illegal practice of dentistry...and to protect the individual plaintiffs and all other duly licensed practicing dentists...in the lawful practice of their profession" The legal action came as a climax to two years of investigation by the dental society's legislative committee, now headed by Dr. James J. Kahout. The committee sought both evidences of violations of the state practice act and means of putting a halt to violations. The suit was instituted by the law firm of Eckert, Peterson and Leeming.

FIVE NEW CHAIRMEN ARE NAMED FOR A.D.A. COUNCILS

New chairmen have been appointed by the Board of Trustees for five A.D.A. Councils. The new chairmen are Dr. Henry Willits, of Dubuque, Ia., Council on Dental Education, who succeeded Dr. R. W. McNulty, of Los Angeles; Dr. David W. Brock, of St. Louis, Council on Dental Health, who succeeded Dr. Leo J. Schoeny, of New Orleans; Dr. Stephen P. Mallett, of Boston, Council on Hospital Dental Service, who succeeded Dr. Edward C. Dobbs, of Baltimore; Dr. Paul W. Zillmann, of Buffalo, N. Y., Council on Insurance, who succeeded Dr. L. D. Cleek, of Charleston, W. Va., and Dr. Leo W. Kremer, of Chicago, Council on Relief, who succeeded Dr. John S. Owens, of Camden, N. J.

MR. B. DUANE MOEN NAMED DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC RESEARCH

Appointment of Mr. B. Duane Moen, of Chicago, as director of the A.D.A. Bureau of Economic Research and Statistics has been announced by Dr. Harold Hillenbrand, Association secretary. Since May 1, 1949, Mr. Moen has been serving as assistant director. Mr. Moen, who received a master's degree in statistics and educational psychology at the University of Minnesota, last summer directed the most comprehensive survey of U.S. dental practice ever made by the Association. Results are appearing in a series of articles in The A.D.A. Journal.

BRIEFS IN THE NEWS

Invitations have been received to hold the annual A.D.A. session in 1954 at four cities, San Francisco, Los Angeles, New York and Miami. Association by-laws provide for convention cities to be selected three years in advance of the meeting....The fourth annual conference for state dental society secretaries has been tentatively scheduled for June 11-13 at A.D.A. headquarters in Chicago....The degree of doctor honoris causa, the highest honor of the University of Brazil, was conferred recently upon Dr. Stanley D. Tylman, of Chicago, chairman of the A.D.A. Council on International Relations, who has been in Rio de Janeiro as a visiting professor....A new book on dentistry-laboratory relations covering means of curbing the illegal practice of dentistry is now available from the Joint Dental Trade and Laboratory Relations Committee of New York's First District Dental Society at society headquarters in the Hotel Statler. Cost is \$3.50....The Nov. 7 issue of the A.D.A. News Letter erroneously reported that Dr. Philip E. Blackerby, of Battle Creek, Mich., had been granted a fellowship by the World Health Organization to study dental conditions in Europe. Dr. Blackerby is serving as a dental consultant to W.H.O. at Geneva, Switzerland.