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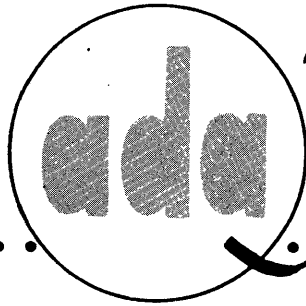


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VOLUNTEERS FORESTALL IMMEDIATE NEED FOR DENTIST-PHYSICIAN DRAFT -- N.S.R.B. GROUP URGES EXPANSION AND ACCELERATION OF MEDICAL TRAINING

Volunteers are filling current requirements of the armed forces for dental and medical officers and there is no immediate prospect that the draft will be invoked against 1-A dentists and physicians who have not yet volunteered, Col. Richard H. Eanes, chief medical officer of Selective Service, said in Chicago this week. Speaking at the 47th Congress on Medical Education and Licensure, Col. Eanes said that it was his hope that the flow of volunteers could be so stimulated "that we will never actually have to draft anyone." He warned, however, that the draft law would be invoked to induct as privates all dentists and physicians in priorities I and II when the supply of volunteers is exhausted. Col. Eanes admitted that there had been criticisms that the present policy is penalizing those who agreed to accept a commission at the time they were registered. He added: "That may be true but some of us think the question debatable. The smart early bird gets the most and best of the worms. Anyway, we are confident that we are carrying out the intentions of the Congress." According to the Washington Post, draft-liable dentists are showing much greater alacrity than physicians in accepting Army reserve commissions. Whereas only about half of the priority I physicians have applied for commissions, nearly two-thirds of dentists in the same priority have accepted or signified they would accept a commission, the Post said.

REPORT "HOLD OUTS" TO BE LIMITED TO LIEUTENANCIES

Meanwhile, the Department of Defense was reported to be formulating a new "get tough" policy with priority I registrants who were holding back. Beginning March 1, dentists in priority I would be given a rank based on the amount of professional experience gained up to last Dec. 6. Professional experience after the December date would not be counted. Thus, a dentist who had been holding back to amass the required four years of experience to be eligible for a captaincy would only get a first lieutenantcy if he did not have the required experience prior to Dec. 6. There was also an unverified report that after April 1, all priority I dentists and physicians would be commissioned as first lieutenants regardless of professional experience.

URGES THAT MEDICAL EDUCATION BE EXPANDED AND ACCELERATED

Speaking at the same Chicago conference, Dr. Howard A. Rusk, chairman of the Health Resources Advisory Committee of the National Security Resources Board, urged that medical education be expanded and accelerated at once to help forestall "a serious threat to the health and welfare of our people." Dr. Rusk predicted that the nation would be short 22,000 physicians by 1954 to maintain adequate medical services for civilians, civil defense and the armed forces. Dr. Rusk envisaged a total armed force of 5,000,000 by 1954. His estimate of the projected shortage of medical manpower was based on a ratio of 3.7 medical officers per 1,000 troop strength, a figure substantially under the ratio for World War II. Dr. Rusk, who is also chairman of the National Advisory Committee on the Selection of Physicians, Dentists and Allied Specialists to the Selective Service System, estimated that the shortage of physicians could be reduced to 14,500 if present medical schools were expanded and the training were accelerated. A similar study of dental manpower problems is now being conducted by the N.S.R.B. committee and will be reported to the A.D.A. Board of Trustees on March 19. Immediately following, the report will be presented at the 28th annual meeting of the American Association of Dental Schools scheduled for March 19 to 21 at

French Lick, Ind. It is expected that the study will report a similar shortage of dentists to meet civilian and military needs during the next few years. Dr. Leo A. Schoeny, of New Orleans, is the dental member of the N.S.R.B. advisory committee. On the question of federal aid to schools (see below) Dr. Rusk said that his committee would, if necessary, back "any reasonable program to provide adequate funds with adequate safeguards."

SENATE GROUP APPROVES DRAFT FOR 18-YEAR-OLDS

The proposed draft of 18-year-olds for military service moved closer toward enactment yesterday (Feb. 14) as the Armed Services Committee of the

U. S. Senate unanimously sent the measure to the floor of the upper house. The bill proposed that 18-year-olds be drafted after all those in the 19 to 26 age group are in the armed forces. The bill would increase the term of military service from 21 to 26 months, including leave, and would allow for a maximum deferment of 75,000 college students a year for professional and scientific training. Those to be deferred would be selected by a civilian commission. They would be required to take four months of basic military training before starting to school and would have to complete the balance of their military service after graduation. What effect this limitation of deferred students would have on dental education could not be immediately ascertained. In testimony before Congress last month, spokesmen for the A.D.A. said that at least 5,000 pre-dental students would have to be deferred annually to prevent any interruption in the flow of dental graduates. A.D.A. officials said that they doubted that the 75,000 figure was large enough to meet the requirements of all educational groups. (See A.D.A. News Letter, Feb. 1, 1951.)

SENATE COMMITTEE APPROVES AID-TO-EDUCATION, LOCAL HEALTH UNITS BILLS

Senate action was pending this week on a federal aid-to-education bill designed to increase enrollment at dental and medical schools. A revised measure (S.337) was reported to the Senate by the labor and public welfare committee. The bill sets up a five-year program authorizing \$51 million annually in grants, of which \$10 million would be used for construction of new schools and expansion of existing facilities and \$41 million would be used for training. For dentistry, the measure provides that grants of \$400 would be paid to schools for each undergraduate student and a premium payment of \$800 for each student in excess of a school's average enrollment. The Senate committee also approved a bill (S.445) providing for government aid to local public health units. The bill would make federal grants available to states for diagnosis and prevention of disease, control of communicable disease, health education, demonstrations, sanitation, compiling vital statistics and training of personnel. It specifically exempts dental, medical or nursing care except that required in the diagnosis or prevention of disease. Meanwhile, it was learned that bills have been introduced in three state legislatures -- Connecticut, Oregon and Massachusetts -- proposing that dental laboratories and technicians be licensed and registered. At its 1950 annual session, the A.D.A. went on record opposing registration or licensure for dental laboratories and technicians.

CANADIAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION DEDICATES NEW OFFICES AT TORONTO

Dr. Harold W. Oppice, of Chicago, A.D.A. president, represented the Association at dedication ceremonies last Sunday (Feb. 11) for the new headquarters of the Canadian Dental Association at 234 St. George St., Toronto. Dr. Oppice will also address the Minnesota State Dental Association next Monday (Feb. 19) in Minneapolis. On March 6, he will address a luncheon meeting of the Chicago Rotary Club in the Sherman Hotel and on March 12, he will be a speaker at a luncheon of the 19th annual Postgraduate Clinic of the District of Columbia Dental Society at the Shoreham Hotel. Dr. Oppice will also be a speaker at the meeting of the Wisconsin State Dental Society March 27 at Milwaukee.

DR. JUSTIS APPOINTED TO COUNCIL ON FEDERAL DENTAL SERVICES

Dr. E. Jeff Justis, of Memphis, secretary of the Tennessee State Dental Association, has been appointed to the A.D.A. Council on Federal Dental Services to replace Dr. Granville Sherman, also of Memphis, who resigned.

GEORGIA, HAWAII, NEBRASKA, OKLAHOMA AND SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
ARE LATEST SOCIETIES TO "GO OVER THE TOP" IN RELIEF FUND DRIVE

Five more constituent societies -- Georgia, Hawaii, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Southern California -- exceeded their quotas in the A.D.A. Relief Fund drive during the accounting period ending Feb. 9, making a total of 10 societies over the 100 per cent mark. Those previously "over the top" were Alabama, Alaska, Nevada, North Dakota and Tennessee. Up to last week, total contributions for the current drive totalled \$73,375.27, just short of three-fourths of the \$100,000 goal for the 1950-51 campaign. This total represented contributions from 25,934 dentists, about 40 per cent of the total A.D.A. membership. The average contribution was \$2.83. Among new receipts were a contribution of \$1,712.00 from the Southern California State Dental Association and \$624.85 from the Oklahoma State Dental Association. The latter was presented personally to the Council on Relief by Dr. Wiley J. Adams, of Oklahoma City, who had conducted a state-wide letter writing and telephone campaign in support of the Fund drive. New donations also included \$114 from the Central District Dental Society of Georgia in memory of Dr. Holmes Mason, former president of the Georgia State Dental Association who died in 1946. The rate of contributions was stepped up markedly during the last weeks as dentists answered a second appeal mailed in late January. Contributions to Feb. 9 follow:

	TO FEB. 9				TO FEB. 9		
	1950-51 QUOTAS	CONTRI- BUTIONS	PCT		1950-51 QUOTAS	CONTRI- BUTIONS	PCT
Affiliate		\$ 104.49		Navy	\$ 880.00	\$ 398.00	45.2
Air Force	\$ 480.00	208.50	43.4	Nebraska	1130.00	1207.70	106.9
Alabama	780.00	1437.50	184.3	Nevada	90.00	100.50	111.7
Alaska	40.00	43.00	107.5	New Hampshire	290.00	230.00	79.3
Arizona	280.00	164.50	58.8	New Jersey	4220.00	3387.25	80.3
Arkansas	480.00	471.65	98.3	New Mexico	200.00	191.00	95.5
Army	490.00	278.50	56.8	New York	15590.00	8302.65	53.3
California	3670.00	2769.25	75.5	North Carolina	1220.00	1019.50	83.6
Calif., So.	4420.00	4482.75	101.4	North Dakota	330.00	426.55	129.3
Colorado	890.00	631.00	70.9	Ohio	4890.00	3335.58	68.2
Connecticut	1920.00	1533.50	79.9	Oklahoma	910.00	1204.50	132.4
Delaware	160.00	95.00	59.4	Oregon	1170.00	1095.50	93.6
Dist. of Col.	810.00	768.00	94.8	Panama C. Z.	30.00	19.00	63.3
Florida	1200.00	980.50	81.7	Pennsylvania	7140.00	4568.65	64.0
Georgia	990.00	1015.50	102.6	P. H. Service	250.00	120.00	48.0
Hawaii	370.00	382.00	103.2	Puerto Rico	270.00	96.00	35.6
Idaho	270.00	227.50	84.3	Rhode Island	530.00	235.00	44.3
Illinois	7570.00	5799.59	76.6	South Carolina	440.00	197.00	44.8
Indiana	2220.00	1729.00	77.9	South Dakota	350.00	221.50	63.3
Iowa	1800.00	1461.00	81.2	Tennessee	1150.00	1480.00	128.7
Kansas	1040.00	797.36	76.7	Texas	3100.00	1763.15	56.9
Kentucky	1070.00	644.50	60.2	Unorganized		5.00	
Louisiana	990.00	499.50	50.5	Utah	490.00	113.50	23.2
Maine	460.00	248.70	54.1	Vermont	190.00	101.50	53.4
Maryland	1040.00	798.00	76.7	Vet. Admin.	1040.00	337.00	32.4
Massachusetts	3720.00	2318.65	62.3	Virginia	1150.00	898.00	78.1
Michigan	3830.00	2870.50	74.9	Washington	1670.00	1614.00	96.6
Minnesota	2990.00	2224.30	74.4	West Virginia	740.00	604.00	81.6
Mississippi	530.00	337.10	63.6	Wisconsin	2890.00	1732.00	59.9
Missouri	2620.00	2109.50	80.5	Wyoming	170.00	126.00	74.1
Montana	350.00	346.65	99.0	Students		467.75	
				TOTALS	\$100,000.00	\$73,375.27	73.4

ANNOUNCE PLANS FOR MERGER OF TWO MAJOR LABORATORY ASSOCIATIONS

Plans for the merger of two major dental laboratory associations by Oct. 1 were announced last week at a two-day meeting of the A.D.A. Council on Dental Trade and Laboratory Relations in Chicago. Spokesmen for the American Dental Laboratories Association and the Dental Laboratories Institute of America met with the Council and reported formation of a joint unity committee composed of representatives of the two associations and an independent group of laboratory owners. Chairman of the unity committee is Mr. Horace Denner, of Los Angeles. Under an agreement worked out by the committee, the new organization is to be chartered not later than Oct. 1, 1951, under the name of the National Dental Laboratory Association. Council members also met with officials of the American Dental Trade Association and the Dental Manufacturers of America. The latter reported that the current shortage of certain dental materials and supplies was temporary. Steps are being taken, industry spokesmen said, to forestall a recurrence of the shortages of materials and supplies which occurred during world War II. Dr. F. W. Herbine, of Reading, Pa., Council chairman, presided at the meeting.

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION GIVES NEW RATINGS TO DENTAL SPECIALISTS

Dental specialists employed by the Veterans Administration have been placed on a par with medical specialists in accordance with a law approved last year by Congress. The law, sponsored by the A.D.A., directed that dental specialists be granted a 25 per cent increase in salary above that paid general practitioners. Covered are specialists in the fields of oral surgery, oral pathology, orthodontics, pedodontics, periodontics and prosthodontics. Meanwhile, the proposed new U.S. budget estimated that dental workloads in the V.A. outpatient service would increase 1 per cent above the 1950 level for the fiscal year ending in June, 1952. The total number of veterans given dental examinations in 1950 was 527,487 as compared with an estimate of 497,500 for 1951 and of 532,950 for 1952. Dental treatment was accorded 430,065 veterans in 1950; treatment for an estimated 372,000 was predicted for 1951, and for 438,250 for 1952. Of the total number of veterans who in 1950 received dental examinations, 204,755 were examined on a fee basis by private dentists. In 1951, it was estimated 187,500 veterans would be examined on a fee basis, and for 1952, the estimate was put at 207,950. The veterans who were given dental treatment on a fee basis by private dentists in 1950 totaled 342,977 as compared with an estimate of 282,000 for 1951 and of 355,260 for 1952.

COUNCIL ON DENTAL HEALTH OFFERS FLUORIDATION MANUAL

A new manual on fluoridation, prepared by the A.D.A. Council on Dental Health, was approved last week at a two-day session of the Council in the Central Office. The 37-page handbook, which may be obtained in limited quantities without charge, was compiled to provide general information for the guidance of dental, medical and public health personnel in recommending fluoridation as a caries-control measure to city officials. The Council, headed by Dr. David W. Brock, of St. Louis, also announced plans for issuing a packet of caries-control information for professional use in forum discussions before dental groups. Implementing action taken by the House of Delegates at Atlantic City, the Council reported that data on dental units in state health departments were being collected in an effort to offset a movement reducing the administrative position of the state dental unit. The Council also approved for distribution two films, "Come Clean," a color sound movie on toothbrushing produced by Dr. Forrest R. Slavens, of Steamboat, Colo., and "Teeth Are to Keep," a Britannica film. Dr. Ira Dow Beebe, of Bridgeport, Conn., was named to the newly-created post of vice-chairman of the Council.

883 STUDENTS ENROLLED IN CANADA'S FIVE DENTAL SCHOOLS

Enrollment in Canada's five dental schools totaled 883 undergraduate students as of Jan. 2, 1951, according to a register of dental students issued this week by the Canadian Dental Association. The present total is almost twice that of 10 years ago when 454 students were enrolled in Canadian dental schools. The present enrollment, however, is down 151 from last year's all-time record high of 1,034 dental students. Last year, Canadian schools conferred dental degrees on 306 graduates compared with 117 a decade ago.

COUNCIL VOTES FULL APPROVAL TO COLUMBIA DENTAL SCHOOL

Full approval of the four-year program of the School of Dental and Oral Surgery of Columbia University, New York, was announced this week by Dr. Henry M. Willits, of Dubuque, Ia., chairman of the A.D.A. Council on Dental Education. The action, following a meeting of the Council in the Central Office, brings all of the nation's 42 dental schools into the A.D.A. accreditation program. Thirty-four schools have now been fully approved and six others have been provisionally approved. Two new schools -- at the University of Alabama in Birmingham and at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill -- have not been in operation long enough to have been inspected by the Council. Both, however, are cooperating in the accreditation program. The executive officer of the Columbia school is Dr. Maurice J. Hickey, associate dean of the faculty of medicine. The Columbia University dental school was fully approved in June, 1945, and was dropped from the Council's list of accredited schools in 1947. Dr. Shailer Peterson, Council secretary, reported that all 42 schools are now also cooperating in the Association's dental aptitude testing program. To enable pre-dental students and the schools to fill freshmen class vacancies a year and a half in advance, the Council voted to make the aptitude tests available to all applicants instead of limiting them as heretofore to individuals certified by the schools. The action was expected to provide a basis for some draft deferments. The first examinations for 1952 applicants will be conducted next May 4 and 5. The Council also approved eight more dental internship programs and three residency programs in 10 additional hospitals.

QUARTERLY CUMULATIVE SUPPLEMENT AVAILABLE FOR DIRECTORY OWNERS

A Quarterly Cumulative Supplement is now available for owners of the recently issued 1950 American Dental Directory, it is announced by Mr. John J. Hollister, A.D.A. business manager. Enabling subscribers to keep the Directory up to date, the supplement listings are arranged alphabetically and include complete information about newly-listed dentists as well as changes of address, entry into and separation from the armed forces and other data. The initial fee is \$37.50 and covers the period from June 1, 1950, through 1951. Beginning in January, 1952, the annual subscription will be \$25.

BULLETIN ON A.D.A. FINANCES IS MAILED TO ALL MEMBERS

A new edition of the A.D.A. Information Bulletin featuring a report on Association finances and a review of major activities was mailed this week to the entire membership. Additional copies may be obtained upon request to the A.D.A. Bureau of Public Information.

BRIEFS IN THE NEWS

Dr. Donald A. Wallace, of Chicago, former secretary of the A.D.A. Council on Dental Therapeutics and director of the Bureau of Chemistry, has been appointed associate professor of applied materia medica and therapeutics at the College of Dentistry, University of Illinois. Dr. Wallace will also serve as a consultant to the University of Illinois Foundation and will engage in research on ammoniated dentifrices....Paul J. Hanzlik, M.D., of San Mateo, Calif., vice-chairman of the Council on Dental Therapeutics from 1930 to 1948 and professor emeritus of pharmacology at Stanford University, died Feb. 1. He was 65....Dr. Harold Hillenbrand, Association secretary, will address the Conference on Dental Health, sponsored by the Southern California State Dental Association, in Los Angeles Feb. 19....The eighth annual meeting of the Northwest Conference in Dental Medicine will be held April 8-13 in Sun Valley, Idaho....The University of Washington School of Dentistry has inaugurated a two-year course for dental hygienists....Dr. David W. Brock, of St. Louis, chairman of the Council on Dental Health; Dr. Allen O. Gruebbel, of Chicago, secretary of the Council, and Dr. Doyle J. Smith, of Memphis, will attend the sixth annual Rural Health Conference, sponsored by the American Medical Association, to be held Feb. 23-24 in Memphis....Dr. Olin D. Kirkland, of Montgomery, Ala., A.D.A. trustee from 1938 to 1941, was awarded an honorary Doctor of Science degree Feb. 3 by the University of Alabama for his pioneer work in periodontology....Dr. H. Trendley Dean, director of the National Institute for Dental Research, will be awarded the 1951 Jarvie Fellowship medal of the Dental Society of the State of New York at the 83rd annual meeting of the society May 8 in Buffalo....The 1948-49 and 1950 volumes of the Index to Dental Literature are now available at \$10 each.