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News Letter

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SENATOR ROBERT A. TAFT TO ADDRESS A.D.A. AT 92ND ANNUAL MEETING IN NATION'S CAPITAL -- AMPLE HOTEL RESERVATIONS ARE STILL AVAILABLE

Senator Robert A. Taft, of Ohio, will be one of the principal speakers at the 92nd annual session of the A.D.A. to be held Oct. 15-18 at Washington, D. C. Announcement of the Republican leader's appearance was made by Dr. Harold W. Oppice, of Chicago, A.D.A. president. More than 15,000 dentists and their families are expected at the four-day meeting, first to be held in the nation's capital since 1929. An innovation at this year's meeting will be color television to demonstrate surgical and other operative procedures. Ample housing accommodations have been assured for all visitors, according to Dr. David J. Fitzgibbon, of Washington, D. C., chairman of the committee on local arrangements. Thirty-four of the city's leading hotels have pledged cooperation with the Association in providing housing space. Reservations may be obtained by sending the application form from The Journal of the American Dental Association to the A.D.A. Housing Bureau, 204 Star Building, Washington 4, D. C. Senator Taft, one of the most-quoted members of Congress, will address the Association's general meeting Tuesday evening, Oct. 16, at the Hotel Statler where the House of Delegates and the Board of Trustees will also hold sessions. His subject will be "The Federal Government's Role in Health and Welfare." The meeting is open without charge to all A.D.A. visitors and their guests. The Ohioan, who has occupied a seat in the U. S. Senate since 1938, has followed a family tradition of public life. He is the grandson of Alphonso Taft, secretary of war under President U. S. Grant, and the son of President William Howard Taft. He has served as chairman of many major Senate committees.

LUNCHEON TO FEATURE NEWS MAGAZINE EDITOR

Kenneth Crawford, national senior editor of Newsweek magazine, will be another speaker at the annual meeting. He will address a luncheon Tuesday, Oct. 16, at the

Statler in tribute to the 50th anniversary of the U. S. Army Dental Corps, the National Bureau of Standards and the School of Dentistry, Georgetown University. Tickets may be obtained for \$4 each from Dr. W. Lawrence Smallwood, entertainment chairman, 910 17th Street, N. W., Washington 6, D. C. Tickets may also be obtained from Dr. Smallwood for two other special events. One principal entertainment feature is the President's dinner in honor of Dr. Oppice to be held at the Statler Wednesday evening, Oct. 17. Tickets are \$7.50. The other is a fashion show and luncheon for women visitors scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 16, at the Shoreham Hotel. Tickets are \$3.50. On the scientific side of the program, the National Guard Armory will be the site of 25 television clinics originating at the Mount Alto Veterans Administration Hospital six miles away. The new color system of the Columbia Broadcasting System will be used. There will be 10 receiving sets. Some 75 essayists will present papers at the 11 scientific sections. There will also be 200 table clinics, 50 scientific exhibits and a continuous program of scientific films. During the annual session, to facilitate access to the Armory, Gray-line buses will provide direct transportation between the Hotel Statler and the Armory with intermediate stops at the Hotel Willard and the Hotel Dodge.

DENTAL EDITORS AND A.D.A. COUNCIL ON JOURNALISM TO MEET OCT. 13

The American Association of Dental Editors and the A.D.A. Council on Journalism will hold a joint meeting Saturday, Oct. 13, at the Statler Hotel in Washington, D. C., preliminary to the formal opening of the Association's 92nd annual session on Monday, Oct. 15. Problems pertaining to production, design and advertising will be discussed by national authorities. Speakers will include Mr. Olin Freedman, of Chicago, consultant in production and costs; Mr. Dan Smith, of Chicago, consultant in design and make-up; Mr. Allen Davis, of New York City, New York Dental Supply Co.; Mr. Gerald Gross, of Washington, D. C., editor, Washington Report for the Medical Sciences; Dr. Joe W. Jones, of Dawson Springs, Ky., Kentucky State Dental Association editor, and Mr. John J. Hollister, of Chicago, A.D.A. business manager. Dr. C. A. Wilkie, of Brooklyn, N. Y., is chairman of the Council on Journalism, and Dr. William P. Schoen Jr., of Chicago, is president of the American Association of Dental Editors.

A.D.A. URGES DEFERMENT OF PREDENTAL STUDENTS FROM UMT PROGRAM

A recommendation that predental students be deferred from universal military training was made by the A.D.A. before the National Security Training Commission Aug. 16. The commission is authorized to submit a plan to Congress for the operation of UMT by Oct. 29. Under the law setting up the UMT framework, all 18-year-old youths would be required to undergo six months of basic military training after the corps is activated. In a statement before the commission, Dr. Rudolph H. Friedrich, of Plainfield, N. J., chairman of the A.D.A. Council on Federal Dental Services, urged deferment of dental students as well as predental students until after they have received their degrees. "It would be more beneficial to the country to have prospective dentists serve later in their professional capacities than it would be to train them prior to their professional education as basic military trainees," Dr. Friedrich said. In another recommendation, the A.D.A. proposed that complete dental examinations be given to each UMT trainee at the time of induction and at the time of release but that dental treatment during the training period be limited to emergency care and necessary prosthetic appliances. It was suggested that the examinations be made by civilian dentists or reserve officers on day-to-day assignments. Pointing out that complete dental treatment for the UMT program would divert an estimated 1,000 additional dentists from civilian life, Dr. Friedrich said: "It is strongly recommended that no steps be taken which will withdraw an excessive number of dentists from the general civilian population."

SECOND INFORMATION BULLETIN ON "SOCIAL SECURITY" IS MAILED

A second issue of the A.D.A. Information Bulletin dealing with the problems of social security and old age retirement pensions is now being mailed to all members of the Association. The new issue features a discussion of the Coudert bill (see A.D.A. News Letter, May 1, 1951) and the Ives amendment now pending in Congress. Both measures are being supported by the A.D.A. These proposals would amend the federal Internal Revenue Act to permit professional men and other self-employed persons to set aside, prior to income taxes, a portion of their earnings during high income years to provide a retirement income after the individual reaches 60 years of age. A previous Information Bulletin, distributed last month, discussed the Old Age and Survivors Insurance (OASI) program of the federal Social Security Act. Answers to a questionnaire on OASI and other insurance proposals, distributed last month by the Council on Insurance to each seventh member of the Association, are now being tabulated. In the questionnaire, members were asked to give their views on OASI. Meanwhile, the House of Delegates of the Massachusetts Dental Society has approved a resolution requesting the A.D.A. House of Delegates to initiate steps to have dentists included in OASI. In a poll conducted by the Massachusetts Society, members voted 1164 to 51 in favor of the government-sponsored pension program. At present, dentists, physicians, lawyers and other professional persons are excluded from this provision of the Social Security Act. Results of the poll conducted by the Council on Insurance will be announced at the House of Delegates meeting at Washington, D. C., in mid-October.

DEFENSE CHIEFS PROTEST RIDER CUTTING VOLUNTARY RESERVE SERVICE

Inactive or voluntary reserves, including dentists, could be released from active duty after only 12 months of service, provided they had also served a year in World War II, under a little-noted rider attached to the \$56 billion military appropriations bill passed by the House of Representatives by a vote of 122-102. Under the recently enacted draft law, reservists are required to serve on active duty at least 17 months before release. The Defense Department took sharp issue with the measure last week when the bill was considered by a Senate military appropriations subcommittee. Defense officials contended the rider would affect some 280,000 reservists instead of the 15,000 estimated by House proponents of the measure. Urging the Senate to kill or modify the provision, they said it would release thousands of key reserves in all the armed forces by Nov. 30. The Navy announced last week that it was accepting applications for the regular dental corps from reserve dental officers in the grades of lieutenants and lieutenants junior grade under the age of 37. The Navy said reserve dentists on inactive duty must have had previous military experience other than training duty. Earlier the Navy had announced that it was seeking volunteer applications from 189 Priority I dentists for immediate duty. Meanwhile, Selective Service reported this week that it expects to induct 520,000 men into the armed forces this year and 300,000 in 1952. Blanket deferment for college students ended Aug. 20. Brig. Gen. Louis H. Renfrow, deputy Selective Service director, said students who failed to meet class standings or failed the national deferment tests might be called out of school for induction by their local draft boards if their induction has already been postponed once under statutory provisions.

CIVIL DEFENSE AID CALLS ON DENTISTS TO ORGANIZE FOR EMERGENCIES

A strong appeal for establishment of local and state civil defense committees throughout the nation by members of the dental profession was made this week by Dr. Russell W. Bunting, of Ann Arbor, Mich., dental consultant to the Federal Civil Defense Administration. "The training of dentists in the basic health sciences, their association with the practice of medicine and other health services, and their remarkable record of emergency casualty service in the last war," Dr. Bunting said, "makes them a highly important source of coordinate medical service in great emergencies." In calling for widespread formation of civil defense committees in dentistry, Dr. Bunting recommended that they be coordinated with medical groups. He advocated joint cooperation in organizing courses in first aid and the medical aspects of atomic warfare for physicians, dentists, veterinarians, nurses and pharmacists. "We should not wait for some directive or pronouncement from Washington, or even from our state civil defense organizations," Dr. Bunting said. "Dentistry should organize itself now, in order that it may more effectively be mobilized for an emergency."

ANNOUNCE SYMPOSIUM ON RELATIONSHIP OF DENTAL HEALTH TO PERSONALITY

The relation of dental health to total personality will be the theme of the second annual institute in dentistry to be held Sept. 26 at the Veterans Administration hospital in Lyons, N. J. Included in the program will be clinical demonstrations by members of the hospital staff and a symposium. Participants in the symposium will be Dr. Wilton M. Krogman, professor of anthropology, University of Pennsylvania Medical School; Dr. Herbert K. Cooper, professor of cleft palate therapy, University of Pennsylvania Dental School, and Dr. S. June Smith, psychologist, Lancaster Cleft Palate Clinic.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DENTAL BUILDING TO HAVE TUMOR CLINIC

An oral tumor clinic operated by the American Cancer Society will be one of the unique features of the new \$1,155,000 building being constructed for the School of Dentistry of the University of Southern California. The new building, which will be ready for use in the spring of 1952, will have 160 dental chairs, two large lecture rooms, laboratories, a surgery clinic and special quarters for instruction in pedodontics, periodontics and endodontics. Present construction will be limited to the first floor and basement, but eventually it is planned to add three more floors, Dr. Robert W. McNulty, dean of the school, said.

MINNESOTA ASSOCIATION SPONSORS YOUTH CONFERENCE ON DENTAL HEALTH

Under the auspices of the dental health education committee of the Minnesota State Dental Association, youth leaders in the state will take part in an all-day conference on dental health to be held Sept. 27 at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis. The young people, representing 4-H Clubs, Future Farmers of America and Future Homemakers of America, will hear talks by representatives of the association, the university's school of dentistry and the Minnesota Department of Health. The following day, Dr. F. P. Hosterman, of Minneapolis, president of the state association, will call to order the third fall conference of district and state officers at the Hotel Nicollett in Minneapolis. The meeting will be preceded by a Minnesota Public Health Conference earlier in the day.

"CAVALCADE OF STARS" TO PAY TRIBUTE TO DENTAL PROFESSION

The druggists of America will pay tribute to the dental profession in the weekly television program, "Cavalcade of Stars," to be presented Friday evening, Sept. 7, on the Dumont network. A scene will honor "the 85,000 dentists who serve the dental health of America's millions." The scene will emphasize the importance of regular toothbrushing and of visiting a dentist at least twice a year "to prevent dental trouble as well as cure it."

MIDWEST SEMINAR OF DENTAL MEDICINE TO BE HELD SEPT. 16-20

The fourth annual Midwest Seminar of Dental Medicine will be held Sept. 16-20 in Baileys Harbor, Wis., according to Dr. Isaac Schour, of Chicago, executive director of the seminar. Lecturers will include Dr. Harry Sicher (M. D.), professor of anatomy and histology, Loyola University School of Dentistry; Dr. Theodor Rosebury (D. D. S.), professor and head of the department of bacteriology, Washington University school of Dentistry; Dr. E. S. Gordon (M. D., Ph. D.), associate professor of medicine, University of Wisconsin Medical School, and Edmund B. Flink, associate professor of internal medicine, University of Minnesota Medical School.

11 ESSAYISTS TO APPEAR AT GREATER PITTSBURGH DENTAL MEETING

Eleven essayists will present reports at the Greater Pittsburgh Dental Meeting to be held Sept. 11-13 at the William Penn Hotel. The meeting, sponsored jointly by the Pennsylvania State Dental Society and the Odontological Society of Western Pennsylvania, will also include 40 table clinics, motion pictures, commercial exhibits and special entertainment features.

BRIEFS IN THE NEWS

Construction is slated to begin soon after the first of the year on a new \$4 million School of Dentistry at the University of Texas in Houston....Dr. R. G. Keyworth, of St. Paul, Minn., has resigned as a member of the A.D.A. Judicial Council....Dentistry offers excellent opportunities for those able to gain admission to dental schools, according to the new Veterans Administration "Occupational Outlook Handbook." Reasons given are the expanding armed forces, the increasing and aging population, rising income level, growth of dentistry and progress in dental science....William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, recently issued an appeal to "all our 8 million members and their families" to contribute to the Committee for the Nation's Health, spearhead of the drive for compulsory health insurance....The October issue of Pageant magazine, on sale Sept. 12, will carry an article entitled "Hard Facts About Soft Drinks," explaining the effect of carbonated beverages on the teeth and general health....The Arkansas State Dental Association was a co-sponsor of the state's first rural health conference held recently at Little Rock. Dr. Don M. Hamm, of Clarksville, association secretary, was a speaker....The University of Toronto has instituted the first course for dental hygienists ever to be offered in a Canadian school....The index for Vol. 42 of The Journal of the American Dental Association, covering issues for the first six months of 1951, can now be obtained free on request from the A.D.A. Order Department.