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OPEN HEARING ON SOCIAL SECURITY TO BE CONDUCTED AT A.D.A. ANNUAL SESSION AT NATION'S CAPITAL -- REPORTS OF OFFICERS, COUNCILS SENT TO DELEGATES

An open hearing on the question of inclusion of members of the dental profession in the old age and survivors insurance program (OASI) of the federal Social Security Act will be held Tuesday, Oct. 16, at the Hotel Statler in Washington, D.C., during the 92nd annual session of the A.D.A. Between 12,000 and 15,000 dentists from all parts of the nation and members of their families are expected to converge on the nation's capital for the four-day meeting, opening Oct. 15. It is not too late to make hotel reservations for the session. Accommodations can be obtained by sending in the convenient application blank in any recent issue of The Journal of the American Dental Association. The hearing on inclusion of the dentists under OASI will be conducted by the Reference Committee on Insurance of the House of Delegates in the Federal Room of the Statler and all interested members of the Association are invited to attend. The Reference Committee will report its conclusions to the House of Delegates for final action following the hearing. At its meetings, the House of Delegates will also make decisions on other major policy matters governing the course of the Association for the next year. As a preliminary to the meetings, copies of the 1951 Reports of Officers and Councils were mailed this week to all delegates and alternate delegates.

SPECIAL SERVICES ARE ARRANGED AT ARLINGTON

For the benefit of A.D.A. visitors to the convention, arrangements have been made for special services at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery at 4 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 16. Taps will be sounded and an invocation pronounced as Dr. Harold W. Oppice, of Chicago, A.D.A. president, places a wreath on the tomb. Individuals wishing to attend the ceremony are asked to communicate in advance with Dr. C. Willard Camalier, A.D.A. assistant secretary, in order that arrangements may be made for bus transportation leaving the Mayflower Hotel at 3:15 p.m. Dr. Camalier's address is 1726 Eye St., N.W., Washington 6, D.C. Reservations can also be made at the A.D.A. Information Desk at the Statler Hotel. An intensive schedule of activity awaits convention visitors. Highlight of an elaborate entertainment program will be a President's dinner in honor of Dr. Oppice Wednesday evening, Oct. 17, at the Statler. In honor of Dr. Homer C. Brown, of Columbus, Ohio, president of the A.D.A. in 1913-14, a testimonial luncheon will be held Monday, Oct. 15, at the Statler and tickets (at \$4 each) can be obtained from the chairman, Dr. Clyde E. Minges, Peoples Bank Building, Rocky Mount, N.C. 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, there will be a luncheon Tuesday, Oct. 16, at the Statler. The same day a fashion show and luncheon for women visitors will be held at the Shoreham Hotel. Tickets for the President's dinner (at \$7.50 each) and for the anniversary luncheon (at \$4 each) can be obtained from Dr. W. Lawrence Smallwood, entertainment chairman, 910 17th St., N.W., Washington 6, D.C. Tickets for the fashion show luncheon (at \$3.50 each) may be obtained from Mrs. W. Lawrence Smallwood, women's entertainment chairman, 4713 Merrivale Road, Chevy Chase, Md.

COUNCIL ON DENTAL HEALTH SPONSORS FLUORIDATION CONFERENCE FOR OCT. 13

For the second consecutive year, the A.D.A. Council on Dental Health will sponsor a conference preceding the annual session. It will be held Saturday, Oct. 13, at the Statler Hotel in Washington, D.C., and the principal theme will be "Securing Community Acceptance of Fluoridation." Participating will be state council chairmen and state dental directors with Dr. David W. Brock, of St. Louis, chairman of the A.D.A. Council on Dental Health, presiding. Talks will be given by Dr. Brock, Dr. John G. Frisch, of Madison, Wis., chairman of the fluorine study committee of the Wisconsin State Dental Society; Mr. Willard S. Sitler, of Washington, D.C., public health engineer of the U.S. Public Health Service; Dr. John B. Benediktson, of Oakland, Cal., president-elect of the California State Dental Association; Dr. Kenneth A. Easlick, of Ann Arbor, Mich., member of the A.D.A. Council on Dental Health, and Dr. W. Philip Phair, of Chicago, assistant secretary of the Council. The conference will also discuss the administrative status of dental units in state health departments.

COLOR DOCUMENTARY MOVIE ON FLUORIDATION FILMED AT NEWARK, DEL.

A documentary movie on fluoridation was being filmed last week at Newark, Del., in co-operation with the U. S. Public Health Service. Dr. Bruce D. Forsyth, chief dental officer, said the film would be distributed to health departments and other organizations to encourage the public health measure. The movie, in color, was being made by Warner Pathe News from a script covering 103 scenes laid in the town's streets and public buildings. Entitled "A Drop in the Bucket," the 13-1/2-minute movie will give a fictionalized account of community activity in achieving fluoridation in a city. It was described as a composite story of fluoridation projects as communities have organized them throughout the nation. Chief characters in the movie are a mayor and a dentist. The picture's climax is a town meeting at which citizens fire questions at health experts and city officials. Newark itself began fluoridation of its water system last November after a two-year effort.

FLUORIDATION URGED BY WISCONSIN PHYSICIANS

The executive Council of the State Medical Society of Wisconsin has taken steps to obtain American Medical Association endorsement of the fluoridation procedure. In a unanimously-adopted resolution, the Council asks that the Wisconsin delegation to the A.M.A. House of Delegates seek full A.M.A. approval of the public health measure. The resolution cited results at test cities, pointed to A.D.A. approval of the measure and urged that the medical society "encourage all physicians to seek the adoption of a program of fluoridation in every Wisconsin community having a public water supply that is deficient in fluoride." Copies of the results were ordered sent "to every county medical officer in Wisconsin." The organization described fluoridation as "a most effective approach to improving health through the prevention of dental decay" and as "economically advantageous to the public as well as the individual." By last week, a total of 104 cities and towns across the country were fluoridating their domestic water supplies. One of the newcomers to the list was the city of Indianapolis with a population of nearly 500,000. The District of Columbia is expected to install the operation within the next six months following congressional approval of a \$130,000 budget for the procedure. The fluoridated water will serve a metropolitan population of one million persons. The District of Columbia Dental Society has spearheaded efforts in obtaining the measure.

AUSTRALIA HAS VOLUNTARY HEALTH PROGRAM, IGNORES STATE SCHEME

Sir Earle Page, Australian minister for health, visited the Central Office last week in an American tour and reported that voluntary "help yourself health programs" had supplanted the government health scheme in Australia. Dr. Page explained that a state program, similar to that in England, had been adopted by the Australian government in 1939 but that it had never even been proclaimed by the governor general. The former prime minister said that neither the people nor the health professions wanted the program "and no government has had the hardihood to put it into operation." Under the "help yourself" program, the government pays insurance companies a subsidy of one-third of each insured person's illness benefits.

PHYSICIAN-DRAFT POSTPONED; PRIORITY I DENTISTS VOLUNTEER AT HIGH RATE

The Department of Defense has again postponed the scheduled induction of 333 Priority I physicians scheduled for August and at the same time "temporarily postponed" its September call for 152 Priority I physicians. The armed forces reported that there were a sufficient number of physicians who were applying for commissions voluntarily. No dentists have been included in either call. Latest Department of Defense figures indicate a higher percentage of dentists volunteering for commissions than physicians. A total of 2,434 Priority I dentists have been commissioned, representing about two-thirds of the 3,872 Priority I dentists registered with Selective Service. For physicians, 5,200 Priority I men have been commissioned, representing about one-half of the 10,654 Priority I physicians registered with Selective Service. Of Priority I dentists serving in the armed forces, 1,363 are in the Army, 211 in the Navy and 860 in the Air Force. At the urgent insistence of the Defense Department, meanwhile, the Senate agreed to eliminate from the military appropriations bill a House rider (see A.D.A. News Letter, Sept. 1, 1951) that would have released all inactive and volunteer reserves, including dentists, who had served 12 months in World War II and another year since the Korean war.

COLUMNIST BACKS BILLS FOR INDIVIDUAL RETIREMENT PLAN

Proposed amendments to the federal Internal Revenue Act which would permit self-employed persons, including dentists, to provide for their own retirement income were supported last week by Robert C. Ruark, nationally syndicated newspaper columnist. Similar bills, submitted to Congress by Sen. Ives (R., N.Y.) and Rep. Coudert (R., N.Y.), would enable individual taxpayers to set aside, prior to income taxes, a portion of their earnings each year to provide a retirement income after the age of 60. The A.D.A. favors adoption of the amendments. "In all respects the proposed bill is fine," Ruark said in his column of Sept. 6. "It allows an individual first off to provide his own social security. It eases current tax pains while still permitting the government to collect its full tithe eventually....And it recognizes finally that the human being is entitled to some provision for the fact that the body deteriorates." Ruark pointed out that "this is the first legislation I know of which is pointed at that consideration" and added: "The government allows a 27-1/2 per cent tax forgiveness on oil wells because of the depletion quotient. It allows a capital gain on stock transfers and resale of property, and it will allow you to write off a depreciation on buildings and machinery. But up to now the guy who runs his own business or plays baseball or paints pictures or hammers a typewriter or removes an appendix has been smacked right on the button by the tax people!"

SEATTLE SOCIETY INSTITUTES LOCAL PUBLIC ASSISTANCE DENTAL PROGRAM

A plan to provide dental services for indigent persons has been instituted by the Seattle District Dental Society in cooperation with the Seattle-King County health department, it was announced by Dr. Ernest E. Kohl, society secretary. The plan, which was approved by the state department of public health, will be jointly administered by the local health department and the local dental society. A screening dentist, appointed by a board of dental society members, inspects all health department dental cases and authorizes the work to be done and the fee which can be charged. The recipient chooses a dentist from a list of participants. Following treatment, the patient is re-examined by the screening dentist who then authorizes payment.

DR. T. B. HARTZELL, A.D.A. PRESIDENT IN 1922, DIES AT AGE OF 85

Dr. Thomas B. Hartzell, under whose leadership as president in 1921-22 the National Dental Association was reorganized as the American Dental Association, died Aug. 26 at Detroit, Mich. He was 85 years old. Dr. Hartzell signed the A.D.A.'s articles of incorporation on June 19, 1922. Both a dentist and a physician, Dr. Hartzell was an authority on oral infection and taught at the University of Minnesota dental and medical schools. As head of the Association's Research Commission, Dr. Hartzell was credited with a major role in the establishment of dentistry as a science.

KELLOGG FOUNDATION AWARDS DENTAL GRANTS TO ALABAMA, TORONTO

The W. K. Kellogg Foundation has awarded three new grants in the field of dental education. The University of Alabama at Birmingham is the recipient of two awards. One, of \$25,000, is to be presented over a period of four years for the development of a program of short courses of study for practicing dentists in the southeastern part of the nation. Establishment of a program for the training of dental hygienists is the purpose of the second grant, of \$18,000 over a period of two years. The third award, of \$34,800 for three years, has been made to the University of Toronto for establishing a two-year course in dental hygiene, the first such program in Canada. At the same time, the Canadian government has awarded a grant of \$6,537 to the Saskatchewan Department of Public Health to assist in the training of six dental hygienists at schools in the United States and Canada.

CIVIL DEFENSE AID CONFERS WITH A.D.A. ON DRAFTING TENTATIVE PROGRAM

Dr. Russell W. Bunting, of Ann Arbor, Mich., dental consultant to the Federal Civil Defense Administration, consulted last week with A.D.A. staff members at the Central Office. Tentative plans were drafted for developing a program of dentist participation in civil defense. The program would be operated primarily through constituent and component societies.

REPRINTS OF "DENTAL APPLICATIONS OF ATOMIC ENERGY" NOW AVAILABLE

Reprints of the August-September issue of the New York Journal of Dentistry, entitled "Dental Applications of Atomic Energy," are now available. The 48-page booklet, containing a number of original articles, can be obtained by writing the Secretary, First District Dental Society, Hotel Statler, New York City. The price is 50 cents per copy.

PARADENTOPATHIES WORKSHOP SCHEDULED FOR PALM SPRINGS SEMINAR

A paradentopathies workshop will be a highlight of the 8th Annual Seminar for the Study and Practice of Dental Medicine to be held Oct. 28-Nov. 1 at the Desert Inn at Palm Springs, Cal. Advance reservations indicate that 200 dentists will be in attendance at the five-day meeting, according to Dr. Hermann Becks, of San Francisco, president of the seminar.

BRIEFS IN THE NEWS

The Philadelphia County Dental Society will hold its annual meeting Jan. 30 through Feb. 1 at the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel. Dr. Albert Borish is president....Dr. William N. Hodgkin, of Warrenton, Va., member of the A.D.A. Council on Dental Education since 1939, has resigned to become a member of the Board of Visitors of the Medical College of Virginia. Dr. Hodgkin was a representative of the American Association of Dental Examiners on the Council...."In the interest of good dental health and...sound food habits," the Southern Branch of the American Public Health Association has recommended that the sale of confections and carbonated beverages to schools be discontinued....Dr. George M. Coffey, of Ulysses, Kan., has been appointed to a three-year term on the Kansas State Board of Health. He is the first dentist to serve on the board....Rear Adm. Alfred W. Chandler, A.D.A. vice-president and inspector general of the Navy Dental Corps, is making an inspection tour of dental facilities in the Pacific and Far East....A two-year controlled study of the effects of chlorophyll on tooth decay is being undertaken at Boys Town in Nebraska. Msgr. Nicholas H. Wegner, Boys Town director, said the study was being carried on in cooperation with two dentifrice manufacturers....Mr. Everett R. Butterfield, formerly of the professional sales department of Bristol-Myers Co., of New York City, has been appointed eastern advertising representative of the A.D.A. to succeed Mr. George Penny....The Committee for National Laboratory Unity has scheduled a meeting for today and tomorrow (Sept. 15-16) at the Hotel Sherman in Chicago....Amurol Products Co., of Chicago, has awarded a grant of \$3,500 to the University of Illinois College of Dentistry for "the physical, chemical and bacterial study of the dental plaque."