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PLANS COMPLETED FOR 92ND ANNUAL SESSION IN NATION'S CAPITAL OCT. 15-18 -- SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM TO FEATURE COLOR TELEVISION

Within the next two weeks, dentists from all parts of the nation and many foreign lands are expected to arrive at the nation's capital for the opening of the 92nd annual session of the A.D.A. on Monday, Oct. 15. Advance reservations indicate an all-time record attendance at the four-day meeting, according to Dr. David J. Fitzgibbon, of Washington, general chairman of local arrangements. For the first time in A.D.A. history, color television will be used to demonstrate operative procedures on the top-flight scientific program. Dr. Harold W. Oppice, of Chicago, A.D.A. president, will formally open the three-day series of 25 TV clinics at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 16, at the National Guard Armory. Under the direction of Dr. William A. Garrett, of Atlanta, Ga., chairman of the A.D.A. Council on Scientific Session, the scientific program will also include more than 75 essayists at 11 scientific sections, 200 clinicians, 50 scientific exhibits, a continuous program of scientific and health education movies and nearly 200 commercial exhibits. The scientific program, all at the National Guard Armory, will continue from 9 a.m. Monday, Oct. 15, until 5 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 18. The general session for the meeting will be held at 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Hotel Statler with Dr. Oppice presiding. A principal speaker will be Sen. Robert A. Taft (R., Ohio) whose subject will be "The Federal Government's Role in Health and Welfare." The House of Delegates will meet at the Statler, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Monday, Oct. 15. On Sunday, Oct. 14, the annual Conference of State Society Officers (see below) will be held at the South American Room of the Statler. As a highlight of the entertainment program, a President's dinner in honor of Dr. Oppice, is planned for the Statler at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 17. Registration for convention visitors will begin at 10 a.m. Sunday in the lobby of the National Guard Armory and special registration for delegates and alternate delegates will open at 9:30 a.m. Sunday in the Congressional Room foyer of the Statler. Among visitors from foreign countries who will be at the meeting are Dr. Cyril de Vere Green, of London, secretary of the American Dental Society for Europe and official representative of the British Dental Association. Dr. Green will present a dental exhibit on behalf of the Federation Dentaire Internationale, world-wide body of national dental organizations. Others at the meeting will be Dr. Kenneth T. Adamson, of Melbourne, Australia, vice-president of the Australia Dental Association; Dr. Don W. Gullett, of Toronto, secretary of the Canadian Dental Association; Dr. Fermin Carranza Jr., of Buenos Aires, of the Argentine Dental Association, and Dr. A. I. Darling, of Bristol, England, director of dental studies at the University of Bristol.

SCHEDULE FOUR MEETINGS FOR HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Four meetings have been tentatively scheduled for the House of Delegates. In addition to the opening session at 9:30 a.m. Monday, Oct. 15,

the meetings are scheduled for 1:30 p.m. Monday, 1:30 p.m. Wednesday and 1:30 p.m. Thursday, all in the Presidential Room of the Statler. Among speakers at the opening session, in addition to Dr. Oppice, will be Dr. Norvin C. Kiefer, director of the health and special weapons division of the Federal Civil Defense Administration; Dr. Edward J. McCormick, of Toledo, member of the Board of Trustees of the American Medical Association; Dr. Green, of England, and

Dr. Adamson, of Australia. A number of major issues, including 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 considered by the 373 delegates representing 54 constituent societies and the five federal dental services. Open hearings on OASI will be held all day Tuesday, Oct. 16, 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. Delegates will also select a meeting place for the 1954 annual session. Bids have been filed so far by Atlantic City, Miami and San Francisco. St. Louis will be the site of the 1952 session and in 1953, the A.D.A. will meet in Cleveland. To date, a total of 45 resolutions have been submitted to Dr. Harold Hillenbrand, of Chicago, A.D.A. secretary, for action by the House of Delegates.

NEW OFFICERS WILL BE ELECTED ON THURSDAY

A new president-elect will be chosen to succeed Dr. LeRoy M. Ennis, of Philadelphia, who will become president of the Association at the close of the session. Three vice-presidents and the speaker of the House of Delegates will also be elected. In addition, delegates will vote for members of the Board of Trustees from four districts and will elect members of the councils and committees whose terms expire this year. The four trustees whose terms of office expire this year are Dr. William McGill Burns, of Brooklyn, Second District; Dr. Fred S. Shandley, of Seattle, 11th District; Dr. Willard Ogle, of Dallas, 12th District, and Dr. R. C. Dalglish, of Salt Lake City, 13th District. The Board of Trustees will begin its sessions on Monday, Oct. 8, at the Statler.

EXTENSIVE PROGRAM OF ENTERTAINMENT PLANNED

Other events include a luncheon in honor of Dr. Homer C. Brown, of Columbus, Ohio, president of the A.D.A. in 1913-14, at the Statler Monday, Oct. 15; a luncheon in tribute to the 50th anniversary of the Army Dental Corps, the National Bureau of Standards and the School of Dentistry, Georgetown University, at the Statler Tuesday, Oct. 16, at which Mr. Kenneth Crawford, national senior editor of Newsweek magazine, will be the speaker, and a fashion show and luncheon for women visitors on Tuesday at the Shoreham Hotel. For women visitors there will also be a lecture-tour of the National Gallery of Art at 2 p.m. on Monday. Monday will also be marked by a reception for essayists and clinicians at 5 p.m. at the Mayflower Hotel and a symphony orchestra concert at 8 p.m. at the Statler, which is sponsored by the host District of Columbia Dental Society. For the benefit of Association visitors, arrangements have been made with the Army to hold special services at 4 p.m. Tuesday at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery. On Thursday, Oct. 18, Dr. Oppice will be the principal speaker at a noon meeting of the Washington Rotary Club. On the same day, Dr. Philip E. Adams, of Boston, immediate past president of the Association, will address members of the Cosmopolitan Club. Dr. Gerald Timmons, of Philadelphia, dean, Temple University Dental School, will address the Kiwanis Club, also at noon Thursday.

STATE OFFICERS CONFERENCE TO OPEN AT 9 A. M. SUNDAY

Speakers at the annual State Society Officers Conference to be held Sunday, Oct. 14, in the South American Room of the Hotel Statler. The conference will be opened with greetings from Dr. John A. O'Keefe, president of the District of Columbia Dental Society. Dr. Wilbur P. McNulty, of Fort Wayne, Ind., conference president, will preside. Speakers and their subjects at the morning session will be Dr. Hillenbrand, "Responsibilities of a State Society to Its Components"; Dr. Francis A. Bull, Madison, Wis., "Responsibilities of a State Society in the Fluoridation Program," and Dr. Earle S. Arnold, Hartford, Conn., secretary of the Connecticut State Dental Association, and Mr. Herbert B. Bain, Chicago, director of the A.D.A. Bureau of Public Information, "A Public Relations Program for the State Society." Dr. Ennis will speak on "Next

The Association will hold its annual election of officers Thursday morning. Delegates will record their preferences on voting machines. A

In addition to the President's dinner at the Statler Hotel Wednesday evening, an extensive program of entertainment has been arranged.

Dr. LeRoy M. Ennis, of Philadelphia, A.D.A. president-elect, and Dr. Harold Hillenbrand, of Chicago, A.D.A. secretary, will be among

Year's Program" immediately following a brief business session at 2 p.m. Other speakers during the afternoon session will be Dr. William McGill Burns, of Brooklyn, trustee for New York State, "Social Security"; Dr. Willard M. Hurley, of Portland, Ore., president, Oregon State Dental Association, "Licensure of Dental Technicians," and Dr. Herbert Bunker, of Junction City, Kan., president, Kansas State Board of Dental Examiners, "Extension of State Reciprocity." Dr. Oppice will speak at a luncheon for conference members.

NINETEEN ASSOCIATED, ALLIED GROUPS TO MEET

Nineteen allied and associated groups will hold meetings prior to or during the annual session. Under the auspices of the A.D.A. Council on

Dental Health, there will also be an all-day meeting of state dental health councils and state dental directors on Saturday, Oct. 13, at the Statler. Fluoridation of community water supplies will be the principal subject. On the same day, the A.D.A. Council on Journalism and the American Association of Dental Editors will hold a meeting jointly, also at the Statler, and the A.D.A. Council on Constitution and Bylaws will meet at the Statler at 9 a.m. Sunday. The allied and associated groups and the time and place of their meetings are:

Alpha Omega Fraternity, Shoreham Hotel, Oct. 14-16
American Academy of Periodontology, Mayflower Hotel, Oct. 11-13
American Association of Dental Editors, Hotel Statler, Oct. 13
American Association of Dental Examiners, Washington Hotel, Oct. 12-13
American Association of Dental Schools: Dean's Meeting, Hotel Statler, Oct. 14
American Association of Public Health Dentists, Hay Adams Hotel, Oct. 14
American College of Dentists, Mayflower Hotel, Oct. 14
American Dental Assistants Association, Wardman Park Hotel, Oct. 15-18
American Dental Hygienists Association, Washington Hotel, Oct. 14-18
American Dental Golf Association, Carlton Hotel, Oct. 14
American Denture Society, Shoreham Hotel, October 13-14
American Society of Dentistry For Children, Willard Hotel, Oct. 12-14
American Society of Oral Surgeons, Wardman Park Hotel, Oct. 10-13
American Association of Women Dentists, Lafayette Hotel, Oct. 14-15
Delta Sigma Delta Fraternity, Shoreham Hotel, Oct. 12-15
International College of Dentists, Shoreham Hotel, Oct. 14
National Association of Seventh-Day Adventist Dentists, The 2400 Hotel, Oct. 12-14
Psi Omega Fraternity, Carlton Hotel, Oct. 15
Xi Psi Phi Fraternity, Washington Hotel, Oct. 15

REFERENCE COMMITTEES ANNOUNCED FOR A.D.A. ANNUAL MEETING

The appointment of the Committee on Credentials and 15 reference committees for the House of Delegates at the 92nd annual session of the A.D.A., Oct. 15-18 in Washington, D. C., was announced this week by Dr. Harold W. Oppice, of Chicago, A.D.A. president. Following are the appointments, with the chairman listed first for each committee:

Committee on Credentials -- Paul W. Zillmann, New York; Glenn Anderson, Iowa;
N. F. Muir, Virginia
Constitution and Bylaws -- F. J. Dingler, Washington; Don Hamm, Arkansas;
E. W. Newman, New Jersey
Dental Education -- L. E. VanKirk, Pennsylvania; F. C. Baker, Indiana;
W. Talbot Foster, Texas
Dental Research -- Lee R. Main, Missouri; Homer D. Butts Jr., Pennsylvania;
Kurt H. Thoma, Massachusetts
Dental Trade and Laboratory Relations -- M. E. Lusk, Minnesota; J. B. Benedictson,
California; Walter E. Dundon, Illinois
Federal Dental Services -- John B. Wilson, California; Wilbur P. McNulty, Indiana;
Charles H. Patton, Pennsylvania

Insurance -- F. A. Pierson, Nebraska; James F. Colgan, Rhode Island; Melvin E. Ralston, California

Legislation -- R. E. Creig, Ohio; Earle S. Arnold, Connecticut; A. W. Kellner, Florida

Public Health -- Lloyd H. Dodd, Illinois; H. R. Bleier, Wisconsin; Waldo H. Mork, New York

Miscellaneous Business -- Edward J. Jennings, New Jersey; Willard S. Bell, New York; Howard E. Summers, West Virginia

Rules and Order -- E. W. Baumann, Illinois; G. R. Brooks, Michigan; A. B. Coxwell, Kentucky.

ARMY ISSUES CALL FOR 100 DENTAL OFFICERS TO REPORT IN NOVEMBER -- NEW REGULATIONS SET UP ORDER FOR CALL-UPS WITHIN PRIORITY GROUPS

The Army announced last week that an additional 100 dental reserve officers will be ordered into active duty by Nov. 12. In the Army's first formal call for dental officers since last March, Priority I dentists only are included. The new orders will be issued to individual reservists Oct. 12. The call varied widely in different Army commands. The quotas called for 25 men from the Second Army area (with headquarters at Fort Meade, Md.); two from the Fourth Army area (Fort Houston, Tex.); 28 from the Fifth Army area (Chicago); 38 from the Sixth Army area (San Francisco); five from the Pacific area, and two from the Caribbean. The Army pointed out that the new call was apportioned throughout the country "to equalize the burden in geographical areas of the country and ensure against disruption of civilian dental service." It said that no registrants would be called from either the First Army area (with headquarters at Governor's Island, N. Y.) or the Third Army area (with headquarters at Fort McPherson, Ga.) because they have already furnished the bulk of Priority I dentists entering on active duty since the outbreak of the Korean conflict. The Army had previously ordered 1,025 Priority I dentists to active duty. Priority I dentists and other "special registrants" are affected by new regulations signed last week by President Truman. The new provisions establish an order for call-ups within priority groups. In Priorities I and III, men will be called by age, the youngest being selected first. In Priorities II and IV, call-ups will be based on length of prior military service, rather than on age, those with the least amount of service being subject to induction first. It was pointed out that the regulations do not change the requirement that each priority must be depleted of registrants before any man from the next higher priority can be inducted. Meanwhile, Selective Service announced the second nation-wide series of aptitude tests for guidance of local boards in granting deferments to college students, including pre-dental students. The new series of tests will be given next Dec. 13 and on April 24, 1952. Applications for the first test must be postmarked by Nov. 5 and for the second test by March 10, 1952. Students whose academic year will end in January, 1952, are urged to apply for the first test, Brig. Gen. Louis H. Renfrow, deputy director of Selective Service, said.

DR. OTTO U. KING, FORMER A.D.A. SECRETARY, DIES AT 78

Word has been received of the death of Dr. Otto U. King, of Huntington, Ind., A.D.A. secretary from 1913 to 1927. He died Aug. 13 at the age of 78. Dr. King, who also served as Association editor from 1913 to 1925, was one of the founders of the American College of Dentists. In 1914, he was a delegate to the International Dental Congress, and in 1926 was named secretary-general of that organization.

21,789 CHICAGO SCHOOLCHILDREN RECEIVE DENTAL EXAMINATIONS IN 1950-51

Of 21,789 Chicago schoolchildren who received dental examinations in 1950-51 from dentists of the Chicago Health Department and Chicago Dental Society, 14,437 or 66 per cent needed dental care. In the preceeding year, 72 per cent of 14,926 children examined were found to need treatment.

ARMY DENTAL BILL APPROVED BY SENATE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE -- NEW VERSION OF ASSISTANCE TO DENTAL SCHOOLS DRAFTED IN SENATE

The Army Dental bill, long advocated by the A.D.A. to provide more efficient dental care for Army and Air Force members, hurdled its first obstacle in the present Congress this session when the Senate Committee on the Armed Services approved the measure Sept. 20. The bill (S. 781), introduced by Sen. Hunt (D., Wyo.), was reported out to the Senate with a recommendation for passage. The measure crystallizes present regulations into law. The bill specifically provides for improvement in the position of dental officers in subordinate commands in the field by giving them increased authority over dental installations. It also sets up a ratio of two dental officers for each 1,000 troops. A similar bill is pending in the House. In another action, the Senate Committee on the Armed Services favorably reported a House-approved bill to give the chief of the Navy Dental Corps the same salary and retirement status as the dental chief of the Army and the Air Force. Bills to give a similar position to the chief dental officer of the U. S. Public Health Service are pending in the Senate and House. Meanwhile, the Senate confirmed promotions to the permanent rank of dental director for four officials of the Public Health Service, including Dr. Bruce D. Forsyth, chief dental officer; Dr. John W. Knutson, chief, Division of Dental Public Health; Dr. Robert H. Moore, of Stapleton, N. Y., and Dr. Ralph S. Lloyd, of Baltimore, both dental directors of U.S. Marine hospitals. The rank corresponds to that of colonel. In still another Senate action, the Labor and Public Welfare Committee approved a new version of federal aid to dental, medical and other allied professional schools which is designed to bolster enrollments. Under the plan, schools of dentistry would receive \$160 for every student enrolled in addition to \$2,000 for each student who exceeded the past average enrollment at the school. Schools of dental hygiene would receive similar financial assistance of \$60 for each student and \$600 for each one in excess of past average enrollment. The program's cost for the first five years of operation was estimated at \$180 million, based on an anticipated 30 per cent increase in enrollment of first year dental, medical and other professional students. The initial version called for an estimated expenditure of \$250 million the first five years of the program.

CANCER SPECIALIST LAUDS DENTAL SCHOOLS' CANCER TEACHING PROGRAM

Because the public is educated to visit the dentist regularly, the dental profession is offered a unique opportunity for the early detection of cancer, Dr. R. F. Kaiser, chief of cancer control branch, National Institute of Cancer, asserted recently in Public Health Reports. Dr. Kaiser lauded the dental schools' cancer teaching programs. He said that "the dental profession can contribute more than any other group toward bringing up the cure-rate of intra-oral cancer."

NEW YORK COMPONENT SOCIETY TO ERECT OWN HEADQUARTERS BUILDING

The Second District Dental Society of the State of New York held ground-breaking ceremonies last Friday (Sept. 28) for its future headquarters building. It will be the first component society to erect its own building, Dr. Joseph J. Obst, president of the society, pointed out. The one-and-a-half story building, which will be at 111 Ft. Greene Place, Brooklyn, will house a lecture hall, classroom, dental laboratory, dental office and administrative offices.

VA HOSPITALS START POST GRADUATE TRAINING PROGRAM FOR DENTISTS

The Veterans Administration has initiated a post graduate training program for dentists in its hospitals under the direct supervision of the deans of the local dental schools. Pilot programs have been started at the veterans hospitals in Buffalo and Milwaukee, where rotating internships and residencies in oral surgery have been established. Sixteen other VA hospitals have dental school deans as consultants and a large scale extension of post-graduate dental study is planned, according to Dr. Bion R. East, VA assistant chief medical director for dental services.

RUSK COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT SPECIAL MEETING FOR DENTAL ADVISORS TO SELECTIVE SERVICE AT HOTEL STATLER, WASHINGTON, ON OCT. 12

A special meeting for dentist members of state and local advisory committees to Selective Service has been called by the National Health Advisory Committee to Selective Service (the Rusk committee) for 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 12, at the Hotel Statler, Washington, D. C. All dentists interested in mobilization of dental manpower and problems dealing with national health resources are invited to attend, it was announced today by Dr. Leo J. Schoeny, of New Orleans, dentist member of the Rusk committee. Dr. Howard Rusk, of New York, will preside. In addition to serving as top-flight advisors to Selective Service, members of the Rusk committee also serve as the Health Resources Advisory Committee of the Office of Defense Mobilization.

JAMES J. BROPHY HEADS ASSOCIATION OF DENTAL EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES

Mr. James J. Brophy, of St. Louis, was elected president of the Association of Dental Executive Secretaries at its sixth annual meeting Sept. 15-16 in Buffalo. Mr. Brophy, who is executive secretary of the St. Louis Dental Society, succeeds Mrs. Florence Turgeon, of Buffalo, executive secretary of the Eighth District Dental Society of the State of New York. Others named to office were vice-president, Mr. Karl S. Richardson, of Chicago, executive secretary of the Chicago Dental Society, and secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Esther Drummey, of Boston, executive secretary of the Metropolitan District Dental Society. Elected editor of the organization's publication, News, was Mr. Paul H. McMullen, of Cincinnati, executive secretary of the Cincinnati Dental Society. The Association will hold its 1952 meeting at St. Louis, immediately preceding the 93rd annual session of the A.D.A. scheduled for Sept. 8 through 11.

TOTAL 1951 MEMBERSHIP IN A.D.A. NEARS 75,000 MARK

Total membership in the American Dental Association reached 74,577 on Aug. 31. Included in the total were 65,243 fully privileged members, a drop of 1,454 below the corresponding total a year ago. Student membership continued at an all-time high of 9,089, with the University of Detroit Dental School being the first to report 100 per cent student membership for the coming school year. Also included in the total figure were 233 affiliate, six associate and six honorary members.

BRIEFS IN THE NEWS

Dr. Edwin F. Crosby, director, Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, and president-elect of the American Hospital Association, has been named to succeed the late Dr. John B. Pastore, of New York, as a member of the National Advisory Committee to Selective Service. Dr. Pastore died suddenly Aug. 18....The World Health Organization is offering 10 to 14 fellowships for foreign study in the field of health during 1952. Applications and further information may be obtained from the Division of International Health, U. S. Public Health Service, Washington, D.C....In Guam, where there are only four dentists for approximately 50,000 persons, the government is seeking applications from American dentists. Additional information may be obtained from the Executive Secretary, Commission on Medical Licensure, Government of Guam....Payments under the federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance program have jumped from \$62 million a month in 1950 to \$147 million a month this year, a 140 per cent increase, the Federal Security Agency has reported....The fall meeting of the American Society for the Advancement of General Anesthesia in Dentistry will be held Oct. 22 at the Hotel Shelburne, New York City.

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The Oct. 15 issue of the A.D.A. News Letter will be combined with the Nov. 1 issue to provide coverage of activities at the 92nd annual session of the Association at Washington, D. C., Oct. 15 through 18. The next issue will be mailed the week following the annual session.