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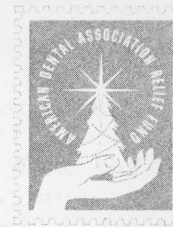
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Make It *A Happy New Year*

Give To The Relief Fund



News Letter

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SPECIAL SUBCOMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE GROWING SHORTAGE OF DENTAL EQUIPMENT RESULTING FROM GOVERNMENT CUTBACKS IN CRITICAL MATERIALS

Dr. LeRoy M. Ennis, of Philadelphia, A.D.A. president, last week named a subcommittee of the Special Committee on National Emergency Dental Services to investigate the possibility of a shortage of dental supplies and equipment during 1952 as a result of increased government cutbacks of critical materials. Dr. Ennis acted following a conference in Chicago on Dec. 20 between representatives of the American Dental Trade Association and members of the A.D.A. Special Committee. Mr. Clayton W. Conklin, president of the L. D. Caulk Company and chairman of the A.D.T.A. group, reported that increased orders by the government for dental equipment coupled with reduced allocations of critical materials already have caused a sharp reduction in the amount of dental materials and supplies available for civilian dentists. He forecast that during the first quarter of 1952, production of units, chairs, sterilizers, cabinets, lights and similar equipment for civilian use would be from 23 to 46 per cent below normal requirements. Named to the A.D.A. subcommittee, which will check with government officials in Washington shortly, are Dr. E. Harold Gale, of Albany, N.Y., chairman of the Council on Legislation; Dr. R. H. Friedrich, of Plainfield, N. J., chairman of the Council on Federal Dental Services, and Dr. Frederick W. Herbine, of Reading, Pa., chairman of the Council on Dental Trade and Laboratory Relations. Mr. Francis J. Garvey, of Chicago, secretary of the Council on Legislation, was named secretary of the subcommittee. In World War II, manufacturers of dental equipment and supplies were given high priorities for critical materials so that dental health services would not be impaired. Theoretically, the same high priorities were supposed to exist for dental products during the present emergency. Conflicting regulations, however, have resulted in serious cutbacks of critical materials for nearly all manufacturers, it was reported. In addition to Mr. Conklin, members of the A.D.T.A. committee included Mr. Fred E. Steen, president of the S. S. White Dental Manufacturing Company; Mr. Henry Thornton, executive vice-president of the Dentists' Supply Company of New York; Mr. Milton A. Kline, executive vice-president of the Ransom & Randolph Company, and Mr. Wilmoth C. Mack, A.D.T.A. secretary.

LAUNCH STUDY OF DENTISTS' ROLE IN CIVILIAN DEFENSE

Federal Civil Defense Administration, and A.D.A. staff members to coordinate activities of the dental profession in civil defense. Participating in the meeting were Dr. David E. Hunn, of Troy, N. Y., chairman, and Dr. John R. Abel, of Beverly Hills, Cal. A third member, Dr. Lloyd Rogers, of Detroit, was unable to be present. Recommendations of the subcommittee will be submitted to the A.D.A. Special Committee on National Emergency Dental Services and subsequently transmitted to all dental societies.

The newly-appointed subcommittee on civil defense met last week in Chicago with Dr. Russell W. Bunting, dental consultant for the

ATTENDANCE OF 5,000 EXPECTED FOR 11TH INTERNATIONAL DENTAL CONGRESS

More than 5,000 dentists and their families from all parts of the world are expected to attend the 11th International Dental Congress next summer in London, it was announced recently by Dr. E. Wilfred Fish, of London, chairman of the organizing committee. Because of the heavy summer tourist traffic, Dr. Fish urged that applications for membership in the Congress be made immediately. In addition to scientific reports by internationally-known dental scientists, an extensive program of entertainment is being scheduled. "Receptions, dances and banquets are being planned (but) we shall have to resort to severe rationing of tickets for these major events," Dr. Fish said. The scientific program will be held in the Royal Festival Hall, with a seating capacity of 3,500. Interpreters will make it possible for speakers to use any of the official languages: English, French, German, Italian and Spanish. Dentists from the United States who plan to attend the Congress, which will be held July 19-26, are asked to send their names to Dr. Harold Hillenbrand, A.D.A. secretary, 222 E. Superior St., Chicago 11, Ill.

NEW FILM ON DENTISTRY AS A CAREER PRESENTED TO ASSOCIATION

A new sound motion picture in color, entitled "A Career in the Profession of Dentistry," has been presented to the American Dental Association by the American College of Dentists. The 16 mm. movie is designed specifically for presentation before high school and junior college students, according to Dr. Harold G. Ray, of San Francisco, one of the directors of the film. The motion picture can be purchased for \$150 through the A.D.A. Bureau of Library and Indexing Service. It is also available on a rental basis. Dr. Willard C. Fleming, of San Francisco, president of the American College of Dentists, also served as a director of the film.

DAIRY COUNCIL TO SPONSOR CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH DAY PROGRAMS

Window displays and radio and television programs emphasizing the importance of dental health will be sponsored throughout the country this February by the National Dairy Council in conjunction with National Children's Dental Health Day on Feb. 4. The council and its 58 affiliated units will cooperate with dental societies in distributing pamphlets and other educational material stressing the importance of proper diet, the council has announced. In addition, the February issue of the quarterly Nutrition News will carry an article entitled "Dental Health Education" by Dr. O. Hoffman, head of the dental health section of the Washington State Department of Health.

DENTAL EDUCATORS AND EXAMINERS TO MEET IN CHICAGO FEB. 2

The nation's leading dental educators will assemble in Chicago Feb. 2 for the eighth annual Congress on Dental Education and Licensure. The all-day meeting, to be held at the Conrad Hilton Hotel (formerly the Stevens), is sponsored by the A.D.A. Council on Dental Education. The program will feature panel discussions with audience participation. The morning session, at which Dr. Harry Lyons, of Richmond, Va., dean of the School of Dentistry, Medical College of Virginia, will serve as moderator, will consider the value of science text books that illustrate basic principles with applications in the field of dentistry. The afternoon session, with Dr. Arthur W. Easton, of Norway, Me., president of the Maine Board of Dental Examiners, as the moderator, will seek to determine which licensure examinations most effectively measure a dentist's capabilities. Members of the panel will include Dr. Holmes T. Knighton, of the Medical College of Virginia; Dr. E. Charaskin, of the University of Alabama, Birmingham; Dr. J. L. T. Appleton, of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia; Dr. Thomas J. Hill, of Western Reserve University, Cleveland; Dr. Willard C. Fleming, dean of the University of California College of Dentistry, San Francisco; Dr. Reuben Rhoades, of Jefferson City, member of the Missouri Board of Dental Examiners; Dr. Kyle Preis, of the University of Maryland, Baltimore, and Dr. Edward Grevatt, of Montclair, member of the New Jersey Board of Dental Examiners. Arrangements for the Congress are being handled by Dr. Shailer Peterson, of Chicago, Council secretary.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO A.D.A. RELIEF FUND TOTAL \$58,764 ON DEC. 15 -- COUNCIL ON RELIEF MAILES SECOND APPEAL FOR HELP TO ALL DENTISTS

An additional \$10,000 was contributed to the 1951-52 A.D.A. Relief Fund during the first two weeks in December, bringing the total to \$58,764.96. Contributions to date are still running behind those for the corresponding period of last year. A second appeal for donations to the Fund was mailed to all dentists by the Council on Relief just before Christmas. Members of the Council were hopeful that this reminder would boost contributions during the next few weeks to the \$100,000 goal for the 1951-52 campaign. Alaska continued to lead all other constituent societies with contributions amounting to 150 per cent of its quota. North Dakota was second high with 134.7 per cent and Alabama third with 125.7 per cent. Individual contributions were averaging \$2.97 each. Contributions by states to Dec. 15 follow:

TO DEC. 15				TO DEC. 15			
	1951-52 QUOTAS	CONTRI- BUTIONS	PCT		1951-52 QUOTAS	CONTRI- BUTIONS	PCT
Air Force	\$ 460.00	\$ 147.25	32.0	Navy	\$ 850.00	\$ 288.00	33.9
Alabama	740.00	930.00	125.7	Nebraska	1100.00	976.00	88.7
Alaska	40.00	60.00	150.0	Nevada	90.00	56.50	62.8
Arizona	260.00	112.00	43.1	New Hampshire	300.00	216.00	72.0
Arkansas	480.00	371.50	77.4	New Jersey	4110.00	2810.50	68.4
Army	480.00	220.50	45.9	New Mexico	200.00	168.50	84.3
California	3540.00	2331.50	65.9	New York	15620.00	6764.50	43.3
California, So.	4340.00	2412.00	55.6	North Carolina	1250.00	473.00	37.8
Colorado	940.00	397.50	42.3	North Dakota	330.00	444.50	134.7
Connecticut	1910.00	1298.50	68.0	Ohio	4940.00	2849.00	57.7
Delaware	150.00	96.00	64.0	Oklahoma	880.00	355.00	40.3
Dist. of Col.	840.00	532.50	63.4	Oregon	1170.00	919.50	78.6
Florida	1180.00	757.50	64.2	Panama C. Z.	20.00	2.00	10.0
Georgia	1020.00	573.00	56.2	Pennsylvania	7190.00	3847.58	53.5
Hawaii	350.00	246.00	70.3	P. H. Service	240.00	105.00	43.8
Idaho	260.00	231.00	88.8	Puerto Rico	280.00	70.00	25.0
Illinois	7750.00	5236.50	67.6	Rhode Island	550.00	390.00	70.9
Indiana	2280.00	1904.50	83.5	South Carolina	430.00	192.00	44.7
Iowa	1900.00	1236.15	65.1	South Dakota	340.00	193.50	56.9
Kansas	1060.00	702.80	66.3	Tennessee	1110.00	883.25	79.6
Kentucky	1060.00	454.50	42.9	Texas	3010.00	1461.60	48.6
Louisiana	1010.00	506.00	50.1	Utah	480.00	109.00	22.7
Maine	450.00	275.50	61.2	Vermont	190.00	77.00	40.5
Maryland	1010.00	780.00	77.2	Vet. Admin.	990.00	242.50	24.5
Massachusetts	3780.00	2244.00	59.4	Virginia	1120.00	671.00	59.9
Michigan	3900.00	2421.00	62.1	Washington	1690.00	1424.00	84.3
Minnesota	2970.00	1922.83	64.7	West Virginia	770.00	399.00	51.8
Mississippi	530.00	282.50	53.3	Wisconsin	2990.00	1612.00	53.9
Missouri	2550.00	1616.00	63.4	Wyoming	160.00	131.00	81.9
Montana	360.00	311.50	86.5	Miscellaneous		23.00	
Totals					\$100,000.00	\$58,764.96	58.8

CANADIAN RESEARCH COMMITTEE CITES SUGAR-DENTAL CARIES RELATIONSHIP

Recent experimental studies give strong support to the theory that sugar is a prime cause of tooth decay, the research committee of the Canadian Dental Association has reported. In a statement citing experiments by 19 internationally-known scientists, the committee pointed out that reduction of sugar consumption caused "a marked decrease" in dental caries, and "it has never been possible to produce typical carious lesions in experimental animals without inclusion of sugar in the diet."

ANN ARBOR, MICH., TO BEGIN FLUORIDATION OF PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY

Ann Arbor, Mich., is expected this week to begin fluoridation of its water system on a permanent basis. The university city of nearly 50,000 population has installed equipment for the public health measure and has made test runs. Fluoridation was approved by the City Council after a lengthy campaign spearheaded by dental groups. The Michigan State Dental Association recommended the program last March and the Michigan Medical Association sanctioned the plan early in December. Meantime, the Association of State and Territorial Health Officers at its recent meeting in Washington, D.C., reaffirmed its endorsement of the measure. In a recommendation approved by the organization, members were urged "to conduct more intensive promotional and education programs designed to bring the benefits of water fluoridation to all communities as soon as possible."

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF PHILADELPHIA GENERAL HOSPITAL DENTAL CLINIC MARKED

Dr. LeRoy M. Ennis, of Philadelphia, A.D.A. president, spoke at ceremonies marking the 50th anniversary of the dental clinic at Philadelphia General Hospital on Dec. 10. The clinic is the oldest hospital dental clinic in the United States. A highlight of the event was the presentation of a plaque to the hospital by the Philadelphia County Dental Society, headed by Dr. Albert Borish. An operation was performed by Dr. Robert H. Ivy, of Philadelphia, director of the cleft palate division of the Pennsylvania health department and one of the first dental interns in the United States.

HENRY C. GERBER, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF MICHIGAN, DIES

Mr. Henry C. Gerber Jr., executive secretary of the Michigan State Dental Association for the past 13 years, died Dec. 16 in Lansing of a heart attack. He was 55 years old. Before assuming his position with the dental association, Mr. Gerber was executive secretary of the Toledo Academy of Medicine.

DR. M. DON CLAWSON, FORMER PRESIDENT OF MEHARRY, DIES AT 51

Dr. M. Don Clawson, former president of Meharry Medical College in Nashville, died Dec. 17 of a heart ailment. He was 51 years old. Dr. Clawson had served both as a member of the Office of Strategic Services and as chief dental consultant to the atomic energy project at Oak Ridge, Tenn. He was a former president of both the United States section and the world section of the International College of Dentists.

BRIEFS IN THE NEWS

Dr. D. W. Wilson, of Belle Plaine, Minn., has been appointed to the A.D.A. Judicial Council to fill the vacancy left by the death of Dr. Myron Lusk, of Minneapolis....Mr. James Robinson, of Los Angeles, executive secretary of the Southern California State Dental Association, spent ten days in early December in Missouri, lecturing to dental societies and civic groups in Jefferson City, Kansas City and St. Louis. Following his appearances, the Kansas City Chamber of Commerce named a special health committee and the Rotary and Optimist clubs voted to join in a petition asking for the removal of vending machines from local schools and for regular instruction in dental health education for all children....Dr. I. M. Sternberg, of Fort Smith, Ark., was honored at a testimonial dinner Dec. 1, given by the Arkansas State Dental Association. Dr. Sternberg is a former secretary and president of the state association and long has been active in dental society affairs....Beginning with the January-February issue, the Journal of the California State Dental Association will also serve as official publication of the Nevada State Dental Society. The Nevada society's name will be incorporated in the magazine's title....A two-day meeting of the American Denture Society is scheduled for Feb. 2-3 in Chicago. Information may be obtained from the secretary-treasurer, Dr. Arthur L. Roberts, Aurora National Bank Building, Aurora, Ill....The 48th annual Congress on Medical Education and Licensure of the American Medical Association's Council on Medical Education and Hospitals and the Federation of State Medical Boards will be held Feb. 10-12 at the Palmer House in Chicago.