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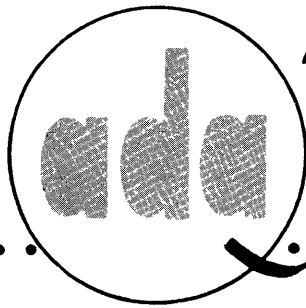


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PANEL DISCUSSIONS ON FOCI OF INFECTION THEORY AND USE OF ANTIBIOTICS WILL FEATURE 1952 ANNUAL SESSION AT ST. LOUIS

A number of new features, including a combined meeting of all scientific sections for panel discussions of the use of antibiotics in dentistry and the theory of foci of infection, are being planned for the 1952 annual session of the A.D.A. to be held in St. Louis, Sept. 8 through 11. Preparations for the 1952 meeting were reviewed in detail this weekend at a joint meeting of the Council, headed by Dr. William A. Garrett, of Atlanta, Ga., and officers of the 11 scientific sections. The scientific essay program will be conducted Tuesday afternoon (Sept. 9), all day Wednesday and Thursday morning. The Wednesday morning session, instead of being devoted to individual meetings of the various sections, will feature a joint discussion on antibiotics and foci of infection. Table clinics will be presented on Tuesday morning and Thursday afternoon as has been customary at previous annual sessions. Television clinics, however, will be presented all day Monday, that is, the opening day of the annual meeting, and on Tuesday morning. Last year the television clinics were presented on Tuesday. Arrangements have been made for a number of technical improvements in the television facilities, including the use of new lighting and magnifying lens which will permit larger and clearer pictures of surgical demonstrations. Dr. William S. Brandhorst, of St. Louis, has been named chairman of the subcommittee for television clinics, succeeding Dr. Lester W. Burket, of Philadelphia. Dr. Burket will remain as a member of the committee together with Drs. Joseph L. Bernier of Washington, Robert G. Kesel of Chicago, and Wilbur D. Johnston of New Haven, Conn. A special housing bureau which will process all applications for hotel reservations for the meeting will be opened March 1. Official forms for making reservations will be published in the March issue of The Journal of the American Dental Association. It is requested that applications for hotel accommodations be delayed until the official application forms are available.

DR. SLOMAN NAMED TO COMMISSION ON HEALTH NEEDS OF NATION

Dr. Ernest G. Sloman, of San Francisco, speaker of the A.D.A. House of Delegates and dean of the School of Dentistry, College of Physicians and Surgeons, has been named to the Commission on the Health Needs of the Nation. The 15-member commission was created by President Truman to determine within a year the nation's "total health requirements" and to recommend ways of meeting them. Heading the commission is Dr. Paul B. Magnuson, former medical director of the Veterans Administration.

AIR FORCE TO TEST PLASTIC DENTAL FILLINGS FOR USE BY FLIERS

The U. S. Air Force will conduct a three-year study of plexiglass dental fillings, beginning Feb. 1, it was announced last week at the Air Force School of Aviation Medicine at Randolph Field, Tex. Col. Theodore E. Fischer, head of the school's department of dentistry, said the study will seek to test the effectiveness of the fillings throughout the Air Force. Plans call for dental officers at 25 air bases throughout the world to observe the effects of extremes of altitude, temperature and humidity on the dental material and to report their findings to the Texas school.

GREATER PHILADELPHIA MEETING SCHEDULED FOR JAN. 30-FEB. 1

A topic discussion on "Common Medical Diseases Affecting the Dental Profession" will be one of the highlights of the Greater Philadelphia Annual Meeting to be held Jan. 30-Feb. 1 in the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel. Participating in the discussion, which will be held Wednesday, Jan. 30, will be four medical specialists: Dr. Perry MacNeal, associate physician at Benjamin Franklin Clinic and Pennsylvania Hospital; Dr. Jesse T. Nicholson, an orthopedist; Dr. Joseph B. VanderVeer, cardiologist, and Dr. Joseph Hughes, psychiatrist. Five additional topic discussions and 15 registered clinics will be presented during the three-day meeting. The final day of the scientific program will be devoted to table clinics, a motion picture program and a public health forum on children's dental health, including a report on the present status of fluoridation of Philadelphia's water supplies.

SEN. BYRD TO SPEAK AT CHICAGO DENTAL SOCIETY'S 87TH MIDWINTER MEETING

Sen. Harry F. Byrd (D., Va.) will speak at the Chicago Dental Society's 87th Midwinter Meeting to be held Feb. 3-7 in the Conrad Hilton hotel. Sen Byrd will address the general session Feb. 4. A highlight of the essay program will be an audience participation symposium with a psychiatrist, Dr. Abraham A. Low, of Chicago; a psychologist, Dr. William T. Heron, of the University of Minnesota, and a dentist, Dr. J.C.A. Harding, of San Diego, discussing "What the Dentist Should Know About Himself." One of the 38 essays to be presented at the five-day meeting will be the prize-winning paper "Salivary and Pulpal Contributions to the Radiophosphorus Uptake in the Enamel and Dentin of Rhesus Monkeys." The authors, Drs. Reidar F. Sognaes and James H. Shaw, of Boston, will be presented with a \$500 check by Dr. Edwin W. Baumann, society president. In addition, there will be 44 limited attendance clinics, 68 general table clinics, 15 scientific exhibits, health and educational exhibits, more than 130 commercial exhibits and a continuous motion picture program. Dr. Harold H. Hayes is general chairman of the meeting and Dr. Lyle F. Aseltine is program chairman.

NEW A.D.A. FILM LIBRARY IS ORGANIZED

More than 100 copies of 29 different films are now available through the newly-organized A.D.A. film library, Dr. Donald Washburn, director of the Bureau of Library and Indexing Service, announced this week. In addition to the films, slide series and film strips can be obtained on a rental basis from the library, Dr. Washburn stated. In charge of collecting and developing new material will be Miss Helaine Levin, of Chicago, formerly mid-west editor of Film News magazine. Miss Levin is a graduate of Hunter College and holds a master's degree from Columbia University. More than 150 technical films will be considered for inclusion in the library during the next six months. One of the newest additions to the collection of slides is the 51-picture series "Fluoridation" which is available on a rental basis of \$1.50 a day or \$3.50 a week. A new catalog of dental health education material, listing the entire collection of the library, will be published Feb. 15.

DEAN GEORGE L. POWERS OF BAYLOR DENTAL SCHOOL RESIGNS

Dr. George L. Powers, of Dallas, Tex., dean of the College of Dentistry, Baylor University, has submitted his resignation to return to private practice. Dean Powers has headed the school since 1944. It was under his leadership that the school's new clinical dental building was planned and constructed and higher requirements for pre-professional training were placed in effect. Dean Powers will remain at the school until his successor is chosen.

DENTAL COMMISSIONS AVAILABLE IN U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

Commissions are available for dentists in four divisions of the U. S. Public Health Service, it was announced last week. Vacancies were reported in the U. S. Coast Guard, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Bureau of Prisons and U. S. Maritime Service. Interested individuals should write the Surgeon General, U. S. Public Health Service, Washington 25, D. C., Attention: Division of Commissioned Officers, Dental Representative.

FOUR NEW SOCIETIES EXCEED QUOTAS IN CURRENT RELIEF FUND CAMPAIGN AS TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS REACH \$69,933

Four new state societies exceeded their quotas in the 1951-52 Relief Fund drive and by Dec. 31, total contributions had climbed to \$69,933.46. To date, three months after the current campaign started, 24,000 dentists, about one-third of the Association's membership, have contributed. Societies which topped their quotas during the latter part of December were Hawaii, with 101 per cent of its quota contributed, Oklahoma, with 124 per cent, Tennessee, with 102 and Wyoming, with 104. Leading the entire nation was Alaska with 187 per cent of quota, closely followed by Alabama (181) and North Dakota (143). The average contribution was \$3.04. Contributions by constituent societies follow:

	TO DEC. 31			TO DEC. 31		
	1951-52	CONTRI-		1951-52	CONTRI-	
	<u>QUOTAS</u>	<u>BUTIONS</u>	<u>PCT</u>	<u>QUOTAS</u>	<u>BUTIONS</u>	<u>PCT</u>
Air Force	\$ 460.00	\$ 251.25	54.6	Navy	\$ 850.00	\$ 317.50 37.4
Alabama	740.00	1340.00	181.1	Nebraska	1100.00	1091.00 99.2
Alaska	40.00	75.00	187.5	Nevada	90.00	56.50 62.8
Arizona	260.00	122.00	46.9	New Hampshire	300.00	250.00 83.3
Arkansas	480.00	421.50	87.8	New Jersey	4110.00	3321.50 80.8
Army	480.00	282.50	58.9	New Mexico	200.00	189.50 94.8
California	3540.00	2747.50	77.6	New York	15620.00	7673.00 49.1
California, So.	4340.00	2714.00	62.5	North Carolina	1250.00	588.00 47.0
Colorado	940.00	515.50	54.8	North Dakota	330.00	474.00 143.6
Connecticut	1910.00	1486.50	77.8	Ohio	4940.00	3383.00 68.5
Delaware	150.00	124.00	82.7	Oklahoma	880.00	1096.00 124.5
Dist. of Col.	840.00	684.50	81.5	Oregon	1170.00	1024.00 87.5
Florida	1180.00	955.50	80.9	Panama C. Z.	20.00	7.00 35.0
Georgia	1020.00	692.00	67.8	Pennsylvania	7190.00	4533.08 63.0
Hawaii	350.00	354.00	101.1	P. H. Service	240.00	116.50 48.5
Idaho	260.00	244.00	93.8	Puerto Rico	280.00	84.00 30.0
Illinois	7750.00	6128.50	79.1	Rhode Island	550.00	413.00 75.1
Indiana	2280.00	2151.50	94.4	South Carolina	430.00	212.00 49.3
Iowa	1900.00	1440.65	75.8	South Dakota	340.00	221.00 65.0
Kansas	1060.00	785.80	74.1	Tennessee	1110.00	1142.25 102.9
Kentucky	1060.00	522.50	49.3	Texas	3010.00	1759.10 58.4
Louisiana	1010.00	592.25	58.6	Utah	480.00	183.00 38.1
Maine	450.00	307.50	68.3	Vermont	190.00	90.00 47.4
Maryland	1010.00	897.00	88.8	Vet. Admin.	990.00	291.50 29.4
Massachusetts	3780.00	2802.00	74.1	Virginia	1120.00	785.50 70.1
Michigan	3900.00	2784.50	71.4	Washington	1690.00	1630.00 96.4
Minnesota	2970.00	2315.83	77.9	West Virginia	770.00	601.00 78.1
Mississippi	530.00	362.60	68.4	Wisconsin	2990.00	1875.50 62.7
Missouri	2550.00	1892.50	74.2	Wyoming	160.00	167.00 104.4
Montana	360.00	342.15	95.0	Miscellaneous		23.00
				Totals	\$ 100,000.00	\$69,933.46 69.9

TOTAL A.D.A. MEMBERSHIP REACHES 76,229 AT END OF 1951

Total membership in the A.D.A. was 76,229 on Dec. 31, 1951, a drop of 1.4 per cent below last year's all time high of 77,099. In 1949, the total was 75,544. The number of fully-privileged members (active and life) was 66,886 at the end of 1951, a drop of 1,496 or 2.2 per cent, from the corresponding total for 1950. The number of active members in 1951 was 64,225 while the number of life members was 2,661. The drop of approximately 1,500 in the total number of fully-privileged members during the year was considerably less sharp than

CONSTITUENT SOCIETY SECRETARIES are urged to forward 1952 dues as promptly as possible to the A.D.A. Subscriptions to The Journal of the American Dental Association and other membership privileges will be terminated for 1951 members whose 1952 dues are not received by March 1.

had been predicted because of the large numbers of dentists who entered active military duty during the year and the increase in annual dues from \$12 to \$20 which became effective in 1951. During the year, 20 constituent societies reported an increase in their total memberships while 32 reported losses. Two constituent societies retained the same memberships. Last year, student membership soared to an all-time high of 9,088, a gain of 638 over 1950. Total membership also included 241 affiliate, six associate and eight honorary members. Total active members of constituent societies for 1951 and 1950 follow:

	<u>1951</u>	<u>1950</u>		<u>1951</u>	<u>1950</u>
Alaska	31	27	New Jersey	2698	2738
Alabama	516	507	New Mexico	138	130
Arizona	183	178	New York	9935	10395
Arkansas	333	312	North Carolina	804	828
California	2384	2375	North Dakota	214	213
California, So.	2887	2856	Ohio	3168	3202
Colorado	574	578	Oklahoma	588	587
Connecticut	1242	1244	Oregon	752	754
Delaware	103	103	Panama	21	17
Dist. of Col.	526	529	Pennsylvania	4469	4718
Florida	802	796	Puerto Rico	126	189
Georgia	675	668	Rhode Island	353	351
Hawaii	250	236	South Carolina	252	282
Idaho	172	176	South Dakota	219	227
Illinois	4695	4900	Tennessee	755	740
Indiana	1385	1450	Texas	2012	2032
Iowa	1122	1185	Utah	303	316
Kansas	620	681	Vermont	121	121
Kentucky	690	696	Virginia	763	764
Louisiana	637	664	Washington	1136	1101
Maine	297	302	West Virginia	456	495
Maryland	704	681	Wisconsin	1845	1923
Massachusetts	2399	2443	Wyoming	108	109
Michigan	2547	2540	Air Force	378	312
Minnesota	1890	1942	Army	357	322
Mississippi	327	340	Navy	534	578
Missouri	1701	1708	P. H. Service	181	165
Montana	235	229	Vet. Admin.	646	674
Nebraska	708	731	Unorganized	12	7
Nevada	63	59			
New Hampshire	183	190	Totals	<u>64225</u>	<u>65649</u>

ADMIRAL SPRY O. CLAYTOR, CHIEF OF NAVY DENTAL DIVISION, RETIRES

Rear Admiral Spry O. Claytor, assistant chief of the Navy Bureau of Medicine and Surgery and chief of the Dental Division, retired from active duty Jan. 1 after more than 34 years of naval service. His duties have been temporarily assigned to Rear Admiral A. W. Chandler, inspector general of the Dental Division and former A.D.A. vice president. A permanent appointment is expected to be made by March 1. At a retirement ceremony Dec. 29, Admiral Claytor was awarded a Letter of Commendation by the Secretary of the Navy for his "outstanding performance of duty" during the last war. After graduation from George Washington University in 1917, Admiral Claytor entered the Navy and served in France. During World War II, he was senior dental officer of the Navy Dispensary in Washington, D.C.

REGINALD SULLENS NAMED TO COUNCIL ON DENTAL EDUCATION

The appointment of Mr. Reginald H. Sullens, of Chicago, as director of the division of educational measurements of the A.D.A. Council on Dental Education has been announced by Dr. Harold Hillenbrand, A.D.A. secretary. In his new position, Mr. Sullens will be concerned chiefly with the Council's aptitude testing program under the direction of Dr. Shailer Peterson, Council secretary. Mr. Sullens is working toward a degree of doctor of philosophy at the University of Chicago. He formerly taught at the Morgan Park Military Academy and Junior College. In another appointment, Miss Joan Collins, of Chicago, formerly on the editorial staff of the American Cancer Society, was named news editor of The Journal of the American Dental Association. She succeeds Mrs. Paddy Howes who recently resigned to join the staff of the Survey of Medical Education, Inc.

DR. W. H. WRIGHT, DEAN OF NEW YORK U. DENTAL SCHOOL, IS DEAD

Dr. Walter H. Wright, dean of the New York University College of Dentistry and a former chairman of the A.D.A. Council of National Board of Dental Examiners, died Dec. 31 of a heart attack at his home in New York City. He was 58 years old. A prosthodontist, Dean Wright was one of the foremost leaders in dental education and in the study of cleft palate rehabilitation. He was a past president of the American College of Dentists, the American Academy of Cleft Palate Prosthesis and the National Society of Denture Prosthesis, and a former chairman of the prosthetic section of the American Dental Association.

DR. R. M. DUNN, COUNCIL ON INSURANCE MEMBER, DIES

Dr. R. M. Dunn, member of the A.D.A. Council on Insurance, died Jan. 1 at the age of 55. Dr. Dunn was a former president of the Oklahoma State Dental Association and had been in private practice in Tulsa since his graduation from Vanderbilt in 1919.

BRIEFS IN THE NEWS

Dr. LeRoy M. Ennis, of Philadelphia, A.D.A. president, this week announced the ad interim appointments of two new council members. Dr. John S. Eilar, of Albuquerque, N. M., was named to the Council on Insurance to succeed the late Dr. R. M. Dunn. Dr. Charles C. P. Poindexter, of Greensboro, N. C., was appointed to the Judicial Council to complete the unexpired term of Dr. H. O. Lineberger, of Raleigh, N. C., who died Dec. 7. Permanent appointments to the two positions will be made at the next annual meeting....The Thomas P. Hinman Mid-Winter Clinic has been set for March 23-26 at the Municipal Auditorium in Atlanta, Ga. Dr. R. D. Robinson, of Atlanta, is chairman....Dr. David W. Brock, of St. Louis, will preside at a two-day meeting of the A.D.A. Council on Dental Health to be held Jan. 17-19 in the Central Office....A meeting of the A.D.A. Council on Dental Museum and Registry has been scheduled for Feb. 4 at the Central Office with Dr. Henry A. Swanson, of Washington, D.C., officiating.... Dr. George M. Hollenback, chairman of the research department at the College of Dentistry, University of Southern California, was named man-of-the-year for 1951 by the University of Kansas City....The annual report of New York City's Department of Health said 41,027 children were treated at 112 clinics operated by the city's Bureau of Dentistry in 1951....The dental assistants training program at Contra Costa Junior College at Richmond, Cal., has received official accrediting by the American Dental Assistants Association to make it the 11th such course in the country to be approved.