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HEALTH AND ACCIDENT INSURANCE POLICY TO BE AVAILABLE TO ALL ASSOCIATION MEMBERS UNDER PLAN APPROVED BY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

A non-cancellable health and accident insurance policy providing cash disability payments up to \$400 per month will be made available after July 1 to all members of the American Dental Association under a plan approved by the A.D.A. Board of Trustees at its annual spring session in Chicago this weekend. The policy will be written through the National Casualty Company of Detroit. As approved, the new insurance will not conflict with but will supplement similar insurance plans available through constituent and component dental societies. One-half of the total number of Association members must agree to accept the policy before the insurance will become effective. The company, however, already has policies in good standing for more than 10,000 dentists. These will be counted in reaching the required 50 per cent participation among A.D.A. members. Annual premium rates will vary by age groups and total amount of insurance protection. For the \$100 per month disability benefits plus \$1,000 accidental death and \$5,000 dismemberment benefits, the annual premiums will be \$29.50 up to age 50, \$34 for ages 51 to 60, and \$43 for ages 61 to 65. For the maximum of \$400 disability benefits per month and \$20,000 dismemberment benefits, the annual premium would range from \$114.10 for dentists under 50 years of age to \$168 for dentists between the ages of 61 to 65. Full details of the new insurance plan will be announced in The Journal of the American Dental Association and in bulletins to state and local dental society officials. Dr. Paul W. Zillmann, of Buffalo, N. Y., chairman of the A.D.A. Council on Insurance, was appointed trustee for the insurance plan. The Board of Trustees also approved a proposal of the Great West Life Assurance Company to increase the principal sum in the group life insurance policy for A.D.A. members from \$3,450 to \$5,000 with double indemnity coverage. The additional coverage will cost from \$3 to \$16.60 additional premium per year depending upon age groups. The life insurance program, which has been in existence for several years, is in no way related to the new accident and health insurance plan.

V.A. DENTAL CHIEF IS COMMENDED BY TRUSTEES

his "sound leadership in espousing equitable administration for the (V.A.) dental program and for enlarged educational opportunities for dentists in the V.A. which has resulted in a higher level of dental service for the veterans." The resolution urged V.A. officials to give "serious consideration" to the continuance of the office of assistant chief medical director for dental service, responsible directly to the chief V.A. medical director. The Board also authorized top echelon A.D.A. officials to negotiate with officers of the United Mine Workers of America Welfare and Retirement Fund regarding the establishment of minimum fee schedules for dental services. The Board also approved a recommendation that constituent and component dental societies be encouraged to develop experimental dental pre-payment plans.

The Board unanimously approved a resolution commending Dr. Bion R. East, chief of dental services for the Veterans Administration, for

DR. MAYNARD HINE IS NAMED RESEARCH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

Dr. Maynard K. Hine, dean of the School of Dentistry, University of Indiana, was named chairman of the Council on Dental Research to

succeed Dr. J. L. T. Appleton, of Philadelphia, who recently resigned. Dr. Lawrence E. Van Kirk, dean of the School of Dentistry, University of Pittsburgh, was appointed by Dr. LeRoy M. Ennis, A.D.A. president, to fill the vacancy on the Council. The Board also authorized the employment of a full-time secretary for the Council.

CARIES DECREASE IN EVANSTON STUDY REPORTED AT RESEARCH MEETING

Further evidence of the effectiveness of the fluoridation procedure was presented at the annual meeting of the International Association of Dental Research last week at Colorado Springs when results of the study at Evanston, Ill., after nearly five years were made known. Addition of fluorides to the water supply reduced the number of decayed permanent teeth in children by nearly half compared with the caries decay rate in 1946, it was reported by Dr. J. R. Blayney, director of the study and of the University of Chicago's Zoller Dental Clinic, Dr. I. N. Hill, assistant professor, and Mr. Walter Wolf, research associate. The study showed that children who drank the fluoridated water the longest period, from 47 to 58 months, showed the most marked decrease in amount of caries. These children ranged in age from nine months to four and one-half years when fluoridation was started in February, 1947. At the meeting, Dr. Maynard K. Hine, of Indianapolis, was installed as president of the organization to succeed Dr. Leonard S. Fosdick, of Chicago. Dr. Francis A. Arnold Jr., of Washington, D. C., was named president-elect, and Dr. George C. Paffenbarger, of Washington, D. C., A.D.A. research associate at the National Bureau of Standards, was elected vice-president. Re-elected were Dr. Edward H. Hatton, of Chicago, secretary-treasurer, and Dr. Dan Y. Burrill, of Louisville, Ky., assistant secretary-treasurer.

AUTHORITATIVE DATA ON FLUORIDATION CONTAINED IN NEWLY-PREPARED KIT

A packet of information material on fluoridation of community water supplies has been compiled by the A.D.A. Council on Dental Health for use by state and local dental societies and civic organizations. Included in the kit are pamphlets giving up-to-date information on the public health measure, reports of the controlled studies, reprints of articles dealing with the effectiveness and safety of fluoridation, and a list of the major objections which have been raised against the measure together with authoritative answers. A single copy will be sent free when requested by a state or local dental society or a community organization. Additional copies may be purchased at \$1.20 each from the A.D.A. Order Department, 222 E. Superior St., Chicago 11, Illinois.

CITIZENS IN 10 CALIFORNIA TOWNS TO VOTE ON FLUORIDATION APRIL 8

Ten cities in the northern part of California will vote on fluoridation in referendums next Tuesday (April 8). In cooperation with the

California State Dental Association and the local societies, citizen committees have been formed to support the health measure. The cities voting are Hayward, Martinez, Belmont, San Carlos, San Bruno, Santa Rosa, Healdsburg, Cloverdale, Santa Maria and Oakdale.

DR. W. R. ALSTADT TO BE HONORED AT TESTIMONIAL DINNER

"In recognition of his services to the dental profession," Dr. William R. Alstadt, of Little Rock, Ark., A.D.A. trustee for the 12th district, will be honored by a testimonial dinner to be given by the Arkansas State Dental Association next Monday (April 7) at the Hotel LaFayette in Little Rock. Dr. Alstadt, who was elected trustee in 1951, was formerly a member of the A.D.A. Council on Legislation. He also served as a director to the American Association of Orthodontics and for four years was a member of the Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners.

A.A.D.S. VOTES DISAPPROVAL OF FEDERAL AID FOR EXPANSION OF SCHOOLS

The American Association of Dental Schools is in favor of the principle of federal grants-in-aid to dental schools to improve existing facilities but is opposed to "incentive grants" to encourage expansion. (See A.D.A. News Letter March 15, 1952.) That was the policy adopted in resolutions at the Association's annual meeting in Colorado Springs, Colo., March 23-26. The Association also voted strong disapproval of proposals for federally financed and controlled undergraduate dental schools. The A.D.A. Council on Dental Education is now studying plans for an accreditation program at the graduate and post-graduate levels, Dr. Shailer Peterson, of Chicago, Council secretary, reported. Dr. Wendell D. Postle, of Ohio State University, was installed as president of the association, succeeding Dr. Ernest G. Sloman, of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, and Dr. Maynard Hine, of the University of Indiana, was chosen president-elect. Other new officers include Dr. John Buhler, of Emory University, vice president, and Drs. Harold Noyes, of Oregon University, Lee Roy Main, of St. Louis University, and Roy G. Ellis, of Toronto University, executive committee members. Dr. Marion W. McCrea, of Baltimore College of Dental Surgery, was re-elected secretary-treasurer. Nominated to the Council on Dental Education and the Council of the National Board of Dental Examiners, respectively, were Drs. Robert McNulty, of the University of Southern California, and Paul Kitchin, of Ohio State University.

PLAN SURVEY OF 25,000 DENTISTS TO DETERMINE NATION'S DENTAL NEEDS

A nation-wide survey of dental needs will be conducted by the A.D.A. during May. Nearly one-third of the nation's dentists will be asked to participate in the survey which will be similar to the study conducted by the Association in 1940. Purpose of the 1952 survey, directed by the Bureau of Economic Research and Statistics, will be to measure the size and extent of the national dental problem according to age, sex, size of community and income of patient. Early in May, questionnaires will be sent to 25,000 dentists, asking them to provide information about the dental needs of ten consecutive patients. Included will be questions about the numbers of fillings, dentures, extractions and other dental operations and treatment. Each dentist is urged to answer the questions as thoroughly as possible and to return the completed form promptly to the A.D.A. Bureau. In addition to providing data for comparison with the 1940 survey, the new study will serve as a guide for the future. The information compiled will provide a measurement for testing on a national scale the effectiveness of such public health measures as fluoridation and topical application of sodium fluoride as well as the use of dental health education. In addition, it will furnish factual data for the development of practical dental health programs and will effectively answer proposals for unworkable health schemes. All dentists who receive the questionnaire are urged to cooperate fully in providing the requested information.

AMERICAN DENTAL DIRECTORY TO BE ISSUED ANNUALLY

The American Dental Directory will be published annually, beginning with the 1953 edition, Dr. Harold Hillenbrand, of Chicago, A.D.A. secretary, announced this week. The quarterly supplements were discontinued with the issue of March 7, covering the period since the 1950 Directory was issued. Plans call for the 1953 Directory to be available Dec. 1, 1952, and subsequent editions to be issued on Dec. 1 of each succeeding year. The Directory heretofore has been published every three years. The final date for listing dentists as A.D.A. members in the 1953 Directory will be June 1, 1952. All dentists who wish to be designated as A.D.A. members in the new Directory should pay their 1952 dues promptly. Dr. Hillenbrand said the decision to issue the Directory annually was made in the belief that yearly publication would bring more complete Directory information to a greater number of people at lower cost. Refunds will be issued to all individuals who subscribed to the supplement service for 1952. The latest supplement may be purchased for \$10 from the Association's Order Department, 222 E. Superior St., Chicago 11.

DR. ROBERT P. THOMAS IS HONORED AT KENTUCKY MEETING

Distinguished members of the dental profession from all parts of the nation are honoring Dr. Robert P. Thomas, of Louisville, A.D.A. sixth district trustee since 1947, at the 92nd annual meeting of the Kentucky State Dental Association in Louisville this week (March 30-April 2). The entire four-day meeting has been dedicated to Dr. Thomas. Among those who will pay tribute to Dr. Thomas at a special testimonial luncheon at the Brown Hotel tomorrow (April 2) are Dr. LeRoy M. Ennis, of Philadelphia, A.D.A. president; Dr. Otto W. Brandhorst, of St. Louis, A.D.A. president-elect; and Drs. Oren A. Oliver, of Nashville; J. Ben Robinson, of Baltimore, dean of the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery, and Clyde E. Minges, of Rocky Mount, N.C., all past presidents of the Association. Others who will honor Dr. Thomas are Dr. J.B. Carr, of Indianapolis, A.D.A. seventh district trustee; Dr. A.P. Williams, of Louisville, secretary of the American Society of Oral Surgeons; Dr. Philip L. Schwartz, of New Brunswick, N.J., immediate past president of the American Association of Dental Examiners, and Dr. Harold Hillenbrand, of Chicago, A.D.A. secretary.

VA ADVISORY GROUPS VOTE "FULL CONFIDENCE" IN ADM. BOONE

The Special Medical Advisory Group and the Board of Chief Consultants of the Veterans Administration have voted "full confidence" in the VA medical program under the direction of Adm. Joel T. Boone, chief medical director. The action followed the resignation of Dr. E. H. Cushing, former assistant chief medical director, because of "irreconcilable differences" with Adm. Boone. Dr. John S. Voyles, of St. Louis, is the dental member of the advisory group.

A.D.A. URGES FULL HEARINGS ON AMENDMENT TO DROP MILITARY BONUS

The A.D.A. has urged full open hearings in the Senate on an amendment that proposes to eliminate the \$100-a-month bonus now given to dentists and physicians in the armed forces. The proposal was introduced Friday (March 28) as one of a series of "economy amendments" by Sen. Douglas (D., Ill.) as the Senate considered a military pay raise bill. A.D.A. representatives have urged that the \$100-a-month salary bonus be retained.

ADM. DAVIS, FORMER NAVY DENTAL DIVISION CHIEF, IS HONORED

Rear Adm. Robert S. Davis, former chief of the Navy Dental Division, was honored recently by a parade and review held at the Naval Training Center, San Diego, on his retirement after 34 years of active Naval service. Following the parade, a testimonial dinner was held in Adm. Davis' honor.

BRIEFS IN THE NEWS

The Senate has confirmed the appointment of Dr. Leonard A. Scheele as surgeon general of the U.S. Public Health Service for another four-year term. His present term expires April 6....The dental training film "Complicated Exodontia," produced under the direction of the Naval Dental Corps, has been awarded the 1951 Silver Award (first prize) for dental films at the International Exhibition of Cinematographic Art at Venice, Italy....A total of \$23,333 in research grants has been awarded by the National Advisory Dental Research Council to the dental schools at Northwestern, Pittsburgh, Iowa and Emory universities....The Society for Dental Research of New York University College of Dentistry will sponsor a forum on "Centric Occlusion in Oral Rehabilitation" at the university on April 18. Dr. Samuel C. Miller, 209 E. 23rd St., New York 10, N.Y., is in charge of arrangements....The A.D.A. Council on Dental Therapeutics will hold its annual meeting April 4-5 at the Central Office. Dr. Thomas J. Hill, of Cleveland, is chairman....The international observance of World Health Day, sponsored by the United Nations, will be held April 7.