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**FLUORIDATION URGED FOR NEW YORK CITY IN SURVEY OF CITY'S HEALTH SERVICES; MEASURE CONTINUES TO GAIN - 234 COMMUNITIES PUT PROCEDURE INTO OPERATION**

Fluoridation of the public water supply of the nation's largest city was urged "as soon as possible" last week. In the most comprehensive survey ever made of New York City's health department, a team of experts from the American Public Health Association placed the procedure high on the list of recommendations submitted to Mayor Vincent Impellitteri. The survey was undertaken at the direction of the Mayor's Committee on Management Survey. The report said fluoridation was among the major forward steps in public health in recent years, was well beyond the experimental stage and should be seriously considered for immediate use. The report estimated the cost at \$800,000 annually -- an estimate based on a cost of 10 cents a year per person. In an editorial advocating the measure, the New York Times cited A.D.A. approval of the procedure and said, "There seems to be no evidence from any town that its natural or artificially fluoridated water presents either a health or an industrial problem." The editorial added, "The opposition to fluoridation is numerically small but loud. Its arguments have not impressed either physicians or dentists as a whole. More to the point is the acceptance of fluoridation by five million Americans . . . who have been drinking fluoridated water every day for years."

**VOTERS APPROVE MEASURE IN 5 ADDITIONAL CITIES**

April 1, 1952.) Voting in favor of the measure were the towns of Hayward, Martinez, Healdsburg and Belmont. The measure was defeated in San Carlos, San Bruno, Santa Rosa, Cloverdale, Oakdale and Santa Maria. In another referendum on April 8, the residents of Rockford, Ill., in the middle west, voted three to one to adopt the procedure. Despite some local setbacks, the measure continued to gain across the country. A tabulation indicated that at least 234 cities and towns throughout the United States are now fluoridating their water supplies. Montana recently joined the procession with two communities, Roundup and Chinook, placing the program in operation.

On the west coast, referendums on fluoridation were held in 10 small northern California cities last Tuesday. (See A.D.A. News Letter,

**FLUORIDATION ARTICLE IN PARENTS' MAGAZINE**

by J. C. Furnas. It is subtitled, "The New Way to Reduce Tooth Decay."

An article on fluoridation will appear in the May issue of Parents' Magazine. The article is called "The Magic of Fluorine" and was written

**EXPECT INCREASED CALLS FOR DENTAL OFFICERS IN NEAR FUTURE**

Sharply increased military calls on the nation's dental manpower in the near future, including men in Priority III, were predicted by Washington sources last week in the wake of stepped-up orders for dental officers. The latest announcement, issued April 10, was made by the Army and said 265 medical reservists, including 25 dentists, 232 physicians and eight veterinarians, would be ordered to active duty in July. For the first time, the Army announced that some Priority II dental reserve officers would be called to active duty. Earlier, the Depart-

ment of Defense, in the first orders to invoke the physician-dentist draft act, requested Selective Service to issue draft notices to 335 dentists in Priority I for April and 175 dentists in Priority I for May who had not applied for commissions (see A.D.A. News Letter, March 1, 1952). In clarifying instructions from the national advisory committee to Selective Service last week, local advisory committees were urged to review the status of all Priority I dentists who have been classified as II-A (essential to their community). "The time is now approaching when we are beginning to reach the end of Priority I in both the reserve and registrant groups," the national committee said. "This will occur in the very near future as far as dentists are concerned." In Milwaukee, Brig. Gen. Louis H. Renfrow, deputy director of Selective Service, told the Wisconsin State Dental Society that reports indicated "that probably sufficient numbers are volunteering from Priority I and II groups" to fill the April and May draft calls. "However, it may be necessary to induct some who refuse to volunteer, and who have been declared available for service," he said.

#### 1345 PRIORITY I MEN NOW ON ACTIVE DUTY

Gen Renfrow reported that as of March 1, out of a total of 3,933 Priority I dentists, 1,345 were on active duty, 924 were in the reserve and not called, 608 had been examined and found acceptable but had not been called, 390 were deferred, 577 were rejected, 67 had not been examined and the remaining 22 had either completed service or otherwise were not subject to call. The prospect of stepped-up calls, dipping into Priority III -- persons who have had no military service since Sept. 16, 1940 -- was attributed to two factors: the increased over-all strength of the armed forces, set at 3,600,000, and the forthcoming increasing release of reservists who have completed their service and will require replacements. Gen. Renfrow said the army's increased strength would require a total of 6,500 dentists on active service. "As military requirements increase, the proportionate numbers of medical and dental officers will also increase," he said. "Many of these officers will soon be finishing their tours of duty and will be entitled to return home, and others must take their places, which of course, will mean Priority III, those without any military service, will have to volunteer. If they fail to do so, then the Department of Defense will be required to place another call on Selective Service for medical and dental personnel." A total of 14,775 dentists are classified as Priority III. In Washington, the Department of Defense in its semi-annual report said that "even on the basis of replacements, the number of dental officers to be required during the next eight months will be substantial." It added that "if the actual active duty strength is also to be increased, an even larger number will be required."

#### A.D.A. URGES RETENTION OF \$100-A-MONTH BONUS

A.D.A. representatives are scheduled to testify at a congressional hearing Thursday (April 17) in favor of retaining the \$100-a-month bonus now given to dental officers in the armed forces. Current legislation provides for the bonus to be discontinued in September unless new legislation extends the program. Dr. J. Claude Earnest, of Monroe, La., member of the A.D.A. Council on Legislation, accompanied by Mr. Francis J. Garvey, of Chicago, secretary of the Council, will represent the Association at the hearing before a Senate Armed Services subcommittee. Defeat of a recent proposal to abolish the bonus was attributed to prompt action on the part of the Association (see A.D.A. News Letter, April 1, 1952). Sen. Douglas (D., Ill.) withdrew an amendment to a military pay bill after the Association alerted members of Congress on the proposed action.

#### A.D.A. OFFICERS TO ADDRESS PLAINFIELD (N.J.) TESTIMONIAL DINNER

Three members of the Plainfield (N.J.) Dental Society who have practiced dentistry for 50 years will be honored at a testimonial dinner May 6 at the city's Park Hotel. They are Drs. Walter L. Mancill, Clive W. Montfort and William F. Naylor. Speakers at the dinner will be Dr. David J. Fitzgibbon, A.D.A. first vice-president; Dr. C. Willard Camalier, A.D.A. assistant secretary, and Dr. Bion R. East, Veterans Administration dental chief, all of Washington; Dr. Louis A. Saporito, of Newark, president of the New Jersey State Dental Society, and Dr. Lester Rosenthal, president of the Plainfield Dental Society. The chairman is Dr. Rudolph H. Friedrich.

## CONTRIBUTIONS TO A.D.A. RELIEF FUND REACH RECORD HIGH OF \$92,024

Contributions to the 1951-52 A.D.A. Relief Fund campaign reached an all-time high of \$92,024.75 on April 10. The current figure exceeds last year's record total by more than \$600 and is only \$8,000 short of the campaign's \$100,000 goal. Dentists in Southern California lead the nation with total contributions equal to 219 per cent of their quota. Alabama and Alaska dentists have also doubled their quota. In all, dentists in 26 constituent societies and the Air Force have exceeded the 100 per cent mark. Besides those named above, they include Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Delaware, District of Columbia, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, Tennessee, Washington, West Virginia and Wyoming. The current drive closes July 1. Contributions by constituent societies to April 10 follow:

	TO APRIL 10				TO APRIL 10		
	1951-52 QUOTAS	CONTRI- BUTIONS	PCT		1951-52 QUOTAS	CONTRI- BUTIONS	PCT
Air Force	\$460.00	\$ 492.75	107.1	Navy	\$ 850.00	\$ 426.50	50.2
Alabama	740.00	1614.00	218.1	Nebraska	1100.00	1121.68	102.0
Alaska	40.00	80.00	200.0	Nevada	90.00	79.50	88.3
Arizona	260.00	500.00	192.3	New Hampshire	300.00	306.00	102.0
Arkansas	480.00	483.50	100.7	New Jersey	4110.00	4059.75	98.8
Army	480.00	356.50	74.3	New Mexico	200.00	206.50	103.3
California	3540.00	3193.00	90.2	New York	15620.00	10579.50	67.7
California, So.	4340.00	9517.50	219.3	No. Carolina	1250.00	1262.00	101.0
Colorado	940.00	969.50	103.1	North Dakota	330.00	499.00	151.2
Connecticut	1910.00	1716.50	89.9	Ohio	4940.00	3938.90	79.7
Delaware	150.00	150.00	100.0	Oklahoma	880.00	1154.00	131.1
Dist. of Col.	840.00	1302.50	155.1	Oregon	1170.00	1271.50	108.7
Florida	1180.00	1155.50	97.9	Panama C. Z.	20.00	11.00	55.0
Georgia	1020.00	1042.09	102.2	Pennsylvania	7190.00	5163.08	71.8
Hawaii	350.00	380.00	108.6	P. H. Service	240.00	133.50	55.6
Idaho	260.00	269.00	103.5	Puerto Rico	280.00	85.00	30.4
Illinois	7750.00	6900.00	89.0	Rhode Island	550.00	475.00	86.4
Indiana	2280.00	2363.50	103.7	So. Carolina	430.00	253.50	59.0
Iowa	1900.00	1578.56	83.1	South Dakota	340.00	223.00	65.6
Kansas	1060.00	837.30	79.0	Tennessee	1110.00	1446.25	130.3
Kentucky	1060.00	1100.00	103.8	Texas	3010.00	2029.60	67.4
Louisiana	1010.00	761.25	75.4	Utah	480.00	205.00	42.7
Maine	450.00	347.50	77.2	Vermont	190.00	125.00	65.8
Maryland	1010.00	1065.00	105.4	Vet. Admin.	990.00	388.00	39.2
Massachusetts	3780.00	3584.40	94.8	Virginia	1120.00	898.50	80.2
Michigan	3900.00	3272.65	83.9	Washington	1690.00	1930.50	114.2
Minnesota	2970.00	2622.35	88.3	West Virginia	770.00	779.00	101.2
Mississippi	530.00	527.34	99.5	Wisconsin	2990.00	2087.80	69.8
Missouri	2550.00	2102.85	82.5	Wyoming	160.00	175.00	109.4
Montana	360.00	399.15	110.9	Miscellaneous		22.00	
				Total	\$100,000.00	\$92,024.75	92.0

## **SCORE OF ASSOCIATED GROUPS TO MEET AT 93RD SESSION OF A.D.A.; HOUSING BUREAU IN ST. LOUIS NOW ACCEPTING HOTEL RESERVATIONS**

Nearly a score of allied and associated dental groups will meet in conjunction with the 93rd annual meeting of the A.D.A. to be held Sept. 8-11 in St. Louis. Hotel assignments for 17 organizations were announced this week. Reservations for hotel accommodations are now being accepted by the A.D.A. Housing Bureau at 911 Locust St., Room 406, St. Louis 1, Mo. An application form is printed on page A71 of the current Journal of the American Dental Association and all members are urged to mail in the form promptly so that they may obtain a reservation at the hotel of their choice. Hotel assignments and meeting dates for allied and associated groups are as follows:

American Academy of Periodontology, Statler, Sept. 4-6; American Association of Dental Editors, Jefferson, Sept. 6; American Association of Dental Examiners, Lennox, Sept. 5-6; American Association of Dental Schools, Statler, Sept. 6; American Association of Public Health Dentists, Lennox, Sept. 7; American College of Dentists, Statler, Sept. 7; American Dental Assistants Association, Sheraton, Sept. 8-11; American Dental Hygienists Association, DeSoto, Sept. 7-11; American Denture Society, Sheraton, Sept. 5-6; American Society of Dentistry for Children, Melbourne, Sept. 6-7; Association of American Women Dentists, Mark Twain, Sept. 7-11; International College of Dentists, Statler, Sept. 7; National Association of Seventh-Day Adventist Dentists, DeSoto, Sept. 5-7; Alpha Omega, Statler, Sept. 8; Delta Sigma Delta, Chase, Sept. 5-8; Psi Omega, DeSoto, Sept. 8; Xi Psi Phi, Mark Twain, Sept. 8.

## **COUNCIL CLASSIFIES CALCIUM FLUORIDE AND BONEMEAL TABLETS IN GROUP D**

Tablets containing fluoride in the form of calcium fluoride or bonemeal were classified in Group D by the Council on Dental Therapeutics at its meeting April 4-5 in the Central Office. Group D includes products which are unacceptable because of their inability to meet Council standards. Tablets containing sodium fluoride when dispensed by prescription for use in drinking or cooking water were classified in Group C (products for which the evidence is so limited that they can not be accurately evaluated). The Council also voted to retain penicillin dentifrices in Group C. A report on dentifrices containing "chlorophyll" preparations, now classified in Group C, is now in preparation, Dr. J. Roy Doty, secretary of the Council, announced. The report will be published in a forthcoming issue of The Journal of the American Dental Association. Dr. Thomas J. Hill, of Cleveland, is Council chairman.

## **NEW MURRAY-DINGELL BILL PROPOSES GOVERNMENT-PAID HOSPITAL CARE FOR 7 MILLION PERSONS COVERED BY FEDERAL OASI PROGRAM**

Two new companion bills which would make an estimated seven million social security beneficiaries eligible for government-paid hospital care were introduced into Congress last week. The identical bills (S. 3001 and H.R. 7484), which were patterned after recommendations by Oscar R. Ewing, Federal Security Agency chief, were introduced by Sen. Murray (D., Mont.) and Rep. Dingell (D., Mich.). The bills would provide hospital insurance, excluding tuberculosis and mental hospitals and domiciliary homes, for some 5.5 million persons over 65 and some 1.5 million wives, widows and orphans. Cost of the program for 1953 was estimated at \$200 million, to be paid out of social security funds without any increase in premium payments. Sen. Humphrey (D., Minn.) and Rep. Celler (D., N.Y.) were also sponsors of the bills.

## **COUNCIL ON DENTAL HEALTH ISSUES NEW "DAREDEVIL DAVEY" COMIC BOOK**

The second in a series of dental health education comic books was issued last week by the A.D.A. Council on Dental Health. Entitled "Daredevil Davey Conquers Space," the new book stresses the importance of sound diet. A sample copy may be obtained from the A.D.A. Order Department. Prices in quantity are: 25--\$2.85; 50--\$5.15; and 100--\$8.85. The Council also announced quantity prices for the pamphlet "Why Your Dentist Recommends Fluoridation." Imprinted with the society's name, the price for 5,000 copies is \$41.70, and for 10,000 copies, \$74.

## COL. MARVIN KENNEBECK SLATED TO HEAD AIR FORCE DENTAL SERVICE

Reports from Washington indicate that Maj. Gen. George R. Kennebeck, chief of the Air Force Dental Service, will be succeeded by his brother, Col. Marvin E. Kennebeck. Gen. Kennebeck is scheduled to retire June 30. Col. Kennebeck, who has been in command of dental services for the U. S. Air Force in Europe, has received orders to return to the United States by April 21 for assignment as deputy chief of the dental service.

## TOTAL A.D.A. MEMBERSHIP REACHES 66,708, INCREASE OF 5,000 OVER 1951

Nearly 14,000 A.D.A. members paid their 1952 dues during March, bringing total membership to 66,708 on March 31. The total represented a gain of more than 5,000 over the corresponding date last year and an increase of 2,168 over the figure for 1950 when an all-time record was established. The number of fully privileged members at the end of March was 57,476, an increase of 4,140 over last year's corresponding figure. Membership in other categories was: student, 9,061 (up 1,141); affiliate, 157 (down 31); honorary, 8 (up 2), and associate, 6 (up 3).

## A.D.A. SUBCOMMITTEE ON CIVIL DEFENSE TO MEET APRIL 26

Dr. Russel W. Bunting, of Ann Arbor, Mich., dental consultant to the Federal Civil Defense Administration, will meet with the A.D.A. subcommittee on civil defense in the Central Office on April 26. Members of the committee, which is studying the dentist's role in national and local civil defense programs, are Dr. David E. Hunn, of Troy, N.Y., chairman; Dr. John R. Abel, of Beverly Hills, Cal., and Dr. Lloyd Rogers, of Detroit.

## HEALTH AND ACCIDENT INSURANCE TO BE AVAILABLE AFTER SEPT. 1

The group health and accident insurance policy approved for A.D.A. members last month by the Board of Trustees will be available after Sept. 1, it was pointed out by the Council on Insurance. The effective date was erroneously reported as July 1 in the April 1 issue of the A.D.A. News Letter.

## AMERICAN ACADEMY OF DENTAL MEDICINE TO MEET IN MONTREAL MAY 29-31

Psychosomatic factors in dentistry will be one of the courses offered at the sixth annual meeting of the American Academy of Dental Medicine which will be held May 29-31 at the Mount Royal Hotel, Montreal, Canada. Dentists and physicians wishing to attend the meeting are asked to communicate with the national secretary, Dr. William M. Greenhut, 124 E. 84th St., New York 28, N.Y.

## BRIEFS IN THE NEWS

New acting dean of the New York University College of Dentistry is Dr. Claus F. Hinck Jr., professor of biochemistry at the school since 1925. Dr. Hinck, who succeeds the late Dean Walter H. Wright, is a graduate of Columbia University and received M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Heidelberg....The First District Dental Society of New York is again offering an award of \$100 for the best essay by a senior dental student on "The Value of Radioactive Isotopes in Dental Research." Information can be obtained from Dr. Theodore Kaletsky, of 9033 153rd St., Jamaica, N.Y....Dr. J. L. T. Appleton, of Philadelphia, has been named chairman of the subcommittee on etiology and pathology of the National Research Council's committee on blood and related problems. Dr. Joseph T. Wearn, of Western Reserve University, heads the committee....Dr. Gerard Casey, of Chicago, assistant secretary of the A.D.A. Council on Dental Education, and Mr. Reginald Sullens, director of the Council's division of educational measurements, will represent the Association at the seventh annual National Conference on Higher Education to be held at the Hotel Sherman in Chicago April 17-19.