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DR. HARRY LYONS IS NAMED SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Dr. Harry Lyons, of Richmond, Va., dean of the School of Dentistry, Medical College of Virginia, was elected this week by the Board of Trustees to succeed Dr. Ernest G. Sloman, who died April 30, as Speaker of the A.D.A. House of Delegates. As interim Speaker, Dr. Lyons will preside at the 93rd annual session of the House of Delegates at St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 8 through 11. During this session, the House will elect a Speaker for the new year. Dr. Lyons has served as dean of the Virginia dental school since January, 1951. Prior to becoming dean, he served as professor of oral pathology, therapeutics and periodontia. Dr. Lyons is a former president of the Virginia State Dental Association and he has been a member of the A.D.A. Council on Dental Therapeutics since 1935. He formerly was chairman of the A.D.A. Committee on National Emergency Dental Service.

DR. MAGNUSON PAYS HIGH TRIBUTE TO DR. SLOMAN

Dr. Paul B. Magnuson, chairman of the President's Commission on the Health Needs of the Nation, paid high tribute to Dr. Sloman who had served as a member of the Commission. In a letter to Dr. Harold Hillenbrand, A.D.A. secretary, Dr. Magnuson said: "My fellow Commissioners and I share with your organization the great loss your profession has sustained in Doctor Sloman's death. During the short period of time we were associated on this Commission we had come to recognize those qualities which had made him a leader in the dental profession for many years."

DR. WEST IS NAMED ACTING DEAN OF COLLEGE OF P. & S.

Dr. Frederick W. West, of San Francisco, has been named acting dean of the College of Physicians and Surgeons to succeed the late Dr. Sloman. Dr. West is a graduate of the College of Physicians and Surgeons and has held office in a number of dental organizations. He is a former secretary of the California State Dental Association, the Pacific Coast Dental Conference and the San Francisco Dental Society. He now holds the position of secretary of the Pacific Coast Society of Orthodontists. He is the immediate past president of the College of Physicians and Surgeons Alumni Association.

SELECTIVE SERVICE ORDERS CLASSIFICATION OF PRIORITY III DENTISTS -- ARMY ISSUES CALL FOR 50 DENTISTS IN JULY, INCLUDING PRIORITY II MEN

The Selective Service System has directed local draft boards to begin classifying Priority III dentists who are under the age of 36. For the first time since the outbreak of the Korean war, dentists who registered under the dentist-physician draft act of 1950 and who have never before been in the armed forces, this week were receiving classification questionnaires both from Selective Service and the Department of Defense. Priority III dentists are those without prior military service and under the age of 51. The directive to local draft boards stated in part: "Since the pool of Priority I and II dentists available for service may soon be exhausted, and in order that the Selective Service System may be prepared to fill additional calls from the

Department of Defense for dentists, it is necessary that the classification processing of Priority III dentists born on or after May 1, 1917, be commenced immediately." Earlier, the Army ordered Selective Service to induct an additional 50 dentists for a July call and indicated that Priority II men would be required to fill the quota. Priority II dentists include men trained at government expense who served more than 90 days but less than 21 months in World War II. Indications were that the Priority II pool would be exhausted by Oct. 1. The April and May calls took most of the Priority I dentists qualified for service. Priority I covers those who received their education at government expense and were deferred from World War II or served less than 90 days.

SENATE APPROVES BILL TO EXTEND SPECIAL PAY FOR DENTISTS, PHYSICIANS

Two companion measures to a Senate bill to continue payment of the \$100-a-month bonus to incoming dental and medical officers were introduced into the House of Representatives last week. They were presented by Rep. Rivers (D., S.Car.), who sponsored the original bonus amendment which included dentists in the law, and Chairman Vinson (D., Ga.) of the House Armed Services Committee. Representatives of the A.D.A. testified last April in favor of extension of the measure. The bills extend the special pay until July, 1953. (See A.D.A. News Letter, May 1, 1952.) The Senate bill, introduced by Sen. Hunt (D., Wyo.), was passed by the Senate yesterday, (June 2). Meanwhile President Truman signed a law giving a four per cent base pay increase and 14 per cent subsistence allowance hike to all ranks in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, including retired personnel, and to commissioned members of the U.S. Public Health Service. A "G.I. bill of rights" for veterans of the Korean war awaited full House action after its approval by the House Veterans Committee. Included in the bill is a provision for education giving single veterans \$110 a month and those with dependents up to \$150 a month for a maximum of 36 months of schooling. Unlike the World War II law, the new version requires veterans to pay their own tuition from the grants instead of having it paid directly to the school. The veteran would use whatever is left for living expenses. Students would be entitled to one and one-half days of free schooling for each day of service. Also, House and Senate conferees were attempting to iron out differences in a measure permitting the armed forces to commission women dentists and physicians. The only controversial aspect was the inclusion of osteopaths in the measure.

PROGRAM COMPLETED FOR DENTAL NOMENCLATURE CONFERENCE JUNE 20-21

"Concepts of Occlusion" will be the theme of a conference on dental nomenclature to be held June 20-21 at the A.D.A. Central Office in Chicago. The conference is sponsored by the Bureau of Library and Indexing Service. Taking part in the program will be Dr. Albert A. Dahlberg, of the University of Chicago; Dr. Harry Sicher and Dr. Orion H. Stuteville, both of the Chicago College of Dental Surgery, Loyola University; Dr. Touro M. Graber, of Northwestern University; Dr. Thomas D. Speidel, of the University of Minnesota; Dr. Carl O. Boucher, of Ohio State University; Dr. Oswald M. Dresen, of Marquette University; Dr. Paul E. Boyle, of the University of Pennsylvania; Dr. Maynard K. Hine, of Indiana University, and Dr. J. H. Johnson, of the University of Toronto. Presiding will be Dr. George B. Denton, A.D.A. research consultant.

DR. H. B. MCCARTHY NAMED NEW DEAN OF BAYLOR DENTAL SCHOOL

Dr. H. B. McCarthy, of Baltimore, chairman of the A.D.A. Judicial Council, has been named dean of Baylor University College of Dentistry, effective Thursday (June 5). He succeeds Dr. George L. Powers, of Dallas, Texas, who resigned recently to return to private practice. Dr. McCarthy has been a member of the faculty of the University of Maryland Dental School since his graduation from there in 1923. He also received the Bachelor of Science and Master of Arts degrees from the university. He is a former president of the Baltimore City Dental Society and the Maryland State Dental Association and for many years has served as a member of the A.D.A. House of Delegates.

31 SOCIETIES EXCEED QUOTAS AS RELIEF FUND TOTAL REACHES \$93,350

Four new constituent societies exceeded their quotas in the 1951-52 Relief Fund campaign as total contributions reached the record high of \$93,350.06 on May 26. Thirty-one constituent societies have now passed the 100 per cent mark, also a new record. As the drive entered the final month, dentists from Southern California continued to lead the nation in per capita contributions with 218 per cent of quota contributed. Dentists in Alabama and Alaska have also doubled their quotas. New societies which passed the 100 per cent mark last month include Massachusetts, Mississippi, New Jersey and the Panama Canal Zone. Other societies which have exceeded their quotas are 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. Contributions by constituent societies to May 26 follow:

| | TO MAY 26 | | | | 1951-52 | | |
|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------|---------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------|
| | 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 | 316.00 | 105.3 |
| Arkansas | 480.00 | 484.50 | 100.9 | New Jersey | 4110.00 | 4170.75 | 101.5 |
| Army | 480.00 | 356.50 | 74.3 | New Mexico | 200.00 | 206.50 | 103.3 |
| California | 3540.00 | 3228.00 | 91.2 | New York | 15620.00 | 10719.50 | 68.6 |
| California, So. | 4340.00 | 9601.50 | 221.2 | No. Carolina | 1250.00 | 1323.00 | 105.8 |
| Colorado | 940.00 | 989.50 | 105.3 | North Dakota | 330.00 | 499.00 | 151.2 |
| Connecticut | 1910.00 | 1717.50 | 89.9 | Ohio | 4940.00 | 4141.90 | 83.8 |
| 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 | 24.00 | 120.0 |
| Georgia | 1020.00 | 1170.40 | 115.1 | Pennsylvania | 7190.00 | 5177.08 | 72.0 |
| Hawaii | 350.00 | 382.00 | 109.1 | P.H. Service | 240.00 | 133.50 | 55.6 |
| Idaho | 260.00 | 269.00 | 103.5 | Puerto Rico | 280.00 | 87.00 | 31.1 |
| Illinois | 7750.00 | 6950.00 | 89.7 | Rhode Island | 550.00 | 480.00 | 87.3 |
| Indiana | 2280.00 | 2383.50 | 104.5 | 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 | 1517.25 | 136.7 |
| Kentucky | 1060.00 | 1100.00 | 103.8 | Texas | 3010.00 | 2029.60 | 67.4 |
| Louisiana | 1010.00 | 766.25 | 75.9 | Utah | 480.00 | 205.00 | 42.7 |
| Maine | 450.00 | 348.50 | 77.4 | Vermont | 190.00 | 125.00 | 65.8 |
| Maryland | 1010.00 | 1068.00 | 105.7 | Vet. Admin. | 990.00 | 388.00 | 39.2 |
| Massachusetts | 3780.00 | 3805.40 | 100.7 | Virginia | 1120.00 | 898.50 | 80.2 |
| Michigan | 3900.00 | 3330.65 | 85.4 | Washington | 1690.00 | 1937.50 | 114.6 |
| Minnesota | 2970.00 | 2626.35 | 88.4 | West Va. | 770.00 | 821.00 | 106.6 |
| Mississippi | 530.00 | 531.34 | 100.3 | Wisconsin | 2990.00 | 2095.80 | 70.1 |
| Missouri | 2550.00 | 2103.85 | 82.5 | Wyoming | 160.00 | 175.00 | 109.4 |
| Montana | 360.00 | 399.15 | 110.9 | Miscellaneous | | | |
| | | | | Total | \$100,000.00 | \$93,350.06 | |

HEAVY ADVANCE RESERVATIONS REPORTED FOR A.D.A. SESSION AT ST. LOUIS

The 93rd annual session of the A.D.A. at St. Louis, Sept. 8, 9, 10 and 11, will be one of the largest in the history of the Association according to advance hotel reservations already made through the A.D.A. Housing Bureau, 911 Locust St., St. Louis 1, Mo. Ample housing facilities are still available at the 25 leading hotels cooperating with the A.D.A. It is urged that those who are planning to attend and have not yet secured confirmed reservations file applications immediately with the Housing Bureau. Convenient hotel reservation application blanks are available on page A-35 of the June issue of The Journal of the American Dental Association.

JUNE 13 DEADLINE FOR LISTING FILMS AND SCIENTIFIC EXHIBITS

June 13 has been set as the deadline for filing applications for presentation of scientific films and exhibits at the St. Louis meeting, it was announced by Dr. Donald A. Washburn, director of scientific exhibits for the annual session. All A.D.A. members are eligible to participate in the motion picture and scientific exhibit program. Application forms may be secured from Dr. Washburn, 222 E. Superior St., Chicago 11, Ill. Films and exhibits should be concerned with some phase of diagnosis, treatment or research related to improvement of health and dental practice.

LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE PREPARES FOR ANNUAL MEETING

The committee on local arrangements, which has been at work several months preparing for the convention, is headed by Dr. Henry F. Westhoff, of St. Louis. In addition to Dr. Westhoff as general chairman, there are four vice-chairmen: Dr. David W. Brock, Dr. Max Kornfeld, Dr. Romie H. Miller and Dr. O. F. Steber, all of St. Louis. The honorary chairmen are Dr. Oren A. Oliver, of Nashville, past president of the Association; Dr. Robert P. Thomas, of Louisville, Sixth District trustee; Dr. Roy J. Rinehart, of Kansas City, Mo.; Dr. Otto J. Fruth, of St. Louis, and Dr. H. C. Pollock, of Clayton, Mo. Members appointed as chairmen and vice-chairmen of subcommittees, all of St. Louis unless otherwise noted, are: Dr. Frank A. Strake and Dr. Arthur F. Schopper, of Kansas City, Mo., reception; Dr. George A. Clipner and Dr. Joseph V. Kirby, of Clayton, Mo., information; Dr. Paul G. Vierheller and Dr. Earl J. Poe, entertainment; Dr. Alva N. Blaney and Dr. Ralph Rosen, publicity; Dr. Frank W. Jaeger and Dr. John M. Marre, Convention Hall, and Mrs. Earl C. Bean, of Ladue, Mo., and Mrs. Earl E. Shepard, women's entertainment.

JUNE A.D.A. JOURNAL DEVOTED TO REPORTS ON PERIODONTAL DISEASE

The June issue of The Journal of the American Dental Association, out this week, is devoted entirely to a comprehensive appraisal of existing scientific information on periodontal disease. Twenty dental and medical scientists have prepared reports on etiology, pathology, prevention and treatment. The papers were initially presented at an inservice training course at the School of Dentistry and School of Public Health, University of Michigan, under the direction of Dr. Kenneth A. Easlick, member of the A.D.A. Council on Dental Health. The July issue of The Journal will be devoted to an evaluation of the reports.

DR. THEODORE KALETSKY, COUNCIL ON DENTAL THERAPEUTICS MEMBER, DIES

Dr. Theodore Kaletsky, of Jamaica, N Y., member of the Council on Dental Therapeutics, died May 21 at the age of 55. A graduate of the College of Dental and Oral Surgery, New York City, Dr. Kaletsky gained national recognition for his work in the field of oral pathology and atomic energy research. From 1920 to 1935, he was director of the department of dentistry at Mary Immaculate Hospital, Jamaica. At the time of his death, he was a member of the committee for atomic energy research of the A.D.A. Council on Dental Research, and chairman of the atomic energy program committee of the First District Dental Society.

CANADIAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION TO MARK GOLDEN JUBILEE AT VANCOUVER

The 50th anniversary of the founding of the Canadian Dental Association will be marked at its annual meeting June 15-18 at Vancouver, British Columbia. Dr. Bernerd C. Kingsbury, of San Francisco, 13th District A.D.A. trustee, will officially represent the Association at the golden jubilee meeting in the west coast city. Three essay reports, 10 group clinics and a number of chair and table clinics will be presented. Prior to the four-day meeting, the Board of Governors will hold sessions June 11-14 at the Hotel Vancouver. The entertainment program for the meeting will include a president's dinner in honor of Dr. Harold M. Cline, of Vancouver. The president of the host British Columbia Dental Association is Dr. John R. Ingledew, of Vancouver. Information about the meeting can be obtained from Dr. Don Gullett, secretary of the Canadian Dental Association, 234 St. George St., Toronto 5, Ontario.

COUNCIL VOTES FULL APPROVAL OF EMORY, ALABAMA DENTAL SCHOOLS

The Council on Dental Education has voted full approval of the four-year programs of the Schools of Dentistry at Emory University and at the University of Alabama, Dr. Eugene R. Westcott, of Atlantic City, N. J., chairman of the Council, announced at its meeting May 15-16 in the Central Office. Thirty-seven of the nation's 42 dental schools have now been fully approved, four have been provisionally approved and one, at the University of North Carolina, has not yet been inspected. The Council also voted approval of nine new internships and two new residency educational programs in hospitals, bringing the total for the nation to 117. Dr. Shailer A. Peterson, of Chicago, Council secretary, also announced that a report on aptitude testing, internship and residency programs and dental specialties would be published in the July issue of The Journal of the American Dental Association.

THREE SYMPOSIUMS TO BE PRESENTED AT INTERNATIONAL DENTAL CONGRESS

Symposiums on orthodontics, prosthetics and the control and prevention of dental caries will be presented as a special feature at the 11th International Dental Congress to be held July 19-26 in London. The scientific sessions, to be conducted from July 21 through 25, will also include discussions of 20 papers prepared by noted dental scientists, an informal section for research workers for the discussion of mutual problems and some 200 clinical demonstrations. Large-screen television and film programs will be shown. The only section of the Congress open to the public will be a dental health exhibit. An extensive program of entertainment has been arranged. Highlights of the social events include a grand ball at Albert Hall, a banquet at Grosvenor House, a number of official receptions and conducted tours to Oxford, Cambridge and other places of historical interest in the London area. Information about the Congress may be obtained from Dr. Gerald H. Leatherman, honorary secretary, 35 Devonshire Pl., London W. 1.

BRIEFS IN THE NEWS

The cost of dental treatment is proportionately lower today than it was in 1935-39, according to the March price index recently released by the U. S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics. Dental fees have risen 62.8 per cent since 1935-39, while the over-all cost of living has risen 88 per cent, the figures show....Britain's second new list of charges under the once-vaunted free government health scheme went into effect June 1. Henceforth, patients will pay up to \$2.80 for each dental treatment....Single copies of the article, "The Magic of Fluorine," reprinted from Parents' Magazine, can be obtained without charge from the A.D.A. Bureau of Public Information at the Central Office. By last week, 317 communities throughout the United States were fluoridating their water supplies....The Office of Price Stabilization has announced that dentists and other users of surgical sutures are not required to keep records of their purchase....Dr. Irving R. Hardy, of Boston, secretary-treasurer of the American Board of Prosthodontics, has announced that certification examinations will be held next Feb. 1-7 at the School of Dentistry, University of Indiana, Indianapolis.