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WASHINGTON, D. C., BEGINS FLUORIDATION OF WATER SUPPLIES SERVING ONE MILLION PERSONS; 318 COMMUNITIES PUT PROGRAM IN OPERATION

Fluoridation of public water supplies was begun last week in Washington, D. C., to make it the largest city in the country to place the program in operation. Nearly one million persons are served by the program in the nation's capital. The fluoridation process is carried out at two installations; one at a filter plant, the other at a reservoir. The equipment, including two miles of pipes to the reservoir, cost \$91,000 and the annual operating costs are expected to be \$100,000. Congress approved the appropriation for the program last September. In New York State, the city of Schenectady with a population of 92,000 persons has also begun fluoridation. More than 270,000 persons in the state are now receiving fluoridated water. By the end of June, a total of 318 communities throughout the United States had the program in operation and an additional 300 had approved the measure.

FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION ATTACKS 'UNFORTUNATE RUMORS'

processing foods. The statement came in answer to a published report that the F.D.A. was opposed to the program which was approved by the U. S. Public Health Service. The F.D.A. statement called the reports "unfortunate rumors" and said that "the use of fluoridated water in the manufacture of commercially processed foods should not increase the fluorine intake of persons dependent upon fluoridated public water supplies, nor adversely affect the benefits of the fluoridation program."

Meanwhile, the Federal Food and Drug Administration has reported that there is no reason for prohibiting the use of fluoridated water in

DR. MCKAY RECEIVES HONORARY DEGREE FOR FLUORIDE STUDIES

for his pioneer work in the study of dental fluorosis and fluoridation. Dr. McKay graduated from the university in 1900. Last fall, the A.D.A. House of Delegates voted unanimously to confer honorary membership on Dr. McKay for his early research in fluorides.

Dr. Frederick S. McKay, of Colorado Springs, Colo., has been awarded an honorary Doctor of Science degree by the University of Pennsylvania

EXTENSIVE ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAM PLANNED FOR 93RD A.D.A. SESSION -- PRESIDENT'S DINNER, MISSISSIPPI STEAMER CRUISE TO HIGHLIGHT EVENTS

An unusual number of entertainment features will highlight the 93rd annual meeting of the Association to be held Sept. 8 through 11 at St. Louis. Advance reservations indicate an attendance of more than 10,000 dentists and members of their families at the four-day meeting, according to Dr. Henry F. Westhoff, of St. Louis, chairman of the committee on local arrangements. Hotel reservations for the meeting may be obtained by filling out the application in The Journal of the American Dental Association and mailing it to the A.D.A. Housing Bureau, 911 Locust St., St. Louis 1, Mo. Major social attractions at the meeting will include a president's dinner in honor of Dr. LeRoy M. Ennis, of Philadelphia, Association president, and an evening on the Mississippi in the new luxury river steamer S.S. Admiral. The president's dinner will be held Wednesday, Sept. 10, in the Gold room of the Jefferson Hotel. There will be a floor

show and an orchestra. A cocktail party in the adjoining Ivory room will precede the dinner. To assure reservations, it is urged that tickets be obtained in advance. Tickets for the president's dinner may be secured for \$6 each from Dr. Phil G. Vierheller, entertainment chairman, at the headquarters of the St. Louis Dental Society at 8013 Maryland Ave., St. Louis 5, Mo. The moonlight cruise will take place the evening of Monday, Sept. 8. Preceding the cast-off at 9:45 p.m., there will be entertainment on the levee. There will also be entertainment, dancing and refreshments on the ship. Tickets for the boat trip are \$1.50 each and can also be obtained from Dr. Vierheller.

THREE SPECIAL LUNCHEONS, OTHER EVENTS SCHEDULED

Three special luncheons are scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 9. For women visitors, there will be a luncheon and style show at the Hotel

Chase. Tickets at \$4 each can be obtained from the women's entertainment chairman, Mrs. Earl C. Bean, also at the headquarters of the St. Louis Dental Society. On the same day alumni luncheons will be held by the School of Dentistry, St. Louis University, at the refectory of Kiel Auditorium, and by the School of Dentistry, Washington University, at the Hotel DeSoto. Special arrangements have also been made for an afternoon at the noted Forest Park zoo on Wednesday, Sept. 10, and for tours through one of the world's largest breweries.

TRUMAN SIGNS BILL TO EXTEND SPECIAL PAY FOR DENTISTS IN ARMED FORCES

President Truman last week signed into law a bill extending the \$100-a-month special pay for dentists and physicians who volunteer for service in the armed forces. The measure continues the program for incoming dentists and physicians in the military services until July 1, 1953. The A.D.A. had testified in favor of the measure. At the same time, President Truman signed another bill that will permit women dentists, physicians and other medical specialists to be given permanent commissions as officers of the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps. Both bills were sponsored by Sen. Hunt (D., Wyo.). Still another measure signed by the President last week strengthens the Marine Corps and authorizes a ceiling of 400,000 officers and men. Of interest to dentistry, the full new authorized strength of the corps would mean an estimated additional 693 dental officers to be supplied by the Navy. Marine Corps dental needs are serviced by the Navy. Under prior strength authorization, the Navy was entitled to 147 dental officers because of the Marine Corps. It will now be entitled to 840. Meanwhile, in the Senate, a \$1 billion-a-year "G. I. bill of rights" for veterans of the Korean war was passed by voice vote and sent to a Senate-House conference committee. The educational provisions in the Senate bill call for subsistence payments of \$80 a month for unmarried veterans, \$105 for veterans with one dependent and \$130 monthly for veterans with two or more dependents. In addition, the bill provides up to \$40 a month for tuition. The House version of the bill lumps tuition and subsistence payments in monthly checks of \$110 for single men and \$150 for veterans with dependents. Both House and Senate bills entitle veterans to one and one-half days of schooling for each day of service up to a maximum of 36 months of education.

DR. BURKET NAMED TO COMMISSION ON HEALTH NEEDS OF NATION

Representatives of the A.D.A. last week were invited to appear on a panel on dentistry to be held by the President's Commission on the Health Needs of the Nation July 15 in Washington, D. C. Earlier, Dr. Lester W. Burket, of Philadelphia, dean of the School of Dentistry, University of Pennsylvania, and vice-chairman of the A.D.A. Council on Dental Therapeutics, was named to the commission to fill the vacancy left by the death of Dr. Ernest G. Sloman. Dr. Sloman died April 30. At the panel on dentistry, the Association will be represented by Dr. Shailer Peterson, secretary of the Council on Dental Education, and Mr. B. Duane Moen, director of the Bureau of Economic Research and Statistics. The keynote speaker will be Dr. John C. Brauer, dean of the School of Dentistry, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. Among others expected to appear on the panel are Dr. Willard C. Fleming, of San Francisco, dean of the College of Dentistry, University of California; Dr. Maynard K. Hine, of Indianapolis, dean of the School of Dentistry, Indiana University, and Dr. Harry Lyons, of Richmond, Va., dean of the School of Dentistry, Medical College of Virginia. The 15-member commission was created by President Truman early this year to determine the country's "total health requirements" and to recommend ways of meeting them.

A.D.A. TO INFORM STATE SOCIETIES ON RELEASE OF DENTAL OFFICERS

The A.D.A. Special Committee on National Emergency Dental Service announced last week that secretaries of state societies henceforth will receive periodic reports from the A.D.A. of the names of dental officers released from the Army and Air Force. The first reports will be issued next week. Under arrangements made with the two services, the information will include names and home addresses and dates of release. "Where possible, this information will be supplied in advance of release," the announcement said. "Otherwise it will be furnished shortly after release." The reports will also indicate the status of each individual's Association membership and whether he is a direct member. Arrangements are being made with the Navy for similar information.

PROPOSE FORMATION OF NATIONAL ADVERTISING BUREAU FOR STATE JOURNALS

Formation of a national advertising bureau to assist state dental journals in obtaining national advertising revenue was proposed at a conference on journalism last week in the Central Office. The conference, sponsored by the A.D.A. Council on Journalism and the American Association of Dental Editors, proposed that the Council investigate such a program and report to the Board of Trustees. Mr. A. J. Jackson, director of the state journal advertising bureau of the American Medical Association, reported that the A.M.A. bureau had handled more than \$600,000 in national advertising last year. A suggestion was also offered that constituent societies without dental journals join with neighboring states in forming regional journals. Dr. Dorothea Radusch, of Minneapolis, is president of the editor's association, and Dr. Charles A. Wilkie, of Brooklyn, is chairman of the Council.

ANNOUNCE NEW DIRECTOR OF A.D.A. DIVISION OF DENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION

Mr. Perry J. Sandell, of St. Paul, Minn., has been appointed director of the division of dental health education in the A.D.A. Council on Dental Health, it was announced today by Dr. Hillenbrand, of Chicago, A.D.A. secretary. Mr. Sandell, who is now supervisor of health, physical education, recreation and safety in the Minnesota State Department of Education, will assume his new position in September. He holds bachelor's and master's degrees in health and physical education from the University of Minnesota. Prior to his present position, he was a teacher in Minnesota and North Dakota public schools for ten years.

BRITISH DENTAL ASSOCIATION HONORS FOUR U. S. DENTISTS

Four A.D.A. members have been granted honorary membership in the British Dental Association. U. S. dentists elected to honorary membership in the British society are Dr. Russell W. Bunting, of Ann Arbor, Mich., dental consultant to the Federal Civil Defense Administration; Dr. William N. Hodgkin, of Warrenton, Va., former member of the A.D.A. Council on Dental Education; Dr. Andrew F. Jackson, of Philadelphia, member of the A.D.A. Council on International Relations, and Dr. Oren A. Oliver, of Nashville, former A.D.A. president and also a member of the Council on International Relations. American dentists have been invited to attend the annual meeting of the British Dental Association to be held Sept. 1-5 at Cardiff, Wales. Any A.D.A. member who will be in Europe at this time and who wishes to attend the meeting is asked to communicate with Dr. Harold Hillenbrand, A.D.A. secretary, at the Central Office.

DR. JOHN G. HILDEBRAND, FORMER A.D.A. TRUSTEE, DIES

Dr. John G. Hildebrand, of Waterloo, Iowa, A.D.A. trustee from 1934 to 1940, died June 14 at Waterloo. He was 83 years old. Long active in state and national dental affairs, Dr. Hildebrand was a graduate of the State University of Iowa Dental College in 1890 and had practiced in Waterloo for 62 years. In 1924, he was chosen vice-president of the A.D.A. and for many years served as chairman of the Association's Relief Committee.

NAME OFFICIAL A.D.A. DELEGATION TO INTERNATIONAL DENTAL CONGRESS

Twenty-two U. S. dentists will serve as official A.D.A. delegates to the 11th International Dental Congress to be held July 19 through 26 in London, it was announced last week by Dr. LeRoy M. Ennis, of Philadelphia, Association president. Forty-five countries will be represented at the meeting, sponsored by the Federation Dentaire Internationale. More than 300 members of the dental profession from the United States are expected at the eight-day meeting. In addition to the 22 dentists appointed as A.D.A. representatives to the Congress, five Association members will serve on the executive council of the F.D.I. at the meeting, including Dr. Ennis, Dr. Daniel F. Lynch, of Washington, D. C., and Dr. Obed H. Moen, of Watertown, Wis., trustees; Dr. Oren A. Oliver, of Nashville, member of the Council on International Relations, and Dr. Harold Hillenbrand, of Chicago, A.D.A. secretary. The newly-appointed delegates are Dr. John R. Abel, of Beverly Hills, Cal.; Dr. Philip E. Adams, of Boston; Dr. William R. Alstadt, of Little Rock, Ark.; Dr. Don J. F. Aubertine, of San Francisco; Rear Adm. Alfred W. Chandler, of Washington, D. C.; Dr. Bruce D. Forsyth, of Boston; Dr. Howard B. Higgins, of Spartanburg, S. C.; Dr. Herbert J. Hoppe, of Cleveland; Dr. R. Fred Hunt, of Rocky Mount, N. C.; Dr. Andrew F. Jackson, of Philadelphia, and Col. Marvin E. Kennebeck, of Washington, D. C. Others are Dr. John W. Knutson, of Washington, D. C.; Dr. Frank Lamons, of Atlanta; Dr. Harry A. Mesjian, of Philadelphia; Dr. Walter J. Monia, of Beverly Hills, Cal.; Dr. Roger L. Offen, of Stamford, Conn.; Brig. Gen. Oscar P. Snyder, of Washington, D. C.; Dr. William Ward Tracy, of New York City; Dr. Stanley D. Tylman, of Chicago; Dr. Luis Coll Watlington, of Puerto Rico; Dr. Harry K. Willits, of Reading, Penn., and Dr. Neal L. Zimmerman, of Portland, Ore.

DR. THOMAS L. HAGAN APPOINTED DENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH CHIEF

Dr. Thomas L. Hagan has been appointed chief of the division of dental public health of the U. S. Public Health Service. Dr. Hagan, who was formerly assistant chief of the division and regional dental consultant, succeeds Dr. John W. Knutson, recently named chief dental officer of the Public Health Service. (See A.D.A. News Letter, June 16, 1952). In another shift, Dr. Frank E. Law, dental consultant for Regions 1 and 2 with headquarters at Boston, was transferred to the regional office in Washington to replace Dr. Hagan. Dr. Bruce D. Forsyth was recently assigned to Boston as regional dental officer and consultant after concluding a four-year tour of duty as chief dental officer of the Public Health Service.

COL. MARVIN KENNEBECK TAKES OFFICE AS CHIEF OF AIR FORCE DENTAL SERVICE

Col. Marvin E. Kennebeck today (July 1) succeeded his brother, Major Gen. George R. Kennebeck, as head of the U. S. Air Force dental service. Gen Kennebeck retired yesterday after 35 years of service in the armed forces. Col. Kennebeck, a graduate of the State University of Iowa, entered the armed forces in 1924. Until his present appointment, he was in command of dental services for the Air Force in Europe.

BRIEFS IN THE NEWS

Dr. Basil G. Bibby, director of the Eastman Dental Dispensary, Rochester, N. Y., has been appointed as one of the five civilian members of the new advisory group to the Armed Forces Medical Library in Washington, D. C....Because of unforeseen last-minute difficulties, the Irish Dental Association has cancelled its annual meeting set for July in Dublin....Under the auspices of the Unitarian Service Committee, Dr. Isaac Schour, associate dean in charge of postgraduate studies at the University of Illinois College of Dentistry, left last week for Israel to make arrangements for a contemplated dental mission to the country in 1953..."Interpreting Fluoridation Projects to the Community" will be one of the subjects at the 80th annual meeting of the American Public Health Association to be held Oct. 20-24 at Cleveland.