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MORE THAN 10,000 EXPECTED TO ATTEND 93RD ANNUAL SESSION OF A.D.A. OPENING SEPT. 8 -- MANY SPECIAL EVENTS PLANNED FOR ST. LOUIS MEETING

Dentists from all parts of the nation will be arriving in St. Louis next week for the 93rd annual session of the American Dental Association, opening Monday, Sept. 8. Advance reservations indicate an attendance of more than 10,000 at the four-day meeting, according to Dr. Henry F. Westhoff, of St. Louis, general chairman of local arrangements. The House of Delegates will meet at the Hotel Jefferson, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Monday (see below) and the scientific program will be at nearby Kiel Auditorium, starting at 10 a.m. Monday. Dr. LeRoy M. Ennis, of Philadelphia, A.D.A. president, will preside at the general meeting scheduled for 8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 9, in the Gold Room of the Jefferson. Harold E. Stassen, president of the University of Pennsylvania, will speak. The meeting is open to all individuals attending the annual session. Under the direction of Dr. William A. Garrett, of Atlanta, Ga., chairman of the A.D.A. Council on Scientific Session, an unusually comprehensive scientific program will be presented this year. Every phase of dentistry will be discussed by some 60 essayists at 11 separate scientific sections and, as an innovation, all scientific sections will be combined at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 10, for joint panel sessions on the use of antibiotics in dentistry and the role of oral focal infection. The scientific program will also include 15 color television clinics, a continuous program of 31 scientific films, some 200 table clinics and 50 scientific exhibits. Registration for convention visitors will begin at 10 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 7, in the ticket lobby of Kiel Auditorium and special registration for delegates and alternate delegates will open at 9 a.m. Sunday on the mezzanine of the Jefferson.

40 RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED FOR HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Dr. Harry Lyons, of Richmond, Va., speaker of the House of Delegates, will call the 381 delegates to order at 9:30 a.m. Monday, Sept. 8, in the Gold Room of the Jefferson. Following an invocation by the Most Rev. Charles H. Helmsing, auxiliary bishop of St. Louis, a welcome to the Association will be extended by Mayor Joseph M. Darst, of St. Louis, and Dr. Westhoff. The president's annual report will be presented by Dr. Ennis. Among other speakers at the opening session will be Maj. Gen. George E. Armstrong, surgeon-general of the Army, and Dr. Edward J. McCormick, of Toledo, president-elect of the American Medical Association. Three additional sessions of the House of Delegates have been scheduled -- for 1:30 p.m. Monday, 1:30 p.m. Wednesday and 1:30 p.m. Thursday. A number of major issues determining the course of dentistry next year will be considered, including the question of social security coverage for members of the dental profession and the impact of the military situation upon dentistry. To date, a total of 40 resolutions have been submitted to Dr. Harold Hillenbrand, of Chicago, A.D.A. secretary, for action by the House of Delegates. An open hearing on extension of the special dentist-physician draft act (Public Law 779) will be held at 3 p.m. Tuesday in the Jefferson's Gold Room under the auspices of the Special Committee on National Emergency Dental Service, headed by Dr. Ennis. All interested members of the Association are invited to attend. Chiefs of the military dental services and Defense Department and Selective Service officials will be present. Members of the House of Delegates will also select a meeting place for 1955. The 1953 annual session will be held in Cleveland, Sept. 28-Oct. 1, and the 1954 session has been scheduled for Miami, Nov. 8-11.

ANNUAL PRESIDENT'S DINNER IS ENTERTAINMENT HIGHLIGHT

The annual president's dinner in honor of Dr. Ennis on Wednesday evening, Sept. 10, in the Gold Room of the Hotel Jefferson will highlight the entertainment program. Another special feature will be a moonlight cruise on the Mississippi, sponsored by the host St. Louis Dental Society and planned for Monday, Sept. 8, aboard the S.S. Admiral. Dr. Philip G. Vierheller, of St. Louis, is the entertainment chairman. For women visitors, there will be a luncheon and style show on Tuesday, Sept. 9, at the Chase Club of the Hotel Chase. 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 (St. Louis), at the Hotel DeSoto, and an alumni breakfast has been planned for the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery at the Hotel Statler. Alumni of the Chicago College of Dental Surgery, Loyola University, will have a breakfast on Wednesday, Sept. 10, at the Jefferson. In addition to a number of individual fraternity events, a luncheon will be held by the Interfraternity Council on Monday, Sept. 8, at the Jefferson. On Tuesday, dentists of the Veterans Administration will have a luncheon at the Statler. Visitors will also take part in a number of radio and television programs and in civic programs in the city. The Kiwanis Club will hear Dr. Gerald D. Timmons, of Philadelphia, dean of the Temple University Dental School, on Thursday, Sept. 11. On the same day, Mr. James Robinson, of Los Angeles, executive secretary of the Southern California State Dental Association, will address the St. Louis Rotary Club. Dr. Alfred E. Seyler, director of the Children's Clinic at the University of Detroit School of Dentistry, will speak at a noon meeting of the St. Louis Optimists Club on Friday, Sept. 5. Special arrangements have also been made for sight-seeing tours.

PRE-SESSION CONFERENCES SCHEDULED FOR SEPT. 6 & 7

For the weekend preceding the opening of the annual session, a number of special events have been scheduled. On Saturday, Sept. 6, the American Association of Dental Editors will meet jointly with the A.D.A. Council on Journalism in Room One of the Hotel Jefferson with Dr. Dorothea F. Radusch, of Minneapolis, and Dr. Charles A. Wilkie, of Brooklyn, presiding. Among the speakers will be Dr. J. C. Almy Harding, editor of the Journal of the Southern California State Dental Association; Dr. Willard Ogle, secretary-editor of the Texas State Dental Association; Mr. Alfred Fleishman, public relations counselor; Mr. L. A. Batterson, sales manager of Von Hoffmann Press, and Dr. Ralph Rosen, editor of the St. Louis Dental Society Bulletin. On the same day, the A.D.A. Council on Dental Health will hold its third annual conference in the Crystal Room of the Jefferson. Fluoridation of public water supplies and postpayment and prepayment plans will be the principal subjects. The meeting is open to interested visitors. On Sunday, Sept. 7, the annual all-day conference of the State Dental Society Officers will take place in the Jefferson's Crystal Room, with Dr. Otto W. Brandhorst, of St. Louis, president-elect of the A.D.A., Dr. Ennis and Dr. W. Earle Craig, of Pittsburgh, 3rd District trustee, among the speakers. Presiding will be Dr. John B. Benediktson, of Oakland, Cal. Other speakers will include Dr. James E. Weedin, of St. Louis; Dr. Henry E. Kelly, of Cleveland; Dr. John Abel, of Beverly Hills, Cal.; Dr. John Frisch, of Madison, Wis.; Miss Helaine Levin, of Chicago; Mr. John Rooks, of San Francisco; Mr. James Robinson, of Los Angeles; Dr. Ralph H. Campbell, of Detroit; Dr. Russell W. Bunting, of Ann Arbor, Mich., and Dr. David E. Hunn, of Troy, N.Y. Also on Sunday, the A.D.A. Council on Scientific Session will have a breakfast with section officers at 8 a.m. at the Hotel Statler and the A.D.A. Council on Constitution and Bylaws will meet at 9 a.m. at the Jefferson.

MANY VISITORS FROM FOREIGN COUNTRIES TO BE AT MEETING

A number of international visitors are expected to take part in the annual session. They are: Dr. Juuso Kivimaki, of Helsinki, president of the Finnish Dental Society and dean of the dental school at the University of Finland; Dr. Michel Dechaume, of Paris, professor of clinical stomatology at the Faculty of Medicine in Paris; Dr. W. G. Cross, professor of periodontology and director of the Eastman Dental Hospital in London, and Miss E. Knowles, of the British Ministry of Health, London; Dr. Julio Nigaglioni, of San Juan, president of the Dental Society of Puerto Rico; Dr. A. D. Lazarus, of Tegucigalpa, president of the Honduras Dental Association; Dr. Hans R. Muhlemann, of Switzerland, lecturer at the University of Zurich, and Dr. Roman S. de Lascurain, president of the Mexican Dental Association, and Drs. Roberto Woodworth and C. J. Cornish, also of Mexico.

FORMAL NOTICES OF NEW ACCIDENT AND HEALTH INSURANCE POLICY WILL BE MAILED TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION NEXT WEEK

All Association members next week will receive an announcement giving complete details of a low-cost health and accident insurance policy providing cash disability payments up to \$400 a month. The insurance will be made available to members of the Association on an individual non-terminable basis. There will be a two-month's enrollment period. Announcement of the plan was made by Dr. Paul W. Zillmann, of Buffalo, chairman of the A.D.A. Council on Insurance, after its approval by the Association's Board of Trustees. (See A.D.A. News Letter, April 1, 1952.) The policy will be written through the National Casualty Company of Detroit. Dr. Zillmann emphasized that the new insurance, as approved, is not intended to conflict with insurance plans available through constituent and component societies. "It is not the intention to suggest the discontinuance of existing accident and health plans in any state or local dental society but rather to consider the American Dental Association policy as a basic plan to supplement other coverages already in force," he said.

RATES VARY BY AGE GROUPS, TOTAL AMOUNT OF COVERAGE

Semi-annual premium rates will vary by age groups and total amount of insurance protection. For the \$100 per month disability benefits plus

\$3,000 accidental death and \$5,000 dismemberment benefits, the semi-annual premiums will be \$16.05 up to age 50, \$18.30 for ages 51 to 60, and \$22.80 for ages 60 to 65. For the maximum \$400 disability benefits per month and \$20,000 dismemberment benefits, the semi-annual premium would range from \$58.35 for dentists under 50 years of age to \$85.35 for dentists between the ages of 60 to 65. Dr. Zillmann explained that one-half of the total number of Association members must agree to accept the policy before the insurance will become effective for the impaired risks. The company, however, already has policies in good standing for more than 10,000 dentists in the states of California, Utah, Nevada, New Jersey and New York. These will be counted in reaching the required 50 per cent participation among A.D.A. members.

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION NOT REQUIRED UNDER THE PLAN

Under the plan, total disability is defined as inability to practice the dental profession. No physical examination is required for the insurance and full benefits are paid regardless of other disability insurance. Once issued, the policy can be terminated only by non-payment of premium, by retirement from the dental profession, or by failure to retain membership in the A.D.A. Under the accident provisions, full monthly benefits are paid up to a limit of 60 months from the first day of disability. One-half the monthly benefit up to a limit of six months is paid for partial disability. Monthly benefit payments on total or partial disability combined are paid up to 60 months. Under the sickness clause, the individual can receive the full monthly benefit for total disability up to 24 months, commencing with the eighth day of disability. House confinement is not required. It was pointed out that although the age limit for acceptance of risks is the 65th birthday, there is no termination on age limit for renewal once the policy is issued.

NEW DENTAL DIRECTORY TO LIST 91,000 MEMBERS OF PROFESSION

An estimated 91,000 members of the dental profession in the United States and its territories will be listed in the 1953 edition of the American Dental Directory to be issued in December, 1952. The new publication, will be available at a special price of \$6 if ordered before Oct. 1. The price will be \$7.50 after Oct. 1. As in the previous edition, issued in 1950, names will be listed both alphabetically and by state and city, and additional information to be carried about each dentist will include the character of his practice, his school of dentistry, the year of his graduation and his membership or non-membership in the A.D.A. The new edition will also include a special reference section containing lists of state societies and officers; state boards of dental examiners, including licensure requirements; state dental directors; colleges of dentistry and dental hygiene; dental assistant and dental laboratory technician schools; specialty boards, and national dental associations of the world. Orders for the new directory should be placed with the A.D.A. Order Department, 222 E. Superior St., Chicago 11.

FLUORIDATION OF PUBLIC WATER SUPPLIES STARTED IN SAN FRANCISCO

Fluoridation of public water supplies was started Monday (Aug. 25) in San Francisco, the sixth largest metropolitan area in the United States. An estimated 80 per cent or 650,000 of the city's 800,000 population is being served by the procedure, which is directed at residential areas. Two special feeder plants have been constructed to treat 42 million gallons of the city's 83 million daily average water consumption with sodium silicofluoride. Most of the non-fluoridated water is used by industries. An estimated \$40,000 was spent for equipment. Inauguration of the program climaxed a campaign led by the California State Dental Association and the San Francisco Dental Society and followed a referendum on the measure held last November. At that time, the city voted 114,125 to 88,377 in favor of fluoridation. (See A.D.A. News Letter, Nov. 15, 1951). The San Francisco program is exceeded in size only by that in the District of Columbia, which provides fluoridated water for nearly 1 million persons. In another part of California, the city of Antioch with a population of 11,000 persons began fluoridation of its water supply Aug. 20. The cost of the installation was \$3,700. Two other California cities -- Rio Vista and Morgan Hill -- have placed the program in operation. Across the country on the east coast, the city of Providence, R.I., began the procedure Aug. 13, using sodium silicofluoride. The program also serves five nearby towns for a total population of nearly 400,000. The towns include Cranston, Warwick, Johnston, North Providence and Smithfield.

NEWBURGH-KINGSTON REPORT SHOWS NEW DROP IN CARIES

A new report was issued on the Newburgh-Kingston study. In Newburgh, N.Y., where fluoridation started in 1945, an over-all 47 per cent reduction in dental caries among elementary school children was found as compared with children in Kingston, N.Y., 30 miles away where the water is not fluoridated. Dr. Herman E. Hilleboe, state health commissioner, said that among children who had been given fluoridated water since birth, the reduction in tooth decay reached 66 per cent. Dr. Hilleboe emphasized that careful physical examinations during the study "reveal absolutely no harmful effects from drinking fluoridated water." In addition to Newburgh, more than 300,000 persons in 12 communities in New York state are served by fluoridated water, including Schenectady, New Rochelle, Bronxville, Pelham, Pelham Manor, North Pelham, Eastchester, Tuckahoe, Olean, Westfield, Carle Place and Gloversville. The program has been approved in 14 other cities and towns in the state. The Newburgh-Kingston report received widespread editorial comment. "No evidence has yet been forthcoming that the addition of fluoride in the proper amount does any harm," the New York Times said. "There is no doubt that the fluorides are toxic. So is common table salt in large amounts. It seems that the medical evidence is all in favor of fluoridation and that those who oppose it rely more on their natural conservatism than on direct clinical proof of harm." The New York Herald Tribune referred to a recommendation for fluoridation in a recent comprehensive report on the city's health department (see A.D.A. News Letter, April 15, 1952) and added that "it's high time for action."

NAVY DENTAL SERVICE MARKS 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF FOUNDING

The Navy Dental Corps marked the 40th anniversary of its founding last week. It was on Aug. 22, 1912, that Congress passed an Act authorizing the appointment of "not more than 30 assistant dental surgeons" to provide dental care for the Navy and Marine Corps. The Corps itself was officially designated as such in 1916. In the Korean war, awards have been conferred on 15 Navy dental officers serving with the Marines. Rear Adm. Daniel W. Ryan, chief of the Navy Dental Corps, has extended his "warmest congratulations and deep appreciation of their splendid performance of duty" to all Navy dental personnel.

DENTAL DIVISIONS TO TAKE PART IN ANNUAL MEDICO-MILITARY SYMPOSIUM

For the first time, the dental corps of the armed services will participate in the annual Medico-Military Symposium for the Armed Forces to be held this year from Oct. 20 through 25 at the U.S. Navy Hospital in Philadelphia. Capt. Clay A. Boland, head of the reserve branch of the Navy Dental Corps, will preside at the dental sessions the afternoons of Oct. 21 and 23. Essayists will include Dr. LeRoy M. Ennis, of Philadelphia, A.D.A. president; Col. Jack B. Caldwell, of Washington, D.C.; Cmdrs. John V. Niiranen and Robert A. Colby, both of Bethesda, Md.; Dr. James R. Cameron, of Philadelphia, and Dr. Herbert K. Cooper, of Lancaster, Penn.