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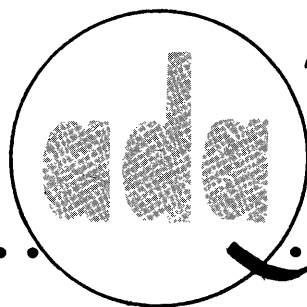
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# News Letter

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## CHARTER ENROLLMENT FOR NEW ACCIDENT AND HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM TO CONTINUE THROUGH OCTOBER; THOUSANDS OF APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

The charter enrollment period for the new A.D.A. accident and health insurance program will continue through October, Dr. Paul W. Zillmann, of Buffalo, N.Y., chairman of the A.D.A. Council on Insurance, pointed out this week. Since the insurance was first made available as a special service to Association members on Sept. 1, several thousand applications have been received. Under the plan, coverage is provided for all dentists regardless of past medical or insurance history up to the age of 65 provided 50 per cent of the A.D.A. membership makes application for the insurance. Impaired risks, that is those with an unfavorable medical or physical history, will be given policies as soon as 50 per cent of the A.D.A. membership is enrolled. Certificates of insurance to those who have already enrolled -- except the impaired risks -- will be issued shortly after Nov. 1, Dr. Zillmann said. The policies are being written by the National Casualty Company of Detroit.

### INSURANCE IS AVAILABLE AT CONSIDERABLE SAVING

"The program is made possible only through the purchasing power of the Association membership," Dr. Zillmann said. "The cost is very favorable, being from 35 to 50 per cent less than the cost for comparable coverage afforded on an individual basis." Dr. Zillmann pointed out that while new applications will not be accepted from A.D.A. members over 65 years of age, there is no age limit for renewals of those who purchase the insurance prior to the age of 65. Application blanks for the accident and health insurance policies have been mailed to each Association member. Additional application blanks may be obtained upon request to M. A. Gesner, Inc., 150 E. Superior St., Chicago 11, brokers for the National Casualty Company. Dr. Zillmann, who was appointed trustee for the insurance program after its approval by the A.D.A. Board of Trustees, emphasized that the plan was not in any way to be considered as a substitute for any existing program of any state or local society but rather as a basic plan to supplement other coverages. After the program is in effect, the insurance may only be terminated, Dr. Zillmann pointed out, if the insured member fails to keep up the required premium, if he ceases to be a member of the Association, if he retires from the dental profession or if the group policy is terminated. "The response has been gratifying," Dr. Zillmann said, "but more applications are needed so that the impaired risks among our membership may qualify for the disability plan."

## 429 COMMUNITIES NOW FLUORIDATING WATER SUPPLIES

An estimated 429 communities in 42 states and the District of Columbia are now fluoridating their water supplies. Nearly 300 additional communities have approved the measure and are making plans to place it in operation. Among large cities where fluoridation is in operation is Chattanooga, Tenn., which supplies water to five near-by communities, East Brainerd, East Ridge, Hixon, Lookout Mountain and Signal Mountain. Also supplied by the Chattanooga water system are more than 10,000 persons in Georgia, including the town of Rossville. Nearly 160,000 persons are served by this project. (Chattanooga is the 16th city of more than 100,000 persons to add fluorides to its water supply.) In Green Bay, Wis., which has a water supply with a natural fluorine content of 2.5 parts per million, a newly-proposed, expanded water system will include fluoridation. The expanded system would use water from Lake Michigan which is virtually fluoride-free.

## KELLOGG FOUNDATION AWARDS \$115,300 TO TWO SCHOOLS OF DENTISTRY

Two grants totaling \$115,300 for the improvement of dental education were announced last week by the W. K. Kellogg Foundation at Battle Creek, Mich., for three-year programs at the University of Michigan and the Medical College of Virginia. At Michigan, a grant of \$79,000 will be used by the school of dentistry to establish an experimental course for the training of dental teachers. The pioneer course will be built around a series of seminars in which the college of dentistry's faculty will be supplemented by guest teachers from other fields. The grant to the Medical College of Virginia, of \$36,300, will enable the institution's school of dentistry to develop a program of refresher courses for practicing dentists. The grant is part of a series for graduate and postgraduate dental education awarded by the Foundation since 1937 to nine dental schools in the United States and two in Canada. A total of \$687,000 has been awarded under this program.

## ADM. CHANDLER, CAPT. REHRAUER, GEN. HARPER RETIRE

The Army and Navy have announced the retirements of three top executives of the dental divisions. Rear Adm. A. W. Chandler, inspector general of the Navy dental division, retired today (Oct. 1) after more than 35 years of continuous duty. The Navy has also reported the retirement of Capt. Walter Rehrauer, deputy chief of the dental division, after 35 years of active duty. Rear Adm. Chandler, a former vice-president of the A.D.A., has served as chief of the dental division and assistant chief of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, the first dental officer to hold this position. In another announcement, the Navy reported the promotion of Capt. Ralph W. Malone to the rank of rear admiral. Rear Adm. Malone is now serving as commanding officer at the U. S. Naval Dental Clinic, Brooklyn, N. Y.

## NAME GEN. COWAN NEW ASSISTANT CHIEF OF ARMY DENTAL DIVISION

Brig. Gen. Neal A. Harper, assistant chief of the Army dental division, has retired from active duty. At the same time, the Army an-

nounced the promotion of Col. Egbert W. Cowan, Fifth Army dental surgeon, to the rank of brigadier general. Gen. Cowan will succeed Gen. Harper as assistant chief of the dental division. Gen. Harper, who received his Army commission in 1916, has served in the Panama Canal Zone, the Philippine Islands, Hawaii, China and Germany. He was awarded the Legion of Merit for his service during World War II.

## NEW \$1,215,000 DENTAL CLINIC AT SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA TO BE DEDICATED

The new \$1,215,000 clinic building of the School of Dentistry, University of Southern California in Los Angeles, will be dedicated Oct. 24. Climaxing the day-long ceremonies, Dr. Otto W. Brandhorst, president of the A.D.A. and dean of the School of Dentistry, Washington University, St. Louis, will be the speaker at a dinner in the Biltmore Hotel. His subject will be "In My Time." Marking the occasion, 15 clinics will be presented by the graduate faculty and students. Bronze plaques honoring 10 members of the profession will be presented with Dr. Leroy Knowles, of Los Angeles, presiding. Five of the men to be commemorated by the plaques are deceased. They are Dr. Guy Baird and Dr. Lewis E. Ford, formerly both of Los Angeles; Dr. C. N. Johnson and William H. Taggart, formerly both of Chicago, and Dr. Charles Woodbury, formerly of Shenandoah, Ia. The others to be honored are Dr. W. I. Ferrier and Dr. Ernest Jones, both of Seattle; Dr. George Hollenback, of Sherman Oaks, Cal.; Dr. B. B. McCollum, of Los Angeles, and Dr. James Prime, of Omaha. Dr. Robert W. McNulty is dean of the school.

## A.D.A. MEMBERS INVITED TO ITALIAN DENTAL CONGRESS IN ROME

"The advancement of dental prosthetics through the centuries" will be the subject of an exposition in Rome the latter part of October. The display will be part of the 27th annual meeting of the Italian Dental Association combined with the 1st triennial International Dental Prosthetic meeting. Members of the A.D.A. are invited to the combined congress which, in addition to discussions of prosthetics, will include such subjects as children's dental therapy, lesions of the soft tissues of the mouth and anesthesia. The secretary-general of the congress is Dr. Andrea K. Ovadia, whose address is Viale Regina Margherita N. 287 b, Rome.

## A.D.A. MEMBERSHIP REACHES RECORD HIGH OF 76,363

Total membership in the Association continued to increase during August, reaching 76,363 on Aug. 31, a record high for that date. The total represented an increase of 1,786 over the corresponding figure for last year. The number of active and life (fully privileged) members was 66,608 at the end of August, a gain of 1,365 over the 1951 figure. Membership in all other categories except affiliate (foreign) showed gains. The number of student A.D.A. members reached a new high of 9,522, an increase of 433. Membership in other categories was: affiliate, 217 (down 16); associate, 8 (up 2), and honorary, 8 (up 2). Total active memberships of constituent societies and the federal dental services follow:

	Aug. 31 1952	Aug. 31 1951		Aug. 31 1952	Aug. 31 1951
Alaska	34	31	New Jersey	2,676	2,682
Alabama	506	510	New Mexico	153	133
Arizona	192	177	New York	9,630	9,590
Arkansas	348	333	North Carolina	797	782
California	2,449	2,378	North Dakota	211	209
California, So.	3,004	2,886	Ohio	3,226	3,075
Colorado	563	567	Oklahoma	601	585
Connecticut	1,251	1,233	Oregon	773	743
Delaware	99	101	Panama	17	20
Dist. of Col.	530	521	Pennsylvania	4,294	4,249
Florida	822	767	Puerto Rico	122	119
Georgia	648	644	Rhode Island	346	347
Hawaii	242	250	South Carolina	250	243
Idaho	176	172	South Dakota	218	218
Illinois	4,670	4,632	Tennessee	798	742
Indiana	1,399	1,366	Texas	2,037	1,978
Iowa	1,081	1,084	Utah	279	301
Kansas	607	593	Vermont	105	119
Kentucky	679	682	Virginia	740	734
Louisiana	623	603	Washington	1,136	1,106
Maine	295	290	West Virginia	461	456
Maryland	704	675	Wisconsin	1,814	1,814
Massachusetts	2,315	2,292	Wyoming	112	108
Michigan	2,504	2,457	Air Force	406	354
Minnesota	1,854	1,858	Army	420	340
Mississippi	334	324	Navy	570	514
Missouri	1,637	1,634	P.H. Service	180	162
Montana	225	225	Vet. Admin.	609	639
Nebraska	703	706	Unorganized	10	11
Nevada	63	63			
New Hampshire	186	183	Totals	63,734	62,610

## 5TH ANNUAL NEW ORLEANS DENTAL CONFERENCE TO BE HELD NOV. 9 TO 11

Dentists from throughout the south and from Latin America are expected at the 5th annual New Orleans Dental Conference to be held Nov. 9-11 at the Roosevelt Hotel under the auspices of the New Orleans Dental Society. Dr. Leslie M. FitzGerald, of Dubuque, Ia., president-elect of the American Dental Association, will appear as a clinician in oral surgery. Other clinicians will include Dr. Vincent Trapozzano, of New Port Richey, Fla.; Dr. Ralph L. Ireland, of Lincoln, Neb.; Dr. Arthur J. Kershaw, Jr., of West Warwick, R.I.; Dr. Arvin W. Mann, of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and Dr. LaMar W. Harris, of Chicago. The chairman of the conference is Dr. J. Melville Smith, of New Orleans.

## ORAL SURGEONS TO MEET IN NEW ORLEANS OCT. 8-11

A report on the use of antihistamines in oral surgery will be presented during the scientific program of the 34th annual meeting of the American Society of Oral Surgeons to be held Oct. 8-11 at the Hotel Jung in New Orleans. Ten scientific papers and 24 clinics will be presented during the four-day meeting. Dr. W. T. Ewing, of Akron, Ohio, is president, and Dr. F. B. Hower, of Louisville, is secretary of the society.

## DR. GEORGE LONG, LOUISIANA DENTIST, NOMINATED FOR CONGRESS

Dr. George S. Long, a member of the Eighth District Dental Association, the Louisiana State Dental Society and the A.D.A., has won the Democratic nomination for U. S. representative from the Louisiana Eighth Congressional District. The Democratic nomination in Louisiana is equivalent to election. Dr. Long is the fourth member of his family to be elected to Congress. He is an uncle of U. S. Sen. Russell Long, junior senator from Louisiana.

## JOURNAL URGES CAUTION IN USE OF CHLOROMYCETIN

The Journal of the American Dental Association today warned dentists against indiscriminate use of chloromycetin (chloramphenicol). The drug, which had been suspected of causing blood disorders, was recently investigated by the Food and Drug Administration of the Federal Security Agency. The F.D.A. decided to permit continued distribution under revised labeling which cautions against indiscriminate use. "Until it has been demonstrated definitely that the use of chloramphenicol in the treatment of dental disorders has no deleterious systemic effect, most dentists wisely will use other drugs in the treatment of their patients," the Journal stated.

## ONE-THIRD OF DENTIFRICE SALES ARE NOW CHLOROPHYLL PRODUCTS

Chlorophyll dentifrices, which entered the national market in February, now account for one-third of the total dentifrice sales, according to a study reported in Tide magazine. At the same time, the article revealed, the dentifrice market has expanded from a total sales figure of \$6,215,000 in July, 1951, to a total of \$7,855,000 in July, 1952, an increase of 26 per cent.

## ASSOCIATION OF MILITARY SURGEONS TO HEAR DR. BRANDHORST, GEN. SYNDER

Dr. Otto W. Brandhorst, of St. Louis, president of the A.D.A., and Brig. Gen. Oscar P. Snyder, chief of the Army Dental Corps and former vice-president of the A.D.A., will address the 59th annual meeting of the Association of Military Surgeons to be held Nov. 17-19 at the Hotel Statler in Washington, D.C. Questions of reserve officers will be answered at a special symposium. Presiding will be Maj. Gen. Harry Armstrong, Army surgeon-general.

## BRIEFS IN THE NEWS

A hearing scheduled by the Federal Trade Commission Oct. 8 in Pittsburgh on its complaint against the American Association of Orthodontists has been postponed indefinitely... Whitaker and Baxter, the public relations firm which has directed the American Medical Association's campaign against compulsory health insurance since January, 1949, has resigned from the A.M.A. to work with the newly-organized National Professional Committee for Eisenhower and Nixon. Dr. Elmer L. Henderson, of Louisville, Ky., former A.M.A. president, is chairman. Dr. Clyde E. Minges, of Rocky Mount, N.C., former A.D.A. president, is a vice-chairman of the committee... Col. Sheldon S. Brownnton of the Air Force Medical Corps is new executive secretary of the Armed Forces Medical Policy Council, succeeding Navy Capt. Hilton W. Rose... The new chief of the division of dental health of the California State Health Department is Dr. Lloyd F. Richards, formerly with the Children's Fund of Michigan and the Public schools of Oakland, Cal... Dr. Frederick W. Herbine, of Reading, Penn., chairman of the A.D.A. Council on Dental Trade and Laboratory Relations, will be a speaker at a meeting of the National Association of Dental Laboratories Oct. 3-5 in Kansas City, Mo.