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FLUORIDATION OF PUBLIC WATER SUPPLIES IS STARTED IN PITTSBURGH -- CONGRESS OF PARENTS AND TEACHERS OPENS NATION-WIDE DRIVE FOR MEASURE

At the start of 1953, the fluoridation of public water supplies was in operation in a total of 586 communities throughout the nation. Newest among the larger cities now fluoridating their water supplies is Pittsburgh, the nation's 12th largest city, where the public health measure was started in late December. Meanwhile, the fluoridation process received new endorsements. The National Congress of Parents and Teachers has announced the launching of a nation-wide campaign in support of fluoridation as a means of preventing dental decay among children. The health measure was also "strongly endorsed" by the dental section of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

PROGRAM COVERS 700,000 PERSONS IN PITTSBURGH

700,000 residents of the city and about 200,000 residents of its suburbs. Operation of the fluoridation program was formally announced by Major David L. Lawrence of Pittsburgh on Dec. 27, a week after the addition of fluoride ions to local water supplies had been started. Fluoridation of Pittsburgh water was authorized by the city council initially in 1950. Placing of the program in operation climaxed a long campaign carried out by the Odontological Society of Western Pennsylvania. The society urged the appointment of a five-man advisory committee on the measure to the department of health. The members, all dentists, included Dr. Lawrence E. Van Kirk, dean of the School of Dentistry, University of Pittsburgh, as chairman, and Dr. W. Earle Craig, A.D.A. trustee; Dr. W. D. McClelland, Dr. Milton E. Nicholson and Dr. Isaac Sissman. Serving as advisor to the committee was Dr. Gerald Cox of the University of Pittsburgh. It was this committee that spearheaded the campaign and was responsible later for the appointment of a citizens' committee of civic leaders. Pittsburgh is the third largest urban area where fluoridation is now in operation. The largest area now fluoridating its water supplies is Baltimore with a population of 1,180,000. The Washington, D.C., area, with a population of approximately 1,000,000, is second.

In the Pittsburgh area, more than 700,000 persons are being served in the new fluoridation program. These include about 500,000 of the

P.T.A.'S ARE URGED TO SEEK DENTAL SOCIETY COOPERATION

making this health measure available to children in their communities." Dr. Henry F. Helmholz, national chairman of the organization's committee on health, has called upon constituent and component dental societies to cooperate with P.T.A. groups in supporting campaigns for the measure. In furtherance of the program, the National Congress has prepared a packet of material on the subject, including A.D.A. pamphlets, an article by Dr. Helmholz on "The Facts About Fluoridated Water and Tooth Decay" reprinted from the December issue of the National Parent-Teacher Magazine and suggestions for carrying out a campaign on a local level. Meanwhile, at

The action of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers followed a resolution to encourage local P.T.A. groups "to interest themselves in

the meeting of the American Association for the Advance of Science, the dental section adopted a resolution which "strongly endorsed the fluoridation of city water supplies as a partial preventive of decay of the teeth of children and recommended that all cities and communities having a central water supply adopt this health measure." The secretary of the section is Dr. Russell W. Bunting, of Ann Arbor, Mich.

SEVERAL SCORE HEALTH BILLS ARE INTRODUCED IN CONGRESS-- PRESIDENT TRUMAN URGES APPROVAL OF GRANTS-IN-AID PROGRAM

Although several score bills relating to health have been introduced in the Senate and House of Representatives, the new Congress was marking time this week awaiting the inauguration of President-elect Eisenhower. The general attitude of legislators was to wait and see what the new President would recommend. Last week, legislators received a message from President Truman endorsing the federal grants-in-aid proposals of the Magnuson Commission. President Truman also submitted a budget of \$78.6 billions for the new fiscal year. Included were recommendations for approximately \$2.7 billion for health and welfare activities, approximately the same amount as was appropriated for this purpose last year. Among bills introduced in Congress was a measure calling for administrative revision of the Army Dental Corps, introduced by Rep. Rivers (D., S.C.), and several proposals that dentists and other self-employed persons be permitted to set aside prior to taxes a portion of their earned income for a voluntary old age pension program. These bills were identical to measures which had been pending in the old Congress.

SECOND APPEAL FOR RELIEF FUND TO BE MAILED NEXT WEEK

A second request for contributions to the A.D.A. Relief Fund will be mailed to all A.D.A. members next week in an effort to bring total donations up to the \$100,000 goal established for the 1952-53 fund drive. The second appeal will be sent to all members, including the many thousands of dentists who have already sent in a contribution. This procedure is followed because it is less expensive to mail reminders to the entire membership than it would be to separate the names of those who have already contributed. This point is carefully explained in the second mailing. Contributions up to Jan. 1 totalled \$71,311.28, a gain of \$1,377 over the total for the corresponding date a year ago. Total contributions by constituent societies are listed on the attached mimeographed sheet.

DENTIST'S HEALTH TO BE TOPIC AT GREATER PHILADELPHIA ANNUAL MEETING

A public health forum and a symposium on "General Health of the Dentist" will be presented at the Greater Philadelphia Annual Meeting to be held Feb. 4-6 at the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel by the Greater Philadelphia County Dental Society. There will also be a number of essayists, nine registered clinics, a series of table clinics and visual education exhibits at the three-day meeting. The society will have its annual dinner Thursday, Feb. 5, and greetings will be extended by Dr. Otto W. Brandhorst, of St. Louis, A.D.A. president. The principal speaker will be Conn McCole, former mayor of Wilkes-Barre, Pa. In charge of the scientific program for the meeting is Dr. Joseph V. Masino.

ELECT DR. HILLENBRAND SECRETARY OF INTER-ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Dr. Harold Hillenbrand, of Chicago, Association secretary, was elected secretary of the Inter-Association Committee on Health at its opening 1953 meeting on Jan. 10 in New York City. Dr. Hillenbrand will serve the six-member agency the current calendar year. The organization is made up of the nation's leading health and welfare agencies. In addition to the A.D.A., it includes the American Medical Association, the American Hospital Association, American Nurses' Association, American Public Health Association and American Public Welfare Association. A.D.A. representatives in the organization, in addition to Dr. Hillenbrand, are Dr. Otto W. Brandhorst, of St. Louis, president; Dr. Percy T. Phillips, of New York, trustee, and Dr. Kenneth A. Easlick, of Ann Arbor, Mich., member of the Council on Dental Health.

WYOMING IS LATEST STATE TO EXCEED RELIEF FUND QUOTA --
CONTRIBUTIONS REACH NATION-WIDE TOTAL OF \$71,311

Wyoming exceeded its quota during the second half of December to become the sixth state in the nation to pass the 100 per cent mark in the current A.D.A. Relief Fund campaign. Additional contributions received from Wyoming dentists sent their total to 104.1 per cent of the quota for the state. Alaska continued to lead the entire nation with contributions of 300 per cent of its quota. Alabama was second with 223.9 per cent. Others already over their quotas are Montana, North Dakota and Oklahoma. Six constituent societies were over the 90 per cent mark on Dec. 31. They are Florida, Hawaii, Nebraska, Nevada, Washington and West Virginia. At the year's end, the total contributions were \$71,311.28, a gain of \$1,377 over the total for the same date a year ago. The mailing of a second appeal for contributions scheduled for next week, is expected to boost contributions to campaign quota of \$100,000. Contributions by constituent societies follow:

	<u>1952-53</u> <u>QUOTAS</u>	<u>CONTRI-</u> <u>BUTIONS</u>	<u>PCT</u>		<u>1952-53</u> <u>QUOTAS</u>	<u>CONTRI-</u> <u>BUTIONS</u>	<u>PCT</u>
Air Force	\$ 560.00	\$ 287.00	51.3	Nebraska	\$1,090.00	\$1,047.50	96.1
Alabama	770.00	1,723.89	223.9	Nevada	100.00	93.00	93.0
Alaska	50.00	150.00	300.0	New Hampshire	290.00	251.00	86.6
Arizona	270.00	83.00	30.7	New Jersey	4,140.00	3,200.00	77.3
Arkansas	530.00	433.65	81.8	New Mexico	220.00	197.50	89.8
Army	540.00	326.22	60.4	New York	15,220.00	8,123.50	53.4
California	3,620.00	2,830.50	78.2	North Carolina	1,240.00	721.25	58.2
California So.	4,460.00	2,807.40	62.9	North Dakota	350.00	452.55	129.3
Colorado	960.00	500.00	52.1	Ohio	4,970.00	3,666.30	73.8
Connecticut	1,950.00	1,504.00	77.1	Oklahoma	900.00	1,007.00	111.9
Delaware	150.00	111.00	74.0	Oregon	1,180.00	1,031.00	87.4
District of Col.	860.00	690.00	80.2	Panama C.Z.	30.00	5.00	16.7
Florida	1,220.00	1,162.00	95.2	Pennsylvania	6,970.00	4,363.94	62.6
Georgia	1,070.00	667.50	62.4	P.H. Service	270.00	119.00	44.1
Hawaii	370.00	335.00	90.5	Puerto Rico	190.00	103.00	54.2
Idaho	260.00	216.00	83.1	Rhode Island	570.00	297.00	52.1
Illinois	7,570.00	5,982.50	79.0	South Carolina	400.00	239.00	59.8
Indiana	2,240.00	1,955.00	87.3	South Dakota	340.00	187.00	55.0
Iowa	1,880.00	1,183.50	63.0	Tennessee	1,150.00	455.50	39.6
Kansas	990.00	789.46	79.7	Texas	3,050.00	1,580.50	51.8
Kentucky	1,080.00	459.50	42.5	Utah	480.00	301.00	62.7
Louisiana	990.00	580.60	58.6	Vermont	190.00	115.00	60.5
Maine	450.00	294.00	65.3	Vet. Admin.	960.00	298.00	31.0
Maryland	1,080.00	824.00	76.3	Virginia	1,140.00	822.50	72.1
Massachusetts	3,810.00	2,857.67	75.0	Washington	1,780.00	1,634.00	91.8
Michigan	3,990.00	3,172.65	79.5	West Virginia	720.00	648.50	90.1
Minnesota	2,970.00	2,139.00	72.0	Wisconsin	2,930.00	1,986.50	67.8
Mississippi	520.00	379.70	73.0	Wyoming	160.00	166.50	104.1
Missouri	2,590.00	2,164.00	83.6	Students		765.00	
Montana	380.00	456.50	120.1	Miscellaneous		14.00	
Navy	790.00	354.50	44.9				
					\$100,000.00	\$71,311.28	71.3

MEMBERSHIP IN A.D.A. REACHES NEW RECORD OF 77,722 FOR 1952

Total membership in the A.D.A. reached an all-time high of 77,722 on Dec. 31, 1952. The membership compared with 76,240 for 1951 and the previous high of 77,099 for 1950. The number of fully-privileged members (active and life) was 67,955 at the end of 1952, an increase of 860 over the corresponding total for 1951. The number of active members in 1952 was 65,085 as compared with 64,225 for 1951 and the number of life members in 1952 was 2,870 as compared with 2,661 for 1951. During the year, 36 constituent and territorial societies

SECRETARIES OF CONSTITUENT SOCIETIES are urged to forward 1953 dues as promptly as possible to the A.D.A. Under an amendment to the By-laws adopted by the House of Delegates at the St. Louis annual session, any member of the Association whose dues have not been received by March 31 will cease to be a member in good standing. It was pointed out that failure to meet the deadline might jeopardize insurance policies dependent upon continuous membership. Subscriptions to The Journal of the American Dental Association and other membership privileges will also be terminated for individuals whose dues are not received by March 31.

and three federal services reported an increase in their total membership while 16 state and territorial societies and two federal services reported losses. Two constituent societies retained the same total membership. Student membership last year soared to a new record of 9,527 members as compared with 9,099 for 1951 and 8,450 for 1950. Total membership also included 222 affiliate members, nine associate members and nine honorary members. Total active members of societies for 1952 and 1951 follow:

	1952	1951		1952	1951
Alaska	34	31	New Jersey	2,702	2,698
Alabama	514	516	New Mexico	155	138
Arizona	192	183	New York	10,146	9,935
Arkansas	348	333	North Carolina	815	804
California	2,455	2,384	North Dakota	212	214
California, So.	3,008	2,887	Ohio	3,250	3,168
Colorado	567	574	Oklahoma	601	588
Connecticut	1,264	1,242	Oregon	776	752
Delaware	105	103	Panama	17	21
District of Col.	535	526	Pennsylvania	4,431	4,469
Florida	843	802	Puerto Rico	132	126
Georgia	664	675	Rhode Island	362	353
Hawaii	243	250	South Carolina	260	252
Idaho	176	172	South Dakota	219	219
Illinois	4,706	4,695	Tennessee	808	755
Indiana	1,413	1,385	Texas	2,054	2,012
Iowa	1,108	1,122	Utah	288	303
Kansas	636	620	Vermont	117	121
Kentucky	687	690	Virginia	767	763
Louisiana	657	637	Washington	1,150	1,136
Maine	297	297	West Virginia	478	456
Maryland	707	704	Wisconsin	1,824	1,845
Massachusetts	2,406	2,399	Wyoming	127	108
Michigan	2,555	2,547	Air Force	411	378
Minnesota	1,868	1,890	Army	427	357
Mississippi	335	327	Navy	572	534
Missouri	1,667	1,701	P. H. Service	179	181
Montana	230	235	Vet. Admin.	617	646
Nebraska	704	708	Unorganized	10	12
Nevada	64	63			
New Hampshire	190	183	Totals	65,085	64,225

DEFENSE DEPARTMENT ISSUES CALL FOR 258 DENTISTS FOR MARCH INDUCTION

The Department of Defense yesterday (Jan. 14) issued a call for 258 dentists and 471 physicians for induction in March. Of the total, 213 dental officers are for the Army and 45 for the Air Force. The Defense Department said the March call raises to 2,181 the number of dentists requested for Selective Service since July, 1951.

NUMBER OF DELEGATES FOR 1953 NOW BASED ON SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP FOR 1952

The number of delegates to which a constituent society is entitled for the 1953 annual session can now be determined by the status of the society's membership at the end of 1952. Under an amendment to the By-laws adopted at the St. Louis meeting, the total of delegates depends upon the number of fully-privileged members in a state society at the end of the calendar year. Hitherto, the number of delegates has been based on the number of members in good standing at the opening of the annual sessions. It was pointed out that under the new provision, societies will be enabled to choose all their delegates and alternate delegates soon after the first of the year. The new total for the House of Delegates in 1953 will be 394 as compared with 383 for 1952. Societies will be officially notified shortly of the number of delegates to which each is entitled under the 1952 membership figures. All societies are urged to name their delegates as soon as possible.

CHICAGO DENTAL SOCIETY TO HOLD 88TH MIDWINTER MEETING FEB. 8-11

Dr. Kenneth McFarland, of Topeka Kansas, educational consultant for General Motors Corporation and guest lecturer for Readers Digest, will share the platform with Dr. Otto W. Brandhorst, of St. Louis, A.D.A. president, at the opening general session on Feb. 9 of the 88th Midwinter Meeting of the Chicago Dental Society. The meeting will be held Feb. 8-11 at the Conrad Hilton Hotel. The scientific program for the four-day meeting will include 49 essayists, 58 limited attendance clinics, a number of scientific exhibits, health and educational exhibits and motion pictures. The general chairman for the Midwinter Meeting is Dr. Robert J. Pollock.

HOWARD GREENBLATT NAMED ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF COUNCIL ON LEGISLATION

The appointment of Mr. Howard N. Greenblatt, of Chicago, as assistant secretary of the A.D.A. Council on Legislation, effective Feb. 1, was announced this week by Dr. Harold Hillenbrand, Association secretary. Mr. Greenblatt, who holds business and law degrees from Northwestern University, has been a member of the legal staff of the Office of Price Stabilization in both Chicago and Washington. Previously he engaged in the private practice of law and served as assistant to the vice-president of Hart, Schaffner and Marx. In his new position, Mr. Greenblatt will work under the direction of Mr. Francis J. Garvey, secretary of the Council.

NEW YORK STATE SEEKS DENTAL RESEARCH DIRECTOR

A nation-wide examination will be given March 14 by the New York State Department of Health for the position of associate dentist (research) with a salary of \$6,801 to \$8,231. The individual will direct a field program of dental epidemiological studies and dental research projects. Interested persons should communicate with Mr. Richard H. Mattox, Office of Personnel Administration, State Office Building, Albany. The deadline for filing an application is Feb. 6.

BRIEFS IN THE NEWS

The New Jersey State Dental Society has adopted a resolution proposing that the dental services given to schools by the Bureau of Dental Health of the State Department of Health be limited to those schools "which do not sell or make available refined carbohydrates to their children, and to those schools which indicate willingness to discontinue to do so."..."Underwater Agent H2O" is the title of a newly-issued comic book in the "Daredevil Davey" series. Single copies may be obtained free upon request from the A.D.A. Order Department...Under the auspices of the dental service of the Veterans Administration hospital at Tuskegee, Ala., a seminar on postgraduate professional education and research in the dental, medical and allied sciences will be held Jan. 30.