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94th ANNUAL SESSION - CLEVELAND, OHIO - Sept. 28 to Oct. 1



# News Letter

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## NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER TO ADDRESS A.D.A. AT GENERAL SESSION IN CLEVELAND; LIMITED NUMBER OF HOTEL RESERVATIONS STILL AVAILABLE FOR ANNUAL MEETING

Nelson A. Rockefeller, first undersecretary of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, will be one of the principal speakers at the 94th annual session of the Association to be held Sept. 28 through Oct. 1 in Cleveland. Mr. Rockefeller will address the Association's general meeting Tuesday evening, Sept. 29, in the Hotel Statler where the House of Delegates and Board of Trustees will also hold sessions. The meeting is open without charge to all A.D.A. visitors and their guests. Announcement of Mr. Rockefeller's appearance was made by Dr. Otto W. Brandhorst, of St. Louis, Association president. As an innovation this year at the general meeting, Dr. Brandhorst will install his successor, Dr. Leslie M. FitzGerald, of Dubuque, Ia., as president of the Association for the forthcoming year. Previously installation ceremonies have all been held the closing afternoon of the session. Mr. Rockefeller has had a

A LIMITED NUMBER of very desirable accommodations in excellent outlying hotels is still available for the 94th annual session of the A.D.A. in Cleveland, Sept. 28-Oct. 1. There are excellent transportation facilities. Applications for hotel reservations should be sent immediately to the A.D.A. Housing Bureau, 511 Terminal Tower, Cleveland 13. The application form is in The Journal of the American Dental Association. Because of the heavy demand for accommodations at the Cleveland meeting, all persons who have confirmed reservations and now find they cannot attend are strongly urged to report their change of plans promptly to the Housing Bureau.

long and distinguished career of public service. Prior to being sworn in as undersecretary of the new cabinet-ranking department on June 11, he had served as chairman of the President's Advisory Commission on Organization of the Federal Government. He performed previous government service from 1940 to 1944 as head of the Office of Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs and in 1944-45 as assistant secretary of state for Latin American affairs. In 1950, Mr. Rockefeller was chairman of the International Development Advisory Board (Point 4 program). Born in 1908, Mr. Rockefeller was graduated from Dartmouth College and holds an honorary M.A. degree and two honorary LL.D. degrees.

### PROGRAM COMPLETED FOR ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF STATE OFFICERS

of the Statler. The morning session will be highlighted by a panel discussion on "Need for Modern By-laws for Dental Societies," a talk on "The Dental Program of the Veterans Administration," and an address on "Investing Surplus and Relief Funds of Dental Associations." Dr. Warren Guthrie, professor of speech at Western Reserve University, will be the luncheon speaker. A panel discussion on "Insurance Programs for Dental Societies" will open the afternoon program. There will also be brief talks on "Keeping the Membership Informed," "The Place of Grievance Committees in the Handling of Complaints" and "A Program for a State Society with a Relatively Small Membership." The president of the conference is Dr. Earle S. Arnold, of West Hartford, Conn.; the vice-president is Dr. Donald R. Mackay, of St. Paul, Minn., and the secretary is Dr. Wayne L. McCulley, of Cleveland, Tenn.

As a forerunner to the four-day meeting, the annual State Society Officers Conference will be held all day Sunday, Sept. 27, in the Euclid Room

## IMPACT OF KOREAN TRUCE UPON MILITARY MANPOWER STRENGTH UNCERTAIN

The impact of the Korean truce upon calls for military manpower could not be immediately determined last week. Secretary of Defense Wilson indicated that there would probably be a slight reduction in over-all strength of the armed forces. Indications were that if the reduction were placed in effect, the total number of dental officers required on active duty could be cut by about 100.

## BILLS PRESSED TO REMOVE RESTRICTIONS ON V.A. OUTPATIENT DENTAL PROGRAM

A last-minute effort was being made on both sides of Capitol Hill last week to liberalize the provisions of the "hometown" dental program of the Veterans Administration for the next 12 months. In the new V. A. appropriations bill cleared by Congress, the outpatient dental program is sharply curtailed in a rider attached to the measure. To offset the effect of the rider, bills were introduced by Sen. Hunt (D., Wyo.) and Rep. Rogers (R., Mass.) to assure dental care for veterans for whom treatment has already been authorized. Under the rider's restrictions, nearly 300,000 veterans who have been cleared for dental treatment would have to have their cases readjudicated. In another bill presented by Rep. Frelinghuysen (R., N. J.), Spanish-American War veterans would be specifically exempt from provisions of the rider and could continue to be eligible for dental care. The Frelinghuysen bill would also remove restrictions on dental care for disabled veterans in the federal vocational rehabilitation program. As the appropriations measure now stands, actual proof of service-connection is required of all applicants for dental care under the "hometown" program. Meanwhile, the new head of the Veterans Administration was sworn into office last week. He is Harvey V. Higley, of Marinette, Wis., chairman of the board of the Ansul Chemical Co., succeeding Carl R. Gray, Jr.

## DR. CHESTER S. KEEFER NOMINATED AS SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO MRS. HOBBY

President Eisenhower last Thursday nominated Dr. Chester S. Keefer, of Boston, as special assistant for health and medical affairs to Secretary Hobby of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. Dr. Keefer is a specialist in internal medicine. He is professor of medicine at Boston University School of Medicine and physician in chief at Massachusetts Memorial Hospital. Dr. Keefer is also a member of the executive committee, division of medical sciences, of the National Research Council. The new post, unfilled since its creation last April, carries the responsibility to "review the health and medical programs of the department" and to advise the secretary on improvement of programs and on legislation.

## DR. H. TRENDLEY DEAN BEGINS DUTIES WITH COUNCIL ON DENTAL RESEARCH

Dr. H. Trendley Dean, former director of the National Institute for Dental Research, took up his new post last week as secretary of the A.D.A. Council on Dental Research. Earlier, a tribute to Dr. Dean was given on the floor of Congress by Rep. Price (D., Ill.) who described the dental scientist's basic research in fluorides as "a notable achievement marking a major public health advance against the most prevalent chronic disease that afflicts man." Rep. Price noted that Dr. Dean's research had not been confined to fluorides. "He has worked tirelessly to stimulate deeper awareness of the need for biological research in dentistry and the urgency for integrating dental research with the efforts of workers in the basic sciences," the congressman said.

## DEAN FRANK INSKIPP OF COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS DIES AT 49

Dr. E. Frank Inskipp, dean of the School of Dentistry, College of Physicians and Surgeons, died July 15 in San Francisco. He was 49 years old. Death was attributed to virus pneumonia. Dr. Inskipp, who succeeded the late Dr. Ernest G. Sloman as dean of the school in November, 1952, was secretary of the faculty for 14 years and had been registrar of the college and professor of operative dentistry. He was a former president of the American Association of Dental Editors, a contributing editor of the Journal of the American College of Dentists and editor of Contact Point, a publication of the school. Dr. Inskipp had also headed the San Francisco Dental Society. He was the co-author of a textbook on operative dentistry.

## **SURVIVORS OF DENTISTS IN ARMED FORCES MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR BENEFITS**

The Council on Federal Dental Services has called attention to the fact that many families of dentists may not be aware that they are eligible as beneficiaries under the Old Age and Survivor's Insurance program of the Social Security Act. They are families of dentists who died while serving in the armed forces or since that time. In a memorandum to state and component officers this week, the Council suggested "that a genuine service could be done for the families of these deceased dentists by seeking them out and informing them that they may be eligible under the law for monthly benefits or lump sum death benefits or both." Included as beneficiaries under the law are widows, children under 18 and dependent parents over 65. The law applies to dependents of all servicemen who were on active duty in the armed forces any-time after Sept. 16, 1940. The Council suggested that component societies because of their closeness to members may wish to canvass their areas to learn the present residence of survivors who should be advised to call in person at the nearest Social Security office. The memorandum stressed that no benefits are issued without making application for them.

## **FLUORIDATION BEGINS IN MILWAUKEE; CITY COUNCIL SEEKS TO HALT PROGRAM**

Fluoridation of public water supplies began July 22 in Milwaukee, serving an estimated 732,800 people in the city and in five suburbs. Last Tuesday, six days after the program was started, the city's Common Council voted 15 to 12 to halt the operation. The immediate fate of the program lay with Mayor Frank T. Zeidler who could sign the council resolution or could veto it. A two-thirds vote would be required to over-ride a veto. The Common Council action took place in the face of a decisive vote in favor of the measure in a referendum held last April. The city voted 93,000 to 58,000 to adopt the program. The resolution approved by the Common Council directs the city's water superintendent not to proceed with the program until the Medical Society of Milwaukee County "has reported its opinion to the Common Council." Deliberately ignored by the council was the fact that the medical society's board of directors had already voted an unqualified endorsement of the program and had officially informed the council of its action. The resolution also directs that a questionnaire containing 27 technical questions be mailed to each member of the medical society.

### **ENQUIRER ARTICLES ARE AVAILABLE ON REQUEST**

Reprints of an excellent series of seven articles on fluoridation that appeared in the Cincinnati Enquirer are available without charge upon request to the A.D.A. Bureau of Public Information, 222 E. Superior St., Chicago 11. The articles have been assembled in booklet form by the Public Health Federation of Cincinnati and are entitled "The Truth About Fluoridation." A copy of the booklet is enclosed with this issue of the A.D.A. News Letter. The articles were written by Al Schottelkotte of the Enquirer staff.

### **SIX MORE STATE SOCIETIES RE-AFFIRM FLUORIDATION**

Meanwhile, six additional state dental societies at their annual meetings reaffirmed their original endorsement of the fluoridation program. Resolutions urging widespread adoption of the procedure in their respective states were approved by state societies of Connecticut, Louisiana, Nevada, New Hampshire, North Dakota and Washington.

## **DR. MYRON S. AISENBERG APPOINTED ACTING DEAN AT BALTIMORE**

Dr. Myron S. Aisenberg has been named acting dean of the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery, University of Maryland. Dr. Aisenberg, who has been a member of the faculty since his graduation from the school in 1922, succeeds Dr. J. Ben Robinson, now dean of the School of Dentistry, University of West Virginia. Dr. Aisenberg has been a professor of pathology since 1940. He is president-elect of the American Academy of Oral Pathology and an honorary member of the Baltimore City and Maryland State Medical Pathology societies.

## **KELLOGG FOUNDATION MAKES GRANTS FOR DENTAL TEACHING CONFERENCES**

Grants totalling \$3,000 to finance the basic expenses of a series of three annual conferences on the teaching of dentistry have been made by the W. K. Kellogg Foundation, of Battle Creek, Mich. The first of the three-day summer series, designed for faculty members of approximately 13 dental schools of the eastern United States, was held in June at the University of Pennsylvania. The second and third conferences will be at Columbia University and the Medical College of Virginia, respectively, in the summers of 1954 and 1955.

## **PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE ANNOUNCES TRANSFERS OF DENTAL OFFICERS**

A number of shifts of dental officers in the U. S. Public Health Service has been announced. Dr. Donald J. Galagan, regional dental consultant in San Francisco, has been named assistant chief of the division of dental public health in Washington, D. C. He succeeds Dr. George E. Waterman, who has been named chief dental officer in the U. S. Coast Guard. Transferred from the Coast Guard is Dr. James E. Miller, who becomes chief dental officer in Buffalo, Dr. George A. Nevitt, regional dental consultant in Kansas City, Mo., has been moved to San Francisco and his office has been filled by Dr. Charles J. Gillooly, who recently completed public health training at Johns Hopkins University. The chief dental officer of the Public Health Service is Dr. John W. Knutson.

## **CHARLOTTE, N. C., REPORTS SATISFACTION WITH DENTAL SERVICES**

The majority of the residents of the Charlotte, N. C., area have no difficulty in securing the services of a dentist and believe that dentists' charges are fair, according to a recent survey in Charlotte and surrounding Mecklenburg County. The survey covered a cross section of the county in 500 personal interviews. No difficulty in obtaining dental services was reported by 86 per cent of those interviewed, while 64 per cent said dental charges were fair. Dr. Zebulon V. Kendrick, Jr., of Charlotte, represented the Second District Dental Society on the study committee, which was organized in 1951 by the Mecklenburg County Medical Society to determine facts about dental and medical care in the area. The committee included dentists, physicians, nurses and officials of public health departments and hospitals.

## **NEW STATE DENTAL DIRECTORS NAMED FOR INDIANA AND MISSISSIPPI**

Announcement of the appointment of two new state dental directors has been made. In Indiana, Dr. Charles L. Howell, of Indianapolis, has become director of the division of dental health of the Indiana State Board of Health. He succeeds Dr. Roy D. Smiley, of Indianapolis, who will remain as dental consultant. In Mississippi, Dr. John W. Stone, of Springfield, Mo., has been named supervisor of public health dentistry. He succeeds Miss Gladys Eyrich, a pioneer in dental public health who served with the title of supervisor of mouth health for 28 years.

## **C. J. CUMMISKEY NAMED HEAD OF DIVISION OF EDUCATIONAL MEASUREMENTS**

Mr. Cletus J. Cummiskey, of Minneapolis, has been appointed director of the Division of Educational Measurements of the A.D.A. Council on Dental Education, it was announced last week by Dr. Harold Hillenbrand, A.D.A. secretary. Mr. Cummiskey succeeds Mr. Reginald H. Sullens, who is assistant secretary of the Council. A graduate of the State Teachers College at Mankato, Minn., Mr. Cummiskey holds an M.A. degree from the University of Minnesota, where he is completing work for a Ph.D. degree in educational psychology. In his new position, Mr. Cummiskey will be concerned with the Council's dental aptitude testing program and with surveys and statistical reports under the direction of Dr. Shailer Peterson, Council secretary.

## **BRIEFS IN THE NEWS**

The spotlight was focused on dental health last Saturday in Peoria, Ill., when white-aproned members of the Exchange Club dispensed toothbrushes in downtown corners of the city. The event was widely publicized as "Toothbrush Day." The city's underprivileged children benefited from the contributions....Dr. Francis A. Arnold Jr., director of the National Institute for Dental Research, has been elected to membership in the American Epidemiological Society and the Washington Academy of Science....The index to volume 46 of The A.D.A. Journal, covering issues from January through June of this year, can be obtained upon request to the A.D.A. Subscription Department, 222 E. Superior St., Chicago 11....Intensive week-end post-graduate courses will be offered by the educational commission of the Detroit District Dental Society, beginning next October....Dr. L. J. Godden, of London, is the new editor of the British Dental Journal. He has been editor of the Dental Record....Dental textbooks valued at \$900 have been shipped to the College of Dentistry of Seoul National University in Korea through CARE....The first president of the National Dental Examining Board of Canada is Dr. H. J. Merkeley, of Winnipeg, past president of the Canadian Dental Association....Dr. Albert W. Dent, president of Dillard University, New Orleans, has taken office as president of the National Health Council. Dr. Thomas D. Dublin has resigned as executive director of the council.