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A.D.A. COUNCILS TO REVIEW LEGISLATIVE AND DEFENSE PROGRAMS WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON, D.C., MARCH 26-28

The President's proposed health program, operation of the dentist-physician draft law, dental care of military dependents, the Veterans Administration dental program and proposed extensions of the Social Security program are among subjects to be considered at a joint conference of the A.D.A. Councils on Legislation and on Federal Dental Services with federal officials in Washington, D.C., at a three-day meeting. The entire federal program of dental services and proposed legislation relating to dental health services will be reviewed and discussed at the meeting to be held March 26-28. Invited to take part in the conference are Dr. Frank Berry, assistant secretary of defense in charge of health and medical affairs; Dr. Chester S. Kiefer, special assistant for health and medical affairs in the Department of Health, Education and Welfare; the chiefs of the armed forces dental divisions, including Brig. Gen. Marvin E. Kennebeck, of the Air Force; Maj. Gen. Walter D. Love, of the Army, and Rear Adm. Daniel W. Rayn, of the Navy; Dr. John W. Knutson, chief of the dental division of the U.S. Public Health Service; Dr. John E. Fauber, dental director of the Veterans Administration, and professional staff members of congressional committees. As part of the conference, the A.D.A. Subcommittee on Civil Defense, headed by Dr. John R. Abel, of Los Angeles, will confer with officials of the Federal Civil Defense Administration on civil defense programs for dentists. Presiding at the joint sessions of the two A.D.A. councils will be Dr. E. Harold Gale, of Albany, chairman of the Council on Legislation, and Dr. Rudolph H. Friedrich, of Plainfield, N. J., chairman of the Council on Federal Dental Services.

TWO NEW INDUCTION SYSTEMS ARE SET FOR DENTAL SCHOOLS

Included in the agenda will be discussions of two new plans for the induction of graduating dental students into military service. Dental

school deans received information last week on the first program under which non-veteran, senior students are invited to apply for commissions in the Army in March. Gen. Love said successful applicants will receive orders for active duty within approximately 10 days after graduation and will be placed on active duty, "depending to the greatest possible extent upon the wishes of the individual," during July or August. The program is designed for draft-vulnerable students who may wish to complete military service as soon as possible. Although students may volunteer for two or three years, preference is to be given to those volunteering for three years' service. Under the program, students will apply to the Army surgeon general who will forward the names to the various Army area commanders in the United States, who in turn will send forms to the applicants. The students are to submit the forms to their deans for transmittal to the respective Army commanders. Students accepted under the program are to be notified by May 14. The number of men to be commissioned will depend on the Army quota allocated for each area. Present plans call for a maximum of 330 commissions to be issued to senior dental students. The second program, announced by the Defense Department, consists of a matching plan system under which a certain number of non-veteran dental graduates will be permitted to continue study through internships or residencies before being called into military service. Card forms on which students may report their plans to accept internships or residencies will be distributed to dental schools shortly. As the plan is drawn, students will be permitted to indicate their choice of branch of military service as a guide for Selective Service and the Defense Department in making decisions on recruitment.

PROPOSE HEALTH INSURANCE FOR GOVERNMENT EMPLOYES

A new health program for federal employes was proposed last week. Accompanying the administration's proposal for pay adjustments

for federal civil service employes was a recommendation that a program of voluntary medical and hospital insurance be provided for the first time for federal employes. The cost would be shared jointly by the government and the employe. Payroll deductions would be authorized for the plan.

17 MILLION PERSONS IN 930 COMMUNITIES SERVED BY FLUORIDATION

Controlled fluoridation is now in operation in 930 U.S. communities reaching a total population of 17 million persons, it was reported this week by the A.D.A. Council on Dental Health. Twenty additional communities were reported adding fluoride ions to their water supplies during the latter part of February including Alexandria, Va., with 61,787 residents, and Elyria, Ohio, with 30,307 residents. Meanwhile, after seven years of fluoridation in Marshall, Texas, Dr. Edward Taylor, state director of dental health, reported a reduction of 63 per cent in the rate of decayed, missing and filled teeth among six-year-old children, and 56 per cent among seven-year-old children. In New York, a bill has been introduced into the state assembly to require fluoridation of all community water supplies in the state. It reads in part: "The commissioner, after consultation with the commissioner of health and recognized medical and dental authorities, shall require the fluoridation of every existing and future source of water supply and water storage reservoir furnishing water for human consumption."

STUDY DENTAL NEEDS OF CHILDREN LIVING IN FLUORIDE COMMUNITIES

The amount of dental care required by children living in a community with fluoridated water is being studied in a new project started at

Gainesville, Fla. The study is being conducted by the U.S. Public Health Service, the Florida State Health Department, and the Alachua County Dental Society, Health Department and Board of Education. Free dental care will be provided to all elementary school children for five years. Records will be kept of caries experience, treatment needed and the number of dentist and auxiliary man hours involved. The results will be compared with data from studies now being conducted in non-fluoride areas. Gainesville has a population of 28,800 and started fluoridating its water supply in October of 1949.

DENTIFRICES, FLUORIDES TO BE TOPICS AT 32ND GENERAL I.A.D.R. MEETING

A session on dentifrices and on fluorides will be included at the 32nd general meeting of the International Association for Dental Research to be held March 19-21 at French Lick, Ind. Dr. Thomas J. Hill, of Cleveland, chairman of the A.D.A. Council on Dental Therapeutics, will preside at the session on dentifrices and Dr. Harold C. Hodge, of the University of Rochester, will be in charge of the fluorides session. A total of 167 reports will be presented at six scientific sessions at the three-day meeting. Each scientific session will be divided into two sections, meeting simultaneously. Additionally, 28 papers, including several on high speed cutting devices, will be presented at four sessions of the dental materials group, headed by Dr. H. C. Coy, of the School of Dentistry, Medical College of Virginia. Among general subjects for the scientific sessions, in addition to dentifrices and fluorides, will be bacteriological studies, experimental dental caries, periodontal disease, anesthesia and chemistry of dental tissues. The I.A.D.R. president is Dr. Francis A. Arnold Jr., of Washington, D.C., director of the National Institute for Dental Research.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA MEETING TO STUDY ORAL CANCER, FOCI OF INFECTION

Panel discussions on foci of infection and oral cancer will be two of the highlights of the 1954 Postgraduate Clinic of the District of Columbia Dental Society to be held March 14 through 17 at the Shoreham Hotel. Dr. Leslie M. FitzGerald, of Dubuque, Iowa, A.D.A. president, will be a speaker at the opening luncheon on Monday, March 15. The scientific program will also include a series of exhibits entitled "Research in Action" designed to show how research is actually conducted. In addition there will be six postgraduate clinics, nearly 40 table clinics and a series of motion pictures. Dr. Louis Dubit is general chairman and Dr. Francis J. Fabrizio is president of the society.

A list of contributions to the A.D.A. Relief Fund to Feb. 28 by constituent societies follows. Those societies which have exceeded their quotas are listed in capital letters.

<u>QUOTA OF \$900.00 or UNDER</u>				<u>QUOTA OVER \$900.00</u>			
	<u>QUOTA</u>	<u>CONTRI- BUTION</u>	<u>PCT.</u>		<u>QUOTA</u>	<u>CONTRI- BUTION</u>	<u>PCT.</u>
Air Force	\$600.00	\$ 483.65	80.6	CALIFORNIA	\$3,740.00	\$4,354.50	116.4
ALABAMA	750.00	1,707.11	227.6	SO. CALIFORNIA	4,530.00	7,015.50	154.9
ALASKA	50.00	214.50	429.0	Colorado	920.00	880.00	95.7
Arizona	280.00	96.00	34.3	Connecticut	1,930.00	1,803.12	93.4
ARKANSAS	560.00	635.00	113.4	FLORIDA	1,270.00	1,403.00	110.5
Army	630.00	344.50	54.7	Georgia	1,040.00	970.50	93.3
DELAWARE	160.00	173.00	108.1	ILLINOIS	7,370.00	7,375.25	100.1
DIST. OF COL.	850.00	1,402.00	164.9	INDIANA	2,350.00	2,528.00	107.6
HAWAII	360.00	442.00	122.8	IOWA	1,860.00	2,194.80	118.0
IDAHO	260.00	552.00	212.3	Kansas	990.00	906.30	91.5
Maine	450.00	303.00	67.3	KENTUCKY	1,120.00	1,384.80	123.6
Mississippi	520.00	471.96	90.8	LOUISIANA	1,010.00	1,088.50	107.8
MONTANA	370.00	416.15	112.5	Maryland	1,060.00	1,042.00	98.3
Navy	830.00	422.50	50.9	Massachusetts	3,780.00	3,537.81	93.6
NEVADA	90.00	118.50	131.7	MICHIGAN	4,010.00	4,351.65	108.5
New Hampshire	290.00	261.00	90.0	Minnesota	2,940.00	2,782.50	94.6
NEW MEXICO	250.00	281.50	112.6	Missouri	2,530.00	2,370.56	93.7
NORTH DAKOTA	340.00	493.05	145.0	NEBRASKA	1,060.00	1,079.85	101.9
OKLAHOMA	890.00	1,218.00	136.9	NEW JERSEY	4,070.00	4,254.50	104.5
Panama C.Z.	20.00			New York	15,210.00	10,588.86	69.6
P.H. Service	260.00	136.50	52.5	N. Carolina	1,230.00	1,064.50	86.5
Puerto Rico	190.00	173.00	91.1	Ohio	4,980.00	4,493.05	90.2
Rhode Island	580.00	414.50	71.5	Oregon	1,200.00	1,178.00	98.2
S. Carolina	410.00	345.00	84.1	Pennsylvania	6,830.00	5,334.50	78.1
SOUTH DAKOTA	340.00	482.00	141.8	TENNESSEE	1,200.00	3,315.53	276.3
Utah	450.00	371.50	82.6	Texas	3,160.00	2,225.50	70.4
Vermont	190.00	144.00	75.8	Virginia	1,130.00	1,119.00	99.0
Vet. Admin.	900.00	350.15	38.9	WASHINGTON	1,780.00	2,104.50	118.2
W. VIRGINIA	740.00	780.50	105.5	Wisconsin	2,910.00	2,175.00	74.7
Wyoming	180.00	160.00	88.9				
TOTAL	\$12,790.00	\$13,392.57	104.7		\$87,210.00	\$84,921.58	97.4

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QUOTAS OF \$900 OR UNDER	\$ 12,790.00	\$13,392.57	104.7
QUOTAS OVER \$900	87,210.00	84,921.58	97.4
STUDENTS		693.00	
MISCELLANEOUS		21.25	
GRAND TOTAL	\$100,000.00	\$99,028.40	99.0

2,500 APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FOR A.D.A. HEALTH AND ACCIDENT INSURANCE

More than 2,500 new applications for coverage of from \$100 to \$400 a month under the A.D.A. Health and Accident Insurance Plan were received during February, it was reported today by Dr. C. E. Peterson, Rockville, Conn., chairman of the A.D.A. Council on Insurance, and Dr. Paul W. Zillmann, of Buffalo, N.Y., A.D.A. insurance trustee. The applications received last month represent about 25 per cent of the quota needed to qualify the plan so that all A.D.A. members, including the so-called impaired risks with unfavorable medical histories, would be eligible for participation. Under the master policy worked out by the A.D.A. Board of Trustees with the National Casualty Company of Detroit, coverage of \$200 a month would be provided to impaired risks when 50 per cent of the potentially eligible A.D.A. membership filed application for coverage. Fewer than 10,000 additional applications, including those from impaired risks, were needed to meet this quota when the current enrollment campaign was opened on Feb. 1. Under the plan, health and accident insurance coverage is being made available to A.D.A. members up to age 70 at a cost of from 35 to 50 per cent below similar protection purchased on an individual basis. Dr. Zillmann pointed out that once the 50 per cent quota is reached, the plan will provide protection for A.D.A. members who, because of medical histories, are unable to obtain similar coverage elsewhere. For this reason, Dr. Peterson and Dr. Zillmann requested that dental society officials urge all members interested in securing health and accident insurance coverage to file their applications at once. A second letter regarding the plan was mailed this week to A.D.A. members who have not yet filed applications.

DR. PAFFENBARGER HONORED FOR 25 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH A.D.A.

Dr. George C. Paffenbarger, of Washington, D.C., chief of the A.D.A. research staff at the National Bureau of Standards, was honored for his 25 years of service as a research associate of the Association last week in Chicago. In ceremonies at the Central Office, Dr. Leslie M. FitzGerald, of Dubuque, Ia., A.D.A. president, presented a silver tray on behalf of the Association to Dr. Paffenbarger. Dr. Paffenbarger, who is an internationally known authority on dental materials, is the author of 40 published reports on the subject and co-author of the book, "The Physical Properties of Dental Materials." He is president-elect of the International Association for Dental Research and a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the American College of Dentists and the New York Academy of Dentistry.

CONFERENCE FOR COUNCIL CHAIRMEN HELD AT CENTRAL OFFICE

Chairmen and secretaries of A.D.A. Councils met with Central Office staff members in Chicago last week to review and evaluate Council programs as they relate to the profession and to the public. The conference was the first of its kind ever to be sponsored by the A.D.A. More than 50 persons participated in the two-day meeting. Speakers included Dr. Leslie M. FitzGerald, A.D.A. president, Dr. Daniel F. Lynch, president-elect, and Dr. Otto W. Brandhorst, immediate past-president. It was on the recommendation of Dr. Brandhorst, made in his annual report to the House of Delegates last year, that the conference was authorized. Plans were announced to hold a similar conference each three years.

SCHEDULE 42ND ANNUAL THOMAS P. HINMAN CLINIC FOR MARCH 21-24

The 42nd annual Thomas P. Hinman Mid-Winter Clinic has been scheduled for March 21 through 24 at the Municipal Auditorium in Atlanta, Ga. Seven essayists and clinicians will participate in the four-day meeting. Requests for reservations should be sent to Dr. Frank Daniel, treasurer, 1023 Doctors Bldg., Atlanta 3.

NAVY AWARDS CITATION TO REAR ADMIRAL CHANDLER

Rear Adm. Alfred W. Chandler, of Chevy Chase, Md., former A.D.A. vice president and chief of the Navy Dental Corps, has been awarded a special letter of commendation by the secretary of the Navy. During the six years he headed the dental corps, the commendation states, he displayed "exceptional judgment and professional leadership," particularly during the Korean War.

LESS THAN THOUSAND DOLLARS NEEDED TO REACH GOAL IN FUND DRIVE -- TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO 1953-54 CAMPAIGN REACH \$99,028 ON FEB. 28

Less than a thousand dollars is needed in the Relief Fund drive to reach the \$100,000 goal. On Feb. 28, total contributions reached \$99,028.40, an all-time record for that date. Twenty-seven societies have exceeded their quotas and 14 others have passed the 90 per cent mark. Latest societies to go over 100 per cent are Illinois, Kentucky and Nebraska. All but 18 societies have contributed more than 90 per cent of quota. Four constituent societies have more than doubled their quotas. They are Alabama (227 per cent), Alaska (429 per cent), Idaho (212 per cent) and Tennessee (276 per cent). A breakdown of contributions by constituent societies and the federal services is on the accompanying sheet.

A.D.A. HONORS DR. SOUDER ON RETIREMENT FROM NATIONAL BUREAU OF STANDARDS

Dr. Wilmer Souder, of Washington, D.C., honorary member of the Association who was chiefly responsible for the establishment of the dental research laboratories at the National Bureau of Standards, retired last week after 39 years of service at the bureau. Special ceremonies marked the event. At a luncheon in the Tilden Garden Apartments, Dr. Daniel F. Lynch, A.D.A. president-elect, and several government officials paid tribute to Dr. Souder. In a telegram sent by Dr. Harold Hillenbrand, A.D.A. secretary, Dr. Souder was cited for "his tireless services through the years" on behalf of dental research.

DR. FITZGERALD TO ADDRESS AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF DENTAL SCHOOLS

Dr. Leslie M. FitzGerald, of Dubuque, Ia., president of the A.D.A., will speak at a general session of the American Association of Dental Schools during its 31st annual meeting March 21-24 in French Lick, Ind. Dr. FitzGerald will speak on "Specialties in Dentistry" preceding a panel discussion on the same subject Monday morning, March 22. Dr. Maynard K. Hine, of Indianapolis, chairman of the A.D.A. Council on Dental Research, is president of the A.A.D.S. The meeting will include two other general sessions, one on the teaching of endodontics and the other on the impact on the dental schools of the methods of testing and evaluation of the state and national dental examining boards.

NATIONAL HEALTH COUNCIL TO STUDY MANPOWER NEEDS AT FORUM MARCH 25-26

The problem of providing adequate manpower for the nation's health services will be the subject of the National Health Forum March 25 and 26 during the 34th annual meeting of the National Health Council at the Hotel Statler in New York City. Topics to be considered include changing military requirements, the increase in the number of occupational health programs and the importance of vocational counseling. Chairman of the forum is Dr. William P. Shepard, of San Francisco. Dr. Harold Hillenbrand, of Chicago, A.D.A. secretary, is a member of the committee in charge of the forum.

BRIEFS IN THE NEWS

At the request of the Commission on Organization of the Executive Branch of the Government (Hoover Commission), two A.D.A. representatives will present testimony before a subcommittee of the commission on March 11. Representing the A.D.A. will be Dr. Lloyd Rogers, of Detroit, a member of the A.D.A. Subcommittee on Civil Defense, and Mr. Bernard Conway, of Chicago, secretary of the Council on Federal Dental Services. Dr. Otto W. Brandhorst, of St. Louis, former A.D.A. president is a member of the commission....Mr. George Bugbee, for the past 11 years executive director of the American Hospital Association, has been appointed president of the Health Information Foundation. The foundation is supported by 165 drug, pharmaceutical, chemical and allied companies....An announcement that the Navy now accepts certificates of the National Board of Dental Examiners as qualification for appointment in the Navy Dental Corps has been made by Rear Adm. Daniel W. Ryan, chief of the dental corps.... Dr. C. Raymond Wells, of Brooklyn, N.Y., A.D.A. president in 1943-44, has been selected for promotion to the grade of Rear Admiral, Dental Corps, U.S. Naval Reserve. He is the first Naval Reserve dental officer to be named to this rank....The alumni society of Temple University School of Dentistry will hold its 90th annual meeting on May 12 in Philadelphia at the Adelphia Hotel. Dr. Herman G. Nailor, of Philadelphia, is society secretary.