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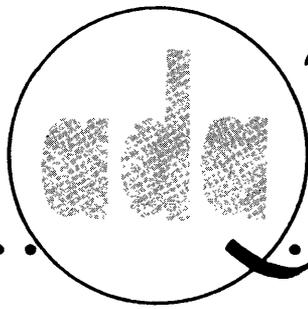


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A.D.A. HOUSE OF DELEGATES WILL CONSIDER MORE THAN 60 RESOLUTIONS AT MIAMI ANNUAL SESSION; AMPLE HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS STILL AVAILABLE

A number of major issues will be considered by the A. D. A. House of Delegates at the 95th annual meeting of the Association to be held Nov. 8 through 11 in Miami. The 403-man policy-making body is scheduled to hold sessions in the Municipal Auditorium on Monday, Nov. 8, and on the following Wednesday and Thursday. Open hearings on various resolutions will be held Tuesday by reference committees. Some 60 resolutions have been submitted by state societies and A. D. A. councils. Resolutions scheduled to come before the house relate to the special dentist-physician draft law, scheduled to expire next July; reorganization of A. D. A. trustee districts; revised requirements for the approval of dental schools; publication of a new dental abstracts journal; extension of Children's Dental Health Day to a week's observance; the question of dental programs in union health and welfare funds; establishment of a scientific

ACCOMMODATIONS ARE still available for the 95th annual session of the A. D. A. in Miami, Nov. 8-11. Because of the large number of outstanding hotels in Miami and Miami Beach that have pledged accommodations for the four-day meeting, an almost unlimited number of hotel rooms is available for the meeting. Applications for hotel reservations should be sent to the A. D. A. Housing Bureau, 320 N. E. Fifth St., Miami. A convenient application form is published in all recent issues of The Journal of the American Dental Association.

section on anesthesiology; A. D. A. membership for new graduates going directly into the armed forces, and legislation offering to professional persons an opportunity to establish retirement income funds similar to those provided beneficiaries of company-sponsored pension plans. Included also are resolutions concerning the distribution of health education materials to state societies; the Old Age and Survivors Insurance program of the Social Security Act, and suggested principles for the accreditation and approval of dental laboratories.

GEAR SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM TO GENERAL PRACTITIONER

The scientific program, geared to the general practitioner, will feature five special panels -- on elastic impression materials, x-ray hazards, new cutting devices, sugar and dental caries, and the dentist's role in atomic bomb disasters. The motion picture program includes 38 films of which 24 were produced this year. The subject matter of the films has been planned to synchronize with the scientific reports. There will also be some 50 scientific exhibits and, as an innovation this year, a number of clinics will be projected on large screens for easy visibility. The entire scientific program will be presented in Dinner Key Auditorium. The president's annual address will be presented by Dr. Leslie M. FitzGerald, of Dubuque, Iowa, at the general meeting Tuesday evening, Nov. 9. Dr. FitzGerald will share the platform with Senate Majority Leader William F. Knowland, of California.

A.D.A. MEMBERSHIP NEARS 82,000, HIGHEST IN HISTORY

A. D. A. membership reached 81, 804 on Sept. 30, an all-time high. Included were 71, 901 fully privileged (active and life) members as compared with 69, 740 for the same period in 1953 and 67, 050 for 1952.

WHO RECEIVES RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PERMANENT DENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM

The establishment of a permanent program on dental health in the World Health Organization moved a step closer to reality this week as WHO officials studied recommendations submitted by an international group of dental consultants. The recommendations were made at the request of Dr. M. G. Candau, director-general of WHO, following a meeting of the dental consultants with WHO chiefs of staff in Geneva last month. Dr. John W. Knutson, chief dental officer of the U. S. Public Health Service, served as chairman of the consultants' group. Another U. S. member was Dr. Philip E. Blackerby, of Battle Creek, Mich., of the A. D. A. Council on Dental Education.

GAP BETWEEN RESOURCES AND DENTAL NEEDS CITED

Underscoring the "huge and persistent disparity between dental needs and resources," the consultants recommended that WHO organize and train a dental staff for the operation of a dental program which would include the collection of information regarding the prevalence of dental disease and the development of formal activities in the fields of scientific dental research and dental health education.

TREASURER, SECRETARY-GENERAL OF F. D. I. IN WHO CONFERENCES

In addition to Dr. Knutson and Dr. Blackerby, the dental consultants conferring with WHO included two officials of the Federation Dentaire Internationale, Dr. Gerald H. Leatherman, of London, secretary-general, and Dr. Jack Stork, of Aerdenhout, Holland, treasurer. The F. D. I. has strongly urged the establishment of a permanent dental program as part of the WHO. Other consultants were Dr. H. Berggren, director of the Eastman Institute in Stockholm; Dr. C. F. Mummery, of Kuala Lumpur, chief dental officer of the Malayan Medical Service, and Dr. Saiful Anwar, of Surabaya, Indonesia, director of the Public Health Service of East Java.

DRAFT CALL ISSUED FOR 279 DENTISTS FOR ARMY IN DECEMBER

The Army has called on Selective Service to issue a draft call for 279 dentists during December. The Defense Department said the call was necessary because there were not enough volunteers to meet needs. Previously, the Air Force had called on Selective Service for 150 dentists in December. Some 500 physicians were also being processed for December induction into the armed forces. It is estimated that there are about 350 non-veteran dental graduates of the 1954 classes who have not yet applied for commissions and who are available to fill the December calls. Some Priority III dentists in the mid-30's age group are also expected to be included in the calls.

REPORT OF GENERAL AVAILABILITY OF ULTRASONIC "DRILL" IS FALSE

An article entitled "New Dental Drill Does Not Hurt," which is published in the October issue of Better Homes and Gardens, falsely states that a new-type of ultrasonic device for cavity preparation manufactured by the Cavitron Equipment Corporation is "now generally available to dentists who wish to add it to their equipment." Upon inquiry from the A. D. A., Mr. Arthur Kuris, of Long Island City, N. Y., president of Cavitron, wired that the devices are presently available only for investigative purposes. He said: "It is not our policy to offer machines for general routine use now. Regret the omission of this information in the Better Homes and Gardens article although it was supplied to them." Pointing out that the magazine article had stimulated a public demand for a device not available for use in routine dental practice, the A. D. A. Bureau of Public Information has requested the editors of Better Homes and Gardens to publish a retraction of this false information in a future issue.

QUARTER OF A BILLION DOLLARS SPENT FOR ORAL HYGIENE PRODUCTS

Nearly a quarter of a billion dollars, \$240,660,000, was spent on oral hygiene products in 1953, according to the trade magazine Drug Topics. This figure represented a \$13 million increase over 1952 and a \$37 million increase over 1951. The report said that by far the largest part of the 1953 expenditure was the \$149 million spent on dentifrices, an increase of \$9 million over 1952 and \$30 million over 1951. Other figures listed by the magazine showed that \$12 million was spent on denture adhesives and cleansers in 1953 and \$79 million on toothbrushes, dental floss, mouth washes and gargles.

ST. LOUIS BOARD OF ALDERMEN VOTES TO START FLUORIDATION

The St. Louis Board of Aldermen on Oct. 2 approved fluoridation of the city's water supply by a vote of 23 to 3. An appropriation of \$90,000 must still be approved for installation of machinery and storage facilities before the measure can be placed in operation for the city's 850,000 residents. A last-minute attempt by opponents to stall the program by calling for another public hearing was defeated. The measure had been under consideration since public hearings were first held two years ago. Meanwhile, the Air Force announced the start of fluoridation at Ramey Air Force Base in Puerto Rico, the first such installation reported by this service branch.

SCIENTIFIC JOURNALS COMMENT ON SAFETY OF HEALTH MEASURE

The safety and effectiveness of fluoridation was the subject of recent articles in two scientific journals. In the October issue of Scientific Monthly, published by the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Dr. James Shaw, of Harvard University School of Medicine, concluded that "there can be no longer any doubt that the fluoridation of public water supplies represents the first major step in the prevention of tooth decay." In September, Industrial Medicine and Surgery, commenting on the cities which have rejected the measure, said: "It is only a question of time until fluoridation will be the rule in the United States, wherever public water systems are provided. . . . In the meanwhile, the unvoting, small children of these recalcitrant communities suffer."

NEW JERSEY TO VOTE ON BOND ISSUE FOR DENTAL AND MEDICAL SCHOOL

Gov. Meyner of New Jersey has signed a bill calling for a referendum on the November ballot to authorize a bond issue of \$25 million for construction of a dental school, medical school and public health center in the state. New Jersey's first dental school will be opened in the fall of 1955 under the administration of Seton Hall University. Inauguration ceremonies were held recently for the Seton Hall College of Medicine and Dentistry in Jersey City. In West Virginia, meanwhile, construction bids were opened for a basic science building at West Virginia University, Morgantown, which is to house a dental school with facilities for 200 students. Plans call for the first class to be admitted in the 1956-57 school year.

DR. FRANK J. ORLAND HEADS ZOLLER CLINIC AT UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

Dr. Frank J. Orland has been appointed director of the Walter J. Zoller Memorial Dental Clinic at the University of Chicago. Dr. Orland, who has been associated with the clinic since 1941 and with the university since 1935, succeeds Dr. J. Roy Blayney, who has retired after heading the clinic since its founding in 1936. Dr. Blayney is continuing as director of the Evanston fluoridation study which he initiated eight years ago. Dr. Orland, who is also associate professor of microbiology, received his dental degree from the University of Illinois. He also received a degree of doctor of philosophy from the University of Chicago.

NEW MEMBERS NAMED TO NATIONAL ADVISORY DENTAL RESEARCH COUNCIL

Three new appointments have been made to the National Advisory Dental Research Council, which makes recommendations for award of grants for research under the auspices of the National Institute of Dental Research. They are: Dr. Maurice J. Hickey, of New York, dean of the School of Dental and Oral Surgery, Columbia University; Dr. Francis F. Heyroth, assistant director of the Kettering Laboratory at the College of Medicine, University of Cincinnati, and Mr. Jack B. Bearwood, of Portuguese Bend, Calif., former special assistant to Secretary Hobby, of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. Welfare.

HENRY SPENADEL AWARD CONFERRED ON DR. HAROLD HILLENBRAND

Dr. Harold Hillenbrand, of Chicago, A.D.A. secretary, was presented with the annual Henry Spenadel Award of the First District Dental Society of the State of New York in ceremonies Oct. 4 at the Statler Hotel in New York City. The third recipient of the award, Dr. Hillenbrand was cited for his "significant contributions to dentistry." The presentation was made by Dr. Roland Morse, chairman of the award committee.

1954-55 A.D.A. RELIEF FUND DRIVE TO BE LAUNCHED NEXT WEEK
WITH MAILING OF RELIEF FUND SEALS; SET GOAL AT \$100,000

Mailing of the Relief Fund Seals next week will mark the official opening of the 1954-55 A. D. A. Relief Fund campaign. Again this year, the Council on Relief has established a national quota of \$100,000. Last year a record was established with contributions of \$105,996.75. All administrative costs, including postage and other fund-raising expenses, are being paid by the American Dental Association, it was announced by Dr. M. C. Hansen, chairman of the Council on Relief. "This means that every dollar contributed to the fund will be used to help a fellow dentist in serious need," Dr. Hansen said. As in former years, each contribution will be divided equally between the A. D. A. Relief Fund and the relief fund of the state society of which the contributor is a member. Contributions to the current drive will be listed in two groups: one for societies with quotas over \$925 and one for societies with quotas of \$925 or less. In last year's campaign, the smaller societies as a group contributed 122 per cent of their quota while the larger societies contributed 102 per cent of quota. Thirty-nine constituent societies reached or exceeded their respective quotas and four societies more than doubled their quotas.

<u>QUOTA UNDER \$925.00</u>				<u>QUOTA OVER \$925.00</u>			
	1954-55	1953-54			1954-55	1953-54	
	<u>QUOTA</u>	<u>CONTRI- BUTION</u>	<u>PCT.</u>		<u>QUOTA</u>	<u>CONTRI- BUTION</u>	<u>PCT.</u>
Air Force	\$600.00	\$ 514.40	85.7	California	\$3,820.00	\$ 3,957.00	105.8
Alabama	800.00	1,923.11	256.4	So. California	4,580.00	8,286.50	182.9
Alaska	60.00	226.50	453.0	Colorado	960.00	1,033.00	112.3
Arizona	300.00	537.00	191.8	Connecticut	1,940.00	1,831.12	94.9
Arkansas	560.00	643.00	114.8	Florida	1,380.00	1,434.00	112.9
Army	580.00	412.50	65.5	Georgia	1,020.00	1,035.00	99.5
Delaware	150.00	173.00	108.1	Illinois	7,240.00	7,521.25	102.1
Dist. of Col.	830.00	1,999.00	235.2	Indiana	2,340.00	2,560.00	108.9
Hawaii	350.00	492.00	136.7	Iowa	1,780.00	2,230.80	119.9
Idaho	260.00	633.00	243.5	Kansas	960.00	925.30	93.5
Maine	460.00	338.00	75.1	Kentucky	1,130.00	1,624.40	145.0
Mississippi	530.00	522.96	100.6	Louisiana	1,020.00	1,128.50	111.7
Montana	370.00	421.15	113.8	Maryland	1,060.00	1,085.00	102.4
Navy	920.00	442.50	53.3	Massachusetts	3,690.00	3,643.81	96.4
Nevada	100.00	120.50	133.9	Michigan	4,100.00	4,455.65	111.1
New Hampshire	300.00	263.00	90.7	Minnesota	2,840.00	2,829.50	96.2
New Mexico	240.00	289.50	115.8	Missouri	2,450.00	2,393.56	94.6
North Dakota	330.00	493.05	145.0	Nebraska	1,060.00	1,079.85	101.9
Oklahoma	920.00	1,218.00	136.9	New Jersey	4,020.00	4,531.50	111.3
Panama C. Z.	10.00	20.00	100.0	New York	15,200.00	11,731.86	77.1
P. H. Service	210.00	258.50	99.4	North Carolina	1,240.00	1,562.50	127.0
Puerto Rico	190.00	195.00	102.6	Ohio	4,920.00	4,759.55	95.6
Rhode Island	560.00	414.50	71.5	Oregon	1,230.00	1,208.00	100.7
South Carolina	450.00	456.00	111.2	Pennsylvania	6,810.00	5,475.50	80.2
South Dakota	350.00	606.00	178.2	Tennessee	1,310.00	3,619.03	301.6
Utah	470.00	469.50	104.3	Texas	3,190.00	2,250.50	71.2
Vermont	200.00	207.00	108.9	Virginia	1,150.00	1,158.00	102.5
Vet. Admin.	810.00	362.15	40.2	Washington	1,800.00	2,059.50	115.7
West Virginia	760.00	790.50	106.8	Wisconsin	2,930.00	2,240.00	77.0
Wyoming	160.00	165.00	91.7				
TOTAL	\$12,830.00	\$15,606.32	122.0		\$87,170.00	\$89,650.18	102.8

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	<u>1954-55 QUOTA</u>	<u>1953-54 CONTRIBUTION</u>	<u>1953-54 PER CENT</u>
QUOTAS UNDER \$925	\$12,830.00	\$ 15,606.32	122.0
QUOTAS OVER \$925	87,170.00	89,650.18	102.8
STUDENTS		694.00	
MISCELLANEOUS		46.25	
GRAND TOTAL	\$100,000.00	\$105,996.75	106.0