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96th Annual Session - SAN FRANCISCO - Oct. 17-20



# LARGEST ATTENDANCE IN ASSOCIATION'S HISTORY EXPECTED AT ANNUAL SESSION IN SAN FRANCISCO AS PREPARATIONS ARE COMPLETED FOR FOUR-DAY MEETING

Thousands of dentists from all parts of the United States and many foreign countries (see below) will be arriving in San Francisco within the next two and a half weeks for the 96th annual session of the Association, officially opening Oct. 17. Reservations indicate the largest attendance at an annual meeting in the history of the Association, according to Dr. Francis J. Herz, of San Francisco, chairman of the general committee on local arrangements. Registration for annual session visitors will be held at the Civic Auditorium, site of the scientific program, beginning at 9 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 17, while special registration for official delegates, alternate delegates and council members will open at 9 a.m. in the lobby of the Fairmont Hotel where the House of Delegates will meet. At 9:30 a.m. Monday, both the House of Delegates and the scientific program will get under way. Acting Mayor James L. Halley of San Francisco will welcome the delegates to the Golden Gate City and Dr. Daniel F. Lynch, of Washington, D.C., president of the Association, will present the annual report of the president. The scientific program will be highlighted by 14 special panels on the newest developments in dentistry,

There will be no issue of the <u>A.D.A. News Letter</u> on Oct. 15. The issues of Oct. 15 and Nov. 1 will be combined to include a report on the annual session of the A.D.A. being held Oct. 17-20 in San Francisco.

designed especially for the general practitioner. In addition to the essays, there will be a program of projected clinics and table clinics, scientific films and more than 300 scientific and commercial exhibits. Dr. Lynch will preside at the general meeting scheduled for Tuesday evening, Oct. 18, in the War Memorial Veterans' Auditorium. As part of the meeting, a symphony concert will be conducted by Sandor Salgo, guest conductor with the San Francisco Symphony Orchestra. The general meeting is open to all visitors to the annual session.

OFFICERS, FOUR TRUSTEES WILL BE CHOSEN OCT. 20 A new president-elect, three vice-presidents, a speaker of the House of Delegates, four trustees and about one-third of the members of the

A.D.A. councils will be elected at the annual election of officers to be held Thursday morning, Oct. 20. Dr. Bernerd J. Kingsbury, of San Francisco, will be installed as president and a president-elect will be chosen. Trustees whose terms of office expire this year are Dr. Earl G. Jones, of Columbus, Ohio; Dr. Arthur F. Schopper, of Kansas City; Dr. Charles I. Taggart, of Burlington, Vt., and Dr. Lewis W. Thom, of Minneapolis.

DENTISTS THROUGHOUT WORLD TO ATTEND ANNUAL SESSION The list of international visitors attending the annual session represents a "who's who" of dentistry throughout the world. From Europe

will come representatives from France, Great Britain, Norway and Sweden. The South Pacific and Far East will be represented by visitors from Japan, Malaya, New Zealand, Thailand and the Philippines. There will be a large delegation from Canada. Additionally, there will be visitors from Brazil, El Salvador, Cuba, Mexico and Panama.

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#### CAPACITY CROWD AT PRESIDENT'S DINNER

An unusually full program of social activities has been scheduled for the meeting. Advance reservations indicate a capacity crowd for both

the president's dinner in honor of Dr. Lynch on Wednesday, Oct. 19, and the luncheon and fashion pageant for women visitors on Tuesday, Oct. 18, both in the Sheraton-Palace Hotel. The weekend preceding the official opening of the meeting, a number of conferences has been set. The all-day dental health conference of the Council on Dental Health has been scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 15, in the Room of the Dons at the Mark Hopkins Hotel, while the same day the conference on dental journalism, sponsored by the Council on Journalism and the American Association of Dental Editors, will hold its afternoon session in the Cirque Room of the Fairmont Hotel, instead of the San Francisco Room as previously announced. The evening program will be in the Gold Room. The conference of state society officers will be called to order at 9 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 16, in the Room of the Dons at the Mark Hopkins.

#### 1956 DIRECTORY BEING READIED FOR DECEMBER PUBLICATION

More than 96,000 dentists will be listed in the 1,200-page 1956 edition of the <u>American</u> <u>Dental Directory</u>, it was announced last week by Mr. John J. Hollister, A.D.A. business manager. <u>The Directory</u>, which will be available Dec. 15, may be obtained for \$6 if prepaid orders are sent in before Oct. 20, 1955, and for \$7.50 after that date. Each dentist is listed alphabetically and geographically along with his specialty, school and year of graduation, membership in the A.D.A. and year of birth. Listings in the reference section in the front of the <u>Directory</u> include: approved dental, dental assistant, dental hygienist and laboratory technician schools; dental specialists; key personnel of the constituent societies and councils and bureaus of the Association; names of national dental organizations throughout the world; names and secretaries of allied and associated dental groups, and A.D.A. members in foreign countries. Copies of the <u>Directory</u> may be obtained from the A.D.A. Order Dept., 222 E. Superior St., Chicago, Ill.

# NURSES WOULD BE PERMITTED TO PERFORM DENTAL OPERATIONS IN BRITAIN

A new dentists' bill covering dental activities in Britain's National Health Service is scheduled to come up for a second reading in Parliament Oct. 28. The bill sets up an autonomous General Dental Council of 41 members, at least 31 of whom would be members of the dental profession. The council would replace the former Dental Board which was under the supervision of the General Medical Council. However, the bill also carries a provision for the training and use of dental nurses who would be permitted to perform extractions and place fillings. A similar measure authorizing the use of ancillary workers for dental operations failed of passage in the previous session of Parliament.

## NEW GUIDE FOR PLANNING DENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

A new A.D.A. pamphlet entitled, "Suggestions and Guides for Dental Societies Planning Dental Health Education Programs," is now available from the Bureau of Dental Health Education, Mr. Perry J. Sandell, director, has announced. The booklet outlines the principles of dental health education and suggests methods to carry them out effectively on the state and local level. Sample copies are available on request from the Bureau.

#### IMPROVISED HOSPITAL UNITS PROPOSED FOR CIVIL DEFENSE TRAINING

Representatives of six national health organizations, including the A.D.A., inspected a 200-bed improvised hospital unit at a joint meeting at Federal Civil Defense Administration headquarters at Battle Creek, Mich., Sept. 10. Defense health officials proposed that similar hospital units be set up in areas throughout the country for training purposes and for use in casualty care in event of disaster. Representing the A.D.A. were Dr. Carl L. Sebelius, of Nashville, chairman of the A.D.A. Subcommittee on Civil Defense, and Mr. Bernard J. Beazley, of Chicago, secretary of the A.D.A. Council on Federal Dental Services. Other organizations represented were the American Hospital Association, American Medical Association, American Nurses' Association, American Public Health Association, and National League for Nursing, Inc.

# MEMBERSHIP TOPS 84,000 MARK FOR FIRST TIME IN A.D.A. HISTORY

Total A.D.A. membership climbed past the 84,000 mark on Aug. 31 for the first time in Association history. Membership in all categories reached 84,023 a gain of nearly 2,500 over that for Aug. 31, 1954. The number of active and life members was 74,155, a gain of 2,200. All federal dental services and all but eight constituent societies reported gains over 1954 figures. Southern California led in numerical gain with 173 additional members, followed by New York with 168. National membership in other categories was: affiliate, 214; associate, 17; honorary, 12, and student, 9,625.

# CONFERENCE ON FEDERAL DENTAL CARE PROGRAMS PLANNED BY A.D.A. COUNCIL

Preliminary plans for a conference next spring on federal dental care programs were made by the A.D.A. Council on Federal Dental Services at its meeting in Chicago on Sept. 18 and 19. In addition to members of A.D.A. councils, representatives of the five federal dental services, the Defense Department and the Rusk committee will be invited to participate. Purpose of the meeting is to consider the complete operations and scope of the federal programs. Dr. F. J. Reichmann, of Oklahoma City, Council chairman, has been named consultant to the office of the surgeon general, Department of the Army, to succeed Dr. Rudolph H. Friedrich, of Chicago, who resigned after being named secretary of the A.D.A. Council on Dental Health.

#### DR. OBED MOEN NAMED U.S. TREASURER FOR F.D.I.

Dr. Obed H. Moen, of Watertown, Wis., member of the A.D.A. Council on International Relations, has been appointed U.S. treasurer for the Federation Dentaire Internationale. He succeeds Dr. Philip E. Adams, of Boston, who resigned. Dr. Moen is a former member of the A.D.A. Board of Trustees. All interested U.S. dentists are urged to make reservations for the 12th International Dental Congress as soon as possible. The Congress will be held in Rome, Sept. 7 through 14, 1957. Dr. Moen pointed out that supporting members of the F.D.I. enrolled before Dec. 31, 1955, will be entitled to a 50 per cent reduction in the Congress fees. Details about supporting membership in the F.D.I. may be obtained by writing Dr. Moen, Masonic Temple, Watertown, Wis., and information about the Congress may be obtained from the Secretary General, Dr. Giovanni Corradi, 8 Via Serpieri, Rome, Italy.

#### MANUAL ON MEMBERSHIP ISSUED FOR HANDLING ASSOCIATION DUES

A special "Manual on Membership" has been prepared by the A.D.A. for use by constituent and component societies and by dental schools in processing membership dues. Copies of the booklet have been sent to all dental school deans and to secretaries of constituent societies for distribution to component groups. Additional copies may be obtained without charge from the Membership Department at A.D.A. headquarters in Chicago.

# A.D.A. DISCONTINUES SALE OF 'MICKEY MOUSE RECALL CARDS'

The sale of recall cards and certificates carrying pictures of Mickey Mouse and other Walt Disney characters has been discontinued by the A.D.A. following refusal of Walt Disney Productions, Inc., to extend its contract with the Association. A new line of certificates, recall cards and other children's dental health education aids will be developed by the A.D.A. Bureau of Dental Health Education using a different theme. The new material is expected to be available by Nov. 1.

## COUNCIL ISSUES BOOKLET ON GROUP DENTAL HEALTH CARE PROGRAMS

"Group Dental Health Care Programs" is the title of a new pamphlet which will be published by the A.D.A. Council on Dental Health Nov. 1. The new booklet will describe the historical background of health and welfare funds and the operations of government, private and union-management dental care programs. In addition, it will contain recommendations for state society operations and the policies of the American Dental Association in the field of group dental care programs. Limited quantities may be obtained by representatives of state and local dental societies from the Council at A.D.A. headquarters in Chicago.

# HARTFORD COURANT LABELS FLUORIDE FOES 'QUACKS, CHARLATANS'

The Hartford (Conn.) Courant, the nation's oldest newspaper, has labeled the opponents of fluoridation "a heterogeneous assortment of quacks, charlatans and mountebanks." In an editorial commenting on the city's plan to appoint a committee to study fluoridation, the nationally known newspaper pointed out that the vast majority of health organizations and scientists have already approved the measure. "On the other side only a handful have any pretention whatever to scientific qualifications to speak," the editorial said. "All the rest is a heterogeneous assortment of quacks, charlatans and mountebanks who make an extraordinary splash, out of all proportion to their weight, by playing on private fears and public hypochondria. Meanwhile each year another crop of children, from Hartford and surrounding communities, goes without the benefit of a preventive of tooth decay that children in more than a thousand other communities throughout the country have." Meanwhile, the American Association for the Advancement of Science announced that the book, "Fluoridation as a Public Health Measure," has entered a second printing. Copies of the book, which reviews the entire field of fluorides and human health, may be obtained from the A.A.A.S., 1515 Massachusetts Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. The price is \$4 for A.A.A.S. members and \$4.50 for non-members.

#### NORTH DAKOTA STATE DENTAL DIVISION HEADED BY DR. ROBERT MOTHERSHEAD

Dr. Robert A. Mothershead, of Macon, Mo., is the new director of the division of oral hygiene, North Dakota State Department of Health. Dr. Mothershead has been with the Missouri State Health Department since 1950. He will begin his new position Oct. 17. In addition to five years of Army service, Dr. Mothershead was previously in private practice in Denton, Kan., and St. Louis..

# ALABAMA DEAN NAMED TO NATIONAL ADVISORY DENTAL RESEARCH COUNCIL

Dr. Joseph F. Volker, of Birmingham, dean of the School of Dentistry, University of Alabama, has been appointed to the National Advisory Dental Research Council. Dr. Volker was formerly on the Advisory Committee to the A.D.A. Bureau of Chemistry. A month ago, Dr. J. Roy Doty, of Chicago, secretary of the A.D.A. Council on Dental Therapeutics, was named to the Council. (See <u>A.D.A. News Letter</u>, Sept. 15, 1955.)

### ISSUE REPORT ON CLINICAL TESTING OF DENTAL CARIES PREVENTIVES

The Association has published in booklet form the report of a conference to develop uniform standards and procedures in clinical studies of dental caries. Entitled, "Clinical Testing of Dental Caries Preventives," it presents suggestions for making clinical standards sufficiently uniform to assure comparability of data obtained in different studies.

#### BRIEFS IN THE NEWS

Dental activities of the Idaho Health Department have now been raised to division status. The director is Dr. Wesley O. Young, of Boise. Dental divisions are now established in more than half the states....New developments in dental public health will be presented at the 83rd annual meeting of the American Public Health Association to be held Nov. 14-18 in Kansas City. Chairman of the dental health section is Dr. H. Shirley Dwyer, of Little Rock, Ark.... Closed circuit television is now being used routinely for instruction in the new dental school at the University of Texas in Houston. At least three other dental schools--Loyola (Chicago), Kansas City and the College of Physicians and Surgeons, San Francisco--also have TV systems for classroom use....Arrangements are being completed for the 29th annual Dallas Mid-Winter Dental Clinic of the Dallas County Dental Society to be held Jan. 22-25 at the Statler-Hilton Hotel. The chairman is Dr. James R. Nelson....The mid-annual meeting of the American Academy of Dental Medicine is scheduled for Dec. 4 in New York City at the Hotel New Yorker ....U.S. hospitals cared for a record 20,345,431 patients last year, an increase of 161,604 patients over 1953, the American Hospital Association has reported.