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# Support The A.D.A. Relief Fund



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## **FIVE STATES TOP QUOTAS IN 1955-56 A.D.A. RELIEF FUND CAMPAIGN -- FLOW OF CONTRIBUTIONS PICKS UP AS TOTAL REACHES \$57,033 ON NOV. 28**

Five states exceeded their quotas in the 1955-56 Relief Fund campaign as total contributions reached \$57,033 on Nov. 28. Alabama, Nevada, North Dakota, South Dakota and Tennessee have all passed the 100 per cent mark. Contributions received over the Thanksgiving holidays brought the campaign almost even with last year's drive for the same date. The smaller societies (quotas under \$1,000) lead with 58 per cent of quota contributed compared to 56 per cent for the larger societies (quotas over \$1,000). Individual leaders were South Dakota (137 per cent of quota) among the smaller states and Tennessee (159 per cent) among the larger ones. In all, 13,475 contributions have been tabulated, with the average contribution being \$4.23. A complete breakdown of contributions by constituent societies and by the federal services is listed on the accompanying Mimeographed page.

## **DR. JOHN KNUTSON CHOSEN TO HEAD AMERICAN PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION**

Dr. John W. Knutson, of Washington, D.C., chief dental officer of the U.S. Public Health Service, was chosen president-elect of the American Public Health Association at its 83rd annual meeting Nov. 14-18 in Kansas City. Dr. Knutson is the first dentist to be elected to the position. He has been on leave of absence in Geneva since last July to organize a dental program as a permanent part of the activities of the World Health Organization. Dr. Knutson will take office as 1956-57 president of the American Public Health Association at its meeting next November in Atlantic City, succeeding Dr. Ira V. Hiscock, of New Haven, Conn., chairman of the department of public health at Yale University. Dr. Knutson, who has been a member of the executive board of the Public Health Association, is also a member of the American Board of Dental Public Health which he helped to found. He has been active in the Federation Dentaire Internationale and is a vice-president of its public dental health services commission. Last year, he was chairman of an international group of dental consultants convened in Geneva by WHO to discuss world-wide dental health needs. At the meeting in Kansas City, attended by some 5,000 persons, the American Public Health Association reaffirmed the organization's endorsement of fluoride adjustment of water supplies "as a safe and effective method for the reduction of dental caries." The resolution emphasized that "continuing studies have amply demonstrated the safety of controlled fluoridation from the standpoint of general health."

## **POSTERS, KITS FOR 1956 DENTAL HEALTH WEEK AVAILABLE FROM A.D.A.**

Posters and packets of guidance and promotional material for the 1956 observance of National Children's Dental Health Week still may be obtained from the A.D.A. Bureau of Public Information. Dates for the national event are Feb. 5 through 11. To date, more than 2,700 packets and 165,000 posters have been distributed, an indication that the 1956 observance will be one of the most extensive in the program's history. Quantities of the individual Mimeographed pieces in the kit also are available.

## **MEMBERS NAMED FOR DEFENSE DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

The Department of Defense has extended official invitations to three A.D.A. members to serve on a Civilian Dental Advisory Committee to the Defense Department. Announcement of the formation of the committee, which also would include dental chiefs of the three armed services, was made by Dr. Frank B. Berry, assistant secretary of defense for health and medical affairs, in an address before the House of Delegates at the annual session in San Francisco in October. It was expected that the committee chairman would be Dr. Thomas P. Fox, of Philadelphia, dentist member of the Civilian Health and Medical Advisory Council to the assistant secretary of defense. The invitations to serve on the committee have been issued to Dr. Daniel F. Lynch, of Washington, D.C., immediate past president of the Association; Dr. Francis J. Reichmann, of Oklahoma City, chairman of the A.D.A. Council on Federal Dental Services, and Dr. John C. Brauer, of Chapel Hill, dean of the School of Dentistry, University of North Carolina.

## **ANNOUNCE STEPPED UP PROMOTIONS FOR DENTAL AND MEDICAL OFFICERS**

Stepped up promotions for dental and medical officers were in effect in all branches of the armed forces this week. Under new rulings, members of the dental and medical corps are given additional credit for time spent in professional education, and therefore the required time for serving in any one rank in the armed forces is reduced. Last week, the Army announced that dental and medical officers would be required to serve one year less in grade to be qualified for promotion. Similar provisions earlier were placed in operation by the Navy and Air Force. The new rulings are in keeping with the emphasis on heightening the incentives for dentists and physicians to seek careers in the armed forces.

## **7 OUT OF 10 DENTISTS IN FEDERAL SERVICES ARE A.D.A. MEMBERS**

More than seven out of each ten dentists in the federal services are A.D.A. members, according to the Association's Council on Membership. The percentage of membership in each of the five dental services is: Air Force, 63; Army, 65; Navy, 73; Public Health Service, 92, and Veterans Administration, 94. In all, there are 6,859 dentists in federal service and 4,919, or 72 per cent, are Association members. Approximately half of this number are members of constituent dental societies. The remainder have joined the Association direct as authorized by the Bylaws for dentists in federal service.

## **31ST ANNUAL GREATER NEW YORK DENTAL MEETING TO OPEN DEC. 5**

Dr. Bernerd C. Kingsbury, of San Francisco, A.D.A. president, will share the platform with Dr. Hubert N. Alyea, atomic scientist and professor of chemistry at Princeton University, and Dr. Ormonde J. McCormack, of Syracuse, president of the Dental Society of the State of New York, at the 31st annual session of the Greater New York Dental Meeting to be held Dec. 5-9 at the Hotel Statler in New York City. The three men will appear at the opening general session on Monday evening, Dec. 5. The five-day meeting, sponsored by the 1st and 2nd District Dental Societies of the State of New York, also will be highlighted by 86 clinics, including closed circuit color television clinics, projected clinics, table clinics and registered clinics. Additionally, the scientific program will include several general sessions. "Frontiers of Dental Research" will be among featured exhibits. The chairman of the meeting is Dr. Matthew Besdine, of Brooklyn. The president of the 1st District Society is Dr. William S. Curran, of New York, and the president of the 2nd District Society is Dr. Vitus J. Lachnicht, of Brooklyn.

## **DR. MATTHEW BESDINE NAMED TO A.D.A. COUNCIL ON LEGISLATION**

The appointment of Dr. Matthew Besdine, of Brooklyn, N.Y., to the A.D.A. Council on Legislation was announced last week by Dr. Bernerd C. Kingsbury, of San Francisco, Association president. Dr. Besdine succeeds Dr. Joseph Glaser, of New York, who resigned for health reasons. The appointment is effective until the 1956 annual session in Atlantic City, Oct. 1 to 4.

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

<u>QUOTA UNDER \$1,000.00</u>			TO NOV.28	<u>QUOTAS OVER \$1,000.00</u>			
1955-56				1955-56			
<u>QUOTA</u>	<u>CONTRI- BUTION</u>	<u>PCT.</u>		<u>QUOTA</u>	<u>CONTRI- BUTION</u>	<u>PCT.</u>	
Air Force	\$540.00	\$140.75	26.1	California	\$3,770.00	\$2,817.00	74.7
ALABAMA	820.00	836.00	102.0	So. California	4,720.00	2,445.50	51.8
Alaska	50.00			Connecticut	1,940.00	1,273.00	65.6
Arizona	310.00	104.00	33.5	Florida	1,420.00	1,052.00	74.1
Arkansas	550.00	376.00	68.4	Georgia	1,070.00	437.00	40.8
Army	520.00	135.00	26.0	Illinois	7,120.00	5,155.50	72.4
Colorado	970.00	465.50	47.0	Indiana	2,270.00	1,571.93	69.2
Delaware	150.00	103.00	68.7	Iowa	1,780.00	1,232.50	69.2
Dist. of Col.	800.00	445.00	55.6	Kansas	1,000.00	711.30	71.1
Hawaii	370.00	287.00	77.6	Kentucky	1,160.00	358.00	30.9
Idaho	290.00	88.00	30.3	Louisiana	1,020.00	477.50	46.8
Maine	460.00	255.50	55.5	Maryland	1,100.00	784.00	71.3
Mississippi	540.00	292.00	54.1	Massachusetts	3,660.00	1,004.00	27.4
Montana	360.00	285.00	79.2	Michigan	4,090.00	2,563.90	62.7
NEVADA	100.00	124.00	124.0	Minnesota	2,770.00	1,584.00	57.2
New Hampshire	320.00	202.50	63.3	Missouri	2,420.00	1,400.00	57.9
New Mexico	250.00	195.50	78.2	Navy	1,050.00	313.00	29.8
NORTH DAKOTA	320.00	392.05	122.5	Nebraska	1,000.00	302.00	30.2
Oklahoma	900.00	523.00	58.1	New Jersey	4,010.00	2,326.00	58.0
Panama C.Z.	20.00			New York	15,020.00	6,585.00	43.8
P.H. Service	200.00	132.00	66.0	North Carolina	1,300.00	501.00	38.5
Puerto Rico	240.00	74.25	30.9	Ohio	4,940.00	2,916.00	59.0
Rhode Island	550.00	242.00	44.0	Oregon	1,270.00	919.50	72.4
South Carolina	470.00	256.00	54.5	Pennsylvania	6,790.00	3,112.00	45.8
SOUTH DAKOTA	320.00	439.00	137.2	TENNESSEE	1,360.00	2,162.00	159.0
Utah	480.00	254.50	53.0	Texas	3,240.00	1,401.00	43.2
Vermont	190.00	104.00	54.7	Virginia	1,190.00	773.50	65.0
Vet. Admin.	770.00	169.50	22.0	Washington	1,810.00	1,360.00	75.1
West Virginia	740.00	437.00	59.1	Wisconsin	2,950.00	1,582.50	53.6
Wyoming	160.00	91.00	56.9				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$12,760.00</b>	<b>\$7,449.05</b>	<b>58.4</b>		<b>\$87,240.00</b>	<b>\$49,120.63</b>	<b>56.3</b>

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	<u>QUOTA</u>	<u>CONTRIBUTION</u>	<u>PCT.</u>
QUOTAS UNDER \$1,000	\$12,760.00	\$ 7,449.05	58.4
QUOTAS OVER \$1,000	87,240.00	49,120.63	56.3
STUDENTS		452.22	
MEMORIALS			
MISCELLANEOUS		11.56	
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$100,000.00</b>	<b>\$57,033.46</b>	<b>57.0</b>

## **DR. H. TRENDLEY DEAN HONORED BY ST. LOUIS UNIVERSITY**

Dr. H. Trendley Dean, of Chicago, secretary of the A.D.A. Council on Dental Research and internationally known authority on water fluoridation, was awarded the 1955 Alumni Merit Award by St. Louis University at its 137th Founders' Day celebration Nov. 15. In making the presentation, the Rev. Francis J. O'Reilly, S.J., a vice-president of the school, described Dr. Dean as "one of the most outstanding graduates of the University's School of Dentistry," and praised him for his noteworthy achievements in the field of dental research and prevention. The citation said that "it would be difficult to find one man who has made a larger contribution to this field." Dr. Dean formerly was director of the National Institute of Dental Research at Bethesda, Md., and served with the U.S. Public Health Service for 30 years prior to assuming his present position with the A.D.A. In 1949 he received the Gorgas Medal and Award from the Association of Military Surgeons "for outstanding contributions in the field of military medicine," the first dentist to be so honored. He also has been honored with the John M. Goodell Prize, 1950; the Jarvie Fellowship Medal, 1951; the Lasker Award, 1952, and the Georgetown University School of Dentistry Award of Merit, 1953. He holds honorary memberships in the Finnish Dental Society and the section on odontology of the Royal Society of Medicine in London.

## **DISNEY CARTOONS REPLACED BY CIRCUS RECALL CARDS AND CERTIFICATES**

A new line of children's dental recall cards and good teeth certificates has been prepared by the A.D.A. Bureau of Dental Health Education. They are illustrated by a gay circus theme. The new cards and certificates replace those carrying pictures of Mickey Mouse and other Walt Disney characters following the refusal of Disney Productions to extend its contract with the Association. The contract had been in existence 20 years. (See A.D.A. News Letter, Oct. 1, 1955.)

## **DENTAL SOCIETY TO HONOR DEAN RUSSELL A. DIXON OF HOWARD UNIVERSITY**

A testimonial banquet to honor Dean Russell A. Dixon, of the College of Dentistry, Howard University, in Washington, D.C., will highlight a two-day mid-winter clinic in the school, to be sponsored by the Robert T. Freeman Dental Society on Jan. 13 and 14. Dr. Dixon, who is now in his 25th year as dean, has the distinction of holding the longest continuously active deanship in dentistry. The dinner will be held at the Willard Hotel in Washington. The clinical program will include discussions of high speed cavity preparation, use of radioactive isotopes and improved oral surgery technics. Dr. William K. Collins is the president of the Robert T. Freeman Dental Society.

## **NEW FILM PRODUCED BY COUNCIL ON DENTAL RESEARCH, BUREAU OF STANDARDS**

A 28-minute motion picture, entitled "A Porcelain Jacket Crown Technic," has been produced by the dental research section of the National Bureau of Standards in cooperation with the A.D.A. Council on Dental Research and the University of Montevideo in Uruguay. The film, in color and sound, depicts a simplified method for making fused porcelain jacket crowns. The Montevideo school was represented by Dr. Hector Sacchi, a faculty member of its school of dentistry and a guest worker at the bureau during the last year. The picture may be borrowed from the Bureau of Standards and will be available later from the A.D.A. Film Library.

## **TESTIMONIAL DINNER PLANNED TO HONOR DR. BERNERD C. KINGSBURY**

A testimonial dinner in honor of Dr. Bernerd C. Kingsbury, of San Francisco, new president of the A.D.A., has been planned by the California State Dental Association. The dinner will be held in San Francisco at the Sheraton-Palace Hotel on Jan. 12. Co-chairmen of the event are Dr. Francis J. Herz, first vice-president of the A.D.A., and Dr. Thomas Quigg, president of the San Francisco Dental Society. The state society is headed by Dr. William S. Smith, of San Francisco.

## FINAL REPORT DUE DEC. 12 ON NEWBURGH-KINGSTON FLUORIDATION STUDY

The final report winding up the ten-year Newburgh-Kingston fluoridation study will be presented Dec. 12 at New York City. The Newburgh-Kingston study was started in May, 1945, and was one of the first controlled fluoridation programs in the world. At a special meeting of the New York Institute of Clinical Oral Pathology in the New York Academy of Medicine Building, the dental and medical research scientists who conducted the program will report on its history, pediatric aspects, toxicology and dental aspects. Speakers will be Dr. Herman E. Hilleboe, commissioner of the State of New York Department of Health; Dr. Edward R. Schlesinger, associate director of the department's Division of Medical Services; Dr. Harold Hodge, professor of pharmacology at the University of Rochester, and Dr. David B. Ast, director of the Bureau of Dental Health in the State of New York. Meanwhile, the U.S. Public Health Service announced that, to date, referendums on fluoridation have been held in 231 communities. The program was rejected in 127 cases and approved in 104. In 28 communities, established fluoridation projects were discontinued as a result of referendums. The A.D.A. Council on Dental Health reports that fluoridation programs are now in operation in 1,117 communities with a total population of over 22 million.

## PRELIMINARY PLANS DRAWN UP FOR 12th INTERNATIONAL DENTAL CONGRESS

Preliminary plans have been completed for the 12th International Dental Congress of the Federation Dentaire Internationale to be held in 1957 in Rome. The dates are Sept. 7-14. The Italian Medical Dentists Association will be host to the meeting, which will be held under the patronage of the president of the Italian Republic, Dr. Giovanni Gronchi. Among U.S. dentists who will present scientific reports at the Congress are Dr. Francis A. Arnold Jr., of Washington, D.C., director of the National Institute for Dental Research; Dr. LeRoy M. Ennis, of Philadelphia, member of the A.D.A. Council on International Relations; Dr. George C. Paffenbarger, of Washington, D.C., chief of the A.D.A. research staff at the National Bureau of Standards; Dr. J. A. Salzmann, of New York City, editor of the New York Journal of Dentistry, and Dr. George W. Tuescher, of Chicago, dean of the Dental School, Northwestern University. Dr. Harold Hillenbrand, of Chicago, A.D.A. secretary, has been appointed a member of the organizing committee for the meeting.

## COUNCILS ON DENTAL RESEARCH, LEGISLATION, DENTAL EDUCATION TO MEET

Three A.D.A. councils have scheduled meetings for this week. The Council on Dental Research, headed by Dr. Thomas J. Hill, of Cleveland, will hold a session in Washington, D.C., today and tomorrow (Dec. 1 and 2) in the Sheraton-Carlton Hotel. Meeting at Association headquarters in Chicago will be the Council on Legislation, whose chairman is Dr. Paul E. Jones, of Farmville, N.C., Dec. 3-4, and the Council on Dental Education, headed by Dr. Gerald D. Timmons, of Philadelphia, Dec. 4-5.

## CHARTER SUBSCRIPTIONS TO DENTAL ABSTRACTS NEAR 7,000 MARK

Charter subscribers to Dental Abstracts, the new A.D.A. journal which will begin publication in January, last week numbered nearly 7,000. All 48 states and 44 foreign countries are represented among the subscribers. The unique monthly publication will contain abstracts from all the world's dental literature. The annual subscription price is \$6 in the United States and \$7 outside the country. Subscription orders should be sent to A.D.A. headquarters in Chicago.

## PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE EXAMINATIONS FOR DENTAL OFFICERS SET FOR MARCH

Examinations for appointment of dental officers to the regular corps of the U.S. Public Health Service will be held throughout the country March 20-23. Information and application forms can be obtained from the Chief, Division of Personnel, Public Health Service, Department of Health, Education and Welfare, Washington 25, D.C. The deadline for filing of applications is Feb. 10.