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HOUSE AUTHORIZES \$4 MILLION FOR DENTAL RESEARCH BUILDING -- CONGRESSMEN ALSO VOTE \$90 MILLION FOR SCHOOL FACILITIES

The House of Representatives Friday (July 13) approved a bill (S.3246) to increase to \$4 million the authorization for the construction of a building to house the National Institute of Dental Research. Earlier the Senate had boosted the authorization for the dental research building from \$2 million to \$5 million. The bill now goes to a conference committee of both houses of Congress. The House also approved another research measure (S.849), to set up a federal three-year matching grant program of \$90 million for schools of dentistry and medicine primarily, to be used for construction and improvement of research facilities. This bill also goes to a conference committee. A slightly different version of the same bill was passed by the Senate a year ago. Meanwhile, President Eisenhower signed an appropriations bill providing \$6,026,000 for dental activities, of which \$3,715,000 is earmarked for grants for dental research at dental schools and dental research centers. The bill is now Public Law 635 of the 84th Congress. Passage of the bill to increase the authorization for the dental research building was viewed as a major victory for dental profession. The A.D.A. for several years has urged the construction of a building to house the National Institute of Dental Research. The original authorization of \$2 million was considered unrealistic in view of greatly increased building costs in the eight years since the amount was authorized.

GREATER CLEVELAND BEGINS FLUORIDATION FOR 1,200,000 RESIDENTS

Fluoridation of public water supplies was begun July 2 in Cleveland, serving 1,200,000 residents of the city and 60 suburbs. Initiation of the program in the Ohio city brings to 25,563,927 the number of people now included in the program in the United States. Cleveland is the nation's fourth largest city to have fluoridation, being exceeded only by Chicago, Philadelphia and Baltimore. The start of the Cleveland program climaxes efforts of the Ohio State Dental Association and the Cleveland Dental Society whose fluoridation committee has been headed by Dr. Ralph E. Creig. Total cost of the fluoridation equipment, installed at the city's three pumping stations, was \$116,000 and the annual cost for maintaining the program has been estimated at \$250,000 or about 20 cents per capita. Fluoridation has been under consideration in Cleveland for more than five years. The measure was approved by the city council in 1951 and was challenged through the courts up to the U.S. Supreme Court which last May dismissed an appeal from an Ohio Supreme Court decision. The state high court ruled that fluoridation "constitutes neither an infringement of the constitutional liberties of the citizens" nor the illegal practice of medicine. With the Greater Cleveland program, there are now 1,232 U.S. communities served by fluoridation.

A.D.A. MEMBERSHIP TOPS 85,000 FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HISTORY

Total A.D. A. membership reached 85,660 on June 30 to establish a new record. The new total was 809 above the previous high set at the end of 1955 and more than 2,500 ahead of the corresponding date last year. More than eight out of every 10 practicing dentists are members of the Association. Included in the record-breaking total were: 75,716 fully privileged members (active and life), up 2,426 over last June, and 9,725 student members, up 111 over the same date last year. Membership in other categories was: affiliate, 188; associate, 16, and honorary, 15.

APPROVAL OF KEOGH-JENKINS BILL URGED; SIMILAR PLAN ADOPTED IN BRITAIN

The A.D.A. last week urged the Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives to consider favorably the Keogh-Jenkins bill (H.R. 10) which would permit dentists and other self-employed professional persons to establish their own retirement income plans by placing a limited portion of their income annually into tax-deferred restricted retirement funds. In a letter to the committee, Dr. Paul E. Jones, of Farmville, N.C., chairman of the A.D.A. Council on Legislation, noted that the committee is considering two bills to amend the Railroad Retirement Tax Act to allow railroad employees to exclude from taxable income the amounts contributed each year toward a retirement pension. Pointing out that the Association has recommended a similar tax mechanism for self-employed persons, Dr. Jones said that "the tax inequity presently contained in the Internal Revenue Code in the area of pension or retirement plans which favors the corporate employee over the self-employed individual cannot be justified under any acceptable tax philosophy." A British counterpart of the Keogh-Jenkins bill has been approved by the House of Commons. In the measure adopted June 22, self-employed persons, including dentists, are permitted to set aside 10 per cent of their earned income annually with a limit of about \$2,100. The law includes a formula under which persons 40 years or older can deduct a larger amount up to a maximum of 15 per cent at the age of 48.

SOCIAL SECURITY DEBATE EXPECTED THIS WEEK ON SENATE FLOOR

Debate is expected this week in the Senate on modifications of the Social Security Act. Under the House-approved measure, coverage under the Old Age and Survivors' Insurance program of the act has been extended to dentists and other self-employed professional persons with the exception of physicians. The Senate Finance Committee, considering the House version, voted also to exclude osteopaths from the bill and eliminated two provisions of the House measure. These were to provide benefits for totally disabled persons, beginning at the age of 50, and to lower the retirement age for women from 65 to 62.

UNIFORM ACCOUNTING SYSTEM URGED FOR STATE DENTAL JOURNALS

A proposal that state dental journals be encouraged to adopt a uniform accounting system was approved by the A.D.A. Council on Journalism at a meeting at Association headquarters July 5. Dr. William L. Barnum, of Portland, Ore., presided. The resolution followed a report by Mr. John J. Hollister, of Chicago, A.D.A. business manager, which pointed out that a uniform system would provide a yardstick for a publication in comparing it with others on an income and expense basis. The council voted to distribute the report in manual form to editors and state society officers.

THREE NEW APPOINTMENTS ANNOUNCED FOR A.D.A. STAFF

The appointment of three new A.D.A. staff members has been announced by Dr. Harold Hillenbrand of Chicago, Association secretary. Mr. Henry M. Koehler, chemist, has been appointed to the Council on Dental Therapeutics. Previously Mr. Koehler was a research assistant in the biochemistry department, Northwestern University Medical School. He is a graduate of Roosevelt University, Chicago. Mr. George Y. Ogawa, who joined the Bureau of Economic Research and Statistics as a statistician, holds a master's degree from the University of Chicago and was on the staff of the U. of C.'s Industrial Relations Center. Mr. Thomas Ahern is a new staff writer for the Bureau of Public Information. Mr. Ahern was graduated from De Paul University, Chicago, in June. He succeeds Mr. Peter C. Goulding, recently appointed as secretary of the Council on Scientific Session.

PLAN DENTAL CONGRESSES FOR DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, PARIS IN THE FALL

A.D.A. members have been invited to attend two dental congresses this fall. The Second Pan American Odontological Congress is scheduled for Oct. 8-11 in Ciudad Trujillo, Dominican Republic. Announcement has also been made of the 30th Paris International Dental Meeting, scheduled for Nov. 26 to Dec. 2 in Paris. A.D.A. members who are interested in submitting papers, table clinics or films should contact the secretary general, Pierre Coustaing, 50, rue Pierre Charron, Paris (8^o).

A.D.A. RELIEF FUND CONTRIBUTIONS TOTAL \$114,961 AS CAMPAIGN ENDS; 45 SOCIETIES EXCEED QUOTAS AS ALL PREVIOUS RECORDS ARE SHATTERED

The most successful A.D.A. Relief Fund campaign in history ended June 30 with total contributions of \$114,961. The 1955-56 total was more than \$3,500 above the previous high of \$111,273 set at the end of last year's drive. In all, 45 constituent societies and federal services exceeded their quotas in this year's campaign. Only 10 societies failed to pass the 90 per cent mark. Alaska led all societies by a substantial margin in per capita contributions during this year's drive. Dentists in Alaska donated \$399 -- nearly eight times the quota for the territory. The final figure for Alaska was 798 per cent of quota. Tennessee, the early leader in the 1955-56 drive, finished second with 371 per cent of quota. In addition, four other societies more than doubled their quotas. They are: Arizona, 214.7 per cent; Southern California, 205.8 per cent; Nevada, 205 per cent, and Alabama, 202.9 per cent. New York again led the nation in dollar volume with a total contribution of \$12,911, representing 86 per cent of quota. Southern California was second with \$9,715.50 (206 per cent of quota), and Illinois was third with \$8,311.50 (116.7 per cent of quota). For the third consecutive year, the smaller societies (quotas under \$1,000) outstripped the larger groups (quotas over \$1,000) in per capita contributions. The smaller societies contributed 127.3 per cent of their quota, a lead of 15 percentage points over the larger societies.

QUOTA UNDER \$1,000.00				QUOTA OVER \$1,000.00			
		1955-56			1955-56		
	QUOTA	CONTRI- BUTION	PCT.		QUOTA	CONTRI- BUTION	PCT.
Air Force	\$ 540.00	\$ 387.25	71.7	CALIFORNIA	\$ 3,770.00	\$ 4,526.50	120.1
ALABAMA	820.00	1,664.00	202.9	SO. CALIFORNIA	4,720.00	9,715.50	205.8
ALASKA	50.00	399.00	798.0	CONNECTICUT	1,940.00	2,002.00	103.2
ARIZONA	310.00	665.50	214.7	FLORIDA	1,420.00	1,693.00	119.2
ARKANSAS	550.00	726.50	132.1	GEORGIA	1,070.00	1,191.00	111.3
Army	520.00	360.50	69.3	ILLINOIS	7,120.00	8,311.50	116.7
COLORADO	970.00	1,254.00	129.3	INDIANA	2,270.00	2,641.43	116.4
DELAWARE	150.00	191.00	127.3	IOWA	1,780.00	1,842.00	103.5
DIST. OF COL.	800.00	1,380.50	172.6	KANSAS	1,000.00	1,069.80	107.0
HAWAII	370.00	645.50	174.5	KENTUCKY	1,160.00	1,814.40	156.4
IDAHO	290.00	344.00	118.6	Louisiana	1,020.00	1,013.50	99.4
Maine	460.00	399.50	86.8	MARYLAND	1,100.00	1,373.00	124.8
Mississippi	540.00	441.50	81.8	MASSACHUSETTS	3,660.00	4,126.61	112.7
MONTANA	360.00	554.00	153.9	MICHIGAN	4,090.00	4,302.90	105.2
NEVADA	100.00	205.00	205.0	MINNESOTA	2,770.00	2,972.81	107.3
NEW HAMPSHIRE	320.00	358.50	112.0	Missouri	2,420.00	2,346.00	96.9
NEW MEXICO	250.00	306.00	122.4	Navy	1,050.00	584.00	55.6
NORTH DAKOTA	320.00	468.05	146.3	NEBRASKA	1,000.00	1,123.00	112.3
OKLAHOMA	900.00	940.00	104.4	NEW JERSEY	4,010.00	4,682.00	116.8
PANAMA C.Z.	20.00	22.00	110.0	New York	15,020.00	12,911.00	86.0
P.H. SERVICE	200.00	227.50	113.8	NORTH CAROLINA	1,300.00	1,725.00	132.7
PUERTO RICO	240.00	266.25	110.9	OHIO	4,940.00	5,026.50	101.8
RHODE ISLAND	550.00	876.00	159.3	OREGON	1,270.00	1,417.00	111.6
South Carolina	470.00	408.00	86.8	Pennsylvania	6,790.00	5,297.00	78.0
SOUTH DAKOTA	320.00	519.00	162.2	TENNESSEE	1,360.00	5,047.50	371.1
UTAH	480.00	583.50	121.6	Texas	3,240.00	2,661.50	82.1
VERMONT	190.00	346.00	182.1	VIRGINIA	1,190.00	1,438.50	120.9
Vet. Admin.	770.00	415.50	54.0	WASHINGTON	1,810.00	2,377.00	131.3
West Virginia	740.00	680.50	92.0	Wisconsin	2,950.00	2,722.50	92.3
WYOMING	160.00	211.00	131.9				
TOTAL	\$12,760.00	\$16,245.55	127.3		\$87,240.00	\$97,954.45	112.3

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	QUOTA	CONTRIBUTION	PCT.
QUOTAS UNDER \$1,000	\$ 12,760.00	\$ 16,245.55	127.3
QUOTAS OVER \$1,000	87,240.00	97,954.45	112.3
STUDENTS		709.22	
MEMORIALS		15.00	
MISCELLANEOUS		36.56	
GRAND TOTAL	\$100,000.00	\$114,960.78	115.0

DENTISTRY RAISED TO DIVISION STATUS IN MICHIGAN HEALTH DEPARTMENT

The Section of Dentistry of the Michigan Department of Health has been elevated to the status of Division of Public Health Dentistry, effective July 1. The new division, headed by Dr. Fred Wertheimer, of Lansing, is responsible directly to the state health commissioner, Dr. Albert E. Heustis. The change had been sought for many years by the Michigan State Dental Association. In notifying Dr. Raymond A. Hart, of Saginaw, president of the Michigan association, Dr. Heustis said: "It is believed that this adjustment will enable the Michigan Department of Health and the Michigan State Dental Association to make even greater progress in the improvement of the dental health of the people of Michigan."

BRUSH INDUSTRY VOICES THANKS TO A.D.A. FOR AID IN BRISTLE DISTRIBUTION

The Tooth and Toilet Brush Division of the American Brush Manufacturers Association has issued a formal resolution expressing appreciation to the A.D.A. Council on Dental Trade and Laboratory Relations for its cooperation and assistance in efforts to obtain natural hog bristles from the federal stockpile for use in the manufacture of toothbrushes. The stockpile, formerly on the government's list of strategic materials, was declared non-strategic late last year.

NEW EXECUTIVE SECRETARY NAMED TO OKLAHOMA STATE DENTAL ASSOCIATION

Mr. Doyle J. Morehead, of Oklahoma City, has become executive secretary of the Oklahoma State Dental Association. He replaces Mr. Bill Howard who recently resigned to become executive secretary and managing editor of the Texas Dental Association. Formerly, Mr. Morehead taught school in the Oklahoma City area. Mr. Morehead is a 1950 graduate of Central State College, Edmond, Okla., and also has received a master's degree in business administration. He served in the Navy during World War II.

MID-CONTINENT DENTAL CONGRESS TO CLIMAX ST. LOUIS CENTENNIAL

The year-long 100th anniversary observance of the St. Louis Dental Society will be climaxed at the 1956 Mid-Continent Dental Congress to be held Nov. 25-28. All A.D.A. members are invited to the four-day scientific meeting in St. Louis. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Harry Lyons, of Richmond, Va., president-elect of the Association. Scientific reports will be presented by nine essayists. There will be evening table clinics, panel discussions, projected clinics and scientific exhibits. Information about the meeting and reservations can be obtained from Mr. J. E. Brophy, executive secretary of the St. Louis Dental Society, 8013 Maryland Ave., St. Louis 5. The slogan of the 100th anniversary celebration is "Better Health Through Dentistry."

BRIEFS IN THE NEWS

Dr. Harry B. Millhoff, chief of the dental division of the Ohio Department of Health since 1940, will retire Aug. 1. Dr. Millhoff, of Columbus, has achieved a national reputation as a state dental director and was one of the first to use workshops in the development of state and local dental health programs....Dr. Henry F. Helmholtz, of Rochester, Minn., who has been an active proponent of the fluoridation program as chairman of the committee on health of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers, will present a paper on fluoridation at the International Pediatrics Congress July 22 in Copenhagen....The first issue of Tips for Georgia Dentists, a news letter issued jointly by the Council on Dental Health of the Georgia State Dental Association and the Dental Health Services of the Georgia Department of Public Health, made its appearance July 3....Mr. Herbert B. Bain, of Chicago, director of the A.D.A. Bureau of Public Information, has been elected a member of the board of directors of the Publicity Club of Chicago....Construction has begun on a new \$766,000 wing for the School of Dentistry, Marquette University, Milwaukee. The four-story building is scheduled for completion in the fall of 1957....The August issue of Coronet magazine will carry an article on hypnotism in the fields of dentistry, medicine and psychiatry, entitled "What Really Happens When You Are Hypnotized."