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97th Annual Session - ATLANTIC CITY - Oct. 1-4

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MAJOR CONFERENCES SCHEDULED FOR 97TH ANNUAL MEETING IN ATLANTIC CITY -- ACCOMMODATIONS AVAILABLE AT HOTELS AND MOTELS IN NOTED SEASIDE RESORT

Several major conferences will be part of the 97th annual session of the Association to be held Oct. 1 through 4 in Atlantic City. The conferences, on dental research, on journalism and on dental society activities (see below), will be in addition to the extensive program of scientific reports, projected clinics, table clinics, films and exhibits that will mark the four-day scientific program at the Atlantic City Auditorium. Ample hotel accommodations are still available, according to Dr. Eugene R. Westcott, of Atlantic City, chairman of the general committee on local arrangements. In addition to 39 hotels that have pledged accommodations for the meeting, a number of first rate motels have also provided assurances of accommodations. Applications for reservations should be made on the application form appearing in The Journal of the American Dental Association and sent to the A.D.A. Housing Bureau, 16 Central Pier, Atlantic City, N. J.

SESSION ON RESEARCH GRANTS SET FOR MONDAY, OCT. 1

A special conference on dental research will be held in the second floor ballroom of the Atlantic City Auditorium at 3 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 1.

The meeting, sponsored by the Council on Dental Research, will feature a discussion of the expanded research program at dental schools and research centers which has been made possible by the substantial increase in federal appropriations for approved projects. Congress appropriated nearly \$4 million for Public Health Service research grants for the current fiscal year ending next June 30. This is nearly 10 times the amount appropriated for support of dental research the previous year. The special conference will be open to all interested persons. Dr. Thomas J. Hill, of Cleveland, chairman of the council, will be the moderator. Speakers will include Dr. Harry Lyons, dean, School of Dentistry, Medical College of Virginia and president-elect of the A.D.A.; Dr. Willard C. Fleming, dean, College of Dentistry, University of California; Dr. Joseph F. Volker, dean, School of Dentistry, University of Alabama; and Dr. Francis A. Arnold Jr., director, National Institute of Dental Research. Following the talks, questions from the floor will be answered by a panel including Drs. Lyons, Fleming, Volker, Arnold, Hill, H. Trendley Dean, secretary of the council, and F. Earle Lyman, chief of extramural programs, National Institute of Dental Research. The next deadline for receipt of applications for the Public Health Service research grants for the current year is Nov. 1. An explanation of the procedures required in the preparation and filing of an application for a federal research grant will be explained in detail at the conference. The conference will be held in the same room that sessions of the House of Delegates will be held during the 97th annual convention. Last week the Public Health Service announced the award of \$901,494 in grants for dental research projects. Included was \$382,217 for 47 new grants and \$519,277 for the continuation of projects previously started. The dental research grants were part of \$48 million in grants made from funds appropriated for the current fiscal year.

LIST CONCERT PROGRAM FOR PHILADELPHIA ORCHESTRA

Philadelphia Orchestra, conducted by Eugene Ormandy, will present a concert. The appearance of the orchestra has been made possible through the cooperation of the Dental Division of Johnson and Johnson. Preceding the concert, officers and distinguished guests will be presented and the president's annual address will be given by Dr. Bernerd C. Kingsbury, of San Francisco. The program by the orchestra follows:

Berlioz. Overture, "The Roman Carnival"
Beethoven. Symphony No. 5 in C minor
Strauss. Tone Poem, "Death and Transfiguration"
Ravel. Suite No. 2 from the Ballet, "Daphnis and Chloe"

STATE OFFICERS CONFERENCE TO HEAR PRESIDENT-ELECT

Dr. Harry Lyons, will address a luncheon at the Conference of State Society Officers which will be held Sunday, Sept. 30, at Haddon Hall.

Dr. Fritz A. Pierson, of Lincoln, Neb., will preside at the meeting which will open at 9 a.m. Other speakers will include Dr. Harold Hillenbrand, of Chicago, secretary of the A.D.A.; Dr. Joseph L. Champagne, of Detroit, secretary of the Michigan State Board of Dentistry; Dr. S. Mayo Silverman, of Los Angeles, secretary of the Southern California State Dental Association, and Mr. Bernard J. Conway, of Chicago, secretary of the A.D.A. Council on Legislation. Greetings will be extended by Dr. Kingsbury and Dr. Alfred W. Nelson, of West Englewood, president of the New Jersey State Dental Society.

CONFERENCE ON JOURNALISM SCHEDULED FOR SEPT. 29

Dental editors will meet for the joint session of the American Association of Dental Editors and the A.D.A. Council on Journalism on Saturday,

Sept. 29, at Haddon Hall. A dinner session will be addressed by Dr. J. Douglas Perry, of Philadelphia, chairman of the department of journalism at Temple University, and Dr. A. Porter Sweet, of Rochester, N.Y., editor of Dental Radiography and Photography. Speakers at a session beginning at 1 p.m. will be Dr. Neal Chilton, of Trenton, N.J., assistant professor of periodontics at the School of Dentistry, Temple University; Mr. N. C. Hudson, of Chicago, assistant editor of the A.D.A.; Dr. L. M. Lucas, editor of the Journal of the District of Columbia Dental Society, and Dr. Thomas C. McBride, of Columbus, Ohio, vice-chairman of the committee on journalism of the American College of Dentists.

GERMAN SCIENTIST CHALLENGES DR. WALDBOTT'S FLUORIDE 'POISONING' DATA

"The American Dental Association and the public health authorities are fully justified in their contention that Dr. (George L.) Waldbott presented no proof to substantiate his belief that chronic poisoning had been caused by water fluoridation..." a German scientist wrote recently in a letter to Dr. Frederick S. McKay, of Colorado Springs, pioneer fluoride investigator. Commenting on Dr. Waldbott's claim that he had discovered 70 cases of poisoning caused by water fluoridation, Dr. Heinrich Hornung, former professor of medicine at the University of Prague; currently medical public health officer of Kassel, Germany, and author of many articles in the scientific literature on fluorides, said: "On the question of fluoridation, his (Dr. Waldbott's) scientific reasoning is tarnished constantly by an emotional bias." Dr. Hornung also charged that Dr. Waldbott's data was based on "leading" questions included in questionnaires that he distributed. Additionally, Dr. Hornung said that the symptoms listed by Dr. Waldbott as indicative of fluoride poisoning were irrelevant. He pointed out that he had sent similar questionnaires to residents of Marburg, Germany, but had substituted the words, "chlorination" and "chlorine" for "fluoridation" and "fluorine." He reported that 50 per cent of those answering his questionnaires "would have been recorded by Dr. Waldbott as established cases of poisoning....Therefore, it can be assumed that the positive answers received to Dr. Waldbott's questionnaire are nothing but the product of suggestion by 'leading' questions. The 70 cases of chronic poisoning, claimed to be caused by fluoridation, never existed." The complete text of the letter appears on pages 325-6 in the September issue of The Journal of the American Dental Association.

NEW YORK STUDY DESCRIBES LACK OF LEGAL ACTION

from the consumption of fluoridated water. The survey, conducted by the New York City Department of Health, included questionnaires which were sent to health officers in 93 cities in which fluoridation has been in operation for from 2 to 11 years. The report said in part: "...The finding of this survey also reflects the basic validity of the scientific evidence which has established the safety of water fluoridation through vital statistics, laboratory, epidemiological and clinical study."

EVANSTON SHOWS 64 PER CENT DECREASE IN DENTAL CARIES

reduction of 64 per cent in the rate of decay in the permanent teeth of six, seven and eight year olds who had been living in Evanston since birth. The study is under the direction of Dr. J. R. Blayney, Dr. I. N. Hill and Mr. Walter Wolf, all of the Zoller Memorial Dental Clinic of the University of Chicago. The investigators also reported that the dental decay rate for six and seven year old children in Aurora, Ill., where the water naturally contains 1.2 parts per million fluoride. They attributed the lower decay rate to an increased emphasis on dental health education by Evanston health authorities.

STUDY PROVES FLUORIDES NON-TOXIC AT 1 P.P.M.

The study, prepared by four members of the Laboratory of Oral and Biological Chemistry at the National Institute of Dental Research, said: "The findings are regarded as evidence that no hazard of cumulative toxic fluorosis is associated with the use of a drinking water fluoridated to contain 1 p.p.m. fluoride." The survey of two fluoridated areas, Montgomery County, Md., and Grand Rapids, Mich., indicated that in adults, 70 to 80 per cent of the fluoride was discharged in the urine within a week, and the entire concentration, at the end of six weeks. Authors of the report were: I. Zipkin, Ph.D.; F. J. McClure, Ph.D.; R. C. Likins, D.D.S., and Mrs. A. C. Steere, B.S.

WOMEN'S GROUP PREPARES FLUORIDATION REPORT

pared a 44-page report on the historical and scientific aspects of water fluoridation. The lay group spent nearly a year preparing the study, and concluded: "...Therefore, while we feel that fluoridation is not a cure-all, we favor such a program as the greatest hope of preventing caries for the largest number of people at the lowest cost per person available at present."

A.D.A. REPRESENTED ON ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR MILITARY DEPENDENTS CARE

Dr. Harry Lyons, of Richmond, Va., president-elect of the A.D.A., and Dr. William R. Alstadt, of Little Rock, Ark., Association trustee, have been asked to represent the A.D.A. as members of the Health Plan Advisory Committee created by the newly-enacted law on health care for the dependents of military personnel. The invitation came from Dr. Frank B. Berry, assistant secretary of defense for health and medical affairs. The first meeting of the committee has been called for Sept. 8 at the Pentagon. Other organizations to be represented include the American Medical Association, American Hospital Association, American College of Physicians, American Academy of General Practice, American College of Surgeons, American College of Radiology, Blue Cross, Blue Shield and representatives of commercial insurance companies.

NATIONAL BUREAU OF STANDARDS TO BE RE-LOCATED IN GAITHERSBURG, MD.

The National Bureau of Standards, at Washington, D.C., is to be moved to Gaithersburg, Md. The relocation of the laboratories, including the dental materials section and the A.D.A. research fellowship program maintained at the bureau, is expected to take five years. The move is designed to provide more adequate facilities for the bureau operations.

A survey of 80 cities with a total population of over 15 million persons revealed that there has not been a single legal claim charging harm

Meanwhile, in Evanston, Ill., a report of the city's eight-and-a-half-year fluoridation program indicated that there was an over-all

Another study, in the August issue Public Health Reports, presents further evidence that drinking water containing 1 p.p.m. fluoride is non-toxic.

In other action, the Committee on Fluoridation of Public Water Supplies of the League of Women Voters, Yellow Springs, Ohio, has pre-

CONGRESSIONAL VOTE FOR NEW DENTAL RESEARCH BUILDING WINS PRAISE

The following editorial, commending Congress for its action in voting to approve an authorization for a \$4 million building to house the National Institute of Dental Research, was published in the Aug. 19 issue of the Washington Post and Times-Herald:

An anthropologist from outer space was presented in a recent magazine satire as basing his study of American culture chiefly on the elaborate dental rites he observed here. Although unfortunately this mythical scientist's observations held true for only a small part of the population -- as witness Uncle Sam's huge dental bills for the armed services -- the last Congress at least showed its realization of how important dental health is to the Nation's physical fitness. As a result, the National Institute of Dental Research will soon rise beside the other National Health Institutes at Bethesda. Congress also voted approximately \$6 million for research in dental schools and medical centers.

Congress before adjourning appropriated \$200,000 for preparation and plans for the new building. It is expected that a sufficient appropriation, not to exceed \$4 million as authorized in the bill, will be inserted in the supplemental appropriation bill in January. Thus the badly needed space for dental research, which requires large laboratory facilities and equipment, should soon be available. The new center also will make possible the utilization of more scientists of outstanding ability, and the carrying out of programs for visiting scientists. It should, in short, facilitate cooperation in dental research throughout the country.

GENERAL DENTAL COUNCIL REPLACES OLD DENTAL BOARD IN ENGLAND

Formation of the General Dental Council to take the place of the former Dental Board of the United Kingdom has now been completed. The council was established under the new Dentists' Act of 1956 which for the first time provides autonomy for the dental profession in Britain's National Health Service program. The council is independent of the General Medical Council which previously had authority over actions of the Dental Board. The first president of the General Dental Council is Sir Wilfred Fish, chairman of the former Dental Board, member of the faculty of dental surgery of the Royal College of Surgeons of England and chairman in 1952 of the 11th International Dental Congress which was held in London.

DR. ERMAL E. O'BRIAN APPOINTED OHIO STATE DENTAL DIRECTOR

Dr. Ermal E. O'Brian has been appointed chief of the division of dental hygiene, Ohio Department of Health. He succeeds Dr. Harry B. Millhoff who has retired. Previously, Dr. O'Brian served with the Illinois Department of Public Health as regional dental director for 21 counties. Prior to that time, he had charge of the dental programs in Lee County Health Department and the Champaign-Urbana Public Health District, also in Illinois. A 1950 graduate of the School of Dentistry, Washington University, St. Louis, Dr. O'Brian is a member of the Illinois Public Health Association and Delta Sigma Delta, national dental fraternity.

BRIEFS IN THE NEWS

Dr. R. D. Bridgford, of Colorado City, Texas, has been named chairman of the Reference Committee on Hospital Dental Services of the A.D.A. House of Delegates for the annual session Oct. 1-4 in Atlantic City. He succeeds Dr. Bruce F. Wilkinson, of Tyler, Texas, who is unable to attend the meeting...."Teaching Dental Health to Elementary School Children" is the title of a 32-page booklet written by Mr. Perry J. Sandell, director of the A.D.A. Bureau of Dental Health Education, and published by the American Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation....The Alaska Dental Society, whose new president is Dr. James Whaley, of Ketchikan, has voted to raise its dues to a total of \$120 a year, which includes \$100 for the constituent society. These are the highest constituent society dues in the nation....A portrait of the late Dr. Sheppard W. Foster, president of the A.D.A. in 1926, has been presented to the School of Dentistry, Emory University, by a Memorial Fund Committee, headed by Dr. Julius M. Davis, of Sylacauga, Ga. Dr. Foster was dean of the Southern Dental College and president of the Atlanta-Southern Dental College.