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



# News Letter

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## RECORD ATTENDANCE EXPECTED AT 97TH ANNUAL SESSION IN ATLANTIC CITY-- REGISTRATION OPENS AT 9 A.M. SUNDAY, SEPT. 30, FOR FOUR-DAY MEETING

Thousands of dentists from the United States and other parts of the world will be arriving in Atlantic City within the next two weeks for the 97th annual session of the Association, officially opening Oct. 1. Advance reservations indicate that attendance may exceed the previous record of nearly 15,000 convention registrants in San Francisco last year, according to Dr. Eugene R. Westcott, of Atlantic City, chairman of the general committee on local arrangements. Registration will open at 9 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 30, in the Atlantic City Auditorium where both the scientific program and the business sessions of the House of Delegates will be held. Mayor Joseph Altman of Atlantic City will welcome visitors to the meeting and Dr. Bernard C. Kingsbury, of San Francisco, president of the A.D.A., will present the president's annual report at the opening session of the House of Delegates, beginning at 10 a.m. Monday, Oct. 1. The scientific program, including essays, projected clinics, table clinics, films and exhibits, will begin at 9:30 a.m. Oct. 1. The general meeting will be held at 7:45 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 2, in the Warner Theatre on the Boardwalk. There will be a talk by Dr. Kingsbury and a concert by the Philadelphia Orchestra, conducted by Eugene Ormandy. The concert is being presented under the co-sponsorship of the Dental Division of Johnson and Johnson. All visitors to the annual session are invited to the general meeting.

### 42 RESOLUTIONS SCHEDULED FOR HOUSE CONSIDERATION

Forty-two resolutions had been submitted by Sept. 18 for consideration of the House of Delegates. These relate to dental laboratory relations, income tax regulations, the doctor-draft law, dates for National Children's Dental Health Week, civil defense, dental education and a number of other matters. The annual election of officers will be held Thursday morning, Oct. 4. At the final session, Dr. Harry Lyons, of Richmond, Va., will be installed as president. Trustees whose terms of office expire this year are Dr. Howard Higgins, of Spartanburg, S.C.; Dr. L. H. Jacob, of Peoria, Ill.; Dr. Paul H. Jeserich, of Ann Arbor, Mich.; Dr. Charles H. Patton, of Philadelphia, and Dr. Edward R. White, of Jersey City.

### MANY INTERNATIONAL GUESTS TO ATTEND ANNUAL MEETING

A hospitality center for visitors from foreign countries will be open throughout the week in Room 1080, Haddon Hall. It will be sponsored by the A.D.A. Council on International Relations. Among international guests will be Dr. Roberto M. Ruff, president-elect of the Mexican Dental Association; Lt. Col. Vivencio P. Santos, officially representing the Philippine Dental Association; Dr. W. Riis Klausen, of Copenhagen, Denmark, assistant secretary of the Federation Dentaire Internationale; Dr. Rio Yamauchi, representing the Japanese Dental Association, and Prof. Gustav Korkhaus, of Bonn, scientific leader of German dentistry. There will also be visitors from Argentina, the British West Indies, Canada, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, England, the Netherlands, Newfoundland and Norway.

## NEW MANUAL ON RESEARCH APPLICATIONS TO BE AVAILABLE AT A.D.A. MEETING

A brochure on "Suggestions on How to Prepare Applications for Research Grants" has been prepared by the Association and will be available at the special conference on dental research to be held at the annual session of the A.D.A. on Monday, Oct. 1, at 3 p.m. in the second floor ballroom of the Atlantic City Auditorium. The brochure, a 14-page manual, is designed to provide guidance in the technical procedure of preparing the applications for federal research funds. The Atlantic City conference, sponsored by the A.D.A. Council on Dental Research, will center on discussions of research programs for dental schools and research centers as the result of the increased federal appropriations to the National Institute of Dental Research for dental research grants. The conference is open to all interested persons. The manual will also be sent to deans of dental schools, directors of research in dental schools, directors of dental research centers and others conducting dental research.

### DRS. BLAYNEY, CLUNE NAMED TO DENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Appointment of two new members to the National Advisory Dental Research Council for four-year terms was announced last week. The

council makes recommendations on awards of research grants to schools, research centers and other non-federal institutions carried out in conjunction with the N.I.D.R. The new members are Dr. J. R. Blayney, of Chicago, emeritus professor of dental surgery and former director of the Zoller Memorial Dental Clinic at the University of Chicago, and Dr. Thomas W. Clune, of Providence, director of dental public health of the Rhode Island Department of Health. Dr. Blayney is vice-chairman of the A.D.A. Council on Dental Research. Dr. Blayney and Dr. Clune will succeed Dr. Thomas J. Hill, of Cleveland, chairman of the A.D.A. Council on Dental Research, and Dr. Wallace D. Armstrong, of Minneapolis, head of the department of physiological chemistry at the University of Minnesota, whose terms expire Sept. 30. The National Advisory Research Council is composed of 12 individuals in the fields of dental science, education and public affairs.

### DR. KITCHIN APPOINTED TO NEW COUNCIL ON RESEARCH FACILITIES

Dr. Paul C. Kitchin, of Columbus, Ohio, member of the A.D.A. Council on Dental Therapeutics, has been named to the National Advisory

Council on Health Research Facilities for the new program of matching federal grants for expansion and construction of research facilities, principally for schools of dentistry and medicine. Dr. Kitchin is professor of dental histology and embryology at the School of Dentistry, Ohio State University. Legislation passed by the last Congress authorized a \$90 million three-year program of matching grants and provided for the establishment of an advisory council to be composed of eight members selected from among leading dental, medical and scientific authorities and four members from the general public. The program will be administered by the National Institutes of Health. The council will hold its first meeting Sept. 24-25 at the National Institutes of Health, in Bethesda, Md., to review initial applications for research construction grants.

## NEW BULLETIN ON SOCIAL SECURITY IS MAILED TO ALL MEMBERS

An explanation of how the new social security law applies to self-employed dentists is the subject of a special issue of the A.D.A. Information Bulletin now being mailed to each member of the A.D.A. The Bulletin explains how much social security taxes each dentist must pay and when he must pay them and how he becomes eligible for the various Old Age and Survivors Insurance (OASI) benefits provided under the federal Social Security Act. Additional copies of the Bulletin may be obtained upon request to the Bureau of Public Information, American Dental Association, 222 E. Superior St., Chicago 11, Ill.

The Oct. 1 and 15 issues of the A.D.A. News Letter will be combined to provide an eight-page report on the 97th annual session of the Association in Atlantic City. The annual session issue will be published Oct. 10.

## URGE SCHOOL PROGRAMS TO INFORM PUBLIC OF FLUORIDE BENEFITS

The use of school and extra-curricular educational programs to inform the public of the benefits of fluoridation was recommended recently in a resolution by the Joint Committee on Health Problems in Education of the American Medical Association and the National Education Association. The proposal cited the high rate of dental caries and acknowledged fluoridation as a tested and effective means to reduce the decay rate. It was resolved that the committee:

1. Recognizes the value of fluoridation of public water supplies as a means of preventing dental caries through the application of public health principles;
2. Recommends the informing of the public by in-school and extra-school educational programs of the value and safety of fluoridation as a caries-prevention measure, and,
3. Encourages the public acceptance of fluoridation of public water supplies to reduce the pain, expense, and disfiguration from an excess of carious, filled and missing teeth.

### MILITARY INSTALLATIONS TO RECEIVE FLUORIDATION

The Department of Defense on Aug. 30 issued a general instruction endorsing fluoridation for all military installations where dependent children are in residence. Military installations were directed to take action on the order immediately. The Defense Department pointed out that assistance in initiating fluoridation at the military posts could be obtained from engineers, medical and dental officers and public health officials.

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### NEW SOUTH WALES APPROVES VOLUNTARY FLUORIDATION

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## A.D.T.A. APPROVES STUDENT LOAN, FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS

The American Dental Trade Association has approved a student loan fund and fellowship program for senior dental students in the 50 dental schools of the United States and Canada. Both programs are expected to go into effect during the 1956-57 school year. The student loan fund will provide \$ 350 annually. Repayment must be made within two years following graduation. A revolving fund will thus be established after the first three years by these repayments. A fellowship grant of \$ 2,400 plus an additional \$ 100 for incidental expenses will be awarded annually to "an outstanding member of a senior class in the United States or Canada who shows a definite desire to become a teacher of dentistry."

## 1957 AMERICAN DENTAL DIRECTORY LISTS 100,000 DENTISTS

Names of more than 100,000 dentists will be listed in the 1,200-page 1957 edition of the American Dental Directory, it was announced last week by Mr. John J. Hollister, A.D.A. business manager. The Directory will be available in late December. It may be obtained for \$ 6 if ordered before Nov. 1, 1956. After Nov. 1, the Directory will cost \$ 7.50. Each dentist is listed alphabetically and geographically. For each, there is a listing of the character of his practice, the school he attended, the year of graduation, his membership in the A.D.A. and year of his birth. Listings in the reference section of the Directory 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 Directory may be obtained from the A.D.A. Order Dept., 222 E. Superior St., Chicago 11, Ill.

## **DR. MAURICE HICKEY APPOINTED DENTAL DEAN AT UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON**

The appointment of Dr. Maurice J. Hickey, of New York, as dean of the School of Dentistry, University of Washington, was announced last week by the board of regents in Seattle. Dr. Hickey has headed the School of Dental and Oral Surgery, Columbia University, since 1949. He has been on the faculty there since 1945. In his new position, Dr. Hickey will succeed Dr. Ernest M. Jones, first dean of the school, who died last February. Dr. Berton E. Anderson, assistant dean and director of postgraduate dental education, has been serving as acting dean. Dr. Hickey, who holds both a dental and medical degree, is expected to begin his new duties early in the fall quarter.

## **DR. FRANK P. BERTRAM, TEXAS STATE DENTAL DIRECTOR, DIES AT 49**

Dr. Frank P. Bertram, of Austin, Texas, state dental director, died at his home Sept. 1. Dr. Bertram assumed his duties with the Texas Department of Health last April. Prior to that time, he served for 19 years as Oklahoma state dental director. He was a past president of both the American Association of Public Health Dentists and the Oklahoma County Dental Society. Dr. Bertram was graduated from Washington University (St. Louis) School of Dentistry in 1929 and also held a master of public health degree from Harvard University School of Public Health. He is survived by his wife and a son.

## **SIXTH REAR ADMIRAL APPOINTED IN NAVY DENTAL CORPS**

The Navy Dental Corps has promoted to the rank of rear admiral Capt. Clifford Conrad DeFord, new commanding officer of the Navy dental clinic at the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard. The promotion has been approved by President Eisenhower. There are now six rear admirals in the Navy Dental Corps, including Ralph W. Malone, chief of the dental division; H. P. Riebe, inspector general; R. W. Taylor, of New York City; A. R. Harris, of Great Lakes, Ill., and Daniel W. Ryan, of San Francisco. Dr. C. Raymond Wells, of Brooklyn, former president of the A.D.A., is a rear admiral in the naval reserve.

## **GREATER NEW YORK MEETING TO FEATURE COLOR TV CLINICS FROM WASHINGTON**

Long distance transmission of closed circuit color television clinics will be a highlight of the 32nd annual Greater New York Dental Meeting to be held Dec. 3-7 at the Hotel Statler, New York City. The five-day meeting is sponsored by the 1st and 2nd District Dental Societies of the State of New York. The color television clinic program will originate at Walter Reed Army Hospital in Washington, D.C., and will include a gingivectomy, the preparation of an anterior crown and the removal of a cyst. The program has been arranged in cooperation with Brig. Gen. Arthur L. Irons, director of dental activities at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center. The chairman of the New York meeting is Dr. Roland E. Morse.

## **MEDICAL-DENTAL SYMPOSIUM TO BE HELD AT GREAT LAKES NAVAL HOSPITAL**

Nearly 1,400 persons are expected to attend a medical-dental symposium for the combined armed forces, to be held Sept. 26-28 at the U.S. Naval Hospital, Great Lakes, Ill. About 700 dentists from 13 midwestern states will attend the three-day seminar.

## **BRIEFS IN THE NEWS**

A newly revised leaflet, entitled "Fluoride Means Less Tooth Decay," has been issued by the A.D.A. Bureau of Dental Health Education. Single copies are available without charge....The per capita consumption of candy and other sweets in the United States in 1955 was 16.6 pounds as compared to 18 pounds in 1950 and 20.5 pounds in 1944, according to a report in Financial World....A symposium on the temporomandibular joint will be presented at the 11th mid-annual meeting of the American Academy of Dental Medicine to be held Dec. 2 at the Hotel New Yorker in New York City....Dr. Waren J. Riley, of Winnipeg, Manitoba, has been named a member of the Board of Governors of the Canadian Dental Association, succeeding Dr. K. M. Johnson, also of Winnipeg, who is now president of the association.