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The Golden Anniversary

This Year Give More



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U.S. SUPREME COURT UPHOLDS ILLINOIS HIGH COURT IN DISMISSING APPEAL OF 24 CHICAGO LABORATORIES; PERMANENT INJUNCTIONS NOW TO BE ISSUED

The U.S. Supreme Court last week rejected an appeal by 24 Chicago dental laboratories to set aside a ruling prohibiting them from dealing directly with the public. The high court turned down the appeal "for want of a substantial federal question." The dental laboratories had sought to overturn a decision of the Illinois Supreme Court on March 22 which unanimously upheld the constitutionality of an Illinois law prohibiting dental technicians from dealing directly with the public. The U.S. Supreme Court's decision climaxed a suit started by the Chicago Dental Society six years ago. The suit asked for a permanent injunction against the laboratories. It has been in the courts since November, 1950. As a result of the latest ruling, it is expected that writs of injunction will soon be issued ordering the laboratories to cease using advertisements directed at the public or from performing any prosthetic services directly for the public. The Chicago classified telephone directory, also involved initially in the suit, early agreed to abide by the final decision of the court. As a result it will not carry display advertisements for the laboratories in future issues. The Illinois state practice act limits laboratories to dealing only with licensed dentists.

RELIEF FUND SEALS SENT TO ALL MEMBERS IN GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY DRIVE

Relief Fund seals were mailed this week to all Association members to mark the opening of the Golden Anniversary campaign of the A.D.A. Relief Fund. "Let's make this anniversary truly a golden one," Dr. H. R. Bleier, of Milwaukee, chairman of the Council on Relief, urges in an accompanying letter. "There is no more worthwhile cause in dentistry than helping one's fellow practitioners who, because of accident or prolonged illness, are totally unable to help themselves." The national goal has been set at \$100,000. All administrative costs are being paid by the A.D.A. so that every dollar contributed will be available for relief purposes. Contributions should be sent to the American Dental Association Relief Fund, 222 E. Superior St., Chicago 11. One half of each contribution will be returned to the relief fund of the state society of which the contributor is a member.

A.P.H.A. MEETING TO FEATURE DENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH PROBLEMS

Fluoridation, dental problems of the chronically ill and group dental payment plans are among the subjects to be discussed at the 84th annual meeting of the American Public Health Association to be held Nov. 12-16 in Atlantic City, N.J. Other subjects of interest to dentistry will be the role of private foundations in public health, dental research, service and education, and the role of dentistry in state, federal and general rehabilitation programs. More than 400 scientific reports and many scientific and technical exhibits will be presented at the four-day meeting. Dr. John W. Knutson, of Washington, D.C., chief dental officer, U.S. Public Health Service, will be installed as A.P.H.A. president at the close of the meeting. Dr. Knutson will be the first member of the dental profession to be top official of the Association.

CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED TO PASS JENKINS-KEOGH BILL FOR SELF-EMPLOYED

Representatives of the A.D.A. and the American Medical Association have met with a special committee of the American Bar Association to launch a campaign for action on the Jenkins-Keogh measure in the next session of Congress. Under the proposed bill, self-employed persons would be permitted to set up their own retirement funds through a system of partial tax deferment similar to the pension programs business and industrial firms have established for their employees. The A.D.A. House of Delegates is on record in favor of the principle of the Jenkins-Keogh proposal. The measure is expected to be reintroduced early in the 85th session of Congress next January. The Bar Association has appointed a special Committee on Retirement Benefits, headed by Mr. Loyd Wright, of Los Angeles, which has initiated a move to set up local committees of lawyers throughout the country to communicate with their congressmen urging passage of the bill. The committee, seeking to enlist the support of all groups made up of self-employed individuals, last week sent a letter to 250 organizations recommending action. The letter, signed by Mr. David F. Maxwell, president of the Bar Association, says: "The American Bar Association, in concert with several large associations including the American Farm Bureau Federation, the American Medical Association, the American Institute of Accountants, the American Dental Association and the National Association of Real Estate Boards, has gone to the grass roots with a campaign designed to get out the vote -- in the next Congress -- for the principle of the Jenkins-Keogh bill." The letter reports that an inter-association committee will be formed later in the year "to steer through Congress our recommendations on equal tax rights for the self-employed." Included with the letter was a pamphlet urging that action be taken to assure that the bill reaches the floor.

DENTISTRY'S FUTURE IS SUBJECT OF PANELS AT A.D.T.A. MEETING NOV. 1

A look at dentistry's future is the subject of two panels to be presented at the 45th annual meeting of the manufacturers section of the American Dental Trade Association on Nov. 1 at the Edgewater Beach Hotel in Chicago. Dr. Harold Hillenbrand, of Chicago, A.D.A. secretary, will moderate the morning panel on "The A.D.A. and the Future of Dentistry." Taking part will be Dr. Rudolph H. Friedrich, of Chicago, secretary of the Council on Dental Health; Mr. B. Duane Moen, of Chicago, director of the Bureau of Economic Research and Statistics; Dr. George C. Paffenbarger, of Washington, D.C., chief of the Association research staff at the National Bureau of Standards, and Dr. Shailer Peterson, of Chicago, secretary of the Council on Dental Education. At the afternoon session, a panel on "The Next Decade of Dentistry as Viewed by the Dental Colleges" is expected to include Dr. Harold J. Noyes of Portland, dean of the Dental School, University of Oregon; Dr. Maynard K. Hine, of Indianapolis, dean of the School of Dentistry, University of Indiana; Dr. Raymond J. Nagle, of New York, dean of the College of Dentistry, New York University, and Dr. Paul Jeserich, of Ann Arbor, dean of the School of Dentistry, University of Michigan. Two days earlier, on Oct. 30, at the 40th annual meeting of the dealers section of the A.D.T.A. at the same place, Mr. Perry Sandell, of Chicago, director of the Association's Bureau of Dental Health Education, will speak on the subject, "The A.D.A. Welcomes Your Cooperation in Dental Health Education."

DR. LYNCH RECEIVES ACHIEVEMENT AWARD OF ANESTHESIOLOGY SOCIETY

Dr. Daniel Lynch, of Washington, D.C., past president of the A.D.A., has been presented with the annual achievement award of the American Dental Society of Anesthesiology. The award was conferred on Dr. Lynch by Dr. Edward G. Thompson, of Sacramento, Calif., member of the advisory board, at the society's annual meeting in Atlantic City.

DR. GEORGE D. GREENWOOD, TREASURER OF NEW YORK STATE SOCIETY, DIES

Dr. George D. Greenwood, of Rochester, N.Y., who served as treasurer of the Dental Society of the State of New York for many years, died Tuesday morning (Oct. 23). He received his dental degree from the University of Buffalo in 1916. Dr. Greenwood repeatedly served as a delegate to the House of Delegates at annual meetings of the A.D.A.

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE REPORTS FLUORIDATION SERVES OVER 30 MILLION

More than 30 million persons in 1,426 communities are now drinking fluoridated water, according to a recent report by the U.S. Public Health Service. The study showed that to Oct. 1, six million people in 171 communities had been brought into the fluoridation program during 1956. It further indicated that more than half of the cities with populations between 500,000 and one million have fluoridation programs in operation. Another section of the study showed that fluoridation has been initiated by the local governing body in 85 per cent of all communities. The report of the U.S.P.H.S. survey appears in the November issue of Public Health Reports.

MISSISSIPPI GROUPS PLAN FLUORIDE CONFERENCE

A conference on fluoridation, sponsored by Mississippi Southern College and the Forrest County Health Department, will be held Nov. 6

at the college in Hattiesburg, Miss. Participating in the discussions will be dental and medical representatives of local and state health departments, sanitary engineers and members of the Forrest County Dental Society.

SURVEY SHOWS NEED FOR EXPANDED DENTAL SCHOOL FACILITIES IN WEST

An expansion of present dental school facilities is the realistic way to combat an anticipated shortage of dentists and dental hygienists within the next 20 years in 11 western states, according to a report published recently by the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education. According to the report, the projected demand for dental health care in these western states by 1975 will far exceed the amount of trained dental personnel available to meet the demand. The report pointed out that the western states can no longer depend upon dental schools in other areas for their dental graduates. The number of graduates from western dental schools should reach 1,600 annually between 1960 and 1975 if a severe shortage is to be averted, the report said. Currently, the region's six dental schools graduate only 400 dentists a year. The expansion of dental hygiene school facilities was also recommended as a step toward increasing the number of dental hygiene graduates available to meet future demands for dental care. The report was based on a survey conducted by the Division of Dental Resources of the U.S. Public Health Service in co-operation with the A.D.A. Council on Dental Education and the W.K. Kellogg Foundation. Included in the study were the states of Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming, and the territories of Alaska and Hawaii.

PLAN FULL SOCIAL PROGRAM FOR VISITORS AT INTERNATIONAL DENTAL CONGRESS

Visitors to the Federation Dentaire Internationale's 12th International Dental Congress, to be held in Rome Sept. 7-14, 1957, can expect a varied social program in addition to the extensive scientific program which has been planned. Arrangements have been made to show guests many points of interest in the capital. Among the activities planned are: a reception in the cloisters of Michelangelo at the Baths of Diocletian; a drama at the Imperial Roman Theatre of Ostia Antica; a concert at the Basilica di Massenzio, and a public audience with Pope Pius XII in the Vatican Palace. Dentists from all parts of the world will present papers, clinics and motion pictures as a part of the scientific program. Full information on the meeting can be obtained by writing Dr. Pio Lalli, 16, Via Boezio, Rome, Italy, who is secretary-general of the meeting.

9TH ANNUAL NEW ORLEANS DENTAL CONFERENCE SCHEDULED FOR NOV. 11-14

The 9th annual New Orleans Dental Conference will be held Nov. 11-14 at the Roosevelt Hotel. An extensive scientific program has been planned. Among these who will present scientific reports are: Dr. William J. Updegrave, of Philadelphia, president of the American Academy of Oral Roentgenology; Dr. William T. Heron, of Minneapolis, professor of psychology, University of Minnesota; Dr. Marvin Chapin, of Chapel Hill, head of the department of oral surgery, University of North Carolina; Dr. Walter A. Hall Jr., of New Orleans, head of the department of prosthodontics, Loyola University of the South, and Dr. Louis A. Cohn, of New York City, associate clinical professor of dentistry, Columbia University. A social program has also been planned for women visitors. Dr. Victor B. Marquer, of New Orleans, is chairman.

MID-CONTINENT CONGRESS TO CLIMAX ST. LOUIS DENTAL SOCIETY CENTENNIAL

The centennial celebration of the St. Louis Dental Society will reach a climax at the Mid-Continent Dental Congress to be held at the Jefferson Hotel in St. Louis Nov. 25-28. The society has planned an extensive program of scientific reports, table clinics and motion pictures as part of its 100th anniversary celebration. Dr. Harry Lyons, of Richmond, Va., president of the A.D.A., will head an impressive list of prominent speakers at the meeting. Others will include Dr. K. M. Johnson, of Winnipeg, Manitoba, president of the Canadian Dental Association, a number of state society presidents and several officers and trustees of the A.D.A. Some of the essayists at the meeting will include Dr. Earl Pound, of Los Angeles, diplomate of the American Board of Prosthodontics; Dr. H. B. G. Robinson, of Columbus, Ohio, professor of dentistry and associate dean, College of Dentistry, Ohio State University; Dr. Claude S. LaDow, of Philadelphia, chairman, department of oral surgery, School of Dentistry, University of Pennsylvania; Dr. LaMar W. Harris, of Chicago, secretary of the American Academy for Plastic Research in Dentistry; Dr. Charles A. Sweet Sr., of Oakland, Calif., supervisor of dental health education for the Oakland Public Schools, and Dr. Clyde H. Schuyler, former professor of prosthetic dentistry, at New York University College of Dentistry; Dr. Samuel C. Miller, professor and chairman of the department of periodontia and oral medicine, New York University College of Dentistry, and Dr. Victor O. Lucia, post-graduate instructor at the University of Pennsylvania, all of New York.

ARKANSAS STATE DENTAL ASSOCIATION TO HOLD THREE-DAY SEMINAR

The Arkansas State Dental Association will hold its 13th annual seminar at the Velda Rose Motel, Hot Springs, Oct. 28-30. Speakers at the meeting will be Dr. D. Hoyt Simpson, of Atlanta, Ga., who will discuss "Considerations for Stress on Partial Dentures," and Dr. F. Pierce Noble, of Texarkana, Ark., whose subject will be "Prescriptions for Drugs Commonly Used in Dentistry." The general chairman is Dr. D. J. Van Patter, of Hot Springs.

FLUORIDATION OPPONENT SUES A.D.A. FOR \$100,000 DAMAGES

The A.D.A. and seven of its officials have been named defendants in a lawsuit for \$100,000 damages filed in Camden, N.J., by Dr. Robert J. H. Mick, of Laurel Springs, N.J. Dr. Mick, who for several years has actively opposed water fluoridation, charged in his suit that statements of A.D.A. officials and articles in A.D.A. publications relating to fluoridation contained "false and libelous statements" regarding the plaintiff. Mr. Anthony M. Lario, Camden attorney, has been retained as counsel for the A.D.A. in the suit. Summons were served on A.D.A. officials at Atlantic City during the 97th annual session of the Association.

NEW HEALTH PROGRAM FOR CARE OF MILITARY DEPENDENTS TO BEGIN DEC. 7

The new program of health care of military dependents will go into effect Dec. 7 under a directive approved by President Eisenhower last week. Under the program, dental care for dependents is limited to emergency treatment and to care as a necessary adjunct to medical treatment, except in areas overseas or in parts of the United States where adequate civilian care is not available.

MEMBERSHIP IN A.D.A. NOW STANDS AT 86,491

Membership in the A.D.A. reached a total of 86,491 as of Sept. 30. This is an increase of 2,239 members from the same time last year. Included in the total are: 72,538 active, 3,971 life, 198 affiliate, 17 associate, 15 honorary and 9,752 student memberships.

ARTICLE ON DENTISTRY TO BE FEATURED IN OCT. 28 ISSUE OF "PARADE"

"Look What Dentists Can Do For You Now" is the title of the leading article in Parade, a Sunday magazine newspaper supplement, to appear in the Oct. 28 issue of the publication. The magazine is distributed with 55 newspapers having a circulation of 7,200,000.