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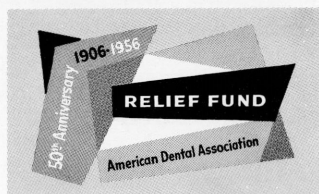


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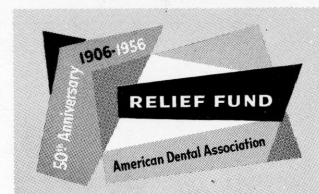
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DEFENSE DEPARTMENT ASKS A.D.A. TO CONFER ON DEPENDENT CARE PLAN; MEETING SET FOR DEC. 8 IN WASHINGTON ON DENTAL ASPECTS OF PROGRAM

Association representatives will meet with officials of the Office for Dependents' Military Care of the Defense Department in Washington on Dec. 8 to discuss dental aspects of the health care program being established for dependents of military personnel. The conference was scheduled following a protest by the Association of the Department's failure to consult with its dental advisors regarding the dental portions of the program. Until the A.D.A. protest, the Office for Dependents' Military Care was negotiating solely with state medical societies for contracts which would provide for health care by civilians. Maj. Gen. Paul I. Robinson, executive director of the O.D.M.C., told A.D.A. officials that he would welcome any suggestions "for implementing the dental part of the program." Taking part in the conference will be the dentist members of the Department of Defense Dependents' Medical Care Advisory Committee and members of the Department of Defense Dental Advisory Committee. Dentist members of the Dependents' Medical Care Advisory Committee are Dr. Harry Lyons, of Richmond, Va., president of the Association, and Dr. William R. Alstadt, of Little Rock, Ark., president-elect. Members of the Dental Advisory Committee are Dr. Francis J. Reichmann, of Oklahoma City, chairman of the A.D.A. Council on Federal Dental Services; Dr. Thomas P. Fox, of Philadelphia; Dr. John C. Brauer, of Chapel Hill, N.C., and Dr. Daniel F. Lynch, of Washington, D.C., past president of the Association. Others invited to the conference are dental chiefs of the Army, Navy, Air Force and U.S. Public Health Service. Included also are Mr. Bernard J. Conway, secretary of the A.D.A. Council on Legislation, and Mr. Bernard J. Beazley, secretary of the A.D.A. Council on Federal Dental Services.

A.D.A. FILES PETITION FOR BROADER HEARING ON F.T.C. LABORATORY RULES

The A.D.A. has filed a petition with the Federal Trade Commission requesting an expanded hearing on a revision of the F.T.C.'s Trade Practice Rules for the Commercial Dental Laboratory Industry. Early in November, staff members of the F.T.C. ruled that any public hearing on revision of the rules would be limited strictly to matters of terminology, despite earlier assurances that a full discussion of all issues would be covered at the hearing. (See A.D.A. News Letter, Nov. 15, 1956.) The Association charged that a limitation of the discussion would make a fair and complete hearing an impossibility. In the new petition filed Nov. 19 on behalf of the Association, the F.T.C. is urged to expand the scope of the hearing to cover two more points, in addition to terminology. These include (1) a more accurate description of the relationship between the dental laboratory craft and the dental profession, and (2) inclusion of a rule to place restraints on advertising campaigns of unethical dental laboratories. "The petition for enlargement of the scope of the hearing is in the best interests of the public, the profession and the industry and an early approval is requested," the application said. The petition was filed by Mr. Renah F. Camalier, member of the Washington law firm of Camalier, McDonald and Bakke, who was retained for consultation by the Association in presentation of the case to the F.T.C.

DR. HARRY LYONS TO ADDRESS 32ND GREATER NEW YORK DENTAL MEETING

Dr. Harry Lyons, of Richmond, Va., A.D.A. president, and Dr. Herbert L. Taub, of Jamaica, N.Y., president of the Dental Society of the State of New York, will address the opening session of the 32nd Greater New York Dental Meeting to be held at the Hotel Statler Dec. 3-7. The five-day meeting, sponsored by the 1st and 2nd District Dental Societies of the State of New York, will include more than 100 scientific reports, projected clinics, table clinics, registered clinics and motion pictures. A highlight will be an exhibit of 13 dental research projects being carried on by the armed services, educational institutions, hospitals and other research centers. Another feature will be closed circuit color television clinics of three dental operations at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, D.C. Dr. Roland E. Morse, of New York City, past president of the 1st District Dental Society, is chairman.

REPORT SHOWS DENTAL GRADUATE TOTAL ADEQUATE TO FILL MILITARY NEEDS

Further indications that the needs of the armed forces for new dental officers can be filled amply by new dental graduates were evident this week on the basis of a Defense Department report. The report was based on the 1957 senior dental student survey, conducted jointly by the A.D.A. Council on Federal Dental Services and the Council on Dental Education in cooperation with the Defense Department. The results, reported by Dr. E. H. Cushing, assistant secretary of defense, showed a surplus of 439 more new dental graduates than would be needed to meet estimated armed forces requirements for replacements for the fiscal year, beginning next July 1. Questionnaires filled out by the students indicated a total of 2,081 seniors probably liable for military service under the basic draft law to fill armed forces needs for an estimated 1,642 replacements. Questionnaires were filled out by 3,028 graduating students. The A.D.A., at its annual session last October in Atlantic City, re-affirmed its opposition to continuation of the special doctor-draft law on the ground that the needs of the armed forces for new dental officers could be met by new graduates without recourse to special draft legislation.

3,000 ATTEND CENTENNIAL MEETING IN ST. LOUIS

More than 3,000 persons participated in the 15th annual Mid-Continent Dental Congress in St. Louis this week. The meeting was the last of a series of special events sponsored by the St. Louis Dental Society this year in observance of its founding 100 years ago. A highlight of the meeting was the presentation of Centennial Awards by Dr. Paul A. Ebeling, president, St. Louis Dental Society, to: Dr. Harry Lyons, of Richmond, Va., president, American Dental Association; Dr. Harold Hillenbrand, of Chicago, A.D.A. secretary, and Dr. Otto W. Brandhorst, secretary of the American College of Dentists and former A.D.A. president; Dr. Lee Roy Main, dean, School of Dentistry, St. Louis University, and Dr. Val H. Frederick, who is serving his 26th year as secretary-treasurer of the St. Louis Dental Society, all of St. Louis. Centennial Awards were also presented to the dental schools of St. Louis University, Washington University of Kansas City.

SET FIRST TRIAL DATE IN MAIL ORDER DENTURE FIRM INDICTMENTS

The first trial under recent federal indictments of five mail order denture firms in the Chicago area has been set for Dec. 4 in U.S. District Court in Chicago. The case of Lester and Eli Sutker, owners of the All-State Dental Laboratory, will be the first to be heard. The indictment charges the Sutkers with violation of the federal mail order denture act, which prohibits the mailing of dentures made in violation of state dental practice laws.

10TH TRIENNIAL PACIFIC COAST DENTAL CONFERENCE SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST

The 10th Triennial Pacific Coast Dental Conference has been scheduled for Aug. 19-22, 1957, in San Diego, Calif. The scientific sessions have been planned for the four mornings of the meeting. A wide variety of social activities, including trips to the San Diego Zoo and Tijuana, Mexico, boat excursions on San Diego Bay and fishing and water skiing trips, has been scheduled for the afternoons. The Southern California Dental Association will serve as host for the 1957 conference. Additional information may be obtained from Dr. C. W. Gilman, 219 E. 8th St., National City, Calif., conference secretary.

REPORT INDICATES FLUORIDES REDUCE CRIES IN OLDER AGE GROUPS

Further evidence to indicate that fluoridation is effective in reducing tooth decay in children who started drinking fluoridated water after their permanent teeth had been formed was presented Nov. 15 at the annual meeting of the American Public Health Association in Atlantic City. At the session, Dr. John W. Knutson, of Washington, D.C., chief dental officer of the U.S. Public Health Service, was installed as A.P.H.A. president. He is the first dentist to head the organization. In the fluoridation report, presented by staff members of the National Institute for Dental Research, Dr. F. A. Arnold Jr., director, said that "sound scientific evidence shows that beneficial results (of fluoridation) are not confined solely to those born subsequent to the inauguration of fluoridation." He said that examination of 16-year-olds in Grand Rapids, Mich., who were five years old when fluoridation began in the city and whose teeth had already been formed, showed a 25 per cent reduction in tooth decay. Another panelist, Dr. A. L. Russell, reported that a study of 20,000 persons ranging in age from seven to 78 years demonstrated that fluoridation is not a causative factor in periodontal disease.

HALF MILLION CANADIANS SERVED BY FLUORIDATION

Some 500,000 persons in 23 Canadian communities are now drinking fluoridated water, according to a report in the Nov. 21 issue of the

Governors' Letter, a publication of the Canadian Dental Association. The report also said that approximately 200,000 persons had been brought into the program during 1956.

CAPT. WILLIAM CHRISTENSEN NAMED REAR ADMIRAL IN NAVAL RESERVE

Capt. William H. Christensen, of Bremerton, Wash., has been selected for appointment as a rear admiral in the Dental Corps, U.S. Naval Reserve. Capt. Christensen, a member of the A.D.A. Council on Federal Dental Services, saw active duty in both World War I and II, and had attained the rank of captain on his release from active service in 1946. He is at present the oral surgery consultant at the Naval Hospital in Bremerton. Capt. Christensen is the third admiral to be appointed to the Reserve Dental Corps. The others are Rear Admiral C. Raymond Wells, of Brooklyn, a past president of the Association, and Rear Admiral George C. Paffenbarger, of Washington, D.C., chief of the A.D.A. research division at the National Bureau of Standards. The Reserve Dental Corps is limited to two rear admirals, and Capt. Christensen's appointment will fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Admiral Wells.

TEXAS GROUPS TO SPONSOR TWO-DAY DENTAL HEALTH CONFERENCE

The First Texas Dental Health Conference, co-sponsored by the Council on Dental Health of the Texas Dental Association and the Dental Division of the Texas Department of Health, will be held Dec. 6-7, in Mineral Wells, Texas. Participating in the program will be Dr. Harold J. Noyes, of Portland, dean, the Dental School, University of Oregon; Dr. Doyle J. Smith, of Memphis, Tenn.; Dr. Robert Downs, of Denver, chief, public health dentistry section, Colorado Department of Public Health; Dr. Rudolph H. Friedrich, of Chicago, secretary, A.D.A. Council on Dental Health, and Mr. John Rooks, of San Francisco, executive secretary, California State Dental Association.

A.D.A. RELIEF FUND PASSES 50 PER CENT MARK IN \$100,000 CAMPAIGN GOAL

The "Golden Anniversary" drive of the A.D.A. Relief Fund has already passed the half-way mark in reaching its quota. As of Nov. 19, with the campaign under way only about three weeks, a total of \$58,433.01 had been contributed from all parts of the country. Two more groups, Nevada and the U.S. Public Health Service, passed the 100 per cent mark, joining Alaska and Tennessee which earlier had exceeded their quota. The larger societies (quotas over \$1,000) led with 59.5 per cent of quota contributed compared to 54 per cent for the smaller societies (quotas under \$1,000). Individual leaders were Tennessee (196 per cent) among the larger constituents and Alaska (180 per cent) among the smaller ones. A complete breakdown of contributions by constituent societies and by the federal services is listed on the enclosed Mimeographed page.

DR. GILBERT P. SMITH APPOINTED DENTAL DEAN AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

Dr. Gilbert P. Smith, of New York City, has been appointed dean of the School of Dental and Oral Surgery, Columbia University. He succeeds Dr. Maurice J. Hickey who resigned to become dean of the School of Dentistry, University of Washington, Seattle. Dr. Smith, who was graduated from the School of Dentistry, University of Minnesota in 1927, joined the Columbia faculty the same year. He has served as professor and head of the department of prosthodontics since 1945. Dr. Smith is a member of the New York Academy of Dentistry, a founder and charter member of the New York Academy of Prosthodontia and a member of the American Academy of Crown and Bridge Prosthodontics.

NEW JERSEY SOCIETY HONORS DR. JOHN CARR AT TESTIMONIAL DINNER

More than 600 persons honored Dr. John G. Carr, of Camden, N.J., secretary of the New Jersey State Dental Society, at a testimonial dinner held Nov. 7 at the 32nd semi-annual meeting of the society in Asbury Park. The event was in tribute to Dr. Carr's 10 years of service as secretary of the society. At the dinner were three A.D.A. trustees, Dr. Edward R. White, of Jersey City; Dr. Charles Patton, of Philadelphia, and Dr. Percy T. Phillips, of New York City. The principal speaker was Dr. Mason Gross, provost of Rutgers University. Chairman of the event was Dr. Robert Lamb, of Asbury Park. Dr. Carr is consultant on civil defense to the A.D.A. Council on Federal Dental Services.

THREE MORE SOCIETIES JOIN COMMITTEE ON DENTAL HEALTH CARE

Three additional constituent societies have joined the Joint Committee on Dental Health Care. The new members are the Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia dental societies. The committee was formed in April, 1955, by the New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania societies to provide guidance on a regional basis for dental health care programs. Dr. Eugene Newman, of Red Bank, N.J., is chairman.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY DENTAL SOCIETY MEETING PLANNED FOR DEC. 13

The 61st annual meeting of the Los Angeles County Dental Society will be held Dec. 13 at the Hotel Statler in Los Angeles. Participating in the scientific program will be Dr. Balint Orban, of Colorado Springs, and Dr. John Woehler, of Sierra Madre, Calif. Dr. Karl Freden, of Pasadena, Calif., will be installed as president of the society at the close of the session. The general chairman is Dr. Lawrence Cowan, of Compton, Calif.

BRIEFS IN THE NEWS

Dr. Harry Lyons, of Richmond, Va., A.D.A. president, has appointed Dr. Louis Gordon Berkey, of Peekskill, N.Y., as a member of the Council on Journalism to succeed Dr. Leon Abbey, of Schenectady, N.Y., who has resigned. Dr. Berkey will serve the balance of Dr. Abbey's unexpired term which ends in November, 1957....Dr. David E. Hunn, of Troy, N.Y.; Dr. Victor H. Levitz, of Plainfield, N.J., and Dr. Joseph P. Scola, of Mount Vernon, N.Y., have been chosen to represent the A.D.A. on the National Health Council which is holding its 1957 National Health Forum March 20-22 in Cincinnati....Major General Oscar P. Snyder, who has just retired as chief of the Army Dental Corps, will join the faculty of the College of Dentistry, Ohio State University, in January, it was announced by Dean Wendell D. Postle....The annual Henry Spenadel Award of the 1st District Dental Society of the State of New York has been presented to Dr. Herbert K. Cooper, of Lancaster, Penn., director of the Lancaster Cleft Palate Clinic....Mr. David Kinizer, of Chicago, former staff member of the A.D.A. Bureau of Public Information, has been named executive director of the Illinois Hospital Association, effective Dec. 7....The U.S. Air Force Dental Service was one of the award winners for outstanding scientific exhibits at the recent annual session of the Association. Inadvertently, the Oct. 12 issue of the A.D.A. News Letter listed the award under individuals rather than federal agencies....The Council on Dental Health of the Iowa State Dental Society has been publication of a newsletter, The County Dental Health Committeeman, which is concerned mainly with school dental health programs.