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A.D.A. REPRESENTATIVE TO TESTIFY AT SENATE HEARINGS ON H.E.W. BUDGET-- NEED FOR CONSTRUCTION OF DENTAL RESEARCH BUILDING TO BE STRESSED

A representative of the Association will testify at a U.S. Senate hearing May 6 on the proposed new budget for the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. The hearings are being conducted by a Senate Appropriations subcommittee with Senator Hill (D., Ala.) as chairman. The measure includes \$6,430,000 for dental health and research activities of the U.S. Public Health Service, a sum approved by the House of Representatives early last month. The figure is \$404,000 over the current budget. The A.D.A. representative is expected to recommend that funds be allocated for construction of a building to house the National Institute for Dental Research. While \$4 million was authorized for the building by Congress, no sum has been included in the budget for actual construction.

ASSOCIATION WILL APPEAR ON NEW DOCTOR DRAFT PLAN

In another congressional hearing, Dr. J. Claude Earnest, of Monroe, La., chairman of the A.D.A. Council on Legislation, will testify on a plan to replace the doctor draft law which expires June 30. The hearings will be held May 7 and 8 by the House Armed Services Committee, headed by Rep. Vinson (D., Ga.). The proposal limits call-ups to dentists and physicians who are liable for military duty under the regular draft law.

REP. LONG INTRODUCES BILL TO RAISE V.A. PAY SCALES

Pay scales for Veterans Administration dentists, physicians and nurses would be increased from 10 to 12 per cent under a bill (H.R. 6719) introduced in the House of Representatives by Rep. Long (D., La.). The proposed scale for chief grade dentists and physicians would be \$13,105 to \$14,200 compared with the present scale of \$11,610 to \$12,685. Some 785 dentists would be affected.

RELIEF FUND DRIVE REACHES \$126,183

Total contributions to the Golden Anniversary drive of the A.D.A. Relief Fund reached \$126,183 during April, a gain of \$12,790 over the same period last year. To date, only six constituent societies and four federal dental services have not reached their quotas. A breakdown of contributions by state and federal dental services as of April 22 will be found on the enclosed Mimeographed page.

'PARADE' TO CARRY FLUORIDATION ARTICLE BY DR. HARRY LYONS

An excellent article on fluoridation by Dr. Harry Lyons, of Richmond, Va., president of the A.D.A., will appear in the May 12 issue of Parade, Sunday magazine accompanying 55 metropolitan newspapers throughout the country. The newspapers have a combined circulation of 7,200,000. The article, entitled "What You Should Know About Fluoridation," is written in simple terms, designed for the average newspaper reader. The cover of the magazine will carry the line, "An expert discusses fluoridation." Reprints of the article will be available through the A.D.A.

TWO BILLS PRESENTED FOR BUILDING GRANTS TO DENTAL, MEDICAL SCHOOLS

Two plans to provide construction grants to dental and medical schools were before Congress this week. One, an administration bill (R.H. 6874 and S.1917), would extend the three-year \$ 90 million program authorized by the last Congress for research facilities to include teaching facilities also. The program would be extended to five years and the total authorization would be increased to \$ 225 million, of which \$ 30 million would be for dental school facilities. Grants would be on a matching basis and the present 12-member National Advisory Council on Health Research Facilities, which recommends construction grants for research facilities, would be reconstituted under the proposed bill as the National Advisory Council on Health Research and Teaching Facilities. The dentist member of the present council is Dr. Paul C. Kitchin, of Columbus, Ohio, member of the A.D.A. Council on Dental Therapeutics. The second bill, sponsored by five Democratic senators, would leave intact the present research construction grants program, and additionally would set up a five-year program totaling \$ 300 million for grants to help build teaching facilities of which \$ 40 million would be available for dental schools. The grants would also be on a matching basis except that a school would need to provide only one-third as its share if it could show that the freshman class would be increased by at least five per cent or if the school were new. The Democratic bill would retain the present research advisory committee but would also set a new 12-man advisory committee on teaching facilities. Sponsors of the bill (S.1922) are Senators Hill (Ala.), Neely (W.Va.), Humphrey (Minn.), Smathers (Fla.) and Kennedy (Mass.).

INTERVIEWING TO BEGIN MAY 6 IN NATIONAL HEALTH SURVEY

Household interviews will begin across the nation on May 6 for the National Health Survey, a continuing survey to determine the extent of illness and disability in the country. The National Health Survey, to be carried out by the U.S. Public Health Service under legislation enacted by the last Congress, will consist of three types of studies. The household interviews will be conducted monthly and will include questions about dental and medical conditions and care, accidents and injuries, disability and hospitalization. Other parts of the survey will be a series of special studies to gather health information of a type for which the household interview is not appropriate, and a series of methodological studies designed to improve the techniques of measurement of illness and to check the validity of the data collected in the other parts of the survey. The Bureau of the Census will carry out the household interviewing for the Public Health Service. Statistics will be compiled for the nation as a whole, for each of 11 geographic regions and for the eight largest metropolitan areas.

A.D.A. PRESENTS STATEMENT TO F.T.C. ON USE OF TERM 'ARTICULATION'

A statement on behalf of the A.D.A. has been presented to the Federal Trade Commission taking issue with the term "articulation" proposed by the National Association of Dental Laboratories for inclusion in the "Trade Practice Rules for the Commercial Dental Laboratory Industry." The N.A.D.L., at hearings last February on amending the "Rules", agreed with the A.D.A. that the term "occlusion" should be eliminated and proposed that the word "articulation" be substituted. In a statement presented by Mr. Renah F. Camalier, of Washington, D.C., special counsel for the A.D.A., it was proposed either that the term "occlusion" should be eliminated without any substitute or that the phrase "mechanical articulation" be used in its place. The F.T.C. is expected to issue a decision on the "Trade Practice Rules" by June 1.

'1956 INDEX TO DENTAL LITERATURE' ISSUED

The fourth quarter of the 1956 Index to Dental Literature, a cumulative index to all dental books and articles in the English language for the year, is now available from the A.D.A. Subscription Department. The annual subscription rate for the year's quarterly cumulated service, including the annual bound volume, is \$ 20. Cost of the annual volume alone is \$ 10.

A.D.A. COMIC BOOKS AVAILABLE AT SPECIAL RATES

All six titles of the "Daredevil Davey" dental health comic book series are now available in lots of 50 to 100 books at savings up to 40 per cent. Formerly priced at \$ 4.60 for 50 books and \$ 7.75 for 100 books, the new close-out prices are \$ 3 for 50 books and \$ 4.50 for 100 books. Requests should be addressed to the Association's Order Department, 222 E. Superior St., Chicago 11.

A.M.A. ISSUES OFFICIAL STATEMENT ON FLUORIDATION

The American Medical Association, in response to a number of inquiries regarding its stand on water fluoridation, has issued an official statement. The statement was prepared in the wake of a resolution by the A.M.A. House of Delegates last November, which directed two of its councils to conduct a joint study of the fluoridation measure and report to the A.M.A. meeting later this year. The previous study was made by A.M.A. agencies nearly six years ago. The A.M.A. statement follows:

The American Medical Association has not changed its position on the fluoridation of public water supplies to prevent dental caries in children.

The House of Delegates at its December, 1951, meeting unanimously endorsed the principle of fluoridation of public water supplies, and this position still stands.

The action of the House of Delegates at its November, 1956, meeting has been misinterpreted to mean that some changes in the A.M.A.'s position has taken place; this is not the case. At that time, the House of Delegates directed the Association's Council on Drugs and Council on Foods and Nutrition to conduct a joint study of all presently available information concerning the fluoridation of public water supplies and that a documented report of the findings, together with any recommendation arising from these findings, be presented to the House of Delegates at its meeting in Philadelphia in December, 1957.

56 ARMED FORCES BASES SERVED BY FLUORIDATION

Fluoridation of public water supplies is in operation at 56 armed forces installations. A compilation of installations, as reported by the dental corps for the three services, shows 38 Navy and Marine Corps bases with the program, 15 Army posts and four Air Force bases. Additionally, there are 10 Army posts at which the program has been approved and four more where equipment is being installed, and 23 Air Force bases where the program has been approved. The program has been carried out in conformance with instructions issued by the Defense Department for starting the measure at bases where dependent children live. For the United States as a whole, the fluoridation program as of April 1 was in operation in 1,496 communities and serving 31,517,352 persons, according to a report of the U.S. Public Health Service. Among communities which have recently begun the program are Andover and Wilmington in Massachusetts, LaSalle, Ill., and Cartersville, Ga.

A.D.A. AND A.H.A. TO SPONSOR WORKSHOP ON HOSPITAL DENTAL SERVICE

A workshop on hospital dental service to be sponsored jointly by the A.D.A. and the American Hospital Association has been scheduled for June 17-19 in Washington, D.C., at the Willard Hotel. The three-day conference is limited to 100 people and is open to hospital dental chiefs, members of hospital dental staffs and physicians who are surgical chiefs. The program will cover the responsibility for patient care within the hospital, recognition and approval of programs in departments of dentistry in hospitals, and educational programs in dentistry in hospitals. There will also be a panel discussion on departmental relationships and a workshop on professional problems. Reservations and information are available from the A.D.A. Council on Hospital Dental Service, 222 E. Superior St., Chicago 11, or from the Institute Office, American Hospital Association, 18 E. Division St., Chicago 10.

DENTAL PRACTICE STUDY BEGUN BY NATIONAL OPINION RESEARCH CENTER

As a preliminary to a nation-wide survey of dental practice, the National Opinion Research Center of the University of Chicago this week was conducting interviews of dentists in the Chicago area in a pre-testing of the survey. The survey is sponsored by the American College of Dentists. Interviewing of dentists across the country on various aspects of practice, including preventive technics, will begin in mid-May. The study will include a sample consisting of some 750 dentists.

A.D.A. TO BE REPRESENTED AT NATIONAL SCIENCE FAIR

Dr. William W. Wainwright of Los Angeles will represent the A.D.A. at the National Science Fair being held May 9-11 in the Los Angeles County Museum. The Science Fair, the culminating event of this year's National Science Youth Program conducted by Science Service, an agency for the popularization of science, will attract about 235 high school finalists and their exhibits from 120 regional and state science fairs. Dr. Wainwright is head of the department of oral diagnosis at the University of Southern California School of Dentistry. An editorial on dentistry and the National Science Club program appears in the May issue of the Journal of the American Dental Association.

BRUSH MANUFACTURERS PLEDGE \$5,000 FOR 'TOOTHBRUSHING' CAMPAIGN

Toothbrush manufacturers attending the recent annual meeting of the American Brush Manufacturers Association pledged \$5,000 to finance a promotional campaign to further increased use of toothbrushes as an important aid to good dental health. The meeting took place at White Sulphur Springs, W. Va. A committee was formed to inaugurate the campaign and to work in cooperation with the A.D.A. Bureau of Dental Health Education. The committee is headed by Mr. Glen E. Millard, of Lactona, Inc., and includes Mr. C. G. Dore, of the Owens Brush Co.; Mr. C. J. Wibbelsman, of the Autograf Brush and Plastics Co., Inc.; Mr. Wallace E. Campbell, of the Fuller Brush Co., and Mr. R. H. Carter, of E. I. duPont de Nemours and Co., Inc.

SLOGAN CHOSEN FOR 1958 CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH WEEK

Plans for the 1958 observance of National Children's Dental Health Week are now being formulated. A poster has been prepared for the event which carries the slogan: "Start Now! . . . Make Good Dental Health A Habit!" The 1958 observance is scheduled for Feb. 2-8. Early selection of state chairmen has been urged in a memorandum from the A.D.A. Bureau of Dental Health Education to state society secretaries to enable plans to be made in ample time for the event.

NEW BOOK TRACES HISTORY OF DENTISTRY IN ARKANSAS

A 397-page book, entitled the History of Dentistry in Arkansas and written by Dr. Fred W. Dietrich, of Camden, Ark., has been published. Dedicated to the pioneer dentists of Arkansas, the book features historical newspapers, letters and photographs and traces the advancement of dentistry in Arkansas from the origin of the state. The book is priced at \$10 and is available from the Central Office, Arkansas State Dental Association, P.O. 89, Clarksville, Ark.

MEDICAL AND DENTAL EDUCATION PLAN PROPOSED FOR NEW ENGLAND

The New England Board of Higher Education, representing the states of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont, has proposed formation of a regional compact to provide increased facilities for medical and dental education in New England states. Similar compacts have been established in two other parts of the country, the west and the south. The New England plan will become effective upon adoption by any one of the compacting states and by one of the existing schools.

A.D.T.A. BEGINS LOAN PROGRAM FOR SENIOR DENTAL STUDENTS

The American Dental Trade Association has established a loan program to assist senior dental students complete their undergraduate dental education. Loans up to \$350 will be made to senior dental students when approved by their dental school dean, according to Mr. G. Milton Goolsby, A.D.T.A. president.

10TH ANNUAL SEMINAR OF MEXICAN ASSOCIATION SCHEDULED FOR MAY 12-16

The 10th annual seminar of the Mexican Dental Association will be held May 12 thru 16 at the Hotel Spa-Pensafiel in Tehuacan, Puebla. There will be eight lecturers. Information about the meeting can be obtained from Dr. Robert M. Ruff, president-elect of the association, whose address is Niza No. 6, Mexico 6, D.F. Members of the A.D.A. are invited to attend.