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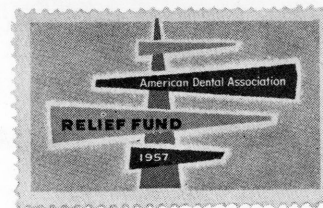
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### A.M.A. HOUSE OF DELEGATES REAFFIRMS ENDORSEMENT OF WATER FLUORIDATION 'AS A SAFE, PRACTICAL METHOD OF REDUCING INCIDENCE OF DENTAL CARIES'

The American Medical Association, "on the basis of an exhaustive new study," has reaffirmed its view that water fluoridation is a safe method of reducing the incidence of dental decay. In a reference committee recommendation adopted by the House of Delegates Dec. 5 at the annual clinical meeting of the A.M.A. in Philadelphia, fluoridation was described as "a safe and practical method of reducing the incidence of dental caries during childhood." The committee's recommendation was based on an extensive analysis of fluoridation by two A.M.A. councils--the council on drugs and the council on foods and nutrition--which a year ago were commissioned by the A.M.A. House of Delegates to study all available information concerning the fluoridation of public water supplies and make recommendations. "This new study and its findings, while more exhaustive, are essentially the same as the report of the same two councils, which was made in 1951," A.M.A. spokesmen pointed out. At that time, the A.M.A. report said "the councils believe that the use of drinking water containing up to one part per million of fluoride is safe." The 1951 report was approved by the House of Delegates. "Since then many studies have been made, many observations have been recorded and many opinions have been expressed," Dr. James P. Leake, of Washington, D.C., vice-chairman of the A.M.A. council on drugs, said. "All of them were given careful review and study." The latest report of the A.M.A. councils, approved by the House of Delegates, said in part:

No evidence has been found since the 1951 statement by the councils to prove that continuous ingestion of water containing the equivalent of approximately 1 ppm. of fluorine for long periods by large segments of the population is harmful to the general health. Mottling of the tooth enamel (dental fluorosis) associated with this level of fluoridation is minimal. The importance of this mottling is out-weighed by the caries-inhibiting effect of the fluoride.

The closing paragraph of the 27-page report by the two councils said: "Fluoridation of public water supplies should be regarded as a prophylactic measure for reducing tooth decay at the community level and is applicable where the water supply contains less than the equivalent of 1 ppm. of fluorine."

#### NEW ZEALAND ROYAL COMMISSION RECOMMENDS MEASURE FOR COUNTRY

concludes with the recommendation that "widespread use should be made of the fluoridation process for the purpose of achieving an urgently needed improvement in the present serious state of dental health in New Zealand." The commission was appointed by the governor-general of New Zealand in November, 1956, to investigate all aspects of water fluoridation and to submit a report to the country's House of Representatives.

In New Zealand, a Royal Commission of Inquiry appointed to evaluate the merits of water fluoridation has issued a 240-page report which

## STATE DENTAL HEALTH NEEDS OUTLINED IN GEORGIA REPORT

The need for larger state appropriations as a basis for obtaining matching federal funds to support effective dental public health programs was emphasized in a report issued recently by the Georgia State Board of Health. The report, based on a study of the dental public health services of Georgia, recommended that, beginning with two health districts, dentists be employed as administrative assistants to the commissioner of health to direct a dental health program. If successful, the plan then would be expanded to other districts. The report pointed out that there is a need for dentists to serve on all local health committees, especially local boards of health. Other recommendations called for the establishment of additional educational facilities for dentists and hygienists in the state and upward adjustment of salaries for dental and medical personnel in public health positions. The report declared that dental health should be made a basic public health service in all state, regional and district health departments. The study of the dental public health services was made by Dr. J. G. Williams, a dentist and vice-chairman of the Georgia State Board of Health, and Dr. D. N. Thompson, a physician and member of the board. Dr. John E. Chrietberg is director of the state's dental health services.

## '1956 SURVEY OF DENTAL PRACTICE' AVAILABLE

Reprints of the 1956 Survey of Dental Practice are now available in booklet form and single copies of the booklet can be obtained on request to the A.D.A. Bureau of Economic Research and Statistics, 222 E. Superior St., Chicago 11. The booklet is composed of a series of nine articles which appeared in The Journal of the American Dental Association in 1956 and 1957. It contains information on such subjects as dental income and expenses, work hours, patient load, auxiliary personnel, office size and amount and nature of insurance carried by dentists.

## DENVER MIDWINTER MEETING TO BE HELD JAN. 5-8

Dentists in the Rocky Mountain region are invited to the 51st annual Midwinter Meeting of the Denver Dental Association to be held Jan. 5-8 in the Shirley-Savoy Hotel in Denver. Among speakers will be Dr. William R. Alstadt, of Little Rock, Ark., A.D.A. president; Dr. Ralph H. Boos, of Minneapolis; Dr. Thomas K. Cureton Jr., of Chicago, and Dr. Louis I. Grossman, of Philadelphia. As a feature of the meeting, Dr. Walter Orr Roberts, director of the High Altitude Observatory of the University of Colorado, will discuss "Earth Satellites and Their Real Meaning." The chairman of the meeting is Dr. Ray Perschbacher and the president of the Denver Society is Dr. William P. Humphrey.

## DR. ALSTADT TO REPRESENT A.D.A. AT ASIAN CONGRESS

Dr. William R. Alstadt, of Little Rock, Ark., will represent the A.D.A. at the 2nd Asian Dental Congress to be held March 24-30 in Manila. The Federation Dentaire Internationale will be represented by Dr. Oren A. Oliver, of Nashville, an honorary vice-president and former president of the F.D.I. The general chairman of the congress is Dr. Agustin L. Zarate, president of the Philippine Dental Association. U.S. dentists are invited to participate in the meeting. Those interested in attending the congress are asked to communicate with Dr. Harold Hillenbrand, of Chicago, A.D.A. secretary, 222 E. Superior St., Chicago 11.

## TWO DENTISTS AMONG 'CHICAGO'S 100 OUTSTANDING CITIZENS'

Two members of the dental profession -- Dr. Harold Hillenbrand, A.D.A. secretary, and Dr. Isaac Schour, dean of the College of Dentistry, University of Illinois -- are among a roster of 100 persons chosen as "Chicago's 100 outstanding citizens." The selection of the Chicago leaders, chosen from more than 9,000 nominees, was a feature of the four-month observance of the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the Jesuit order in Chicago and the 100 were honored at a banquet Dec. 12 in the Palmer House. Among those honored were leaders distinguished nationally and internationally in the field of atomic science, education, government, publishing, welfare, medicine, dentistry, industry, law and business. All were cited for their contribution to the advancement of the city's welfare.

## 1958 EDITION OF 'ACCEPTED DENTAL REMEDIES' AVAILABLE

The 1958 edition of "Accepted Dental Remedies," completely revised, in a new design and more comprehensive than any previous issue, is now off the press. The handbook, issued annually by the A.D.A. Council on Dental Therapeutics as a guide to the usefulness and safety of dental drugs and other products, has been entirely re-designed for easy reference and the addition of much new information. For the first time, it contains a chapter on the management of dental patients under medical treatment. There are enlarged and revised chapters on handling of emergencies in the dental office and on prescription writing. Additionally, the new book includes a number of revised and updated chapters on such subjects as local and general anesthetics, sedatives and analgesics, dentifrices, and sterilization and disinfection of instruments. The table of contents has been enlarged for easy reference. The new edition of "Accepted Dental Remedies" can be obtained for \$ 3 from the A.D.A. Order Department, 222 E. Superior St., Chicago 11.

## APPLE ASSOCIATION ISSUES POSTER FOR CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH WEEK

The International Apple Association has again issued a poster in observance of National Children's Dental Health Week. The 1958 observance is scheduled for Feb. 2-8. The poster, prepared in cooperation with the A.D.A. Bureau of Dental Health Education, measures 11 by 14 inches. Below a color picture of a boy and girl with a toothbrush and apple, it carries a message on a slate, which says: "Remember to brush teeth daily, eat a crisp apple often to help keep teeth clean, have dental checkup regularly." The Apple Association has also issued a leaflet in the shape of an apple, which carries the title, "Nature's Toothbrush." Its contents are similar to that of the poster. The poster and leaflet may be obtained in limited quantities on request to the International Apple Association, 1302 18th St., N.W., Washington 6, D.C.

## MEMBERSHIP IN ASSOCIATION CONTINUES TO INCREASE

As of Nov. 30, the American Dental Association had 89,304 members, an increase of 106 from last month's figure and 2,505 more than the total for Nov. 30 of last year. Current figures include 74,334 active, 4,207 life, 214 affiliate, 20 associate, 15 honorary and 10,514 student memberships.

## NORTHWESTERN U. TO PRESENT TELECAST FROM WASHINGTON, D.C. JAN. 29

A closed-circuit color telecast from Washington, D.C., on high-speed cutting instruments, will be presented at Northwestern University Dental School, Chicago, on Jan. 29. The program will originate from the Walter Reed Army Medical Center with Col. Joseph L. Bernier, chief of the oral pathology branch at the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, as moderator. Viewers in Chicago will be able to ask questions of the dental team in Washington during the demonstrations.

## DR. THOMAS SPEIDEL, DENTAL EDUCATOR, DIES AT 49

Dr. Thomas D. Speidel, head of the orthodontics department at the School of Dentistry, University of Minnesota, and former dean of the School of Dentistry, Loyola University, at New Orleans, died Nov. 30 of a heart attack in Minneapolis. He was 49 years old. Dr. Speidel was editor of the Journal of Dental Education from 1940 to 1947 and served as president of the American Association of Dental Editors in 1947-48. He was also a former director of the American Association of Orthodontists. In addition to Minnesota and Loyola, Dr. Speidel had served on the dental school faculties at the University of Iowa, University of Tennessee and Indiana University.

## MRS. EARL JONES, WIFE OF A.D.A. TRUSTEE, DIES

Mrs. Anita Jones, wife of Dr. Earl G. Jones, of Columbus, Ohio, A.D.A. trustee, died Dec. 10 in Mt. Carmel Hospital in Columbus. She was 60 years old. In addition to her husband, survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Joanne Howard, of Marion, Ohio, and Mrs. Barbara Taylor, of Lancaster, Ohio, and four grandchildren.

## CONTRIBUTIONS TO A.D.A. RELIEF FUND REACH \$71,197 ON DEC. 4; THREE MORE CONSTITUENT SOCIETIES PASS 100 PER CENT MARK

Contributions to the 1957-58 A.D.A. Relief Fund reached \$71,197.35 on Dec. 4. Although over 70 per cent of the campaign's \$100,000 goal was received within the first two months of the drive, contributions are lagging somewhat in comparison to last year. This year's contributions were \$3,674 less than were received in the golden anniversary campaign for the same date in 1956. To date, seven constituent societies have exceeded their quotas. Alabama (118.9 per cent of quota), Hawaii (122.8 per cent) and New Mexico (105.8 per cent) joined Tennessee (194.6 per cent), Alaska (175 per cent), Delaware (125.3 per cent) and North Dakota (163.1 per cent) in passing the 100 per cent mark. The smaller societies (quotas under \$1,000) maintained a lead of two percentage points over the larger groups (quotas over \$1,000). A breakdown of contributions by constituent societies and federal services is listed on the enclosed Mimeographed page.

## FOUR NEW COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS ANNOUNCED BY DR. ALSTADT

Dr. William R. Alstadt, of Little Rock, Ark., A.D.A. president, has announced the appointment of four council members to fill vacancies left by resignations. All are ad interim appointments. Dr. Frank Jordan, of Louisville, Ky., was named to the Council on Constitution and Bylaws to replace Dr. F. A. Pierson, of Lincoln, Neb., new A.D.A. trustee. Dr. Donald H. Miller, of Elmira, N. Y., was appointed to the Council on Dental Health to succeed Dr. G. H. Proper, of Albany, N. Y. Dr. Walter W. Stevens, of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., was chosen for the Council on Dental Therapeutics to replace Dr. Edward F. Mimmack, of Buffalo, N. Y., new A.D.A. trustee, and Dr. J. Eugene Ziegler, of Los Angeles, was named to the Council on Dental Trade and Laboratory Relations to succeed Dr. John Steen, of San Diego, Calif.

## NEW INFORMATION BULLETIN ON DENTIST-LABORATORY RELATIONS IS MAILED

A new A.D.A. Information Bulletin was being mailed this week to all members of the Association. The Bulletin deals with the dentist's ethical and legal responsibilities in his relations with the laboratory craft. The Bulletin was prepared in accordance with a directive of the House of Delegates at Miami Beach which noted "that since the dental laboratory technician and the dental laboratory have an adjunctive relationship to the dental profession, a heavy responsibility is placed on the dental profession to do all it can to see that this relationship is maintained on a high ethical level. . . . It is important for every dentist to be aware of his own responsibility in this area. . . ." Extra copies of the Bulletin are available without charge upon request to the A.D.A. Bureau of Public Information, 222 E. Superior St., Chicago 11.

## ST. LOUIS DENTAL SOCIETY PRESENTS TV SERIES

A series of 20 television programs entitled "Today's Dentistry!" is being presented by the St. Louis Dental Society on KETC, the city's educational station. The half-hour programs, telecast on alternate Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m., cover such subjects as operative dentistry, radiographs, children's dentistry, orthodontics, oral surgery, crown and bridge, pathology, prosthetics and professional ethics. The series is prepared by the society's television committee, headed by Dr. John Versnel.

## DALLAS MID-WINTER CLINIC SCHEDULED FOR JAN. 26-29

Eight clinicians will appear on the program at the 31st Dallas Mid-Winter Dental Clinic Jan. 26-29 in the Statler Hilton Hotel. The general chairman of the four-day meeting, sponsored by the Dallas County Dental Society, is Dr. O'Neal M. Gray. The clinicians will be Drs. Raymond E. Johnson, of St. Paul; Louis C. Schultz, of Ann Arbor, Mich.; Carl O. Boucher, of Columbus, Ohio; E. D. Shooshan, of Pasadena, Calif.; Harry M. Klenda, of Wichita, Kans.; I. Irwin Beechen, of Oakland, Calif.; R. A. McEwen, of Atlanta, and Claude S. LaDow, of Philadelphia.

## DENTAL HYGIENISTS MOVE HEADQUARTERS TO CHICAGO

The American Dental Hygienists' Association has moved its headquarters from Washington, D.C., to Chicago. The new address, as of Dec. 15, is 100 E. Ohio St., Chicago 11. Miss Margaret E. Swanson is executive secretary of the organization.