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A.D.A. GROUP LIFE INSURANCE PROGRAM BENEFITS TO BE DOUBLED JAN. 1; BENEFITS OF ACCIDENT AND HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN ALSO TO BE INCREASED

Beginning Jan. 1, 1959, benefits available to Association members under the two A.D.A.-sponsored insurance programs will be substantially increased. These include the Group Life Insurance Program, written in the Great-West Life Assurance Co., and the Group Accident and Health Insurance Program, carried in the National Casualty Co. of Detroit through M. A. Gesner, Inc. The increased benefits were proposed by the A.D.A. Council on Insurance following an analysis of the effectiveness of the two programs. "As a result of this study," Dr. L. R. Ludwigsen, of San Francisco, chairman of the Council on Insurance, said, "the council became convinced that a greater measure of service to the membership would be provided by the insurance programs if the benefits available could be increased." At the request of the council, the administrators of the plans submitted proposals for revising the benefits. These proposals were recommended by the council and approved last September by the A.D.A. Board of Trustees.

PHYSICAL CONDITION NO BAR TO PARTICIPATING MEMBERS

\$10,000. Under the expanded program, this benefit will be increased to \$20,000. The premium charged for the insurance will be doubled. Members currently participating in the Life Insurance Program will be eligible for the increase in benefits regardless of their physical condition. They also may reject the increase if they wish and continue their present coverage. Brochures descriptive of the expanded program are now being mailed to all active, life and student members of the Association by the Great-West Life Assurance Co.

Under the Group Life Insurance Program, the basic life insurance benefit available since 1956 to members under the age of 60 has been

DETAILED REPORT ON PLANS WILL APPEAR IN 'JOURNAL'

members will be able to obtain monthly benefits of \$500 or \$600. Members of the Association under the age of 70 who are actively engaged in the duties of the dental profession are eligible to participate in the program. Members who are currently insured under the Accident and Health Program, and who wish to take advantage of the higher benefits, will need to submit a new application to establish their insurability. The program is not available to members of the following constituent societies: California and Southern California, Nevada, New Jersey, New York and Utah. Applications and information regarding the programs can be obtained from the A.D.A. Council on Insurance, 222 E. Superior St., Chicago 11. A detailed report on the two programs, by the Council on Insurance, will appear in the January issue of The Journal of the American Dental Association.

Under the Group Accident and Health Insurance Program, the top monthly benefit available has been \$400. With the expanded program,

A.D.A. MEMBERSHIP REACHES 91,488

Membership in the Association reached 91,488 as of Nov. 30. The figure represented an increase of 2,184 from the same date a year ago and an increase of 2,143 over the 1957 total membership figure of 89,345.

3,000 ATTEND PAN AMERICAN DENTAL CONGRESS

More than 3,000 persons from all parts of the western hemisphere attended the first Pan American Congress of the Mexican Dental Association which was held Nov. 18 to 23 in Mexico City. Dr. Paul Jeserich, of Ann Arbor, Mich., president-elect of the A.D.A., brought greetings to the assemblage as the official representative of the Association. The Mexican Dental Association conferred honorary membership on Dr. Jeserich and on Dr. William R. Alstadt, of Little Rock, immediate past president of the A.D.A. The Congress was welcomed to Mexico by the president of the country, Adolfo Ruiz Cortines, who cited the members for "your works, your deliberations, your wisdom and experience (which) will benefit the science of dentistry in all of the countries which you represent." Presiding was Dr. Roberto M. Ruff, of Mexico City, president of the Congress. Among other speakers were Mr. Robert C. Hill, U. S. ambassador to Mexico, whose embassy held a reception for the visitors. In an address to the Congress, Dr. Harold Hillenbrand, of Chicago, A.D.A. secretary, urged a free exchange among nations "so that scientific achievement may be made known to members of the health professions throughout the world."

REGIONAL GROUPS FORMED BY DENTAL SOCIETIES, SCHOOLS

Two principal events of the Congress were the establishment of a Pan American Odontological Confederation, for which all national dental

associations of the region will be eligible, and the Pan American Association of Dental Schools, which will carry out a similar role for the dental schools. Preliminary organization of the two new regional groups will culminate in meetings in New York City in 1959 in conjunction with the Centennial Session of the A.D.A. The headquarters of the Confederation will be in Mexico City. The president of the new schools' organization is Dr. A. Raymond Baralt, of San Juan, Puerto Rico. The official adviser is Dr. Shailer Peterson, of Chicago, secretary of the A.D.A. Council on Dental Education.

COMMITTEE MEETS WITH PRESIDENT EISENHOWER ON 1960 YOUTH PROGRAM

President Eisenhower has named Dr. Philip E. Blackerby Jr., of Battle Creek, Mich., one of the 12 vice-chairmen of the National Committee for the 1960 White House Conference on Children and Youth. Dr. Blackerby, former chairman of the A.D.A. Council on Dental Education, is associate director of the W. K. Kellogg Foundation. The committee, composed of 92 leaders in programs serving youth, is holding a two-day planning conference in Washington, D.C., Dec. 16 and 17. The conference will be opened with a meeting at the White House with President Eisenhower. The purpose of the preliminary conference is to select a theme and determine the scope of the forthcoming "golden anniversary" conference which is to be held in Washington in March, 1960.

DR. MERRITT PRESENTS ADDITIONAL GIFT TO A.D.A. LIBRARY FOR RARE BOOKS

As a feature of the A.D.A.'s Centennial Year in 1959, Dr. Arthur H. Merritt, of New York City, past president of the Association, has made a gift of \$500 to the A.D.A. for the purchase of rare and historical books for the Bureau of Library and Indexing Service. The gift brings to \$1,200 the contributions made by Dr. Merritt to the Association for book purchases and helps to fill a gap caused by the need for the library to use its funds for current literature. Dr. Donald A. Washburn, director of the Bureau of Library and Indexing Service, pointed out that the Association is particularly grateful for such gifts "which will enable it to continue in its efforts to increase its collection of historical dental volumes which add dignity, depth and valuable source materials." It was noted that dentists may have historical books, not now in the A.D.A. library collection, which they may wish to present to the Association as an aspect of the centennial observance. Such books carry the donor's name and the fact that they are gifts.

NAME ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF BUREAU OF ECONOMIC RESEARCH AND STATISTICS

The appointment of Mr. George Ogawa, of Chicago, as assistant director of the A.D.A. Bureau of Economic Research and Statistics has been announced by Dr. Harold Hillenbrand, Association secretary. Mr. Ogawa joined the bureau staff as a statistician in July, 1956. Previously for five years he was a statistician at the Industrial Relations Center at the University of Chicago. He holds a master's degree in economics from the U. of C.

A.D.A. STUDIES CITED AT FIRST MEETING ON HEALTH MANPOWER NEEDS

The A.D.A. was cited for its studies on dental manpower and health needs at the first meeting on Dec. 8 of a 21-member Consultant Group on Medical Education, called by Surgeon General Leroy E. Burney of the U.S. Public Health Service. Dentist members of the advisory group are Dr. Harold Hillenbrand, of Chicago, A.D.A. secretary, and Dr. Emory W. Morris, of Battle Creek, Mich., president of the W. K. Kellogg Foundation. The consultant group, composed of national leaders in health, education and public affairs, was established to determine how the nation can be supplied with adequate numbers of well qualified physicians and other health manpower over the next decade. The target date for the final report is July 1. Chairman of the group is Frank Bane, of New York, former executive secretary of the Council of State Governments.

DR. E. A. BRANCH, NORTH CAROLINA DENTAL DIRECTOR SINCE 1929, DIES

Dr. Ernest A. Branch, director since 1929 of the Division of Oral Hygiene of the North Carolina State Board of Health, died Dec. 3 at his home in Raleigh. He was 70 years old. Dr. Branch, who had been chairman of the oral hygiene section of the A.D.A., was also a former president of the American Association of Public Health Dentists, of the State and Territorial Dental Directors and of the North Carolina State Dental Society. In 1952, he was presented with the Carl V. Reynolds Award of the North Carolina Public Health Association for his "inspiring leadership and untiring efforts" on behalf of water fluoridation for the state.

A.D.A. RELIEF FUND REACHES \$63,695 IN FIRST MONTH OF DRIVE

Contributions to the A.D.A. Relief Fund reached \$63,695.04 on Nov. 30, it was reported by Dr. H. R. Bleier, of Milwaukee, chairman of the A.D.A. Council on Relief. In the first four weeks of the new campaign, three state societies exceeded the 100 per cent mark and three more passed the 90 per cent mark. Those surpassing their quota included Alaska, 292 per cent; North Dakota, 142 per cent, and New Mexico, 107.3 per cent. Societies exceeding 90 per cent of quota were Wyoming, 99.4 per cent; Delaware, 94.4 per cent, and Nevada, 90.5 per cent. Dr. Bleier urged that dentists send in their contributions as soon as possible to the A.D.A. Relief Fund, 222 E. Superior St., Chicago 11. "The cause is highly deserving and the need is great," he said. Contributions to Nov. 30 from constituent societies, federal dental services and students follow:

	Quota	Contribution	Per Cent		Quota	Contribution	Per Cent
Alabama	\$ 890.00	\$ 815.00	91.6	North Dakota	\$ 300.00	\$ 426.00	142.0
Alaska	50.00	146.00	292.0	Ohio	4,940.00	2,957.90	59.9
Arizona	370.00	69.00	18.6	Oklahoma	920.00	670.00	72.8
Arkansas	550.00	368.00	66.9	Oregon	1,290.00	861.00	66.7
California	4,080.00	2,997.00	73.5	Panama	20.00	15.00	75.0
California, Southern	4,950.00	2,888.50	58.4	Pennsylvania	6,660.00	4,220.50	63.4
Colorado	1,010.00	834.00	82.6	Puerto Rico	260.00	97.05	37.3
Connecticut	1,940.00	1,515.00	78.1	Rhode Island	530.00	66.00	12.5
Delaware	160.00	151.00	94.4	South Carolina	440.00	261.00	59.3
District of Columbia	720.00	566.00	78.6	South Dakota	290.00	126.00	43.4
Florida	1,570.00	1,230.00	78.3	Tennessee	1,380.00	872.00	63.2
Georgia	1,070.00	433.50	40.5	Texas	3,320.00	1,976.00	59.5
Hawaii	400.00	353.00	88.3	Utah	520.00	410.50	78.9
Idaho	290.00	79.00	27.2	Vermont	170.00	92.00	54.1
Illinois	6,700.00	5,400.00	80.6	Virginia	1,270.00	937.00	73.8
Indiana	2,180.00	1,582.20	72.6	Washington	1,910.00	1,432.50	75.0
Iowa	1,710.00	1,133.00	66.3	West Virginia	680.00	528.00	77.6
Kansas	960.00	795.15	82.8	Wisconsin	2,780.00	1,627.50	58.5
Kentucky	1,170.00	178.00	15.2	Wyoming	170.00	169.00	99.4
Louisiana	1,040.00	732.50	70.4	Total	\$ 96,410.00	\$ 61,405.53	63.7
Maine	420.00	188.40	44.9	<u>Federal Dental Services</u>			
Maryland	1,190.00	1,000.44	84.1	Air Force	\$ 690.00	299.50	43.4
Massachusetts	3,550.00	745.00	21.0	Army	770.00	328.50	42.7
Michigan	4,330.00	3,072.00	70.9	Navy	1,100.00	560.95	51.0
Minnesota	2,660.00	1,989.50	74.8	Public Health Service	270.00	239.50	88.7
Mississippi	560.00	285.50	51.0	Veterans Administration	760.00	246.50	32.4
Missouri	2,350.00	1,650.50	70.2	Total	\$ 3,590.00	\$ 1,674.95	46.7
Montana	350.00	236.50	67.6	<u>Summary</u>			
Nebraska	940.00	384.50	40.9	Constituent Societies	\$ 96,410.00	61,405.53	63.7
Nevada	110.00	99.50	90.5	Federal Dental Services	3,590.00	1,674.95	46.7
New Hampshire	310.00	131.00	42.3	Students		587.50	
New Jersey	4,000.00	3,217.38	80.4	Miscellaneous		27.06	
New Mexico	260.00	279.00	107.3	Total	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 63,695.04	63.7
New York	14,440.00	7,340.51	50.8				
North Carolina	1,280.00	775.00	60.5				

'DENTAL ABSTRACTS' COMPLETES THIRD YEAR OF PUBLICATION

With the December 1958 issue, Dental Abstracts now rounds out its third year of publication as the Association's newest periodical. The 12 monthly issues for 1958, comprising Volume three of Dental Abstracts, contain 938 abstracts of articles by 1,095 authors in 42 countries. In a year-end report on the publication, Dr. Lon W. Morrey, editor of the A.D.A., said:

We are seeking in each volume of Dental Abstracts to give the reader a panoramic view of the best that is being written on dental subjects throughout the world each year. If the dental historian of the future wishes to know in any given year what dental technics were being practiced or advocated, what researches were achieving, what materials and therapeutics were in use, what subjects were being taught in the world's dental schools, what organizations were active and what problems were agitating dentists--in North and South America, Europe, Asia, Africa and Australia--he will find the answers in the annual volumes of Dental Abstracts.

Subscriptions for the 1959 issues of Dental Abstracts are now being taken. The subscription rate is \$ 8 a year in the United States and \$ 9 a year abroad. Orders should be sent to the A.D.A. Subscription Department, 222 E. Superior St., Chicago 11.

DENTAL SECTION AT A.A.A.S. MEETING TO HAVE SYMPOSIUM ON CALCIFICATION

A symposium on calcification in biological systems will be presented by the dentistry section of the American Association for the Advancement of Science at the Hotel Shoreham in Washington, D.C., on Dec. 29 during the annual meeting of the association. The dental session will be co-sponsored by the sections on medicine and of zoology, by the A.D.A., the North American Division of the International Association for Dental Research and the American College of Dentists.

GREAT-WEST MAKES GRANT OF \$12,500 FOR TEACHING FELLOWSHIP

A grant of \$ 12,500 under which a teaching fellowship in dentistry will be awarded annually for five years has been provided by the Great-West Life Assurance Co. The award, to be known as the American Dental Association Teaching Fellowship Award, will consist of a yearly grant of \$ 2,500, beginning with the Association's Centennial Year of 1959. The fellowship is designed to encourage a dental student with unusual qualifications for teaching to continue his education beyond the award of a dental degree to a graduate degree program. The program is to be administered by the Fund for Dental Education at 311 E. Chicago Ave., Chicago 11. The A.D.A. Board of Trustees authorized acceptance of the grant on behalf of the Association.

BRIEFS IN THE NEWS

The New York Academy of Medicine has offered its congratulations to Dr. Percy T. Phillips, of New York, as new president of the A.D.A. In a telegram, Dr. Howard Reid Craig, director of the organization, added that "with this message go best wishes for a successful and satisfying tenure of your high office as well as the continuation of your efforts to bring the dental and medical professions into close working relationship."...."Dr. Alstadt Day" was observed by the Little Rock Civitan Club Dec. 4 in honor of Dr. William R. Alstadt, immediate past president of the A.D.A., for his accomplishments as Association president in bringing honor to his native state and to the Southwest....The American College of Dentists has moved its headquarters to Room 401, Lindell Bldg., 4236 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis 8, Mo....Dr. Maynard K. Hine, of Indianapolis, A.D.A. trustee, recently took a one-day cruise on the atomic-powered submarine "Nautilus" from New London, Conn., as a member of the Advisory Panel for the Medical Sciences of the Department of Defense....Dr. Fred J. Wolfe, of New Orleans, former vice-president of the A.D.A. and a former member of the Board of Trustees, will be honored at a testimonial dinner to be given by the New Orleans Dental Society at the Monteleone Hotel on Feb. 21....Dr. Wesley J. Dunn, of Toronto, editor of the Journal of the Canadian Dental Association, has resigned, effective Jan. 1. His successor is Dr. Edward R. Bilkey, a member of the Faculty of Dentistry staff of the University of Toronto for seven years and former president of the Canadian Society of Dentistry for Children.