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CENTENNIAL SESSION - NEW YORK - SEPT. 14-18



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AMPLE ACCOMMODATIONS AVAILABLE FOR A.D.A. CENTENNIAL SESSION; ARRANGEMENTS COMPLETED FOR FIVE-DAY EXTENSIVE SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

Plans have been completed for the scientific program at the Centennial Session of the Association, expected to be one of the outstanding dental meetings of all time. The meeting, to be held in conjunction with the 47th annual session of the Federation Dentaire Internationale, will be held Sept. 14-18 in New York City. Ample hotel accommodations are available for the five-day session in one of the world's most exciting cities. "While more than 3,000 applications have already been received for the meeting, we are anticipating thousands more," Dr. William A. Fennelly, of New York, chairman of the general committee on local arrangements for the 1959 meeting, said. "Hotel accommodations are plentiful and we are prepared to demonstrate that New York can be one of the warmest and most hospitable cities in the world not only to our colleagues from all over the country but to all those from other nations." Application forms for housing reservations from The Journal of the American Dental Association should be sent to the American Dental Association Housing Bureau, P. O. Box 5440, Chicago 7.

SCHEDULE TELEVISION CLINICS FROM N.Y.U. AND BETHESDA

The scientific program will be held in the imposing new air-conditioned Coliseum in mid-Manhattan. Dr. David J. Fitzgibbon, of Washington, D. C., chairman of the A.D.A. Council on Scientific Session, said the program would be unusually comprehensive. There will be forums on periodontics, partial and complete dentures, pedodontics and endodontics. Other topics scheduled include high-speed instruments, occlusion, oral cancer, diagnosis of difficult cases, emergencies in the dental office, and treatment of the dental pulp. Much of the program will be similar to extensive refresher courses. Closed circuit television will be used in two parts of the scientific session. There will be a program of black and white television clinics originating from New York University College of Dentistry and sponsored by the Ciba Pharmaceutical Co., and a program of color television clinics originating from Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Bethesda, Md. Additionally, there will be clinical lectures projected on large screens and table clinics as well as motion picture films and scientific exhibits.

DRAFT BILL PASSED; INCLUDES SPECIAL PAY FOR DENTISTS, PHYSICIANS

A bill to extend for four years the draft law, including two Senate amendments continuing the special career-incentive pay for dental and medical officers in the armed forces and U.S. Public Health Service, awaited President Eisenhower's signature this week after clearing Congress. The draft legislation contains the so-called doctor-draft law. The Senate Armed Services Committee added the special pay section to the bill before it was approved 90 to one in the Senate. The House of Representatives accepted the amendments without debate. The special pay section has been included in the Career Compensation Act that was scheduled to expire June 30. It is part of a career incentive program, advocated by the A.D.A. and put into effect in 1956, to reduce excessive turnover of professional health manpower in the military forces and make unnecessary the invoking of special draft calls for dentists and physicians. There have been no Selective Service calls for dentists since 1955. Under the program, service credit is given to accelerate promotions for dentists and physicians commissioned in the armed forces and special pay of \$100 to \$250 a month, depending on length of service, is authorized.

HOUSE APPROVES KEOGH-SIMPSON BILL IN VOICE VOTE

The Keogh-Simpson bill (H.R. 10), which would permit tax deferrals on a portion of income for retirement programs for self-employed persons, was passed overwhelmingly by voice vote March 16 in the House of Representatives under an order for suspension of rules. There was an unusually good turnout for the voting. The bill was sent to the Senate. The A.D.A. Council on Legislation had sent telegrams to secretaries of component societies and other individuals suggesting that they communicate with their congressmen to urge them to be present for the voting. For the Senate, Minority Leader Dirksen (R., Ill.) served notice March 3 that he was opposed to the measure. After a conference of Republican leaders with President Eisenhower, Senator Dirksen said the bill would cost \$365 million annually in federal revenues and "open a \$3 billion hole in federal revenues over a period of years." At the last session of Congress, it was Senator Dirksen who introduced a similar bill and was one of the few committed supporters of the proposed legislation in the Senate. Opposition to the measure was voiced also by Secretary of the Treasury Anderson. In a letter March 14 to Rep. Byrnes (R., Wis.), chairman of the House Republican Policy Committee, Secretary Anderson contended that under the measure "about 80 per cent of the total tax relief would go to the self-employed with incomes over \$10,000," and added: "We do not believe that selective tax relief of this magnitude should be permitted at a time when general tax relief is not possible."

THREE NAMED TO DEFENSE DEPARTMENT DENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Dr. Paul H. Jeserich, of Ann Arbor, Mich., president-elect of the Association, has been named a representative of the A.D.A. on the Dental Advisory Committee of the Department of Defense. Others newly named to the committee are Dr. Thomas F. Powers, of Plainfield, N. J., chairman of the Council on Federal Dental Services, and Dr. Clemens V. Rault, of Washington, D. C., dean of the School of Dentistry, Georgetown University. The committee, which is headed by Dr. Thomas P. Fox, of Philadelphia, also includes the chiefs of the three armed forces dental services. In addition to his appointment to the Dental Advisory Committee, Dr. Jeserich was named to the Dependents' Medical Care Advisory Committee of the Defense Department.

'DENTURIST' BILL DIES IN STATE OF WASHINGTON

A "public denturist" bill, permitting technicians to deal directly with the public in the area of prosthetics, has met defeat in a second state legislature. The bill died in committee in the legislature of the state of Washington. Earlier, a committee in the House of Representatives of the Georgia state legislature voted unanimously against a similar bill. In Oklahoma, a committee of the lower house has scheduled a hearing on a "denturist" bill for March 18.

TAPE OF ABC NETWORK PROGRAM ON A.D.A. TO BE AVAILABLE TO SOCIETIES

A two and a half minute message from Dr. Percy T. Phillips, of New York, A.D.A. president, will climax a centennial network radio program on the Association, scheduled for presentation on Thursday, March 19, from 9 to 9:25 p.m. (eastern standard time). The program will be presented over most of the 282 stations of the American Broadcasting Company network and is part of a series, entitled "Project Tomorrow—Report to the People." The program is an excellent public relations project with respect to dentistry and the centennial and it is strongly suggested that representatives of local dental societies call their local ABC station managers to express interest in the program and to check on the time of its presentation. After the initial network showing, tapes of the program will be made available to dental societies through the A.D.A. film library. The program can then be presented at dental societies meetings and at meetings of various community groups. Arrangements have also been made so that it can be presented again on any local radio station. It has been "cleared" for local broadcast use.

A.D.A. MEMBERSHIP DUES DEADLINE IS NEAR

The 1959 A.D.A. membership dues deadline is March 31. Dentists who fail to keep their memberships in good standing may jeopardize their participation in the Association's insurance plan. Missing the deadline also means termination of subscriptions to The Journal of the American Dental Association.

JUDGES NAMED FOR DENTAL EXHIBITS AT NATIONAL SCIENCE FAIR

Four judges have been named by the Association to select the winning exhibits in dentistry and dental science by high school students at the 10th National Science Fair to be held May 6-9 in Hartford, Conn. The judges are Dr. Arthur W. Easton, of Norway, Me., A.D.A. trustee; Dr. Raymond J. Nagle, of New York City, dean of the New York University College of Dentistry; Dr. Seymour J. Kreshover, of Bethesda, Md., associate director of the National Institute of Dental Research, and Dr. George C. Paffenbarger, of Washington, D.C., chief of the A.D.A. research staff at the National Bureau of Standards. The awards will be announced by Dr. Paul H. Jeserich, of Ann Arbor, Mich., A.D.A. president-elect, at ceremonies at the fair. The two top honors include an expense-paid trip to New York for the finalists to display their exhibits in the scientific program at the Centennial Session of the Association, Sept. 14-18. Two other finalists will receive scientific equipment or books of their choice, to help in further pursuit of their studies. The National Science Fair climaxes the program that includes local community fairs and state-wide or regional fairs. Material on the science fair program has been sent to all dental societies. The A.D.A. House of Delegates has urged societies to take part in the program.

AWARD CONTRACT FOR NEW DENTAL INSTITUTE BUILDING

The contract for the construction of a building at Bethesda, Md., to house the National Institute of Dental Research was awarded March 9. The contract went to Norair Engineering Corp., Washington, D. C., with a bid of \$2,298,000. The firm's bid covers construction of the basic structure and excludes the movable partitions, laboratories and special equipment. Total estimated cost of the research structure is \$3,777,798. Ground breaking will probably be in April or early May, according to Dr. F. A. Arnold Jr., director of the Institute of Dental Research.

'TEACHING USE OF AUXILIARIES' TO BE TOPIC FOR DENTAL SCHOOLS

Four general sessions will be held at the 36th annual meeting of the American Association of Dental Schools at the Sheraton-Palace Hotel in San Francisco from March 22 through March 25. "Teaching Students How to Use Auxiliary Aids" will be the subject of one session and "The Dental Student" the subject of another. The others will be devoted to reports of committees and election of officers. Dr. William H. Crawford, of Minneapolis, dean of the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry, is the president and Dr. Robert W. McNulty, of Los Angeles, dean of the University of Southern California School of Dentistry, is president-elect. There will also be conference sessions on clinic administration, dental hygiene education, dental materials, fixed partial and complete denture prosthodontics, orthodontics, pathology, periodontics, graduate study, oral diagnosis, pharmacology and closed circuit television.

250 REPORTS TO BE HEARD AT I.A.D.R. MEETING

Some 250 reports in various fields of dental investigation will be presented at the 37th general meeting of the International Association for Dental Research to be held March 19-22 at the Sheraton-Palace Hotel, San Francisco. The theme will be the impact of dental research on the teaching and practice of dentistry. Five sessions will be devoted to new developments in materials for dental fillings and artificial dentures and to high-speed dental drills. At the annual banquet, March 21, two research awards will be announced: the Hatton Award for the most meritorious presentation by a young investigator appearing for the first time, and the Souder Award in recognition of a distinguished research contribution in the field of dental materials. Dr. Ned B. Williams, of Philadelphia, professor of oral microbiology at the University of Pennsylvania School of Dentistry, is I.A.D.R. president.

DENTAL SCHOOL ALUMNI HONOR DR. A. F. SCHOPPER

Dr. Arthur F. Schopper, of Kansas City, former A.D.A. trustee, has been named Man of the Year by the Alumni Association of the University of Kansas City School of Dentistry. The ceremonies took place March 1 during the 78th annual conference of the alumni organization. Dr. Schopper last November completed six years as a member of the Association's Board of Trustees.

3RD ANNUAL INSTITUTE ON HOSPITAL DENTAL SERVICE SCHEDULED FOR MAY 18-21

Dentists interested in learning more about dental care in hospitals are invited to attend the third annual Institute on Hospital Dental Service to be held in San Francisco, May 18-21, at the Sheraton-Palace Hotel. The institute is being conducted by the American Hospital Association in cooperation with the A.D.A. The American Medical Association is a co-sponsor. Among the subjects on the program will be orienting the dentist to hospital procedures, providing dental service on an outpatient basis, and participating in prepayment plans. An early enrollment is urged because the institute will be limited to 125 participants. Information and application forms may be obtained from the A.D.A. Council on Hospital Dental Service, 222 E. Superior St., Chicago 11. Some 2,300 of the nation's 7,000 hospitals now have dental facilities.

NAME FIRST RECIPIENT OF A.D.A. TEACHING FELLOWSHIP AWARD

An instructor in periodontology at the School of Dentistry, University of Alabama, Birmingham, has been selected as the first recipient of the American Dental Association Teaching Fellowship Award. He is Dr. Phillip Russell Levitt who plans to continue his graduate work at Alabama. The fellowship program, sponsored by the Great-West Life Assurance Co., consists of a yearly grant of \$2,500 for five years, and is administered by the Fund For Dental Education, Inc. Selection of the recipients is made by the fellowship awards committee of the fund. Dr. Levitt received a bachelor's degree from the University of Colorado, did graduate work in chemistry at the University of Wyoming and received a dental degree from Northwestern University in 1954.

'OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH' IS THEME OF NATIONAL HEALTH FORUM

Dr. Rudolph H. Friedrich, of Chicago, secretary of the A.D.A. Council on Dental Health, has been nominated for the position of vice-president of the National Health Council which is sponsoring the annual National Health Forum on March 17-19 at the Palmer House in Chicago. Elections will be held the final day of the forum. The theme of the three-day meeting is "The Health of People Who Work; Challenges of Occupational Health." Dr. Friedrich is appearing on a panel to discuss the source of health manpower. The National Health Council is composed of 65 national organizations concerned with health improvement.

A.D.A. JOINS IN DRIVE TO URGE GREATER PROTECTION AGAINST POLIO

Dr. Harold Kane Addelston, of New York, president of the American Society of Dentistry for Children, represented the Association at a meeting called by the National Health Council to join a campaign urging inoculation for protection against polio. The drive, in collaboration with the American Medical Association and the National Foundation, is also being coordinated with the Advertising Council campaign, beginning in March, to promote greater protection of the public against the disease.

LINEN SUPPLY TRUCKS TO DISPLAY DENTAL HEALTH POSTER

Truck posters bearing a dental health message will be carried by more than 3,200 delivery vehicles of the Linen Supply Association of America next month. The posters, part of the organizations's public relations program, will be carried in virtually every city in the nation during April. The message will be: "Play Safe...See Your Dentist Twice a Year."

BRIEFS IN THE NEWS

The A.D.A. will be represented on the Community Health Advisory Committee of the U.S. Junior Chamber of Commerce by Dr. M. Joel Freedman, of New York, a member of the Oral Hygiene Committee of Greater New York....Dr. Percy T. Phillips, of New York, A.D.A. president, has been chosen an honorary member of the Australian Dental Association....Dr. John W. Knutson, of Washington, D.C., chief of the dental division of the U.S. Public Health Service and former A.D.A. vice-president, has been presented the Alumni Research Award Medal for 1959 by the School of Dental and Oral Surgery of Columbia University....The Ritter Co. and Wilmot Castle Co., both of Rochester, N.Y., and major producers of professional operating equipment, have completed a merger agreement....For the first time in 21 years, the American Dental Society of Europe will hold its annual meeting in Sweden, at the Apollonia Hotel in Stockholm from July 7 to 10. The honorary secretary is Dr. James P. Molony, of 110 Harley St., London, W.1.