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FIRST REGIONAL MEETING ON HOSPITAL DENTAL SERVICES SET FOR OCTOBER

The need for developing adequate dental services in hospitals will be stressed at a regional conference being held Oct. 26-28 at the Leamington Hotel, Minneapolis, by the Association's Council on Hospital Dental Service. Six constituent societies and their committees on hospital dental service will be invited to participate—Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin. Dr. Gerard J. Casey, secretary of the Council on Hospital Dental Service, said the conference will be the first in a series of regional meetings aimed at stimulating interest of constituent societies in developing programs on hospital dental services. He commented that the need for stimulating activity in this area is reflected by the number of hospitals reporting dental services and the number accredited by the A.D.A. Some 2,323 out of 6,818 hospitals in the United States had dental services as of June 1, while dental departments of 530 hospitals had Council approval on that date. Another subject to be discussed at the conference will be participation in group insurance programs providing dental benefits. Dr. Casey said a conference program will be available shortly.

A.D.A. CENTENNIAL RESOLUTION READY FOR HOUSE VOTE

The Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives approved a resolution June 10 extending "felicitations and best wishes" to the Association on the 100th anniversary of its founding. Passage by the House is expected shortly. The resolution had been adopted earlier by unanimous vote in the Senate, where 80 members joined in sponsoring the measure.

TWO MEMBERS OF PROFESSION HELP PLAN CONFERENCE ON AGING

Two members of the dental profession are among 130 "outstanding citizens" appointed to the National Advisory Committee for the White House Conference on Aging. Named by Arthur S. Flemming, secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, were Dr. Harold Hillenbrand of Chicago, secretary of the American Dental Association, and Dr. Donald E. Flieder, associate professor in the School of Dentistry at St. Louis University. Dr. Hillenbrand was among those named from region five and Dr. Flieder from region six. Flemming said the National Advisory Committee will have over-all direction of plans, preparations and conduct of the White House Conference, authorized by Congress and approved by President Eisenhower last year. Law specifies that the conference be held in January, 1961 in Washington, D. C.

RELIEF FUND ACHIEVES 110 PER CENT OF QUOTA

Contributions of \$110,410, or 110 per cent of the quota, had been made to the A.D.A. Relief Fund as of May 31. Some 47 constituent societies and federal dental services had exceeded their quotas. Dentists in Alaska had contributed almost six times their quota. Tennessee was second with 276.1 per cent of quota and Arizona third with 210 per cent. As the drive entered its final weeks, New York was first in dollar volume with \$13,560 and Illinois runnerup with \$7,549.

CONFERENCE ON SPECIALTIES SET FOR JULY AT CENTRAL OFFICE

Representatives of specialty boards, academies and societies interested in policy developments affecting dental specialties and specialization have been invited to a conference July 9 and 10 at the Association's central office. Purpose of the meeting being held by the A.D.A.'s Council on Dental Education will be to describe progress made in re-evaluating Association policies and regulations regarding specialties and specialization. The Council was directed by the Board of Trustees to undertake such a re-evaluation. To be studied at the July conference is the Council's 1959 Annual Report containing its recommendations to the House of Delegates. The meeting will give the Council a chance to explain its policies and philosophies regarding the dental specialties, according to Dr. Shailer Peterson, secretary.

A.D.A. MEMBERSHIP DRAWS CLOSER TO GOAL OF 95,000

Membership in the Association moved closer in May to the goal of 95,000 set for the centennial year by the Council on Membership. There are 92,910 members as of May 31, representing a new high for the Association as well as an increase of 1,372 during the fifth month of the year.

BULLETIN URGES A.D.A. MEMBERS' SUPPORT OF ARMY-AIR FORCE BILLS

A special Information Bulletin explaining purposes of the Army and Air Force Dental bills has been issued to members of the Association by the Council on Legislation. The legislation, which has been introduced in both houses of Congress, would improve organization and administration of dental service in the Army and Air Force. Dentists are asked in the Bulletin to write their senators and representatives urging support of the bills. In addition, present and former Army and Air Force dental officers are requested to submit evidence of the need for the legislation to the Council on Legislation. The Senate bills (S. 1993 and S. 1994) introduced May 19 by Sen. Jackson (D-Wash.) are similar to measures (H.R. 5984 and H.R. 5985) offered earlier in the House by Rep. Rivers (D-S.C.). Passage of the bills would give dental officers in the two services authority to make professional decisions necessary to the operation of an efficient dental care program, according to Dr. Ralph E. Creig of Cleveland, chairman of the Council on Legislation.

NEW DENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION LEAFLETS INTRODUCED

Four new leaflets—which are enclosed with this issue of the A.D.A. News Letter—have been issued and made available by the Association's Bureau of Dental Health Education. Perry J. Sandell, Bureau director, said the leaflets are designed for use as inserts in monthly statements or as handouts at county and state fairs, health events and similar gatherings. Leaflets may be purchased separately or in sets at the following prices: 50 leaflets for 50 cents; 100 for 90 cents; 500 for \$3.50; 1,000 for \$6.00; 5,000 for \$25.00.

A.D.A. TO SUPPORT KEOGH-SIMPSON BEFORE SENATE UNIT THIS WEEK

Testimony by the Association supporting the Keogh-Simpson bill will be presented Wednesday, June 17, before the Senate Finance Committee. The bill—which would permit limited tax deferrals on income of self-employed persons for the purpose of setting up retirement programs—was passed recently by the House of Representatives.

GROUPS BACKING MEASURE INCREASE ACTIVITY

Committee. American Thrift Assembly, which is coordinating drive for enactment of the bill, has organized meetings of self-employed persons in the 11 states having senators on the Finance Committee—Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Kansas, Louisiana, Minnesota, Nebraska, New Mexico, Utah and Virginia. Purpose of state meetings has been to establish local branches of the American Thrift Assembly and thus broaden the base of support for the bill and increase direct communication to members of the Senate Finance Committee. Constituent and component societies were urged by the A.D.A.'s Council on Legislation to ask their members to write senators in support of the bill.

It was reported that groups backing the legislation are stepping up efforts to win support from senators, especially from those on the Finance

CIVILIAN DENTISTS INVITED TO ATTEND NAVY CASUALTY TREATMENT COURSE

A course in casualty treatment training will be given June 29 through July 8 by the Navy Dental Corps at the U.S. Naval Dental Clinic, Naval Base, Norfolk, Va. Civilian dentists interested in attending should communicate with Herbert Lassiter, secretary of the A.D.A. Council on Federal Dental Services.

'FIRST DAY COVER' DESIGNED FOR USE WITH A.D.A. POSTAL STAMP

An official "first day cover" has been designed for use with the commemorative postal stamp honoring the Association's centennial. The cover is the special envelope on which the stamp is affixed. The stamp will be issued in New York on Sept. 14, first day of the centennial session. While stamps will not be available until that date, covers may be ordered in advance from Fleetwood Cover Service, Pleasantville, N.Y.

SEVERAL USES SUGGESTED FOR COVERS, STAMPS

Dentists may wish to order covers and stamps for a variety of purposes: 1. Stamps may be purchased at local post offices after Sept. 14 and used on outgoing mail. 2. Covers may be purchased from Fleetwood and used with or without the stamp on outgoing mail. 3. If the dentist wants to have the covers with the stamp affixed and canceled in New York on the day of issue—making them souvenirs—he may purchase covers in advance, address them to patients, and send them in a package to the New York Post Office along with a money order covering cost of stamps. Post Office officials will affix stamps, cancel them and see that they are mailed to addressees. 4. If the dentist wishes to order a supply of first day covers with the stamps affixed and canceled "first day of issue" but does not wish to mail them to individuals, he may place such an order with the Fleetwood firm. These souvenirs then can be given to office patients. First day covers, without stamps, may be ordered from Fleetwood at following prices: 20 envelopes for \$1.00; 50 for \$2.50; 100 for \$4.00. Fleetwood will pay delivery costs. Expense of covers with stamps affixed and canceled on the first day of issue is: single cover, 25 cents; 5 for \$1.00; 50 for \$10.00; 100 for \$18.00.

NEW INFORMATION INCLUDED IN 1959 LICENSURE BOOKLET

Three new tables of information are included for the first time in the 1959 edition of "Requirements and Registration Data; State Dental Examining Boards." The pamphlet, available from the A.D.A. Council on Dental Education, presents up-to-date information on requirements for licensure of dentists and dental hygienists in the United States and its territories. The new tables list the results of dental licensure examinations given in 1958, clinical examination requirements for dental licensure and a tabulation of licensed dental specialists and their specialties.

DR. JESERICH TO REPRESENT A.D.A. AT BRITISH OBSERVANCE

Dr. Paul H. Jeserich of Ann Arbor, Mich., president-elect of the American Dental Association, will be its representative in London at the July 23 and 24 celebration of the centennial of the issuance of the Royal Charter of 1859 to the Royal College of Surgeons of England. The charter empowered the College to institute and grant a diploma in dental surgery.

OSTEOPATHIC JOURNAL PAYS TRIBUTE TO A.D.A. CENTENNIAL

American dentistry is paid a "tribute of special gratitude" by doctors of osteopathy in the May, 1959 issue of the Journal of the American Osteopathic Association. Appreciation for cooperation dentists have given osteopathic physicians is expressed in the article that appears under the Editorial Comment heading. "From osteopathy's beginnings, relations between the two professions have been of the best," the article points out. "Members of the dental profession have always recognized that osteopathic physicians are at one with them in purpose 'to encourage the improvement of the health of the public.'" American dentistry is described in the article as "part and parcel of the great technical achievement of the West, and a gift to the health knowledge of the world."

FLUORIDATION PAMPHLET ISSUED BY A.F.L.-C.I.O.

A new pamphlet on the fluoridation program, entitled "Fluoridation for Your Community," has been issued by the A.F.L.-C.I.O. The four-page leaflet, urging that the procedure be carried out throughout the country, says: "AFL-CIO believes that prompt action on fluoridation will cut dental bills, prevent needless pain, and help assure better health for the American people." Single copies of the leaflet can be obtained on request from the A.D.A. Bureau of Public Information.

STATUS OF FLUORIDATION TOLD IN 2 COMMUNITIES

Fluoridation of water supplies in two communities with a total population of 16,000 has either started or will start shortly. Winnsboro, S. C., with 6,000 people began fluoridating June 2. City council of Roseville, Calif., voted May 14 to fluoridate its water supply. The decision involving 10,000 persons was to order the necessary equipment immediately and to install it on receipt. U.S. Public Health Service estimated that 42 million Americans in more than 3,500 communities are drinking water today "with about the ideal amount of fluoride." Cost of fluoridation was placed at about 10 cents per person per year.

DENTAL DIRECTOR NAMED FOR RHODE ISLAND

Dr. Angelo Parente of Providence has been named public health dentist for Rhode Island. The new state dental director fills the vacancy left by the death of Dr. Thomas W. Clune last year. Dr. Parente received his dental degree from Tufts University and has been engaged in practice in Providence. In another Rhode Island appointment, Dr. Charles McKivergan of Providence has been named the first dentist member of the state Hospital Advisory Commission for a two-year term. Dr. McKivergan is a former president of the Rhode Island State Dental Society.

A.A.D.S. RECEIVES \$61,000 GRANT FROM KELLOGG FOUNDATION

A grant of \$61,000 to the American Association of Dental Schools has been made by the W. K. Kellogg Foundation, Battle Creek, Mich. The three-year commitment is designed to help support and expand activities of the full-time central office of the A.A.D.S. which was established recently in Chicago. Specifically, the grant will permit the organization to develop a more comprehensive program for advancement of dental education by providing for additional staff and increased committee activity. Plans call for organizing and sponsoring national and regional teaching conferences on teaching methods and evaluation procedures. Special attention will be given to problems of teacher procurement and financing of dental education.

ANNUAL REPORT DESCRIBES REGIONAL MANPOWER SURVEY

The Kellogg Foundation's annual report for 1958 described several dental programs it assisted during the year which centered largely around the problem of dental manpower and meeting increased demands for dental care. Increased use of auxiliary personnel by dental practitioners was the objective in supporting development of a program of aptitude testing for students considering dental hygiene as a career. The program is conducted by the American Dental Hygienists' Association with the cooperation of the A.D.A. Council on Dental Education. During 1958, the foundation also assisted in the third of a series of regional manpower and education surveys, this one in the New England area. Conclusions from the preliminary report were described as less startling than those from the two previous surveys of the Western and Southern states. However, the report stated that "it is apparent that New England also faces in the next few years a definite shortage of dental personnel."

BRIEFS IN THE NEWS

July 1 is the deadline for dentists who "distribute, dispense, give away or administer narcotic drugs" to register with their district director of internal revenue and pay a tax of \$1.00....Formation of a Missouri section of the American Academy of Dental Medicine has been announced by Dr. George G. Stewart of Philadelphia, president....Dr. Percy T. Phillips of New York, A.D.A. president, spoke before the Arkansas State Dental Society April 13 in Little Rock. Name of the society should have been included in a May 1 story in the A.D.A. News Letter listing state societies addressed this spring by Dr. Phillips.