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## FIRST ADVANCED HOSPITAL DENTAL SERVICE INSTITUTE SETS PROGRAM

Ways of expanding the established dental service in the hospital will be outlined at the first Advanced Institute on Hospital Dental Service being held Nov. 29-Dec. 1 in Chicago. The institute is being sponsored by American Dental Association in cooperation with American Hospital Association and will be held at the latter's headquarters in Chicago. Specific areas for expansion of the dental service to be discussed at the meeting will center around means for providing care to the aged, special patients, home-bound patients and persons in nursing homes.

The program--which is designed to inform the general practitioner of the role he can assume in the hospital--will cover the entire scope of dental service in the hospital ranging from its establishment to its later expansion. The following topics will be among those discussed during the three-day meeting: Tuesday, Nov. 29: the hospital in the total health program with emphasis on dental care; hospital professional staff organization; how to establish a dental service; inservice training for dental staff. Wednesday, Nov. 30: professional audit and utilization of dental service; interprofessional relations; relationship of group purchase programs for dental care to hospital dental practice. Thursday, Dec. 1: extension of hospital dental service; importance of oral tissues in the early detection of systemic diseases. Scheduled to appear on the program are: Dr. James Griffin, chief of the department of dentistry, Charlotte Hungerford Hospital, Torrington, Conn.; Herbert Hollweg, Public Health Service architect, Washington, D.C.; Dr. James T. Howell (M.D.), associate director, Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit; Dr. Saul Levy, dental director, Michael Reese Hospital, Chicago; Dr. Fred J. Lucchesi, chief of the depart-

ment of dentistry, Philadelphia General Hospital; Dr. Frank W. Wentz, chairman of the department of periodontics, Chicago College of Dental Surgery, Loyola University; Dr. Leland Weyer, dental director, Division of Dental Resources, Public Health Service, Washington, D.C.; and Dr. John Zur, deputy director, Division of Dental Health, Illinois Department of Public Health, Springfield.

The first advanced institute is an outgrowth of basic institutes held the past four years throughout the country. Further information can be secured from Dr. Gerard J. Casey, secretary, Council on Hospital Dental Service, Central Office.

## 1961 Directory Now Available

Copies of the 1961 American Dental Directory are now available. The 1,300 page Directory contains such material as name and address of more than 100,000 U.S. dentists, each man's area of practice, date of birth, dental school attended and year of graduation. It also lists dental educational institutions and national dental groups and their key personnel. Price of the Directory is \$15.00 and it may be secured through the ADA Order Department.

## Mid-Continent Congress Slated

The 19th Annual Mid-Continent Dental Congress sponsored by the Greater St. Louis Dental Society will be held Nov. 27-30 at Chase-Park Plaza Hotel, St. Louis. Theme of the meeting, which will have a comprehensive scientific program, is "1960-A New Decade for Learning." Dr. John L. Woehler, Sierra Madre, Calif., will present a special four-hour course Sunday, Nov. 27, on "Practice Administration-Better Dentistry Faster Without Increased Cost to the Patient." Fee for the course, designed for dentists, hygienists and assistants, will be \$5 per person. Other participants in the program will be Drs. Frank E. Beube, New York; Lester W. Burket, Philadelphia; Angelo D'Amico, Stockton, Calif.; Clinton C. Emmerson, Los Angeles; Theodore Gordon, Chicago; George C. Stewart, Philadelphia; Ralph W. Phillips, Indianapolis; Vincent R. Trapozzano, St. Petersburg, Fla.; and John C. Versnel, St. Louis. Further information can be secured from St. Louis Dental Society, 8013 Maryland Avenue, St. Louis 5.

## Adventists Have Low Caries Level

Studies of dental disease in Seventh Day Adventist children indicate a significantly lower evidence of dental caries than that of other population groups, The National Institutes of Health Record reported recently. In studies carried out by NIDR, Adventist and non-Adventist children were examined for dental caries. The children were 6 through 14 years of age and all had drunk fluoride adjusted water since 1952. Results, based on DMF score, showed little difference between the two groups in the 6 to 9 age group. In the 10 to 14 years category, however, there was a 40% discrepancy in the mean number of DMF teeth in favor of the Adventist children. Parallel studies are now being planned in non-fluoridated areas to investigate the suggestion of caries inhibitory factors in the Adventist way of life. The study was carried out by Dr. C. J. Donnelly of the NIDR's epidemiology and biometry branch.

## Survey Gives Data on Elderly

Recent National Health Survey reports have given new information on the nation's elder citizens. The report states that visits to dentists in the over-65 group averaged 0.8 per year. An explanation proffered for the low rate is that a large proportion of the group no longer have their own teeth. Other highlights from the study showed that persons over 65 in families whose income was less than \$2,000 a year averaged 6.5 physician visits annually, compared with 8.7 visits for those in the over \$7,000 brackets. An overall average of 6.8 compared with 5. for persons between 45 and 54. The Washington Report on the Medical Sciences also quotes the survey as saying 77% of the 14.5 million non-institutionalized individuals 65 and over have one or more chronic conditions.

## State Secretaries Meet This Month

The 12th State Secretaries' Management Conference will be held Nov. 17-19 in the Central Office. Topics for the meeting, a combined conference of secretaries and legal counsels, include: The unauthorized practice of dentistry, effective enforcement action through the courts and action against legislative threats; efforts to block advance of fluoridation; the application of the law to actions of dental and medical associations involving denial of membership, suspension or expulsion from membership; professional liability, and extended discussion of an outline for a component society manual. Pres. Patton will welcome participants and Sec. Hillenbrand will head a number of ADA staff members who will participate.

## Worcester Society Donates Books

The Worcester District (Mass.) Dental Society, has recently made gifts of three copies of "A History of the American Dental Association, 1859-1959," by R. W. McCluggage. They were given to the Worcester public library, the Worcester medical library, and the American Antiquarian Society. The book is available from the ADA Order Department. The standard edition is \$8.00, the deluxe edition is \$12.50.

## Washington Begins New Building

Everett H. Hopkins, vice chancellor of Washington University announced Nov. 9 a gift of \$300,000 from the Wohl Foundation to complete a fund for the addition of a research wing to the university's School of Dentistry Building. The Wohl Foundation gift will be added to a \$200,000 grant from the United States Public Health Service, and another \$200,000 from alumni and friends. Thus the total available for the new construction is \$700,000. The proposed building will increase by more than 50 per cent the amount of space available to the dental school, which has been housed in its present quarters since 1927. Construction of the new six-story wing will begin before the end of the calendar year.

## Health Care Tops \$18 Billion

Private expenditure for medical care reached \$18.3 billion in 1959, according to recently published federal estimates. Of this, 11% was for dental care. The total figure is divided into \$13.2 billion spent directly and \$5.1 billion spent for purchase of health insurance. Percentages other than dentistry were: hospitalization, 30%; physician's services, 27%; medicines, 19%; appliances, 6.5%; auxiliary professional services, 4.6% and nursing homes, 1.9%.

## Survey Shows High Edentulous Rate

A recent report of the National Health survey, based on 1957-59 interviews, shows that 22 million men and women of all ages have lost all permanent teeth. The number constitutes 13% of the population. No figures were given on how many of the group wear dentures. The report breakdown showed that two out of three persons over 75 are without teeth, while in the 15-24 age bracket, the figure is 1%. Thirty percent of white persons aged 45-64 are edentulous and 17% of nonwhite. Sixty-two per cent of persons 65 or more in the under-\$2,000 income bracket are edentulous, compared with 55% in families with over-\$7,000 annual incomes.

## Recruitment Brochure Readied

The ADA, in cooperation with the American Association of Dental Schools, will shortly begin a mass mailing of a career pamphlet entitled "Dentistry." The pamphlet will go to all individual ADA members, as well as to the officers of constituent and component societies. The Association hopes that the pamphlet will be widely used by the individual members of the profession to attract qualified young men and women to a career in dentistry.

## PHS Dental Grants Revealed

Nearly \$2 million in training grants and research fellowships were awarded by the Public Health Service through NIDR in fiscal 1960, Surgeon General Leroy E. Burney announced last week. The breakdown announced by the Surgeon General is as follows: 56 training grants totalling \$1,125,216; 57 full-time fellowship awards amounting to \$395,932 and 392 part-time fellowship awards amounting to \$254,016.

## October Journal Breaks Record

The October issue of The Journal of the American Dental Association set a record for advertising. The issue contained 100 pages of advertising, representing a total of \$40,628 in billings. Previous high had been set in the Aug. 1960 issue in which advertisers took 97 3/4 pages worth \$39,872 in billings. The Journal, through advertising and subscriptions, ranks second to dues as the most important source of income for the Association.

## Maj. Gen. Bernier Honored

Maj. Gen. Joseph L. Bernier, D.D.S., assistant surgeon general of the U.S. Army, received the Distinguished Alumnus award from the University of Illinois Dental Alumni Association on Nov. 9. A 1932 graduate of the University of Illinois College of Dentistry, Maj. Gen. Bernier entered military service in 1935. He has held his present post since July. Prior to that, he was chief of the oral and dental pathology division of the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology.

## Funds Go For "Aging" Studies

The Public Health Service announced Nov. 2 that the National Institutes of Health has made 94 grants totaling \$1,869,027 to public institutions for research in various aspects of aging. Among the recipients were Forsyth Dental Infirmary for Children, Boston, \$11,207 for studies on composition of surface and subsurface enamel and Tufts University School of Dentistry, Boston, \$14,950 for studies on relationship between chewing efficiency and dietary habits in older persons.

## Centennial Merits Citation

The exhibits at the ADA Centennial session won applause recently as one of the top exhibitions presented in the New York Coliseum during 1959-60. The ADA received honorable mention in the scientific-technical classification, placing second to the I.R.E. Radio Engineering show. This was the first time New York Coliseum awards were presented. They are to be an annual event.

## Canadian Journal Has New Editor

Dr. Frank H. Compton has been named as the new editor of The Journal of the Canadian Dental Association. He succeeds Dr. Edward R. W. Bilkey. Educated in Switzerland and England, Dr. Compton has been Director of Dental Health for Toronto since 1954. He is also a special lecturer in dental public health at the Toronto Faculty of Dentistry. Dr. Compton will be the first full-time editor of the CDA Journal.

## Fluoridation Supplement Available

The Sept. 15 issue of Dental Times newspaper carried a fluoridation supplement, giving much current information on the national situation. Additional copies of the supplement are available from Dental Times, 48 E. 57th St., New York, 22. Prices are: 10-500 copies, 10¢ each; 501-1500 copies, 8¢ each, and 1501-2500 copies, 7¢ each.

## Metropolitan, Young Woman Most Seen

A recent study of the US National Health Survey has shown that women visit the dentist more often than men, especially around the age of 20, when women average 2.6 visits a year while men average 1.8. The study also revealed that people living in or near cities with a population of 50,000 or more visit dentists an average of 1.9 times annually, twice as often as those living on farms and in rural areas. The study, based on a two-year period from July, 1957 to June, 1959, projected some 275 million visits would be made in the coming year by 72 million people. One person in four will see the dentist two or more times and one person in eleven will see him four or more times.

## Returns Show Canadian Income

The average 1958 income of the self-employed Canadian dentist was \$10,662. This was a 4 per cent rise from the previous year and put dentists in the top 3 per cent of the income tax payers of that nation. The figure resulted from a study of the returns filed for 1958 by the 4,479 dentists who are self-employed. They constitute about 80 per cent of the dental population in that country. Three occupational groups ranked higher than dentists in average income: physicians and surgeons, \$15,264; engineers and architects, \$14,260, and lawyers and notaries, \$13,163. Average 1958 income for a self-employed dentist in the United States was \$14,311, with the Canadian dollar ranking a bit higher in value.

## New Leaflet Available

"An Ounce of Prevention," a new leaflet produced by the Bureau of Dental Health Education, explains to patients the importance of oral prophylaxis at regular intervals. Prices are (25) \$0.50; (50) \$0.85; (100) \$1.00; (500) \$7.00. Prices for larger quantities may be obtained upon request. Orders and inquiries should be sent to the Order Department, Central Office.

Supplement -- ADA NEWS LETTER -- November 15, 1960

This supplement lists contributions to the 1959-60 ADA Relief Fund from constituent societies and federal dental services through October 31. Societies which have reached or exceeded their quotas are listed in capital letters. In addition, an asterisk preceding the name of a society or service indicates that every member of that society has made a contribution in the Relief Fund Campaign.

| <u>Quota</u>        | <u>Contri-<br/>bution</u> | <u>Pct.</u> | <u>Quota</u>          | <u>Contri-<br/>bution</u> | <u>Pct.</u> |
|---------------------|---------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|-------------|
| Alabama \$ 1,110.00 | \$ 515.50                 | 46.4        | Penn. \$ 8,140.00     | \$ 2,243.50               | 27.6        |
| ALASKA 70.00        | 105.00                    | 150.0       | Puerto Rico 300.00    | 85.00                     | 28.3        |
| ARIZONA 530.00      | 594.00                    | 112.1       | Rhode Is. 640.00      | 57.00                     | 8.9         |
| Arkansas 710.00     | 243.00                    | 34.2        | S.Car. 580.00         | 180.50                    | 31.1        |
| California 5,120.00 | 1,978.00                  | 38.6        | S. Dak. 360.00        | 73.00                     | 20.3        |
| Calif. So. 6,340.00 | 1,935.00                  | 30.5        | Tennessee 1,690.00    | 1,220.00                  | 72.2        |
| Colorado 1,320.00   | 715.00                    | 54.2        | Texas 4,300.00        | 1,410.00                  | 32.8        |
| Conn. 2,410.00      | 957.00                    | 39.7        | Utah 680.00           | 158.00                    | 23.2        |
| Delaware 210.00     | 79.00                     | 37.6        | Vermont 220.00        | 49.00                     | 22.3        |
| Dist of C. 850.00   | 323.00                    | 38.0        | Virginia 1,680.00     | 461.50                    | 27.5        |
| Florida 2,160.00    | 907.50                    | 42.0        | Washington 2,420.00   | 854.00                    | 35.3        |
| Georgia 1,370.00    | 267.00                    | 19.5        | West Va. 840.00       | 333.00                    | 39.6        |
| Hawaii 530.00       | 306.00                    | 57.7        | Wisconsin 3,340.00    | 1,013.25                  | 30.3        |
| Idaho 380.00        | 34.00                     | 8.9         | Wyoming 210.00        | 58.00                     | 27.6        |
| Illinois 8,030.00   | 3,395.00                  | 42.3        | Total \$119,800.00    | \$39,754.96               | 33.2        |
| Indiana 2,670.00    | 983.00                    | 36.8        |                       |                           |             |
| Iowa 2,060.00       | 707.50                    | 34.3        |                       |                           |             |
| Kansas 1,200.00     | 552.00                    | 46.0        |                       |                           |             |
| Kentucky 1,470.00   | 63.00                     | 4.3         | <u>Fed. Dental</u>    |                           |             |
| Louisiana 1,290.00  | 414.00                    | 32.1        | <u>Services</u>       |                           |             |
| Maine 510.00        | 121.00                    | 23.7        | Air Force 1,270.00    | 157.00                    | 12.4        |
| Maryland 1,490.00   | 634.00                    | 42.6        | Army 1,150.00         | 214.00                    | 18.6        |
| Mass. 4,370.00      | 441.00                    | 10.1        | Navy 1,550.00         | 343.00                    | 22.1        |
| Michigan 5,370.00   | 2,512.50                  | 46.8        | P.H.Health S. 400.00  | 112.50                    | 28.1        |
| Minnesota 3,230.00  | 1,114.00                  | 34.5        | Vet. Admin. 830.00    | 124.00                    | 14.9        |
| Miss. 700.00        | 132.00                    | 18.9        | Total \$ 5,200.00     | \$ 950.50                 | 18.3        |
| Missouri 2,810.00   | 1,066.50                  | 38.0        |                       |                           |             |
| Montana 440.00      | 177.00                    | 40.2        |                       |                           |             |
| Nebraska 1,130.00   | 230.00                    | 20.4        |                       |                           |             |
| Nevada 170.00       | 71.00                     | 41.8        |                       |                           |             |
| New Hamp. 370.00    | 87.00                     | 23.5        | <u>Summary</u>        |                           |             |
| New Jersey 5,000.00 | 2,065.15                  | 41.3        | Constit. \$119,800.00 | \$39,754.96               | 33.2        |
| New Mexico 340.00   | 171.50                    | 50.4        | Fed.D.S. 5,200.00     | 950.50                    | 18.3        |
| New York 17,720.00  | 4,716.67                  | 26.6        | Students -            | 231.03                    |             |
| N. Car. 1,640.00    | 257.00                    | 15.7        | Memorials -           |                           |             |
| N. Dak. 360.00      | 124.00                    | 34.4        | Misc, -               | 68.00                     |             |
| Ohio 6,130.00       | 1,964.39                  | 32.0        | TOTAL \$125,000.00    | \$41,004.49               | 32.8        |
| Oklahoma 1,120.00   | 150.00                    | 13.4        |                       |                           |             |
| Oregon 1,630.00     | 452.00                    | 27.7        |                       |                           |             |
| Panama 40.00        | 0                         | --          |                       |                           |             |