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ILLINOIS SUPREME COURT UPHOLDS LEGALITY OF FLUORIDATION IN CHICAGO

The Supreme Court of Illinois on March 18 upheld Chicago's right to fluoridate its water supply. The high court's ruling upheld the decision of Chief Justice Samuel B. Epstein of the Superior Court of Cook County who on June 22, 1962, dismissed an injunction suit brought by opponents of the measure against the City. Fluoridation began in Chicago May 1, 1956. Supreme Court Justice Joseph E. Daily in writing the unanimous opinion of the high court said that "the fluoridation of water by one part of fluoride to a million parts of water is a reasonable and proper exercise of the police power in the interest of the public health." He continued that "there is no question but that the city uses the most advanced, safe and sanitary methods to inject the fluoride into the supply, and it also appears that constant tests to determine fluoride content are performed both by the city and the State."

Justice Daily further declared "there appears to be extraordinary accord that fluorides act to prevent and reduce tooth decay and that artificial fluoridation to the extent of one part per million parts of water, will not, either presently or cumulatively, result in harmful systemic effects." He added: "we conclude that the artificial fluoridation of water is reasonably related to the public health, and that the program adopted by Chicago is necessary and suitable for the protection of public health."

Dr. Samuel L. Andelman, commissioner of health in Chicago, announced recently that tooth decay among Chi-

Dr. Arnold Receives Trendley Dean Award

Dr. Francis J. Arnold, Jr., Director of the National Institute of Dental Research, received the first annual H. Trendley Dean Honorary Award at the recent International Association for Dental Research annual meeting. Dr. Arnold received the award for his achievements in studies on fluoridation and on the relation of fluoride to the prevention of dental caries. The award, established by Dr. Frank J. McClure, chief of the NIDR Laboratory of Biochemistry, is accompanied by a \$200 stipend.

1964 Delegates Distribution Announced

ADA Sec. Harold Hillenbrand has announced that the distribution of delegates for the 1964 annual session in San Francisco, Nov. 9-12, remains the same as for last year's annual session except that Kansas and Texas each gain a delegate and Pennsylvania and Illinois each lose one. The total number of delegates remains at 416 each year, but the number for any particular society may change if the proportion of dentists in the society changes.

46 Million On Fluoridated Water

Nearly 46 million persons in 2,519 communities were receiving fluoridated water at the end of 1963 according to the U.S. Public Health Service.

Dentists Join Health Campaigns

Two constituent societies are participating, with other health organizations, in health programs over the facilities of radio and television. The Georgia Dental Association is working with the Georgia Hospital Association, Medical Association and Pharmaceutical Association to present general health information over 165 radio and TV stations in the state. Materials consist of twelve 30-second radio announcements, two 60-second radio announcements, one 20-second TV announcement with three accompanying slides and six identification messages for station breaks. Each sponsoring group will be featured in both radio and TV messages.

Additionally, the Tennessee State Dental Association is cooperating with the Tennessee Department of Public Health, Heart Association and L.G. Noel Memorial Foundation in presenting similar messages over 99 Tennessee radio and television stations. Each radio station receives ten 40-second announcements, and each TV station receives eight 20-second announcements with four accompanying slides. These materials are supplied to the stations every two weeks.

Both state programs are conducted through their respective state associations of broadcasters, and radio and TV time is contributed free by the stations. Contributing agencies pay for the preparation of materials. Further information on either program may be obtained by writing Mrs. Nola B. Christopher, executive secretary, Tennessee State Dental Association, 210 23rd Ave., N., Nashville and Mrs. Gustie Pinholster, executive secretary, Georgia Dental Association, 307 Southern United Building, Macon.

NIDR Gives \$177,533 In Grants

The National Institute of Dental Research awarded eight research grants amounting to \$177,533 and six fellowship awards totaling \$39,842 during February.

Dr. McIntosh Named CDA Secretary

Dr. William McIntosh of Toronto has been appointed secretary of the Canadian Dental Association, CDA President James Zimmerman has announced. Dr. McIntosh will assume his post Jan. 1, 1965. He will succeed Dr. Don W. Gullett, who will retire after serving as secretary since 1942. Dr. McIntosh has served organized dentistry in Canada for many years. He has been chairman of the CDA research committee and headed the 1955 convention committee and currently serves as chairman of the dental services committee. He served as an Ontario representative to the CDA Board of Governors and on its Executive Council and was CDA president in 1959-60. The Executive Council has appointed Dr. Gullett to write a history of Canadian dentistry.

Loyola Alumni Honors Dr. Morrey

Dr. Lon W. Morrey, editor emeritus of the ADA Journal, will be named Alumnus of the Year at Loyola University (Chicago) School of Dentistry Alumni Hall annual homecoming April 8. Dr. Morrey is a member of the dental school's class of 1923 and has lectured at the school from 1929-35. He previously received the C.N. Johnson Award from the same school for his work in dental journalism.

Florida To Build Dental School

Dr. L.J. Marchand, chairman of Florida's committee on dental education, recently announced plans for the University of Florida to construct a dental school within four years. Under study since 1957, it is expected that the 1965 Florida legislature will appropriate money for construction. Gainesville was previously selected as the site for the school, the first in the state.

Anti-Fluoridation Bill Introduced

A bill requiring a public referendum prior to fluoridation of a public water supply was recently introduced in Michigan's Senate. A similar bill was passed last year by the House of Representatives, but died in the Senate Municipalities Committee. Michigan State Dental Association announced it will oppose the bill.

'New Dimensions' Conference Theme

"New Dimensions in Dental Health" will be the theme of the 15th National Dental Health Conference scheduled April 27-29 in the Ambassador West Hotel in Chicago. Sponsored by the ADA Council on Dental Health, the meeting will cover topics ranging from dental practice to prepaid plans for dental care. Dr. Fredrick J. Stare, internationally known Harvard nutritionist, will give the keynote address on "Communication with the public: Fact versus Figment." Other speakers will include ADA Sec. Harold Hillenbrand, Chicago; Nelson Cruikshank, Washington, D.C., director, Department of Social Security, AFL-CIO; Melvin Dollar, New York City, executive director of the New York State Dental Service Corporation; Richard Brockway, Boston, chairman, executive committee, and H.G. Pearce, Chicago, vice-president, Blue Cross Association, and Dr. Dean W. Roberts, Bethesda, Md., executive director of the National Commission on Community Health Services, Inc.

Water Fluoridation Practice Manual

A new book, "Manual of Water Fluoridation Practice," gives a comprehensive review of the questions involved in initiating the measure. Written by Franz J. Maier, sanitary engineer of the Division of Dental Public Health and Resources of the U.S. Public Health Service, the book can be ordered from McGraw-Hill Book Company, Inc., New York, N.Y.

Eleanor Dufour Dies In Chicago

Miss Eleanore B. Dufour, 56, executive assistant of the ADA Council on Dental Therapeutics, died March 11 in Chicago. Miss Dufour had joined the Association staff in 1931 as a secretary with the Council and was promoted to executive assistant in 1950. During the ADA annual session, Miss Dufour also served as assistant to the Speaker of the House of Delegates.

Dr. Bernhard Dies, Ex-LDA Head

Dr. Julian S. Bernhard, Shreveport, La., a past president of the Louisiana Dental Association and longtime LDA secretary, died March 13.



Dr. Fritz A. Pierson, right, ADA president-elect, and Mrs. Pierson, second from left, chat with Dr. and Mrs. Sidney Greenspan during president's reception at postgraduate clinic held recently by the District of Columbia Dental Society. Dr. Greenspan is president of the D.C. society.

Seek Gies Editorial Award Nomination

The William J. Gies Foundation for the Advancement of Dentistry, Inc., has announced opening of nominations for its annual editorial award. An editor of a non-proprietary dental journal or any other interested party may submit a copy of an editorial published during 1963. Editorials should be sent to Dr. George C. Paffenbarger, ADA Research Division, National Bureau of Standards, Washington, D.C., 20234. Deadline for entries is April 30.

San Antonio Honors Dr. Hollers

Dr. James P. Hollers, San Antonio, ADA president, has received a citation from the San Antonio City Council for his "distinguished career service." Dr. Hollers was praised for his "tireless energy and determination" to build a medical center in the city.

D'Amico Milwaukee Executive Secretary

Maj. Joseph P. D'Amico, recently retired after 20 years service in the U.S. Army, has been appointed executive secretary of the Greater Milwaukee Dental Association.

Dr. Jeansonne Named Dean

Dr. Edmund E. Jeansonne has been named dean of Loyola University (New Orleans) School of Dentistry succeeding Dr. Frank J. Houghton, who is retiring.

Joint Commission Sets Meetings

Seven additional regional meetings of the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Dental Laboratories have been announced by Miss Helen M. Pugh, director-secretary of the Commission. The Commission, established last year, is composed of nine national dental organizations including the ADA. Its aims are to provide a means by which the individual dentist may identify and select a laboratory whose standards of service meet established requirements. Dental leaders throughout the nation will be briefed on the voluntary accreditation program during the regional meetings. The meetings and the states they cover are: April 8, Princeton, N.J., New Jersey; April 11, Cranston, R.I., Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island; April 15, Dallas, Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas, Texas and Oklahoma; April 16, Denver, Montana, Wyoming, Arizona, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah and Colorado; April 18, Portland, Ore., Alaska, Washington, Idaho and Oregon; April 26, Arlington, Va., Maryland, District of Columbia, Delaware, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Virginia, and May 23, Minneapolis, Nebraska, Iowa, North and South Dakota and Minnesota. Later meetings will be scheduled for Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, California and New York.

Dental Seminars Set For Science Fair

Three dental scientists will participate in a series of seminars for outstanding high school science students entitled "Sessions with Scientists" during the National Science Fair May 4-9 in Baltimore, Md. The speakers and their topics are: Dr. Isadore Zipkin, Laboratory of Biochemistry, National Institute of Dental Research, "Fluoride metabolism and hard tissues of the body;" Dr. Robert J. Gorlin, department of Oral Pathology, University of Minnesota School of Dentistry, "The mouth, heredity and oral disease," and Dr. Francis J. Sobkowski, Department of Dental Research, University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry, "Radiation biology and oral health research."

CDA Answers Fluoridation Critic

The Council on Research of the Canadian Dental Association has reaffirmed its approval of water fluoridation and at the same time responded to an anti-fluoridation article which recently appeared in the Saturday Review. The article cited the paper of three members of the National Research Council of Canada. The statement said in part that "this paper is a review which contains no original research. It advances certain unfounded theories which might be construed as reflecting unfavorably on the safety of water fluoridation. It is the opinion of the Council on Research of the Canadian Dental Association that the article in question presents no evidence to refute the well-established scientific conclusion that water fluoridation is a safe and effective method of partially preventing dental decay."

ADA Issues TV Color Film

"Pretty as a smile," the ADA's first 30-second dental health cartoon film produced in color, has been sent to 250 television stations across the nation. Five more cartoon films in black and white and one minute in length are scheduled for distribution during 1964. Last year, one-minute spots were sent out to TV stations every other month.

Missouri City Installs Fluoridation

Unionville, Mo., with a population of 1,896, recently instituted fluoridation.

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cago's children has been decreasing about seven per cent a year since the start of fluoridation, thus resulting in a quarter-million dollars saving in dental bills.

The high court's ruling brings the number of state supreme courts upholding fluoridation to 11. No state supreme court has ever ruled against the measure and the U.S. Supreme Court has on three occasions refused to review pro-fluoridation decisions of lower courts.