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## JUNIOR SCIENTISTS AWARDS PROGRAM (See Page 3)

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### DR. LUTHER TERRY TO BE SPEAKER AT OPENING MEETING AT SAN FRANCISCO

Dr. Luther Terry, surgeon general of the U.S. Public Health Service, will be the keynote speaker at the Opening Meeting of the 105th ADA annual session Monday, Nov. 9 in San Francisco. Between 20,000 and 25,000 dentists and their guests are expected to attend the session, which will be held in conjunction with the 52nd annual session of the Federation Dentaire Internationale. Many other distinguished guests from around the world will participate in the Opening Meeting, which will be held in the California Masonic Memorial Temple. Entertainment will be provided by the University of the Pacific A Cappella Choir and the University Symphony Orchestra. A roll call of nations will also be conducted during the meeting. Simultaneous translation in English, French, German and Spanish will be provided.

Dr. Terry, who has a distinguished career in the public health field, was appointed surgeon general in 1961 by the late President John F. Kennedy. Prior to his appointment, he had served as assistant director of the National Heart Institute since 1958. Before that he was chief of general medical and experimental therapeutics at the Institute since 1950. In addition, he served as a member of the Medical Division of Strategic Bombing Survey to Japan in 1945-46, and as a staff member of the Senate subcommittee investigating Malmedy atrocities. Dr. Terry, who received his B.S. degree in 1931 from Birmingham-Southern College and his M.D. degree in 1935 from Tulane University School of Medicine, served as medical instructor at Washington University, St. Louis, Mo., and the University of



**Dr. Luther Terry**

### More Utilization of Assistants

More than 90 per cent of all dental students graduating in 1963 received training and clinical experience in working with chairside assistants under the Dental Auxiliary Utilization program, according to the U.S. Public Health Service. The program, supported through grants from the PHS Division of Dental Public Health and Resources, is aimed at increasing the amount of dental care by increasing productivity of dentists.

### ADA Membership Passes 100,000

Total membership in the Association reached 100,607 as of May 31, 1964, according to the ADA Bureau of Membership Records. This is the first time that the 100,000 mark has been reached so early in the year. A breakdown of the total shows: active members, 79,336; life, 7,759; affiliate, 438; associate, 43; honorary, 60, and student, 12,971.

## Kerr-Mills Actions In Two States

The Michigan legislature recently passed liberalizing provisions to its Kerr-Mills program covering both medical assistance to the aged (MAA) and old age assistance (OAA). MAA applicants may now earn up to \$1,900 a year if single and up to \$2,700 a year if married, to qualify for benefits. The old allowance was \$1,500, single, and \$2,500, married. Estimates are that 11,000 additional medically indigent persons will be eligible for assistance under the new provisions. Under OAA, cash grants have been increased up to \$140 a month for persons who are hospitalized or in convalescent homes. Previous allowance was for no more than \$90 per month.

In addition, Kerr-Mills was adopted in North Carolina by the State Welfare Board. It will become effective July 1. State funds totalling \$550,000 for 1964-65 will be put into the program to supplement about \$2½ million in federal funds.

## Fluorides May Reduce Bone Pain

Fluorides are believed to have a pain-relieving effect on osteoporosis, according to Dr. Daniel S. Bernstein of the Harvard Medical School and Peter Bent Brigham Hospital. A "significant" number of osteoporosis patients treated with fluoride have reported appreciable reduction in bone pain, he said. X-ray studies have revealed that oral fluoride can enlarge and improve the bone crystals. Dr. Bernstein spoke at a seminar on anabolism and catabolism sponsored by Hahnemann Medical College and Hospital in Philadelphia.

## Seven Washington U. Students Get Grants

Seven students from the Washington University School of Dentistry have received grants from the U.S. Public Health Service for summer research training projects. The students are: Rudolph A. Andersen, Boise, Idaho; Lloyd H. Briggs, Little Rock, Ark.; Michael Matlof, St. Louis; Richard Meyer, Little Rock; David F. Nelson, Muskogee, Okla.; John M. Small, Kalispell, Mont., and Kurt H. Studt, St. Louis.

## Relief Fund Still Short \$6,000

The ADA Relief Fund is still almost \$6,000 short of the \$125,000 goal, with total contributions as of May 31 amounting to \$119,311.37. Dr. Thomas R. Abbott, Milwaukee, Wis., chairman of the Council on Relief, again urged every dentist who has not yet contributed to the campaign to do so immediately. Dr. Abbott pointed out that half of the constituent societies and four of the federal dental services have failed to reach their quotas. "I am confident that the generosity of the profession which helped all previous campaigns to reach or surpass their goal, will be manifested again this year." A supplement listing a breakdown by states is included with this News Letter.

## Staff Appointment Announced

Sec. Harold Hillenbrand has announced appointment of Benjamin F. Miller, III, as assistant secretary of the Council on Dental Education. Dr. Kenneth E. Wessels is secretary of the Council. Mr. Miller, who will assume his position in early September, has been assistant to the director of professional examinations division of the Psychological Corporation, New York City, for the past two years. Mr. Miller, who received a bachelor's degree in 1939 from Allegheny College and a master's degree in 1940 from the State University of Iowa, served on the Council staff from 1957 to 1962.

## Smoking Survey In Dental Schools

The U.S. Public Health Service is undertaking a cooperative project with the Student American Medical Association to survey the smoking behavior of senior dental, medical and osteopathic students. Copies of the January Report of the Surgeon General's Advisory Committee on Smoking and Health and questionnaires have been mailed to approximately 11,000 students.

## Plan Teen Anti-Smoking Campaign

The Dental Society of the State of New York has adopted a resolution to conduct a program of "educational effort with young people to prevent them from smoking cigarettes."

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Contributions to the ADA Relief Fund are listed as of May 31, 1964. Societies which have reached or exceeded their quotas are listed in capital letters; an asterisk precedes societies in which every member has made a contribution.

	<u>Quota</u>	<u>Contri- bution</u>	<u>Pct.</u>		<u>Quota</u>	<u>Contri- bution</u>	<u>Pct.</u>
Alabama	\$1,160.00	\$ 991.00	85.4	PANAMA	\$ 30.00	\$ 35.00	116.7
ALASKA	80.00	190.00	237.5	Penn.	7,820.00	6,640.00	84.9
*ARIZONA	660.00	980.00	148.5	Puerto Rico	270.00	170.00	63.0
ARKANSAS	700.00	705.65	100.8	RHODE ISLAND	610.00	893.00	146.4
California	5,410.00	5,274.00	97.5	S. Carolina	590.00	554.18	93.9
Calif. So.	6,650.00	5,379.68	80.9	*SOUTH DAKOTA	330.00	362.50	109.8
COLORADO	1,390.00	1,621.00	116.6	TENNESSEE	1,720.00	4,227.00	245.8
CONNECTICUT	2,400.00	2,648.50	110.4	Texas	4,390.00	3,461.00	78.8
DELAWARE	220.00	371.50	168.9	Utah	730.00	490.00	67.1
*DIST. of C.	770.00	1,439.00	186.9	VERMONT	220.00	234.00	106.4
Florida	2,530.00	2,300.00	90.9	VIRGINIA	1,770.00	1,789.50	101.1
GEORGIA	1,440.00	1,576.00	109.4	Washington	2,410.00	2,001.69	83.0
HAWAII	570.00	811.00	142.3	W. Virginia	800.00	677.00	84.6
IDAHO	370.00	372.00	100.5	Wisconsin	3,140.00	2,149.00	68.4
ILLINOIS	7,550.00	7,695.00	101.9	Wyoming	200.00	192.00	96.0
Indiana	2,550.00	1,965.50	77.1	TOTAL	\$119,010.00	\$115,681.89	97.2
Iowa	1,960.00	1,652.00	84.3				
Kansas	1,170.00	1,039.00	88.8	<u>Fed. Dental Services</u>			
KENTUCKY	1,390.00	2,242.50	161.3	Air Force	\$ 1,580.00	\$ 651.50	41.2
Louisiana	1,330.00	1,084.00	81.5	Army	1,510.00	723.50	47.9
MAINE	490.00	686.00	140.0	Navy	1,660.00	854.57	51.5
Maryland	1,560.00	1,540.12	98.7	P.H. SERV.	440.00	530.47	120.6
MASSACHUSETTS	4,340.00	5,558.50	128.1	Vet. Admin.	800.00	488.50	61.1
MICHIGAN	5,140.00	5,226.00	101.7	TOTAL	\$ 5,990.00	\$ 3,248.54	54.2
Minnesota	3,130.00	2,994.50	95.7				
MISSISSIPPI	650.00	691.00	106.3	<u>Summary</u>			
MISSOURI	2,600.00	2,603.00	100.1	Constit.	\$119,010.00	\$115,681.89	97.2
MONTANA	450.00	452.50	100.6	Societies			
*NEBRASKA	1,080.00	1,179.50	109.2	Fed. Dntl.	5,990.00	3,248.54	54.2
NEVADA	180.00	202.50	112.5	Services			
New Hampshire	380.00	265.00	69.7	Students		285.00	
NEW JERSEY	5,050.00	5,729.00	113.4	Memorials		55.00	
New Mexico	370.00	308.50	83.4	Misc.		40.94	
New York	17,260.00	14,697.15	85.2	TOTAL	\$125,000.00	\$119,311.37	95.4
N. CAROLINA	1,730.00	1,856.00	107.3				
*NORTH DAKOTA	350.00	485.00	138.6				
Ohio	6,090.00	4,586.92	75.3				
OKLAHOMA	1,140.00	1,162.00	101.9				
Oregon	1,690.00	1,245.50	73.7				

## **ADA STARTS JUNIOR SCIENTIST AWARDS PROGRAM; 5 RESEARCH LABORATORIES CHOSEN**

The ADA has initiated a Junior Dental Scientist Awards program, designed to interest talented high school students in dental careers. Under the program, which is supported by a grant from the General Electric Company, five selected students will spend eight weeks this summer in the laboratories of dental scientists. "This new ADA program will provide a rewarding educational experience for the students and will introduce them to many of the challenging research problems in the field of oral health," said Dr. Robert L. Kreiner, Chicago, chairman of the ADA Council on Dental Research.

Other objectives of the program are:

-- To supplement the education and scientific training of the students in the environment of dental research laboratories at recognized educational and research institutions;

-- To provide an appreciation of the problems in dental research for those students who may eventually choose other areas of science for a career;

-- To emphasize the interest of the dental profession in the young people of this country.

The five research centers selected are: the University of Alabama School of Dentistry, Birmingham; University of Texas Dental Branch, Houston; University of Illinois College of Dentistry, Chicago; University of Oregon Dental School, Portland, and the Eastman Dental Dispensary, Rochester, N.Y.

Each of the five students selected will receive a \$300 traineeship award to cover a period of eight weeks. Selection of the awardees will be made by the local dental school or research institution. Eligibility guidelines include the qualifications of the student and the types of research facilities which are available at the selected institution. The student will work in a dental research laboratory at the institution with a dental scientist who is conducting basic research in problems related to oral health. The training program will

be "custom tailored" to the needs, interests and competence of each trainee, but emphasis will be placed on orientation toward dental research. Each training laboratory will receive a \$100 grant under the program. At the end of the eight weeks, the host scientist will evaluate the student's work.

### **Dr. Isaac Schour Dies**

Dr. Isaac Schour, dean of the University of Illinois College of Dentistry, died June 5. Dr. Schour was a member of the faculty since 1924, and dean since 1955. He was a 1924 graduate of the dental school and received his M.S. in 1928 from the University and a Ph.D. from the University of Chicago in 1931. He was president of the International Association for Dental Research in 1941-42, and was a member of the ADA, American Association of Anatomists and American Association for the Advancement of Science.

### **Hollister Publishes Civil War Booklet**

John J. Hollister, director, ADA Department of Sales and Advertising, has recently published a booklet describing landmarks of the Gettysburg Civil War battlefields. It contains a map, pictorial record and basic background information on the major battles and places of conflict. Copies are available from Battlefield Guide Publishers, P.O. Box 286, Glenview, Ill., for one dollar.

### **100 Attend Public Health Conference**

More than 100 dentists attended the third annual Conference on Advances in Public Health Dentistry early this month in Pasadena, Calif. The meeting was sponsored by the California State Department of Public Health, and was primarily devoted to discussion of dental care for the aged and chronically ill.

## Dr. Hollers Urges AFDE Support

Pres. James P. Hollers has urged all ADA members "to contribute to the American Fund for Dental Education by contributing at least one hour of income." Pointing out that individual dental contributions to the Fund since its inception nine years ago have amounted to only \$4,491, or four cents per dentist, he said: "Every dentist should realize that he has an investment in the future of dental education. His positive interest and active support can help the AFDE expand its important program." Contributions may be sent to the AFDE, 410 North Michigan Ave., Chicago.

## Eastman Dispensary Adds Wing

The Eastman Dental Dispensary, Rochester, N.Y., last month dedicated a new \$730,000 addition to provide for an expanded program of dental research. The four-story, 15,000 square-foot building features conference rooms, office space and the latest in research equipment, including a panoramic x-ray unit.

## Dr. Bushel Honored

Dr. Arthur Bushel, special assistant commissioner and director of dentistry, New York Department of Health, has received the annual Haven Emerson Memorial Award by the Public Health Association of New York City for his contribution to the fluoridation campaign in New York City.

## Md. International Program Cited

The Southern Maryland Dental Society "good will program for foreign dentists" was cited in a recent issue of the Congressional Record. The society recently hosted Dr. Sergio Castellon Baretto of Nicaragua for a 10-week tour of dental facilities in Maryland.

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Texas, Galveston. He was appointed to the Regular Commissioned Corps of the PHS in 1944. He has received many health awards, including an honorary fellowship of the American College of Dentists. He is presently a governor of the American College of Physicians.



Construction of the new ADA Headquarters Building is moving ahead on schedule, and placing of the structural steel framing for the first floor has begun. Towering over the service core of the building is a climbing crane imported from Europe. A portion of the current ADA Central Office Building can be seen in the center background.

## Dr. Ingle Named So. Calif. Dean

Dr. John I. Ingle, a member of the dental faculty of the University of Washington in Seattle since 1948, has been appointed dean of the University of Southern California School of Dentistry. He succeeds Dr. Robert W. McNulty, who has been dean since 1950 and who retires this fall.

## Dr. Schaffer Named Dean

Dr. Erwin M. Schaffer, Minneapolis, has been appointed dean of the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry. Dr. Schaffer has been chairman of the restorative dentistry division at the school.

## Pennsylvania School Changes Name

Effective July 1, 1964, the University of Pennsylvania will change the name of its dental school from the School of Dentistry to the School of Dental Medicine, according to Dr. Lester W. Burket, dean.

## Dr. McCarthy Gets Honorary Degree

Dr. Harry B. McCarthy, dean of Baylor University College of Dentistry, Dallas, has received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Texas Wesleyan College, Fort Worth.