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OHIO RESTRICTS ASPIRIN SALES TO PHARMACISTS.

Acting upon the opinion of Attorney General Edward C. Turner, the Ohio Board of Pharmacy unanimously adopted the following resolutions at its October meeting:

WHEREAS, Section 12706 of the General Code of Ohio provides that it shall be unlawful to sell a drug, chemical, poison, or pharmaceutical preparation, except by a pharmacist or assistant pharmacist registered according to law and

WHEREAS, The Legislature at the time of enactment of Section 12706, General Code of Ohio, had clearly in mind the conservation of the public health, in limiting the sale at retail of potent and toxic drugs, chemicals and poisons to those who are particularly qualified and who are able to give information to the public concerning the therapeutic action of these substances, when so desired and

WHEREAS, Acetylsalicylic acid, commonly known as aspirin, is a drug or chemical within the meaning of Section 12706, General Code of Ohio, and is not a patent or proprietary remedy, nor a similar preparation within the meaning of Section 12707, General Code of Ohio, be it therefore

Resolved, That Acetylsalicylic acid, commonly known as aspirin, may be sold only by a registered pharmacist or an assistant pharmacist as provided by law and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to those associations whose members may be affected by the sale or distribution of said drug or chemical.

The Attorney General's opinion, without the accompanying explanatory matters, reads as follows:

"1. The sale or dispensing of aspirin by one who is not a legally registered pharmacist or a legally registered assistant pharmacist in a pharmacy or drug store under the management or control of a legally registered pharmacist, constitutes a violation of Section 12706 of the General Code, (1) unless the defendant was a physician supplying his patient with such medicine, or (2) unless he was a retail dealer and aspirin is a patent or proprietary medicine, or (3) unless aspirin be a household rem-

edy similar to the other preparations named in the fourth exception contained in Section 12707, General Code, and the aspirin sold was compounded by a legally registered pharmacist and put up and sold in bottles or boxes bearing the label of such pharmacist or a wholesale druggist, with the name of the article and directions for its use on each bottle or box.

"2. Whether or not aspirin be a household remedy similar to the other preparations named in the fourth exception of Section 12707, General Code, (third exception above) is a question of fact to be determined from the evidence including the testimony of experts qualified to testify."

From the foregoing, it is evident that the Attorney General is unwilling to state specifically whether or not aspirin is one of the exempt preparations included in the wording "other similar preparations" in Section 12707. He states, however, "Obviously your Board is in a much better position to decide this question than this department, whose decision would of necessity have to be based upon such information as the members of your Board and other qualified experts could furnish."

On the basis of this statement, the Board is justified in establishing the above ruling concerning the sale of aspirin until such time as the need for a court decision arises. The Attorney General refers to the similarity of the Minnesota and Ohio laws in his explanation and points to the court decision in Minnesota upholding the restriction on the sale of aspirin.

MINNESOTA HOLDS A JOINT MEETING.

A joint meeting of the Minnesota Board of Pharmacy, the Pharmacy Faculty of the University of Minnesota, and the Education Committee of the Minnesota State Pharmaceutical Association (Division B on State Board of Pharmacy) was held in the Pharmacy Building of the University at Minneapolis on Monday, October 10th, with H. C. Kruckeberg presiding by common consent.

The idea of inviting the Education Committee of the State association is a new one, and originated last year at the joint meeting of the Boards and Colleges for the Fourth District, of which Minnesota is a member.

The following motions were made and carried and give a brief synopsis of the meeting:

That the three bodies meeting create and hereby do create an informal organization to be known as the "Minnesota Pharmaceutical Educational Conference," and that the Conference shall be represented by the three units and each unit shall have one vote irrespective of the number of members making up the respective units.

That the only officers of the Conference be a Chairman and a Secretary, and that the Chairman be the current Chairman of the Minnesota State Pharmaceutical Association Education Committee (Division B on the State Board of Pharmacy) and the Secretary be the current Secretary of the State Board of Pharmacy.

That because of the strife existing between similar bodies in some other States, a record be spread upon the minutes embodying the general recognition of the existence in Minnesota of amity, friendly cooperation and mutual good will among all pharmaceutical bodies and interests for many years.

That the Conference hold annual meetings in January during the week in which the Board of Pharmacy meets and that the meetings be held at the College of Pharmacy.

That the Minnesota Pharmaceutical Educational Conference has been created not upon the initiative of its component units but upon the suggestion of the National Association of Boards

of Pharmacy and the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy that conferences between the Boards and the Faculties be created in every State for the purpose of mutual advancement.

After the suggestion of Mr. Bachman that the Board submit its questions to the Faculty, and after a discussion in a general way of Board questions by Rogers, Wulling, Dargavel, Malmo, Nelson, Jelinek and others, it was moved and carried unanimously that the first and only activity of the Conference at the January meeting, and for the present, be limited to the discussion of Board and Faculty questions.

That, after discussion by Bachman, Brown, Jelinek, Kruckeberg, Nelson, Peterson, Rogers, Tupper, the fullest support be given to the now well-recognized tendency to raise the Board examinations to a college standard as rapidly as the practical aspects of the general pharmaceutical situation, with which the Boards have to contend, make it possible.

That it should be well understood that this organization is only a conference and that its motions and actions shall have no binding or legal effect upon the component units, but that nevertheless the utmost attention to and compliance with the actions of the Conference should be observed by the three units composing the Conference.

The following members were present: Miss Piesinger, Messrs. Brown, Dargavel, Jelinek, Kruckeberg, Malmo, Nelson, Peterson, Tupper, Bachman, Fischer, Rogers, Wulling and Marsh.

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS.

A. C. Taylor, *President* of the N. A. B. P., and Mrs. Taylor recently celebrated their thirty-second wedding anniversary by taking a honeymoon trip through Maryland and Pennsylvania, stopping at their old home.

The Taylors were also guests at the thirty-fifth wedding anniversary bridge party of Mr. and Mrs. William P. Herbst of Washington, D. C., on November 9th. We were always aware of the fact that President Taylor is an authority on matters pharmaceutical, but this party disclosed the fact that he is a bridge shark as well, for he walked off with the gentlemen's prize.

A copy of the eighteenth annual report of the **Missouri Board of Pharmacy** has recently been received by the N. A. B. P. Secretary's office. So complete in every respect is this report, and so attractive in its neat, maroon buckram cover that it might well be called the model State Board report. No detail has been overlooked.

The pictures of the present Board members appear in the front of the book, as well as a list of members serving on the Board of Pharmacy from June 29, 1881, to July 31, 1927. The name of the member, date of commission, and term of office are given, and if the term was not completed, proper notation is made. In addition, a list of the Board personnel is given for each year from 1910 to date, so that one can tell at a glance which members served concurrently. This information is especially valuable and interesting to the N. A. B. P.

The report shows a total of 5599 registered pharmacists in the state and 532 assistants. It also gives the dates of meetings for the coming year. The minutes of the Board meetings for the fiscal year ended July 31, 1927 are published, as well as the financial report, and the Missouri Pharmacy Law is printed on the back pages. Very valuable indeed is the complete list of pharmacists in the State, alphabetically arranged, with addresses. Delinquent lists are published separately, giving the amount due for reinstatement in the heading.

Such work is indeed commendable.

John Culley, executive member of the N. A. B. P., was one of the guests of honor at the October meeting of the Idaho Pharmaceutical Association. Mr. Culley spoke on "The Pharmacist and the Law" and the *Pocatello Tribune* printed a complete résumé of his speech. He spoke of the various types of laws, some beneficial but more often unreasonably restrictive like the caustic acid and alkali legislation, cosmetic acts, etc. The tendency toward the college prerequisite and ownership bills was commended. The address concluded with explanations of the more important laws with which every pharmacist should be familiar.

Dr. C. W. Johnson, *President* of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION, paid a surprise visit and addressed the convention on "The Evolution of Pharmacy." Dr. E. O. Leonard, dean of the college of pharmacy of the University of Idaho, in speaking of the four-year college course, said that while it might not enable the student to make more money, it would give him a more balanced education and thereby enable him to better appreciate values in life.

A new plan to secure State association members is being tried by Virginia, according to the *Bulletin* of Secretary Winne. Morris Phipps, Chairman of the membership committee of the Virginia Pharmaceutical Association, is offering three gold prizes of \$25, \$15 and \$10, respectively, to traveling men, representing firms in the Virginia territory, who secure the greatest number of memberships for the State association between now and June 1, 1928.

The idea is a splendid one as, no doubt, the traveling salesmen in the aggregate cover most of the pharmacies of the State. A short personal talk will do more good than much circularizing, and the Virginia Association should show a substantial increase in membership as a result of the campaign. Other States are urged to try it.

W. P. Porterfield, former *President* of the N. A. B. P., surprised the N. A. B. P. Secretary's office with a personal call on November 22nd.

"Port" was on his way to Martinsburg, West Virginia, his old home, and from there is going down to Ocean Springs, Miss., for the winter. Like the birds, he goes South each winter to avoid North Dakota's ice and snow and returns with them in the springtime. Mr. Porterfield has led an active busy life—pharmacist, Board member, banker, politician, farmer—and has earned his vacations.

The Arizona State Association held a very successful convention in Nogales on October 18th and 19th.

Arthur G. Hulett, Secretary of the Arizona Board of Pharmacy for about twenty-five years, took a prominent part in organizing the State association five years ago and has been its Secretary since that time. This year, however, Mr. Hulett felt that the "baby" had grown sufficiently to entrust its care to another, and on account of the multiplicity of his own business and Board duties, refused to run for reelection.

The following officers were elected: *President*, J. Homer Smith, Yuma; *Vice-President*, Paul P. Lorenzen, Bisbee; *Secretary*, Bob Jones, Superior; *Treasurer*, A. L. Boehmer, Phoenix.

OBITUARY.

Christian Schertz, of New Orleans, a member of the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy, died October 31, 1927. This information comes as a distinct shock to those who saw him just a few months ago at the St. Louis N. A. B. P. convention in the glow and vigor of good health. The cause of the death is not given, as our only information is a resolution of tribute adopted by the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy at its quarterly meeting on November 16th.

Not only will the Louisiana Board keenly feel the loss of such an active and capable worker, but the N. A. B. P. also suffers a distinct loss. Although only a Board member for a few years, Mr. Schertz took a decided interest in the national organization, attended conventions, worked on committees and made it his business to write up interesting Louisiana items for this department. As the able editor of the *Modern Druggist*, the official organ of various pharmaceutical bodies of Louisiana and Mississippi, he did much for the betterment of pharmacy.

To his widow, Mrs. Helen Pitkin Schertz, we can but extend our tenderest sympathy, well knowing that nothing that we can do or say will lessen her bereavement. The N. A. B. P. mourns with the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy in the loss of such a whole-hearted, willing and capable worker, who was always unselfishly ready to give of his busy and crowded time for the upbuilding of Pharmacy.
