

OBITUARY.

JOSEPH M. ARMITAGE.

We are just in receipt of belated advice of the sudden death of our fellow-member, Joseph M. Armitage, of Princeton, Minn., on July 6th, of apoplexy. The deceased was born in Limerick, Ireland, September 16, 1875, the son of Thomas and Agnes Armitage. The family resided in Canada for several years; thereafter, they lived in Bay Mills, Mich., Philadelphia and Lilly, Pa., and then, in 1898, located in Princeton, Minn. Here, Dr. Armitage purchased a drug store and his brother Joseph assumed the management; in 1923 Miss Margaret entered the pharmacy with her uncle and has conducted the business with him until his demise, when she assumed full management and ownership. The former was a conservative business man and was devoted to the profession of pharmacy.

Mr. Armitage was active in the Masonic bodies and highly regarded by his fellow-citizens. He is survived by Mrs. T. L. Armitage and her two daughters, Misses Margaret and Mary.

WALTER V. SMITH.

Walter Valentine Smith, member of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION since 1902, died November 8th, at his home in Germantown, Philadelphia, aged 65 years. He was the son of Valentine Smith, founder of one of the oldest wholesale drug houses of Philadelphia.

The deceased was educated in the public schools of Philadelphia, Nazareth Hall and Lauderback's Academy, and was graduated from the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy in 1887. He assumed management of Valentine H. Smith & Co., on the death of his father. In 1929 this firm was consolidated with Smith, Kline & French Co., of which corporation he became president. Mr. Smith was active in the affairs of the National Wholesale Druggists' Association, as vice-president and as member of the Board of Control for a number of years.

He was a member of Pennsylvania and New Jersey pharmaceutical associations, president of Philadelphia Drug Exchange 1900-1902, and of other drug organizations. For a number of years until his demise he was a member of the board of trustees of his *Alma Mater*.

He was a member of the Masonic bodies and interested in church work, a trustee of the Bethlehem Presbyterian Church.

His wife, Mrs. Harriet B. Smith, two daughters and four grandchildren survive; also, three sisters and a brother, Howard E. Smith.

WILLIAM H. OWENS.

William H. Owens, Granville, N. Y., member of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION since 1917, died in Jersey City Medical Center, November 3rd. He was born in Wales, December 31, 1866, and came to Granville with his parents in 1870.

Mr. Owens was graduated from New York College of Pharmacy in 1905, and soon after graduation purchased the drug store of C. J. Hake in Jersey City. He was a member of Hudson County Retail Druggists Association, and New Jersey Pharmaceutical Association. He was chairman of the Advisory Board of La Fayette Trust Company and took an active part in civic affairs. He was a member of La Fayette Reformed Church, Granville, where the funeral services were held. He is survived by his brother, Glenn Owens, of Granville.

ADOLPH F. MENGES.

Adolph F. Menges, prominent Madison, Wis., druggist for 42 years, died at his home October 20th, aged 69 years.

Mrs. Menges took an active part in the meeting of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION, as chairman of the Ladies Auxiliary. Mr. Menges' health did not permit him to take an active part in the convention.

Graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 1886, Mr. Menges opened a pharmacy on his own account in 1891. For a time he operated three other drug stores, being the first to operate a group of pharmacies in Madison. He was a charter member of the Wisconsin board of pharmacy, on which he served from 1895 to 1905. He was also a charter member of the Wisconsin Pharmaceutical Association.

In addition to his drug store operations, Mr. Menges was prominent in Madison business life through his connections with other institutions. He was the first president of the Commercial National Bank, now the Commercial State Bank. He was one of the founders

of the National Guardian Life Insurance Co. and was a vice-president of that concern at the time of his death. He also was a director of the Union Trust Co.

HARRY ARMAND STEBBINS.

Harry A. Stebbins, assistant manager of the New York office of Merck & Co., New York, died October 14th, in Chicago, where he was attending the exhibit of his house at the Century of Progress Exposition. He was fifty-seven years old.

Mr. Stebbins entered the employ of the New York office of Powers & Weightman in 1900. When in 1903, that company was merged with Rosengarten & Co., also of Philadelphia, becoming the Powers - Weightman-Rosengarten Company, he continued in its service. He was with the company thirty-seven years, until 1927; in that year the company was sold to Merck & Co., and Mr.

Stebbins became assistant manager of the New York office.

He was a member of the New York College of Pharmacy, and of the Drug and Chemical Club.

The death has been announced of M. Auguste Baudot, of Dijon. His volume on the ancient drug pots of Burgundy is familiar to all who have studied the history of old French pharmaceutical pottery.

Dr. Albert Calmette, of the Pasteur Institute of Paris, died October 29th, aged seventy years; and on November 3rd, Dr. Emil Roux, the director of the Institute, passed away, aged eighty years. They had been life-long friends.

Pharmacist, Rear Admiral Dr. Shuhei Isono, retired, passed away in Tokyo, October 16th, aged 56 years.

SOCIETIES AND COLLEGES.

AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION.

Early, sound, constructive revision of the Federal Food and Drugs Act was approved by the American Pharmaceutical Manufacturers' Association in its Fall business meeting, held in the Washington Hotel, Washington, D. C.

In a resolution, stating its attitude toward the proposed revision of the drug law, the association, while approving the purpose of the so-called "Tugwell" bill, "regretfully disapproved" that measure because of its form. Preparation of a satisfactory, effective substitute for the "Tugwell" bill was suggested, and it is planned to present such a substitute at the hearings of the "Tugwell," or Copeland, bill.

Hearings on the Copeland Bill by the special sub-committee of the Senate Committee on Commerce have been tentatively scheduled to begin December 7th.

Walter G. Campbell, chief of the Food and Drug Administration, addressed the pharmaceutical manufacturers on the need for revision of the Food and Drugs Act. He expressed his willingness to accept any "reasonable" amendments to the Copeland Bill, designed to achieve the ends desired by the Administration, without undue hardship to

legitimate business. Following this, Charles Wesley Dunn, chief counsel of the Association, suggested many changes in the pending bill. His suggestions will be the basis of the Association's preparation of a substitute measure.

Dr. F. J. Cullen, chief of drug control under the Federal act, attended the session and answered questions by members of the Association on matters of labeling and other practices under the Food and Drugs law.

The pending NRA code for pharmaceutical manufacturers was discussed. The draft of this code is still being amended from time to time and it has not yet reached the form in which it probably will be brought to hearing.

A. O. A. C. ADOPTS PLAN SOLICITING ENDOWMENT.

The Association of Official Agricultural Chemists closed its forty-ninth annual meeting with the adoption of a plan to solicit endowment of its research work by some philanthropic foundation and by election of a Canadian as its *President* for the first time in its history, he being R. Harcourt, of the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, Canada.

Other officers for the coming year are: *Vice-President*, F. C. Blanck, United States Bureau of Chemistry and Soils, Washington; *Secretary-Treasurer*, W. W. Skinner, Bureau of Chemis-

try and Soils, Washington; and additional *Members of the Executive Committee*, H. H. Hanson, Dover, Del.; C. C. McDonnell, Washington; H. R. Kraybill, La Fayette, Ind.; and the *Retiring President*, Dr. J. W. Kellogg, Harrisburg, Pa.

The resolution authorizing the president to appoint a committee to interest foundations engaged in educational or public welfare activities in endowing research work for the Association was in response to a suggestion advanced by Dr. J. W. Kellogg in the annual address of the president. Taking as his topic "The Regulatory Chemist of To-day and Tomorrow," Dr. Kellogg attempted an assay of the Association and an estimation as to how it would fit into the picture of the "new deal."

NEW JERSEY BOARD OF PHARMACY.

Following an impressive custom established several years ago, certificates of registration were awarded to 87 newly registered pharmacists by Governor A. Harry Moore at the State House, Trenton, on Tuesday, October 24, 1933. The exercises incident to the awarding of these certificates were presided over by Vice-President James A. Bauman, of the Board of Pharmacy, and addresses were made by Governor A. Harry Moore, Secretary Prescott R. Loveland of the New Jersey Pharmaceutical Association, and Secretary Robert P. Fischelis of the New Jersey Board of Pharmacy. The various chapters of the Code of Ethics of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION which was signed by all of the registrants were read by Albert J. Smith, C. Graham McCloskey and Dean B. Crawford, members of the Board.

Governor Moore, in his remarks to the newly registered pharmacists, urged them to so conduct their professional affairs as to make it unnecessary for the state at any time to revoke their license to practice.

TEXAS PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

The 1934 meeting of Texas Pharmaceutical Association will be held at Mineral Wells, and will include the 12th annual drug show. The Executive Committee convened in Dallas, the following attended the meeting:

Lee Stinson of Snyder, Association President; Earl T. Phillips of Big Spring, Vice-Chairman of the Committee; Walter D. Adams of Forney, Secretary-Treasurer; John B. Ray of Abilene, Henry F. Hein of San

Antonio, E. B. Oliver of Longview, Sam P. Harben of Richardson, B. B. Brown of Dallas, C. C. Harris of Houston and Lee Tyler of Houston, Secretary of the Houston Pharmaceutical Association. Also visiting the group were C. B. Allison of Dallas, President, and Walter H. Cousins of Dallas, Secretary of the Texas Board of Pharmacy, who were welcomed to the meeting; P. V. Keating, public relations director and assistant editor of the *Texas Druggist*, and Miss Mary Ivey, assistant to Secretary Adams.

RICHMOND RETAIL DRUGGISTS' ASSOCIATION.

The Richmond Retail Druggists' Association was organized on August 21st, and has held several well-attended meetings. Membership in the association is restricted to registered and assistant registered pharmacists, proprietors and managers of retail stores. Almost 100% of the retail stores are represented in the organization. The regular meeting date is the second Monday in each month at 8:00 P.M. at the Medical College of Virginia. Dr. W. G. Crockett is the secretary.

RHO CHI REPORT.

An 8-page bulletin reports the annual Rho Chi meeting in Madison, Wis.; it includes the reports of the National President, National Secretary and National Treasurer, and a message from the National President, Glenn L. Jenkins. The bulletin concludes with a summary of 16 Chapter reports to the 1933 convention.

AUSTRIAN PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY.

The meeting of the Austrian Pharmaceutical Society was held October 20th, in Vienna. The president of the Society is Dr. Richard Firbas and the secretary is our *honorary member*, Dr. Hans Heger. Among the contributors to the program were Prof. Dr. R. Wasicky, "Pharmacy and Biology," and Prof. Dr. L. Kofler, on "Microchemistry of the Opium Alkaloids."

OFFICERS OF NEW YORK DRUG AND CHEMICAL GROUP.

The following officers were elected by New York Drug and Chemical Group: *Chairman*, Samuel W. Fraser; *Vice-Chairman*, Herman G. Weicker; *Treasurer*, S. Barksdale Penick;

Secretary, Ray C. Schlotteerer; *Executive Committee*, Gustave Bayer, James S. Dahl, J. F. Hayes, Joseph A. Huisking, Warner James, David L. Kaltman, Paul Muller, John Powell, John J. Reiner, A. A. Teeter,

A. A. Wasserscheid; *Representative of the Section as Director in the Board*, George Simon. At the suggestion of the nominating committee an advisory council was created, which consists of the latest five former chairmen.

LEGAL AND LEGISLATIVE.

FACT-FINDING INQUIRY ON PROFITEERING CHARGES.

"Elimination of profiteering and strict compliance with codes is to be the present concern of the National Recovery Administration.

"Returning from a speaking and investigating tour of the Middle West, Administrator Hugh S. Johnson declared that most of the complaints against NRA are caused by failure to comply with codes in effect.

"A hearing has been scheduled for December 12th, before Division Administrator A. D. Whiteside, to consider all complaints of profiteering by industries operating under NRA codes. Agricultural commodities and those not covered by codes will not be considered. The hearing, which will be conducted as a fact-finding inquiry, will receive complaints that retailers and manufacturers are making unjustifiable price increases and blaming them on increased costs of operation under their codes."

A. G. MURRAY, AID TO CONSUMERS' BOARD.

The Food and Drug Administration has named A. G. Murray, senior chemist, to cooperate with the Consumers' Advisory Board in the hearings of industrial codes pertaining to food, drug and cosmetic products. Through Mr. Murray, the Administration will make available for the protection of the consumer the technical information of its staff and the experience gained during 27 years of administration of the Food and Drugs Act.

Mr. Murray will advise in the formulation of codes for the pharmaceutical, package-medicine and cosmetic industries. Consumer protection factors in advertising, labeling, sanitary conditions and sale of harmful preparations will, so far as possible, be made to conform with the proposed new Food and Drugs Act which will come up for hearing on December 7th.

WHOLESALE DRUGGISTS' HEARING ON CODE.

The wholesale drug trade took no formal part in the hearing, November 13th, on the proposed code for the general wholesaling or distributing trades. Dr. H. J. Ostlund, representing the National Wholesale Druggists' Association, and R. E. Lee Williamson, representing the Federal Wholesale Druggists' Association, were present merely as observers.

Officials of the NRA had promised the wholesale drug trade a separate code, but it was said that that was prior to the adoption of a plan for a general wholesale code. However, with a view of ironing out the situation and if possible, meeting the request of wholesale druggists, an informal conference of wholesale druggists with Dr. Kenneth Dameron, Deputy Administrator, was held November 20th.

RETAIL DRUG COUNCIL PLAN OUTLINED TO ASSOCIATIONS.

Problems of organization occupied the newly formed National Retail Drug Trade Council, but data are not yet in hand for fixing the code to be added to all retail prices.

Instructions for setting up local retail drug councils in every congressional district and in the major metropolitan centers were sent out to all state pharmaceutical associations. This work is to be completed before January 1st, and preliminary regulations for establishing the local groups and defining their duties and powers were issued with the approval of the National Recovery Administration.

NEW YORK PHARMACEUTICAL CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS.

The New York Conference adopted resolutions seeking to re-instate the Stop Loss provision. It was urged that the term "cost" should be defined as the printed and published wholesale cost as issued by various manufacturers, or as published in the recognized price catalogs of the drug trade. That Pro-

visions be made for identifying merchandise. Modification is sought of Article Nine, Section 1, Paragraph E and Schedule A, Section 4, Paragraph A.

LOCAL AND STATE LEGISLATION.

Drug stores in Reno, Nevada, may not sell cigarettes. A city ordinance prohibiting such sales has just been sustained by the State Supreme Court, which ruled that the action was within the police powers of the municipality. A price war was responsible for the ordinance, the drug stores being held by the city officials to be at fault in underselling established tobacconists.

Colorado may finance a \$3,000,000 public works program by means of a cigarette tax. Governor Johnson has stated that he may include such a proposal in his forthcoming call for a special session of the Legislature.

Montana's new chain store tax, enacted by the 1933 Legislature, is being attacked in court by the Standard Oil Co., which claims that filling stations and bulk storage plants are not

retail and wholesale stores within the meaning of the act.

West Virginia's chain stores tax will be the subject of a hearing, December 18th, before a three-judge Federal court. The constitutionality of the new act is being attacked by several chain store organizations.

We are advised by the Houston Retail Druggists Association of a plan which may have dangerous possibilities and druggists should be warned, so that they may use their influence to frustrate the spread of this plan.

"The plan seems to be to send a high-grade salesman into the community and first contact the ministers and priests of all churches in an effort to get the ladies of their church into a meeting. At this meeting the need of church funds is skillfully used to induce interest in the plan. A number of ladies are invited to sign up with the company, agreeing to use their influence in getting all ladies of the church to buy certain brands of merchandise. Labels are saved, collected and sent in to the company for a 2% commission which is given to the church."

BOOK NOTICES AND REVIEWS.

Ibañez in his *Análisis de Alimentos* has very successfully adhered to his plan of compiling a manual of practical value to the Spanish pharmacist. His thorough understanding of the agricultural and industrial problems of Spain and his sound scientific knowledge has enabled him to present very lucidly the immense service that a country pharmacist, with adequate training, can render his community, not only from the hygienic point of view, that is, detecting adulterations, but by giving the necessary help to farmer and small manufacturer.

In many regions of Spain the problems of adulteration are relatively unimportant; on the other hand, many abnormalities may be observed due to defective elaboration. It is in these small communities, where the principal natural resources are agricultural and where exist many industries of food products derived from them, that the pharmacist has a definite opportunity to promote his own and the community's welfare.

The book is divided into two parts; the first consists of the lectures given for the third time at the Real Colegio de Farmacéutico de Madrid, and the second includes the methods

of analysis. Ibañez has endeavored to select from the various modern methods of assay the simplest and most readily performed in small laboratories. His chapters on water, vinegar, etc., are examples.

Of special interest is the chapter on wine. His intimate and first-hand knowledge of the subject can be readily appreciated in the discussions which are quite exhaustive, and the tests and assays are practical.

The reader will find the same intimate and interesting comprehension of the subject on the sections devoted to Spanish pimento and Spanish saffron. In this last subject, as in most topics in the book, the possibilities of adulteration of the Spanish product are considered in a very practical way.

Ibañez' book is an interesting, readable treatise on food analysis and is of great value to the Spanish pharmacist and to those interested in Spanish food products.—AMELIA MESA DE PONCE.

Bentley and Driver's Text-Book of Pharmaceutical Chemistry, second edition, revised by JOHN EDMUND DRIVER, Ph.D., M.Sc., A.I.C., Lecturer on Chemistry in the University