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## ROBERT PHILIP FISCHELIS.

Robert P. Fischelis, president-elect of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION, son of Philip and Ernestine (Kempt) Fischelis, was born in Philadelphia, Pa., August 16, 1891. He received his early education in St. Paul's Lutheran Parochial School, Philadelphia, and the public schools of that city, graduating from the Northeast High School in 1908. The same year he engaged with James Huston, prescription pharmacist, Philadelphia. The following year he entered the Pharmacy School of the Medico-Chirurgical College of Philadelphia, graduating at the head of his class in 1911. Among the five medals and prizes he received was a year's membership in the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION, offered by Prof. George R. Meeker for the highest mark in analytical chemistry. He immediately joined the ASSOCIATION and has been a member ever since. Dr. Fischelis continued his studies in the Department of Pharmaceutical Chemistry of the Medico-Chirurgical College and in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences of Temple University, receiving the Ph.C. degree from the former and the B.Sc. in Chemistry from the latter.

In 1912, he began teaching Pharmacy and Organic Chemistry in the Department of Pharmacy of the Medico-Chirurgical College, and also taught Pharmacy in the Department of Medicine. During this period he took up graduate work and, later, received the Doctorate in Pharmacy from the Medico-Chirurgical College. In addition to his education in Pharmacy and Chemistry, Dr. Fischelis also took courses in Bacteriology at the University of Pennsylvania Summer School, and courses in Economics at the Wharton School of Commerce and Finance of the University of Pennsylvania. After the Pharmacy School of the Medico-Chirurgical College merged with the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science, the degree of Master of Pharmacy (in course) was conferred upon him.

In 1914, Dr. Fischelis became associate editor of the *Druggists Circular*, which was then under the editorial guidance of Dr. H. V. Army. While holding this position he continued teaching on a part-time schedule in Philadelphia. He left



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the *Druggists Circular* in 1916 to join the Scientific Staff of the H. K. Mulford Company in Philadelphia, continuing part-time teaching at the Medico-Chirurgical College and, later, at the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science.

He left the Mulford Company to join the Chemical Warfare Service, U. S. A., during the War. Upon leaving the army, he opened his own office in New York City as a consulting pharmacist and chemist. He also joined the editorial staff of *Industrial and Engineering Chemistry* under Dr. C. H. Herty and, later, became managing editor of the *News Edition* of that publication. He relinquished this post in 1928 because of pressure of other duties.

From 1921 to 1925, Dr. Fischelis was dean and professor of Pharmacy at the New Jersey College of Pharmacy in Newark, New Jersey. During his incumbency, this institution grew from a student body of approximately fifty to one of about two hundred and fifty. Official recognition was granted the college during this period in the states of New Jersey and New York, Pennsylvania and others and it also obtained membership in the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy. He was instrumental in beginning negotiations for the affiliation of the college with Rutgers University and conducted a campaign for funds among its alumni and friends for a new building. He was elected vice-president of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy in 1924. He resigned as dean of the New Jersey College of Pharmacy in 1925, spent several months recovering from a breakdown in health and then resumed his consulting practice and continued his editorial activities. At this time he also became educational advisor to the Board of Pharmacy of the state of New Jersey. In 1926, he was offered and accepted the secretaryship of the Board of Pharmacy of the state of New Jersey; upon the demise of the late Prof. Jeannot Hostmann, he was also made chief chemist of the Board, and has held these positions since 1926, making his headquarters in Trenton.

The president-elect has been active in association work for many years. From 1913 to 1915, he was secretary of the Philadelphia Branch of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION. In 1916, he was secretary of the Section on Commercial Interests, A. PH. A., and the following year he served as chairman of this section. From 1923 to 1925, he served as secretary of the Council of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION and chairman of the Committee on Publications. From 1931 to 1933, he was president of the New York Branch, A. PH. A., was elected first vice-president of the parent ASSOCIATION in 1933 and is now serving in that capacity.

Both the Pennsylvania and the New Jersey Pharmaceutical Associations have been served by Dr. Fischelis in an executive capacity. From 1916 to 1919 he was secretary of the Pennsylvania Pharmaceutical Association, and in 1919 he became its president. He founded and edited the *Pennsylvania Pharmacist* while secretary of the Association. In 1926, when the late Professor Hostmann, secretary of the New Jersey Pharmaceutical Association, passed away, Dr. Fischelis was asked to accept the secretaryship for the unexpired term and was persuaded to continue in that office until 1929, when he resigned because of pressure of his official duties and new work undertaken for the Committee on the Costs of Medical Care. While secretary of the New Jersey Pharmaceutical Association, he founded and edited the *New Jersey Journal of Pharmacy*. He also served this Association as second vice-president in 1923-1924 and as first vice-president in 1924-1925. At present he is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Association and chairman of several

of its committees. Since 1931, he has been vice-president and chairman of District No. 2 of the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy. From 1920 to 1932 he was editor of the news service of the Drug Trade Bureau of Public Information. He has edited the Charter's Report, published under the title "Basic Material for a Pharmaceutical Curriculum."

Dr. Fischelis is a member of the American Chemical Society, the American Public Health Association, the American Medical Association, the Chemists' Club of New York, the Rotary Club of Trenton and a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He was a delegate to the U. S. P. Revision Conventions of 1920 and 1930, and is a member of the A. P. H. A. Recipe Book Committee.

He is a member of the Kappa Psi fraternity, the Beta Phi Sigma, Phi Lambda Upsilon, honorary Chemical Society, and a member of the American Legion. He is a former president of the Alumni Association, Department of Pharmacy, Medico-Chirurgical College and of the Alumni Association of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science.

Since 1926, he has been a cooperating state official of the U. S. Food and Drug Administration, and he has also taken an active part in the Conference of Pharmaceutical Law Enforcement Officials. He gives an annual series of lectures on pharmaceutical journalism and on patents and trade-marks at The Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science.

As a member of the Research Staff of the Committee on the Costs of Medical Care, Dr. Fischelis, in cooperation with Dr. C. Rufus Rorem, made a survey of the manufacture and distribution of drugs and medicines in the United States and the services of pharmacy in medical care. The results of this survey have been published by the University of Chicago Press in book form under the title "The Costs of Medicines." He is a frequent contributor to various pharmaceutical and chemical publications, and is the author of the chapter entitled "Medical Materials Industry" found in Volume X of the Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences. Section III of the National Pharmaceutical Syllabus, dealing with State Board examinations, was written by Dr. Fischelis, who was also chairman of the sub-committee on cultural and basic subjects of the Syllabus Committee.

In 1933, he was appointed a member of the Governor's School Survey Commission which has been engaged in studying the educational program of the state of New Jersey.

In 1919, Dr. Fischelis married Miss Juanita C. Deer of Chicago.

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*Hygiene Exposition Held in Lima.*—The President of the Republic inaugurated on December 10th for 15 days the First International Hygiene Exposition held in this city under the auspices of the Bureau of Health, Ministry of Fomento. (Commercial Attache Julian D. Smith, Lima.)

*Druggists' Exhibit at the Leipzig Sample Fall Fair 1933 Proves Great Attraction.*—The official figures of the Leipzig sample fall fair of 1933 included also the exhibitors at the "Brown Fair" held on the Fair Grounds, where the Association of Leipzig Druggists maintained a collective exhibition for advertising and propaganda purposes. While this special exhibit of Leipzig druggists proved a great attraction for the local visitors and those from neighboring cities, its effect on the wholesale and export business was slight. (Vice-Consul P. Mallon, Leipzig.)