

Retail Drug Code Authority and took up his duties on March 15, 1935. Mr. Elkins will have charge of the office of the Code Authority and of its administration.

The Secretary will continue as a member of

the Code Authority, representing the A. Ph. A., until further action of the Council, and as secretary-treasurer of the Code Authority, and will act in an advisory capacity.

E. F. KELLY, *Secretary*.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

It was the thought of President R. L. Swain and others that the work of this Committee should be coördinated very closely with that of the Committee on Prescription Tolerances. It is recognized that the accuracy of prescription compounding depends in no small measure on the accuracy displayed in weighing and measuring quantities of ingredients. Unless balances, scales, weights, graduates and other weighing and measuring devices are accurate, it is impossible to provide accurate compounding and dispensing.

In order to determine the present status and accuracy of the weighing and measuring devices in the pharmacies throughout the United States it was decided to address the Department of Weights and Measures of each state and ask for information as to what supervision is exercised by the state over weighing and measuring devices in retail drug stores. These departments were also requested to supply copies of their annual reports and any information which they might have in their possession bearing upon the questions in which the Committee is interested.

As a result of communications addressed to the 48 states on this subject a variety of replies was received consisting in most instances of copies of laws and regulations and in a few instances of reports and comments.

It appears that the economic wave which has overtaken state activities, has resulted in a curtailment of the publication of reports by various departments.

No replies of any kind were received from the States of Alabama, Colorado, Idaho, Illinois, North Carolina, Rhode Island and Washington although several follow-up letters were sent.

The following states indicated that drug store weighing and measuring devices are in a satisfactory condition: California, Florida, Georgia, Nevada, Oregon, South Carolina and Utah.

The following states have no Departments of Weights and Measures: Louisiana, Mississippi and Missouri.

In Oklahoma the activities of the Weights and Measures Department are handled by the State University.

In New Jersey the Department of Weights and Measures reported as follows:

"For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1933, 513 prescription scales were examined of which 472 were found accurate, 32 required adjustment and 9 were condemned.

"Four thousand fifty-seven (4057) metric weights were examined, of which 3804 were found accurate, 185 required adjustment and 68 were condemned.

"Two hundred and seventy-one (271) troy weights were examined, of which 236 were found to be accurate, 21 required adjustment and 14 were condemned.

"Eight thousand, four hundred and eighty-eight (8488) apothecary weights were examined, of which 6943 were found accurate, 539 required adjustment and 966 were condemned.

"Three thousand, one hundred and forty-six (3146) glass graduates were examined, of which 3020 were found accurate and 126 were condemned."

In the State of Wisconsin for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1932, seven hundred and thirty-five (735) prescription weights were examined, of which 19 were adjusted, 23 condemned for repairs and one condemned.

In the District of Columbia for the year ending June 30, 1933, four hundred and forty-one (441) prescription scales were examined and tested. Of these 412 were approved with adjustment, 44 were tested and 27 were condemned for repairs and one was confiscated.

For the same period 7965 prescription weights were tested, of which 7754 were approved and 211 were confiscated.

The following comment of the Superintendent of Weights, Measures and Markets of the District of Columbia on the situation in the District is pertinent: "When this department began testing prescription scales and weights several years ago many of them were found in very bad condition, but, due largely to the annual inspections made, conditions with regard to such scales and weights have greatly improved."

We all know that if inspections are made in any field of activity conditions are good. When no inspections are made, conditions are apt to be bad because of the carelessness which results from the knowledge that no one is checking up or policing a given situation.

It is a well-known fact that the quality of drugs and medicines dispensed improves when there is knowledge that the products are subject to inspection and test. The same holds true for weights and measures or any other activity.

The Chairman of your Committee feels that a general survey of reports of state, county and municipal departments of weights and measures should be made to determine, so far as possible, the conditions of weights and measures in the pharmacies of the United States. When this survey has been completed an effort should be made to call to the attention of the pharmacists of the United States such facts and figures as may be developed, and recommendations should be offered to improve the situation, if necessary. Our report this year is therefore in the nature of a progress report, and it is suggested that the incoming committee continue the work that has been undertaken, endeavoring to provide as complete a survey as possible of the situation in the near future.

(Signed) ROBERT P. FISCHER, *Chairman*.
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STATE PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION MEETINGS.

APRIL.

Georgia, 22-23, Albany.
 Kansas, 9-11, Wichita.
 Missouri, 23-25, Kansas City.
 Oklahoma, 16-18, Tulsa.

MAY.

Florida, 14-16, Jacksonville.
 Illinois, 21-23, Quincy.
 New Mexico, 22-23, Clovis.
 North Carolina, 13-15, Winston-Salem.
 South Carolina, 8-9, Spartanburg.

JUNE.

Alabama, 18-20, Birmingham.
 Arkansas, 11-13, Jonesboro.
 California, 23-26, San Diego.
 Colorado, 18-20, Estes Park.
 Connecticut, 27-28, New London.
 Indiana, 18-20, Lake Wawasee.
 Kentucky, 18-20, Crab Orchard.
 Maine, 26-28, Rangeley.
 Massachusetts, 17-19, Swampscott.
 Michigan, 18-20, Grand Rapids.
 Mississippi, 17-19, Tupela.
 New Hampshire, 23-26, Dixville Notch.
 New Jersey, 19-21, Atlantic City.
 New York, 18-21, Lake George.

North Dakota, 11-13, Fargo.
 Pennsylvania, 17-21, Cruise on Lake Erie.
 Rhode Island, Watch Hill.
 Texas, 3-6, Dallas.
 Utah, Salt Lake City.
 Vermont, 16-18, Fairlee.
 West Virginia, 17-18, Parkersburg.
 Wisconsin, 25-27, Green Bay.
 Wyoming, 24-25, Casper.

JULY.

Montana, 5, Anaconda.
 Ohio, 16-19, Cedar Point.
 Tennessee, 15-18, Memphis.

AUGUST.

Idaho, 4-6, Portland.
 Oregon, 4-6, Portland.
 Washington, 4-6, Portland.

DEATH OF MRS. F. C. GODBOLD.

Mrs. Elizabeth Godbold, widow of our late member, F. C. Godbold, New Orleans, died at the home of her brother, Dr. H. V. Army, Montclair, N. J., April 9th, aged 77 years.