

PERSONAL AND NEWS ITEMS.

The dedicatory exercises of the Squibb Institute for Medical Research at New Brunswick, N. J., were held in the gymnasium of Rutgers University on October 11th, with more than 2000 persons present including many distinguished scientists.

President Carleton H. Palmer welcomed those present and emphasized that the Institute stands separate and distinct from the business activities of the firm. In dedicating the Institute Theodore Weicker, chairman of the Board, expressed the hope that it may succeed in discovering new therapeutic agents for the prevention or cure of disease. Vice-President John F. Anderson traced the development of the Institute which is intended to create a new source from which will flow scientific studies of unquestionable value.

The following guest speakers were presented by Dr. George A. Harrop, director of the Institute:

Dr. George R. Minot, director, Thorndike Memorial Laboratory, Boston City Hospital, and professor of Medicine, Harvard University, "Clinical Investigation."

Dr. Russell M. Wilder, professor of Medicine, Mayo Foundation, Rochester, Minn., "Industrial Laboratories and Clinical Research."

Dr. Abraham Flexner, director, The Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, N. J., "The Usefulness of Useless Knowledge."

Professor August Krogh, professor of Animal Physiology, University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen, Denmark, "Biology and Medicine in Cooperation."

The honorary degree of Doctor of Science was conferred on Dr. Krogh by President Clothier of Rutgers University.

A reception and luncheon preceded the dedication ceremony and following it there was an inspection of the laboratory occupied by the Institute, which represents an investment of \$750,000 and is equipped with every facility. There is a V-shaped, three-story main building, with side wings of two stories each, providing 52,000 square feet of usable floor space and containing about 100 rooms. A separate fireproof and explosionproof building, 30 x 40 feet is provided for research which involves the use of highly inflammable materials.

Vice-President F. W. Nitardy described the care and thought that was given to the design

and construction of the buildings and equipment of the all-steel laboratory furniture used throughout.

The Squibb Institute of Medical Research is another splendid addition made during this year to the research and standardization facilities devoted to the discovery and production of drugs, medicines and medical supplies.

Celebrating the 50th anniversary of the establishment of his prescription pharmacy at 5th Street and Lehigh Avenue, **Mr. Richard H. Lackey** invited to dinner at Philadelphia's Benjamin Franklin Hotel, on November 17th, all of the men who sometime during the half century had been employed in his pharmacy. Nearly fifty men, now serving in the diversified fields, came at his bidding to celebrate the occasion with him. Dean Ivor Griffith, of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science, was the toastmaster. Among the guests were Mr. Ellis Gimbel, and the Honorable Franklin Spencer Edmonds, classmates with Mr. Lackey at the Central High School.

As a token of their appreciation of his preceptorship, a handsome illumined testimonial was presented to the host by his former boys, many of whom had been assisted through college by Mr. Lackey, who is a trustee of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science and active in civic affairs in North Philadelphia.

The Medical College of Virginia, Richmond, celebrated Founders' Day marking the one hundred first anniversary of its founding on Thursday, December 1st. Mr. Virginius Dabney, editor of the *Richmond Times-Dispatch*, spoke on "Medicine in a Changing World." The exercises were preceded by an academic procession of visitors, faculty and members of the student body.

E. F. Marsiglio, for many years with J. T. Baker Chemical Co., is now connected with Merck & Co. Inc., as a member of the New Products Division at Rahway, N. J. Mr. Marsiglio has a record of broad service in various technical and executive capacities in the chemical industry. He was formerly editor of *The Chemist-Analyst*.

The Baltimore Retail Druggists' Association extended an official invitation to the N. A. R. D. to hold its 1939 convention in their city.

The publication of the next edition of the British Pharmacopœia is announced for 1941, and the first meeting of the newly reappointed British Pharmacopœia Commission has been held at the offices of the General Medical Council, the chairman of the Commission, Dr. A. P. Beddard, presiding. It is understood that there are a number of important and interesting changes contemplated.

The Maryland Pharmaceutical Association held its annual fall meeting in Hagerstown in October, and the meeting was a splendid success.

Declaring Creosote and Guaiacol preparations worthless, the Council on Pharmacy and Chemistry of the American Medical Association has omitted these preparations from "New and Non-Official Remedies," it was recently announced.

A committee to plan and further uniformity in State legislation standardizing the production and sale of foods, drugs and cosmetics was created by the Association of Dairy, Food and Drug Officials of the United States in its annual meeting in Chicago in October. This committee will be composed of State officials engaged in the enforcement of food, drug and cosmetic laws.

A School of Chemical Engineering and Metallurgical Engineering has been established at Purdue University. The new school, to be headed by Dr. John L. Bray, head of the former School of Chemical Engineering at the university, provides a curricula leading to the degrees of bachelor of science in chemical engineering, bachelor of science in metallurgical engineering, master of science and doctor of philosophy.

Fred L. Touchton, Avon Park, Florida, former state senator and sponsor of the Florida fair trade law, is the choice of an allied professional bloc—pharmacists, doctors, dentists and nurses—for the governorship. The selection of Senator Touchton is the result of the one-man campaign of A. W. Morrison, secretary-manager of the Florida State Pharmaceutical Association, to bring about a coalition of these groups as a political power.

Mr. R. E. Lee Williamson, secretary of the Federal Wholesale Druggists Association, who has been ill in New York City, from a heart attack, is improving. Mr. Williamson was stricken after having gone to New York to at-

tend a meeting of the Executive Committee of the F. W. D. A. on November 18th.

The National Drug Trade Conference, at its annual meeting November 15th, in Washington, approved a model bill for the drug, device and cosmetic provisions of a State Food, Drug and Cosmetic Law. The model is designed to secure uniformity among state laws and co-ordination with the Federal Food Drug and Cosmetic Law which will become effective next June.

The Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science plans an Alumni Seminar on Modern Pharmaceutical Practice, on January 30 and 31, and February 1, 1939. The subjects proposed for inclusion are:

The dispensing of the new chemo-therapeutic agents

Demonstrations in physico-chemical methods

Application of buffering, pH and related methods to ophthalmic preparations

Emulsions in Pharmacy and Chemistry

Laboratory visits and demonstrations in Bacteriology

Modern industrial formulas

Sterile products

Endochrines, hormones and vitamins

The newer biologicals

Where to go for information on scientific problems

Professional Pharmacy of to-day

Economic problems of drug stores.

Faculty members who are expected to participate in this Seminar include: Dean Ivor Griffith, Professors: E. Fullerton Cook, Adley B. Nichols, John N. McDonnell, Linwood F. Tice, Arthur Osol, Louis Gershenfeld, Joseph W. E. Harrisson and Paul C. Olsen.

Because the lectures and demonstrations are interrelated, it is necessary to enroll for the entire three-day session. During these three days all of the facilities of the Philadelphia College will be at the disposal of those attending the Seminar. Any pharmacist, graduate of a recognized college of pharmacy, is eligible for enrollment.

If you are willing to spend three days at the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science to obtain this quick review that will bring up-to-date the scientific knowledge you acquired in your college course as a requisite to the practice of Pharmacy, write to Registrar

John E. Kramer for enrollment blanks and full information. Suggestions from practicing pharmacists for topics that would be of the greatest interest for inclusion in this Seminar are most welcome.

The Palace Drug Store, Hartshorne, Okla., owned by **Eugene B. Savage**, started in 1894 when the present owner's grandfather, F. M. Savage, opened for business. Four generations of the Savage family have owned and operated this drug store.

The Medical College of Virginia, Richmond, has received from the estate of the late Bettie Davis Wood securities valued at slightly more than one million dollars. This will be added to the endowment funds of the institution and used for general purposes. This bequest will be known as the Judd B. Wood and Bettie Davis Wood Memorial, named for the late Doctor Wood, who was a dentist of Richmond, and his wife, who together provided the bequest.

Dr. Edward R. Weidlein, Director, Mellon Institute, Pittsburgh, has announced the establishment of an Industrial Fellowship in that institution by the American Air Filter Company, Inc., of Louisville, Ky. This Fellowship will investigate broadly materials of value in the construction of filters for air-conditioning systems. It will be the aim to gain through this research new knowledge to effect all possible improvements in the devices manufactured by the donor, and in this work the Fellowship will have the direct coöperation of specialists on the staff of the Multiple Industrial Fellowship on air hygiene in operation in the Institute.

Dr. Frank F. Rupert, who has been appointed to the incumbency of the Fellowship, has been a member of Mellon Institute since 1913. He received his professional education at the University of Kansas (A.B., 1906; A.M., 1908) and at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (Ph.D., 1912). He served as instructor in Chemistry at the University of Kansas previous to 1912 and during the period 1912-1913 was junior physical chemist in the U. S. Bureau of Mines. Since 1935 Dr. Rupert has been associated with the Fellowship on air hygiene in Mellon Institute.

A series of lectures on the practical and business aspects of drug store operation for students in local pharmacy schools is being

planned by the West Park Retail Drug Association, which embraces nearly five hundred Philadelphia druggists, according to Irwin H. Kauffman, president. In the talks pharmacy students will be told the purposes of various retail drug organizations and an effort will be made to interest them in becoming members of local, state and national druggists' associations. Mr. Kauffman stated that medical schools already have in operation programs similar to those planned by Pharmacy groups.

The first award of "The Kilmer Prize" for meritorious work in Pharmacognosy will be made at the annual meeting of the A. Ph. A. in Atlanta, Ga., next summer. The Committee, of which Dr. H. W. Youngken is Chairman, will select the winner in time for him to attend the convention.

John T. Witty, Portland, Ore., president of the N. A. R. D., was tendered a testimonial dinner on November 9th, by fellow druggists, about 125 being present.

At the last meeting of the Executive Committee of the Proprietary Association it was decided to hold the next annual convention at the Biltmore Hotel, New York City, May 15-17, 1939.

OBITUARY.

ROBERT H. BOHMANSOON.

Robert H. Bohmansoon, member of the A. Ph. A., died October 26th, at his home in Eureka, Calif., aged 73 years. He was one of the prominent citizens and business men of the community, having owned the Bohmansoon Drug Co. for thirty-eight years. In his quiet and charitable way he was a force in the community and numbered his friends by the hundreds.

Mr. Bohmansoon was a member of the Eureka Lodge of Elks, Arcata Lodge, F. and A. M., Scottish Rite, Knights Templar, Shrine and Sciots.

Born in Christianstad, Sweden, 1865, Mr. Bohmansoon came to the United States when twenty-one years old, having graduated from Upsala University in Stockholm, Sweden. For a time he was a pharmacist in Wakefield, Nebraska, and in 1891 opened a drug store at Folsom and First Sts., San Francisco. In 1900 he opened a store in Eureka at Third and F Sts.