

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE LOCAL BRANCHES

"All papers presented to the Association and Branches shall become the property of the Association with the understanding that they are not to be published in any other publication prior to their publication in those of the Association, except with the consent of the Council."  
—Part of Chapter VI, Article VI of the By-Laws.

ARTICLE III of Chapter VII reads: "The objects and aims of local branches of this Association shall be the same as set forth in ARTICLE I of the Constitution of this body, *and the acts of local branches shall in no way commit or bind this Association, and can only serve as recommendations to it.* And no local branch shall enact any article of Constitution or By-Law to conflict with the Constitution or By-Laws of this Association."

ARTICLE IV of Chapter VII reads: "Each local branch having not less than 50 dues-paid members of the Association, holding not less than six meetings annually with an attendance of not less than 9 members at each meeting, and the proceedings of which shall have been submitted to the JOURNAL for publication, may elect one representative to the House of Delegates."

Reports of the meeting of the Local Branches shall be mailed to the Editor on the day following the meeting, if possible. Minutes should be typewritten with wide spaces between the lines. Care should be taken to give proper names correctly and manuscript should be signed by the reporter. *Please advise us of changes in Roster and mail reports promptly.*

### BALTIMORE.

The March meeting of the Baltimore Branch, A. PH. A., was held at the University of Maryland, School of Pharmacy, Thursday, the 24th, at 8:15 P.M. This was a very important meeting, the program being somewhat unusual, as a prominent Baltimore Urologist, Dr. Lloyd G. Lewis, of the Johns Hopkins Medical School, was guest speaker. He discussed phases of the venereal disease problem, which is of interest to every pharmacist, as the U. S. Public Health Service has called on the A. PH. A. membership for aid in carrying out its program. Retail pharmacists are frequently called on for advice regarding treatment in this and other infectious diseases. A better understanding of these diseases, and the unfortunate sequelæ which follow improper methods of treatment, is of great value to pharmacists who wish to aid in promoting the general objectives sought in the national public health campaign.

At the conclusion of the regular meeting refreshments were served.

ROBERT S. FUQUA, *Secretary.*

NOTE: The above report was overlooked and is published at this time in order that the Branch may receive due credit.

### MICHIGAN.

The April meeting of the Michigan Branch of the A. PH. A. was held Tuesday, the 26th, in the Wayne County Medical Society Building, following the usual steak dinner. The Student Night Program attracted an exceptionally large number of students from the various colleges of pharmacy. More than 125 students in pharmacy were present when the meeting was called to order by Vice-President Robert L. Church, in the absence of President Earl Soop, due to illness. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Robert Church, College of Pharmacy, University of Michigan, presented a most constructive paper entitled, "The Reference Library of the Pharmacist." He pointed out the value and necessity of a reference library to both pharmacist and physician. An easy and simple means for obtaining an up-to-date reference library was outlined.

The second speaker, Miss Marjorie Manring, College of Pharmacy of Wayne University, presented a very interesting paper on "Paracelsus." The life of Paracelsus reads like a fairy tale. His philosophy and ideas were absolutely contrary to those of the scientist of to-day.

Carl Fisher, Institute of Technology, College of Pharmacy, read a paper on "Anesthetics." A vast amount of preparation and research were necessary in getting together the facts portraying the rapid strides and many improvements in the administration of anesthetics, which were supplemented by L. W. Rowe.

Robert Olson, College of Pharmacy, Ferris Institute, presented a most timely and much discussed subject, "Why I Desire to Become a Professional Pharmacist." In his paper Mr. Olson

brought out the many advantages that await the student who desires to become a professional pharmacist.

A general discussion followed, led by H. A. K. Whitney, Chief Pharmacist, University Hospital, Ann Arbor, and member of the Michigan Board of Pharmacy. Mr. Whitney complimented the students highly, as did also L. W. Rowe, H. B. Lewis and R. L. McCabe. J. H. Webster illustrated with a story the vast amount of knowledge that is sometimes required of a pharmacist to make a small sale. His illustration proved the necessity of a reference library, to the pharmacist.

It was moved by R. L. McCabe that the name of the Branch be officially changed to the Michigan Branch as being a more suitable title since the Branch represents the entire state of Michigan. The motion was seconded and carried. Mr. McCabe moved, also, that the Michigan Branch go on record to bring the A. Ph. A. Convention to Detroit in 1939, which motion was seconded and carried.

Dean H. B. Lewis outlined the program for a joint meeting of the Branch with the Pharmaceutical Conference to be held in Ann Arbor, May 18th.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

BERNARD A. BIALK, *Secretary*.

#### PHILADELPHIA.

The April meeting of the Philadelphia Branch, A. Ph. A., was held in the Museum of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science, Tuesday, April 12, 1938. The meeting was called to order by Dean Kendig, who turned the gavel of office over to the new president, Dr. Viehoever.

President Viehoever welcomed the many members who had turned out for this meeting and asked for their continued support. He expressed the hope that the Branch activities might be so conducted as to interest the younger men in pharmacy as well as the students of Pharmacy, in the Philadelphia area. It was pointed out that our membership does not include a very high percentage of eligible persons in this area, and President Viehoever indicated that plans were being made to bring as many as possible of these individuals into affiliation with the ASSOCIATION.

A list of twenty proposed Committees to carry on the work of the Branch was distributed to the members, together with the names of the personnel of these committees.

The program for the evening represented a progress report of the workers in the Gross Laboratory for Biological and Biochemical Research of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science. Dr. Viehoever introduced Dr. N. Tischler, who spoke on "Methods for Testing Insecticides on Moths, Flies and Carpet Beetles." Dr. Isidore Cohen discussed "The Use of *Daphnia Magna* as a Test Animal in the Detection of Vitamin E," pointing out that at present the qualitative aspects are well established and that work is being done to perfect the quantitative methods. Mr. A. Taransky and Mr. N. Sokoloff discussed "The Use of *Daphnia* in Mass Experiments for Testing Digitalis and Its Preparations." Mr. G. Quimba discussed "The Use of *Daphnia* in Testing Snake and Bacterial Poisons," and explained the technique of micro-injection of solutions directly into the body of the animal. Mr. C. Matthews showed a film by Dr. Ivy showing a method for testing Chologogues. He later demonstrated the Stethographone, an apparatus for amplifying the sound of the heart beat.

Dr. Kendig, chairman of the Committee on Biography, read a short sketch on the life of Dr. H. C. Christensen, who has been nominated to receive the Remington Medal for 1938.

Dr. E. F. Cook, chairman of the U. S. P. Revision Committee, announced that the U. S. P. has been translated into Spanish and has been adopted in certain of the Central and South American Republics, and will serve as a standard for revision of the Pharmacopoeia in certain countries having their own standard book.

W. W. McNear reported that plans are under way to organize the pharmacists of Philadelphia hospitals into a group. He expressed the hope that when the new organization is formed, provision will be made for its affiliation with the Branch.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45.

ARTHUR K. LEBERKNIGHT, *Secretary*.

#### MAY.

The May meeting of the Philadelphia Branch, A. Ph. A., was held on Wednesday, May 18th, in the Auditorium of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science. The meeting was

called to order by President Viehoever at 8:30 p.m., and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mr. W. W. McNeary gave a brief report on a meeting which was held on May 6th to organize a group of hospital pharmacists in Philadelphia. He stated that at this meeting it was decided to form an organization to be affiliated with the A. P. H. A. and the Local Branch. Mr. Frazer of the Presbyterian Hospital is serving as temporary chairman of the group and Mrs. Ida Champaine of the Northern Liberties Hospital is temporary secretary. President Viehoever called upon Mrs. Champaine, who outlined the proceedings of the initial meeting of the hospital group and expressed the hope that an organization might be worked out which will be mutually beneficial to the hospital pharmacists and the Branch. The secretary read a letter from Secretary Kelly of the A. P. H. A., in which he expressed deep interest in the formation of the hospital pharmacists' organization and offered to give all the assistance he possibly could, in this venture.

President Viehoever introduced Mr. James Horton, Chief Examiner for the Federal Trade Commission, who discussed the Wheeler-Lea Law which controls the advertising in every form, except the label, including broadcasting, used in the promotion of sales of foods, drugs, cosmetics and devices. Mr. Horton emphasized that the act was not to be construed as dictatorial in nature; that its purpose was to insist on truthful advertising, and that legitimate firms or individuals marketing safe and effective products, in good faith, would not find it difficult to operate within the law.

Dr. E. Fullerton Cook, Chairman of the U. S. P. Revision Committee, then discussed some of the important provisions of the proposed new Food, Drug and Cosmetics Law now before Congress. Among the most recent amendments to the Bill is one providing that manufacturers, before placing a new drug on the market, must obtain a release from the Food and Drug Administration. Dr. Cook announced that a new Supplement to the U. S. P. was about to be released.

General discussion followed both speakers. Mr. Horton and Dr. Cook were accorded a rising vote of thanks for their excellent addresses.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30.

ARTHUR K. LEBERKNIGHT, *Secretary*.

#### ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY STUDENT BRANCH.

##### DECEMBER.

On Dec. 17, 1937, the Branch assembled for its meeting, Miss Agnes Sullivan presiding. The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted. The chairlady introduced Mr. M. Dubinbaum of the Committee on Progress of Pharmacy, who presented an interesting paper on "The History and Uses of Chlorine and Its Products."

The next speaker of the evening was Dr. Julius Chasnoff, educator and practicing physician, whose topic was "The Importance of Biological Science to Medicine and Pharmacy."

Dr. Chasnoff discussed Elixir of Sulfanilamide, Vitamins, Research Work on Laboratory Animals, Endocrine Products, etc. His discussions were highly interesting and educative.

CATHERINE BOSIO, *Secretary*.

##### JANUARY.

The election of officers for the year took place on January 5, 1938, with the selection of: Dorothy E. Cimarosa, *President*; Harry Leifer, *Vice-President*; Sheldon Linet, *Treasurer*; Catherine Bosio, *Secretary*.

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##### FEBRUARY.

At the February meeting, held on the afternoon of the 16th, the Branch was addressed by Dr. Robert G. Page of the Burroughs-Wellcome Co. on the Subject of "Vitamins." His talk was supplemented by a series of lantern slides which depicted the structural formulas of those vitamins which have been synthesized and which also showed the changes in body tissue resulting from insufficiency of vitamins in the diet. "Since the specific usefulness of vitamins is not yet definitely known," he said, "vitamins are often administered in such combinations as ABDG instead of singly."

CATHERINE BOSIO, *Secretary*.

##### MARCH.

On March 30th, Dr. Ralph Clark, Ph.D., of Merck & Co., spoke before the Branch on

"The Arsphenamines," their use, the importance of making solutions of them rapidly to prevent oxidation, and demonstrated the technique of preparing such solutions.

CATHERINE BOSIO, *Secretary*.

APRIL.

A special meeting was called on Thursday, April 28th. There was a large attendance, and due to the nature of the meeting the official formalities were dispensed with. An introduction to the topic of the meeting "The Story of Quinine," which included mention of the human history of the drug, its uses and derivatives, was given by Professor Corcoran. A motion picture entitled "Malaria" was next presented through the courtesy of the Winthrop Chemical Company, which showed the ravages of the disease, its causes, effects, cure and preventatives by actual pictures taken in Georgia and the laboratory. A general discussion followed in which many questions were asked by the different students of Professors Corcoran and Monte-Bovi. A student display on Quinine, its various forms, commercial preparations and typical prescriptions with an accompanying pictorial chart displaying the historical story of the drug and its malarial associations was next revealed for inspection by all present. Credit for the display goes to these Sophomores: M. Warner, Carmine Martino, Frank Torchia, Anthony D'Agostino and J. B. Friedberg.

CATHERINE BOSIO, *Secretary*.

MAY.

The closing meeting of the year was held at the school on May 12, 1938, Mr. Harry Leifer acting as chairman. After the preliminary procedure, Mr. Aaron Friedenthal, of the Committee on Progress of Pharmacy, reviewed the latest research in "Buffer Solutions" with especial reference to their use in Ophthalmology.

The Rev. Father Walsh, president of St. John's University, next addressed the meeting. He commended the group for its interest in the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION, holding that the highest type of professional worker will always align himself with some organization that promotes the advancement of his profession. "This type of activity," he said, "is without end for always new discoveries and new learning are to be added to man's knowledge."

This view was shared by Dr. Ernest Little, dean of Rutgers University, College of Pharmacy, and chairman of the Committee on Student Branches of the A. PH. A., who was introduced by Dean John Dandreaux. For example, he pointed out that a student of Organic Chemistry studies the first five or six members of the aliphatic series of hydrocarbons, whereas the members of this series can conceivably number several hundred thousand or even millions. "To widen the scope of our knowledge is one aim of the A. PH. A.," he stated; "to represent the pharmaceutical profession in national legislative matters is another, and it is lamentable that so small a percentage of the pharmacists of the nation has joined the body." Turning to conditions in retail pharmacy, Dr. Little declared that in his experience poor business was usually the result of poor business practices and related some incidents to prove this. He then congratulated the Branch on rounding out its college program by including in it extra-curricular activities.

A rising vote of thanks for our distinguished guest speakers concluded the meeting.

CATHERINE BOSIO, *Secretary*.

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The *New Jersey Journal of Pharmacy*, for June 1938, published the following educational editorial advertisement, written by Mr. Robert S. Sherwin, president of Petty's Pharmacy, Newark, N. J.:

"During 1933 twenty thousand people died as the result of appendicitis, a mortality which is astonishing when one knows that most of these persons need not have died. Prompt medical attention is the safe and simple rule which would have saved thousands of men, women and children to long life, success and happiness.

"The really dangerous thing about appendicitis is the tendency of the average person to treat himself when a pain appears. Never take a cathartic or any medicine except on a physician's advice. When an abdominal pain appears, see your doctor immediately. If the pain arises out of simple indigestion, he will say so; if it is more serious he also knows what steps to take. Follow his advice even in the matter of the selection of a druggist to fill his prescription."