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To the Members of the Council:

71. *Committee on Requirements for Ebert and Kilmer Prizes.* (See Council Letter No. 2, page 70.) Chairman M. R. Thompson forwarded the following report which has been approved by a majority of the members of the Committee, and it was thought advisable to make it available to the members of the Council for study in advance of its consideration at the meeting on August 21st:

I. EBERT PRIZE.

(a) *Statement of Policy.*—The Ebert Prize shall be awarded for the paper, or series of papers on the same general subject, embracing the most outstanding achievement in pharmaceutical research of any one or more years, which papers have been presented to the Program of the annual meeting of the ASSOCIATION in any one of the sections of the Program. Until a greater one is established, the Ebert Prize is to be regarded as the highest award for research achievement that it is possible for the ASSOCIATION to bestow. The award shall be made at the usual time of any year in which a sufficiently meritorious paper has been presented. If a sufficiently outstanding paper has not been presented, the award shall not be made for that particular year.

(b) *Ebert Prize Committee.*—The Committee shall consist of five members, one of whom shall serve as Chairman, and each of whom shall have equal voting power. The members of the Committee shall be selected in such a manner as to insure adequate representation in each of the branches of science peculiar to pharmacy, so that all papers in these different branches can be competently judged. If it is possible to avoid it, an individual who is eligible for competition in the award should not be asked to serve on the Committee. Also, whenever it is possible, the membership of the Committee should be chosen from past Ebert Prize winners.

(c) *General Rules to Be Followed by the Committee in Making the Award.*—All eligible papers, published or unpublished, must be reviewed by each member of the Committee. The winning paper shall be decided by the vote of the Committee. The paper receiving the majority vote shall be declared the winner and the author the recipient of the award. When a winning paper has more than one author, the award should be made to the single author who has been determined by the Committee to be responsible for the greatest or most important part in the initiation, direction and execution of the problem and in the writing of the paper.

Doctors and Masters' dissertations, or papers taken therefrom, shall be eligible for the award. If such is a winning paper, the award shall be made to the individual who was most responsible for the initiation, direction and execution of the problem embraced by the paper, whether his name appears as author or not. This is not to be construed as barring the student or recipient of the Doctor or Master's degree from eligibility in the competition. The status of the candidate or recipient of the degree shall be exactly the same, regarding eligibility, as that of possible co-authors.

Papers of past recipients of the Ebert Prize shall be given equal consideration with others in determining the winner.

When a greatly outstanding, important discovery or research achievement is reported in a paper, the Committee should exercise discretionary judgment in determining whether the award should or should not be withheld until the accuracy of the conclusions has been confirmed or substantiated by others.

Papers presented to the Scientific Section and to the sections on Historical Pharmacy and Practical Pharmacy and Dispensing containing an original investigation of a medicinal substance, chemical or pharmaceutical product or containing other original meritorious contributions in the history or sciences of Pharmacy shall be eligible for the award.

(d) *The Physical Character of the Ebert Prize.*—It is recommended that the medal, at present

constituting the Ebert Prize, be changed, the nature of the change to be determined by a special committee.

II. KILMER PRIZE.

(a) *Statement of Policy.*—Dr. Frederick B. Kilmer left a bequest under Clause 6 of his will which reads as follows: "6. I give and bequeath unto the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION, organized under the District of Columbia, the sum of Three Thousand Dollars, to be held in trust, the income to be applied to the awarding of a prize for meritorious work in Pharmacognosy, such prize to be known as 'The Kilmer Prize,' or an equivalent designation. In awarding the prize preference is to be given to studies in vegetable drugs. The recipient of the prize shall be a graduate in Pharmacy. Teachers in colleges of pharmacy and workers in pharmaceutical laboratories are to be excluded from competing for the prize. Prize to be awarded under such conditions as the ASSOCIATION may elect. Funds arising from the income which may not be used are to be added to the amount of the prize or added to the principal, as the ASSOCIATION may elect."

In accordance with the provisions of this bequest, it shall be the policy of the ASSOCIATION to use the Kilmer Prize for the purpose of encouraging recent graduates in pharmacy to assume an active interest in research in Pharmacognosy.

(b) *Kilmer Prize Committee.*—A Committee, known as the Kilmer Prize Committee, consisting of three outstanding pharmacognosists from the membership of the ASSOCIATION shall be charged with the responsibility of naming the annual winner of this award. The Chairman of the Kilmer Prize Committee shall be further charged with the responsibility of properly announcing either through the JOURNAL or by circular to each school, early in September, that such a prize is being offered and briefly stating the rules on eligibility and other pertinent information.

(c) *General Rules to Be Followed by the Committee in Making the Award.*—The author of a paper on some phase of pharmacognosy, who is a member of the last graduating class, prior to the annual meeting of the ASSOCIATION, of any college or school of pharmacy, is eligible for the award. Candidates for advanced degrees are not eligible for this award.

Papers eligible for the award may be based upon either laboratory or library research. They must be written during the last year of the candidate's course in Pharmacy. The head of the Pharmacognosy Department in each school shall select the one to three best papers submitted by the graduating class of his particular school. Each school or college shall be privileged to send these papers to the Kilmer Prize Committee at the end of the school year, not later than June 1st. The Kilmer Prize Committee shall select the winner from these groups of papers submitted by the various schools of pharmacy prior to the next annual meeting of the ASSOCIATION. The winner should be notified approximately one month prior to the date of the meeting, to enable him to make plans incident to his attendance. The award shall be made during the annual meeting of the ASSOCIATION.

It shall be left to the discretion of the Kilmer Prize Committee as to whether the prize should be awarded for a given year. If the Committee finds no paper sufficiently meritorious, no award should be made for that year.

(d) *The Physical Character of the Kilmer Prize.*—It is recommended that the prize be made to consist of a suitable gold key, and that the difference between the cost of the key and the annual income from the bequest be awarded to the winner in cash to assist him in attending the annual meeting of the ASSOCIATION to receive the award.

72. *Meeting of the Council.*—Attached is the order of business of the meeting to be held on August 21st, beginning at 9:30 A.M.

73. *Applicants for Membership.*—The following applications, properly endorsed, accompanied with the first year's dues, and recommended by two members of the ASSOCIATION, have been received:

No. 532, Francis E. Judge, 900 Marquette, Minneapolis, Minn.; No. 533, Mark W. Judge, 800 Marquette, Minneapolis, Minn.; No. 534, Joseph Francis Greene, 1123 Pear St., Vineland, N. J.; No. 535, Harmon Carlyle McAllister, 504 $\frac{1}{2}$ North St., Chapel Hill, N. Car.; No. 536, Mrs. Bess G. Emch, 1401 South St., Toledo, Ohio; No. 537, Joseph J. Laskarzewski, 74 S. Colony St., Meriden, Conn.; No. 538, Albert Philip Bailin, 66 Pagnuelo Ave., Montreal, Quebec, Canada; No. 539, Allyn Sumner Norton, 110 Maryland Ave., N.E., Washington, D. C.

(*Motion No. 32*) Vote on applications for membership in the ASSOCIATION. This motion will be called for at the Council meeting in Minneapolis. E. F. KELLY, *Secretary.*