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## N. A. B. P. DISTRICT MEETINGS.

January has been marked with more than the usual activity in planning district meetings.

Chairman L. N. Richardson of District 2 is planning a meeting in Washington early in spring, and as this district has already developed an enviable reputation for meetings under his leadership, it is an event to be looked forward to.

Chairman F. L. Vilas, the new incumbent in District 4, has been very busy procuring pledges of attendance and has secured the required number to call a meeting in Minneapolis on February 12th, at the time of the Minnesota Pharmaceutical Association convention. 100% support has been promised by the colleges of the district. This is splendid work.

Acting Chairman Roy Bird Cook for District 5 is busy planning a meeting for that district. Chairman Scott is wintering in Florida, but has promised to be back in time for the meeting, which will be planned for the same week as the District 2 meeting, at a place to be decided later. This will enable Secretary Christensen to attend both meetings on one trip.

Chairman Allison of District 6 has called a meeting at the Plaza Hotel, San Antonio, Texas, on Friday, January 24, 1930. All delegates are urged to arrive on January 23rd in time to attend the annual banquet of the San Antonio Retail Druggists' Association, which is always a brilliant event.

## IOWA SUPREME COURT UPHOLDS ASPIRIN DECISION.

The Supreme Court of Iowa in a decision handed down December 13, 1929, held that it is unlawful in Iowa for anyone other than a registered pharmacist, or one under the supervision of a registered pharmacist, to sell aspirin. This upholds the opinion given by the attorney general of the state some time ago.

The attorney general in a number of other states has given a similar opinion, but this is the first instance in which the Supreme Court of the state has confirmed the opinion, and is therefore an important victory.

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### STATE BOARD NEWS.

**Alabama.**—The Alabama Pharmaceutical Association will hold its 1930 convention en route to Havana, Cuba. All delegates will leave over Southern Railroad from Birmingham, sailing from Tampa, Florida, and returning by way of Key West and Miami. The trip will consume eight days.

**Idaho.**—An examination was held in the offices of the Department of Law Enforcement, Boise, Idaho, on January 21st. This was the last examination at which candidates who are not graduates of a recognized school of pharmacy were admitted. Although the college prerequisite law went into effect in 1925, there was a five-year exemption for apprentices registered at the time the law was passed and this exemption expires May 1, 1930. As no other examination will be held before that time, this examination is the last opportunity for non-graduates to register.

**Illinois.**—Governor Emmerson recently announced the appointment of Paul B. Johnson, of Marion, Illinois, to succeed V. C. Michels as Superintendent of Registration in the Illinois Department of Registration and Education, this being the consolidation department under which the Board of Pharmacy operates.

Announcement has also been made of the appointment of Mrs. Alice E. Pelikan, of Chicago as a member of the Board of Pharmacy examiners to succeed L. P. Larsen of Chicago, resigned. Mrs. Pelikan holds the honor of being the first woman appointed as a member of the Illinois Board of Pharmacy. She is a graduate of the University of Illinois School of Pharmacy and is in active business with her husband, who is also a graduate registered pharmacist.

**Kentucky.**—Governor Sampson recently appointed Gelon R. McGinnis, of Louisville, a member of the Kentucky Board to succeed William Votteler, Louisville, whose term recently expired.

An examination meeting was held in Covington on January 14th but the results were not available at time of going to press.

**Maine.**—An examination was held on December 11th and three out of nine candidates taking the Board examination were registered as pharmacists. The annual meeting of the Board was held at the same time and the present officers were reelected for the ensuing year: *President*, Roy M. Hescok; *Secretary*, George O. Tuttle.

**New Jersey.**—Marked improvement in the conditions under which drugs, medicines and poisons are sold in the state is indicated by the Board of Pharmacy annual report submitted to the governor recently. A total of 2724 inspections of pharmacies and other types of stores selling drugs and medicines was made during the fiscal year June 1, 1928 to May 31, 1929, and 101 violations were detected. This amounts to less than 4% of violations for the entire state. The improvement in conditions is due to educational propaganda which has been carried on for the purpose of informing general merchants and others who are not licensed to sell drugs and medicines, of the provisions of the pharmacy law, thus cutting down the number of violations due to ignorance of the law.

The total number of registered pharmacists in good standing on the books of the Board is 4043, and the number of assistant pharmacists totals 314.

Registration as pharmacists was granted to 49 applicants who passed the examinations of the Board, and 45 applicants were registered by reciprocity from other states. Thirty assistant pharmacists were registered by examination during the year.

Owing to the misuse of certificates of registration by some persons who are not entitled to such certificates, the Board has made it a rule to attach the photograph of the pharmacist to each certificate of registration issued. The public is thus enabled to determine whether the person in charge of a pharmacy is the pharmacist whose certificate of registration is displayed in the store. The public has also been cautioned to look for the name of the registered pharmacist

in or upon the window of the store, as it is a requirement of the law that the name be thus displayed so that it can be seen from the outside.

Due to the improved conditions because of strict enforcement of the pharmacy law, the penalties collected by the Board decreased from \$12,467.50 of the previous year to \$9685.00. In view of this drop in the receipts, it has been necessary for the Board to curtail some of its activities, as it does not receive an appropriation from the state for its enforcement work. It is expected, however, that the increased examination fees and registration fees, which have become effective since the last session of the legislature, will provide the necessary funds for carrying on the work efficiently.

The Board concluded its report with the following recommendations: (1) That the pharmacy law be revised, amended or supplemented to provide: (a) for the annual registration of drug stores; (b) for the Board to be given authority to demand samples of drugs and medicines from manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers for analysis; (2) That adequate provisions be made for office facilities, storage of records and laboratory facilities for the Board in the new state office building or in the state house.

**New Mexico.**—The semi-annual meeting of the New Mexico Board held in October was the largest in its history in number of candidates participating. Sixty-two candidates from eight different states took the examination and out of that number twenty-eight passed.

The spring meeting will be held May 19th and 20th in Carlsbad, New Mexico. The state pharmaceutical association meets at the same time and place.

**Ohio.**—The Ohio Board of Pharmacy passed upon grades made by 75 applicants at an examination held in Columbus on October 15th and 16th and granted certificates to 41 of the candidates.

Reciprocal certificates were granted to Andrew Zocovic from Pennsylvania; Max Weinstein from Massachusetts; Donald A. McMillen from Pennsylvania.

The highest grade made in the examination was 92.5 per cent by Stanley E. Dorsey, of Cincinnati.

Another examination has been held since in Columbus, January 14 and 15, 1930, and the results will be announced shortly.

The Board issued a warning to manufacturers and retailers to comply with the law in regard to the labeling of poisonous preparations. The widespread use of laxative tablets and pills containing poisonous ingredients was termed a menace to public safety and especially to the health of children. A number of accidental deaths have occurred because of the promiscuous sale of these preparations, and the public not recognizing their dangerous character when not properly labeled and stored in the home.

The Ohio law provides that any preparation of the bulk of one half fluidounce or the weight of one-half avoirdupois ounce which contains more than an adult medicinal dose of any poisonous substance must be contained in a package with a poison label.

**Pennsylvania.**—C. C. Campbell and L. L. Walton, both well-known members of the Pennsylvania Board were recently re-appointed by the governor for another term. Percy M. Davis, of Scranton was appointed to replace Henry W. Merritt, of Plains, whose term expired.

As a result of the October examination, eight out of a class of 146 have been registered as pharmacists, and 78 out of a class of 141 assistant candidates have been granted licenses.

**Texas.**—The new pharmacy law in Texas provides that the Board of Pharmacy shall revoke the license of any pharmacist who is convicted of violating the Harrison Act or the Prohibition law. Such revocation to be made after a hearing on which 10 days' notice shall be given.

A hearing will be held by the Board of Pharmacy in San Antonio on January 20th for a number of pharmacists who have been convicted of violating the Harrison Act.

An examination will be begun on January 21st for a three-day period, after which a meeting of the pharmacy boards of District 6 will be held. C. B. Allison, of Dallas, chairman of the district, will preside.

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**The greatest measure of success is possible when all divisions of pharmacy and the drug-trade activities cooperate.**