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THE PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RETAIL DRUGGISTS.

Thomas Roach, president of the National Association of Retail Druggists, will celebrate the 50th anniversary of his birth, October 29th. He is a native of the Big Bend State and came to Oklahoma City soon after reaching his majority. His early education was received in his native state and, later, he was employed in the drug store of R. F. Cannon, of Atwood. Coming to Oklahoma City, in 1901, he registered as pharmacist and served as drug and prescription clerk until 1906, when he formed a partnership with S. F. Veasey; this firm continued until 1917, when the latter acquired, by purchase, the interest of his partner. Mr. Roach then bought a store on West Main St., Oklahoma City, and this he sold to Steinberg Drug Company in 1929.

The latter sale gave Mr. Roach the opportunity he had been waiting for, namely, to engage in professional pharmacy, exclusively, after having been successful in the ownership and conduct of a "modern drug store;" of this class of business establishments he said: "Certainly no class of business or profession can lay claim to a greater usefulness than the modern drug store."—See JOUR. A. PH. A., October 1929, page 1014; March 1930, page 296 and June, page 580. His preference, however, is to serve as pharmacist and he is pleased with the success of his undertaking.

President Roach evidences his belief in the importance of organizations by participating in their work, and believes in coöperation of associations as well as of individuals. He is a former president of Oklahoma Pharmaceutical Association and is now serving in the highest office of the National Association of Retail Druggists and will preside over and direct its deliberations at its Atlantic City meeting.

He is *vice-chairman* of the House of Delegates, and member of a number of important committees of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION, among them that on A. PH. A. Recipe Book and on Pharmacy Corps in the Medical Department of the U. S. Army.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Roach is graced by two daughters and a son.