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### PRESIDENT HOOVER'S PHARMACY WEEK MESSAGE.

President Hoover has issued the following communication from the White House in connection with the international observance of Pharmacy Week, October 11th-17th:

"The observance of National Pharmacy Week, October 11th to 17th, is an appropriate time to recognize the service which pharmacy renders to the public health. Research in scientific laboratories constantly adds to the armamentarium of our health forces. The drug stores of the land are the channels through which these new resources for treatment of the sick and the prevention of disease are brought promptly within reach of the people. Pharmacists are the indispensable allies of the physicians. The importance of high standards of product and professional practice in pharmacy may well be more generally recognized, and Pharmacy Week is a commendable educational effort to that end."—HERBERT HOOVER.

### RED CROSS, CHRISTMAS SEALS AND CANCER CONTROL.

Pharmacists are always interested in promotions for health conservation. Mention is made at this time, because of the approaching season during which special efforts are made to secure the means for aiding the afflicted by giving support to important undertakings for relief by the Red Cross, control of tuberculosis by the sale of Christmas Seals, and of Christmas shopping booklets and labels.—The latter has the full endorsement of the National Tuberculosis Association and may be had

by addressing the American Society for the Control of Cancer, 34 E. 75th St., New York City.

### ROBERT URIE PATTERSON.

Surgeon General R. U. Patterson received his M.D. degree from McGill University, later he was an honor graduate from the Army



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Medical School and, in 1901, was appointed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. A., from Maryland. In the same year he was ordered to the Philippines, where he took part in the stirring

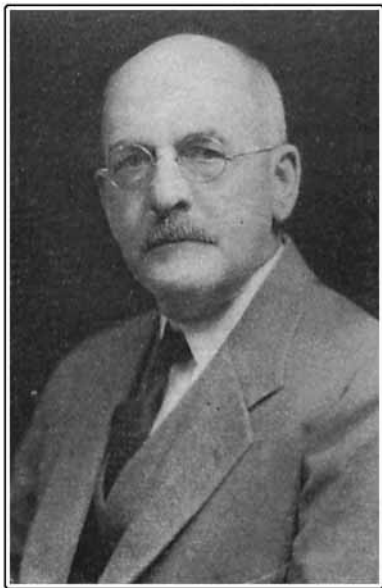
days, not always in the capacity of a medical officer—two silver citations speak, in part, for his gallantry.

He has seen service in the appointments which come to medical officers in due course and in performance of duties well done. Numerous campaign and service badges and recognition by other countries testify to his ability and distinguished services; it is almost needless to say that he was assigned to important duties and stations during the World War. Since then he has served as instructor in the Army War College, Medical Director, U. S. Veterans' Bureau, Commanding Officer of the Army and Navy General Hospital, Hot Springs, etc., and, lately, Department Surgeon in Hawaii, from which post he was called to Washington to be made Surgeon General.

He is one of five brothers who held commissions in the U. S. Army.

#### DR. JOHN ROY MINEHART.

Dr. John R. Minehart will celebrate the 25th anniversary of his deanship of the School of Pharmacy, Temple University. After graduation in Pharmacy at Medico Chirurgical College, in 1900, he entered the Medical



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College, completing the course in 1903. In 1904 he served as surgeon on the flagship Medjidea of the Turkish navy during the

Russo-Japanese war, receiving a decoration from Abdul Hamid, for faithful services rendered.

Returning to this country, Dr. Minehart became a member of the pharmaceutical and also of the medical faculty of his Alma Mater. In 1907, he was elected dean of Temple University School of Pharmacy. He exhibits his interest in medicine and pharmacy by his affiliation and active participation in the organizations of both professions; he became a member of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION in 1905. Mrs. Minehart is well and favorably known as a dramatic coach; the children are: John R. Jr., a medical student; Thomas Z. is studying law, and the daughter, Catherine, is in the college preparatory school.

#### INTERNATIONAL HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION.

The International Hospital Association was organized at the second International Hospital Congress, held in Vienna. Two classes of members are admitted, one including persons connected in various ways with hospitals and another including representatives of firms or organizations standing in business relationship to hospitals. Ten permanent committees were established to work out standards for the guidance of the hospital field throughout the world. Dr. Rene Sand, Paris, is president and E. H. Lewinski-Corwin, Ph.D., New York, is secretary general of the association.

#### U. S. MARINE HOSPITAL AT GALVESTON.

The United States Marine Hospital which was erected in Galveston at a cost of \$1,000,000 will be ready for occupancy in November.

Plans for its formal opening are being completed when the Federal hospital and the new State Psychopathic Hospital will be jointly dedicated.

The Marine Hospital will open with a 100-bed capacity but is capable of being expanded to 150.

#### THE RAT PROOFING OF VESSELS.

The third edition of "The Rat Proofing of Vessels" has been issued by the U. S. Treasury Department, Public Health Service. It has drawings illustrating the general instructions for rat proofing ships compiled and promulgated by the American Marine Standards Committee. The work was done by S. B.

Grubbs, *Medical Director* and B. E. Holsendorf, *Chief Pharmacist*, U. S. Public Health Service.

#### TESTS FOR GLASS CONTAINERS.

By a decree of the Reichsrat the tests for glass ampuls and other bottles in which medicines are dispensed, included in the sixth edition of the German Pharmacopœia, have been replaced by the following new tests which have become effective.

*Glass Ampuls for Solutions of Alkaloidal Salts.*—Five grams of the sieved powdered glass is introduced into a flask of Jena glass in which previously distilled water has been boiled. By means of repeated decantation with distilled water or with alcohol the last remnants of glass dust are removed from the powder. The powdered glass thus contained is then mixed with 100 cc. of distilled water, 0.44 cc. of *N*/100 hydrochloric acid, and 1 or 2 drops of solution of methyl red, and heated for 30 minutes on a boiling water-bath. At the end of this period the red color of the liquid should not have completely disappeared.

*Medicine Bottles.*—The medicine bottle to be tested is first thoroughly cleansed with distilled water and then filled with an aqueous solution of narcotine hydrochloride (1 + 199); in the case of bottles with a capacity not exceeding 100 cc. as far as the base of the neck, and in the case of larger bottles the bottle is approximately half filled with the above solution. The solution of narcotine hydrochloride is to be freshly prepared without the aid of heat and, if necessary, filtered after standing for twenty-four hours, using a flask of Jena glass in which distilled water has previously been boiled. At the end of one hour at the most a scarcely perceptible crystalline precipitate should be apparent in the bottle, which should not exhibit any cloudy or flocculent precipitate of free narcotine base.—Through *Chemist and Druggist*.

#### MARYLAND WORMSEED HARVEST.

Maryland's crop of *Chenopodium* is now being harvested, and is said to represent the source of 90 per cent of the world's wormseed oil. According to N. R. Mueller of the United States Department of Agriculture, the raising of wormseed for oil began in Carroll County about 1840.

#### PERSONAL AND NEWS ITEMS.

Dr. James A. Spalding, our honorary fellow member was honored, on September

25th, at a dinner in his honor, by the presentation of a painting of him to the Board of Directors of Maine General Hospital. Dr. Spalding has been ophthalmologist at the hospital named since 1841. Recently, he celebrated his 85th birthday. Those who attended the Portland, Me., meeting will remember him; he is a grandson of Dr. Lyman Spalding, father of the United States Pharmacopœia.

President Walter D. Adams, A. PH. A., was called home from the Detroit meeting of the N. A. R. D. by the death of the widow of his brother, the late F. M. Adams, a pioneer druggist of Texas. Sympathy is expressed.

Never before have pharmaceutical publications and organizations contributed so largely to Pharmacy Week, each should receive some mention. The same applies to wholesale and manufacturing establishments.

Dean Frederick J. Wulling of the University of Minnesota, College of Pharmacy, announced that in addition to other activities, one hour preceding College Convocation was devoted with the student body to the consideration of Pharmacy Week and its objects and purposes.

We have received the minutes of the 47th Annual Convention of the Minnesota State Pharmaceutical Association. A number of valuable papers are included; particular mention should be made relative to "Garth's Dispensary," by F. J. Wulling and Emerson G. Wulling.—"A violent quarrel between the apothecaries anent whether pharmacists had a right to prescribe and physicians had a right to dispense. Of the mass of controversy Dr. Garth's mock-epic poem alone remains in prominence. Dr. Garth intended to satirize the apothecaries, but he succeeded in satirizing his fellow physicians more effectively."

The October issue of the *National Drug Clerk* is devoted almost entirely to articles on the observance of Pharmacy Week, window display suggestions, etc.

The *Bulletin of Pharmacy*, Havana, contains an account of the visit of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION to Cuba; the addresses made at the interesting ceremonies. Among those participating in the program were: Dr. J. Capote Diaz, Dr. José P. Alacán, Dr. A. P. André, Chairman E. Fullerton Cook, President Walter D. Adams.

The *Pharmaceutical Journal* of New Zealand contains an editorial sketch of the late Robert J. Ruth.

*Revista Farmaceutica de Puerto Rico.*—The September journal of this valued publica-