

SOCIETIES AND COLLEGES.

REGIONAL MEETING OF MARYLAND PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

The regional meetings of Maryland Pharmaceutical Association continue to prove of interest and of value to the members and the State Association. Reference will be found to the success of these meetings in the minutes of the Conference of Pharmaceutical Association Secretaries. The recent meeting, on October 12th, was held at Cumberland and the program provided for open discussions and the following reports and papers:

"Brief Report of the N. A. R. D. Convention," Howell W. Allen.

"Brief Report of the A. P. A. Convention," Robert L. Swain.

"Golden Jubilee of the Maryland Pharmaceutical Association," President Wm. B. Spire, Mt. Rainier.

"Some Interesting Legislative Developments," L. V. Johnson, St. Michaels.

"How to Make a State Association Appeal to a Pharmacist," Harry R. Rudy, Hagerstown.

"Motor Delivery as a Business Builder," Earl Norris, Baltimore.

"Potpourri—Pharmaceutically," Webster K. Edwards, Cumberland.

"Popularizing U. S. P. and N. F. with Physicians," Lawrence S. Williams, Baltimore.

"Essentials for a Successful Prescription Practice," George A. Stall, Baltimore.

Thirty or more attended from Baltimore and there was a total attendance of twice that number.

NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION.

The October *Carolina Journal of Pharmacy* contains the minutes of the annual meeting of North Carolina Pharmaceutical Association. The officers of the Association, elected by mail ballot are: *President*, Polk C. Gray, Statesville; *First Vice-President*, A. Coke Cecil, High Point; *Second Vice-President*, J. M. Hall, Sr., Wilmington; *Third Vice-President*, H. M. Cooke, Sr., Salisbury; *Secretary-Treasurer*, J. G. Beard, Chapel Hill; *Member of the Executive Committee* for a 3-year term, C. C. Fordham, Sr., Greensboro. The newly chosen officers will be installed at the 1932 meeting in High Point and will serve for the year 1932-1933.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF PRESCRIPTION ECONOMICS.

The National Conference on Prescription Economics was organized at Detroit, Septem-

ber 28th. The purpose of the organization, it is stated, is to coordinate the work of various surveys now being conducted on prescription economics and is to serve as a clearing house for information on the subject and transmit the results of its work to the members of the organization.

The officers of the organization are: *Chairman*, Ambrose Hunsberger, Philadelphia; *Treasurer*, Thomas Roach, Oklahoma City; *Vice-Chairmen*, Swan Brookshire, Indianapolis; Denny Brann, Des Moines; Paul Lantrip, Jasper, Ala. Frank A. Delgado, Washington, was elected *Secretary*.

Chairman Hunsberger was authorized to appoint fifteen of its members to guide the work of the organization and it was ruled that membership would be open to all druggists interested in the study of prescription economics.

OFFICIAL AGRICULTURAL CHEMISTS.

The 47th annual meeting of the Association of Official Agricultural Chemists will meet in the Raleigh Hotel, Washington, D. C., November 2nd-4th. An interesting program has been prepared and many of the papers to be presented are of pharmaceutical interest. The *President* of the Association is H. D. Haskins, Amherst, Mass.; *Vice-President*, A. E. Paul, Chicago; and the *Secretary-Treasurer*, W. W. Skinner, Wash.

"The Proceedings of the National Conference on Pharmaceutical Research" for 1931 meeting in Miami, have just been published. The report contains the proceedings of the meeting in Miami together with a census of pharmaceutical research. Five hundred and three names are listed, covering all subjects relating to the divisions of pharmacy and evidences the large amount of research being done by pharmacists.

OMISSIONS.

On account of the many pages of the minutes in this issue it is necessary to omit matter from this number of the *JOURNAL*. There are a number of book reviews which we have been holding for some time which we hope to publish in an early issue.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RETAIL DRUGGISTS.

The National Association of Retail Druggists meeting in annual session at Detroit

during the week of September 28th, elected the following officers:

President, John W. Dargavel, Minneapolis; *First Vice-President*, William Rheineck, Milwaukee, Wis.; *Second-Vice President*, M. L. Powell, Denver, Col.; *Third Vice-President*, Harvey Henry, Los Angeles, Calif.; *Secretary*, Samuel C. Henry, Chicago, Ill.; *Treasurer*, Charles Ehlers, Cincinnati, Ohio; *Members of the Executive Committee*, Ambrose Hunsberger and Fred Wright. The meeting was well attended and reported as most successful;



JOHN W. DARGAVEL.

President Riemschneider discussed trade conditions and reviewed the activities of the Association. Interesting reports were made by the officers and committees and the Association affairs were shown to be in a healthy condition. Appropriate resolutions were adopted and the early work of the late Leonard Tillotson in cooperation with George P. Engelhard, leading to the formation of the N. A. R. D.

RESOLUTIONS.

Among the resolutions adopted are the following:

Tendering its friendly efforts for cooperation in amending the Prohibition Act as recommended by the Wickersham Committee to remove the restriction of the number of prescriptions a physician may write, for portable alcoholics in the treatment of patients. *Commending Dr. James M. Doran* for his fair and intelligent administration. *Commending Harry J. Anslinger* for his effective administration. *Calling on retail druggists* to concentrate efforts on a campaign of education of all Senators relative to the new Capper-Kelly Bill as it affects the public and business. *Commending Congressman Clyde Kelly* for his fearless and tireless championship of the Capper-Kelly Bill. *Exerting efforts with the Federal Trade Commis-*

sion to bring about discontinuance of the practice of advertising and offering companionship sales. *Recommending amendment to Article 85 of Regulation 5*, relating to narcotic prohibition by inserting in the 9th line the following words, "And knowing such prescription or order to be forged or not coming within the exceptions named." *Recommending efforts with state associations* in behalf of legislation restricting barbituric acid preparations to retail pharmacists. *Expressing opposition to a sales tax* in any form to further import buying by the consumer. *Recommending the Federal government* to make drastic cuts in expenditures. *Recommending state pharmaceutical associations* to enact legislation patterned after the Federal Trade Commission law prohibiting unfair competition. *Approving amendment to the Sherman Act*, prohibiting only unreasonable restriction of interstate commerce. *Recommending that manufacturers return to pre-war price level* on the basis of \$2.00, \$4.00 and \$8.00. *Recommending pharmacists who furnish prescription blanks* to physicians to insert "Unless otherwise specified U. S. P., N. F. and N. N. R. preparations be used in the prescription. *Urging manufacturers and wholesalers* to employ only registered men as salesmen calling on the retail drug trade. *Condemning excessive number of trade-marked pharmaceutical and biologic specialties* which cause needless duplication and variations from U. S. P. and N. F. preparations and urging N. A. R. D. members to call attention of physicians and patrons to such practice. *Admitting predatory price cutting. Recommending the example of California* in securing desirable legislation. *Recommending associations in securing enactment of a Junior Capper-Kelly Bill* similar to the California law. *Recommending continued cooperation in National Pharmacy Week* and expressing regret over the untimely death of Dr. Robert J. Ruth. *Condemning moving pictures* which slander the retail druggist. *Approving survey by Chicago Retail Druggist Post* with a view of obtaining legislation that will enable pharmacists to obtain Government commissions in the army, navy and marine corps. *Endorsing the Vestal Copyright Bill* as amended by the Senate. *Recommending that efforts be made* to have a standard set of regulations for drug store sub-postal stations. *Recommending that manufacturers of nationally advertised merchandise* consider answering the statements that the predatory price cutters buy more cheaply than other retailers pay for the articles. *Recommending that manu-*

facturers prosecute black-mailing or threatening buyers. That exhibition demonstrators be discontinued. Recommending that manufacturers discontinue any and all deals. Recommending that the N. A. R. D. obtain answers from manufacturers relative to the latter resolutions.

A motion asking for the repeal of the 18th amendment was lost.

Among the speakers at the convention were: Hon. Clyde Kelly, Dr. James M. Doran, Wroe Alderson, Dr. Wilmer Krusen, Carl Weeks, Paul C. Olsen, Dr. R. B. J. Stanbury and W. Bruce Philip.

The points set forth in the address of the latter are embodied in a number of the resolutions heretofore reported.

The entertainment features were briefly referred to in the September issue and were highly appreciated by those in attendance. The veterans enjoyed a luncheon as guests of Nelson Baker Co.

The secretaries of various pharmaceutical associations held an informal breakfast on October first. Among them were Walter D. Adams, Herschel M. Cummins, Robert P. Fischel, Fred E. Fox, George Grommet, Carl G. A. Harring, Samuel C. Henry, F. V. McCullough, David F. McLemore, W. Bruce Philip, Charles T. Pickett, Roy C. Reese, R. B. J. Stanbury and R. A. Turrel.

NATIONAL WHOLESALE DRUGGISTS' ASSOCIATION.

The National Wholesale Druggists' Association will meet in annual session at Hotel Ambassador, Atlantic City, October 18th to 22nd. President James M. Penland and his mother will be honored with a reception on Monday night. Harry J. Schnell is chairman of the Entertainment Committee; William J. Schieffelin, Jr., will be toastmaster at the banquet; Dr. E. L. Newcomb is the secretary. The program is comprehensive and the transactions will be of usual interest and importance to all drug-trade activities.

PETITION TO REVIEW INDIANA CHAIN STORE TAX CASE REFUSED.

The plea to the Supreme Court of the United States to hear the case in which the Indiana Chain Store tax was held valid by a five to four decision, was denied by the Court on October 12th, and a formal order denying the petition for rehearing was entered without opinion.

MEDICAL ADVERTISING IN GERMANY.

After hearing the arguments in a case of medical advertising, which it was alleged to be improper, the Court absolved the defendant on the ground that the doctor who offers his services to patients is not guilty of unfair business, because he will and can help the sick. In this case the Court held that the matter under litigation could only be read as being in the spirit of protection against the quack.

THE NEW GERMAN MEDICAL LAW.

Pharmacists in Germany are complaining about the restrictions placed upon the sale of medicines. Pharmacists contend that the law robs them of the right to sell even the simplest of medicines. There is further contention relative to medical practice wherein it is alleged that manufacturers arrange with medical practitioners for writing prescriptions including their products and in return receive compensation.

PROPRIETARY MEDICINES IN PORTUGAL.

A series of regulations are under consideration for regulating the sale of proprietary medicines and pharmaceutical specialties imported from abroad. The regulations referred to became effective in August. The provision demands that such preparations must bear labels giving the name of the agent, of the maker, and also the name of the laboratory where the preparations have been analyzed or of the pharmacist who has analyzed it. Foreign languages may appear on the label, provided a Portuguese translation of the same is also printed on the label.

ALLEGED FIXED AGREEMENTS OF MANUFACTURERS WITH PHYSICIANS.

Some of the Italian manufacturers are being accused in the press because of their alleged methods in disposing of their products. *Il Popolo d'Italia* states that doctors receive certain reward in consideration of prescriptions they may execute and it is further stated that some of the doctors are partners in the respective manufacturing concerns.

It was necessary to defer other matter to a succeeding number.