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OFFICIALS.ABSTRACT OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN MIAMI, THURSDAY, JULY 30TH AND FRIDAY,
JULY 31ST.

The First Session of the third annual meeting of the Conference of Pharmaceutical Law Enforcement Officials was convened by Chairman R. L. Swain, at 9:30 A.M., July 30th, in Remington Hall. Those present were: W. E. Bingham, Alabama; E. D. Oslin, Arkansas; Arthur D. Baker, Colorado; C. T. Gilbert, Louis Montanaro, Connecticut; W. M. Hankins, H. R. Monroe, Norman C. Edmondson, Wm. E. Fossett, M. H. Doss, Florida; John A. J. Funk, Russell Rothrock, F. V. McCullough, Indiana; George Wilhelm, Kentucky; R. L. Swain, Maryland; J. W. Dargavel, Minnesota; George W. Mather, Hugo H. Schaefer, Jacob Diner, F. C. A. Schaefer, New York; E. V. Zoeller, North Carolina; P. H. Costello, North Dakota; F. H. King, M. N. Ford, Ohio; D. F. M. Lemore, Oklahoma; L. L. Walton, Pennsylvania; Rowland Jones, South Dakota; Lester Hayman, West Virginia.

Chairman Swain delivered his address and upon motion of Mr. Oslin, seconded by Mr. Walton, same was accepted and received for publication. It follows:

ADDRESS OF THE CHAIRMAN.

THE NEED FOR A SOUND LEGAL AND PROFESSIONAL POLICY.

BY ROBERT L. SWAIN.

Many important developments of the past year have greatly enhanced the value and appreciation of law enforcement. It is recognized, perhaps as never before, that the security of society finds its chief assurance in the law, and the integrity of the law depends upon the reaction of the public mind. The relationship existing between law and society has been accepted as a basic factor in both legal and social policy. It is from this point of view that the past year was a notable one. During this period many important experiments and studies were carried out to measure and determine the significance of the relationship between society and the laws which society recognizes. There have been serious efforts made to note the public reaction to law, and to measure and evaluate the social effect of specific legislation. The Wickersham Committee has carried on an important study to determine the significance of national prohibition and to discern, if this be possible, the legal and social consequences of this new national policy. The Institute of Law at the Johns Hopkins University has been engaged in subjecting the law to the critical, analytical gaze of the scientist and research worker. The Institute of Public Affairs of the University of Virginia brought together an impressive array of social and legal scholars who gave much time and attention to problems of profound legal and social importance. The decisions of the Supreme Court have been considered of more than usual significance. Close students have discerned a distinctly liberal tendency in the opinions of the Court. This tendency or viewpoint may be strongly prophetic of a more liberal attitude in the development of the law as a whole. While it may be too optimistic to state that we are witnessing the development of a new national philosophy in meeting social needs, it is true that these needs have been given very earnest study and consideration. In my own State of Maryland, there has been brought about a state-wide organization of the states' attorneys for the purpose of making the law effective and for pointing out the legal defects of the present system, the thought being to evolve a legal system conforming to and expressive of the accepted social standard. These various movements are of much more than casual significance. They indicate an earnest effort on the part of earnest men to meet seriously the many legal, social and economic problems, which now challenge the integrity of our national institutions.

It would thus seem that the establishment of this Conference of Pharmaceutical Law Enforcement Officials is in line with the accepted thought of the day. If the broad study of legal problems is to be effective, it must be supported and paralleled by detailed studies of the many endeavors in which society is concerned. The more that is learned of the social value of a calling, the more intently we delve into the public significance of an undertaking, the more competent we