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THE PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL WHOLESALE DRUGGISTS' ASSOCIATION.

James M. Penland is a native of North Carolina; however, records show that before he celebrated his first birthday he adopted Texas as a good state in which to live. His parents settled near Whitewright where Jim, before he had completed his teens, entered the employ of Howard & May. Later, he formed a partnership and established a drug store in Whitewright. Thereafter Mr. Penland became a member of the sales force of the Texas Drug Company and then entered the employ of Meyer Bros. Drug Company as traveling representative.

In 1911 he organized the Waco Drug Company, of which corporation he was president until the organization of the Southwestern Drug Corporation, which operates five wholesale drug houses in Texas; Mr. Penland is the president.

It will readily be discovered that the subject of this brief sketch has grown up with the drug business and pharmacy of Texas, willing always to render service, and in order that he might serve in a larger way he has contributed to the progress of the National Wholesale Druggists' Association, of which he is now the president. Mr. Penland has held many other positions of importance in this organization, and he is a tireless worker in every appointment accepted by him; frankness and honesty characterize the man and modesty bespeaks his merit.

Mr. Penland was a dollar-a-year man during the War, he brought the great army camps to Waco and gave the Government most of his time during the duration of the War. He has been regent of Baylor University for a number of years and is a former president of Waco Chamber of Commerce. He regards service a duty of citizenship and of individuals for the activities in which they are engaged.



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