

PERSONAL AND NEWS ITEMS.

James C. Munch was awarded a Medal of Honor of the Kiwanis International, by the Chester Pike Club, on June first, in recognition of his work in connection with the thallium out-break in California, early this year.

Dr. John C. Krantz, Jr., on May 2nd, delivered a radio address on "The Role of Chemistry in Health and Disease."

On May 16th he spoke before the American Therapeutic Society, held in Baltimore, on "The Utilization of the Carbohydrate in Burdock Root by Normal and Diabetic Individuals."

Francis P. Garvan was presented with the Mendel medal on June 7th in recognition of his contribution to scientific progress.

At the New Orleans meeting the House of Delegates of the American Medical Association elected **Dr. Dean Lewis**, professor of surgery at the Johns Hopkins University and surgeon-in-chief of the Johns Hopkins Hospital, to the office of president-elect. He succeeds **Dr. Edward H. Cary**, of Dallas, Texas.

The April number of the *Journal of Chemical Education* is an "Edgar Fahs Smith Memorial Number" and includes a symposium on "The History of Chemical Education in America." It contains a number of illustrations and copies of photographs of men prominent in the history of chemistry.

Dr. R. L. Swain, Deputy Food and Drug Commissioner of Maryland, has earned his degree in law, completing the course of the School of Law of the University of Maryland. He is the editor of the *Maryland Pharmacist*, also Chairman of the Conference of Pharmaceutical Law Enforcement Officials. It is interesting to note that the son also gained distinction and awards at his Alma Mater. He recently completed an interesting historical sketch of the founder of the school, paying due tribute to her in an illustrated booklet in which he evidenced his ability as a writer and skill in the art of the printer.

The American pharmacists tour, under the direction of Editor **Hugo Kantrowitz**, has been postponed until July 6th. Arrangements have been made so that members desiring to attend the meeting of the A. Ph. A. at Toronto can return on the *Aurania* which sails direct to Montreal, arriving there about August 22nd.

Dr. George H. Needham has resigned his position as chief chemist for Hills Brothers Co., and engaged in consulting practice along

microscopical and photomicrographical lines with laboratory located at Montclair, N. J.

The degree of Doctor of Pharmacy was awarded to **Lyman W. Griffin**, a graduate of the Massachusetts class of 1882. He has been a trustee and secretary of the corporation for more than twenty years.

Dr. Marston Taylor Bogert—professor of Organic Chemistry in Columbia University, the University's representative on the Board of Trustees of the pharmacy school—spoke at the Commencement Exercises on "A Layman Watches Pharmacy's Re-awakening."

Dr. Julius A. Koch and **Dr. James H. Beal** were guests of honor at the annual joint meeting of the Pittsburgh Branch of the A. Ph. A. and the Pittsburgh College of Pharmacy Student Branch on May 12th. Addresses were made by the guests of honor, officers of both associations and **Miss R. Corsello**, **Paul Geer**, **T. J. Casey, Jr.** The addresses of the latter were, respectively, "A Girl Looks at Pharmacy," "Romance and Adventure in Pharmacy," and "Psychology in Pharmacy."

Blue and Gold Apothecary is the student publication of the University of California College of Pharmacy. The first issue is a most interesting number devoted chiefly to events at the school.

On May 24, 1932, at the Ninetieth Commencement of Howard College in Birmingham, Alabama, that institution conferred the degree of Doctor of Laws on **Dr. A. Richard Bliss, Jr.**, Dean of the School of Pharmacy of the University of Tennessee (Memphis). **Dr. Bliss** is an alumnus ('12) of Howard College.

Dean C. E. Mollett was honor-guest at a banquet, commemorating the 25th anniversary of his connection with Montana College of Pharmacy.

Dr. Emil Starz was voted an honorary degree of Doctor of Science by the University of Montana. He is a veteran Montana pharmacist, served on the Montana Board from 1895-1919, until elected chemist for the Montana Live Stock Sanitary Board. He is a bacteriologist and chemist and won distinction by his researches dealing with loco weed.

Prof. Leon C. Richards and **Mrs. Richards** are planning several automobile trips, including attendance at the Toronto meeting.

Former president of the British Pharmaceutical society, **Herbert Skinner**, now member of the Council and Chairman of the British Pharmaceutical Conference, will in October

next complete fifty years in pharmacy. In order to mark the event and in recognition of his many services to pharmacy, a dinner will be given him and other recognition for his many services to the calling.

Mr. Skinner was the first secretary of the North London Pharmaceutical Association and has held this office ever since that time. He is chief pharmacist at the Royal Northern Hospital in London.

Dr. E. D. Merrill, director-in-chief of the New York Botanical Garden, was elected an honorary member of the German Botanical Society at its fiftieth anniversary meeting in Berlin on May 18th. The two other American botanists who have received this honor are Dr. Asa Gray and Dr. Roland Thaxter.

Secretary E. F. Kelly of the A. P. H. A. was guest speaker of Georgia Pharmaceutical Association, Atlanta, on May 17th. In his remarks he advocated closer coöperation between the state boards of health and the state pharmaceutical associations, to the end that the public may be given the best possible protection in buying drugs and cited the national laws relating to pharmacy. He also made reference to a number of recent surveys which show that the public prefers to buy its drugs from licensed pharmacists.

Secretary Kelly, also, was one of the speakers at the South Carolina Pharmaceutical Association meeting held in Columbia, June 15th and 16th.

Dr. A. R. Bliss was the guest speaker and addressed the alumni of Howard University at Birmingham. He traced the achievements of the institution and spoke of some of its graduates. He urged tolerance as an outstanding virtue of Howard's alumni.

The *Pacific Drug Review* has contributed a valuable service in presenting methods on prescription pricing.

Secretary Hayman of the West Virginia Pharmaceutical Association designates the coming joint meeting of Virginia and West Virginia Associations as "a whale of a meeting." Among the speakers are Dr. James H. Beal, Dr. Warren F. Draper, Health Commissioner of Virginia, W. Bruce Philip, Harry S. Noel, Dr. A. B. Brooks of Oglebay Institute, Secretary H. C. Christensen, of the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy.

Among the speakers at the North Carolina Pharmaceutical Association will be W. Bruce Philip, Prof. Anton Hogstad, Jr., Dr. W. G. Crockett and Attorney E. C. Brockmeyer.

Among the speakers of the Florida Pharmaceutical Association convention were: Dr. James H. Beal and President John W. Dargavel of the N. A. R. D. The meeting was held June 14th-16th at Orlando.

C. Jelleff Carr and Miss Agnes Mary McGrath were married on June 14th. Mr. Carr has won honors in chemistry, and is now holding the Francis P. Garvan scholarship of the American Chemical Foundation. He recently graduated in pharmacy from the University of Maryland and is now carrying out some special work for the U. S. P. Committee of Revision. A number of articles have appeared in the *JOURNAL*, most of them in coöperation with Dr. John C. Krantz, Jr.

W. Bruce Philip was the principal speaker at the 110th Commencement of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science.

The honorary degree of Master of Pharmacy was conferred on John G. Roberts, Philadelphia, George A. Gorgas, Harrisburg, and John H. Webster, Detroit.

FIFTY YEARS AGO.

Special guests of honor at the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science at the Alumni reunions are the graduates who are celebrating the 50th anniversary of their graduation. A minstrel show was presented in their honor, because these alumni in their undergraduate days had been steady enthusiastic patrons of the minstrel shows. The show was recreated with some of the former Dumont's minstrels in the cast.

The graduates celebrating the semi-centennial this year were of the class of 1882. Among those present from this class were: Dr. Virgil Coblenz, Joseph M. Fronefield, Jr., Josiah K. Lilly, Dr. Alexander Macalister, William H. May, Dr. B. Franklin Scholl, Harry R. Stallman, Frederick W. E. Stedem, Judson Thomas, Dr. John A. Lambert and Dr. Herman E. Thoms, Indianapolis.

OPIUM MONOPOLY IN MANCHURIA.

The new state of Manchuria contemplates establishing an opium monopoly from which it expects to derive revenue amounting to twenty million yen, or more. The monopoly will be modeled after the system adopted by the Kwantung government. It has not been decided whether the state will control the planting of poppies.