

SOCIETIES AND COLLEGES.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

The election of officers of the District of Columbia Pharmaceutical Association will be held at its next session, in October. The *President* of the Association is Bert A. Smyser and the *Secretary* is Augustus C. Taylor.

DELAWARE STATE PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY.

The forty-eighth annual meeting of Delaware Pharmaceutical Society was held at Rehoboth Beach, June 27th-28th. Among the speakers were Dr. George L. Secord and Andrew F. Ludwig, President of the Maryland Pharmaceutical Association.

The following officers were elected: *President*, Harry Jones, Smyrna; *First Vice-President*, George W. Brittingham, Wilmington; *Second Vice-President*, William B. Jester, Delaware City; *Third Vice-President*, Edward J. Elliott, Bridgeville; *Secretary*, Albert Dougherty, Wilmington; *Treasurer*, Albert Bunin, Wilmington.

NEBRASKA PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

Nebraska Pharmaceutical Association will hold its 1935 convention in Lincoln during the month of February while the State Legislature is in session. Work on the program for the meeting is well under way.

NEW JERSEY PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

One of the most interesting conventions of the New Jersey Pharmaceutical Association, was held at Asbury Park, June 12th to 15th. Among the speakers were: President R. P. Fischelis of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION and Dr. Ernest Little, of the Pharmacy Department Rutgers University.

The report of the Committee on Pharmaceutical Education and Standards was presented by Chairman Fischelis.

An interesting feature of the meeting was the presentation of the Pharmacy Week trophy donated by the Hudson County Retail Druggists Association and won by John H. Hoagland of New Brunswick; of the features, one was the display of native medicinal drugs.

The following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year: *President*, David I. Cohen, Jersey City; *First Vice-President*,

Harry B. Reibel, Elizabeth; *Second Vice-President*, Benjamin Schamach, Paterson; *Secretary*, Prescott R. Loveland, 214 Chelsea National Bank Building, Atlantic City; *Treasurer*, Charles J. McCloskey, Branchville.

TENNESSEE PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

Tennessee Pharmaceutical Association held an interesting meeting at Knoxville, July 17th to 19th. The NRA was endorsed and a plan for constructive legislation was adopted. The following officers were elected: *President*, Robert R. Ferrell, Memphis; *First Vice-President*, L. S. Elgin, Knoxville; *Second Vice-President*, Phil P. Vance, Chattanooga; *Third Vice-President*, Wm. P. Winter, Nashville; *Treasurer*, Homer J. Berryhill, Jackson.

At a meeting of the State Executive Board, held in Nashville, August 20th, Tom C. Sharp of Nashville was elected *Secretary*.

TEXAS PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

The Texas Druggist, official organ of the Association, for September, reports its 55th annual meeting. The veterans elected Frank B. Dwyer, with a business record of 56 years, president.

A committee will be appointed by President Seeley for the purpose of studying the Pharmacy Law of Texas with a view of making such changes as will enhance public health and benefit all connected with pharmacy.

Dr. W. J. Danforth, Fort Worth, has been appointed field secretary, whose duty is to contact with Texas pharmacists.

Lee Stinson now wears a past-president's badge of Texas Pharmaceutical Association. The members of the Executive Committee are: *President*, A. H. Seeley; *Vice-Chairman*, Shine Philips; John B. Ray, Henry F. Hein, H. P. Gaddis, E. B. Oliver, J. C. Frazier, Walter F. Adams, *Secretary*.

NATIONAL WHOLESALE DRUGGISTS' ASSOCIATION.

Among the speakers invited to address the convention of the National Wholesale Druggists' Association to be held October 1st-6th, at White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., are representatives of the Food and Drug Administration, the Federal Trade Commission and the Na-

tional Recovery Administration. It is hoped that General Hugh S. Johnson, National Recovery Administrator, will be present as a speaker.

At the present convention, an innovation will be introduced. In the past it has been the custom for chairmen of the various committees of the association to read detailed reports of their activities during the year preceding the

convention. At the present meeting, these reports will not be read, they will be printed and, as each visitor at the convention registers, he will be given a complete set of the reports.

Reports which are controversial in any respect will be read in abstract at some of the sessions of the convention, to afford an opportunity for discussion and questioning from members listening in.



Pharmacy Exhibit at Century of Progress.

The photograph shown herewith was taken on September 17th (Constitution Day). While the number of visitors on this occasion was larger than usual, the average attendance at the Pharmacy Exhibit compared favorably with that of other exhibits and shows that the public is interested in the service of pharmacy.

BARBITURIC ACID POISONING.*

It is pointed out by Purves-Stewart and Wilcox (London) that while there is no objection to the administration of barbiturates under medical supervision, their repeated daily administration over long periods in hypnotic doses is not always free from danger, and may induce toxic symptoms in the central nervous system. Persons addicted to the daily use of these drugs not uncommonly take a dangerous overdose, accidentally or otherwise. The barbiturates should be obtainable, they say, only on medical prescription, which should not be repeated without authority. Several cases are cited showing that acute barbitone coma is materially improved by cisternal drainage, a method which should be borne in mind as supplementary to other measures.—*The Prescriber* (September 1934), 288.

* J. Purves-Stewart and W. Wilcox, "Cisternal Drainage in Coma from Barbitone Poisoning," *Lancet* (March 10, 1934), 500-503.