

EDITORIAL NOTES

THE SOCIAL SECURITY PROGRAM.

"It is overwhelmingly important," President Roosevelt advised Congress in his special message, "to avoid any danger of permanently discrediting the sound and necessary policy of Federal legislation for economic security by attempting to apply it on too ambitious a scale before actual experience has provided guidance for the permanently safe direction of such efforts."

The *New York Times* states editorially:

"Although it is truly sweeping in nature, the President's social security program has been carefully worked out with unusual precautions to keep it on a practical basis. For this reason it will be disappointing to any who expected the Committee on Economic Security to work miracles. But thoughtful students of social problems may be expected to indorse most of the underlying principles out of which this policy has evolved."

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS.

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced open competitive examinations as follows: Principal Pharmacologist, Senior Pharmacologist, Pharmacologist, Associate Pharmacologist, Assistant Pharmacologist.

Applications for the positions named for employment under the Food and Drug Administration, Department of Agriculture, must be on file with the U. S. Civil Service Commission at Washington, D. C., not later than March 11, 1935.

The entrance salaries range from \$2600.00 a year for the assistant grade to \$5600.00 a year for the principal grade, subject to a deduction of not to exceed 5 per cent during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1935, as a measure of economy, and also to a deduction of 3½ per cent toward a retirement annuity.

Certain specified education and experience are required.

Full information may be obtained from the Secretary of the United States Civil Service Board of Examiners at the post office or customhouse in any city which has a post office of the first or the second class, or from the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C.

BROADCASTS.

Purdue University School of Pharmacy, through its Extension Department, is conducting weekly broadcasts at 12:45 to 1:00 P.M. each Wednesday. The chief purpose of these talks is to impress the laity with the facts about their druggist and his position in the community in which he practices.

Such topics as "The Prescription," "The Story of Camphor," "Pharmacy in the Home," "The Clinical Thermometer," "Evolution of Drugs" and others are used. Druggists are urged to tell their customers to tune in on these talks coming from station WBAA which operates on 890 kilocycles.

PUBLIC HEALTH COUNCIL OF KANSAS.

The Public Health Council of Kansas, composed of members of the professions of medicine, dentistry and pharmacy, has been organized. The officers are: *President*, Harry Lutz, M.D., Augusta; *Vice-President*, W. C. Westcott, D.D.S., Leon; *Secretary*, MacChilds, Pharm.D., El Dorado; *Treasurer*, C. M. Kelley, D.D.S., El Dorado.

The first bulletin of the Council has been issued and gives the history of the organization, its constitution, rules and regulations. Units will be established in counties, a purpose is to supply medical and related aid and cooperate in promotions in which one or all of the professions are interested. Those desiring information anent the organization may address Secretary MacChilds, El Dorado.

A NEW BASE FOR SUPPOSITORIES.

H. Gfeller states that suppositories of cacao butter soon become rancid, and if the fat has a melting point corresponding to the lower limit of the Swiss Pharmacopœia (29° C.) they may melt in hot weather. He proposes to substitute a hardened arachis oil of m. p. 32° to 33° C. This is a lower melting point than that of the *Oleum Arachidis Hydrogenatum* of the new Pharmacopœia, corresponding to a lower degree of hydrogenation. The acid value of this material was 0-3, the iodine value 67.3. It becomes rancid much less quickly than cacao butter, it solidifies quickly, is odorless and colorless. The transformation of the unsaturated triolein to tristearin is an advantage as

it facilitates the incorporation of aqueous solutions.—*Quarterly Journal of Pharmacy and Pharmacology.*

PERSONAL AND NEWS ITEMS.

The Foster Hall reproductions of the songs of Stephen Foster at the central building of the Public Library were donated by Josiah K. Lilly. He devoted years to the study of Stephen Foster's work and established Foster Hall for the perpetuation of the poet's memory.

The *Merchants' Index* publishes an article on "Mankind and Medicines," by Chairman Anton Hogstad, Jr., of the National Pharmacy Week Executive Committee.

Louis Wait Rising, University of Washington School of Pharmacy, comes from Rutgers University. Prior to going to Rutgers, Professor Rising was connected with the University of South Carolina School of Pharmacy as associate professor. He received his pharmacy degrees at Oregon State College. Both Mr. and Mrs. Rising are natives of Oregon.

Dr. Wolfgang Felix von Oettingen, formerly Assistant Professor of Pharmacology at Western Reserve University, Cleveland, has been named for the supervision of the Haskell Laboratory of Industrial Toxicology of the E. I. Du Pont de Nemours Co., Wilmington, dedicated January 22nd. A complete library is to be provided for use in studying toxicological problems in the field of industrial hygiene.

Tribute is paid to **Frederick J. Wulling**, a former president of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION, under "American Contemporaries" in the News Edition of *Industrial and Engineering Chemistry*, of January 10, 1935. The writer of the article is **C. H. Rogers**, whose contact with Dean Wulling enables him to present a pen picture of a man, who is honored at home and by his associates and fellow-workers. The article was not read in time to comment on this deserved tribute.

Dr. Erwin E. Nelson, of the University of Michigan, has been appointed Principal Pharmacologist in charge of the Drug Division of the Food and Drug Administration, according to an announcement by W. G. Campbell, Chief. Doctor Nelson has already assumed his new duties.

Dr. Hugh S. Cumming, surgeon general of the United States Public Health Service, returned on December 18th after visiting Buenos Aires to attend the ninth annual Pan-American Sanitary Conference.

Eli Lilly & Co. has established under the

auspices of the American Chemical Society a research award of one thousand dollars and a bronze medal to stimulate research in biological chemistry.

Sir Henry Wellcome was decorated with the Cross of the Legion of Honor of France, November 23rd.

C. H. Searle, with Mrs. Searle, is leaving within the next few days on a business trip to Honolulu, Japan, China and the Philippines.

H. J. Holthoefer has been elected for the tenth term as secretary of the Chicago Retail Druggists' Association. This is the 50th anniversary of the organization and the members are putting forth every effort to make this a successful year.

Hajime Hoshi, president of the Hoshi Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd., of Tokyo, which controls almost 20,000 drug stores in the Orient, was a recent visitor in New York.

The Winthrop Chemical Company, Inc., manufacturers of ethical pharmaceuticals, has acquired all tangible and other assets of the H. A. Metz Laboratories, Inc., with which it has been closely associated since 1926. Both companies have been engaged for many years in the development of the synthetic chemical industry in the United States.

An old-time drug store exhibit was presented to the Milwaukee Public Museum by local druggists. The suggestion for the exhibit came from John Diller who suggested it as a memorial to his brother, George A. Diller.

The Chemical Foundation, Inc., New York City, has favored the JOURNAL with a copy of "The Farm Chemurgic" by Wm. J. Hale. The author instructively presents the importance of the farm to national and industrial life. We have also received from the Chemical Foundation, Inc., a brief in the matter of a proposed reciprocal trade treaty between the United States and Switzerland submitted on behalf of Chemistry in the United States, by Francis P. Garvan, representing the Chemical Foundation, Inc., the Chemical Alliance, Inc., Synthetic Organic Chemical Manufacturers' Association, Manufacturing Chemists Association of the United States. It is a plea for chemical industry in the United States. Every business in the country, including agriculture, is becoming daily more and more dependent upon chemical industry, and the public should be informed.

The Chemical Foundation has also favored us with a reprint copy of a letter to the President from George N. Peek on foreign trade.