

SOCIETIES AND COLLEGES.

COMMITTEES FOR A. PH. A. MEETING.

Dean A. O. Mickelson, of the North Pacific College of Pharmacy, has been named Local Secretary.

The following committees have been named by Harvey J. Donnell, secretary of the North Pacific branch of the A. Ph. A.

Convention: L. F. Haack, *Chairman*; Frederick Grill, *Secretary*; F. A. Geue, *Treasurer*; F. C. Felter, Frank Nau, Edgar Stipe, Earl Gunther, all of Portland.

Entertainment: H. J. Frank, *Chairman*; Peyton Hawes, M. C. Kaegi, all of Portland.

Reception: Dean Adolph Ziefle, Corvallis, Ore.

Women's Auxiliary: Mrs. Ralph A. Watson, *Chairman*.

Representatives named in the various Northwest states, include:

Oregon: George W. Steelhammer, Silverton; Ernst T. Stuhr, Corvallis; George C. Blakeley, The Dalles; and Roy A. Perry, Portland.

Washington: Dean C. W. Johnson, Seattle; P. H. Dirstine, Pullman; L. D. Bracken, Charles G. Ajax, Seattle.

California: K. B. Bowerman, San Francisco; Frank E. Mortenson, Los Angeles; T. D. Perkins, San Diego.

Idaho: E. O. Leonard, Pocatello; Charles Carter, Moscow; R. M. Curist, Standpoint.

Montana: C. E. Mollet, Missoula; Emil Starz, Helena; J. L. Kracker, Bozeman.

MEETING OF THE PLANT SCIENCE SEMINAR.

The 13th Annual Meeting of the Plant Science Seminar will be held in Portland, Oregon; time to be fixed, according to a recent announcement by President Frank H. Eby.

For the first time in the history of the Seminar, the Annual Meeting will be held on the Pacific coast and a large attendance is anticipated. Professor E. T. Stuhr of the Oregon State Agricultural College has been appointed local secretary. He has not announced a program but information will appear in the JOURNAL as soon as announcements are made.

All persons interested in drug plants are urged to attend the 1935 Seminar. Complete information may be obtained by directing communications to the secretary of the Seminar,

F. J. Bacon, Western Reserve University, Cleveland.

DRUGGISTS' BUSINESS CONFERENCE AT PURDUE.

March 13th and 14th were important dates for retail druggists in Indiana. The fifth annual Druggists' Business Conference was held in the Memorial Union Building on the campus of Purdue University. During these two days, problems of vital importance to druggists were discussed.

This conference is arranged for druggists and their clerks, and is sponsored by the Pharmacy Extension Department. The Indiana Pharmaceutical Association took an important part on the program, and discussed recent legislation as it pertains to the druggist. President R. P. Fischelis, of the A. Ph. A. was an honored guest speaker.

A "one-act play" was given March 13th, at 8:00 P.M., following the dinner and evening address at 6:30 P.M. The occasion honored Dean C. B. Jordan upon the completion of twenty-five years of distinctive service as dean of Purdue University School of Pharmacy.

BI-CENTENNIAL OF THE ACADEMY OF MEDICINE, MADRID.

The Academia Nacional de Medicina of Madrid celebrated recently its second centennial. The festivities included several meetings during the medical week and an exhibition of the books of the library, which has, among other books of great importance, the Codex scientiæ medicinæ of Avicenna, in five large volumes, and a collection of books written by Hipolito Ruix on American plants, which for more than three centuries were a source of information for botanists and designers from all over the world.

IOWA.

The annual election of officers of Iowa Pharmaceutical Association resulted as follows: *Honorary President*, J. F. Shuey, Jefferson; *President*, W. H. McClelland, Corning; *First Vice-President*, R. J. Allen, Sioux City; *Second Vice-President*, A. E. Thomas, Des Moines; *Third Vice-President*, George McShane, Waterloo; *Treasurer*, J. M. Lindly, Winfield.

Members of the Legislative Committee: George Judisch, Ames; George W. Gillman, Ft. Dodge; T. H. Kenefick, Eagle Grove; J. J. Gillespie, Des Moines; W. F. Meads, Des Moines.

Among the visitors were Secretary John W. Dargavel, of the N. A. R. D.; Guy Butler, Lincoln, president of the Nebraska association; J. G. McBride, secretary of the Nebraska association; Otto A. Kuether, Herington, president of the Kansas association; W. M. Newmark, Topeka, secretary of the Kansas association; W. H. Varnum, Lawrence, treasurer of the Kansas association and secretary of the Midwest Conference; Coleman Dais, Seminole, president of the Oklahoma association; A. Roy F. Johnson and F. G. Kustermann of the Minnesota association; J. P. Jelinek, president of the Northwest Pharmaceutical Bureau and J. R. Bruce and Frank M. McCabe of *North Western Druggist*.

F. W. Fitch, Des Moines, has completed an analysis of the price stabilization situation within the drug industry and with the assistance of his attorneys has worked out a plan which he believes is both simple and practical.

The plan is based on the filing and registration with each secretary of state the manufacturer's trade-mark and resale price. Briefly, this means that in each state the manufacturer would file his trade-mark and resale price under a law making it a violation for anyone to sell trade-marked merchandise at any other price than that filed with the Secretary of State.

According to the proposer's belief the plan is advantageous to the manufacturer in that it would mean just one operation in each state instead of contracting with several thousand druggists in each state. He contends it should be easy of enforcement because it is a state statute, instead of a violation of a contract between individuals.

NORTHWEST PHARMACEUTICAL BUREAU.

At the annual conference dinner of the Northwest Pharmaceutical Bureau in Des Moines, February 20th, President John P. Jelinek of St. Paul, stated that the organization through its annual Great Northwest Drug Show had turned into the Northwest association treasuries almost \$40,000.00 during its years of existence.

The following officers were elected: *President*, James J. Gillespie, Des Moines; *Vice-President*, Fred G. Kustermann, St. Paul; *Treasurer*, Robert M. Gibson, Des Moines; *Secretary*, N. Vere Sanders, Albert Lea; *Executive Committeemen:* Otto A. Bjornstad, Spencer, Ia.; John P. Jelinek, St. Paul, Minn.; Edward J. Boberg, Eau Claire, Wis.; Homer L. Hill, Towner, No. Dak.; Fred L. Vilas, Pierre, So. Dak.; *Committeeman-at-large*, E. L. Beezley, Cedar Rapids, Ia.

NORTH DAKOTA.

The fiftieth annual convention of the North Dakota Pharmaceutical Association will be held in Fargo, June 11th, 12th and 13th.

WISCONSIN.

Ralph W. Clark reports that the first mid-winter conference, held by the Wisconsin Pharmaceutical Association, February 27th, was well attended and conceded by all to be a great success. Over three hundred druggists came to this business session fully realizing the seriousness of the present times as far as independent merchants are concerned. They showed their willingness to follow the able guidance of their officers and legal counsel and most certainly will cooperate with them throughout the present legislative session.

Attorney Mount, Milwaukee, counsel for the Wisconsin Pharmaceutical Association, explained the proposed legislation, the Wisconsin Fair Trade Practices Act, which has been introduced into the Assembly. This legislative body arranged an informal committee hearing on the bill which was attended by the druggists and others representing independent merchants' organizations.

MINNESOTA.

Conforming to the usual program a session of Minnesota Pharmaceutical Association was devoted to the Scientific and Practical Section under the chairmanship of Dean Frederick J. Wulling. Among the many papers presented were "Plants and Their Relation to Man," by Gustav J. DeMars; "The Open Prescription Department," by President Theodore A. Arneson; "British Pharmaceutical Codex," by F. A. Upsher Smith; "The Operation of a Hospital Pharmacy" by Sister St. George and a most comprehensive and interesting report by the retiring secretary, Gustav Bachman. The section included, also, many other interesting papers of scientific importance.

Although illness depleted the official ranks of the Minnesota State Pharmaceutical Association during the organization's convention in St. Paul the week of February 26th, the meeting was highly successful from every viewpoint, ushering in a second half-century of service to its members with renewed enthusiasm and determination.

MINNESOTA NOMINEES.

The following are nominees for the Minnesota association offices—to be voted upon by mail—ballots to be transmitted to members

by mail: *President*, R. G. Paulson, Fairmont; Wilford J. Schwankl, Sauk Rapids. *First Vice-President*, Jesse B. Slocumb, St. Paul; William Shepard, Minneapolis. *Second Vice-President*, Orlando Didra, Waseca; Margaret Armitage, Princeton. *Third Vice-President*, L. M. Herbert, Worthington; Guy Hovland, Dawson. *Secretary*, A. Roy F. Johnson, Minneapolis; Harry J. Anderson, North Branch. *Treasurer*, C. T. Heller, Jr., St. Paul; B. J. Witte, Jr., Anoka. *Executive Committee*: Joseph Vadheim, Tyler; H. O. Tiegen, Moorhead.

LEGAL AND LEGISLATIVE.

PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES.

Professional persons in the retail trade working unlimited hours are entitled to the same minimum wage classifications as executives working beyond code hours under an amendment to Article V, Section 4 (a) of the retail trade code, approved by the National Industrial Recovery Board, it was announced January 3rd.

Article V, Section 4 (c) of the code provides that executives who work unlimited hours must receive minimum wages ranging from \$25.00 to \$35.00 a week, according to population of the communities in which a retail establishment is located.

The term "professional person" is defined in the code. It includes, but without limitation, such employees as doctors, dentists, nurses, architects, training directors, artists, research technicians, statisticians, mechanical engineers, etc.

CODE AUTHORITIES GRANTED EXEMPTION FROM INCOME TAX.

Under a ruling of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue announced March 13, code authorities are entitled to exemption from Federal Income taxes and from filing returns therefor.

They are required, however, to file with the Collector of Internal Revenue in their district an affidavit in the form required by Article 101-1 of Regulation 86 of the Bureau of Internal Revenue, setting forth the character of the organization, the purpose for which organized, its activities, the sources and disposition of its income, whether any of its income is credited to surplus or may inure to the benefit of any private individual and all other general facts

relating to its operations which bear upon its right to exemption as a non-profit entity.

The exemption does not extend to members or employees of code authorities as individuals.

POSTPONE EFFECTIVE DATE OF ORDER RESTORING SALES OF TOILET SOAP TO RETAIL CODE JURISDICTION.

The National Industrial Recovery Board on March 12th, announced that the effective date of the order making sales of toilet soap again subject to the retail drug code loss limitation provision has been extended to April 5, 1935.

Sales of toilet soap were placed under a loss limitation provision similar to that of the retail food and grocery trade code (cost plus 6 per cent), but an order approved February 19th, effective in 21 days, was issued to restore such sales to the retail drug trade code provision. Considerable confusion has arisen, however, and it has been deemed advisable to prepare an order suspending the loss limitation provision of the retail drug code in so far as toilet soap sales are concerned.

In order to permit a decision on such an order, the effective date of the February 19th order has been extended to April 5th.

SALES TAX.

Texas and Kansas oppose a sales tax. New York, Michigan, Colorado, West Virginia, South Dakota, Washington, California, Wyoming, Montana, Maine and Connecticut have sales tax provisions. Arkansas, Tennessee, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Indiana, Wisconsin are considering measures. The West Virginia law expires July 1st, but the Governor has been asked to extend the time. (Texas is now considering a sales tax.)