

LEGAL AND LEGISLATIVE.

FOOD AND DRUG BILL ACTION
PROMISED SOON.

The House Committee on interstate and foreign commerce has taken no action as yet on the related food and drug and Federal Trade Commission bills pending before it, although members of the committee state that the subject will be reached soon. Meanwhile, Representative Thomas A. Jenkins of Ohio has introduced a bill (H. R. 7262) to expand the powers of the Federal Trade Commission generally and to give it specific jurisdiction over food and drug advertising.

AMENDMENT TO REGULATIONS
GOVERNING THE KEEPING OF
RECORDS OF DISPOSITIONS OF
EXEMPT PREPARATIONS.

Pursuant to the authority contained in Section 6 of the Act of December 17, 1914 (38 Stat. 785, 789; U. S. Code (1934 Ed.) Title 26, Sec. 1041), as amended by Section 1007 of the Revenue Act of 1918 (40 Stat. 1057, 1132; U. S. Code (1934 Ed.), Title 26, Sec. 1041), Article 107 of Narcotic Regulations No. 5 is hereby amended to read as follows:

ARTICLE 107.

Records.—Every manufacturer, producer, compounder or vendor (including dispensing physicians), of exempt preparations must keep a record of all sales, exchanges, gifts or other dispositions, the entries to be made at the time of delivery. This record must show the name, address and registry number of the dealer to whom the preparation or remedy is sold, exchanged or given, the name and quantity of the preparation or remedy, and the date upon which delivery to the purchaser or his agent or the carrier is made. A separate record must also be kept of disposals to persons other than dealers, showing the name of the person to whom the preparation or remedy is sold, exchanged or given, made at the time of delivery, his address, the name and quantity of the preparation or remedy, and the date of delivery. The requirement of keeping a record of sales, exchanges or gifts to persons other than dealers will be deemed to be complied with, if made pursuant to prescriptions, issued by registered physicians, calling for exempt narcotic preparations or remedies, if the information called for in the preceding sentence is shown on the prescription, and the prescription is kept on the narcotic prescription file.

The Government does not furnish blanks for the keeping of these records.

The form of blanks for record by retailers must contain the date of sale, name of purchaser and address; the name of preparation and quantity. Forms are given on T. D. 26.

NARCOTIC SALES.

The *Pacific Drug Review* reports on a drug store, owned by a white man, catering entirely to negro trade, which fills from thirty to forty narcotic prescriptions per day and makes enough profit on these to pay all store overhead, including a good salary for the proprietor. No other prescription stock is carried. Prescriptions are all for half-grain morphine tablets which the druggist buys in 5000 lots, keeps put up in screw-cap vials of a dozen each which he sells on prescription at 75 cents. One customer, a street beggar, is said to get two prescriptions filled every day for two dozen half-grain morphine tablets for which he pays \$3.00 with an extra \$2.00 for the doctor for writing the two prescriptions. Is it possible for such traffic to be carried on for any length of time?

George H. Miller, of Cleveland, O., was elected President of the Proprietary Association to succeed the late Frank A. Blair. The 55th annual convention of the Association was held in Cleveland during the week of May 29th.

ALCOHOL REGULATIONS IN BRIEF.

(The full discussion of regulations should be read and preserved.)

Druggists not having a Medicinal Spirits Stamp Tax:

May purchase alcohol or any spirituous liquor.

May use them in compounding prescriptions or in the preparation of medicines or toiletries, provided the finished products contain at least a medicinal dose of drugs to the ounce.

May make U. S. P. and N. F. Preparations classed as beverages, but these are subject to the same rules regarding use as are liquors.

May *not* supply alcohol or liquors to anyone (including physicians and dentists) in unchanged form. Must be unsuited for beverage use.

May *not* fill prescriptions for uncombined liquors.

May *not* sell the specified official preparations uncombined.

Must keep alcohol and liquors in original stamped packages, except withdrawals for immediate use.

Must *not* keep alcohol in unstamped shelf bottles.

May *not* manufacture or sell Tincture of Ginger.

Druggists having a Medicinal Spirits Stamp Tax:

May sell alcohol and liquors on prescription and over the counter at retail (subject to state and local laws) in quantities of less than five gallons; and use in compounding.

May *not* manufacture Tincture of Ginger (liable as a rectifier) but may sell at retail.

General Precautions: See that strip stamps are in place on all unopened packages of alcohol or liquor; that a part of the stamp remains on package when opened and in use; destroy all stamps immediately upon emptying. Break all liquor bottles immediately upon emptying.—From *N. A. R. D. Journal*, June 3, 1937.

TEXAS BARBITURIC ACID LAW REPEALED.

The Texas legislature, by almost an unanimous vote in both houses, recently repealed the so-called Barbituric Acid Law. A former legislature passed a law placing certain restrictions on the sale of barbituric acid derivatives. The law requires that the druggists make their orders for the drug in triplicate, one copy to be sent to the State Health Department at Austin, one copy to the concern from whom the drug was purchased and one copy to be filed by the druggist. The law was practically impossible of enforcement.

Texas House Bill 1024, requiring manufacturers to replace drug products over two years old. The bill has been favorably reported with an amendment.

Tennessee Senate Bill 440 (House Bill 641). A tax of \$200.00 a year on each vitamin claimed in the labeling or advertising of a preparation.

The Advisory Committee to the Public Health Service has presented recommendations for a Venereal Disease Control Program in state and local health departments published in reprint No. 54, and may be had from the Government Printing Office.

Charles R. Walgreen has donated \$550,000.00 to the University of Chicago for the establishment of an institute to study American principles. This gift will be augmented by a dona-

tion of \$275,000.00 from the Rosenwald fund. The institute will establish research in the principles and background of American institutions.

BOOK NOTICES AND REVIEWS.

Medicinal Plants of France. The Center of Technical and Economic Documentation on Medicinal and Aromatic Plants (formerly the National office of Primary Vegetable Substances for the Perfumery and Drug Industries), continuing the work already undertaken, has just published a new series of plates in color of wild and cultivated medicinal plants. This is the 4th series of the 3rd Volume. The first two volumes, containing two articles and 104 plates, represent the complete collection up-to-date. A few isolated series are exhausted and cannot be published again.

This 16th Series will be just as highly appreciated as the previous ones by everybody interested in Botany and *Materia Medica*. It will render the same service to collectors and cultivators of aromatic and medicinal plants and to educational courses of various kinds.

The 8 plates which make up this 16th Series represent: Medicinal and Industrial Algae: Herb-Robert, Winter-Cherry, Wild Cherry Tree and Quince Tree, Rutaceæ, Genipi and Southernwood, Bedstraws, Perforated John's-Wort, officinal, and Carthusian Money-Wort.

The first 12 Series, published, can only be furnished now in two bound volumes (the second volume contains also 8 exotic species which are not cultivated in France) at the price of 60 francs for France and 75 francs for foreign countries for each volume. *Postage Additional.* Each volume carries an article by Professor Perrot. Address: C. D. P. M., 17, Rue Duguay-Trouin, Paris-6, France.

The AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION has been favored with a presentation copy of the Annual Report for 1936 by the Egyptian Government of the Central Narcotics Intelligence Bureau. The report was presented with the Directors' compliments, Lewa C. W. Russell Pasha, Commandant Cairo City Police. The volume of nearly 200 pages may be purchased at P. T. 10 from the Government Press, Bulaq, Cairo. The publication contains interesting data on all phases of narcotics, is illustrated by narcotic plants, means used by smugglers of narcotics, etc. Assays of narcotics are given and cultivation of plants are shown.