

EDITORIAL NOTES

NATIONAL FIRST AID WEEK.

The 17th observance of National First Aid Week suggests an opportunity for relief in case of accidents until the doctor comes, and acquaints the public with the dangers of infection and delay and that cleanliness is essential. Whatever is done in case of accidents should be backed by good judgment. Accidents occur and vacations should be undertaken with a thought—on such possibilities and sudden illness.

In 1928 the Surgeon General, United States Public Health Service, prepared a Bulletin on *First Aid Methods for Treating the Injured*—see JOURNAL A. PH. A., July 1928, pages 699–701. It may be possible to obtain copies of the *Bulletin* from the Public Health Service, Washington, D. C.

THE PHARMACEUTICAL SYLLABUS, SECOND AND THIRD EDITIONS.

The Syllabus Committee has a number of copies of the Second and Third Editions of the Pharmaceutical Syllabus which it would like to dispose of. Any person or school desiring a copy in order to complete the series published to date may have these editions by sending twenty-five cents per copy to cover the cost of packaging and mailing.

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Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

INSTRUCTORS OF PHARMACEUTICAL CHEMISTRY.

It is urgently requested that the names of prominent instructors of the staff of the Chemistry department be forwarded to the secretary of the section, in order that these men may be solicited by personal letter for a paper for our program.

The presentation of chemistry in the University Schools is probably as it should be, but their association with our group may be helpful to all concerned.

GORDON A. BERGY,
Morgantown, West Virginia.

SMITHSONIAN GALLERY APPROVED.

The Library Committee of the House of Representatives has voted a favorable report on a joint resolution to set aside a site on the Mall at Washington for the proposed Smithsonian Gallery of Art. This gallery would house contemporary painting and sculpture and decora-

tive arts such as furniture, glassware, porcelain and tapestry, including collections now in storage in the U. S. National Museum. The proposal is that the Government provide the site and maintain the gallery, and that private contributions be sought for constructing the building. Sites being considered are the area now occupied by Department of Agriculture greenhouses on the north side of the Mall, facing Constitution Ave., between 12th and 14th Streets, and on the south side of the Mall opposite the new gallery given to the Government by Andrew W. Mellon.

MORRISTOWN OPENS MUSEUM TO THE PUBLIC.

The Historical Museum at Morristown National Historical Park, Morristown, N. J., was formally opened to the public February 22nd, with an attendance of 2600 for the day. The Washington Association of New Jersey, donor of the Ford Mansion and much of the museum's material, held its annual meeting at the museum.

W. P. A. COÖPERATION.

Statistics compiled by the W. P. A. show that during the past year 2774 W. P. A. workers assisted museums in twenty-three states and the District of Columbia in classification, mounting specimens, cataloging, filing, typing manuscripts and records, and general clerical work. The figures are for October 31, 1937, and do not include men employed in construction of museum buildings.

PHILADELPHIA COLLEGE PUBLIC SCIENCE LECTURES.

The eighteenth annual series of popular science lectures are now in progress at the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science. The lectures are held each Wednesday evening from March to May. Speakers are members of the faculty of the Philadelphia College. In most instances, their lectures are illustrated with experiments, demonstrations, motion picture films and still pictures.

HOSPITAL SERVICE—1937.

The Journal A. M. A., referring to its hospital number, states that "the admirable coöperation of hospital superintendents, medical directors and many others has made possible this annual census of hospitals. Official re-

ports have been received from 97.6 per cent of the hospitals, which represent 99.4 per cent of the total capacity of all registered hospitals. The 954 hospitals approved for internships and residencies made a 100 per cent response to the request for information.

"For twenty-nine successive years the hospital facilities of the United States have been enhanced each year by a net increase of between 20,000 and 30,000 beds. This year the increase was 27,827. This does not include rebuilding, replacements, repairs or expansion of scientific or administrative quarters. It is a net permanent addition to the capacity for accommodating additional patients."

The entire January 1938 issue of the *American Journal of Pharmacy*, published here, is devoted to a tribute to Charles Herbert LaWall, late dean of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science. The issue contains tributes from fellow workers as well as excerpts from Dr. LaWall's numerous writings on pharmacy.

JOHNS HOPKINS RALLY GRADUATES FOR CELEBRATION.

Johns Hopkins University will invite four thousand alumni back to its campus for April 30th, alumni day. Continuance of the innovation in future years will be determined by the success of this celebration.

The purpose, according to Dr. Mark Secrist, chairman of the program committee, is to restore interest of the alumni in their alma mater.

The *Journal of the New Orleans College of Pharmacy*, Loyola University, in its edition for 1938 gives honorable mention to the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION for its service to Pharmacy and to its health contribution, stressing in particular the efforts of the ASSOCIATION to bring about the Food and Drug Law. It is hoped that the law will be enacted before the Congress adjourns. The *Journal* also referred to the work that the A. PH. A. is doing in association with Health Service bodies and organizations.

In this connection and narcotic legislation, pharmacists are always ready to do their part.

Seventh Annual Pharmaceutical Conference of the University of Michigan.—The Seventh Annual Pharmaceutical Conference of the College of Pharmacy of the University of Michigan will be held on Wednesday, May 18th, in the Michigan Union, under the chairmanship of Howard

B. Lewis, Director of the College of Pharmacy. The 1938 Conference will center its program around legislation which affects pharmacy and the control of drugs. An unusually interesting program has been prepared. A special invitation to all interested in the advancement of pharmacy is extended for the Conference.

A large attendance of alumni, students in pharmacy and pharmacists in the state, is anticipated. A cordial invitation is extended to all who are interested in Pharmacy.

GERMAN APOTHECARIES MEET.

Invitation has been extended to American Pharmacists to attend the German "Apotheken Tag." An elaborate program has been arranged and the sessions will be held at Frankfurt *a. M.*, May 28th–31st. Social and Memorial hours will be held with sessions devoted to the several divisions of pharmacy.

The program includes a tour through the scenic sections, taking in the Oden Forests, Hanau, Enbach, Eberbach and Heidelberg; the return trip will differ in type of scenery from that going. A special effort is directed to bring visitors to Germany from various countries, and a welcome is assured.

PERSONAL AND NEWS ITEMS.

Dr. Frederick Johnson, son of Dean C. W. Johnson, University of Washington, College of Pharmacy, Seattle, has accepted a fellowship at the Mellon Institute of Industrial Research, under Dr. George D. Beal.

The will of the late Mrs. Ida Schultz Dohme has been filed in the Orphans Court of Baltimore, Md. She was the widow of Charles E. Dohme and the mother of Dr. A. R. L. Dohme. At the time of her death she was ninety-six years old. During early years Mrs. Dohme was a frequent visitor at the annual meetings of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION. The inventory valued the estate above \$1,600,000.

We are indebted to Dr. Arno Viehoveer for a twenty-six page reprint on "Evaluation of Aloe," reprinted from the *American Journal of Pharmacy*, and presented before the Drug Section of the Association of Official Agricultural Chemists, Washington, D. C. The experimental work was supported by the Board of Trustees, U. S. P.

Dr. Viehoveer also presented a reprint on "Biochemistry of Amygdalin." The co-author is Harry Mack. This was presented before the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Pittsburgh meeting.