

land, Ohio, announced renewal of the Proctor and Gamble Fellowship for 1939-1940 conferred upon Myron W. McKinney who will come to Cleveland from Winslow, Indiana. He will continue the study for the Cincinnati Soap Company of the irritant action of soap on skin, under the direction of Dr. Leroy D. Edwards, assistant professor of Pharmacognosy and Pharmacology at the School. McKinney was graduated from Purdue in June 1939, and will receive credit toward his Master of Science degree from the Graduate School of Western Reserve University.

He announced also fellowships awarded to Miss Isabel Kippen and Miss Ann M. Picchioni, who will study under him this year to receive the degree of Master of Science in Hospital Pharmacy from the Graduate School of Western Reserve University next June. Miss Kippen, who is a graduate of the University of Alberta, has a year's leave of absence as pharmacist from the Royal Alexander Hospital at Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, to which she expects to return next year. Miss Picchioni, whose home is in Klein, Montana, received her A.B. from the University of Montana in June, 1939.

The state of Maine obtained its first school of pharmacy this fall when a department of Pharmacy was established at Portland Junior Technical College. Instructors were chosen from a list approved by the Maine Pharmaceutical Association, and the course will prepare candidates for state board examination and registration.

A Drugs Resources Committee has been appointed, at the request of the War Department, to coordinate the civilian and military needs of the country in time of national emergency, and its initial meeting has been scheduled with officers of the Army and Navy Munitions Board for October 24th.

The William H. Nichols Medal of the New York section of the American Chemical Society, one of the highest honors in chemical science, has been awarded for 1940 to Dr. John M. Nelson, professor of organic chemistry at Columbia University. The presentation will be made at a dinner in New York City on March 8th.

The 55th annual meeting of the **Association of Official Agricultural Chemists** was held in Washington, D. C., on October 30th to November 1st, at the Raleigh Hotel.

OBITUARY.

GEORGE W. LUFT.

A shock to the drug and cosmetic world was the announcement of the death, October 14th, of George W. Luft, one of the founders of the American Druggist's Syndicate and President of the George W. Luft Company, makers of Tangee Cosmetics. Mr. Luft passed on at the age of 68, after an emergency operation at the New York Hospital. He had been a member of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION since 1912.

One of the most widely-known and universally liked leaders in the drug and cosmetic field, Mr. Luft was an inspirational factor in the lives of thousands of druggists. As a registered pharmacist and a one-time store owner himself he knew their problems and was directly responsible for the advancement of many.

Born in Aurora, Illinois, Mr. Luft received his earlier schooling in the Middle West and then entered the College of Pharmacy in Philadelphia, from which he was graduated in 1894. After several years of experience in the drug business he came to New York in 1904 and helped establish the American Druggist's Syndicate, of which he was Executive Vice-President until 1920. In this capacity he became recognized as an authority and pioneer in chain store and drug merchandising.

In 1921 Mr. Luft retired from the American Druggist's Syndicate to start the George W. Luft Company and was President of that organization until his death. The Luft Company makes the remarkable color-change lipstick which was first to gain international acceptance and to become the largest selling lipstick in the world.

Aside from his business activities, Mr. Luft had long been a leader in civic and philanthropic affairs in the borough of Queens, New York. He was elected a director of the Queensboro Chamber of Commerce in 1934, and in 1936 he was general chairman of the Queens Welfare Committee's campaign to raise \$250,000 to finance the committee's philanthropies for the year. He was a thirty-second degree Mason.

Surviving are his widow, Rosamund M. Luft; a daughter, Mrs. Tevis Huhn of New York City, N. Y.; and two sisters, Mrs. Robert N. Bode and Miss Anna K. Luft, both of Long Beach, California.