

The First Aid Class of Fordham University, College of Pharmacy, had the pleasure of hearing **Dr. Raymond Ditmars**, curator of mammals and reptiles at the New York Zoological Park, speak on "Snake Venom and Serum." Dr. Ditmars illustrated by actually obtaining the venom from a four-foot water moccasin, one of the most dangerous of snakes. He also demonstrated the new suction cup for removing venom after a snake bite and advocated the use of both cup and serum for best results.

The N. A. R. D. has advised that it has been found necessary to change the dates of National First Aid Week from May 14th-20th as was first announced to the following week, May 21st-27th. The latter arrangement offers two advantages, it gets First Aid Week away from Mother's Day and it also is coincident with National Cotton Week which forms an excellent tie in.

Mr. Herbert Skinner, Ph.C., member of the Council of the British Pharmaceutical Society, will be retiring on March 31st from the position of chief pharmacist to the Royal Northern Hospital, Holloway, London, N. 7. In order to retain his association with the hospital, the board of management have appointed him as consulting pharmacist. Mr. Skinner joined the staff of the Royal Northern Hospital—then the Great Northern—in 1896 from Guys Hospital. He thus completes nearly forty-three years' service. He was elected to the Council of the Pharmaceutical Society in 1916 and was the president of the Society in 1927-1929 and chairman of the British Pharmaceutical Conference in Aberdeen in 1932. He was vice-chairman of the Revision Committee of the 1923 British Pharmaceutical Codex, chairman of the Committee of Revision publishing the 1934 Codex, and is the chairman of the present Revision Committee. Mr. Skinner is an Honorary member of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

Dr. Arno Viehoever, research professor of Biology at the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science, was invited by the new Siamese government to act as its scientific advisor. He obtained a leave of absence from the college and has left for Bangkok. He will evaluate domestic curative agents.

Dr. H. A. Langenham, has resigned as professor in Pharmacy at the University of Washington to devote his entire time to the management of the S. B. Penick Skagit Valley

Goldenseal Farm. Dr. Langenham received his B.A. degree in Pharmaceutical Chemistry at the University of Illinois and his Ph.D. degree at the University of Wisconsin. He joined the faculty of the University of Washington in 1922 and became a full professor in 1928. He is recognized as an authority on hydrastis, or goldenseal root, having received the Ebert prize in 1932 for his paper on "A Phytochemical Investigation of Hydrastis Canadensis."

The Ninth Annual Druggists' Business Conference, sponsored by the Pharmacy Extension Department of Purdue University, LaFayette, Ind., will be held in the Memorial Union Building, March 21st and 22nd. Among the subjects to be discussed are: "General Merchandising," "Human Beings in Business," "Why Sell Vitamins?" "Social Security," "New Laws Affecting Pharmacy," "It's All in Your Mind," "Professional Atmosphere," "Most for the Least Money in Air Conditioning," "Merchandising the Prescription Department," "New Remedies," "Insecticides," "Know Your Ice Cream and Mix," "Clerk Training," and "Trends in Pharmacy and Medicine."

The evening program of the first day includes the Annual Dinner followed by a talk by Dr. R. G. Leland, Director, Bureau of Medical Economics, American Medical Association, on "Socialized Medicine and the Public." A second speaker will be, Mr. John J. Haramy on "Dictatorships in Action."

OBITUARY.

CHARLES HOWARD LAPOURAILLE

Mr. C. H. Lapouraille, widely known pharmacist of Baltimore, Md., died on Monday, January 16th, after several weeks illness.

After receiving his early education in the public schools, he entered the School of Pharmacy, University of Maryland; graduated in 1907, and became a registered pharmacist that year. Mr. Lapouraille was a member of a long-established pharmaceutical family, and spent all of his life in the pharmacy previously conducted by his father at 1345 Orleans Street. He was a member of the Maryland Pharmaceutical Association, Baltimore Retail Druggists' Association, and the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

Funeral services were held at his residence January 19th, with interment in Loudon Park Cemetery. Mrs. Lapouraille survives him.