

NATIONAL PHARMACY WEEK

Your Pharmacist

EVER WORKING FOR
YOUR GOOD HEALTH



Apothecary's Prayer

O God, great Master
Of the healing arts
Bless my slow unwieldy hands;
Make skilled and sensitive
My fingertips for all demands
As counter for disaster,
Fill my mental starts,
With keenness; let me live

That other lives may through
Deft medium of my science,
Pursuance find in health
Let each capsule that I count
Yield strength rewarding wealth;
Each liquid that I mix anew,
Each ointment for appliance,
In all and each amount.

Be healing prayer.
Let me ne'er forget
Thy generous Providence,
Held within my trembling hands.
Help me justly execute, dispense
And be cautious of my ware—
And while Life's hour-glass yet
Runs, with the doctor guide its sands.

Place within my heart
Alert and wholesome fear,
Lest I misweigh a single grain,
And Death come stalking from my shelves,
Make impotent limbs to walk; pain
And sorrow's counterpart,
With my potions disappear;
And God, give hope unto themselves.

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WEEK



OCT. 4th to 10th

PHARMACY WEEK

Pharmacy and medicine are the oldest health professions, and in early times were frequently practiced by the same person. They have long since become separate, highly specialized professions. Yet they have never been diverted from their common object—the alleviation of disease and suffering. Pharmacy and medicine marched through these centuries side by side—advancing step by step as the sciences and arts were developed. This has culminated in the health services of North America today, which are not surpassed anywhere in the world.

Medicine is a highly developed art and science, devoted to the diagnosis and treatment of disease. Pharmacy has progressed as a specialized profession devoted to research, development and professional distribution in the field of drugs . . . the potent substances used to meet the need shown by the physician's diagnosis. Paralleling other professions, pharmacy has become a highly specialized calling. Pharmacists may continue their studies to obtain post-graduate degrees, accepting the challenge of research aimed at new and effective drugs, such as now emerge in rapid succession from laboratories of manufacturing pharmacists. Or the pharmacist may specialize in developing these new drugs into suitable forms for use in medicine. He may supervise the production, the interminable testing, or the standardizing procedures that are all represented in modern products of pharmacy.

MORE PRECIOUS THAN GOLD

Many years ago all research was concerned with an effort known as "alchemy" which had as its aim the conversion of all materials into gold. However, today we are grateful that present-day medical and pharmaceutical research has turned its efforts toward the development of items "more precious than gold."

Ten years ago no amount of gold could buy some of the modern pharmaceutical products available today—the few antibiotic capsules that today can treat a case of pneumonia without worry and danger—the hormones that have allowed arthritics who were permanently disabled to again live useful lives—the insulin which now allows the diabetic to live a healthy normal life—and many, many others. Who can place a value on these? Are they not more precious than gold?

We in pharmacy are proud of our part in these advances, which today are being taken for granted by even the poorest, but 10 years ago were not available to even the wealthiest.



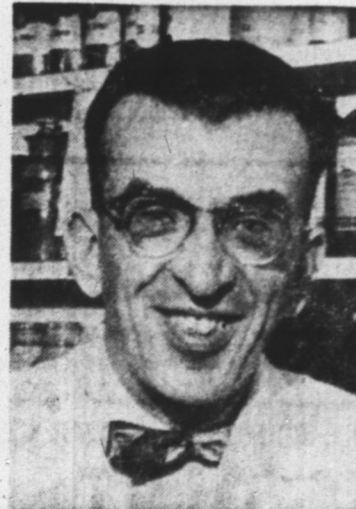
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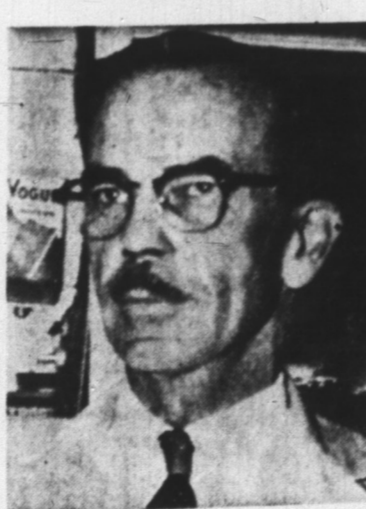
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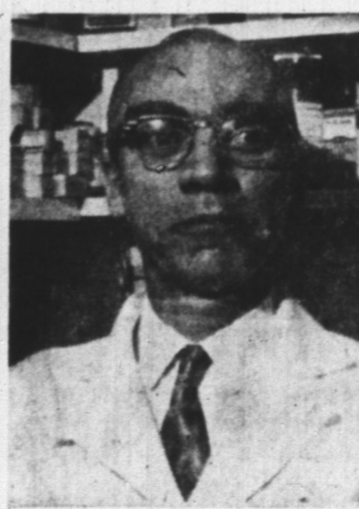
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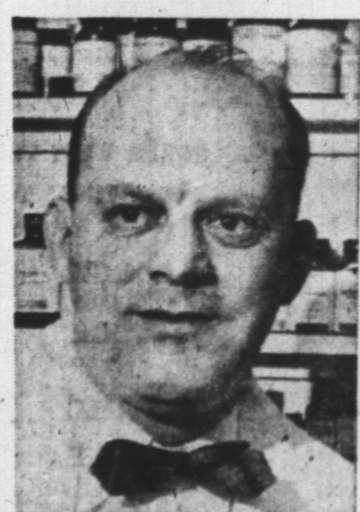
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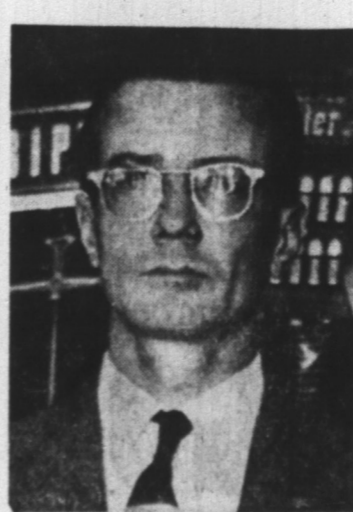
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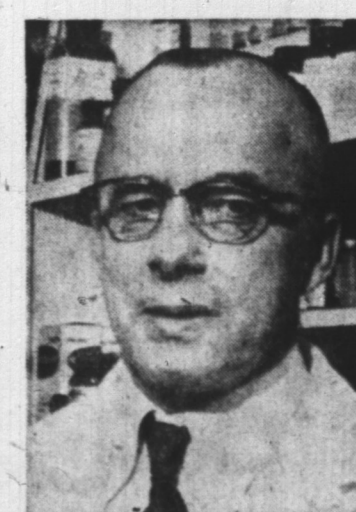
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