

## THE LANCASTER COUNTY PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION

In the absence of preserved records it is not possible to write a detailed history of the Lancaster County Pharmaceutical Association. What is therefore set down here has been extracted in part from early annual volumes of the Pennsylvania Pharmaceutical Association and from later issues of "The Pennsylvania Pharmacist" plus data from local sources.

The first hint of an organization of pharmacists in Lancaster County is found in a biography of Charles A. Heinitsh ( History of Lancaster County by Ellis and Evans). Outstanding in the Lancaster community was Charles Heinitsh, not alone by reason of his professional standing but also because he was an active Lutheran churchman and was a leader in numerous worthy projects. In 1873 when the Pennsylvania Pharmaceutical Association, Charles Heinitsh was selected as the first president. Moreover Mr. Heinitsh was not unknown on the national pharmaceutical scene. He was present at the formative meeting of the American Pharmaceutical Association in 1851, was made an active member in 1856 and became its presiding officer in 1882, the same year which saw the Lancaster County Pharmaceutical Association begin its existence.

It may be assumed that Charles Heinitsh was foremost in the movement to form an association of Lancaster County pharmacists; and when in 1832 the Lancaster County Pharmaceutical Association came into being it was altogether logical that he was chosen as its first president. Possibly this was the first county group of pharmacists in the State to organize, as each year for several years after its formation a special report from the Lancaster association was presented at successive State conventions.

In addition to Mr. Heinitsh as president, these pharmacists filled the other offices: William Maulick, Vice-president; A. A. Hubley, Secretary; Henry B. Cochran, Treasurer. Three years later (1835) the organization was

officered by these men: John B. Kauffman, President; Thomas E. Bechtold, Vice-president; A.A.Hubley, Secretary; Robert S. Ross, Assistant Secretary; H. B. Cochran, Treasurer; Charles A. Heinitsh, John Black, John C. Long, members for the Executive Committee.

While nothing spectacular happened in the organizational life of the Lancaster pharmacists during the ensuing five years, we know that in 1890 the Lancaster County association was still a continuing group as evidenced by the following report given at the June state convention held in York that year.

"The ninth year of the Lancaster County Pharmaceutical Association shows its official organization still intact, and while very few meetings have been held during the year and very little active work has been accomplished, it still serves as a nucleus for any special effort that may demand attention. The meetings that are held are chiefly of a social character, a feature that gives a great deal of pleasure and satisfaction to those who attend. Present officers are Alfred Hubley, President; Sigmund Heinitsh, vice-president; John Black, Secretary; H. B. Cochran, Treasurer; Charles A. Heinitsh, Robert S. Ross, William O. Frailey, members of the Executive Committee."

That there was harmony among the pharmacists of Lancaster city in this period of time may be deduced from data concerning a movement in 1892 to close the drug stores at 8 o'clock on evenings during the summer. In the possession of the writer is a petition signed by twenty five drug clerks which reads as follows:

"We the undersigned drug clerks of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, do petition the druggists of the city for shorter hours during the months of July and August, namely that the stores be closed at 8 o'clock, with the exception of Monday and Saturday evenings. Hoping this fair request may be granted we respectfully submit this paper."

Also in the collection of the writer is the original notice signed by twenty one city druggists- they were seldom referred to as pharmacists by the public at the time- granting the request of their clerks.

"We the undersigned druggists of the city of Lancaster, Pennsylvania do agree to close our stores at 8 o'clock p. m. during the months of July and August with the exception of Monday and Saturday evenings. The above to take effect beginning the week of July 11, 1892."

In 1903-1904 William O. Frailey, prominent pharmacist in Lancaster for half a century, served as President of the Pennsylvania Pharmaceutical Association from which fact we may again infer that the Lancaster County association was still flourishing at that time.

On Wednesday afternoon January 10, 1906 the Lancaster County Pharmaceutical Association held a banquet - it was called an annual - at Hotel Rossmere at which time an election was held and a majority of the offices were filled by pharmacists from the county.

L. J. Schroeder, Columbia . . . .	President
J. M. Fackenthal, Lancaster . . . .	Vice-president
S. W. Heinitsh, Lancaster . . . . .	Secretary
Executive Committee . . . . .	W. O. Frailey, Lancaster
	E. W. Garber, Mount Joy
	H. G. Smoker, Columbia
	W. M. Stauffer, New Holland
	W. L. Bucher, Columbia
	S. E. Meister, Lancaster
	L. J. Schroeder, Columbia

Mr. Frailey was toastmaster at the banquet which was features by responses from each of the newly elected officers and also from these other eminent pharmacists: George Royer, Ephrata; Dr. J. C. Brobst, Lititz; C. E. Boger, Lebanon; I. E. Ranck, Lancaster; H. L. Cox, Ephrata.

For the next twenty two years interest in the Lancaster County Pharmaceutical Association was at a low ebb, although spurred to activity by old time pharmacists Andrew Frey and William O. Frailey, occasional meetings were held with the hope of receiving interest.

In 1929, moved to action because of pending legislation in Congress concerning "fair trade prices" the pharmacists of Lancaster County were once more stirred to life to the extent that they reorganized as a group. The roster of officers is not known, except that Roy Shiffer was elected as secretary and continued in that capacity until 1936.

At a meeting on February 5, 1930 in Hotel Brunswick which was the usual place of assembly at the time a committee was appointed to confer with Congressman Roland T. Kinzer and give him the pharmacist's views on the pending "Capper-Kelly Fair Trade Bill ". The committee consisted of Harry F. Bird, William O. Frailey, St., W. L. Bucher, C. Reed Cox, Wilford Stauffer, George Smithgall, and Harold Smoker. This meeting was addressed by J. B. Pilchard, Secretary of the State Pharmaceutical Association.

Aimed at bettering relations with the healing professions, the county organization sponsored an assembly on April 1, 1931 when there were in attendance ten physicians, one veterinarian, one dentist and nineteen pharmacists. Dr. Theodore B. Appel. of Lancaster, current State Secretary of Health was the featured guest speaker.

On the fourth of March 1933, Franklin Delano Roosevelt began his first term as President of the United States. The date also marked the beginning of great economic changes. Soon everyone, especially men and women, active in trades and professions were involved with the N.R.A. (National Recovery Administration) and the resultant and mandatory codes. At this time Howard G. Smoker was president of the Lancaster County Pharmaceutical Association and at one lively meeting over which he presided (August 2, 1933) thirty three Lancaster County pharmacists were

present and produced a lively discussion of the N.R.A. and of the codes which were proposed for the regulation of the practice of pharmacy.

Andrew G. Frey was honored with the title of President Emeritus at the annual meeting of the association held at Media Heights Golf Club on June 28, 1934 at which time these officers were elected: President, Wilford Stauffer; Vice-president, Washington I. Brandt; Treasurer, Norman E. Krueger; Secretary, H. Roy Shiffer; Executive Committee: Clyde H. Cooper, W. L. Wenger, William O. Frailey, Jr., Amos L. Hamaker, John F. Hinkle, Elmer Bowman. The secretary in reporting this meeting to the State Association noted that "the meeting was unique as three generations of the Frailey pharmaceutical family were present. They were William O. Frailey, Sr., William O. Frailey, Jr., and William O. Frailey III".

At a special meeting held in Hotel Brunswick on October 1, 1936, William O. Frailey, Jr. was selected as President with these supporting officers: First Vice-president; Elmer Bowman; Second Vice-president, William Carter; Treasurer, Clyde H. Cooper; Secretary, H. Roy Shiffer; Executive Committee: Harry F. Ruhl, Howard G. Smoker, Clyde H. Cooper, Washington I. Brandt, Amos L. Hamaker, S. J. Rosen.

An item dated November 13, 1939 appeared in the Pennsylvania Pharmacist and recorded another renewal of life in the Lancaster County association.

"At a meeting held in the Brunswick, John H. Henkel was chosen as secretary. Forty seven members were present, in itself an indication of interest. President Robert V. Garvey was in the chair. It was decided to hold future meetings in the American Legion quarters located in the Breneman building at 10:30 p. m. on the first Monday of each month." For one year or perhaps longer, monthly meetings were indeed held; and then followed another period of inactivity when apparently the Lancaster County Pharmaceutical Association had gone into hibernation.

The last reorganization of the Association was consummated in 1945

and from that year to the very present (1978) it has had an uninter-  
rupted and active existence. The following short newspaper item tells of  
its resurgence.

"Realizing the need for organization, the Lancaster County Pharmaceuti-  
cal Association has reorganized after being dormant for several years. The  
officers are: President, Elmer W. Bowman; Vice-president, Wm. Carter;  
Secretary, John Henkel; Treasurer, Chauncey Longenecker."

In September 1950 a high honor was conferred on a Lancaster City  
pharmacist which deserves a place in this history. Edward W. Tighe, Chief  
pharmacist for the Lancaster General Hospital, President of the Lancaster  
County Pharmaceutical Association, and a member of the Pennsylvania  
Pharmaceutical Association Executive Council, was appointed by Governor  
James H. Duff to serve on the Pennsylvania Board of Pharmacy. He ultimate-  
ly served from 1950 through 1955 as a member and acting secretary and one  
term as Chairman of the Board. He was the first hospital pharmacist to  
serve on the Pennsylvania Board, and as far as is known, was also the only  
Lancaster countian to be appointed to the Board at any time.

In 1961 the officers and membership of the Association approved a  
resolution to incorporate as a "Domestic Nonprofit Corporation" according  
to the provisions of the Act of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth  
of Pennsylvania, approved the 5th day of May A.D. 1933 P. L. 289 and all  
the amendments thereto.

The purposes and objects of the association were described in the  
following paragraph, which paragraph then became part of the engrossed  
charter.

"The purpose and object of the corporation shall be to unite the  
educated and reputable pharmacists of the County of Lancaster, Common-  
wealth of Pennsylvania; to improve the science and art of pharmacy; to  
extend pharmaceutical knowledge; to uphold the ethics and dignity of the  
profession of pharmacy; and to advance the public welfare by insuring

Granted by the Court of Common Pleas of Lancaster County, the charter became effective on October the thirteenth, 1961, as will be seen by the affidavit on the last page of this history. The incorporators numbered fifty five persons, all of them members of the Association and whose signatures were appended to the charter. Leon Sachs was treasurer of the Lancaster County Pharmaceutical Association at this time and his home address was registered as the headquarters of the Association inasmuch as the group had no permanent quarters.

A stellar event in the history of the Lancaster County Pharmaceutical Association was the annual banquet of 1965 held at the Dutch Town and Country Inn. In effect this was a testimonial to Dr. James Appel, a Lancaster practitioner who was serving a term as President of the prestigious American Medical Association. It proved to be the largest attended meeting of Lancaster County pharmacists on record. This very special affair was organized by Charles B. Mosemann, prominent Lancaster city pharmacist and an efficient committee. Present for the occasion were Dr. Linwood F. Tice, President of the American Pharmaceutical Association and Dean of Pharmacy, Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science; Dr. Joseph Sprowls, Dean of Pharmacy, Temple University School of Pharmacy, who was toastmaster and Dr. Leroy E. Burney, Vice-president of Health Science, Temple University and former Surgeon General of the United States during President Eisenhower's administration, who gave the principal address of the evening. In attendance also were officers of the Pennsylvania Pharmaceutical Association, the Pennsylvania Medical Society, the Lancaster County Medical Society, Mayor George B. Coe of Lancaster and other prominent local civic leaders.

Ninety six years have passed since the pharmacists of Lancaster County first joined hands to form a professional organization. As the preceding sketchy story indicates, the group has had its "ups and downs". Always however, there have been those members of the profession who have