

ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES

ANNUAL CONVENTION AT BAKERSFIELD, CALIF.

The Fourth Annual Convention of the National Association of Sanitarians, Incorporated, got under way on Friday afternoon, September 20, 1940, at the Motel Inn, located in the fair city of Bakersfield, California.

The registering of visiting sanitarians from the eleven western states and territories and their wives and families took up the afternoon and also carried over into the next day by the late arrivals.

Bakersfield Frontier Days Celebration occupied the time of the visiting sanitarians on Friday, while the evening program was devoted to a Board of Directors' meeting, at which considerable important business was transacted.

Saturday, September 21, 1940, the National Association of Sanitarians, Inc., convened in session at the Kern County General Hospital, with the national president, Will V. Butler, presiding. An address of welcome was given by our congenial president.

Dr. William C. Buss, epidemiologist of the Kern County Health Department, presented to the assembly a very enlightening paper on the Recent Work in Equine Encephalitis. After this paper Mr. M. S. Siegel, Director of the Bureau of Housing and Sanitation of the Los Angeles City Health Department, presented a report on the Sanitarians' Section of the Institute of Government at the University of Southern California.

This was followed by a program pertaining to the education of food handlers outlined by Elmer B. Quist of Cedar City, Utah. This presentation featured a series of new sound slide films, dealing with education and the instruction of food handlers, as developed by the Health Officers' News Digest of the Public Health Committee of the Cup and Container Institute of New York. This novel innovation was enthusiastically received by the audience.

Then the assembled group adjourned to attend a luncheon at the Motel Inn seating over 110 persons. The congenial personality of a splendid toastmaster, and gen-

tleman, Mr. A. C. Weston of the Santa Barbara City Health Department, dominated the luncheon and in his pleasing fashion, he introduced Dr. Joe Smith, Health Officer of Kern County, who gave a cordial address of welcome. After this Dr. Smith's assistant, Dr. Eaton, was also presented.

An address by Dr. George Uhl, Coordinating Officer of the California State Department of Public Health, brought to the convention a very pertinent subject, entitled "The Future of the Sanitarian." Dr. Uhl's outstanding point was that some form of certification and registration should be applied to the personnel of this progressive field of public health. He also paid high tribute to the National Association of Sanitarians, Inc., for their efforts to professionalize the field of sanitation.

The group then adjourned to the Kern County Hospital, at which time the open business meeting was called by the president, Will V. Butler, and the following subjects were discussed:—change in by-laws, registration and certification, election of officers, "The Sanitarian" formation of sections, and committee reports.

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Saturday, Sept. 21, 1940, 7:00 P. M.

The annual banquet was presided over by toastmaster A. C. Weston, who again did a very fine job in carrying to conclusion a very successful convention.

The president's address was given by Will V. Butler, after which he presented the newly elected officers of the National Association of Sanitarians, Inc., for the year 1941: President, C. F. Baughman; 1st Vice President, James Keaton; 2nd Vice President, Thomas Porter, and Treasurer, William Whitton.

This was followed by introduction of guests by the toastmaster, and among these was Dr. George Parrish, Los Angeles City Health Officer, who had made a special trip from Los Angeles to Bakersfield in order to be present at the Sanitarians' convention.

The main speaker of the evening was Mr. Walter S. Mangold, whose subject was "The Sanitarian in the National De-

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fense Program." He covered two phases of the subject that were especially pertinent. First in the environmental sanitation was how outside factors affect the camp, meaning water supply, sewage and waste disposal, swimming pools, food supply, milk supply, sterilization of utensils, venereal disease program; insect, fly and mosquito control and control of plague, rodents, and Rocky Mountain spotted fever. Second was how sanitation within the camp affects the outside, referring to sewage and manure disposal, garbage disposal, water supply, noise and dust, etc. Mr. Mangold, while on his recent teaching sojourn at the University of Pennsylvania, made certain contacts with Col. Dunham, Carlisle Barracks, Major General Roberts, and Lt. Col. Hitchens, regarding the sanitarian's place in the national defense program. That the sanitarian will take a definite place was assured by the aforementioned army personnel in making the community and the army camps maintain a standard of sanitation in accordance with the principles of public health, as laid down by the National Association of Sanitarians, Inc.

GRATEFUL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The National Association of Sanitarians, Inc., at this time wishes to thank the local Chamber of Commerce, Motel Inn, and business houses of the City of Bakersfield who so graciously made possible the success of this convention. The Association also wishes to acknowledge the constructive and educational displays which were installed for the duration of the convention by the following: Universal Chlorinator Company; J. B. Ford Company, manufacturers of Wyandotte Sterichlor; Pacific Lumber Company, manufacturers of Palco Sectional Septic Tank; Alba Pharmaceutical Company, Inc., manufacturers of Zephiran, Industrial Solution, a modern sanitizing agent; C. P. Crowley, agent for Proportioneers; National Technical Laboratories, South Pasadena, manufacturers of Sterimatic equipment, the automatic method of sanitization of the drinking glass; and Turco Products, Inc., manufacturers of Turco cleansing materials.

The National Association of Sanitarians, Inc., would like to take this opportunity to

INDUSTRY AND SANITARIANS

An interesting magazine which carries some useful information for sanitarians is issued by the American Standards Association under the title of Industrial Standardization and Commercial Standards Monthly. The address is 29 West 39th Street, New York, and the subscription price \$4.00 per year.

Some pertinent items in the July, 1940, issued include the following:

A recommendation for a proposed book of standards for the cosmetics industry, suggested title—"U. S. Cosmeticopoeia."

At the Thirtieth National Conference on Weights and Measures, the Committee on Standardization of Packaged Goods recommends the adoption of three bills on standards for foods transported in interstate commerce:

1. To fix standards of capacity for foods sold in dry state in containers.
2. To fix standards for containers of molasses, syrups, edible oils, etc.
3. To fix standards for containers of fruits and vegetables and their juices.

An announcement of standards for paper containers, some of which were found by testing to be too light to give adequate service. Mimeographed copies of the recommended list are available from the Division of Simplified Practice, National Bureau of Standards, Washington, D. C.

Establishment of regulations under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act for canned apricots, cherries, and pears.

Proposed standards for Air Gaps in Plumbing worked out by a national committee are available at the American Standards Association.

Two new harmless coal-tar colors have been added to the lists of certification announced by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

(Note: On July 1, 1940, the U. S. Food and Drug Administration was transferred from the U. S. Department of Agriculture to the Federal Security Agency.)

thank Harry A. Bliss, Convention Chairman, and Clifford F. Baughman for the very splendid manner in which the convention arrangements were made and carried out. It is the spirit of men like these which will eventually lead us to the goal toward which we are striving.