

## Pharmacy Time Capsules

2006

### 1981—Twenty-five years ago:

- First vaccine for Hepatitis B (Heptavax B) is approved.
- Captopril, (Capoten) the first orally active angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitor was marketed by Squibb.
- There were 72 colleges and schools of pharmacy accredited by ACPE. 7,323 graduates with first professional degree, a decline of almost 6% from the previous year and the 4<sup>th</sup> year of decline
- IBM personal computer introduced.

### 1956—Fifty years ago

- The Narcotics Control Act is enacted; it provides the death penalty, if recommended by the jury, for the sale of heroin to a person under eighteen by one over eighteen and increases the penalty for the sale or use of marijuana.
- There were 75 colleges of pharmacy accredited by the American Council on Pharmaceutical Education with student membership in APhA of 13,100.
- Methylphenidate hydrochloride (Ritalin) was marketed by CIBA, first for depression and fatigue it soon found use in the treatment of pediatric hyperactivity, or attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD)

### 1931—Seventy-five year ago

- Paul Karrer successfully isolated Vitamin A from cod-liver oil; it was the first of the vitamins of which the chemical structure was clarified.
- National Drug Store Survey starts in St. Louis by the Commerce Department with an object to help the small business pharmacist. Topics included the prescription department, store location and merchandising and included both metropolitan and rural stores.
- first indictment in Dallas County Texas for the illegal sale of marijuana. The Texas penalty was a fine of \$25 to \$500 or a jail sentence of between one to 12 months
- National Pharmacy Week was promoted through a national window display competition with the winner receiving the Robert J. Ruth trophy, named in honor of the originator of Pharmacy Week. The first winner was Haussman's Pharmacy of Philadelphia, PA

### 1906—One hundred years ago

- German bacteriologist August Wasserman develops a test for syphilis
- Upton Sinclair publishes "The Jungle," a muck-raking novel about the American meat-packing industry directly leading to the passage of the Pure Food and Drug Act.
- Death of Chicago pharmacist Albert Ebert, founder of American Pharmacy's oldest award on November 6.

### 1881—One hundred twenty-five years ago

- Nebraska Pharmaceutical Association formed.
- Proprietary Association of America (originally Proprietary Medicine Manufacturers and Dealers Association) was formed to lobby for the repeal of a Civil War tax. The name was changed to the Nonprescription Drug Manufacturers Association (1990) and then to Consumer Health Care Products Association (1999).

- Alexander Fleming, the discoverer of penicillin, was born on August 6, 1881 in England.
- In May 1881, [Louis Pasteur](#) demonstrated the effectiveness of vaccinating sheep against live anthrax.

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