THIRD ANNUAL MEETING—Community Action Agency held its annual meeting on Wednesday at the War Memorial Building. Certificates were given to employees for five or more years of service and to citizens who have served the CAA. Left to right are Mesdames Magaline Brown, Helen Floyd, Mabel Marshall, Rosie Thomas, William Thomas, Mesdames Faith Young, Mammie Hatchett, Viona Williams, Mary Tuerkes.

FDA announces review of patented drugs

The Food and Drug Administration today announced a massive and unprecendented review program to ensure that the many thousands of over-the-counter drugs — those sold without a prescription — are safe and effective for self treatment of minor, symptomatic conditions.

"Because self medication is essential to the Nation's health care system, it is imperative that the over-the-counter drugs be safe and effective and have fully informative labeling," said Charles C. Edwards, M.D., Commissioner of Food and Drugs.

"The FDA is concerned that many present formulations do not have the claimed effect, have inadequate instructions for effective use by the consumer, or are promoted in deceptive and indefensible ways" Dr. Edwards noted.

Beginning immediately, the FDA will set up expert panels to evaluate ingredients, dosages and conditions for use for each of at least 26 basic classes of OTC products. These include such preparations as antacids, cough remedies, stimulants, laxatives, and analgesics.

From this evaluation will come a monograph for each basic class of OTC drugs. Each OTC product will have to meet the standards of the monograph, be reformulated to meet the standards or gain individual approval through the FDA New Drug Application system.

The OTC Review Program follows a similar study of more than 3,000 individual prescription drugs. The prescription review — under way since 1966 — is now complete and FDA is well along in implementing findings.

"While the few thousand prescription drugs were evaluated item-by-item, this approach is impossible for OTC products," said Commissioner Edwards.

"We do not know how many OTC drugs are marketed today, but estimates range from 100,000 to 500,000 separate items. This makes it necessary that we approach the OTC program by product categories," said Commissioner Edwards.

The class by class approach is aided by the fact that the many thousands of OTC products employ one or more of only about 200 significant active ingredients.

The OTC Drug Review Program is expected to take at least three years to complete. The monograph for each class of drugs, however, will be implemented as it is established.

The first class of drugs to be reviewed is the antacid preparations. The panel for this review is expected to be organized and convened by March 1, 1972. A proposed monograph for antacids is expected to be published by July 31, 1972.

Public workers upset pay raise withheld

"A lot of the members think we ought to start some activity to refresh their memories that we mean business," Ernest B. Crofoot, director of the Maryland Public Employees, Council 67, told the AFl(O, Wednesday.

Crofoot explained that Council 67 members are becoming upset that the state has yet to grant the pay increase promised for Jan. 1 and approved by the federal Wage-Price Board.

Last week Crofoot sent "a vigorous protest" to Governor Marvin Mandel through the Secretary of Personnel, Henry G. Bosz.

Crofoot said the union Governor, this week, requesting a meeting with him.

Last March, the Maryland Public Employees, part of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFL-CIO), threatened a walkout, beginning with University Hospital, if their wage demands were not met.

Crofoot said he union worked long hours to reach a compromise and avert a walkout.

Part of the compromise, Crofoot stated, was that salary increases would not start, July 1 (the start of the new contract year) but Jan. 1.

The state's failure to implement the Jan. 1 pay hike, said Crofoot, is a "betrayal of good faith."

Crofoot claimed: "the state in its vague defense of its lack of action, is grasping at the flimsiest possible excuses for not fulfilling their commitment to their 40,000 employees."

"The state's suggestion of implementing the pay raise in April, retroactive to Jan 1 is no good," Crofoot added.

JANUARY 25

S.T.A.G.E., INC. (Studio Theatre for Actors and Group Ensemble) will hold a mid-season workshop evening on Tuesday, January 25 at 7:30 p.m. at Northwestern High School, Park Heights and Fallstaff Rd. Jane Rubank and Marilyn Warsofsky, co-directors, plan an evening of improvisations, musical comedy numbers, group acting and dance, with members of the Fall Session performing.

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