

## OBITUARY: F. NORMAN HUGHES

F. Norman Hughes passed away peacefully on February 4, 2002, having celebrated his 94th birthday just a few days earlier, on January 23.

Norman Hughes earned his Bachelor of Pharmacy (PhmB) degree from the University of Toronto in 1929, a second Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy degree from Purdue University in 1940, and a Master's degree in physiology from the University of Toronto in 1944.

In 1938 Norman Hughes joined the teaching faculty of the Ontario College of Pharmacists, the body that provided pharmacy undergraduate education in Ontario until 1953. He served as assistant dean of the Ontario College of Pharmacists School from 1948 to 1950 and as dean of the School in 1952. He was instrumental in moving the BScPhm program from the College to the University of Toronto in 1953, at which time the Faculty of Pharmacy was created. He was the Faculty's first dean and served in this position until his retirement in 1973.

Clearly one of Norman Hughes's greatest and most lasting contributions to pharmacy was his role in shaping the *Compendium of Pharmaceuticals and Specialties (CPS)*. This publication began as one of several features that he provided for the *Canadian Pharmaceutical*

*Journal*. He edited a "New Pharmaceuticals Section" in the *CPJ* from 1945 to 1971; this evolved into his *New Products Index*, volumes 1 to 13 (1950 to 1957), and then into the *CPS*. Dean Hughes served as the first editor of the *CPS* in 1960, then as coeditor, and finally as consulting editor and chairman of its editorial advisory board until its 10th edition in 1975.

Norman Hughes wrote approximately 100 professional and scientific papers and over the years provided material to, in addition to professional pharmacy journals, *Canadian Nurse*, the *Canadian Medical Association Journal*, the *Ontario Medical Review*, and *Applied Therapeutics*.

As evidence of the high regard in which he was held, Norman Hughes received honorary life memberships from the Canadian Pharmaceutical Association, the Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists, the Ontario Pharmacists Association, the Association of Faculties of Pharmacy of Canada, and the Association of Deans of Pharmacy of Canada. In 1967 he received the Canadian Centennial Medal.

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