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Magdalena Neff



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Magdalena Neff (1881-1966)
Pharmacist & Women's Rights Activist

Born in Karlsruhe, she was one of the first female students to graduate from the local high school with the Abitur in 1899. She then became Germany's first female pharmacy apprentice.



In 1904, she began studying pharmacy at the Technical University of Karlsruhe, becoming the first female student at a technical university.

In 1906, she passed her final exams with distinction and became the first licensed female pharmacist in Germany.

Together with her husband, she took over and managed two pharmacies in Ehingen, which she continued to run alone after he was drafted into military service.



Not only did she break through the male-dominated world of pharmacy, she also founded a network that later became the *Association of German Female Pharmacists*.

Even during her apprenticeship and studies, she was in contact with other female pharmacists, discussing the disadvantages women faced in the profession.

She was the first woman to receive the *Lesmüller Medal* from the *German Pharmacists' Congress*.

Several schools and streets, as well as a hall in the Karlsruhe Convention Center, have been named in her honor.



„Magdalena Neff war die erste Pharmaziestudentin in Deutschland. Sie war Pionierin mit Kampfgeist, eine Feministin, die unermüdlich um Anerkennung kämpfte.“

-Deutsche Apotheker Zeitung, 2012

"Magdalena Neff was the first female pharmacy student in Germany. She was a trailblazer with fighting spirit, a feminist who tirelessly fought for recognition."

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