

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS OF THE STATE OF NORTH
CAROLINA - SIR WALTER HOTEL - ROANOKE ROOM - RALEIGH, N. C.

DECEMBER 12, 1938

The second meeting of the Board of Medical Examiners of the State of North Carolina was held in the Roanoke Room in the Sir Walter Hotel in Raleigh, North Carolina December 12, 1938 at nine o'clock A. M. All members of the Board were present, namely: Dr. Lewis W. Elias, Dr. W. D. James, Dr. Karl B. Pace, Dr. Frank A. Sharpe, Dr. William M. Coppridge, Dr. J. Street Brewer, and Dr. Lester A. Crowell Jr. Dr. Lewis W. Elias, president, called the meeting to order and opened with prayer. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The treasurer's report was read and found correct.

The first business transacted was the interviewing and approving of candidates by reciprocity and endorsement. The following doctors had their credentials completed and were passed upon to receive licenses to practice medicine and surgery in the State of North Carolina:

Dr. Walter L. Alspach	Orange, Texas
Dr. Jay Morris Arena	Durham, N. C.
Dr. Eugene Anthony Bain	Wilmington, N. C.
Dr. J. Gordon Bentley	Pore's Knob, N. C.
Dr. Robert Carlyle Bunts	Asheville, N. C.
Dr. Robert Manfred Caldwell	Galax, Virginia
Dr. William D. Farmer	Bailey, N. C.
Dr. Alfred Wilson Hamer	McColl, S. C.
Dr. Lewis H. Hagna	Marion, N. C.
Dr. Robert A. G. Jones	Chapel Hill, N. C.
Dr. Esta Joyce L. Kress	Thomasville, N. C.
Dr. Jacob Himi Kress	Thomasville, N. C.
Dr. Miriam Ruth Marting	Sanatorium, N. C.
Dr. Luther W. Oehlbeck	Kinston, N. C.
Dr. Calvin Graham Reid	Charlotte, N. C.
Dr. Charles Paul Stevick	Southern Pines, N. C.
Dr. Thomas Harold Williston	Fayetteville, N. C.

Subpoenas had been issued to the following to appear in person at this meeting:

J. W. Hatfield, Jr., Dr. A. C. Bulla, Dr. M. D. Hill, Dr. G. M. Cooper, and Mr. W. A. Baker of Raleigh, Wake County, N. C.

Dr. J. H. Crawford of Beaver Dam Township, Cherokee Co., and Dr. J. R. Speight of Robbinsville, Graham County, N. C.

Mr. C. O. Padgett of Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, N. C.

Mrs. Lucy Godwin of Columbia, Tyrell County, N. C. and Dr. S. V. Lewis, Plymouth, Washington County, N. C.

J. W. Hatfield, Jr., proprietor and owner of the Vapo Bath, Raleigh, N. C. was questioned for one hour by the Board with Dr. A. C. Bulla, Dr. M. D. Hill, Dr. G. M. Cooper, and Mr. W. A. Baker, chief of License Tax Division, Raleigh, N. C. Before indictment could be brought against Vapo Bath, it was decided that it would be necessary to produce evidence that the treatments given patients by Vapo Bath were made worse. This evidence should be furnished by physicians familiar with the before and after results of the individuals treated in Vapo Bath. A committee was appointed to investigate Vapo Bath and to report at the next meeting. Dr. Coppridge, Dr. Sharpe, Dr. Crowell, Jr. and Dr. James were appointed to serve on this committee.

The celebrated Dr. J. H. Crawford case was settled for all times. His controversy had been extended over a quarter of a century and had been passed from one Board to another. We thought it best to make a thorough investigation of Dr. Crawford's license and settle this controversy. Dr. Crawford was licensed in 1890 under the Act of 1889 to practice



medicine by diploma in Buncombe County. In 1923 he was granted a limited license to practice medicine in Beaver Dam Township in Cherokee County. The Board voted unanimously to let him continue the practice of medicine.

Mrs. Lucy Godwin, registered nurse, had been reported by Dr. S. V. Lewis, district health officer, that she had been practicing obstetrics and had written prescriptions. Mrs. Lucy Godwin was sick and unable to attend the meeting; however, Dr. Lewis assured us that our subpoena to her had answered every purpose, and that he had no idea she would ever practice medicine again.

Ms C. O. Padgett, Astrologer of Charlotte, N. C. was subpoenaed, but there was not enough time to investigate his profession.

The meeting adjourned at nine o'clock P. M. for supper to meet again June 19, 1939.

W. D. James.

Secretary - Treasurer



