MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
OF NORTH CAROLINA

Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, North Carolina
June 19-23rd, 1955

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The Board of Medical Examiners of the State of North Carolina met June 19-23rd, 1955 at the Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, North Carolina, for the purpose of giving the annual written examination for medical licensure, to interview applicants for licensure by endorsement, and special limited license, and other business.

Sunday, June 19th.

The board convened for dinner at 7 P. M. Drs. Amos N. Johnson, President, N. P. Battle, Joseph J. Combs, Secretary-Treasurer, L. R. Doffermyre, Clyde R. Hedrick, H. C. Thompson, and Mrs. Louise J. McNeill, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, were present. Dr. G. Westbrook Murphy was absent on account of illness. Dr. M. D. Hill, Secretary, Mr. James T. Barnes, Executive Secretary, and Mr. William Hilliard, Publicity Director of the North Carolina State Medical Society, and Mr. John H. Anderson, Attorney for the Board of Medical Examiners, were guests of the board.

RE: Dr. John Francis Boniface, applicant for licenee by endorsement of credentials, was granted the privilege of appearing with incomplete credentials. Dr. Boniface stated that he planned to go to Asheville to assist the associates of Dr. G. Westbrook Murphy during his absence on account of illness.

Dr. Johnson: What are your plans as to North Carolina after you have fulfilled this?
A. I do not know.

Q. You are in the field of radiology, are you board elligible?
A. Yes.

Q. Where did you get your training?
A. Roper Hospital.

Q. You would be content to hold a limited license in North Carolina to cover this particular emergency?
A. Yes. If I desired to do another locum tenems, could I switch over?

Q. Do you plan to do sporadic locum tenems the rest of your life?
A. No.

Dr. Thompson: Where are you located?
A. I am still at Roper to July 1st.

Dr. Johnson: When do you plan to go to Asheville?
A. Right after July 1st.

Q. How long do you plan to stay in Asheville?
A. Anywhere from two to four weeks.

Q. Do you have any further plans for North Carolina?
A. No.

Q. If and when your file is complete and you are given a limited license, then should you convince this board that you want to stay in North Carolina and have a permanent location, then by paying the difference, you may have a permanent license. What you are asking now is a limited license.
A. Yes.

Q. If this board should see fit to grant you permission, contingent upon completion of credentials, to work in this state for Dr. Murphy for the time limited to the necessary time he is out, we want you to understand that before you can do locum tenems, you will have to apply to this board again to receive permission to do that.

VERDICT: Dr. H. C. Thompson moved that Dr. John Francis Boniface be granted limited license for the duration of this emergency, not to exceed six months, to cover the work of Dr. G. Westbrook Murphy, the fee for which will be $50.00. This motion was duly seconded by Dr. L. R. Doffermyre and passed unanimously.

RE: Dr. G. Westbrook Murphy - The secretary advised that at the direction of the president flowers had been sent to Dr. Murphy in the hospital, the bill for which was $11.55.

VERDICT: Dr. N. P. Battle moved that this expenditure be approved. This motion was duly seconded by Dr. C. R. Hedrick and passed unanimously.

RE: Written Examination

The questions were discussed by the members of the board.

The board ruled that the grades for the examinations should be in the secretary's office by July 20th.

The meeting was adjourned.

Monday, June 20th

9:00 A. M. - Registration of applicants for Part I and Parts I and II of the written examination.

The following is schedule of the examinations:

Monday, June 20 - 10 A. M. - Anatomy, Embryology and Histology
2 P. M. - Physiology and Chemistry

Tuesday, June 21 - 9 A. M. - Bacteriology and Pathology
3 P. M. - Surgery

Wednesday, June 22-9 A. M.- Medicine and Therapeutics
2 P. M. - Obstetrics and Gynecology

Thursday, June 23- 9 A. M. - Pharmacology, Pediatrics and Hygiene

10 A. M. - The board convened for business. Credentials for license by endorsement and for special limited license were reviewed by the members of the board.

RE: Dr. W. R. Stevens (See Minutes May, 1955) - Dr. Stevens' application for special limited license to Cone Memorial Hospital, with credentials were reviewed by the board and it was noted that letters of recommendation which had been requested, had not been received from the Director, Board of Trustees and Interneship Committee of Cone Memorial Hospital.

VERDICT: Dr. N. P. Battle moved that Dr. Joseph B. Stevens be called and advised that the board had not received requests from the Board of Trustees, the Interneship Committee and the Director of the Cone Memorial Hospital in regard to Dr. W. R. Stevens being granted special limited license to that hospital. This motion was duly seconded by Dr. H. C. Thompson and was carried by a vote of five. (See page 75, 87 these Minutes)

RE: Dr. John H. Yeaman, graduate of Hahnemann Medical College in 1934 and licensed by the Maryland Homeopathic Board in 1936 - The secretary reported that at the request of Dr. Joseph F. Patterson, Jr. of New Bern, Dr. Yeaman was furnished application for license by endorsement of credentials and

it was learned upon receipt of completed application for license by endorsement that Dr. Yeaman was granted license by the Maryland Homeopathic Board. Dr. Combs related that he called the secretary of the Maryland Board of Medical Examiners, Dr. Lewis P. Gundry, who stated that the homeopathic board was not approved by his board; that an attempt was made to abolish the homeopathic board during the last session of the Maryland Legislature, but that this action was begun too late in the session toget the same through but that it would be presented again; that there were no homeopathic graduates now to be licensed and that the Maryland Homeopathic Board was licensing foreigners. Dr. Combs advised that prior to the meeting, Dr. Yeaman called to ascertain if his credentials were complete and at this time he was advised that he in all probability would not be granted license due to the facts set forth above and that he would be eligible to take the written examination, which Dr. Yeaman declined to do; and also stated he would not appear at this meeting but would await the decision of the board.

VERDICT: Dr. N. P. Battle moved that Dr. John H. Yeaman be advised that in order to practice medicine in the State of North Carolina, he either take our written examination for medical license or the written examination of a state medical board with which North Carolina has endorsement relations. This motion was duly seconded by Dr. C. R. Hedrick and passed unanimously.

RE: Dr. Joseph U. Toglia. The secretary reported that Dr. Toglia, applicant for special limited license to Bowman Gray as foreign postgraduate exchange student, appeared May 1st, 1955 with incomplete credentials and that the same to date had not been completed.

VERDICT: Dr. L. R. Doffermyre moved that Dr. Joseph U. Toglia must have his credentials completed by the next meeting of the board on July 28th, 1955 or that the board will take action at that time. This motion was duly seconded by Dr. C. R. Hedrick and passed unanimously.

RE: Federation of State Medical Boards - The secretary reported on the meeting of the Executive Committee held in Atlantic City in June.

The meeting was adjourned.

Monday, June 20th - 2 P. M.

RE: Dr. W. A. Strowd - As per the direction of the Board of Medical Examiners at its meeting on May 1st, 1955, Dr. Strowd was summonsed to appear before the board on this date to answer to charges of the Board. Dr.Strowd appeared with counsel, Attorney R. O. Everett, and Attorney John H. Anderson appeared for the Board of Medical Examiners.

The following is Notice of Hearing and Accusations by the board:

"You are hereby summoned and notified to appear before the Board of Medical Examiners of the State of North Carolina at its regular meeting to be held Monday, June 20th, 1955 at 2:30 P. M. at the Sir Walter Hotel, Wake County Raleigh, North Carolina, to answer to the following charges which are preferred against you by said board, to-wit:

"1 That you were charged with and convicted of the following offenses in the Superior Court of Durham County, North Carolina, at the April, 1955 Term of Court:

" 'I. W. A. Strowd late of the County of Durham, on the 17th day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-four, with force and arms, at and in the County aforesaid unlawfully, wilfully and feloniously prescribe a narcotic, to wit: 12, one-quarter grains morphine sulfate, by prescription dated November 20, 1954, made and delivered to C. R. Thomas.

" 'II. W. A. Strowd late of the County lf Durham, on the 22nd day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-four, with force and arms, at and in the County aforesaid, did unlawfully, wilfully and feloniously prescribe a narcotic, to wit: morphine sulfate, by prescription dated November 23, 1954 for C. R. Thomas.

" 'III. W. A. Strowd late of the County of Durham on the 22nd day of Novem-

ber in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-four, with force and arms, at and in the county aforesaid, did unlawfully, wilfully and feloniously prescribe a narcotic, to wit: 6 one-quarter grains morphine sulfate, by prescription dated November 22, 1954, made and delivered to C. R. Thomas, Durham, North Carolina."

"2. That on the 5th day of April, 1955, you were tried in the Superior Court of Durham County, North Carolina, on the above charges and the following is the judgment of the court:

"The defendant, W. A. Strowd, comes into open court and through his Counsel R. O. Everett, tenders to the State a plea of Nolo Contendere in cases Nos. 4313, 4314 and 4315. After hearing all of the evidence in the case for the State and the defendant, the Court Orders that the following Judgments be entered, to wit:

"In case No. 4313, the Judgment of the Court is that the defendant, W. A. Strowd, be confined in the Central Prison at Raleigh, N. C. for a period of not less than Two (2) nor more than Three (3) years to be worked under the supervision of the State Highway and Public Works Comission. Execution of said Prison sentence is to be suspended for a period of 5 years on the following conditions, to wit:

"1. That defendant is not to possess or have under his control, sell, prescribe, administer, dispense or compound any Narcotics or Hypnotics for a period of Five (5) years.

"2. It is further ordered that the defendant surrender his Narcotic License and not apply for Narcotic License during the period of Five (5) years. It is further ordered that the defendant pay the costs of the Court.

"In case No. 4314, the Judgment of the Court is that the defendant W. A. Strowd be confined in the Central Prison at Raleigh, N. C. for a period of Not less than Two (2) years nor more than Three (3) years to be worked under the supervision of the State Highway and Public Works Commission. Execution of Prison sentence in case No. 4314 is to begin at the expiration of Prison sentence in case No. 4313 but is to be suspended for a period of Five (5) years on the same conditions as in case No. 4313.

"In case No. 4315, the Judgment of the Court is that the defendant W. A. Strowd be confined in the Central Prison at Raleigh, N. C., for a period of Not less than Two (2) Years nor more than Three (3) years to be assigned to work under the supervision of the State Highway and Public Works Commissions. Execution of Prison sentence in case No. 4315 is to begin at the expiration of Prison sentence imposed in case No. 4314 but is to be suspended for a period of Five (5) years on the same condition as in case No. 4313."

"3. That you have thereby been convicted of a felony and grounds exist under Section 90-14 of the Medical Practice Act for revocation of your license to practice medicine in the State of North Carolina.

"4. That you have been guilty of violation of the Narcotic Act of the State of North Carolina as set forth in the Bill of Indictment contained in paragraph 1 above.

"5. That you have prescribed narcotics to the person named in paragraph 1 above and to various other persons, without being authorized so to do by the United States Treasury Department, Bureau of Narcotics and without having a narcotic permit or authority from the United States Treasury Department, Bureau of Narcotics and in violation of the Narcotic Act of the United States.

"6. That by the acts and violations of law above set forth, you have been guilty of unprofessional and dishonorable conduct unworthy of, and affecting the practice of your profession.

"You are advised that you may at any time before the above time set for hearing, file or make answer to the above charges and that at siad time and place you will be given an opportunity to appear personally or by counsel to answer said charges, to cross-examine witnesses presented against you and to present evidence on your own behalf if you so desire.

"You are further advised that after hearing upon the above allegations and charges the Board of Medical Examiners of the State of North Carolina will take such action with respect to the revocation or suspension of your license to practice medicine as may be justified.

"This 16th day of May, 1955.

S/ Joseph B. Combs, M. D., Secretary
BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS OF THE
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA"

SEAL

Mr. R. O. Everett, Attorney, answered the allegations for the defendant. The defendant admitted in his answer that he was convicted upon a plea of guilty in the Superior Court, April Term, 1955, Durham County, as set out in the allegations.

He stated that the circumstances under which the prescriptions were written and delivered did not involve moral turpitude; that it was his understanding that where a doctor did not dispense the narcotics, but merely prescribed to relieve suffering, it was not required to have a license. Mr. Everett's plea for the defendant was for leniency.

Dr. Strowd's answer stated, "Now in addition to his understanding with the court that he would go out to the farm or to Allentown tolive he now says to the Board of Medical Examiners that he will give up his practice due to his physical and nervous condition, particularly as it has come to him that some of the doctors in Durham thought his physical and nervous condition disqualified him to practice medicine and he accedes to that opinion and will not undertake to practice but he does not want to have the stain upon his record of having his license revoked, for whatever of his conduct was subject to criticism it was not mercenary ends but an effort to relieve people in their sufferings.

Dr. Strowd's wife and daughter, as well as his son-in-law, Dr. Flannery, appeared with Dr. Strowd and spoke a few words on his behalf. Dr. Strowd declined to make any statement.

JUDGMENT: That action upon the charges in the case be postponed indefinitely, and that in view of the nervous and physical condition of Dr. W. A. Strowd, his license to practice medicine is hereby suspended indefinitely, subject to being restored upon further application and good cause being shown.

Dr. L. R. Doffermyre moved that the above judgment be accepted, provided his license is in the secretary's office within one month from this date. This motion was duly seconded by Dr. H. C. Thompson and passed unanimously.

RE: Dr. George W. Joyner, Asheboro, North Carolina - Copy of State Bureau of Investigation report of April, 1955 on file. This report revealed that Dr. Joyner had used the names of former patients to obtain drugs for his own use,which he admitted. Dr. Joyner was suspended from the staff of the Randolph County Hospital and requested to take treatment for drug addiction, which directive was carried out.

The Board of Medical Examiners at its meeting in May, 1955 directed that Dr. Joyner be requested to appear before the board.

Dr. Joyner appeared and stated he had been working very hard and had begun to do a little more than social drinking; that in the summer of 1954 he began taking demerol hypodermically as a "crutch" and realized in December, 1954 that he had gone too far and was in need of treatment. He said that he went to the local society and told them he wanted to do something voluntarily. That it is a by-law of the Randolph County Hospital that four months of acceptable treatment be received. That he entered Highlands Hospital February 7th, 1955 and was discharged June 7th, 1955. That before being reinstated to the staff of the hospital, it would be necessary that he receive the recommendation of the Board of Medical Examiners. He said he had had no medication or sedation since February 12th. Dr. Joyner presented a letter from Dr. Robert L. Craig, who treated him, and one from his medical society reinstating him contingent upon approval of the board.

Upon inquiry Dr. Joyner stated it would not work a hardship on him to surrender his narcotic license as he only did referred surgery.

The secretary reported that Dr. Joyner had not appeared previously before the Board of Medical Examiners.

VERDICT: Dr. H. C. Thompson moved that Dr. George W. Joyner be asked to voluntarily surrender his narcotic license and not reapply before October, 1956. In case this is complied with, the Board of Medical Examiners recommends that he be reinstated on the staff of the Randolph County Hospital. This motion was duly seconded by Dr. N. P. Battle and passed unanimously.

RE: Dr. R. H. Hackler, Washington, North Carolina - Copy of State Bureau of Investigation report of January, 1955 on file - This report revealed evidence that a narcotic addict, Jake Tetterton, obtained his supply of drugs from the Tayloe Drug Company, Washington, North Carolina on prescriptions written by Dr. R. H. Hackler and that drugs obtained by Tetterton had gotten into the "traffic". Upon inquiry, the State Board of Health advised that since August 10th, 1954, no report had been found that Jake Tetterton had been reported as an addict by Dr. Hackler.

The Board of Medical Examiners at its meeting in May, 1955, directed that Dr. Hackler be requested to appear before the board.

Dr. Hackler appeared and was advised that it had come to the attention of the board that there had been irregularities of his narcotic prescriptions . Dr. Hackler stated that Jake Tetterton first came to him in 1946; that he was crippled and his diagnosis was arterosclerosis, coronary heart disease and rheumatoid arthritis; that he had attacks at night and only morphine gave him protracted relief. He said he sent him to Duke in 1946 and again in 1948. Dr. Hackler presented letters from physicians at Duke following both admissions there. He said when he began to treat Tetterton he thought he was in imminent danger of death. Upon inquiry, he stated he had never charged Tetterton a professional fee as he was crippled. He said he had not considered Tetterton an addiction and that he eventually got off opiates and started selling them. Dr. Hackler advised that Tetterton died about a month ago.

VERDICT: The board ruled that Dr. R. H. Hackler be advised that it would be necessary for him to remain within the bounds of the narcotic law.

The Minutes for the meetings held in January, February and May, 1955 were approved as read.

The meeting was adjourned.

Tuesday, June 21st, 9 A. M.

RE: Dr. Eugene Crawford Neeland - Dr. Neeland's application for conversion of limited license granted to Rex Hospital October 4th, 1954, was presented to the board. The secretary explained his credentials were in order except that he had not received final certification from the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners due to the fact that the same is not granted until completion of one year of interneship. Dr. Neeland stated he planned to locate in Wilson, North Carolina.

VERDICT: The board approved conversion of Dr. Eugene Crawford Neeland's limited license to a full license contingent upon receipt of final certification from Alabama; that if the same is not received by July 1st, 1955, the secretary may extend the limited license to cover Wilson County, North Carolina, until such time that full license may be granted.

RE; Dr. C. R. Hunsucker, Hickory, North Carolina - Report of the State Bureau of Investigation was presented. Evidence in this report is that Dr. Hunsucker has been treating narcotic addict for six years, who was addicted when she came to him as a patient; that the patient is receiving two hypodermics a day of 1/8 of a grain of morphine. That the husband of the patient stated she was paying $3.00 for the morning visit and $2.00 for the afternoon visit.

VERDICT: Dr. N. P. Battle moved that Dr. C. R. Hunsucker be requested to appear before the board at the July, 1955 meeting. This motion was duly seconded by Dr. H. C. Thompson and passed unanimously.

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RE: Dr. George Andrews, Mt./, North Carolina - (See previous Minutes and file on Dr. Andrews) - The following is letter under date of June 7th, 1955 from G. W. Cunningham, Acting Commissioner of Narcotics:

"Your attention is invited to the case of George A. Andrews, M. D., Mt. Gilead, North Carolina, who has been the subject of previous correspondence.

"An inspection of this physician's narcotic records on March 30, 1955 disclosed that between the dates of December 20, 1954 and February 11, 1955 he had purchased 209 ampoules of Demerol, 80 one-fourth grain Morphine tablets, 20 grains of Dilaudid and 80 1/20 grain Dilaudid tablets by means of his government order forms. He had none of these drugs on hand at the time of the inspection and confessed that he and his wife had used them to satisfy their drug addiction. It was reported that Dr. Andrews had been treated for drug addiction at the Bowman Gray Hospital, Winston Salem, North Carolina from February 15, 1955 to March 19, 1955, but he admitted taking small amounts of drugs since returning home. His wife was hospitalized for drug addiction at Appalachian Hall, Asheville, North Carolina from February 15, 1955 to March 26, 1955. Dr. Andrews surrendered his narcotic special tax stamp on March 30, 1955 and agreed not to reregister under the Federal narcotic law for an indefinite period.

"Will you please advise this Bureau of any action which the State Board of Medical Examiners may decide to take because of Dr. Andrews' narcotic history."

VERDICT: Dr.N. P. Battle moved that Dr. George Andrews be subpoenaed to appear before the board. This motion was duly seconded by Dr. H. C. Thompson and passed unanimously.

10 A. M. Applicants for license by endorsement of credentials were interviewed by the board.

RE; Dr. John Bayard Britton appeared applying for license by endorse- of credentials. He stated that he was going with Champion Paper and Fiber Company and would like to go to work as soon as he can get a license.

Dr. Johnson: How long have you been in Canton?
A. I have been in and out.

Q. Have you done any work there?
A. No.

Q. Where were you born?
A. Boston.

Q. You are going to do contract work?
A. Yes.

Q. Is that on industrial basis or looking after the families?
A. Primarily industrial. Actually I am working for Dr. Logan Robertson who is crusading fir preventive medicine. The employees will be referred to local physicians.

Q. You are on a salary basis?
A. Yes.

Dr. Thompson: Are you going to do any private practgce on the families of employees?
A. No, only with industrial employees.

VERDICT: Dr. John Bayard Britton was approved for license by endorsement of, credentials, if and when his credentials are completed satisfactory to the secretary.

RE: Dr. Joseph Cook Bunten appeared with incomplete credentials applying for license by endorsement of credentials. He stated he was going with the Atlantic Coastline Railway.

Dr. Johnson: You have been in surgery all the while?
A. Yes, I am a fellow of both colleges. I was in Cheyenne, Wyoming 25 years, had a clinic there. I developed Meniere's syndrome and was advised to get to sealevel. I have not had

but one attack since. I went with DuPont for 29 months; that is now over.

Dr. Johnson: Have you ever since you have been licensed in medicine had any difficulty with any examining board, alcohol or opiates?
A. No.

Q. You are going with the Atlantic Coastline at Rocky Mount. Are you going with a salary to do surgery on their employees only?
A. Yes.

Q. Do you anticipate doing any private work?
A. That is all we do there. I just came from Waycross, waiting for this board. I did surgery there a month.

VERDICT: Dr. Joseph Cook Bunten was approved for license by endorsement of credentials, if and when his credentials are completed satisfactory to the secretary, this to include letter of recommendation from Wyoming where he had previously practiced.

RE: Dr. Donald Thompson Book appeared applying for license by endorsement of credentials. He stated that he would be associated with Dr. Lunsford Long in Raleigh; that he was ready to go to work.

VERDICT: Dr. Donald Thompson Book was approved for license by endorsement of credentials.

RE: Dr. Seth Guilford Hobart, Jr. appeared with incomplete credentials applying for license by endorsement of credentials. He said he was going to locate in Durham.

Dr. Johnson: When do you plan to go to work in Durham?
A. The middle of July.

VERDICT: Dr. Seth Guilford Hobart, Jr. was approved for license by endorsement of credentials, if and when his credentials are completed satisfactory to the secretary.

RE: Dr. Samuel Oscar Hodges appeared with incomplete credentials applying for license by endorsement of credentials. Dr. Hodges took the written examination in Kentucky, which state requires completion of one year of interneship before giving license. Dr. Hodges' grades have been furnished by the Kentucky Board. He stated that he was going with Dr. David Graham at Spruce Pine to do general practice; that he wanted to go to work as soon as possible.

VERDICT: Dr. Samuel Oscar Hodges was approved for license by endorsement of credentials, if and when his credentials are completed satisfactory to the secretary; that he should furnish a letter of certification from the Kentucky Board of Medical Examiners.

RE: Dr. Bruce Lawrence Bear appeared applying for license by endorsement of credentials. He said that he was to begin a two year residency at the University of North Carolina School of Medicine.

Dr. Johnson: Do you plan to stay in North Carolina after you complete your medical training?
A. Yes. My father is Professor of Law at the University of North Carolina.

Q. You definitely plan to stay in North Carolina?
A. The chances are 75%.

VERDICT: Dr. Bruce Lawrence Bear was approved for license by endorsement of credentials.

RE: Dr. Richard Young Moon appeared applying for license by endorsement of credentials. He stated that he planned to practice internal medicine in Asheville.

Dr. Combs: You are definitely going to practice in Asheville?
A. Definitely.

VERDICT: Dr. Richard Young Moon was approved for license by endorsement of credentials.

RE: Dr. Earl Stanton Moyer appeared applying for license by endorsement of credentials and stated that he is going to Duke University School of Medicine as an instructor in medicine.

Dr. Johnson: How long do you plan to stay at Duke?
A. It is indefinite, but probably not more than a year or two.

Q. Do you plan to stay in North Carolina?
A. It is indefinite, but I plan to return to Pennsylvania.

Dr. Combs: You are going to be a full time instructor?
A. Yes.

Dr. Johnson: This board does not look with favor on granting a full license to one who is not going to stay in North Carolina. We could grant you a limited license. This could be converted if you stay.
A. That would suit me fine. Unless something unusual happens, I will practice in New York or Pennsylvania.

VERDICT: Dr. Earl Stanton Moyer was approved for license by endorsement of credentials limited to Duke University School of Medicine.

RE: Dr. John Donald Patton appeared applyingfor license by endorsement of credentials.

Dr. Battle: What have you been doing?
A. Psychiatry, office and hospital practice. I was in the army and assigned to the V. A. Hospital during that time. I have been in private practice for the past four years and instructor at Hopkins.

Dr. Johnson: What are your plans?
A. I am going to Asheville as clinical director at Highlands and will be affiliated with the Duke program.

Q. When do you want to go to work?
A. September 1st.

VERDICT: Dr. John Donald Patton was approved for license by endorsement of credentials.

RE: Dr. John Hays Rosser appeared applying for license by endorsement of credentials.

Dr. Doffermyre: Where and what type of practice do you anticipate?
A. Statesville in surgery, the Davis Hospital has admitted me for surgical practice.

Dr. Johnson: Are you going there on a flat salary or percentage?
A. Salary.

Q. Satisfactory to you?
A. Yes.

VERDICT: Dr. John Hays Rosser was approved for license by endorsement of credentials.

Dr. Rosser was advised that the board did not look with favor on the corporate practice of medicine.

RE: Dr. Wade Henry Shuford appeared with incomplete credentials applying for license by endorsement of credentials. Dr. Shuford is a native

of North Carolina. He is in the Department of Radiology at Duie.

VERDICT: Dr. Wade Henry Shuford was approved for license by endorsement of credentials, if and when his credentials are completed satisfactory to the secretary.

RE; Dr. Lewis Cass Sommerville appeared with incomplete credentials applying for license by endorsement of credentials. He stated that he planned to be associated with Dr. Lewis C. Waller in Asheville and would get final certification from the California Board of Medical Examiners June 30th, 1955, at the end of one year of interneship.

Dr. Johnson: If on Saturday your patients were acutely ill, would you see about them?
A. Certainly.

Q. When do you plan to go to Asheville?
A. That depends upon when I get my license.

Q. If this board looks with favor on your license, we will tell you that you will be unable to practice until you get your license. You must get your credentials completed on or before July 10th, 1955.

VERDICT: Dr. Lewis Cass Sommerville was approved for license by endorsement of credentials, if and when his credentials are completed satisfactory to the secretary.

RE: Dr. Bernard George Stall III appeared applying for license by endorsement of credentials. He stated that he was assistant professor in the Department of Medicine at the University of North Carolina School of Medicine.

VERDICT: Dr. Bernard George Stall III was approved for license by endorsement of credentials.

RE; Dr. John Hampton Stanley appeared applying for license by endorse- of credentials and stated he planned to go to Woodland, North Carolina.

Dr. Johnson: Are you going tobe associated or alone?
A. Alone.

Q. How did you obtain this location?
A. Through the State Medical Society office.

Q. You do plan to remain in North Carolina?
A. Yes. I will be in Woodland after the first of July.

VERDICT: Dr. John Hampton Stanley was approved for license by endorsement of credentials.

RE: Dr. Robert Hutchinson Taylor appeared with incomplete credentials applying for license by endorsement of credentials.

Dr. Johnson: What are your plans?
A. I plan to go to Fontana Village to do general practice.

Q. When do you plan to go to work?
A. July 1st.

VERDICT: Dr. Robert Hutchinson Taylor was approved for license by endorsement of credentials, if and when his credentials are completed satisfactory to the sedretary.

RE: Dr. Juan Jesus Santos y Tejedor appeared applying for license by endorsement of credentials. He is a native of Puerto Rica. Dr. Santos was applying for endorsement from Virginia, however, the Virginia Board did not require him to take Part I of its examination.

Dr. Johnson: Where did you take Part I, the basic sciences?
A. In Puerto Rica in 1943.

Q. This is a problem. Virginia has a different setup from the standpoint of licensure. They have waived the basic sciences. We have no reciprocity with Puerto Rica. We have no reciprocity with Virginia on the basis of waiving your basic science examination.

Q. You are planning to come to North Carolina as a radiologist?
A. With Dr. Morgan in Fayetteville.

Q. You are board eligible in radiology?
A. Yes.

Q. Do you plan to come in and make North Carolina your permanent home?
A. Yes. I am married to a North Carolinian.

VERDICT: Dr. N. P. Battle moved that Dr. Juan Jesus Y Tejedor be granted the privilege of taking Part I of the written examination and accept Part II on endorsement from Virginia. This motion was duly seconded by Dr. L. R. Doffermyre and passed unanimously. (See p 81 these Minutes)

Dr. Johnson: Given a license when would you go to work?
A. July 1st.

Q. Have you discussed any of the examinations given here?
A. No.

Q. Are you familiar with the questions?
A. No sir.

Dr. Santos stated that he would take Part I of the written examination and began the same at once.

RE: Dr. Judson Van Wyk appeared applying for license by endorsement of credentials. He said that he planned to join the faculty of the University of North Carolina School of Medicine July 1st as assistant professor in Pediatrics.

Dr. Johnson: Where are you now?
A. Johns Hopkins.

Q. When will you start work?
A. July 1st.

Dr. Thompson: How long do you expect to be there?
A. Indefinitely. I would like to think I am making a permanent move.

VERDICT: Dr. Judson John Van Wyk was approved for license by endorsement of credentials.

RE: Dr. Harriet Husted Wooten appeared with incomplete credentials applying for license by endorsement of credentials.

Dr. Thompson: We would like to know what you are going to do in North Carolina?
A. My husband is a doctor and he spent the last two and one-half years in the Army. We have moved to his home in Greenville. I have two little children under two and I really do not know. The public health officer has said he might want me to help out.

VERDICT: Dr. Harriet Husted Wooten was approved for license by endorsement of credentials, if and when her credentials are completed satisfactory to the secretary.

The following physicians were interviewed for license by endorsement of credentials, limited to the hospital in which they are to serve their residencies.

RE: Dr. Sidney Edward Grossberg appeared with incomplete credentials applying for license by endorsement of credentials, limited to Duke University School of Medicine. He said he would probably be there one year.

Dr. Johnson: Do you have any plans as to permanent work in North Carolina?
A. I do not know.

VERDICT: Dr. Sidney Edward Grossberg was approved for license by endorsement of credentials, limited to Duke University School of Medicine, if and when his credentials are completed satisfactory to the secretary.

RE: Dr. Blaine Sanders Nashold, Jr. appeared with incomplete credentials applying for license by endorsement of credentials, limited to Bowman Gray School of Medicine. He stated he would be an assistant resident in neurological surgery.

Dr. Johnson: How long do you plan to stay at Bowman Gray?
A. Two years.

Q. Do you have any plans as to permanent licensure in North Carolina?
A. Not at the present.

VERDICT: Dr. Blaine Sanders Nashold, Jr. was approved for license by endorsement of credentials, limited to Bowman Gray School of Medicine, if and when his credentials are completed satisfactory to the secretary.

RE: Dr. Roscoe Ross Robinson appeared with no credentials applying for license by endorsement of credentials, limited to Duke University School of Medicine. He stated that he is a resident at Duke in Internal Medicine.

VERDICT: Dr. Roscoe Ross Robinson was approved for license by endorsement of credentials, limited to Duke University School of Medicine, if and when his credentials are completed satisfactory to the secretary.

RE: Dr. Donald Louis Rucknagel appeared with incomplete credentials applying for license by endorsement of credentials, limited to Duke University School of Medicine.

VERDICT: Dr. Donald Louis Rucknagel was approved for license by endorsement of credentials, limited to Duke University School if Medicine, if and when his credentials are completed satisfactory to the secretary.

RE: Dr. Lee Myrl Spivey appeared with incomplete credentials applying for license by endorsement of credentials limited to Duke University School of Medicine. He stated that he would begin an assistant residency in Medicine July 1st.

VERDICT: Dr. Lee Myrl Spivey was approved for license by endorsement of credentials limited to Duke University School of Medicine, if and when his credentials are completed satisfactory to the secretary.

The following physicians were licensedby endorsement of credentials:

| NAME | MEDICAL SCHOOL | ADDRESS |
|---|---|---|
| Bruce Lawrence Baer | Duke University | Chapel Hill, N.C. |
| Donald Thompson Book | Western Reserve | Raleigh, N. C. |
| John Bayard Britton | Univ. Virginia | Canton, N. C. |
| Joseph Cook Bunton | Northwestern | Rocky Mount, N. C. |
| Sidney Edward Grossberg | Emory University | Durham, N. C. |
| Limited Duke University School of Medicine | | |
| Seth Guilford Hobart, Jr. | Univ. Virginia | Durham, N. C. |
| Samuel Oscar Hodges | Univ. Louisville | Spruce Pine, N. C. |
| Richard Young Moon | Univ. Cincinnati | Bryn Mawr, Pa. |
| Earl Stanton Moyer | Jefferson | Durham, N. C. |
| Limited Duke University School Medicine | | |
| Blaine Sanders Nashold | Univ. Louisville | Winston-Salem,N.C. |
| Limited Bowman Gray School Medicine | | |
| John Donald Patton | St. Louis Univ. | Towson, Md. |
| John Hays Rosser | Univ. Maryland | Statesville, N. C. |
| Donald Louis Rucknagel | Washington Univ. | Durham, N. C. |
| Limited Duke University School Medicine | | |
| Wade Henry Shuford | Univ. Rochester | Durham, N. C. |
| Lee Myrl Spivey | Emory University | Durham, N. C. |
| Limited Duke University School Medicine | | |
| Bernard George Stall III | Harvard University | Chapel Hill, N. C. |
| John Hampton Stanley | Med. Coll. S. C. | Woodland, N. C. |
| Robert Hutchinson Taylor | Med. Coll. S. C. | Fontana Village,N.C. |
| Juan Jesus Santos y Tejedor | Med. Coll. Va. | Fayetteville, N. C. |
| Judson John Van Wyk | Johns Hopkins | Chapel Hill, N. C. |
| Harriet Husted Wooten | Univ. Maryland | Greenville, N. C. |

APPLICANTS FOR SPECIAL LIMITED LICENSE - HOSPITAL RESIDENTS

RE: Dr. Bruce Draper, graduate of Yale University, assistant resident in medicine, appeared applying for special limited license to Duke University School of Medicine.

VERDICT: Dr. Bruce Draper was approved for special limited license to Duke University School of Medicine on an annual basis.

RE: Dr. Franklin M. Draper, Jr., graduate of Harvard University, resident in psychiatry, appeared applying for special limited license to the University of North Carolina School of Medicine.

VERDICT: Dr. Franklin M. Draper was approved for special limited license to the University of North Carolina School of Medicine on an annual basis.

RE: Dr. Marian Dugdale, graduate of Harvard University, junior assistant resident in medicine, appeared applying for special limited license to the University of North Carolina School of Medicine.

VERDICT: Dr. Marian Dugdale was approved for special limited license to the University of North Carolina School of Medicine on an annual basis.

RE: Dr. Harold Joseph Harris, graduate of Long Island College of Medicine, resident in psychiatry, appeared with incomplete credentials applying for special limited license to the University of North Carolina School of Medicine.

VERDICT: Dr. Harold Joseph Harris was approved for special limited license to the University of North Carolina School of Medicine on an annual basis if and when his credentials are completed satisfactory to the secretary.

RE: Dr. James Oscar Wynn, Jr., graduate of Cornell University, assistant resident in medicine, appeared applying for special limited license to Duke University School of Medicine.

VERDICT: Dr. James Oscar Wynn, Jr. was approved for special limited license to Duke University School of Medicine on an annual basis.

Dr. Thompson to the above applicants - This special limited license is to allow you to continue your residency training and in no way can it be converted to a full license without standing some state board, here or a state with which we have reciprocity. It will not enable you to apply for narcotic license.

Dr. Johnson: This license is issued on an annual basis.

RE: Dr. W. R. Stevens (See pp. 51, 87 these Minutes)- Dr. Joseph Stevens of Greensboro requested permission of the board at its May, 1955 meeting that his brother, Dr. W. R. Stevens be granted the privilege to present credentials and appear before the board to apply for special limited license to serve as a resident at the Cone Memorial Hospital, Greensboro. He informed that his brother, Dr. W. R. Stevens, had been convicted of a felonly in his home state of West Virginia and had served his sentence; that he was paroled to him. The board granted this privilege and requested routine credentials, letters of recommendation from the Cone Memorial Hospital. The board instructed the secretary to obtain a certified copy of the court records and information from the parole board.

Dr. W. R. Stevens appeared at this time and presented a letter of recommendation from the Resident Staff Committee of the Cone Memorial Hospital and a letter from the director saying that the Executive Committee of the Trustees would meet on the next night. The routine credentials had been previously furnished.

Dr. Stevens stated he was working in the laboratory of the Cone Mills, testing cloth; that he was getting along all right; that he had not used alcoholic beverages to excess since before he went to prison; that he had not taken any narcotics or hypnotic drugs. Dr. Joseph Stevens stated that he had investigated throroughly and could find no evidence tosubstantiate that he had ever taken drugs. Dr. W. R. Stevens said he felt he was stable from the standpoing of alcoholics; that he thought he was probably better physically and mentally than he had ever been. He said he would interview the Virginia Board of Medical Examiners again in December with reference to application for restoration of his license there and in the meantime would be required to interview two psychiatrists, one here and one iu Virginia.

APPLICANTS FOR SPECIAL LIMITED LICENSE - STATE INSTITUTIONS

RE: Dr. Edwin John Foley, graduate of the University of Liverpool, England, appeared applying for special limited license to the State Hospitals and stated he planned to go to work at Butner.

Dr. Johnson: You are a graduate of a school that has been adjudged equal to a grade A school. In the future you might apply to take the written examination to obtain license. The license being granted now is a special limited license.

VERDICT: Dr. Edwin John Foley was approved for special limited license to the State Hospitals on an annual basis.

RE: Dr. Terezia F. Molnar
Dr. Julius Molnar, husband and wife, both graduates of the Royal Hungarian University, appeared applying for special limited license to the State Hospitals. They stated they will go the State Hospital in Raleigh. These physicians were interviewed by Dr. Combs March 17th, 1955. They presented immigrant visas with photographs for comparison.

VERDICT: Dr. Terezia F. Molnar
Dr. Julius Molnar were approved for special limited license to the State Hospitals on an annual basis.

RE: Dr. Walter Mantyka appeared without an appointment and stated that he had filed his credentials in the secretary's office. He said he was applying for a special limited license to the State Hospitals.

Dr. Combs: Has Dr. Long given you a job in Goldsboro?
A. Yes, July 1st.

Q. What is your school?
A. University of Munich.

Q. How long have you been in this country?
A. Five years residency in psychiatry in New York and New Jersey.

Q. You understand that a special limited license to the mental institutions to be renewed each year does not imply that you may get a license to practice anywhere in North Carolina.

Dr. Johnson to the above applicants: Your special limited license will be limited to work within the bounds of the mental institutions of North Carolina. Drs. Molnar, you have both graduated from a medical school which has not been approved. We want you both to understand that as the situation is now, we can not offer you hope of getting a full license to practice in the state.

APPLICANTS FOR SPECIAL LIMITED LICENSE - POSTGRADUATE FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS

RE: Dr. Alfredo Saravia S., graduate of the School of Medicine of Guatemala appeared applying for special limited license to Duke University School of Medicine. He stated that he was here on a non-immigrant visa and and was a fellow in medicine and presented his passport.

VERDICT: Dr. Alfred Saravia S. was approved for special limited license to Duke University School of Medicine on an annual basis.

RE: Dr. Eduardo A. Ortiz, graduate of the Manila Central University, appeared applying for special limited license to Duke University School of Medicine. He is in residency training at Lincoln Hospital under the supervision of Duke University School of Medicine. He will be there three or four years and hopes to be at Lincoln. He will return to the Phillipines. He presented his passport.

VERDICT: Dr. Eduardo A. Ortiz was approved for special limited license to Duke University School of Medicine on an annual basis.

RE: Dr. Honesto B. Vargas, graduate of the Manila Central University, appeared applying for special limited license to Duke University School of Medicine. He is in residency training at Lincoln Hospital, under the supervision of Duke University School of Medicine. He will be here three or four years and hopes to be at Lincoln. He will return to the Phillipines. He presented his passport.

VERDICT: Dr. Honesto B. Vargas was approved for special limited license to Duke University School of Medicine on an annual basis.

The above applicants were advised that the special limited license is permission to obtain training; that it is understood they will return to their native lands; that this permission is granted on an annual basis; that this does not imply that permanent license in North Carolina will ever be granted.

The meeting was adjourned.

Tuesday, June 21

2 P. M. - Registration of applicants for Part II of the examination.

RE: Dr. John Milton Gambill, Snow Hill, North Carolina - The following letter under date of May 5th, 1955 was received from the Narcotic Bureau:

"Our District Supervisor in Baltimore, Maryland, has submitted a report containing the following information regarding the narcotic practice of Dr. John M. Gambill of Snow Hill, North Carolina:

"An inspection of Dr. Gambill's duplicate Government order forms on March 8, 1955 disclosed that since September 13, 1954, he had purchased a total of

"3600 tablets of Demerol (50 mgm.), 195 ampoules (30cc) of Demerol, and 3600 one-fourth grain morphine tablets. The doctor confessed to our investigator that he had administered the Demerol tablets and ampoules to himself, but he stated that the morphine had been dispensed to a cancer patient. He stated that he had been using Demerol since September 1954 for relief from migraine and that in February 1955 he had committed himself to the Duke Hospital, where he remained until March 1, 1955, when he was discharged as cured. On March 4, 1955 he placed an order for 24 ampoules and 100 tablets of Demerol. He had used three of these ampoules and 25 of the tablets. The remainder he turned over to our agent, stating that he was going to "kick" the habit. He surrendered his narcotic special tax stamp and unused Government order forms and agreed not to reregister under the Federal narcotic law for a period of twelve months."

At the direction of the president, Dr. Gambill was requested to appear before the board.

Dr. Gambill appeared and the complete interview is on file. He stated he began to take demerol about one year ago for headaches, which was first diagnosed at the University of North Carolina as sinusitis; that he had a history of migraine as a child and later diagnosed it himself as tension. He said he was undergoing a great strain financially and emotionally, but that this has been corrected now. He said he was carrying on a large practice and the nearest drug store was 12 miles away. He said he had a patient with cancer who suffered intensely; that he dispensed to him 99% of the morphine he had ordered. That this patient was referred toanother doctor when he went away for treatment. That he had had no narcotics since leaving Duke but had taken an occasional nembutal. He said Narcotic Agent Atkinson asked that he surrender his narcotic stamp, which he did.

Dr. Gambill was instructed by the president as to the proper procedure in reporting the treatment of addicts or incurables.

VERDICT: Dr. N. P. Battle moved that Dr. Johm Milton Gambill be under observation; that there is a question whether he should be allowed to practice medicine; that he be allowed to go on and if it is necessary for him to be called back before the Board of Medical Examiners that he may be subpoenaed to give cause why his license should not be revoked. This motion was duly seconded by Dr. L. R. Doffermyre and passed unanimously .

RE: Dr. W. W. Griggs, Norwood, North Carolina - (See previous Minutes) On May 21st, 1953 Dr. Griggs surrendered his narcotic stamp and agreed not to reregister for a period of two years. The first information received by this board with reference to Dr. Griggs' addiction was from the Narcotic Bureau on July 3rd, 1953. On July 17th, 1953 Dr. Griggs' brother, who is a physician, reported to the secretary by long distance phone that Dr. Griggs had gone to the United States Public Service Hospital and a letter from Dr. Griggs' wife of this date also made this statement. Dr. Griggs appeared before the board on January 18th, 1954, at which time the board placed him under the surveillance of Dr. H. C. Thompson.

Dr. Thompson has interviewed Dr. Griggs on several occasions, which reports have been incorporated in the Minutes.

Dr. Griggs appeared at this time to ask that the board recommend that his narcotic stamp be reinstated. He was interviewed and he said he had not had any kind of drugs since May, 1953 and if his narcotic stamp were restored he would do everything within his power not to take narcotics again. When asked if he should go back to drugs, would he think he should be subject to have his medical license revoked, he said he would have to answer in the affirmative. He said the Narcotic agent had told him if his narcotic stamp were restored, he should order a very small amount.

VERDICT: Dr. L. R. Doffermyre moved that the Board of Medical Examiners recommend to the Narcotic Bureau that Dr. W. W. Griggs' narcotic stamp be restored, but that close surveillance be given to his order forms for a period of time; also his prescriptions. This motion was duly seconded by Dr. H. C. Thompson and passed unanimously.

RE: Dr. John C. Wieters, Bryson City, North Carolina - On May 31st, 1955 Narcotic Agent W. T. Atkinson advised by long distance telepone that Dr. Wieters had been convicted on that date in the Federal Court for violation of the narcotic laws. A certified copy of the judgment in this case was obtained from the United States District Court, Western District, which showed that the defendant was convicted upon his plea of not guilty of the offense illegally dispensing narcotics, as charged in 94 counts, and that he was given a sentence of three years imprisonment, suspended, and placed on probation for three years.

At the direction of the president by long distance phone, Dr. Wieters was requested to appear before the board.

Letters from Dr. T. D. Slagle and Dr. Ralph S. Morgan of Sylva, North Carolina, addressed to Dr. J. P. Rousseau on behalf of Dr. Wieters were presented by the secretary.

Dr. Wieters appeared and complete interview is on file. He stated the two people involved in his indictment had cancer; that he was writing prescriptions about once a month and examing them every few months. He said he was giving one patient about 36 tablets and about two bottles of dolophin a month. He said when tried the records showed prescriptions he never saw; that he had not seen the patient that often, but he was not allowed to bring that out in the trial. (This was referred to in the letter from Dr. Morgan). Dr. Wieters said he never did take any money from the patient, Roy Robertson.

Dr. Wieters was advised procedure of reporting to the Federal Bureau of Narcotics and to the State Board of Health.

VERDICT: Dr. L. R. Doffermyre moved that Dr. John C. Wieters be made conscious of his mistake and be advised that this board is permitting him to retain his narcotic stamp, but that he will be under surveillance and it is recommended that he prescribe opiates very sparingly and in small amounts and only for patients whom he has examined on the date of the prescriptions. This motion was duly seconded and passed unanimously.

RE: Dr. Juan Jesus Santos y Tejedor - (See p. 69 these Minutes)
VERDICT: Dr. J. J. Combs moved that in view of the fact that Dr. Juan Jesus Santos y Tejedor was given the examination on the basic sciences and passed, that his credentials from the State of Virginia be accepted and that he be granted license by endorsement of credentials. This motion was duly seconded and paseed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned.

Wednesday, June 22
9 A. M.

RE: Dr. J. F. Riter, Bryson City, North Carolina - (See Minutes May, 1955 - When this case was reported to the board by the secretary) At the direction of the board, the secretary discussed this matter with the director of the State Bureau of Investigation and Narcotic Agent W. T. Atkinson and the State Bureau of Investigation forwarded copies of its record to Mr. Atkinson in order for him to handle the same. On May 30th, 1955, Mr. Atkinson called on long distance and reported that Dr. Riter had surrendered his narcotic license for life on May 24th, 1955; that he is taking a large amount of narcotic drugs; that he has a heart condition and ulcer; that he is now under the care of Dr. J. E. Oliver for reduction treatment. Mr. Atkinson stated he did not think Dr. Riter was selling any narcotics. He recommended that he be placed on probation.

VERDICT: Dr. L. R. Doffermyre moved that in view of the fact that Dr. J. F. Riter is old and in very poor health, the fact that he has surrendered his narcotic stamp for life and the arrangement has been made for another physician to take care of his addiction, that no further action be taken by our board. This motion was duly seconded by Dr. H. C. Thompson and passed unanimously.

RE: Dr. Donald Efland Forrest, Hillsboro, North Carolina - Narcotic Agent Atkinson reported by long distance telephone June 15th, 1955 that Dr. Forrest had been convicted in Federal Court of obtaining drugs by means of his order forms to satisfy his addiction. That he was sentenced to 18

months in the United States Public Health Service Hospital at Lexington, then to be on probation for a period of three years. Mr. Atkinson stated that Dr. Forrest was a decent man, co-operated 100 per cent and that he told him he would help him when he got out.

VERDICT: Dr. J. J. Combs moved that the United States Public Health Service Hospital be requested to notify the board when Dr. Donald Efland Forrest is released; that Dr. Forrest be asked to appear before the board voluntarily and if he does not do so, that he should be subpoenaed. Dr. H. C. Thompson duly seconded this motion and the same was passed unanimously.

RE: Dr. Alton B. Freeman, Randleman, North Carolina- The following verdict was passed by the Board of Medical Examiners in January, 1952: That Dr. Alton B. Freeman remain status quo; that he be warned that if any violation or misconduct on his part were brought to the attention of the board, it would consider revocation of his medical license.

The State Bureau of Investigation furnished the secretary copy of its report of investigation under date of April 29th, 1955, conducted by its agent and Narcotic Agent W. T. Atkinson. This report revealed that Dr. Freeman had written 322 prescriptions for narcotic drugs from July 1, 1954 to April 29th, 1955. Dr. Freeman has not had a narcotic stamp since 1950.

The following is letter under date of June 22nd, 1955 from the Bureau of Narcotics:

"On June 8, 1955 Dr. Alton Brooks Freeman, Randleman, North Carolina, pleaded guilty in the U. S. District Court at Greensboro, North Carolina, to a violation of the Federal narcotic law and was sentenced to serve five years in the U. S. Public Health Service Hospital, Lexington, Kentucky. As you know this constitutes Dr. Freeman's second conviction on a narcotic charge. His previous conviction resulted in his being fined $500.00 and placed on probation for five years on December 2, 1935.

"Dr. Freeman's recent conviction was based on an investigation which disclosed that this physician, who had not been registered under the Federal narcotic law for several years, had issued at least 322 prescriptions for narcotic drugs. James H. King, Jr., owner of a drug store in Randleman (als9 convicted i8 connection with this case), was found to have enormous shortages in his stock of narcotic drugs. These shortages, according to Mr. King's statement, were caused by his making delivery of drugs to Dr. Freeman or a member of the latter's family, in pursuance of a telephone request from the doctor who many times failed to furnish him with a prescription to cover the drugs. Dr. Freeman admitted using Demerol, Dolophine, morphine and cocaine to satisfy his drug addiction."

VERDICT: Dr. J. J. Combs moved that the case of Dr. Alton B. Freeman be taken up with our attorney, John H. Anderson, looking towards revocation or suspension of his medical license in absentenia, if Dr. Freeman can not come before this board. This motion was duly seconded by Dr. N. P. Battle and passed unanimously.

RE: Dr. David E. Plummer - The secretary reported that as per the direction of the board at its May, 1955 meeting investigation was made with regard to Dr. Plummer. The Acting Commissioner of Narcotics advised that Dr. Plummer had not been admitted to the United States Public Health Service Hospital since April, 1954. Narcotic Agent W. T. Atkinson advised by longdistance phone that he had ascertained on reliable information from Thomasville that he had not been to Lexington since he came back in 1954; that he appeared to be doing all right; that he had not been away from his office or Thomasville for any length of time.

This was accepted as information.

RE: Dr. W. N. McDuffie - The secretary presented Dr. McDuffie's refor recommendation that his narcotic stamp be restored. The secretary advised that Narcotic Agent W. T. Atkinson investigated Dr. McDuffie and recommended by long distance phone in the past week that his narcotic stamp be restored.

VERDICT: The board directed that Dr. W. N. McDuffie be allowed to appear before the board in October, 1955.

RE: Office Equipment - Adding Machine - The secretary advised that the office was in need of an adding machine.

VERDICT: Dr. N. P. Battle moved that the secretary be authorized to purchase a medium priced, new adding machine. This motion was duly seconded and passed unanimously.

RE: Application for renewal of special limited license for one year for the following physicians was presented:

Dr. Benjamin A. Johnson - To transfer from Watts Hospital to Duke University School of Medicine
Dr. Rodrigo Bernal - Duke University School of Medicine
Dr. A. H. Baranski - State Hospital at Morganton
Dr. Lucija Biksans - State Hospital at Goldsboro
Dr. Bela Fogarassy - State Hospital at Raleigh
Dr. Francis Kulcsar - State Hospital at Butner

VERDICT: Dr. L. R. Doffermyre moved that applications for renewal of special limited license for one year for the above physicians be approved. This motion was duly seconded by Dr. C. R. Hedrick and passed unanimously.

RE: Photograph - As requested by the State Medical Society and as directed by the board at its May, 1955 meeting, photograph of the Board of Medical Examiners was presented to Mr. James T. Barnes, Executive Secretary.

RE: October, 1955 Meeting of the Board - Dr. Hedrick moved that the October, 1955 meeting be held at the Grove Park Inn, Asheville, October 16-18, 1955, to convene for luncheon at one o'clock October 16th. This motion was duly seconded and passed unanimously.

RE: LRCP Degree - As directed by the board, the secretary submitted information obtained and advised the same would be retained on file.

RE: Dr. Carle Douglas Walsh appeared before the board October 4th, 1954 applying for license by endorsement of credentials and was approved contingent upon his coming into the state for practice within one year. The secretary reported that Dr. Walsh had located in Salisbury and was granted medical license dated May 2nd, 1955.

RE: Dr. H. O. Burnett, Randleman, North Carolina - Report of the State Bureau of Investigation in May and June, 1955 was furnished the board. This investigation was made in conjunction with the Federal Narcotic Agent. This report revealed that Dr. Burnett had prescribed 100 ½ grain morphine sulfate tablets per week for Logan Lineberry, narcotic addict, for the last five years and that Dr. Burnett admitted post-dating the same for about one year. Report was also made that the Assistant United States District Attorney had declined to prosecute Dr. Burnett. Logan Lineberry was sentenced in Federal Court to serve two years at the United States Public Service Hospital in Lexington.

Dr. Burnett was requested to appear before the board for an interview. He advised that Logan Lineberry is a prominent and successful business man in Randleman. That he first began to treat him in 1950 and did so for two years, before any phase of the addiction came up; that Mr. Lineberry came to him and stated he had been addicted and maintained on narcotics for a long time; that he had been in practice two years at that time. He said when he had to make a decision he talked with a physician, whose opinion was that he would be a problem for withdrawal. He said another physician there told him he had written to the Federal Bureau and he felt that Mr. Lineberry would have to be maintained; that he could not be withdrawn. Dr. Burnett said he had tremendous doubts about the case but took it in good faith; that he wrote the Narcotic Bureau and Narcotic Agent Atkinson; that he received a written form and pamphlet which was of no assistance to him; that he later wrote the Narcotic Bureau again. He said he had the patient put in an institution at one time, but he did not stay there; that he had been hospitalized at times. That at one time he refused to treat him any longer, but did take him back. That over this period of time he would come in early for his prescription and that he agreed to let him have post-dated prescriptions at the drug store. That he saw him

each time he gave him a prescription. Dr. Burnett said he felt very strongly about not being able to obtain assistance from the narcotic authorities as they knew his record; that he did fail to report to the State Board of Health. He said this matter had been of great worry and concern to him. He said he did not contribute to his addiction, charged regular fees and there was no evidence that any drugs got into "traffic".

The following letter under date of June 16th, 1955 addressed to the secretary of the board was submitted:

"Dear Dr. Combs: In regard to my father, L. W. Lineberry, Sr. who has been treated by Dr. H. O. Burnett for the last three years I would like to reveal the following information. He has a long history of addiction of ten years or more. He has been in every private institution in North Carolina, South Carolina and Florida one or more times for attempted withdrawals. He will be 74 years old in August. He was treated by Dr. Burnett with the knowledge and approval of every member of the family and Dr. Burnett realized no financial gain other than the nominal physicians fee."

"Respectfully yours,

S/ James H. Lineberry"

The president instructed Dr. H. O. Burnett as to making reports to both the Federal and State Narcotic Bureaus with reference to treatment of addicts.

The board discussed this case very thoroughly with Dr. Burnett.

VERDICT: The board ruled that from the evidence presented, it would seem that Dr. H. O. Burnett appeared to try to obtain assistance from the Narcotic Bureau; that he was not indicted by the Federal Government; that it would not appear that drugs got into traffic; that he did not receive excessive fees. The board thanked him for appearing.

RE: Dr. Jacques Louis Innocent - Good Samaritan Hospital, Charlotte-

The secretary reported that Dr. Innocent, graduate of the University of Haiti, wrote and advised that he was an house officer at the Good Samaritan Hospital and was interested in taking the North Carolina Medical Board. That Dr. Innocent was advised he was not eligible for medical license in North Carolina and was violating the Medical Practice Act in the practice of medicine in that hospital without a license.

The secretary advised that Mr. E. R. Frye, Administrator of the Good Samaritan Hospital came immediately to Raleigh and said he did not have the information regarding licensure of residents; that Dr. Jacques Louis Innocent would be there no longer and he would comply with the law.

RE: Dr. W. R. Stevens - (See pp. 51 and 75 these Minutes) -

VERDICT: Dr. N. P. Battle moved that no license be granted to Dr. W. R. Stevens because the board is not satisfied in their own judgment that Dr. Stevens has recovered sufficiently to take up medical practice. This motion was duly seconded by Dr. C. R. Hedrick and passed unanimously.

RE: Dr. Randall C. Smith (See previous Minutes) - The secretary presented letter from Dr. Smith under date of June 5, 1955, who stated he was still working at the Clearview Sanatorium and wished to ascertain whether or not the time he had worked there would apply on the unspecified length of time before his license (medical) could be reinstated.

The motion made in regard to Dr. Smith in June, 1955 stated that when Dr. Smith could show the board he had a position in an institution satisfactory to the officers of the board, his medical license could be reinstated limited to that institution.

VERDICT: Dr. C. R. Hedrick moved that Dr. Smith be written that his situation is status quo; that the board would allow him to have a position in an institution where he would be supervised but would not consider him for full license. This motion was duly seconded and passed unanimously.

Thursday, June 23

The last examination was given Thursday morning.

Due to the fact that Dr. G. Westbrook Murphy was unable to attend the meeting on account of illness, Dr. J. B. Bullitt, a former member of the Board of Medical Examiners was asked to assist in proctoring the examinations.

Dr. N. P. Battle moved that Dr. J. B. Bullitt be paid per diem, mileage and expenses advised. This motion was duly seconded by Dr. J. J. Combs and passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned.

Signed Jos. J. Combs M. D.
JOSEPH J. COMBS
Secretary-Treasurer

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