

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
OF NORTH CAROLINA

Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, North Carolina
June 21-25th, 1953

The Board of Medical Examiners of the State of North Carolina met June 21-25th, 1953 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 other business.

RE: National Board of Medical Examiners

Sunday, June 21st, 1953 - 10 A. M. - The committee from the Board of Medical Examiners, Dr. J. P. Rousseau, Chairman, Dr. J. J. Combs, and Dr. Amos N. Johnson, together with Mr. John H. Anderson, Attorney, met with reference to the National Board of Medical Examiners. Since the board's meeting in July, 1951 the question of accepting the certificate of the National Board of Medical Examiners for licensure by endorsement of credentials has been under study. The committee brought together the data that had been assembled during this time, which data is on file in the office of the secretary. Section 90-13 of the Medical Practice Act, "When License without Examination Allowed" was discussed. Attorney Anderson stated he did not think this section gave the board the power to accept the certificate of the National Board of Medical Examiners.

1:00 P. M. - The full board convened for luncheon in the Roanoke Room. Guests were the following officers of the State Medical Society: Dr. Joseph A. Elliott, President, Dr. Zach D. Owens, President-elect, Dr. M. D. Hill, Secretary, Dr. J. Street Brewer, immediate past president, Mr. James T. Barnes, Executive Secretary, and Mr. John H. Anderson, Attorney, who had been invited in order that the board might present the facts in connection with National Board and acquaint these officials with the possible action in regard to National Board at this meeting.

2:30 P. M. - The board, with the above guests, assembled and the chairman of the committee, Dr. J. P. Rousseau, set out all information at hand, together with the course of action that the board would probably take. The officials of the society were advised that the board desired their counsel and advice. A round table discussion was had and each of the officers of the State Medical Society concurred in the opinion that the Board of Medical Examiners could not legally continue to recognize the National Board of Medical Examiners. (See page 153 Minutes)

Dr. J. J. Combs moved that the Board of Medical Examiners pay travel expenses for the State Society officials who attended this meeting on the basis that the board members are paid. This motion was duly seconded by Dr. J. P. Rousseau and passed unanimously.

Dr. J. P. Rousseau, on behalf of the board, thanked the officials of the society for attending this meeting.

RE: Written Examination - The board members reviewed the questions for the written examination. Dr. Amos N. Johnson moved that the examination grades be in the office of the secretary by July 20th. This motion was duly seconded and passed unanimously.

The secretary reported that the seniors from Bowman Gray who were going immediately into service after graduation had elected not to take Part II of the examination at this time.

RE: Veterans Administration Hospital - The secretary reported to the board that he had received a request from the manager of the Veterans Administration Hospital in Durham advising that a full license from a state in the United States was required for a full-time staff doctor and that a limited license to some institution would not cover their requirements. In



his reply of June 13th, 1953 the secretary advised that the North Carolina Board of Medical Examiners does not require full-time employees of the Veterans Administration to hold a license in this state; that this board does not grant license to any doctor who does not intend to come into our state to take up a full-time practice, therefore, a full-time employee of the Veterans Administration is not given the regular consideration. That limited license is granted to hospital residents as an aid to them. That he would be very glad to go into the matter further if he had any personal problems that this information did not cover.

VERDICT: Dr. L. R. Doffermyre moved that the secretary's reply in this connection be approved. This motion was duly seconded by Dr. J. P. Rousseau and passed unanimously.

RE: Dr. Byron Michel Bloor was granted limited license to Duke Hospital July, 1951. He has applied for full license and stated he will serve as chief of Neurosurgery at the Veterans Hospital, Durham, and will be an associate in surgery at Duke Hospital as of July 1st, 1953.

VERDICT: Dr. J. J. Combs moved that Dr. Byron Michel Bloor be granted full license to practice medicine in the State of North Carolina. This motion was duly seconded and passed unanimously.

RE: Dr. Richard Grigsby Connor was granted limited license to Duke University School of Medicine in June, 1950. He has applied for full license and stated that he will serve as assistant chief of surgery at the Veterans Hospital and an associate in the Department of Surgery at Duke Hospital.

VERDICT: Dr. Amos N. Johnson moved that Dr. Richard Grigsby Connor be granted full license to practice medicine in the State of North Carolina. This motion was duly seconded and passed unanimously.

RE: Dr. Homer Rodeheaver Justis was granted limited license to the Charlotte Memorial Hospital in October, 1951. He has applied for full license and stated that he plans to locate in Charlotte for practice on or about August 1st, 1953.

VERDICT: Dr. Amos N. Johnson moved that Dr. Homer Rodeheaver Justis be granted full license to practice medicine in the State of North Carolina. This motion was duly seconded and passed unanimously.

RE: Dr. Harry Thurman McPherson was granted limited license to Duke Hospital in 1950. In September, 1951 he advised that he was in service and applied for full license before going overseas, at which time he was advised since he planned to return to Duke Hospital to complete his residency training, to continue his limited license until his residency training was completed. Due to these circumstances the secretary January 29th, 1953, advised Dr. McPherson that the fee for medical license would probably be changed by legislation and he was given the opportunity of making application for full license prior to this change in fee. Dr. McPherson was overseas at the time and the secretary did not receive his application until June 2nd, 1953. Dr. McPherson is a native of North Carolina.

VERDICT: Dr. H. C. Thompson moved that Dr. Harry Thurman McPherson be granted full license for the additional fee of \$35.00, making a total fee of \$50.00. This motion was duly seconded and passed unanimously.

RE: Dr. Francis Lincoln Merritt was granted limited license to Duke Hospital in October, 1952. He has applied for full license and stated that he planned to go into private practice in the state beginning July 1st, 1953.

VERDICT: Dr. Amos N. Johnson moved that Dr. Francis Lincoln Merritt be granted full license to practice medicine in the State of North Carolina. This motion was duly seconded and passed unanimously.

RE: Dr. William Allan Phillips was granted limited license to Duke Hospital in March, 1951. He has applied for full license and stated he planned to locate in Wilmington after discharge from the service in July, 1953.

VERDICT: Dr. Amos N. Johnson moved that Dr. William Allan Phillips be granted full license to practice medicine in the State North Carolina. This motion was duly seconded and passed unanimously.

RE: Per Diem Members Board of Medical Examiners - Dr. Amos N. Johnson moved that per diem due members of the Board of Medical Examiners be paid up to January 1st, 1952. This motion was duly seconded and passed unanimously.

RE: Aircondition Unit - The secretary reported that an aircondition unit had been purchased for the board's office at a cost of \$359.10 as per the ruling of the board.

The meeting was adjourned.

8:30 P. M. - The board convened for business.

RE: Dr. James I. Bumgarner (See Minutes January and May, 1953) Dr. Bumgarner appeared to request approval of the board to take the written examination. He presented letters of recommendation from the Administrator of the Wilkes General Hospital, North Wilkesboro, North Carolina, where he has been doing an internship and from Dr. Fred C. Hubbard.

VERDICT: Dr. Amos N. Johnson moved that Dr. James I. Bumgarner be allowed to take the written examination. This motion was duly seconded by Dr. L. R. Doffermyre and passed unanimously.

The secretary presented letter under date of June 15th, 1953 from the administrator of the Wilkes General Hospital requesting that Dr. James I. Bumgarner be granted permission to continue his work at that hospital during the period between the written examination and the time of certification.

VERDICT: Dr. J. J. Combs moved that Dr. James I. Bumgarner be granted permission to continue on in the present service at the Wilkes General Hospital until he hears from the examination. This motion was duly seconded and passed unanimously.

RE: Dr. Maria Koropeccka, who had been at the State Hospital in Raleigh for a period of a little more than three years under a ruling made by the previous board was advised January 23rd, 1953 that she would be permitted to take the written examination upon presentation of credentials, which credentials are required of all physicians taking the examination. Upon receipt of the credentials it was learned by the secretary that Dr. Koropeccka did not receive the M. D. degree from her medical school. She attended medical school in Poland and transferred to the University of Erlangen, Germany, during the war. She became qualified to practice as a physician in Germany but did not complete the postgraduate work required for the M. D. degree.

Dr. Koropeccka was asked to appear before the board for an interview and it was explained to her that all physicians procuring license in the State of North Carolina are required to have the M. D. degree.

VERDICT: Dr. J. P. Rousseau moved that Dr. Maria Koropeccka be denied the privilege to take the written examination on the basis that she does not meet the qualifications for licensure in the State of North Carolina.

Dr. Koropeccka was advised the verdict by the board.

RE: Dr. Humphrey W. Fluckiger, graduate of the University of Amsterdam in 1949, appeared before the board requesting permission to take the written examination. (See file for complete interview). He stated that he spent three years in the United States as a child when his father was in the New York office of an import-export firm; that he returned to the United States on a Fulbright Grant to do an internship at the Springfield, Illinois Memorial Hospital; that he married an Illinois girl and now is planning to remain in the United States; that he has first citizenship papers. He said upon being questioned that he applied to the North Carolina board because it did not require citizenship; that he has since been granted an interview with the Illinois Board and thinks he will be granted permission to take the examination in that state, which will be held July 7-9th, 1953; that if he were allowed to take the Illinois Board he was not certain whether or not he would come to North Carolina; that in the event he did, he would like to do a general practice in a small community. He was asked if there were a possibility he would get our license and go back to Illinois and get license by reciprocity and he said there was no possibility.

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VERDICT: Dr. J. P. Rousseau moved that Dr. Humphrey W. Fluckiger be denied the privilege of taking the examination on his own admission that he came here because we do not require citizenship. This motion was duly seconded by Dr. B. P. Battle.

Substitute motion - Dr. Amos N. Johnson moved that Dr. Humphrey W. Fluckiger be allowed to take the written examination. This motion was duly seconded by Dr. H. C. Thompson and carried by a vote of 4 to 3.

RE: Dr. David Purser Jones, graduate of the University of Liverpool, England in 1938, with the M. B. and M. D. Degrees, appeared requesting permission to take the written examination. (See file for complete interview.

VERDICT: Dr. J. J. Combs moved that Dr. David Purser Jones be allowed to take the written examination. This motion was duly seconded by Dr. Amos N. Johnson and it was passed unanimously.

The secretary was directed by the board to advise Dr. David Purser Jones when his grades are received.

RE: Dr. Robert Gordon Murray, graduate of the University of Toronto in 1941, appeared with incomplete credentials requesting permission to take the written examination. He stated that he was going to the University of North Carolina School of Medicine in the Department of Ophthalmology; that he has a provincial license to practice in Canada.

VERDICT: Dr. N. P. Battle moved that Dr. Robert Gordon Murray be allowed to take the written examination and that if his credentials are not in order he will not receive credit for the examination. This motion was duly seconded by Dr. L. R. Doffermyre and passed unanimously.

RE: Dr. Constantin Saliba, graduate of the University of Paris, appeared requesting permission to take the written examination. Dr. Saliba stated that he attended the American University of Beirut, where he received his premedical education; that he interned at James Walker Memorial Hospital; that he married a Wilmington girl; that he is a resident at the Georgia Baptist Hospital; that he is not eligible for license in Georgia as he has not received full citizenship. The secretary stated he had advised Dr. Saliba that his medical school had not been recognized by the American Medical Association.

VERDICT: Dr. Amos N. Johnson moved that Dr. Constantin Saliba be advised that in view of the fact that his school has not been classified that by law he is not eligible to take the written examination of the board. This motion was duly seconded by Dr. J. J. Combs and passed unanimously.

Dr. Saliba was advised the verdict of the board.

RE: Dr. W. W. Adams appeared with no credentials requesting the privilege to take the written examination. He said that he has been a resident at Lincoln Hospital, Durham, for one year. The secretary advised that Dr. Adams interviewed him, at which time he said he depended upon someone else to get his credentials in; that he stayed at the hospital last year and covered for others taking the examination.

VERDICT: Dr. Amos N. Johnson moved that Dr. W. W. Adams be told that he can no longer be allowed to serve at Lincoln Hospital until he is licensed to practice in the State of North Carolina; that he not be allowed to take the written examination at this time and that a letter at the earliest possible moment be sent to Lincoln Hospital. This motion was duly seconded by Dr. N. P. Battle and passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned.

Monday, June 22nd

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 22 - 10 A. M. - Anatomy, Embryology, Histology
2 P. M. - Physiology and Chemistry

Tuesday, June 23- 10 A. M. - Bacteriology and Pathology
2 P. M. - Medicine and Therapeutics

Wednesday, June 24-9 A. M. - Surgery
2 P. M. - Obstetrics, Gynecology

Thursday, June 25- 9 A. M. - Pharmacology, Pediatrics, Hygiene

RE: Medical Practice Act - The board was advised by the secretary that the new Medical Practice Act would not be ready for publication for the August Journal.

RE: Dr. W. A. Strowd, Durham, North Carolina - The Public Health Statistics Section of the State Board of Health sent in a report from the Department of Health of Durham County with reference to Dr. Strowd's neglect in filing birth certificates. A recommendation was made in this report by the superintendent of the Durham County Health Department that Dr. Strowd be indicted.

VERDICT: Dr. Amos N. Johnson moved that the secretary be authorized to write a letter to the State Board of Health and give the position of the Board of Medical Examiners with reference to Dr. W. A. Strowd. This motion was duly seconded by Dr. J. J. Combs and passed unanimously.

RE: Dr. Thomas F. Cathcart, graduate of a grade B school was indicted in Orange County, North Carolina, in June, 1951 for practicing medicine without license, at which time he left Hillsboro and has not been brought to trial. It was reported to the Board of Medical Examiners in September, 1952 that Dr. Cathcart was practicing medicine in Wilmington, at which time the secretary wrote asking the councilor of that district to make an investigation, however, no reply was received to this request. The secretary reported to the Attorney General that Cathcart was practicing medicine at the Community Hospital in Wilmington, which information the Attorney General gave the solicitor in Orange County, but he received no reply.

On June 6th, 1953 the secretary again wrote a letter of inquiry to the councilor of the district in Wilmington and was advised that Cathcart was at the community Hospital; that the superintendent stated he was only serving as an interne, doing no private practice of any kind, on a straight salary from the hospital, and that he received no remuneration for any service to patients.

VERDICT: The board directed that information on Dr. Thomas F. Cathcart be sent to Dr. Amos N. Johnson, who will report the same at a county medical society meeting there.

RE: FEES

SPECIAL LIMITED LICENSE - Dr. L. R. Doffermyre moved that in the future fee for special limited license for physicians at the state institutions be \$50.00. This motion was duly seconded and passed unanimously.

Dr. Amos N. Johnson moved that fee for foreign exchange postgraduate students be the same as that charged the hospital residents, namely: \$10.00. This motion was duly seconded and passed unanimously.

RE ; Dr. William N. McDuffie, Robbins, North Carolina (See Minutes May 1953) - Following report from the Narcotic Bureau the board at its May, 1953 meeting directed that Dr. McDuffie be requested to appear before the board at this time. The secretary reported that he had been so instructed; that he had received a letter from Dr. McDuffie on June 10th, 1953 from Lexington, Kentucky, stating that he would be discharged from the United States Public Health Service Hospital on June 22nd; that Dr. McDuffie was advised that he might make his appearance before the board on August 1st, 1953. A letter under date of June 12th, 1953 from the staff psychiatrist at this hospital was also presented stating that Dr. McDuffie was a voluntary patient and would be discharged as cured of his drug addiction on June 22nd, 1953; that he had made a good institutional adjustment.

RE: Dr. James M. Williams, Warsaw, North Carolina - On January 15th, 1951, the Board of Medical Examiners in session passed the following resolution: "That the Board of Medical Examiners of the State of North Carolina find and conclude that Dr. James M. Williams is guilty of having violated the Federal Narcotic Act; that he was convicted of a felony in the Federal Court as set forth in the charges, upon which his case was heard, and that his license to practice medicine in the State of North Carolina should be revoked. And resolved further, that the license of Dr. James M. Williams be and the same is hereby revoked as of January 15th, 1951."

Dr. Williams has applied for reinstatement on several occasions and has been granted the privilege of appearing before the board at this meeting, however, he has advised that he is physically unable to meet with the board at this time due to a back ailment.

Dr. Williams was 75 years of age at the time of his conviction and had always been held in the highest esteem and was a leader in his community and had never had any difficulty of any kind prior to that time.

Reports from the Federal Probation Officer have been received by the secretary from time to time since Dr. Williams' medical license was revoked, which revealed that he has complied with all of his probation requirements, the last report being made on May 28th, 1953.

Judge Don Gilliam of the United States District Court, trial judge in Dr. Williams' case, was requested by the secretary to make a recommendation as to the reinstatement of Dr. Williams' medical license and the following is his reply under date of May 28th, 1953:

"Dear Dr. Combs:

"Reference is made to your letter of May 25th, in which you ask my views with reference to whether Dr. J. M. Williams' license to practice medicine in North Carolina should be reinstated, and, if so, whether his narcotic license should be restored, but I really have no definite opinion as to whether his license to practice should be reinstated. I have had a number of letters from Dr. Williams and his situation as outlined in these letters and as reflected by conference which I have had with those who know, is tragic, and I have a certain feeling of sympathy for him. I do not recommend against the reinstatement of his state medical license and I do not feel competent to recommend that it be reinstated, because the only source of information which I have had with regard to Dr. Williams was the trial of his case in November, 1950. I feel very definitely that his license to prescribe narcotics should not be restored."

"S/ Don Gilliam"

Dr. Amos N. Johnson reported that just prior to the January, 1953 meeting of the board, at which time Dr. Williams was scheduled to appear, he made inquiries and learned that the physicians in that county and in the town of Warsaw; also the minister, would be glad for Dr. Williams to have his medical license reinstated but that his narcotic license should not be reinstated; that he would do a little work, mostly among colored patients and indigents.

VERDICT: Dr. Amos N. Johnson moved that Dr. James M. Williams' medical license be reinstated but that no consideration be given as to recommendation that his narcotic license be reinstated. This motion was duly seconded by Dr. N. P. Battle and passed unanimously.

RE: Highland Hospital - The following is letter under date of June 10th, 1953 from Dr. W. C. Davison, Dean of Duke University School of Medicine:

"If a British psychiatrist wishes to work at the Highland Hospital, a psychiatric institution in Asheville, can he obtain a temporary license similar to those men who work in the state psychiatric institutions?"

"S/ Wilburt C. Davison"

This question was discussed and the secretary directed to write Dr. Davison the consensus of opinion of the board.

RE: Dr. Alberto Flores - At the October, 1952 meeting of the board, Dr. Flores was granted the privilege of remaining at the Bowman Gray School



of Medicine in the educational program as long as he was a resident; that he was to reapply in June of each year. On June 3rd, 1953 Dr. Flores reapplied to remain in the educational department at the Bowman Gray School of Medicine.

VERDICT: Dr. Amos N. Johnson moved that Dr. Alberto Flores be allowed to remain in the educational department of the Bowman Gray School of Medicine and that he reapply each year to remain in the educational program; that he be instructed to pay the fee of \$10.00 for special limited license for foreign exchange students. This motion was duly seconded by Dr. H. C. Thompson and passed unanimously.

RE: Dr. Edward A. Norton appeared January 19th, 1953 and applied for license by endorsement of credentials and was approved for license when he was ready to locate in the state to establish a permanent practice. On May 8th, 1953 he advised that his plans for a partnership did not materialize and he was, therefore, withdrawing his application. Dr. Norton was refunded the fee for licensure by endorsement, less 10%.

RE: Dr. Roy Kang, graduate of an unapproved medical school, appeared before the board at the June, 1952 meeting and was granted the privilege of remaining at the State Sanatorium at McCain, North Carolina, until June, 1953. In May, 1953 Dr. Kang applied to remain there another three months; that he planned to go to New York in September, 1953.

VERDICT: Dr. Amos N. Johnson moved that Dr. Roy Kang be granted permission to stay at the State Sanatorium at McCain, North Carolina, until September, 1953. This motion was duly seconded and passed unanimously.

RE: Physicians at the State Hospitals - Graduates of Unapproved Foreign Medical Schools

RE: Dr. Arvid Sedriks - On January 18th, 1951 Dr. David A. Young, General Superintendent, wrote the board with reference to physicians at the State Hospital. The following is an excerpt from this letter: "At present I am in correspondence with a Dr. Arvid Sedriks of Latvia and have offered him a position. I have no other commitments to D. P's." On April 20th, 1953 Dr. Young stated that Dr. Sedriks had not yet finished the three years required before he might take his examination; that he presumed it would be permissible for him to continue until he became eligible for the examination.

VERDICT: Dr. Amos N. Johnson moved that the secretary be directed to write Dr. David A. Young, General Superintendent of the North Carolina Hospitals Board of Control, that no other commitment had been made by this board with reference to physicians at the State Hospitals taking the written examination for licensure and as of this meeting the board feels it has fulfilled every commitment it had made or commitments of any other board. This motion was duly seconded by Dr. L. R. Doffermyre and passed unanimously.

The following physicians have appeared before the Board of Medical Examiners and have made formal request for continuation of permit to remain at the State Hospitals:

Dr. A. H. Baranski
 Dr. Lucija Biksans
 Dr. Sarah Evans
 Dr. A. L. Robertshaw
 Dr. Arvid Sedriks

VERDICT: Dr. Amos N. Johnson moved that the above physicians be granted permission to continue for one year at the State Hospitals. This motion was duly seconded and carried by a vote of 4 to 1. Dr. Doffermyre voted in the negative.

RE: Dr. William M. Ashe
Dr. Stephen P. Hogg - These physicians, who are stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, appeared before the board at its meeting in May, 1953, requesting license to practice medicine at Holly Ridge. The following is the verdict of the board at that time: "That the applications of Drs. William M. Ashe and Stephen P. Hogg for licensure by endorsement be considered and the secretary is authorized to issue limited license to Onslow-Pender



Counties if and when all credentials are completed and if and when he has contacted and had a favorable reply from the local society and from Dr. Harold S. Tidler stating that these physicians are needed and will work with him."

The secretary reported that the secretary of the Onslow County Medical Society on May 23rd, 1953 advised that this matter was of such vital importance to his society that it would be necessary to vote on the subject at its next meeting. The following letter under date of June 12th, 1953 was received from Dr. J. D. Piver, Secretary of the Onslow County Medical Society:

"Dear Dr. Combs:

"The Onslow County Medical Society has asked me to express their thanks for the kind consideration by the North Carolina Board of Medical Examiners concerning the granting of limited license to physicians at Camp Lejeune.

"In general during the discussion many features appeared unattractive to the society. Among these were the following:

- "1. Physicians practicing at Holly Ridge simply spent a few hours at night there and did not live in the community.
- "2. There is nothing to prevent such a licensed physician from transferring his practice to other parts of the county.
- "3. The presence of such physicians discourages full time practitioners from desiring to locate in such areas.
- "4. At no time have these physicians supported the Onslow County hospital, been members of the local medical society, or even bothered to meet a single physician in our society.
5. It appears strange to the society that a certified specialist in a narrow field feels qualified to do general practice in such a community.

"Nevertheless, with the fear of setting a precedent the Onslow County Medical Society does not feel that it can stand in the way of any physician who wants to practice in Holly Ridge. We request, however, with the permission of the Board of Medical Examiners of the State of North Carolina, that each applicant be informally interviewed at one of the regular Onslow County Medical Society meetings before a limited license is granted by your board."

"S/ James D. Piver, M. D., Secretary
Onslow County Medical Society"

The secretary also reported that Dr. Harold S. Tidler reported as of May 27th, 1953 that he and Drs. Ashe and Hogg planned to carry on one practice at Holly Ridge; that they would relieve each other on off duties hours.

VERDICT: Dr. Amos N. Johnson moved that the secretary be empowered to issue licenses as of May, 1953 ruling to Drs. William McLellan Ashe and Stephen P. Hogg, when all requirements are met. This motion was duly seconded by Dr. N. P. Battle and passed unanimously.

RE: State of Wyoming - At the May, 1953 meeting of the board the following resolution was passed: "That since the State of Wyoming does not recognize the credentials of the State of North Carolina; that North Carolina not recognize the credentials of the State of Wyoming." The secretary reported that he had written the secretary of the Wyoming Board of Medical Examiners and had been informed that a licensee of the State of North Carolina would be required to take an oral examination in Wyoming.

VERDICT: Dr. Amos N. Johnson moved that in furtherance of the motion made in May, 1953 and to clear the situation, that the Board of Medical Examiners require of applicants from Wyoming the same as that required of North Carolina licentiates in Wyoming. This motion was duly seconded and passed unanimously.



RE: Dr. Nathan Palmer Fitts - May 15th, 1953 Narcotic Agent W. T. Atkinson called on long distance and stated he had a telephone call from the chief of police at Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina that Dr. Fitts, who resides in Roanoke Rapids, was in jail at Jackson, North Carolina; that he was in very bad physical condition; that he had no office; that three addicts got off the bus there and inquired as to his office. Mr. Atkinson advised that Dr. Fitts is an habitual addict; that he was in a government hospital at Fort Worth, Texas from August, 1951 to August, 1952 and was released not improved, and that he had heard he was trying to get his narcotic license. Mr. Atkinson said that years ago he had him at Swan Quarter and he was in trouble in Emporia, Virginia in 1937; that he had resided in Warrenton, North Carolina.

Dr. L. R. Doffermyre was requested by the secretary to make an investigation in this connection and he reported that he talked with Dr. Parker, the county health officer, who investigated this matter. That Dr. Fitts was brought to jail by a deputy sheriff because he was found in his auto near Roanoke Rapids passed out; that he had in his possession barbiturates but as far as he knew he did not have narcotics. That Dr. Fitts had not been charged with any offense nor tried; that he was incarcerated more or less at his own request. That his sister had been there and tried to get him committed to an institution. That Dr. Parker would advise him of any further developments.

That he had opened a little office in Gaston, North Carolina and had been there only about two weeks; that he came there from Virginia.

RE: Corporate Practice of Medicine - This question was discussed.

VERDICT: Dr. L. R. Doffermyre moved that the question of corporate medicine be referred to the Executive Council of the State Medical Society by Dr. J. J. Combs, the secretary. This motion was duly seconded and passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned.

Monday, June 22, 2 P. M.

RE: Dr. Shizuo Morishige, graduate of the University of Tokyo, Japan, in 1924, a postgraduate student at Duke University School of Medicine.

RE: Dr. David M. Wang, graduate of National Tung Chi University, China, in 1948, a postgraduate student at Duke University School of Medicine.

The above physicians were interviewed. Dr. Morishige stated he had been at Duke since February, 1953 studying pediatrics and expected to be there until September, 1953. Dr. Wang said that he is a fellow in allergy and has been at Duke since July, 1953; that he would like to remain there about two years, and at the end of that time he would go home, if conditions permitted; that he had made no plans on account of the situation in China.

Dr. Rousseau: Do you think after being at Duke two years you might desire to stay in North Carolina?

Answer: I want to go home. If I have no danger to go home.

Dr. Johnson: I assume you are not in good favor with the present government in China?

Answer: Yes.

Dr. Rousseau: Dr. Morishige, what are your plans after leaving Duke?

Answer: I shall leave the United States this October to Japan.

Dr. Rousseau: You have no plans or intentions of trying to stay in North Carolina to practice?

Answer: I have none.

Dr. Rousseau advised these physicians that the board had a very definite ruling that they will never be permitted to practice medicine in this state.

Dr. Rousseau: Do you understand that?

Dr. Wang: Yes



Dr. Rousseau: We want to help in our teaching institutions and for that reason we permit doctors who come from schools that are not classified to study in our teaching hospitals on a foreign exchange basis.

VERDICT: Dr. Amos N. Johnson moved that Dr. Shizuo Morishige and Dr. David M. Wang be permitted to stay at Duke University School of Medicine on the foreign exchange basis for a period of one year, if their credentials are complete, to be renewed after one year upon application and the recommendation of the chief of service. This motion was duly seconded by Dr. J. P. Rousseau and passed unanimously.

RE: State Hospitals

RE: Dr. Francis Kulscar, graduate of the University of Debrecen, Hungary, an unapproved foreign medical school, who is at the State Hospital at Butner, appeared.

Dr. Rousseau: You are working under Dr. David Young in our state institutions?

Answer: Yes sir.

Dr. Rousseau: How long do you expect to stay in our state institutions?

Answer: At my age and my previous experience in state institutions, I would like to continue to work in state institutions.

Dr. Rousseau: Do you plan to stay there the rest of your life at the state institutions?

Answer: Yes sir.

Dr. Rousseau: You have no plan to go back to your native country.

Answer: No, I have taken out first papers.

Dr. Rousseau: You have no intention to apply for license to practice medicine outside of our state institutions?

Answer: No sir.

Dr. Rousseau: We would like to make it clear that it would not be possible for you to get license to practice outside of our state institutions?

Answer: No sir.

Dr. Rousseau: We want you to understand that we do not permit that.

Answer: Yes sir.

Dr. Johnson: What was your training in Hungary?

Answer: I was professor in neuropsychiatry, worked in university clinics, spent one year as a fellow in Vienna, went to the University at Budapest as chief, after the war worked four years in the United States Army Hospital in Germany.

Dr. Johnson: You definitely plan to stay in the United States and I assume that you are not in accord with the present government in Hungary?

Answer: No, and if I were I would be at home.

Dr. Hedrick: How much family?

Answer: Only my wife. She is working.

VERDICT: Dr. L. R. Doffermyre moved that Dr. Francis Kulscar be approved to work at the State Hospitals with a special limited license on the basis of one year, upon completion of credentials. This motion was duly seconded by Dr. N. P. Battle and passed unanimously.



RE: Dr. Gerhard Wolff, graduate of the University of Freiburg, Germany in 1920, which school is unapproved. Dr. Wolff failed to pass the written examination for licensure in the State of North Carolina in 1950 and in May, 1951 the board ruled that he might continue his present status under the direction of Dr. David A. Young, General Superintendent, at the State Hospital for one more year, but that he not be permitted to take the written examination. Dr. Wolff appeared before the board at its meeting in June, 1952. At the May, 1953 meeting of the board it directed that Dr. Wolff apply for special limited license to the State Mental Institutions and appear before the board at this meeting.

Dr. Doffermyre: You are applying to this board for a special limited license in order that you may continue your duties at the State Hospital? I believe you have appeared before.
 Answer: I have been granted that, no limit of time.

Dr. Hedrick: Do you now wish to apply for a special limited license?
 Answer: Yes sir.

Dr. Rousseau explained to Dr. Wolff that everyone at the State Hospitals must be on the same basis of special limited license and pay the fee of \$50.00.

Dr. Wolff furnished a letter of recommendation from Dr. David A. Young.

VERBICT: Dr. J. P. Rousseau moved that Dr. Gerhard Wolff be granted a special limited license to the state mental institutions, to be renewed after one year. This motion was duly seconded by Dr. N. P. Battle and passed unanimously.

RE: Dr. Bela Forgassay, graduate of the University of Budapest, which is an unapproved medical school, who is at the State Hospital at Raleigh, appeared. His credentials were incomplete.

Dr. Rousseau: What are your intentions as to the time you want to stay in state institutions?
 Answer: My purpose is I should like to stay here in the hospital as long as I can.

Dr. Rousseau: The rest of your life? Do you have intentions of going back to Budapest?
 Answer: Conditions there - I could not go back.

Dr. Rousseau: Have you taken out citizenship papers? Do you intend to take out papers?
 Answer: Yes.

Dr. Rousseau: If you become a citizen, do you have any intention of trying to get license?
 Answer: No. I could not open a private practice.

Dr. Rousseau explained that the board had permitted certain physicians to work at the state institutions with a special limited license on an annual basis on his application and recommendation of Dr. David A. Young.

VERDICT: Dr. Bela Forgassay was approved by the board for special limited license to the State Hospitals on an annual basis when his credentials are completed.

RE: Dr. Maria Lusía Estevez, graduate of the University of Madrid in 1949, foreign exchange student at the State Hospitals, appeared. Dr. David A. Young stated that she would be there for one year of training; that she went there February 4th, 1953.

Dr. Rousseau: How long do you expect to stay at the state institutions?
 Answer: Perhaps two years.

Dr. Young: She came on a one year basis, renewable.

Dr. Rousseau: You understand if your request is granted giving you a permit to continue your education in our state institutions, you will never be permitted to take the examination for full license. You have no intention after



being here a year or so of requesting the board for license?

Dr. Young: As I understand the foreign exchange, she has to go back.

VERDICT: Dr. L. R. Doffermyre moved that Dr. Maria Luisa Estevez be allowed to stay at the State mental institutions under the supervision of Dr. David A. Young as a foreign exchange student for a period of one year. This motion was duly seconded by Dr. N. P. Battle and passed unanimously.

RE: Dr. David E. Plummer (See Minutes August and October, 1952 and May, 1953). Dr. Plummer appeared before the board at its October, 1952 meeting and due to the fact that he had not complied with the directions of the board, he was requested to appear at this meeting.

Narcotic Agent W. T. Atkinson appeared and reported that he first checked on Dr. Plummer January 14th, 1952, at which time his narcotic license was voluntarily surrendered for a period of one year. That on April 14th, 1953 a re-investigation was made, at which time the drug stores were checked; that 188 prescriptions were removed from the Poole Drug Store at Thomasville for narcotics written by Dr. Plummer from January 17th to April 3rd, 1953, as follows, which prescriptions were exhibited to the board: Total of 4,488 codeine gr. $\frac{1}{2}$, 15 prescriptions; total of 75 ampoules of demerol, 4 prescriptions; 28 tablets of dilaudid $\frac{1}{2}$ grains, 1 prescription; 6 tablets of pantapone gr. $\frac{1}{3}$; morphine sulphate 12 tablets, $\frac{1}{4}$ grain; 34 prescriptions of empirin codeine #4, 786 tablets.

Mr. Atkinson said he interviewed Dr. Plummer on that date; that he was in bed and said he had been up all night; that there were a few patients in his clinic, which was on the outskirts of Thomasville; that he understood he had since moved his office into Thomasville. He said he received a letter in May, 1953 from the business manager of the City Hospital to the effect that a nurse there had been caught, who stated that she stole two ampoules of demerol and gave it to Dr. Plummer; that he threatened her; that she later stated to the state officer and the narcotic agent that she used it herself and she was arrested for the violation. Mr. Atkinson said if Dr. Plummer's prescriptions had been only for codeine he would not have made an issue of it as he thought the patients received that but that on dilaudid, morphine and pantapone it was hard to say; that he thought Dr. Plummer was taking something. He said Dr. Plummer phoned his prescriptions in to the druggist and the druggist said some were delivered to patients and some to the doctor. Mr. Atkinson said upon inquiry that Dr. Plummer had committed a Federal violation.

Dr. J. P. Rousseau reported that Dr. Plummer was worried after the investigation by the Narcotic Bureau and that he came to him for advice; that he had an appointment with Dr. Plummer and went to his office in Thomasville, but he was not there; that the druggist located him and in his opinion (Dr. Rousseau's) he was in bed then. That he came to the office, at which time he made arrangements for Dr. Plummer to be under the care of Dr. G. T. Alexander in Thomasville, who said he would collect urine specimens and send them to Duke; that Dr. Alexander procured two specimens and now he is apparently avoiding him. Dr. Plummer was instructed to pay for the examinations of the specimens at Duke. Dr. Rousseau said he checked at the Poole Drug Store and approximately the same was given him as that given to Mr. Atkinson about Dr. Plummer's phoning in narcotic prescriptions, having some delivered to patients and some to himself. Dr. Rousseau said he told Dr. Plummer he had violated the law in writing narcotic prescriptions without a narcotic license; that he thought he would be indicted and that his license might be taken away from him and that he advised him to close his office and go to an institution for treatment; that this had not been done a week ago.

Dr. Plummer appeared before the board late for his appointment and said he had had a coroner's hearing. Dr. Rousseau lead the interview with Dr. Plummer and reiterated what he had just reported to the board. He asked Dr. Plummer whether or not he had paid the toxicologist's bill at Duke as he had been instructed and procured a receipt for the same, and he said that he had not. (Bill for \$15.00 has been sent to the office of the secretary of the board, with a report under date of May 26th, 1953: "The specimen of urine submitted for Dr. David E. Plummer has been examined for narcotics and is found to be negative.") Dr. Rousseau stated to Dr. Plummer that he had told him he started writing narcotic prescriptions in January,



and asked him to explain it to the board. Dr. Plummer stated that in June, 1952 he got the usual blanks; that he did not know what to do with it; that he sent the blanks in with the dollar; that he got a letter from the Narcotic Bureau, which he could not find; that he did not hear any more; that they were in the midst of a flu epidemic and he had several patients in the country with cancer, who could not get prescriptions filled and that he dispensed the drugs. That he has now moved his office into Thomasville as he was not able to do a country practice. When asked if he admitted taking narcotics he said he had taken codeine for his back; that he has asthma, bronchiectasis and has had a pulmonary hemorrhage and that he takes aminophyllin, phenobarbital and ephedrin with hemodril. He said he had not written any narcotic prescriptions since he was checked by the Narcotic Bureau.

When Dr. Rousseau questioned Dr. Plummer about going to a hospital for treatment he said he was not financially able to close his office; that his family would suffer. Dr. Rousseau told him that physicians in Thomasville had said if he would close his office and get treatment they would pay him every cent collected and return his patients to him. Upon being questioned Dr. Plummer denied having received any demerol or anything else from a colored nurse at the City Hospital.

VERDICT: Dr. Amos N. Johnson moved that Dr. David E. Plummer be ordered to appear next week to talk to Dr. J. P. Rousseau; that he was to call for an appointment. This motion was duly seconded by Dr. N. P. Battle and was passed unanimously.

Dr. J. P. Rousseau moved that the Board of Medical Examiners pay the bill of Dr. Haywood M. Taylor, Toxicologist at Duke, for examination of urine of Dr. David E. Plummer, in the sum of \$15.00; that the board collect this sum from Dr. Plummer. This motion was duly seconded by Dr. H. C. Thompson and passed unanimously.

RE: Dr. Edgar V. Green, Youngsville, North Carolina - On April 7th, 1953 the following report was made to the board by the Narcotic Bureau:

"Dear Dr. Combs:

"Dr. Edgar V. Green, Youngsville, North Carolina, was the subject of a report submitted on March 2, 1953, indicating that during the period from January 11, 1952 to February 11, 1953, he had purchased by means of his government order forms a total of 19,900 one-four grain morphine tablets, 5,800 tablets (100 mgm.) of demerol, and 160 one-twentieth grain dilaudid tablets. Dr. Green confessed to our agent that a majority of these drugs were used by him to satisfy his drug addiction. On February 21, 1953 he surrendered his narcotic special tax stamp and agreed not to reregister under the Federal narcotic law for a period of 18 months. Information has been received that Dr. Green was admitted on March 1, 1953 to the Franklin Memorial Hospital at Louisburg, North Carolina, where his use of narcotics was greatly reduced, and that on March 10, 1953 he was transferred to the Graylyn Hospital, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, for further treatment.

"It will be appreciated if you will advise this Bureau of any action which the State Board of Medical Examiners may decide to take in these two cases. If you would like to have an agent of this Bureau appear before the board to testify to the facts, please do not hesitate to get in touch with Mr. B. M. Martin, District Supervisor, Bureau of Narcotics, who will be glad to assist you."

"S/ G. W. Cunningham, Acting Commissioner of Narcotics"

The board at its meeting in May, 1953 directed that Dr. Green be requested to appear before the board at this time.

Dr. Green was interviewed and he stated he began taking morphine about two years ago; that he had no excuse but started taking it trying to get by with his work. He said that he had been to the Franklin Memorial Hospital in Louisburg and to Graylyn where he stayed 28 days and was discharged April 8th, 1953; that he had been back to Graylyn for a check-up for hepatitis, but not for taking drugs. He admitted having been to Pinebluff Sanatorium since that time for treatment of alcoholism and that he had been arrested for driving "under the influence"; that he had been taking benzedril at that time; that he was put on benzedril at Pinebluff. He said that



he is not taking any narcotics, barbiturates or benzedril at this time and is through with it. He also said that he has not practiced since his treatment at Graylyn as he was advised not to for six to twelve months.

The director of Graylyn reported on April 21st, 1953 that Dr. Green was admitted on March 11th for treatment of narcotic addiction; that he was a co-operative patient and he thought gained some definite insight into his problem and that he had plans to change his practice and way of living to lessen the stress and strain; that he was discharged April 8th, 1953.

VERDICT: Dr. J. P. Rousseau moved that Dr. Edgar V. Green be advised that the State Board of Medical Examiners will keep him under close surveillance; that if he persists in using opiates, hypnotics, alcohol or any other drugs which affect his conduct or personality that this board will of necessity be forced to take action to revoke his license to practice medicine in the State of North Carolina. This motion was duly seconded by Dr. H. C. Thompson and passed unanimously.

Dr. Edgar V. Green was advised of the action of the board.

The meeting was adjourned.

Monday, June 22nd, 9 P. M.

The Minutes of the May 10-13th, 1953 meeting were read. Dr. N. P. Battle moved that the minutes of the May 10-13th, 1953 be approved as read. This motion was duly seconded by Dr. H. C. Thompson and passed unanimously.

The members of the board studied the credentials of applicants for licensure by endorsement.

The meeting was adjourned.

Tuesday, June 23rd

9 A. M. Registration of applicants for Part II of the examination.

10 A.M. Applicants for licensure by endorsement of credentials were interviewed.

RE: Dr. Henry Clifford Alexander, Jr. appeared applying for license by endorsement of credentials.

Dr. Rousseau: You are coming into the state definitely?
Answer: Yes

Dr. Rousseau: Where will you go?
Answer: I have not decided. I have another year of residency.
I was born in North Carolina.

VERDICT: Dr. Henry Clifford Alexander, Jr. was approved for license by endorsement of credentials to practice medicine in the State of North Carolina.

RE: Dr. Harry Sholar Allen, Jr., native of North Carolina, appeared applying for license by endorsement of credentials and stated that he would go to Statesville to the Davis Clinic in internal medicine July 13th, 1953.

VERDICT: Dr. Henry Sholar Allen, Jr. approved for license by endorsement of credentials to practice medicine in the State of North Carolina.

RE: Dr. George Reid Andrews, native of North Carolina, appeared applying for license by endorsement of credentials. His credentials were incomplete.

VERDICT: Dr. George Reid Andrews was approved for license by endorsement of credentials to practice medicine in the State of North Carolina, if and when his credentials are approved by the secretary.

RE: Dr. Spencer Phippen Bass, Jr., native of North Carolina, appeared applying for license by endorsement of credentials, with incomplete creden-



tials. He stated that he is now in training in pathology.

VERDICT: Dr. Spencer Phippen Bass, Jr. was approved for license by endorsement of credentials to practice medicine in the State of North Carolina, if and when his credentials are approved by the secretary.

RE: Dr. Lewis Rockwell Beam, Jr., native of North Carolina, appeared applying for license by endorsement of credentials, with incomplete credentials. He stated that he planned to practice pediatrics in Asheville and will be associated with a physician there.

VERDICT: Dr. Lewis Rockwell Beam, Jr. was approved for license by endorsement of credentials to practice medicine in the State of North Carolina, if and when his credentials are approved by the secretary.

RE: Dr. Emil Blair, resident, appeared applying for limited license by endorsement of credentials to Duke University School of Medicine and said he planned to be at Duke a year unless he is called into the army; that he plans to go in thoracic surgery and locate in his home state of Georgia when he completes his training.

VERDICT: Dr. Emil Blair was approved for limited license by endorsement of credentials to Duke University School of Medicine.

RE: Dr. Harry Robert Brashear, Jr. appeared applying for license by endorsement of credentials and stated that he is going to the University of North Carolina School of Medicine as of July 1st, 1953 in the Department of Orthopaedics.

VERDICT: Dr. Harry Robert Brashear, Jr. was approved for license by endorsement of credentials, to practice medicine in the State of North Carolina.

RE: Dr. Charles Metz Cameron, Jr. appeared applying for license by endorsement of credentials to practice medicine in the State of North Carolina. He said that he is getting his masters in Public Health at the University of North Carolina and is in the Department of Epidemiology of the State Board of Health.

Dr. Thompson: Do you intend to stay in the state permanently?
Answer: Yes.

Dr. Doffermyre: You plan to be associated with the State Board of Health?
Answer: Yes. I have been with the Tennessee State Health Department and the United States Public Health Service.

VERDICT: Dr. Charles Metz Cameron, Jr. was approved for license by endorsement of credentials to practice medicine in the State of North Carolina.

RE: Dr. Lewis Pearce Crosby appeared applying for license by endorsement and stated that he planned to locate in Reidsville in general practice and part time with the American Tobacco Company.

VERDICT: Dr. Lewis Pearce Crosby was approved for license by endorsement of credentials to practice medicine in the State of North Carolina.

RE: Dr. John Hugh Frierson, Jr. appeared applying for license by endorsement of credentials and stated he would be associated with the Boice Willis Clinic in Rocky Mount in radiology.

VERDICT: Dr. John Hugh Frierson, Jr. was approved for license by endorsement of credentials to practice medicine in the State of North Carolina.

RE: Dr. Robert Burwell Groves, native of North Carolina appeared and stated that he had just taken his Virginia Board examination; that he to begin an internship in Texas and desired to make a personal appearance at this time in order that he might procure a North Carolina license.

VERDICT: Dr. Robert Burwell Groves, Jr. was granted the privilege of making his personal appearance at this time and was advised that his credentials would be considered at the next meeting of the board after the same were completed.



RE: Dr. Helen Elizabeth Hall, native of North Carolina, appeared applying for license by endorsement of credentials. She stated that she is a resident in anesthesiology at the Veterans Hospital under the supervision of Duke.

Dr. Combs: Are you doing any duties at Duke?
Answer: Yes.

VERDICT: Dr. Helen Elizabeth Hall was approved for license by endorsement of credentials to practice medicine in the State of North Carolina.

RE: Dr. Rhoda Howard appeared, with incomplete credentials, applying for license by endorsement of credentials. She stated that she planned to settle in North Carolina and work at the State Hospital in Raleigh.

Dr. Johnson: Are you trained on psychiatry?
Answer: Yes, that is all I have ever practiced in the New York State Hospital system.

Dr. Johnson: Would you be satisfied to have a license limited to the state institutions?
Answer: I would rather have a general license of course, but my intention is to stay at the State Hospital/

Dr. Johnson: Your plans as you know now do not involve any work but the State Hospital?
Answer: I do not know anyone and would not likely do any general practice.

VERDICT: Dr. Rhoda Howard was approved for license to practice medicine in the State of North Carolina if and when her credentials are completed and approved by the secretary.

RE: Dr. John Martin Johnson, Jr. appeared with incomplete credentials applying for license by endorsement of credentials to practice medicine in the State of North Carolina. He stated that he planned to go to Albemarle as pathologist in the Stanly County Hospital in July, 1953.

VERDICT: Dr. John Martin Johnson, Jr. was approved for license by endorsement of credentials to practice medicine in the State of North Carolina, if and when his credentials are completed and approved by the secretary.

RE: Dr. Ralph Vincent Kidd, Jr., native of North Carolina, appeared with incomplete credentials applying for license by endorsement of credentials.

Dr. Johnson: What are your plans as to North Carolina?
Answer: I am going to Charlotte. I am finishing internal medicine residency.

Dr. Johnson: Are you going with a group?
Answer: No sir, with one physician, Dr. Ross, Jr.

VERDICT: Dr. Ralph Vincent Kidd, Jr. was approved for license by endorsement of credentials to practice medicine in the State of North Carolina, if and when his credentials are approved by the secretary.

RE: Dr. Henry Reece Little, Jr.
Dr. Suzanne Brown Little, appeared before the board applying for licenses by endorsement of credentials.

Dr. Johnson: What are your plans as to North Carolina?
Answer - Dr. Henry Little: I plan to go to Newbern to do general practice.
Dr. Suzanne Little: I plan to do internal medicine.

Dr. Johnson: How did you happen to decide to come to North Carolina?
Answer: Some of my kin people are there.



Dr. Johnson: When do you plan to go to Newbern?
 Answer: August 1st. We have an office and it is just a matter of a month to make a few changes.

VERDICT: Dr. Henry Reece Little
 Dr. Suzanne Brown Little were approved for medical licenses by endorsement of credentials to practice medicine in the State of North Carolina.

RE: Dr. Norman Lee Mauroner appeared with incomplete credentials applying for license by endorsement of credentials.

Dr. Johnson: What are your plans?
 Answer: I plan to settle in Hillsboro, North Carolina to do general practice along with another physician, Dr. Kappen, and he will file his application next week. He said he planned to go to work July 10th.

VERDICT: Dr. Norman Lee Mauroner was approved for license by endorsement of credentials to practice medicine in the State of North Carolina, if and when his credentials are approved by the secretary.

RE: Dr. Horace Greeley Moore, Jr. appeared applying for license by endorsement of credentials.

Dr. Johnson: What are your plans as to North Carolina?
 Answer: I will go to Wilmington to do private practice in surgery.

Dr. Johnson: Will you be associated?
 Answer: I am opening up by myself.

VERDICT: Dr. Horace Greeley Moore, Jr. was approved for license by endorsement of credentials to practice medicine in the State of North Carolina.

RE: Dr. Harold Lafayette Murray appeared applying for license by endorsement of credentials.

Dr. Johnson: What are your plans?
 Answer: I plan to do general practice in Albemarle about the second or third week in July.

Dr. Johnson: How did you become interested in North Carolina?
 Answer: My mother's family are from Anson and my father's from Rutherford County.

VERDICT: Dr. Harold Lafayette Murray was approved for license by endorsement of credentials, to practice medicine in the State of North Carolina.

RE: Dr. Joseph Howard McAlister, resident in radiology, appeared applying for limited license by endorsement of credentials to Duke University School of Medicine.

Dr. Battle: Do you plan to stay in North Carolina?
 Answer: When I finish my training I want a permanent license in North Carolina.

Dr. McAlister was advised of the possibility of the action with reference to the National Board of Medical Examiners.

VERDICT: Dr. Joseph Howard McAlister was approved for full license by endorsement of credentials to practice medicine in the State of North Carolina when he pays the balance due on the fee.

RE: Dr. Erle Ewart Peacock, Jr., a native of North Carolina, appeared applying for license by endorsement of credentials.

Dr. Johnson: What are your plans?
 Answer: I am going to do general plastic surgery and think I will stay in Chapel Hill or go to Raleigh, Winston-Salem or Charlotte. I am in my last year of residency, then will go away for one year's work and will be back in two years.

Verdict; Dr. Erle Ewart Peacock, Jr. was approved for license by endorsement of credentials to practice medicine in the State of North Carolina.



RE: Dr. Solomon Paul Perry appeared, with incomplete credentials, applying for license by endorsement of credentials to practice medicine in the State of North Carolina.

Dr. Johnson: Where have you been since 1926 and what are your plans for North Carolina?

Answer: In x-ray training, Packer Hospital 1937 in charge of the Radiology Department and since. Four years of that time in the Navy in radiology. When the opportunity came to move south - I was born and raised in West Virginia - came back to live in the south when something came up in the right part of the south - I investigated it. I am going to Watts Hospital, Durham, and have a contract effective as of July 1st.

VERDICT: Dr. Solomon Paul Perry was approved for license by endorsement of credentials to practice medicine in the State of North Carolina, if and when his credentials are completed and approved by the secretary.

RE: Dr. Willis Richard Ross appeared, with incompletd credentials, applying for license by endorsement of credentials and stated he planned to locate in Albemarle, North Carolina; that he would practice on his own in general practice; that he planned to begin practice in early July.

VERDICT: Dr. Willis Richard Ross was approved for license by endorsement of credentials to practice medicine in the State of North Carolina, if and when his credentials are approved by the secretary.

RE: Dr. Harley Cecil Shands appeared, with incomplete credentials, applying for license by endorsement of credentials. He stated that he will be an associate professor in Psychiatry at the University of North Carolina School of Medicine. He was advised by Dr. Rousseau that it was illegal to diagnose and treat patients before being licensed. Dr. Shands stated that he had been advised by Dr. Combs that he was not to practice; that he had been mostly teaching.

VERDICT: Dr. Harley Cecil Shands was approved for license by endorsement of credentials to practice medicine in the State of North Carolina, if and when his credentials are approved by the secretary.

Dr. Richard Samuel Stephens appeared applying for license by endorsement of credentials.

Dr. Rousseau: I understand you are coming in the state to do industrial work. Where do you plan to locate?

Answer: Cannon Mills to start work July 13th.

Dr. Rousseau: What are the duties of your industrial work?

Answer: I will handle occupational injuries in the plant, pre-employment examinations, et cetera.

Dr. Rousseau: You would not treat their families?

Answer: No.

VERDICT: Dr. Richard Samuel Stephens was approved for license by endorsement of credentials to practice medicine in the State of North Carolina.

RE: Dr. Howard E. Strawcutter appeared applying for license by endorsement of credentials to practice medicine in the State of North Carolina. He stated he was to begin a residency in urology at Bowman Gray School of Medicine; that he was asking for full license; that his wife is a native of Morehead City.

VERDICT: Dr. Howard E. Strawcutter was approved for full license by endorsement of credentials to practice medicine in the State of North Carolina.



RE: Dr. James Edward Thomas, native of North Carolina, appeared applying for license by endorsement of credentials.

Dr. Rousseau: Where are ^{you} going to practice?
 Answer: I like Raleigh. I may not start right away, may go to some outlying district like Bertie County. I am still at St. Agnes Hospital and will finish June 30th, 1953. I am negotiating at Kate B. Reynolds Hospital.

Dr. Rousseau: Are you applying for limited license.
 Answer: I would like to have a full license. I have not gotten the final word from Winston-Salem.

Dr. Rousseau: You are not sure whether you will practice?
 Answer: It will either be Raleigh or Bertie County. I was born in Wilmington, North Carolina.

VERDICT: Dr. James Edward Thomas was approved for license by endorsement of credentials to practice medicine in the State of North Carolina.

RE: Dr. James Irvin Vansant appeared applying for license by endorsement of credentials.

Dr. Rousseau: Have you been in residency in Georgia?
 Answer: In residency, will complete it in July, 1953.

Dr. Rousseau: You have definitely planned to come to North Carolina?
 Answer: Yes, to Monroe, and want to begin work August 1st.

VERDICT: Dr. James Irvin Vansant was approved for license by endorsement of credentials to practice medicine in the State of North Carolina.

RE: Dr. William Chester Vernon, Jr. appeared with incomplete credentials applying for license by endorsement of credentials.

Dr. Battle: Where do you plan to come?
 Answer: I will do general practice in Asheville.

Dr. Battle: When do you want to start practice?
 Answer: In the middle of July. I will go in the Medical Art Group with Dr. Camp.

VERDICT: Dr. William Chester Vernon, Jr. was approved for license by endorsement of credentials to practice medicine in the State of North Carolina, if and when his credentials are approved by the secretary.

RE: Dr. Kerr Lachlan White appeared applying for license by endorsement of credentials to practice medicine in the State of North Carolina and stated he was going to the University of North Carolina School of Medicine as assistant professor in Medicine July 1st, 1953.

VERDICT: Dr. Kerr Lachlan White was approved for license by endorsement of credentials to practice medicine in the State of North Carolina.

RE: Dr. Clark Allan Whitehorn appeared applying for limited license by endorsement of credentials to Duke University School of Medicine and stated that he is a resident in urology and will be there two years.

Dr. Battle: After you finish with your training do you plan to come into North Carolina?
 Answer: I have made no plans.

VERDICT: Dr. Clark Allan Whitehorn was approved for limited license by endorsement of credentials to Duke University School of Medicine.

RE: Dr. Frank Counsel Winter appeared with incomplete credentials applying for license by endorsement of credentials. He said that he was to head the Department of Ophthalmology at the University of North Carolina School of Medicine, beginning on July 1st.

VERDICT: Dr. Frank Counsel Winter was approved for license by endorsement of credentials, if and when his credentials are approved by the secretary.

The following physicians were licensed by endorsement of credentials:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Henry Clifford Alexander, Jr.	Duke University	Charlotte, N. C.
Harry Sholar Allen, Jr.	Duke University	Statesville, N. C.
George Reid Andrews	Duke University	Durham, N. C.
William McLellan Ashe	Univ. Rochester	Camp Lejeune, N. C.
License limited Onslow-Pender Counties, North Carolina		
Spencer Phippen Bass, Jr.	Univ. Virginia	Tarboro, N. C.
Lewis Rockwell Beam, Jr.	Vanderbilt Univ.	Asheville, N. C.
Emil Blair	Univ. Georgia	Durham, N. C.
License limited Duke University School of Medicine		
Harry Robert Brashear, Jr.	Univ. California	Chapel Hill, N. C.
Charles Metz Cameron, Jr.	Vanderbilt Univ.	Baleigh, N. C.
Lewis Pearce Crosby	Univ. Louisville	Reidsville, N. C.
John Hugh Frierson, Jr.	Med. Coll. S.C.	Rocky Mount, N. C.
Helen Elizabeth Hall	Med. Coll. Va.	Durham, N. C.
Rhoda Howard	Tufts Med. Coll.	Raleigh, N. C.
Stephen P. Hogg	Univ. Louisville	Camp Lejeune, N. C.
License limited Onslow-Pender Counties		
John Martin Johnson, Jr.	Univ. Virginia	Albemarle, N. C.
Ralph Vincent Kidd, Jr.	Tulane Univ.	Charlotte, N. C.
Henry Reece Little, Jr.	Med. Coll. Va.	New Bern, N. C.
Suzanne Brown Little	Med. Coll. Va.	New Bern, N. C.
Norman Lee Mauroner	La. State Univ.	Hillsboro, N. C.
Horace Greeley Moore, Jr.	Johns Hopkins	Wilmington, N. C.
Harold Lafayette Murray	Emory University	Albemarle, N. C.
Joseph Howard McAlister	Duke University	Durham, N. C.
Erle Ewart Peacock, Jr.	Harvard Univ.	Chapel Hill, N. C.
Solomon Paul Perry	Rush Med. Coll.	Durham, N. C.
Willis Richard Ross	Med. Coll. S. C.	Albemarle, N. C.
Harley Cecil Shands	Tulane Univ.	Chapel Hill, N. C.
Richard Samuel Stephens	Med. Coll. Va.	Kannapolis, N. C.
Howard E. Strawcutter	Jefferson Med. Coll.	Morehead City, N. C.
James Edward Thomas	Meharry Med. Coll.	Wilmington, N. C.
James Irvin Vansant	Emory University	Monroe, N. C.
William Chester Vernon, Jr.	Univ. Chicago	Asheville, N. C.
Kerr Lachlan White	McGill Univ.	Chapel Hill, N. C.
Clark Allan Whitehorn	Univ. Maryland	Durham, N. C.
License limited Duke University School of Medicine		
Frank Counsel Winter	Stanford Univ.	Chapel Hill, N. C.

RE: Dr. Caroline W. Watson appeared requesting a personal appearance. She stated she was a National Board diplomate and that she wished to procure license in order to take a temporary position with the Red Cross Blood Bank in Charlotte. She said that she was married to a physician in Charlotte; that she had been there almost a year; that she graduated from the University of Maryland in 1949.

Dr. Combs: When did you get the National Board certificate?
Answer: 1952.

Dr. Combs: You interned at Charlotte?
Answer: Yes, Charlotte Memorial Hospital and six months residency, July, through December, 1953.

Dr. Combs: Did they tell you there you should have a license?
Answer: No, they did not mention it.

Dr. Combs: What do you want to do now?
Answer: I have the opportunity to be temporary director of the Red Cross Blood Bank in Charlotte. Negotiations were started one week ago.

Dr. Combs: Do you plan to do any other practice? I believe you told me you would do that six months.
Answer: I told them I would take it on a temporary basis and might take it permanently.

Dr. Combs: I got the idea you would only work six months.
Answer: Six months is the limit of my time. If it works out all right I might consider it permanently.

Dr. Combs explained to Dr. Watson the situation with reference to possible action in regard to the National Board of Medical Examiners and said action could not be taken at this time as to her license due to the fact that she had furnished no credentials; that if the board ruled that National Board would no longer be recognized she would be unable to procure license by endorsement.

Dr. Watson stated she was from New Jersey; that her husband was a native of Charlotte; that she planned to practice later; that she has two children.
(See page 155 Minutes)

RE: Dr. R. A. Reid appeared with no credentials in regard to procuring license by endorsement of credentials. The secretary advised that he was sent application on May 17th, 1953. Dr. Reid stated he was practicing in Suffolk, Virginia and wanted to move to Windsor to do general practice.

Dr. Combs: Are you going to move to Windsor?
Answer: Yes.

Dr. Combs: Have you ever been in any trouble?
Answer: No sir.

Dr. Rousseau: Are you certain you are coming to North Carolina?
Answer: If I can get myself together.

Dr. Combs: When did you want to begin?
Answer: I would have to get living quarters and straighten in Suffolk.

VERDICT: The board ruled that this might be Dr. R. A. Reid's personal appearance and if credentials were received, the board would act on the same on August 1st, 1953.

The meeting was adjourned.

Tuesday, June 23rd, 2 P. M.

RE: Dr. William H. Harrell, Creswell, North Carolina (See Minutes January, 1953) Report under date of November 5th, 1952 was received by the secretary and upon direction of the president of the board, Dr. Harrell was requested to appear at the January, 1953 meeting. Dr. Harrell was ill in the hospital at that time and was unable to appear. A complete history of his physical condition was procured from Dr. Harrell's physician, Dr. Walter B. Martin of Norfolk, Virginia, which was presented to the board at the January, 1953 meeting, together with the report from the Narcotic Bureau. The board took no action at that time. At the May, 1953 meeting the board directed that Dr. Harrell appear at this meeting.

Narcotic Agent W. T. Atkinson stated when he appeared in another case on June 22nd, 1953 that Dr. Harrell is taking 15 grains of morphine daily and his wife 12 grains of morphine daily.

The board reviewed the record in this case prior to interviewing Dr. Harrell and letter under date of May 27th, 1953 from Dr. Walter B. Martin as follows was presented:

"Dear Dr. Combs:

"I have your letter of May 25th in reference to Dr. W. H. Harrell of Creswell, North Carolina. He was last seen by me on April 9th, and at that time his general appearance showed some deterioration. His blood pressure was 200/100. Pulse was 92 and regular. The liver and spleen both showed massive enlargement as noted before. There appeared to be no appreciable amount of fluid in the abdomen. There was moderate peripheral edema. The skin condition on his legs was somewhat better than we previously seen. Hemoglobin was 64%, with 3,600,000. Urine showed a 4 plus albumin with a few red cells and a very considerable amount of pus. He was to enter the hospital on June 7th for further study and treatment. It probably would be well for me to give you a report in more detail at that time."

"S/ Walter B. Martin, M. D."



Dr. Harrell appeared and was interviewed at length by the board. (The full notes on the interview are on file in the office of the secretary.) Dr. Harrell said he had been in the Norfolk General Hospital this month and had six transfusions; that he had an aneurysm of the aorta, which developed since January; that he had a stone in the left kidney the size of a half dollar but the condition of his heart was such that he could not be operated; that he is in much pain. He said a few years back he was taking 10 grains of morphine but for the three months he has not taken but four grains three times in 24 hours. He said that he became addicted in 1937 when he had osteomyelitis; that his first trouble with the Narcotic Bureau was in not keeping the proper records and on being questioned said this was on account of his wife's addiction. He said he had filed medical certificates with the Narcotic Bureau substantiating his need for narcotics and that according to his physical condition he had a very short life expectancy. Dr. Harrell's physical condition and narcotic history is corroborated by Dr. Walter B. Martin, who is his physician. Dr. Martin stated that he felt any attempt to withdraw his morphine unless done under most careful hospital supervision would be risky and he doubted it could be done in any event. Dr. Harrell said he is purchasing his narcotics needed for himself and his wife on Government order forms and is keeping his records; that there is no drug store in Creswell and he dispenses his own drugs. He said he was doing a limited office practice but was unable to make calls. He was questioned as to his patients' attitude with reference to his situation and he replied they knew he did not take enough to show; that he was in good standing in his community; that he belonged to the Elks and the Masons and attended the meetings and was president of the Tri-County Medical Society last year. He was questioned as to his attitude about prescribing narcotics and he said he was very careful and when it was necessary to prescribe narcotics he only dispensed a minimum amount; that he did not prescribe narcotics for strangers. He said his wife took nurse's training but lacked four weeks of completing it; that she assisted him in his office.

Mrs. Harrell was interviewed by the board and she corroborated Dr. Harrell's statement as to his caution in prescribing narcotics for his patients and said she thought he was stricter on account of knowing the seriousness of narcotics. She also said she helped in his office and carried out his directions only; that the office was closed when Dr. Harrell was in the hospital and she remained at the hospital with him.

The board deliberated over this problem and tabled the same until the meeting on June 24th. (See Minutes page 155-157)

RE: Dr. Oliver Benjamin Williams (See Minutes January, 1953)
Following report from the Narcotic Bureau Dr. Williams was requested to appear before the board. At that time the board directed him to place himself under the supervision of Dr. M. B. Bethel of Charlotte, the physician of his choice. No further word was received from Dr. Williams and on April 13th, 1953 Dr. Bethel advised that he had not reported to him. The board thereupon at its May, 1953 meeting directed that Dr. Williams be requested to appear at this time.

Dr. Williams appeared and his brother, Ralph T. Williams, accompanied him. Dr. Williams stated he had not reported to Dr. Bethel because about February 1st, 1953 he returned to his home in Newberry, South Carolina. That he and his wife had separated and he went home until he felt strong enough to work. He said he was not seeing patients in South Carolina; that he had returned to Charlotte on week-ends from Friday night until Monday morning and had seen patients but had done no surgery; that he had taken no narcotics since leaving the hospital in November, 1952.

Ralph T. Williams, his brother, asked the privilege of talking to the board privately, which request was granted. He corroborated Dr. Williams' statements. The board questioned whether it was well for Dr. Williams to return to Charlotte on week-ends and he said he agreed; that he had not been there in a month and would not return for three months or until he was well enough. He said he was sure that he had taken no narcotics but that he had taken nembutal to sleep. That he had tried in every way to assist Dr. Williams; that he had made a study of this type of problem; that he was going to work with him until he was well; that he had been able to get him to learn to sleep without nembutal and that he was sleeping well now. The board asked

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his opinion as to the possible advantage of asking him to surrender his narcotic license to remove temptation and he suggested, if the board would agree to let him keep it, that he would give his word of honor if he abused it, he would personally communicate with the secretary of the board; that Dr. Williams was making a definite struggle to overcome this addiction and also to keep that which he had attained.

The board advised Ralph T. Williams that Dr. Williams should remain with him until he thinks it is safe for him to return to practice; that he should advise the board when Dr. Williams is ready to return to practice in order that he might have supervision in Charlotte and that the board would go along with his suggestion that Dr. Williams keep his narcotic license and that he would report to the board if Dr. Williams abused the same to buy drugs.

VERDICT: The president advised Dr. Oliver Benjamin Williams that the board had requested his appearance in order to obtain a report on him since January, 1953 in an attempt to assist him. That the board felt he could not have any better care or receive any better advice than that which his brother is giving him; that the board did not think it well for him to make week-end trips to Charlotte; that he was to take his brother's advice; and that his brother had given his word of honor that he would report any deviation from this to the Board of Medical Examiners.

The meeting was adjourned.

Tuesday, June 23rd

7:00 P. M. - RE: National Board of Medical Examiners (See page 109 Minutes) The deans of the North Carolina medical schools were invited for dinner in order that the board might discuss with them mutual problems and the prospective action in regard to the National Board of Medical Examiners. The following were guests for dinner: Dr. W. R. Berryhill, Dean of the University of North Carolina School of Medicine, Dr. C. C. Carpenter, Dean of the Bowman Gray School of Medicine, and Dr. Kenneth E. Penrod, Assistant Dean of the Duke University School of Medicine, who represented Dr. W. C. Davison, Dean, who was abroad at the time.

Summarizing the conference with the deans, Dr. P. J. Rousseau, Chairman of the Committee with reference to the National Board of Medical Examiners, said he thought the discussion with the deans of the medical schools of the state was very helpful; that their opinions were as expected. That in his opinion it was time and past time that the board abide by the North Carolina Medical Practice Act and pass a resolution in regard to the National Board certificate. That he thought the board would have to make every effort to give additional examinations to diplomates of the National Board to assist them in procuring license to practice in North Carolina. That when it becomes known, the board will not have the problem of giving two or three examinations a year; that it will be necessary that this be done this year, but that the deans should be advised that the board is anxious to have one examination. That he personally would be willing to accept the diploma of the medical school but that poses the problem of reciprocity with other states.

VERDICT: Dr. N. P. Battle moved that the following resolution be adopted: That in view of the provisions of Section 90-13 of the Medical Practice Act of North Carolina, the North Carolina Board of Medical Examiners after careful consideration and legal advice, and in meeting assembled, RESOLVED that the Board of Medical Examiners will henceforth require as a prerequisite for licensure without examination the satisfactory proof that the applicant has been issued a license to practice medicine and surgery by the board of medical examiners of another state upon examination given by that board, which conforms to this state board's requirements. This motion was duly seconded by Dr. H. C. Thompson and passed unanimously.

RE: Written Examination - Dr. J. P. Rousseau moved that the president and secretary of this board at their discretion arrange for the Board of Medical Examiners to give examinations at intervals for a period of one year from this meeting, which they may deem necessary. This motion was duly seconded by Dr. H. C. Thompson and passed unanimously.



The meeting was adjourned.

Wednesday, June 24th- 10 A. M.

RE: Limited License - In view of the action taken by this board in regard to the certificate of the National Board, the following policy as to limited license has been adopted upon motion of Dr. Combs, seconded by Dr. Amos N. Johnson and passed unanimously, "Doctors living near our state borders will be granted limited license to the respective bordering counties after they present full credentials and appear before the Board of Medical Examiners in session.

Doctors will be granted resident license when they fulfill all the requirements, limited to the respective hospital, and will be permitted to get the full license at the completion of their residency upon payment of the balance of the fee and upon recommendation by an official of the said hospital.

RE: Special Limited License

Doctors who desire to be hospital residents, who can not fulfill the full endorsement credentials will be given a special limited license to the respective hospital upon presentation of credentials required and payment of fee of \$10.00; that this in no way entitles the holder of such special limited license to procure full license without meeting further requirements.

Under this same group will come the special physician at the state mental and tubercular institutions, and foreign graduates on a fellowship basis.

RE: Dr. Caroline W. Watson (See Minutes page 149)

VERDICT: Dr. Joseph J. Combs moved that upon presentation of the required credentials to the secretary, that Dr. Caroline W. Watson be granted a special limited license to the Charlotte Blood Bank and its district for a period of one year. This fee may be applied to examination or reciprocity fee not later than June, 1954. This motion was duly seconded by Dr. Amos N. Johnson and passed unanimously.

RE: Dr. Frank Y. Watson, resident at the Charlotte Memorial Hospital and a native of Charlotte, North Carolina, who has not procured a state license-

VERDICT: Dr. J. P. Rousseau moved that Dr. Frank Y. Watson be written that on presentation of his credentials at the August, 1953, that he can be given special limited license as a resident. This motion was duly seconded by Dr. J. J. Combs and passed unanimously.

The board instructed the secretary to write the Charlotte Memorial Hospital that if Dr. Frank Y. Watson continues in his residency without procuring license, he will be violating the Medical Practice Act of North Carolina.

RE: Dr. Oscar Stapans, graduate of an unapproved foreign medical school- (See Minutes May, 1953) - Dr. Stapans on May 4th, 1953 stated that he had been appointed to a residency at Graylyn, Bowman Gray School of Medicine, and requested information as to procuring a full license to practice medicine in the State of North Carolina. He is a displaced physician.

The board at its May, 1953 meeting instructed the secretary to advise that he was not eligible for license in North Carolina as he did not meet the requirement of graduation from a grade A medical school; that all residents in the state were required to have license.

On June 4th, 1953, Dr. Stapans again requested a permit to continue his psychiatric training in this state.

VERDICT: Dr. J. P. Rousseau moved that Dr. Oscar Stapans be notified that upon presentation of his credentials, he will be considered for a special limited license in order to carry on a residency at Graylyn. This motion was duly seconded by Dr. Amos N. Johnson and passed unanimously.

RE: Dr. William H. Harrell - (See Minutes page 151)

VERDICT: Dr. H. C. Thompson moved that the following letter be written to the Narcotic Bureau, duly seconded by Dr. J. J. Combs and passed unanimously:



"Dear Mr. Martin:

"As per your request of November 5th, 1953 this board has conducted a thorough investigation into the case of Dr. William H. Harrell. Inasmuch as Dr. Harrell was hospitalized and, thereby, unable to attend our previous meetings since we received this request, we have been unable to get this report to you at an earlier date.

"This board finds that it has been known to both the Federal Narcotic Bureau and the previous medical examining boards of this state that Dr. Harrell has been addicted to and using considerable quantities of opiates for approximately the past twenty years in violation of the Harrison Narcotic Act.

"It has been made clear to us by Dr. Walter B. Martin, president-elect of the American Medical Association of Norfolk, Virginia, who handles Dr. Harrell's case from a medical standpoint, that within recent years and probably as a result of his morphine addiction, plus certain definite disease entities recently developed by Dr. Harrell, that he will have to continue the use of morphine for the remainder of his life. Also we are told by Dr. Martin that the life expectancy in this case will be a matter of months or certainly a very few years. We also find that there is no definite evidence to indicate to us that Dr. Harrell is selling or dispensing excessively of opiates to addicts or patients, except for supplying morphine for his wife, whose addiction to and use of opiates has also been known to the Federal Narcotic Bureau and past state examining boards for approximately the past 20 years.

This board has been told that Dr. Harrell is able to control his dosage of and addiction to the drug to the extent that he is still serving as a source of medical care for the people of a large area in eastern North Carolina, who otherwise would have considerable difficulty obtaining any sort of medical care.

"As a result of the facts brought out by this investigation, in addition to the fact that your bureau recognizes his addiction and now life dependency of the drug and still permits Dr. Harrell to retain his license, to dispense, prescribe and purchase narcotics, this board feels that there is no definite course of positive action for it to take.

"The case of Mrs. Harrell appears to us to be that of a lay person who is addicted to opiates and is outside the jurisdiction of the North Carolina Board of Medical Examiners.

"We appreciate the interest which your Bureau and agents have shown in this case and the fine co-operation which we always receive from your agency in all North Carolina narcotic problems. If we can be of any further assistance in this case, please do not hesitate to write us."

"S/ Joseph J. Combs, Secretary
NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS"

The board directed the secretary to write Dr. William H. Harrell and advise him that no positive action was taken and to continue to co-operate with the Narcotic Bureau.

RE: Per Diem for Members of the Board - Dr. Amos N. Johnson moved that as of this meeting and examinations that the per diem for compiling and grading of examination papers at the regular June meeting be increased from six to twelve days. This motion was duly seconded by Dr. H. C. Thompson and passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned.



Thursday, June 25th - The last examination was held. No business meetings were held on this day.

The meeting was officially adjourned at 12 o'clock Thursday, June 25th, 1953, upon completion of the last examination.

Signed Joseph J. Combs, M. D.
JOSEPH J. COMBS
Secretary-Treasurer







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