

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
OF NORTH CAROLINA

Mid Pines Club, Southern Pines, North Carolina
March 19 - 21, 1971

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The Board of Medical Examiners of the State of North Carolina met at the Mid Pines, Southern Pines, North Carolina, March 19-21st, 1971, for the purpose of interviewing applicants for license by endorsement of credentials, graduates of foreign medical schools applying for the written examination, and for other business.

Thursday, March 19th
3:00 P. M.

The Board convened and Drs. H. Lee Large, Jr., President, Joseph J. Combs, Secretary-Treasurer, Frank Edmondson, Bryant L. Galusha, Joseph W. Hooper, Jr., Cornelius T. Partrick, William H. Sprunt III, Mrs. Louise J. McNeill, Administrative Secretary, and Mrs. Betty Joe Cooke were present.

RE: Dr. Joseph C. Fesperman, Stanley, North Carolina - The following charges were presented to Dr. Fesperman:

"1. That you have been and are habitually addicted to the use of narcotic drugs.

"2. That you have been and are habitually addicted to the use of demerol and other habit forming drugs.

"3. That by reason of your excessive use of drugs your mental condition renders you unable safely to practice medicine.

"4. That grounds exist for the revocation of your license to practice medicine heretofore issued by this Board."

Dr. Fesperman appeared with his attorney, Verne E. Shive, Esquire, and John H. Anderson, Jr., Esquire, appeared for the Board of Medical Examiners.

Evidence in the form of hospital records were presented substantiating the charges made by the Board. Drs. Jack B. Hobson and Thomas H. Wright, Jr. of Charlotte and Dr. R. L. Rollins, Jr., Superintendent of Dorothea Dix Hospital appeared on behalf of the Board, together with Samuel Wolfe, Federal Narcotic Agent. The respondent presented two witnesses on his behalf.

The Findings of Fact of the Board of Medical Examiners were as follows:

Charge 1. Guilty
Charge 2. Guilty
Charge 3. Verdict deferred

The Board rendered the following judgment:

"1. That Joseph C. Fesperman, M. D., Respondent, has been and is habitually addicted to the use of narcotic drugs and of other habit-forming drugs and that grounds exist for the revocation of his license to practice medicine heretofore issued by this Board should be revoked, and that such revocation should be suspended upon the conditions set forth in the record and in this Order.

"It is, therefore, ORDERED

"That the license to practice medicine heretofore issued by this Board to Joseph C. Fesperman, M. D. be and the same is hereby revoked, and that this order and revocation be suspended upon the following conditions:



"That Joseph C. Fesperman, M. D. for a period of five years from this date be and remain of good behavior, and refrain from using any narcotic drugs or any derivatives of such drugs, or any habit-forming drugs, except upon the prescription of another physician licensed to practice medicine, that he not violate any criminal law; that he be examined at least every thirty (30) days by a psychiatrist designated by this Board and that he request such psychiatrist to report to this Board every three months; that he appear personally before this Board upon notification by the Board two times/^{each}year; that he submit to such laboratory examinations or tests for the detection of the presence of drugs upon request by the Board, all without expense to the Board.

"By Order of the Board of Medical Examiners of the State of North Carolina. This 24th day of March, 1971."

The meeting adjourned.

March 19th
8:00 P. M.

The members of the Board reviewed the credentials of applicants for license by endorsement of credentials, resident's training license, and foreign graduates petitioning for the privilege of taking the written examination.

RE: Meetings of the Board:

January, 1972 - Dr. Partrick moved that the Board of Medical Examiners meet at the Carolina Hotel, Pinehurst, North Carolina, January 21-22nd, 1972. This motion was duly seconded by Dr. Frank Edmondson and passed.

March, 1972 - Dr. Partrick moved that the Board meet at the Mid Pines Club, Southern Pines, North Carolina March 24-25th, 1972. This motion was duly seconded and passed.

RE: Letter was presented to the Board from William B. Haga of Sugar Grove, Virginia stating that two doctors in Winston-Salem had made a fraudulent diagnosis.

VERDICT: Dr. Bryant L. Galusha moved that this be received as information, the motion was duly seconded and passed.

RE: Dr. Hermann M. Burian, Terre Haute, Indiana, was graduated by the University of Belgrade, Yugoslavia in 1930 and is licensed in New Hampshire as of 1937, Massachusetts 1945 and Iowa 1955. He is a naturalized citizen and does not have the certificate of the ECFMG. He is a professor of Ophthalmology at the University of Iowa.

Dr. Joseph J. Combs presented letter from Dr. S. D. McPherson, Jr., Acting Chairman of the Department of Ophthalmology at the University of North Carolina School of Medicine, stating that they wishes to have him join the staff there on July 1st, 1971, as Clinical Professor of Ophthalmology. He asked that the Board consider license by endorsement.

VERDICT: Dr. William H. Sprunt III moved that Dr. Hermann M. Burian be granted the privilege to appear and apply for license by endorsement. This motion was duly seconded and passed.

RE: Dr. W. L. Loewenstein - The secretary presented letter from Dr. Loewenstein, who is a graduate of the University of Berlin in 1934. He has practiced in Indiana since 1937 and desires North Carolina license.

VERDICT: Dr. Frank Edmondson moved that Dr. W. L. Loewenstein be granted the privilege to apply for license by endorsement. This motion was duly seconded by Dr. William H. Sprunt III and passed.

RE: Dr. Arturo J. de Leon, Raleigh, North Carolina, was granted the privilege of taking the written examination for licensure prior to receiving the alien registration receipt card, with the understanding that he receive the same prior to being granted license. Dr. de Leon took the written examination in June, 1970, failed the same, had not received the alien registration receipt card as expected, but was permitted to retake the examination in December, 1970, which he passed. It appears



now from information received through the assistance of Senator Sam J. Ervin, Jr. that he will not receive alien registration receipt card for another year. The citizens of Columbia, North Carolina, where he plans to locate and who are in dire need of a physician, have urged the Board to grant him a license to begin practice.

VERDICT: Dr. Bryant L. Galusha moved that Dr. Arturo J. de Leon be given license limited to Tyrrell County, North Carolina until citizenship obtained, within six years. This motion was duly seconded by Dr. Frank Edmondson and passed by a vote of four to two.

RE: Dr. Rosemary E. de Leon, Raleigh, North Carolina was granted the privilege of taking the written examination for medical licensure prior to receiving the alien registration receipt card, with the understanding that she would receive the same prior to being granted license in order that she might go to Columbia, North Carolina, with her husband to practice. Dr. de Leon took the examination in June and December, 1970, both of which examinations she failed. She has not to date received the alien registration receipt card and from information received, it would appear that it will probably be a year before this is received.

VERDICT: Dr. Joseph J. Combs moved that Dr. Rosemary E. de Leon not be permitted to take the written examination again until she receives the alien registration receipt card. This motion was duly seconded by Dr. Frank Edmondson and passed.

RE: Dr. Albert Kodack, Asheville, North Carolina - Dr. Kodack appeared at the request of the Board due to report that he was prescribing large amounts of narcotic drugs. He related that he had one patient only taking a large amount of drugs. He was directed by the Board to seek the consultation for this patient and report to the Board, which directive Dr. Kodack carried out and said report was presented to the Board, which was received as information.

VERDICT: Dr. Cornelius T. Partrick moved that the Board receive report from Dr. Albert Kodack in six months on the treatment of the patient previously considered. This motion was duly seconded by Dr. Joseph J. Combs and passed.

RE: Dr. Keith Wilson McNeer - (see page 259 these Minutes) The president instructed that the verdict read "subject to conversion to full license when he moves to North Carolina."

RE: Minutes January 29-31st, 1971 - Dr. Joseph W. Hooper, Jr. moved that the Minutes be approved subject to the above correction. This motion was duly seconded and passed.

RE: Dr. Joseph Kreplick, Goldsboro, North Carolina, was granted in June, 1970, license limited to the Department of Mental Health (See previous Minutes) He has now petitioned the Board to change his license so that he can move to Washington, North Carolina, and work at the Mental Health Center. He said he would also be expected to stand call at the hospital and be available to see private patients in neurology and psychiatry.

VERDICT: Dr. Joseph W. Hooper, Jr. moved that Dr. Joseph Kreplick be advised that he is covered in the Division of Mental Health in the State of North Carolina, which would include the Tideland Mental Health Center, but does not give him the right to engage in private practice; that a copy be sent to Dr. J. Frank James, Superintendent of Cherry Hospital. This motion was duly seconded by Dr. Bryant L. Galusha and passed.

RE: Suspected Drug Law Violation, Cabarrus County. The secretary presented report of the State Bureau of Investigation in this regard, but no violation was found. The Board received this as information.

RE: Dr. John H. Thompson, Trenton, North Carolina - The secretary presented copy of report from Clifton M. Craig, Commissioner of the North Carolina Department of Social Services, to the Attorney General of North Carolina, alleging over utilization of the drug program by Dr. Thompson.

VERDICT: Dr. Joseph W. Hooper, Jr. moved that Dr. John H. Thompson be requested to appear before the Board of Medical Examiners at the May, 1971 meeting of the Board. This motion was duly seconded by Dr. Joseph J. Combs and passed unanimously.



RE: Dr. Pritam S. Sahni, applicant for Flex examination in June, petitioned to appear at a later date to appear with regard to being granted the privilege of taking this examination as he was taking his specialty boards at this time.

VERDICT: Dr. Cornelius T. Partrick moved that Dr. Pritam S. Sahni be allowed to petition to take the written examination. This motion was duly seconded and passed.

RE: Graduates of Foreign Medical Schools - Dr. Joseph W. Hooper moved that foreign graduates applying for the privilege of taking the written examination may be interviewed by the secretary. This motion was duly seconded by Dr. Cornelius T. Partrick and passed.

RE: Dr. Elisha J. Cain-(See previous Minutes) - The secretary reported that he had received inquiry from the Narcotic Bureau requesting verification of Dr. Cain's licensure as he had applied for narcotic tax stamp, which is routine procedure; that he replied that the office of the secretary recommended that no narcotic tax stamp be issued to Dr. Cain at that time; that the request would be presented to the Board for its transaction at a regular meeting.

VERDICT: Dr. Cornelius T. Partrick moved that the Board sustain and continue the action of the secretary in this matter. This motion was duly seconded by Dr. Joseph W. Hooper, Jr. and passed.

RE: Dr. Ralph C. Reid, Pineville, North Carolina - The secretary presented a detailed report made by the Federation Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs alleging drug violation.

VERDICT: Dr. Bryant L. Galusha moved that Dr. Ralph C. Reid be requested to appear before the Board of Medical Examiners at the June, 1971 meeting. This motion was duly seconded by Dr. Cornelius T. Partrick and passed.

RE: Written Examination June, 1971 - Examination Questions for Part II

VERDICT: Dr. Joseph W. Hooper moved that the Part II examination questions be in by May 1st. This motion was duly seconded and passed.

RE: Conversion of limited to full license: VERDICT: Motion was made, seconded and passed that applications for conversion of limited to full license of those applying be approved for full license if now complete or if and when complete, within the scope of the business of this meeting. The following were converted to full license:

Dr. George R. Baise
 Dr. Daniel Gottovi
 Dr. Eugene Dell Rutland
 Dr. Ramon V. Canent, Jr. - Naturalized

The meeting was adjourned.

Saturday, March 20th
9:30 A. M.

The following physicians appeared applying for license by endorsement of credentials:

RE: Dr. George Cartwright Adickes appeared with incomplete credentials applying for license by endorsement of credentials. He plans to work full-time as an internist with the Charlotte Rehabilitation Hospital.

Dr. Combs: Will you move to North Carolina or live in South Carolina?
 A. In Rock Hill

Dr. Large: You will be doing full-time practice?
 A. Yes

Q. You are abandoning your practice in South Carolina?
 A. Yes



Dr. Adickes continued

- Dr. Large : Have you ever been convicted of a crime? A. No
 Q. Have you ever had any difficulty with a medical examining board? A. No
 Q. Have you ever used barbiturates or other habit forming drugs or alcohol? A. No
 Q. Have you ever used narcotics personally? A. No

VERDICT: Dr. George Cartwright Adickes was approved for license by endorsement of credentials, if and when his credentials are completed satisfactory to the secretary.

RE: Dr. Eli Hinson Brown appeared applying for license by endorsement of credentials. He is a board certified internist.

Dr. Large: What are your plans?

A. To practice with Dr. Larry Mucci.

Q. Are these plans firm?

A. Yes

Q. You are committed to go to Asheville?

A. Yes

Q. Have you ever been convicted of a crime?

A. No sir

Q. Have you ever had any difficulty with a medical examining board? A. No sir

Q. Have you ever used alcohol, barbiturates or other habit forming drugs to excess?

A. No sir

Q. Have you ever used narcotics?

A. Never

Q. When are you going to Asheville?

A. We have already moved.

Q. When are you going to work?

A. April

VERDICT: Dr. Eli Hinson Brown was approved for license by endorsement of credentials.

RE: Dr. Vascue O'Neil Brown appeared applying for license by endorsement of credentials. He was a Reynolds scholar and is obligated to return to North Carolina. He is in Psychiatry.

Q. Where do you plan to practice?

A. Charlotte

Q. Have you ever been convicted of a crime?

A. No sir

Q. Have you ever had any difficulty with a medical examining board? A. No sir

Q. Have you ever used barbiturates, other habit forming drugs or alcohol to excess?

A. No sir

Q. Have you ever used narcotics?

A. No sir

Dr. Galusha: Who will you associate with?

A. I am thinking about Dr. Carmichael and Dr. Stanley. I am going to see them this afternoon.

Q. When will you go to Charlotte?

A. Early July when I separate from the services.

VERDICT: Dr. Vascue O'Neil Brown was approved for license by endorsement of credentials.

RE: Dr. Martha Haltom Christian appeared with incomplete credentials applying for license by endorsement of credentials. She has resident's training license to John Umstead Hospital to cover her for a residency in Psychiatry.



Dr. Christian continued

Dr. Large: Is the program you are in training or staff?

A. I am finishing the third year residency at John Umstead and started as a fellow in geriopsychiatry at Duke.

Q. Have you ever had any difficulty with a medical examining board? A. No

Q. Have you ever been convicted of a crime? A. No

Q. Have you ever used barbiturates, other habit forming drugs or alcohol to excess? A. No

Q. Have you ever used narcotics? A. No

Dr. Combs: You are going to be on residency or fellow after July 1st?

A. Yes, it is a two-year program.

Q. What are your plans?

A. To stay at Duke or Wake County Mental Health Clinic.

VERDICT: Dr. Joseph J. Combs moved that this may be her personal appearance and if credentials come within two weeks that she be granted license, and if not, to be brought back to the Board at the May meeting. This motion was duly seconded and passed.

RE: Dr. Gerald Christopher Connolly appeared applying for license by endorsement of credentials. He is presently at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Durham.

Dr. Large: Do you have plans?

A. I served a three year residency in the Veterans Administration. I am not sure I plan to stay with Veterans Administration.

Q. When does your tenure terminate?

A. One year

Q. What branch of medicine are you in?

A. Physical rehabilitation

Q. Have you ever had any difficulty with a medical examining board? A. No sir

Q. Have you ever been convicted of a crime? A. No sir

Q. Have you ever used barbiturates, other habit forming drugs or alcohol to excess? A. No sir

Q. Have you ever used narcotics personally? A. No sir

VERDICT: Dr. Gerald Christopher Connolly was approved for license by endorsement of credentials.

RE: Dr. Felix A. Evangelist appeared applying for license by endorsement of credentials.

Dr. Large: What type of medical practice?

A. Thoracic surgery

Q. What are your plans?

A. To go to practice in Charlotte in June.

Q. Are your plans firm?

A. Yes

Q. With whom

A. Fred Taylor

Q. Have you ever had any trouble with a medical examining board? A. No

Q. Have you ever been convicted of a crime? A. No

Q. Have you ever used barbiturates, other habit forming drugs or alcohol to excess?

A. No

Q. Have you ever used narcotics personally.

Q. When do you plan to go to work?

A. I am in the Air Force, my date of separation is in August, if I have leave time I will start in June.



VERDICT: Dr. Felix A. Evangelist was approved for license by endorsement of credentials.

RE: Dr. David Allen Fredstrom appeared applying for license by endorsement of credentials. He is presently stationed at Fort Bragg and desires license in order to do outside work, emergency room or week-end coverage for doctors who want some time off; that he needs the stimulus of practice.

Dr. Edmondson: How much time do you have in the military?

A. Until October, 1972, probably most of the time in North Carolina.

Dr. Large : Have you ever had any difficulty with a medical examining board? A. No

Q. Have you ever been convicted of a crime? A. No

Q. Have you ever used barbiturates, other habit forming drugs or alcohol to excess? A. No

Q. Have you personally used narcotics? A. No

Dr. Fredstrom was advised that his grades on the Flex examination in Nebraska do not meet the requirements of this board.

VERDICT: Dr. Bryant L. Galusha moved that the Board stick by the standard of Flex weighted average of 75% to meet the requirements for licensure. This motion was duly seconded and passed.

RE: Dr. Randall Jay Gall appeared with incomplete credentials applying for license by endorsement of credentials. He is in military service at Fort Bragg and wants to do some outside work.

Dr. Large: Have you ever had difficulty with a medical examining board?

A. No, I haven't.

Q. Have you ever been convicted of a crime? A. No, I haven't.

Q. Have you ever used barbiturates, other habit forming drugs or alcohol to excess? A. No

Q. Have you ever used narcotics personally? A. No

VERDICT: Dr. Randall Jay Gall was approved for license by endorsement of credentials, if and when his credentials are completed satisfactory to the secretary.

RE: Dr. Edward Marshall Hollander appeared applying for license by endorsement of credentials. He is a board certified Ophthalmologist and plans to be associated with Dr. Paul K. Simel, Greensboro, in May or June, 1971.

Dr. Large: Are your plans firm in Greensboro?

A. Yes sir

Q. Have you ever had any difficulty with a medical examining board? A. No

Q. Have you ever been convicted of a crime? A. No

Q. Have you ever used barbiturates, other habit forming drugs or alcohol to excess? A. No

Q. Have you ever used narcotics personally? A. No

VERDICT: Dr. Edward Marshall Hollander was approved for license by endorsement of credentials.

RE: Dr. Eugene Cannon Kane appeared with incomplete credentials on January 30th, 1971, applying for license by endorsement of credentials and was approved contingent upon completion of the same. Dr. Kane has met the requirements of the Board.

VERDICT: Dr. Eugene Cannon Kane was approved for license by endorsement of credentials.

RE: Dr. Walter Hartswick Kearney appeared with incomplete credentials applying for full license by endorsement of credentials. He is a resident at Bowman Gray School of Medicine.

Dr. Large: Have you ever been convicted of a crime? A. No

Q. Have you ever had any difficulty with a medical examining board? A. No

Q. Have you ever used barbiturates, other habit forming drugs or alcohol to excess? A. No

Q. Have you ever used narcotics personally? A. No



Dr. Kearney continued

Dr. Large: When do you plan to go to work?

A. I am a resident at Baptist Hospital.

VERDICT: Dr. Walter Hartswick Kearney was approved for license by endorsement of credentials.

RE: Dr. Stephen Vasilev Kishev appeared with incomplete credentials applying for license and at that time the Board advised that it would consider his application for license by endorsement of credentials. Dr. Kishev's credentials are in order.

VERDICT: Dr. Joseph J. Combs moved that Dr. Stephen Vasilev Kishev be granted license by endorsement of credentials, which motion was seconded and passed.

RE: Dr. Charles Richard Lambert appeared with incomplete credentials applying for license by endorsement of credentials.

Dr. Sprunt: You are coming to North Carolina.

A. Yes

Q. What are your plans?

A. I talked with Dr. Dr. Mitchell and Dr. Bacon at Bryson City and we have tentative plans for me to go there when I get a license.

Dr. Large: What type of practice do you do?

A. General practice

Q. Have you ever had any difficulty with a medical examining board? A. No

Q. Have you ever been convicted of a crime? A. No

Q. Have you ever used barbiturates, other habit forming drugs or alcohol to excess? A. No

Q. Have you ever used narcotics personally? A. No

Q. When do you plan to go to Bryson City?

A. I have some property to dispose of and as soon as I do that I can leave, probably in 60-90 days.

Dr. Galusha: What have been your practice sites since graduation?

A. I have been the last 17 years in Florida, prior to that Kentucky, Ohio on the border. I was only there a short while. I went to North Dakota, Bismark, about 18 months, when I went to Florida.

Dr. Edmondson: Are you going with a group?

A. Dr. Mitchell and Dr. Nordley have the same office and I am going with them for a while.

VERDICT: Dr. Charles Richard Lambert was approved for license by endorsement of credentials, if and when his credentials are completed satisfactory to the secretary. (Credentials completed)

RE: John Leo Lezenski, D. O., graduate of the Philadelphia College of Osteopathy in 1954, appeared applying for license by endorsement. He was endorsed to this Board by the Pennsylvania Osteopathic Board of Examiners. He is licensed in Florida, Georgia and New Jersey. He is from Ft. Lauderdale, Florida and Blairsville, Georgia.

Dr. Edmondson: Where are you planning to practice in North Carolina?

A. In Murphy, to come across the border. There are two active doctors there, one is retired.

Q. Will you go in with a group?

A. No

Q. Solo?

A. Yes



Dr. Lezenski continued

Dr. Combs: What board did you take in Pennsylvania?

A. Osteopathic board

Q. Did you have full license to practice medicine in Pennsylvania?

A. Yes

Q. Did you take the examination of the Pennsylvania Board of Medical Examiners?

A. They were combined at that time.

Dr. Edmondson: What osteopathic school did you attend?

A. Philadelphia College of Osteopathy - I have not practiced manipulation since I left school. I practice primarily allopathic medicine. My residency was in general surgery. I have been doing general surgery in Florida since 1959. I am practicing in Fort Lauderdale. I own a farm in Hiawasse, right near Blairsville. I have had enough of Florida.

Dr. Combs: It is your intention to discontinue all practice in Florida and practice in North Carolina?

A. North Carolina and Georgia

Q. Do you have a license in Georgia?

A. Yes sir, a full license. They changed the law in Georgia. I attended post-graduate classes in the State of Georgia at Emory in order to get full license.

Dr. Edmondson: How long was it?

A. 40 hours

Dr. Large: You make your residence in Fort Lauderdale?

A. I have not moved yet.

Dr. Edmondson: Have you ever had any trouble with a medical examining board? A. No sir

Q. Have you ever been convicted of a crime? A. No sir

Q. Have you ever used barbiturates, other habit forming drugs or alcohol to excess? A.No sir

Q. Have you ever used narcotics personally? A. No sir

Dr. Sprunt: Here is a letter from the Pennsylvania Osteopathic Board stating he was issued license to practice Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery in Pennsylvania.

Dr. Combs: What board granted your license in Florida?

A. The combined board in the basic sciences. The next board was the Osteopathic Board.

Q. You are licensed to do medicine and surgery in Florida granted by the Osteopathic Board.

Dr. Sprunt: Georgia is composite board of medical examiners.

He presented photostat of New Jersey license to practice medicine and surgery.

Dr. Edmondson: It is my understanding in Georgia you took the examination given by the composite Board of Osteopathy and the Medical Board.

A. That is the license now in the State of Georgia.

Q. That is the first examination you had that was not osteopathic examination?

A. That is the same license the allopathic physicians are given.

Q. You took this in 1970

Dr. Large: What was the nature of the course at Emory?

A. Primarily Internal Medicine

Q. What was the form of the lectures?

A. Lectures and - - - . It was at Grady Memorial Hospital.

Q. Was this given as a refresher course prior to taking the examination?

A. This was to qualify the osteopath so that he would be allowed to have the new license. Some osteopaths are not allowed to administer narcotics or practice medicine.



Dr. Lezenski continued

Dr. Edmondson: You graduated in 1964?

A. In 1954

Dr. Large: Was this course required by the Georgia Board before you could take this examination?

A. Yes

VERDICT: Dr. Joseph J. Combs moved that Dr. John Leo Lezenski does not meet the requirements of the North Carolina Board of Medical Examiners and that he not be granted license. This motion was duly seconded by Dr. Bryant L. Galusha and the motion passed.

RE: Dr. Charles Thomas McCullough, Jr. appeared applying for license by endorsement of credentials. He is going to Asheville with the Bone and Joint Clinic on July 1st, 1971.

Dr. Galusha: Have you ever had any difficulty with a licensing board? A. No sir

Q. Have you ever been convicted of a crime? A. No sir

Q. Have you ever used barbiturates or habit forming drugs? A. No sir

Q. Have you ever used narcotics personally? A. No sir

Q. Have you ever used alcohol to excess? A. No sir

Dr. Combs: When will you begin practice?

A. July 1st

VERDICT: Dr. Charles Thomas McCullough, Jr. was approved for license by endorsement of credentials.

RE: Dr. William Grover Jackson appeared applying for license by endorsement of credentials. He is planning to locate in Hendersonville with Drs. Strickland and Romeo on July 1st, 1971. He stated that he is now finishing his residency in Internal Medicine.

Dr. Large: Are your plans firm to move to North Carolina?

A. Yes

Q. Have you ever had any difficulty with a medical examining board? A. No

Q. Have you ever been convicted of a crime? A. No

Q. Have you ever used barbiturates, other habit forming drugs or alcohol to excess? A. No

Q. Have you ever used narcotics? A. No

VERDICT: Dr. William Grover Jackson was approved for license by endorsement of credentials.

RE: Dr. Warren Earl Parmalee appeared with incomplete credentials applying for license by endorsement of credentials. He plans to go to Wayne County Memorial Hospital to do emergency room practice.

Dr. Large: Have you ever had any difficulty with a medical examining board? A. No

Q. Have you ever been convicted of a crime? A. No

Q. Have you ever used barbiturates, other habit forming drugs or alcohol to excess? A. No

Q. Have you ever used narcotics personally? A. No

Q. When do you plan to go to work in Goldsboro?

A. The middle of May

RE: Dr. Warren Earl Parmalee was approved for license by endorsement of credentials, if and when his credentials are completed satisfactory to the secretary. (Credentials completed)

RE: Dr. Walter E. Pearson appeared January 30th, 1971, with incomplete credentials applying for license by endorsement of credentials, for which he was approved contingent upon completion of credentials, which has been accomplished.

VERDICT: Dr. Joseph J. Combs moved that Dr. Walter E. Pearson be granted license by endorsement of credentials. This motion was duly seconded and passed.



RE: Dr. Don Watson Powell appeared applying for license by endorsement of credentials. He will join the staff of the University of North Carolina School of Medicine in gastroenterology July 1st, 1971.

- Dr. Large : Have you ever had any difficulty with a medical examining board?
- A. No sir, I have not.
- Q. Have you ever been convicted of a crime?
- A. No sir, I have not.
- Q. Have you ever used barbiturates, other habit forming drugs or alcohol to excess?
- A. No sir
- Q. Have you ever used narcotics personally? A. No sir

Dr. Edmondson: How soon do you contemplate coming?
 A. July 1st

VERDICT: Dr. Don Watson Powell was approved for license by endorsement of credentials.

RE: Dr. Thomas John Prendergast, Jr. appeared applying for license by endorsement of credentials. He plans to attend the School of Public Health at the University of North Carolina.

- Dr. Edmondson: Are you going to do any work?
- A. The school does not start until September. I want to move here and work at the Board of Health or perhaps in a community some place. After school I do not know.
- Q. How long do you contemplate being in the School of Public Health?
- A. At least one year

Dr. Large: When will you move to North Carolina?
 A. Within the next week or two.

- Q. Have you ever had any difficulty with a medical examining board? A. No sir
- Q. Have you ever been convicted of a crime? A. No sir
- Q. Have you ever used barbiturates, other habit forming drugs or alcohol to excess? A. No sir
- Q. Have you ever used narcotics personally? A. No sir

VERDICT: Dr. Thomas John Prendergast, Jr. was approved for license by endorsement of credentials.

RE: Dr. Mitchell Allen Russ appeared applying for license by endorsement of credentials. He presently holds a resident's training license.

- Dr. Large: What are your plans?
- A. To finish my residency, then the Army and I plan to stay in North Carolina if I can find a group practice.
- Q. Have you ever had any difficulty with a medical examining board? A. No
- Q. Have you ever used barbiturates, other habit forming drugs or alcohol to excess? A. No
- Q. Have you ever used narcotics personally? A. No

VERDICT: Dr. Mitchell Allen Russ was approved for license by endorsement of credentials.

RE: Dr. William Roan Smith II appeared applying for license by endorsement of credentials. He is in military service and will be there until July, 1972 and wants to do some moon-lighting.

- Dr. Large : Have you ever had any difficulty with a medical examining board? A. No sir
- Q. Have you ever been convicted of a crime? A. No sir
- Q. Have you ever used barbiturates, other habit forming drugs or alcohol to excess? A. No sir
- Q. Have you ever used narcotics? A. No sir
- Q. When do you want to start work?
- A. May 1st



VERDICT: Dr. William Roan Smith II was approved for license by endorsement of credentials.

RE: Dr. William Rathborn Thornhill appeared applying for license by endorsement of credentials. He plans to locate with Dr. Joe Frank, Ahoskie, North Carolina, for the practice of Radiology.

Dr. Large: Have you ever had any difficulty with any medical examining board? A. No sir

Q. Have you ever been convicted of a crime? A. No sir

Q. Have you ever used barbiturates, other habit forming drugs or alcohol to excess? A. No sir

Q. Have you ever used narcotics personally? A. No sir

Q. When would you like to start work in North Carolina?

A. April 1st

VERDICT: Dr. William Rathborn Thornhill was approved for license by endorsement of credentials.

RE: Dr. Charles Peter Van Tilburg appeared applying for license by endorsement of credentials. He plans to join Dr. David Daniel of Sylva in practice of Pediatrics.

Dr. Large: When do you plan to begin work?

A. Monday morning

Q. Have you ever had any difficulty with a medical examining board? A. No sir

Q. Have you ever been convicted of a crime? A. No sir

Q. Have you ever used barbiturates, other habit forming drugs or alcohol to excess? A. No sir

Q. Have you ever used narcotics personally. A. No sir

Q. Are you board certified?

A. I am not eligible until September to take the orals.

VERDICT: Dr. Charles Peter Van Tilburg was approved for license by endorsement of credentials.

RE: Dr. Robert Sharpe Thompson appeared applying for license by endorsement of credentials. He plans to join the Department of Pediatrics at the University of North Carolina School of Medicine.

Dr. Large: Have you ever been convicted of a crime? A. No sir

Q. Have you ever had any difficulty with a medical examining board?

A. No, I haven't.

Q. Have you ever used barbiturates, other habit forming drugs or alcohol to excess? A. No, I haven't.

Q. Have you ever used narcotics personally? A. No, I haven't.

Q. When do you plan to go to the University of North Carolina School of Medicine?

A. July 1st

VERDICT: Dr. Robert Sharpe Thompson was approved for license by endorsement of credentials.

RE: Dr. Neil Raymond Nason appeared without credentials applying for license by endorsement of credentials. He is presently at the Veterans Hospital at Oteen.

Dr. Edmondson: What are your plans with regard to North Carolina?

A. To go to the emergency room at Mission Memorial Hospital.

Dr. Combs: When do you want to begin that service?

A. The position is vacant, as soon as I can work out the licensure.

Q. Where are you now?

A. I am leaving the Veterans Administration at Oteen.

Dr. Nason continued

Dr. Large: Have you ever had any difficulty with a medical examining board? A. No

Q. Have you ever been convicted of a crime?

Q. Have you ever used barbiturates, other habit forming drugs or alcohol to excess? A. No

Q. Have you ever used narcotics personally? A. No

VERDICT: Dr. Neil Raymond Nason was approved for license by endorsement of credentials, if and when his credentials are completed satisfactory to the secretary.

Dr. Bryant L. Galusha moved that Dr. Nason's immediate superior be written. This motion was seconded and passed.

RE: Dr. James Samuel Seastrunk appeared applying for license by endorsement. He plans to practice Orthopaedics in Shelby.

Dr. Edmondson: Will you practice with a group?

A. Solo

Dr. Large: When do you plan to move to Shelby?

A. July 1st

Q. Are your plans firm?

A. Yes sir

Q. Do you have a place for an office and home?

A. I am going to check on this this week.

Q. Have you ever had any difficulty with a medical examining board? A. No sir

Q. Have you ever been convicted of a crime? A. No sir

Q. Have you ever used barbiturates, other habit forming drugs or alcohol to excess? A. No sir

Q. Have you ever used narcotics personally? A. No sir

VERDICT: Dr. James Samuel Seastrunk was approved for license by endorsement of credentials.

RE: Dr. Ben Gordon Shappley appeared applying for license by endorsement of credentials. He plans to join Dr. Earl Travathan in Greenville in the practice of Pediatrics.

Dr. Large: When do you plan to come to North Carolina to work?

A. I was going to work this week while one of the people is away. I will be out of the Army in June.

Q. Have you ever had any difficulty with any medical examining board? A. No sir

Q. Have you ever been convicted of a crime? A. No sir

Q. Have you ever used barbiturates, other habit forming drugs or alcohol to excess? A. No sir

Q. Have you ever used narcotics personally? A. No sir

VERDICT: Dr. Ben Gordon Shappley was approved for license by endorsement of credentials.

RE: Dr. Anthony A. Yurko, Sr. appeared applying for license by endorsement of credentials. He is residing in Tryon, North Carolina and his home address is Route 1, Landrum, South Carolina. He stated that he had been in Tryon two months.

Dr. Large: Do you plan to engage in full-time practice?

A. No sir, I might be called on in my locality, I would like to be able to respond.

Q. Have you ever had any difficulty with a medical examining board? A. No sir

Q. Have you ever been convicted of a crime? A. No sir

Q. Have you ever used barbiturates, other habit forming drugs or alcohol to excess? A. No sir

Q. Have you ever used narcotics personally? A. No sir

VERDICT: Dr. Anthony A. Yurko was approved for license by endorsement of credentials, if and when his credentials are completed satisfactory to the secretary. (Credentials completed)

RE: Dr. Douglas Fain Thomas appeared with incomplete credentials applying for license by endorsement of credentials. He is in the military service and wishes to do part-time civilian practice.

Dr. Large: Have you ever had any trouble with a medical examining board? A. No sir
 Q. Have you ever been convicted of a crime? A. No sir
 Q. Have you ever used barbiturates, other habit forming drugs or alcohol to excess? A. No sir
 Q. Have you ever used narcotics personally? A. No sir

VERDICT: Dr. Douglas Fain Thomas was approved for license by endorsement of credentials, if and when his credentials are completed satisfactory to the secretary. (Credentials completed)

RE: Marion Hollis Tanksley, D. O., graduate of the College of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery, Des Moines, Iowa, in 1968, appeared applying for license by endorsement of credentials. He is applying for endorsement from the Missouri Board of Medical Examiners.

Dr. Tanksley resides in Blairsville, Georgia, on the North Carolina-Georgia border and plans to come across the border to see patients in Cherokee County and Murphy. He stated that about 50% of his practice came over from Murphy.

Dr. Combs: How long have you been in Georgia?
 A. I started general practice there in July, 1969, in Blairsville. I am chief of the staff of the hospital, we have 33 beds. There are two physicians in Murphy, there is a surgeon and I would like to send patients to him.

Dr. Large: How soon would you like to begin work in Murphy?
 A. As soon as I can. I have been limited not to be able to make house calls. As I said 50% of my practice resides in Cherokee County, work for the Cherokee County Welfare Department.

Dr. Combs: What was your training?
 A. I graduated from the College of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery, regular general curriculum, internship at Doctors Hospital, Atlanta, combined medical and osteopathic, have taken postgraduate courses at Emory in Atlanta.

Dr. Edmondson: Was this a requirement before you took the Georgia Board?
 A. Yes, Georgia requires one year of internship. I wrote the Georgia Board a month after I arrived in Georgia to interne. I received a temporary license and at the completion of internship was given license. It is a composite board.

Dr. Edmondson: Are you and Dr. Lezenski going together?
 A. Not necessarily. He is thinking of relocating near Murphy or the Blairsville area. My aim is to give a better service to my patients.

Dr. Large: Have you ever had any difficulty with a medical examining board?
 A. No, I have not. I am a diplomate of the National Board, hold Florida license, Georgia license and Missouri license. I am a member of the American College of General Practice. I have not had any difficulties.
 Q. Have you ever been convicted of a crime? A. Never
 Q. Have you ever used barbiturates, any habit forming drugs or alcohol to excess? A. No
 Q. Have you ever used narcotics? A. Never

Dr. Edmondson: Do you have occasion to go in any area other than Cherokee. Do you plan to go into any other county.

The Board gave Dr. Tanksley the policy with regard to limited and full license and he stated he would feel more at ease to have a full license.

Dr. Combs: Will you be seeing any other than Cherokee?
 A. Not to my knowledge. The way Blairsville is located, sticking up into North Carolina, near Tennessee. I have a drawing area of 6500 to 7000 people. Frankly I do not know if Cherokee is the only county involved.

Dr. Tanksley continued

Dr. Large: Do you make house calls?

A. Yes, in instance it is required.

Q. Do you have patients in other counties?

A. I am not familiar with the county structure in North Carolina and can not tell.

I appreciate your letting me come before you. I will practice as you would like and feel it will help the patients.

VERDICT: Dr. Frank Edmondson moved that Dr. Marion Hollis Tanksley be given a full license to practice medicine in the State of North Carolina if and when his credentials are completed satisfactory to the secretary. This motion was duly seconded and passed. (Credentials completed)

RE: Dr. Thomas Janney Roberts appeared applying for license by endorsement of credentials.

Dr. Edmondson: Tell the Board what you have been doing since graduation.

A. Internship at Watts Hospital, two years surgical resident at Norfolk General Hospital, two years at Scott and White in Texas. I spent one year in Alexandria Hospital before going with the State Department. I spent the last four years as a State Department medical officer in Afghanistan.

Dr. Edmondson: He wishes license to go to Southport as a general surgeon.

Dr. Galusha: Have you ever had any difficulty with a medical licensing board? A. No

Q. Have you ever used narcotics, habit forming drugs or alcohol to excess? A. No

Q. Have you ever used narcotics personally? A. No

Q. Have you ever committed a crime? A. No

Dr. Hooper: Do you plan to practice with Dr. Sampson or alone?

A. With Dr. Sampson

Dr. Galusha: Do you plan to start practice as soon as you can?

A. Yes

VERDICT: Dr. Thomas Janney Roberts was approved for license by endorsement of credentials.

RE: Dr. Habib Habib Guirguis, graduate of Ain Shams University of Cairo, Egypt in 1964, appeared applying for license by endorsement of credentials, limited, from the State of New York on the basis of the Flex examination. He is presently located at the Wise Appalachian Regional Hospital, Wise, Virginia. He presented alien registration receipt card A 172190 22 and his photograph compared favorably.

Dr. Large: When do you plan to move to North Carolina?

A. I am negotiating for solo practice in Aurora and another opening in Winston Salem in the Veterans Hospital. I want to do some general practice.

Dr. Large: Have you ever had any difficulty with a medical examining board? A. No

Q. Have you ever been convicted of a crime? A. No

Q. Have you ever used barbiturates, other habit forming drugs or alcohol to excess? A. No

Q. Have you ever used narcotics personally.

VERDICT: Dr. Bryant L. Galusha moved that Dr. Habib Habib Guirguis be approved for license by endorsement of credentials, limited geographically until citizenship obtained. This motion was duly seconded by Dr. Joseph W. Hooper, Jr. and passed unanimously.

RE: Dr. Lon-Wyatt McAnally, Jr. appeared with incomplete credentials applying for license by endorsement. He plans to join the Asheville Pediatric Association, P. A. on April 4th, 1971.

Dr. Large: What are your plans?

A. To do locum tenens from April 4-12th and then go for practice July 1st.

Dr. McAnally continued

- Q. Have you ever had any trouble with a medical examining board? A. No sir
 Q. Have you ever been convicted of a crime? A. No sir
 Q. Have you ever used barbiturates, other habit forming drugs or alcohol to excess? A. No sir
 Q. Have you ever used narcotics? A. No sir

VERDICT: Dr. Lon Wyatt McAnally, Jr. was approved for license by endorsement of credentials, if and when his credentials are completed satisfactory to the secretary. (Credentials completed)

RE: Resident's Training License: The following were approved for resident's training license:

Ramesh Chandra Agarwal	Jay Robert Harris
A. Karim Al-Shaikley	Lynn Allen Hughes
Semir K. Bhattacharya	Rosemary S. Hunter
Ralph R. Bollinger	William Hunter
Robert T. Carsley	Yoshitara Kusmi
Morton Jerome Cowan	Thomas Matthews
Sam L. Combs	Norman Ty Pay
Lamar L. Fleming	Sergio Danilo Juno Pena
Robert William Gilmore	Andreas Steck
Ralph Leon Greene, Jr.	Narasimhaloo Venugopal
Michael Hamilton	

RE: Dr. William Self - The secretary presented letter from Dr. Lowell Furman of Boone stating that Dr. Self was to spend one of his three month rotations in Boone working with him in the practice of surgery. Dr. Self is a surgical resident at the University of Kentucky.

VERDICT: Dr. Bryant L. Galusha moved that Dr. William Self be considered for resident's training license through the mechanism of the Board if and when a letter is received from the chairman of the Department of Surgery at the University of Kentucky approving this as an integral part of the surgical residency training of the University of Kentucky. This motion was duly seconded by Dr. Joseph J. Combs and passed.

RE: Dr. Souheil Kandalaft, graduate of the Syrian University in 1958 appeared petitioning to take the written examination, without credentials. He presented alien registration receipt card A 13 869 241 dated February 12th, 1968. Photograph compared favorably. He is a diplomate of the American Board of Surgery. He wishes to go to Smithfield, where he has a friend, Dr. K. Ibrahim.

VERDICT: Dr. Cornelius T. Partrick moved that Dr. Souheil Kandalaft be notified that the Board of Medical Examiners would consider his application for license by endorsement of credentials, if he has been certified by the American Board of Surgery. This motion was seconded by Dr. William H. Sprunt III and passed by a vote of four to two, Drs. Edmondson and Combs dissenting.

Dr. Kandalaft was advised of the action of the Board by the president. He stated that he would like to apply for license by endorsement of credentials.

- Dr. Large: Have you ever had any difficulty with a medical examining board. A. No sir
 Q. Have you ever been convicted of a crime? A. No sir
 Q. Have you ever used barbiturates, other habit forming drugs or alcohol to excess? A. No sir
 Q. Have you ever used narcotics personally? A. No sir
 Q. Do you have the American Board certificate?
 Q. Yes, American Board of Surgery.

He stated he had internship in Canton and residency training at St. Clairs.

- Q. What are your plans in Smithfield?
 A. Dr. Ibrahim suggested I come and practice in Smithfield and get out of the large city, to work with him.

RE: Dr. Gan Lian Tjook, graduate of Airlangga University, Indonesia in 1967, appeared applying to take the written examination. His credentials are complete with exception of one letter of recommendation and alien registration receipt card.

VERDICT: Dr. Gan Liang Tjiook was approved for the written examination, if and when his credentials are completed satisfactory to the secretary.

Dr. Kandalajt continued

Dr. Combs: What is his practice, Dr. Ibrahim?

A. General Surgery and chest

Q. Is it limited to that?

A. Yes - I have had some training in fracture.

RE: Dr. Hugo O. Jauregui, graduate of the University of Buenos Aires, Argentina, in 1963, appeared with complete credentials. He presented alien registration receipt card A14 970 294 and photograph compares. At the present time he is in the Department of Pathology at Duke University School of Medicine.

Dr. Large: What are your plans for North Carolina?

A. I plan to stay here and probably stay at Duke for a while, then go into private practice.

VERDICT: Dr. Hugo O. Jauregui was approved for the written examination.

RE: Dr. Kochuthundyil Thomas Mathew, graduate of the University of Madras, India, in 1951. He got his Pediatrics Board in the United Kingdom, where he worked four years, then returned to India. He has been here two and one-half years. He has had a pediatric residency in Worcester, Massachusetts, and Hattiesburg, Philadelphia, which are approved by the American Board of Pediatrics. He is now board eligible in the United States. He presented alien registration receipt card A 17 749 617 dated June 28th, 1968 and photograph compared favorably.

Dr. Galusha: What are your plans?

A. I am planning to come next year to a place near Charlotte with Dr. Veerhoff.

Q. What would be your position there?

A. They will have some pediatric clinics there.

Q. You plan to do geriatrics or work in the Huntersville Hospital?

A. Pediatric clinics and some other clinics.

Dr. Edmondson: Do you have a state license?

A. No

VERDICT: Dr. Bryant L. Galusha moved when all credentials are completed satisfactorily to the secretary that Dr. Kochuthundyil Thomas Mathew be allowed to take the written examination. This motion was duly seconded by Dr. Joseph J. Combs and passed.

RE: Dr. Alfred S. Quintans, Jr., graduate of the University of Santo Thomas, Philippines, in 1961, appeared. He presented alien registration receipt card A13 866 927 dated September 30th, 1970, and photograph compared favorably. He is presently a resident in thoracic and cardiovascular surgery.

VERDICT: Dr. Alfred S. Quintans, Jr. was approved for the Flex examination when his credentials are completed satisfactory to the secretary.

See Dr. Gan Liang Tjiook on page 316

RE: Dr. Rodolfo C. Valencia, graduate of the University of Santo Thomas, Philippines, in 1964, appeared to petition to take the Flex examination. He presented alien registration receipt card A14 310 414 dated September 8th, 1970, and photograph compared favorably. He holds special limited license to Western North Carolina Sanatorium.

VERDICT: Dr. Rodolfo C. Valencia was approved for Flex examination.

RE: Dr. Reinaldo Vallecillo, graduate of the University of Havana in 1950, appeared to petition for the privilege of taking the Flex examination. He presented alien registration receipt card #A14 089 006 and photograph compared favorably. Dr. Vallecillo stated that he expected to become naturalized in May.

Dr. Large: What are your plans in North Carolina?

A. I have an obligation with the Veterans Administration for 18 months (Fayetteville). I am applying to go in private practice but have not made plans yet.

VERDICT: Dr. Reinaldo Vallecillo was approved for the written examination when all requirements are met.

The meeting was adjourned.

March 20

2:30 P. M. - The Board convened.

RE: Dr. Joseph J. Johnson, Graham, North Carolina - Pursuant to report from the Pharmacy Board, Dr. Johnson was requested to appear before the Board at this time. This report related that upon investigation it was revealed that Dr. Johnson had written an exorbitant number of prescriptions or amphetamines; that he had not properly written examinations.

The Board went over this report with Dr. Johnson and he did not seem to realize how many prescriptions for amphetamines he had written. Upon being questioned he stated that he examined patients before prescribing this drug. He said he had not written any prescriptions for amphetamines since getting the letter from the Board.

VERDICT: Dr. Joseph W. Hooper, Jr. moved that the president of the Board of Medical Examiners censor Dr. Joseph J. Johnson for his indiscriminate use of amphetamines; that he be advised the Board will keep close watch on him and that the Board request a report from the Pharmacy Board. Dr. Cornelius T. Partrick seconded this motion and the same passed.

The direction of the Board was carried out by the president.

RE: Dr. John C. Wiggins, Sr., Winston-Salem, North Carolina - Pursuant to report from the Pharmacy Board indicating that Dr. Wiggins had been writing an excessive number of prescriptions for narcotics, barbiturates and amphetamines, he was requested to appear at this time. Dr. Wiggins admitted that he was giving narcotics in large amounts to several patients. Upon being questioned, he said he did not believe that he had made addicts or that he was contributing to their addiction; that he had written no narcotic prescriptions since receiving the letter from the Board of Medical Examiners.

VERDICT: Dr. Frank Edmondson moved that the president admonish Dr. John C. Wiggins, Sr. and advise that the Board has information to support the fact that he has abused the use of drugs; that there is better than substantial evidence that he is being exploited and it should be enjoined upon him to be more stern in his use of drugs; that he will continue to be under the surveillance of the Board in prescribing not only narcotics, but the control drugs. This motion was duly seconded by Dr. Joseph W. Hooper, Jr. and passed.

The president carried out the direction of the Board.

RE: Dr. Harry B. Dittmore, Marshall, North Carolina - Pursuant to a report from the Pharmacy Board that Dr. Dittmore had prescribed an exorbitant amount of narcotic drugs he was requested to appear before the Board in January, 1971, which he failed to do. He was again requested to appear at this time. He stated that he had only one elderly man on narcotics in his practice; that he did have an interval of time he was besieged by addicts whom he tried to help, but was terminated in a few weeks. He said he thought this matter was precipitated for political reasons.

VERDICT: Dr. Joseph W. Hooper, Jr. moved that Dr. Harry B. Dittmore be told that this was not instigated by any of his fellow practitioners; that it has no political implication; that the records indicate that he has indiscriminately prescribed narcotics in the most gross fashion this Board has encountered in the last several years; that he surrender his narcotic tax stamp, order forms and available narcotics. This motion was duly seconded and passed.

This action was given to Dr. Dittmore by the president and his answer was that he thought it was idiotic to surrender his license; that he would not surrender his narcotic tax stamp. The secretary was instructed to turn this matter over to the Federal authorities.

RE: Dr. Robert Edward Gardner, Hertford, North Carolina, appeared voluntarily to discuss his narcotic addiction. He stated that he had been on narcotic drugs intermittently for seven years; that his addiction had worsened; that in January, 1971 he had a car accident and was committed to Cherry Hospital. He is now doing physicals and reading some x-rays, for which he receives room and board. He has been going around making speeches to various groups about the drug problem and stated that at this time the drug problem and the treatment of the same is his principal interest. He said that he did not want to return to private practice. He was asked if he would be willing to surrender his narcotic tax stamp and he stated he would be glad to. He was also asked if it would be in his judgment to come and talk to the Board occasionally and he replied in the affirmative. No action was taken by the Board at this time.

The meeting was adjourned.
Sunday, March 21st, 1971 at 9:30 A. M.

RE: Dr. James Valentine Thomas, Eden, North Carolina - In October, 1970, Dr. Thomas petitioned for reinstatement of license to practice medicine, which was revoked in October, 1963. He said he had no narcotics since 1966 and no alcohol since 1967. He was given an opportunity to work at Forsyth Memorial Hospital in a training program for four months.

Dr. Thomas appeared at this time petitioning for reinstatement of his license. The secretary presented letter from Dr. L. Grodon Clarke of Eden stating that he and Dr. A. Barbee Council, Jr. planned to take Dr. Thomas as a partner in Family Practice pending the decision of the Board. Letter was also presented from Dr. W. A. Lambeth, Jr., Director of Medical Education of Forsyth Memorial Hospital, commending Dr. Thomas highly in all phases of his training. He stated that he felt he was now ready to enter practice.

Dr. Large: How have you been doing?

A. Fine thank you. I have been at Forsyth Memorial Hospital, a fellow in Medicine. I started October 21st, 1970, and worked until this last week.

Q. What do you want to do now?

A. I would like to come into partnership with Drs. Clark and Council. They have invited me. I have known them a number of years.

Dr. Edmondson: This group you contemplate going to work with, are they doing general practice?

A. Yes

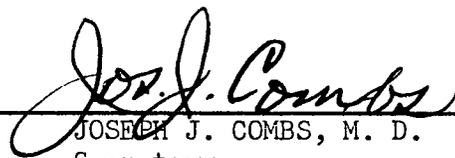
Q. Do you think it will be a spot where the pressure will not be too great?

A. I do not think so, there will be three of us, we have time off. They know everything about me in detail. I have been deeply impressed by the kindness of doctors.

VERDICT: Dr. Frank Edmondson moved that Dr. Dr. James Valentine Thomas' license to practice medicine be reinstated with the stipulation that it be on a probationary basis for five years and that the Board continue to follow him by his appearance before this Board, at the request of the Board, provided that he be requested to return for an interview at periodic intervals and that he abstain from the use of alcohol, barbiturate and narcotic drugs or other habit forming drugs; that he remain on good behaviour and violate no laws. This motion was duly seconded and passed.

Dr. Joseph W. Hooper, Jr. moved that he not be approved for narcotic tax stamp at this time. This motion was duly seconded by Dr. Cornelius T. Partrick and passed.

The meeting was adjourned.



JOSEPH J. COMBS, M. D.
Secretary

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