

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
OF NORTH CAROLINA

Carolina Hotel, Pinehurst, North Carolina
May 4th, 1948.

The Board of Medical Examiners of the State of North Carolina met at the Carolina Hotel, Pinehurst, North Carolina May 4th, 1948, for consideration of general business and licensure by endorsement of credentials.

The board convened May 4th at 10 A. M. The meeting was called to order by Dr. Malory A. Pittman, President. Drs. M. D. Bonner, Thomas Leslie Lee, R. B. McKnight, Paul G. Parker, Ivan Procter, Secretary-Treasurer, and Mrs. Louise J. McNeill, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, were present. Dr. C. W. Armstrong was absent on account of a previous committment.

The agenda for the meeting was discussed and the members of the board studied credentials of applicants for licensure by comity.

Applicants for licensure by endorsement of credentials were interviewed and forty physicians were granted license as follows:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>MEDICAL COLLEGE</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Austin, William Taylor	University Tenn.	Morganton, N. C.
Ballew, James Robert	Emory University	New York, N. Y.
Bittinger, Isabel	Johns Hopkins Univ.	Winston-Salem, N. C.
Blair, Claudia Barton	Johns Hopkins Univ.	Troy, N. C.
Burnette, Harvey Loraine, Jr.	Medical College S.C.	Cheraw, S. C.
Camblos, Joshua Fry Bullitt	University Virginia	Charlottesville, Va.
Campbell, John Sinclair	Duke University	Gastonia, N. C.
Daniel, Benjamin Early	University Georgia	Jacksonville, N. C.
Davis, James Jefferson	Medical College Va.	Durham, N. C.
Davidson, Alan	University Vermont	Statesville, N. C.
Davison, Robert Allen	Wayne University	Morven, N. C.
Dungan, Clarence Ethelbert	University Rochester	Wellsville, N. Y.
Fender, James Earle	Medical College S.C.	Bamberg, S. C.
Finch, Adam Tyree	University Virginia	Chase City, Va.
Gingrich, Gerald Wellington	University Chicago	Wilmington, N. C.
Gladitsch, Dorothea Ella	University Minn.	Asheville, N. C.
Gosline, Harold Inman	Harvard University	Durham, N. C.
Graham, Drayton Paulistius	Meharry Med. School	Hickory, N. C.
Griffin, John Wheeler, Jr	College of P & S.	New York, N. Y.
Harloe, John Pinckney	University Virginia	Roanoke, Va.
Josselson, Albert Joseph	Northwestern Univ.	Ahoskie, N. C.
Joyner, Theodore Harold	Coll. Med. Evan.	Oregon, Wisc.
Kline, Carl LeRoy	Northwestern Univ.	Durham, N. C.
Long, William Lunsford, Jr.	University Virginia	Warrenton, N. C.
Melton, Frank M.	Univ. Louisville	Sharon Hill, Pa.
McCune, Frank Watt	Duke University	Hendersonville, N.C.
McIntosh, Archibald Nock	Duke University	Marion, N. C.
Parker, Joseph B., Jr.	University Tenn.	Durham, N. C.
Patterson, Carl Norris	University Maryland	Durham, N. C.
Petty, Tom A.	University Arkansas	Rural Hall, N. C.
Randolph, Angus Crawford	University Virginia	Winston-Salem, N. C.
Riddle, Harry Duff	Medical College S.C.	Clover, S. C.
Ritchie, John Andrews	Duke University	Durham, N. C.



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Sanford, Joseph Arthur	Marquette University	Spray, N. C.
Suttenfield, Frederick Daniel	George Washington Univ.	McLean, Va.
Telle, Lewis Donald	University Illinois	Mt. Airy, N. C.
Voyles, Carl Marvin, Jr.	Duke University	Durham, N. C.
Wentworth, John Hall	Yale University	Hamden, Conn.
White, Philip Fletcher	Hahnemann Med. Coll.	West Chester, Pa.
Wilson, William Joseph	University Colorado	Wilmington, N. C.

The credentials of Dr. Edward Charles Kunkle for licensure by endorsement were presented, together with letter from Dr. W. C. Davison. Dr. Davison asked that Dr. Kunkle be allowed to visit members of the board in order to procure his license to practice medicine as he was going abroad for three months, after which time he wishes to accept an appointment at Duke University School of Medicine. Dr. Kunkle's credentials were found in order and the board agreed to allow Dr. Kunkle permission to visit members of the board in lieu of a personal appearance at a regular meeting.

The secretary reported that the House of Delegates of the State Medical Society refused to recommend annual registration of physicians, which was suggested in the annual report of the Board of Medical Examiners.

The secretary advised that a complete resume of the case of each narcotic addict, who had been called before the board, had been forwarded to Dr. Allyn B. Choate, Chairman of the State Mental Hygiene and Mental Rehabilitation Committee of the North Carolina State Medical Society.

Dr. Choate appeared before the board and reported as follows:

That Dr. George B. Andrews was using barbiturates and recommended that his probation be extended.

That in reference to Dr. Roland S. Clinton, Dr. Choate advised three different persons had stated he apparently had gone through torture, but insofar as it was possible to ascertain, was doing satisfactorily in regard to his use of narcotics.

That Dr. Wiley Royster Young had been told by the committee to do some type of manual work for one year, then go into an institution and work for one year, and the committee would recommend reconsideration; that Dr. Young had refused to follow this advice; that he had been under the care of Dr. Leslie B. Hohman at Duke and had not cooperated; that the committee had no recommendation to make.

It was brought to the attention of the board that a young physician was working in the hospital in Statesville under the direction of Dr. J. W. Davis before procuring a license. Dr. R. B. McKnight moved that the secretary write Dr. Davis and refer him to the law as to the practice of medicine without a license. This motion was duly seconded and passed unanimously.

The secretary advised that he had informed Dr. James F. Robertson, President of the State Medical Society, of the board's action in passing resolutions in regard to licensure of native North Carolinians who are graduates of grade B schools and the plan of graduates of unclassified schools working in state mental institutions, looking to licensure after three years if recommend as satisfactory by General Superintendent Dr. David A. Young. The following is Dr. Robertson's reply:



"I have your letter of March 22nd, advising me of the two resolutions recently passed by your board.

"Having been a member of the Medical Advisory Board to the State Hospital for some years I have been deeply conscious of the scarcity of physicians to look after the inmates of our State's mental institutions, and I think your decision is a very fine and practical way to meet the situation, and I can not see how there can be objections from any source. I am also wholly in accord with the second resolution and think you are to be commended upon both."

Dr. John M. Hoyt, State Hospital, Goldsboro, graduate of Geneva, appeared and was interviewed by the board in regard to being allowed to work in the state mental institutions of the state only.

Dr. M. D. Bonner moved that Dr. John M. Hoyt be allowed to practice only within the mental institutions of the state according to the resolution passed by the Board of Medical Examiners at its meeting on January 12th, 1948, and that Dr. Hoyt be so advised by the secretary. This motion was duly seconded and passed unanimously.

Dr. Thomas Leslie Lee moved that Dr. James W. Murdoch, Superintendent of the State Hospital at Butner, be allowed to practice only within the mental institutions of the state according to the resolution passed by the Board of Medical Examiners at its meeting on January 12th, 1948, and that Dr. Murdoch be so advised by the secretary. This motion was duly seconded and passed unanimously.

Dr. Thomas Leslie Lee moved that Dr. Gerhard Wolff, State Hospital, Raleigh, be allowed to practice only within the mental institutions of the State according to the resolution passed by the Board of Medical Examiners at its meeting on January 12th, 1948, and that Dr. Wolff be so advised by the secretary. This motion was duly seconded and passed unanimously.

Dr. John Noguera, graduate of the Havana Medical School, who desires license to practice in the State of North Carolina, was unable to appear on account of illness.

Dr. M. D. Bonner moved that Dr. Noguera be sent an application blank for completion of his credentials and advised that he may appear before the Board of Medical Examiners at its June meeting. This motion was duly seconded.

Dr. Thomas Leslie Lee moved that Dr. Noguera appear before the Board of Medical Examiners and present his credentials. This motion was duly seconded and passed unanimously.

RE: DR. S. W. FLEMING: The board was advised that Dr. Fleming was convicted in the Superior Court of Edgecombe County on the charge of practicing medicine without a license. The judgment was as follows: Prayer for judgment continued upon the condition that defendant does not practice medicine in the State until properly licensed and upon payment of a fine of \$50.00 and the costs of court.

The secretary advised that at the request of the president and secretary of the Board of Medical Examiners, the secretary of the State Medical Society forwarded to the members of the Executive Committee and secretaries of all component medical societies a copy of the resume of complete handling of the case of Dr. S. W. Fleming;

also a copy of the resolution regarding grade B graduates and graduates and graduates of unclassified schools and the resolution with reference to the emergency created in the state mental institutions due to the shortage of physicians. This was done to acquaint the members of the State Medical Society with these important matters.

The following letter under date of April 8th, 1948, from Dr. S. W. Fleming was presented to the board:

"I am in receipt of your letter of the 5th and at this time like to request permission to participate in the plan of the board as set forth in the resolution passed at its meeting January 12th, 1948, concerning B grade graduates. I also would like to request permission of the board to continue my work in the Guilford County Sanatorium for a period of twelve months or the length of time in which the board would allow me credit in the plan set forth at the January meeting, 1948, under the supervision and direction of Dr. M. D. Bonner. I might state that I have been with Dr. Bonner since February, 1948."

Dr. Ivan Procter moved that the Guilford County Sanatorium be approved for a one year internship for Dr. S. W. Fleming and that Dr. M. D. Bonner report at the end of the year, February 18th, 1949. This motion was duly seconded and passed unanimously.

The following letter under date of April 6th, 1948, from Dr. James E. Hemphill, Secretary, North Carolina Radiological Society, was presented:

"The North Carolina Radiological Society is aware of instances throughout the state in which radiological technicians are interpreting films and actually signing reports as if they were licensed practicing physicians.

"I have been instructed by the North Carolina Radiological Society to address a letter to you as President of the Medical Board of Examiners of our state to find out what sort of action your board would take if these instances were brought to your attention.

"We would like to know just what procedure should be instituted to correct this example of malpractice, and any help that you would give us would be appreciated. I would like a reply in time to present it to our society at the state meeting in May."

Dr. Thomas Leslie Lee moved that the secretary write the secretary of the North Carolina Radiological Society if it would bring individual cases of alleged malpractice to the Board of Medical Examiners with evidence to support the same, it would give careful consideration to the facts and report to the society. This motion was duly seconded and passed unanimously.

The secretary reported to the board the advice of Edwards and Broughton Company that the plate now in use for printing licenses was entirely worn out.

Dr. Paul G. Parker moved that a duplicate plate for the printing of licenses be made. This motion was duly seconded and passed unanimously.

The lease from January 1st, 1948 for a term of one year, arranged between Dr. Paul E. Simpson, lessor, and the State Board of Medical Examiners via the Director of the Division of Purchase and Contract of the State of North Carolina, lessee, for office space for the State Board of Medical Examiners, was presented to the board and approved.

The board adopted a resolution to raise the salary of Mrs. Louise J. McNeill, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, from \$180.00 to \$200.00 per month.

The secretary reported to the board suggestions of Dr. Roscoe D. McMillan, Secretary of the North Carolina State Medical Society, in regard to combining the office of the executive secretary of the State Medical Society and that of the Board of Medical Examiners.

The board resolved to table this matter for further discussion when a definite plan had been presented by the secretary of the State Medical Society.

The members of the Finance Committee, namely: Drs. R. B. McKnight, Paul G. Parker, and Ivan Prooter investigated the books of the secretary-treasurer and the auditor's report for the year ended November 30th, 1947, and the same were approved.

The president, Dr. M. A. Pittman, appointed the following members of the Board of Medical Examiners to the Legislative Committee: Dr. Thomas Leslie Lee, Chairman, Dr. R. B. McKnight, and Dr. Paul G. Parker.

The request for licensure of Dr. S. D. Fireston, foreign graduate, was presented to the board, with the advice that Dr. Firestone had been granted permission to appear before the board at this meeting. Dr. Firestone did not appear and Dr. Thomas Leslie Lee moved that this matter be tabled. This motion was duly seconded and unanimously passed.

The request of Dr. William deB. MacNider that Dr. Rosalind V. Ferguson, foreign graduate, be granted licensure by endorsement of credentials was presented to the board. Dr. Thomas Leslie Lee moved that the board abide by its former resolution that Dr. Ferguson be allowed to take the written examination and be granted a limited license for one year to practice in Durham and Orange Counties, contingent upon classification of foreign medical schools by the American Medical Association. This motion was duly seconded and unanimously passed.

The request of Dr. Wessel, graduate of the Medical Faculty of State University of Nishim-Norgorod, Russia, to be allowed to take the written examination was presented to the board. Dr. R. B. McKnight moved that Dr. Wessel be notified that she did not meet the requirements for licensure in North Carolina. This motion was duly seconded and unanimously passed.

IN RE: Dr. John Stone: Dr. M. D. Bonner advised that Dr. Stone had reported to him each month as directed by the Board of Medical Examiners; that he says he is not taking any morphine; that he does not believe he is; that he directed Dr. Stone to have Dr. C. V. Tyner to write him a letter, which he has not received.

IN RE: Dr. George B. Andrews: Dr. Andrews applied for re-registration under the Harrison Narcotic Law in January, 1948, but withdrew the same upon the advice of the Narcotic Bureau. Dr. Andrews was granted permission to appear before the Board of Medical Examiners in regard to reissuance of his narcotic license. Dr. Andrews was advised by the board of the recommendation of the State Mental Hygiene and Mental Rehabilitation Committee of the North Carolina State Medical Society that his probation be extended and that this board would uphold the recommendation of this committee.

IN RE: Dr. Horton Camp: The following is letter received from the Narcotic Bureau under date of April 8th, 1948:

"Our District Supervisor in Baltimore, Mr. B. M. Martin, has submitted a report with respect to his investigation of the narcotic activities of Dr. Horton Camp, Pittsboro, North Carolina. The following is a summary of the facts as shown in this report:



"Prior to the present investigation, an agent of this Bureau had inspected Dr. Camp's narcotic records on a number of occasions. His purchases of narcotic drugs appeared to be excessive but he denied that he himself was using these drugs. On March 23, 1948 this agent accompanied District Supervisor Martin to Dr. Camp's office where an inspection of his duplicate Government order forms disclosed that he had purchased a total of 7100 H. T. morphine sulphate, $\frac{1}{4}$ grain, 7300 H. T. morphine sulphate $\frac{1}{2}$ grain, and 300 H. T. morphine sulphate $\frac{1}{4}$ grain, with atropine, $\frac{1}{150}$ grain, since January 24, 1947. Dr. Camp stated that he had dispensed all of the $\frac{1}{2}$ grain morphine tablets to a patient, one Will Brown, who died on December 24, 1947. It was noted that the doctor had not purchased any $\frac{1}{2}$ grain morphine tablets since Mr. Brown's death. However, from February 12, 1948 to March 16, 1948, he purchased a total of 2000 H. T. morphine sulphate, $\frac{1}{4}$ grain. On March 23, 1948 he had on hand 219 H. T. morphine sulphate, $\frac{1}{4}$ grain with atropine $\frac{1}{150}$ grain, but no $\frac{1}{4}$ grain tablets of morphine sulphate. At first he denied that he was addicted to morphine but finally admitted that he was using about five grains daily. He surrendered his narcotic special tax stamp and promised not to reregister under the Federal narcotic law for one year. He indicated his intention of entering the Westbrook Sanitarium, Richmond, Virginia, within the next few days to undergo treatment for drug addiction.

"It is understood you suggested to District Supervisor Martin during his recent call at your office that upon receipt of a report of Dr. Camp's case from this Bureau you would notify the doctor to appear for a hearing before the State Board of Medical Examiners which is scheduled to hold a meeting early in May 1948 at the Carolina Hotel, Pinehurst, North Carolina. Mr. Martin has been authorized to have an agent testify before the board as to the facts in Dr. Camp's case at such time as the board shall decide to afford the doctor a hearing. Will you please advise Mr. Martin as to the time of this hearing."

Dr. Camp stated that he practiced six years before going into the army; that he had a small hospital in Pittsboro, where two physicians were working for him; that he was in the army five years, where he contracted malaria. He was admitted to different hospitals twenty-five or thirty times while in the army and each time was given codeine; that he had headache continuously and after being discharged from the army continued to take codeine for relief until he became addicted. Dr. Camp stated that he voluntarily gave up his narcotic stamp and that he would be afraid to have the same reissued at the present time; that he did not believe one ever got over addiction though might after a year or so. Dr. Camp stated that he had been a patient at Glenwood Sanatorium, Greensboro, for four weeks and had been free of narcotics since that time; that he had taken two "shots" of dolaphen since his discharge from the sanatorium as he had severe withdrawal symptoms.

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VERDICT: Dr. R. B. McKnight moved that the license of Dr. Horton Camp is hereby revoked because of his use of narcotic drugs, but the sentence is suspended and shall not go into effect unless and until the board receives evidence that Dr. Camp has personally used narcotics, hypnotics or any other habit forming drug, administered personally or by someone else in any manner whatsoever or until Dr. Camp violates any narcotic act after the date of this order. Dr. Camp is ordered to report to Dr. Allyn B. Choate, Chairman of the State Mental Hygiene and Mental Rehabilitation Committee, every thirty days to show his compliance with this order. This motion was duly seconded and unanimously passed.

IN RE: Dr. James M. Northington: The following letter under date of March 24th, 1948, was received from the Treasury Department, Narcotic Bureau:





" SECOND COUNT

The United States Attorney further charges that the said James M. Northington in the District aforesaid did knowingly, wilfully and feloniously obtain between the dates of July 29, 1947, and September 25, 1947, on official order forms 16,625 grains of morphine, a derivative of opium and 450 grains of cocaine, a derivative of coca leaves for purposes other than the use, sale and distribution thereof by him in the legitimate practice of his profession.

Signed David E. Henderson, United States Attorney

WAIVER OF INDICTMENT

" The undersigned defendant, named above, being advised of the nature of the charge and of his rights, hereby waives in open court prosecution by indictment and consents that the proceeding may be by information instead of by indictment.

Signed James M. Northington, Defendant

Dated Feb. 27, 1948

Signed G. M. Carswell, Attorney for Defendant

Signed Paul D. Sossoman, Witness "

" IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
CHARLOTTE DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
)
VS)
)
JAMES M. NORTHINGTON)

DOCKET ENTRIES

- 2-9-48 Filing Information.
- 2-16-48 Filing \$1,000.00 bond together with U. S. Commissioner's papers.
- 2-27-48 Called and the defendant is present in person, and being represented by Guy Carswell, Attorney, signs Waiver of Indictment and consents to be tried upon information, whereupon through his counsel he enters a plea of nolo contendere. One United States witness sworn and examined. Judgment on Ct. No. 1 be imprisoned for 7 months, suspended, placed on probation and good behavior for 3 years; on Ct. No. 2 be fined \$500.00 which is to be paid within 6 months. License to be revoked and to dispense with narcotics.

"In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of the aforesaid Court at Asheville, N. C., this 23 day of March, A. D. 1948.

O. L. McLurd, Clerk
By: V. E. Bartlett, Deputy Clerk. "

Dr. Northington was requested to appear before the Board of Medical Examiners for a preliminary hearing in this connection.

Narcotic Agent H. G. Scholtens testified that on April 22nd, 1947, he called on Dr. Northington because the records of the wholesale houses showed that Dr. Northington had bought enormous quantities of narcotics;



that his order forms showed from June 27th, 1947 to April 22nd, 1947, ten months, he bought 4,675 grains morphine or 2,850 medical doses, for which he had no record showing disposition of the same. Dr. Northington stated that he was supplying drug addicts, but could not give addresses of patients. Mr. Scholtens stated that he instructed Dr. Northington to keep records as required by law and warned him as to selling to the wrong kind of people. Mr. Scholtens advised from that time the wholesale records showed that Dr. Northington bought larger quantities of narcotics. Investigation by the Narcotic Bureau was started in July, 1947. On September 25th, 1947, Mr. Scholtens, together with two police officers, with the assistance of a drug addict, intercepted Dr. Northington selling morphine for the sum of \$65.00, which was paid for with marked money. At this time Dr. Northington was arrested. His order forms showed that from September 26th, 1945, to September 25th, 1947, Dr. Northington bought 16,625 grains of morphine or 9,975 medical doses; that two record books accounted for one-half of the morphine sold.

Dr. Northington reported to the board that he treated three addicts passed on by the narcotic officer Dickinson, who was stationed in Charlotte at that time, one of which was referred by Dr. Bostic, and one who had cancer. He stated that in one instance he accepted a flat fee of \$50.00 to furnish narcotics for the rest of his life.

The following is letter under date of April 23rd, 1948, from Dr. Northington to the secretary of the Board of Medical Examiners:

"Immediately on receipt of your letter I applied to my attorney and he said he would provide me with the proper papers to send you. These papers have just been delivered to me and I earnestly trust they will serve to explain within the meaning of your letter.

"The enclosed printed letter was sent to every county in the state, with the request as shown at its head. This letter, I believe, will convince you of my innocence of wrong intent.

"Additional evidence of the narcotic agent's venom was shown by his demand of me, "Ver is your automobile", and on my answering, "It is only a few blocks to my office, so I did not come in my automobile", "It's a good thing for you, for I would have took that too."

"I am informed that an officer of the U. S. Court stated a few days before my appearance before Judge Webb that the Government had no case against me. On the very day before this appearance, the charge of violating the clause of the Harrison Law as to wholesale license was added to the charge. Although I was practicing in North Carolina when the law was passed I had never read the clause as to wholesale license, assuming that it referred to supplying a dealer for resale at retail. The trick in it is that this clause requires a wholesale license in case any narcotic is dispensed in an "original stamped container". So, to dispense a tube of 20 1/8th or 1/4 grain tablets is violation of that clause under which, apparently, this judgment was found.

"Dr. Procter, is it conceivable, that after 40 years as a reputable practitioner, I would be inclined to violate a law with regard to the practice of medicine? Or so foolish as to obtain morphine from a wholesale drug firm on a blank supplied me by the Government, and dispose of it in any way I did not think I knew to be lawful, or that I could not account for lawfully?

"I earnestly hope you and the other members of the board will consider this explanation ample and that you will so write me, so I can attend the coming meeting as a member and not as an accused.

"Certainly I have been embarrassed enough already to satisfy all the demands of even the most censorious upholders of all the technicalities of the law.

"I am writing this with a pen in order to save my faithful friend and secretary for 20 years the knowledge that the case is not yet ended, and behind us. I have not told my wife and children about receiving your letter. I hope you will make it unnecessary."

The following is letter under date of April 22nd from Attorney Guy T. Carswell to Dr. J. M. Northington:

"Enclosed you will find a copy of the judgment in your case that was tried before His Honor E. Y. Webb, District Judge for the Western District of North Carolina. You will observe that you waived an indictment and you plead nolo contendere to a Bill of Information.

"This will further acknowledge receipt of a letter from the Board of Medical Examiners to you in which they requested that you appear before that board on May 4th, at 3:00 P. M., at the Carolina Hotel at Pinehurst, and make explanation to the board of your actions.

"Two things that I want to make clear:

"First, that a plea of nolo contendere is not a plea of conviction or confession in open Court.

"Second, The North Carolina Supreme Court in Book 204, of the North Carolina Reports, page 48, in the case of In Re P. T. Stiers had a very similar situation before the Court. In that case a lawyer plead nolo contendere to an offense in the United States District Court of the Middle District and was fined \$500.00 and was placed on probation for three years and after his trial a certified copy of the judgment was presented to a trial judge in a Superior Court in a hearing to disbar the lawyer for having plead guilty to a felony. The court, among other things, stated in that case:

"Furthermore, the trial judge was warranted in dismissing the proceeding upon the ground stated in the judgment, that is to say, that a plea of nolo contendere does not amount to a 'conviction or confession in open court' of a felony. The only advantage in a plea of nolo contendere gained by the defendant is that it gives him the advantage of not being estopped to deny his guilt in civil action based upon the same facts. Upon a plea of guilty entered of record, the defendant would be estopped to deny his guilt if sued in a civil proceeding. Consequently, as a disbarment proceeding is of a civil nature, the mere introduction of a certified copy of an indictment, and judgment thereon, based upon a plea of nolo contendere, is not sufficient to deprive an attorney of his license."

"I firmly believe in your innocence in this case and before I would have consented for you to have entered a plea of guilty we would have tried the case out on its merits, having in mind this case that is similar to you only it involved a lawyer instead of a doctor.

"I am sure that the Board of Medical Examiners after hearing your statement of how this matter arose will at once agree that you would have come clear if your case had been tried out."

VERDICT: Dr. Thomas Leslie Lee moved that the Board of Medical Examiners find probable cause in the case of Dr. James M. Northington and that the secretary confer with Attorneys Smith, Leach and Anderson in regard to preparation for formal hearing. This motion was duly second and unanimously passed.



The matter of laymen practicing medicine without a license in Madison County was tabled until a complete report had been made by the SBI.

Dr. Thomas Leslie Lee was appointed a committee of one to make arrangements for the meeting of the Board of Medical Examiners to certify grades following the written examination.

Dr. R. B. McKnight moved that the reading of the minutes be dispensed with. This motion was duly seconded and unanimously passed.

The meeting was adjourned.

SIGNED


IVAN PROCTER, M. D.
Secretary-Treasurer

RE: State vs Baker, Osteopath - See Page 35, Minutes May 1st, 1950 for Supreme Court Decision.



