

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
OF NORTH CAROLINA

Grove Park Inn, Asheville, North Carolina
October 17th, 1949

The Board of Medical Examiners of the State of North Carolina met at the Grove Park Inn, Asheville, North Carolina, October 17th, 1949, for consideration of licensure by endorsement of credentials and other business.

The board convened at 10 A. M. Drs. Charles W. Armstrong, M. D. Bonner, R. B. McKnight, Paul G. Parker, Malory A. Pittman, Ivan Procter, Secretary-Treasurer, and Mrs. Louise J. McNeill, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, were present.

Dr. Ivan Procter was unanimously elected acting president to fill the vacancy created by the untimely death of Dr. Thomas Leslie Lee on October 9th, 1949, whose tenure of office expired with this meeting of the Board of Medical Examiners.

Dr. M. D. Bonner was then unanimously elected president for the ensuing year and Dr. Ivan Procter immediately resigned, Dr. Bonner to begin his tenure of office immediately.

Dr. R. B. McKnight moved that the secretary draw a proper resolution eulogizing Dr. Thomas Leslie Lee and that the same be spread upon the minutes, copies to be sent Mrs. Thomas Leslie Lee and to officers of the State Medical Society. This motion was duly seconded and passed unanimously.

The following is the eulogy drawn by Dr. Ivan Procter:

"Thomas Leslie Lee, a gentleman, a physician, a scholar. His death is a loss to the State of North Carolina and every citizen therein. His integrity was of the highest caliber. Whether in the practice of medicine, public activity, or professional licensure, he stood steadfast for an upright, honest, fair deal for every individual. He resented the spineless wavering of those without integrity. He yielded to no one for personal favor or gain, but would share position, prestige, and pecuniary reward with both the worthy and unfortunate. Leslie Lee was a public-spirited leader in the medical profession, in the American Cancer Society, and in maternal welfare throughout the State of North Carolina.

"Born in Kinston, North Carolina, May 24th, 1901, the son of Thomas Richard Lee and Dora Bland Lee. He attended public schools in Lenoir County, Washington-Lee University, and then graduated from the Medical College of Virginia in 1926. Soon thereafter he began the practice of the specialty of Obstetrics and Gynecology and was a charter member of the North Carolina Obstetrical and Gynecological Society, as well as a member of the American Medical Association. He was a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, and a diplomate of the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology. As a member of the Board of Medical Examiners of the State of North Carolina for five years and its president for one year, he exhibited vision, fortitude, and determination in an effort to maintain the high standard of medical practice in this state and to serve to the best advantage the citizens, the profession, and all candidates for medical licensure."



Dr. R. B. McKnight nominated Dr. James B. Bullitt to fill the unexpired term of Dr. Thomas Leslie Lee as a member of the Board of Medical Examiners. This nomination was duly seconded.

Dr. M. A. Pittman nominated Dr. Dewey H. Bridgers to fill the unexpired term of Dr. Thomas Leslie Lee as a member of the Board of Medical Examiners. This motion was duly seconded.

A poll was made of the members of the Board of Medical Examiners and Dr. James B. Bullitt was elected to fill said vacancy.

Dr. Paul G. Parker moved that Dr. James B. Bullitt be elected un-animously to fill the unexpired term of Dr. Thomas Leslie Lee as a member of the Board of Medical Examiners. This motion was duly seconded and passed unanimously.

Dr. M. A. Pittman moved in the event Dr. Bullitt did not accept the appointment that Dr. Thurman D. Kitchin be selected as the alternate to fill the unexpired term of Dr. Thomas Leslie Lee as a member of the Board of Medical Examiners. This motion was duly seconded and passed unanimously.

Dr. R. B. McKnight advised Dr. Bullitt by telephone of his appointment which was accepted.

The papers of the following examinees at the June 23-25, 1949 examination were reconsidered:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>MEDICAL SCHOOL</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Augustus, Charles Anderson	Howard University	Muskogee, Okla
Creel, Frank Lamar	Bowman Gray	Brooklyn, N. Y.
Jones, Norman Nesbeth	Howard University	Winston-Salem, NC
Mitchener, Calvin Chambers	Jefferson Med. Coll	Raleigh, N. C.
McDaniel, Grover Cleveland, Jr.	Bowman Gray	Forest City, NC
Parker, Joseph Willie	Howard University	Washington, D.C.

Dr. Frank Lamar Creel received a general average of 72.1% and Dr. Calvin Chambers Mitchener received an average of 74.1%. The board voted to grant each of these physicians an average of 75%.

Dr. R. B. McKnight moved that the above applicants be notified that they had passed said examination; that Drs. Creel and Mitchener be notified that they received an average of 75%. This motion was duly seconded and passed unanimously.

Credentials of applicants for licensure by endorsement were reviewed.

Applicants for medical licensure by endorsement of credentials were interviewed and 32 physicians were granted license as follows:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>MEDICAL SCHOOL</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Alexander, William M.	Med. Coll. S. C.	McCain, N. C.
Berkeley, Alfred Rivers, Jr.	Univ. Virginia	Charlottesville, Va.
Bowie, Carroll Wendell	Emory University	Winston-Salem, NC
Brown, James Walter, Jr.	Duke University	Winston-Salem, NC
Cates, Banks Raleigh, Jr.	Duke University	Charlotte, N. C.
Clark, Hallie Marguerite	Johns Hopkins	Spartanburg, S.C.
Cuttino, John Tindal	Med. Coll. S. C.	Durham, N. C.
Davidson, James Hubert	Med. Coll. Va.	Durham, N.C.
Dillon, Marcus Lunsford, Jr.	Duke University	Durham, N.C.
Egleston, DuBose	Med. Coll. S. C.	Hickory, N. C.
Freeman, John Raymond	Med. Coll. Va.	Greenville, S.C.
Gardner, Lytt Irvine	Harvard Univ.	Chapel Hill, N.C.
Goldstein, Hyman Isaac	Univ. Penn	Camden, N. J.
Janowsky, Carl Conrad	Cornell Univ.	Cullowhee, N.C.
Kent, Mary-Elizabeth Hincks	Albany Med. Coll.	Durham, N. C.
Looze, Anthony Joseph	St. Louis Univ.	Goldsboro, N. C.
Martin, Thomas Lewis	Duke University	Durham, N. C.
McCurry, William Earle	Med. Coll. S. C.	Ridge Spring, SC
Nesmith, Louis Edward	Med. Coll. S. C.	McColl, S. C.
Newell, Josephine Evelyn	Univ. Maryland	Henderson, N. C.
Norris, Donald Arthur	George Washington	Cherryville, N.C.
Ost, Walter Martin	Coll. Med. ^U van.	Long Beach, Calif



<u>NAME</u>	<u>MEDICAL SCHOOL</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Reese, John D.	Univ. California	McCain, N.C.
Schieve, James Ferdinand	Univ. Cincinnati	Durham, N. C.
Silverton, George	Univ. Maryland	Lumberton, N. C.
Simmons, Mack	Med. Coll. S. C.	Fayetteville, NC
Skipper, William Groover	Emory University	Statesville, N.C.
Stitt, Richard Marks	Duke University	Winston-Salem, NC
Townsend, Bertram Fairley	Duke University	Durham, N.C.
Walker, John Samuel	Jefferson	Brevard, N. C.
Williams, Ralph Bertram, Jr.	Vanderbilt Univ.	Nashville, Tenn.
Wulfman, Robert Clifford	Duke University	Durham, N. C.

RE: Dr. Bernard Ellsworth Tilton - Dr. Tilton completed credentials for licensure by endorsement prior to the July, 1949 meeting of the board but declined to appear at said meeting due to the fact that it fell on Saturday, which is his Sabbath. On June 14th Dr. Tilton requested that he be allowed to appear individually before the members of the board. The board at its June, 1949 meeting took this matter into consideration and directed that he would be required to appear before the board in regular session and he was so advised on June 30th. On July 15th Dr. Tilton wrote the secretary giving his North Carolina address in care of another physician. Thereupon, on July 19th, 1949 the secretary wrote Dr. Tilton quoting that part of the Medical Practice Act as to practicing without a license, which letter was as follows:

"It is regrettable that you are unable to appear at this meeting of the Board of Medical Examiners.

"In order that you may not misinterpret the North Carolina Medical Practice Act, we call your attention to Article 90-18-'Practicing without license; practicing defined; penalties. - No person shall practice medicine or surgery, or any of the branches thereof, nor in any case prescribe for the cure of diseases unless he shall have been first licensed and registered so to do in the manner provided in this article, and if any person shall practice medicine or surgery without being duly licensed and registered, as provided in this article, he shall not be allowed to maintain any action to collect any fee for such services. The person so practicing without license shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not less than fifty dollars (\$50) nor more than one hundred (\$100), or imprisoned at the discretion of the court for each and every offense. Any person shall be regarded as practicing medicine or surgery within the meaning of this article who shall diagnose or attempt to diagnose, treat or attempt to treat, operate or attempt to operate on, or prescribe for or administer to, or profess to treat any human ailment, physical or mental, or any physical injury to or deformity of another person.'

"We shall hold your credentials on file and notify you when the date for the next meeting of the Board of Medical Examiners has been set."

In the meantime Dr. Tilton, without having been granted permission by the Board of Medical Examiners, called upon the individual members of the board. Dr. Tilton was directed on September 15th, 1949 to appear before the board at its next regular meeting.

Dr. Tilton appeared before the Board of Medical Examiners and upon being questioned stated he had practiced medicine since August, 1949 under the direction of Dr. J. A. Oliver of Rockwell, North Carolina for a salary; that fees collected by him for office or home visits were turned over to Dr. Oliver. He admitted that he received the secretary's letter of July 19th with reference to practicing medicine without a license; that after receiving said letter he conferred with the secretary of the Rowan County Medical Society, who stated that he might practice under the direction of Dr. Oliver.

The Board of Medical Examiners unanimously resolved to decline licensure to Dr. Bernard Ellsworth Tilton.



The board instructed Dr. Charles W. Armstrong to investigate Dr. Tilton's further activities and that if he continued to practice, an investigation be requested by the State Bureau of Investigation.

The board also instructed the secretary to write a letter to the secretary of the Rowan County Medical Society with reference to his granting permission to Dr. Tilton to practice medicine prior to having received a medical license.

Dr. R. B. McKnight moved that the next meeting of the Board of Medical Examiners be held at the Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, North Carolina, January 22-23rd, 1950. This motion was duly seconded and passed unanimously.

RE: Dr. W. J. Martin - Letters forwarded by Dr. Martin in an effort to establish the fact that he took Part I of the 1935 written examination were presented to the board, however, said letters did not furnish concrete evidence that Dr. Martin had taken and passed this examination.

The following letter under date of October 7th, 1949 from Dr. Martin was also presented to the board:

"Enclosed is my old application for licensure through endorsement. I am desirous of having you present this application to the board for consideration at its next meeting."

Dr. Martin had made application for medical licensure by endorsement in 1945 but was declined due to the fact that he was a graduate of a grade B medical school.

Dr. Martin has been granted the privilege of serving a two year internship in the state mental institutions under the special resolution of the board of January 12th, 1948, looking to taking the written examination for medical licensure.

Dr. Charles W. Armstrong moved that Dr. W. J. Martin be required to take both parts of the written examination of the board unless he is able to furnish unequivocal verification that he has taken and passed Part I of the written examination of the Board of Medical Examiners, but that medical license not be granted by endorsement of credentials. This motion was duly seconded and passed unanimously.

RE: Dr. Walter Joel - Data with reference to Dr. Joel, graduate of the University of Cologne, was presented to the board in an effort to procure medical license in order that Dr. Joel might come to the Community Hospital, Wilmington, as a pathologist.

The board directed that investigation be made through officers of the New Hanover County Medical Society and the councilor of the Third District with reference to existing circumstances at the Community Hospital and if there is reason for the Board of Medical Examiners to consider any special dispensation in the case of Dr. Joel. After the desired information has been procured, the board is to consider the merits in this case.

RE: Dr. James W. Murdoch
Dr. Gerhard Wolff - The following letters from Dr. David A. Young, General Superintendent of the North Carolina Hospitals Board of Control, were presented to the board:

"July 21, 1949 - Since the action of the State Board of Medical Examiners in permitting the temporary licensing of graduates of foreign medical schools to work in State hospitals under supervision, we have had a comparatively small number of such doctors and it seems likely that this number will never become much larger than it is at the present time.

"The doctors whom we have had under this heading as graduates of foreign schools are: Dr. James W. Murdoch, State Hospital at Butner, Dr. Gerhard Wolff, State Hospital at Raleigh, and Dr. John T. Hoyt, State Hospital at Goldsboro, of which Dr. Murdoch and Dr. Wolff still remain with



us. Dr. Hoyt has left our employ and I believe I notified you at that time.

"We have also had for a temporary period a Turkish doct^{or}, Dr. Tanas Atoy-natan, but have considered his status as that of an intern as he has not been with us for more than a year and will in all likelihood leave before finishing a year of employment with us.

"I appreciate very much the cooperation of the Board of Medical Examiners in this matter, and even though the number has not been large we have been helped considerably by this, particularly as Dr. Murdoch has shown himself to be a man of ability and has had considerable responsibility in connection with the opening of the State Hospital at Butner and in developing it. He has incidentally had many years experience in psychiatry and has been a Superintendent of a mental hospital before coming to us.

"I am writing at this time to request that these two doctors who have been with us and whom we have had a chance to observe should be considered for admission to the examination to be held next June, and I would appreciate very much the consideration of the Board of this request. I should be very glad to give you any further information about either of these two men that you may desire. I would also like to state, merely for your information, that both of these men do not intend to go into practice and I am hoping that in this way I may make their situation a little more secure in the State hospitals, because of the fact that future Boards of Medical Examiners are not yet obligated to continue the very reasonable policy which you have adopted in this matter."

"October 10, 1949 - I have been wondering whether the chances of having Dr. Murdoch admitted for the examination would not be much better if the matter were presented solely as a matter of his taking the examination, rather than bringing up both Dr. Murdoch and Dr. Gerhard Wolff from the State Hospital at Raleigh. I was going to ask you if you would not feel that there was more chance of a favorable consideration by the board if only Dr. Murdoch were brought up.

"Since Dr. Murdoch is in the most important position and should, if possible, be regularly licensed, I would like to suggest that Dr. Wolff's name be withdrawn and that, if possible, we simply continue him on the same basis."

Dr. M. A. Pittman moved that both Dr. James W. Murdoch and Dr. Gerhard Wolff be permitted to take the written examination. This motion was duly seconded and passed unanimously.

The following letter from the Canadian Medical Council with reference to establishing reciprocal relations was presented to the board:

"The Medical Council of Canada is an examining body only and by Act of Parliament its functions are restricted to holding an examination and keeping a Register. Physicians whose names are on the Canadian Medical Register are given a certificate to that effect and on the presentation of this certificate to any provincial licensing board in Canada they are given the right to practice in that province without further examination, on payment of the fee and meeting regulations as to character, citizenship, etc. Thus, you will see that as in the American Union the right to practice medicine lies with each individual province."

The board decided that the matter of establishing reciprocal relations for medical licensure with Canada would not be pursued further.

The following letter from the Puerto Rico Board of Medical Examiners was presented to the board:

"Graduates from Universidad Nacional de Mexico and Universidad de la Habana have been admitted to examinations at the discretion of this board, according to their individual merits."

The board instructed the secretary to advise the Puerto Rico Board of Medical Examiners that it is not ready at this time to establish reciprocal relations with said board.



The request of the Executive Secretary of the North Carolina State Medical Society that the Board of Medical Examiners pay legal fees as follows was presented: Retainer fee of \$500.00 and fee for professional services incurred with reference to the Prepaid Medical Service Insurance Plan, making a total of \$1,053.92.

Dr. R. B. McKnight moved that the request of the North Carolina State Medical Society with reference to paying legal fees be denied. This motion was duly seconded and passed unanimously.

A resolution with reference to the writing, printing and binding of a book to be entitled, "The North Carolina State Board of Medical Examiners, Its History and Procedures", was presented by the secretary.

Dr. R. B. McKnight moved that action on this resolution be deferred. This motion was duly seconded and passed unanimously.

RE: Dr. Donald Laing Peterson - The following letter from Dr. G. Westbrook Murphy, President of the North Carolina State Medical Society, was presented to the board:

"Dr. Donald L. Peterson, Bryson City, was in to see me to-day to ask my help. It seems that he has applied for license by reciprocity, but there has been some difficulty because of a prior narcotics irregularity. I told Dr. Peterson that it was not my prerogative to interfere in such things even if I were inclined, which, of course I am not. He did say, however, that he was most anxious to have a final answer, one way or the other. If he is not to receive a license, he needs to make arrangements to return to Minnesota and begin practice there. My only personal interest in this is that I know his wife, who is deserving and who is ill with cancer."

The following letter from Dr. Marvin Nathan, District Health Officer, Murphy, North Carolina, was also presented to the board:

"I was asked by several residents of Bryson City to contact you in regards to a Dr. Peterson, a new practicing physician in that city. It seems that his North Carolina licensure was withheld for several months and they wish to know whether it was withheld on account of his ability as a physician and surgeon or some other cause. The main thing in question was the ability of this doctor and they did not seem to be interested in any other cause".

Dr. R. B. McKnight moved that the board ask the State Bureau of Investigation to investigate Dr. Donald Laing Peterson in order to ascertain whether or not he is practicing medicine without a license. This motion was duly seconded and passed unanimously.

Dr. R. B. McKnight also moved that the secretary notify Dr. Donald Laing Peterson that the Board of Medical Examiners has no plan for reconsideration of his application for license and to advise that this advice was precipitated by letter received from Dr. G. Westbrook Murphy. This motion was duly seconded and passed unanimously.

RE: Dr. Oscar Adolph Kafer, New Bern, N. C. - The following is a report from the Narcotic Bureau:

Narcotic special tax stamp was surrendered June 29th, 1944. From January 1943 to January, 1944 Dr. Kafer purchased 400 $\frac{1}{4}$ grain and 500 $\frac{1}{8}$ grain morphine tablets. Narcotic registration was renewed upon request September, 1944, at which time Dr. Kafer advised that he entered the United State Public Health Hospital July 22nd, 1944 for a check up and was discharged August 10th, 1944. Dr. Kafer's father, who is a physician, advised that his son had become addicted to narcotics as a result of an automobile accident in 1937. On July 22nd, 1948, a narcotic agent called on Dr. Kafer and found him unsteady on his feet, at which time he stated that he had a slug of Scotch and soda and 2 seconal tablets as he had been up half of the night. Dr. Kafer admitted that he had had 2 ampoules of demerol but no other narcotics since treatment in 1944. He again surrendered his narcotic stamp at this time. In October, 1948, Dr. Kafer went to St. Louis for treatment of x-ray burns to fingers. While there he forged the name of a physician in order to procure narcotics. This physician refused to prosecute due to Dr. Kafer's condition.

Dr. Alban Papineau, Councilor of the Second District of the North



Carolina State Medical Society, in a letter under date of September 23rd, 1949, did not recommend that Dr. Kafer be granted re-registration under the Harrison Narcotic Act.

Dr. Kafer appeared before the Board of Medical Examiners and requested recommendation for reissuance of his narcotic license. He stated that he had no narcotics since 1944 with the exception of demerol as a patient in St. Louis in October, 1948; that he had taken barbiturates and whiskey while suffering with x-ray burns of the hand. He had x-ray periostitis which caused severe pain and amputation of part of the fingers and plastic surgery was done. Dr. Kafer advised that he had opened his own hospital in New Bern and desired a narcotic license.

Dr. R. B. McKnight moved that the Board of Medical Examiners recommend to the Narcotic Bureau that Dr. Oscar Adolph Kafer's narcotic license not be restored. Further that the board suggested that Dr. Kafer before appearing again before the Board of Medical Examiners with reference to recommendation for restoration of his narcotic license, see three psychiatrists to be named by the Committee of Rehabilitation and Mental Hygiene of the State Medical Society, of which Dr. Allyn B. Choate, Charlotte, is chairman.

RE: Dr. S. W. Fleming - Dr. Fleming, a native North Carolinian and grade B graduate, was granted permission under a special resolution of the Board of Medical Examiners to serve a two year internship, looking to taking the written examination for medical licensure. He served one year at the Guilford County Sanatorium under the direction of Dr. M. D. Bonner. He then was granted permission to enter the North Carolina Baptist Hospital as an observer in lieu of one year's internship.

A physician was needed at the Forsyth County Hospital and Dr. T. F. Vestal, Superintendent, procured the services of Dr. Fleming. In August, 1949, charges were made by nurses in the County Hospital that Dr. Fleming was under the influence of whiskey while on duty and these charges were given a great deal of publicity by the Winston-Salem newspapers. After an investigation the Forsyth County Commissioners cleared Dr. Fleming of the alleged charges. The following is a letter under date of October 13th from Dr. T. F. Vestal:

"First, allow me to apologize for the delay of this reply to your letter, which was received sometime ago. I purposely waited until the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners had entirely completed its investigation of the case. After this had been done, the Board of Commissioners felt it advisable to invite the Grand Jury to also investigate the case. This was done in due process and both the Board of County Commissioners and the Forsyth County Grand Jury failed to find any irregularities in the conduct of Dr. Fleming.

"I was away at the time of the alleged misconduct, but I have no reason to feel that Dr. Fleming was guilty. His conduct since I have known him has certainly been that of a gentleman. If I can be of any assistance to the Board of Medical Examiners in behalf of this man I shall be happy to do so."

Dr. M. D. Bonner reported that Dr. Vestal was on vacation when the charges were made against Dr. Fleming; that the health officer stated he could not smell whiskey on Dr. Fleming. Dr. Bonner stated he advised Dr. Fleming to resign, at first the hospital authorities did not wish him to resign under pressure, but later decided that it was best that he do so. Dr. Bonner said that he did not believe at the time Dr. Fleming was drunk on whiskey; that he had suspected he was taking something but did not know what; also that he had warned him about drinking whiskey. Dr. Bonner stated that Dr. Fleming was smart.

No action was taken by the Board of Medical Examiners with reference to Dr. S. W. Fleming.

RE: Dr. Howard Monroe Walker - The following letter under date of October 6th from Attorney Harvey W. Johnson, Spartanburg, S. C., was presented to the board:



"My client, Dr. Howard Walker, has handed me your favor of July 28, 1949 relative to his recent application for a license to practice in the State of North Carolina.

"I would appreciate it very much if you would have the Board, which I understand is to meet very soon, review this action. I believe that an examination of Chapter 90 in its entirety would lead them to the conclusion that they have mistakenly classified the application under Section 90-12; when in fact, on the qualifications submitted by him, he would be entitled to a general license under the following Section-namely, Section 90-13."

Dr. R. B. McKnight moved that Attorney Harvey W. Johnson be advised that the action of the Board of Medical Examiners on May 9th, 1949 with reference to Dr. Howard Monroe Walker's medical license was final. This motion was duly seconded and passed unanimously.

RE: Dr. Norman M. Hornstein - The following letter under date of October 3rd from Dr. Hornstein was presented to the board:

"I would like to inquire whether I would be eligible now for a regular state medical license. My present license is restricted to the Outer Banks of North Carolina. Since this license has been granted, I have been practicing for one year at the above address. I have also passed Part I of the examination of the National Board of Medical Examiners receiving a grade of 85% (average) in marks published at this date. I have also been a member in good standing in the local county medical society for several months. I expect to complete the remainder of the National Board examinations in the first half of next year."

The board took no action upon Dr. Hornstein's request and directed the secretary to so advise Dr. Hornstein.

RE: Dr. Randall C. Smith - The secretary requested a report from Dr. Grady Dixon on Dr. Smith prior to this meeting but the same was not made. The board directed the secretary to procure a report from Dr. Dixon prior to the January, 1950 meeting.

RE: Dr. John S. Stone - On June 24th Dr. Stone was directed by the Board of Medical Examiners to report to Dr. M. D. Bonner every sixty days to show compliance with the order of the board of October 20th, 1947.

Dr. Bonner reported that Dr. Stone came in to see him a few days prior to this meeting with the excuse that his father had had a coronary and that he could not leave him. Dr. Bonner stated that he reprimanded him for his nonchalance at all times in complying with the direction of the board. Dr. Bonner also stated that he believed he was taking something but that he could not prove it; that he was unable to get the desired laboratory work done in Greensboro. Dr. Bonner said that he recently had a patient admitted to the sanatorium from Leaksville and this patient said he knew Dr. Stone was taking something, then he started hedging. Dr. Bonner advised that physicians in Leaksville would not co-operate

The board directed that the secretary ascertain whether or not a specimen of urine could be sent to Charlotte by mail to be run on barbiturate addicts.

RE: Dr. Wiley Royster Young - Dr. Paul G. Parker stated that Dr. Young was doing all right as far as he could ascertain; that he looked good; that he could not hear anything to the contrary.

Drs. M. D. Bonner and Paul G. Parker were selected as delegates to the meeting of the Federation of Medical Boards to be held in Chicago.

RE: Dr. J. B. Davis - The secretary advised the board that Dr. Davis surrendered his medical license on August 12th as instructed and the same is filed with the secretary of the board.

RE: Dr. B. O. Choate - Dr. Choate was tried and convicted in the Alleghany County Superior Court April 28th Term 1947 of criminal abortion and sentenced to a term of one to three years in the State's Prison. Appeal was made to the Supreme Court and a new trial was granted.



The following letter under date of September 24th was received from Solicitor R. J. Scott:

"I have your letter of September 20, inquiring as to the status of the Dr. B. O. Choate case. Attorneys for Dr. Choate made a motion this week before Judge Clement to continue the case on account of the condition of Dr. Choate. I enclose a copy of the certificate upon which the motion was based. If Dr. Choate's condition does not improve within the next few months, I see no good reason for holding this case on the docket and will place it on the inactive docket pending his recovery."

The following is certificate referred to by Solicitor Scott, which is from Saint Albans Sanatorium, Radford, Virginia, and signed by Dr. James K. Morrow:

"I have had at Saint Albans Sanatorium for treatment Dr. B. O. Choate, of Sparta, N. C., from the 4 day of October, 1948 to the 27 day October, 1948, and from the 24 day of March, 1949 to the 27 day of March, 1949. I have also had several more recent interviews with Dr. Choate.

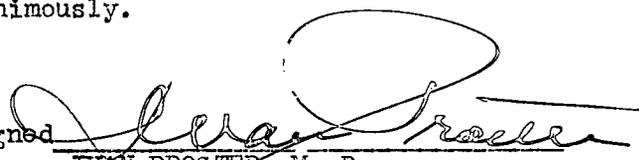
"When Dr. Choate was brought to Saint Albans Sanatorium, I found his condition to be one of rather severe depression, with other accompanying mental and physical disturbances. His condition has varied from time to time, but at no time have I believed him to be recovered. His family history reveals that his father, S. A. Choate, was confined in the State Hospital at Morganton, N. C. for a number of years prior to his death and that his mother is now in a private institution in North Carolina. His son, Ray Choate, was treated for a mental and nervous breakdown while in the U. S. Army during World War II and his youngest daughter, Mrs. Ted Porter, was treated at this institution from November 28, 1945 to February 10, 1946 and from July 14, 1949 to August 18, 1949 for a severe mental disturbance. This family background has, of course, a most important bearing on any hope that we may have for the recovery of Dr. Choate. In my opinion, based upon my examination and continued observation of Dr. Choate and on other facts, including his family history, Dr. Choate is still in a serious condition and, in my opinion, a trial in the Superior Court on the charge now pending against him in Surry County, N. C., might seriously affect any chances that he may have for a recovery and might cause a complete breakdown during the progress of the trial."

The board directed that the secretary get a ruling from the Attorney General as to revocation of license after conviction has been obtained in the Superior Court, when a new trial has been granted and said trial appears to be pending for an indefinite time.

The board was advised that Mrs. M. D. Bonner had expressed appreciation for flowers sent her while in the hospital.

The minutes of the July 23rd, 1949 meeting of the Board of Medical Examiners were approved as read.

Dr. Paul G. Parker moved that the meeting be adjourned. This motion was duly seconded and passed unanimously.

Signed 
IVAN PROCTER, M. D.
Secretary-Treasurer

