

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
OF NORTH CAROLINA

Cherry Hotel, Wilson, North Carolina
October 25th, 1948.

The Board of Medical Examiners of the State of North Carolina met at the Cherry Hotel, Wilson, North Carolina, October 25th, 1948, for consideration of licensure by endorsement of credentials and other business.

The board convened at 10 A. M. and the meeting was called to order by Dr. Malory A. Pittman, President. Drs. Charles W. Armstrong, M. D. Bonner, Thomas Leslie Lee, R. E. McKnight, Paul G. Parker, Ivan Procter, Secretary-Treasurer, and Mrs. Louise J. McNeill, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, were present.

Dr. Garrett E. Deane, who is an officer of the United States Army, stated at Fort Bragg, appeared and requested licensure by endorsement. He stated that he expected to participate in part time practice in Fayetteville, North Carolina, until his discharge from the army in July, 1949, after which he would practice there full time. Dr. Deane's credentials consisted of a letter of recommendation from a Fayetteville physician, who stated that Dr. Deane was to begin work with him.

Dr. R. B. McKnight moved that the secretary write the Surgeon General to ascertain if it was customary for an officer to do a part time private practice and also write the secretary of the Cumberland County Medical Society as to the society's attitude towards Dr. Deane being licensed under the above circumstances. This motion was duly seconded and passed unanimously.

The following physicians were interviewed and granted license by endorsement of credentials:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>MEDICAL SCHOOL</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Alexander, Eben, Jr.	Harvard University	Knoxville, Tenn.
Ames, Richard Haight	Duke University	Winston-Salem, NC
Axford, Glen Venden	Coll. Med. Evan.	Maiden, N. C.
Bruner, Harry Davis	Univ. Louisville	Chapel Hill, N.C.
Burns, Margaret Virginia	Duke University	Asheville, N.C.
Byrne, Edward George	Univ. Louisville	McCain, N. C.
Chapman, Jesse Pugh, Jr.	Univ. Penn.	Asheville, N. C.
Coleman, Catherine Elizabeth	Baylor Univ.	Sanford, N. C.
Deane, Garrett E.	Washington Univ.	Fayetteville, N.C.
Fincher, Robert Charles, Jr.	Med. Coll. S. C.	Pfafftown, N. C.
Gamba, Carl Lewis	Univ. Penn	Taylorsville, N.C.
Hunt, Robert E.	Univ. Michigan	Gastonia, N. C.
Irvin, Charles Warren, Jr.	Duke University	Winston-Salem, N.C.
Johnsen, Madalyn L.	Univ. Wisconsin	McCain, N. C.
Jones, Logan Oliver	Harvard Univ.	Boston, Mass.
Kaufman, Karl Frederick	Ohio State Univ.	Hendersonville, NC
Knight, Victor Henry, Jr.	Duke University	Winston-Salem, NC
Landon, Henry Clayton III	Univ. Virginia	Winston-Salem, NC
Leveridge, Leo Lincoln	McGill Univ.	Temple, Tex
Magruder, William Wailes	Duke University	Asheville, N. C.
Nathan, Marvin Myer	Univ. Georgia	Murphy, N. C.
Perkins, Alvarez Hamilton	Howard Univ.	Reidsville, N.C.
Pollitzer, Richard Sprott	Emory Univ.	Winston-Salem, N C
Powers, John Alfred	Univ. Oregon	Charlotte, N. C.
Salsbery, Otto Howard	Univ. Cincinnati	Cincinnati, Ohio
Scanlon, Wilson George	L. I. Coll. Med.	Durham, N. C.
Sprunt, William Hutchinson III	Harvard Univ.	Winston-Salem, NC
Wilkins, McMurry, Jr	Tulane Univ.	Winston-Salem, NC

Monday, May 9th, 1949, was set for the meeting of the Board of Medical Examiners at Pinehurst, North Carolina, during the meeting of the State Medical Society.

June 20-23rd, 1949, was set for the annual written examination, the meeting to be held at the Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, North Carolina.

The secretary presented the request from the Registrar of Bowman Gray School of Medicine that written examinations be held in December for the graduates of Bowman Gray School of Medicine.

Dr. Thomas Leslie Lee moved that due to the necessity for frequent meetings of the board for reciprocity and other duties, that it would not be justified in holding a meeting in December for the purpose of written examination for the graduates of the Bowman Gray School of Medicine. This motion was duly seconded and passed unanimously.

Dr. Thomas Leslie Lee moved that the secretary and Attorney John H. Anderson draw a suitable resolution with reference to the proposal of the Legislative Committee for all examining boards. This motion was duly seconded and passed unanimously.

Dr. R. E. McKnight was appointed representative to attend the meeting of the Federation of Medical Boards in Chicago in February, 1949.

IN RE: Mrs. J. L. Broughton, practicing medicine without a license. The secretary reported to the board that this matter had been turned over to the solicitor of the Seventh Solicitorial District, who is conferring with the Attorney General with reference to prosecution.

IN RE: Dr. Wiley Royster Young, Angier, North Carolina. Dr. Paul G. Parker stated he was very glad to report that in his opinion Dr. Young was not taking narcotics, he was looking fine and said he was doing well. Dr. Parker said he had made inquiries and believes Dr. Young is free of narcotics.

The secretary was directed by the board to write a letter of commendation to Dr. Young, a copy to go to Dr. A. B. Choate, Chairman of the Mental Hygiene Committee of the State Medical Society, Councilor of the Fifth District of the State Medical Society, and the secretary of the Harnett County Medical Society.

IN RE: Dr. John S. Stone, Leaksville, N. C. The following letter under date of September 2nd, 1948, from the Narcotic Bureau was read to the board:

"Mr. Boyd M. Martin, our District Supervisor in Baltimore, Maryland, has submitted a report with respect to an investigation made by one of our agents in the case of Dr. John S. Stone, Leaksville, North Carolina, concerning whom you inquired on July 7, 1948.

"This agent reported that he found no evidence as of July 15, 1947, that Dr. Stone was presently using narcotic drugs. A check of the files of drug stores revealed no narcotic prescriptions issued by Dr. Stone. Also, the druggists stated that no barbiturates had been purchased by the doctor. The agent interviewed Dr. Stone who stated that he had gained thirty pounds in weight and felt better than he had in years."

The board directed the secretary to forward a copy of this letter



to Dr. A. B. Choate, Chairman of the Mental Hygiene Committee of the State Medical Society and Councilor of the Eighth District of the State Medical Society.

IN RE: Dr. Samuel Phillip Ray, Leaksville, North Carolina. The secretary reported that on July 28th, 1948, at the direction of the Board of Medical Examiners, he requested investigation of the alleged narcotic addiction of Dr. Ray by the Rockingham County Medical Society and the Narcotic Bureau and that to date no report has been received.

Dr. Thomas Leslie Lee moved that the secretary write the Council on Medical Education of the American Medical Association for pertinent data with reference to the Canadian Medical Council, looking to establishing reciprocal relations for licensure of physicians who meet the requirements of the Board of Medical Examiners. This motion was duly seconded and passed unanimously.

IN RE: Dr. Stanley S. Avren. Credentials of Dr. Avren, graduate of the University of Manitoba, Canada, were presented to the Board of Medical Examiners with the request of Dr. Fred W. Harb, Medical Officer in Charge of the Eastern Medical Center, Durham, N. C., that he be granted a permit to practice in the Eastern Medical Center only. Note: Dr. Avren did not accept said position.

Dr. M. D. Bonner moved that Dr. Avren be granted temporary, limited medical license to work in the Eastern Medical Center only until he can take the written examination of the Board of Medical Examiners in June, 1949, said temporary, limited medical license to expire at that time. Provided, that Dr. Avren be personally interviewed by Dr. Ivan Procter, Secretary, and his credentials found to be satisfactory. This motion was duly seconded and passed unanimously.

IN RE: Dr. S. W. Fleming. Dr. Thomas Leslie Lee moved that if Dr. S. W. Fleming could enter North Carolina Baptist Hospital at Winston-Salem for a period of one year as an observer, that this be taken in lieu of one year's internship, provided that his preceptor shall give the Board of Medical Examiners a statement of his residence there. This motion was duly seconded and passed unanimously.

Dr. Thomas Leslie Lee was unanimously elected president of the Board of Medical Examiners for the ensuing year.

IN RE: Dr. Randall C. Smith, Ayden, North Carolina. Dr. Smith was requested to appear before the Board of Medical Examiners to make a preliminary report upon his condition and use of narcotics following a report from the Narcotic Bureau on September 28th, 1948, that he was addicted to narcotics.

Narcotic Agent W. H. Atkins was present and submitted the following report with reference to Dr. Smith:

That Dr. Smith's narcotic order forms from May 17th, 1947 to May 24th, 1948 revealed the following purchases:

- May 17, 1947 - 100 ampoules demarol
- June 3, 1947 - 100 ampoules demarol
- September 23, 1947 - 1,000 $\frac{1}{4}$ grain morphine
- October 6, 1947 - 500 $\frac{1}{4}$ grain morphine
- October 23, 1947 - 500 $\frac{1}{4}$ grain morphine
- April 26, 1948 - 40 ampoules dolaphen
- May 24, 1947 - 120 ampoules dolaphen

Agent Atkinson further reported that Dr. Smith had been committed to the Veterans Hospital, Roanoke, Virginia, October 30th, 1947, and was discharged as cured, according to Dr. Smith's statement, on the first part of April, 1948; that he was again committed to the Veterans Hospital on June 12th, 1948, and discharged July 16th, 1948, again as cured; that



he voluntarily surrendered his narcotic license May 26th, 1947. Agent Atkinson recommended that Dr. Smith be placed on probation and given a chance, but that he would not recommend that he be given his narcotic license.

Dr. Thomas Leslie Lee stated that he had known Dr. Smith for twenty years; that he was injured in action in World War II, after ^{which} he acquired an addiction to narcotics; that since his return home he had a major operation, with postoperative complications.

The following letter under date of October 18th, 1948, from Dr. F. B. Haar, President of the Pitt County Medical Society, was presented to the board:

"Your committee finds that since the revocation of Dr. R. C. Smith's narcotic license last spring he has been treated for drug addiction at Roanoke, Va. He seems to be going straight now. Suggest action be held in abeyance giving him time to prove himself off narcotics."

Dr. Smith stated that he had never taken narcotics until after a serious injury sustained in action during World War II; that after his return home he again began to use of narcotics during a serious illness. This illness was followed by an operation and complications. When he returned to his practice following this illness he tired easily, was very nervous and again resorted to the use of narcotics. Dr. Smith stated that he had taken no narcotics since June, 1947 when admitted to the Veterans Hospital. He said he had taken seconal, which had a very bad effect and has been admitted to the hospital on two occasions; that during his last admission from June 12th-July 16th, 1948 he gained forty pounds and was discharged as a normal, well, and healthy man; that he has been at work and has had no barbiturates since that time; that he thinks he is doing all right and hopes that he will never again become addicted.

VERDICT: RESOLVED that it has come to the attention of the North Carolina State Board of Medical Examiners that Dr. Randall C. Smith, Ayden, North Carolina, has been indiscreet in the personal use of narcotic drugs. Therefore, this board in regular session calls this matter to the attention of Dr. Smith and warns him against such indiscriminate use of narcotics, which not only jeopardizes his health and his medical practice, but leaves him liable to possible further infraction of the law. The board desires to assist Dr. Smith in every way practical to combat this unfortunate habit, but at this time finds it necessary to place him on probation. It is requested that Dr. Grady Dixon act as personal advisor and councilor in co-operation with the Committee on Mental Hygiene of the State Medical Society, Dr. A. B. Choate, Chairman, for Dr. Smith in his attempted rehabilitation.

The meeting was adjourned.

SIGNED


 IVAN PROCTER, M. D.
 Secretary-Treasurer



