

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS, STATE
OF NORTH CAROLINA - DECEMBER 9, 1935, 9:00 A. M. CAROLINA HOTEL
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA.

Present - Dr. F. Webb Griffith of Asheville, President, Drs. James W. Vernon, Morganton, Hamilton W. McKay of Charlotte, William H. Smith of Goldsboro, Ben F. Royal of Morehead City, and Ben. J. Lawrence of Raleigh, Secretary.

The meeting was called to order by President Griffith. The minutes of the Morehead City meeting were read and approved. The Secretary reminded the President and members of the absence of their deceased member, and suggested that the President appoint a committee to draw up suitable resolutions of love and respect, and that a copy be sent to Dr. Averitt's wife, and that a copy be sent to the Secretary to be filed permanently. The President appointed on this committee, Drs. Ben Royal of Morehead City and Hamilton W. McKay of Charlotte.

The Board granted conditionally, a duplicate license to Dr. Boyce of Polkton when as and if he complied with the requirements of the Board.

At this point it was suggested that the matter of electing a successor to Dr. Averitt go over until after the applicants had been reviewed. There was a general discussion by various members regarding the advisability of making it more difficult to secure a license in this State. Dr. Smith thought that there were entirely too many physicians coming from other states and seeking admission to this state. This general suggestion was voiced by most of the members, but there was a difference of opinion as to whether or not the Board had a right to restrict the number so long as their credentials were satisfactory. Dr. McKay seemed to feel that we should admit all applicants whose credentials met our standard. After a rather general discussion it was agreed, "That we should apply an individual test to each individual applicant and consider each case upon its merits." This motion was carried unanimously.

At this point the Secretary presented a list of applications. The following doctors were granted licenses upon the strength of their credentials, namely:

Dr. E. Bruce Brooks	Baltimore, Md.
Dr. James L. Eush	Dublin, Ga.
Dr. Louis Carroll Roberts	Durham, N. C.
Dr. Angus Hinson	Statesville, N. C.
Dr. Williams Laurence Mattison	Burlington, N. C.

Dr. P. D. Rudd was present and it appeared that he had practiced at Reidsville for many months without a license. There was a motion by Dr. Smith that we defer action in this case for further consideration. This motion was seconded by Dr. Royal. Dr. McKay then offered an amendment to the effect that the Secretary go to Reidsville and investigate the case, and if the investigation proved satisfactory, issue a license to Dr. Rudd. This motion was carried.

After this motion had been carried, it was suggested that Dr. Vernon call Dr. McGehee (his personal friend at Reidsville) and attempt to ascertain something about Dr. Rudd. There were two or three telephone conversations between Drs. Vernon and McGehee during the day. A resume of the information seemed to lead to the fact that Dr. Rudd stood well among the physicians in Rockingham County - waiting on telephone calls other applicants reviewed were:

Drs. Joseph Levi Alexander	Louisiana
Dr. Richard Allen Wilson,	Washington, D. C.
Dr. Harmon Henry Perry, Jr.	Port Chester, N. Y.
Dr. D. W. Smith	Moscow, Idaho
Dr. Gladys Helen Smith	Canton, N. C.
Dr. Harold Lyle Bacon	Southern Pines, N. C.
Dr. Charles Metcalfe Byrnes	Baltimore, Md.
Dr. Cecil LaVon Crump	Fort Worth, Texas
Dr. William Christian McGuffin	Myrtle Beach, S. C.
Dr. Joseph Timothy Sullivan	Marion, N. C.
Dr. Robert Orin Page	Rohway, N. Y.

were licensed upon the strength of their credentials.

Dr. Melvin Wood McGehee's application had only been in the file a few days and the Secretary was instructed to seek further information in his case, and if the report proved favorable to then issue him a license upon the strength of his credentials.



Dr. Krinsky was not present, his application was not properly filled in and the Board refused to consider his application.

Dr. Cardwell of Greensboro was present but brought his application with him. It was suggested by Dr. Griffith and seconded by Dr. McKay that his application go over for further investigation, and if and when his investigation was completed the Secretary then be instructed to issue license, if the investigation proved satisfactory.

At this point Dr. Vernon stated that he wished to report on Dr. Rudd. He reported that from his conversation with Dr. McGehee of Reidsville he gained the impression that Dr. Rudd was alright professionally and morally, and he recommended that the Board grant his license. However, it was suggested by Dr. Smith that the man had flagrantly disregarded the law, and that a motion had passed earlier in the day to the effect that the Secretary investigate the case. Dr. Royal suggested that, if for no other reason than to show good faith and diplomacy, the Board should defer action for a few days. This policy seemed to prevail and Dr. Rudd was instructed not to practice until the investigation had been completed. It was then agreed that the Secretary should continue his investigation and that if as and when that was completed, he should report to Dr. Smith of Goldsboro, and if as and when the two agreed, Dr. Rudd should be granted his license. Such was done and the County Medical Society met and unanimously endorsed him upon the strength of that evidence and other information and belief. The Secretary then made his report to Dr. Smith and issued Dr. Rudd license #46305.

The Secretary then presented the facts in connection with Dr. Ernest Arthur Saunders a Canadian, who passed the examination in June. There was a motion by Dr. Vernon, seconded by Dr. McKay, to the effect "That since the Board had permitted Dr. Saunders to register, take, and to pass the examinations, that we do hereby waive our regular rule and grant him a license." This motion was carried and the Secretary was instructed to mail Dr. Saunders his license.

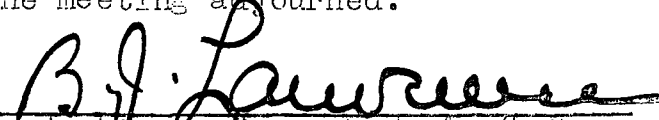
At this point the case of Dr. Ayer C. Whitley was called to the attention of the Board. The Secretary reported the facts briefly and stated that Dr. Whitley had withdrawn his application, and that, consequently there was nothing before the Board. However, Dr. McKay had been requested by the Secretary to make an investigation of the Whitley case. Upon the strength of the findings, Dr. McKay recommended that the Board do refuse to grant a license to Dr. Whitley. The suggestion was accepted by unanimous vote in the affirmative. Dr. Whitley was therefore refused a license.

At this point the question of the resolution passed at Morehead City regarding extra meetings came up for discussion. There was a great deal of discussion pro and con with various suggestions from the members. There was a motion made to the effect that the entire resolution be abolished, which motion was lost. Then, there was a motion by Dr. Vernon and seconded by Dr. McKay to the effect "That the words 'do have extra meetings' in the Morehead City Resolution be changed to read, 'may have extra meetings', as the need calls for". This motion was carried unanimously. Therefore, the effect of the resolution is definitely changed, and we now find ourselves where we were originally, namely: That we have an annual meeting in June for the examination of candidates, written and oral, and for consideration of applicants for endorsement of their credentials. A subsequent meeting, usually a month after, to compile the grades and receive the finished report. Further, a mid-winter meeting at which time we only consider applicants for endorsement of their credentials, and such other matters as may come or become urgent for an extra meeting, the President may call the same.

At this point the suggestion of an election of a successor to our beloved Dr. Averitt was presented. There was a motion by Dr. McKay, seconded by Dr. Royal that we do elect a successor to Dr. Averitt, the same was carried. There was a brief but informal discussion of the matter of the various candidates. Several splendid and able men were mentioned and discussed. It was generally agreed that many of the men whose names were mentioned would fill the place with credit, but since only one could have it, the Board finally united upon and unanimously elected Dr. Roscoe D. McMillan of Red Springs.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Signed


Ben. J. Lawrence, M. D. F. A. C. S.
Secretary-Treasurer.



