

MOREHEAD CITY ---ATLANTIC BEACH HOTEL, July 21, 1934.

Meeting of the State Board of Medical Examiners. Meeting called to order by the President Dr. Wm. H. Smith. The following members were present in addition to the President: Dr. Ben R. Royal, President elect, Dr. K. G. Averitt, Dr. Hamilton W. McKay and Dr. Ben. J. Lawrence, Secretary. The minutes of the Raleigh meeting were read and approved.

The Secretary reported that all the applicants taking the examinations had made a grade of 80 or above, and that no one had made less than 50 on any subject.

The highest average was made by Dr. Sterling Archie Barrett who made an average of 96 2/7. The second highest average was made by Dr. William McBrayer Elliott. He made an average of 95. The third place of honor went to Dr. Thomas Jefferson Taylor. He made an average of 94 4/7.

At this point the Secretary suggested that according to the report from the President, there was some question regarding number 80 - Frank Church O'Neal of Henderson, N. C. and that Drs. William Howell Nelson of Oxford, N. C. and Dr. Ira Harris of Gibson, N. C. and Dr. Arthur Eugene Knoefel, Jr. of Black Mountain, N. C. did not possess their M. D. degrees. Dr. Royal made a motion that the Board license all applicants except Frank Church O'Neal, Ira Harris and Arthur Eugene Knoefel and that their grades be held up for the time being. This motion was seconded by Dr. Hamilton W. McKay and was carried unanimously. Dr. C. J. Albrook was licensed by endorsement of his credentials, Dr. Benj. I. Seigel was granted license by endorsement of his credentials, provided his credentials were in proper order. They have been approved.

The Secretary made a motion "That in the future, the Board of Examiners of the State of North Carolina admit only full fledged graduates of an A. grade school, holding an M. D. degree for examination or the ones that will have their M. D. degree by the time their license is granted". This motion was seconded by Dr. Royal and was carried unanimously.

At this point Dr. Hemmingway's case was called. Dr. Averitt reported a conference he had had with Dr. Hemmingway. Dr. McKay reported a conference he had had with the President and other distinguished members of the Gaston County Medical Society, Drs. Blair and Garrison. After some discussion Dr. McKay withdrew his written recommendation of April 6th and offered a substitute, namely; that Dr. Hemmingway be permitted to continue the practice of medicine until our December meeting on probation under the supervision of Drs. Blair and Garrison, members of the Gaston County Medical Society. Upon the strength of this and the conference with them plus the written petition to the Board signed by well known Doctors from Gaston County, and that Dr. Hemmingway come before the Board at its December meeting with instructions from the Gaston County Medical Society. The motion was carried.

Dr. Royal made a motion that we hear Dr. H. W. Kenfield of Hatteras, N. C. The Doctor came in. The charges which were in the form of a letter from Miss Maude O'Neal, Postmistress of Hatteras were read to him. He immediately denied the charges. The Secretary also read him the Federal Document supplied him by the Narcotic Bureau Case #1379. He also denied the truth of the same or any knowledge thereof. The defendant Dr. Kenfield, vigorously denied that he had ever been attacked either directly or indirectly regarding his practice or for violation of the Harrison Narcotic Law. The Secretary made a motion "That in view of the vigorous denial of any Federal Court record, the Board continue its action in the case of Dr. Kenfield until its December meeting". The motion was carried. There being no further business except installation of the new President who had been elected at the Raleigh meeting.

To Dr. Royal our New President, the Board pledges its cooperation and support. To Dr. Smith the retiring President, we wish to thank him for his splendid service and his untiring efforts during the past year. The Secretary wishes to assure Dr. Smith that it has been a pleasure to work with him and to serve him. And to Dr. Royal the incoming President, he pledges anew his best efforts for the coming year.

Signed

B. J. Lawrence
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Secretary-Treasurer.



