

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
OF NORTH CAROLINA

Mayview Manor, Blowing Rock, North Carolina
July 29-31st, 1954

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The Board of Medical Examiners of the State of North Carolina met at the Mayview Manor, Blowing Rock, North Carolina, for the purpose of certifying the grades of the annual written examination for medical licensure, to interview applicants for licensure by endorsement and for special limited license, and for other business.

Thursday, July 29th

The board convened for dinner at 7 P. M. Drs. H. C. Thompson, President, N. P. Battle, Joseph J. Combs, Secretary-Treasurer, L. R. Doffermyre, Clyde R. Hedrick, Amos N. Johnson, J. P. Rousseau, and Mrs. Louise J. McNeill, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, were present.

The members of the board studied the grades of the written examination and final certification was postponed for a later meeting.

RE: Dr. William K. Wassink, graduate of the University of Leyden, took and passed the written examination in June, 1954. The secretary presented letters from Dr. Zack D. Owens and Dr. William H. Romm with reference to licensing Dr. Wassink.

VERDICT: Dr. Amos N. Johnson moved that the board took cognizance of this matter; that it has been discussed, but that Dr. William K. Wassink be granted license. This motion was duly seconded and passed unanimously.

Credentials for licensure by endorsement and for special limited license were checked by members of the board.

The meeting was adjourned.

Friday, July 30th

9 A. M. Applicants for licensure by endorsement were interviewed as follows:

RE: Dr. Jerome Herman Abramson appeared applying for limited license to the University of North Carolina School of Medicine and stated that he is assistant resident in surgery.

Dr. Thompson: Do you plan to stay in this state just for the residency?
A. Yes, just for the residency. I will probably go back to Tennessee.

VERDICT: Dr. Jerome Herman Abramson was approved for license by endorsement of credentials, limited to the University of North Carolina School of Medicine.

RE: Dr. Lawrence Kennedy Boggs appeared applying for limited license to Charlotte Memorial Hospital by endorsement of credentials and stated that he is a resident in urology. The records revealed that he has been there since October, 1953.

Dr. Thompson: Were you not told there that you were supposed to get a license?
A. I thought the hospital would handle it.

Q. How long do you expect to stay there?
A. Through October, 1955.

Dr. Combs: Do you serve at any other hospital than Charlotte Memorial?
A. From time to time we go to the Good Samaritan, the colored hospital. We go under the direction of the staff at Charlotte Memorial.



Dr. Hedrick: Both of them are city hospitals.

Dr. Thompson: We expect residents to apply for license by endorsement upon coming to the hospital and appear at the next meeting of the board.

VERDICT: Dr. Lawrence Kennedy Boggs was approved for license by endorsement of credentials, limited to the Charlotte Memorial and Good Samaritan Hospitals.

RE: Dr. Joyce Desmond Coughlin appeared applying for license by endorsement of credentials and stated that he would locate in Asheville in September with Drs. Huffines and Gilbert.

Dr. Hedrick: Have you moved into the state?

A. I am in the army. I will get out in September.

Dr. Combs: Everything is agreed on and you are definitely going to Asheville in September? If we license you, you will not change and go somewhere else?

A. No.

VERDICT: Dr. Joyce Desmond Coughlin was approved for license by endorsement of credentials.

RE: Dr. Robert Henry Cress appeared applying for license by endorsement of credentials, limited to Duke University School of Medicine and stated that he was an assistant resident in medicine.

Dr. Thompson: Do you expect to go back to Tennessee?

A. Yes.

VERDICT: Dr. Robert Henry Cress was approved for license by endorsement of credentials, limited to Duke University School of Medicine.

RE: Dr. George Frederick Elsasser, Jr. appeared applying for license by endorsement of credentials, limited to Duke University School of Medicine and stated that he was assistant resident in medicine.

Dr. Thompson: Do you expect to go back to Virginia?

A. I expect I will, I am not sure.

VERDICT: Dr. George Frederick Elsasser, Jr. was approved for license by endorsement of credentials, limited to Duke University School of Medicine.

RE: Dr. Earl Eversole, Jr. appeared with incomplete credentials, applying for license by endorsement of credentials, limited to the University of North Carolina School of Medicine and stated that he was a resident in surgery.

VERDICT: Dr. Earl Eversole, Jr. was approved for license by endorsement of credentials, limited to the University of North Carolina School of Medicine, if and when his credentials are completed satisfactory to the secretary, provided this is done by August 10th, 1954.

RE: Dr. Bruce Johnston Franz appeared applying for license by endorsement of credentials. He said he had eight years surgical residency, two in the army, two years in practice, and that he is now going to practice general and thoracic surgery in Asheville; that he has been with the Veterans Administration for two years.

Dr. Rousseau: Will you be associated?

A. No. I spent three years in Utah in residency in surgery. I have never practiced in California. I was thinking of going and got my license before reciprocity was closed. I did surgery in Mississippi.

Dr. Johnson: You definitely state that you plan to go to Asheville and do year round practice, not seasonal?

A. Yes. I have been there two years. I have my home there. I am spending the summer in Baltimore doing cardiovascular work. I will be back the middle of September.

VERDICT: Dr. Bruce Johnston Franz was approved for license by endorsement of credentials.

RE: Dr. Walter Ralph Gaylor appeared applying for license by endorsement of credentials, limited to Duke University School of Medicine, and stated that he was assistant resident on the medical service.

Dr. Hedrick: You plan to stay there how long?
A. Until the end of June next year.

Dr. Johnson: Do you not have any plans to stay in North Carolina?
A. No.

VERDICT: Dr. Walter Ralph Gaylor was approved for license by endorsement of credentials limited to Duke University School of Medicine.

RE: Dr. Rudger Puckett Hiatt appeared applying for license by endorsement of credentials, limited to the City Memorial Hospital. Dr. Hiatt is a native of North Carolina.

Dr. Hedrick: What are you doing?
A. Surgical resident at the City Memorial Hospital.

Q. You are a native. Do you plan to stay in North Carolina?
A. Yes, I came to Winston-Salem with the idea of practicing in Mount Airy.

VERDICT: Dr. Rudger Puckett Hiatt was approved for full license by endorsement of credentials, when the balance of the fee is paid.

RE: Dr. Thomas Gray Hurdle appeared applying for license by endorsement of credentials.

Dr. Rousseau: What are you doing in Fayetteville?
A. With the Veterans Administration doing urology. I am going in private practice in August.

Q. You are going to be associated with Dr. Langdon?
A. Yes.

VERDICT: Dr. Thomas Gray Hurdle was approved for license by endorsement of credentials.

RE: Dr. Austin Taber Hyde, Jr. appeared applying for license by endorsement of credentials, limited to Duke University School of Medicine, and stated that he was a clinical fellow on the Medical Service.

Dr. Hedrick: How long will you be there?
A. I am on a one year fellowship. My plans are indefinite. The chances are I will probably go back to Virginia.

VERDICT: Dr. Austin Taber Hyde, Jr. was approved for license by endorsement of credentials, limited to Duke University School of Medicine.

RE: Dr. Lucie Johanna Ney Jessner, graduate of the University of Koenigsberg, Germany, in 1926 was granted the privilege of appearing before the board to apply for license by endorsement of credentials at the request of Dr. George C. Ham, Professor of Psychiatry at the University of North Carolina School of Medicine, who stated she was under consideration for appointment to the staff as professor of Child Psychiatry. Dr. Ham asked to appear with Dr. Jessner.

Credentials furnished by Dr. Jessner were incomplete. The secretary of the Massachusetts Board of Medical Examiners, from which board she had requested endorsement, reported that Dr. Jessner received a general average of 72.4% on the examination taken in 1940 and was raised to 75% by the board. He also

advised that the grades are not available to their licentiates.

Dr. Ham appeared before the board and was advised with reference to Dr. Jessner's average on the Massachusetts Board examinations and was told that this was given him in confidence; that her credentials were incomplete and that she was unable to procure certification from her medical school at this time.

Dr. Ham: Dr. Jessner is 54 years of age, she has attained recognition and has been sought after by four universities because she can take leadership in training in the field of pediatric psychiatry and is one of the very few trained in this. The latest problem in this field is psychiatric analytical training in the Duke-Chapel Hill area. You have to have two trained analysts to start. I can not qualify for it by age. However, when one looks at it in her own field, she is sought after by Pittsburgh, Western Reserve, has stayed on at Harvard. She considers coming here because of a change in the faculty there -- Would probably be here about 10 years and she would be the one to help us get things going.

Dr. Thompson: Dr. Jessner took the examinations after being here two years, now has been here 14 years.

Dr. Rousseau: What will her work be?
A. Her title would be professor of Child Psychiatry. She would help develop psychiatry, well babies, et cetera -- set up first in-patient child psychiatry, no place in the state, work with Butner, which is developing a child area. Will affiliate with Washington Institute until we can develop our own. She will have a very limited amount of seeing children herself, that is private patients.

Dr. Rousseau: Would it answer your purpose if this board decided to give her a license limited to child psychiatry?
A. Yes, to psychiatry I should say.

Dr. Rousseau: It would imply that she would not be permitted to do other branches.

Dr. Combs: I do not believe our law says limited to specialty. Could it be limited to area?
A. It would be North Carolina Memorial Hospital and state institutions. Whether Duke and University of North Carolina - We are talking about developing a conjoint graduate training program. She would be involved in a psychoanalytical institute. Anything related to the University and to affiliated institutions.

Dr. Johnson: Is there any idea in your mind that she would ever be interested in anything other than teaching?
A. No, she would go right back to Harvard if she did not like it with us.

Q. She is not interested in private practice?
A. No, just training and research.

Dr. Thompson: When do you expect her to come?
A. If she comes, I imagine it would be within two or three months. We have other arrangements to make, which could not be made until she is approved for license.

Dr. Jessner was interviewed as follows:

Dr. Thompson: I believe you want to go to Chapel Hill with Dr. Ham's department. Will you give us a little history, where you have been, what you have done and when you expect to come to North Carolina.

A. I graduated in 1926 from Koenigsberg University School of Medicine, internship and one psychiatry, then went back to Koenigsberg and was resident, then in Switzerland. During that time I was trained in Switzerland. I was sent to Boston in January, 1938 to the McLean Hospital and told immediately if I could immigrate that they would keep me. I immigrated to Canada, stayed there until 1939. Then worked at another Sanatorium in Georgetown, Massachusetts. During that time I had worked in the out-patient department with Dr. Cobb. During the war half-time ---, and half-time private practice. Since the fall of 1947 I have had child psychiatry unit. I have teaching at Harvard Medical School, first as instruction and clinical association and have continued in private practice.

Dr. Johnson: I understand your primary interest now is not in medicine, in psychiatry and research and teaching, more than private practice. Is that true?

A. Yes.

Q. If you came to North Carolina it would be with the idea of developing an institute, going along with child psychiatry and some private practice in the hospital?

A. Yes, mainly in training young psychiatrists.

Q. Has it entered your mind to go in private practice?

A. No, I think it would be the other way.

Q. That you would rather do research and training?

A. Yes. I do not want to entirely not see patients.

Dr. Rousseau: In other words, you are not interested in opening an office to practice child psychiatry?

A. Yes.

Dr. Combs: Your medical school compared favorably with any medical school in Germany?

A. Yes, it was a good medical school.

Dr. Thompson: We require a personal interview. If the board does grant you a license it will probably be stated in there that it would depend on your coming to North Carolina. We do not grant a license whether you come or not, or with the understanding you would get it when you came.

A. Yes.

Dr. Battle: Would you feel you had obtained what you wanted if this board should give you a limited license to practice in the University and its affiliated organizations?

A. I would think offhand that would be sufficient. I would like to have a feeling of M. D.

Dr. Johnson: What he is referring to would not affect your standing in medical circles. You could be affiliated with the medical society, get your insurance, that you of course be the University and institutions affiliated with it.

A. If you would grant me the license I could not come immediately because there are things in Boston I would have to finish.

Dr. Thompson: We understand from Dr. Ham it would be three or four months.

A. Yes, in the line of the end of this year or the beginning of next year.

VERDICT: Dr. Amos N. Johnson moved that Dr. Lucie Johanna Ney Jessner be given license to practice medicine in the state, if and when she establishes a residence in the state. This motion was duly seconded by Dr. L. R. Doffermyre and passed unanimously.

RE: Dr. Seward William Jabaut appeared applying for license by endorsement of credentials.

Dr. Battle: Your work has been confined to public health?

A. For the past two years, before that time I did surgery and obstetrics.

Q. In West Virginia?

A. Yes. I got my Masters in Public Health from the University of North Carolina this year.

Q. You are asking for license to go with the Board of Health in Haywood County? You are ready to go to work if and when you get license?

A. Yes, September 1st.

Q. Did you go into public health because you wanted to get out --?

A. I had to slow down.

Dr. Thompson: What did you do before studying medicine?

A. I was in the first World War, overseas two years.

VERDICT: Dr. Seward William Jabaut was approved for license by endorsement of credentials.

RE: Dr. Andrew Marshall Jamison, Jr. appeared applying for license by endorsement of credentials.

Dr. Battle: What are your plans for the state.

A. I am going to Southern Pines and intend to practice medicine.

Q. You are going to live in Southern Pines 12 months in the year? You are not going there as a tourist?

A. I intend to be a fulltime resident to do internal medicine.

Dr. Rousseau: Where have you been practicing?

A. Lancaster, Ohio. I am originally from South Carolina and have always wanted to come back.

Dr. Doffermyre: Will you be associated?

A. No.

Dr. Thompson: When do you expect to go there?

A. August 15th I am going. I have bought a house in Southern Pines.

VERDICT: Dr. Andrew Marshall Jamison, Jr. was approved for license by endorsement of credentials.

RE: Dr. Herbert Rubin Karp appeared applying for license by endorsement of credentials, limited to Duke University School of Medicine, and stated that he was a fellow in medicine there.

Dr. Doffermyre: Will you return to Virginia?

A. Yes.

VERDICT: Dr. Herbert Rubin Karp was approved for license by endorsement of credentials, limited to Duke University School of Medicine.

RE: Dr. Morris Lampert appeared with incomplete credentials applying for license by endorsement of credentials, limited to the University of North Carolina School of Medicine, as a resident in neurology. He said that he was waiting for the Selective Service to make plans. He was advised that it would be necessary that he complete his credentials at once.

VERDICT: Dr. Morris Lampert was approved for license by endorsement of credentials, limited to the University of North Carolina School of Medicine, if and when his credentials are completed satisfactory to the secretary.



RE: Dr. James Monroe Lane appeared applying for license by endorsement of credentials and stated that he would be associated with Dr. Paul Hendricks of Kings Mountain.

VERDICT: Dr. James Monroe Lane was approved for license by endorsement of credentials.

RE: Dr. Patricia Ann Lawrence appeared applying for license by endorsement of credentials.

Dr. Doffermyre: What are your plans?
A. I will practice obstetrics and gynecology in Charlotte.

Dr. Rousseau: When would like to begin practice?
A. By August 15th.

VERDICT: Dr. Patricia Ann Lawrence was approved for license by endorsement of credentials.

RE: Dr. Gordon Douglas LaZerte appeared with incomplete credentials applying for license by endorsement of credentials. He said that he was assistant pathologist at the Charlotte Memorial Hospital and that his present plans would be strictly confined to that hospital.

Dr. Doffermyre: You are not a resident?
A. No.

Dr. Battle: How long have you been there?
A. July 1st of this year.

VERDICT: Dr. Gordon Douglas LaZerte was approved for license by endorsement of credentials, if and when his credentials are completed satisfactory to the secretary.

RE: Dr. R. Elizabeth Lombard appeared applying for license by endorsement of credentials. Dr. Lombard, a native of North Carolina, graduated by the College of Medical Evangelists in 1953 and was granted license on the basis of written examination by the California Board of Medical Examiners in 1954. She failed to make a passing average on the basic science subjects, which constitutes Part I of the North Carolina written examination, and failed two subjects, anatomy and biochemistry. According to the ruling of this board, an applicant is required to make a passing average on the basic science subjects and a passing average on the clinical subjects in order to be licensed.

Dr. Doffermyre: Your credentials are complete, however, your examinations in California do not meet our requirements. In Part I you have below a passing average in anatomy and biochemistry. Our board requires a minimum grade of 60 and you had a 51 on biochemistry. The combined average of your Part I subjects did not give you a passing average. We will have to discuss this with you before we can grant license and see if we can make some adjustments.
Where do you plan to practice?
A. Rockwell, 10 miles from Salisbury.

Dr. Rousseau: Is that your home?
A. I have lived there before.

Dr. Combs: When do you plan to begin work?
A. As soon as I can.

Dr. Doffermyre: You will do general practice?
A. Yes, but will do mostly obstetrics.

Dr. Rousseau: How many physicians there?
A. One with whom I plan to be associated.

VERDICT: Dr. J. P. Rousseau and Dr. L. R. Doffermyre agreed to give Dr. R. Elizabeth Lombard an examination in the respective subjects that she had failed; that she go to the secretary's office in Raleigh and take these examinations immediately and that they would grade the papers immediately. That if a passing average is made, license would be issued. That there would be no additional fee. That if this were not done immediately she could not be certified until October. That if she failed these examinations she would be required to take another examination by this board or another board. She was advised she could do no practice until licensed.

RE: Dr. Walter Coles Lusk II appeared applying for license by endorsement of credentials, limited to Duke University School of Medicine and stated that he was an assistant resident on the medical service.

Dr. Doffermyre: You have no plans as to North Carolina beyond resident service?

A. No, not as yet.

VERDICT: Dr. Walter Coles Lusk II was approved for license by endorsement of credentials, limited to Duke University School of Medicine.

RE: Dr. Noah Drew Meadows, Jr. appeared applying for license by endorsement of credentials, limited to the City Memorial Hospital as a resident in medicine there.

Dr. Doffermyre: As far as you know, you have no plans beyond residency?

A. I am thinking about North Carolina, but not too definite now.

VERDICT: Dr. Noah Drew Meadows, Jr. was approved for license by endorsement of credentials, limited to City Memorial Hospital.

RE: Dr. Cornelius Trawick McDonald, Jr. appeared applying for license by endorsement of credentials, limited to the University of North Carolina School of Medicine.

Dr. Johnson: Do you have any plans for staying in North Carolina beyond residency training?

A. Yes. My wife is from North Carolina and my people. There is more chance I will stay in North Carolina than go back to Virginia.

Q. Would you ask for full license now or convert if you stay in North Carolina?

A. I am interested in full license but I do not make much money.

VERDICT: Dr. Cornelius Trawick McDonald, Jr. was approved for license by endorsement of credentials, limited to the University of North Carolina School of Medicine.

RE: Dr. Robert Lewis Phillips appeared applying for license by endorsement of credentials, limited to Duke University School of Medicine and stated that he was a resident in neurology.

Dr. Johnson: How long do you plan to be at Duke?

A. Five years.

Q. Do you have any plans as to North Carolina beyond your training program?

A. No.

VERDICT: Dr. Robert Lewis Phillips was approved for license by endorsement of credentials, limited to Duke University School of Medicine.

RE: Dr. William R. Raulston appeared applying for license by endorsement of credentials, limited to Duke University School of Medi-



cine.

Dr. Johnson: How long will you stay at Duke?
A. One year.

Q. You have no definite plans as to North Carolina?
A. No.

VERDICT: Dr. William R. Raulston was approved for license by endorsement of credentials, limited to Duke University School of Medicine.

RE: Dr. John Walter Webb, Jr. appeared applying for license by endorsement of credentials, limited to Duke University School of Medicine.

Dr. Johnson: You have no plans as to North Carolina after finishing your training.
A. No, I will be there one year.

VERDICT: Dr. John Walter Webb, Jr. was approved for license by endorsement of credentials, limited to Duke University School of Medicine.

RE: Dr. Jefferson Earle White, Jr. appeared applying for license by endorsement of credentials, limited to Duke University School of Medicine, and stated that he was a resident on the medical service there.

Dr. Johnson: How long will you be at Duke?
A. Three years.

Q. Do you have any plans for North Carolina?
A. No.

VERDICT: Dr. Jefferson Earle White, Jr. was approved for license by endorsement of credentials, limited to Duke University School of Medicine.

RE: Dr. Nelson Kneeland Ordway appeared applying for license by endorsement of credentials.

Dr. Johnson: Dr. Ordway is coming to North Carolina, provided he is licensed, to be professor of Pediatrics at the University of North Carolina School of Medicine. Are you at the University now?
A. I am on vacation but I can be reached there in a few days. I will begin work sometime this month.

VERDICT: Dr. Nelson Kneeland Ordway was approved for license by endorsement of credentials.

RE: Dr. John Atkinson Owen, Jr. appeared in June, 1954 with incomplete credentials applying for license by endorsement of credentials, limited to Duke University School of Medicine. Dr. Owen's credentials are not complete at this time in that certification of the dean and certified photograph have not been received, though the same has been requested.

VERDICT: Dr. John Atkinson Owen, Jr. was approved for license by endorsement of credentials, limited to Duke University School of Medicine, if and when his credentials are completed satisfactory to the secretary.

RE: Dr. Arthur Jergen Prange, Jr. appeared with incomplete credentials, applying for license by endorsement of credentials, limited to the University of North Carolina School of Medicine.

Dr. Johnson: How long do you plan to be at the University of North Carolina School of Medicine?
A. Three years at least.

Q. Do you have any permanent plans as to locating in the State of North Carolina?
A. I plan to settle in the southeast.

VERDICT: Dr. Arthur Jergen Prange, Jr. was approved for license by endorsement of credentials, limited to the University of North Caro-



lina School of Medicine, if and when his credentials are approved satisfactory to the secretary.

RE: Dr. Edward George Rosanelli appeared with incomplete credentials, applying for license by endorsement of credentials, limited to the University of North Carolina School of Medicine, and stated that he was an assistant resident in Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Dr. Johnson: How long do you plan to be at the University ?
A. One year.

Q. Do you have any plans as to North Carolina?
A. No.

Dr. Rosanelli was advised that it would be necessary for his credentials to be completed by August 10th and if not, he would be subject to another appearance.

VERDICT: Dr. Edward George Rosanelli was approved for license by endorsement of credentials, limited to the University of North Carolina School of Medicine, if and when his credentials are completed satisfactory to the secretary.

RE: Dr. Robert Charles Shuman appeared applying for license by endorsement of credentials, limited to the University of North Carolina School of Medicine and stated that he was a resident in anesthesiology.

Dr. Johnson: How long do you plan to stay there?
A. Two years.

Q. Do you have any plans as to North Carolina?
A. No.

VERDICT: Dr. Robert Charles Shuman was approved for license by endorsement of credentials, limited to the University of North Carolina School of Medicine.

RE: Dr. Fred Eugene Wise, Jr. appeared applying for license by endorsement of credentials and stated that he would be associated with Dr. Rush O. Shull, Charlotte.

Dr. Thompson: When will you be ready to go to work?
A. Right away.

Dr. Hedrick: You have moved to Charlotte?
A. Yes.

VERDICT: Dr. Fred Eugene Wise, Jr. was approved for license by endorsement of credentials.

RE: Dr. Leonard A. Burgin appeared applying for license by endorsement of credentials, limited to Duke University School of Medicine, and said he was a clinical fellow in medicine.

Dr. Thompson: How long have you been at Duke ?
A. July 1st.

Q. Do you plan to be here after this period of service?
A. I do not know.

VERDICT: Dr. Leonard A. Burgin was approved for license by endorsement of credentials, limited to Duke University School of Medicine.

RE: Dr. Frank Warren Clippinger, Jr. appeared applying for endorsement of credentials, limited to Duke University School of Medicine, and stated he was a resident in orthopedics.

Dr. Thompson: How long have you been at Duke?

A. July 1st.

Q. Do you plan to be here after this period of service?

A. I do not know.

VERDICT: Dr. Frank Warren Clippinger, Jr. was approved for license by endorsement of credentials, limited to Duke University School of Medicine.

RE: Dr. Owen William Doyle appeared before the board at its May, 1954 meeting and applied for license by endorsement of credentials from the State of Michigan. However, Dr. Doyle was granted license in the State of Michigan on the basis of his National Board certificate and a special legalizing examination, which is required by the Michigan law. Dr. Doyle was advised at that time that it would be necessary for him to take the examinations of this board or that of another state medical board.

Upon inquiry from Dr. Doyle, the secretary advised that the North Carolina Board had endorsement relations with the State of Tennessee and that if credentials were presented from the secretary of the Tennessee Board, the same would be presented to the board, without his making another personal appearance.

Certification of license to Dr. Owen William Doyle on the basis of written examination granted July 9th, 1954, was received from the secretary of the Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners.

VERDICT: Dr. L. R. Doffermyre moved that Dr. Owen William Doyle be granted license by endorsement of credentials from the State of Tennessee. This motion was duly seconded and passed unanimously.

The following physicians were approved for license by endorsement of credentials :

<u>NAME</u>	<u>MEDICAL SCHOOL</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Jerome Herman Abramson Limited University North Carolina School Medicine	Vanderbilt	Chapel Hill, N. C.
Lawrence Kennedy Boggs Limited Charlotte Memorial and Good Samaritan Hospitals	Jefferson	Charlotte, N. C.
Leonard A. Burgin Limited Duke University School Medicine	Univ. Cincinnati	Durham, N. C.
Frank Warren Clippinger, Jr. Limited Duke University School Medicine	Washington Univ.	Durham, N. C.
Joyce Desmond Coughlin	Univ. Buffalo	Columbia, S. C.
Robert Henry Cress Limited Duke University School Medicine	Vanderbilt	Durham, N. C.
Owen William Doyle	Yale University	Washington, D. C.
George Frederick Elsasser, Jr. Limited Duke University School Medicine	Med. Coll. Va.	Durham, N. C.
Earl Eversole, Jr. Limited University North Carolina School Medicine	Univ. Tennessee	Chapel Hill, N. C.
Bruce Johnston Franz	Johns Hopkins	Asheville, N. C.
Walter Ralph Gaylor Limited Duke University School Medicine	Washington Univ.	Durham, N. C.
Rüdger Puckett Hiatt	Duke University	Winston-Salem, N. C.
Thomas Gray Hurdle	Med. Coll. Va.	Fayetteville, N. C.
Austin Taber Hyde, Jr. Limited Duke University School Medicine	Univ. Virginia	Durham, N. C.
Seward William Jabaut	Med. Coll. Va.	Lewisburg, W. Va.
Andrew Marshall Jamison, Jr.	Med. Coll. S. C.	Southern Pines, N. C.
Herbert Rubin Karp Limited Duke University School Medicine	Emory University	Durham, N. C.
Morris Lampert Limited University North Carolina School Medicine	Southwestern Univ.	Chapel Hill, N. C.



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James Monroe Lane	Med. Coll. S. C.	Kings Mountain, N. C.
Patrician Ann Lawrence	Univ. Virginia	Charlotte, N. C.
Gordon Douglas LaZerte	Tufts Med. Coll.	Charlotte, N. C.
R. Elizabeth Lombard	Med. Coll. Evan.	Rockwell, N. C.
Walter Coles Lusk II	Emory University	Durham, N. C.
Limited Duke University School Medicine		
Noah Drew Meadows, Jr.	Emory University	Winston-Salem, N. C.
Limited City Memorial Hospital		
Cornelius Trawick McDonald, Jr.	Med. Coll. Georgia	Chapel Hill, N. C.
Limited University North Carolina School Medicine		
Nelson Kneeland Ordway	Yale University	Chapel Hill, N. C.
John Atkinson Owen, Jr.	Univ. Virginia	Durham, N. C.
Limited Duke University School Medicine		
Robert Lewis Phillips	Jefferson	Durham, N. C.
Limited Duke University School Medicine		
Arthur Jergen Prange, Jr.	Univ. Michigan	Chapel Hill, N. C.
Limited University North Carolina School Medicine		
William R. Raulston	Univ. Tennessee	Durham, N. C.
Limited Duke University School Medicine		
Edward George Rosanelli	Georgetown Med. Sch.	Chapel Hill, N. C.
Limited University North Carolina School Medicine		
Robert Charles Shuman	Med. Coll. Georgia	Chapel Hill, N. C.
Limited University North Carolina School Medicine		
John Walter Webb, Jr.	Univ. Alabama	Durham, N. C.
Limited Duke University School Medicine		
Jefferson Earle White, Jr.	Emory University	Durham, N. C.
Limited Duke University School Medicine		
Fred Eugene Wise, Jr.	Med. Coll. Va.	Charlotte, N. C.

Hospital residents with no state license by which to apply for license by endorsement were interviewed as follows for special limited license:

RE: Dr. Walter Charles Beck, graduate of George Washington University School of Medicine, appeared applying for special limited license to Bowman Gray School of Medicine and stated that he is an assistant resident in pathology.

Dr. Doffermyre: You understand that your license will be special limited for residency training only since we do not recognize the National Board and that this in no way implies that you can get full license in this state unless you take our examination or that of another state board with which we have endorsement relations.

VERDICT: Dr. Walter Charles Beck was approved for special limited license to Bowman Gray School of Medicine to cover him as a resident there.

RE: Dr. Leon Kabakeris, graduate of the University of Lausanne, Switzerland, appeared with incomplete credentials, applying for special limited license to Bowman Gray School of Medicine and stated that he is a resident in radiology.

Dr. Doffermyre: You understand that your license will be special limited for residency training only and that this in no way implies that you can get full license in this state unless you take our examination or that of another state board with which we have endorsement relations.

VERDICT: Dr. Leon Kabakeris was approved for special limited license to Bowman Gray to cover him as a resident there, if and when his credentials are completed satisfactory to the secretary.

RE: Dr. Mary Helen McConnell, graduate of George Washington University School of Medicine, appeared applying for special limited license to Bowman Gray School of Medicine and stated that she is senior resident in pediatrics.

Dr. Doffermyre: You understand that your license will be special limited for residency training only since we do not recognize the National Board and that this in no way implies that you can get full license in this state unless you take our examination or that of another state board.



VERDICT: Dr. Mary Helen McConnell was approved for special limited license to Bowman Gray School of Medicine to cover her as a resident there.

RE: Dr. Theodore Melvin Odland, graduate of the University of Oregon School of Medicine, appeared applying for special limited license to Graylyn and stated that he is a resident there.

Dr. Doffermyre: You understand that your license will be special limited for residency training only and that this in no way implies that you can get full license in this state unless you take our examination or that of another state board with which we have endorsement relations.

VERDICT: Dr. Theodore Melvin Odland was approved for special limited license to Graylyn to cover him as a resident there.

Dr. Combs: You will not be able to procure narcotic license on this type of license.

The following physicians appeared applying for special limited license to cover them as residents at Duke University School of Medicine:

Dr. Richard Irvin Birchfield, graduate University of Washington School of Medicine - Credentials complete
 Dr. Thomas Leonard Gorsuch, graduate Duke University School of Medicine - Credentials complete
 Dr. Arthur Donald Merritt, graduate George Washington University School of Medicine - Credentials complete
 Dr. Doris Honig Merritt, graduate George Washington University School of Medicine - Credentials incomplete
 Dr. Henry Edwards Payson, graduate Duke University School of Medicine, Credentials incomplete
 Dr. Robert Proper, graduate New York Medical College, Credentials incomplete
 Cr. Clark Grant Reed, graduate Duke University School of Medicine, Credentials complete
 Dr. Arnold M. Weissler, graduate New York College Medicine, Credentials complete

Dr. Doffermyre: This special limited license, for which you are applying, should you receive it, in no way implies that you will be able to secure license in North Carolina until you have met our standards by written examination. It also does not entitle you to secure a narcotic stamp for the prescribing of narcotics.

For those with incomplete credentials, they were advised that all credentials must be in by August 10th.

VERDICT: The above physicians were approved for special limited license to Duke University School of Medicine, and for those with incomplete credentials, when the same are completed satisfactory to the secretary.

The following physicians appeared applying for special limited license to cover them as residents at the University of North Carolina School of Medicine:

Dr. Raphael Frank Borrelli, Jr., graduate Tufts Medical College - Credentials incomplete
 Dr. John William Caffey, Jr., graduate Duke University School of Medicine - Credentials complete
 Dr. Walter Hollander, Jr., graduate Harvard Medical School - Credentials complete
 Dr. Martin H. Keeler, graduate New York Medical College - Credentials incomplete
 Dr. Robert Wayne Winters, graduate Yale University School Medicine - Credentials complete



Dr. Doffermyre: This special limited license, for which you are applying, should you receive it, in no way implies that you will be able to secure license in North Carolina until you have met our standards by written examination. It also does not entitle you to secure a narcotic stamp for the prescribing of narcotics.

For those with incomplete credentials, they were advised that all credentials must be in by August 10th.

VERDICT: The above physicians were approved for special limited license to the University of North Carolina School of Medicine and for those with incomplete credentials, when the same are completed satisfactory to the secretary.

The following physicians appeared applying for special limited license to cover them as residents, postgraduate foreign exchange students, at Duke University School of Medicine:

Dr. James Eastwood Gibbons, graduate Queens University, Canada - Credentials complete

Dr. Jacqueline Cato Hymans, graduate University of Leyden, Holland - Credentials complete

Dr. Per Nyhus, graduate University of Norway - Credentials incomplete

Dr. Ali Sarioglu, graduate University of Istanbul, Turkey - Credentials incomplete

Dr. Harry Scott Thomson, graduate McGill University - Credentials complete

Dr. Gibbons stated that he was in the Department of Medicine and would be there two years.

Dr. Hymans stated that she was in the Department of Medicine and would be there two years.

Dr. Nyhus stated he was in the Department of Psychiatry and would be there two to three years. He presented his passport and the photograph which he left on file was compared with that on his passport.

Dr. Sarioglu stated he was in the Department of Pediatrics and would be there one year and after that would return to Turkey. He stated he had not received his passport from the Immigration Office.

Dr. Thomson said he would be there three years in the Department of Surgery.

Dr. Doffermyre: This special limited license, for which you are applying, should you receive it, in no way implies that you will be able to secure license in North Carolina. It also does not entitle you to secure a narcotic stamp for the prescribing of narcotics.

VERDICT: The above physicians were approved for special limited license to Duke University School of Medicine as foreign postgraduate exchange students, and for those with incomplete credentials, when the same are completed satisfactory to the secretary.

RE: Dr. Yu-chen Lee, resident at Watts Hospital beginning July 1st, 1954, requirements were forwarded Mr. Sample B. Forbus, Director of Watts Hospital on July 7th, 1954, at which time Mr. Forbus was advised that he should appear at this meeting. Dr. Yu-chen Lee did not appear.

VERDICT: The board directed the secretary to write Watts Hospital and to interview Dr. Yu-chen Lee.

The following physicians appeared applying for special limited license to cover them as residents, postgraduate foreign exchange students, as follows:

Dr. Fernandez Cordoba, graduate of University of Madrid, Spain, resident at Graylyn - Complete credentials
 Dr. N. Menemenli, graduate University of Istanbul, Turkey, resident at the Western North Carolina Sanatorium - Complete credentials
 Dr. Leonarda Palpal-Iatoc, graduate University of San Tomas, Phillipines, resident Bowman Gray School of Medicine - Credentials complete

Dr. Rousseau: This special limited license, should you receive it, in no way implies that you will be able to secure license in North Carolina. It does not entitle you to secure narcotic stamp for prescribing of narcotics.

VERDICT: The above physicians were approved for special limited license to their respective hospital as foreign exchange students.

RE: Foreign Graduates - Postgraduate Exchange Students

VERDICT: Dr. J. P. Rousseau moved that postgraduate foreign exchange students applying for special license, be limited to our three medical schools and our state institutions from this date on. This motion was duly seconded by Dr. L. R. Doffermyre and passed unanimously.

RE: Watts Hospital - The secretary presented the following letter under date of July 3rd, 1954 from the director of Watts Hospital:

"Dear Dr. Combs:

"May I refer to my conversation with you several months ago regarding the provisional or limited licensure of resident staff doctors who come to Watts Hospital either from other states in the United States, or from foreign countries; and, also, I would like to refer to your letter, dated February 5, 1954, to Dr. A. H. London.

"We now have on our Resident Staff Dr. Yu-chen Lee, who entered upon his service on July 1, 1954, having come direct from Formosa. We will have a Dr. Luis Guerrero Santana who will be coming direct to us from Cuba on September 1, 1954. We wish to see that these men obtain whatever type of provisional or limited license in North Carolina that is available under the regulations of the North Carolina Board of Medical Examiners.

"Both of these men have been permitted to come to this hospital on the Exchange-Visitor Program of the Department of State of the United States, which agency has approved the Watts Hospital training program and has placed us on its approved list.

"So far as known to us, it is the intention of these men to return to their native countries on the termination of their resident staff training.

"Will you please advise me what steps these men should take in this situation, and if any forms are necessary which you are able to supply, I will appreciate your sending me the required forms for their use in applying for such type of license as you are permitted to issue."

S/ "Sample B. Forbus, Director
 Watts Hospital"

The secretary called attention to the fact that when he discussed postgraduate foreign residents with Mr. Forbus, Director of Watts Hospital, and when he communicated with Dr. London, such residents were granted special limited license to hospitals affiliated with the medical schools; that at the May, 1954 meeting the board ruled that these residents could no longer serve at City Memorial Hospital.

RE: Dr. Yu-chen Lee

Dr. Luis Guerrero Santana - These physicians were referred to in the letter from the Director of Watts Hospital and are postgraduate foreign exchange students. Dr. Lee began his residency on July 1st, 1954 and Dr. Santana will go there September 1st, 1954.

VERDICT: Dr. J. P. Rousseau moved that Dr. Yu-chen Lee and Dr. Luis Guerrero Santana be accepted for postgraduate foreign exchange residents at Watts Hospital. This motion was duly seconded and passed unanimously.

RE: Dr. B. A. Harris, Grade B graduate - Community Hospital - See previous Minutes - Dr. Amos N. Johnson presented from Dr. W. C. Mebane, Wilmington, North Carolina, letter under date of June 23rd, 1954, stating that Dr. Harris left the Community Hospital on June 1st. That he understood he was contemplating taking a course in New York which he had been advised by the Medical Board of Examiners would qualify him for license in North Carolina; that the hospital is willing to pay for this course if the board would be willing to license him.

VERDICT: Dr. Amos N. Johnson moved that the secretary reply to Dr. W. C. Mebane 's letter setting out the requirements for medical license in North Carolina. This motion was duly seconded and passed unanimously.

RE: James Walker Hospital, Wilmington, North Carolina

VERDICT: Dr. Amos N. Johnson moved that the secretary write the administrator of James Walker Memorial Hospital, with a copy to Dr. Donald B. Koonce, Councilor, and himself, requesting a list of internes and residents, the day, month and year they came there, their home address and medical school from which graduated. This motion was duly seconded by Dr. L. R. Doffermyre and passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned.

2 P. M. Friday, July 30th.

RE: Dr. David E. Plummer - See previous Minutes - As per the direction of the board, on May 6th, 1954, Dr. Plummer was charged as follows:

"1. That during the period of time from January 14th, 1952 to April 14th, 1953, you sold, dealt in and dispensed narcotic drugs without being registered in accordance with the provisions of the Harrison Narcotic Act, as amended, and during that time you wrote prescriptions for various persons for the use of narcotic drugs without having a license so to do.

"2. That at the October Term, 1953, Salisbury Division of the District Court for the Middle District of North Carolina, you entered a plea of guilty to the following charge and bill of indictment.

'During the period of time from January 14, 1952, to April 14, 1953, in the Middle District of North Carolina, Dr. David E. Plummer, a person required to registered under the provisions of the Harrison Narcotic Act, as amended, sold, dealt in and dispensed narcotic drugs without being registered, that is during that time he wrote prescriptions in the number of two hundred or more without a license so to do.'

"3. That in the above respect you are guilty of dishonorable and unprofessional conduct unworthy of, and affecting the practice of your profession.

"You are further given notice that a hearing upon the foregoing will be held before the Board of Medical Examiners of the State of North Carolina in the Elizabeth Room, Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, North Carolina, at 3:00 o'clock P.: M. Monday, June 21st, 1954, at which time you will be given

an opportunity to answer to said charges and to present evidence or witnesses on your own behalf and to cross-examine any witnesses, either personally or through counsel, if you so desire, and that in the meantime the board will receive any written answer which you may desire to make concerning such charges, although you are not required to make such answer.

"You are further given notice that following said hearing the Board of Medical Examiners will make its decision concerning the truth or falsity of such charges and will take such action regarding the suspension or revocation of your license to practice medicine as the facts and circumstances justify.

"This the 6th day of May, 1954."

SEAL

S/ "Jos. J. Combs, M. D., Secretary
"BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS OF THE
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA"

The attorney for Dr. Plummer thereupon asked for a continuance of the hearing to on or about July 15th, 1954 and Dr. Plummer asked for the hearing to be conducted in Davidson County, the county of his residence, which was his right by statute. At the June, 1954 meeting the board granted both requests, that the hearing be held in Davidson County July 16th, 1954, with Dr. J. P. Rousseau the hearing examiner.

Prior to the hearing many letters and petitions on Dr. Plummer's behalf were forwarded to the secretary's office.

This hearing was held at the appointed time and place by Dr. J. P. Rousseau, with Attorney John H. Anderson. It was a lengthy hearing, Dr. Plummer was represented by his attorney E. L. Alston, and numerous witnesses were presented by the defendant. The testimony was taken by a court reporter and transcript furnished, which is on file.

Dr. Plummer, with his attorney, was granted the privilege of appearing before the board at this meeting.

The secretary presented the following letter under date of July 27th, 1954 from Dr. James A. Grider, Jr., Clinical Director of the United States Public Health Service Hospital of Lexington, Kentucky:

"Dear Dr. Combs:

I am replying to your letter of July 19, 1954, regarding the hospitalization of Dr. David A. Plummer. Acknowledgement is made of a telephone call this date to expedite this reply.

"Dr. Plummer was admitted to this hospital on October 25, 1953 as a prisoner patient and was discharged from this hospital on parole on April 2, 1954. At the time of his admission to this hospital neither the patient's history nor physical findings indicated that he was actively addicted to narcotics. A certified urine examination for barbiturates and opiates under date of October 25, 1953 was also negative. As far as the hospital records indicate this patient did not receive any narcotic drugs during his hospitalization. It was noted at the time of admission by the examining physician that the patient could not be declared an addict on the basis of the present examination. However, this hospital does not undertake the functions of the court and is required by law to accept federal prisoners and probationers for treatment. Except for some rather strong feelings and resentment about being sent here, such feelings being elicited by psychiatric interview and psychological testing, the patient accepted his hospitalization reasonably well and did not cause any disciplinary problems. Our psychiatric diagnosis at the time of discharge was adult situational reaction with depression. I can only repeat that the patient showed no signs of active addiction during his hospitalization.

S/ "James A. Grider, Jr.
Clinical Director"



Attorney Anderson reported as follows on the hearing: Evidence presented on behalf of the board consisted of reading the charges in the Federal Court and sentence, which was to the effect that during the period of January 14th to April 14th, 1953 Dr. Plummer had written 200 or more prescriptions for narcotics in the name of various individuals at a time when he did not have a permit and was not registered with the Federal Narcotic Bureau and his narcotic was surrendered by him a year before that time and under the circumstances which were described by Mr. Atkinson as being substantially as follows: Mr. Atkinson had had reports that indicated that Dr. Plummer was addicted to the use of some narcotic drug and that as a result of his investigation, reports and rumors, Mr. Atkinson went to Dr. Plummer to discuss it with him. After discussing it with Dr. Plummer a few minutes, as I gathered, and without much argument Dr. Plummer voluntarily surrendered his narcotic permit. Mr. Atkinson at that time stated that he did not threaten Dr. Plummer, he did not offer him any inducement to surrender it, but that between them in the discussion Dr. Plummer just voluntarily said that if that is what they think, I will give it up and not write any more and he gave up his permit. Mr. Atkinson testified further that he had investigated these prescriptions, 200 or more, which he presented, and that he did not find that the prescriptions were written for other than patients who actually received the drugs. He was asked the question as to whether or not any of the prescriptions presumably did not reach the patient and he answered that he did not find that to be the case; that according to information obtained from the druggist he filled them as far as they could recall, the drugs were called for and got to the patients.

Dr. Rousseau: Dr. Plummer, however, admitted that frequently those drugs were delivered to his office because he was in a rural community; that he paid for them himself and sometimes charged the patient when he delivered them himself.

Mr. Anderson: On that point we had no evidence other than those two statements whether the drugs got to the patient or whether Dr. Plummer used the drugs during that period. The attorney offered to subpoena each individual named on the prescriptions as to whether or not they received the drugs called for by the prescriptions. That was not gone into further according to a statement by Dr. Rousseau that we were not trying him on whether or not the drugs reached the patient. Of course, that was an important element in the case of moral turpitude, whether he wrote them for legitimate medical purposes for other people or for himself under the guise of patients. We were unable to produce any evidence to the contrary. Mr. Atkinson testified that Dr. Plummer told him that he had at one time been addicted to the use of codeine. Dr. Plummer denied that and denied that he had told Mr. Atkinson he was addicted to the use of any drug. Mr. Atkinson had heard rumors concerning the use of drugs by Dr. Plummer but they were not substantiated by his investigation. In fact Mr. Atkinson did not go into the subject of addiction in his investigation so he was unable to give me evidence on that point. Mr. Atkinson did testify that he was told by someone whom he did not identify that the highway patrolman had found Dr. Plummer off the highway in his car under the influence of something, not alcohol, asleep and groggy. Dr. Plummer denied that or stated that he could not recall any such occasion that occurred. That was substantially the evidence. As you know, Dr. Plummer plead guilty in the Federal Court for writing these prescriptions and was sentenced to serve 12 months in an institution with the request that he be sent to the hospital at Lexington.

Dr. Combs: Was it brought out he was directly advised by the Bureau of Internal Revenue not to write any prescriptions and then continued to do it?

Mr. Anderson: Yes. On that point Dr. Plummer admits he wrote them without a permit. He was a little bit hazy as to his reason for writing them. His excuse was his patients needed the drugs and that he misunderstood the law; that in July, 1952 he received a registration blank for re-registration under the Federal Narcotic Law and he filled that blank out and sent in \$1.00 to re-register. That under date of July 30th he received a letter from the head of the Narcotic Bureau saying that the records disclosed that his registration was cancelled January 14th, 1952 for one year and that at the expiration of this time suggested that he file form 678 for a new registration; that the \$1.00 held might be used in payment of the tax at that time. When I asked him as to his understanding of this letter he said he

understood this meant he would not have a permit to write prescriptions for narcotic drugs and he admitted he realized it was necessary for him to receive a renewal of his permit to write such prescriptions on a new permit. We did not exactly clear up at that point in cross-examination of Dr. Plummer whether or not he wrote these prescriptions under the mistaken view that he thought it was a routine matter that he would be able to write some prescriptions at the expiration of cancellation for a year or whether he knew he was to re-register and get a new permit. He admitted he knew he should get a new permit and in the next breath said he thought he could write prescriptions at the expiration of one year.

Dr. Rousseau: He said he remembered the letter and knew what it meant when he got it but during the interval from July to January he had forgotten about this letter and did not remember about it and went on writing prescriptions and this letter was not found until he got back from Lexington; that his wife found it while he was in Lexington, Kentucky.

Mr. Anderson: Dr. Plummer in his own behalf testified that at the time Mr. Atkinson came to him to discuss the rumors that he knew there was nothing to the rumors that he was an addict but in order to avoid having any discussion of the matter with the Board of Medical Examiners and in order to avoid any suggestion publically that he was an addict, he preferred and readily agreed to surrender his narcotic permit and that was his only reason for doing that and further in answer to my question, whether that would prevent him from writing prescriptions, whether he needed such a privilege in his practice, he said that he did need it, but I understood from Mr. Atkinson specifically that it would be preferable for him to have another physician write prescriptions for his patients during the time his narcotic permit was in cancellation. Dr. Plummer said he discussed that with Mr. Atkinson and he said that would be a method whereby his patients could be supplied with drugs needed during that time; that Mr. Atkinson said that practice was followed for the years before he could write them. He did not name the physician who wrote those prescriptions. Dr. Plummer said he did not want to identify any other person who might be involved, which might be a suggestion of wrong doing by them, which he said was all right and was properly done and in accordance with that he understood he could do from Mr. Atkinson. Dr. Plummer denied he was ever addicted to the use of narcotic drugs; that he had been suffering from a back injury received during the war and during the time he suffered from the back injury, he was suffering from asthma and that he took for the back injury some doses of codeine and he got up to the point he was taking as much as five grains a day, presumably for the back injury. He also stated for kidney stones he took codeine and that it was prescribed for him by his attending physician and the only time he took any narcotic drugs was on order from his physician, whether for back injury or kidney stones and on those occasions was sometimes in the hospital.

Dr. Rousseau: Did he not say he took morphine and demerol prescribed by the physicians and sometimes he took it himself without order of another physician? That he said he had taken drugs for kidney stones. Dr. Plummer stated he had taken bendril several years for asthma; that he could go along until three or four P. M., would seem to accumulate and he would get sleepy. That the drug was prescribed for him. He said he did not take anything now, even an aspirin. He testified that he was not addicted and was not treated for addiction at the United States Public Health Service Hospital.

Mr. Anderson: Mr. Steed, previous attorney, said he thought when first indicted that he was a sick man and probably should go away for treatment; that Dr. Plummer disagreed and it was necessary to withdraw from the case. Two doctors testified admitting that they had heard rumors that he had been using some drug; that they knew very little. I asked them if they felt the rumors were malicious and they said no. Two ministers testified and said they had heard rumors that he was using some drugs. I asked if they thought they were malicious and they said they did not. The only information we could get was on rumors and the way he answered questions. Characterwitnesses were presented. Most of them said they had heard rumors that he was addicted but they did not think they were malicious.

Mr. Anderson stated that it was a felony to prescribe narcotic drugs without a narcotic registration. That Judge Hayes obviously took into consideration in his sentence not to involve citizenship when he sentenced him to one year instead of a year and a day.

Dr. Plummer appeared with Attorney Alston. A mimeographed argument had previously been sent to the members of the board. Dr. Plummer said he did not desire to make a statement.

After reading all the transcript of the record and all the mimeographed argument of counsel for Dr. Plummer by each individual member of the board and after appearance before the full board by Dr. Plummer individually and by his counsel, the verdict of the board was as follows:

1. That Dr. Plummer is guilty as charged in count 1.
2. That Dr. Plummer is guilty as charged in count 2.
3. That Dr. Plummer is guilty as charged in count 3.

and upon such findings and upon motion of Dr. J. P. Rousseau, seconded by Dr. Amos N. Johnson, it is resolved that Dr. David E. Plummer's license to practice medicine in the State of North Carolina be and the same is hereby revoked, but that execution of this revocation of license be suspended on the condition that Dr. Plummer shall not violate any provision of the Medical Practice Act of North Carolina and remain of good behavior for a period of two years from this date.

Substitute motion - Dr. N. P. Battle: That the motion be amended to strike out the provision suspending the sentence of revocation. This motion failed for the want of a second.

The original motion carried six to one. Dr. Battle voted in the negative for the reason that he did not think Dr. David E. Plummer should practice medicine.

RE: Licensure on Basis of National Board - Ruling of the Attorney General - The secretary presented his letter of inquiry under date of July 14th to the Attorney General as follows:

"Dear Mr. McMullan:

"As you will recall, last year you advised the Board of Medical Examiners of the State of North Carolina that it did not have authority under the statutes to issue a license to an applicant certified as having passed the examination given by the National Board of Medical Examiners, without requiring such applicant to stand and pass an examination given by the Board of Medical Examiners of the State of North Carolina.

"Since receipt of that opinion, quite a number of inquiries have been received by this Board from physicians holding licenses issued by the various Boards of Medical Examiners of the State of North Carolina from the period of about 1930 to the receipt of your ruling last year, which licenses were issued without examination and based upon passage by the applicants of the examinations given by the National Board of Medical Examiners. These inquiries concern the status of the holders of such licenses and various questions as to whether or not such licenses could be successfully attacked in criminal or civil proceedings in the Courts of this State or before succeeding Boards of Medical Examiners of the State of North Carolina and whether or not such physicians should be required to take or are eligible now to stand an examination by this Board for the purpose of receiving confirmation or a re-issuance of their licenses to practice medicine in this State.

"In order to clarify the status of the holders of licenses previously issued by this Board without examination and based upon certification of their having passed the examinations given by the National Board of Medical Examiners, and the authority and duty of this Board with respect to the holders



"of such licenses, I have been requested by the Board to ask your advice and opinion upon the following questions, namely:

"1. Are the holders of licenses issued by the Board of Medical Examiners of North Carolina, based upon certification that the applicants for the same have successfully passed examinations concerning learning and knowledge and their mental qualifications to practice medicine, without having passed an examination given by the Board of Medical Examiners of the State of North Carolina, entitled to continue to practice medicine in this State until such time as the licenses to practice medicine should be suspended or revoked by the Board of Medical Examiners of the State of North Carolina?

"(a) Can such licenses to practice medicine be attacked in any proceeding in criminal court of this State brought against the holder of such license?

"(b) Can such licenses to practice medicine be attacked in any action brought against the holder of such a license in the civil court of this State?

"(c) Can the right of a holder of such a license be successfully questioned or attacked in any criminal or civil proceeding in the Court of this State in which the holder of such a license should appear as a witness?

"2. What is the status of such a license or the holder of such a license with respect to the present or future Boards of Medical Examiners of the State of North Carolina, that is:

"(a) Should the present Board of Medical Examiners require the holders of such licenses to surrender them or to stand and pass an examination given by this Board before being permitted to continue the practice of medicine in this State?

"(b) Does the present Board or will any future Board of Medical Examiners of North Carolina possess the authority or right to question or revoke such licenses heretofore issued by a Board of Medical Examiners of the State of North Carolina in good faith and based upon certification of passage of the examination given by the National Board of Medical Examiners?

"Your advise and opinion upon these questions will be greatly appreciated as it will be of great assistance to the Board in the administration of its duties."

S/ "JOSEPH J. COMBS, Secretary
NORTH CAROLINA BOARD MEDICAL EXAMINERS"

The following is the reply of the Attorney General under date of July 15th, 1954:

"Dear Dr. Combs: RE: Various Questions Concerning Authority of Board of Medical Examiners; Authority to Review Action of Former Boards

"In your letter of the 14th of July, 1954, you ask a number of questions on the above subject. Without repeating these questions in this letter, they are answered in the order stated:

"1. Holders of licenses issued by the Board of Medical Examiners of North Carolina based upon certification that the applicants have successfully passed examinations given by a board other than the North Carolina Board concerning their learning, knowledge, and qualifications to practice medicine are entitled to continue to practice medicine in this State until such time as their licenses shall have been suspended or revoked by the Board for cause as by law provided.



"(a) (b) I do not think that a criminal action for practicing medicine without a license would lie against a person licensed under the circumstances outlined in your letter. The persons referred to, in good faith, took such examination as was required of them by the Board charged with giving the proper examination at the time certificates were issued. Any indictment would fail because of the absence of the necessary element of intent to commit the offense.

"It is not thought an action would lie in the courts of the State to revoke a license to practice medicine. Proceedings to revoke or suspend a license may be instituted only before the State Board of Medical Examiners. See G. S. 90-14. An appeal to the Superior Court may be taken by the person adversely affected. See STATE v. CARROLL, 194 N. C. 37.

"(c) A person holding a license to practice medicine may be questioned on the witness stand as to whether he is qualified expert in his field of knowledge. It is for the Judge presiding to determine whether or not he is an expert, and his decision is not reviewable unless arbitrary.

"2. (a) (b) The present Board would have no authority to question the discretionary action of a former Board in issuing a license to an applicant to practice medicine. By issuing an applicant a license to practice, such former Board certified that it had examined the applicant and found him qualified to practice medicine in this State. The fact that in issuing the certificates the former Board gave the applicant credit for having passed the examination given by the National Board of Medical Examiners, instead of requiring him to actually take the examination given by the State Board, would not, in my opinion, justify the present or some future Board penalizing the holder of such a certificate by suspending or revoking the license until the person concerned shall have passed an examination actually given by the present or some future Board.

"There is no suggestion of fraud in the action of the former Boards in issuing the certificates under the circumstances outlined in your letter. The applicants who received their certificates had no control over the procedure. They did all that was required of them by the former Boards. Had the former Boards required them to take further examinations, they would have been forced to do so, otherwise they would not have been licensed to practice. Although the former Boards misconstrued the law, or, indeed, they may have been ignorant of its technical provisions, they in fact examined the applicants as to their qualifications to practice medicine, they declared them proficient in this field and issued their certificates accordingly. To say now that the present or some future Board has the right or authority to go back and review the actions of former Boards, extending over a period of 20 or more years, and say that these former Boards misconstrued the law, and that the certificates to practice medicine issued under this misconception are void would, in my opinion, be unjustified and without sanction of law."

S/ HARRY McMULLAN, Attorney General
By: T. W. BRUTON
Assistant Attorney General"



RE: Federation of State Medical Board - Executive Committee Meeting

VERDICT: That the board is interested that the secretary attend this meeting and that his expenses be born by the board if the Federation does not pay the same.

RE: Dr. Harold A. Wood, Washington, D. C., appeared and stated that he graduated in 1909 from Baltimore Medical College, after which it merged with the University of Maryland. That he wanted to procure license by reciprocity in the State of Maryland, the University of Maryland was unable to find his records and it was suggested that he ask the board about furnishing photostatic copy of his application to show credentials and they issued license.

Dr. Combs: Where did you take your original examination and when?
A. Main in 1909.

Q. Where have you practiced?
A. Washington. After I took the board I spent five years training in surgery, while with DuPont in training I took the Virginia Board and they have the record of the college. Finished with DuPont in 1919 then had license in Virginia. Practiced on the border of Virginia, near Washington. I then got license by reciprocity from Virginia in District of Columbia and have been there since 1924.

Q. The fact is you will not be able to get certification from the dean?
A. I could not get it when I got reciprocity in Maryland.

Q. What are your plans as to North Carolina?
A. Mrs. Wood and I always liked North Carolina. We would go through going to Florida and to Pinehurst. We intended to do it. Three years ago I sold investment properties in Washington and went to Atlanta and bought property.

Q. Did you practice in Atlanta?
A. No.

Q. You are still in Washington?
A. I wanted to get my investments sound. This year in the middle of March Mrs. Wood expired. The only thing I would like is to come to North Carolina. I do not know where I would locate.

Q. What type of practice?
A. I would like to give up general surgery and open an office and do some office work and take it a little easier.

Q. How old are you?
A. 66. I am operating every day and see 30 to 40 patients in the office.

Q. Are you alone?
A. Yes. When I go on vacation I have someone take over.

Dr. Hedrick: Would this be year round practice?
A. Yes. I might go to Florida a month.

Dr. Doffermyre: Do you hold Florida license?
A. No.

Dr. Combs: We are against seasonal practice in this state. If you practiced in the summer here and go to Florida for the winter it would look like seasonal practice.
A. I think I know that. My son is an oral surgeon in Washington. He has always wanted to come down here. He still wants to come here and is going to take the dental board the next meeting.



Dr. Combs: At the time you took the Virginia license, was your school in operation and could be certified?

A. No. I took it while with DuPont between 1917-1919.

Q. You were able to satisfy the Virginia Board?

A. Yes.

Dr. Doffermyre: Are you a board certified surgeon?

A. No. In Washington I had been there so many years I did not take it.

Dr. Combs: If you were granted license in North Carolina and began a permanent residency, you would probably make investments in this state?

A. I probably would.

Dr. Combs: It is the policy of the board that it would not grant license by endorsement until the applicant came to the state as a permanent resident.

VERDICT: The board directed the secretary to procure information from all boards by which Dr. Harold A. Wood has been licensed and present to the October meeting.

RE: Dr. W. D. Gibson - See Minutes June, 1954 - Letters furnished by Dr. Gibson since the June, 1954 meeting and report from Attorney Anderson were presented to the board.

VERDICT: The board felt that it did not have sufficient information at this time to warrant taking action.

The meeting was adjourned.

Friday, July 30th - 8 P. M.

RE: Dr. Horton Camp, Pittsboro, North Carolina - The secretary reported that Dr. Camp came in to see him July 12th, 1954 and referred to his difficulties in this state beginning in 1949. He stated that he left the Veterans Administration Hospital in Roanoke, Virginia in 1952 about August and had been working in the Civil Service Department since that time. He said he had taken no medicine for the past year, not even an aspirin. The secretary and assistant secretary reviewed the minutes of the action of the previous board and saw no reason why Dr. Camp should not go on back and take up practice. Dr. Camp agreed not to apply for narcotic license until he contacted the secretary again.

RE: Dr. Jack Harrell Neese - See previous Minutes - Report from Bureau of Vital Statistics revealed that Dr. Neese expired February 16th, 1954.

RE: Dr. John F. Gallagher - See Minutes June, 1954, with reference to Dr. Gallagher's application for licensure by endorsement.

VERDICT: Dr. N. P. Battle moved that when Dr. John F. Gallagher furnishes sufficient evidence that he has become a permanent resident of the State of North Carolina, provided this is prior to August 1st, 1955, that he be granted license by endorsement of credentials. This motion was duly seconded by Dr. C. R. Hedrick and passed unanimously.

RE: Dr. Joseph Charles Placak, Cleveland, Ohio - In August, 1952 Dr. Placak was approved for license by endorsement if he located in the state by July 1st, 1954. No further word was received from Dr. Placak, therefore, he was refunded fee on July 13th, 1954.

RE: Dr. Wayne Edward Davis was granted license limited to Bowman Gray School of Medicine in July, 1951. Dr. Davis has applied for conversion to full license and advised that he planned to begin practice in urology in Winston-Salem.



VERDICT: Dr. Wayne Edward Davis was approved for full license by endorsement of credentials.

RE: Dr. Thomas Melvin Prescott was granted limited license to Charlotte Memorial Hospital in October, 1952. He has applied for conversion to full license and stated that his permanent address is Charlotte, North Carolina.

VERDICT: Dr. Thomas Melvin Prescott was approved for full license by endorsement of credentials, if and when he meets all the requirements of the board.

RE: Dr. Richard Grey Weaver was granted limited license to Bowman Gray School of Medicine in August, 1953. Dr. Weaver has applied for conversion to full license and advised that he planned to practice in Winston-Salem.

VERDICT: Dr. Richard Grey Weaver was approved for full license by endorsement of credentials.

RE: Special Limited License - The following physicians, who hold special limited license in a residency training program, have applied to extend said licenses for one year:

Dr. V. B. Walter Cherney
 Dr. Audrey Marie Connar
 Dr. Charles David Cooper
 Dr. Paul F. Green, Jr.
 Dr. George A. Kelser, Jr.
 Dr. George A. Ros
 Dr. Claude Anthony Tait

VERDICT: The board approved extension of special limited license for one year to the above-named physicians.

RE: Dr. Ingeborg Kremer
Dr. Otto Kremer

Both of the Doctors Kremer were previously at the North Carolina Sanatorium at McCain. They are graduates of the University of Munich. They have returned there and have requested the privilege of resuming their duties on the staff. They paid the clerical fee of \$10.00 in June, 1952.

VERDICT: Dr. Clyde R. Hedrick moved that Dr. Ingeborg Kremer and Dr. Otto Kremer be granted special limited license to the North Carolina Sanatoria upon payment of the fee of \$50.00, with the understanding that they can not obtain a full license. This motion was duly seconded and passed unanimously.

The following physicians granted special limited license August 1st, 1953, have not made application for continuation of the same: Dr. Carlos J. Cortes, Dr. Ben F. Huntley and Dr. Ramon Vigil.

VERDICT: Dr. L. R. Doffermyre moved that the secretary be directed to ascertain if the above-named physicians have left their respective institutions and if not, that they be advised to cease work. This motion was duly seconded by Dr. Clyde R. Hedrick and passed unanimously.

RE: Financial Report - The treasurer reported that the balance as of June 30th, 1954 was \$21,555.35 and that \$10,000.00 was deposited on savings on July 2nd, 1954 with the First Federal Savings and Loan Association.

RE: Meeting of the Board - January 16-17th, 1953 at Winston-Salem, North Carolina, was set for a meeting of the board.

RE: James P. Hightower and J. S. Wigham, Jr., Winston-Salem - Naturopaths - A report has been received by the secretary of investigation by the



State Bureau of Investigation with reference to these naturopaths practicing medicine without a license, with the advice that the investigation is pending in an attempt to procure more concrete evidence.

RE: Dr. Nathan Schwartz, Goldsboro, North Carolina - A report has been received by the secretary of the investigation by the State Bureau of Investigation with reference to excessive prescribing of narcotic drugs.

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VERDICT: The board directed that Dr./Schwartz be investigated and invited to appear before the board at its next meeting.

RE: Corporate Practice of Medicine - Dr. L. R. Doffermyre moved that Dr. J. P. Rousseau work with Attorney John H. Anderson in preparing an hypothetical case in regard to the corporate practice of medicine to present to the Attorney General. This motion was duly seconded by Dr. J. J. Combs and passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned.

Saturday, July 31st - 9:30 A. M.

RE: Dr. Victor H. Frankel, applicant for license by endorsement, limited to Charlotte Memorial Hospital, failed to appear at the appointed time July 30th. The secretary called the hospital and directed that he appear at this time. Dr. Frankel appeared without credentials and stated that he had just arrived at the hospital; that he was on terminal leave.

Dr. Thompson: How long do you expect to be there?
A. About one year.

Dr. Combs: Do you have any plans as to North Carolina?
A. I do not know. I have been at Fort Bragg 1½ years. We like North Carolina very much.

VERDICT: Dr. Victor H. Frankel was approved for license by endorsement of credentials, limited to Charlotte Memorial Hospital, if and when his credentials are approved satisfactory to the secretary.

RE: Dr. Robert C. Johnson, applicant for license by endorsement, limited to Charlotte Memorial Hospital, failed to appear at the appointed time July 30th. The secretary called the hospital and directed that he appear at this time. Dr. Johnson did not appear and no word was received from him.

VERDICT: Dr. N. P. Battle moved that Dr. Robert C. Johnson stop work until October, 1954, at the discretion of the secretary. This motion was duly seconded by Dr. Amos N. Johnson and passed unanimously.

RE: Written Examination Grades - The board canvassed the grades of the written examination given June 21-24, 1954 and certified the same. All applicants made a passing average of 75% or more with the following exceptions:

Dr. John Landrum Bobo, Jr. - Part II failed
Dr. John Ezra Hingeley - Parts I and II failed

RE: Minutes May and June, 1954 - Dr. Amos N. Johnson moved that these Minutes be approved as read. This motion was duly seconded and passed unanimously.

RE: Per Diem Preparing and Grading Examinations - Dr. Clyde R. Hedrick moved that this per diem be increased to 20 days. This motion was duly seconded by Dr. L. R. Doffermyre and passed unanimously.

RE: Foreign Graduates - Special Limited License - State Institutions -

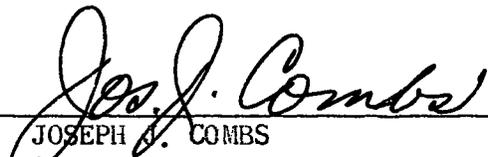
VERDICT: Dr. J. J. Combs moved that for foreign applicants coming into our state institutions, before final arrangements for employment, the medical

directors of the various state institutions shall submit to the secretary's office the original application for employment, Form PD-107, for the permanent record of the Board of Medical Examiners; and a committee of the board will give the medical director of the institution an opinion as to whether this individual can obtain a special limited license to work in one of the state institutions.

The secretary shall then mail to that medical director, who in turn should mail to the prospective employee, the requirements for credentials that the North Carolina Board of Medical Examiners will require submitted to the board before that applicant will be able to obtain the special limited license. The board will empower the committee to grant a permit for that individual to go to work in the state institutions until he can appear before the full board at its next regular meeting, provided all the credentials are in order. This motion was duly seconded by Dr. Amos N. Johnson and passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned.

Signed


JOSEPH J. COMBS
Secretary-Treasurer

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