

ate is juvenile. One cannot do without the other, and we must each understand the other side. I am happy to report that I believe research is not to be cut back nor neglected, but many departments are now making efforts to upgrade their clinical teaching, and this is good.

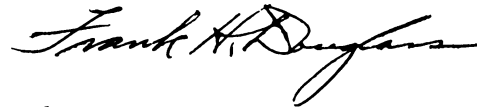
The Committee on International Child Health has been very active, and they have in operation now an exchange program at the professional level. With us at this meeting is Dr. Lazaro Benavides of Mexico, who has just completed a series of clinics, conferences, and lectures at several of our medical schools from Texas to New York. It is hoped these exchange professorships can soon be expanded to other of the Latin American countries. They have a great deal to offer us and they are anxious for all the educational help we can give them.

A new plan has been arranged whereby District Committees will meet on alternate years. Districts I, III, VII, and VIII will meet in 1964-65; and Districts II, IV, V,

VI, and X will meet in 1965-66. We hope in this way to improve the liaison, rapport, and understanding between the individual members and the Executive Board.

I wish to pay tribute to the Executive Board for their study and judgment of every item brought before them. I have never worked with a finer, more dedicated group of men. To the Central Office staff—Drs. Christopherson, Frazier, and Harrison, Mr. Becker, Jerry Anderson, and all the girls who have so willingly helped make this year a great year for me. I cannot find words to tell you what an asset we have in “Chris”—He is Mr. Academy.

And to all of you who have given me the highest honor of my life, my thanks. Every minute of this year in this office has been a joy.



October, 1964

## GRULEE AWARD PRESENTATION

**G**EORGE M. WHEATLEY, the recipient of the Clifford G. Grulee Award of the American Academy of Pediatrics for 1964, was born in Baltimore, Maryland, in 1909. After graduation from the University of Virginia, George Wheatley attended Harvard University School of Medicine and received the M.D. degree in 1933.

Following an internship, there was a residency at Harriet Lane and a Fellowship in Pediatrics at New York Postgraduate Hospital. Dr. Wheatley then served as the Pediatrician in charge of school health services for New York City until 1940 when he decided to return to studies and attended Columbia University where he earned a Master of Public Health in 1942. He was also certified by the American Board of Pediatrics in 1942.

From 1942 to 1947 Dr. Wheatley was on the staff of the Children's Bureau following which he joined the Health Division of

the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company where he has served since 1947.

In 1949 Dr. Wheatley was certified by the American Board of Preventative Medicine. He is a Senior Surgeon in the U.S. Public Health Service Reserve and is Vice-President for Health of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company.

George Wheatley has served on many committees and has held many appointments on the national level and in New York. He is a member and on the Board of Directors of the American Public Health Association. He has served on the Board of Directors of the National Safety Council and the National Health Council. He is a consultant to the World Health Organization and is a member of the American Pediatric Society.

Dr. Wheatley served as President of the American Academy of Pediatrics in 1960-61, and was a District Chairman for Dis-

trict II and a member of the Executive Board from 1955 to 1959. Everyone recognizes these services as outstanding and of tremendous importance to the Academy.

However, it is not for such services that Dr. Wheatley is being recognized today. The Grulee Award is being presented to this Past President for his contributions to the Academy programs for improving child health in capacities other than President and District Chairman. These contributions include serving as founder and the first Chairman of the Committee on Accident Prevention, as Chairman of the Committee on Rheumatic Fever, as Chairman of the Committee on International Child Health,

and as a member of the Committees on the Improvement of Child Health, School Health, Environmental Hazards, and Nomination.

It is generally recognized that Dr. Wheatley was one of the prime forces responsible for bringing to the attention of physicians and the public the importance of accidents as a cause of death and disability during childhood.

It is in recognition of these outstanding and numerous contributions to the programs of the Academy that I take the pleasure of presenting you with the Clifford G. Grulee Award medal of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

## THE 1964 STATE CHAPTER AWARD

This year we inaugurate the State Chapter Award of the American Academy of Pediatrics. Made possible by a grant from Wyeth Laboratories and established to pay recognition to State Chapters for outstanding programs in furtherance of the Academy's objectives, the award consists of a check for \$2,500, to be used by the chapter to further improve its program, and a handsome plaque.

To initiate this award, the Executive Committee of the Academy has selected as the recipient the State Chapter known as Section 2, District II (New York) under the chairmanship of Dr. Herbert L. Elias. Section 2 of District II is made up of the pediatricians practicing or working on Long Island. This chapter has been recognized for a broad program actively pursued, to further the best interests of pediatrics and child health. More specifically, Section 2 of New York was the first chapter to publish a News Letter, known as the *Long Island Pediatrician*, and published for ten years.

This was also the first Academy chapter to present continuing postgraduate courses. These are presented each fall on three evenings a week for six or seven sessions. The Chapter's "Directory of Services for the Handicapped Child" lists and describes the various services in the Long Island and New York area. Of its many active committees those on Fetus and Newborn, Juvenile Delinquency, the Handicapped Child, School Health, Accident Prevention, Hospital Outpatient Care and Postgraduate Courses, have had community programs in the past year.

Of several past State Chairmen who have contributed considerably to this fine program, we should mention Thurman B. Givan, John A. Monfort, Harry R. Litchfield, Samuel Karelitz and now Herbert L. Elias. It gives me great honor to grant this first State Chapter Award of the American Academy of Pediatrics to Section 2 of District II and to the Chapter Chairman, Dr. Herbert L. Elias.

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