

National Body Of Physicians Honors Rankin

CLEVELAND, June 6 (AP)—Dr. Fred Wharton Rankin of Lexington, Ky., was named president-elect of the American Medical Association at a meeting of its house of delegates Thursday. He will succeed Dr. Frank H. Lahey in 1942.

Dr. Rankin, native of Mooresville, N. C., was graduated from the University of Maryland School of Medicine in Baltimore in 1909 and completed his internship in 1912, later studying at the Mayo clinic at Rochester, Minn., after which he served as professor of surgery at the University of Louisville School of Medicine.

During the World War he served as a major in the medical corps and was commanding officer of a base hospital in France. He served as president of the Southeastern Surgical Congress and the Southern Surgical Association before his election as president of the American Surgical Association.

Dr. Charles A. Dukes, Oakland, Calif., was chosen vice president to serve during the current year, succeeding Dr. Parker G. Smith, Cincinnati. St. Louis was selected as the 1944 convention city.

Dr. Rankin last month was appointed a clinical professor of surgery at the University of Louisville School of Medicine. He is expected to commute between Lexington and Louisville at the start of classes next fall. Dr. Rankin was professor of surgery at the school in 1922 and 1923 before he started private practice at Lexington.