

Local Doctor Certified As Family Practice Specialist

KANSAS CITY, MO—Dr. Martin C. DeGraw of New Bern, North Carolina has been named a diplomate of the American Board of Family Practice (ABFP) as a result of passing a certification examination offered by the ABFP. The physician is now certified in the medical specialty of family practice.

The intensive written examination is designed to prove the candidate's ability in the areas of internal medicine, surgery, obstetrics and gynecology, pediatrics, psychiatry and community medicine.

To qualify for the examination a physician must have successfully completed three years of residency training in family practice. There are some 385 such training programs in teaching hospitals and university medical centers across the United States.

ABFP diplomates also must continue to show proof of competence in the field of comprehensive, continuing care of the family by being recertified every six years. Family practice was the first medical specialty to require diplomates to prove competence on a continuing basis.

The latest group of diplomates brings the total number certified to more than 29,000. Most are members of the American Academy of Family Physicians, the national association of family doctors. The Academy was the first national medical group to require members to take continuing medical study, and was chiefly responsible for securing specialty status for family practice.

YMCA Boys Gymnastics

The New Bern-Craven County YMCA is presently conducting registration for a boys gymnastics class to be held during the YMCA's mini-session. The program will be for boys ages 7-11 years.

The YMCA's boys gymnastics program will be under the direction of Coach Phil Melton, Coach and Physical Education Instructor at New Bern High School.

Classes will be held on Saturday, December 8th from 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. and Wednesday, December 15 from 9:00-10:00 a.m. and Wednesday, December 19 from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

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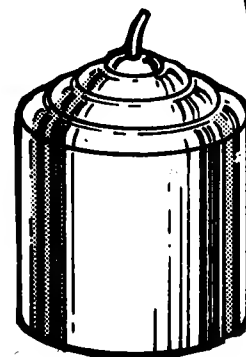
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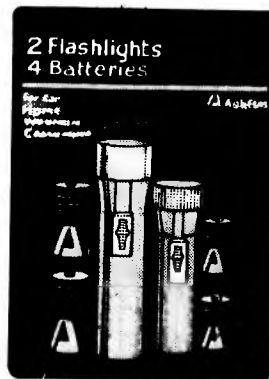
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