

JEFF MINCKLER, PHD, M.D
1912 - 1988
(President 1982-1983)

The medical community of Humboldt-Del Norte counties feels the void left behind by the demise of our former President, Jeff Minckler. To many physicians who knew him and had a close association with him, Jeff was recognized by his towering personality, his command of the English language, his sense of humor, his pungent literary style. Other members of the staff remember him as an intellectual giant who moved to Humboldt-Del Norte County to spend his final years. Jeff lived a full and enviable life. He studied at Stanford University from 1930-1933. He received his PhD in anatomy from the University of Minnesota in 1939 and received an M.D. degree in Pathology in 1944. At the high point of his career he was appointed, by the Texas governor, John Conally, to serve on the Whitman Committee, in the capacity of a neuropathologist. Dr. Minckler edited and authored a 3-volume medical book, "Pathology of the Nervous System" published by McGraw Hill. Jeff Minckler leaves behind a legacy which would be difficult, if not impossible, to duplicate.

Jeff took up pathology because he did not like his patients talking back to him. In the Minckler Clinic, patients soon learned not to complain or talk back to their attending physician. I remember once questioning him, if he had to do it all over again, how would it be different. He replied, "The only thing I would do different, is to take a crash course in medical economics". As President of the Medical Society, I would like to express the loss felt by this medical community, to his wife Joan Minckler and the bereaved members of his family.

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Ed note: Dr. Minckler wrote several humorous articles for the Medical Society's "Bulletin" during his term as President. Members wishing a copy of these "priceless" articles, contact the Society office.