

Mahalo, George L. Fite, M.D.

Dr. George Liddle Fite retired from his editorial work at the JOURNAL OF THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION as of Volume 230, following ten years of this service. This marked his second "retirement" as in 1964 he retired (30 years' service) from the U.S. Public Health service.

During both careers Dr. Fite contributed greatly to leprosy work. This began with his service at the USPHS Leprosy Investigation Station, Kalihi Hospital, Honolulu from 1939-1941 and continued during his subsequent appointments: NIH 1941-1945, Carville 1945-1949, NIH 1949-1952, and Carville 1952-1964. During this period he was as familiar a figure at leprosy conferences as were his papers in the leprosy literature. Both established him as an unique commentator on the problems of leprosy.

In the autumn of 1972, following the departure of Miss Delta Derrom from the service of this JOURNAL, Dr. Fite consented to give major assistance in covering the abstract section as "Abstract Editor" while the editorial office developed the necessary arrangements and facilities for this coverage. During the following year he contributed a major portion of the abstracts published and subsequently continued to make contributions, often coupled with his unique and interesting comments.

With his retirement from JAMA the IJL loses this valued association and expresses its appreciation for the past association with the Hawaiian words "Aloha and Mahalo," the meanings of which our friend George will understand better than most readers.

—OLAF K. SKINSNES