

Rankin Inaugurated Today As President Of Surgeons

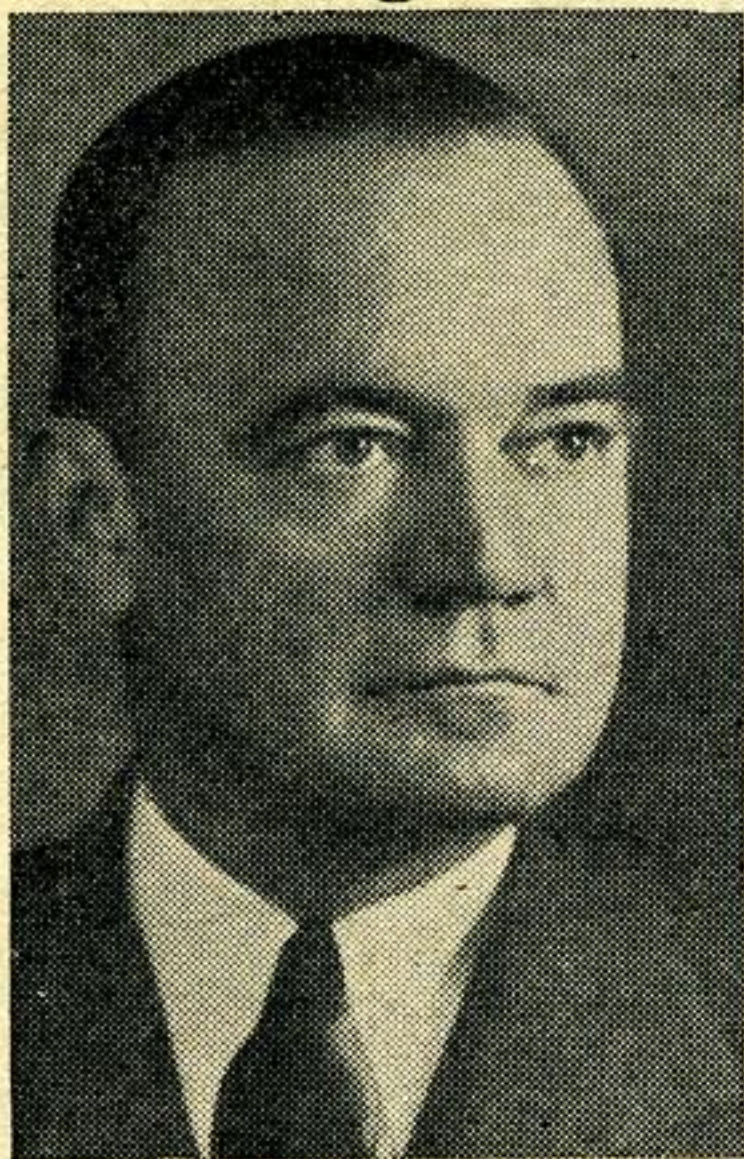
Dr. Fred W. Rankin, Lexington surgeon, was inaugurated today as president of the American College of Surgeons at its annual meeting held in Chicago.

Dr. Rankin is the third person in medical history to be honored by election to the presidency of three major medical groups—the College of Surgeons, the American Medical Association (which he headed in 1941) and the American Surgical Association (1949). The other two are Dr. William J. Mayo and Dr. Charles H. Mayo.

Dr. Rankin is an internationally known authority on cancer of the colon and is the author of 300 papers on operative and clinical surgery, as well as many monographs and textbooks on surgery of the colon and rectum. He will go to England in May, 1954, to address the Associations of Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland.

A resident of Lexington for the past 20 years, Dr. Rankin is a veteran of both world wars. During World War I he served 17 months with the Army Medical Corps as a major attached to the First A. C., Fourth and 26th Divisions in France. He was commanding officer of a base hospital with the rank of major and at the end of the war he became a colonel in the Medical Reserve Corps of the Army.

During World War II he was called to active duty in the Surgeon General's office with the rank of brigadier general. He served as



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chief consulting surgeon to the Armies of the United States until the end of the war, when he retired with the rank of brigadier general.

Dr. Rankin holds the following military citations: World War I, Victory ribbon; World War II, Distinguished Service medal, Victory ribbon, ETO ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific ribbon, American Theater ribbon, Cross of Chevalier of the Legion of Honor.