

**Horace D. Taft Alumni Medal  
and  
Citation of Merit  
1969 Recipient**



**Henry Sage Fenimore Cooper, M.D. '13  
1895-1984**

Bearer of a distinguished name and inheritor of a family tradition of service, you have borne well the high standards of family and profession both in your personal life and in your career. From your days at Taft, where you were elected both captain of track and “biggest rough-houser,” you became an artillery officer, an honor student at medical school, gentleman farmer, outstanding teacher of medicine, and gifted amateur sculptor. But most of all you have been known through the years as a gentle, compassionate friend to all those who have benefited from your kindly humor, your sound advice, and your skill in the arts of medicine. In your native Cooperstown, you revitalized a hospital and for more than thirty years have nourished a thriving art center. In an era that sometimes scoffs at selflessness, you have tended the poor without recompense and demonstrated a genuine interest in the well-being of all your patients. Your warm humanity and unassuming manner define anew the word “gentleman,” and your fellow alumni take pride this day in conferring upon you their highest honor—the Alumni Citation of Merit.