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at the next session. – (The Davenport Democrat and Leader, Nov. 5, 1920).

PHOTOGRAPH



Frank W. Elliott, D.C., c1925

1919 (Dec 27): **Fountain Head News** [A.C. 25] [9(14-15)] includes:

-“Chiropractors of State in Annual Convention Today” (p. 1), reprinted from “Des Moines Capital, Moday, Nov. 17, 1919”; includes:

Dr. Frank Elliott, Davenport, has been chosen by the Iowa Chiropractors’ Association, in session at the Hotel Savery, to take charge of their legislative program this year.

Dr. Elliott was active during the last general assembly, and will renew his efforts during the special session of the legislature to promote the bill asking for a state board of Chiropractic examiners.

About 300 chiropractors, from all parts of Iowa, are attending the convention...

1919: Frank W. Elliott, D.C. first elected to Iowa legislature; credited with obtaining Iowa’s first chiropractic act in 1921 (Dr. Elliott, 1919; Hat, 1928)

1920 (Dec 11): **FHN** [A.C. 26] [10(13)] includes:

-“Chiropractic Bills Losing in Two States” (p. 10); includes:

Three chiropractors were elected to state houses of representatives in the recent election, it was stated at the local college today. George Lauby of Akron, ., will go to the state house at Columbus with a majority of 10,000, while N.P. Ross of Fort Wayne, Ind., has been carried into office by a majority of 20,000. Dr. Elliott, who was elected to the Iowa house by 16,000, is the third member. All are Republicans.

The fight for the licensing of the profession, it was stated by Dr. Palmer today, will be carried into Ohio, Indiana and Iowa legislatures

**1932?: Cleveland Chiropractic College Journal**[6(3)] includes: -“More convention speakers and educators” (p. 2); several photographs, including:



Dr. T.C. Oyler, Chiropractor, Mayor and foremost citizen of his own city, Brookfield, President of the Missouri Chiropractic Board of Examiners, will give us another of those splendid lectures on “The Chiropractor In His Community.” Dr. Oyler has succeeded

admirably in attaining the respect of his fellow citizens, as attested by his accomplishments. We will do well to listen closely to this good citizen who has succeeded so admirably in his own city.

1950 (Jan): **JNCA** [20(1)] includes:

-“News flashes: Georgia” (pp. 46, 48) includes:

HIS HONOR, MAYOR OF PELHAM

Dr. E.R. Strickland, Pelham, Georgia, the first vice-president of the Georgia Chiropractic Association, is no longer an ordinary doctor in his thriving city. He is now “His Honor, Mayor of Pelham.”

Some months ago, Dr. Strickland was, as he put it, “talking when he should have been listening” about some of the community interests in which he has always maintained a vital concern. Some of the citizens thought well of his ideas and announced him as a candidate for the mayor’s office.

The regard in which Dr. Strickland is held in his community is defined in the fact that, while taking no active part in the campaign himself, when the votes were counted on November 30, the doctor found himself the victor over the incumbent mayor by a majority of 3-2. He will be inaugurated on February 1, 1950, to serve for two years.

This political victory puts another chiropractor well in the forefront in the active life which members of our profession are taking in their community affairs. It also demonstrates further the ability shown by Dr. Strickland in his Georgia Chiropractic Association work and the regard held for him by its members. – Submitted by Dr. R.T. Leiter, secy.-treas., Georgia Chiropractic Association.

1950 (Feb): **JNCA** [20(2)] notes:

-reprint of “Guest editorial” in the Denver Post by state Senator Neal Bishop, D.C., who is also NCA delegate from Colorado (pp. 12, 72

-Neal Bishop, D.C. authors “Denver poll reveals public response” (pp. 13, 62)

1950 (Apr): **JNCA** [20(4)] includes:

-“News flashes: Maryland” (p. 46) includes:

APPOINTED TO SCHOOL BOARD

Governor William Preston Lane, Jr., on Friday appointed Dr. Paul B. Kallaway, Frederick chiropractor, to fill the vacancy created on the Frederick County Board of Education by the resignation of the Governor’s brother, Charles S. Lane, III, this city.

In making the appointment, the governor did not ignore a recent recommendation of the Frederick County Medical Society, which urged appointment of County Health Officer Dr. Carroll E. Easterday. The governor concurred in the Central Committee’s reasoning that the vacancy should be filled by a resident of Frederick District. Otherwise, the city area would be without a representative on the school board.

Informed of his appointment Friday night, Dr. Kallaway expressed gratitude to the governor for his selection. He said that he, like other parents with children in the public schools, is very interested in the welfare of the school system. He said he is grateful for the opportunity to render public service and will devote the necessary time to the duties. From The News, Frederick, Md., March 4, 1950.

1950 (Sept): **JNCA** [20(9)] includes:

-photograph and caption (p. 17):



**COLORADO POLITICS AND CHIROPRACTIC:** The Congressional delegation from Colorado poses with the Denver delegation to the annual convention of the National Chiropractic Association before the Capitol in Washington. From left: Dr. O.A. Ohlson (Denver), Congressman John A. Carroll, Senator Edwin G. Robinson, Dr. Neal D. Bishop (Denver), Senator Eugene D. Millikin, Dr. H.G. Beatty (Boulder), Congressman Wayne N. Aspinall (D, Palisade), and Congressman John H. Marsalis (D, Pueblo).

1951 (June): **JNCA** [21(6)] includes:

-photo & caption (p. 19):



Honorable Dan Thornton (seated), Governor of Colorado, signs the proclamation for Correct Posture Week for Colorado. Others present at the signing are, left to right: Senator Neal D. Bishop, NCA state delegate; Dr. Philip Hart, secretary, Denver Chiropractic Society; Dr. O.A. Ohlson, secretary-treasurer, Colorado State Board of Chiropractic Examiners; Dr. C.W. McFadden, president, CCA; Dr. Harry Swanson, president, Denver Chiropractic Society.

-“News flashes: Montana” (p. 56):

DR. DOWNS ELECTED TO CITY COUNCIL

Dr. Lewis F. Downs has been elected to the City Council of Billings, Montana. Dr. Downs, a newcomer to city politics, led the field in the second ward with 1,204 votes, followed by Dewey Maynard, incumbent, with 1,148. J.C. Davis, incumbent, was loser in the three-man race, receiving 931 votes.

Dr. Downs has participated in the activities of the chiropractic profession for many years, and is past state delegate to the National Chiropractic Association. – Billings (Mont.) Gazette, April 3, 1951.

1955 (Nov): **ICA International Review of Chiropractic** [10(5)] includes:

-“Honors” (p. 26) includes:

DR. BENJAMIN A SAUER of Syracuse, N.Y., has been selected to fill a vacancy on the Syracuse City Council as a councilman-at-large...

1958 (June): **JNCA** [28(6)] includes:

-“Dr. Clauson Makes Bid For Governor Nomination” (pp. 16, 84):

Among the candidates for the Democratic nomination to the office of governor of Maine in the June primaries will be Clinton A. Clauson, of Waterville, a licensed doctor of chiropractic.

Iowa-born, Dr. Clauson, who practiced chiropractic in Waterville for fifteen years, is secretary of the Maine State Board of Chiropractic Examiners. He served as mayor of Waterville in 1956-57. Previously he was the city’s treasurer in 1930-31 and Maine’s collector of internal revenue from 1933 through 1952. During the early World War II years, Dr. Clauson was state administrator of the war bond program.

In tossing his hat into the gubernatorial ring, Dr. Clauson issued this statement:

“Some of our more important problems seem to revolve around the double tragedy of industry closing its doors, and our citizens moving to another state.

“During the coming months, I hope to show workable, realistic answers to many of Maine’s pressing problems. I shall carry a string of messages of constructive political policies to all parts of the state.

“I am concerned with the future of Maine,” said Dr. Clauson, “and I accept the challenge, with others, or present problems. It seems to me inevitable that when the people of Maine unite for economic stability, we shall enjoy a new growth and, finally, unprecedented, real, economic advancement.”

1958 (Nov): **JNCA** [28(11)] includes:

-“News Flashes: MAINE” (pp. 38-9):

**TRIBUTE PAID TO DR. CLAUSON**

WATERVILLE - Governor Clinton A. Clauson, of Waterville, was recipient of several awards Saturday night at a dinner honoring him, sponsored by the Maine Chiropractic Association.

The dinner was held at the Hotel Elmwood, where the group is holding its annual educational conference.

Dr. Clauson, a former mayor of Waterville and at one time a practicing chiropractor, received a bronze plaque from the New York Institute of Chiropractic, presented by Dr. Benjamin Goldstein, a member of the Institute’s faculty.

Dr. Clauson received his chiropractic degree from the Institute in 1919.

Dr. Bennett Speer, Waterville, vice-president of the association, presented a second plaque to the governor-elect from the mine group.

Also given to the governor-elect, for use in his office at the State House during the next four years, was a fountain pen used by Gov. Percival Baxter in 1923, to sign the Maine law, licensing the practice of chiropractic doctors. Dr. Clauson was on the first board of licenses for this group in 1924.

The pen is to be returned to the association at the close of Governor-elect Clauson’s term.

Special tribute was paid to Clauson by chiropractic associations throughout the nation by telegrams, read at Saturday night’s dinner, and by representatives from New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island, and Massachusetts.

Clauson, in briefly relating his history of practice in Waterville, remembered many incidents of his association with the group. He told the chiropractors that “it is the obligation of every one of you to take part in civic affairs in your community...”

-photograph (p. 38):



“The above photo was taken during the annual convention of the Maine State Chiropractors’ Association held last September in Waterville, Me. From left are Dr. M. Downing, Lewiston, president of the Maine State Chiropractors’ Association; the Hon. Clinton A. Clauson, governor-elect of the State of Maine, and a former practicing doctor of chiropractic; Dr. H. Victor Hoy, NCA state delegate for Maine; and Dr. J. Herbert Sanborn, director of the Maine Board of Chiropractic Examination and Registration. Dr. Clauson is holding a plaque presented to him designating him as a life member of the Maine State Chiropractors’ Association.”

-“News Flashes: NEW YORK” (p. 40):

**DR. CLAUSON VISITS INSTITUTE**

On the morning of September 25, prior to the luncheon given in his honor by the Chiropractic Association of New York, Dr. Clinton A. Clauson, Maine’s governor-elect, paid a visit to the Chiropractic Institute of New York, where, after being escorted by Dr. Thure C. Peterson on a tour of the school, he graciously consented to address an assembly of the student body.

Contrasting the primitive conditions under which he had acquired his own chiropractic training in the early days with the impressive physical plant he had just seen, he told the students that such modern facilities and the excellent faculty of the Institute should make them confident of a bright future in the profession. He also recounted the struggle for a chiropractic law in Maine and the subsequent growth of chiropractic in the state.

Two days later, at the annual educational conference of the Maine Chiropractors’ Association, Dr. Benjamin Goldstein, of the faculty, had the honor of presenting to Dr. Clauson, on behalf of the Institute, a plaque paying tribute to him in recognition of his long career of public service and the distinction which he has brought to the profession...

-photograph of Clauson & Thure Peterson (p. 40):



“Dr. Clinton A. Clauson, governor-elect of Maine, is shown at left as he is being greeted by Dr. Thure C. Peterson, president of the Chiropractic Institute of New York. Dr. Clauson visited the CINY following a luncheon in his honor by the Chiropractic Association of New York.”

1959 (Apr): *ICA Review* [13(10)] includes:



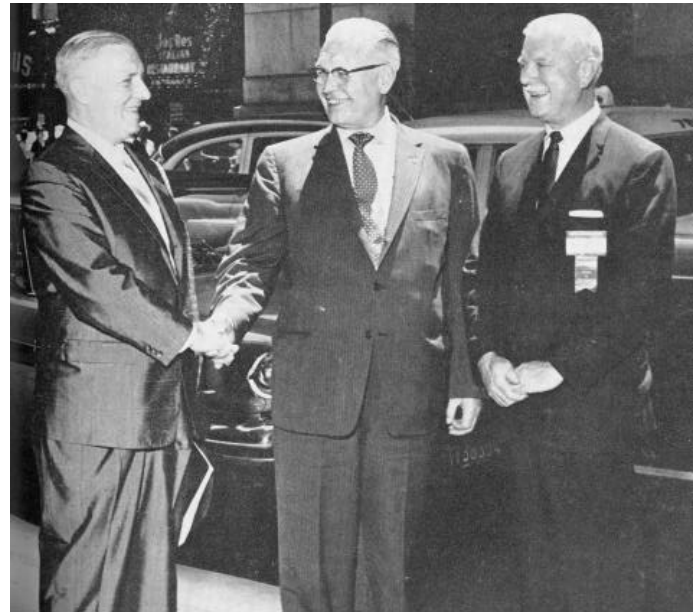
-cover photograph of Governor Clauson, notes Clauson will address ICA convention in August (p. 2)  
 -“Gov. Clinton Clauson agrees to speak at ICA convention” (p. 13)

1959 (July): *ICA International Review* [14(1)] includes:

-“Gov. Clauson and...Instruction keynote of ICA convention” (p. 18)

1959 (Aug): *JNCA* [29(8)] includes:

-cover photograph and “The Front Cover” (p. 8):



Depicted on the front cover of this Journal are Dr. Wm. A. Watkinson, then president of the NCA (right), and Dr. Earl G. Liss, then NCA vice-president, welcoming the Hon. Clinton A. Clauson, governor of Maine, who very graciously took the time to come to the National Chiropractic Convention held in Chicago, July 5-10.

Governor Clauson, a former practicing chiropractor, impressed all who met him with his vigor, geniality, and sincerity. He was guest speaker during the banquet held the evening of the day of his arrival, at which he was elected as a Fellow of the International College of Chiropractors.

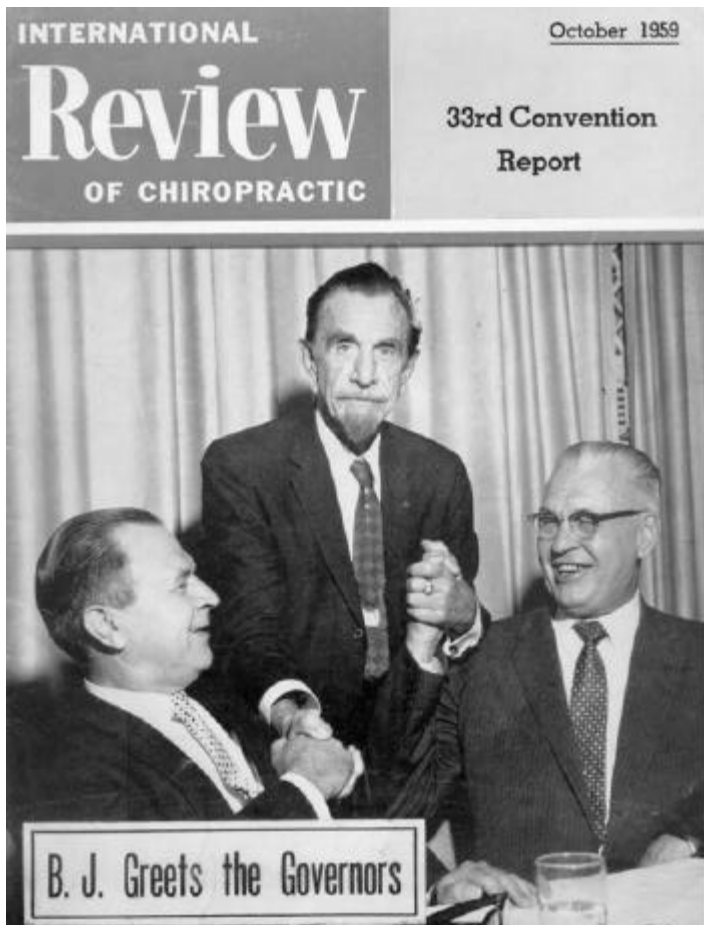
A few additional pictures of Governor Clauson are to be found in this issue, with additional ones to be published in the September issue, which will carry the full report of the convention.

The NCA is sincerely appreciative of Governor Clauson’s taking the time to attend the NCA Convention. His presence contributed much, indeed, to the over-all success of this excellent function.

1959 (Oct): *ICA International Review* [14(4)] includes:

-cover photograph of “Dr. B.J. palmer, president of the International Chiropractors Association, welcomes Gov. Herschel C. Loveless, Iowa, (left) and Gov. Clinton A. Clauson, Maine, (right) to the 33rd ICA Convention. Gov. Clauson, a former chiropractor, was once a student under B.J.” (p. 2):





1960 (Feb): *JNCA* [30(2)] includes:

-“Gov. Clauson dies at 64 in his sleep” (p. 46):

AUGUSTA, Maine, Dec. 30 (AP), - Gov. Clinton A Clauson, 64 died in his sleep at the executive mansion earlier today.

The one-time chiropractor, a native of Mitchell, Iowa, was in his first year of a four-year term. He was a Democrat.

Under Maine’s Constitution, he is automatically succeeded by the president of the State Senate – Republican John H. Reed, 38, a well-to-do potato grower from Fort Fairfield.

Mr. Reed said Gov. Clauson’s death “is terrible news for the whole State of Maine. He was a much beloved man and this is a great loss to the entire state.”

Gov. Clauson was the first Maine governor to die in office for almost forty years.

Dr. Joseph R. Crawford said the cause of death was undetermined but “in all likelihood it was heart or a cerebral hemorrhage.”

The governor was dead when Dr. Crawford arrived at Blain House, the executive mansion, at 2:35 a.m.

The only member of the family present was Mrs. Clauson, the former Ellen Kelleher, of Waterville.

The governor also leaves a son, Cornelius K., of Waterville, and a daughter, Mrs. William Shasse, of Brunswick.

Gov. Clauson came to Maine as a young chiropractor. He settled in Waterville where he served as city treasurer in 1930 and mayor in 1956 and 1957.

In recent years he had been in the oil distribution business there.

Active in Democratic Party affairs for more than thirty years, he was United States Collector of internal revenue for Maine from 1943 to 1953.

A World War I veteran, he was a member of the American Legion. He also was a Mason and a Shriner.

At one time he was president of the Maine Association of Chiropractors.

He was elected governor in 1958, succeeding Democratic Edmund S. Muskie, nor Maine’s junior United States Senator.

Gov. Clauson did not have the backing of his predecessor or other top leaders of their party in the 1958 primaries, but he defeated their candidate, Maynard S. Doloff, and went on to a victory over Republican ex-Governor Horace Hildreth.

That was the last of Maine’s traditional early September elections. In 1960, Maine will vote in November with the rest of the Nation.

Gov. Clauson was the first governor elected to a four-year term. Previous governors served two-year terms. – From the Evening Star (Washington D.C.), December 30, 1959.

1965 (Mar/Apr): *Digest of Chiropractic Economics* [7(5)] includes:

-“West Virginia D.C. is senator” (p. 6); includes **photo** of newly elected state Senator Randall A. Taylor, D.C. of Point Pleasant WV, a 1951 PSC alumnus

1965 (Apr): *ACA Journal of Chiropractic* [2(4)] includes:

-“Montana chiropractor elected state treasurer” (p. 57):

When the new year begins in Helena, Lincoln County will enjoy a new enhanced stature in the councils of Montana state government.

Assuming his new office on Jan. 4 will be Dr. Henry H. Anderson of Libby, who was elected state treasurer last November.

Doc Anderson has a long record of public service as mayor of Libby and as state senator from Lincoln County as well as Montana coordinator of the federal Area Redevelopment Administration.

Doc’s record is judged differently by his political friends and foes, but it is agreed by all that he has been a strong and fair advocate of the causes he has championed as well as an outspoken participant in political discussions both in and out of the legislative chambers. You may disagree with Doc but you never have to wonder what his stand is. He never hedges or equivocates. Doc Anderson always states his political opinions simply and understandably.

To the best of our knowledge, no other Lincoln County resident has ever held such a high office in state government. Doc Anderson’s election as state treasurer is not only a great personal tribute to him but also a larger endorsement by the voters of all of Montana of the honors previously bestowed upon him by the people of Libby and Lincoln County.

The office of state treasurer is one of great responsibility. The holder of that office is vested with many important duties in safeguarding the money of the state and in supervising the wise investment of those funds.

One drawback to being state treasurer, from the office holder’s standpoint, is that the constitution prohibits serving more than one full term. But successful service as state treasurer should certainly qualify a man for another high office.

As Henry Anderson approaches the beginning of his term of office as state treasurer, we offer our congratulations and wish him well during the coming four years in Helena. We are sure that all residents of Lincoln County – Democrats and Republicans alike – join us in these sentiments. – Reprinted from the Libby, Montana Western News.

1965 (May/June): *Digest of Chiropractic Economics* [7(6)] includes:

-Paul Smallie, D.C. authors "World-Wide Reports" (p. 4):

#### WEST VIRGINIA

Dr. Randall A. Taylor, Pt. Pleasant, was elected as Democratic State Senator. He is the first DC to be elected as Senator of West Virginia. Licensing in the state is now regulated by its first "chiropractic" Board of Examiners.

-"West Virginia establishes own Chiro. Board" (pp. 6-7):

Signing of House Bill No. 688 of the West Virginia Legislature on March 12 by Governor Hulett C. Smith marked the victorious end to a battle of nearly two decades by the state's chiropractors to win full recognition of their profession.

Senator Randall Taylor, Democrat-Fourth District, a practicing chiropractor and one of the leading forces behind the bill's passage, was jubilant.

"Two years ago when I tried to get a similar bill passed, it never got out of committee. I was told frankly by legislative leaders it didn't have a chance. They were right, for it died without being brought to the floor for a vote."

This time, with the assistance of House of Delegates Paul Moyers, Braxton County, and Mike Casey, Cabell County, who introduced the bill, it passed both houses without a single dissenting vote. One person asked permission not to vote on the bill because he was personally interested in its passage and that permission was granted – to Senator Taylor.

The new law establishes a West Virginia Board of Chiropractic Examiners for the licensing of chiropractors and the examination, licensing, revocation and suspension of licenses, annual renewal of licenses of chiropractors, provides rules for the regulation of chiropractic practice and offenses and penalties for violators of the rules.

-**photo** & caption (p. 46):

Dr. Walter J. Beneville, Jefferson Indiana chiropractor, is serving his seventh term as a member of the Indiana State House of Representatives. Dr. Beneville served as chairman of the Public Health Committee during the 1965 General Assembly. This was the second time he was so honored, having been appointed in 1959. A graduate of the National College he helped to write the 1955 law licensing chiropractors.

1967 (Jan): **ACA Journal of Chiropractic** [4(1)] includes:

-"Alabama" (p. 53):

We plan to introduce a bill in the 1967 legislature which will require the Basic Science Board to recognize the National Chiropractic Examining Board. The National Medical Examining Board is already recognized. The State Health Department sponsored a bill through the last session of the legislature which might have given it some authority over the chiropractic profession. Governor George Wallace would not sign it until an amendment was approved which excluded chiropractors. Governor Wallace has been friendly to us. – J.L. Thompson, D.C., ACA state delegate.

-**photo** & caption (p. 53):

ALABAMA – Governor George C. Wallace, left, congratulates and extends best wishes to Dr. Ralph D. Brown on his reelection to the Alabama House of Representatives from Tuscaloosa County. Dr. Brown was elected by a vote of three to one over his opponent and this will be his second four-year term in the House. He was on the committee on health during his last term in office. Committee appointments for the 1967 legislative session have not been announced. Dr. Brown is a 1951 graduate of the Palmer Chiropractic College.

1968 (July/Aug): **Digest of Chiropractic Economics** [11(1)] includes:

-West Virginia state senator Randall A. Taylor, D.C. authors "The power of the democratic idea" (p. 21)

1969 (Feb): **ACA Journal of Chiropractic** [6(2)] includes:

-"Washington" (pp. 48-9); includes **photo** of U.S. Senator Warren G. Magnuson and A.A. Adams, D.C., newly elected to the Washington state house of representatives:

Dr. A.A. Adams, Tacoma, a past president of the ACA, was elected to the house of representatives of the Washington state legislature in November.

The election victory was particularly significant for Dr. Adams because he won comfortably in a strong Republican legislative district, and also defeated a medical physician who was a 10-year veteran of the state legislature.

The election of Dr. Adams means that two chiropractic doctors now are members of the state legislature. The other doctor of chiropractic, Dr. William S. Day, Spokane, was elected to the state senate also in the November election. He was formerly a member of the state house of representatives.

Another interesting sidelight of the election is that the only other medical doctor in the legislature was defeated this year in...

1972 (Dec): **Journal of the Canadian Chiropractic Association** [16(4)] includes:

-cover photograph of Jean-Robert Gauthier, D.C., M.P.:



-"Ottawa chiropractor elected to House of Commons" (p. 8); notes that Jean-Robert Gauthier, D.C. of Ottawa has been elected to Parliament for Ottawa'East

1974 (Summer): **New England Journal of Chiropractic** [3(3)] includes:

-"Martino named Franklin mayor" (p. 19); includes:

Article Reprinted from the New Brunswick, N.J. Home News Tuesday, July 2, 1974

FRANKLIN – The two highest municipal positions were filled last night amid controversy and a Republican party split.

Joseph Martino, a chiropractor, was named mayor by the council in a 5-4 vote over Sam Nelson. Both men are Republicans...

Martino was also appointed to the advisory board of health.

**References:**

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Hat in the ring. *The Hawkeye Chiropractor* 1928 (Apr); 3(5): 6