

Chronology of Chiropractic OB/GYN & PEDIATRICS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

1915 (Oct 5): Wm R Molony MD, vice-president of CA **BME** & Chairman of the College Investigating Committee writes to RA Ratledge, sec'y of **Ratledge Chiropractic College** re: "what the Board would expect of an approved Drugless School": anatomy 485 hours, histology 115 hours, elementary chemistry and toxicology 70 hours, physiology 200 hours, elementary bacteriology 40 hours, hygiene 45 hours, pathology 150 hours, diagnosis 370 hours, manipulative and mechanical therapy 260 hours, gynecology 100 hours, obstetrics 165 hours, many other details; letterhead indicates **BME** members include Dean L **Tasker** DO of LA and WW Vanderburgh DO of SF (Ratledge papers-SFCR)

1921-22: "Annual Announcement" of the **LACC**, at 951 (formerly 931) South Hill Street; DC degree on completion of 2,400 hour course, ND degree on completion of 200 additional hours, PhC degree after 3,200 hours, MC [Master of Chiropractic] after 4,000 hours including either a naturopathic internship at Dr. **Carl Schultz's Naturopathic Institute and Sanitarium** [Schultz will be president of **California University of Liberal Physicians** on May 5, 1935] or a hospital internship at Dr. **Broadbent's** Hollywood Community Hospital, which includes "actual hospital experience in surgical and **obstetrical** cases"; notes that Dr. Cale, president, practices straight chiropractic (adjustments only), but students should be proficient in all "allied sciences"; SR Broadbent is an osteopath; **photos** of **class of 1912** (Linnie A Cale is pictured), **class of 1918**, (LACC, 1921-22/SFCR Archives)

faculty include:

-Mary Starck DC, "Teacher of Pediatrics and Hygiene"

1921-22: "Announcement and Catalogue, Copyright 1921 by Dr. E.F. Bell" of the **California Chiropractic College**, "Chartered and Incorporated in 1913", college located at "Entire Fifth Floor, 207 Powell Street, San Francisco"; **photos** of "College Building at 207 Powell Street", "View of Senior Class Attending Lecture", "Showing Senior Class in Chiropractic Technique"; offers an 18 month course, but plans to increase required hours if new law passed by referendum (p. 13); **tuition** is \$350 for regular course or \$550 for husband and wife; post-graduate coursework of 440 hours lead to award of the PhC degree; "Professional Course" of 440 hours is available to MDs, DDSs and DOs wishing to acquire DC degree; **tuition** for either the Post-Grad or Professional Course is \$150 (CCC, 1921-22/SFCR Archives); faculty includes:

-VV Hardeman MD, Professor of Pathology, Diagnosis, Bacteriology and **Obstetrics** [studied at Cooper Medical Department, Stanford University]

-IC Gobar MD, OD, DC, Professor of Anatomy, Histology, Chemistry and **Gynecology** [studied at Hahnemann Medical College of Pacific, **CCC**]

1922: "Sixth Annual Announcement of the **Eclectic College of Chiropractic**" at 321 South Hill St, LA; **photos** of "Hill Street Building" and "The Clay Street Building"; **photos** of "Dr. **Chas. H. Wood**, DC, PhC", various faculty members, various rooms in the facility; "The technique taught is truly eclectic, embracing the best methods in adjusting evolved by the recognized authorities, together with Dr. Woods' own special technique"; **Fisk** is Chair of adjusting department (will soon become editor of **The Chirogram**...see 6/1/22); pamphlet claims college clinics see "700 to 1000 patients adjusted daily" in 38 private rooms; each student must give 500 adjustments to graduate; "The regular course of instruction in the Eclectic College of Chiropractic covers a period of eighteen months or thirty six hundred hours of actual instruction"; **tuition** is the same for day school or night school: \$300, or \$450 for husband and wife; PhC "is conferred on all students who complete all subjects with a grade of 'A'"; "Every faculty member is a Chiropractor and give a Chiropractic interpretation to each subject" (ECC, 1922/SFCR Archives); administrators are:

-**E Franklin Johnson MD**, DC, PhC, Registrar, obstetrics & gynecology, symptomatology and diagnosis, minor surgery

faculty include:

-G Alvin **Fisk** DC, PhC, symptomatology and diagnosis, palpation and drill, nerve tracing, adjusting, pediatrics

1922 (pre-Nov): **LACC's** "1922-1923 Announcement, Eleventh Year"; school is at 931 South Hill St, LA (LACC, 1922-23/SFCR Archives); **photos** of faculty and administrators; **photo** of college community "in front of the college on November 21, 1921"; no change in administration since 1921-22 *Announcement*; faculty includes:

-JB McMahon MD, DC, ND, "Instructor in Gynecology, Etc."

1922 (May 1): **E Franklin Johnson MD**, DC, Registrar of **ECC** signs notarized declaration that "on December 20, 1921, **Wilma Churchill** completed our regular three year course of thirty six hundred hours of study and has attended the required number of lectures, laboratory demonstrations, clinic work..."; **Charles H Wood** DC PhC is president, **Lula B Wood** DC is sec'y, **ME Eldridge** DC is **Editor** College Magazine [?probably the **Chirogram?**]; logo reads "A

College Teaching A Standard Course in Chiropractic"; subjects include: "anatomy, physiology, bacteriology, histology, embryology, hygiene and sanitation, chemistry, toxicology, medical and physical diagnosis, symptomatology, Chiropractic technique, Chiropractic Philosophy, spinography, pathology, gynecology, **obstetrics**, dermatology, pediatrics, urinalysis, nerve-tracing, minor surgery and X-ray" (LACC Registrar's Archives)

1928 (July): **Chirogram**:

-Dr. **S McKenzie Livingston, Chiropractic Obstetrician**, is teaching the course in Obstetrics." (p. 2); **Livingston** "has for the past 10 years been devoting his time to this practice. We also have association of Dr. **J Willoughby Howe** who is a surgeon and who can take care of any cases that should prove to be surgical. We have a **hospital and sanitarium** arrangement for the care of the patients if desired....L.A. MATERNITY CLINIC, 918 Venice Boulevard" (p. 8), which is the same address as **LACC**

1928: "In California, where the 'progressives' attained recognition by securing places on the examining board in 1928, much friction has occurred between the **California Chiropractic Association** and the **Progressive Chiropractic Association of California**. An effort on the part of the latter organization to increase the number of hours in the study course from the present legally required 2,400 to 3,600, thereby including electro-therapy, hydro-therapy, biology, physics, minor surgery, optometry, obstetrics (including twenty-five bedside deliveries) and general hospital work, was regarded by the conservatives as a surrender of fundamental principles such as might result in eventual domination by the medical boards of the country." (Turner, 1931, p. 143)

1929 (Sept-Oct): **Chirogram** notes that:

-**LACC** "has a **greater total enrollment** than any other Chiropractic College in the world; it has double the number of students of the third largest college...fully equipped **Surgical Department**, the only one in any Chiropractic College...We have the **largest faculty** of any Chiropractic College and all our instructors are *full time instructors*" (p. 1);

-minimum course at **LACC** is "four terms of six months each as a requirement for graduation. The course covers 4200 hours of study and 600 hours are devoted to Electro- and Physio-therapy. We also maintain a fine **maternity clinic** under the direction of Dr. **Horace Clay** and in this maternity clinic our students get actual practice in obstetrical work. The clinic is a charitable affair and is maintained through donations by the profits made from dances given by the student body. Any woman who is about to become a mother and who is unable to pay for the obstetrician and hospital care can apply to our maternity clinic and be

accepted as a patient, be given such prenatal care and treatment as is necessary, and then be placed in the hospital for her accouchement, and after the delivery be given such postnatal care and treatment as she needs and as the baby needs." (p. 2)

1930 (Aug): **Chirogram** (Vol. 6, No. 7) notes:

-**Bellevue Hospital** Ltd, at 1151 W. Sixth St., LA advertises as "The Only Institution Operated for and by the Chiropractor", and including "Complete Surgical, Obstetrical, Diagnostic, Consultation, and Therapeutic Departments wholly at the disposal of all Chiropractors. Only Registered Nurses. Reasonable Rates." (p. 15); **Bellevue Hospital** founded by S Earl Daughenbaugh DC (see **JCaCA**, Nov 1949)

1930 (Dec): **Chirogram** (Vol. 6, No. 10):

-**The LOS ANGELES COLLEGE MATERNITY CLINIC**:

"The Los Angeles College Maternity Clinic will take care of all expectant mothers who are in very straightened circumstances and cannot afford the higher fees of a private physician, and also those who are entirely destitute.

"This clinic is entirely financed by the college students and they will deeply appreciate your showing your interest in this work by sending your donations of anything that would be useful in this line of endeavor.

"Send all cases to the Maternity Department of the **Los Angeles College of Chiropractic** - 920 Venice Boulevard; or phone PRospect 2126 for appointment." (p. 11)

1931 (Feb): **Chirogram** (Vol. 6, No. 12):

-**Willard Carver** writes "Object to your answer to the question, "When Was **Minor Surgery** First Introduced in Chiropractic Colleges? by K.M., Texas.

"First Aid, Minor Surgery, Surgical Diagnosis, and Obstetrics were taught in Carver Chiropractic College of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, from November, 1906, until the present day, and it is intended to continue in the good work. This correction is from the man who has been continuously dean of the institution aforementioned from its founds. **Willard Carver**" (p. 10); see also **Chirogram** (1930 (Nov); 6(9):10)

1931 (May 22): ad in the **Sunnyvale Standard** (p. 3) for **CCC** indicates: "Opens in San Jose, June 1st; The only college of its kind on the Pacific Coast --- Incorporating all forms of --- **Drugless Therapy**: Chiropractic Instruction, **Radionic** Diagnosis and Treatment, Physiotherapy, Electrotherapy, Hydro-therapy, **Naturopathy**, Obstetrics, **Minor Surgery**, Dietetics; Everything Taught in the Regular Course; If you are really interested in a professional career, there is no greater opportunity than the one presented in becoming a well qualified DRUGLESS PHYSICIAN. The **California Chiropractic College** was founded on July 30, 1913 in Los

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- 1931 (June): **Chirogram** (Vol. 7, No. 4):
-David C Long DC writes "Obstetrics" (pp. 5, 21); he is a graduate of the LACC class of June, 1930
- 1932 (Jan 20): CO Watkins DC, editor-publisher of the **Montana ChiroLite**, writes in this date's issue:
-"The **California Chiropractic College of San Jose**, Calif. are offering a regular four year course in Chiropractic, including Minor Surgery, Obstetrics, and Physio-therapy. - Per a late announcement." (p. 5)
- 1933: **CCP&S** offers "Physicians and Surgeons Post Graduate Course": an "advanced course in medicine and surgery extending over a period of two years open to graduate chiropractors, who desire to increase their knowledge of therapeutics"; among the faculty were **Gordon M. Goodfellow** and **Vinton F. Logan**; instruction was complemented by experience in Bellevue Hospital, "a 60-bed general hospital owned and operated by the Chiropractic Profession"; Bellevue Hospital was known as a maternity facility (Gibbons, 1983); **1933 graduation photo for CCP&S indicates Goodfellow was on the Board of Directors rather the faculty**
- 1933 (July): **Chirogram** (Vol. 8, No. 1):
-Dr. RE Baird, president of the **American Progressive Chiropractic Association**, and Charles H Wood DC, president of **LACC**, announce "Tenth Annual Convention" to be held on July 24-30, 1933 at LACC (pp. 9-12); program appears to be dominated by **LACC** faculty; presumably the **APCA** is the successor to the **National Progressive Chiropractic Association**; no other chiro college presidents in attendance this year; presenters include:
-John W Koer DC, ND re: pediatrics
-David C Long DC re: obstetrics including birthing film
- 1934 (Mar 9): William A Nelson receives DC degree from **SFCC**; Leo W **Hosford** DC, PhC, MC is President of the Board, CJ **Martin** DC, PhC, MC is Secretary of the Board (Nelson's DC diploma); **SFCC** is located on Sutter St, SF, where Hosford also operates a mortician's/embalming school [and perhaps the **San Francisco College of Drugless Healing?**]; **SFCC** has about 40 students, course is 2.5 years long (Nelson, 1991); faculty included:
-Dr. [?Frank?] **Hamilton**, OB/GYN (Frank Hamilton was chair of OB/GYN at **LACC** in 1950, according to Gibbons, 1982)
- 1935 (July): **The Scientific Chiropractor** (Vol. 1, No. 2) lists J Nickleson as Editor-in-Chief; published by **National-Affiliated Chiropractors of California (NACC)** at 1102 Foreman Bldg, LA
-ad for **Bellevue Hospital** at 1237 North La Brea Ave, LA, Limited for "maternity, surgical, general; Open Staff" (inside front cover)
- 1937 (Feb): **The Scientific Chiropractor** (Vol. 2, No. 18) notes RC **Howe** DC of 847 S Union Ave, LA is Editor (p. 5); includes:
-C Richard **Garvai**, Field Secretary of the **LACC**, authors "Chiropractic orthopedic children's clinic"; clinic director is Dr Wendell L Jolivette (p. 38)
- 1937 (Oct): **The Scientific Chiropractor** [Vol. 3, No. 5] includes:
-ad for **Doctors' Hospital** at 325 West Jefferson Blvd, LA, Dr. Howard Norcross, Director; hospital offers major surgery and obstetrics (p. 25)
- 1938 (June 21): Melvin Kennelly enrolls at **LACC**; **tuition** is \$900; letterhead indicates "complete chiropractic clinic, electro-physiotherapy dept., children's dept., obstetrical dept., minor surgical dept., eye, ear, nose and throat dept."; he will later enroll in **CNP&S** [see 1/2/46] (LACC Registrar's Archives)
- 1940 (July 8): **Wolf Adler**, dean of **SCCC** cables HL Truenbach DC, President of **NYCC** re: transcripts for Julius H Yellin, copied on **SCCC** stationery; **SCCC** offers "complete clinics, colonic therapy, electro-therapy, fever-therapy, hydro-therapy, **napra-pathy**, naturopathy, obstetrics" (LACC Registrar's Archives)
- 1948: "Dr **RO McClintock** took over the reins as Dean and President of the **California Chiropractic College** in 1928" according to **Chiro-Pulse** 1948 Yearbook of the **CCC**; faculty include:
-Ethel G Christensen DC, PhC, MC, sec'y & treasurer (preventive medicine, gynecology, obstetrics, terminology)
-Richard F Savelli BS, DPM, DC (gynecology, obstetrics, diagnosis, toxicology)
- Obstetrical clinic opens at LACC. **Chirogram** 1949 (Nov); 18(11):18
- 1950: **LACC** public clinic listing: "**Frank B. Hamilton**, B.Sc., D.C., chairman, department of Obstetrics & Gynecology, De Landas Univ., Western States Univ., Col. Chiropractic Physicians & Surgeons, Lecturer, Col., Chiropractic Physicians & Surgeons, Grad. School, **LACC** Member" (Gibbons, 1982)

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1951 (Mar): **JCaCA**, Volume 7, No. 9; **LE Montenegro DC** is on editorial board; this issue includes:

-**Frank Hamilton DC** teaches PG Obstetrics at Glendale campus of **LACC** (p. 17)

1951 (July): **HCC** offers 100 hour post-graduate course in gynecology, instructor is Jules Bernhardt PhD, DC, according to *Los Angeles District CCA News Bulletin* (1951 [July]; 2(2):5)

1955: **HCC** "(Hollywood College School of Chiropractic)" publishes *Fait Accompli*, its 1955 Yearbook:

-**photos** of faculty (pp. 12-16) includes

-Dr William Madison II, Ob/Gyn

1958 (Friday, May 16): graduation exercises conducted for **HCC** at First Congregational Church, Hoover, 6th and Commonwealth, LA ; administration includes:

-*Robert W **Dishman** PhD, DC, Dean, Chair, Dept of Chiropractic Principles & Practice

-*Joseph E Hagel DC, Asst. Dean, Chair, Obs & Gyn

Interview with William Andrew Nelson, DC, ND (1934 graduate of **San Francisco College of Chiropractic [SFCC]**) by J. Keating and R.A. Brown on 10/24/91; office: 500 Sutter St. #908, San Francisco CA 94102 (415-391-1702); residence: 2045 Rivera Drive, Burlingame CA 94010 (415-697-6676);

-**SFCC** instructors included a Dr. Martin, who taught physiology, diagnosis, anatomy and pathology, and Dr. [?Frank?] **Hamilton**, who taught OB/GYN [Frank Hamilton DC had been dept chair and taught OB/GYN at **LACC** in 1950 (Gibbons, 1982)]

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