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1950 (Dec): **JNCA** [20(12)] includes:

-Foundation for Health, Inc., 270 Park Avenue, NYC authors "Foundation seeks answer to health problems" (pp. 29, 80); Clarenck N. Flick, D.C. is prez of foundation

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

-H.A. Thomas DC of NYC, secretary of the Foundation for Health Research, authors "Researching man as a unit brings forth new rules for healthful living" (pp. 22-3)

1964 (Jan): **ACAJIC** [1(1)] includes:

-"NEW YORK" (p. 64):

Elected Chairman of Board of Trustees

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Foundation for Health Research, Inc., on November 21, 1963, Dr. Lyndon E. Lee, of Mount Vernon, N.Y., was elected chairman of the Board. Announcement was made at the office of the Foundation, 30-03 30th Ave., Long Island City, N.Y., by Howard A. Thomas, secretary.

Dr. Lee succeeds Dr. Clarence N. Flick, founder, who died last October. Dr. Lee has practiced chiropractic for the past forty-eight years, with offices in Mount Vernon and New York City. He is a graduate of Mount Vernon High School, attended Amherst College, and received his degree from the Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport, Iowa.

His numerous affiliations have included the following: president, New York Chiropractic Society, Inc., 1922-1924; president, Federation of Chiropractic Societies of New York, 1935-1937; vice-president at large, American Chiropractic Association, 1927-1928; editor, *New York State Journal of Chiropractic*, 1922-1924; member of Legislative Committee that brought about regulatory legislation this year for the licensing of chiropractors, 1962-1963.

The Foundation for Health Research, Inc., was incorporated in 1950, and has been granted tax-exempt status by the Internal Revenue Service and the City of New York. The research activities of the Foundation are concerned with determining the behavior of tissue cells in response to disturbance in the supply of nerve energy.

1966 (Jan/Feb): **Digest of Chiropractic Economics** [8(4)] includes:

-"College reports: Columbia Inst. of N.Y." (pp. 38-9):

The Executive Board of the Kansas State Chiropractic Auxiliary informed Dr. Ernest G. Napolitano, President of the Columbia Institute of Chiropractic in New York City, that their body selected Charles Michael Paolino, student at Columbia, to receive a \$100 scholarship. Dr. Daniel Surace, Dean of Students, presented the check to the recipient.

The Foundation for Health Research, chartered and incorporated in New York State in 1950, established the Clarence N. Flick Research Award designed to stimulate interest by future chiropractors in the areas of chiropractic research. Three awards are presented annually to students enrolled in accredited chiropractic colleges. On December 8, 1965, the officers, faculty, and students were privileged to receive Dr. Lyndon E. Lee, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Foundation for Health Research, and its Secretary, Howard A. Thomas. At an all-school assembly, Mr. Thomas gave a brief history of the Foundation for Health Research, its purposes, and function. Following Mr. Thomas' address, Dr. Lyndon E. Lee presented Certificates of Merit to Ronald J. Aragona for his manuscript "Are the Nerves Impinged" and Daniel Nicoletti for his paper "Wedging."

Cash awards were presented to Douglas Egaluf, Richard Lembeck, and Peter Fasanelle for their research paper "The Relationship of Spinal Distortions to the Symptomological Picture they Present."

Following the presentation of awards to the Columbia students, Dr. Lee presented the Clarence N. Flick Memorial Award to Dr. Ernest G. Napolitano, President of the Columbia Institute of Chiropractic.

The Annual Student Christmas Dance and Buffet, sponsored jointly by the Columbia Institute, Student Council and affiliated organizations, was held at the Sheraton-Tenney Inn in Queens, New York. More than 200 students and their escorts attended this festive function. The annual Faculty Dinner and Dance will be held at the famous Boulevard Restaurant in Queens, New York on February 5, 1966.

Dr. Charles Krasner, President of the Chiropractic Association of New York, presented an inspiring two-hour lecture in the area of Chiropractic Principles and Practice to an all-school assembly on December 9, 1965.

Post-Graduate courses in the areas of Chiropractic Technology, X-ray, Laboratory, Physical and Clinical Diagnosis are being developed for the field practitioner during 1966. Specific dates and summary of courses will be announced before March 1, 1966.

1975 (Dec 10): text of a letter from **Clarence W. Weiant, D.C., Ph.D.** to Russell Gibbons:

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December 10, 1975

Dear Mr. Gibbons:

I believe something is stirring. I hope you have heard from Al Werner. After I had written to him he called me and gave me some very interesting information. The late Dr. Clarence Flick set up a foundation called the Foundation for Health Research. For 22 months the Foundation had the services of a lawyer, Cyrus Lerner, who at one time was in the service of the late Joseph Kennedy, then our Ambassador to Britain. As an employee of the Foundation he received a salary of \$1,000 per month, in those days no small figure.

Lerner did a very thorough job. He had access to just about everything in the archives of the Palmer School (as it was then called). He relied upon the local Davenport public library for old writings of D.D. Palmer and made photocopies. He examined court records. He collected old newspapers dating back to the 1850's, with accounts of a running feud between D.D. Palmer and Andrew Still. He located as many people as possible who had had personal dealings with D.D. Palmer and conducted taped interviews with them. A number of these people were in Oklahoma; others were on the West Coast. Most of them are now dead. Let's hope the tapes have not deteriorated. He correlated developments in chiropractic with contemporaneous goings on in American medicine, politics, and popular thought.

Albert Werner, son of the older Werner who headed the American Bureau of Chiropractic, Dr. Lyndon Lee (now in his 80's and still practicing in Mt. Vernon, N.Y.), and a third man whose last name is Thomas (a Long Island resident who had been the real framer and manager of the American Bureau) were chosen to be the trustees of the Foundation. For a long time the trustees did nothing. They felt that the next phase should be directed by a chiropractic college. They did not trust the Palmer School to bring out an uncensored history of chiropractic. Meanwhile the New York State law licensing chiropractors came into existence (1963), but the New York State Board of Regents was not prepared to approve any school of chiropractic in the state. Eventually the National College was approved, but the trustees did not want to surrender their obligations to people that far away. So what they did was to resign their trusteeships and turn everything over to Columbia Institute, after the Chiropractic Institute of New York had merged with National College.

As I understand it, however, the bulk of the material accumulated is in the physical custody of Mr. Thomas, awaiting further developments.

The financial resources of the Foundation have shrunk to the mere pittance of about \$150.

I am urging that Columbia Institute begin as soon as possible to embark on the utilization and proper presentation of the data accumulated. Werner said he would talk to Dr. Napolitano and would tell him that I would be willing to serve as an occasional consultant. Of course I shall insist that you, if satisfactory terms can be reached, be named as director of the project (or any other appropriate title).

I have also suggested that FCER be solicited for funds to go ahead. Given some such provocative title as THE LONG SUPPRESSED STORY OF CHIROPRACTIC ORIGINS, the resulting book should really be at least a good (if not best) seller.

Have a happy holiday season,

Sincerely,
Clarence Weiant