

## Chronology of Otto A. Ohlson, D.C.

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### CHRONOLOGY

1929 (Dec 1): *Bulletin of the ACA* [6(6)] notes:

-**HG Beatty** DC, **OA Ohlson** DC and **Leo L Spears** DC are among the members of the executive committee of the CCA to continue the affiliation of the **Colorado Chiropractic Association** with the **ACA** on 11/12/29 (p. 9)

1932 (Nov 5): **Cleveland Chiropractic College** now located at 3724 Troost Ave, KC; **CS Cleveland** is Chairman of the Program Committee for the **ICC** conference; he notes that speakers will include: Lt. Gov. "Happy" Chandler of KY, **James R Drain** DC and HE Weiser DC of **TCC**, **HC Harring** DC of **Missouri CC**, "**Dr Watkins** of the Educational Clinics", Dr Hawkins of the Psychopathic Sanitarium, Dr Carver, HE **Vedder** of Lincoln CC, **WC Schulze** of **National**, **Steinbach** of Universal CC, **[A.B.?] Hender** of **PSC**, Trubenbach of NY, "Beatty and Russell of the Colorado", also "Drs **Slocum**, **Rogers**, **Ohlson**, **Gallaher**, **Marshall**, Schwietert, Ingram, Blanchat, Greene, Hanson, **Kolar**, Adelman, Gatten, McNichols"; registrants may arrange for "dissection work" through **CCC/KC** (Cleveland papers, CCC/KC)

1932 (Nov 8): Lillard T **Marshall** DC, president of the **NCA**, writes to CS Cleveland at 3722 Troost Ave, Kansas City to request enrollment in dissection course; notes that he will "bring Gov. Chandler with me" (Cleveland papers-CCC/KC); officers of the **NCA** are:

-**LT Marshall** DC, president, 514 Fayette Bank Bldg, Lexington KY

-Harry McIlroy DC, vice-president at large, Indianapolis

-**LM Rogers** DC, exec sec'y, Webster City IA

-LE Fuller DC, treasurer, Lebanon IN

-**BA Sauer** DC, recording sec'y, Syracuse NY

Board of Directors of **NCA** are:

-**AW Schwietert** DC, chairman, Sioux Falls SD

-**Wilbern Lawrence** DC, Meridian MS

-CM Guyselman DC, Jackson MI

-JH Durham DC, Louisville KY

-OA Ohlson DC, Denver CO

-**AT Holmes**, Chief Counsel

1947 (Mar 1): letter from OA Ohlson DC, Sec'y-Treasurer of Chiropractic Research Foundation (today's FCER), indicating that AW Schwietert DC (director of promotions) is ill; Sylva L Ashworth, DC listed on letterhead as "executive member" (Ashworth papers-CCC/KC)

1947 (Oct): *National Chiropractic Journal* [17(10)] notes:

-**photo** of O.A. Ohlson, D.C. seated with Drs. Frank O Logic, Leo Spears, Loran M Rogers, Neal Bishop, F Lorne Wheaton, George E Hariman, WH McNichols and Gordon M. Goodfellow (p. 9)

1986 (Jan 8): Arthur M. Schierholz, D.C. acknowledges contribution of historical information from O.A. Ohlson, D.C. in his history of the FCER (Schierholz, 1986, p. ii), and writes:

"Probably no one living can better express the foresight and spirit of Dr. Schweitert than Dr. O.A. Ohlson, then of Denver, now of Hawaii. He received a telephone call one morning at 4:30 a.m. from Dr. Schweitert. Dr. Schweitert said, 'Ole, are you ready for a shock? We're organizing a research group for our profession and we need some money to start it. To save time, we are asking each Board member for \$1,000.' Dr. Ohlson goes on to say, 'I don't know how well others relate to an early (4:30 a.m.) shock, but I have never conditioned myself to an early morning telephone or any other calls; for that matter.'

"And remember, this call for One Thousand dollars came in the wake of the Great Depression when many in our profession, like thousands of others in this country, were still reeling and struggling to recover after great financial losses. Nevertheless, Dr. Ohlson agreed to join with others, to find a financial program for the new Chiropractic Research Foundation... (pp. 6-7)

"Dr. O.A. Ohlson, Denver executive board member of the Chiropractic Research Foundation, said the

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organization will aim at unifying the nation's chiropractors to raise the scientific standards of the profession.... (p. 9)

"In summarizing the Six-Year, 9-Point program and its failure to develop into a gigantic fund-raising effort, Dr. O.A. Ohlson of Maui in the Hawaiian Islands wrote: 'McGruder had grandiose ideas -- at our expense. His insistence on money in advance was to test the very fiber of our organization. In a major way, our hard-earned money did not benefit chiropractic. Perhaps, the one lesson learned by the CRF officers was that an outsider without sufficient grounding in chiropractic history and the particular needs of chiropractic would, to say the least, not be productive.'" (p. 10)

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### Biographical Sketch

"Ohlson, Otto A., pioneer, D.C., teacher; brothers, John Ohlson, D.C., Peter Ohlson, D.C., son, Robert Ohlson, D.C., nephew, Karl Ohlson, D.C., nephew, Carrol Ohlson, D.C.; born in Guadalupe, Texas, Feb. 10, 1903; married Laura Lyle; other children: Stuart, architect, Doris, nurse, Elaine, United Airlines employee, Mark, Lenora, Linda, students; graduated Las Animas (Colo.) High School (1920), D.C., Palmer School of Chiropractic, Davenport Iowa (1925); post graduate gross anatomy, University of Natural Healing Arts, Denver, Colorado; clinical pathology, National College of Chiropractic, Lombard IL; private practice, Denver (1945-66), Hilo, Hawaii (1967-76); faculty of University of Natural Healing Arts (1940), (osteology); licensed in Colorado, Hawaii; toured England, France, Italy, Scandinavian countries to visit outstanding chiropractic clinics; Cosmopolitan Club International, Rotary International, President's Round Table, Albert Pike AF & AM; Universal Chiropractors Association (1925-30), American Chiropractic Association (1930), Foundation for Chiropractic Research, exec. Sec. (1950), ACA board chairman (1932-35), secretary, Colorado Board of Chiropractic Examiners (1950-56); Colorado Chiropractic Association president (1928), Denver Chiropractic Society president (1945-46); recognized for 50 years in practice by Palmer College (1975); special certificate 50th year for professional success (Parker Foundation, Ft. Worth TX); "Cured of fever in 1918 by Dr. Hoffman. Followed footsteps of two brothers"; Holy Apostle Episcopal; home address, Rt. 1, Box 564, E. Makawao, Maui, office 17 Furneaux Lane, Hilo Hawaii 96720" (Rehm, 1980)

**NOTE:** Ohlson probably joined the **NCA** rather than the **ACA** in 1930; in 1932 he became member of **NCA** Board of Directors; reference to Foundation for Chiropractic Research is more properly to Chiropractic Research Foundation (CRF), forerunner of today's FCER

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**Note:** There are 26 papers authored by Mrs. O.A. Ohlson listed in the *Journal of the National Chiropractic Association* during 1935-1947 (Hick & Keating, 1988)

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**Officers and Board of Directors of the National Chiropractic Association, 1930-38**

Year	President	Vice-Pres	Board Chair	Board	Board	Board	Board
30-31	LT Marshall	Cecil E Foster	-?-	-?-	-?-	-?-	-?-
31-32	LT Marshall	CE Foster?	Paul H Strand	TW Snyder	JH Lege	BF Gilman	Ruland W Lee
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32-33	LT Marshall	HK McIlroy	AW Schweitert	CM Guyselman	W Lawrence	<b>OA Ohlson</b>	JH Durham
33-34	LT Marshall	HK McIlroy	CM Guyselman	AW Schweitert	W Lawrence	<b>OA Ohlson</b>	JH Durham
34-35	Ruland W Lee	OL Brown	JH Durham	AW Schweitert	W Lawrence	<b>OA Ohlson</b>	CM
							Guyselman
35-36	CS Cooley	GM	<b>OA Ohlson</b>	AW Schweitert	W Lawrence	Ruland W Lee	CM
		Goodfellow					Guyselman
36-37	GM	FL Wheaton					
	Goodfellow						
37-38	FL Wheaton	KC Robinson	CM Guyselman	AW Schweitert	W Lawrence	EM Gustafson	CS Cooley