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Ash JL. A new precision factor in physical diagnosis is revealed by Micro-Dynamics. *The Chiropractic Journal* (NCA) 1935 (Mar); 4(3): 15-6, 41

1951 (Oct): **JNCA** [21(10)] includes:
 -"News flashes: California" (p. 44):

RADIONIC NOT CHIROPRACTIC COURT RULES

Superior Judge Ralph McGee, of Amador County, held in an opinion here recently that licensed chiropractors cannot charge patients for radionic treatments since radionics is not chiropractic.

Decision came in a ruling by which the court refused to order Mrs. Josephine DePonzi Doren, residing at Seattle, Wash., to pay the Credit Bureau of San Jose \$123.40 for a course of treatments she had received between Feb. 7 and Sept. 8, 1947, from Dr. John W. Wehringer, 1715 The Alameda.

The credit bureau was assigned the account for collection.

The court said during the seven-month interval, Mrs. Doren made seventy-eight visits to Dr. Wehringer's office, seeking a cure for headaches. On seven visits she received manual adjustments of her spinal column, on eight visits was sold concentrated foods, Dr. Wehringer prescribed, and on other occasions was given radionic treatments. These consisted, the court said, of "high frequency radio waves to produce a stimulating or relaxing effect" on her body.

Evidence showed, the court declared. Dr. Wehringer's total bill was \$284.98 plus a \$36.75 charge for the concentrated foods. She paid \$195, and then stopped payments.

Value of the seven manual spinal adjustments she received, the court stated, was far less than the \$195.

Radionic treatments are not chiropractic treatments," the court held, "and the defendant is not obliged to pay for them."

Mrs. Doren was represented by Bruce L. Griswold, attorney at law.

Decision overruled a contrary finding by Justice John Dempsey.

1951 (Dec): **JNCA** [21(12)] includes:
 -"News Flashes: California" (pp. 44, 46):

RADIONICS DEVICE IS WORTHLESS

Promotion of "radio" machines for the diagnosis and treatment of cancer and every other serious disease was the most bizarre violation of the Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act tried in the Federal courts in September, the Food and Drug Administration stated October 17th. **Ruth B. Drown**, Los Angeles chiropractor, was found guilty by a jury. Judge Harry C. Westover will pronounce sentence October 19.

Dr. **Drown** claimed that her machines can "tune in" the organs of the body with a single drop of the patient's blood, or two drops if the patient can't be there in person. This remote control is effective even when the operator does not know the patient's whereabouts, according to the Drown teachings. At the 2-week jury trial in Los Angeles, one defense witness, a long-time patient of Dr. **Drown's**, said she had been treated successfully from Los Angeles when she contracted pneumonia at Atlantic City, N.J. She said she believed she would be healed even if she had an automobile accident in Moscow and the Drown machine had to tune in through the Iron Curtain.

FDA said the promoter claimed in leaflets and circulars that the only current used is that of "the patient's own body energy of life force." By tuning in on the radio frequency of the disease, according to Dr. **Drown**, the diseased cells automatically fall away. Her followers are careful to preserve their "body magnetism." At the trial one gave enthusiastic endorsement to the **Drown** admonition against shower baths. He explained that water is a conductor which would connect the patient with the vibrations of the sewer.

The trial had its tragic side, FDA reported. The Government's key case history was that of a woman treated for cancer of the breast by the **Drown Radio Therapeutic Instrument** until her case became too advanced for successful surgery.

Government experts prominent in the fields of medical and chiropractic treatment, radio, and physics testified at the trial that the machines were worthless. - News Release - Federal Security Agency, Food and Drug Administration, Washington, D.C.

1952 (May): **JNCA** [22(5)] includes:
 -"News flashes: California" (p. 41):

DR. BAIRD ACQUITTED OF CHARGES

Dr. L.S.H. Baird, Redlands, Calif., consultant, was acquitted of all charges of mail fraud after trial in the federal court in Tucson, Ariz., the subject matter of which was his radionic analysis service to the profession.

The government's case was presented by a post office inspector and physician for the Federal Food and Drug Administration and involved switched and duplicate blood

specimens submitted in the name of a fictitious "Dr. W.F. Callas, Washington, D.C." Two local medical men also testified. The defense was quickly able to show that neither the specimens were properly prepared nor the case histories correctly reported despite the usual instructions. Moreover, it developed in the testimony of the government witnesses that they were completely unable to interpret Dr. Baird's reports, again in spite of an available paper on the subject.

An able defense was made by local counsel, John F. Molloy, Esq., or Dr. Baird who was formerly public relations chairman of the Tucson County Naturopathic Physicians' Society and earlier was professor of public health and jurisprudence at the Los Angeles College of Chiropractic.

Key defense witnesses were Dr. Robert T. Lustig, Grand Rapids, Mich., osteopathic physician and surgeon and instructor in atomic medicine, and Mr. Thomas G. Hieronymus, Kansas City, Mo., electrical engineer and president of Radiation Laboratories. The latter offered graphs based upon the questioned reports which demonstrated that duplication was found and showed evidence of contamination of the specimens.

Dr. Grace Bailey Edwards, Los Angeles, pioneer in pathometry, appeared for the defendant, and he was also supported by several local practitioners, including two state board members, who testified to his character and the accuracy and usefulness of his reports. Dr. Baird, taking the stand in his own defense, pointed out he had been a victim of deception from the beginning in the case.

1953 (July): **CaCA Journal** [9(12)] includes:

- "Doings of the Doctors" (p. 16):

Dr. Raymond H. Houser, San Diego, Calif., was elected a trustee of the Electronic Medical Foundation, San Francisco, Calif. a non-profit educational and research institution, according to an announcement by its president, Mr. Fred J. Hart. Dr. Houser has been Dean of the Los Angeles College of Chiropractic for the past five years. In the past decade he has become widely known for his part in modern chiropractic education in carrying out the policy of high standards.

Prior to the late war, he was a faculty member of the National College of Chiropractic, Chicago, and he is co-author of the leading text used in the field, **Chiropractic Principle and Technic**. His specialties are neurology and nutrition. The Foundation was instituted by the late Albert Abrams, M.D., in 1922.

1976 (Jan/Feb): **Digest of Chiropractic Economics** [18(4)] includes:

- Clarence E. Prill, D.C. of Peoria IL authors "Researching a phenomenon" (pp. 28-9, 31-2, 34, 36-7)

1976 (Mar/Apr): **Digest of Chiropractic Economics** [18(5)] includes:

- Clarence E. Prill, D.C. authors "Researching a phenomenon, Part 2" (pp. 83-5); includes erratum:

CORRECTION

Due to a misinterpretation of information received from the author, in Part I it was mentioned that the "Radionics Instrument" built by Dr. I.N. Toftness was Dr. Prill's first introduction to the subject. The instrument in question was not a Radionics instrument but a "bonafide amplifier." We apologize for the error.

1976 (July/Aug): of **Digest of Chiropractic Economics** [19(1)] includes:

- Dr. R. Broeringmeyer authors "Magnetic energies" (pp. 38-9, 41-2)

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