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Chronology of CHIROPRACTIC IN ALABAMA

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Chronology

1880 (Dec 19): Kelly C. Robinson DC is born at Eoline, Alabama

1918 (July 28): William Harris DC is born at Opelika, Alabama

1920 (Sept 11; Saturday): **Fountain Head News** [A.C. 25] [9(52)] includes:

-"The Truth is Appreciated" (p. 3):

"You must not hold a thought just because many other people hold it, nor because it has been believed for centuries, nor because it is written in some book which some men call sacred. You must remember that though a thousand men agree upon a subject, if they know nothing about that subject their opinion is of no value."

Birmingham, Alabama, August 5th, 1920

Dear BJ: We are beginning to get a taste of high life here in Alabam; all were found guilty of "practicing medicine" without a license and fined one hundred and costs. We got our first glimpse of Tom Morris and you should have heard the heartfelt sigh of relief that ascended from the depths of our being when he put in an appearance. What a prince, and a MAN! The A.C.A. (Alabama Chiropractors' Association) immediately suffered an acute attack of Morris-itis and seems in no way likely to recover! If the measure of a man is the friends he makes and the business associates with which he surrounds

himself – go to the head of the class, BJ and Tom Morris – you are both IT.

Our association, to which I referred above, is a good, healthy youngster about six months old; she is vigorous and husky to a degree, but does not talk much yet. As a matter of fact there is little encouragement for her to do so, as the first indication of activity on her part (as evidenced by a short article in the daily papers) the hammer fell and she was supposed to have suffered an early and painless death. However, she lives, she breathes, and so long as she is able to get nourishment and encouragement from THE PSC and Tom Morris, I have no hesitation in stating that she will live to put to shame her detractors. We are absolutely neutral in our affiliations, our membership being composed of a very select few who have had the good sense and good fortune to be PSC folks. Also by the same token all are STRAIGHT CHIROPRACTORS, and I believe will STICK.

Well, nuff sed; we're here because we're here, etc., and we may be on the "inside looking out" but we should worry. It's the LIFE!

A thought for the journal. SOME OFFICIAL ORGAN! Are we proud of it? ABSOLUTELY!

Love and best wishes to you and yourn,

Ada Brewster, D.C.

1920: Jackson (1994) notes a Carver Chiropractic College operating in South Montgomery, Alabama

PHOTOGRAPH



Willard Carver, LL.B., D.C.

1920: Lewis (1991, pp. 162-4) writes:

What began in 1920 as a single station (WDKA), had grown to 30 stations in 1922, and 556 in 1923.....Only a few radio sets were produced in 1921; 100,000 were produced in 1922; 500,000 in 1923. By 1923, an estimated 400,000 households had a radio, a jump from

60,000 just the year before. And in that year's spring catalogue, the Sears Roebuck Company offered its first line of radios, while Montgomery Ward was preparing a special fifty-two-page catalog of radio sets and parts. Included was 'a complete tube set having a range of 500 miles and more' for \$23.50.

Overnight, it seemed, everyone had gone into broadcasting: newspapers, banks, public utilities, department stores, universities and colleges, cities and towns, pharmacies, creameries, and hospitals, among others. In Davenport, Iowa, the **Palmer School of Chiropractics** had a station; in New Lebanon, Ohio, the Nushawg Poultry Farm started one; in Cleveland the Union Trust Company began broadcasting over WJAX; in Clarksburg, West Virginia, the Roberts Hardware opened WHAK; the John Fink Jewelry Company of Fort Smith, Arkansas, began WCAC; the Detroit Police Department began the mnemonic KOP; the Chicago Tribune began WGN (World's Greatest Newspaper); in San Francisco, the Glad Tidings Tabernacle broadcast its message of salvation over KDZX; and in Milford, Kansas, broadcasting over KFKB ("Kansas Folks Know Best"), Dr. John R. Brinkley delivered lectures three times each day about the virtues of implanting goat glands to restore male potency. From his church in Brooklyn, the Reverend Samuel Parkes Cadman - the preacher who had called the Woolworth Building the "cathedral of commerce" - now delivered his sermons to tens of thousands; from **Birmingham, the Alabama Power Company broadcast over WSY, calling itself "Service from the Heart of Dixie"**; and in Kansas City, Emory J. Sweeney added station WHB to his automobile and tractor repair school, offering a free radio course to each student who enrolled...

...Brisk radio sales were part of the wave of postwar prosperity that was breaking over the nation.

1921 (Apr 16): **Fountain Head News** [A.C. 26] [10(31)] includes:

-letter to B.J. Palmer from J.D. Hall (presumably a DC) in Birmingham AL (p. 6):

Dear BJ: Jan. 10, 1921

Referring to your letter of January 8th, 1921, herewith find check as per request. Pardon this letter head, it's all I have. I bought some from you the 18th of December, but they're not here yet. However, the envelopes came Saturday and maybe the letter heads will come today.

I'm enclosing some correspondence which, of course, is only worth what it's worth. None of us are doing anything at present; business has been on decrease ever since our persecutions and prosecutions began. Our trials come up in Criminal Division Circuit Court on Jan. 25th. Our Tom advises that he will be there. Love to you all.

-letter to B.J. Palmer from S.M. Brewster, D.C. of Birmingham AL (p. 8):

Dear BJ: Jan. 10, 1921

Yours of the 8th received. Enclosed find check for \$25.00, hoping some of the boys will be able to do more. Our business has never come back since our arrest last summer; that cut it just about in half. We are living in hope that the time may come when it will be twice what it was when they started to arrest us here.

Your letter only mentioned three. How about L.A. Hall and J.F. White?

Chiropractically yours,...

-letter to B.J. Palmer from Jas. A. Edwards (presumably a DC) of Birmingham AL (p. 9):

Dear BJ: Jan. 10, 1921

Your letter of 8th inst. In regards to the boys in California, at hand and in reply will say, that I am now up against it myself for the

following reasons, viz: My first year out of school was spent in an office with another at a salary, so to speak, and all my surplus went to pay back borrowed money; and second, I am now trying to get started myself, and building up a practice is kind of slow. Nevertheless, I am willing to sacrifice, so enclose herewith my check for \$6.00, which will help some. I am with them in heart and spirit and dollars too, when I get started again. Why not amend the UCA constitution so that we could make a special assessment for such a worthy cause? Why not? Aren't we all one great big family?

Yours Chiropractically,...

-letter to B.J. and Mabel Palmer from Mary A. Fant in Birmingham AL (p. 15):

Dear BJ and Mabel: Jan. 27, 1921

Your letter just reached me and with its little underrunning current of sarcasm. I appreciate it just the same, because I deserve it. At the time of your precious letter I was having a little trouble of my own, and again one of my best friends died and upset me very much.

Things got normal again, but to be frank with you it really slipped my mind. But when your letter came this morning (it may be a guilty conscience) it made me think and realize how selfish I had been to forget. If you will forgive me this time I will do my best next time you call on me.

Sincerely,...

-letter to B.J. Palmer from J.D. Hall (presumably a DC) in Birmingham AL (p. 16):

Dear BJ: Jan. 18, 1921

Enclosed herewith my check for \$20.00 for your boys and our brothers who are putting up the sacrifice of liberty, health and the pursuit of happiness for our beloved science, down in California. This makes \$5.00 each for all the boys that I have any record of up to this date, and if I had it I'd make it a hundred dollars each.

Yours for Chiropractic,...

1921 (June 11): **Fountain Head News** [A.C. 26] [10(39)] includes:

-Joe Homola, D.C. of Enterprise AL writes to B.J. Palmer (p. 21):

Dear BJ: March 23, 1921

Enclosing a money order for \$15.00, as you requested, to do my part in helping those boys that are in jail. It is up to us to help them, for they are surely doing the right thing for Chiropractic.

Your old friend, Joe Homola, D.C.

1925: **Nineteenth Annual Catalog** of the Carver Chiropractic College of Oklahoma City (Cleveland papers, CCCKC); many **photos**; and:

-lists several Carver schools (p. 4):

Carver Chiropractic College, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Carver Chiropractic Institute, New York City, N.Y.

Carver Chiropractic University, Denver, Colo.

Carver Chiropractic College South, Montgomery, Ala.

1926 (Apr): **Bulletin of the ACA** [3(4)] includes:

-"To Our Fellow Chiropractors" (pp. 10-11) is open letter to profession urging support for the ACA; among signatories is: O.P. BROOKS, Secretary, Alabama Chiropractic Assn.; Secretary, Jefferson County Chiropractic Assn.

1926 (Sept 4): Original officers, board members and members of the Representative Assembly of the Chiropractic Health Bureau (ICA, 1951; Keating, 1997, p. 215):

Officers

B.J. Palmer, President

Heinrich Dueringer, First Vice-President
 Charles Rohlfing, Second Vice-President
 F.H. Seubold, Third Vice-President
 Frank W. Elliott, Treasurer
 F.P. Myers, Secretary
 Fred H. Hartwell, General Counsel

Board of Control

Charles E. Caster	Glenn V. John
R.S. Marlow	George P. Shears
A.E. Lill	A.G. Eckols
W.H. Rafferty	C.P. Eifertson
P.M. Jackson	Morris Mortenson

Representative Assembly

Alabama - Joseph Barnett

California - A.G. Eckols	Nebraska - Bert R. Gibbs
Canada - Newton J. Elliott	New Hampshire - O.S. Conery
Connecticut - Burton W. Phelps	New Jersey - J.C. Harrison
District of Columbia - Hod Norton	New York - William H. Warner
Florida - Roberta T. Graham	Rhode Island - Ralph W. Braids
Illinois - A.E. Lill	South Dakota - C.C. Smith
Indiana - Mary Saxe	Texas - Ben Overton
Iowa - Charles E. Caster	Vermont - W.A. Gaze
Kentucky - Henry F. Grefe	Virginia - John H. Stoke
Mississippi - J.T. Grantham	Washington - John H. Craven
Missouri - Carl Cleveland	West Virginia - George P. Smithson

1927 (Nov 1): **Bulletin of the ACA** [4(6)] notes:

-John C. Glover DC at y01 Lyric Bldg, Birmingham is state VP (p. 8)

1928 (May): **The California Chiropractor** [1(1)] includes:

-“Chiropractic legislation” (p. 6); includes:

This column will be devoted to the discussion of laws regulating the practice of Chiropractic in the different States of the Union. I am constantly in communication with the various State Boards and have at all times up to date information regarding Chiropractic affairs and legislation. I will endeavor to give the definition of the Law and its interpretation and also the mode of practice under the law.

Alabama

This state provides examination for license under the Medical Board and no other educational qualifications required other than a diploma from chartered Chiropractic School. Applicants are examined in the same subjects as the physicians with the exception of major surgery and therapeutics.

If said applicant shall obtain an average of 75%, there shall be issued to the applicant a certificate which shall entitle the holder thereof to treat diseases of human beings by means of mechanotherapy according to the methods taught in the specific school the teaching of which he proposes to practice, but shall not entitle him to practice major surgery or to prescribe or administer drugs.

However according to a letter received March 15, 1928, none of the Chiropractors have attempted to stand the M.D. Board examination and therefore practice without license. The Chiropractors introduced a bill at the last session of the legislation [sic] but failed. They expect to pass a bill at the next session. They are trying to pass a law which will restrict the practice to the adjusting of the spine by hand only.

In my next article I will discuss the situation in the State of Arizona.

1928 (Oct): **Bulletin of the ACA** [5(5)] includes:

-advertisement (p. 22):

FOR SALE: Complete X-ray, “Meyer No. 2.” All accessories. First class condition. If you need an X-Ray you will never get a bargain like this. First check for \$275 gets it. DR. E.C. FRUTIGER, 206 Clark Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.

-advertisement (p. 23):

WANTED TO BUY: A practice in town of 6,000 or more. Give income and number of chiropractors in town, and price and terms. Must be good. Dr. J.J. McDonald, Florale, Alabama

1929 (Feb 25): letter to SL Ashworth DC from Joseph R Ashworth DC of Alabama

1929 (Apr 1): **Bulletin of the ACA** [6(2)] notes:

-Dwight L. Evans DC authors “Alabama News” in a section called “With the State Editors” (p. 11):

Please warn all the fellows to keep a watchful eye for a man about forty years old, red faced, sandy colored hair, about five feet and eight inches tall, and would weigh about one hundred and thirty pounds. Should he show up at any place, have him arrested, then wire me and I will have a warrant sent for him. He is going about selling a fake advertising service to chiropractors. The National Advertisers Syndicate, is the company he seems to be working for. He gets a check written to the company for \$20.00 as a good will seal to your contract, signs his name as J. Shannnon, representative. Then he goes to the hotel where he is registered, indorses the company’s name, also signs his name again as S.L. Hungerford. He took northern Alabama, getting \$20.00 at every town. I know of two others he struck. If we can locate him, we can put him behind the bars where he belongs, even if he is a smooth talker. I have written to his company, which is supposed to be located at 308 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, but I do not get an answer and the letter was not returned. Please help to locate this fellow as he is not safe to be at large.

1929 (June 10): Samuel Homola DC, future author of *Bonesetting, Chiropractic & Cultism* (Homola, 1963) is born in Dothan, Alabama

1929 (Aug 1): **Bulletin of the ACA** [6(4)] notes:

-A.H. Kessler, D.C., 207-8 Lyric Bldg, Birmingham, is new ACA state VP for Alabama (inside front cover)

-advertisement (p. 17):

Meyer No. 4 X-ray Bucky Table. Performs as good as new. \$275.00. Cost new \$2,600.00. Better hurry if you want this one. Dr. A.J. Lawley, 6-8-10 Woolworth Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.

1930 (Apr 1): **Bulletin of the ACA** [7(2)] notes:

-Hotel Sinton will be headquarters for **ACA's** convention in Cincinnati on July 14-18, 1930 (cover, p. 1)

-14 state associations now affiliated with **ACA**, including: (inside front cover); (**lowa association has apparently withdrawn affiliation?**)

-Alabama State Chiropractic Association

- Progressive Chiropractic Association of California
- Colorado Chiropractic Association
- Idaho State Chiropractic Association
- Michigan Chiropractic Society
- Minnesota Chiropractic Association
- Montana Chiropractic Association
- NYS Chiropractic Society
- North Dakota Chiropractic Association
- Ohio State Chiropractic Society

- Oregon Chiropractic Association
- Washington Chiropractic Association
- Wyoming Chiropractors' Association

1930 (Aug 17): handwritten letter from A.H. Kessler DC of Birmingham, Alabama to **Stanley Hayes** DC (Hayes collection):

Dear Dr. Hayes:

Just a line to tell you how much I enjoyed your *Bulletin* of July on "What is Wrong with Chiropractic." It is absolutely the truth and clarifies the whole situation. By accepting it as the truth, which it is, it also is easy to solve the problem "What is Wrong with Chiropractic." I have realized the situation very much as you do, but am not able to present before the Chiropractors the information in such a clear and concise way.

I know your *Bulletin* has made many think and it is doing a great work for Chiropractic. I am having everyone (chiro) read it.

Yours for success.

P.S. Enclosed find \$1.00 for my subscription

1931 (Jan 2): handwritten letter to W.C. **Schulze**, M.D., D.C. from Ed M. Gibson, D.C.

The Health System
6327 So. Ashland Ave., Chicago III

Dear Doctor Schulze:

The following paragraphs will give a record of my schooling:

I was born in Blackhawk Co., Waterloo, Iowa, May 2nd, 1898. Received my early schoolwork in the state of **Alabama** finishing the eighth grade at the Waterloo Public Schools; and entered West Waterloo High School in the year 1914, completing the Freshmen and Sophomore years, after which I took a course at the Waterloo Business College graduating in the Spring of 1918. This training led to a clerical position with the Iowa Bell Telephone Company, where I worked for one and one half years; or until I became interested in drugless healing and went to **Weigert School of Mechano Therapy**, Cedar Falls, Iowa, receiving a diploma from that school on the 8th day of September, 1920.

In 1921 I entered the Palmer School of Chiropractic, Davenport, Ia; graduated in June 1923; took the Iowa State Board for Chiropractic in the Fall of the same year and passed with a grade of 92% average.

In the Spring of 1925 I came to Chicago and took a position at the Evanston Hospital, Evanston, Illinois. This was like more schooling as it was a responsible position where the entire hospital, including the Staff doctors, heads of all floors and departments took orders from the admitting office. One little error at this office might mean a serious disturbance in the operating room, xray department, delivery room or any of the floors.

In 1928 I opened an office at 63rd and Ashland Avenue, Chicago, where I am still practising. At two different times during the years 1928-31 I substituted teaching at the Kellberg Institute, 14 N. Washington St., Chicago - Aug. 1st to Sept 3rd inc., 1929 and August 15th to August 30th 1931

Respectfully yours,

Ed?? M. Gibson, D.C.

1931 (Mar): *The Chiropractic Journal* (NCA) [1(3)] notes:

- Alabama State Chiropractic Association is affiliated with the National Chiropractic Association (NCA) (inside front cover)

1931 (June 30): William F. Holmberg is born in Birmingham, latter attends Birmingham Southern College & University of Alabama; earns DC at PSC in 1955

1932 (Jan/Feb): *The Chiropractic Journal* (NCA) [2(2)] notes:

- Chas. H. Jones DC is located in Montgomery AL (p. 14)

1933: According to Lewis (1991, pp. 229-30):

"The Radio Waves Are Calling!" proclaimed the Radio Corporation of America in a promotional map of the United States it published in the darkest year of the depression, 1933....The four-color map of the continent showed the location, call letters, and power of all broadcasting stations in the United States (605), Mexico (39), Cuba (7), Puerto Rico (1), Hawaii (2), Alaska (3), Canada (36), and Newfoundland (8). Among the states, New York had the most stations with 48, while Wyoming still had just one. **Alabama had ten stations...**The brochure listed state-by-state some of the programs available. In Iowa, where there were more automobiles per capita than in any other state, Cheerful Stan, the Standard Oil Service Man, broadcast "Hitting the Highways" every Wednesday evening over WOC-WHO in Des Moines..."

1935 (Nov): *The Chiropractic Journal* (NCA) (4[11]):

- "Good Morning, Judge" by A.T. Holmes notes (p. 32):

C.H. Farmer of Guntersville, Alabama, has been arrested on quo warranto proceedings under the charge of practicing medicine without a license. Inasmuch as a jury has been requested in this case it has been put on the jury calendar for the term commencing in march, 1936.

1937 (May): *The Chiropractic Journal* (NCA) (6[5]):

- "News Flashes: ALABAMA" (p. 30):

COURT RULING HITS CHIROS

Quo warranto proceedings filed in Circuit Court recently against 23 Birmingham and Jefferson county chiropractors, and sought to have them qualify properly with the State Board of Medical Examiners and did not seek collection of any license.

The proceedings, which the presiding judge directed the solicitor's office to file, would prohibit the chiropractors from practicing their profession on the claim they have failed to qualify properly with the state medical board. Judge Thompson said examinations were provided for such qualification.

The proceedings would seek to enjoin them from practicing in this county until they have complied with the law in accordance with Section 9933 of the 1923 Code.

License Commissioner Henry said no county license is levied against chiropractors, but they are required to pay a state license of \$20 each to practice. Records show a number of them have paid.

1937 (Aug): *The Chiropractic Journal* (NCA) (6[8]):

- "News flashes: ALABAMA" (p. 29):

NEW STATE OFFICERS ELECTED

The Alabama Chiropractors Association held their state convention in Birmingham on June 10. The principal address was given by Dr. Wilbern Lawrence, of Meridian, Mississippi, a member of the Executive Board of the NCA. Other speakers were Dr. C.B. Barfoot, of Gadsden; Dr. Dwight L. Evans, of Anniston; Dr. H.G. Ezell, retiring vice-president, of Birmingham; Dr. H.O. Phillips, of Bessemer; Dr. W.C. Albert, retiring president, of Birmingham; and Atty. Thomas Dozier.

A delightful banquet and entertainment was staged in the evening. The following officers were elected: President, Dr. A.W. Holmberg, of Ensley; Vice-president, Dr. J.R. Ashworth, of Troy; Secretary-treasurer, Dr. O.P. Brooks, of Birmingham, (re-elected). Anniston,

Alabama, was the unanimous choice of the delegates as the next convention city.

1938 (Apr): *The Chiropractic Journal* (NCA) [7(4)] includes:

-“News flashes: Florida” (p. 28):

SOUTHERN STATES CONVENTION

The All Southern States Convention is now near at hand and word comes to us that many know about it and are planning to attend. It will be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 22, 23 and 24, at the George Washington Hotel in Jacksonville, Florida.

On the program are many nationally known chiropractors of unusual ability who will give us a real feast of good things in our profession – things that will help each of us to build a greater practice in his own locality.

Among those who will speak are: Dr. Wilbern Lawrence, of Meridian, Mississippi; Dr. L.J.C. Williamson, of Carrollton, Georgia; Cash Asher, of Washington, D.C.; Dr. C.B. Barfoot, of Anniston, Alabama; Dr. George M. Coates, of Lake Wales, Florida; Dr. L.A. Methvin, of Nashville, Tennessee; Dr. R.W. Nelson, of Charleston, South Carolina; Dr. C.M. Kightlinger, of New York City; Dr. H.E. Stanford, of Georgia; Dr. H.H. Hon, of Anabolic Food Products Company, New York City; Dr. Lillard T. Marshall, of Lexington, Kentucky; Dr. W. Guy Cheatham, of Nashville, Tennessee; Dr. H.E. Vedder, of Indianapolis, Indiana; Mrs. Henry Stacy Dodge, of Richmond, Virginia; and last, but not least, Mr. Napoleon Hill, noted author and lecturer. A delightful banquet and dance will be held on Saturday evening.

Certainly no one can afford to miss this wonderful opportunity to benefit himself and humanity, which is being brought right to our southern states, instead of going a great distance away. It is in our own section of the country, so let's all attend and go back home greatly benefited and happier in our work. – Reported by Dr. C.E. Foster, General Chairman.

1938 (Sept): *The Chiropractic Journal* (NCA) [7(9)]:

-ad for **McGinnis'** "Chiropractic Drugless and Bloodless Manipulative Surgery Class, Indianapolis, Indiana, July, 1938" (p. 47) features **photo** below:

PHOTOGRAPH



Participants above include (L to R): Drs. H.W. Christian, **Jasper, Alabama**; female assistant; Wm.H. Gwynn, Indianapolis; Susie M. Schaus, Des Moines; Sylvia L. Bartlett, Martin SD; H. Lesley Brooks, Indianapolis; Geo. C. Watkins, Indianapolis; McGinnis; D.F. Davis, Indianapolis; Wm. Ellery, Indianapolis; Wm. C. Saner, Hedrick IA; C.N. Wirth, Gillespie IL; A.I. Berninger, **M.D.**, Incianapolis

1939 (Aug): *National Chiropractic Journal*[8(8)] includes:

-“News flashes: ARKANSAS” (p. 34):

CONVENTION LARGEST IN HISTORY

The Alabama State Chiropractic Association held its annual convention in Gadsden, Alabama, June 8 and enjoyed the most enthusiastic and largest convention in the history of the state. One reason for such an enthusiastic meeting is the fact that the Medical Trust has waged and is still waging a desperate battle against Chiropractic in this state, and, believe me, that's when chiropractors lay aside all factions and unite in one harmonious band of soldiers to defend the right of sick people to secure the services of Chiropractic if they so desire.

The association has done a lot of constructive work toward the passage of our bill and things look very favorable. However, it will take that last and final push to put it over.

Dr. A.H. Kessler served a 3-day jail sentence in May for the cause of Chiropractic and there are several more in line for that same prescription written by the Medical Trust and who are so anxious to see to it that that prescription is filled to the letter.

Members of the association, realizing that it would not be wise to change officers in the heat of the battle, re-elected the following officers: Dr. J.L. Thompson, Montgomery, president; Dr. M.M. Cummings, Mobile, vice-president, and Dr. H.G. Ezell, Birmingham, secretary-treasurer.

Dr. Ashworth, Troy, made an earnest appeal for new members in the NCA, and I feel sure his appeal will bear much fruit for Chiropractic and the NCA.

Dr. Wilbern Lawrence has been so faithful in attending our meetings that the association voted him an honorary membership. We love and admire Dr. Lawrence for the work he is doing for the NCA and Chiropractic. – Reported by Dr. H.G. Ezell, Secretary.

1939 (Dec): *National Chiropractic Journal*[8(12)] includes:

-“News flashes: ALABAMA” (p. 28):

SEEK TO ENACT LEGISLATION

Alabama chiropractors recently made another unsuccessful attempt to get legislation. We made our plans and worked several months before and during the legislative session. Our bill was introduced in the House and referred to the Health Committee. We lost on our first hearing but worked on the members of the committee, individually, and at another meeting of the committee about three weeks later we got our bill voted out without recommendation. The committee was composed of fifteen members, one of whom was a medical doctor. He voted against us the first time but I am happy to say that he voted for our bill, without recommendation, the second time it was up for consideration. That put our bill on the calendar.

Our legislature had a split session and we waited too long in the last half to introduce our bill. We tried several times to get the Rules Committee to make it a special order but in this we were unsuccessful.

Getting our bill on the Calendar may not seem that we have accomplished much, but it is more than we have done in the past fifteen years.

The most encouraging aspect of this campaign is that the chiropractors of Alabama were more united and cooperated better than at any time in the past.

We had more real friends in the legislature this time than ever before, several of whom are patients of chiropractors back in their home towns. We all learn from experience and we fully expect to do better next time. – Reported by J.L. Thompson, D.C., President, Alabama Chiropractic Ass'n.

1940 (Mar): *National Chiropractic Journal*[9(3)] notes:

- J.R. Ashworth DC is NCA state delegate from Troy AL (p. 3)
- John L. Thompson, D.C. is located at 619-21 Bell Bldg, Montgomery AL (p. 55)

1940 (Aug): *National Chiropractic Journal*[9(8)] notes:

- “News flashes: ALABAMA” (p. 34):

NEW OFFICERS ELECTED

The Alabama Chiropractic Association held its annual meeting June 13th in Montgomery, Ala. A large gathering of Alabama Chiropractors were present and enjoyed a wonderful program.

Dr. S.J. Burich of the Lincoln College of Chiropractic, Indianapolis, and Dr. Wilbern Lawrence, NCA Executive Director, of Meridian, Miss., were the guest speakers. Dr. Burich gave three hours of interesting information. His subject was “Neurology.” Dr. Lawrence’s subject was “What Chiropractors Have Done To Make Chiropractic What It Is.”

The local speakers were: Dr. Gregory M. Owens, Birmingham, Ala.; Dr. H.H. Martin, Andalusia, Ala.; Dr. A.H. Kessler, Birmingham, Ala.; Dr. E.M. Steely, Samson, Ala.

The following officers for 1940-1941 were elected: Dr. C.B. Barfoot, Gadsden, Ala., President; Dr. James Lock, Montgomery, Ala., Vice-President; Dr. W.C. Albert, Birmingham, Ala., Sec’y-Treas. – Reported by Dr. W.C. Albert, Secretary.

1940 (Nov): *National Chiropractic Journal*[9(11)] notes:

- Alabama Ex-Service Men’s League is affiliated with the Ex-Service Men’s League of NCA, organized by Frank O. Logic DC of Iron Mountain MI (p. 50)

1941 (Jan/Feb): *The Chiropractic Record* [1(2)], “Published by the Alumni Society and student body of Carver Chiropractic College”; published bi-monthly, Lorna Langmore, D.C. and Norman Culver are editors includes:

- “Alumni Society news notes” (p. 6); includes:

DEATHS

...Dr. Arthur Albert Smith, November 5, 1940, in Bessemer, Alabama...

1943 (Mar): *National Chiropractic Journal*[12(3)] notes:

- J.R. Ashworth, D.C. is NCA state delegate from Troy AL (p. 3)

1945 (Apr): *National Chiropractic Journal*[15(4)] notes:

- J.R. Ashworth, D.C. is NCA state delegate from Troy AL (p. 3)

1945 (Sept 4): copy of letter to B.J. Palmer, D.C. from T.F. Ratledge, D.C. (Ratledge files; CCCKC):
Dear “B.J.”

Have just returned from vacation (well earned) and find a letter from one “N.M. Fligstein, 149 Jackson, St., Russellville, Alabama, concerning a proposed “Chiropractic Digest” which he is about to publish.

He asks for material from us and indicates that he is making general requests for materials from all chiropractic sources from which he will condense and republish in the light of his interests and understanding. From my casual thought his interests and understanding may well determine whether or not the publication will be of value or subversive to chiropractic, therefore, I am asking that you give me such information as you may have concerning his qualifications, interest etc. in attempting to publish such an imposing titled

periodical. I do not want to lend dignity to any utterances that arise from anti-chiropractic interests.

Did you get a similar invitation and are you going to support him in the undertaking?

There will soon go to press a pamphlet or magazine which will give my views of things chiropractic in California. Should you have any important facts of recent developments that you would like to have appear in it please send them to me. I thought that there might be some trend in governmental policies that might be stressed to the field. Maybe some trend in changes in chiropractic laws etc. that point to chiropractic pathways instead of what C.H. Woods is putting out in “The California Naturopath,” (Vol. 1 #1.) showing a trend toward “Naturopathy.”

Every attempt by the California Chiropractic Association to make “physicians” out of chiropractors and legislation with such trend was defeated at Sacramento. The only bill of any importance which passed was one amending the Workmens Compensation Act and it was a rotten bill as it defined chiropractic services as medicine but at my insistence they provided that it in no way authorized the posing of chiropractors as “physicians.”

Will write again soon and suggest a legal procedure against the California Board that Kingston says, and I believe, will be a great step in chiropractic affairs as it would force Chiropractic boards to give chiropractic examinations. Will write you fully on it before long. It will be a rather expensive proceedings but I thought the several real chiropractic schools and, possibly, the I.C.A. might find a basis for financing it.

Something should be done to stop sabotage of chiropractic by our own boards of examiners. Best wishes.

1946 (May): *National Chiropractic Journal*[16(5)] notes:

- J.R. Ashworth DC is NCA state delegate, located at Folmar Bldg., Troy AL (pp. 3, 46)
- classified ad lists McManis osteopathic table for sale by Mr. Noble Johnson at 908 20th St. S., Birmingham AL, due to death of Dr. Juanita Johnson (p. 61)

1947-48: Motions Submitted to Board of Directors, 1947-1948 (NCMIC Archives):

Submitted December 15, 1947

Effective December 21, 1947

Re. That the policy of Dr. S.P. Smith of Montgomery, Alabama, be canceled as of December 31, 1947, because of insufficient qualifications.

Voted “Yes”

G.E. Hariman; F.L. Wheaton; G.M. Goodfellow; H.K. McIlroy; J.L. Prosser

This indicates that the motion was carried.

1948 (June): *National Chiropractic Journal*[18(6)] notes:

- J.R. Ashworth, D.C. is NCA state delegate at Troy AL (p. 3)

1948 (July): *National Chiropractic Journal*[18(7)] notes:

- Kelly C. Robinson, D.C. of Stamford CT, former NCA president, authors “A study of human evolution” (pp. 13-5, 70), which is an address to the “Alabama Chiropractic Convention”

1949 (Sept): *The Record* (publication of the “students and faculty” of Carver College) includes:

- obituary (p. 5):

Chiropractic lost another key man in the passing of Dr. Jack Glover of Birmingham, Alabama. Dr. Glover graduated from the Carver-Denny Chiropractic College, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, some

forty years ago. He and his brother, Tom, were Alabama's first Chiropractors.

He is survived by Mrs. Davie Glover; a son, Dr. Willard C. Glover; two daughters, Mrs. Robert Daniels of Birmingham, Alabama and Mrs. Lewis Oddo of Bessemer, Alabama; one sister, Mrs. Ella Sims of Marvel, Alabama; eleven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

1949 (Oct): **JNCA** [19(9)] includes:

-Loren M. Rogers, D.C. authors "The Front Cover" (p. 6):

OUR FRONT COVER this month carries an excellent likeness of Dr. John L. Prosser, of Tampa, Florida, member of the Executive Board of Directors of the National Chiropractic Association.

Dr. Prosser, or "John" as he is affectionately known by a multitude of colleagues and friends from coast to coast, was born in Chicago on June 5, 1891. The family moved to Mississippi in 1897, where he later attended Mississippi State College and Alabama Polytechnic Institute at Auburn graduating in 1914 in electrical engineering. He received his Master's degree in 1915 and followed construction engineering seven years.

He resigned as chief field engineer for the U.S. Steel Corporation at Fairfield plant in Birmingham, Alabama, and enrolled at the PSC, graduating in November, 1924.

Dr. Prosser opened an office in Tampa, Florida in July, 1926 and was elected secretary of the Florida Chiropractors Association in October of that year. He has since held every important elective office in the FCA, which attests to his qualities of leadership and popularity in the profession.

"Doctor John" was elected to the Executive Board of Directors of the National Chiropractic Association in 1946 and served as its chairman during the 1948-49 period. He was unanimously re-elected to a three-year term on the Executive Board of Directors at the Chicago convention in July which was a real tribute to the outstanding leadership and outspoken position he had taken on important issues arising from time to time during his first term of office.

We hail, then, "Doctor John" as one who has travelled far and wide in the interest of his profession through the years. No task is too large or too small, in his opinion, to be worth doing well if it has a bearing on the future growth and progress of his profession. Would that there were many more with his altruistic spirit and forward-looking vision.

-"Professional Directory" (p. 75) includes:

ALABAMA

Dr. Carl B. Gibson, Carver, L.C.C., Florence

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

-"News flashes: Alabama: SOUTHERN CONVENTION IN MAY" (pp. 38)

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

-"Professional Directory" (p. 79); includes:

ALABAMA –

Dr. Carl B. Gibson, Carver, L.C.C., Florence

1950 (Nov): **JNCA** [20(11)] includes:

-"News flashes: Alabama" (p. 41):

ALABAMA CONVENTION IN MOBILE

The Alabama State Chiropractic Association, Inc. will hold its fall convention in Mobile, Ala. November 4 and 5, 1950.

Dr. C.M. Kightlinger, of the Chiropractic Institute of New York, will be one of the principal speakers. – Submitted by Dr. R.R. Williamson, president.

1951 (Apr): **JNCA** [21(4)] notes:

-J.R. Ashworth, D.C. is NCA state delegate at Troy AL (p. 3)

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

-"News Flashes: Alabama" includes "New head of Rotary chosen" (p. 40):

Dr. J.R. Ashworth was unanimously chosen president of the Troy Rotary Club at the meeting held March 13, 1951. His term will begin July 1 for one year.

Ashworth's election came following the recommendations of a nominating committee of which Dr. C.B. Smith was president.

Corley Chapman was chosen vice-president of the organization, and Douglas Griffin and Wesley Dorrill were re-elected treasurer and secretary respectively. Grady Stripling and Scherr Douglas were chosen sergeants-at-arms.

Dr. Ashworth, active for many years in the chiropractic profession, is the present state delegate to the National Chiropractic Association. – From the Troy (Ala.) Messenger, march 14, 1951.

1951 (Dec): **JNCA** [21(12)] includes:

-"News flashes: Alabama" (pp. 40-1):

DR. KING'S LECTURE BROADCAST

The fall educational program of the Alabama State Chiropractic Association was held at the Hotel Clement, in Opelika, Alabama, on November 3 and 4. Dr. Carl Gibson, president, presided over Saturday's activities, while Dr. J.R. Ashworth, Jr., first vice-president, presided Sunday.

Mr. Forney Renfroe, mayor of Opelika, welcomed the chiropractors and their wives, and Dr. Joe Liles gave the response.

The speakers included Dr. L.M. King, dean of the Lincoln Chiropractic College, whose address was entitled, "Where We Stand Legally after Fifty Years of Growth." Dr. King's excellent lecture was broadcast and tape recorded by radio station WJHO.

Mr. Leon Kane, president of the CCE, spoke on "Unity in Chiropractic." His address was enthusiastically received, and provided much food for thought.

Mr. J.H. Orr, former Alabama state senator, presented an inspiring speech entitled "Naomi and Ruth."

The banquet and dance were enjoyed by all who attended, with Dr. King being popularly received as toastmaster at the banquet. Announcement was made that the convention next spring will be in Birmingham, in conjunction with the All-Southern Convention. – Submitted by J.D. Hogan, jr., D.C., secretary.

1952 (May): **JNCA** [22(5)] includes:

-"News flashes: Alabama" (pp. 41, 43):

SOUTHERN STATES CONVENTION

The All Southern States Chiropractic Association, in conjunction with the Alabama Chiropractic Association, will hold its annual convention May 30, 31 and June 1, 1952, at the Thomas Jefferson Hotel in Birmingham, Alabama.

The All Southern usually has the largest attendance and one of the best programs of any chiropractic association which meets regularly in the Southern States. You cannot afford to miss this educational program and should mark your calendar now for the above dates. You will want to visit Birmingham, which is referred to as the "Pittsburgh of the South."

Prominent speakers who will appear on the program and their subjects are as follows:

Dr. Leo Spears – "Pain Relief and Control Without Drugs," "Mental Deficiency," "The House You Live In." (Public lecture).

Dr. Earl Rich, Roentgenologist at Lincoln Chiropractic College – “Osteochondritis Simplified,” “X-ray Studies of the Posterior Neural Arch.”

Dr. J.E. Slocum – “The Mechanism of Health and Disease” (Divided into two lectures).

Mr. Leon Kane – “Is There a Doctor in the House?” “Doctors, Dollars and Double Talk.”

The above speakers will provide an interesting and educational program. Registration fee – Chiropractors \$5.00. Visitors and wives (not chiropractors) \$2.

Reservations have already been made for a large number of exhibits which will be interesting and profitable to all who attend.

Officers of the All Southern are as follows: Dr. R.D. Ingram, Campbellsville, Ky., president; Dr. O.B. Inman, Atlanta, Ga., vice-president; and Dr. J.L. Thompson, Montgomery, Ala., secretary-treasurer. Officers of the Alabama Chiropractic Association are Dr. C.B. Gibson, Troy, president; Dr. J.R. Ashworth, Jr., Troy, 1st vice-president; Dr. N.C. Flickinger, Lanett, 2nd vice-president; and Dr. J.D. Hogan, Montgomery, secretary-treasurer. These officers extend to you a most cordial invitation to attend this convention in Birmingham. Make your reservations direct with the Thomas Jefferson Hotel – NOW. Dr. O.C. Arnold, Stallings Bldg., Birmingham, Ala., is chairman of committee on arrangements. – Submitted by Dr. J.L. Thompson, Sec’y-Treas.

1952 (July): **JNCA** [22(7)] includes:

-Michael Sachey, M.A., D.C. of Wantagh, Long Island NY authors “Why chiropractic should be recognize by boxing commissions” (pp. 28-30, 64-5); includes:

Editor’s Note: Dr. Michael Sachey is a former boxing coach and football trainer, University of Alabama, Southern Conference and Rose Bowl champions. He taught Jack Dempsey how to teach boxing which resulted in the formation of the major core of physical education program of the New York State Home Guard and the United States Coast Guard during World War II.

1953 (Mar): **JNCA** [23(3)] includes:

-“News flashes: Alabama: All-Southern Convention, May 22-24” (p. 50) notes speakers will include Joseph Janse, Vinton Logan, Herbert Hender

1954 (Feb): **OCA News**, published by the Oklahoma Chiropractic Association at 521 NW 9th Street, Oklahoma City, (from Cleveland papers, CCC/KC; in my Carver College file) notes:

-Bera A. Smith, D.C. authors “Carver College News” (pp. 7-8); includes:

MORE OKLAHOMA STUDENTS IN CARVER COLLEGE

Of the students graduating from Carver College in 1953, forty-three per cent were residents of Oklahoma at the time they entered the College.

Many of you older doctors can remember when a very small percentage of our students were from this state. Texas, Mississippi, **Alabama**, Georgia and other states have frequently had more representatives in our school than the state of Oklahoma. But this is changing.

The reason for this trend is quite understandable. As the schools all over the country are getting closer and closer to a standard curriculum, each school draws more heavily upon the territory near it...

c1954: photograph & handwritten caption (received from Tom Lawrence, D.C.); left to right are: Bera Smith, D.C.; Joseph Ashworth, D.C.; Tom Lawrence, D.C.; A.B. Crenshaw, D.C.; Wilbern Lawrence, D.C.



Dr. Bera Smith was a feature speaker at a MCA convention in Meridian in early 50’s, probably around 1954.

Dr. Joe Ashworth, Carver graduate from south Alabama. His father Troy? and a brother were Carver graduates. Dr. A.B. Crenshaw of Meridian. His mother, Dr. Ruth Crenshaw, Carver graduate about 1935. She practiced in Meridian, at one time across the hall from me; during last year of his life – practiced in my office but not as a partner.. His brother, Dr. Jack Crenshaw, was my roommate at Hinds College and at Carver. He practice in Vicksburg, MS. Had compression fracture of 2 vertebrae during WWII and did not practice any more. Studied law and was inlegal dept. for ICA in Davenport. Deceased.

1955 (Sept): **ICA International Review of Chiropractic** [10(3)] includes:

-“Medics hit board plan” (p. 25):

Birmingham, Ala. (ACP) – Dr. Frank L. Chenault of Decatur, president of the Alabama Medical Association announced recently that members of the College of Counselors of the Association had condemned a proposal to create a five-man regulatory board for chiropractors.

A bill to set up the board for chiropractors and grant them certain professional privileges had been introduced by Rep. Pat Vacca of Jefferson, and other House members. Dr. Chenault said a group of medical doctors would go to Montgomery to oppose the measure.

In introducing the bill, Rep. Vacca said it was intended “in no way to replace medical doctors. We need both professions.”

The College of Counselors also was backing legislation to establish the right of injunction against any person “unlawfully engaged in the practice of a profession.” Dr. Chenault stressed that this would apply not only to the medical profession but to any other profession.

1956 (June): **ICA International Review of Chiropractic** [10(12)] includes:

-J.L. Below, D.C. of Cullman, Alabama authors letter to the editor re: “enrollment lethargy”

1956 (Sept): **ICA International Review**[11(3)] includes:

- ad for "Protractoscopic technique" by Jacob Kuhn, D.C. of Florence, Alabama (p. 25)
- "New ICA members" (p. 24) includes Jesse R. Ellington, D.C. of Alabama City, Alabama
- 1956 (Dec): **ICA International Review**[11(6)] includes:
- "New ICA members" (p. 30) includes Jack H. Van De Carr, Jr., D.C. of Mobile, Alabama
- 1957 (Mar): **ICA International Review**[11(9)] includes:
- "New ICA members" (p. 21) include Frank F. Kambish, D.C. of Camp Hill, Alabama and Harry O. Wright, D.C. of Florola, Alabama
- "Chiropractor challenges Alabama statute; wins medical practice case" (p. 25):
- Union Springs, Ala. (ACP) – A chiropractor charged with practicing medicine without a license was freed here in county court.
- He was Dr. R.W. Petersen. A large crowd viewed the court proceedings, since this was the first time in several years that a chiropractor was tried under a state statute which requires a chiropractor to pass certain medical examinations before he can obtain a license to practice.
- Dr. D.G. Gill, state health officer and secretary of the Board of Medical Examiners, testified in the trial that Dr. Petersen had not made application to practice chiropractic in Alabama. Dr. Gill explained that a chiropractor must be able to perform caesarean and other operations as well as attend a mother in child birth as some of the qualifications for licensure.
- Dr. Petersen's attorney, T.K. Selman, a state representative and a Jasper, Ala., attorney, contended that the chiropractor had treated non one.
- Selman also contended the chiropractor had not written any prescriptions, had not performed any operations nor done any of the other things which he would be entitled to, had he obtained a license as a chiropractor.
- Therefore, he argued, since Dr. Petersen was caring for patients with massage and manipulation, he was not practicing chiropractic as it is defined under the state statute.
- The prosecuting attorneys, on the other hand, tried to convince the jury that Dr. Petersen had practiced medicine without a license.
- 1957 (May): **ICA International Review**[11(11)] includes:
- "New ICA members" (p. 30) include: Milous J. Reese, D.C. of Ensley, Alabama; Jack H. Van De Car, Sr., D.C. of Mobile, Alabama; Jack H. Van De Car, Jr., D.C. of Mobile, Alabama; Frank E. Wheeler, D.C. of Anniston, Alabama
- 1957 (June): **ICA International Review**[11(12)] includes:
- "New ICA members" (p. 26) include: Bobby T. Stewart, D.C. of Alabama City AL
- 1957 (July): **ICA International Review**[12(1)] includes:
- "Honors" (p. 23) includes:
- DR. J.L. BELOW of Cullman, Ala., has been appointed Deputy District Governor of District 34-A of Lions International.
- 1957 (Sept): **ICA International Review**[12(3)] includes:
- "Elections" (p. 24) includes:
- Alabama State Chiropractic Association – Dr. P.G. Carter of Birmingham, president, and Dr. C.F. Reavers of Anniston, secretary-treasurer...
- "New ICA members" (p. 26); includes: Reginald M. Jorgensen, D.C. of Montgomery, Alabama
- 1958 (Jan): **ICA International Review of Chiropractic** [12(7)] includes:
- "New ICA members" (p. 21) include Vernon O. Frith, D.C. of Prattville, Alabama and James M. Lett, D.C. of Anniston, D.C.
- Roy C. Owens, D.C. of Ohatchee, Alabama autors "Play the ball – not the pitcher" (p. 21)
- 1958 (Jan): **JNCA** [28(1)] notes:
- (p. 48):
- Alabama State Chiropractic Convention And All Southern States Chiropractic Convention**
- The two above conventions will be held jointly May 17 and May 18, 1958, at the Stafford Hotel, Tuscaloosa, Alabama. A most outstanding program will be presented featuring Dr. Thure C. Peterson, president of the Chiropractic Institute of New York, and Dr. J. Lamoine DeRusha, dean of the Northwestern College of Chiropractic, Minneapolis, Minn.
- A MUST for every chiropractor will be the showing of and commentary by Dr. Thure C. Peterson on the much discussed and world-renowned Illi film. This is the first showing of these films in the Southeastern area, and each chiropractor is urged to avail himself of this opportunity to view and understand this metamorphosis in chiropractic.
- Dr. J.L. DeRusha is an outstanding feature of this convention. He has lectured in thirty-seven of our forty-eight states, appeared on the postgraduate program at the National College of Chiropractic, and lectured at the second annual convention of the "We Walk Again" Polio Conference. Dr. DeRusha is a fellow of the International College of Chiropractors, and has been a frequent lecturer on the program of the NCA convention. It is a definite privilege to obtain such an outstanding chiropractor, and we assure each person hearing him a wealth of knowledge. -Oliver C. Arnold, D.C., president, ASSCA.
- 1958 (Feb): **ICA International Review of Chiropractic** [12(8)] includes:
- Clyde Bearden, D.C. of Russellville, Alabama authors "Are doctors too busy?" (pp. 13-4)
- 1958 (Mar): **ICA International Review of Chiropractic** [12(9)] includes:
- John L. Abbott, D.C. of Monroeville, Alabama authors "Success with sinusitis" (pp. 4-6); includes photo of Dr. Abbott
- 1958 (June): **JNCA** [28(6)] includes:
- R.T. Leiter, D.C. of Macon, Georgia, NCA state delegate, authors "A simple, sensible answer to 'Why higher educational requirements'" (pp. 9-10) (in my Leiter file); includes:
- Editor's note: Recent articles printed and re-printed in various chiropractic publications have questioned the NCA's being an asset to chiropractic, and inferring that the NCA is a millstone around the necks of the members of the profession. We proudly invite the attention of those who lack vision for the future to the cogent and timely remarks presented by Dr. R.T. Leiter in the following article.*
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- A letter to the editor printed in the April *Review*, as reprinted from the *Colorado Chiropractor*, quotes an Alabama chiropractor thus: "...only ten per cent of our classmates have a successful

practice!...ninety per cent of our graduated talent is not being used to make America a healthier, stronger, happier nation, etc.” The writer further states that “the chiropractic profession is seeking to make requirements include two years of preprofessional study, not for increased competency, but *in conformity with social pattern.*” (Ital. Mine – RTL.) He concludes with this statement and question: “The NCA declines to participate in unity on public relations unless there is agreement that another therapy be considered a part of chiropractic. Is the NCA an asset to the profession or a millstone around our necks?”...

-“News Flashes: ALABAMA” (pp. 64, 66):

SEPARATE TRIALS ARE ORDERED

Thirty-three chiropractors were ordered to appear before Judge J. Russell McElroy, judge of the Tenth Judicial Circuit, Birmingham, Alabama, and were told to be ready “to show by what authority or warrant you are practicing or have practiced in Jefferson County, Alabama, a profession of treating diseases of human beings, without having obtained a certificate of qualification from the State Board of Medical Examiners of the State of Alabama, or the license required by law, and show cause, if any, why you should not be excluded from said profession.”

At the preliminary hearing, lawyers for the chiropractors charged that the medical doctors know nothing at all about the practice of chiropractic and claimed their intent is to destroy and eradicate the practice of chiropractic in the State of Alabama.

They said the Medical Board of Censors was and always would be composed of members of the medical association who are “so prejudiced against chiropractors” that it would be impossible for them to qualify under the law as it now stands.”

T.K. Selman, Jasper Attorney, attacked the constitutionality of the law requiring medical licensing, declaring it violates the constitution by setting arbitrary and discriminatory regulations. He argued that medical doctors, dentists, optometrists, nurses, and even midwives have their own Boards of Examiners. Chiropractors should have a Board of Examiners too. He and Birmingham Attorney, Jim Gibson, stressed over and over the unfairness of asking medical doctors to pass on the qualifications of chiropractors “when they have never studied chiropractic and have no knowledge of it.” Mr. Gibson argued further that chiropractors are not dispensing medicine in the “technical or practical sense.”

The action against the chiropractors was begun by County Health Officer Dr. George A. Denison, who filed information with the court charging the chiropractors with illegal practice.

Solicitor Emmett Perry urged speed in getting the trials set up and the matter cleared up. He said he did not deem it necessary to answer charges that the medical profession sought to “eradicate the practice of chiropractic” and that the constitutionality of the licensing law has been upheld “for the last thirty years.”

The solicitor was upheld in his contentions by Judge McElroy who overruled the chiropractors’ demurrers to the action, and dismissed their motions to quash the information which led to the court proceedings.

Solicitor Perry pointed out that the law specifically requires that chiropractors be certified before they can practice in Alabama, but he pointed out that there is nothing in the law that regulates the type of treatment to be used once they are licensed. “Once a person is licensed,” the solicitor declared, “he then can treat the patient by dispensing medicine, by means of surgery or even tickling his toes with a feather if he so desires.”

Attorneys for the chiropractors asked that all cases not be tried at the same time; therefore, the cases were set as follows: May 12, Dr. Cecil Laney and Dr. Al Williams, Jr; June 23, Dr. E.E. Baker, Dr. E.E.

Gruber and Dr. O.C. Arnold; June 30, Dr. Ruel Baker, Dr. G.R. Bienvenu and Dr. George Botkin; July 7, Dr. F.M. Brown, Dr. P.G. Carter and Dr. H.L. Classen; July 14, Dr. E. Cockrell, Dr. J.S. Francis and Dr. Paul Fruitiger; July 21, Dr. James S. Goins, Dr. Ronald Holcombe and Dr. R.M. Hopewell; July 28, Dr. A.H. Kessler, Dr. A.J. Lawley and Dr. H.A. Merris; September 8, Dr. Eugene Parks, Dr. Maurice J. Quick and Dr. Milous Reese, Jr.; September 15, Dr. Elma R. Rhoades, Dr. Henry T. Scott and Dr. Alma Taylor; September 22, Dr. R.L. Tennon, Dr. Joseph Waldner and Dr. C.R. Warth; and September 29, Dr. Fred L. Williams, Dr. James F. Harper and Dr. H.F. Huffstutler. (All of the above information was taken from Birmingham newspapers.)

NOTE - Where the solicitor says “that chiropractors be certified before they can practice in Alabama” he is referring to a certificate of qualification from the Board of Medical Examiners, which requires that chiropractors, osteopaths, and graduates of schools of mechanotherapy be examined in all subjects required of medical students with the exception of major surgery, therapeutics, and methods of treatment. The law in Alabama is comparable to a basic science law except that it is much worse. Chiropractors are expected to take an examination in about twelve subjects.

The Alabama State Chiropractic Association is fighting as a unit for all of these Birmingham chiropractors. Public sentiment is strong in favor of chiropractic in Birmingham, and these cases will be interesting to follow. Further reports will be carried in future issues of the **Journal**.

When Dr. Dewey Anderson spoke on our state convention program in Birmingham last year, he told us that chiropractors must get more and more into politics. We have done that this year more than ever before. In addition to being active in politics in various ways, we have five chiropractors who are running for the legislature and, of course, we hope that all will be elected. Those running are Dr. Joe Liles of Opelika; Dr. Ashley Camp, Jr., of Talladega; Dr. J.S. Goins, of Birmingham; Dr. R.R. Smith, of Ashville; and Dr. Harold Pierce, of Scottsboro. - J.L. Thompson, D.C., NCA state delegate.

1958 (July): **ICA International Review of Chiropractic** [13(1)] includes:

-“Chiropractic Picture Parade” (pp. 8-9) includes several photographs, including:



“Officers of the Alabama State Chiropractors’ Association, all of whom were re-elected at the state convention, are from the left: Dr. P.G. Carter, Birmingham, president; Dr. J.L. Below, Cullman, board chairman; Dr. O.C. Arnold, Birmingham, secretary-treasurer; and Dr. R.W. Ticen, Columbiana, historian. Dr. Carter also was presented

with a trophy emblematic of being selected as Alabama's first 'Chiropractor of the Year' at the annual meeting, held jointly with the Mississippi Chiropractic Association and the All Southern States Association."

-“Alabama chiropractors hire PR counsel” (p. 11):

Alabama's chiropractors have retained the services of Fred Woodress, public relations counsel. A native of Webster Groves, Missouri, Woodress was a reporter on the St. Louis Star-Times, Springfield, Ohio, Daily News, Washington, Ohio, Record-Herald, and entertainment editor and columnist on the Birmingham, Ala., Post-Herald.

He also did PR work overseas with Patton's Third Army during World War II and with the Methodist Division of Foreign Missions in New York City before forming his own organization in Birmingham. He also has written magazine articles, TV and documentary film scripts.

-“How ICA works for you” (p. 14) includes:

...3. Hugh Chance, ICA general counsel, was in Birmingham to advise in the defense of Dr. Cecil Laney and to help Alabama chiropractors in their fight to establish a Chiropractic Board of Examiners.

1958 (July): **JNCA** [28(7)] includes:

-“Alabama Trials Postponed” (p. 75):

Trials of thirty-four Birmingham, Alabama, area chiropractors, originally set to be tried on June 23 and every week thereafter in June and July, have been postponed until September 15.

The chiropractors are charged with treating or offering to treat disease without a medical certificate.

The courts gave these trials top priority over other civil cases after County Health Officer, George Denison, M.D., had instituted the quo warranto proceedings against the chiropractors.

First trial against Dr. Cecil Laney on May 15 ended in a mistrial after a jury had been deadlocked for eight hours, following the three-day trial.

Alabama newspapers gave the trial front page coverage, TV stations carried the proceedings, and radio stations broadcast on-the-spot accounts. The preliminary hearing held several weeks earlier when the trials were given the top priority setting, also was given widespread publicity.

Attorneys for the chiropractors asked for jury trials.

Legislative attempts by the Alabama chiropractors to pass a law setting up a Chiropractic Board have been defeated by the medical lobby, but the chiropractors see better things ahead with the political spade work they have done in the Alabama primary election which was just ended. - Fred Woodress & Associates, public relations counsel.

1958 (Aug): **JNCA** [28(8)] includes:

-“News Flashes: ALABAMA” (p. 41):

ELECTED TO STATE LEGISLATURE

Two chiropractors have been elected to the new Alabama Legislature, following successful run offs in the June 3 primary election. (Election in the primary in Alabama is tantamount to election to office.)

The new legislators are Dr. A.L. Camp, Talladega, Ala., and Dr. Rush Smith, Ashville, Ala.

Dr. Camp defeated his opponent, a man named Worthy, 5393 to 4497 votes. Dr. Smith defeated the editor of his county's largest newspaper, Edmund Blair, 3162 to 2790 votes.

Jefferson County's Chiropractic Society, located in Birmingham, Ala., has elected Dr. E.E. Baker as its new president. Other officers

are Dr. M.J. Quick, vice-president; Dr. Henry Scott, Jr., treasurer; Dr. Ronald Holcombe, secretary; and Dr. R. Smith, parliamentarian. Dr. Quick will be state delegate.

Alabama's chiropractors have retained the services of Fred Woodress, public relations counsel. A native of Webster Groves, Missouri, Woodress has worked as a reporter on the St. Louis Star-Times, Springfield, O., Daily News, Washington C.H., O., Record-Herald and as entertainment editor and columnist on the Birmingham, Ala., Post-Herald. Before founding his own public relations agency, Woodress did public relations work overseas during World War II as a member of Patton's Third Army and also with the Methodist Division of Foreign Missions in New York City. He also has written magazine articles, TV and documentary film scripts.

REPORT OF ALL-SOUTHERN CONVENTION

The Alabama Chiropractic Association was host to the Mississippi and the All Southern States Chiropractic Associations at the new Stafford Hotel in Tuscaloosa, Ala., May 17 and 18.

Main convention speakers were Dr. Thure C. Peterson, president of the Chiropractic Institute of New York, and Dr. J.L. DeRusha, dean of Northwestern College of Chiropractic in Minneapolis...

The Alabama group devoted much of its business time to the coming state election primary which in Alabama is tantamount to election to office. The chiropractors have been working actively for candidates who are sympathetic to their fight for a chiropractic board.

At the Saturday night banquet, Alabama representative T.K. Selman presented the Alabama group's first "Chiropractor of the Year" trophy. Dr. P.G. Carter, state president, won the first trophy...

The entire slate of Alabama officers was re-elected. They are: Dr. Carter, president; Dr. O.c. Arnold, Birmingham, secretary-treasurer; Dr. J.L. Below, Cullman, chairman of the board; Dr. R.w. Ticen, Columbiana, parliamentarian.

-photograph (p. 41) and caption:

“Officers and speakers featured on the program of the Alabama-Mississippi-All-Southern chiropractic convention included (l. to r.) Dr. P.G. Carter, president of the Alabama Chiropractic Association; Dr. J.L. DeRusha, dean of the Northwestern College of Chiropractic; Dr. Thure C. Peterson, president of the Chiropractic Institute of New York; and Dr. Tom Lawrence, president of the Mississippi Chiropractic Association.”

1958 (Oct); **JNCA** [28(10)] includes:

-“News Flashes: ALABAMA” (p. 44):

MOURN PASSING OF DR. MARTIN

Dr. H.H. Martin died August 25, 1958, at his home in Andalusia. He was a native of Alabama and 77 years old at the time of his death. Dr. Martin graduated from Carver Chiropractic College, Oklahoma City, in June, 1922. He located in Brewton, Alabama, for a short time and then moved to Andalusia where he practiced until his death. He was active in our state association and seldom missed a state convention, and also attended several NCA conventions.

The funeral was held at the First Baptist Church with Masonic services at the graveside. Interment was in Andalusia Memorial Park. In behalf of the United States Government, members of andalusia Post No. 80 of the American Legion presented the flag to Mrs. martin in recognition of Dr. Martin's services during World War One. He was song and Bible leader of his company during the war. The large attendance at the funeral attested to the love and esteem in which Dr. Martin was held by the people of Andalusia. He was a man of fine character and a credit to the chiropractic profession.

Surviving is his widow, Dr. Lillian Martin, who was graduated from Carver Chiropractic College in June, 1922. - J.L. Thompson, D.C., NCA state delegate.

1959 (Feb): **JNCA** [29(2)] notes:

-“News Flashes: Alabama” (p. 40):

FURTHER TRIALS POSTPONED

The Medical Association of Alabama is suggesting to the 1959 Legislature that it make a change in the laws regarding examination and licensing of persons offering to treat human disease, Rotarians were told by a leading medical doctor.

Dr. E.G. Givhan, of Birmingham, who is president of the state association, said his colleagues favor the change so people who want to be treated by chiropractors may legally have this attention.

The present laws, established soon after Alabama became a state, does not prevent chiropractors from taking and passing the state examination, but it is being ignored, he said.

The more sensible law suggested by the physicians would change the rules of the Examining Board and permit qualified chiropractors to be licensed, Dr. Givhan said.

Dr. Givhan, a specialist in internal medicine and a clinical professor of medicine at the Medical College of Alabama, said the examiners have no prejudice against chiropractors applying to the Board.

Eight have taken the state board and four passed, he said. Any chiropractor can pass it if he knows enough about the subjects death with, he said, but most of them never apply.

The recent trials in Birmingham, in which a chiropractor has been charged with offering to cure human ills without a proper license, have made it appear the medical doctors are in a desperate fight with chiropractors for business, he said.

“The poor doctors in Birmingham took such a drubbing, and they came out second best, that I want to make the issues clear,” Dr. Givhan said.

The case was started, he said, by the Birmingham Better Business Bureau, and it was found that forty-eight persons in the city were practicing without a license of any kind.

The solicitor instituted proceedings, and the chiropractors made it a fight with the physicians, he said.

The jury hung in both trials and mistrials were declared.

“It is apparent that people want chiropractors,” Dr. Givhan said, “but the people don’t want to enforce the law as it is now. The judge felt, and we (the doctors) felt, that it was not good to have a law that is not obeyed.

“We feel there should be some change in the present law, but we have never been able to get a unified effort of the state’s doctors. I think they are coming around to it now,” he declared.

“We are hopeful the next Legislature will see fit to change the law,” the doctor said.

The association is suggesting to the lawmakers that the so-called Tennessee plan be adopted, he said.

First, applicants offering to treat human illness would be required to show a basic knowledge of anatomy, physiology, chemistry, etc. After this basic exam, medical doctors would go before a board of physicians for examination in surgery, obstetrics, etc., and chiropractors would be examined by a board of chiropractors.

Finally, a board of laymen would see to it that the law was enforced.

Dr. Givhan referred to the chiropractors who were arrested in Birmingham a few months ago and charged with treating or offering to treat diseases of human beings without a certificate of qualification from the state medical board. Dr. Cecil Laney had two trials and the

result has two mistrials. The next one notified to be tried was Dr. Al Williams. However, when his case was called, it was agreed to postpone any further trials until lawyers on both sides could make a further study of the cases.

We are still working to get our bill passed during the next session of the legislature which meets May 5, 1959. - J.L. Thompson, D.C., NCA state delegate.

1959 (Mar): **ICA International Review** [13(9)] includes:

-Mrs. L.D. Vinson (photo), WAICA rep for Alabama, authors “WAICA sharing in Alabama legislative struggle” (p. 17)

1959 (Apr): **JNCA** [29(4)] notes:

-“News Flashes: Alabama” (p. 44):

ANNUAL MEETING MAY 2 AND 3

The Alabama State Chiropractic Association will hold its annual meeting May 2 and 3, 1959, at the Whitley Hotel in Montgomery. We are fortunate to have Dr. L.L. Steinbach, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Dr. Vinton Logan, of St. Louis, Missouri, and Dr. W.R. Griffin, of Savannah, Georgia, on our program this year. This will be the first time that Dr. Steinbach has appeared on a program in Alabama and we are looking forward with a great deal of interest to his visit with us. Dr. Logan has been on programs in Alabama twice before, and we know and appreciate the good educational lectures he gives. We are happy to welcome him to Alabama again. Dr. Griffin will speak on office procedure. He has been on our program once before and we like him so well that we are inviting him to be with us again.

The annual banquet and entertainment will be Saturday night. The principal speaker on this occasion will be State Senator L.K. Andrews... - J.L. Thompson, D.C., NCA state delegate.

1959 (June): **JNCA** [29(6)] notes:

-“A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION” (p. 34):

WHEREAS, The National Chiropractic Association mailed a copy of Dr. Dewey Anderson’s book, “The Present Day Doctor of Chiropractic,” to the governor and other high state officers, members of the legislature, judges of the supreme court and court of appeals, all circuit judges, all circuit solicitors, and high officers in such organizations as the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans and organized labor; and

WHEREAS, The National Chiropractic Association is mailing Healthways magazine for one year, beginning last October, to all of those named in the above paragraph; and

WHEREAS, all of the above is being done to aid the Alabama State Chiropractic Association in its efforts for legislation; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Alabama State Chiropractic Association, in regular meeting assembled, does hereby express its thanks and appreciation to the National Chiropractic Association for all of the good work it has done in behalf of our bill.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be mailed to the National Chiropractic Association and that a copy be printed in the next issue of the HORIZON. Approved May 3, 1959.

O.C. Arnold, D.C., Secretary; P.G. Carter, D.C., President, Alabama State Chiropractic Association.

-“News Flashes: Alabama” includes photograph (p. 40):

CONVENTION IS WELL ATTENDED

We have just closed one of the most successful conventions in the history of our state association. Almost half of the chiropractors in the state were in attendance; however, our attendance is always good during a legislative year. The speakers were Dr. Vinton Logan, of the

Logan College; Dr. L.J. Steinbach, of Pittsburgh Pa.; and Dr. W.R. Griffin, of Savannah, Georgia.

Mr. T.K. Selman, association attorney, explained the bills to be introduced in the next legislative session. These bills were introduced in the Senate in May, 1959. Weeks before this time we had our bills ready for introduction. We had planned to use the Georgia law with only a few changes. This was largely because Alabama has long been referred to as the "Sister State of Georgia," and we felt that would lend prestige to our bill.

As usual, the medical doctors came up with their basic science bill. These bills were presented a short time ago to one of the interim committees studying legislation to be introduced in this session of the legislature. Neither bill was approved by the committee. After two or more hearings, the committee and both professions agreed on the bills to be introduced.

If these bills become laws, there will be a State Licensing Board for the Healing Arts, which will be composed of the attorney general, secretary of state, and the state superintendent of education. This board will appoint professors from the universities and colleges in Alabama to compose the Basic Science Board. All who pass the Basic Science Board will complete their examinations with the board which represents their particular profession. There is a section in the Basic Science Bill and one in the chiropractic bill which authorizes the boards to issue certificates of qualifications to chiropractors now practicing in the state.

Officers of the Alabama State Chiropractic Association elected for the ensuing year are Dr. J.L. Below, president; Dr. R.E. Lindsey, board chairman; Dr. R.W. Ticen, secretary-treasurer; Dr. Homer Stallings, parliamentarian; and Dr. James Lowery, trustee. - J.L. Thompson, D.C., NCA state delegate.



"Proclamation for Correct Posture Week in Alabama is being signed on April 28, 1959, by Governor John Patterson in the presence of Dr. J.L. Thompson, NCA state delegate, on the left and Dr. E.L. Milhous, state convention program, on the right."

1959 (June): *ICA International Review* [13(12)] includes:

- "Legal recognition hoped for in Ala." (p. 23):

Montgomery, Ala. (ACP) - Alabama chiropractors, who have fought for 40 years to get clear legal recognition, reportedly will gain a measure of triumph in the current session of the State Legislature.

Lawmakers have been notified that chiropractors and medical men, who have blocked Chiropractic efforts for so long, are in agreement on legislation.

The Parent Revision of Laws Committee agreed in advance to endorse a bill if chiropractors and medics approved it. The measure is expected to go to the legislature this month.

The compromise measure would create three new boards, including a group of five chiropractors who would give examinations to members of their profession. Medical doctors still would be examined by their own board as they are now.

Another board made up of college professors would test chiropractors and medical men on anatomy, physiology, chemistry, pathology, and bacteriology.

The third new board would be a healing arts group to police both professions. Composed of the attorney general, superintendent of education and the secretary of state, it would have authority to issue licenses and revoke them for cause.

1959 (July): *JNCA* [29(7)] notes:

- J.L. Thompson DC is NCA state delegate, located at Montgomery AL (p. 3)

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

- "36-year battle for recognition won by chiropractors in Ala." (p. 36):

Montgomery, Ala. (ACP) - Chiropractors have won a 36-year-old legislative battle for legal recognition in Alabama.

Gov. John Patterson signed four bills which climaxed efforts for legal status started in 1923.

Physicians, after weeks of bickering, ended their years-long opposition and agreed with chiropractors on a plan worked out by a legislative interim committee.

The newly signed bills create a State Chiropractors Board, a Healing Arts Board, which will supervise both professions, and a Basic Science Board to test Chiropractors and doctors alike.

The bills include a "grandfather" clause licensing all graduates of Chiropractic colleges practicing in the state before January, 1960.

New York, Massachusetts, Mississippi and Louisiana are the only states which have not yet granted chiropractors legal status.

- "ICA president to speak" (p. 43):

Dr. B.J. Palmer, president of the International Chiropractors Association, will speak at the fall seminar of the Alabama State Chiropractic Association, Nov. 1, at the Tutwiler Hotel, Birmingham.

The seminar is open not only to Alabama chiropractors but to all those in neighboring state who may desire to attend.

1960 (Jan): *JNCA* [30(1)] notes:

- "Complete NCA Membership Committee is active throughout America" (pp. 9, 66) notes:

Alabama - J.L. Thompson, Montgomery, Chm.; R.E. Holcombe, Birmingham; Jack Spradlin, Gadsen; D.D. Ros, Huntsville; Grace Anderson, Mobile; R.R. Williamson, Roanoke.

1960 (Feb): *JCaCA* [15(10)] includes:

- "Alabama Board" (p. 9):

Montgomery (ACP) - Gov. John Patterson recently announced the appointment of the five members of the Chiropractic Board of Examiners created under the new law providing for the licensing of doctors of chiropractic.

The Board announced that official correspondence with the Board should be directed to Dr. R.R. Williamson, 200 W. Point St., Roanoke, Alabama. The Board officially took office on January 1, 1960. The first official duty was to issue licenses to those who were in bona fide practice in Alabama on or before January 1.

This climaxes a long and bitter struggle for chiropractic recognition. In 1958 the medical society had caused quo warranto actions to be brought against more than 30 Birmingham chiropractors. Following the second mistrial in the Dr. Cecil Laney case, the medics gave up

and agreed to discuss provisions for proposed chiropractic legislation. The 1959 session of the Alabama legislature enacted a chiropractic law, a basic science law and a healing arts law which were signed by Governor Patterson last August becoming effective January 1, 1960.

1960 (Feb): **JNCA** [30(2)] notes:
-photograph & caption (p. 14):



Shown above are the members of the Alabama Board of Chiropractic Examiners - front row (l. to r.): Dr. E.E. Baker, and Dr. P.G. Carter, Jr. - back row (l. to r.): Dr. J.L. Below, Dr. R.R. Williamson, and Dr. H.H. Mann.

1960 (Apr): **JNCA** [30(4)] notes:
-"News Flashes: Alabama" (p. 44) notes:

PLAQUES GIVEN FOR SERVICE

Two Montgomery chiropractors were awarded plaques here Saturday night for their many years of "devoted service." The awards went to Dr. James Lock, oldest practicing chiropractor in Alabama, and Dr. J.L. Thompson, owner of one of the oldest established practices.

They were presented by the Montgomery County Chiropractic Society during celebration for the honorees in the Holiday Inn. Dr. J.D. Hogan was in charge of ceremonies.

Dr. Lock has lived and practiced in Montgomery for the past thirty years. First setting up business in the Shepherd Building, he later moved to his present location at 1504 S. Hull St.

After receiving his degree from Carver Chiropractic College, he launched his career in Starkville, Miss. A few years later he switched his practice to Ozark where he remained until returning to Montgomery.

Dr. Lock and his wife, principal of Bellinger Hill Elementary School, are members of Dexter Avenue Methodist Church.

In accepting the plaque, Dr. Lock delivered a brief on some of his professional experiences.

Dr. Thompson also is a graduate of Carver Chiropractic College and established his first practice in Greenville in 1921.

In 1925 he moved his business to Montgomery, setting up office in the Bell Building where he still practices.

Dr. Thompson, a past president of the county chiropractic group, has served three terms as president of the state chiropractic association. Since 1955 he has acted as representative of the National Chiropractic Association in Alabama.

Active in civic activities, he has served as commander of Montgomery Post No. 2 of the American Legion, and is past grand patron of the Grand Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star of Alabama.

In addition, Dr. Thompson is a Mason, member of the Scottish Rite and Alcazar Shrine, and serves as a trustee of Forest Avenue Methodist Church...

1960 (Apr): **ICA International Review** [14(10)] includes:
-"Obituaries" (p. 37) includes:

James T. Gibson, Jr., 56, widely known Birmingham attorney who helped Alabama chiropractors win their 36-year-old legislative battle for legal recognition died recently after a three months illness.

Past President of the Birmingham Bar Association, he had practiced law in Birmingham for 36 years. He also was a member of the Alabama and American Bar Associations. He was elected chairman of the Jefferson County Judicial Study Commission after the Birmingham Bar Association named him its representative last year.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Mary Fulton Gibson, and his mother, Mrs. James T. Gibson, Sr., both of Birmingham; two sisters, Mrs. Ruth Hill Montgomery and Mrs. Helen Tucker of Birmingham; three brothers, Raymond E., Cecil F. and Judge Wallace Gibson, all of Birmingham.

1960 (May): **JNCA** [30(5)] notes:
-"News Flashes: Alabama" (p. 45) notes:

ISSUED LICENSE NUMBER ONE

License number one issued to a Phenix City chiropractor and the first chiropractic licenses ever issued by the new Healing Arts Board were mailed here today.

Mr. George B. Bates, executive officer of the board, said Dr. Henry Mann, of Phenix City, holds license number one.



Dr. Henry Mann, of Phenix City, Alabama, is shown holding license number one issued by the new Healing Arts Board of Alabama.

Dr. Mann, a native of Lanett, is a veteran of action in the Pacific during World War II with the Naval Air Corps, and is a graduate of Carver College of Chiropractic in Oklahoma City.

He has practiced in Phenix City since 1952, first practicing in Opelika and Lanett.

Dr. Mann is listed in "Who's Who in the South and Southwest." He has held various offices in the Lions Club, from president to zone chairman and deputy district governor. He is training director for the Russell County Baptist Association, is on the Board of Trustees of the Alabama State Chiropractic Association, and is a member of the Chiropractic Board of Examiners.

License holder number one was a friend of Gov. John Patterson's father, the late Albert Patterson, and was with him the night before he was killed.

Dr. Mann and his wife, the former Almeda Downs of Birmingham, have three children, two boys and a girl, and live at 402 29th St., Phenix City. - Fred Woodress, public relations counsel.

1960 (July): **JNCA** [30(7)] notes:

-“News Flashes: Alabama” (pp. 45-6) notes:

DR. TICEN HONORED AT CONVENTION

Alabama's State Chiropractic Association elected Dr. R.W. Ticen, Columbiana chiropractor and secretary-treasurer of the state association, as “Chiropractor of the Year” for 1960 at the recent convention held May 20-22 in Mobile.

Newly elected officers who take office in November are: Dr. Raymond E. Lindsey, Dothan, prresident; Dr. James Lett, Anniston, chairman of the board; Dr. Henry T. Scott, Jr., Birmingham, secretary-treasurer; Dr. S.E. Evans, Selma, parliamentarian; Dr. D.K. Cooper, Robertsdale, trustee...

TWICE AS MANY DCs NEEDED

The number of chiropractors in Alabama must be doubled to meet adequately the needs for chiropractic health care, the president of the Alabama State Chiropractic Association said today in Mobile.

Dr. J.L. Below, of Cullman, officially opened the two-day educational meeting of the state's 500 chiropractors at the Admiral Semmes Hotel.

“The needs of the people of Alabama in chiropractic health care cannot be adequate until the present ratio of one chiropractor per 7,900 people is brought down to every 4,000,” Dr. Below said.

He said there was a need for more attention to the spine and nervous system. “And the only place the people of Alabama can get this necessary care is from a chiropractor,” Below said.

In his response to a welcome by Mobile's Mayor Joseph N. Langan, Below called the meeting “a very import event for the Alabama State Chiropractic Association” since it is the first educational seminar to be held under the new chiropractic law.

The new law requires all practicing chiropractors in Alabama to attend a two-day educational seminar to qualify for a renewal of their licenses.

“This requirement in the law is at the request of the chiropractors of the state, and is just another step in the tremendous strides we are taking to improve the academic program of the profession,” he said.

Below said the academic program in the chiropractic schools now is up to par with other schools in the healing arts.

He said 70 Alabamians presently are enrolled in chiropractic schools in the nation.

Rep. Charles S. Trimmier, one of the cosigners of the new chiropractic licensing law, gave the invocation today as the seminar officially opened.

Min educational speakers at today's sessions were to be Dr. Herbert Himes, head of clinics at Palmer School of Chiropractic, and Dr. Vinton F. Logan, president of Logan College, St. Louis...

1960 (Sept): **ICA International Review** [15(3)] includes:

-“Honors” (p. 33) includes:

Dr. and Mrs. P. Reginald Hug, Tipton, Missouri, became the parents of a baby girl on July 19, 1960. The baby, **Jan Marie**, weighed six pounds, 15 ounces.

1960 (Nov/Dec): **Digest of Chiropractic Economics** [3(3)] includes:

-“State examiners reports” (p. 27); includes news from Alabama, Nebraska, Utah, Kentucky and California:

ALABAMA

Examiners were issued 609 “Certificates of qualification” under the new law which becomes effective on January 1st, 1960. According to Dr. R.R. Williamson, Sec.-Treas. The board expects to hold its first examination in the early part of 1961.

1961 (Mar/Apr): **Digest of Chiropractic Economics** [3(5)] includes:

-“State Board reports” (p. 35); includes New Mexico, West Virginia, Alabama, Texas and Montana, including:

ALABAMA

Four chiropractic candidates received basic science certificates from the New Alabama Basic Science Board and on March 2, 1961 the Alabama Board of Chiropractic Examiners held their first examination for licenses since the establishment of the Chiropractic Board in this state.

1961 (May/June): **Digest of Chiropractic Economics** [3(6)] includes:

-“State Board reports” (p. 28); includes Alabama, California, New Mexico, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas and Wyoming, including:

ALABAMA

Dr. H.H. Mann and Dr. E.E. Baker were recently appointed to the Alabama Board of Chiropractic Examiners, each for a three year term.

The Board recently reorganized for another year by re-electing Dr. P.G. Carter, Jr., President; Dr. E.E. Baer, Vice-President and Dr. R.R. Williamson, Secretary-Treasurer...

1961 (Sept/Oct): **Digest of Chiropractic Economics** [4(2)] includes:

-“State board reports” (p. 22); news from Georgia, Oklahoma, Nebraska, New Hampshire, Manitoba, Michigan, Alabama and Texas; includes:

ALABAMA

The next examination by the Alabama State Board of Examiners in the Basic Sciences will be given on December 19 and 20, 1961. The deadline for filing application is December 5, 1961. Other information reported by Dr. Henry T. Scott, Jr. of Birmingham, indicates that their House Bill 183 was amended in a special session of the Alabama State legislature to specify that “Physician is synonymous with Medical Doctor, Surgeon and Chiropractor.” This passed both the senate and house without a descending [sic] vote. Passed on September 15th, Governor Patterson is expected to sign it into law without delay.

1963 (Nov): **JNCA** [33(11)] includes:

-“News flashes: Alabama” (p. 46):

Legislation Fails in Senate

The fall convention of the Alabama State Chiropractic Association will be held at the Stafford Hotel in Tuscaloosa, November 9-10, 1963.

Speakers on the program will be Dr. L.W. Rutherford, of Eugene, Oregon, chairman of the Insurance and Industrial Relations Committee of the ICA; Dr. Sid Williams, of Austell, Georgia, who has a large practice and is the owner of Si-Nell Publishing Company; Dr. Powell, of Atlanta, Georgia, who is editor of the *Voice of Health Magazine*.

We were successful in getting most of the legislation we wanted approved by the House, but lost it all in the Senate. - J.L. Thompson, D.C., NCA state delegate.

1965 (Sept/Oct): **Digest of Chiropractic Economics** [8(2)] includes:

-“Doctor M.G. Lett of Gadsden, Alabama: a Digest personality profile” (pp. 14-5); includes many photos

1965 (Nov/Dec): **Digest of Chiropractic Economics** [8(3)] includes:

-Paul Smallie, D.C. authors “World-Wide Reports” (p. 5); includes:

ALABAMA

ASCA is advertising for new doctors and offering \$50 traveling expenses and to pay lodging and meals while taking Alabama Basic Science exams.

1966 (May/June): **Digest of Chiropractic Economics** [8(6)] includes:

-Mr. Phil Bonner authors “State digest report: Alabama” (p. 44)

1966 (July/Aug): **Digest of Chiropractic Economics** [9(1)] includes:

-Mr. Phil Bonner authors “State digest report: Alabama” (p. 59)

1966 (Sept/Oct): **Digest of Chiropractic Economics** [9(2)] includes:

-Mr. Phil Bonner authors “State digest report: Alabama” (p. 22)

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.

1967 (May/June): **Digest of Chiropractic Economics** [9(6)] includes:

-Mr. Phil Bonner, executive secretary of the Alabama State Chiropractic Association, authors “State digest report: Alabama” (p. 19)

-Gordon L. Holman DC authors “National Chiropractic Board of Examiners hold 3rd annual examination” (pp. 21, 26); includes:

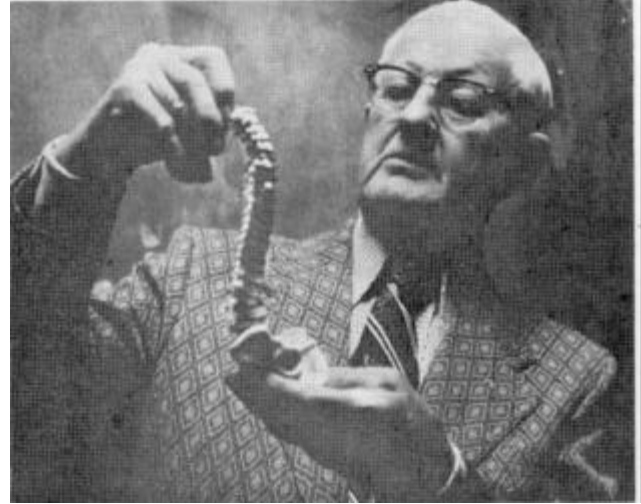
...At the present time 22 Chiropractic Boards and two Basic Science Boards recognize the National Board. They are: Chiropractic Boards: Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Hawaii, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, North Dakota, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania,

South Dakota, Vermont and Wyoming; Basic Science Boards: Kansas and Nevada. In addition, eight states are actively working on recognizing the National Board.

1967 (Nov/Dec): **Digest of Chiropractic Economics** [10(3)] includes:

-Mr. Phil Bonner, executive secretary of the Alabama State Chiro. Assn., authors “State digest report: Alabama” (p. 28)

PHOTOGRAPH



Dr. John L. Thompson

1970 (June 20-23): “Report of 37th Annual Congress” of COSCEB, Hilton Hawaiian Village, Honolulu (FCLB Archives)

-“Resume of State Reports” (pp. 17-27); includes:

ALABAMA

Favorable Governor

The greatest news, political wise, here in Alabama is GEORGE WALLACE, the Governor Elect. He has in the past been a friend to Chiropractic and we as a profession worked hard for his election. So politically we are in pretty good shape especially considering the fact that Albert Brewer (the incumbent Governor) was vigorously backed (physically and financially) by the medical profession...

1973 (Sept): **ACA Journal**[10(9)] includes:

-“52 years later...” (p. 20):

What might be a first for Alabama, during convention time, occurred at the state convention in Montgomery, June 1-3. A reporter from the Alabama Sunday Magazine interviewed John L. Thompson, D.C., and the result was a two-page story with pictures.

Probably there is not a person more deserving of a feature article of the like, than Dr. Thompson. The fact that he has practiced chiropractic for 52 years says a lot. There is more though.

During those 52 years he has taken an active part in furthering chiropractic, both on the local and national level. In fact, just this year the state association presented him with a plaque recognizing him as one “who pioneered chiropractic in Alabama and dedicated 52 years of continued service to humanity.”

Last year the ACA recognized Dr. Thompson’s service to humanity and chiropractic with a plaque and honorary life membership. He has served as NCA-ACA delegate from Alabama since 1955.

After graduation from Carver Chiropractic College in 1921, Dr. Thompson began his practice in Alabama. Since then he has seen many changes in the profession.

Among these changes Dr. Thompson notes the “much broader studies” that now include using x-ray and laboratory work. He also feels the attitude of the medical profession towards chiropractic has changed. He comments, “All medical doctors don’t seem to oppose us as they have.” He sorts the medical profession into three categories: “friendly” who refer patients; “neutral”, and “always opposing.”

As for younger medical doctors, Dr. Thompson sees them as more liberal in their thinking. “Just recently two chiropractors were invited to medical colleges in the New York area where they were well received. It was reported the medical students really responded with questions showing they really wanted to be informed of our work.”

Dr. Thompson, as the oldest practicing DC in Alabama as well as the longest practicing DC in Alabama, would be a DC all over again – given the chance, and that too sure says something.

1977 (May/June): **Digest of Chiropractic Economics** [19(6)] includes:

-“Central Alabama Chiropractic Society honors Dr. J.L. Thompson” (p. 7):

The Central Alabama Chiropractic Society recently honored Dr. J.L. Thompson for his untiring dedication and service to the Chiropractic profession.

Dr. Thompson, a 1921 graduate of Carver Chiropractic College in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, is now in his fifty-sixth year of active practice in Montgomery, Alabama. Among the accomplishments of Dr. Thompson are serving as President of the Alabama State Chiropractic Association, President of the Central Alabama Chiropractic Society, Secretary of the Southern States Chiropractic Association and delegate to the American Chiropractic Association for the past 22 years.

Dr. Thompson, who recently celebrated his 81st birthday, still takes an active role in the Aldersgate Methodist Church as well as the American Legion, Masonic Lodge, Shrine Temple and The Order of the Eastern Star.

1977 (June): **ACA Journal**[14(6)] includes:

-“State News: Alabama” includes photo & notes career of J.L. Thompson, D.C., Carver/OK grad in 1921, former state society president (p. 57)

1978 (July/Aug): **Digest of Chiropractic Economics** [21(1)] includes:

-“Dr. Lindsey appointed to Alabama state health coordinating council” (p. 4)

1978 (Nov/Dec): **Digest of Chiropractic Economics** [21(3)] includes:

-“Dr. Lindsey elected president of Alabama board” (p. 10)
-“ASCA opens new building in Montgomery, AL” (p. 11); includes photo of William Godbey, D.C., J.J. Hartmann, Jr., D.C., Congressman William Dickinson, S. Eddie, Taylor, D.C., Mayor Emory Folman of Montgomery, C.J. Wilson, D.C., M.J. Nappi, D.C.

1979 (Sept/Oct): **Digest of Chiropractic Economics** [22(2)] includes:

-“Birmingham orthopedics class graduates” (p. 10); includes photograph of class:

Eighteen members of the Birmingham AL Orthopedics Class have completed the special course of post-graduate study in orthopedics. The 300-hour program, which qualified these DCs for status as

Chiropractic Orthopedists, was under the direction of the National-Lincoln School of Postgraduate Education of the National College of Chiropractic. Dr. John M. Mazion was the principal instructor. Begun in September 1976, this 3-year program included courses of study in impairment ratings, neurological and orthopedic testing, clinical laboratory procedures, regional orthopedics, rigid and non-rigid orthotics, and physiological therapeutics.

Some forty DCs from Alabama and surrounding states were involved in portions of this program. It is anticipated that others will complete sufficient hours to qualify in the near future through additional classes to be arranged. Dr. P. Reginald Hug of Birmingham continues as class co-ordinator.



Doctors of Chiropractic who graduated from Birmingham orthopedics class this summer: - Front row (L to R) Samuel E. Evans, Jr., Selma; John E. Evans, Centre; John A. Farmer, Birmingham; Russell A. Galaher, Laurel, Miss.; Robert Tennon, Birmingham; Margaret Kist, Guntersville. Second row (L to R) Lawrence Capocasa, Sheffield; Ervin E. Chaffin, Huntsville; Walter C. Fowler, Columbus, Ga.; H. Edward Bartee, Pensacola, Fl.; James D. Lowe, Kilgore, Tx.; Milous J. Reese, Jr., Birmingham. Third row (L to R) Michael Wilhelm, Brownsville, Pa.; Reginald Hug, Birmingham; Charles R. Ingram, Birmingham; Thomas F. Yancey, Panama City, Fl; Warren Jahn, instructor, postgraduate education, National College of Chiropractic. Not pictured: Dr. Paul L. Vines, Bessemer; Dr. Jim Anderson, Wetumpka.

-Joe W. Wallace, D.C. of Gadsen AL authors “Good things are happening” (p. 68)

2000 (Jan 21): e-mail to Reg Hug DC:

Hi Reg,

I was thumbing through back issues of the *Bulletin of the AHC* when I came upon the following item, appearing on page 2 of the January 1985 issue (Volume 5, No. 1):

“On the silver anniversary of the Alabama chiropractic law, the Alabama State chiropractic Association released an interesting historical publication. ‘Chiropractic in Alabama: A History - 1918 to 1984’ is a highly readable, nicely printed account by Dr. J.J. Hartman, Jr., ASCA historian. Its nine pages in legend format were compiled from Dr. Hartman’s series of articles in the *ASCA Journal*.”

“For information about availability, contact: Teri A. Kline, ASCA Executive Director, 134 High St., Montgomer, AL 36104.”

Are you aware of this document? Can you get me a copy? Glad to reimburse you, amigo. :-)

-JCK

2001 (Dec 9): e-mail from Samuel Homola, D.C. (samhomola@panamacity.com):

Hi, Joe

No, I don't have any photos, correspondence, etc., relating to my father's experience with Palmer. I remember my dad telling me that he was arrested for practicing chiropractic in Alabama but was released the same day by a judge who was a patient of his.

Although my father was initially devoted to B.J. Palmer and his theories, he eventually rejected the idea that vertebrae could easily slip out of place. He used to tell me that "you couldn't get a vertebra out of place with a goddamn crowbar." He advised me not to study chiropractic, since "it is tough to make a living practicing chiropractic." I failed to follow his advice, however, because I felt that time and increased educational requirements had surely improved the profession. After I began study at Lincoln Chiropractic College in 1952, I was shocked to find that chiropractic was pretty much the same as it was in 1921. When I expressed doubts about my future, my father warned me that if I did not believe in chiropractic I would not succeed in practice. I struggled through many years as a "back specialist" before I finally developed a decent practice that consisted largely of referrals from other health professionals. But this recognition was not typical, and it came about largely because of my writing...

Sam

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Table A Enactment and revocation of basic science legislation in the United States; states listed in chronological order of enactment (based on Gevitz [1988] and Sauer [1932])

Dates of Enactment & Revocation		State	Dates of Enactment & Revocation		State
1925-1975		Wisconsin	1937-1972		Michigan
1925-1975		Connecticut	1939-1967		Florida
1927-1974		Minnesota	1939-1975		South Dakota
1927-1975		Nebraska	1940-1971		Rhode Island
1927-1979		Washington	1941-1968		New Mexico
1929-1977		Arkansas	1943-1976		Tennessee
1929-1978		District of Columbia	1946-1970		Alaska
1933-1973		Oregon	1949-1979		Texas
1935-1973		Iowa	1951-1975		Nevada
1936-1968		Arizona	1957-1969		Kansas
1937-1973		Oklahoma	1959-1979		Utah
1937-1976		Colorado	1959-1975		Alabama