Chronology of Chiropractic in Virginia

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Timeline:

1892 (Aug 16): Sylva L. Burdick marries in Lincoln to Pinckney E. Ashworth [born July, 14, 1866 in Hillsville, Virginia; died Ft. Worth TX; Sept. 17, 1928: he was a farmer, school teacher, grocer and bookkeeper] [Who's Who in NE, 1940; 1931 family genealogy compiled by Mrs. Nellie Johnson of Norwich, NY]

1908 (Dec 4): letter to DD from AR Ely, DC of Lynchburg VA (The Chiropractor Adjustor 1909 [Jan]; 1[2]:6)

1908 (Dec 15): letter to DD from AR Ely, DC of Lynchburg VA (The Chiropractor Adjustor 1909 [Jan]; 1[2]:6)

1909 (Feb 6): letter to DD from AR Ely of Lynchburg VA (1909 [Mar]; 1[3]:42)

1910 (Mar): The Chiropractor [6(3)] includes:
-“VIRGINIA LAW: That Virginia Law Question” involves a letter to BJ from A.R. Ely of Lynchburg VA concerning effort to introduce a bill in the Virginia legislature to create a chiropractic law (p. 33)

1911 (Sept 1): The American Drugless Healer (1[5]) includes:
-“DRS. COOLEY ENLARGE WORK” (p. 17):
  Dr. Edward L. Cooley, senior member of the firm of Cooley & Cooley of Enid, Okla., recently went with his wife, Dr. Gertrude Cooley, to Norfolk, Va., to rest from his work for a few weeks, which had been very heavy on the doctor for a long time, his practice being the heaviest of any in our knowledge. But a woman with nervous prostration at the doctor’s hotel found out something about the new kind of doctor stopping there, and persuaded him to treat her, as everything else had failed to relieve her. As might have been expected, a few treatments made her a new woman. Then, of course, like a good missionary, she told others of the remarkable doctor who did not use medicine, and before he knew what was up he had an unlimited number of afflicted people coming to see him, and while he did not go here to treat the sick, he found himself like Uncle Remus’s rabbit (which could not climb a tree) crowded so closely by the fox that he was “jes obleeged to climb a tree,” and in honor to the great science he represented he was obliged to treat the numerous afflicted people who flocked around him.

The first week Dr. Cooley was over there his cash practice amounted to $60, and the second week it ran up to $324, besides some patients he took on the insurance plan at higher rates, with money deposited in bank. His patients represent a number of states.

We learn that the Doctor plans to return to Enid in October, and the junior member of the firm, Dr. Sterling Cooley, will take charge of the work in Virginia, where the practice promises to be as large as that of the home office.

Drs. Cooley, father and son, have always held a high position among Chiropractors, and their continued success has given them a prestige worthy of the greatest method of healing the world has ever known.

J.S.R.

1913: DD Palmer notes (in his posthumously published The Chiropractor, 1914, p. 1) that “The new law of 1913 of the state of California says, ‘Nor shall this act be construed so as to discriminate against...the practice of religion’ in his essay ‘The moral and religious duty of a chiropractor’ (pp. 1-12); he also notes that other states (KS, VA, WA, IL) have similar religious exclusion clauses

1918 (July 13) Fountain Head News [A.C. 23(7)(44)]:
-noted that RD Haught DC (PSC, December 1917) is in Medical Department 146 Inf. 37 Division of the American Expeditionary Forces in Europe, had been stationed at Camp Lee, Petersburg VA (p. 2)

OUR BOYS GO MARCHING ON

More PSC students have joined the colors, and there are quite a number more on the verge of going, some of whom have only a few days or weeks left of their course and hang on in the hopes of getting through if possible before entering upon war duties, so that they may take their diplomas with them when they leave.
Charles B. Klopp of Lead SD had only a few weeks left when he left for Camp Greenleaf, Ft. Oglethorpe, GA for X-ray service.

CS Kramer of Cedar Rapids IA, member of the Senior class, also goes to Camp Greenleaf for X-ray service.

JF Killeen of Carbondale PA, JF Flannery of Carbondale PA, and Arthur Gibson, of Bowman ND, left during the past week for home to enlist. (p. 2)

**CHURCHILL WOUNDED IN FRANCE**

Press reports of June 19th brought announcement that Corp HH Churchill, in service on the Marne front in France, had been severely wounded. He finished his course at THE PSC last October and soon after entered the service of Uncle Sam for war duty. While at THE PSC he was one of the active and enthusiastic members of the Delta Sigma Chi fraternity.; notes family is in Minneapolis (p. 5)

1926 (Sept 4): The **Virginia New Letter** [3(2)], is the "Official Organ of the Virginia Chiropractic Association, Inc." and is edited by John H. Stoke of Roanoake VA; mentions NCM and UCA (Cleveland papers, CCC/KC)

1926 (June): The **Virginia New Letter** [3(2)] is edited by John H. Stoke of Roanoake VA; mentions NCM and UCA (Cleveland papers, CCC/KC)

1926 (June): Representative Assembly of the Chiropractic Health Bureau (ICA, 1951; Keating, 1997, p. 215):

**Officers**
- B.J. Palmer, President
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- Charles Rolffing, Second Vice-President
- F.H. Seubold, Third Vice-President
- Frank W. Elliott, Treasurer
- F.P. Myers, Secretary
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- P.M. Jackson

**Representative Assembly**

**Alabama - Joseph Barnett**
- Glenn V. John

**California - A.G. Eckols**
- George P. Shears

**Canada - Newton J. Elliott**
- A.G. Eckols

**Connecticut - Burton W. Phelps**
- C.P. Eifertson

**District of Columbia - Hod Norton**
- Morris Mortensen

**Florida - Roberta T. Graham**
- Nebraska - Bert R. Gibbs

**Illinois - A.E. Lill**
- New Hampshire - O.S. Conery

**Indiana - Mary Saxe**
- New Jersey - J.C. Harrison

**Iowa - Charles E. Caster**
- New York - William H. Warner

**Kentucky - Henry F. Grefe**
- Rhode Island - Ralph W. Braids

**Mississippi - J.T. Grantham**
- South Dakota - C.C. Smith

**Missouri - Carl Cleveland**
- Texas - Ben Overton

**Of our exchanges, “The Progressive” from Texas, “The Coordinator” from Georgia, and “The Hawkeye Chiropractor” from Iowa, are the first to sound the warning. We are watching the others to see the movement spread for we must truly get “back to the back” if our science is to be saved.**

- “M.D.’s persecute Bowie” (pp. 1, 3); includes letter from Galax VA Medical Society to R.C. Bowie, D.C.:

  Dear Sir:

  Since the House Bill No. 199 known as the medical practice act, which passed both houses of the legislature of Virginia, and which after careful scrutiny of the Attorney General was found to be constitutional, and was signed by Governor Byrd, March 29, 1928, Virginia now has a law which safeguards her citizens from quack charlatans and imposters.

  This letter, drawn this, the 29th day of May 1928, in the City of Galax, Virginia, is a step taken by the medical profession of this vicinity to warn you and the clan that you have gathered as a Chiropractic Board that you had better disband, and that you take down your shingle and in the future refrain from present occupation in this vicinity.

  Unless you abide by our suggestion, we, as the local medical profession, shall see that the laws of Virginia are enforced. To insure you that the members of the local medical profession are all in accord with the foredrawn statements, you will note the following signatures: (signed) R.K. Edwards, M.D.

  J.K. Caldwell, M.D.

  J.G. Phipps, M.D.

  F. Clyde Besant, M.D.

  Joseph Coates, M.D.

  W.P. Davis, M.D.

- further notes that police refused to serve arrest warrant on Bowie, so warrant taken to county sheriff; Bowie continued to practice despite two arrests, fines of $50 and $500, and court-ordered ban on his practice

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

- listing of ACA state-VPs include C.L. Fishback, D.C. of Fresno CA, who is on the CA BCE; Anna M. Foy, D.C. of Topeka; John K. Couch, D.C. of Oklahoma City; A.B. Cochrane, D.C. of Chicago; Guy G. Wood, D.C. of Minot ND; Henry Stacey Dodge, D.C. of Richmond VA (inside front cover)

1930: presumably prior to the 1930 amalgamation of ACA and UCA to form the NCA, the American Society of Chiropractors publishes *Converting the Millions to Chiropractic*:

- National Advertising Publicity Campaign:

  ...it was found expedient and necessary in our own campaign to formulate a new vehicle to which we could hitch our advertising effort. The reason for this is the fact that the chiropractic profession already had several associations in existence, none of which was strong enough to individually to command universal cooperation.

  This explains the reason for The American Society of Chiropractors. This society (incorporated not-for-profit under the laws of the State of Ohio) is simply a vehicle through which a national educational publicity campaign may be conducted. It was formed for this single and only purpose as set forth in the articles of incorporation given below.

- Board of Trustees includes: Harry K. McIlroy DC of Indianapolis, OL Brown DC of Akron OH, Lillard T. Marshall DC of Lexington KY, ML Mullay & EC Blair of Columbus OH; witnesses to signing of articles of incorporation were WC Lawrence Jr., RH Hoffman and ES Morton

- ASC anticipated raising $500K annually for 4 years; plan to advertise (using ANGEL) in many popular national magazines
-testimonial supporters of ASC included: Frank W. Elliott of PSC, Willard Carver, HE Vedder of Lincoln, WC Schulze MD, DC of National, James R Drain DC of Texas Chiropractic College, Craig M Kightlinter of Eastern Chiropractic Institute in NYC, GM O’Neil DC of Ross College in Fort Wayne IN, BJ Palmer, Homer G. Beatty DC of Colorado Chiropractic University in Denver, HC Harring DC, MD of Missouri Chiro College, Daniel W. Riesland of Duluth MN, Leo J. Steinbach of Universal Chiro College in Pittsburgh, F. Lee Lemly DC of Dallas TX, Charles C Lemly DC of Waco TX, Lyndon E. Lee DC of Mt Vernon NY, Harry Gallaher DC of Guthrie OK, Arthur W. Schweitert DC of Sioux Falls SD, Harry R Bybee DC of Norfolk VA, president of the Virginia Chiro Assoc -photo and signatures of Board of Trustees of ASC, including Brown, McIlroy, Marshall, Mullay & Blair

1931 (Jan): Journal of the National Chiropractic Association [12(1)] includes:

Legal Status of the States (p. 6):

- Alabama: Open
- Arizona: Chiro Board
- Arkansas: Basic Science
- California: Chiro Board
- Colorado: Medical Board
- Connecticut: Basic Science
- Delaware: Open
- Dist. of Columbia: Basic Science
- Florida: Chiro Board
- Georgia: Chiro Board
- Idaho: Chiro Board
- Illinois: O.P. Law – Composite Board
- Indiana: Med Board, 1 chiropractor
- Iowa: Chiro Board
- Kansas: Chiro Board
- Kentucky: Chiro Board
- Louisiana: Open
- Maine: Chiro Board
- Maryland: Chiro Board
- Massachusetts: Open
- Michigan: Med Board
- Minnesota: Basic Science
- Mississippi: Open
- Missouri: Chiro Board
- Montana: Chiro Board
- Nebraska: Basic Science
- Nevada: Chiro Board
- New Hampshire: Chiro Board
- New Jersey: Med Board
- New Mexico: Chiro Board
- New York: Open
- North Carolina: Chiro Board
- North Dakota: Chiro Board
- Ohio: Med Board
- Oklahoma: Chiro Board
- Oregon: Chiro Board
- Pennsylvania: Open
- Rhode Island: Med Board
- South Carolina: Med Board
- South Dakota: Chiro Board
- Tennessee: Chiro Board
- Texas: Open
- Utah: Chiro Board
- Vermont: Chiro Board
- Virginia: Basic Science
- Washington: Basic Science
- West Virginia: Composite
- Wisconsin: Med Board
- Wyoming: Basic Science

1934 (Nov 15): letter from Harry R. Bybee DC in Norfolk VA to Stanley Hayes DC (Hayes collection):

Dr. Stanley Hayes,
861 Mercer Street
Princeton, West Virginia

Dear doctor:

There is a meeting of the Tri-State Chiropractic Association in Richmond on the 29th and 30th of this month. B.J. Palmer will be there and deliver four lectures.

The Chiropractors opposing him are partly organized and hope this will be his last visit to Virginia. We have prepared several questions which we hope will prove embarrassing to him. It has been asked that I write you for a copy of the challenge which you extended him several years ago. I shall appreciate you sending this to me at once as I will read it in his presence.

I am President of the Virginia Chiropractic Society and we are joining with the Tri-State members who oppose him and expect to cause him much embarrassment. If you find it convenient we shall be very glad to have you attend the meeting as we expect two or three hundred chiropractors present.

Thanking you very kindly in advance for the favor I have asked, I beg to remain,

Yours very truly,...
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.

1939 (May): National Chiropractic Journal [7(5)] includes:

"Many happy returns!" (p. 21):

Word has just reached us that Dr. F. Lorne Wheaton, our popular NCA past president, and charming Miss Hannah Adelaide Swallow have “middle-aisled” it at last, much to the delight of their multitude of friends. The ceremony was performed on Friday, April 7, at historic Manassas, Virginia. Dr. and Mrs. Emmett J. Murphy, of Washington, D.C., acted as attendants. The happy couple spent the day sightseeing in the nation’s capital, and the next morning took the Clipper Ship from Baltimore to Bermuda, where they spent a delightful honeymoon…

1939 (Dec 1): letter from Cash Asher, Public Relations Director for the CHB, to CS Cleveland; John H. Stoke DC, PhC of Roanoke VA and Charles E. Caster, D.C., Ph.C. of 203 Kresge Bldg, Burlington IA are on the ICA Board of Control (Cleveland papers, CCC/KO):

Dear Dr. Cleveland:

In accordance with the invitation submitted in your letter received this morning, I will be delighted to attend your homecoming celebration on December 9 and 10. If present plans materialize, I will arrive in your city on the evening of the 8th, accompanied by Mrs. Asher. She had such a delightful time in Kansas City at her previous visit that I could not persuade her to stay home with any type of normal logic.

I will plan to appear on your program as desired and will be completely at the disposal of yourself or your committee while in your city. You can book me for two address, at least, as follows:

"Chiropractic in Newspaper Offices" and "Public Relations"

I am enclosing two newspaper mats of my physiognomy and will mail a picture to you tomorrow morning.

Needless to say Ily great anticipate being with you and I hope that your convention will be a distinguished success. Sincerely,...

1940 (Nov): National Chiropractic Journal 1940 (Nov); 9(11): 8; journal caption reads: “Dr. Harry Bybee of Norfolk, Va., keeps Ken Overlin, World’s Middleweight Champion, in trim with spinal adjustments, according to the Norfolk, Virginian-Pilot of Sept. 22, 1940. The above photo accompanied a fine tribute to Dr. Bybee by this top-notch boxer.”

1941 (Mar): National Chiropractic Journal 1941 (Mar); 10(3): 31; caption reads: “OFFICIALS OF THE NATIONAL CAPITAL CHIROPRACTIC SOCIETY IN WASHINGTON, D.C. Pictured left to right (seated): Dr. Robert J. Jones NCA State Director for the District of Columbia, Dr. A.B. Chatfield, President, Congressman John H. Tolan, Dr. Emmett J. Murphy, National Legislative Representative. Back row (standing) left to right: Dr. Wm. T. Spence, Secretary, Dr. Wm. S. Lineweaver, Dr. E.M. Gustafson, Dr. Chas. W. Ross, Vice-President, Dr. Wm. P. Brownell, and Dr. Roy H. Case, NCA State Director for Virginia. The Society is affiliated with the NCA.”

1943 (Mar): National College of Chiropractic Journal [12(3)] includes:

-VIRGINIA: "Dr. Nugent testifies at hearing" (p. 38):
Richmond, Jan. 29 - (AP) - Public hearings by the commission created by the 1942 general assembly to study the healing art in Virginia were opened here today.

Some sixty persons, representing various branches of practice gave their views to the commission at the hearings which lasted all afternoon. The hearings will be resumed tomorrow.

The commission, which was directed by the assembly to 'make inquiry into and investigation of a comprehensive plan for examining and licensing all persons seeking to practice any branch of the healing art in this state, and for effective means of preventing unqualified persons from practicing any branch of the healing art in the state,' elected Delegates Stuart B. Campbell, of Wytheville, as its chairman before opening the hearing.

Representative of the Medical Society of Virginia and the State Board of Medical Examiners were the first group to be heard at sessions in the Senate Chamber this afternoon.

They urged the commission to maintain Virginia's standards designed to protect the public against unqualified practitioners and 'cults.'

Need Chiropractic Board

Spokesmen for the Virginia Chiropractors' association and the National Chiropractors' association declared that there was need for a State board of Chiropractic examiners, separate from the present state board of medical examiners.

Dr. I.C. Riggin, state health commissioner, declared that no steps should be taken which might lower the protection now afforded by the state. He pointed out that the work of his department depended on the cooperation of qualified doctors, who must make reports on certain dangerous and communicable diseases, and stated that if 'cults' that do not believe in germs are allowed free rein, the public health would suffer.

1945 (Dec): *National Chiropractic Journal* [15(12)] includes:

-Joseph S. Hoyt, D.C. of Burlington VT, president of COSCEB, authors "National Examining Board Organized" (pp. 23, 59).

The first official meeting of the National Chiropractic Examining Board was called to order at 10 A.M., Saturday, October 13, 1945, at the Belmont Plaza Hotel in New York City. Dr. Joseph S. Hoyt, President of the Council, from Burlington, Vt., presided. Eight members of the Council and four members of the National Examining Board were present. It had been hoped more could attend, but traveling conditions prevented a larger attendance.

The morning was devoted to an informal discussion of the general problems facing the National Council and National Examining Board. The rather stormy history of the National Council of Chiropractic Examining Boards was briefly reviewed by members present. Dr. Hoyt reiterated the purposes of the present Council as follows:

1. To collect and correlate all important information (from all State Boards) relative to:
   (a) Educational requirements.
   (b) Scope of examinations.
   (c) Type of questions.
2. To arrive at a wholesale standard of examinations that would be comparable to that of the National Board of Medical Examiners.
3. To aid in every possible way the establishment of reciprocal arrangements with other State Boards – Basic Science and otherwise.
4. To create within the Council a National Board of Chiropractic Examiners to meet and give examinations once a year.
5. To render any and every aid (within its power to do so) to all State Chiropractic Boards.

Dr. Hoyt stated that in accordance with instructions of the Chicago Convention of 1944 he had appointed the following as members of the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners:

- Dr. D.B. Mears, St. Albans, Vt.;
- Dr. A.R. Hosking, Danville, VA.;
- Dr. L.F. Downs, Billings, Mont.;
- Dr. P.V. Blond, Batesville, Ark.;
- Dr. Edgar Northam, Baltimore, Md.; and that this was the first called meeting of this National Chiropractic Examining Board…

1947 (Jan): *National Chiropractic Journal* [17(1)] notes:

-Leo J. Steinbach, D.C. of Pittsburgh authors "Chiropractic belongs to the people!" (pp. 23, 60; in my UCC file); includes:

...Between 1913 and 1940, the people to whom chiropractic belongs helped mightily to pass protective legislation in 37 states and the District of Columbia, also in four provinces of Canada and the Cantons of Zurich and Geneva in Switzerland. In the meantime, the States of Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Virginia, and New Jersey gave chiropractic over to medical control…

1948 (Sept): *National Chiropractic Journal* [18(9)] includes:

-photograph & caption (p. 40):

Photographed while attending a meeting of the Virginia Chiropractic Association held at Richmond are seated left to right Dr. Ralph Johnson, Fredericksburg, President, VCA, Dr. Harry R. Bybee, Vice-President, NCA, Dr. Arthur Hoskins, Danville, Member of State Board of Medical Examiners. Standing left to right Dr. Emmett J. Murphy, Director of Public Relations, NCA, Washington, D.C., Dr. John J. Nugent, Director of Education, NCA, New Haven, Conn.

**PHOTOGRAPH**

"Photographed attending meeting of the National Capital Chiropractic Society, Washington, D.C. at which Dr. Harry R. Bybee, Vice-President, NCA, Norfolk, Va. was the principal speaker, are (seated) left to right Dr. M.L. Hollod, Secretary, Dr. Harry R. Bybee, Vice-President, NCA, Dr. Robert J. Jones, Past-President, NCA."
1949 (Jan): *Journal of the National Chiropractic Association* [19(1)] includes:

- photo (p. 43) with caption:
  
Pictured at Maryland Chiropractic Convention, Baltimore, Nov. 6 and 7: L to R, Dr. H.O. Winter, Jr., Havre De Grace, Parliamentarian; Dr. Emmett J. Murphy, Wash. D.C., NCA Public Relations; Dr. Lewis S. Tawney, Baltimore, NCA State Delegate; Dr. Norman E. Osborne, Hagerstown, MCA State Board; Dr. H.R. Bybee, Norfolk, Va., NCA Vice-President; Dr. Harold L. Sharpes, Hyattsville, Recording Secretary; Dr. Henry A. Page, Annapolis, Sec’y-Treas.; Dr. Justin C. Wood, Salisbury, NCA Exec. Director; Dr. Adam Baer, Frostburg, MCA President; Dr. Kermit F. Smith, Silver Spring, MCA State Board.

1949 (Sept): *Journal of the National Chiropractic Association* [19(9)] includes:

- L.M. Rogers, D.C. authors "Highlights of the national convention" (pp. 9-17, 62); several photographs, including:

  The Official Family of the NCA: Dr. John L. Prosser, Chairman (at head of table). Right - Dr. Harry R. Bybee, President; Dr. George A. Smyrl, Vice-President; Dr. Justin Wood, Director; Dr. Harry K. McIlroy, Director. Left - Dr. L.M. Rogers, Executive Secretary; Robt. D. Johns, Legal Counsel; Dr. Gordon M. Goodfellow, Director.

- Dr. George E. Hariman, Director. Dr. Emmett J. Murphy and Dr. John J. Nugent were not available when photo was taken following convention.

1949 (Oct): *Journal of the National Chiropractic Association* [19(10)] includes:

- Harry R. Bybee, D.C. of Norfolk VA, president of NCA, authors "How NOT to support the NCA – in 8 easy lessons" (p. 7)

- Harry R. Bybee, Jr., NCA state delegate from Norfolk VA, authors "Report on legal situation in Virginia" (pp. 23, 58, 60); includes:

  ...The Virginia situation is still a problem that gives us much concern. We are still divided by ICA members who cannot agree with us on educational standards. We don’t know yet what will be done – what can be done – but we do know that chiropractic is right, that it must prevail. What the future will suggest we do not know...

  It is my hope that the two factions in Virginia will stick together and assist those few chiropractors who have failed to pass their examinations, gain their constitutional rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, and enact a favorable chiropractic law.

**Last Minute News Flash:**

I give you the latest information regarding the legal situation in Virginia, as it has just come to my attention. Dr. Tracy W. Worley, a graduate of Lincoln Chiropractic College, has just successfully passed the Virginia State Board of Medical Examiners (Basic Science).

It has been the opinion of many since the passing of the Medical Practice Act of 1944, that the legislators, through medical influence, closed the doors to chiropractors in Virginia. This is fortunately untrue, and we are thankful the bright rays of the sun are now breaking through the clouds of misunderstanding. If we continue our efforts for higher educational standards in ALL schools, and the
graduates are trained as Dr. Worley, we can look forward with happy anticipation for more and better chiropractors in Virginia. – Reported by Harry R. Bybee, Jr., D.C.

1949 (Dec): Journal of the National Chiropractic Association [19(12)] includes:
-“News flashes: Virginia” (pp. 44-5):
  BASIC SCIENCE REPORT
  The temporary five-year licenses for chiropractors in Virginia will expire after December 31, 1949. The explanation for this was covered by my article in the October issue of the JOURNAL of the NCA.
  In 1944, temporary licenses were issued to 108 Virginia chiropractors. The first basic science examination was taken by the Virginia chiropractors in November, 1948. Of the original 108 chiropractors in Virginia, eight had died, two were retired and twenty-two had moved from the state, leaving eight-four in Virginia. Of these, eighty paid $12.50 to be eligible to take the basic science examination; nine made no attempt to take it. Six who paid the fee did not show up for the examination. There were twenty-two former Virginia chiropractors who were practicing out of the state of which five paid the examination fee and four wrote the examination. Seventy-nine holders of temporary licenses in Virginia wrote the basic science examination. Of the seventy-nine, twenty-three failed and fifty-six passed.
  On October 15, 1949, the second part of the chiropractic examination was given at a Richmond hotel by the two chiropractic members of the Virginia State Board of Medical Examiners. Of the fifty-six who wrote Part II of the examination, fifty-five passed and one failed. I understand, however, that the one failure will be eligible to write the examination again in December.
  Following the examination, the Virginia Chiropractic Association began its annual meeting for the main purpose of taking care of those chiropractors who failed to pass the examination. The newly elected officers are: Dr. Carl B. Miller, president; Dr. Clarence S. Wright, first vice-president; Dr. James S. Henderson, Jr., second vice-president; Dr. E.M. Dill, secretary; and Dr. Howard T. Creasy, treasurer. – Reported by Harry R. Bybee, Jr., D.C., state delegate.

1950 (Apr): Journal of the National Chiropractic Association [20(4)] includes:
-“News flashes: Virginia: Bill grants extension of time” (pp. 58, 60, 62)

1950 (Aug): Journal of the National Chiropractic Association [20(8)] includes:
-Harry R. Bybee, Sr., D.C. of Norfolk VA, president of NCA, authors “Challenge to National graduates” (pp. 7-9)

1950 (Oct): Journal of the National Chiropractic Association [20(10)] includes:
-Mrs. Henry Stacy Dodge of Chester VA, “Youth Chairman, 1950 NCA Convention,” authors “Youth convention report” (p. 50)

1951 (Jan): Journal of the National Chiropractic Association [21(1)] includes:
-“News flashes: Virginia: Part of convention on radio” (pp. 42-3); includes photograph & caption:

1951 (Dec): Journal of the National Chiropractic Association [21(12)] includes:
-“News flashes: Virginia” (p. 41)

1952 (May): Journal of the National Chiropractic Association [22(5)] includes:

-photo & caption (p. 40):
  In Senator Langer’s private office in Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C., from left to right: Dr. Emmett J. Murphy, director of public relations, NCA; U.S. Senator William Langer, of North Dakota, and Dr. Joseph Janse, president of the National College of Chiropractic, Chicago, examine Senator Langer’s speech about Correct Posture Week and chiropractic in the March 28 issue of the Congressional Record. Dr. Janse came to Washington as one of the principal speakers at the two-day, tri-state (Maryland, Virginia and District of Columbia) convention of chiropractors at the Statler Hotel, where, in 1950, the annual meeting of the National Chiropractic Association was held.
-“Dr. Harry R. Bybee, Sr., Passes” (p. 58):
  Dr. Harry Rainey Bybee, 61, a practicing chiropractor in Norfolk, Virginia, for 41 years, who gained national recognition as president of the National Chiropractic Association, died on April 4 at 9:05 p.m. at his residence, 730 Westover Avenue, after an illness of several weeks.
  Dr. Bybee was born in Lancaster, Ohio, February 18, 1891, the son of the late Dr. Burt H. Bybee, also a chiropractor, and Mrs. Clara H. Bybee. He was the husband of Mrs. Lucile Perryman Bybee.
A graduate of Michigan College of Chiropractic, he began practice in Norfolk in 1911. He maintained offices in the New Monroe Building.

Besides heading the NCA, he was a past president of the All Southern States Association, a past president of the Tri-State Chiropractic Society, a past president of the Virginia Chiropractic Society, and was an official of the National Council of Chiropractic Roentgenologists.

Active in civic pursuits, he was a 32nd Degree Mason, a member of Kedive Shrine Temple; a Knight Templar; a past chancellor commander of the Knights of Pythias, and a member of the Cavalier Yacht and Country Club. He was a member of the First Baptist Church.

While president of the National Chiropractic Association, he was presented the key to the capital city in Washington by Representative Harold Loevre.

Among his outstanding clientele were Billy Sunday, Gen. John J. Pershing, Frank Sinatra, Billy Southworth, and more lately Phil Rizzuto, Yankee short-stop, and Al Jolson.

Besides his wife, surviving are one son, Dr. Harry Rainey Bybee, Jr. of Norfolk; two daughters, Mrs. W.S. Portlock, Jr., of Ingleside, Norfolk County, and Mrs. Stanley V. Puidokas, of Virginia Beach; two granddaughters, Lucile B. Portlock and Roberta Bybee; two grandsons, W.S. Portlock, III, and Harry R. Bybee, II; and one brother, Dr. R.V. Bybee, of Richmond.

The body was removed to the Cox Funeral Home, where funeral services will be conducted Monday at an hour to be announced, by the Rev. R. Stuart Grizzard, pastor of the First Baptist Church. Burial will be in Forest Lawn Cemetery. – Taken from Norfolk Virginian-Pilot, Saturday, April 5, 1952.

1958 (Mar): ICA International Review of Chiropractic [12(9)] includes:
-“Dr. John H. Stoke 25 years on radio” (p. 25)

1958 (Apr): ICA International Review of Chiropractic [12(10)] includes:
-Dr. John H. Stoke, D.C., Ph.C. of Roanoke VA authors “Hints on keeping office records” (pp. 9, 18)

1958 (May): ICA International Review of Chiropractic [12(11)] includes:
-Dr. John H. Stoke, D.C. of Roanoke VA authors “How to improve your practice” (pp. 6-8)

1958 (Oct): ICA International Review of Chiropractic [13(4)] includes:
-“Three states alter reciprocity rules” (p. 20):

ICA Legal Department

Nebraska – An applicant for licensure by reciprocity, in addition to other requirements as set forth by law, shall be required to present himself for an oral examination before two or more members of the Board of Chiropractic Examiners. The examination shall include such subjects as come within the scope of present day Chiropractic education, and shall be given at the same time and place as that scheduled for the regular written examination.

Indiana – Any chiropractor who has completed a four year course (4,000 hours) and who holds license by examination in another state wherein he was examined in the subjects required by Indiana law (Anatomy, Chemistry, Bacteriology, Physiology, Hygiene and Sanitation, Pathology, and the Science of Chiropractic Therapeutics) may obtain an Indiana license by reciprocity. As of April 1, 1959, two years of college prior to entry into Chiropractic school will be required.

Tennessee – We are advised that the Tennessee Basic Science Board no longer reciprocates with the following states: Florida, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Iowa, Arkansas, New Mexico and Wisconsin. It is indicated that the board will reciprocate with: Arizona, Colorado, Michigan, Minnesota, Nevada, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Virginia, and the District of Columbia.

1959 (Oct): ICA International Review [14(4)] includes:
-Mrs. John H. Stoke of Roanoke VA authors “Woman’s role in man’s world” (p. 14): includes photo of Mrs. Stoke

1961 (Mar/Apr): Digest of Chiropractic Economics [3(5)] includes:
-“State Board reports” (p. 35): includes New Mexico, West Virginia, Alabama, Texas and Montana

1961 (Nov/Dec): Digest of Chiropractic Economics [4(3)] includes:
-Dr. John H. Stoke, D.C. authors “The hidden story” (pp. 8-9, 37-41); tales of struggle of Robert C. Bowie, D.C. in Galax, Virginia


The mid year meeting of the N.C.A. Council of Education was held in conjunction with the executive meeting of the directors of the N.C.A. at the Biltmore Hotel, Los Angeles, February 19, 20, 21, 22, 1962.

Those attending included:
A. Dr. G.H. Haynes, Chairman, Dean, Los Angeles College of Chiropractic
Dr. A.G. Hendricks, President, Lincoln Chiropractic College
Dr. J. Janse, President, National College of Chiropractic
Dr. T.C. Peterson, President, Chiropractic Institute of New York
Dr. J.C. Troilo, Dean, Texas Chiropractic College
Dr. R.E. Elliot, President, Western States College of Chiropractic
Dr. J.B. Wolfe, President, Northwestern College of Chiropractic
Dr. D.W. Macmillan, Dean, Canadian Memorial College of Chiropractic
B. Members of the National Committee on Educational Standards
Dr. Walter B. Wolf, Eureka, South Dakota
Dr. Asa J. Brown, Alexandria, Virginia

1962 (May/June): Digest of Chiropractic Economics [4(6)] includes:
-“South Carolina woos industrial leaders” (p. 37):

Industrial leaders from all parts of South Carolina received detailed information about the profession of Chiropractic at a recent luncheon and conference sponsored by the South Carolina Chiropractic Research Bureau.

Thomas A. Gelardi, D.C., hailed the results of the get-together, saying:

“In the question-and-answer period, much confusion which had existed in the minds of these industrial leaders was eliminated.

“Many of our doctors became personally acquainted with these leaders and as a result we are in closer communication with this group than we have ever been before.”

The meeting was held in the Jefferson Hotel, Columbia. Those attending as guests of the Research Bureau’s participating doctors included personnel directors, plant managers, safety engineers and various other officials from industry.

The principal address was by A. V. Mallory, director of the Industrial Safety Division, Virginia Department of Labor and Industry. Mallory described to his audience in detail his state’s successful plan which has brought a marked reduction in industrial accidents in Virginia.

Dr. Lyle W. Sherman spoke for the Bureau on “Chiropractic and Its Benefits to Industry.” Dr. Corbin C. Fox of Charleston, served as moderator.
“Obviously, we feel very pleased that we had such an outstanding speaker for this important segment of our population,” Dr. Gelardi said. “While this is only one phase of our continuing program, we considered it a most beneficial meeting and fully intend to build our communication system to this group as the months roll past.”

After consultation with Raymond Fels Associates, the Bureau arranged the conference to make first-hand and effective contact with the industrialists and it believes the experience gained and the friendships developed are extremely valuable.

Similar projects for other special audiences are planned for the future.

1963: Ralph J. Martin (1986) writes:

In 1963 when the ACA delegate for Southern California vacated his position, and the NCA requested candidates for a special election, I ran for the position and won. At this time there was a lot of talk about amalgamation of the ‘straight’ ICA and the NCA ‘liberal’ into one new organization, the ACA. Delegates Dr Asa Brown in Virginia and Dr Ruth Mandell in Maryland got wind of the fact that it was a sell-out to the ICA, and contacted me by phone. As soon as this information was confirmed I contacted all the Western states delegates by phone, and we set up a meeting in Reno, Nevada, the most central point for all of us. Flying to Reno I jotted down notes for an agenda for the meeting. As soon as we all got together at the designated hotel in the evening, we set to work on the agenda, and continued in session all night, and broke up at 6:30 the next morning. We met in Denver a few days later with nearly all the delegates, and hammered out strategy for the House of Delegates' official meeting the next morning.

When the House of Delegates meeting convened, a motion was made and passed to go into a session of a Committee of the Whole. This was done, and the House of Delegates remained in the Committee of the Whole for nearly four days while we completely rewrote the new by-laws which had been prepared by the ICA-NCA negotiators. During this time, when we were not in official meetings, we kept all the delegates in closed caucus sessions. As a result, the actions of the Committee of the Whole were passed officially by a resounding majority, and the sell-out had been thwarted.

1965 (July/Aug): Digest of Chiropractic Economics [8(1)] includes:
- Paul Smallie, D.C. authors “World-Wide Reports” (pp. 4-7); includes:

  VIRGINIA

  Dr. John H. Stoke, Roanoke, Virginia, is celebrating his 45th year in chiropractic. Author of several fine books, and of the monthly “Abundant Living,” Dr. Stoke is an example of those in the profession who think, first, of what they can give to the profession to improve it. Because of such men as John Stoke, chiropractic is the high quality caliber of profession that it is.

- A.A. Adams, D.C. authors “American Chiropractic Association 1965 convention” (p. 26); includes photograph:

  Front row, left to right: Governor, District 4, Dr. Ed Kimmel, New York City – Governor, District 7, Dr. C.L. Hightower, California – President Elect, Dr. George Poe, New Jersey – President, Dr. A.A. Adams, Washington – Past President, Dr. E.A. Berner, New York – President of Council of State Delegates, Dr. S.C. Birdslye Salt Lake City.

Back Row: Governor, District 2, Dr. Van Mericas, Michigan – Chairman of ACA Board of Governors, Dr. O.B. Inman, Jr., Atlanta – House of Delegates rep. To FACE, Dr. Ralph Martin, California and Dr. Ralph Schmidt, Oregon – Governor, District 1, Dr. Garth Atwood, Idaho – Governor, District 6, Dr. Devere Biser, Texas – Governor, District 3, Dr. A.J. Brown, Virginia and Vice President of FACE, Dr. W.A. Watkinson, Rhode Island.

1967 (Aug): ACA Journal of Chiropractic [4(8)] includes:
- “The convention report” (pp. 24-6); FACE becomes FCER;
- includes:

  Foundation Board and Officers

  A change was made in the name of the former Foundation for Accredited Chiropractic Education. From now on, it is to be known as the Foundation for Chiropractic Education and Research. Elected to serve the new foundation are: Dr. Leo E. Wunsch, II, president, Denver, Colorado; Dr. Wm. A. Watkinson, vice-president, Newport, Rhode Island; and Dr. A.M. Schierholz, secretary-treasurer, Ames, Iowa. Representing the House of Delegates are Dr. Ralph Martin, Sierra Madre, California, and Dr. John A. Davidson, Springfield, Illinois. Dr. Asa Brown, Alexandria, Virginia, and Dr. C. Lee Hightower, Fremont, California, will serve as representatives of the ACA Board of Governors...

1967 (Nov 11-12): pamphlet for American Academy of Psychotherapists, whose 12th annual conference is held at Warrenton VA; speakers will include Edwin H. Kimmel, D.C., member of the “American Council of Chiropractic Psychotherapy” (in my CINY files)

1967 (Nov/Dec): Digest of Chiropractic Economics [10(3)] includes:
- “Dr. E. Kimmel on physiotherapy program in Va.” (p. 59);
- includes photo of Kimmel and:

  Dr. Edwin H. Kimmel, a member of the ACA Board of Governors, appeared on the educational program of the American Academy of Psychotherapists at the 12th annual conference on November 11-12 at Warrenton, Virginia.

  Dr. Kimmel, who is also a member of the ACA Council on Mental Health and the New York Academy of Sciences, discussed “Chiropractic Healing” and participated in the panel discussions. A number of prominent educators, philosophers and practitioners also appeared on the two-day seminar.
1975 (Apr 15-17): “Minutes of Annual Meeting of Board of Directors of the National Chiropractic Mutual Insurance Company,” Des Moines (NCMIC Archives):
- Wunsch reports on National Conferences on malpractice insurance in Dallas & Arlington VA
- “National Conference on Medical Malpractice” (report on NCMIC stationery):

- “Gordon D. Heuser, D.C., Logan alumnus of Colorado Springs CO authors “The past, present and future of chiropractic (Part One)” (pp. 66-7, 84), which was an address to the Chiropractic Society of Virginia on 26 September 1975

1977 (May/June): Digest of Chiropractic Economics [19(6)] includes:
- “Suit names ACA, others” (p. 6):
  A group of Virginia and West Virginia chiropractors have filed a multimillion dollar suit against the American Chiropractic Association and the Virginia Chiropractors Association alleging that adopted peer review standards violate the Sherman and Clayton antitrust acts by combining to “fix prices and restrain fair trade.” Also named in the suit are several insurance companies and individuals.
  The action was filed on April 4, 1977, in the U.S. Court for the Western District of Virginia.

1979 (Sept/Oct): Digest of Chiropractic Economics [22(2)] includes:
- John C. Willis MA, DC, future editor of Chiropractic History, authors “Chiropractic education in Virginia: a personal narrative.” (pp. 28, 116)

1981 (July): ACA Journal of Chiropractic [18(7)] includes:
- “FCLB appoints Dr. James Walker to CCE” (p. 17):
  The Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Boards (FCLB) appointed Dr. James Walker of Charlottesville, Virginia to the Council of Chiropractic Education Board of Directors, and its Commission on Accreditation (COA). Dr. Walker, who graduated from Southern Illinois University, and Lincoln Chiropractic College in 1964, has practiced in Charlottesville for 17 years. He has been active in both civic and professional organizations.

1988 (Spr): Success Express [12(1)] includes:
- Kent S. Greenawalt authors “From the Editor…” (p. 2); includes sketch of new facility in Roanoke VA (p. 2): PHOTOGRAPH

Dear Doctor:
Greetings from Virginia! The above sketch is of our new facility here in Roanoke. Our relocation is complete!
You may receive this SUCCESS EXPRESS postmarked from Dubuque, Iowa; please do not let that confuse you about where we are. Foot Levelers, Inc. has relocated to Virginia, but the company which prints and mails our SUCCESS EXPRESS is still in Dubuque…

1991 (June 28): “ACA Convention Report” prepared by Linda L. Zange DC, Illinois state delegate to ACA (FLI Archives); includes:
- ELECTIONS:
  The House of Delegates re-elected Charles F. Downing, D.C., San Antonio, TX, as ACA President and elected John C. Pammer, D.C., N. Catasauqua, PA, as ACA Vice-President. The House also re-elected George B. McClelland, D.C., Christiansburg, VA to the Board of Trustees of FCER.

1991 (Sept): ACA Journal of Chiropractic [28(9)] includes:
- “In memoriam: Dr. Carll B. Miller, a founder of the Council on Nutrition” (p. 61):

The chiropractic community mourns the death of Carl B. Miller, D.C., of Front Royal, Va., on July 10, 1991.
Dr. Miller was born in Jersey City, N.J. on Dec. 10, 1915. He was a graduate of Eastern Chiropractic College [sic] of New York, and completed his postgraduate work at Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport, Iowa, and the National College of Chiropractic in Lombard, Ill.
After serving in World War II, where he received three battle stars, Dr. Miller returned home to Front Royal and operated a practice. As president of the Virginia Chiropractic Association, Dr. Miller helped push across legislation granting chiropractors in the
state legal privileges to take the chiropractic board examinations to become licensed.

Dr. Miller was one of the founders of the Council on Nutrition of the American Chiropractic Association, where he served as executive secretary-treasurer beginning in 1975.

1995 (Nov 4): e-mail from Ed Kimmel DC:
Dear Joe:

Thanks for your interest in ACA policies during their 1964 formative year. I don't recall, but I had to relinquish my faculty position because I was elected a member of FACE (the Foundation for Accredited Chiropractic Education) the forerunner on FCER. We were assigning grant monies to the various schools. It was thought that because I was a member of the faculty of CINY, there would present a conflict of interest. This was especially true when monies were to be doled out to the Columbia Institute of Chiropractic (CIC). I started my chiropractic education at CIC. When Franks Dean opened his Baltimore branch, he too all the equipment and visual aids to Maryland, in order to get approval from the education department. This infuriated many of us who were going to school under the auspices of the G.I. Bill. just after World War II. That was 1946/47.

Re: the Constitution and By-Laws that were handed to us by LM Rogers, they were an almost word for word copy of the NCA's. Asa Brown, from Virginia recognizing the duplicity, pulled the cover off the by'laws and proclaimed that the intention of the powers that be was fraudulent. That's when the Delegates, angered by the deception, went into a Committee of the Whole, and eliminated any interference from the so called power brokers. ACA should have the minutes of the Denver, 1964 meeting. I requested them but to no avail. Maybe someone with more authority than I have can get them for you. I know you will find them fascinating with lots of info.maybe someone on you e-mail list can help obtain them. I started with NCA in Chicago, 1963 and went on to Denver in 1964.

Good Luck, ED

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ICA. *ICA celebrates silver anniversary. ICA International Review of Chiropractic* 1951(July); 6(1): 4

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