

B. J. PALMER DIES; CHIROPRACTOR, 79

Head of School in Iowa Was
a Pioneer in the Radio Field

DAVENPORT, Iowa, May 27 (AP)—Dr. Bartlett Joshua Palmer, a crusader for chiropractic and a pioneer in radio broadcasting, died today at his winter home in Sarasota, Fla. He was 79 years old.

Dr. Palmer was president of five corporations, including the Palmer School of Chiropractic here and two Iowa broadcasting companies.

B. J., as his friends and associates knew him, fought an uphill fight to spread the theory of chiropractic, discovered by his father. The Palmer School was established in 1895 by his father. More than 25,000 of its graduates have established practice throughout the world.

B. J. Palmer's radio enterprises began in 1922 when he purchased WOC here. It was the first radio station licensed west of the Mississippi River. In 1939 he added station WHO of Des Moines.

One of the landmarks in Davenport is Dr. Palmer's "Little Bit o' Heaven," his garden of Asiatic arts. It has attracted thousands of visitors annually since it was opened in 1924.

Dr. Palmer battled for half a century with the medical profession and osteopaths. But in the end he said he felt no hostility toward those groups.

Although he seldom used his title of Doctor of Chiropractic, he apparently followed the pattern of life he outlined long ago when he predicted that chiropractic would lengthen the years

of man. He arose each morning at 4 A. M. and retired at P. M. Nothing broke that schedule—not even his most distinguished house guests.

"If chiropractic can wipe out acute and chronic disease [he spelled the word that way in his writings] a human being ought to live until he wears out," Dr. Palmer contended. "He ought to die as the light of a candle goes out—burning with a bright flame to the end of the wick, then a short sputtering dimness, a final sputter and darkness."

Survivors include his son, Dr. David D. Palmer 2d, and three grandchildren.

JOSEPH K. MILLIKEN

Special to The New York Times.

NORTH DIGHTON, Mass., May 27—Joseph Knowles Milliken, founder of the Mount Finishing Company, a + concern, and former president of the First Machinist N. Bank of Taunton, died at his home. He was 80 old.

He is survived by his the former Gertrude E. founder of the House of Pines School in North children by a previous Robert Dodds Milliken K. Milliken Jr. and seph H. FitzGerald; grandchildren and two grandchildren.

ABRAHAM ESSEN

Abraham M. Esser, rector of the Jewish Home for Asthma in Denver, died at home yesterday at Park Avenue. He was 70 years old.

Mr. Esserfeld of the trucking firm of the Brothers, Inc., Street. He was the Welfare and Teamsters Survivor Beatrice Elcano

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