Chronology of Chiropractic Hospitals

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Red & Magenta: questionable or uncertain information
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Chronology:

Forest Park Chiropractic Sanitarium, Davenport, Iowa (What, 1938)

Bon-Aire Sanatorium of San Antonio, Texas (What, 1938)

Main Building of Grand View Sanitarium, Whittier, California (What, 1938)

Trotter Park Hotel Sanitarium, 3137 Main Street, Kansas City, Missouri (What, 1938)

Bakkum Chiropractic Clinic & Hospital, Waukon, Iowa (What, 1938)

Kent Clinic & Sanitarium, Galesburg, Illinois (What, 1938)
Hariman Sanatorium, Inc., Grand Forks, North Dakota (What, 1938)

Chiropractic Health Home, Athens, Pennsylvania (What, 1938)

"A Modern Adjusting Room" at the Brennan Chiropractic Health Home, (?)New York State? (What, 1938)

Dr. C. Beeman's Sanitarium, Whittier, California (What, 1938)

"Chief of Staff and Nurses Who Minister to Your Every Want," Beeman's Sanitarium, Whittier, California (What, 1938)

Excelsior Chiropractic Sanitarium, Excelsior Springs, Missouri (What, 1938)

Idaho Health Hospital & Clinic, Idaho Falls, Idaho (What, 1938)
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Walesby Hospital, Chiropractic & Drugless Therapy, Columbus, Indiana (What, 1938)

Chiropractic Health Home, "A Scientific Chiropractic Health Institution," 501 College St., at Washington Ave., Macon, Georgia (What, 1938)

The Community Hospital, 50 West Street, Rutland, Vermont (What, 1938)

Dr. Mitchell and Staff, Dr. Mitchell's Chiropractic Hospital, Three Rivers, Michigan (What, 1938)

1950 (Dec): JNCA [20(12)] includes:
- James I Bardsley, D.C., chairman of Professional & Public Relations Staff, Montgomery Chiropractic Hospital in Norristown PA, authors “Would you like to be an intern?” (p. 56)

1966 (June 19-21): “Report of 33rd Annual Congress, Council of State Chiropractic Examining Boards, Biltmore Hotel, Los Angeles, California”; includes:
- “State Reports” (pp. 6-8); many states struggling to get NBCE recognized; includes:
  SOUTH DAKOTA: Dr. Ortman – Chiropractors in South Dakota are still entitled to and are using county hospital facilities. They have five D.C.’s using the hospital facilities in the state and one who is actually on the hospital board. He does not know how long this situation will prevail, since with the advent of Medicare, these county hospitals, in order to participate, have to be approved by medical authorities, so the situation could change.

1974 (May/June): Digest of Chiropractic Economics [16(6)] includes:
- Jesse Mercer Gehman, N.D., D.C., M.N., president of Natural Living Foundation Internationale, authors “Exclusion of chiropractors from hospitals” (pp. 52-3)

2001 (July 24): e-mail from Don G. Hariman, D.C. (DGHariman@aol.com):
  When George Hariman began his chiropractic career the healing professions were in a state of flux in the United States. The Flexner Report on medical education had just shown that the
standards of medical school education was deplorable and that the licensure was not standardized. There were many healers and healing strategems available from the magnetic healers to the various forms of manipulators and homeopathic vs. allopathic medical controversy. Anything seemed possible and even the practitioners were uncertain of what practice would evolve into.

Chiropractic, of course, was at that time, divided and defined in two camps. D.D. Palmer and his son, B.J. Palmer of Iowa on the one side with their adherents as well as the people like Harper, Harring, Drain, Logan et al who had left Palmer and would eventually start their own schools defined the very conservative but radical wing of the profession and espoused the "one cause-one cure theorem" as it evolved. On the other extreme was W.C. Schulze, a medical physician who was leader of the National College of Chiropractic in Chicago. This was a school more in the tradition of a medical faculty with connections to Cook County Hospital, lecturers of some note and featured basic science education including dissection. These were dubbed the "mixers". There was a high degree of concern for diagnosis in its day and the school remained a leader in scientific introspection and investigation within the profession.

When George Hariman began practice, he had the adjuncts of physiotherapy which included long wave diathermy (a dangerous but effective heat source for therapy) contractile currents for muscular reeducation (called a sine wave because of the multiplicity of currents available which basically showed the sine curve made by the McIntosh Company) heat lamps and a rudimentary adjusting table made by the Zenith Company. The x-ray was the open wire type with available factors of about 15 ma and 85 kvp. A far cry from modern equipment and only somewhat better than the original Roentgen lab equipment. There was a hand held flourooscope which provided as much or more radiation to the operator as the patient and no idea of the dangers of radiation. The largest danger was the high tension exposed cables which occasionally shocked the operator. Long exposures were the rule and film was surprisingly readable but usually motion was present producing a blurring.

When George Hariman became interested in the NCA it was because he was active in the North Dakota Chiropractic Association. Someone "had to" go to the convention in Philadelphia about 1933 or 34 and George volunteered. He became interested in the benefits of a national voice for the profession. Expenses were almost non-existent in those days so it was a personal expense. As the organization evolved, he was a voice for the formation of hospitals and also was known as a level headed planner or thinker. He served us well in his small niche. John Schnick of Ontario was the apparent spokesman for Canada. Since the organization was loose, he was the only member from Canada present and he enjoyed being the debonair bon vivant. Being unmarried he was a great man with the ladies with his manners and air of sophistication. The men were unworried about him since they got the picture that he was a homosexual. I am unaware that he ever contributed much beyond his presence.

George determined that there was a need for a good national journal and he was a leader in the push to buy a printing plant. The plant was in the home town of L.M. Rogers and George was one of several who gave the money to the NCA as a "loan" to buy the plant. To my knowledge, he was never repaid this loan and he chalked it up to professional needs.

Several men who served on the Executive Board with George were good friends beginning with C.O. Watkins of Montana who was an early mentor. These included Schwiepert of South Dakota, Wheaton of Connecticut, Goodfellow of California and to a lesser extent Creggar of California.

George was also involved with the school people and when he gave money for the founding of the FCER he began to take an interest in schools since they were the main beneficiaries. While he was enamored by W.A.Budden, he lost some of the enthusiasm when his son went to Western States College and was less than impressed. Janse of National College was always well received and George made a contribution and served on the building board for the new campus of his alma mater. He had respect for Leo Spears and worked with him as best he could to promote other hospitals but they remained almost exclusive as hospital builders.

George was always looking for ways for accomodation between the mixers and the straights, especially at the higher levels. While he disdained B.J. Palmer, He had high regard for David Palmer. He wanted to include Logan and Harper and was very pleased when Lincoln College and Jim Drain became allied with NCA. His experience with coexistence was colored by the efforts which had been so successful in North Dakota. He felt we needed to make strong united statements in order to survive. (personal note: he would be, as I am, dismayed with the cacophony which persists as to what is the place of chiropractic in the healing arts.)

He served two terms on the Board of Governors or Executive Director and against advice he ran for a third term and was defeated. He could have been elected President but he couldn’t see that this was the office he should take. He continued to be a delegate to the ACA for many years after this and he worked tirelessly in North Dakota as a lobbyist for the association during turbulent times.

During this time the NCA continued its concern with scientific investigation. Considerable effort was placed on the use of full spine radiography as an investigative medium and positioning was much talked about by pioneers such as VLadeff, Logan and others.
as well as diagnosis by Wunsch, Giammarino, Rich, Janse and others. In addition they funded the work of Fred Illi in Switzerland investigating the sacroiliac region and pelvis for mechanical problems and function. Its successor, the ACA carried on the Councils of Radiology and Hospitals and Education and expanded them into specialty programs in Orthopedics, Radiology and others attesting to the continued interest in excellence in therapeutic approach.

He was very effective at the endeavors he undertook because he always gave it all he had. He was willing to back his enthusiasm with his purse regardless of the condition of the purse and while he did not take criticism or defeat lightly, he never held a grudge. He asked for no medals and generally received none. But he was highly regarded and knew it and that was enough.

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