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1945: Ed Kimmel notes that “A personal experience while in the Navy led to a chiropractic career” (Dzaman et al., 1980, pp. 141-2)

1994 (Dec 22); letter from Ed Kimmel, D.C. to J.C. Keating (in my Kimmel/CINY files); includes:
I was a member of the Society of Military Chiros and knew Frank Logic, also. As a member of the D.A.V., can I do anything to advance the position of chiropractic? I came out of the Navy with a 40% disability, which was reduced to 20. I am now fighting to get my 40% back…

1945: brochure for Columbia Institute of Chiropractic (from Ed Kimmel DC, who was student of CIC in 1946); Kimmel attended CIC with tuition reimbursed under Public Law 16 for disabled veterans (see letter, 15 April 1995; in my CINY file); lists staff (p. 3):

PHOTOGRAPH

Campus of the Columbia College of Chiropractic in Baltimore (Miscellany, 1985)
1948 (Apr): The Chiropractor [44(4)] includes:
-An approach to functional cardiac conditions" by Edwin H. Kimmel DC (pp. 10-11)

1948 (Apr): National Chiropractic Journal [18(4)] includes:
-E Edwin H. Kimmel, CINY student, authors “A rational approach to functional cardiac conditions” (pp. 29-30)

1948 (Sept/Oct): ICA International Review of Chiropractic [3(3-4)] includes:
-E Edwin H. Kimmel, D.C. authors “An approach to functional cardiac conditions” (pp. 42-3)

1948 (Dec 6): letter to Mr. Edwin Kimmel at CINY from Bruno Oetteking, "Curator of Physical Anthropology" for the "Museum of the American Indian, Heye Foundation, Physical Anthropology Department, Broadway at 155th Street, New York 32," where George G. Heye is Chairman and Director (rec'd from Dr. Kimmel, in my CINY folder):

Dear Mr. Kimmel:

Pursuant to our conversation of last Thursday, I am sending herewith a photograph of mine with the request of returning the same after having served its purpose.

In case that personal data from the present prospectus are used, will you kindly see to it, that my position in Heidelberg University was that of a "Research Assistant", which differs from that of an "Assistant". This item was incorrectly recorded in the prospectus of the School.

Very sincerely yours,
Bruno Oetteking

1949: Edwin H. Kimmel is valedictorian at CINY; he serves on CINY faculty in 1949-1968; he will practice in NYC until 1978, then relocate to FL (Kimmel CV, 6/20/95; in my CINY folder)

1949 (Apr 15): photograph of certification of hours for Ed Kimmel on CINY stationery, signed by Thure C. Peterson, D.C. (in my CINY files):
Clarence W. Weiant, D.C., Ph.D., Dean, 1949

1949 (Sept): JNCA [19(9)] includes:
- "Graduation exercises at Institute" (p. 29); notes 75 in graduating class; includes photo of graduation banquet

Name, date of founding or re-organization, and owner or status of several of the ancestor institutions of the:

Chiropractic Institute of New York

1949 (Oct): JNCA [19(10)] includes:
- Edwin H. Kimmel, D.C., CINY faculty member, authors "A treatise on neuromechanics" (pp. 16-7, 64)
1949 (Dec): *JNCA [19(12)]* includes:
- Edwin H. Kimmel, D.C., CINY faculty member, authors “A treatise on neuromechanics” (pp. 17-8, 56, 58, 60)

1950: Ed **Kimmel**, D.C. is staff member at Spears Hospital in Denver (Dzaman et al., 1980, pp. 141-2)

1950 (Jan): *JNCA [20(1)]* includes:
- "Erratum" (p. 33):
  
  In “A treatise on neuromechanics” by Dr. Edwin H. Kimmel, part III, the neurological influences of distortion under Effect of Chiropractic Adjustment, part A, should read:

  An irritated organ produces a high frequency of impulses which produce the spull over from the sensory tracts coming back to the cord. By virtue of the internuncials it spulls over into the lateral columns, then, in turn, by the same process (internuncials) spulls into the anterior column (voluntary afferent system), to the muscles of the back via the posterior rami (posterior primary divisions), producing a local subluxation (viscerosomatic reflex).

  Although Dr. F.F. Hirsch properly expounded the spull over theory, it was propounded (originated) by Dr. J. Robinson Verner, also of the faculty of the Chiropractic Institute of New York.

1950 (Mar 4-5): brochure for "Annual Convention, 1950, Chiropractic Institute of New York" at the Hotel Statler ("Formerly the Pennsylvania"); CINY is located at 152 W 42nd St, NYC; officers of CINY are (CINY files):
- Craig M. Kightlinger, President
- Thure C. Peterson, Executive Director
- H.L. Trubenbach, Director of Chiropractic
- E. Starr Graham, Vice-President
- C.W. Weiant, Dean
- Christian Stevenson, Assistant Dean
- F.F. Hirsch, Dean of Faculty

-speakers include:
- Edward W. Altman, "The place and purpose of diagnosis in chiropractic"
- Benjamin Goldstein, "The importance of basic science in chiropractic education"
- Frank L. Crystal, "Crystal Technic plus spinal hygiene"
- H. Lionel Kenmore, "The mechanics of the chiropractic postural dynamics of patient management in the intervertebral disc syndrome"
- J. Raymond Christy, Jr., "Why chiropractic hospitalization?"
- Mortimer Levine, "Adjusting of the extremities (shoulders and feet)"
- C. Leo Snell, "Lost jewels"

**Joseph Janse**, "Chiropractic from 1895 to 1950"

**Edwin Kimmel**, "The neurological implications of distortion"
- Julius Dintenfass, "Human relations"
- Albert J. Hagens, "The good old D.D. Palmer Technique"
- Emmett J. Murphy, "The value of organization and unity"
- M.E. Roll, "Chiropractic economics"
- L.E. Cheal, "X-Ray study of body mechanics"
- Round Table: this will consist of questions from the floor, directed to the school faculty and administrators, and to the speakers on the convention program*

1950 (Aug): *JNCA [20(8)]* includes:
- Edwin H. **Kimmel**, D.C., CINY faculty, authors “A treatise on neurological implications of distortion” (pp. 13-5, 68, 70, 72); includes:

  Editor’s Note: The following is a lecture to the annual convention of the Chiropractic Institute of New York at the Statler Hotel, March 4, 1950, by Dr. Edwin H. Kimmel, member of the faculty.

1950 (Sept): *New York State Chiropractic Journal* notes that the editorship has passed from Sol Goldschmidt DC to Edwin H. **Kimmel** DC

1950 (Sept): *JNCA [20(9)]* includes:
- Edwin H. **Kimmel**, D.C., CINY faculty, authors “Polycystic kidney disease” (pp. 20-2)

1950 (Dec): *JNCA [20(12)]* includes:
- Edwin H. **Kimmel**, D.C., CINY faculty, authors “The answer to a chiropractic challenge” (pp. 21-3, 66, 68, 70); includes:

  The following letters are the result of a correspondence between two eager clinical psychologists, one who has been indoctrinated as regards the mechanism of chiropractic, the other an ardent opponent…

1950: Ed **Kimmel**, D.C. named Fellow of International College of Chiropractors (Kimmel CV, 95/06/20)

1950: Ed **Kimmel**, D.C. named Research Fellow of the International Chiropractors Association (Kimmel CV, 95/06/20)

1950: Ed **Kimmel**, D.C. serves as staff member at Spears Chiropractic Hospital in Denver (Kimmel CV, 95/06/20)

1950-1953: Ed **Kimmel**, D.C. is “clinician” at Montgomery Chiropractic Hospital (Kimmel CV, 95/06/20)

1951 (June): “Certificate of Merit” for “Edwin H. Kimmel, D.C., Regional Research Director” is signed by Herman S. Schwartz, D.C., President of the NCA Council on Psychotherapy and Thure C. Peterson, DC., CEO of the National Council on Education (in my CINY/Kimmel files); citation reads:

This is to Certify that Edwin H. Kimmel, D.C., Regional Research Director has distinguished himself by unselfish devotion to systematic psychological inquiry in the basic biophysical and social sciences in search of evidence bearing upon the Chiropractic Concept as it relates to the field of Abnormal Psychology and in furthering the development of a Physiological Psychology based upon the historic Chiropractic Premise.

Issued by order of the National Council on Psychotherapy, an affiliate of the National Chiropractic Association, this 9th day of June 1951

1951 (June 9): brochure for "Graduation and Dinner-Dance" at CINY, held at Hotel Astor, Times Square, NYC (CINY files):

- "Administrative Staff" of CINY are:
  - Craig M. Kightlinger, President
  - Thure C. Peterson, Executive Director
  - E. Starr Graham, Vice-President
  - C.W. Weiant, Dean
  - Christian Stevenson, Assistant Dean
  - F.F. Hirsch, Dean of Faculty

- "Advisory Board" of CINY are:
  - Herbert J. Grey, President, Wilkinson-Grey Corporation
  - Robert E. Leigh, President, Hudhannor Corporation
  - Dr. John J. Nugent, Education Director for the National Chiropractic Association

- "Faculty" of CINY are:
  - Edward Altman
  - H.M. Burry
  - Julius Dintenfass
  - Benjamin Goldstein
  - Michael Grecco
  - Martin Henn
- F.F. Hirsh
- C.M. Kightlinger
- Edwin Kimmel
- Charles Krasner
- Milton Kronovet
- Mortimer Levine
- Francis Lombardy
- Reuben Luckens
- Bruno Oetteking
- T.C. Peterson
- Herman Schwartz
- Charles Schwehla
- Martin Snyder
- Paul Stratmann
- Howe Turnbull
- J.R. Verner
- Jean Verner
- Edward Wedin
- C.W. Weiant
- Ray Winiarz

1951 (Dec): JNCA [21(12)] includes:
- "Some early case histories bordering on the threshold of chiropractic" by Clarence W. Weiant, DC, PhD, dean of CINY (pp. 12, 62, 64)
- Edwin H. Kimmel, D.C. of Brooklyn, faculty member at CINY, authors "How to select an office location for your practice" (pp. 26-7, 68, 70, 72-4)

1952 (Feb): Michigan State Chiropractic Journal [12(2)] includes:
- "Scientific research throws new light upon the efficacy of chiropractic" (p. 2) by Edwin H. Kimmel, DC, of the CINY faculty, who is editor of the New York State Chiropractic Journal

1952 (Apr 26-27): program of the "Annual Convention, 1952, Chiropractic Institute of New York" (CINY files); lists the following:
- T.C. Peterson, Director
- Craig M. Kightlinger, President
- E. Starr Graham, Vice-President
- C.W. Weiant, Dean
- F.F. Hirsh, Dean of Faculty

-presenters include:
- Michael A. Grecco DC, "Motion pictures of chiropractic technique with commentary"
- Drs. Craig M. Kightlinger, Michael A. Grecco, Howe R. Turnbull, Ray Winiarz, "Technique demonstration of the specific adjustment"
- Julius Dintenfass DC, "Applying kinesiology to the problem patient"
- Milton Kronovet DC, "Chiropractic and orthopedic examination of the low back case analyzed comparatively"
- Thure C. Peterson DC, Mortimer Levine DC, Edward Wedin, Ray Winiarz, "Postural analysis and technique"
- Dr. Martin Henn, "Danger signals in the ambulatory cardiac case"
- J. Robinson Verner DC, Charles Krasner DC, "Debate - Medicine vs. Chiropractic"
- Herman S. Schwartz DC, "How to relax"
- Dr. Frederick P. Cande, Martin Snyder DC, "Uses and interpretations of the newer laboratory diagnostic tests"
- F.F. Hirsh DC, Edwin H. Kimmel DC, "Practical steps in a neurological examination that can be performed in the chiropractors' office"
- "Symposium on Gall Bladder Disturbances" includes:
  * Paul Stratmann DC (Anatomy)
  * Milton Kronovet DC (Histology)

1952 (May): JNCA [22(5)] includes:
- Edwin H. Kimmel, D.C., CINY faculty member, authors "A briefing on coccygodynia and its management" (p. 24)

1952 (July): JNCA [22(7)] includes:
- Craig M. Kightlinger, D.C., M.A., former president of CINY, of Sarasota FL authors “We must prove to the public that chiropractic is a scientific profession” (pp. 16, 67-8); advocates publicity rather than research
- John Gimmler, William Gimmler & Edwin H. Kimmel, D.C., author "The substantiation of chiropractic by scientific research" (pp. 20-2, 71-2)

1952 (Sept): JNCA [22(9)] includes:
- Edwin H. Kimmel, D.C., CINY faculty member, authors "Polioyelitis – its neuromechanical and symptomatological considerations" (pp. 19-20)

1952 (Nov): The Columbian [52(4)] published by Columbia Institute of Chiropractic & Columbia College of Chiropractic with Dr. Mattis Yellin, editor, includes:
- "Chiropractors on the town" (p. 3); notes Michael A. Giammarino, D.C. & Frank E. Dean, D.C. represented Columbia at 26th Convention of N.J. State Chiropractic Society on September 5, 1952; various other appearances by Dean, Kimmel, Spears, Lorraine Welch

1952-1964: Edwin H. Kimmel, D.C. serves as research director for the NCA Council on Psychotherapy (Kimmel CV, 95/06/20)

1953 (Aug 28): letter on CINY stationery from B. Hayse, Assistant to President of CINY, to Edwin Kimmel DC, 8514-5th Avenue, Brooklyn 9, NY:
Dear Dr. Kimmel:
At your earliest convenience, please prepare twenty-five questions and answers in Pathology for the Georgia State Board of Chiropractic Examiners. They have request this of us.

1955: Edwin H. Kimmel, D.C. serves as chairman of the education committee of the Chiropractic Association of New York (CANY) (Kimmel CV, 95/06/20)

1955: Edwin H. Kimmel, D.C. awarded “Journalist of the Year” from Chiropractic Association of New York (Kimmel CV, 95/06/20)

1956 (Apr 7-8): pamphlet for 19th annual convention of the Delaware Chiropractic Association held in Wilmington; Ed Kimmel, D.C. of CINY will speak on “Diagnosis of cardiac conditions” (in my CINY files)

1959 (Sept 26-27): pamphlet for “District Education Seminar sponsored by the National Chiropractic Association” to be held at Astor Hotel in NYC; Edwin H. Kimmel, D.C. of CINY will speak on “A practical evaluation of chiropractic interpretive instruments” (in my CINY files)
A BLOOD TEST FOR MALIGNANCIES – THE RESULTS OF A TEN YEAR STUDY
DEMONSTRATION OF THE TECHNIQUE AND INTERPRETATION

Dr. Edwin Kimmel, a member of the faculty of the Chiropractic Institute of New York, will present these important blood pattern findings before the Academy for the first time with slide projection. Dr. Kimmel, is nationally and internationally known for his many lectures, his articles of clinical and scientific significance and for his authoritative work on electronic instruments. He is the regional director for the NCA Committee on Psycho-therapy, chairman of Education Committee, CANY, a Fellow in the International College of Chiropractors, a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the N.Y. Academy of Sciences.

1961 (Dec): JNCA [31(12)] includes:
- Edwin H. Kimmel, D.C. of Brooklyn NY, CINY faculty member, authors “An illustration of the integration of three of the therapeutic sciences: the overlapping of the mechanical, chemical and emotional therapies becomes evident” (pp. 29-30)

1955-1961: photograph of Ed Kimmel, D.C.’s NCA membership seals:

1960-62: Ed Kimmel, D.C. takes postgraduate coursework in orthopedics at CINY (Kimmel CV, 95/06/20)

1962 (Mar 17-18): pamphlet and program (in my CINY files) for the “Annual Educational Seminar” sponsored by the CINY Alumni Association, to be held at Hotel Astor in NYC; speakers will include:
- Bernard F. Oemcke, B.A., D.C.
- Stephen E. Owens, D.C., president of the Alumni Association
- Lazarus L. Kalman, M.A., D.C.
- Thomas Broderick, Ph.D.
- Milton Kronovet, B.S., D.C.
- Mortimer Levine, D.C.
- Helmut Bittner, L.L.D., D.C.
- Paul Madermann, B.C.
- Jack J. Stokes, B.S., D.C.
- Max Warmbrand, N.D., D.O.
- Edwin H. Kimmel, D.C.
- Clarence W. Weiant, D.C., Ph.D.
- Norman Swenson, B.S., D.C.

“Alumni Membership Director” gives breakdown of grads by state

1962-63: CINY catalogue lists the faculty:
- Edward W. Altman DC (Lincoln, 1945)
- Frank L. Berch DC (Eastern, 1943)
- Helmut Bittner JD, (German University of Prague, 1935), DC (CINY, 1956)
- Frederic P. Cande MT (Paine Hall School, 1937), DC (CINY, 1951), AA (Brooklyn College, 1952)
- Lee Y. Davidheiser AB (Ursinus College, 1914), PhD (Johns Hopkins, 1921), Hon. ScD (Wagner College, 1950)
- Julius Dintenfass BS (Columbia University, 1932), DC (Eastern, 1936)
- Abre M. Eisenberg DC (LACC, 1952)
- Benjamin Goldstein DC (CINY, 1948)
- Louis A Grecco BA (NYU, 1956), DC (CINY, 1959)
- Edgar N. Grisewood AB, MA (Columbia University, 1923, 1924)
- Jack Haberman BA (Upsala College, 1949), DC (CINY, 1953), MS (Long Island University, 1959)
- FF Hirsch DC (PSC, 1923)
- Lazarus L. Kalman BS, MA (College of the City of NY, 1935, 1940), DC (CINY, 1956)
- Max Kavaler BS (Long Island University, 1951), DC (CINY, 1954)
- Edwin H. Kimmel DC (CINY, 1949)
- Charles Krasner DC (CINY, 1949)
- Milton Kronovet BS (College of the City of NY, 1928), DC (NY School of Chiropractic, 1935)
- Stephen J. Lenti DC (CINY, 1950)
- Mortimer Levine DC (NY School of Chiropractic, 1942)
- Nathan Muchnick BA (College of City of NY, 1938), DC (Eastern, 1941)
- Thure C. Peterson DC (Carver/NYC, 1920)
- Herman S. Schwartz DC (Carver/NYC, 1922)
- Charles J. Schwebia DC (NY School of Chiropractic, 1945)
- Norman Swenson BS (Springfield College, 1950), DPT (University of Penn, 1952), DC (CINY, 1954)
- Edwin Wedin DC (NY School of Chiropractic, 1944)
- Clarence Wolsey Weiant DC (PSC, 1921), BS, PhD (Columbia University, 1937, 1943)
- Ray F. Winiarz DC (Eastern, 1934)
- Seymour Wolfert BS (Brooklyn College, 1935), DC (CINY, 1955)
- Jean S. Worth DC (NY School of Chiropractic, 1934)
- Arnold J. Zaret DVM (Middlesex University Veterinary College, 1943), MS (University of Maryland, 1949), DC (CINY, 1958)
- Marius E. Zwiller DC (CINY, 1952)

1962: commencement banquet at CINY; photograph shows (clockwise from left): Max Kavaler, Mary Brandwein DC2B, Erika Perillo (Administrative Asst. to Dr. Peterson), Ed Kimmel, D.C. (courtesy of Stanley L. Botway, D.C.):

1963 (Jan): Journal of the NCA [33(1)] includes:
On Sunday, March 3rd, 1963, we will hold the Annual Dr. Daniel David Palmer Academy Awards Day, at the Hotel Astor, N.Y. We would like to have you as a member of the Academy Annual Grand Panel, which is formed by all the speakers of 1962. You will be awarded the Academy Appointment of Merit Certificate, at this meeting. We expect to have a special award for those who have already received this certificate.

We would like to have you give some of the highlights from your talk of 1962. Time will be rather limited, due to the number of participants. After the awards and other important items, we will have interpanel discussions and questions, as a finale for the big afternoon.

I will appreciate it, if you will drop me a line to let me know that you will be with us on Sunday, March 3rd, at the Hotel Astor, so that we may complete our schedule and prepare our notices. Look forward to seeing you then, and to having the pleasure of extending our further thanks to you when we present your Academy award.

Yours sincerely,

Copy to:
Dr. Frank H. Browneley, Secretary
Programming Committee
Drs. Merendino - Owen


Dear Dr. Hayes:

Congratulations on your fine issue of The Bulletin. Enjoyed reading them very much! Bravo!!

Enclosed please find article that recently was turned down by Journal of N.C.A. You may condense or edit it any way you choose if you think it’s worth while for The Bulletin.

Do you know of anyone in Arizona who needs either an assistant or partner? I have a Basic Science certificate from Connecticut, and I understand that reciprocity is not too difficult. I am contemplating moving to Arizona and would appreciate any information you could offer re: who to contact, what the prospects in Arizona are, etc.

Enclosed find my check for $3.00 for The Bulletin.

Good luck and Bravo, again.

-attached is unpublished manuscript rejected by JNCA:

A PLEA TO THE CHIROPRACTIC PROFESSION

(A profession is only as good as the people who are in it)

By Dr. Edwin H. Kimmel

Faculty, Chiropractic Institute of New York

The prestige of science in the United States has mushroomed like an atomic cloud. More students in our schools are choosing some branch of science for their careers. Budgets, both military and private, earmarked for scientific research have never been so huge. Scientific magazines, books and other forms of reading material are coming off the presses in unprecedented numbers, more than at any other time in our history. One has but too look at science today, and become immediately aware of the fact that all of the sciences have been making fantastic strides forward since World War II.

On the other hand, even casual observance of the chiropractic profession quickly indicates that there is but scant evidence of any substantial progress within this therapeutic field, which could be considered comparable in application or in effect. There is not, nor has there been anything really new in chiropractic for the past twenty-five years.

Due to our lack of research acumen, and because there is a general undercurrent of mistrust and professional jealousy, among us, our entire profession is struggling for survival. We have a wonderful science, yet our lack of originality, mutual cooperation and standardization has retarded chiropractic to the point of being far too inarticulate in matters pertaining to health and scientific achievement, where we should really excel.

This sinister cloud of silence which hovers over us has caused chiropractic to “stand pat,” so to speak, and has caused our profession much embarrassment. The more rapidly the rest of the scientific

-Edwin H. Kimmel, D.C. of CINY authors “Thesis of an American chiropractor” (pp. 71-2):

I am an American citizen. As such I am entitled to all the rights, privileges, and benefits thereof. I am also a chiropractor and as such I am immediately denied many of the liberties granted to me as an American. I fear God, but because I am free, I fear no man. I have dedicated myself to my chosen profession, which I practice in a dignified and ethical manner. I am also dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equally in the eyes of God and the law, but as a chiropractor this equality is also denied me.

I ask only to be left alone to practice my profession by ministering to the sick, injured, and afflicted, unhindered by bigoted organized medical groups or by bureaucratic limitations. This is the only way in which I can develop my professional talents to the highest degree.

I am content only with my best efforts, deploiring mediocrity in myself and in others. I accept personal responsibility for my actions and my decisions, as well as for my provision. I neither want nor expect others to think, act, or provide for me.

I want to be rewarded in accordance with my ability, not my needs; I believe that which is earned ennobles, while that which is given enslaves.

I prize my own self respect above all things, preferring it to slavish conformity and the plaudits of the mob.

I believe that there is a distinction between intolerance and an honest difference of opinion.

I honor those with whom I disagree when I know them to be honest and sincere in their beliefs, and informed about the subject of disagreement. I reserve the right to take issue, both publicly and privately with all whom I believe to be in error, for worse than being uninformed is being misinformed.

I would go the extra mile to help him who would help himself, but I want no part of him who would live by the sweat of others.

I believe that the United States of America represents the last best hope of mankind to live in freedom and individual dignity.

I am willing to defend, with my life if need be, the principles of our constitutional republic and of my profession, against those elements that would destroy us from within or from without. I am very much aware that history has proven that more citadels crumble from within than are taken by siege or assault. So it is too with chiropractic. Our internal enemies are our biggest threat to existence.

The intolerance of organized medicine toward chiropractic is as vicious as racial and/or religious intolerances.

Can there be a “peaceful co-existence”?

The call to battle has sounded, the lines are drawn, and the hour grows late. An aroused and informed profession must now rededicate itself upon the altar of self-sacrifice to restore that sense of patriotism, freedom, moral courage, and individual initiative which has served us so well in the past.

If we as a profession are satisfied with mediocrity, compromise, or “peace at any price,” we are doomed.

As free men, and as chiropractors, glorying in our individuality and sustained by a firm faith in ourselves, our profession, our country, and our God, we must unite in the only true way.

Only with honesty and integrity in practice shall we achieve the success we seek. Let our motto be one which knows no peer: “I will do unto my patients only that which I would have my doctor do unto me, if I sought help for this condition.”

1963 (Feb 11): letter on stationery of the Academy of Chiropractic Inc. to Edwin Kimmel, D.C. from Stanley Livingstone Riddett, D.C., president of the Academy (in my CINY files):

Dear Dr. Kimmel:

This is a letter of thanks and an invitation. The Board of Governors and myself wish to thank you for the presentation which you gave us last year. This helped to make the year a successful one, indeed.
world moves forward, the faster chiropractic appears to be retrogressing.

Little clinical and/or laboratory research has been done to substantiate Palmer’s original theory of chiropractic, even by the chiropractors. This is true partly because any confirming results of such research might be suspect of being prejudiced, while any negative findings resulting from such research would have been dangerous to the profession. And so the status quo remains.

Many students of chiropractic realize that the profession is not moving forward. They are frequently told that “Chiropractic is so far ahead, that we don’t need to do research. Our profession is waiting for the rest of the scientific world to catch up to us.” How ludicrous!! Any art, science or profession that stands still or marks time cannot help but lose ground and slip backward. Our profession MUST involve itself in active necessary research that would substantiate scientifically what we know empirically.

We have frequently heard “You don’t have to know the Basic Sciences to succeed in chiropractic. All you’ve go to know is how to build a practice, and how to give an adjustment. After all, Nature takes care of everything.” or perhaps you’ve said “We don’t have to know how to diagnose – because we don’t treat diseases – we just adjust subluxations.” Or maybe you’ve had to listen to “If you study too much, or know too much about the basic sciences, you’ll be a good chiropractor, because you’ll become too confused with too many facts.”

If we allow these attitudes to continue to influence our ambitious students, it will stultify any desires they may have for advancement. We’ve got to grow up professionally. The excuse that chiropractic is a young profession is nonsense! Our profession of chiropractic is the same age as x-ray and/or psychology. Look at their progress, and then look at where we’ve remained.

We hear about the dissatisfaction because of our inability to receive public funds. The Ford Foundation, National Science Foundation, National Institutes of Health and many other endowment organizations refuse our requests for grants of money. Actually there is no research going on in chiropractic today. Even if we were to attempt some research, who is really qualified to do it? What remuneration would the researcher get? Are we big enough to publish and accept the results of such research if it happened to slant toward the negative side? Yet this too would be progress, because negative data are just as important as positive data!

Government support of research will continually be denied us unless some approved or acceptable research project is already under way. Only then could the research group submit formal application for a continuing grant-in-aid. Such application would be approved only if our research were conducted by personnel who are adequately trained in research procedures. As yet, our profession lacks such personnel. Unless our schools can receive public funds our educational system will continue to remain inept. When schools continually depend upon tuition alone for support, the quality of education must suffer, because competition for students becomes keener and the necessity to obtain students (to meet expenses) lowers the educational standards.

Many of us are vociferous regarding the betterment of the professional education. When this is our general attitude toward a better informed chiropractor one of mistrust? Even though most chiropractors give “lip service” to the idea of intensified educational standards so that the profession can make a “niche” for itself in science, our general attitude toward the betterment of chiropractic education and those advocating such increased educational standards is one of fear and hostility.

There are instructors in our schools who opposed research, academic advancement and scholarship, because, when a college encourages research and scholarship, competition for position on the staff becomes sharper. Too many teach solely to reap the benefits of student referrals to their private practices.

“Well intentioned” faculty members who perpetuate unscientific and archaic information must be enlightened or silenced. Imparting erroneous, misleading, or antiquated information cranes the feeling of student confusion, when he makes comparison to modern concepts and viewpoints. Careful screenings of the faculties of our approved schools is in order. Behind the scientific advances of tomorrow stands today’s teacher. We can attract better teaching personnel by offering to those qualified a more modernized and realistic pay scale. The day of teaching chiropractic because you were obliged to the profession for some personal cure or financial investment is gone. Fewer students choose chiropractic as a career because they, or some loved one, have had such favorable experience. They choose chiropractic because they feel it is a dignified calling. The best teachers are not necessarily the most successful chiropractors. Let us end once and for all the opposition criticism that “chiropractic education is inadequate.”

Public demands are well known. They want better and more progressive education and research. We must do something constructive to improve our educational system. We must have legitimate Ph.D.’s on our faculties, who are specialists in their respective fields (biology, chemistry, pathology, etc.), and can conduct research with its proper protocol, in the way that it should be conducted. Only in this way and with time will we be able to remove the stigma of cult from chiropractic and don the respectable mantle of science.

The question is certain to arise: Should chiropractors and can chiropractic treat all diseases? It is true that there are many conditions in which, when chiropractic is the sole therapy employed, the patient successfully recovers. In these conditions no ancillary therapy is indicated. However, there are many conditions that will respond better if, while the patient is under a chiropractor’s care, another form of therapy is employed (diet, exercise, drugs). Often this will increase that patient’s chance for a more complete recovery. Then there is another group of conditions which will benefit from other forms of therapy, even if chiropractic is not employed. (Can we be so naïve as to deny this?). And so, in answer to the original question, it might best be answered by stating that although chiropractic can be utilized in all disease, in some cases it should not be the sole therapy employed, and in other diseases it is not necessarily the therapy of choice, and in some conditions it might be considered contraindicated.

“Chiropractic can’t cure everything,” and “Chiropractic is not a panacea” are statements we have all heard and used. Even the disease tract literature found in most of our offices support those statements. However, it would appear that what we say is not necessarily what we feel. It’s as if our hear and our heart react differently. Intellectually, we realize that chiropractic is not a “cure-all,” but we seem to find it very difficult to reconcile this on an emotional level. This results in our own self-deception and further contributes to our defensive attitude and feelings of insecurity and inadequacy. We assume this dual attitude simply to placate the public and ease any pangs of guilt that we may have.

How can we justify medical care for ourselves, or for members of our families when necessary, and object to such care for our patients? It’s like the medical doctor who seeks the help of a chiropractor for his own condition, but would never recommend a chiropractor to any of his patients, or even admit that he went to a chiropractor. This attitude has lead to the development of a schizoid-type of doctor-patient relationship. Patients try to hide the fact that they may be simultaneously under the care of an M.D. and a D.C. for fear of reprimand and/or censure from either practitioner. They’re not interested in politics – they’re interested in getting well. Talk about a “Hippocratic Oath”!! These double standards are continually retarding our professional growth.

We seem to harbor a general feeling of hostility toward each other’s form of therapy. Why do we experience a feeling of frustration when another chiropractor is successful with a patient with which we were unsuccessful?

Many of us have fanatical, altruistic attitudes toward other drugless factors. We claim that vitamins, correct body alignment and
the removal of disturbing psychological influences would enable the body to function at a physiological optimum, and that there would be no need for any other form of therapy. Although we would like to strive for this ideal of perfect health, it is something that will never be attained in our present form of social existence in this Space Age. Let us reconcile ourselves to a bipartisan “peaceful co-existence” with other professions or risk ostracism and/or extinction.

We have all wondered whether we should adjust some patients once a day, every day, twice a day or once every hour, for one, two or three days. Let us find out what is best for the patient determine therapy! Which patients would respond more efficiently and/or quickly if we employed THIS approach or THAT approach? Here are the questions that need answering from an objective viewpoint. Can Dr. A’s successful approach to X disease in California be used with similar success for Dr. B’s patient in New Hampshire?

We know that chiropractic works and that it is effective regardless of technique, but we must be in a better position to understand the basic principles of chiropractic on a more scientific level. We must try to quantitatively and qualitatively evaluate our influence upon the physiological processes. We need the answer to “What do we do when we adjust a patient?” and we must know the answer to “what does an adjustment accomplish?”

All we can say now is that better chiropractors know what they are trying to do. For the present, this must suffice. But there are too many of us practicing who don’t even know what we are trying to do, nor do we even care, and that can mean disaster.

There is so much conflict in chiropractic. We encounter great difficulty in understanding each other. Basic terminology, like the term “subluxation,” elicits a conglomeration of opinions and definitions. Our lack of ability to communicate properly with each other on a professional level has led to a great deal of confusion. If we don’t understand each other how in the world do we expect anyone else to understand us?

Some forward looking lay group organization or progressive ladies auxiliary should sponsor or underwrite a good chiropractic dictionary. Such a dictionary could be distributed reasonably throughout the profession, and referred to when in doubt about the exact meaning of any terminology that appears in the literature, or when submitting reports.

Disagreements among us are a healthy sign, and it paves the way for advancement, but many of the unnecessary divergences in chiropractic must be successfully resolved, in order for us to prosper as a profession.

Our general apathy toward legitimate advancement had its origin many years ago. Medicine at the turn of the century, when chiropractic was discovered, was undergoing its own reformation. The famous Flexner report had been made public, and the medical profession was in confusion and turmoil, trying to defend itself and clean up its own house at the same time. This situation enabled the pioneers of chiropractic to utilize to our profession’s advantage the feeling of distrust and dissatisfaction that the public experienced toward organized medicine. The public became easy prey for vociferous, dynamic, Bible quoting chiropractic pioneers. Rallying large numbers of people into tents and halls, spouting the “gospel” of chiropractic, these pioneers claimed that chiropractic could cure everything from ingrown toenails to dandruff. Chiropractic was different and won many adherents. Many patients voluntarily attested to the chiropractor’s claim. Others were easily impressed with the spectacle of those testimonials and the verve fire and enthusiasm which the chiropractor used to convert people to chiropractic. They were “converted” and they believed.” They had the faith and the confidence in chiropractic usually reserved for religion. “Universal Intelligence” and “Innate Intelligence” were simple to understand. “Don’t let them inject filth or horse’s pus into your body” was heard at many a chiropractic rally whenever references to immunology and vaccinations were made. Those chiropractic evangelists gesticulated like Billy Sunday and put on a show similar to an Elmer Gantry revival meeting.

Unfortunately, we still live with many of those chiropractic skeletons in our closet. The antiquated laws in some of our states still suffer the impurities of religious connotation. These laws were passed with their definitions so that chiropractic would be easily distinguishable from medicine and osteopathy in the courts of the state.

Today, there are many of us who employ these old technics as practice building mechanisms, exposing the patient to the mystical marvels of chiropractic.

We seem to be living in unconscious fear of having our shortcomings and inadequacies discovered. Hence, we consciously embrace something external to protect us – such as a manner, a posture, an accent, a big car or a goatee. We try to act like the image of ourselves we’d want everyone to think we are.

If our patient deserts us for another doctor, or we lose our official authority, or our style passes with time or taste, we grativate toward old friends (those who never lose the illusions about us we’ve manufactured for them), looking for either an audience or for an excuse for our inadequacies.

This has caused many of us to remain sovereign in our own particular realm of chiropractic. We don’t read any of the professional journals, and we are unable to speak with fluency on any aspect of our science except our own particular questionable brand of chiropractic. We remain rigidly wound up in this little world of ours, protecting ourselves from the rest of the profession, because we are in constant fear that someone might discover how little we really know. Many take refuge behind a cloak of 100% chiropractic, because they feel that with the upgrading of chiropractic their insecure security is jeopardized.

We frequently swagger among those we consider our inferior either in position, in experience, or in social or professional grace. We call this attitude “Confidence,” actually it is only bravado. We are surrounded by a public whose acclaim we cherish and whose criticism we ignore as impertinence.

Some of us are even willing to run the risk of a patient suffering, rather than “lose face” and suggest either another chiropractor, or another therapy. Chiropractic is not a pure science. If we of the profession would like to broaden the scope of chiropractic, why don’t we vigorously support the kind of research that will evaluate such contentions?

If the contention that chiropractic is not a panacea, and it can’t cure everything is correct, then we must evaluate and define our limitations and our scope of practice. Certain conditions do exist for which another form of therapy renders either a more complete or a more rapid service, for the patient’s benefit.

“I will never consider it beneath my dignity to do anything to relieve human suffering.” We are all familiar with that quotation. It was made by the founder of chiropractic, Daniel D. Palmer. Why do we not conform to the principle set down by Dr. Palmer?

The potentialities of chiropractic are unlimited. Our scientific possibilities haven’t scratched the surface yet, but we’ve got to begin now!! We’ve got to grow up, even though there may be painful growing pains.

Many of our present leaders avoid taking definite positions on policies. Where are the constructive programs which will help chiropractic grow? Only a few have been proposed.

Anyone who tries to suggest that there are limitations to chiropractic is considered to be a heretic, or a frustrated M.D., or even a medically minded chiropractor (whatever that means).

In fact, in all our areas of argumentation, nowhere is there more dispute, discord, discrepancy and conflict than in the sphere of the scope of chiropractic. In other words, how far can we go chiropractically? Most of us are aware that no single therapeutic discipline can cope with all the various forms of disease entities that confront mankind today. No one therapy can cope with all the physical, psychological, social, environmental, economic, bacteriological, surgical and chemical influences upon the human
organism. Even the most unsophisticated amongst us realized that there are allied therapeutic sciences, that are necessary in our society.

Who among us has not sought the help of a dentist at one time or another? Can any other therapeutic science cope with decayed teeth that must be repaired, removed or replaced? Have we learned the technic of refraction of the eyes? Many of us wear glasses — yet we don’t prescribe glasses for each other. Even if we assume that chiropractic can cope with some dental problems, or errors of refraction on a preventative level, there still remains those conditions which do require the services of those allied fields. The same goes for certain surgical conditions, gynecological problems and/or obstetrical procedures. In many states, a chiropractor cannot deliver babies of his own patients. We must even send our wives and patients into medically approved hospitals to give birth? Doesn’t this constitute dependence upon another healing art?

We hear too many lecturers on the technics of practice building by “con(vinc)ing” the patient to keep coming. Is this all there is to chiropractic? Isn’t there much more to learn about our great science? “Practice building gimmicks” are an evidence of incompetence; competence needs no gimmicks***

(See Dr. Joseph Janse’s report on Dr. Erwin Lorenz’s visit to the U.S., Journal of the N.C.A., May 1962, p. 11.)

Chiropractic is unique in many of its tangential aspects, but in no realm is it more peculiar than in producing practitioners who “invent” technics for the application of chiropractic. Almost of us have our own special method. Many of us have successfully commercialized on these “new” methods by selling our invention or discovery to other chiropractors. Rarely, if ever, are these new technics presented in dignified, ethical manner. Instead of offering our findings to the profession through the auspices of one of our recognized NCA approved colleges, we’ve completely ignored any association with our educational institutions. All too often the fees for such a “course” are as much as the traffic will bear, and more often than not, we are sworn to secrecy not to divulge material taught. Our schools have refused to sponsor these courses, resulting in this “underground movement.” Frequently the colleges do not offer realistic remuneration commensurate to the time spent in the development of a new technique, or time lost from practice. Many of us have even allowed ourselves to be duped by flamboyant claims and persistent literature.

Any creative chiropractor is regarded as a maverick, and a challenge to the status quo. Yet we need men who are so strong in their dedication and conviction that they will not be afraid to tell the truth. They must be independent and have the strength to resist the criticism which will certainly be heaped upon them. Old experts are seldom converted to a new theory, therefore, our progress will be slow, waiting for those “old masters” to fade away. Our profession is crowded with far too many has been Who’s Who(s), who don’t know what’s what.

Let us face the issues squarely. If we want to survive, we must root out the Benedict Arnolds within our ranks who lend support to any effort whose main objective is to resists elevation of the profession, because of their selfish motives. Some might not be able to satisfy the most elementary basic legislative requirement. If chiropractic makes progress, they feel that they might lose out. Our own internal disunity and conflict is far more treacherous, and far more dangerous, than any threat from adversaries outside our profession. If we continue to allow our present complacency, petty prejudices and differences to go on dulling the potential brilliance of chiropractic, our static existence will lead us directly to extinction.

And so the dire need within our profession for quality and aggressive leadership goes on. We must learn to trust and cooperate with each other more successfully. If improvement for our profession doesn’t come soon, everything that the founders had sacrificed through the years will have been for naught.

Even now certain chiropractic technics as well as some of the more easily understood chiropractic principles as applied to neuromuscular and musculo-skeletal disorders are now being heralded as the latest advancement in medical science. There is an ever growing trend in orthopedic and physical medicine circles to use certain manipulative procedures with patients, even before the use of “conservative” measures.

Survival is part of our problem. If we want our independence as a professional group, we must take certain steps now to make sure that there will be a chiropractic profession in the future. We need more hospitals and sanitariums. We need places where a patient can be given a complete out-patient service, or where patients can be kept under observation and surveillance, and we need the necessary personnel to carry out these objectives.

The public must be motivated toward the chiropractor: Public relation technics should not have to be used by the individual chiropractors. We should be too busy taking care of the patients that require our services, so that we will have little or not time to think about such individual public relations programs.

Why don’t the public relations firms that chiropractic organizations employ use modern Madison Avenue tactics. There are two public relations devices that should be attempted. There should be a concentration on creating favorable image of the chiropractor in the minds of the public, and successful motivational research should be used to create a desire, on the part of the public, to go to a chiropractor.

Let us look encouragingly to the future, and make sure that the chiropractors who are going into the field from our schools are well qualified men and women. We must be sure that the future of chiropractic is protected and the future chiropractor is prepared. We must provide him with the ability to render a successful service to his patient and report information to his ever increasing circle of intellectualized colleagues. He must also be made to understand the responsibilities which he will be faced with in his office and his obligation to the profession.

As professional men and women we must reedicate ourselves into a united profession with a unified presentation of chiropractic. We must first be proud of ourselves as chiropractors. Then, with the aid of legitimate research findings, the public and the rest of the scientific world will come to regard chiropractic as the rational branch of the healing arts that it is, and regard the chiropractor with respect, as the dignified man of science that he should be. Our profession can only be as good as the people who are in it.

1963: otherwise undated newsletter of the Nassau District of the Chiropractic Association of N.Y., Inc. (in my CINY file) includes:

- Edwin H. Kimmel, D.C. authors “A self-evaluation”:

I am a successful chiropractor when my fellow colleagues refer me with pride in discussing our profession.

I am a successful chiropractor when other chiropractors ask my advice on how to handle problems confronting them.

I am a successful chiropractor when patients smile as they speak my name, or when they leave my office in a happier frame of mind.

I am a successful chiropractor when other professional men refer patients to me.

I am a successful chiropractor when I can contribute to the advancements of my profession by reporting to it via the journals without regard for gain or aggrandizement, or when my pride in my profession urges me always to have the best and latest equipment, and to keep my office in a modern, efficient condition.

I am a successful chiropractor when business and professional people in the community suggest my name as the logical choice to head some civic enterprise; or when my pride does not stand in the way of my recommending another professional service to my patient; or when I realize that I could never possibly know everything about my profession and am always eager and interested in learning more about it.

I am a successful chiropractor when I can find time enough from my work to play golf, fish or hunt, or indulge in some sport without any injury to my practice by being absent; or when I learn to attend professional and educational meetings and seminars, read my
professional journals and literature in order to broaden my knowledge of Chiropractic.

I am a successful chiropractor when I can go into some other city in my area and be known there in my field by the reputation that has preceded me; or when young people who are interested in the profession come to me for advice.

I am a successful chiropractor when I am happy with myself as a chiropractor and continually enjoy the challenges which daily will confront me – never considering practice dull or routine.

I am a successful chiropractor when I can give more of myself away, and render a better service to my patients without feeling the need to augment my fees for the additional service; or when I question my own success and believe that there is a lot more I have to accomplish before I can call myself successful.

I am a successful chiropractor when I am convinced that I chose the finest profession in which to make my life’s career and never regretted the choice.

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Ed. Note: My sincerest gratitude and appreciation go out to the author of the above article for its preparation. Dr. Kimmel is one of the successful chiropractors he writes about. He is a member of the faculty, CINY, and on the Committee on Chiropractic Orthopedics, ACA.


Dr. Edward H. Kimmel
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Dear Doctor Kimmel:

Thank you very, very much for your kind and encouraging letter of March 25. The “well done!” of men of your mentality is the real reward for effort to improve our profession. Let me say that I owe you a number of similar compliments for the fine articles you have contributed to the NCA Journal. When a writer appears in the Journal, I sample him, and then either hope to hear from him again – or forget him entirely. When the Journal arrives, I look at the table of contents, hoping to see a name that means something worth reading – a rather rare experience. I have read or tried to read the Journal from the first issue – and completely agree with the editor of a state publication (one of the very few that is worth a damn, or even half a damn) when he said the Journal contained a bushel of chaff to every grain of wheat. The reason for that sad state of affairs is quite plain to anyone who understands the Journal’s invariable editorial policy and the why thereof.

As I have repeatedly stated, the Journal is merely a mouthpiece for the NCA Hierarchy, which in turn is a tool of the real political power that has literally dictated NCA policy from the beginning. As soon as I can spare the space, I am going to discuss that subject in enough detail to reveal some facts that most NCA members have overlooked.

Getting back to your own articles, I have fully intended to compliment you on every one of them. But procrastination in writing is one of my worst weaknesses. Also, when trying to express my appreciation for good work, I like to be in the right mood and have enough time to express myself as well as I can. Somehow, the mood and the time seem seldom to coincide. Moreover, since 1953 – when BJ and his local cohorts tried to pass a back-to-the-back law in Arizona, I have been extremely busy. We had to organize a new state association to combat the devilment – and that called for a new publication to carry the truth to all Arizona chiropractors. It was my hard luck to have that job on my hands. The old state organization was merely an ICA tool, was well entrenched and strongly supported by ICA and its group of schools. That outfit gave us the works.

It took us six years to break the back of BJ’s back-to-the-back business and force the passage of a fairly decent chiropractic law – amending the old law, which was passed in 1921.

I know why the Journal turned your article down – but I would like to know the excuse Rogers gave you for doing it. I assure you that I will be glad to publish the article. It contains much meat. For reasons of space, I may have to run it in about three parts, but I think it can be split so as not to disturb its continuity. Please let me know if that is agreeable to you.

There are some matters which for important reasons I want to present just as soon as possible. Otherwise, I would be glad to run the entire article in one issue. So I shall try to divide it into three parts and will send you a copy for your approval before publication.

The April Journal shows that one Edwin H. Kimmel of Brooklyn is the new NCA Delegate, replacing Dr. Elmer A. Berner. I naturally assumed that it meant you – and rejoiced greatly. But the NCA Directory lists two men of that name, one in Brooklyn, and one in Woodmere. Are there two Edwin H. Kimmels in New York?

I am elated to learn that you have your sights set on Arizona as a place to practice. You have the right idea – and the right place for you is right here in Tucson. I don’t know of anyone just now whom you might team up with but I will inquire.

Thank you again and again for your kind words for the Bulletin.

Sincerely yours,…

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1963 (Apr 10): handwritten letter to Stanley Hayes DC from Edwin H. Kimmel DC (in my CINY/Kimmel file)

1963 (May 8): letter from Stanley Hayes DC to Edwin H. Kimmel DC (in my CINY/Kimmel file)

1963 (May 13): handwritten letter to Stanley Hayes DC from Edwin H. Kimmel DC (in my CINY/Kimmel file)

1963 (May 21): press release from Zachary, Liss & Front, Inc. of NYC (in my CINY folders):

BROOKLYN CHIROPRACTOR TO ADDRESS EUROPEAN CONVENTION

Dr. E.H. Kimmel, 8514 Fifth avenue, Brooklyn, will address the European Chiropractic Convention being held in Ostend, Belgium, May 26th to 29th. He will lecture on the effects and treatment of whiplash when caused by automobile accident cases and the efficacy of chiropractic instruments.

Dr. Kimmel has an international reputation for his research in chiropractic which has been published widely in chiropractic journals. He has done extensive research on whiplash since 1953 and has studied the case histories of over 1,000 people affected by this injury.

Dr. Kimmel, a professor of pathology at the Chiropractic Institute of New York, was recently elected a state delegate to the National Chiropractic Association.

1963 (June 12): letter from Stanley Hayes DC to Edwin H. Kimmel DC (in my CINY/Kimmel file)

1963 (July 23): letter to Stanley Hayes DC on NCA stationery from Edwin H. Kimmel DC, NCA delegate from NYS (in my CINY/Kimmel file)

1963 (Aug 2): letter from Stanley Hayes DC to Edwin H. Kimmel DC (in my CINY/Kimmel file)

1963 (Dec 26): letter to Stanley Hayes DC on NCA stationery from Edwin H. Kimmel DC, NCA delegate from NYS (in my CINY/Kimmel file):

Dear Dr. Hayes:

Don’t think that just because I haven’t written to you recently that I have forgotten about you. Far from it. Knowing that you are busy, I planned to put all my thoughts, opinion and questions into one letter. It is important, however, that I request that you keep the contents of this letter as “privileged communication” and confidential.
You are aware of the fact that new elections are going to be held in January, for the new State Delegates, and frankly, I don’t know whether or not I am regarded with favor any more. You see, I’ve been very active delegate and in my own way have been sticking a few flies in the ointment every now and then, and I don’t know if they like the “icky” feeling. All I can say is that if I am elected again, I’m going to carry my messages to each of the delegates via a healthy correspondence to point out some very glaring inconsistencies.

For example – the Council of Delegates and the House of Delegates have been relegated to mere “nothings.” Whereas at one time previously the Delegates power was a check and balance – or so it seemed to me, now all decisions rest with the Executive Committee.

What do we need delegates for?

Another glaring undemocratic inconsistency is the fact that the ACA is functioning under a group of Bylaws that haven’t even been approved by the delegates or the “charter membership.” As I see it these Bylaws have been forced upon us without even the courtesy of our approval.

This entire reorganization effects me personally in three different ways, which I would like to explain to you for advice. Perhaps you may have some suggestions concerning how I can influence the other delegates to liberalize one of the proposed Bylaws. First let me explain.

I don’t know whether you were aware of it or not, but at our convention in Chicago, and during the months that followed, I had been working on a research proposal. It has been submitted to Dr. Henry Higley and will be considered seriously as a project for FACT to support. The research on instrument has been my “baby” for more than thirteen years now, but I may have to abandon the whole project if I want to keep my eligibility as delegate.

According to the newly proposed Bylaws, to be eligible for delegate, a member cannot be associated with a school “in any capacity.” The research was to be conducted at the Chiropractic Institute of New York, where I have been a faculty member for over fourteen years.

Even if I submit my resignation to the school, I still can’t do my research there, because of the association with the school. So, I’m disqualified from my research, and disqualified as a member of the faculty, if I desire to become a delegate.

To make matters even more complex when at the convention in Chicago, was elected Vice President of the Orthopedics Council. I have recently been appointed to the new Technique committee in Orthopedic capacity. If I become a delegate, this deprives me of the opportunity to take part in the general level orthopedic seminars that will be sponsored by the school, even though I have the knowledge, ability and talent to teach some of these courses – because once again, I will be affiliated with a school in some capacity.

There seems to be a general feeling among the executives that a “school man” should not become a delegate, even if his teaching is part time, limited as mine was, for the past few years to only 3 to 4 hours per week. This defranchisement [sic] does not exist in any other profession. In fact there is a general feeling of pride, when a delegate to the AMA or ADA or AOA or APA is associated with one of the universities. Faculty members and administrators of colleges and universities are welcome, and have all the privileges of any other member. In fact, you may find more often than not, that the officials and board members of such organizations are usually connected with some university or college.

Why is there such objection to a man who is willing to, and is able to serve on two fronts at the same time? Certainly the profession can use the services of an individual who seeks no personal gain, but who would like to see the profession assume its rightful status, both politically and educationally.

Now, if I am wrong in feeling this way, that is about being associated with the school, and being a delegate at the same time, I wish you would tell me frankly, because there are the areas that I’m going to go to bat for, plus the fact that we never had a chance to approve the Bylaws before they were put into effect.

Do you hear from any other delegates? Of course, now with the new elections coming up, I guess some of them will change. If I am elected again I wish you’d let me know who I can contact and speak to. IN other words, who are my friends?

One more thing – are you familiar with this new book “Bonesetting, Cultism and Chiropractic” by Samuel Homola of Panama City, Florida? It is a vicious, biased expose of chiropractic, documented yet opinionated. You have the distinction of being quoted by the author. If this book had ever reached the New York State Legislature prior to the passage of our law, the bill would never have been passed. It’s available from the Critique Books, 609 N. Cove Blvd., Panama City, Florida for $8.00. I’m sure it is going to be used against us by many of our adversaries, so I thought you’d like to obtain one, review it and comment upon it in a future issue of the Bulletin.

That’s t for now, Have a very Happy New Year – and let me hear from you regarding my quandary.

Sincerely,…

EHKjr

1963-1964: Edwin H. Kimmel, D.C. is delegate from NYS to NCA/ACA and serves as VP of the ACA Council on Orthopedics (Kimmel CV, 95/06/20)

1964 (Jan 1): copy of ACA certificate as “Charter Member” issued to Edwin H. Kimmel, D.C.; signed by Clyde Martyn, D.C., president, and L.M. Rogers, D.C., secretary (in my CINY/Kimmel files)

1964 (Jan 5): letter to Edwin H. Kimmel, D.C. from Stanley Hayes DC (in my CINY/Kimmel file)

1964 (Jan 18): letter on NCA stationery from NCA delegate from NYS Edwin H. Kimmel, D.C. to Stanley Hayes DC (in my CINY/Kimmel files): Dear Dr. Hayes:

What a wonderful feeling – to have done something, and then received your letter confirming my action. I have already submitted my resignation from the school, as of January 1, 1964. Carbons were sent to the “proper authorities” so that “they” know the action I have taken. At present, there is no question as to my eligibility for delegate.

Because New York is a nonaffiliated state, I wonder how the elections are going to be held. Whether they will choose their candidates, or whether they will allow a general election remains to be seen. However, as I see it now, I can’t anticipate any great opposition for the position of delegate, if the elections are legitimate.

Have you seen the resolutions adopted by the Idaho Assoc. of Chiro. Physicians? If you haven’t received a copy of their release I would suggest that you write for one. They have unanimously resolved to change many of the provisions I the bylaws of the New ACA; just the clauses that seem to offend most honest and liberal thinking chiropractors, especially Article VII Sections 2, 3 and 4.

Getting back to New York, now that we have over 500 members, the state is going to be divided into “upstate” and “downstate.” I’ve already submitted a tentative proposal for our dividing line. This means that my campaigning for re-election will be confined to the “downstate” area only. I don’t know of any opposition from any source, but I guess the best thing is to send out some type of letter to the members soliciting their votes. Another way to do it would be to have a few of my friends sign a letter, requesting my re-election. This in fact may be even better than personal solicitation.

Dr. Cruse Howe is the “upstate charice??? [handwritten]

If I am elected, I then plan to write to all the delegates, new or otherwise, in an attempt to sound them out on how they feel about having the wool pulled over their eyes. In that way I will be able to determine how much support I may be able to count on in Denver.
The recent issue of your Bulletin was excellent. The letter re: instruments by Dr. Barge, was excellent. I like the 4 points that he made on page 9, especially point #2.

You can certainly count me in among the members of the American Committee for Chiropractic. Good luck with this project.

We are having many difficulties here in New York, with some of the strange clauses in our law. Many chiropractors are in such a state of panic, now that they have responsibilities to the state and can be held accountable for their actions that they are banning together in an effort to infringe parts of the law as “unconstitutional.” Not that they don’t have a few points in their favor, but it’s making things difficult here also.

Will keep you posted. Am enclosing a copy of the New York law, with the so called “questionable” clauses indicated.

Again, good luck with the ACC.

Very truly yours,

EHK


Dear Dr. Kimmel:

Seldom have I received a letter that gave me as much genuine pleasure as yours of the 18th. I shall not try to answer it now, for I am swamped in unanswered correspondence. But I just had to tell you how happy I was about your decision.

While I am at it, I want to get you in touch with Dr. Maurice L. Hollo, 1448 Minnesota Ave., S.E., Washington 20, D.C. He will be ACA Delegate from District of Columbia. He was for years NCA Delegate until his stomach refused to take it any longer. If ever you met a real warhorse for rational chiropractic and against Bossism, he is it! He is one who will work with you 100% - and he has everything it takes. He has done the Bulletin a world of good. Just you and he working together can do more good in the House of Delegates than two or three dozen of the average variety. I wrote to him tonight and gave him your name, your address, and your high caliber rating. I hope neither of you awaits for the other one to write first. The quicker you get acquainted the better.

Congratulations to you and every good wish.

As ever,….SH/gb

1964 (Jan 28): letter from Maurice L. Hollo, DC to Stanley Hayes, DC (Hayes collection):

Dear Stanley:

Emmett returned from Palm Springs yesterday and we talked about the session held there by the “directing geniuses”. Evidently, there wasn’t too much done, since according to Emmett, most of the time was allotted to the “school men” and the problems of the schools. The rising discontent of the field against the manipulations of the hierarchy was evidently felt, because one of the problems taken up was the question of “physiotherapy. That was the sop thrown to the ICA defectors by Rogers, but it was reconsidered. I am told that Rogers was THE ONLY ONE at the meeting who spoke up for the decision to have physiotherapy replace rehabilitation in the Charter and Bylaws, so now I suppose a new copy of this document will be mailed to the membership soon. Obviously, Rogers saw the handwriting on the wall.

There is something darkly strange going on. Rogers indicated that he was willing and wanted very much to resign from the Exec. Secretaryship of ACA, but there seems to be NO ONE TO REPLACE HIM!! According to Emmett, the job requires a high degree of executive ability and since Rogers always opposed any suggestion to train a younger man for his post, there is no one on the horizon to take the job. I told Emmett that this contention made absolutely no sense to me. There HAD to be some one either in the profession or outside it capable of holding down that job. But there is one thing we MUST keep in mind: when we decide at the convention to vote Rogers out of his office, we shall have to be in a position to instantly recommend someone else to take his place. Rogers is evidently banking on the likelihood that we shall NOT be able to produce anyone and thereby hold on to the job by default. We must immediately give this matter much thought and come up with a capable and suitable name. Another matter I agree with Murphy on is that as long as the National Headquarters remains in the hick town of Webster City, Iowa, it will be difficult to get anyone to hold down that job. Thirty years ago it was Rogers’ plan to keep the headquarters in Webster City so that he could keep a strangle hold on the organization and he pulled enough support to win out. I agree that that must now be changed. The important centers of National headquarters today for most organizations are: Chicago, New York and Washington, D.C. Whatever the decision it must be taken out of Webster City.

If we want a complete housecleaning at the convention, we shall have to come up with instant replacements for everyone we vote out of office. Now among the Executives, there will be about 9 votes. Among the Exec. delegates, there is rotating policy. Four come up for election this year and five still hold on to their jobs. I mention this for two reasons:

1. There will roughly be about 75 delegates eligible to vote and it means we shall have to count more noses than I thought at first. (WE MUST HAVE A MAJORITY OF DELEGATES to win our objective!

2. Rogers will still have more iron in the fire even if he should lose the ACA post. Control of ACA Journal and the Insurance company.

On the basis of the rotating policy, he will have a majority to give him both or either of those posts. It would indeed be ideal to get him out of ACA, but I want him out of everything else, as well. The bastard has already milked our organization dry and it's time we enabled him to take a goo, long walk away from it.

Stanley, there are about 4 months to convention time. I think we should give all our time to working out the mechanics of organizational replacements. And rounding up a majority (if possible) of delegates. We shall have to lay aside our idealism for the time being for the prosaic but ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY job of working out the mechanics of victory. I think that as of now it is within our grasp if only we apply ourselves completely to that job and for the time, rule out all other matters to the margin of secondary importance. There is so very, very much work to be done, so much to learn and not too much time to acquire the knowledge for success. We have two tasks to do simultaneously: round up as many delegates as we can, and draw up an impressive list of replacements for the bastards we must get rid of to get a truly democratic organization, one that the membership can control at all times.

Enough for a while. As always, P.S. I’ve sent off a letter to Dr. Kimmel and will probably hear from him soon.

1964 (Feb 14): letter from Maurice L. Hollo, DC to Stanley Hayes, DC (Hayes collection):

Dear Stanley:

Now that the balotting for delegates is taking place, I guess you’ll be hearing thick and fast from me.

Enclosed is some confidential and private material that Emmett sent me and of which I am making some copies. IMAGINE WHAT THOSE BASTARDS ARE CONCOCTING!! This is worth the price of a new leadership to me!! I’m sure going to read it to the delegates in private session at the convention. (If I get the delegation. I think I have it pretty well sewed up.)

This guy Quigley is not even listed in the Directory as an NCA member! And they’re already taking over! There seems to be some truth in the statement I wrote to you a month ago, namely that some NCA'ers think that Rogers is making it possible for the ICA to take over. At any rate, they're already trying!
It might be an idea not to publish these letters in the *Bulletin* and give away our hand. Let's hold it till convention time and spring it on the delegates suddenly. You can make allusions to things going on in your articles.

As I mentioned in my last letter to you, physiotherapy is going to break the ACA wide open. It's the one big issue we have to lay all the emphasis on.

According to the letter that accompanied the enclosed card to select a delegate, there will be elections for 6 (six) new ACA Board of Governors. Six out of nine. Three will remain. Since according to the present bylaws, the Board of Governors elects the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (Rogers job) we will have to elect at least 5 of the six, or Rogers will win again. OR we can introduce into the bylaws, that the Executive Director shall be elected by the delegates directly at the convention. That would be the better deal, since we can point out that the Exec. Director is the most important post in the ACA and the farther removed from direct delegate control he is, the greater the chance for political shenanigans. We shall have to lay strategy carefully and this is by all means the vital part of the whole deal. I only mention this now so that we can all mull it over.

You have no idea at the unrest and disgust taking place among members all over the country. Now is the time to cash in on this. I'm sure Rogers has bitten off more than he can chew.

Emmett told me something very important: Rogers may, if he sees which way the wind is blowing, offer his resignation from the Exec. Directorship of the ACA AND take an easy retirement as Exec. Director of the Insurance Co. Emmett told me that the Board of Directors already voted him that job!!! They are the only ones who have control of that deal, that's how completely he has the outfit in the palm of his hands! Well, we can't bite off too much. If we can effect a change in the Official family and the bylaws, we will be abl to wait another year and retire him from the Insurance job as well!!

Our main job right now is to find out who the new delegates are and proceed to count noses. If Kimmel is successful, I plan to drop into N.Y. for a week-end and have a confab with him. I'm keeping my fingers crossed! I got off some letters to Higgens, Poulsnon, Spear and a few others. Will probably hear from them soon.

Well, enough for the time being. Good luck on your end and let's hear soon. As ever.

P.S. I still can't figure out Emmett. He now seems to be coming over all the way. I'm just keeping my fingers crossed!

1964 (Mar 6); letter from Clarence W. Weiant DC, PhD to Stanley Hayes DC;

Dear Dr. Hayes:

Let me congratulate you on the outstanding job you have accomplished with the first year of your Bulletin. As a matter of fact, I am convinced that you do not even half realize how good a job you have done, which is my main reason for writing to you now. If you did, you would not be ready quite so soon to launch this new Committee, for there are plenty of signs indicating that the seeds you have planted are about to bear fruit which will make such a committee quite superfluous.

Please consider the letter STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL. You may know some of the things I have to tell you, but certainly not all. It is important that you do.

In the first place, from all I can gather, the politicians now in the driver's seat of the ACA, are by no means so securely planted there as you have indicated. The By-Laws are in for a complete reformulation from scratch, at the June meeting, and there is at present a tremendous ground-swell among state delegates to see that the old imbalance of power between the House of Delegates and the executive branch is rectified. The movement is spearheaded on the West Coast by Haynes, and on the Eastern Seaboard by the Chiropractic Institute of New York, through Kimmel (whom we hope to see re-elected) and any number of our friends in various states. There is a good chance that the state delegates will no longer be just tools of the Executive Board.

Much of my information comes from Dr. Thure C. Peterson, President of the Institute, with whom I naturally have very close relations. My admiration for this man grows greater every day. He has sound judgment, great administrative ability, considerable power of persuasion (in a quiet way), generally knows the "right" people to deal with in connection with a given problem, has a keen ear for just the right information, and is thoroughly honest. Moreover, he understands profoundly the nature of chiropractic and (in my opinion) its needs. With some help from me, he is doing a tremendous job to educate both Dewey Anderson and Mr. Bunker in the fundamental differences between medicine and chiropractic in preventing these gentlemen from going off half-cocked in procedures and programs which would imitate medical tactics. These men have valuable abilities, but they need chiropractic orientation.

Dr. Peterson will put up a tremendous battle for a truly democratic ACA (as outlined by you). He will seek, furthermore, *to have FACE taken out of the domain of the politicians and given its own independent board of trustees*. This will take the schools out of the politics. He will also advocate transfer of the ACA offices out of Webster City to Chicago or some other large city and the appointment of an outside management specialist to direct all business operations of the association.

Any consideration of the overall picture must take into account the high degree of dependence of the schools upon a functioning national organization. Sometimes grudgingly, but in one form or another, the NCA has given appreciable financial assistance to the schools for a number of years. During the past two years it has taken the form of matching funds, appropriate foror capital improvements, faculty-salary increments, research projects, and the financing of further academic training for promising young faculty members working for advanced degrees. The association has also, of course, maintained an accrediting program which has kept the schools on their toes constantly in maintaining high educational standards. Any great upset in this special relationship would certainly be a major catastrophe for the profession. Thus it behooves the schools to work to their utmost for reform from within, rather than withdraw and shout their reprimand over all the field.

Now a word about the way our New York State Board is functioning and about the chiropractic educational prospects in the East. The chiropractic members of the Board (4 in number) have expressed the feeling that the very composition of the Board (which includes one M.D., one osteopath, and one Ph.D. educator) has made it possible to establish far better rapport with the State Dept. of Education than would have been possible, had the Board been made up solely of chiropractors. The M.D. and the educator are both very cooperative, and the osteopath even more so. He constantly says, "Stick to your principles. Don't let happen to chiropractic what has happened to osteopathy."

The first examinations will be held April 7, 8, and 9. All questions will be multiple choice, the papers graded by IBM machine. Though a general state of panic exists among the candidates, which I understand has always been the case where a law has just been passed, we are hopeful that the State Education Dept. will take a lesson from the experience of New Jersey and Pennsylvania and be lenient on the old-timers. After all they will not be with us too long, and there is no sense in creating an enforcement problem, the very thing that a law was passed to eliminate. Next year there will be aggressive attempts to rectify the inequities of this law, particularly with reference to X-ray.

As for the schools, the Atlantic States, very deservedly, is rapidly withering away and will not need be considered in planning for the future. The ACA is quite insistent upon an amalgamation of C.I.N.Y. and Columbia Institute, so that there will only be one strong school on the Eastern seaboard. This is now the subject of delicate negotiations made difficult by the untrustworthy, slippery nature of Columbia's head Dr. Napolitano. Dewey Anderson acts as the intermediary between the two schools. If there is to be an amalgamation, Dr. Peterson will insist upon retaining all members of
the CINY staff and will tolerate no lowering of our present standards. He enjoys the confidence of the State Dept. of Education and will certainly do nothing to jeopardize it.

In fact, the Dept is collaborating with him in the preparation of a provisional state charter which would, among other things, authorize the Institute to confer degrees. (Up to now this has been done under an out-of-state charter, by mail only.) To achieve permanent approval we are going to have to have probably a million-dollar building and considerable more in the way of financial reserves than we now possess. If a merger can be effected, we will of course be in a far stronger position to ask assistance from foundations, as well as the field. All state delegates from Maine to Florida would be rounded up to consider what is involved and, we would hope, to act as a committee to manage a fund drive.

That is enough to make you realize how much is at stake in salvaging the right kind of ACA, if that is at all possible. So please, please, lay off, not in making valid criticisms and pressing for reform, but in striking what might be a body blow before even the gestation period is over.

Praise and encourage those who intend to shape the ACA along effective and democratic lines. Then wait and see!

Intensely yours,...


Dear Dr. Hayes:

Just a brief note to advise you that I was re-elected State Delegate from New York. I was officially notified today!!

Is there anything new – that has to be thrashed out? What did you want my opinion on?

I wrote to Dr. Hollod informing him of my re-election, also suggested that we try to get together prior to the convention. I know that there are quite a few delegates along the eastern seaboard who are "up in arms" about the new organization. I suggested that we meet at some mutually convenient location and thrash things out before hand so that we can expedite matters in Denver.

Any suggestions?

Very truly yours,

EHK:jr


Dear Dr. Kimmel:

CONGRATULATIONS! Not only to you but especially to the chiropractic profession. A House of Delegates composed of men of your caliber could, in a reasonable time, change the whole complexion of chiropractic.

I am very happy to report that Dr. C.R. Titus, of Tucson, won over the Rogers stooge who was politicked into that job four years ago. In Cliff Titus, I can assure you a very able man thoroughly familiar with all the tricks of Bossism. With you and Maurice Hollod and him in the House the profession will have its first real chance in thirty years. I am sure you will find at least a few others who are both sane and honest – despite the fact that the House members have been carelessly handpicked by "Management" during that whole period. Not all of them are likely to be stooges and rubber stamps although every effort has been made to cull out any whom "Management" could not control, body and soul.

I have been relying very largely on Maurice Hollod for important information since he has access to sources of important information) combined with that of wide wake people from many other areas. I feel that I have an approximate picture of what is going on. But in this critical period of fast political maneuvering one must be cautious.

In this welter of plots and counterplots, currents and countercurrents, many apparent contradictions crop up. For example, I have been hearing lately from practically all sources that there is a strong ground swell rising fast against "Management" that threatens to topple that dictatorship from its former practically impregnable rule to a position of impotence. Let us hope that is correct.

But there is one matter that bothers me. It looks to me like the revolt is sparked by one factor only – the fear of losing the complete freedom of the ultra-radical "mixers" to go as far over the line into medical and surgical practices (as plainly defined by the courts) as they chose to do. Perhaps you can give me some light on the problem.

In all my Bulletin writing I have tried to make it clear that the Bulletin stands squarely for RATIONAL chiropractic – which I define s the well-known chiropractic of the Discoverer (not B.J.'s bushwhack, back-to-the-back brand – which I call cultoprac) plus all drugless and non-surgical methods that the courts have ruled that any licensed healers may use, but that none may monopolize. To me, that is RATIONAL chiropractic. Under that, a chiropractor may practice anything that his legislature authorized him to practice, plus anything that the courts have ruled to be the "common domain" of all licensed healers.

But the Bulletin has strongly opposed the tendency of some chiropractors to cross the well-marked legal boundaries stated above and attempt procedures that are clearly the domain of medical and surgical practice unless their state law specifically authorized such procedures and the courts have not forbidden them.

Under RATIONAL chiropractic, one may, of course, restrict himself to spinal adjustment only – or one bone of it only or he may "shoo the works" if he sees fit. In either case, he is practicing chiropractic, and should not be criticized by his colleagues. As for cultopractic, it is almost dead now and will soon be forgotten.

Now NCA "Management" has never objected to chiropractors practicing anything they can get by with, even though it is obviously medicine or surgery as defined by the courts.

That being the case, I am puzzled to know why there should be such a sudden outburst or resentment by the so-called "mixers" either lawful or unlawful against "Management."

But to me that appears to be their only animus. So far as I have heard, they are not objecting to its dictatorial and tyrannical rule – including suppression of free speech and press, taxation without representation, and the constant efforts to reduce the "field men" to a state of absolute slavery which "Management" has (for all practical purposes) already accomplished. It is now trying to railroad through a set of Bylaws which would deprive us of our last shadow of a human right.

Yet the only objection to "Management" that I have heard any rumpus about appears to be the fear that "Management" in some way is about to reverse the trend of its entire past career and turn chiropractic into cultopractic. To me, that is a puzzle. How can it be explained?

In a recent letter to Dr. Hollod I asked him the same thing. Perhaps between you can throw some light on the matter. I hope the April Journal will let us know who will be in the next House of Delegates then we can plan to better purposes.

Again I want to express my joy at your election.

As ever,...

SH/gb

1964 (Apr 11-12): brochure for CINY "Annual Educational Seminar" to be held at the Barbizon-Plaza Theatre, NYC, on Saturday and Sunday April 11-12 (CINY files)
speakers include:

*Mortimer Levine DC, "Welcome Address"
*Helmut Bittner LLD, DC, "How to prepare to go to court"
*Pierre Gravel DC, Gravel Integrated Technique (GIT) from Canada
*Abne M. Eisenberg DC, "An analysis of the spine in depth"
*Edwin H. Kimmel DC, "Practical pathology for the chiropractor"

Dear Dr. Kimmel:

Ever since the Convention I have wanted to write to you to express my admiration of the fine work that you and the other intellectual Delegates did at Denver. That performance thrilled me through and through. When I write to a man of your ability I like to have time enough to discuss some important things and get his reaction to them. But I have been so busy that I decided to write you a note anyway to thank you for your great work. And I want to compliment you highly on your fine article in the November Journal. Keep it up!

I know you are keenly aware that the next ACA Convention will be a crucial point in the future of chiropractic. The walls of Bossism’s Bastille were breached at Denver. But the stronghold itself has not been leveled to the ground where it belongs. The Bourbons will move heaven and earth and all the hell they can handle to prevent further losses of their precious power and to recoup their Denver losses as far as they can. If we don’t go in there with the proper plans and a working majority of Delegates that we can absolutely depend upon, much of the foundation laid at Denver will be lost and the first thing we know we’ll be right back where we have been for over thirty years – and with the medics on top of us besides.

You probably got a fair chance at Denver to appraise at least a great many of the Delegates as to what they will probably do in a showdown between Bossism and a decent rule in ACA. I enclose a questionnaire which I hope you can find time to fill out according to the code explained on page 1. Nobody else’s eyes but mine will ever see this report, so please state your frank opinion. It would help if you would also mark with an X the names of the Delegates to whom you advise me to send a copy of this questionnaire – that is, the ones whose opinion you value. I am hoping in that way to get a fair idea as to what we may expect the Delegates to do in the next Convention.

I would also highly value your opinion of the new members on the Board of Governors. Which ones will Rogers, Schierholz, and Cecil Martin be able to control, in your opinion?

Hastily but most appreciatively and sincerely yours,…

SH/gb
Enc.

1964 (Nov 21): letter on ACA stationery from NYS delegate to ACA Edwin H. Kimmel, D.C. to Stanley Hayes, D.C. (in my CINY/Kimmel file):

Dear Dr. Hayes:

Thank you for your very complimentary letter. You should feel very gratified, knowing that you’re not alone. I guess I’ve received about two dozen replies, all of which were complimentary. So you see, there are some “field men” who are aware, or at least are waiting for someone to awaken them.

Dr. Hayes, you’ve given me quite a task with your questionnaire. I understand the necessity for it, but I’m afraid that I really couldn’t give a complete accounting for every delegate. I will try to do the best I can though.

Please keep the contents confidential. It would be interesting to know how many other delegates replied, and what their opinions were – whether these opinions can be correlated.

In January, we will have our mid-year Board meeting. Now that I represent FACE, I will be there for the first two days. I’m very anxious to find out just what role each will assume. I will let you know.

As in the past you can rely upon me to present the facts as I see them.

The New York situation is still vicious, and we’re still in quite a quandary as to what is going to happen to chiropractic here.

By the way, do you have any constructive suggestions regarding the ACA or FACE?

Oh yes, Dr. Leiter resigned from the Board, and the former Georgia delegate O.B. Inman, Jr. is the new Board member.

All the best.

Sincerely,…

EHK/jr
Enc.

-ACA letterhead indicates officers and board members:
Elmer Berner, D.C., President
A.A. Adams, D.C., President-Elect
Clyde Martyn, D.C., Past President
A.M. Schierholz, D.C., Chairman
Cecil L. Martin, D.C.
R.T. Leiter, D.C.
Devere E. Biser, D.C.
Garth Awood, D.C.
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1964 (Sept): photographs of Parker Seminar in Fort Worth TX, courtesy of Ed Kimmel, D.C.;

-brochure lists entire membership of CINY Alumni Association;
I received a real surprise full of nice things in a letter from Berner today.

The enclosed letter is in a response to a request that we get the facts in Penn. and see what can be done. Remember MCA recommended we throw them in so all this could backfire.

Best of luck with the District. Personally I think it's ours for the asking.

Sincerely…. 

1965 (Feb 10): letter to Edwin H. Kimmel, D.C. from Stanley Hayes, D.C. (in my CINY/Kimmel file)

1965 (Feb 18): two letters on single page of ACA stationery to Edwin H. Kimmel, D.C. from George F. Poe, D.C., ACA delegate from New Jersey (in my CINY/Kimmel file):

Dear Ed,

The National Convention is scheduled to convene June 20 (Sunday) at noon with adjournment at noon on the 25th. The scheduling of meetings should be suggested by us and our Agenda must be comprehensive.

You are one of the delegates whom I would like to have assisting me make the necessary arrangements. Please let me hear from you as soon as possible on the above and at any time with information that can make the Council of State Delegates fruitful in its come back.

Should the House be invited to sit in?

Sincerely….

I like your articles “A Critical Evaluation, etc.” How are we ever going to get some of our chiropractors to be proud of themselves as chiropractors? Especially those ICA men who are constantly trying to limit our possibilities?

Geo.

1965 (Mar 1): Letter from Stanley Hayes, D.C. to Edwin H. Kimmel, D.C. (in my CINY/Kimmel file); includes: …As to the RESOLUTIONS Committee, I am delighted that you are on that with such a fine personnel as Keiffer, Mandl, Brassard, and Ralph Martin. Of course Lawrence, the Chairman, has always been “Smoothie’s” servant and presumably still is. I know nothing of Pahlrow…


Dear Dr. Ed:

In my 35 years of practice in chiropractic, I have read many articles on chiropractic, pro & con. Your article on “A Critical Evaluation of the Chiropractic Profession” in my estimation is a Masterpiece, to the point and precise.

If for some reason, that you will not be elected to the Governorship of this district, will you accept a nomination as President Elect of the ACA. I will nominate you from the floor if you will let me know. I know that the New England Delegates will vote for you.

In my opinion, I know that you have the qualifications to make a good President for the ACA. Please advise if you will accept the nomination.

With all good wishes to you and yours,

Sincerely, Max

1965 (Mar): ACA Journal of Chiropractic[2(3)] includes:

"ACA mid-winter meeting" (p. 40); many photographs, including:
The ACA Board of Governors and executive staff members posed for this photo during their meeting in the board room in the new ACA Headquarters Building. Board members are, left to right, front row: Dr. Elmer Berner, ACA President; Dr. Cecil L. Martin, Board Chairman; Dr. Arthur M. Schierholz, ACA Executive Director; Dr. A.A. Adams, President-elect; Rear row, left to right: Dr. Asa J. Brown, attending as a delegate with vote representing his district following resignation of Dr. Earl Lentz, Jr.; Dr. O. B. Inman; Dr. Van D. Mercias; Dr. Garth W. Atwood; Dr. Devere E. Biser; Dr. C. Lee Hightower; and ACA Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. Hilary W. Pruitt.

Dr. Joseph Janse, John A. Fisher, Edwin H. Kimmel, and Elmer Berner examine a folder from the new ACA Vocational Guidance Kit. Dr. Fisher, ACA Director of Education, explained the kit would be ready for distribution to all U.S. Junior College counselors in February.

Leo E. Wunsch, II, NCIC President; Dr. Clyde Martyn; Dr. L.M. Rogers, NCIC Secretary-Treasurer; Dr. Cecil L. Martin and Dr. Pete Poulson.

Members of FACE pictured during their Des Moines meeting are shown, left to right: Dr. O.B. Inman; Dr. John L. Prosser; Dr. Edwin H. Kimmel; Dr. Leo E. Wunsch, President of FACE; Dr. Clyde Martyn; Dr. A.M. Schierholz; and Dr. Cecil Martin.

1965 (Apr 10-11): flier (in my CINY files):
THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
CHIROPRACTIC INSTITUTE OF NEW YORK
PROUDLY ANNOUNCES ITS MOST OUTSTANDING
EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR GALA BANQUET and DANCE
to be held at the World Famous
WALDORF-ASTORIA HOTEL, NEW YORK CITY
APRIL 10-11, 1965
*****
THE EDUCATIONAL THEME WILL BE
“DIAGNOSIS”
IN ITS VARIOUS ASPECTS
FEATURING
The Nation’s Foremost Chiropractic Educators
DR. JOSEPH JANSE DR. THURE C. PETERSON
DR. ABNE M. EISENBERG DR. MILTON KRONOVET
DR. BENJAMIN GOLDSSTEIN DR. MORTIMER LEVINE
DR. EDWIN H. KIMMEL DR. NATHAN MUCHNICK
In addition to two full days of superlative lectures and demonstrations the Saturday Night Reception, Banquet and Dance promises t be the gayest Chiropractic social event of the year…


1965-1968: Edwin H. Kimmel DC serves as ACA Governor for District 4 (Kimmel CV, 95/06/20)

1965 (June): photograph dinner meeting of the ACA Board of Governors:
On Wednesday morning and evening, May 19th, two enthusiastic Junior American Chiropractic Association rallies were held in the school auditorium, and were attended by all students and many of the faculty.

These meetings marked a revitalization of the John J. Nugent chapter, and were opened by Thure C. Peterson, President of the Chiropractic Institute of New York. After a few opening remarks, he turned the meeting over to Dr. Helmut Bittner, Dean of the school, who gave an inspiring talk prior to introducing Dr. Sol Goldschmidt, Chairman of the Board of Trustees. Dr. Goldschmidt outlined the progress of SCOPE and the work that the ACA is doing and planning to do in Washington in relation to pending health and education legislation.

Following this presentation, Dr. Edwin Kimmel, ACA delegate for downstate New York and a trustee of the Foundation for Accredited Chiropractic Education, gave a very informative talk on the activities of the ACA and of FACE. Many of the ramifications of the ACA activities concerning the professional, political, educational and scientific phases, were presented by Dr. Kimmel.

Dr. Benjamin Goldstein, faculty member, who is the adviser to the Junior ACA, then gave a brief talk to outline the liaison between the school, the Junior ACA and the parent American Chiropractic Association. He introduced day and evening representatives of the chapter, Martin J. Santillo and Lawrence Rosenberg, both of whom appealed to the students to achieve a 100% membership.

1965 (June): photograph of the ACA Board of Governors (courtesy of Ed Kimmel, D.C.): caption on back reads: "June 1965, newly elected Board of Governors, Hollywood, Florida, Diplomat Hotel or The Americana. Seated, left to right: Dr. Hilary Pruitt, Dr. George Poe, Dr. Al Adams, Dr. O.B. Inman, Jr., Dr. Elmer Berner, Dr. Sidney Birdseye. Standing: Dr. Art Schierholz, Dr. Edwin Kimmel, Dr. Devere Biser, Dr. Lee Hightower, Dr. Garth Atwood, Dr. Asa Brown, Dr. Van Mericas

1965 (July/Aug): Digest of Chiropractic Economics [8(1)] includes:
- 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 – Chairman of Council of State Delegates, Dr. S.C. Birdseye 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.

1965 (Sept): CINY Report [6(6)] includes:
- "England case attorney principal speaker" (p. 1); notes CINY commencement includes several speakers:
  Asa Brown, D.C., ACA Board of Governors
  Julius Dintenfass, D.C., chairman of NYS BCE
  Sol Goldschmidt, D.C., chairman, CINY board of trustees
  Cruse J. Howe, D.C., ACA delegate from NYS
  Edwin J. Kimmel, D.C., ACA Board of Governors
  Charles Krasner, DC., president of CANY

1965 (July): ACA Journal of Chiropractic [2(7)] includes:
- "Junior ACA day at CINY" by Edwin H. Kimmel DC of Brooklyn reprints his address on May 19, 1965 to students at CINY (pp. 21, 50)
- "Chiropractic Association of New York holds convention" includes photo with caption: "The Chiropractic Association of New York held a most successful convention in Buffalo, N.Y., May 13 through May 16. Pictured above with ACA President, Dr. Elmer Berner are (left to right), Dr. Ken Lipke, Convention Chairman; Napoleon Hill, world famous author of the best-seller "Think and Grow Rich"; Dr. Berner; Dr. Edward Kimmel, ACA New York state delegate" (p. 56)
- Photo caption reads: "Junior ACA Rally at C.I.N.Y. Standing: Dr. E.H. Kimmel, New York State delegate. Seated: Dr. Benjamin Goldstein and Dr. Sol Goldschmidt"; new item reads (p. 60):
  Junior ACA Rallies at C.I.N.Y.

1965 (July): A.C.A. Journal of Chiropractic of England case attorney principal speaker" (p. 1); notes CINY commencement includes several speakers:
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  Cruse J. Howe, D.C., ACA delegate from NYS
  Edwin J. Kimmel, D.C., ACA Board of Governors
  Charles Krasner, DC., president of CANY
Stephen Owens, D.C., president Connecticut Chiropractic Association and VP of Connecticut BE, and trustee of CINY board

George Poe, D.C., member NJ BCE; and:

The real highlight of the evening was the forceful address of the featured speaker, Mr. J. Minos Simon, the attorney in the celebrated England case. With his dynamic delivery and dramatic style, he brought home to his audience the full import of this case, showing that upon its outcome depends the liberty of every American in matters affecting his personal health. The tactics of the adversary were brilliantly expounded, as well as the equally artful tactics of our defense. Mr. Simon’s call for a more aggressive response on the part of all chiropractors to the arbitrary and malicious mis-use of power by the medical profession was a great inspiration to all who heard him. At the close of his talk he was given a standing ovation. He won the everlasting gratitude of his listeners having traveled all the way from Lafayette, Louisiana, with his charming wife, to give them his message…

“Formula for success – a self evaluation” by Edwin H. Kimmel


1965 (Dec 9): letter on ACA stationery to Stanley Hayes, D.C. from Edwin H. Kimmel, D.C. (in my CINY/Kimmel file); includes:

“…‘Mr. Nameless’ is Dr. Sidney Birdsley of Utah. He’s a former ICA man but can be trusted. He owes his position as Chairman of The Council of Delegates to me personally. It was only after spending a few hours with him alone in my hotel room in Florida, to sound him out on policies and objectives, that I gave my consent to the boys. It was on my o.k. that he received no opposition – no one else. If I would not have approved the chairmanship would have gone to Dr. Ralph Schmidt of Oregon. Schmidt is a good man but not the dynamic public image we want to create. I have nothing against him…”


Dear Jim:

I am requesting that Dr. Stanley Hayes place you on his mailing list to receive the Bulletin of Rational Chiropractic. I am sure you will receive much information from this source, and can practically guarantee that Dr. Hayes will publish your material. This is just the kind of war he is waging and he does it well.

Enclosed find letter to ACA’s Washington representative.

Cordially,…

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Encl.


Dear Bill:

I would like your opinion of the following proposition.

Since the signing of the Federal Civil Rights Act, certain factors deserve our close scrutiny. Whereas the attorney Generals, in the past have prosecuted chiropractors for practicing medicine without a license, are not the tables now reversed. Let me explain.

The Hayes Report on Chiropractic in California, has now become documented evidence of occupational discrimination against doctors of chiropractic, viz: unfair and unequal employment opportunities for the chiropractor in tax supported programs in institutions of public accommodation.

Shouldn’t we now utilize the same attorney generals to prosecute those violating the civil rights act by creating unequal employment opportunities in any of the technologies embodied in our courses of study or practice?

Would it be possible for us to enter into suit, and legally fight for our rights in tax supported programs, as well as equal employment and/or use of institutions supported by public funds?

By taking this kind of an aggressive stand, couldn’t we become some kind of threat to the continuous support of Federal Aid to medical education, on the basis that such support should be denied because of discrimination against the chiropractic profession?

Wouldn’t it be possible for the chiropractor to press for usage, study and participation within these tax supported institutions merely by application of the power given to him by this statutory privilege?

It seems quite ironic that our schools have educated us well enough for us to enter into high income tax brackets, yet our schools receive no support from our tax money. Instead these monies are directed into “medical monopoly’s” research to which we are denied participation.

Wouldn’t the alternative of “support for our institutions or participation in those existing institutions,” be rational?
Further, discriminating action has occurred at the behest of the Veterans’ Administration, who made Public Law 16 students sign affidavits that they would not practice chiropractic in New York State, despite the fact that the Federal Government was financing their education. This is occupational discrimination, isn’t it?

Sincerely….  
EHK:co

1966: Edwin H. Kimmel, D.C. passes NBCE exams (Kimmel CV, 95/06/20)

1966 (Jan 9): letter to Edwin H. Kimmel, D.C. from Stanley Hayes, D.C. (in my CINY/Kimmel file)


Dear Art:

Enclosed find biographical resume which was requested for my appearance on WFYI next Wednesday morning at 11:00 A.M. I thought the staff and Board might like to know about my appearance on the Ray Heatherton Show.

I have been informed that Reporter magazine, plans to publish a defamatory article on chiropractic. This is the same updated article that was to appear in True magazine last year and by the same author of the True article and Today’s Health article. Reporter magazine is a pugnaciously independent periodical catering to a sophisticated, affluent subscription list. It is available on newstands as well. The magazine I supported by liberal philanthropic donations and foundations.

If you hear about the article to be published, I have been instructed to tell you that no outside pressure should be brought to bear on these people. The first inclination they get of opposition to something that they are considering for publication, and they will immediately publish it.

We are working with some personal contacts in the editorial and advertising divisions of the publication, hoping to kill it from the inside. That’s the only way, at least this is what I’ve been told.

If you hear about this from any other source, let me know immediately.

Enclosed you will also find a copy of my report to the Delegates of District Four. Before reproducing it and sending it to them please pre-read it. If it is all right as is – simply reproduce and send. If you feel that certain comments had better be deleted for security reasons, have the report copied with necessary corrections and then send it out. Please be sure to send it out. Please be sure to send me a copy either way. Frankly, I can’t find anything in the report that would be considered too controversial for distribution to my delegates.

Another thought just occurred to me. Perhaps some of the other members of the Board might want to use this as a basis for their own reports to their delegates. It’s all right with me if they do.

It was wonderful meeting with you and the staff.

Sincerely….  
EHK:co

-handwritten note at bottom of letter:

Stanley-

Enclosed is exact reproduction. It will be interesting to see if and how it will be edited. Ed


TO: DISTRICT FOUR STATE DELEGATES
RE: MID-YEAR BOARD MEETING

The following are my own unofficial comments and should be interpreted as such. The official transcript of our minutes have not arrived as of this date. I am aware that you are probably anxious to know what took place in Des Moines. I am therefore sending this information in our spirit of cooperation. Further communications will be forthcoming from Headquarters which will clarify any questions you may have.

Due to an announced meeting of Chiropractic state attorneys, on Wednesday evening January 19th, 1966, I was accompanied to Des Moines by the attorney for the Chiropractic Association of New York. The purpose of this meeting was to ventilate the role of chiropractic, throughout the nation as regards the England case. Dr. Paul Adams and Mr. J. Minos Simon were present to discuss the details and particulars. These first hand discussions enabled these attorneys to better acquaint themselves with the facts of the case.

On Thursday morning, the Board listened to comments on the case by all the attorneys present. Further information will be forthcoming from headquarters.

Our agenda was composed of forty seven items, in addition to specific items that each Board member wanted aired. My own personal agenda which was submitted to our Chairman contained fourteen items for action and for clarification.

At a joint meeting with the Council on Education, we were apprised of the fact that the Stanford Research Institute is undertaking a preliminary study on Chiropractic Education. This is the same institution that published Chiropractic in California, some years back. You will recall that this report was not favorable to chiropractic. The preliminary report has been sponsored by a medical group, however this is supposed to determine the feasibility of the research only. The main research must be sponsored by a “non-partial” group.

The director of the project sought cooperation from the ACA. We were told that this would be a brand new project, no reflection on old S.R.I., information except that there may be a comparison insofar as our schools are concerned.

The budget that S.R.I. will have to work with is $150,000 to $175,000.

It was generally conceded that if the study is undertaken, and the results are not slanted, the report will indicate a concentrated effort on the part of our profession to upgrade constantly.

We adjourned to the Board room after the S.R.I. discussions.

Dr. Brassard appeared before the Board informing us of SCOPE’s activities. SCOPE seminars were urged for all states. Our Washington office will continue to work very closely with SCOPE.

Mr. Kohler was received. He discussed Medicare, NALC, Federal Employees Compensation Act and other legislation influencing chiropractic.

Cooperation and unity of effort on the Washington scene was discussed in regard to HR10; Cold War Veterans Bill; S. 600; Draft status of chiropractic students: Chiropractic Commemorative Stamp; HEW status; National Health Foundation; Optometrists, Podiatrists and Chiropractic cooperation discussed; Civil Service Commission; Diapulse action in Georgia and F.D.A. were all explored and discussed, with specific recommendations made in certain areas.

Dr. Napolitano and Peterson discussed the New York school situation. Merger seems imminent in the near future.

ACA-ICA unification – no action at present, Palmer College needs accreditation – has none at present. P.C.C. does not have mechanism to implement accreditation – besides it is not a non-profit school.

Increased expenses of conventions were discussed. In seven years the attendance at mid winter meetings has more than tripled due to Accreditation, Education, Research, Non dual FACE participation, etc.

Friday: The ACA’s role in The England Case was discussed at length. Questionable Supreme Court jurisdiction as well as their eventual plight for legislation were discussed. The official position of ACA to be announced.

ACA Membership – the importance of increasing our membership and enrolling new members was discussed.

Finance Committee – created as a sub-committee of Board to create ways and means of cutting Board expenses.

The McBee system of office accounting and billing were reviewed and demonstrated. These were recommended to the membership.
The Board’s by-law committee was chosen to review by-laws and report back. Recommendations from Citations Committee were discussed.

Reviewed the rules of advertising in the Journal. Dr. Gearhart discussed Professional Relations. New book “KNOW YOUR ACA” to be sent to all members. It contains the rules and regulations for all Board members, delegates, committees, etc.

Junior ACA – changes in the officers occur every semester and/or year which does not give stability to chapter. Need strong faculty advisor as well as faculty participation. Should be a privilege to belong. Certain benefits to members. Membership should be compulsory by make membership meaningful.

The projected program for the Los Angeles convention was reviewed. This will be a joint convention with the California Chiropractic Association.

Reports were heard from:

Dr. Ed. Saunders – National Council of Chiropractic Examining Boards. The exams will be given April 21-22 (Part I), April 23-24 (Part II).

Dr. Leonard Fay – on Exhibits and Advertising.

Dr. Joseph Janse – on Committee on Standardization of Chiropractic Principles.

Dr. Earl Rich – on Cine’s Projects.

Dr. George Haynes – on Council on Education.

Saturday: Corrections of Board minutes from Florida.

The Committee on Instruments and Devices – to work closely with California Chiropractic Association.

Ethics committee recommendations were studied.

FACE – ACA to transfer funds to FACE for Education and Research.

Editorial Committee: consists of Drs. Schierholz, Berner, Adams and Biser.

Increased malpractice coverage by N.C.I.C. to $100,000 - $300,000 for an additional premium of $10.00 a year.

Dr. Wolfe – Accreditation Committee report Upgrading continues – School inspections – Evaluation Forms

Dr. Higley – Research projections for five years.

Mr. Homer Bradshaw – council – reviewed Articles of Incorporation.

Dr. Chance – Insurance and Industrial Relations.

Suggested school circular should include insurance work.

To use Madison Avenue approach – will be effective and dramatic. Series of filmstrips to be prepared for claims, adjusters and conferences with appropriate records to accompany the strip – “Backstrain,” “Aching Back,” “General Back Care,” “The Child and Chiropractic.”


A closer relationship between committee Chairman and ACA staff was discussed.

Mr. Joe Dyer – Review committees must be made more effective – Reported work done to date.

Mr. Irwin Davis – Five year P.R. Projection Redesigning and changing copy on many ACA items.

Know your ACA – previously mentioned, new application blanks for ACA, Medicare facts for office.

Pictorial and diagrammatic books on Back Injuries and Chiropractic in Industry.

New format for Healthways, to work with Mrs. Jean Dyer.

Public service spots on radio and T.V. Package of Posters – in preparation. New T.V. spot for ACA.

Physical Fitness – working with Jean Dyer “Soft sell” approach – through the schools we will educate Educators, students, parents and children.

More sophisticated and advanced information will be made available to educators.

State Delegates to be given material to use at state conventions.


Accreditation projections are running ahead of schedule. Accreditation will have effects upon England Case, Sanford Research Institute report, etc.

Sunday: Projection Committee; State Affiliations; By-laws sub-committee report; Research sub-committee report.

Lines of more efficient communication discussed. Delegates should make their states wishes known to Governor. Copies of correspondence in district should go through Governor.

Invitations for speaking engagements by state association by members of the Board were scheduled and approved.

National Council of Senior Citizens in Washington interested in Chiropractic inclusion in Medicare.

House of Delegates to be polled on unification activity. Specific statements to be sent to delegates.

Please be advised that your Governor was somewhat disappointed at the lack of cooperation by his Delegates. Quarterly reports were not received, neither were answers to my last letter to you. If you prefer that I function as a “free” agent of District four it is all right with me. If on the other hand you prefer I function as a representative of the district, which is as it should be further cooperation is necessary.

I am fully aware that you have never been put to task before. These requests from your Governor are somewhat unprecedented. However, this is the only way in which I can function as your representative.

Most cordially,....

EHK:co

1966 (Mar 22): Letter from Edwin H. Kimmel DC on ACA stationery as District Governor at 8514 Fifth Ave., Brooklyn NY 11209, to Stanley Hayes DC (Hayes collection):

Dear Stanley:

Sorry about the tone of my letter. Perhaps if I had waited a day or two it would not have been so sever. Actually, it wasn't meant to offend youl, but just to enlighten you as to the purpose of the resolution, and where I got the wording.

In answer to your questions; first, I don't know why it took so long for the resolution to appear in the Journal. I can send you copies of correspondence in September, requesting Art Schierholz to get that in the Journal. He really didn't have an explanation when I confronted him with the same question in Des Moines in January.

As for the reason my letter took so long, it is because your Bulletins don't arrive as first class mail, and the letter which was sent to you had to wait for the return of my secretary, who had been out sick.

Believe me, I did not mean to offend you, or put you on the defensive. If I did, I'm sorry.

You are so right, when you say that "They are not going to let anybody with your ability get very far", and that I am a "conspicuously prominent danger to the clique". As a matter of fact, I've been on a few peoples backs recently, and they don't like it when I start to call the signals.

Frankly, Stanley, I don't know where to turn from here. This is very frustrating and time consuming position to hold, and honestly it's beginning to take its toll in loss of practice and time away from the office. My family is on my neck, my patient's resent my leaving so much and my practice is off over $1,500 from last year at this time. That's a significant drop and pays a lot of bills. To put it bluntly, I don't feel as if I can afford the luxury of going any further in ACA. If I were independently wealthy, and could afford it I would pave my way to President, but I'm just a chiropractor, who depends upon his practice for a livelihood, to support myself and my family.

It's nice of you to say all those wonderful things about me, and it is certainly flattering to my generally deflated ego, but after being in this profession for half of my life (twenty years) I realize that if I were in any other endeavor, and I worked as hard for it as I have for
chiropractic, I’d be a very rich man by this time. The time, devotion, energy and oil that goes with it that I’ve given this profession seems to be, only in some small way beginning to pay off in some amount of self-satisfaction that we may after all accomplish something.

If I find that I am going to be thwarted at every turn, If I find that my time becomes so preoccupied with ACA and it’s politics, I’m going to pick up my marbles and go home, reorientate my efforts in my practice, and go back to teaching (which I did for fifteen years) at the Chiropractic Institute of New York.

It took me a long time to get my political feet wet, now that I have, I don’t want to drown in the muck. I know the importance of good leadership, but unfortunately good leadership is not only hard to come by, but it does not come cheaply.

I’ve been on top of Higley recently concerning research. He’s been with us for about three years now and frankly all he’s done is some work on methodology and statistics. Not one basic piece of research which scientifically substantiates chiropractic principles. He’s beginning to feel my squeeze and he’s hollern “politics”. He doesn’t realize that I’m on his side, just want him to do a better job.

That’s why I was instrumental in disapproving his five year research plan.

In plain words, it was lousy! I may not do too well on a budget sub-committee, but when it comes to research, there can function effectively. We’ll see what happens.

By the way, believe me when I say that our Board is clean. I can truthfully say that! If anything which smells badly comes out, it is the staff at Des Moines who is to blame not the Board. The “harmony” that existed during the mid-year meetings was preceeded by a hell of a lot of calling down on a number of issues, long before we officially went into our meetings and on the record. What may appear to be a smooth meeting was prolonged by many messy personal issues and grievances. Again, we’ll see what the results of this will be.

That’s it for now - I hope I’m forgiven - Sorry for the misunderstanding. Sincerely,...

1966 (May): ACA Journal of Chiropractic [3(5)] includes:
- Edwin H. Kimmel, D.C., ACA Governor, District 4, authors “Electro-analytic instrumentation. Part 1.” (pp. 9-11)
- Abbe Eisenberg DC of CINY, “The neurological examination,” “Diversified Technics”
- Edwin H. Kimmel DC, ACA Governor, “National Outlook of Chiropractic”

1966 (July/Aug): Digest of Chiropractic Economics [9(1)] includes:
- Louis O. Gearhart, D.C., ACA Director of Professional Affairs, authors “A.C.A. convention progress reported” (p. 33); includes photograph of ACA Board of Governors:

“ACA BOARD OF GOVERNORS AND OFFICERS. Front Row: 1. to r.: Dr. E.H. Kimmel, Governor, district 4; Dr. S.C. Birdsley, President-Elect; Dr. George F. Poe, President; Dr. Van D. Mericas, Chairman; Dr. A.A. Adams, Immediate Past President; Back Row 1. to r.: Dr. O.B. Inman, Governor, District 5; Dr. Asa Brown, Governor district 3; Dr. Garth Atwood, Governor, district 1; Dr. Devere Biser, Governor district 6 and Dr. C. Lee Hightower, Governor, district 7.”
- College reports: Columbia Inst. of N.Y.” (pp. 38, 40); includes:

The Junior American Chiropractic Association, Columbia Chapter, held its annual A.C.A. day in the school auditorium on May 18, 1966. The theme of the program was to report the activities of the national organization and inform the membership and guests of the outstanding contributions made by the A.C.A.

The officers and members of the Columbia Chapter invited Dr. Edwin Kimmel, District Governor, to be their featured speaker. Dr. Kimmel delivered an informative and stimulating address relating to the multiple activities of the A.C.A. and the dramatic and dynamic leadership that this fine organization offers to the profession. A meritorious citation was presented to Dr. Kimmel by Albert M. Pavese, Secretary of the Chapter.

Gerald Stephens, Vice-President, gave a brief history of the N.C.A. and A.C.A. Dr. Ernest G. Napolitano, President of C.I.C., addressed the students concerning the role of the individual in chiropractic organizations...

1966 (Sept 17-8): pamphlet for “Chiropractic Physicians Convention sponsored by the Chiropractic Society of Rhode Island” at the Sheraton-Bilmore Hotel in Providence RI; will include presentation by Edwin H. Kimmel, D.C., Governor, District 4 of ACA, who will speak on: “What chiropractic is doing today” (in my CINY files)

1966 (Oct 5): letter to Ernest Napolitano, D.C. from John A. Fisher, ACA director of education, on ACA stationery (Archives of CCCKC; in my NYCC file):

Dear Dr. Napolitano:

At the request of Dr. O.B. Inman of the Board of Governors of the ACA, I did, on September 27, 1966 assemble all of the correspondence and other documents related to activities in connection with efforts to establish a single chiropractic college on the Eastern seaboard, and prepare a chronology of those efforts beginning with January of 1965 and ending with August of 1966.

Dr. Helmut Bittner assumed his new duties as president of Chiropractic Institute of New York, the first of last month following the retirement of Dr. Thure C. Peterson.

1966 (Mar/Apr): Digest of Chiropractic Economics [8(5)] includes:
- “Bittner is new president, Chiro. Institute, N.Y.” (p. 48); photograph & caption:

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This chronology, headed “New York Institutions” was forwarded to you on September 27, 1966.

I am attaching a copy of the original.

Sincerely,…

Attached is “Appendix A: NEW YORK INSTITUTIONS”:

1/65 - President Thure C. Peterson of the Chiropractic Institute of New York and Ernest G. Napolitano of the Columbia Institute of Chiropractic met with the Board of Trustees of the Foundation for Accredited Chiropractic Education at ACA Headquarters in Des Moines, Iowa. They agreed to pursue the matter.

2/65 - Presidents Peterson and Napolitano issued a joint statement regarding the formation of a new college.


4/65 - Meeting of the two Boards of Trustees held.

5/65 - ACA Director of Education corresponded with two Board Chairmen expressing concern and offering assistance.

6/65 - ACA representative Dr. Cecil L. Martin with the Director of Education as educational advisor met with representatives of the two Institutes and obtained agreement on a plan to form an organizing board of trustees consisting of three members appointed by each Institute and five members, agreeable to them, appointed by the ACA.

List of appointees received from both Institutes.
Special committee of ACA Board of Governors submitted a list of nominees which was transmitted to the two Institutes.

7/65 - CINY approved ten nominees.
Columbia stated they could not act until September.
Columbia urged to take action sooner.

8/65 - Columbia again urged to act.
Columbia approved nine nominees. Only two matched CINY approved nominees.
ACA special committee requested to provide additional nominees.

9/65 - Received list of additional nominees.
List of additional nominees transmitted to two Institutes.

10/65 - Approved lists received from both Institutes. Total of five approved by both.
Names of all eleven approved appointees transmitted to the Convener, Dr. Cecil L. Martin.
Appointees advised by ACA Secretary.
CINY advised ACA Secretary of their error in approving one nominee. This left organizing board one member short.
Appointee in question advised.
Several ACA appointees declined the appointment.

11/65 - Full report made to Executive Committee of ACA Board of Governors recommending that the institutional appointees and as many ACA appointees as had accepted be convened and that they select additional ACA members to make a board of eleven members.

It was not possible to get the group together.

1/66 - At the mid-year meeting Presidents Napolitano and Peterson reaffirmed their desire to form a single college.
ACA cooperation and assistance was assured them.
Dr. Peterson resigned as President of CINY to become Chairman of the Board. Dr. Helmut Bittner was named President.

2/66 - Presidents Bittner and Napolitano met, a number of times [Feb., March, April], to discuss the formation of one institution.

5/66 - The ACA Board of Governors appointed Dr. O.B. Inman as ACA representative to work with the two Institutes to form one institution.
Dr. Inman, with the ACA Director of Education as educational advisor, visited both Institutes to ascertain the facts.

Arrangements were made with the accounting firm Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co., to audit both Institutes as of May 31, 1966.

6/66 - Dr. Inman and the Director of Education met, in New York, with each Board, Faculty, and Alumni representatives.
Dr. Inman drew up an agreement based on a twelve member board for the new college – six from Columbia, three from CINY and three from a list submitted by ACA. The agreement was put into legal form by the ACA Attorney.
CINY reported that the agreement was unsatisfactory. Columbia accepted the proposal “in principle.”
At the ACA Convention in Los Angeles, many meetings were held with representatives of both Institutes. CINY submitted a proposal. No action was taken. President Napolitano of Columbia and Board Member Stephen Owens of CINY agreed to continue negotiations in New York.

8/66 - ACA prepared “Constitution and By-Laws,” new agreement based on a five man board – two from each Institute and one from ACA, also agenda for organizational meeting.
CINY submitted new proposal.

Columbia approved Dr. Inman’s June proposal.
Organizational meeting called for August 13, 1966. CINY accepted, Columbia declined invitation and reported new ACA agreement unacceptable.

Financial reports by auditor received by ACA and transmitted to respective institutions.
Total matter thoroughly reported by Dr. Inman and discussed by ACA Board of Governors.
Dr. Kimmel submitted a proposal.
Dr. Inman’s report and recommendations were accepted and his motion that efforts be continued was passed.

Documentation is on file at ACA Headquarters.

September 27, 1966

1966: Edwin H. Kimmel, D.C. receives “Humanitarian” citation from Columbia Institute of Chiropractic (Kimmel CV, 95/06/20)

1967 (June): photograph of Edwin H. Kimmel, D.C. and several members of ACA official family:

Dr. Kimmel is seated; Standing left to right are: Devere Biser, D.C.; Van D. Mericas, D.C., A.A. Adams, D.C.; C.Lee Hightower, D.C.

1967 (June): photograph of Ed Kimmel, D.C., A.A. Adams, D.C. and C.L. Hightower, D.C. during ACA meeting in St. Louis:
1967 (June): photograph of Ed Kimmel, D.C. and Devere Biser, D.C. during ACA meeting in St. Louis:

1967 (June): photograph: ACA Board of Governors does the "can-can" during meeting in St. Louis:

1967 (June): photograph: left to right: ACA executive director Norman Erbe (former Iowa governor), George Poe, D.C. & Ed Kimmel, D.C. do the “can-can” during meeting in St. Louis:

1967 (Oct): ACA Journal of Chiropractic [4(10)] includes: “New York” (p. 52); includes photograph of Dr. Kimmel and:

1967 (June): photograph: Ed Kimmel, D.C. does the “can-can” during meeting in St. Louis:
Dr. Edwin H. Kimmel, a member of the ACA Board of Governors, will appear 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, will discuss “Chiropractic Healing” and participate in the panel discussions. A number of prominent educators, philosophers and practitioners will appear on the two-day seminar.

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:

1968 (Feb): photograph of Drs. Gerry Brassard and George Poe, presumably during ACA Board meeting (rec’d from Ed Kimmel, D.C.):
1968 (Feb): photograph of Ed Kimmel, D.C. and several ACA Board members, presumably during ACA Board meeting (rec’d from Ed Kimmel, D.C.): 

1965-1968: Edwin H. Kimmel DC serves as chairman of the ACA Committee on Clinical Research (Kimmel CV, 95/06/20)

1968 (Mar/Apr): Digest of Chiropractic Economics [10/5] includes:
-ACA mid-winter conference reports progress at Las Vegas meeting" (p. 6); includes:
  …Dr. Jerry Brassard, Beaumont, Texas, chairman of the SCOPE committee, and Harry Rosenfield, ACA Washington counsel, gave an in-depth report on the massive effort of the ACA before Congress in the Medicare effort of 1967. Free distribution of over one million “Freedom of Choice” brochures and countless contacts with congressmen and senators by the ACA and its members and friends contributed to the favorable image of chiropractic on the Washington scene…

  Dr. Devere Biser of Dallas, Texas, is currently chairman of the Board of Governors. He is assisted in this policy-making task by Dr. Sidney Birdsey of Salt Lake City, Utah, president of the ACA, and by Dr. O.B. Imman of Atlanta, Georgia, secretary-treasurer for the association. By the nature of these assignments, these three men play a dual role by also serving as the Executive Committee of the board.

  Other board members are Dr. George Poe of California, New Jersey, immediate past president of the ACA; Dr. Ralph Schmidt of Silverton, Oregon, president-elect of the ACA; Dr. Van Mericas of Dearborn, Michigan; Dr. Garth Atwood of Buhl, Idaho; Dr. Asa Brown of Alexandria, Virginia; Dr. Edwin Kimmel of Brooklyn, New York; Dr. C. Lee Hightower of Fremont, California; and Dr. Gerald Brassard of Beaumont, Texas. Dr. Brassard is a non-voting member of the board by nature of his elected office of president of the Council of State Delegates…

-Thure C. Peterson, D.C., chairman of the board of trustees of CINY, and Joseph Janse, D.C., N.D., president of National College of Chiropractic, author “A proposal of affiliation of the CINY with the NCC under consideration” (p. 11)

-announcement from Earl G. Liss, DC, Chairman, Board of Trustees of National College and Thure C. Peterson DC, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of CINY (p. 8)

C.I.N.Y. and N.C.C. Affiliation Program

After extended forthright deliberations between appointed representatives of the ACA Board of Governors, the Foundation for Chiropractic Education and Research, the Chiropractic Institute of New York and its alumni, and the National College of Chiropractic and its alumni, the C.I.N.Y. requested approval to discontinue its undergraduate school and asked to affiliate its facilities, its alumni and reposist its vital records with the National College.

This decision embraces the consolidating of the traditions and historical emphasis of two college families that have constantly through the years stood in support of the educational and professional programs initiated and sponsored by first the NCA and later the ACA, and which have come to mean so much to all of us and to represent the progressive future of the chiropractic profession.

This bringing together of the two alumni groups represents a great promise for future support of our profession's educational program. By discontinuing the undergraduate program of the C.I.N.Y. and the consolidating of alumni effort, nothing has been lost and much has been gained. Thus we take pride in making this joint announcement and express the conviction that it augers well for the future.

The accommodation effected through the affiliation of the C.I.N.Y. with the National College is the consummation of deliberations conducted in honest, open counsel by representatives of all parties concerned. Representation on the N.C.C. college and alumni boards is being considered and structured.

We therefore encourage unqualified recognition and support of this historical conclusion as a forward step of significance in our profession. We are mutually aware that this decision engenders great responsibilities. We acknowledge our appreciation to the ACA Board of Governors and the Trustees of FCER for their council [sic] and assistance in formulating the consolidating program that is now under negotiation. The college families we represent are committed to the programs and policies of the ACA and the relating Council on Education and Accrediting Agency.

-College accreditation listing: (p. 24)
-Accredited: Lincoln, LACC, National
-Provisionally Accredited: Logan, NWCC, Texas
-Approved Conditionally: CINY, Columbia

-Edwin H. Kimmel, D.C., chairman of ACA Committee on Clinical Research, authors “ACA invites participation in clinical research survey” (p. 21)

1969 (July): ACA Journal of Chiropractic [6/7] includes:
-Edwin H. Kimmel, D.C. authors “Role of chiropractic in psychotherapy” (pp. 30-7); editor notes this was presentation to the American Academy of Psychotherapists

1970 (Jan): ACA Journal of Chiropractic [7/1] includes:
-“ACA president visits Kentuckiana” (pp. 12-3); includes several photographs:
The vast majority of doctors of chiropractic have never adhered to the concept of “one cause and one cure.” They have always considered the patient as a person who may be subject to many stresses. While initially relying upon their specialized therapy, they have always used whatever supplementary aids are necessary for the patient’s well-being. They have cleaved to D.D. Palmer’s credo that “I have never considered it beneath my dignity to do anything to relieve human suffering.” Palmer’s conception of the causes of disease implies that integrated approaches are sometimes necessary. He also implied that the chief purpose of the doctor should be not to win support for his therapy, but to see that the patient under his care is restored to health. Such a comprehensive view is consistent with the demands of the U.S. Government, the informed and concerned leaders of society, and public-spirited foundations. (F.S.A., 1948) (Blain, 1959) (Ford Foundation, 1960) The general practitioner of all the healing disciplines is being urged and encouraged to gain more orientation and skill to cope with the problems of the patient’s emotional stress. (Rennie, 1947) (H.E.W., 1960)

The doctor chiropractic can be the “first line of defense” against mental illness. He often sees the emotionally disturbed patient before the specialist does. Often he has within his power to help a patient sufficiently so that specialized psychotherapeutic care or institutionalization may not be necessary. He also sees the half-well, half-sick, tranquilized patients who were formerly hospitalized and do not wish a return engagement or perhaps more electric shock treatments. It can be assumed that those patients are ready and willing to cooperate fully with the doctor.

The procedures that follow, supplement and extend the results that chiropractic obtains for emotionally disturbed patients (see Chapter 16). (They however are not sufficient for the severely disoriented patient.) The doctor lays out a program of activities for him, making certain that the patient understands fully his instructions and advice. This can be accomplished if the doctor asks the patient to interpret or repeat the instructions given him. Following through with this idea has several advantages. The doctor can correct any misunderstanding that the patient may have gathered from his instructions. He also can be assured that the patient fully understands what he should do and when. It can also indicate to the doctor the patient’s ability or willingness to cooperate.

The patient’s attention should be called to the vital necessity for basic nutrition. This subject is so important that three chapters are devoted to it in this book, headed by Linus Pauling. Next in importance is to instruct the patients in ways of 1) obtaining meaningful periods of relaxation; 2) improving his posture; 3) following through with the tension reduction techniques; 4) emotionally meaningful physical exercises; 5) utilizing psychological aids, and other pertinent physical hygiene factors for his well-being, depending upon the patient’s needs. He is reminded and urged to help himself. This lessens the doctor’s burden and hastens recovery.


1974: Edwin H. Kimmel, D.C. serves on ACA Committee for new Eastern Chiropractic College (Kimmel CV, 95/06/20)

1974-1976: Edwin H. Kimmel, D.C. is member of the Chiropractic Association of New York (CANY) (Kimmel CV, 95/06/20)

1974-1978: Edwin H. Kimmel, D.C. is adjunct faculty member at Columbia Institute of Chiropractic (Kimmel CV, 95/06/20)
1975 (June 8): “Annual Convocation of the American College of Chiropractors held on Sunday Afternoon, June Eighth, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-five, One O’Clock at Singer’s Hotel and Country Club, Spring Valley, New York”; program pamphlet (in my CINY files); includes: BRIEF HISTORY

The American College of Chiropractors is chartered under an Act of Congress in Washington, D.C.

The College membership is composed of chiropractors, educators and scientific investigators throughout the United States and possessions whose field of endeavor lies within the domain of chiropractic.

The College was chartered on September 24, 1924 to have perpetual existence.

The primary purpose of the American College is to encourage research and advance the philosophy, science and art of chiropractic.

The present Fellows of the American College include an imposing number of America’s eminent chiropractors.

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PROGRAM

1. Introduction of the Officers of the American College of Chiropractors……. by Dr. Richard Carnival
2. Presentation of Fellowships ….. by Drs. Abner Blumenfeld & Nathan D. Novick

OFFICERS

President ……………………………..Dr. Abner H. Blumenfield
Vice President …………………………..Dr. Lyndon E. Lee
Secretary-Treasurer …………………….Dr. Nathan D. Novick

The following doctors have been recommended by the Board of Trustees of the American College of Chiropractors as Fellows:

DR. JOSEPH AMODEI
Graduate of Chiropractic Institute of New York 1952
Post Graduate of Chiropractic Orthopedics at Chiropractic Institute of New York 1961
Post Graduate of Chiropractic Orthopedics at National College of Chiropractic 1971
Qualified Chiropractic Orthopedist of the American Chiropractic Association
Lectures in Orthopedics at the Academy of Chiropractic and New York State Chiropractic Association
Professional Papers in the National Chiropractic Association Journal
Co-author of the Manual of Orthopedics and Neurology
Chiropractic Chairman – Workmen’s Compensation Board of New York State
Faculty member of the Columbia Institute of Chiropractic
Member of the Board of Directors of the New York State Chiropractic Association

DR. FRANK DEGIACOMO

1975 (Jul): photograph of banquet at ACA convention in Chicago (courtesy of Ed Kimmel, D.C.); Kimmel is front and center, Jerry Brassard, D.C. is on his right:

1975: photograph of Drs. Asa Brown and Ed Kimmel in Hawaii:

1975 (July): photograph of Ed Kimmel, D.C. receives certification in acupuncture from NYCC (Kimmel CV, 95/06/20)

1975: Ed Kimmel, D.C. named Fellow of American College of Chiropractors (Kimmel CV, 95/06/20)

1976 (May 8): NYS Chiropractic Association holds its 64th annual banquet and awards “Distinguished Service Citation” to Edwin H. Kimmel, D.C. (program in my CINY files)

Dr. Kimmel, D.C. provides the highest quality of health care to his patients, who come from far and near to his local office. As a chiropractic orthopedist, he is certified in disability and impairment rating and evaluation and is frequently consulted by other chiropractors for his diagnostic ability.

1983-1984: Ed Kimmel, D.C. serves on Board of Directors of Broward County Chiropractic Society (Kimmel CV, 95/06/20)

1984-1991: Ed Kimmel, D.C. serves as Parliamentarian for the Broward County Chiropractic Society (Kimmel CV, 95/06/20)

1985: Edwin H. Kimmel, D.C. receives “Appreciation Award” from National College of Chiropractic (Kimmel CV, 95/06/20)


THE NEW/OLD CHIROPRACTIC PHILOSOPHY: FORTY YEARS IN CHIROPRACTIC

Thank you for the opportunity of speaking to you this evening. I welcome all our Past Presidents that are here tonight.

When Dr. Mitchell Kaplan called my office a few weeks ago, requesting that I speak to you on chiropractic philosophy, I told him that old time philosophy of chiropractic could be summed up in a very few words: PALPATE, LOCATE AND MOVE THAT BONE. SUBLUXATION IS THE CAUSE OF ALL DISEASE... REMOVE THE SUBLUXATION, ALLOW INNATE TO FLOW THROUGH AND THE PATIENT WILL GET WELL. ONE CAUSE... ONE CURE. Subluxation was THE cause, or the predisposing cause. That was it, that was all, simply correct the subluxation with an adjustment, regardless of the condition. Diagnosis was not necessary; just PALPATE, LOCATE AND MOVE THAT BONE, and the patient will get well.

Well, in my forty years in chiropractic, we’ve come a long way, and we know better today.

How strange it is, how inconsistent it is, that now we are taking courses in the prescribing of proprietary drugs, and some of us are enthusiastic and excited about the fact that we are on the brink of being able to admit our patients into that great bastion of medical science, the hospital, when at one time both of these concepts and possibilities were as foreign to chiropractic as a fish out of water, except when it is dead. Let’s not end up as a dead profession.

We have a proud heritage, and we are on the threshold of a new era in chiropractic.

Old time chiropractic philosophy had a fervor, a spirit, an enthusiasm of confidence, belief and the faith that some of our modern fundamentalists have. It was an evangelical spirit, an under the tent “spizzerinctum” as we called it then. We lived, ate, slept and talked chiropractic incessantly. Some chiropractors were so confident in chiropractic’s ability, that they proclaimed that they could alleviate any condition from ingrown toenails to dandruff and all conditions or dis-ease in between. If the patient wasn’t dead for twenty-four hours an atlas recoil would bring them back to life.

We treated all conditions, febrile or otherwise. Arteriosclerotic Heart Disease, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease, Diabetes, etc. I remember treating Measles, Mumps, Chicken pox, Scarlet Fever when I first entered practice. I did this for two reasons; first I wanted to prove that chiropractic was effective, and second I wanted to prove that Ed Kimmel was an effective chiropractor. We got sick people well, chiropractic worked. There must have been a special God in Heaven protecting the chiropractors. Thank goodness that will a little care the human body can last a lifetime.

Our enthusiasm and belief in chiropractic is what built our successful practices in the 40’s and 50’s. In view of what is happening now in chiropractic, I believe that D.D. and B.J., as well as other pioneers, are spinning in their respective Valhallas.

It’s true that we can’t practice horse and buggy chiropractic in this jet age, but for now let us go back to our roots. Let us go back to an earlier era and recall some of the turbulence, turmoil and triumph of another day.

1978: Ed Kimmel, D.C. relocates practice from NYC to Florida (Kimmel CV, 95/06/20; Kimmel interview 02/07/28)

1979 (Nov): FCLB Bulletin includes:

1981 (Sept 21): Miami’s Community Newspapers (clipping in my CINY file) includes:
-“Dr. Kimmel awarded” (p. 12):
  Dr. Edwin H. Kimmel of North Miami Beach has been awarded recognition for outstanding service to the chiropractic profession. He was recently selected to be included in the second edition of Who’s Who in Chiropractic International.

  Dr. Kimmel, a qualified chiropractic orthopedist, joins a select group of chiropractors and educators who have made valuable contributions to the profession in the form of research, writing, lecturing or service with distinction in responsible executive capacities on boards of chiropractic associations.
  
  A member of the profession for thirty-two years, Dr. Kimmel has written a numerous professional articles of a scientific nature and is a Professor Emeritus of the Chiropractic Institute of New York, maintains his office at 16336 West Dixie Highway in North Miami Beach.

  First published in 1977, this second edition of Who’s Who includes those doctors nominated by a committee representative of their profession. The book also contains a section on the pioneers, the founders of chiropractic, a history of the educational establishment and details of the educational institutions in this health discipline.

  Dr. Kimmel proudly provides the highest quality of health care to his patients, who come from far and near to his local office.
The year was 1895, a scant ninety two years ago, the doors of science were just being pried open. Roentgen had just discovered the X-ray, Freud had just promulgated his principles of psychoanalysis, and D.D. Palmer gave the first successful chiropractic adjustment on September 18th. All these occurred in 1895, remember that year.

Medicine at that time was a chaotic art, unscientific and unorganized. Many “doctors” obtained their M.D. degree by apprenticeship or without residence training. The age of scientific reasoning was just beginning.

Pasteur, Koch, Virchow and Cushing were being hailed as the greatest scientists of the day. Sterile technique, anesthesia and surgical procedures were being demonstrated and taught in early hospitals and acclaimed miraculous. Any disagreement with what was presented was immediately labeled “heresy.” Today of course we realize that today’s heresy quickly becomes tomorrow’s orthodoxy.

The time was ripe, within all this turmoil, for chiropractic to be born. Chiropractic began as a dogmatic, pseudo-scientific profession. Its rise to its present acceptability has been one of the most remarkable phenomena in the history of the healing arts. We survived all these years despite all of the condemnation and criticism heaped upon us. In ninety two years we have become the world’s largest drugless healing profession. Soon not to be so drugless. What are we going to be?

Let’s not get complacent. Look at the advancement and high technology of x-ray. C.A.T. scans, Magnetic Resonance Imaging, x-ray technology itself, an acceptable branch of the healing armamentarium. Look at psychology today; an accepted branch of healing, taught in all colleges and universities. Look where chiropractic has remained by comparison. All three of these contributions were discovered in 1895. To my knowledge, chiropractic is still not taught in any of the recognized institutions of higher learning in this country. This distresses me.

Sure we get sick people well, but we continually have “straight” vs. “mixin’” controversy. Is it “analysis” or “diagnosis” which gets the patient well? Is it chiroprACTIC or is it the chiroprACTOR? Our research is deficient. Can our research findings be duplicated? Maybe we are beginning to make progress.

In the past, many of our leaders and educators avoided research, either because they feared that the research might disprove chiropractic, or that the research, if positive, might not be accepted by the scientific community, the research might become suspect of professional nepotism, therefore little or no substantial research was done.

What have we given to the healing arts in ninety two years? Even the adjustment, uniquely chiropractic, is fading into the mist of oblivion. It is being supplanted by terms such as manipulation, mobilization and the like.

Perhaps it is about time that we reassess some of our values and objectives in chiropractic. We are rapidly losing sight of our original philosophy. I used to object to the term “philosophy,” until I realized that philosophy paves the way for science.

We may mock some of the naïve theories that were advocated in the early days of chiropractic, but I would like to point out that many of these elementary and simplistic theorizations have subsequently been substantiated by new and more recent scientific investigation, outside the chiropractic profession.

An in-tact nervous system is still the primary prerequisite for good health. Resistance, homeostasis, immunological reactions, sympathetic and parasympathetic balance are still dependent upon healthy neural integration. The very basis for chiropractic is the proposition that the nervous system can be adversely affected by the abnormal biomechanics of insult to the neurological elements, within the intervertebral foramen, by a subluxation. The entire philosophy of chiropractic focuses in the intervertebral foramen and all its ramifications. Although we have never negated all other natural factors which influence health, the subluxation and the intervertebral foramen was the focus.

I, and I hope there are many other chiropractors, still contend that correction of the subluxation will reduce, alleviate or positively influence the nervous system so that the inherent powers within the body are afforded the optimum advantage to restore health to that patient. The method employed to bring about the reduction of neural irritation was, and still is, the chiropractic adjustment (rapidly becoming a lost art).

How many have thought about the possibility that our adjustment releases endorphins, which may create a sense of well being in the patient. The vertebra may not have to be audibly released?

With the use of ultra-sophisticated, state-of-the-art diagnostic procedures that are now at our disposal, no one in the scientific community can any longer doubt the existence of a subluxation. The term appears in almost all radiological and orthopedic literature, yet I fail to see it used as frequently in chiropractic literature, as it once was. Are we really a separate and distinct science?

There was a time when I would refuse to adjust a patient if they had taken aspirin. My rationale was: if the aspirin relieved the pain, it must have tuned out or influenced the nervous system, therefore, I believed that my adjustment, which also affected the nervous system, would not be effective.

Joy M. Loban, D.C., former Professor of Chiropractic at the Palmer School of Chiropractic, stated in 1916 in his book, Technic and Practice of Chiropractic, “Chiropractic is not a branch of medicine, never can be a branch of medicine because it is inherently and fundamentally antagonistic to the very basic principles of medicine, and no statute can change the fact of such antagonism. But unless we adhere strictly to the fundamental principles of our own practice and limit ourselves to the methods which grow from those principles, Chiropractic may become a part of medicine.”

Is our modernization of chiropractic the beginning of the end? Does our desire to utilize drugs and use hospital facilities mean that we are abandoning the original concepts of chiropractic? Are we destined to go the same way as the osteopaths?

We must evaluate and weigh the advantages and disadvantages, they must be properly explored and evaluated. I am taking these courses with you, yet none of us know the possible end result. Will we be allowed to render chiropractic care to our hospitalized patients?

We once boasted that we were able to get the patient well faster and at less cost to the patient or the carrier. These assertions were appreciated by both the patient and the carrier. There were no third party payors in the 40’s and 50’s. We substantiated our assertions and did get the patient well faster and at less cost. Today it is different. Do we now keep the patient coming to our office until the limits of the insurance policy is used up? Is our objective today not to get the patient well too fast because of economic reasons? While it’s true that we’ve come a long way, let’s not lose our way. Let’s not kill the goose that laid the golden egg!

I don’t want practice building to become profession busting.

I am still excited and enthusiastic about chiropractic. I firmly believe that chiropractic does have a positive future, if we don’t abuse our profession. If we do abuse our liberal statutes, I believe that chiropractic, as we know it now, will be nothing more than a footnote in the history of the healing arts in ten years, especially in view of the fact that there are drastic and dramatic changes within the health care delivery system in this country. Truly, the future of chiropractic is in our hands.

1987 (Sept/Oct): Digest of Chiropractic Economics includes:
- Edwin H. Kimmel, D.C. authors “The new/old chiropractic philosophy: forty years in chiropractic” (pp. 43-4

1987 (Oct 30): letter from A. Earl Homewood to Ed Kimmel; Homewood expresses his opposition to Activator (in my CINY files)

1987 (Nov 9): letter from A. Earl Homewood to Ed Kimmel (in my CINY files)

Dear Ed:-

Thanks for yours of recent date.

I am not familiar with the research of Arlan Fur (?), although I believe that I did read an article, but cannot locate it and the content did not register too well.

As for the Activator, I am deeply prejudiced and biased against an instrument that requires for “adjusting” and do not believe that such direction can be translated from an x-ray to the patient, nor from an instrument. In other words, it is my, not-so-humble, opinion that only by direct contact of the doctor’s hands on the tissue can exact direction be communicated, needed depth and force be sensed – this is part of the ART that I fear, is being badly neglected by those “manipulators” who are, in fact, mere animated pile drivers.

If a more exact thought relative to his research project is of interest, perhaps you could steer me to the article and I shall try to digest it and regurgitate some thoughts.

Best wishes, Earl


Dear Ed:-

Many thanks for the additional material relative to the forthcoming FIRST INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 1988. I shall get a few thoughts away, which may be of interest, or even some use to you, before beginning another time-consuming task.

Personally, I am sick of the nonsense about research and the worshipping at the shrine of allopathic medicine, as though they have the answers to all health problems. If their methods were even safe, it would not be so bad, but the record shows 200,000 deaths and 5% of the 1.4 million hospital admissions annually are the result of prescribed drugs. (Gross) David M. Spain wrote in his book, “Unfortunately, therefore, iatrogenic disease can now take its place almost as an equal alongside the bacteria as an important factor in the pathogenesis of human illness.”

The U.S. Office of Technology Assessment in Sept., 1978, wrote, “…only 10 to 20% of all procedures used in present medical practice have been shown to be of benefit by controlled trials…”

Rep. Claude Pepper in his hearings on quackery said, “A quack is anyone who promotes medical remedies which are unproven.” Do we need to ask who the quacks are? When will our profession recover from its inferiority complex?

Sam McClatchie, M.D., in his MISDIRECTION MEDICINE wrote, “Saying anything against research nowadays is like running down motherhood or blaspheme against God. Research, in fact, has become a religion, with its high priests, its acolytes, its prestigious trappings and, unfortunately, its zealotry and bigotry.” Also, he wrote, “It is not necessary to do formal research to be a good doctor, and the sooner the high priests learn this, the less wasteful of money and manpower they will be.”

Perhaps you receive THE CHIROPRACTIC REPORT directly, but enclosed is a copy of the Sept. issue that had much of interest to me relative to this subject of research.

What I have been unable to get across to Joe Keating, Ph.D., of NWCC is that chiropractic does not have a “this-for-that” type of approach; that every patient has a hereditarily different nervous system; the history of that nervous system is different in each case; the environmental causes are different in each; then, each chiropractor has a different grasp of the ART of adjusting, as well as a different technique. My concern is that our students are chasing techniques before mastering the ART of adjusting. To quote McClatchie again, “Farmer – I got more knowin’ now that I does, and until the doin’ I does catches up with the knowin’ I has, I can’t see no reason for knowin’ no more.” Until our young people learn the ART and LORE of what we have, there is not much sense in trying to teach them anything more. Money is being wasted on research to replicate the studies that have proven chiropractic twice as effective as allopathy in musculoskeletal conditions. Even with ten on the Research Dept. staff of NWCC, they are not writing elaborate reports of the benefits in visceral problems.

The first priority of our colleges should be to teach chiropractors the principles which make us different from other branches of generic medicine and adjusting, not manipulation, with the ART thoroughly ingrained. The LORE, as I call it, is that knowledge of how and when and where to adjust for visceral problems to stimulate or inhibit the autonomies, knowing that this is not going to be as exact in response as pushing buttons on a computer, but most likely to produce a more desirable response than brute-force-and awkwardness of manipulation.

Unfortunately, I see some of our young people using the same move in the same direction on everybody with no thought as to the degree of lordosis, whether on the inside or outside of a scoliosis, etc. I don’t know one that has mastered the six directions of correction of occiput on atlas to say nothing of the minor variations.

Enough already! You will note that practice has only made me more proficient in making typographical errors. I just hope that my adjective skills have not degenerated accordingly.

Best wishes, Earl


Dear Ed:-

Thanks for the note and enclosure.

It is interesting to see that in typical chiropractic fashion research is being segmented with the funds subdivided into miniscule amounts for each. “Minuscule” in comparison with the billions for the allopaths.

FCER is setting aside $147,000 for A COLLABORATIVE CLINICAL TRIAL ON LOW BACK PAIN. Yet there are the retrospective surveys done by Roland Martin, M.D. of the Ore. Workmen’s Com. Board, Wolf’s study of Calif. comp., the one here in Fla., the insurance actuarial tables, the commissions in N.Z., U.S., Australia, Canada, Eng., etc., have demonstrated chiropractic to be effective in low back problems in a high percentage.

Why should money be wasted to replicate what has been proven. Why not research on some of the visceral conditions?

Better still, why not break in to the foundations for the sophisticated problems, like M.S., M.D., Parkinson’s, etc. The friendly M.D. is not making much of a show and it might surprise everyone what a bit of good chiropractic could accomplish.

It is very difficult for me to remember that I am a “has-been” and my place is on the shelf with my mouth shut, when I see the public need and chiropractic becoming no more than an ancillary method for allopathy in musculoskeletal conditions.

It is hoped that you will continue the good work and add to the chiropractic “light.”

With every good wish for the forthcoming Christmas and New Year season, as well as the best 1988 ever, I remain,

Sincerely…

1989: Ed Kimmel, D.C. receives diplomate from American Academy of Pain Management (Kimmel CV, 95/06/20)

1990 (Sept 7): letter from NYCC president Kenneth W. Padgett, D.C. to Edwin H. Kimmel, D.C. of the CINY Alumni Association (in my CINY/Kimmel file):

Dear Ed:

Congratulations to you and the Alumni of Chiropractic Institute of New York as you celebrate your first reunion of the institute.

Unfortunately, my schedule prevents me from attending what I am sure will be a most memorable and enjoyable occasion. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you and all the alumni of CINY on this important occasion.
Please convey to all those alumni of CINY that will be attending the reunion our feelings of support, and if there is any way in which NYCC can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to call me.

Thank you again for the thoughtful invitation to attend the CINY celebration, and best wishes for a successful reunion.

Sincerely,...

KWP:ers
cc: Dr. Arnold M. Goldschmidt

undated: Kimmel at CINY reunion (courtesy of Ed Kimmel, D.C.):

1991: Ed Kimmel, D.C. receives diplomate from Amerian Board of Chiropractic Orthopedists (Kimmel CV, 95/06/20)


Dear Doctor Rehm:

Enclosed please find some item which may be of significant historical value for chiropractic.

I especially draw your attention to the autographed picture of Daniel David Palmer, which is autographed. I have had this picture in my personal autograph collection for over forty years. I think that the autographed signature is authentic.

In any event, I feel that the material may have some significant historical value.

Very truly yours,....
Copy to Russell W. Gibbons


Dear Dr. Kimmel:

What a rare find! I agree that D.D.’s signature certainly appears to be authentic.

On behalf of the Association for the History of Chiropractic, many thanks to you for your thoughtfulness in donating the photos of D.D. and Dave Palmer.

At its next meeting, the board will consider how to best utilize the D.D. portrait. In the meantime, I will have it matted and framed in the interest of preservation.

Thank you again. Sincerely yours,....


Dear Joe,

Your comments are always welcome.

The 1987 presentation to the Broward County Chiro Society was published. See copy enclosed.

It still falls on deaf ears.

I can understand how you feel, not being a DC and not having, according to some of the narrow minded DCs, out there, caught the “big idea.” What a shame.

Where are we heading? I wonder.

I’ve made my fuss over and over, and it moved very few, very little.

Chiropractors refuse to act in concert unless their income is threatened. It is only then that they will band together for some common cause. I’ve seen it time and time again. Only when it hits them in the pocketbook, will they join to combat the “enemy.” Little do they realize, that as time goes on, the profession is slowly eroding from beneath them.

There are some who are vociferous, even now, but again, who listens?

Anyway, let me wish you every success in your new position at Western States College. I hope you will be happy there.

Please keep in touch. Although we have never met personally, I feel that you have been a kindred spirit, and I enjoy our communications.

Ed

c1993: photographs courtesy of Edwin H. Kimmel, D.C.

Edwin H. Kimmel, DC, DABCO
10351 Northeast 10th Lane
Silver Springs, FL 32688
Dear Old Friend Ed:

I want you to know that, even though I rarely read stuff in the various “unofficial chiropractic press,” my eye caught your “Chiroenergetics” and, know you write so well, I read it.

I further want you to know that this is almost precisely what I’ve been calling “quality interferences” for my four decades, as you might remember.

Ed, I just wanted you to know that it is a very well written article, and if you are ever in this area on a Wednesday, which is the day we have our Assembly for the 900-plus student body, I would be most pleased to have you give an address to them.

By the way, how are things in your world? I suppose you have learned that Marge Runnells Springer died in mid-1991, just before she finished our outstanding PARKER PHOTOBIOGRAPHY, the 10 pound, 13x14 masterpiece about which we’ve sent so many fliers. Our Director of Development finished it, but Marge had it essentially done through our 40th year. And, of course, you played no small part in its growth too.

I am most grateful for your having let me be a part of your life. I hope things are happy, healthy, and successful in your world, and I will be looking forward to the time when our trails shall cross again.

Sincerely,
James W. Parker, DC, BA, FICC, FACC, FICA
Founder and President
JWP:tb


My dear friend Jim:

How nice of you to take the time to write to me. You have no idea how much I appreciate it.

Believe me, Jim, there are many time that I utilize the material garnered from the PCRF lectures that you gave so eloquently through the years. It’s amazing how many “offsprings” there are in the profession, now. You were the first and still, in my opinion, the best.

Yes, I learned about Marge, through the grapevine. I really can’t recall who it was that informed me of her demise. Too bad. She was a great woman and I am sure we will all miss her beauty and intellectual input.

Thanks for the invitation to speak to your assembly. If it is possible, I just may take you up on that offer.

I moved here, just a year and a half ago. I am an associate for two DCs in the town of Ocala. (card enclosed). I like it, basically because I don’t have to bother with all the new high tech wizardry. This April, I will have been in practice for 44 years. Things are certainly different from what they used to be, aren’t they?

Jim, you certainly have been a generous portion of my life, too. You’re always there, somewhere in the background of my being.

I am also enclosing a copy of a letter recently received from the Florida Chiropractic Association, which I thought you might want to see.

The best to you my friend, Ed

1993 (May 23): photograph of Edwin H. Kimmel, D.C. receiving award from unknown Florida Chiropractic Association official (courtesy of Dr. Kimmel):
1993 (May 21-23): according to flier, the 1993 Florida Chiropractic Association convention in Jacksonville is deded to Ed Kimmel DC (in my CINY file):

Convention Dedication

Dr. Edwin H. Kimmel began his 44-year chiropractic career in New York City after receiving his degree from the Chiropractic Institute of New York in 1949. He moved to Broward County in 1978 and is now practicing in Silver Springs. He received diplomas from the American Board of Chiropractic Orthopedists and the American Academy of Pain Management.

Dr. Kimmel was a Professor Emeritus at C.I.N.Y. from 1949-1968 and is a fellow of the International College of Chiropractors, the American College of Chiropractors and a research fellow of the International Chiropractic [sic] Association. He is a charter member of the New York State Chiropractic Association and the ACA, and has been an FCA member since 1969. He is a FCER trustee and a former Broward County Chiropractic Society Director, where he received the Society’s outstanding service and achievement awards.

Dr. Kimmel is a distinguished speaker and writer, with several dozen published articles of various subjects printed in national and state association publications. Please join us in honoring this outstanding Florida Doctor of Chiropractic.

1994 (Dec 22): letter from Ed Kimmel, D.C. to J.C. Keating (in my Kimmel/CINY files); includes:

I was a member of the Society of Military Chiros and knew Frank Logic, also. As a member of the D.A.V., can I do anything to advance the position of chiropractic? I came out of the Navy with a 40% disability, which was reduced to 20. I am now fighting to get my 40% back...

1995 (Mar 27): Lifestyles’ Guide to Better Health includes:

-Edwin H. Kimmel authors “There is no cure” (p. 6):

Thought I’d let my doctor check me,  
‘Cause I didn’t feel quite right.   
All those aches and pains annoyed me,   
And I couldn’t sleep at night.

He found no real disorder,   
But he wouldn’t let it rest   
He decided that I needed,   
Some very fancy tests.

To the hospital he sent me,   
Though I didn’t feel that bad,   
He arranged for them to give me   
Every test that could be had.

I was flurosoped and cystosced,   
My aging frame displayed,   
Stripped on an ice cold table,   
While my gizzards were X-rayed.

I was checked for worms and parasites,   
For fungus and the crud,   
While they pierced me with long needles   
Taking samples of my blood.

Doctors came to check me over,   
Probed, pushed and poking around,   
Ust to make sure I was living,   
They wired me for sound.

They have finally concluded,   
Their results have filled a page,   
What I have will some day kill me,   
My affliction is old age!


Dear Ed,—

I realize that I am no the best correspondent in the profession. My perception of time is somewhat of a “blur,” and so much space has gone by since your most welcome letter(s) without an answer from me that I am bordering upon being ashamed! Please forgive.

Yes, I would enjoy some time reminiscing with you. It seems that Florida never has a place on my agenda. My only remaining family ties are in Utah, and I usually try to head West whenever I am inclined to travel (which is not often). Dottie and I are meeting my sister and her husband in Seattle about July 1st and from there we’re cruising to Alaska. Alaska is about the only place left that I am attracted to. So, I’ll get that out of my system. Anyhow, one never knows: I may find myself in Florida some day. Rest assured you’ll hear from me “if and when.”

I was quite surprised to learn that Leonard Kamm had crossed your path again. Destiny, I suppose. Bob Lynch (now deceased) has a chiro son who practices in Portland, ME, and he is currently the Maine Delegate. I understand that he is a very bright one, and has a definite future in ACA’s hierarchy (the poor guy!)

You asked about the Synchrotherm. It developed that the F.D.A. tentacles reached out and snared it at the U.S.-Canadian border. You may remember hat the engineering was not the best, and the instruments, it seemed were continually in need of repair. They were continually intercepted at the border when mailed for repairs. Canadian Memorial set up a repair station in Michigan to circumvent the F.D.A. Somehow — and I’m not certain exactly how it came about, - the program gradually lost momentum.

You may recall that Andy Peterson and Ronnie Watkins were the promoters. They are both living in California. I had a letter from Andy a couple of years ago in which he offered to accept a $5,000 investment from me as part of a venture which was going to create a new “hot” instrument. I’m afraid to say that I did not respond. Ronnie is still in practice, and I sent him one of my letters about BioCranial Technique. He responded with a very philosophical letter, and he is next on my list to write to after I finish this one to you.

I have maintained a very close relationship with Ed McGinnis. He has retired and sold his practice to his son, John. He has another son (Kevin) who practices on the coast of NC. Ed and his wife reside on Pawley’s Island (near Myrtle Beach) and Ed is retired except for an occasional fillin in when needed by John in Sumter. Ed and John recently joined me in Charlotte, N.C. for a B.C.T. seminar. They left that seminar with great positive anticipation for the future of their
practice—having thoroughly enjoyed the teachings and the numerous anecdotal stories re the results which can be obtained.

While in Charlotte, I received the depressing news that my Salt Lake City brother-in-law has been dx’d as having the “big C.” Meanwhile, my son, Crus, is recovering from reconstructive knee surgery (ruptured A.C.L. while skiing). He will be back to work in a couple of weeks. At that time, I will go to Utah to see if I can be of assistance. I am told that there are many histories of effective B.C.T. use, and feel it incumbent on me to try to help him. Sid Birdsley’s son, Galen, is a D.C. in Salt Lake. Acting on my urging, Galen equipped himself with B.C.T., so if I am successful in the assistance of Jack, he will be able to take over when I return to Syracuse.

Ed, I was watching “Sonja Live” on CNN about a year ago when, much to my complete surprise, your son Michael appeared as a guest!! He displayed your intelligence, was totally at ease in expressing his ideas. I do not recall the subject of the interview, although for sure it was a social issue. He showed up, I recall, as being quite liberal. You must be very proud of him.

Are you ready for this? I was invited, and have accepted, to teach at the Seneca Falls campus of the New York Chiropractic College. I will be assisting in Technique, and will be there starting in May on Wednesday morning from 8 til 12 noon. I know not how this will turn out—I think I will enjoy the experience—and it may do me a lot of good to have some time with the young folks. I will be teaching nothing but the basics. I am continually being asked if I would be teaching B.C.T., and my answer, is “Oh, no. I would never give the keys to a Cadillac to my 16 ear old son!” Also, I have taken to assisting Dr. Boyd in the teaching of B.C.T. at his seminars. He is booked to do two seminars for the NYCC in October: consecutive weekends at the Long Island campus and at the Seneca Falls campus.

I think it is time to leave you for now. I am glad to know that you are married, and that life is good to you. I promise that if you write, I will respond in time. Meanwhile, take good care of yourself.

Sincerely, CRUSE


Hello Joe,

Thanks for the update on the schools. I still feel that there is a lot of information to be gleaned from some of the former principles of the schools. (Dintenfass, for example).

Enclosed is a copy of a message from the Prodigy Service. Thought you might be interested.

Today is my anniversary, Forty six years a chiropractor!

The genealogy of CINY as illustrated is correct, according to my recollection.

I was a Public Law 16 student at the Columbia Inst of Chiro, when Dr. Frank Dean was its owner. (Public Law 16 provided chiropractic education for disabled veterans only under the G.I. Bill.) Public Law 346 was for the non disabled vet...he could not get his education paid for by the Gov’t, as the disabled vets were able to do. Clearly discriminatory! Maybe it was so because NY State did not have a licensing law at that time. We got our law in 1964. My license is 185 Alphabetically distributed after taking the examinations. I believe that the #1 license went to Dr. Dintenfass or to Dr. Charles Krasner.

Keep well, my friend!

Saw Dr. Heath Quigley at the super market the other day. We are getting older!

Ed

1995 (May 10): attached to a letter from Julius Dintenfass DC to Ed Kimmel DC is a copy of Dintenfass’ vita (Dintenfass folder):

1995 (June 6): e-mail from Ed Kimmel DC:

Hello Joe,

If you live long enough, you accumulate a lot of “stuff”. I just sent a big box of “goodies” to you including the original copy of the 1949 TRACOIL yearbook, which I edited back in 1949. Also the 1959 TRIBUTE edition. Joe, look through the material. If there is anything you feel the profession can’t use, send it back. I have a great deal more, only as it pertains to me. My wife wants to keep it for my children, so that they will know what their father tried to accomplish during his years as a DC. She thinks that someone will remember me for the efforts I expended for the chiropractic profession. I say, “no”. They are only interested in their own personal aggrandizement.

Anyway, before I become moribund, especially after reviewing all the “stuff” I am sending, please, please, let me know what you think of the material that I sent. What will you do with it? Is it significant? Will it contribute to the history of chiropractic? Will C.I.N.Y. be remembered as one of the most advanced academic institutions of its kind in our profession. Believe me, Joe, we were the academic superior to any chiropractic college, at that time, including National!! I was a personal friend of Janse. He stayed with me, at my home in Woodmere,L.I., when I was Chairman of the Education Comittee of the NYS Chiropractic Ass’n.

He even admitted to me that we had an outstanding faculty, superior in all aspects of the basic sciences and chiropractic. Joe, what more can I do to perpetuate the academic excellence of the CINY? I don’t think the school should be forgotten. Take a look at some on the CINY programs for their annual conventions. Look at the quality of their presentations.

Please let me know what you think of the material I sent and please, let me know what you intend to do with it.

I’ve taken my hand away from my heart, and have sent you the material that I have saved for all these years, though divorces, moving, and other “hardships”. I don’t want them to go into the scrap basket! O.K. that’s enough!

Best, as always,
ED

1995 (June 20): e-mail from Ed Kimmel DC:

Dear Joe;

Dr. Helmut Bittner, 118 Eastwood Circle, Spartanburg, NC 29302-2803

Dr. Bittner was a student of mine, although he was much older. Herr Bittner is a stoically German gentleman who was awarded Israel’s highest award for civilians. It was awarded to him for his role in aiding Jewish escapers during World War II. He is in his late eighties now but I am sure he can fill you in. He is impressively articulate. He attended the 1989 reunion that Mickey and I sponsored for NCC. I am sure Marge can help! Dintenfass, too!

Webster College...I got the job!!! I will be teaching courses in Basic Anatomy and Physiology and one in Medical Terminology for the Medical Assistant/Secretary. Some of the students will overlap!

I received your chronology, and I think I wrote to you about it.

I know Richrd Vincent very well. I was supposed to be of his current focus on practices, but it fell through, for some reason, unbeknownst to me. I never followed it up. He was one of my early students, also. My year was 1949, his, 1950.

Here’s an accedote that you might like: It was at one of the graduation ceremonies, probably back in the fifties. (Background...Thure C. Peterson owned some property in the Virgin Islands, as did a few other chiropractically connected people.) Anyway, Pete, invited the Governor of the Virgin Islands to speak at our commencement exercises. I was to introduce him. In my excitement, and having had a few drinks, I said, “Ladies and Gentleman, I now have the pleasure of introducing the virgin of Governor’s Island”. Of course being a NYer everyone knew that there is such a place as Governor’s Island. It went over with a thunderous roar of laughter.

Re: that background of the amalgamation, I am sure that Dintenfass can fill you in. Re: the financial difficulties that forced the school to close, I am sure that Bittner can supply information. He’s getting older by the minute, so PLEASE, contact him. I don’t know his phone
number. I said "I love you," because you're working on a project that is close to my heart.

Another name comes to mind...Dr Frank Crifasì, in Brooklyn, he graduated in 1948. Contact him, at my request.

TTFN
ED


Dear Dr. Kimmel,

Many thanks for your two "letters to the editor," written well because based upon prudent thought, nourished by clever observations of a competent professional. Whenever I think about you I have to keep in mind your unique position in chiropractic over nearly half a century of active participation in the variegated experience centered upon our beloved CINY; you are now retired, but your potential as educator is not at least diminished, as it became obvious by the high esteem you were shown by the alumni and alumnae gathered at ???? year ago in New York. I had hoped that this meeting will mark the start of a living organization under your guidance and foster this idea today, knowing your energy and ability. You can bring your former students together better than anybody I can think about. With hearty greetings to you and your dear spouse, I remain your old Helmut Bittner.

1995 (July 28): e-mail from Ed Kimmel DC to J.C. Keating:

Dear Joe,

At this point in time, Xmas sounds like a great idea. Let me know the exact time and dates of your visit to your sister. I think Seminole is closer than you think.

Received two letters from you today. The one from Weiiant to Hayes, that brings up a lot of memories. I don't remember having met Hayes, but I know that I had some correspondence with him. I seemed to agree with his philosophy in his editorials. Weiiant was truly a principled man. I could TELL you stories about Napolitano and the school he took over when Dean died. Don't forget, I went to CIC; under Public Law 16 (GI BILL for disabled vets) when Dean was still alive and teaching. I mentioned to you that I left when he took all his equipment to Baltimore to get State approval for CIC in Baltimore.

I worked for Martin Phillips, back in 1946. He owned an X-ray lab. Another partner of his was N. Robert Limber, D.C. who now retired to Florida. I used to see Bob Limber at meetings in Broward County when I practiced in Ft. Lauderdale. That would be a source of sleazy intrigue, if you could get Limber to speak the about the Atlantic States school. Napolitano offered me a job at CIC, when he took over, but I refused, as did most of the faculty of CINY. Charles Lamendola, another instructor at CINY, also was offered a position by Nappy. What we did in Denver at the ACA convention was historic. Get to the ACA archives and minutes of that meeting and you will have a ball. We threw the convention into a "committee of the whole," a parliamentary procedure that shook the very foundation of the NCA/ACA, and allowed none of the officers to take part in the proceedings. What a time!

Called Dinty, NO ANSWER. Will try again!

I was one of the first trustees for FACE (Foundation for the Advancement of Chiropractic Education) 1964.

Harold Keifer, Rex Parker, and some others are still around. When I see you I will be able to take you back to that time and tell you some stories. Can't write all of them down. They keep buzzing around in my feeble brain.

Also received your letter to Glenda. Good try. I hope she responds favorably.

Be good! I'll call Dinty, again. Oh yes, another source would be Charlie Krasner, now in Florida, also. He received license #2, Dinty got #1 after we got our law in 1964. I passed the exam, which was one of the most outrageous medical examinations that I had ever seen.

I passed Connecticut's Basic Science exam in 1949, given to me by professors at Yale Univ. That was tough, but NY was tougher.

TTFN, ED

1995 (July 29): letter from Abne Eisenberg DC, PhD:

...when I enrolled in CINY at the beginning of 1949, it was housed in an office building. I think it occupied two floors. Dr. Thure Peterson was President. I cannot remember in what capacity they functioned, but the other principles included Drs. Craig Kightlinger and H.L. Truenbach. Other faculty members included Julius Dintenfass, Charles Krasner, Paul Strattman (sp?), Ed Kimmel, Michael Grecco, Robinson Verner, and Clarence Weiant. The other names escape me for the moment. I spent a year at CINY and then transferred to National in Chicago. Inasmuch as there was no licensure in New York until 1963, I wanted to have dissection and some clinical experience. Chicago had all that. Dr. Joseph Janse was president of the college. I have some very clear and pleasant memories of being his student. In particular, I recall him repeatedly calling me "Abe" instead of "Abne." And, despite my corrective admonitions, he continued to call me Abe.

I spent a year at National when it was located on Ashland Blvd. I am smiling because I remember that several other students and I used to go to various nightclubs where they had strippers to study our anatomy. Another weird recollection also comes to mind. The dissection laboratory was a large room with about seven tables in it. We were given fresh cadavers by the city on a regular basis. They consisted of unidentified DOA's that came into city hospitals. Every semester, a truck would pull up and bodies would be unloaded and dropped into an underground tank filled with formaldehyde. They were then hauled up and placed on the respective tables. Here is the weird part. To frighten the incoming class on their first day, we would make room in the abdomen of each cadaver and insert a strong of 6-7 hot dogs. As the newcomers entered the room, one of us would suddenly reach into the abdomen of a cadaver -- pull out the hot dogs and stuff one of them into our mouth. The new students, ironically, thought we were eating the cadaver's intestines. The Professor's name was Sabbi (sp?) -- a superb teacher who, unfortunately, died a few years later.

National, unlike any of the other chiropractic colleges, had dormitories for married students. Only one thing stands out in that connection. The wires who were pregnant, and received adjustments throughout their pregnancy, had very short labors.

Wanting even more clinical experience, I transferred to LACC. I found the chiropractic licensure in California to be extremely liberal. They could deliver babies, do full physical examination (pelvic and rectal exams), blood work, etc. In fact, one member of the faculty limited his practice to psychiatry. His name was...Dr. Regardi. It will be listed in the old catalogues in the fifties. The faculty member who did only obstetric was named Dr. Brown (a female). There was also a Dr. Anderson, who taught neurology. He, according to what I had been told, made the longest house-call in our profession. A wealthy patient of his needed some adjustments so he flew Dr. J.G. Anderson (and his family) to Africa to administer treatments. This anecdote might be apocryphal.

As soon as I graduated from LACC, I was offered a teaching post at Ratledge Chiropractic College on Olympic Blvd. in Los Angeles. Dr. Carl Cleveland, Sr. had bought the college and, shortly thereafter, changed the name to correspond to the school in Kansas City. I taught a variety of subjects at Ratledge.

After a couple of years, I joined the faculty of LACC. Dr. George Haynes was president at that time. Again, I taught a variety of subjects -- primarily chiropractic technique. It was during my tenure at LACC that I wrote a number of articles for the Chiroprax and lectured around the country at regional conventions. I also published some articles in the National Chiropractic Association (NCA) journal.

In reading through the material you sent, I note on P.40 that only two citations of what I had written are mentioned. So that posterity
does not offend my ego by omission. I am enclosing all of my periodical publications (past and present), plus (on my enclosed C.V.), the texts I have had published. With regard to photos from my CINY days, I plan to ask Ed Kimmel if he has any of those old Trascoll Year Books. One of them, in the sixties, was dedicated to me and has a lovely picture up front.

To continue: I am reminded one interesting incident. A local television show expressed an interest in doing a piece on Chiropractic. The star of the show was someone named Paul Coates (?). He sent a T.V. crew to the campus in Glendale, did some interviewing, and came to one of my technique classes and shot some film. Because we were all excited to be on prime time T.V., we told all our friends and patients to listen in. Well, you must already have anticipated the outcome. Instead of presenting chiropractic fairly, he dredged up some of the kooks in the field, interviewed them on camera, and the chagrin was monumental. Things haven't changed much since those days; the media is still doing the same thing today.

Upon graduation, I had sampled three different chiropractic colleges. In New York at CINY, I was taught "straight chiropractic." This may have been largely due to the fact that, at the time, it was an "open state." Anyone could put out a shingle and practice chiropractic. There was one unfortunate hitch. The dominating medical fraternity exhorted the state to do something called entrapment. Unannounced, a state appointed official would come into a chiropractor's office and pretend to be a patient. Then, whatever the D.C. did, it was taken to be the practice of medicine and the individual was arrested. The only states without licensure at that time were New York, Massachusetts, Louisiana, and Mississippi. It was a scary period in our history.

In September of 1959, I moved back to N.Y. and, at the invitation of Dr. Weiant, joined the CINY faculty. I had made full circle. But the school had moved to a building on 38th Street between 1st and 2nd Avenue that was formerly occupied by New York University. It was about five stories high and had an alley in which faculty parked our cars. As you know, parking in NY had always been a problem.

Dr. Thure Peterson was still president and Dr. Weiant was Dean of Students. In 1966, Dr. Helmut Bittner took over Dr. Weiant's position as Dean. I have some rather vivid memories of various faculty. There was Drs. Kavalar (splanchnology), Levine (technique), Lamendola (chemistry), Muchnick (x-ray), Grecco (technique), and Wedin (clinical). Again, I taught a variety of subjects until a Dr. Hirsch (chairman of the dept. of neurology) died. I, then, took over his position. Incidentally, while I was at CINY, Dr. Peterson was involved in the cruise ship disaster (the Andrea Doria (sp)?) incident. In it, he attempted to save his wife from drowning. It made world-wide news. He died a few years later. NOTE: Dr. Kavalar on Pachyderm material you sent me, it indicates that Dr. Oettkeking retired in 1952. This information clashes with my recollection. I thought he was teaching anatomy in the early sixties after the school moved to 38th Street? Please bear in mind that my recall of dates, spelling of names, and order of event may, at times, be somewhat clouded.

I have one notable memory involving Dr. Peterson. I was teaching at the time and developed an excruciating intercapsular pain. Four or five of my colleagues try to release the area without success. Finally, I approached Dr. Peterson and, in his office, he made one adjustment -- and voila! the pain was gone! I was very impressed.

Another incident involving Dr. Oettkeking at CINY now comes back to me. It concerns the story of how Dr. Oettkeking came to teach at CINY. It seems that while he was teaching at Columbia University, Dr. Oettkeking's eyesight was failing. As a result of the chiropractic treatments he received from Dr. Weiant, his sight loss was lessened. In appreciation, he conceded to teach osteology at CINY. Back in 1949, I had the good fortune of being one of his students. He was an extremely pleasant and quite serious about the subject he was teaching. One things stands out; he was a stickler on pronunciation. He would have the entire class, in unison, pronounce the anatomical words properly.

While I was at CINY, Dr. Oettkeking's age and health began to fail. When he could no longer teach, it was my good fortune to take over his class in osteology. To prepare myself, I visited him at his Westside apartment. When I came in, he was sitting in his bathtub and looked quite old. We sat and talked for about an hour during which time he advised me on how the course should be taught. It was a unique and memorable experience. By the way, did you know that Dr. Oettkeking was the world's leading expert on pigmies? In fact, he gave me some books he had written on the subject. Unfortunately, they went astray during my travels.

Another episode while at CINY might interest you. It was a time in the early sixties when we were trying to acquire the right to use X-ray in New York. A young D.C., whose name escapes me (perhaps Ed Kimmel knows), was designated as the individual who brought suit against the state. In preparing him for courtroom interrogation, Dr. Morty Levine was giving him instructions. I happened to be in the room when this occurred. Morty advised the young D.C. to avoid using technical language. He said, "Keep it simple so that you may be understood." I took exception to this advice and jumped. I insisted that he should use technical language at first and, when the judge asked for layman's clarification, then use simple language. I stressed high impact, initially, that the chiropractor should sound like a doctor! I offered this advice because, in a California case, a D.C. who used layman's language in court was countered by an attorney who said, "You don't sound like a doctor." To further reinforce my admonition, I also recall an instance involving Dr. Charlie Kranser. I am not sure whether it occurred in this case or on some other occasion. Regardless, Dr. Kranser was being cross-examined by a clever attorney who asked, "Doctor, how would you treat a case of early diabetes?" Dr. Kranser knew that the attorney's knowledge was limited when it came to diabetes so he parried with, "What do you mean by early diabetes?" The attorney was totally unprepared to go deeper into the subject of diabetes, so he went on to another subject. It became obvious to me that whenever a member of our profession is on the witness stand, he/she should always employ field-specific nomenclature; i.e., sound like a doctor. Then, if asked to clarify, do so.

In or about 1966, CINY was in the throes of seeking accreditation from the State of New York. An accrediting team visited the school after an enormous amount of paper work was submitted. The bottom line is that it all fell through. Why? Because our library was inadequate. It seems that not having a yardstick by which to measure a chiropractic college in New York, they used criteria employed for the accreditation of an existing medical school or institution of higher learning. The outcome was that CINY merged with National and, from what I understand, all records were forwarded there. The end of CINY.

But there was another school in New York -- the Columbia Institute of Chiropractic headed by Ernest Napolitano, D.C. It was housed in a brownstone building on 71st Street on the West Side of New York. Its reputation was not good. In fact, when any of our faculty was dismissed, he/she often ended up on the Columbia faculty. Napolitano was an astute businessman and, not long thereafter, Columbia was renamed the New York College of Chiropractic and relocated out on Long Island. It flourished with Napolitano at its helm. And, as you know, it was recently relocated to a 300 acre site in Seneca Falls, upstate New York...

While I was teaching at CINY, I maintained a practice with the Goldschmids. Sol and Arnold (Mickey). When I arrived in N.Y. from California in September of 1959, I practiced in a dentist's office on 39th St. and Park Avenue. Then, in 1960, Sol Goldschmidt invited me into his office. I remained there for twenty-five years and came to know the Goldschmids rather well. If I had to describe Dr. Sol Goldschmidt, I could do it in two words, "A gentleman." His son, Mickey, was likewise a gentle and extremely kind man. When he had his first heart attack about 15 years ago, I cared for his patients until he was well. His sudden death in Phoenix knocked me for a loop. His dedication to his profession, like his father, was...
unconditional. On numerous occasions, I would hear him talking with someone from a state or national organization while a patient waited in a treatment room. In short, organizational responsibilities had a very high priority in Mickey's mind.

Going back for a moment to my teaching at CINY. When hired, I asked about salary. It was 5.00 an hour. This was in 1959. By the time 1966 rolled around, I was making 5.50 cents an hour. This recompense suffered markedly when compared with the 17.00 an hour I was getting at Queens College (the City University of New York) for teaching in the Speech and Theater department. But, I didn't mind because chiropractic was my love and my life...

Here is an item involving Dr. Bittner. In the sixties, at one of our conventions, I gave a lecture on the central nervous system. In it, I made reference to the "dural sleeves." Later in the program, Dr. Bittner made reference to my mentioning the "dural cuffs." His conversion of my word sleeves to cuffs was amusing at the time.

Another piece of anecdotal recall from my early days at CINY in 1949: Because N.Y. was an open state, and chiropractors were especially vulnerable to persecution and entrapment, one of the professors at the school facetiously told us, "When you are in practice, if a patient should die in your office, quickly drag him/her out into the hall."

I think I will stop here.....

1995 (Oct 11): e-mail from Ed Kimmel DC:

Joe,

Can't help you re: Oringer. Only those still living during the amagamation can. All I know is that he had his office on the same floor of the building that CINY had theirs. This was before CINY moved to their new location at East 38th Street. The original classrooms were at 152 West 42 Street, 55 West 42 Street and some at 33 West 42 Street. Charlie Oringer had his office at 152. I do know that he was one of the owners of Standard.

ED

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 1946/1947.

Re: the Constitution and By-Laws that were adhered 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

1995 (Dec 22): e-mail from Ed Kimmel DC:

RE: KIGHT

Kight taught us how to take money from patients. "Always take money with your palm downward. In that way it will not seem as if you are asking for a handout."

Kight was popular with the students and garners a great deal of respect. We used to say, "He can be robbing you blind and you'll be smiling as he does it".

A great personality, he was closely allies to the circus. His wife, I believe was either a performer in her early days or still was connected in some way.

Julian Jacobs, taught my class diagnosis. We were aware of the fact that JJ used to imbibe somewhat. He usually had a bottle in his briefcase, as I remember. I dedicated the 1949 TRACOIL to him.

The name TRACOIL came from TRAction and reCOIL, and was James Lavender's idea. He still practices in Bayonne, NJ.

I still think, that in the history of the CINY, the name of Charles Oringer, who was the owner of the Standard School should be remembered.

Re reading your Kight article again brought back many memories of the man himself as well as many of the other DCs that you mention in the article. You've done a great job in perpetuating the memory of one of the very important DCs in the profession. Kight was certainly unique.

Frank Dean, from Columbia was nor fond of Kight. Either it was professional jealousy or Kight's original association with BJ. Maybe they were at odds because of the two schools of thought or their competition for students.

As you recall, I went to CIC for my freshman year, then transferred to CINY, because Dean took all his visual aid equipment and books from the library to his Maryland school.

For more history re: early CIC, I think a Leo Klein, may still be somewhere in the Baltimore area. What with what's happening in the government with Medicare and Medicaid, I wonder where chiropractic will fit in.

What are the students and other members of the faculty's feeling on this matter? When I was in Ft Laud for the FCA convention (need my Continuing Ed Credits) they all, for the most part had a doomy gloom attitude, re: their practices.

Enjoy Phoenix, if that's where you are. Keep in touch.

ED

1998 (Jan 5): letter from T. Alan Toothman, Associate Director of the Ocala campus of Webster College of Business (in my CINY file):

Attention: Instructor of the Year Selection Committee

This letter is to submit our candidate, Dr. Edwin Kimmel, for Instructor of the Year for 1997. Since being involved at this campus, this individual has effectively and consistently shown positive leadership and true professionalism... not only to our students but to his colleagues too!

Dr. Kimmel has been a popular role model and influence throughout his time as a Webster College instructor. His reputation has even overflowed into the mainstream student body as well. Many non-medical students have commented on getting him to instruct other classes.

His commitment to the success of our students is beyond reproach and is evidenced by his continued optimism and attention to detail. He arrives every day well before the first class begins and remains afterwards to be available for any questions or student concerns.

Dr. Kimmel spends many uncompensated hours developing his lesson plans and making sure that his classroom is filled with educational opportunities. As an instructor, he digs into the students interests and has them actively participate in dissections of actual animal organs... so that they get the experience and "hands-on" learning they expect and deserve. Overall, his years of experience... his serious but jovial approach to learning... and his ability to captivate, motivate, and most importantly educate... makes him one of "Team Ocala's" brightest examples of what instructors should be!
I have no doubts that as Instructor of the year, Dr. Kimmel would exemplify what every instructor in our system should strive to become!

Sincerely,…

"Instructor of the Year" award from Webster College awarded 18 December 1997

1998 (Jan 6): e-mail from Ed Kimmel DC (VFDG75A@prodigy.com) to J.C. Keating:

Hello Joe,

So nice to hear from you after all this time. I really don’t know how I can help you with your article. Joe, Janse was way ahead of his time. He would have shown [sic] in today’s academic environment.

The JCC was too too advanced for the simple minded DCs who were supposed to subscribe to it. It’s true, ACA’s lack of interest in the JCC forced Janse to create the JMPT… but, you know, Joe, the JMPT, even at this point, does not boast of a great big circulation. The Dcs out there are still the same as they were 20, 30, 40 years ago. "Make A Buck!" I see it all around me. It’s discouraging, Joe. I guess you see it too, and not being a DC, you can be objective. I don’t like what’s happening. Forget about Managed Care. It’s the profession’s general attitude that as I see it, from here, is really pulling us downward.

Sorry, but those are my feelings. I wish I could be more optimistic, but, Joe, I have lived long enough to get it right, to know that I have reached my potential, and that I have made a difference in the world. That’s a satisfying feeling that I can live with for the rest of my life. I am a happy individual. I don’t persue [sic] happiness, I create it. I am as happy as I want to be. Sounds Pollyanna? Sure! It works for me, after all these years.

I know, I may be out of chiropractic, but you can’t take chiropractic out of me. I still feel sympathy and empathy for the profession, to which I have devoted my life. And, what return do I get?

Will send you some “slow mail.” Keep plugging, ED

1999 (May 11): e-mail from Ed Kimmel DC:

Dear Joe,

As far back as I can remember and as far back as I know, The ACA, at that time… the Council on Education, held back funds for CINY.

Give Bud Passaro my regards. We went to Florida together in 1969 to take the Boards down here. I am sure that he remembers me!

ED

1999: Ed Kimmel retires (Kimmel interview, 02/07/28)

2000 (Mar 5): e-mail from Bob Jackson DC, ND (RB Jaxon@aol.com):

Hi again - Just read your article on Dr. Weiant, p. 65, upper left picture. Please be informed that Dr. Biser died this past Sat afternoon (March 3, 2001), he had a severe stroke on Fri. he was 98. He was on the first BOG for ACA. I knew him well, as also Dr. Ed Kimmel.

Great story, as usual my friend. See Ya - Bob

2000 (Apr 8): e-mail from Ed Kimmel DC:

Joe,

If you contact Martin Lawrence (email---MILSPIE) also at AOL, he might be able to fill you in on a lot of history. Marty graduated with my class (1949) and I still correspond with him.

Charles Krasner, whom you located as living in Delray Beach, may also give you information. Charlie and I were also classmates in 1949. Charlie was very active politically as I was on the education and research front.

James Lavender is gone.

Eisenberg's new email address is: abneye@email.com

Steve Owens was one of my students, as was Louis Grecco, Richard Vincent, etc.

I remember Edgar Houle very well; excellent student.

Area codes have changed from 407 to 561.

I will try to contact Bob Merritt.

You did a great service to the profession, Joe, and I for one, appreciate the effort.

Please let me know if I can help you again. I have to go back to the records and correspondence that I took with me when I moved from New York to Florida. I don’t know how much more I can give you, but, let me go through my files. Anything that I think might augment your continuing interest, I will either send to you, or, email a directive as to where you might follow up.

Joe, thank you for all you have done to preserve the memory of CINY.

ED

2001 (Sept 25): e-mail from Ed Kimmel DC (DrEdKimm@aol.com):

Joe,

I’ve been giving some thoughts to the request that you made re: NYS prior to licensing. All I can say is how I personally handled the situation.

I graduated from CINY in 1949. I started practice in a home office site until my son was born. I then moved to a commercial location with ample room for treatment rooms, and a laboratory. Yes, a fully equipped lab, with all the necessary equipment to do blood work-ups, urine analysis, etc., utilizing the training I received in chiropractic school as well as that I received while in the US Navy during WWII as a Hospital Corpsman.

I made diagnoses, made frequent house calls, and did my own lab work because commercial labs would not accept patients from chiropractors. I must add, I did not charge for any lab work. I had my own x-ray because it was inconvenient to send patients out to commercial labs, which were owned by chiropractors.

I treated patients with all kinds of conditions, never limiting myself to the narrower scope which pervades the profession now. My lab work-ups helped my identify and diagnose the whole gamut of diseases including some of the infectious diseases and diseases of the aged, (osteoarthritis, arteriosclerotic heart disease, measles, mumps, chickenpox, etc.) I wanted to prove that chiropractic was effective and also prove that Ed Kimmel was as effective chiropractor. I proved both. Before the law came into effect, I did everything a "real" doctor did to make a diagnosis and using chiropractic techniques to alleviate the distress from my patients. I treated patient WITH cancer, not FOR the cancer, just making them more comfortable. I believed in the basic principles of chiropractic and was able to help many patients from the time I started in 1949 to when our law went into effect in 1964.

I cooperated with many MDs in my area and there was mutual respect for each other. After the law went into effect, there seemed to be a little more cooperation with the medical profession which, as far as my practise was concerned was beneficial, due to my being able to refer openly, after the MDs got used to the idea that we were "recognized".

Then the profession began its concentration on neuromuscular and musculoskeletal conditions, limiting its focus on circulatory, gastrointestinal, genitourinary, & endocrine, disorders, which prompted me to sign up for the first Diplomate course in Chiropractic Orthopedics.

Those fourteen years prior to the law were my most enjoyable years of practice. I felt as if I was really contributing to my patient’s health and welfare, as well as teaching the REAL chiropractor to my students. Even later, when I served as Delegate from NY (first NCA, 1963 in Chicago, ACA 1964 in Denver) then a Governor from District 4, my focus was always education.

I hope this fills you in to my experiences. If I can think of any more info I will forward it to you.

If YOU have any questions with which you think I can help, please feel free to request same.
2001 (Sept 26): e-mail from Ed Kimmel DC
(DrEdKimm@aol.com):

Joe,

Why did we want a "law"? Because, without a law we were all "practicing medicine without a license" and were subject to arrest and jail time if we were caught. Even the practice of chiropractic alone was sufficient. The use of a stethoscope, sphygmomanometer, or any so called "medical" instrument could be potentially dangerous and labeled as the practice of medicine, as well as hands on a patient, if we collected a fee. That's why some DC's had a plate or bottle up front and asked for contributions. We were all running scared.

As I think of more resones or circumstances, I'll drop you an email.
ED

2001 (Sept 27): e-mail from Ed Kimmel DC
(DrEdKimm@aol.com):

Joe,

You asked some interesting questions, so I'll try to answer as best as I can remember.

Yes, the Scallons situation occurred while I just began practicing. I don't remember the specifics, but I do remember that they were PSC graduates. I believe they were both HIO practitioners.

Re: my lab and association with MDs: there were only two MDs that I had suitably impressed that I was not infringing upon their "territory". I did refer patients to them that I thought were beyond the scope of chiropractic. Sure, we were all concerned about arrest. One of the faculty members of CINY Rueben Luckens was tried in court for practicing medicine without a license (he had his office in Far Rockaway, Queens, NY. I attend his trial) I don't specifically recall the exact outcome. He is now living in Massachusetts and is 85 years of age. (I have his address, if needed).

Everyone was "concerned" about arrest, but what could we do, stop practicing? No we braved the situation with hopes that we would not be the next one targeted. We were constantly aware that a new patient might be a "spy" in our office.

No I don't recall advertising, nor did we practice "sub rosa" as they did in Mass. My office signs didn't use the title "DR" but my signs read DC & Chiropractor.

I did purchase malpractice insurance from the NCA's Insurance Company, then located in Ames, Iowa. No we did not secure a massage license, at least I didn't. Fortunately I was not ever arrested or threatened with arrest, but was very careful of the new patients that were not recommended to me by former patients. My family was sympathetic to my plight but not worried about my future in the profession.

Just thought of another possible source of info for you. Dr Martin Lawrence (email: milspine@hotmail.com) might give you some feedback. He graduated with me in 1949. He was also involved in licensure.

Dr.Martin Snyder, (drmarty@earthlink.net) was one of my classmates at CIC then CINY. He graduated with me in 1949, also. He practiced in NY and was on the faculty at CINY with me.

Dr. Michael Moross (mcmchel@aol.com) was a faculty member of CIC when I attended Clumbia. He might give you some additional insight. He practiced in NYC. He would know something about the Scallons, too. If there is anything else that I can coime up with I will let you know.

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In case you want to write to him...his response may be very slow and his chiro history embarassing.

Let me know what your thoughts are re: this communication.
ED

2001 (Oct 15): e-mail from Ed Kimmel DC
(DrEdKimm@aol.com):

Many who practiced in New York were graduates of Palmer School of Chiropractic. Many PSC graduates chose New York because there was no licensure and they depended upon the ICA for their affiliation and whatever malpractice insurance ICA offered. At that time many PSC graduates limited their techniques to HIO only and I personally felt that HIO was too limited.

I had many intellectual battles with DC's such as Tom Whitehorne, whom I had great respect for, but disagreed with much of his philosophy.

I'll say this: It was an interesting period in the History of Chiropractic in New York, prior to legislation. The schism still remains between straights and mixers even after all these years.

If I can be of further service, Joe, let me know.
ED

2002 (Jan 16): interview with Michael Moross DC at his home:
-at CIC, he taught inorganic chemistry (Kimmel was his student, recalls explosion of hydrogen container during lab which Kimmel was holding)

2002 (May 1): e-mail from Bud Pasero, D.C. (Dcmr@ao.com): JOE,

I FEEL THAT THE AWARD WOULD BE A WELL DESERVED HONOR AND VERY MUCH APPRECIATED BY ED.

MY RECOLLECTION OF ED STARTS IN 1967 WHEN HE AND I WENT DOWN TO FLA. TO TAKE THE SECOND BOARD EVER GIVEN. WE WERE EXAMINED BY PAUL VOLE AND ED SANDERS. THERE WERE APPROXIMATELY 155 CANDIDATES AND ONLY 17 WERE LICENSED. ALL 17 WERE IN STATE EXCEPT FOR ED, GERRY BRASSARD, O B INMAN, HOYT DUKE AND MYSELF.

BACK THEN WE WERE TOLD ON THE SPOT OF OUR SUCCESS AND WE ALL CELEBRATED THAT NIGHT. ED AND I TALKED OF GOING INTO PRACTICE TOGETHER AND HAD SOME MEETINGS AT MY HOUSE TO MAKE PLANS. BUT THE THOUGHT OF LEAVING CT. MADE ME HOME SICK AND I BACKED OUT.

WE RUN INTO EACH OTHER AT THE FLA. CONVENTION AND REMINISC.

I AM AFRAID I CAN'T SUPPLY ANY GOOD DATA FOR YOU.

THANKS FOR THE INVITATION, I'D LOVE TO VISIT WITH YOU, NEXT TIME I AM OUT I'LL GIVE YOU A CALL. ALSO, IF YOUR IN OUR AREA I WOULD LOVE TO SHOW YOU OUR MANAGED CARE COMPANY TRIAD HEALTHCARE INC. WE HAVE 90 EMPLOYEES AND DO A COMPLETE CARVE OUT, CLAIMS, UTILIZATION MANAGEMENT, CREDENTIALING AND NETWORK SERVICES. IT'S REALLY SOMETHING TO SEE, A CHIROPRACTIC COMPANY WITH STAYING POWER AND STRENGTH IN THE CORPORATE WORLD.

BUD

2002 (May 8): e-mail from Ed Kimmel, D.C. (DrEdKimm@aol.com):

Joe,
Did you learn about the antics of Asa Brown, from Virginia, who tore the first page of the proposed Constitution and proclaimed to the Delegates that it was nothing more than a retype of the original NCA Constitution?

Yes, John Davidson will help, if you can find him. He became a Senator, for the Illinois Legislature.

The most aggressive action was , when the Delegate from Pennsylvania motioned to throw the House into a Committee of the Whole, which excluded all the officers in the old NCA. Denver, was the real,turning point.

There must be some records about that Denver Convention, some minutes of our meetings. Believe me, Joe, that was an exciting time for the formulation of the “ACA”.

There must be some records of the previous year in Chicago. That was my first year as a Delegate. What an eye opener that was.

OB Inman, on my neck to vote for “his” choice. I could sit down with you and tell you all sorts of stories about OB

Can't write about them...sorry.

Nor can I write about all the many memories I have. By the way Van Mericus might help.

I don't know how many more I can remember, but if you check the records and the minutes, and list those who were involved in Denver, and the succeeding Board meetings and conventions, it may “tickle” some memories.

I want to help as much as I can to reconstruct the happenings. With the help of those who are still alive and were there, maybe you would be able to formulate some idea if what happened in Denver.

Memories fade, but they can be jogged by some other's recollections of some detail, long forgotten in our personal memory bank.

Joe, I love this profession.

I will admit, that there are times I might have acted inappropriately, but never my intention to embarrass chiropractic.

With appreciation,

ED

2002 (May 11): e-mail from Ed Kimmel, D.C. (DrEdKimm@aol.com):

Joe,

Just thought of someone who might be able to help you with your project. His name is Bert Hinton, Dania, FL He was involved in chiropractic education when I was on the Board.

His email address is: emtswhaa@aol.com

I might suggest you contact him, at my request, and ask him for his insight during the time I was a Delegate and on the Board. Bert and I are good friends. I am sure he might help you put some pieces together re: your research on the history of chiropractic, especially education.

Here is just another spoke in your wheel of information.

ED

2002 (May 15): e-mail from Ed Kimmel, D.C. (DrEdKimm@aol.com):

Joe,

I really don't remember very much about Hillary Pruitt, I do know that he and L.M. Rogers were very close, and that as far as I can remember, together they were the ones that ran the NCA, together with Schierholz.

When NY finally was a licenced state, in 1964, I tried to propose that we have our next convention in NY. I didn't know then being a neophyte Delegate, that convention sites were planned well in advance. My proposal was thwarted by Hillary Pruitt.

We finally made it to NY in 1968.

Do you have a copy of the resolution dedicated to me that was approved by the House?

Do you have the info re: the FCA's dedication of the 1993 Convention to me?

Do you have the info re: the American Academy of Psychotherapist, 12th Conference Warrenton, VA where I presented a talk on the Psychological Aspects of the Subluxation?

Some of the material is in Schwartz's book, if you recall.

I still haven't seen the chronology, so if my questions are somewhat strange, forgive me for asking.

Once again re: Pruitt, perhaps some of the remaining DCs from that time and place can give you more info. Why don't you probe them for additional info.

Trying to reconstruct that era must be difficult. Let me know what you find out.

ED

2002 (May 19): e-mail from Edwin H. Kimmel, D.C. (DrEdKimm@aol.com):

Joe,

After reading my chapter, turn to page 195, Chapter 17. There you will find my Introduction.

Do you have a copy of the ACA's Resolution, July 5, 1968? If not, I can send you a copy. It was published in the ACA Journal, following the Convention at the Americana Hotel, NY City.

If memory serves me correctly, I believe it was presented to the House by Dr. Anderson, from Helena, Montana.

What input have you received from all those others that were copied in your emails?

Don't be surprised by some of the reactions you might encounter. I was not a favorite of many associated with the NCA/earlyACA.

My son Michael (www.michaelskimmel.com) sent me a read out of the Chronology. I haven’t had the time to review it, as we had some damage to our hot water tank and our house was flooded. We are waiting for repairs, and the house is in total disarray.

I am VERY interested in some of the responses that you may have received from those whom you copied. Some were not favorable to my "contributions", both professionally and personally.

By the way, on page one of the chronology, the student on the left, in the photo, is Robert Davies, a classmate, at that time. He remained at CIC, after my transfer to CINY. I believe he was from upstate NY.

With appreciation,

ED

WOW, That's quite an assignment. Let me get some of my thoughts together and come up with some answers.

Do you want photos of me in the Navy?

Do you want photos of me as a high school "zoot suiter", the name of the high school in Brooklyn, NY?

At the present time, we are redoing our home. We had a flood (our water heater broke) and we in the midst of having things repaired.

So, it might take some time for me to gather the info you want.

Our home is a mess right now, but as soon as I can get things straightened out, I will search for items that might be of interest.

I really don't know how far back you want me to go.

My introduction to chiropractic dates back to my Navy experiences, while serving as a Hospital Corpsman Medical Dispensary duty. There I encountered a Chief Petty Officer (CPO) from Milan, Michigan who was a DC. He was the one who introduced me to chiropractic. He was a Lincoln grad, named Cieselski (spelling may be in error) I was having headaches, he adjusted me and my headaches were gone.

Very impressed I asked him for more info re:chiropractic. This took place in Brunswick, Maine where we were in charge of dispensary duty.

I was scheduled for overseas duty, but for a previous catastrophic intern's foul up, which happened in California, at hospital Corps School, a misdiagnosed appendicitis,

I developed peritonitis. At that time there was NO cure for it, and they just began using penicillin in an aqueous solution. I f i had all
the needles on the outside of my body that I had injected into me at that time I would look like a porcupine.

I had an out of body experience that was interrupted by my father, who coughed and awoke me. It was a beautiful experience that I will never forget. His cough brought me back to life! He was able to get air transport to me due to the urgency of my situation I was in Hospital Corps School in San Diego at the time

After graduating from Hospital Corps School, due to my high grades, I was sent back east to Newport RI as a Corpsman in Genitary Urinary and Orthopedics.

That was before I met Dr. Cesieliski, after my transfer to Brunswick, ME...

I know that this is a hodge podge of chronology, but as i sit here and memories flow

I am just trying to bring you a little more information re: my past experiences.

Were we to confer, eye ball to eye ball I could go on with a lot more.

Now, What more do you want?

...As a child, my parents discovered that I had a fine voice. Took singing lessons, was on the radio as a juvenile performer, entertained at weddings, bar mitzvahs, and even some operas. My mother was pushy, and got me many "gigs". She was a great pianist and was my accompanist for many of my performances.

That was during my "boy soprano" days.

How far back do you want me to go, Joe?

ED

2002 (May 25): e-mail from Ed Kimmel, D.C.

(DrEdKimm@aol.com):

Sorry, Joe. When I left my Brooklyn office, all the NCA and ACA Journals went with it. I just couldn't bring all of that down to Florida.

By the way, did you know that I am a member of ASCAP (American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers)? Yes, I wrote a few songs, that were published. That was back in 1956. Perhaps, when I will be interviewed personally, I might even shed more light on my bio.

I was a child entertainer, had a great singing voice (I have some photos), and was able to sing in church (Ave Maria), at Bar Mitzvahs, weddings, etc. Encouraged by my mother. Long stories!

Anyway, have a great weekend.

ED

2002 (July 22): e-mail from Ed Kimmel, D.C.

(DrEdKimm@aol.com):

Joe,

I will send you all that I have found, once I get it together. Joe, just keep it! After my demise, I am certain that only you, who are involved with the history of chiropractic would be interested. My children... (michaelskimmel@compserve.com and SandiK@musichealer.com) would be interested in the contributions their father made in his beloved profession. (You can access Michael at www.google.com on the internet) He's quite famous for his contributions and his literary publications)... a Ph.D from Berkeley!

Sandi, my daughter, comforts hospice patients with her singing (she get that from ME), but that's another side of me that you don't know. I've written a few songs and have had them published. I am a member of ASCAP. I'll bet you didn't know that!

I'll send you copies of the songs that I wrote. In fact, I have a special large envelope that I've set aside for all the "new" material that might be of interest to you.

In Sept., (I'll be 76 on 9-11) I will be going to NY to visit my kids and grandson (Michael's), in the meantime, I will gather as much as I can to send to you for your perusal. It would be great if we finally were able to get together, face to face. Have not heard from Dr. Goldsmith.

What led me to chiropractic? What were my experiences in the Navy during WWII, where I experienced an "out of body" near death vision, that changed my life around forever? I was a "zoot suiter" in high school, but came out of the Navy (with a 40% disability) after that near death experience.

All this can be revealed in a personal interview. Too much to email, too much to write about.

Do I have your attention?

ED

2002 (July 28): telephone interview with Ed Kimmel, D.C.: parents were Benjamin & Tena (Spielholz) Kimmel, of Austro-German origins, both born in NYC, Jewish
dad was salesman for American Safety Razor Corp.; mom was singer/pianist, encouraged Ed to entertain field

-Ed sang on radio WMIL in NYC at age 3-4 yrs; met Eddie Cantor

-joined Navy in 1943 (age 17), went into hospital corps; developed appendicitis, misdiagnosis led to peritonitis

-with incisional hernia: spent six months recuperating at Naval hospital in San Diego, treated by George Creile, Jr., M.D., who encouraged Ed to become surgeon

-met chief petty officer Ed Cieleski, D.C., Lincoln grad, while stationed in Maine; chiro relieved Ed's headache, inspired him to study chiropractic

-honorable discharge in 1945; studied liberal arts (music, literature) at Queens College in NYC

-joined faculty prior to graduation when asked to teach pathology during absence of regular instructor

-Ed as faculty member at CINY encouraged students to think beyond BJ-philosophy

-Ed as scholar: promoted chiropractic psychosomastics; proud of collaboration with Herman Schwartz, D.C.

-Ed as chiropropian: promoted research & education; FACE board member; ACA Governor; asked peers to consider chiropractic's limitations, which was considered heresy

-invented? patented? "biosonometer" to measure spinal GSR, mid-1960s

-argues with Henry Higley, D.C., M.S. over lack of data collection in study of intervertebral disc syndrome

-moved to Florida in 1978

-taught at Webster Junior College in Ocala FL during 1995-97, which he enjoyed extremely, received honors as teacher

-retired fully in 1999

2002 (July 30): e-mail from John Thie, D.C.

(thie@touch4health.com):

Dear Dr. Keating,

I met Ed Kimmel, when I arrived at the National Chiropractic Associations House of Delegates meeting in Chicago as the newly elected delegate from California. He was the delegate from New York and with the weighted voting procedures we represented the two most powerful states. He was older and more experienced in national chiropractic politics. He befriended me, informed me of the ins and outs and guided me. We became friends at that meeting and renewed this friendship at meetings in the early 1960s, having some meals together and social time as well as doing our best to guide our profession in ways that would allow the public greater access to its health giving benefits. He was friendly, bright and dedicated to making the chiropractic profession all that it could be. It was a time of talking about unity and he was for it with a passion, as was I. My memory of Ed Kimmel is one of a warm friendly dedicated chiropractor who knew chiropractic had a place in the health care of the public and was going to do all he could to assure it ability to fulfill its promise. He certainly deserves a remembered place in our history.

Keeping in Touch, John F. Thie, DC

2002 (July 30): e-mail from Richard Vincent, D.C.():
I remember Ed Kimmel as a student and graduate of CINY class of '49. He was always looked upon as one of the intellectually elite students destined to make a name for himself. After his graduation he established his practice in one of the New York boroughs and also had a faculty position at CINY. He was also very much involved in the legislative effort that ultimately led to the enactment of the Chiropractic regulatory statute in 1963 (?). His immersion in the affairs of the profession led to the formation of a very strong state association. I believe, at some point Ed moved to Florida where he continued to distinguish himself through organizational efforts. Hope this helps some. If you have any questions please call--it may stimulate more recall.

Dick

2002 (Aug 3): e-mail from Ed Kimmel, D.C. (DrEdKimm@aol.com):

Joe,

First, the photo that you sent me for identification was a speaker at one of the Parker Seminars that I attended. the same goes for the one with Hans S.

I admired his work and was thrilled to meet him personally. His book and work on "stress" was an inspiration to me. I'd like a copy of that photo. I remember it well.

As far as my contributions, well I can think of my works on instrumentation, my contributions in the realm of psychology, and helping to standardize chiropractic education, through my efforts with the committee on education with the ACA.

Establishing the very first chiropractic "consulting committee for worker's compensation" in New York (after we were licensed) so that insurance companies would receive accurate reporting of on the job accidents and their resultant injuries.

I was directed to choose one DC from each of the five NYC boroughs, one from Nassau County, one from Suffolk County and one from Westchester County. I was asked to formulate a specific protocol for our examinations and reporting to the insurance companies that now had to recognize that chiropractic was part of the therapeutic means for patients to chose.

I'll let you know if I come up with anything else. I am very proud of all of my writing even though some of it fell on "deaf ears". Frankly, I don't think the profession, in general, was ready for some of the material I presented.

Do you have a copy of "A Graphic Illustration Integrating the Three Therapeutic Modalities"?

Let me know if there is anything else you want to know.

ED

2002 (Aug 18): e-mail from Ed Kimmel, D.C. (DrKimm@aol.com):

Joe,

It was Dr. Edward Ceselski, who turned me on to chiropractic.

Although I heard about chiropractic at the time I had a part time job working for the OWI (Office of War Information) headed by Elmer Davis, one of the secretaries was a chiropractic patient.

Ed Ceselski was my superior Chief Pharmacist Mate when I was transferred to the Naval Air Station Dispensary in Brunswick, Maine (home of Bodoinn 'sp) College.

Ed was a Lincoln graduate who had his practice in Milan, Michigan. He adjusted me for continuous headaches, and I experienced almost immediate relief. I was impressed, he showed me a Lincoln catalog, listing courses, etc.

I was all set to go there, but, I found out that there were chiropractic colleges in NY City. I was homesick and decided to apply to CIC, after my discharge. This was just after V-E Day. We were still at war with Japan, and I was supposed to be transferred to the west coast. However, due to the massive trauma to my abdomen, as a result of three surgeries, the physicians suggested that I should be surveyed out of the service due to the disability. There were four schools in NYC (Standard, Eastern, New York School and Columbia. As a discharged disabled vet, I chose CIC. I reflect now and believe I chose CIC because I was attracted to the name "Columbia", relating it to Columbia University.

There were three in my class. Martin Snyder (drmarty@earthlink.net) Robert Davies, from upstate NY, and me! Marty and I were there under Public Law #16, which was for disabled vets. I still correspond with Marty, and I am sure he has some recollections regarding our days at CIC, then we both transferred to CINY after the three other schools merged. We both were upset at Dr. Dean for taking our equipment and visual aids to Baltimore.

I migh add, that at the time, those veterans who were not disabled and wanted to go to school under Public Law #346, were not allow to go to chiropractic colleges in the State of New York. I never found out why.

Well, I guess this fills in a couple of gaps. It is now 7:30AM Sunday morning and although fully awake, I thought you'd like this info.

When Dr. Goldsmith interviews me, I have uncovered even more that may be of interest.

Joe, if you have any questions, specifically directed, let me know. This recall is really exciting, as I have been going through my files and storage boxes.

I came across issues of Ortho-Briefs, into which I contributed many articles. The editor was Jacques Blitz, a former student. Let me know if you want these issues to augment what you already have.

Well, Joe, I guess that's about it now.

Let me know what you think about the above info.

ED

2002 (Aug 21): e-mail from Cruse J. Howe, D.C. ():

Dear Joe --

I have something here, which I think would be very apropos to this.

I have a text, authored by Robert Boyd, entitled "An Introduction To BioCranial Therapy" (footnote bibliography below) -- and on page six, the following is a direct quote. Please note: this is in reference to the limiting the practice of chiropractic to orthopedics or neuro-musculo-skeletal conditions.

"Dr. Edwin H. Kimmel, D.C., F.I.C.C., F.A.C.C., in similar vein regrets the passing of an era and questions, among other things, the enthusiasm within the profession in some quarters in the U.S.A. for prescribing proprietary drugs. He poses the questions, 'Is our modernization of chiropractic the beginning of the end? Does our desire to utilize drugs and use hospital facilities mean that we are abandoning the original concepts of chiropractic? Are we destined to go the same way as the osteopaths?' Chiropractic has established itself as a mainstream therapy to a remarkable extent over the decades but appears uncertain in the degree to which it could or should be a challenge to orthodox medicine as a genuine and complete alternative therapy.'

He you have an encapsulated version of what Ed stands for -- and this explains, in part, why Ed has had a major impact on the chiropractic profession. Cruse Howe


2002 (Aug 23): e-mail from Ms. Arla Dicken (ardicken@aol.com):

Dear Dr. Kimmel,

As I said on the phone, our family has known Dr. Ed Kimmel since he first began practicing in Brooklyn many years ago. I believe I was around five years old when I had my first chiropractor adjustment. That would have been when I was in kindergarten, attending school across the street from Dr. Kimmel's first office in his home. The year was about 1951.

Throughout the years in New York City, from that first office to his two small rooms on 5th Avenue in Brooklyn, to expanding to the
entire floor of the same building, to his office in Ft. Lauderdale, we have continued to be both patients and friends.

There are funny stories, like the time I gave him Chicken Pox - I was his only patient with it and a few days after coming to our home to try and help bring down my fever with a strong adjustment, the poor man had to take several days off to heal himself. To more serious stories, like in 1980 when I went to Florida on vacation and, after a holiday dinner including my parents and Ed, he insisted on treating me at almost midnight because I had been hurt in an accident and was in constant pain throughout the meal. After seeing him three times in that one week, I was able to move easily and had relief... something the orthopedist could not accomplish in several months.

Throughout our lives, both mine and my sister’s, Ed has been there for us as a friend and as a chiropractor. Prior to my parents passing away (Mom in 1984 and Dad in 1998), they always kept in touch... helped each other in times of need... shared joys and sorrows... were able to lean on each other.

I am not sure what else you would like to know about but please feel free to e-mail me or call. I would be delighted to fill in as much as possible. I am not familiar with the award/honor he is being given nominated for, but whatever it is, he is a man who richly deserves it.

Respectfully,
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2002 (Aug 28): e-mail from Arla Dicken (ardicken@aol.com):
I have remembered something else of interest. In Dr. Kimmel’s office on 5th Avenue in Brooklyn, there was a small black and white notice that read, to the best of my memory:
There are but two things with which I am concerned, your health and my reputation. Therefore, I will only accept those cases I sincerely believe I can help.
I was very impressed with it and have always remembered it. Ed stuck to that philosophy. I know because he actually turned down treating a close friend whom he felt he could not help.
Arla (and my sister Judy, too)

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