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# Chronology of WILLIAM M. HARRIS, D.C.

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Year/Volume Index to the Journal of the National Chiropractic Association (1949-1963), formerly National Chiropractic Journal (1939-1948), formerly The Chiropractic Journal (1933-1938), formerly Journal of the International Chiropractic Congress (1931-1932) and Journal of the National Chiropractic Association (1930-

Year	Vol.	Year	Vol.	Year	Vol.	Year	Vol.
		1941	10	1951	21	1961	31
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## **Potential Sources:**

1932):

Harris, William M., D.C.; Foundation for the Advancement of Chiropractic Education, 1050 Cambridge Square, Suite B, Alpharetta GA 30004 (770-740-9782; fax: 770-740-0509)

Shelby M. Elliott, D.C., President, Texas Chiropractic College, 5912 Spencer Highway, Pasadena TX 77506 (713-487-1170; FAX: 713-487-4168); as of 22 Feb 2002: (281-487-3634; 281-998-6069; cell phone: 713-857-6767; secretary: GGreenwade@txchiro.edu)

1918 (July 28): William M. Harris born: in Opelika, Alabama (Dzaman et al., 1980, pp. 114-5)

1938: William Harris graduates from Palmer School of Chiropractic; in same class? as Robert N. Thompson? (see curriculum vitae, 2001; Dzaman et al., pp. 114-5)

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

-"News flashes: Florida" (p. 28):

SOUTHERN STATES CONVENTION

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

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

Among those who will speak are: Dr. Wilbern Lawrence, of Meridian, Mississippi; Dr. L.J.C. Williamson, of Carrollton, Georgia;

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

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

## 1939: according to letter from Bill Harris (7/19/99):

In reply to your letter of July 2, Dr. Cecil Strait was the president of the Georgia Chiropractic Association when I became a member in 1939. He had had a very successful practice in Marietta, Georgia, a suburb of Atlanta. For reasons unknown to me, he left the profession and went into other endeavors. He re-entered the profession about twenty years later and died of a heart attack while practicing in his original practice site in Marietta.

Dr. Keating, I do not know many details regarding the transfer from NCA to the National Chiropractic Mutual Insurance Company. And, unfortunately I have no pictures of this period because I did not at any time participate in NCMIC affairs...

1939 (Nov): The Chiropractor [35(11)] includes:

-William M. Harris, D.C. authors "Advice on how to get well" (p. 10)

interned at Hunter Chiropractic Clinic

PHOTOGRAPH



Hunter & Hunter Chiropractic Clinic in Springfield, Missouri, c1937

#### 1940 (June): The Chiropractor [36(6)] includes:

-William Harris, D.C. authors "Bringing health to children" (p. 9):

There is perhaps no method of healing so universally misunderstood as Chiropractic. We are classed as masseurs; "rubbing" doctors; back breakers and many other unjust names are cast upon us. Our work is misunderstood, in many cases, because of the comparative newness of our science. Misunderstanding breeds doubt. If the general public knew what our science, in skilled hands, can do they would be even more eager to tell others about it than you and I. So upon us, who have received the benefits of Chiropractic rests the privilege and pleasure of spreading this health message.

Next to be taken into consideration is what means of approach can be made to enlighten the befuddled mind of the public. There are several mediums that are good, such as the radio health lectures, Chiropractic Educators, Layman units, and newspaper advertising. Yet, until quite recently I feel that one of our most effective approaches to this problem of educating the public has been greatly neglected, and to date, its accumulative value has been minimized.

# Leaving Fertile Ground to Medicine

In years past we have concentrated our efforts on trying to educate the older generation, so to speak, and leaving much fertile ground for our opposition, the Medical forces. While we centered our efforts on the aging citizens, our opposition began an intensive and widespread campaign to persuade the citizens of tomorrow to accept the alleged benefits of vaccination, immunization, and the like. This so-called educational campaign was supported by instituting Children's Clinics throughout the land.

#### The Influence of Children

Briefly let us analyze the part the child plays in the American home. It is generally conceded that the influence of a child in a home is more keenly felt than any other one factor. In many instances the child actually rules the home to a great degree, and anything the child favors or recommends is endorsed by the parents. We have all noticed how the advertisers capitalize on the psychology of bringing children into their advertisements, for it has been found that a child creates immediate attention; a sure way to reach favorable attention of the public. Many concerns have become wealthy by "Child-welfare" emphasis in their advertising campaign. Therefore, with these points in mind let us become cognizant of the wide-spread favorable comments that would accrue from the formation of a Children's Chiropractic Clinic in every large city throughout the United States.

## **Clinic For All Classes**

A Children's clinic does not necessarily have to be for poor children alone for there are many, many families that have adequate means to supply food and shelter and are the bare necessities, but do not have funds to have their children's health looked after. By accepting any child that desires your services, regardless of the family's financial standing, you will be able to spread Chiropractic and the work that it is accomplishing to the homes of the poor, the middle class, and in many cases the wealthy.

There are several approaches. You might write a bulletin letter to former patients explaining your new service allowing each old patient to recommend one new child for the Clinic; another plan is to have a Ladies' Auxiliary sponsor the Clinic and still another approach is to have influential patients in the community bring the service to the attention of their respective Sunday School classes and let each class sponsor a number of worthy children.

We are using the latter plan at the present and inasmuch as Asthma is one of the most dreaded child disorders and generally recognized as incurable under medicine, we are accepting only Asthmatic cases from churches and we plan to make a monthly written report on the progress of each case. The results are gratifying. Chiropractic is discussed in public gatherings. The progress of the children are noted and consequently the science of Chiropractic is brought before the public in a favorable manner. The hour set aside for the Clinic work should be planned so that it will give the children adequate time to come from school.

Results will be immediately forthcoming on many cases, but results from increase in practice will not materialize for at least several months. First the preparation and later the benefits. In a United States Supreme Court Ruling No. 81, it was brought out "Good will is the disposition of a satisfied customer to return to the place where he has been well treated.

#### **Encourages Citizens of Tomorrow**

Such a Clinic is an excellent medium to educate the citizens of tomorrow of the possibilities of Chiropractic as a profession. We have about six young boys with that desire now, and one girl wants to be a Chiropractic Nurse. Also, we encourage them to talk of their desires and ambitions with their teachers, and by so doing we are able to break down much prejudice. Every Thursday the parents of the children gather together and an explanation of each organ, its function, and the possibilities of Chiropractic adjustments being able to help dis-eased organs are discussed with the aid of anatomical charts. One organ is covered each meeting.

The child has every right to be health so that it may express LIFE in its fullest meaning, but due to a fall or strain, life is partially shut off because of existing nerve pressure. The child becomes side-tracked, lost to its heritage of health. Disease takes its toll, robs the child of its real chance in life. Asthma, fever, infantile paralysis and nervousness gnaws away until all hope seems lost. A recent survey of our Children's Clinic work shows satisfactory progress is being made. The report is as follows:

## Report on Chiropractic Health Bureau Ladies' Auxiliary Children's Clinic of Atlanta, Georgia

	Number				
	Exam-	Accept-	Reject-	Satis-	Recov-
Type of Disease	ined	ed	ed	factory	ery
Nervousness	35	35	0	3	29
Eye Trouble	3	3	0	3	0
Stubborn and Unruly	7	7	0	1	6
Constipation	19	19	0	4	15
Chronic Colds	13	13	0	2	11

Undernourished	19	19	0	0	19
Infantile	3	3	0	2	1
Paralysis	3	3	U	2	1
Kidney Trouble	2	2	0	2	0
Asthma	12	12	0	2	10
Hay Fever	1	1	0	0	10
Bronchitis	3	3	0	0	3
Pleurisy	1	1	0	0	1
Sinusitis	3	3	0	0	3
Heart Trouble	3	3	0	2	1
Bladder Trouble	2	2	0	0	1
Headaches,	7	7	0	0	7
Chronic	,	,	U	U	,
Adenoids	2	2	0	0	2
Stomach Trouble	4	4	0	0	4
Muscular	2	4 1	1	1	0
Incoordination	2	1	1	1	U
Backache	1	1	0	0	1
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Infected Fingers	1	1	0	0	1
Nose	1	1	0	0	1
Hemorrhages	2	2	0	0	2
Thyroid	2	2	0	0	2
Disturbance	2		0	0	
Eczema	2	2	0	0	2
Jaundice	1	1	0	0	1
Ear Trouble	5	5	0	1	4
Poor Appetite	19	19	0	0	19
Total	173	172	1	23	144





NCIC co-founder Cecil D. Strait, D.C. is seen standing far right in this photo which appeared in the *National Chiropractic Journal* in December 1945; the journal caption read: "The above picture was taken during the Georgia Chiropractic Association Convention held at the Biltmore Hotel in Atlanta, Georgia, October 19 and 20. Seated (left to right): Dr. O.B. Inman, President; Dr. J.R. Wainwright, Vicepresident, Dr. Mattie C. Stephens, Secretary-Treasurer; Lt. C.S. Barron; Standing (left to right): Dr. Emmett J. Murphy, Dr. James E. Slocum, Lt. Geo. Rounds, Dr. W.M. Harris; Dr. Cecil D. Strait." (NCA photo collection)

#### **PHOTOGRAPH**



National Chiropractic Journal 1947 (Aug); 17(8): 46; journal caption reads: "Newly elected officers of the All Southern States Chiropractic Association; Seated: Dr. Richard L. Branyon, President; standing, left to right, Dr. Daniel B. Leigh, Secretary-Treasurer; Dr. David G. Walesby, Vice-President, and Dr. William E. Brown, Georgia State Delegate of the National Chiropractic Association."

1949: Doctor of Science awarded to Bill Harris, D.C. by Trinity University of Chicago (see curriculum vitae, 2001)

## 1951 (May): *ICA Review* [5(12)] includes:

-William Harris, D.C., chairman of Graduate Placement and Intene Committee of the Georgia Chiropractic Research Society, inc., authors "Professional conservation" (p. 10)

#### 1952 (July): *ICA Review* [7(1)] includes:

-photograph of Wm. Harris Chiropractic Clinic (with children sitting on front porch) at 413 Broad Avenue, Albany, Georgia; photograph of Harris examining child's spine (p. 19):





The photos above are typical scenes at the Wm. H. Harris Chiropractic Clinic, 413 Broad Avenue, Albany, Georgia, every Saturday morning when children are given Chiropractic care free of charge. Each child is given a thorough Chiropractic examination and, if necessary, given Chiropractic care. If the child cannot be aided through the services of Dr. Harris, he is referred to a practitioner who can help him. This free service is given to children under 13 years of age.

1953 (Aug): ICA Review (8[2]) includes:

-"Harris sends twenty-second student" (p. 16)

1953: Chiropractor of the Year awarded to Bill Harris, D.C. by Parker Chiropractic Research Foundation (see curriculum vitae, 2001)

1955 (May): *ICA International Review of Chiropractic* [9(11)] includes:

-"Office of the month: Dr. Harris celebrates 16th year in clinic at Albany, Ga." (p. 13); includes photograph of Harris clinic:



1956 (Sept): *ICA International Review* [11(3)] includes:
-William M. Harris, D.C. of Albany, Georgia authors full page letter to the editor (p. 5) re: A.B. Hender Foundation:

Besides his own clinic building, staffed by three doctors, Dr. Harris is major stockholder in ADC Discount Corp. (a finance chain); vice president of Sleep's Laundry; large stockholder in Allied Insurance Company; president of the Doctor's Credit Bureau, Inc. (a chain of collection bureaus for doctors). He has various real estate holdings in and around Albany and owns extensive oil and gas producing property.

He attributes much of his success to consistently and persistently using editorial type, educational articles 52 Ads to Success.

Editor,

ICA, Dear Sir:- July 4, 1956

Four years ago, at the insistence of satisfied users, we published for the profession our "52 ADS TO SUCCESS" (a dignified, editorial type ad to explain to the public "WHY THEY SHOULD USE THE BENEFITS OF CHIROPRACTIC SERVICE.")

B.J. reviewed the series and gave approval as did other leaders in our profession.

We now have satisfied users from Miami to Los Angeles and from Mobile to Detroit (40 states in all).

You have the privilege of ordering for 10 days inspection WITHOUT OBLIGATION; further if you use the series for 90 DAYS as suggested and recommended, and are not pleased, your MONEY WILL BE REFUNDED.

We made this offer to you 4 years ago. As I recall we had only FOUR RETURNED IN THAT PERIOD. Their money was returned!

Any and ALL PROCEEDS will go hereafter directly to the A.B. HENDER FOUNDATION (a foundation which we had a part in starting over a year ago to aid needy students in school. This is the FIRST OF A NUMBER of *projects* which we propose to do for chiropractic through this NON-PROFIT FOUNDATION.)

INNATE has been god to us and we were privileged to give to the A.B. HENDER FOUNDATION this spring an estimated \$50,000.00 in oil producing property. This is the first of many which we hope to give.

Because of B.J. and chiropractic, my wife and I have been blessed with many of life's rich blessings.

Now my wife and I have decided that we will, in our small way, begin to repay B.J. and Chiropractic for what he and the science has done for us.

If you want the benefits of a tried and tested series of educational type ads which have been used over and over with success; if you want to HELP more people get well and enjoy a BIGGER INCOME – TODAY, may I suggest that you order the series and make check to

THE A.B. HENDER FOUNDATION

BOX 1028

ALBANY, GEORGIA

ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO NOW AND HEREAFTER TO THE FOUNDATION, TO HELP SOME STUDENT HELP SOME PATIENT (AND IN TIME PATIENTS) ENJOY THE BLESSINGS OF A "FREE FLOW" OF INNATE'S BLESSING – HEALTH.

Sincerely,...

P.S. Only \$16.50

## 1956 (Dec): ICA International Review [11(6)] includes:

-"Honors" (p. 22) includes:

DR. WILLIAM HARRIS of Albany, Ga., has been selected to head the campaign drive of the Chewhaw Council of the Boy Scouts of America

-letter to the editor from William Harris, D.C. (p. 32): ORCHIDS TO DR. CHANCE

Albany, Ga.

Just a note to let you know how proud I was of the article which was written in regards to Dr. H.C. Chance's service as a director of the Palmer School Student Clinic.

Sincerely,...

1957 (Apr): *ICA International Review* [11(10)] includes: -William Harris, D.C. authors letter to the editor (p. 46):

A WONDERFUL PERSON

Albany, Georgia

As a reader, I wish to express my wholehearted approval of the salutation to Dr. Frances Julander.

She is a wonderful person. Few have contributed more in time and children to chiropractic.

When I was a student at Palmer School I had the thrill of an article published in their newspaper, THE CHIROPRACTIC AMERICA. It was entitled MY IDEAL WIFE.

The Julanders have made a real contribution to our profession. Thank you for giving them this recognition through the medium of your fine publication.

Sincerely,...

1958: Hoyt B. Duke, D.C. was president of GCA; Bill Harris, D.C. sided with B.J. Palmer in attempt to reduce scope of practice and continuing education requirements (per my phone chat with him on 02/03/04)

1958: photograph of Hoyt B. Duke, D.C., president of the Georgia Chiropractic Association, at the Old Henry Grady Hotel in Atlanta (courtesy of Dr. Duke):



1958 (Mar): JNCA [28(3)] includes:

 -editorial by L.M. Rogers, D.C. discusses politics between ICA and Georgia Chiropractic Association (pp. 6, 75):

The reports coming out of Atlanta, Georgia, this month leave this writer with mixed emotions, sad that the dreamed of unity-in-action program has been temporarily stymied by the private Palmer interests – happy that their limiting legislation was defeated and that the preprofessional course was enacted by the Georgia legislature.

First, we are informed that on the eve of the meeting of the ICA Board of Control, February 12-15 in Atlanta, at which they were to consider adoption of the compromise, legal definition and scope of accepted practice for a nation-wide unity-in-action program, ONE ICA member in Georgia had introduced in the Georgia legislature a bill to "limit" chiropractors. The bill No. 271 would have prohibited chiropractors from "employing the use of vitamins, physiotherapy, electrotherapy, or hydrotherapy," in addition to canceling the educational license renewal provision, now in effect.

Running true to form, B.J. Palmer appeared before the legislature, as well as on television, in support of this restrictive and limiting legislation, to create division and dissension. We are happy to state that through efforts of the Georgia Chiropractic Association, this abortive attempt at further restriction of chiropractors was indefinitely postponed and, we are advised, is dead for this session.

Thus, once again we see the private Palmer interests, with their specific technic approach, attempting to deny doctors of chiropractic the legal right to the use of natural forces, such as heat, light, air, water, and diet which are common property for use by all of the healing arts even used by laymen, in fact, without restriction.

The Georgia Chiropractic Association had introduced a bill to provide for a two-year pre-professional course, in addition to the four-year professional course now in effect, one year to become effective in 1962 and two years in 1964 for all applicants. This bill, even though opposed by the private Palmer interests, was passed, through efforts of the Georgia Chiropractic Association, by a vote of 129 to 9 in the House, and with only three dissenting votes in the Senate, and was signed by Governor Griffin, as the first legislative bill, on February 14.

We congratulate the members of the Georgia Chiropractic Association for this successful, organized effort for educational progress and the defeat of this limiting legislation proposed by the private Palmer interests, which continue to attempt to cause dissension through limitation and division of the profession.

It is reported that B.J. Palmer, in his tirade previous to the ICA Board of Control meeting, said many things, among them being that "The Price of Unity is Too High." We again ask: "Too high for whom?" Too high for B.J. Palmer and his cohorts? Too high for them, perhaps, since it might eliminate the control of a segment of the profession from domination by the private Palmer interests and thus make possible a nationwide unity-in-action program.

It is the considered opinion of an overwhelming majority of the profession, whether they be ICA members or NCA members at present, that the price of unity is NOT too high! But "The Cost of DISUNITY IS Far TOO High" to permit it to continue, due almost entirely to the limited and circumscribed "thinking" of the private Palmer interests, without regard for the future of the profession.

It seems apparent that B.J. Palmer will continue to the bitter end his attempts to divide and control the chiropractic profession by fair means or by foul. If this be true, the only solution is for the rationally-minded ICA members to withdraw their support and join with the NCA in its rational program for professional progress, nationwide.

Surely now serious consideration should be given to the Palmer proposal that separate licenses be issued to those who practice rational methods and separate licenses to those who practice specific technic only. That would only continue the dissension and extend the division which so many have labored so hard to overcome in the past few years. We must find a solution to that division or this profession, disunited, will become easy prey for our medical opponents in their efforts to curtail and restrict our professional progress, with or without the assistance of the private Palmer interests.

There is so much to do and so little time in which to do it that we must organize and defeat this "separatism," defend our rights unitedly, and advance this profession through a unity-in-action program, nationwide.

Since the ICA Board of Control has again followed the dictates of B.J. Palmer and refused to approve the compromise, legal definition and scope of accepted practice, but rather has re-emphasized its specific technic approach, and nothing else regardless of the illness involved, the NCA has no alternative but to proceed with its own rational program of progress. Thus the ICA refuses to recognize the perilous position in which chiropractic is being placed by this program of separatism and the resultant disunity. Thus, the ICA has made it impossible for the NCA to continue to be a party to the false hopes and illusion of unity which prevail at so-called joint public relations conferences.

The NCA will, therefore, NOT participate in the Dallas Conference in March. We are informed that the CCA will likewise refuse to participate, under the circumstances. Thus, the Dallas Conference will simply be another "gathering of the clan" sponsored solely by the ICA for propaganda purposes only. They have evidently set their course as one of continued "separatism," sponsored by the private Palmer interests to the detriment of the entire profession.

The NCA will, therefore, announce shortly a dynamic new public relations program, nationwide, in which states will be privileged to participate. Extensive preparations are being made to make this FIRST National Seminar on Public Relations at the National Chiropractic Convention in Miami Beach in June of immense, practical value to all state public relations directors who will be invited to participate.

1958 (Aug): *ICA International Review of Chiropractic* [13(2)] includes:

 Roger T. Doolittle, L.L.B. authors book review of A Day in Court by R.T. Leiter, D.C. of Macon, Georgia (p. 32)

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

-"They know Dr. Harris" (p. 24):

Albany, Ga. (ACP) – It pays to be known. For one thing, your mail is delivered without difficulty.

Dr. W.M. Harris of Albany, Ga., recently received a letter addressed as follows: "The Harris Chiropractic since 1919, Albany, Ga."

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

-"Honors" (p. 33) includes:

Dr. William Harris of Albany, Georgia, has been notified by the editors of Who's Who of the South and Southwest that he will be listed in the forthcoming edition. He is one of the first chiropractors to be so honored in Georgia.

-full-page ad for Napoleon Hill's record album, "Think and Grow Rich" (inside rear cover)

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

-"Doctor Bill Harris; Albany, Georgia; A Digest personality profile" (pp. 4-5, 38, 40); many photographs, including:





"Son Tommy and Dr. Harris plan a trip in their plane"



"Front view of the Harris Residence located on the outskirts at Albany on a half acre of land"



"The Harris Clinic Staff, Willie Dudley, Mrs. Nona Kemp, Dr. Charles Turner, Miss Martha Brinson and (seated) Dr. Wm. Harris, Director, discussing the proposed Clinic building plans. The present Clinic building was dedicated by Dr. B.J. Palmer in 1955."



"THE HARRIS FAMILY, Mrs. Joan Harris, Tommy and Beverly."

The long-time practitioners of Chiropractic have known that to be really successful in the profession you must first believe in it, then breathe it and live it all the moments of our days and, finally, dream about it at night.

The sort of attitude is perhaps the best explanation for the continuing success of William M. Harris, D.C., of Albany, Ga., whose star has been ever-rising in the Chiropractic firmament for the past 22 years...

Young Bill Harris had such inspiration in his boyhood and in his early years of progress in the profession. He was born in Opelika, Ala., at the close of World War I but grew up in Birmingham. He had early ambitions to be a doctor, and before he was out of high school he had determined to become a chiropractor.

The chief motivation of this decision was the fact that a chiropractor had save the life of Bill's father when he developed a serious heart and bladder condition. Bill entered the Palmer School of Chiropractic while in his teens and was only 20 years old when he was graduated...He served extra time as an assistant instructor in the X-ray Department of the Palmer School.

Later he did intern work at the Hunter & Hunter Chiropractic Clinic, specializing in the X-ray Department and doing a daily radio broadcast.

Next he was associated for several years with Dr. Hershel E. Stanford, noted chiropractor in Atlanta, Ga. He credits Dr. Stanford for doing much to start him along the right road to success in the profession.

Bill Harris had the natural ambition to get out on his own and he finally opened his first office in the basement of a theater in McDonough, Ga. "That's one way to be sure to move up," he said. "Just start in the basement."

But if it seemed a lowly place to start to the enterprising young doctor, the location turned out to have compensations which he will never be able to forget. For there he married Miss Joan Allen, sister-in-law of the famous Colonel William Allen, whose life had been saved by Dr. B.J. Palmer. Bill Harris first met Joan and taught her when she was a student in the Palmer X-ray Department. Showing the powers of persuasion which were to do him in good stead in his chosen field, he soon convinced Joan that she should change her last name to Harris and help him build his career.

Harris lists Dr. B.J. Palmer as one of the outstanding persons who had great influence on his life and career. That influence has, of course, been felt by many in Dr. Palmer's lifetime of service, first giving Chiropractic to the world, then building the principles which have promoted and guided the profession through the years.

But it is a fact that "B.J." had a fond spot in his heart for his young disciple. He dedicated on of his many books to Bill Harris, and, in 1955, it was difficult to tell who was proudest when Dr. Palmer helped to dedicate Bill's fine, clinic in Albany.

Bill and Joan had visited many Georgia towns before deciding that Albany was the best spot to build their future. "We decided that Albany was destined to be one of the leading cities of Georgia," he said. "So we took our massive capital of \$150 and came here, we have never been disappointed."

And to show that a successful chiropractor always thinks about growth, Bill and Joan have recently purchased a half-acre plot. They are looking forward to building an even larger and finer clinic at the site.

Two other men had a great influence in molding Harris' thinking. One was Napoleon Hill, whom he knew personally, and who wrote the book, "Think and Grow Rich." He also had a personal friendship with Dr. Edward L. Kramer, author and lecturer.

Harris never tires of praising Chiropractic. His unbounded enthusiasm for his profession led to his election as president of the Georgia Chiropractic Association years ago – he is the youngest man ever to hold that office.

A man of action, he has done much to further the profession. Realizing that Chiropractic must have a constant flow of good human material, he has been instrumental in sending 28 students to various Chiropractic schools. Two nephews, John and Bert Boutwell, are now Georgia chiropractors. His son, Tommy, now 12, has expressed a desire to follow his father in the profession.

Blessed with abounding energy, Dr. Harris has always devoted a good share of it to helping others. He pledged himself early in life to try to help others find themselves, even as he had been helped. His non-profit A.B. Hender Foundation is devoted to helping Chiropractic students get a better start in life.

You would think that building a highly successful practice would be enough of a mark, but Bill Harris has proved himself to be a successful businessman in other fields, too. He organized a bank in Albany and served as its first president. He later resigned this position to devote himself more fully to Chiropractic, and his bank was merged with a larger one.

He is now president of the Albany Discount Co., the Harris Investment Co., the Harris Equipment Co., and Federated Mortgage Co. All are growing concerns.

He takes a strong interest in the general activities of his fellow citizens of Albany. He has held nearly every office in the Lions Club, including chairman of the district governors, international counselor and chairman of the Georgia Board of Governors, with a membership of 7,000.

But with all his extra interests, Bill Harris still shows that his first love is Chiropractic. He is a regular annual visitor at the Palmer School Lyceum, having missed but a few during his 22 years of practice.

Harris is an enthusiastic supporter of Dr. J.W. Parker's School of Practice-Building. In 1952 he was voted Chiropractor of the Year by the Parker Chiropractic Research Foundation. In 1954 he was chosen as a member of the honorary Fellowship in the International Chiropractors Association. In 1960 he was listed in Who's Who of the South and Southwest.

He has also served as president of the Georgia Research Society and has rendered invaluable service to Chiropractic in many other ways

A fluent speaker and writer, he is in great demand as a convention speaker, often flying to the sessions in his own plane. Aviation is his one hobby, and he has logged nearly a quarter of a million miles as a private pilot.

He has been the guest speaker at several of the Palmer School graduations. He said that his greatest achievement was being chosen as a substitute for "B.J." as principal speaker for the graduating class of 1957 when Dr. Palmer was ill.

He was also asked just recently to fill in for Dr. Palmer at Lyceum in August of 1961 to give the Sunday night "Key Note" talk.

"Perhaps my greatest thrill was being called to the office of a friendly MD to administer to a child completely paralyzed as the result of falling from a tree. I said a little prayer and I placed my hands on the atlas. I knew *that something* within was waiting to be released, and I prayed that I might be the instrument of setting it free.

"Evidently the adjustment was good. In a few minutes the child's fingers began to move, and in 15 minutes he was walking around the doctor's office."

His writing talents are widely known. Since he was 21 he has written many articles for professional publications and has shown a knack for preparing constructive newspaper ads. His writings are distributed through Bill Harris Publishers, another going enterprise. One of his recent best-sellers is "How Your Receptionist Can Earn Her Salary Three Times."

He is a staunch believer in educating the public. "You should especially educate Chiropractic patients to the lasting value of Chiropractic as a health service, not for 60 or 90 days, but for all their lives," he said.

In this promotion, for building practice he relies strongly on radio, having presented upward of 3,000 broadcasts.

He discussed his method in producing pamphlets and folders:

"We have developed our own step-by-step procedure, providing proper folders to educate little by little, visit by visit, for new and old patients, through the art of perception.

"In this way they get the idea that Chiropractic is not merely a means to relieve their present ailment but they also learn to regard Chiropractic as a 'prevention' of disease. What is the good of winning the war and losing the peace by having your patients return to medical methods?"

Some other sayings that have flown from his pen are:

\*"The patient should be shown that health is a journey not a destination"

\*"Chiropractic has demonstrated its merits by results. Is it now time that we educate our patients how to maintain health through Chiropractic?"

\*"Condition the mind of your patient an idea at a time, step by step, until he has absorbed the truth that Chiropractic answers his birthright to health."

\*"How can this be done? Does it not require the printed word? Research has revealed that the mind remembers up to 87 per cent of what it reads but only 9 per cent of what it hears. Let us condition the mind by education as we do the spine by our spinal adjustment."

\*"Our profession should realize that it has a public and moral responsibility to the patients to teach them that the same Innate power that gets them well will also 'prevent' disease when properly released through spinal adjustments."

\*"We have the *know-how* – getting people well – let us use the *show-how* by educating the public."

Dr. Harris' latest venture is the preparation of a series of inspirational records for chiropractors. They are designed to guide the listener in his professional relations with both the patient and the community.

"If I could make a wish," he said, "and have it become a reality, my wish would be that all chiropractors could know, feel and believe that the Universal Power that made the body can also heal the body.

"I would wish that we, as a profession, might become dedicated to the principle of freeing this Power within, thus bringing life, hope and health more actively and abundantly to all mankind through service and education.

"The future of Chiropractic lies in the hands of chiropractors, and, with men of vision dedicated to the basic principle on which Chiropractic rests, the future of Chiropractic must become brighter and brighter in the years ahead."

Dr. Harris optimistically believes that the 1960's will be years of destiny for Chiropractic.

Dr. Harris has greatly enriched the Kentuckiana Children Center of Louisville, Kentucky with his unselfish promotion of this outstanding Chiropractic Institution. He is currently conducting a series of "Doit" days providing inspiration and practical advice to both doctors and laymen in the advancement of the profession with all proceeds donated to Kentuckiana.

-" 'DO-IT' DAY success at Louisville meet" (p. 20); includes photographs:



Mr. Napoleon Hill



"Dr. Harris, Mr. Hill, Dr. Lorraine Golden, Mr. Stone and Dr. Lipke"



"Mr. W. Clement Stone, Chicago Insurance executive with Dr. William Harris Director of Public Relations for Kentuckiana."

The "Do-It" Day movement originated by Dr. William Harris of Albany, Georgia, gained additional momentum March 18th and 19th when 1,200 laymen and 400 doctors from eleven states heard an outstanding panel of speakers at the meeting in Louisville, Kentucky.

Saturday Night preceding "Do-it" Day was devoted to a laymen's meeting where Mr. Napoleon Hill author of the book, *THINK AND GROW RICH* (over ten million copies sold to date) captivated his audience with his lecture *THE LAWS OF SUCCESS*.

On Sunday "Do-it" Day activities started promptly at 7 A.M. with a panel of speakers introduced by Dr. Harris. Included were such outstanding names as Dr. Edward Kramer author and lecturer of St. Louis, Missouri, Dr. Loraine Golden, director of Kentuckiana Chiropractic Childrens Center and Dr. Ken Lipke, Buffalo, New York, chiropractic author and writer.

An unexpected treat for the assembly was the appearance of Mr. W. Clement Stone, President of the Combined Insurance Companies of America as well as three other large insurance organizations, whose topic was, The System That Never Fails.

At the conclusion of Mr. Stone's appearance, it was announced that an initial gift of stock valued in excess of \$13,000.00 had already been presented to Kentuckiana by the Clement and Jessie Stone Foundation of Chicago.

Following Mr. Stone on the "Do-it" Day platform, Mr. Hill told of his recent visit to Kentuckiana where he and his wife together with Mr. and Mr. Stone, personally inspected the facilities.

"This (Kentuckiana) is the greatest step forward the profession can possibly take to secure public recognition and appreciation," Mr. Hill said.

His newest book *GROW RICH WITH PEACE OF MIND* is just now coming off the presses. An entire chapter in this new volume is devoted to an explanation of what Chiropractic care has meant to him. Since Mr. Hill enjoys vigorous health at age seventy seven, this is indeed a tribute to the science of Chiropractic. He also announced that all royalties from this book have been assigned for the first year as a gift to the children of Kentuckiana.

Continuation of this gift in the years to follow will depend on how much additional support individual members o the profession contribute to this cause, Mr. Hill said.

Local publicity was impressive. All four radio stations aired interviews and the T.V. stations devoted viewing time to the event. The Louisville Courier Journal and other leading Kentucky papers carried full reports.

Future Do-it Days are planned for all over American and Canada and Mr. Hill's management consultant has agreed to his appearance without charge to speak and assist in conducting these meetings in the year ahead. The next scheduled meeting will be at the Secor Hotel, Toledo, Ohio on April 30th.

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

-"Do-It' day at Toledo" (p. 18); notes Bill Harris DC is publicity director for Kentuckiana; many photographs:



-"A leader passes" (pp. 20, 36), noting death of B.J. Palmer:

"B.J. Palmer belongs to the ages of men who have made an indelible, beneficial imprint on the history of mankind."

Dr. Bill Harris

1961 (June 19): letter from Paul Smallie, D.C. to T.F. Ratledge, D.C.:

Dear TF:

In a postscript on your letter of June 15, just received, you asked about "Harris." This Bill Harris is the same Harris who was supposed to have given the major address at Sarasota meeting that you attended, so I assumed you knew who he is. He is now putting on an extensive program of selling records to chiropractors, telling them how to be a success, sponsors a charity under the name of the A.B. Hender Foundation to send students to PSC, heads Kentuckiana, and promotes a fellow named Napoleon Hill, who is supposed to have the key secret on how to become a millionaire over night. Interested? Anyway, that's Harris"...

1961 (July/Aug): **Digest of Chiropractic Economics** [4(1)] includes:

- -two-page ad for Kentuckiana, featuring "Do-It Days" by William Harris, D.C. (20-1)
- -"Kentuckiana a program report to the field" (pp. 38-9):

Service is your best public relations" – this is a generally accepted truth; but if it ever needed substantiating, the experience of Kentuckiana Children's Center, Inc., should convince even the most confirmed "Doubting Thomas."

The service this charitable institution is rendering to handicapped children through Chiropractic methods has won the support of two prominent men. W. Clement Stone, president of Combined Insurance Co. of America, recently visited Kentuckiana Children's Chiropractic Clinic in Louisville, Ky., and was greatly impressed by the work being done there under the guidance of its director, Dr. Lorraine Golden, in rehabilitating handicapped children.

Stone and Mrs. Stone were so moved by the great good being accomplished there through the volunteer efforts of the 66 staff chiropractors and the many lay personnel that they decided to do some volunteering themselves.

Mr. Stone has assigned Napoleon Hill, a well known author and lecturer to help Kentuckiana Children's Chiropractic Clinic raise money needed to complete the clinic's building program.

Hill, because of the seemingly miraculous recovery of his own deaf son through Chiropractic adjustments, was already a booster for K.C.C.C. and is dedicated to helping children everywhere, just as his own son was helped.

Stone has assigned Hill to help Dr. Bill Harris conduct Do-It-Days under Chiropractic sponsorship throughout the nation for the remainder of 1961.

Hill also has negotiated to have feature articles on the benefits of Chiropractic appear in the nationally circulated magazine, Success Unlimited.

In connection with this, Hill and Dr. Golden have come up with a plan whereby K.C.C.C. will benefit through the sale of new subscriptions to Success Unlimited. Here, Dr. Golden is asking the assistance of chiropractors across the country who are interested in furthering the service being performed by K.C.C.C.

In an appeal to doctors of Chiropractic, Dr. Golden said: "If you are not getting this wonderful inspirational magazine, won't you please send your subscription now. It's excellent for your reception rooms – and the cost is only \$3.00 for 12 months."

Dr. Golden notes that the funds from the commission assigned to K.C.C.C. through the obtaining of each new subscription will be used to help build the Chiropractic profession's first children's hospital at Louisville.

Dr. Golden says she is sure that chiropractors who join wholeheartedly in this effort and sell subscriptions to their patients and friends will benefit personally.

"Those who subscribe," she reasons, "will show the Chiropractic articles to others. And this spreading of the Chiropractic story will increase the practice of the participating doctor."

Napoleon Hill has another plan which he believes will pay off in double benefits. A number of Chiropractors already using the plan have reported outstanding results.

Here's how it works:

Chiropractors present each of their select patients with a copy of Hill's book, "Think and Grow Rich," in the paperback edition and suggest that the patient read it and pass the book along to at least three of his friends who have never had Chiropractic adjustments. Each book will bear the name, office address and telephone number of the doctor who presented the book.

The books cost the doctor 50 cents each and the proceeds from this sale go to the K.C.C.C. operation. The Clinic thus benefits and the doctor is expected to benefit in increased numbers of patients as the book gets around.

Dr. Golden predicts a third bonus: "Doctors will notice a wonderful change in the mental attitude of their patients after they have read this book."

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

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- -two-page ad for "Bill Harris Publishers" of Albany GA (pp. 28-9) promotes letters for patients and LP recordings for success
- 1961 (Nov/Dec); **The Columbian News** [37(3)], "Edited by Jay Okin A student publication of the COLUMBIA INSTITUTE OF CHIROPRACTIC, published monthly"; associate editor is Stephen Dia; includes:
- -Dick Vidal authors "61 U.S.A.C. convention plans for New York next year" (p. 17); notes 8 chiroschools were represented & toured Kentuckiana; Napoleon Hill lectured
- 1962 (Mar/Apr): **Digest of Chiropractic Economics** [4(5)] includes:
- -full-page ad for Bill Harris Publishers of Albany GA (inside rear cover)
- 1962 (May/June): **Digest of Chiropractic Economics** [4(6)] includes:
- -full-page ad for Bill Harris Publishers (p. 34)
- 1962 (July/Aug): **Digest of Chiropractic Economics** [5(1)] includes:
- -full-page ad for Bill Harris Publishers (p. 31)
- 1962 (Sept/Oct): *Digest of Chiropractic Economics* [5(2)] includes:
- -full-page ad for Bill Harris Publishers (p. 33)
- 1962 (Nov/Dec): **Digest of Chiropractic Economics** [5(3)] includes:
- -"W. Clement Stone to speak at "do-it" day" (p. 32); includes photograph of William Harris DC & Mr. Stone:



-Fred Woodress authors "Gift announced to the A.B. Hender Foundation" (pp. 32-3); notes that William Harris DC will donate his fortune to A.B. Hender Foundation, of which he and Robert N. Thompson DC, "minority leader of Canada and former chiropractic missionary to Ethiopia as well as President of Canadian memorial College"; photograph:



- 1963 (Jan/Feb): **Digest of Chiropractic Economics** [5(4)] includes:
- -"The success system that never fails: a Digest book review" (p. 14); includes photo of W. Clement Stone and mention that an incident at Kentuckiana is included in Stone's book
- -Fred Woodress authors "'DO IT' day program success at Albany Georgia" (p. 20); many photos of Bill Harris, D.C.:

A research center to further document the chiropractic theory will be established in Albany, Georgia, it was announced by the A.B. Hender Foundation as the result of Do It Day held in the South Georgia City.

Several hundred chiropractors from the Southeastern states heard talks by successful chiropractors, a multi-millionaire in the insurance field, a minister, an attorney, a receptionists and a public relations consultant.

All advised the doctors how to improve their personal images and the image of the chiropractic profession.

As his own personal step toward improving this image, the originator and promoter of Do It Day, Dr. William Harris of Albany, announced that he is turning over his estate to the Hender Foundation to finance the research center, the first of its kind in the Southeast and one of several in the United States.

The center will be particularly handy for the large concentration of chiropractors in Florida, Georgia, Alabama and South Carolina.

Principal speaker at the two day meeting was W. Clement Stone, insurance executive, multi-millionaire and author of "The Success System That Never Fails."

Other speakers were: Minos Simon, attorney from Lafayette, La.; Dr. Edward Kramer, St. Louis; Baldy White, executive-secretary of the Georgia Chiropractic Association; Fred Woodress, public relations consultant from Birmingham, Ala.; Mrs. A.D. Tuten, receptionist from Moultrie, Ga., and Dr. Lorraine Golden, head of Kentuckiana in Louisville.

Dr. Golden presented Mr. Stone with a Humanitarian Award for Kentuckiana. It was designed by Frank Lloyd Wright Associates. Chiropractors speaking on the program were: Dr. Sid Williams, Austell, Ga.; Dr. Tom Owens, Jacksonville, Fla.; Dr. Bob Wright, President of the Georgia Chiropractic Association from Hapeville,

Ga.; Dr. Ted Frigard, Stockton, Calif.; Dr. Erl Harris, Atlanta; Dr. Gene Sparlin, Atlanta; Dr. John Boutwell, Augusta, Ga.

Dr. Corbin Fox and Mr. Dave Peconnu were song leaders. Dr. William Lawson, President of the Albany Chiropractic Society, welcomed the visitors.

-full-page ad for Bill Harris Publishers (p. 27)

1963 (Sept/Oct): Digest of Chiropractic Economics [6(2)] includes:

-"Palmer homecoming hosts 5000 guests" (pp. 38-9); 5 photographs, including:



New international alumni officers were named at the annual Palmer College of Chiropractic homecoming. Pictured, left to right, are Dr. Clarence Jenson, Sacramento, Calif., western regional vice president; Dr. Palmer, Dr. A.V. Tremblay, Palmer College admissions director; Dr. Tena Murphy, Little Rock, Ark., president of the new Women's Auxiliary; Dr. William Harris, Albany, Ga., president, and Dr. L.R. Pyles, Little Rock, Ark., southeastern regional vice president. Dr. John Heyer, New York, N.Y., eastern regional vice president, was not present for the photograph.

-full page ad for Bill Harris Publishers (p. 47)

1963 (Nov/Dec): **Digest of Chiropractic Economics** [6(3)] includes:

-full page ad for Bill Harris Publishers (p. 41)

1964 (Mar/Apr): *Digest of Chiropractic Economics* [6(5)] includes:

-"College reports" (pp. 16-8, 38-40) includes:

PALMER COLLEGE ...Dr. Palmer spoke at the Southeastern States Palmer College alumni

...Dr. Palmer spoke at the Southeastern States Palmer College alumni meeting in Macon, Ga., March 14-15. Dr. J.T. Boutwell, president of the Georgia Palmer Alumni, was in charge.

Other speakers included Dr. William Harris, Albany, Ga., international president of Palmer College Alumni Association...

#### 1964 (Oct): ICA International Review [19(4)] includes:

-"Mrs. Gordon Brown elected 1965 WAICA president" (pp. 32-6); many PCC homecoming photographs, including:



Georgia ICA members presented an award to Dr. and Mrs. John Q. Thaxton for their untiring dedication to chiropractic. Above, Mrs. Thaxton receives the award from Dr. William Harris of Albany, Georgia.



Above, Dr. William Harris, PCC Alumni Association president, accepts \$100 checks from Dr. A.E. Lill, Dr. L.W. Rutherford and Dr. Finley Elliott, all members of the PCC Century Club. The Century Club was formed to provide funds for the college expansion program. ICA urges all PCC graduates to join the Century Club and be a part of professional progress.

1965 (Sept 23): letter from **Stanley Hayes** DC to **Bill Harris** DC, at P.O. Box 1296 Albany GA (Hayes collection; in my Harris folder; in my Harris folder):

Dear Dr. Harris:

In compliance with your recent kind request, I am mailing you under separate cover (1) The *Bulletin of Rational Chiropractic* for September, 1965; (2) an excerpt ("What is Rational Chiropractic?") from the *Bulletin of Rational Chiropractic* for January, 1965; and (3) a copy of "Back To Chiropractic!" which I wrote as vice-president of The United Chiropractic Association of Arizona in 1954 to commemorate the 59 birthday of chiropractic.

NOTE: The *Bulletin of Rational Chiropractic* has been published monthly since January, 1963. In it there are many other references

to the Discoverer and his sane, scientific teachings. I would gladly send you all of these but for the fact that I have no copies of those *Bulletins* left. The excerpt, "What is Rational Chiropractic?" I can send you because I had several hundred extra copies printed on special order for a chiropractor who wanted to distribute them, and I kept a few copies on hand.

It pleases me to note that **you are immediate Past-President** of the **Palmer International Alumni Association**. I am sure, therefore, that the survival and success of the chiropractic profession are uppermost in your thoughts and desires -- just as they are in my own. **I have practiced straight chiropractic since 1922**. I have the highest respect for everything that **Dr. Dave** has done since he took charge of **PCC**. And I believe that, just as his illustrious Grandfather created the chiropractic profession, it is now in his Grandson's power to save it from destruction by the medical monopoly whose obvious intent is to utterly destroy the <u>profesion</u> and to steal the <u>practice</u> of chiropractic for its own use and profit. If you are interested in considering the ways and means by which he could accomplish that objective, please let me know and I will be glad to outline the plan as soon as I can find the time to do it.

With every good wish, I am, Sincerely yours,....

1965 (Sept 28): letter to **Stanley Hayes** DC from **Bill Harris** DC, at 413 Broad Ave., Albany GA; letterhead notes "Specializing in Structural Spinal Disorders" (Hayes collection; in my Harris folder):

Dear Dr. Hayes:

This is in reply to your letter of Sept 23rd.

I would appreciate you, at your earliest convenience, outlining ways and means by which **Dr. Palmer** and others could accomplish the objectives which you mentioned very pointedly in your letter. Believe me, I am anxiously awaiting your reply.

To date, I have not received (1) the *Bulletin of Rational Chiropractic* for Sept, 1965 (2) an excerpts from the *Bulletin of Rational Chiropractic* for Jan., 1965 and (3) a copy of "Back to Chiropractic". Thanks for having your receptionist check to see if this material was mailed.

Best wishes to you. Sincerely, Bill Harris

1965 (Oct 6): letter from **Stanley Hayes** DC to **Bill Harris** DC, at P.O. Box 1296 Albany GA (Hayes collection; in my Harris folder; in my Harris folder):

Dear Dr. Harris:

The material I recently mailed you by insured parcel post went out on the same day I mailed you the letter. The mail letter would, of course, reach you first and the parcel post package has doubtless reached you long before this. If not, please inform me and I'll get a tracer after it.

I am sorry that I cannot promise you a quick discussion of the plan by which I think **Dr. Dave** could accomplish a great deal for the future of chiropractic. To be understandable, it would require a great deal of explanation which involves many facts that most chiroprators in this **ICA-NCA-ACA** squabble have overlooked.

I am so busy writing and publishing the *Bulletin* that I can't say when I might have time to discuss the matter in question. And besides all that, I have to make a living by the practice of chiropractic -- which takes up a lot of my time. But I feel sure that **Dr. Dave** holds a big trump card that played properly might prove to be the salvation of our profession.

Sincerely yours,...

circa 1965 (Oct): undated letter from Bill Harris DC, at 413 Broad Ave., P.O. Box 1296, Albany GA, on Palmer College of Chiropractic Alumni Association letterhead, to Stanley Hayes DC (Hayes collection; in my Harris folder):

Dear Dr. Hayes:

A mutual friend, Dr. **Sterling Cooley**, has asked me to write you for your article, "Chiropractic will Be Seven Years Old on Sept. 17th - An Eye-Witness Report".

I am making a study of the life of **D.D. Palmer** and any material yu have that might be of help would be greatly appreciated. Dr. **Cooley** has been most helpful.

Thank you for your considerate attention.

Sincerely,

Bill Harris, D.C., Immediate Past President

Palmer International Alumni

1965 (Oct 11): letter to **Stanley Hayes** DC from **Bill Harris** DC, at 413 Broad Ave., Albany GA; letterhead notes "Specializing in Structural Spinal Disorders" (Hayes collection; in my Harris folder):

Dear Dr. Hayes:

Your material arrived.

I have had a chance to read it and it contains much food for thought.

Since you do have a plan which you feel might help and **Dr. Dave** is a part of it, may I urge that before November 1st, you reduce this to writing so when I see him, I might discuss it for the benefit of the profession.

I would be deeply grateful to you for your considerate attention. With every best wish, I am, Sincerely, *Bill Harris* 

P.S. After consideration, the **ICA** has formed a conference committee and the heads of the **ACA** and the **ICA** met in an informal meeting in Davenport the middle of September.

The **ACA** is in the process of forming a conference committee for the possibility of a merger.

So naturally you can see that your plan and suggestions are needed at this time. That is why I anxiously await your reply.

The above information is <u>in confidence</u> as it <u>is not know</u> generally at this stage.

1965 (Oct 30): letter from **Stanley Hayes** DC to **Bill Harris** DC, Albany GA (Hayes collection; in my Harris folder):

...Since the day **Dr. Dave** took charge at Davenport, I have admired everything he did. He has certainly acted like a man who really knows the score. I have dared to cherish the hope that he would be the power to SAVE what his illustrious Grandfather CREATED.

But I am also aware of the obstacles in his way. Arrayed against him on one hand are the "medopractors," backed by **NCA-ACA** politicians -- and on the other hand, the "cultopractors," backed by **ICA** politicians. For what I mean by "medopractors" and "cultopractors" see the *Bulletin* for June, 1963.

Personally, I have always practiced D.D. Palmer's chiropractic -- and so the "medopractors" have always called me "straight" and the "straights" have damned me as a "mixer." The "cultopractic" schools long damned many things as "mixing" that they have all NOW been TEACHING for many years -- physical diagnosis, pathology, for example. They have been forced to concede many things they used to damn with all their might -- thereby keeping constant strife stirred up among us -- when what we needed most was UNITY on a RATIONAL basis. And political profiteers have used the "medopractors" and the "cultopractors" to create and continue the

civil warfare that has kept us so weak that our REAL enemy, the AMA, found us easy victims to its plans to DESTROY us. We are losing ground to the medics every day -- and it will soon bee too LATE to escape extermination.

The time has long gone when anybody can didctate what chiropractic is to be. Chiropractic is now and will always be exactly what the legislatures and the courts say it is. See "RATIONAL CHIROPRACTIC" in the January, 1965, *Bulletin*.

Since receiving your letter I have carefully read the October ICA Review, especially Dr. Dave's Homecoming speech (page 20). On page 22 he says much that could mean a great deal -- or NOTHING -- depending on how you think it is safe to interpret it. I realize that he is walking a tight rope between two opposed forces -- and that upon which way HE LEANS will in my carefully considered judgment mean the salvation or destruction of our profession.

But Dr. **Rutherford**'s "PROGRESS REPORT" leaves no room for doubt about what HE means. He is for professional unity -- but only on HIS terms -- which are the exact terms of **BJ**'s "CULTOPRACTIC." Beginning with the DISCOVERER himself, and coming right on down the line to this day, no really intelligent and informed chiropractor -- or layman either -- has ever accepted **BJ**'s "cultopractic" -- and none ever will. And I know what I am talking about when I say that even those who give lip service to "cultopractic" don't actually PRACTICE it.

But BOTH public and profession WILL accept the Discoverer's rational chiropractic. With unity on that basis chiropractic WILL survive -- and chiropractors will prosper. Otherwise, chiropractors will very soon be an extinct species -- and chiropractic will be renamed "Scientific Spinal Manipulation" -- and dealt to the public by captive physical therapists under medical prescription only -- for the prestige and PROFIT of the medics.

Our battling bosses, **ICA** and **NCA-ACA** have been bunking "the field" continuously with their shadow boxing over unity -- which is the very LAST thing they really want. What each side calls unity is total surrender by the other side -- which will NEVER come. It would be no crazier to expect the Republican party to surrender to the Democratic party - or vice versa...

**Dr. Dave** is the one man who holds the trump cards that can save chiropractic and our profession. 1. He has in his college more than half of ALL chiropractic students. 2. **He OWNS** the college. It does NOT belong to **Rutherford**, **Thaxton**, or any of the others who rushed in to fight for the mantle that fell from **BJ**'s shoulders when he gave up the ghost. **Dr. Dave** can and should run **PCC** to suit himself. And if he dedicates it to, and employs it for, the perpetuation of <u>Rational</u> chiropractic discovered and developed by his Grandfather into a completely scientific system acceptable to ALL intelligent people, he can thus save chiropractic both as a NAME and a successful PROFESSION.

I entirely agree with Dr. **Harlin R. Larson**, (PSC, 1927) Editor of The Montana Chiropractic <u>NEWS</u> when he says: "It is interesting to speculate on just how many letters **Dave Palmer** received when he took over from this father -- telling him that he had better stick to the old man's policies or lose support from the field. We know he received a number from Montana. Any changes he has made have been mild, indeed, andhe has found it best to agree with the hierarchy that runs the **ICA**. He has very little influence in this body, but they have much on him."

I know that **Dr. Dave** has to tread cautiously at first, and I admire his judgment in doing so. But the time for pussyfooting has passed. The quicker he now shows his claws the better. The time is NOW -- or NEVER!...

2 - PROPER instruction in the drugless methods that have made unintelligent "mixers" and "medopractors" out of so many otherwise fine chiropractic students would eliminate the use of <u>most</u> such methods, and insure <u>intelligent</u> use of the rest -- the patient always knowing that it was chiropractic that got him well. Such properly instructed chiropractors would readily that they <u>must</u> make that clear -- because the patient can get such methods from <u>any</u> physical therapy technician -- but they can get chiropractic <u>only</u> from a <u>chiropractor</u> -- who is a DOCTOR and not merely a technician. That would probably let more wind out of medical propaganda than any other single thing we could do. (See Dr. Larson's letter to his patients in the Bulletin for February, 1964, pages 14, 15).

... **Dr. Dave** need not worry about losing support by such a move. He would GAIN support from all sides. Many **PCC** graduates who have gone to other schools to get this work would never have done so if they could have got it at **PSC** or **PCC**. And even greater numbers who chose other schools over Palmer on that one account would have even better chiropractors today. I have known very many "**medopractors**" who today would be valuable chiropractors had they been taught the use of "adjuncts" in the <u>right</u> way while in chiropractic school.

Neither does **Dr. Dave** need to worry about the few radicals who would <u>not</u> (at first) support **PCC** if it taught the proper use of the said methods when indicated. The only other schools that they would send their students to are the two **Cleveland** schools -- and THEY would soon follow the lead of **PCC**.

3 - Then offer MERGER with ACC on the above basis -- plus a free press, free and honest elections -- in short, rule of the profession, by the profession, for the profession -- plus strict adherence to non-medical, non-surgical practice. Draw the red line according to the laws in each state -- and unlicense any chiropractor who stepped over that line...

...I am 74 -- so Old Father Time is not on my trail -- and gaining on me at every jumpt.

When I get unable to work, my Social Security will feed me -- and a Veteran's Hospital or Medicare will find a bed for me if I need one...

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

Copy to Dr. Dave

1965 (Oct 31): letter from **Stanley Hayes** DC to **Dave Palmer** (Hayes collection; in my Harris folder):

Dear Dr. Dave:

In my hrry last night to complete the letter to Dr. Bill Harris, copy of which I enclose, I forgot to add a note to you explaining the circumstances that brought this matter about.

They were these: After the September *Bulletin* was published, Dr. C. Sterling Cooley, one of the few living chiropractors who knew the Discoverer well -- and studied under him -- wrote Dr. Harris suggesting that he write me for a copy of that *Bulletin*. I sent him that Bulletin and also some other material that I thought might be of interest to him. It included a copy of "What is Rational Chiropractic?" from the *Bulletin* of January, 1965.

On October 11, he wrote me that since I had a plan that might help our profession and that **Dr. Dave** was a part of it, he urged that before November 1 I reduce this to writing so that when he saw **Dr. Dave** he might discuss it for the benefit of the profession.

I believe you will find the rest of the copy of my last night's letter to Dr. Harris to be self-explanatory. Sorry for the oversight.

Every good wish to you. As ever,...

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

-"Dr. Henry L. Foley to Ga. Bd. Of Exam." (p. 61); photograph and:



Governor Lester Maddox appointed Dr. Henry L. Foley, prominent Forest Park and Clayton County Chiropractor and Civic leader, to the Georgia Board of Chiropractic Examiners. His term of office begins immediately and extends through 1970. Dr. Foley a graduate of Palmer College, was officially sworn in by Governor Maddox on September 27 at a ceremony held in the Governor's office. Governor Maddox commended Dr. Foley for his endeavors and active work in the Chiropractic profession, the state association and also the youth program of Clayton County and urged him to continue in this work, in addition to his new duties.

Dr. Foley is presently serving as President of the Georgia Chiropractic Association and has been active in the state association for the past ten yeas, holding various offices in the district and state levels.

## 1975 (Mar/Apr): Today's Chiropractic [4(2)] includes:

-"New service for chiropractors" (p. 21):

Dr. William M. Harris of Albany has started a new service for Chiropractors, the HARRIS CHIROPRACTIC MANAGEMENT AND SERVICES COMPANY. The first meeting was held recently in Albany with fifty-six doctors and their wives from Georgia, Florida, Alabama and South Carolina attending.

At the banquet on Saturday evening Dr. C.J. Wilson, President of the Alabama Chiropractic Association, presented Dr. Harris an honorary membership in the Alabama Association. Dr. Wilson stated that Dr. Harris is the second person ever to receive this honor.

At the two-day meeting Dr. Harris presented a program of office procedure and education to the new patient designed to improve results and continued care of the chiropractic patient, drawing on his thirty-five years in active practice for proven methods. Those in attendance toured Dr. Harris' new clinic and were informed that in the future doctors would be able to view the operation of the clinic and care of patients via closed circuit TV.

1975 (May/June): Today's Chiropractic [4(3)] includes:

-Bill Harris, D.C. of Albany GA authors "A genuine concern for patients" (p. 44)

1978: Bill Harris, D.C. establishes the Foundation for the Advancement of Chiropractic Education (FACE) (see curriculum vitae, 2001)

#### **PHOTOGRAPH**

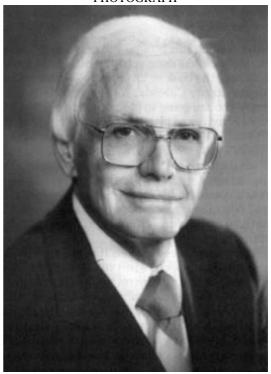


William Harris, D.C., circa 1985

1987: "Humanitarian of the Year" awarded to Bill Harris, D.C. by Georgia Chiropractic Association (see curriculum vitae, 2001)

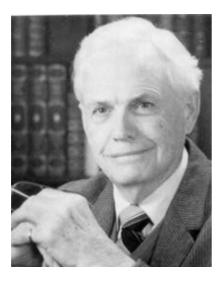
1987: Bill Harris, D.C. named "Fellow" by Palmer Academy (see curriculum vitae, 2001)

#### **PHOTOGRAPH**



William Harris, D.C., circa 1989

1991 (June): **ACA Journal of Chiropractic** [28(6)] includes:
-"Texas Chiropractic College: Dr. Harris donates funds for facilitator" (pp. 92-3); includes photograph of Dr. Harris:



1991: Wolf-Harris Center for Clinical Studies dedicated at Northwestern College of Chiropractic (see curriculum vitae, 2001)

1992: Bill Harris, D.C. named to "Hall of Fame" by Texas Chiropractic College (see curriculum vitae, 2001)

1992: Bill Harris, D.C. awarded honorary "Doctor of Law" by National College of Chiropractic (see curriculum vitae, 2001)

1992: Bill Harris, D.C. named "Fellow" by Palmer College of Chiropractic West (see curriculum vitae, 2001)

1992 (Nov/Dec): *Activator Update* [7(6)] includes: -cover photograph (above) of AWF & William Harris:



Dr. William M. Harris, left, President of the Foundation for the Advancement of Chiropractic Education (FACE), presented Dr. Arlan W. Fuhr, President of the National Institute of Chiropractic Research for a check for \$100,000 for ongoing research currently underway at Arizona State University.

1993 (Sept): Bill Harris, D.C. receives "The Golden Award" by Parker Chiropractic Resource Foundation (see curriculum vitae, 2001)

1995 (Mar/Apr): Activator Update [10(2)] includes:

-"Dr. William M. Harris appointed to National Institute of Chiropractic Research Board of Directors" (p. 17):

PHOENIX, AZ, January 12, 1995 – Dr. William M. Harris, chiropractic philanthropist from Atlanta, Georgia, and Founder of the Foundation for the Advancement of Chiropractic Education (FACE) has been appointed to the Board of Directors of the National Institute of Chiropractic Research (NICR). The announcement was made by Dr. Arlan W. Fuhr, President and Founder of NICR, a non-profit research group headquartered in Phoenix, Arizona.

Dr. Harris, a graduate of Palmer Chiropractic College, is well-known to many in the profession. Sixteen years ago, he formed FACE which has contributed over \$3,200,000 to colleges and chiropractic research projects and to the construction of academic buildings and research centers.

Dr. Harris has had a long association with prominent business leaders including W. Clement Stone, founder of the Combined Insurance Companies and *Success* magazine, and the legendary Napoleon Hill, the author of <u>Think and Grow Rich</u>. In fact, Dr. Harris was Napoleon Hill's personal chiropractor. Dr. B.J. Palmer, the developer of chiropractic and president of Palmer College, wrote six books only two of which he dedicated to someone. One of those books was dedicated to Dr. Harris.

As dedicated as he is to chiropractic, Dr. Harris' strong commitment to serve his fellow man is not limited solely to our profession. He also has been extremely active and held office, both local and national, in such organizations as the Lions Club, Salvation Army, Boy Scouts and the First Baptist Church. Dr. Harris has also been the recipient of many awards and honors by these and other groups and institutions.

Dr. Fuhr said, "Reading over Dr. Harris' vitae is both humbling and inspirational. In comparison, I feel like I have been standing still! All of us owe Dr. Harris a debt of gratitude. We are honored to have him join us."

1995 (Sept 7): letter to J.C. Keating from **William M. Harris** DC at F.A.C.E., 1001 Cambridge Square, Suite D, Alpharetta GA 30201 (Harris correspondence):

Dear Dr. Keating,

...At no time do I remember meeting with Dr. Stanley Hayes.

Although, we did have considerable correspondence over a period of years, verified by your research; however, I cannot find any other information except what you already have in hand.

The one thing I liked about his writing was that he did not chose sides as much as he expressed opinions upon the person being evaluated.

P.S. I have some of the letters of Dr. **Sterling Cooley**, but I doubt that I could find them because I have moved several times over the years.

1996 (Jan/Feb): Activator Update [11(1)] includes:

-"Former Albany, Georgia chiropractor given high honors by state association" (p. 21); includes **photo** of William M. Harris, D.C. and:

Dr. William M. Harris, former pioneer Albany Chiropractor, was voted "Humanitarian of the Year" by the American Chiropractic Association at its convention held in Washington, D.C. Past President of the American Chiropractic Association, Dr. Russell Sawyer from Omaha, Nebraska, presented this distinguished ward to Dr. Harris at the Georgia Chiropractic Association's Fall Convention held at the Marriott Marquis Hotel in Atlanta.

Dr. Sawyer cited Dr. Harris for his long and distinguished service as President of the Foundation for the Advancement of Chiropractic Education that Dr. Harris founded.

Dr. Sawyer stated that the largest research program in the profession was spearheaded by Dr. Harris and that through his efforts and business acumen, major chiropractic in the South was revitalized and saved from bankruptcy.

Following Dr. Sawyer's remarks, Dr. Walter Fowler, Columbus, Georgia, Past President of the Georgia Chiropractic Association cited one instance after another, that through Dr. Harris' leadership, has assisted in thrusting the profession forward on the state and international levels.

Dr. Harris is presently a "visiting professor" at five chiropractic colleges and is a much sought after speaker on state and national convention programs. Dr. Fowler stated that through Dr. Harris' efforts, the Georgia Chiropractic Association was able to buy and pay for a condominium office building near the Georgia State Capitol.

Dr. Fowler on behalf of the Georgia Chiropractic Association presented the first GCA Life Time Achievement Award to Dr. Harris.

Dr. Harris practiced in Albany for 41 years. While in Albany, he was a member of the Board of Deacons of the First Baptist Church) serving as secretary longer than anyone in its history); The Albany Lions Club sponsored him for District Governor, from there he became Chairman of the Board of Governors and in time International Counselor. President Jimmy Carter, a personal friend, succeeded him as the Georgia Lions District Governor.

Because of demands as a speaker throughout the states and overseas, Dr. Harris moved to the Atlanta area several years ago, where he directs the activities of the Foundation for the Advancement of Chiropractic Education.

1997: Doctor of Humanities awarded to Bill Harris, D.C. by Texas Chiropractic College (see curriculum vitae, 2001)

1999 (Nov): ICA Review [56(5)] includes:

-"Texas College dedicates new building to chiropractic pioneer" (pp. 76-7); includes photo and caption:



Dr. William M. Harris prepares to cut the ceremonial cake held by Dr. William H. Clements, director of Institutional Advancement at Texas Chiropractic College. The cake was served at a reception held prior to the ceremony dedicating TCC's student services and administration building to Dr. Harris.

2000 (June 20): letter from William M. Harris DC (in my Harris file):

Dear Dr. Keating:

Thank you for sending the picture of Bob Thompson. In addition to my other information, Bob was a member of the Royal Canadian Air Force, but to the best of my memory, he never served overseas.

Dr. A.B. Hender was the first medical doctor in Davenport to become a chiropractor. He came on the staff of Palmer College. He had two sons, also chiropractors, and two grandchildren. One of his sons, Dr. Herb Hender, was the Dean of Palmer College and also the director of the Clearview Sanatorium, a place for many ill patients. It functioned for approximately 50 years in Davenport.

Dr. A.B. Hender and I became firm friends, and at his passing I resolved that I would have a non-profit foundation and I received approval from his family to use his name. The A.B. Hender Foundation succeeded for two or three years and the money was distributed to needy students through H.C. Hender.

It became apparent that the first foundation had weaknesses in its charter. No student ever repaid single loan, so in time the concept was changed to the Foundation for the Advancement of Chiropractic Education, with broader guidelines.

Thank you for what you do to keep the history of chiropractic straight for the profession. I appreciate your talent.

Sincerely,...

## 2001 (June 21): letter from Bill Harris:

Dear Joe:

Thank you for your letter. It is good to know that you are now a homeowner.

Dr. Robert Thompson was a friend at Palmer College. We were there when he married Hazel Kurth. In fact, he and I used to double date (me with my future wife, also.)

After leaving school he joined the Canadian Air Force, then felt that he was called to Ethiopia as a missionary. He became the personal emissary of Emperor Haile Sellassie, and worked there, developing many treatments for leprosy. He encouraged many Ethiopians to study at Palmer.

Upon returning to the United States, he came to visit with me at my home in Albany, Georgia. Then he decided to run for political office in Canada, and won. He became president of the Canadian Chiropractic Memorial Hospital [sic]. He had an outstanding record of public service throughout his illustrious career.

Congratulations on your decision to become a free lance writer. May I encourage you to contact all of your friends letting them know, and telling them that you would welcome their ideas and support. Although I would like to assist you in your work, because of anew business venture, I will not have the time to critique your papers.

Do keep in touch. I wish you every success in your chosen career. Sincerely,...

WMH/jsg

2001 (July 17): received from Bill Harris, D.C.:
PROFESSIONAL VITAE
WILLIAM M. HARRIS, D.C.

Dr. William M. Harris is an acclaimed philanthropist, doctor, executive, lecturer, and elder statesman to the profession of chiropractic. Dr. Harris serves a President of both Practice Consultants (a chiropractic consulting firm), and the Foundation for the Advancement of Chiropractic Education (a non-profit organization), along with his activities as a visiting professor at five chiropractic colleges. Dr. B.J. Palmer personally inducted Dr. Harris as a "fellow" in the International Chiropractic [sic] Association during its annual convention in 1956. Dr. Harris was the first southerner so honored.

Professional honors received by Dr. Harris include: Doctorate of Science Degree from Trinity University of Chicago in 1949, Chiropractor of the Year by Parker Resource Foundation in 1953, "Humanitarian of the Year" in 1987 by the Georgia Chiropractic Association, a "Fellow" Palmer Academy 1987, "Fellow" Palmer College of Chiropractic-West, San Jose, CA, 1992, and an Honorary Doctorate of Humanity degree from Texas Chiropractic College, Pasadena, TX, 1997.

Dr. B.J. Palmer, the developer of chiropractic and President of Palmer College [sic] of Chiropractic authored 36 books, dedicating only two books to chiropractors, and Dr. Harris being one of them.

Dr. Harris has had a long association with prominent business leaders including: W. Clement Stone, founder of The Combined Insurance Company and <u>Success Magazine</u>. Dr. Harris was also the personal chiropractor and student to the legendary Napoleon Hill, author of <u>Think and Grow Rich</u>.

The Lions International honored Dr. Harris with the "Melvin Jones Humanitarian Award" (named for the founder of Lions International) after serving as Chairman of the Board of Governors for the Georgia Lions International.

The Foundation for the Advancement of Chiropractic Education (FACE) was founded by Dr. Harris in 1978. FACE is non-profit and funded by Practice Consultants, a practice consulting firm, also founded by Dr. Harris.

Due to his early struggle in practice, Dr. Harris was determined to establish a non-profit foundation with proceeds going to chiropractic colleges to create and perpetuate chairs in practice, business management, and support their needs for equipment.

More recently the foundation has funded chiropractic research projects, construction of academic building, and research centers. FACE has contributed approximately \$5,000,000 to these various projects. In addition, Dr. Harris through the Foundation for the Advancement of Chiropractic Education was instrumental in contributing \$300,000 to the Centennial Foundation in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of chiropractic in 1995.

The contribution was one of the largest given by an individual organization. The contribution was given to support the Centennial Foundation with the cost of its historic TV documentary. The documentary illustrates to the masses the history of chiropractic, its struggles, and its many advancements for the betterment of all humanity through chiropractic.

In May 1991, the Wolf-Harris Academic Building at Northwestern College of Chiropractic, Bloomington, Minnesota, was completed and dedicated in honor of its founder and first president, Dr. Jack Wolf, and its most generous benefactor, Dr. William M. Harris.

In 1992, Dr. Harris was awarded an honorary Doctorate of Law Degree from National College of Chiropractic, Lombard, Illinois, where he delivered the commencement exercises.

Dr. Harris was installed into the prestigious "Hall of Fame" in 1992 by Texas Chiropractic College for his continuous years of commitment to the profession, along with The Honorable George McAndrews. A bronze bust of both Dr. Harris and George McAndrews has been placed in the "Hall of Fame." Texas Chiropractic College has only given this recognition to 17 chiropractors.

In September 1993, Dr. Harris was presented "The Golden Award" by Parker Chiropractic Resource Foundation, Fort Worth, Texas, for his 50 years of service to chiropractic, patients, and clients, and for his contributions to chiropractic colleges, and his inspiration and support in helping to develop the Parker Seminars in the early years. The presentation for this award was held on September 18, the birth date of chiropractic. Approximately 2,500 were in attendance.

#### **Education and Experience**

- \*Graduate of Palmer College [sic] of Chiropractic 1938
- \*Chiropractic post-graduate work in Europe 1972
- \*Intensive work-study at Spears Hospital and Sanitarium, Denver, Colorado
- \*Assistant Professor, X-Ray Department, Palmer College of Chiropractic

With 50 years of expertise in court testimony (including Workers Compensation) only one patient failed to receive a favorable verdict. The services of Dr. Harris are sought after by the American Trial Lawyer's Association. Dr. Harris is also a consultant to chiropractors in the field of practice. Dr. Harris served as bank president in Albany, Georgia, as well as five other corporations on different occasions.

#### **Writing and Lecturing**

- \*Dr. Harris has been a contributor to the International Chiropractic Review, American Chiropractic Journal, Today's Chiropractic, Digest of Chiropractic Economics, Dynamic Chiropractic, and numerous other national and state publications.
- \*Co-authored a book, <u>Seven Steps to Chiropractic Success</u>, 1985, and followed-up in 1989 co-authoring Volume II of <u>Seven Steps to Chiropractic Success</u>, "How to attract New Patients"

#### **Chiropractic Organizations**

- \*Member of the Society of Chiropractic Management Consultants
- \*Past President of Palmer College Alumni International, serving two terms
- \*Past President of Georgia Fifth District Society
- \*Past President of the Georgia Chiropractic Association
- \*Member of the Board of Directors of the National Institute of Chiropractic Research (NICR), Phoenix, Arizona

#### Honors

- \*The "Melvin Jones" award by the Lions International, named after its Founder
- \*The first field doctor to speak on chiropractic management at Palmer College
- \*Honorary Doctorate of Science Degree from Trinity University 1949
- \*"Chiropractor of the Year" award 1952, by Parker Chiropractic Resource [sic] Foundation
- \*Dr. B.J. Palmer, developer of chiropractic dedicated a book to Dr. Harris in 1956
- \*"Chiropractor of the Year" awarded by the Georgia Chiropractic Association 1985
- \*Inducted into the Palmer academy as a "Fellow" 1987
- \*"Humanitarian of the Year" awarded by the Georgia Chiropractic Association 1987
- \*Presented with the "Golden Award" by Parker Chiropractic Resource Foundation, September 18, 1993
- \*"Humanitarian of the Year" awarded by the American Chiropractic Association 1995
- \*"Chiropractic Centennial Award" 1995 by the Georgia Chiropractic Association
- \*Awarded by Palmer College of Chiropractic-West a "Fellow" 1992
- \*Awarded an Honorary Doctorate Degree from Texas Chiropractic

In addition, Dr. Harris was honored with the founding of a "Lifetime Achievement Award in October, 1998, from the Georgia Chiropractic Association. The award will continue in perpetuity.

#### **Civic Organizations**

- \*Served in numerous positions with the Albany (Georgia) Lions Club
- \*Chairman of the Board of Governors for all chapters of the Georgia Lions and later as an International Counselor
- \*Board member of the Salvation Army

- \*Director of the Chehaw Council of the Boy Scouts (Southwest Georgia)
- \*Member of the Board of Directors of Judicial Services Agency (Emotion Maturity Instruction Organization) funded by Dougherty County Georgia, in cooperation with Jude Eugene Black, Juvenile Court Judge
- \*Served on the Board of Deacons of the First Baptist Church

#### **Personal**

- \*Dr. Harris was born inOpelika, Alabama
- \*Dr. Harris and his wife Joan (deceased) have two children, a son an daughter, and two grandchildren

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