



The Janse family, taken shortly before their departure to  
CHIROPRACTIC (GENERAL)

## Remembering Joe Janse in Pictures: The Early Years

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He's been gone for 20 years now,<sup>3,5</sup> but is far from forgotten in the hearts and minds of many in the profession. Even those in the opposing philosophical camp came to respect his wisdom.<sup>8</sup> Dr. Joseph Janse is recognized for a great many accomplishments. Among these were his leadership of his alma mater for nearly 40 years; his contributions to chiropractic radiology; his role in the creation of the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners;<sup>7</sup> his service as an officer during the Council on Chiropractic Education's (CCE's) decades-long quest to improve our training institutions and establish federal accreditation;<sup>9</sup> his defense of the profession in the historic England case in federal district court in Louisiana in the 1960s;<sup>1,4</sup> the creation of our leading journal of science and scholarship - *Journal of Manipulative and Physiological Therapeutics (JMPT)*; and his success in securing regional accreditation for the National College of Chiropractic in 1971, even before the CCE had been recognized by the federal government.<sup>2</sup>

I never had the pleasure of meeting Dr. Janse, but have come to know him somewhat through his prolific contributions to the literature and through the numerous images of the man which punctuated the chiropractic journals for nearly four decades. I've been impressed with his apparently self-guided evolution as a critical thinker over the course of his career, with his success in keeping his devoutly religious beliefs separate from his scientific orientation. But these are considerations for another day.

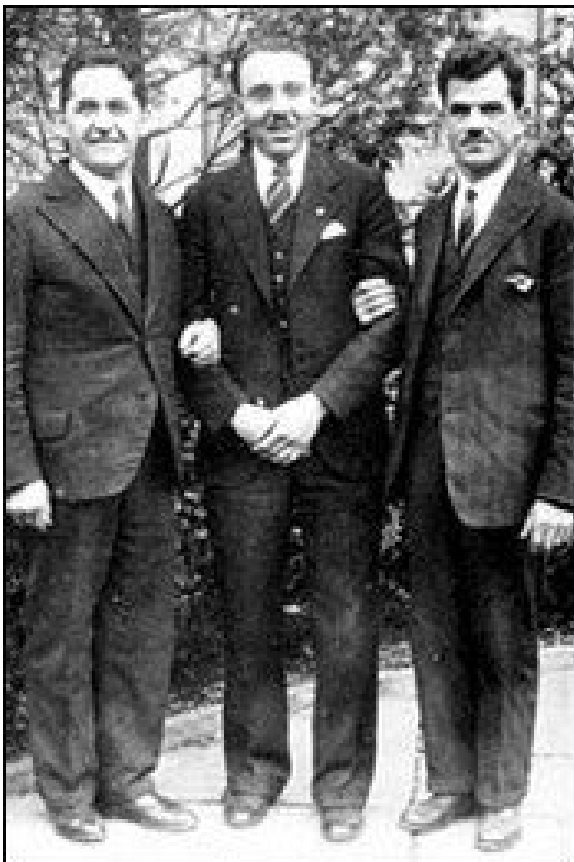
What follows is a very cursory biographical sketch of the man through the first 20 years of his presidency at the National, and some of the many photographs that illustrate his career. Wherever possible, the original captions are employed.



The Janse family, taken shortly before their departure to America, July 1916. From left: Debora, Pieter, Josias (Joseph), Adriana, Geertje and Adriaan.<sup>12</sup>



Market day in Middleburg, the Dutch community that was the Janse home in the Netherlands.<sup>12</sup>



Joseph Janse (center) with fellow Latter Day Saint missionaries in Germany, circa 1934.<sup>12</sup>



Newly graduated Joseph Janse with his mother; photo taken in Utah in August 1937, a few days before her death.<sup>12</sup>



**"JOSEPH JANSE D.D.T.: 'What the hell(o).' From Salt Lake City, Utah, and will return there. Joe has a hobby of teaching, but who wouldn't if one asked so many questions?" (from the National College's yearbook for 1937).**



**"RAYMOND HAROLD HOUSER D.C., N.D., D.D.T.: 'I wish I could sell another one of these machines.' A Californian by choice and will return to his home city of San Diego. Ray's a tinker of those electrical things classed as physiotherapy equipment. He also has a hobby of collecting railroad timetables. Delta Tau Alpha Fraternity; editor-in-chief of the 'Mirror'" (from the National College's yearbook for 1937).**



**"The three musketeers on the Northwest circuit of state conventions – Dr. W.C. Schulze, Dr. K.J. Hawkins and Dr. J.E. Slocum. Dr. C.O. Watkins, originator of plan, second from left." L to R: W.C. Schulze, M.D., D.C., president of the National College of Chiropractic in Chicago; C.O. Watkins, D.C., of Sidney, Montana; Karl J. Hawkins, D.C., of Davenport, Iowa; James E. Slocum, D.C., of Webster City, Iowa. These four were co-founders of NCA's "Northwest Circuit" of state convention presentations (from the cover of the NCA's The Chiropractic Journal for October 1934).**



**Young Dr. Janse in the dissection lab at the National College, circa 1940.**



"CHIROPRACTORS BUY WAR BONDS – Dr. J.F. White, Somerset, treasurer of the Kentucky Association of Chiropractors, is shown at a luncheon-meeting of state chiropractors at the Lafayette hotel, Lexington, Kentucky, October 2, handing a check for \$2,000 for the purchase of war bonds to Dr. Lillard T. Marshall, Lexington, past president of the National Chiropractic Association. Others appearing in the picture are, from left to right: Dr. Joseph Janse, Chicago, Ill.; Dr. Emmett J. Murphy, Washington, D.C.; Dr. S.J. Burich, Indianapolis, Ind.; Dr. Joseph Clinton, Danville, and Dr. H.E. Helsley, Henderson" (from the NCA Journal for November 1942).

Table 1: Faculty members of the National College of Drugless Physicians who signed a certificate of course completion for "Post-Graduate Course of Study...in the Principles and Practice of Unitary Technique, Physical Diagnosis, Colonic-Therapy, X-ray, Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat, Physio-Therapy, Dissection, Gynecology and Obstetrics, Laboratory Diagnosis, Dietetics and Foot Technique for Joshua N. Haldeman, D.C., 12 August 1938.

Omer C. Bader, D.O., D.D.T., dean	L.M. Tobison, D.C., D.C.T.	J.B. Urban
M. DeVoto, registrar	Joseph Janse, D.D.T., D.C., N.D	W.A. Biron, D.C. G.L.
George T. Marker, M.S.	Floyd H. Blackmore, D.O., D.C.	Stewart, D.C., M.T.D.
B.F. Wells, B.S., D.O., D.C.	H.E. Johnson, D.O., D.C., Ph.C	

Josiah (Joseph) Janse was the youngest child of a poor Dutch family that immigrated to the United States in 1916 in pursuit of its Mormon convictions. Following a missionary stint in Germany in the early 1930s,<sup>12</sup> he was attracted to a career in chiropractic by the lectures of William C. Schulze, M.D., D.C., president of the National College of Chiropractic (NCC). (Dr. Schulze was part of a troupe of chiropractor-seminar presenters who toured the northwest on behalf of the National Chiropractic Association [NCA].) Janse earned his first doctoral degree - Doctor of Drugless Therapeutics (DDT) - in 1937, and the following year secured the D.C. and N.D. from the National as well. Among his classmates was Raymond Houser, D.C., N.D., who subsequently would serve as the dean of the Los Angeles College of Chiropractic (LACC).<sup>10</sup> In short order, he was named to the faculty of the NCC (see Table 1).

Dr. Schulze had passed away while Joe was a student. Schulze was succeeded (as dean) by Omer C. Bader, D.C., N.D., whose tenure also would be brief: He passed away in 1939. For the next few years, Dr. Janse served as one of four deans (one for each year of the curriculum) who managed the college's day-to-day operations. During this time, he secured a license to practice in Illinois, which was no easy accomplishment in the "Prairie State," since the licensing authority was dominated by the medical community. By 1941, Janse had persuaded the owners of the still-proprietary NCC to convert to nonprofit status, and in 1945, young Dr. Janse was appointed president of the college, a post he would hold until 1983. Early on, he became a popular figure on the lecture circuit within chiropractic.



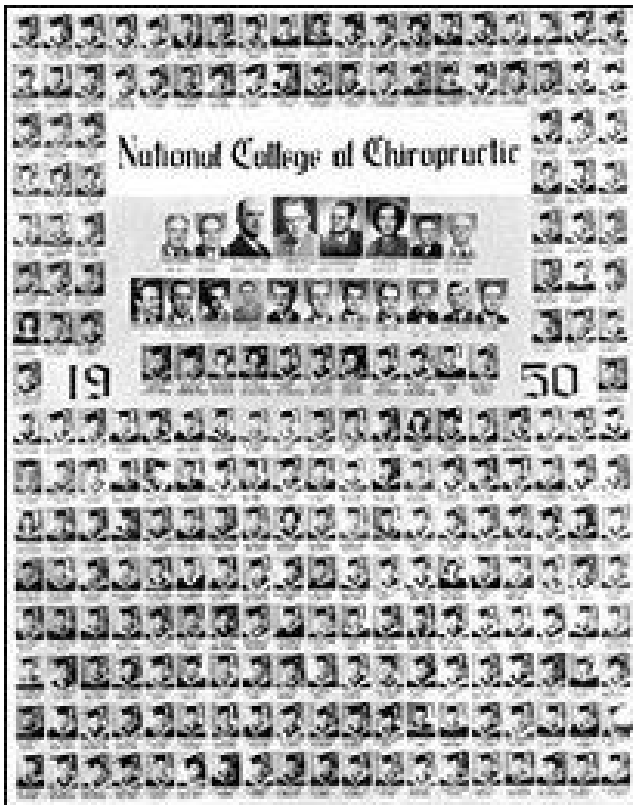
Dr. Joseph Janse, from the October 1945 issue of the NCA Journal; caption reads: "The NCA is the only national chiropractic organization actively promoting uniformly high educational standards, unity of concept of chiropractic science, systematic research, needed legislation and representation, and consequently true professional progress. Genuine regard for chiropractic, and humanity served by chiropractic, requires support of those programs and the NCA."



"Twenty gallons of Wyoming hospitality for dude visitors: Dr. Joseph Janse and Dr. Emmett J. Murphy are pictured with their hosts, standing left to right: Dr. Wm. F. Petrusch, Chairman, Board of Directors, Thermopolis; Dr. Emmett J. Murphy, Director of Public Relations, NCA, Washington, D.C.; Dr. Joseph Janse, President, National College of Chiropractic, Chicago, Ill; Dr. E.E. Sheldon, NCA Delegate, Buffalo; seated left to right: Dr. G.L. Holman, Vice-President, Cheyenne; Dr. C.W. Wanberg, President, Thermopolis; Dr. H.L. Pieters, Secretary-Treasurer, Riverton. The 10-gallon 4X Stetson sombreros were presented to the visitors at Sheridan during the convention of the Wyoming Chiropractic Association" (from the NCA Journal for September 1948).



"POSTURE WINNER – Mrs. A.R. Tolley, Bethesda, was judged the winner in the Correct Posture Contest held by the Maryland Chiropractic Association at its spring meeting held April 30 and May 1. Shown congratulating her is Dr. Joseph Janse, Chicago, Ill., president of the National College of Chiropractic. Looking on is Dr. Emmett J. Murphy, Washington director of public relations for the National Chiropractic Association" (from the NCA Journal for June 1949).



Faculty and graduates of the National College,  
1950 (from the National College Journal of  
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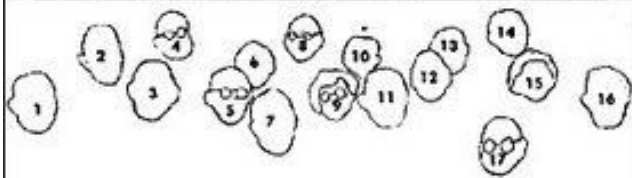


"JOSEPH JANSE, A.S., D.C., President" (from  
the National College Journal of Chiropractic for  
September 1950).



"Portrayed above, at the left of the lectern, is Senator Andrew J. Sordoni, president of the Sordoni Enterprises, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, being introduced at the Junior NCA rally by Dr. Joseph Janse, president of the National College of Chiropractic, Chicago, Ill. Senator Sordoni addressed the Junior NCA on the merits of chiropractic and the wisdom of their choice in following chiropractic as a career."

Gathering of the leadership of the NCA Council on Education at the LACC (from the Chirogram for March 1951)



1. Wm. N. Coggins. 2. Thure C. Petersen. 3. Walter B. Wolf. 4. John J. Nugent. 5. Joseph J. Janse. 6. Arthur G. Hendricks. 7. Geo. A. Bauer. 8. Ralph J. Martin. 9. Mrs. W. A. Budden. 10. Geo. H. Haynes. 11. H. C. Herring. 12. W. A. Budden. 13. Raymond H. Houser. 14. S. W. Cole. 15. Mrs. S. W. Cole. 16. Edward H. Gardner. 17. Lee H. Norcross.



"From left to right, sitting: Dr. M.A. Giammarino, Coatesville, Pa.; Dr. Leo E. Wunsch, Denver, Colo.; Dr. Theo. Viadef, Detroit, Mich.; Dr. H.W. Pruitt, Henderson, Ky.; Dr. Waldo G. Poehner, Chicago, Ill.; Dr. L.P. Rehberger, Highland, Ill. Standing: Dr. Ralph Powell, St. Louis, Mo.; Dr. Earl A. Rich, Indianapolis, Ind.; Dr. Roland Kissinger, Chicago, Ill.; Dr. Joe Janse, Chicago, Ill.; Dr. D.W. MacMillan, Wellan, Ontario, Canada; Dr. Carl Cleveland, Jr., Kansas City, Mo.; Dr. L.M. Rogers, Webster City, Iowa; Dr. James W. Long, Freeport, N.Y. Photo shows officers of council (seated) and speakers (standing) at symposium" (from the NCA Journal for May 1952).



"Photographed during the recent convention of the North Carolina Chiropractic Association are, left to right, Dr. Paul W. Transou, Winston-Salem; Dr. R.S. Burns, Lincoln; Dr. Herman S. Schwartz, president, National Council on Psychotherapy, Elmhurst, N.Y.; Dr. Carl S. Cleveland, president, Cleveland Chiropractic College, Kansas City, Mo.; and Dr. Joseph Janse, president, National College of Chiropractic, Chicago, Ill. Standing, Dr. W. Dillon Chambers, Asheville, N. Carolina" (from the NCA Journal for February 1951).



"In Senator Langer's private office in Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C., from left to right: Dr. Emmett J. Murphy, director of public relations, NCA; U.S. Senator William Langer, of North Dakota, and Dr. Joseph Janse, president of the National College of Chiropractic, Chicago, examine Senator Langer's speech about Correct Posture Week and chiropractic in the March 28 issue of the Congressional Record. Dr. Janse came to Washington as one of the principal speakers at the two-day, tri-state (Maryland, Virginia and District of Columbia) convention of chiropractors at the Statler Hotel, where, in 1950, the annual meeting of the National Chiropractic Association was held" (from the NCA Journal for May 1952).



"Shown left are the doctors who aided in planning the formation of the North Carolina Council on Physiotherapy, and the instructors from National College who conducted the classes for certification. They are (l. to r.): Dr. H.C.H. Gustavson, instructor of physiotherapy and cardiology, National College; Dr. Roland Kissinger, roentgenology instructor, National College; Dr. Joseph Janse, president, National College; Dr. Erle Downing, president, North Carolina Chiropractic Association; Dr. A.C. Sikes, president, North Carolina Council on Physiotherapy; and Dr. C.M. Haynie, physiotherapy instructor and vice-president of the council."<sup>13</sup>



"Shown in this photo are Dr. Joseph Janse (left), president of the National College of Chiropractic, Chicago, and Mike Wallace. Dr. Janse appeared on Mr. Wallace's district-attorney type program "Night Beat" at 11 p.m. on February 20 on station WABD-TV. This program has an estimated viewing audience of over 3 million people. Dr. Janse gave a most outstanding presentation, handling beautifully every question fired at him. The chiropractors of New York and surrounding states are eternally grateful for this magnificent job accomplished by Dr. Janse for the advancement of chiropractic" (from the NCA Journal for April 1957).





"Among the guests of the National College at a banquet held during the meeting of the National Council on Education were Dr. L.M. Rogers, Dr. George A. Bauer, Dr. W.A. Budden, Dr. Joseph Janse, Mr. Charles A. Miller Dr. and Mrs. John J. Nugent and Dr. Thure Peterson" (from the May 1953 issue of the National College Journal of Chiropractic).



The NCA Council on Education met in Toronto in 1956; A. Earl Homewood, D.C., N.D. and Ralph J. Martin, D.C., N.D. are standing, far left; George Haynes, D.C., M.S., is standing far right; seated left to right are Justin C. Wood, D.C.; John Nugent, D.C.; Thure C. Peterson, D.C. and Joseph Janse, D.C., N.D. (photo courtesy of Herbert K. Lee, D.C.).

*Editor's note: Complete references accompany part 2 of this article, scheduled to appear in the Dec. 17, 2005 issue; the online version of part 1 features a table listing some of Dr. Janse's published papers.*

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