

A routine adjustment

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Kenneth Spurgin and T.W. Goode know what good medical service. That's why the two men have been going to the same chiropractic office in downtown McKinney for 60 years.

Mr. Spurgin was only 9-years-old when he had his first visit to the chiropractor. Stricken with epiphysitis, which is an inflammation of the growing end of a bone, doctors at Scottish Rite gave him a 40-50% chance of walking. Spurgin was also told that he would have to stay at the children's hospital for at least two years.

His family instead opted for him to see then-chiropractor Dr. Harris. Harris came to the Spurgin's home three times a day for the next year and treated young Kenneth. Spurgin says that those visits from Dr. Harris changed his life.

"I got to walk again," Spurgin said.

T.W. Goode was in his early twenties when he started visiting the office. After his Jeep tipped over in Italy during World War II, Goode came back to states with an injured hip. Goode, a longtime Farmersville resident, was driving all the way to Greenville, before his brother recommended him to Dr. Harris. Since then, Goode has faithfully seen all three doctors in that office, including Dr. Harris, Dr. Hugh Meyers and current Dr. Von Bergen. He says that his regular bi-weekly visits help him stay active.

"Keeps me loose," Goode said.

Dr. Von Bergen is the most recent chiropractor to occupy the office on Louisiana. Bergen has been practicing there since 1987 and has both men as his patients. Bergen says that when he first came to McKinney, he was only one of two chiropractors. Since then, he has seen many changes in the downtown area, including the many antique shops.

Bergen, a father of two daughters and a former Parker College instructor, says that he feels right at home in the little office. But in the next few months, Bergen will have to say good-bye to his office when his lease runs out.

"It's going to be strange having to be in a different location," Bergen said.

Currently, Bergen is unsure of where he'll move his practice but plans on keeping it in McKinney.



McKinney Courier-Gazette/Stefanie White From left, Dr. Von Bergen and longtime patients, Kenneth Spurgin and T.W. Goode. For more photos visit us online at www.scntx.com.

While the office and Dr. Bergen may be relocating, Spurgin and Goode both plan on staying loyal patients.

"He'll find me or I'll find him," Spurgin said.

Uncertain for now when the move will take place, Dr. Bergen says that when he does move, he has no doubt that he'll be seeing Mr. Spurgin and Mr. Goode in the near future.

"They've got a special relationship to the office since they've been coming here for 60 years."

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