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ON DECEMBER 26, 1940 Dr. Lester D. Mitchell, age 62 years, died after an illness of more than three months. While enroute to Chicago to attend the September 1940 session of the Mid-western Component Society, he contracted a cold and by the end of the week had developed a severe case of pneumonia. He improved for a time but suffered a relapse with complications early in December and passed away at Wichita hospital the day after Christmas.

Dr. Mitchell was born June 8, 1878 near Lane in Miami County, Kansas. After attending public school in various cities in the state, he finished High School at Gerard, Kansas. In 1901 he was graduated from the Keokuk Dental Dental College and soon after started the practice of dentistry at Arkansas City, Kansas, where he lived until his death.

Dr. Mitchell was a leader in dental circles in Kansas, served as President of his District Dental Society and of the Kansas State Dental Association. He was also a member of the American Dental Association and a past President of the Mid-western Component of the Edward H. Angle Society of Orthodontia. Always enthusiastic in his work and never satisfied with anything short of his best, Dr. Mitchell gradually eliminated his general practice and worked into orthodontia exclusively with offices in Arkansas City and Wichita.

Although Dr. Mitchell never had the advantage of a course in orthodontia, because of his sincerity and intense interest in orthodontia, Dr. Angle invited him to the meeting of the Edward H. Angle Society held at Pasadena in 1926, since which time he attended every session and lost no opportunity to privately acquire all possible knowledge of the subject. He was devoted to Dr. Angle and his principles and an enthusiast in his work.

An active interest in local civic affairs was always taken by Dr. Mitchell. He was a member and past President of the Arkansas City Rotary Club and a member of the Masonic Lodge. He was a member of Delta Sigma Delta. A prominent member of the Trinity Episcopal Church, Dr. Mitchell was a former Vestryman in the Church.

Dr. Mitchell is survived by his wife, Lucile F. Mitchell; a daughter, Mrs. Malcolm Mills; a son, David F. Mitchell, and two grand children, all of Arkansas City. Also two brothers Dr. Edward L. Mitchell of Indianapolis, Indiana; George T. Mitchell of New York, and a sister, Mrs. George A. Rinehart of Kew Gardens, Long Island, New York.