



BEULAH NELSON

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Beulah Nelson, a member of long standing in the Midwestern Component of the Edward H. Angle Society of Orthodontia, died July 6, 1955, in Chicago. She had not been in good health for several years, a fact which only her closest relatives knew.

Beulah was born in Iroquois, Illinois, October 9, 1896, but her family moved to Hutchinson, Kansas, when she was very young, and it was there that she received her grade and high school education. For the next few years she taught in the public schools of Kansas in order to earn enough money to attend Northwestern University, where she earned her bachelor of science degree.

A period of employment as a diet secretary for Dr. Rollin T. Woodyatt, aroused her interest in the healing arts and she settled on a career in dentistry. With this objective in mind she entered the College of Dentistry, University of Illinois, and received her dental degree in 1930; following this, she practiced with Dr. Edgar Coolidge for several years. During this same period she was also an instructor in the children's dental clinic at the University of Illinois, whose Department of Orthodontics shared the same quarters. It was not long before she was intrigued by this field and she entered the Graduate College; after a full course of study she received her Master of Science degree in orthodontia in 1936. Thereafter she practiced her specialty in Oak Park, Illinois.

Shortly after completing her orthodontic training, Beulah met Dr. Albin Oppenheim and was immediately attracted to his teachings. She became an ardent advocate of treatment by means of mild forces and with head-cap. She gave clinics and wrote articles on these matters and her results revealed her meticulous attention to detail.

Conscientious almost to a fault, Beulah was always willing to serve her specialty, her profession and her friends in any capacity. In addition to the Chicago, Illinois and American Dental Associations, she held memberships in the American Association of Orthodontists and the Chicago Association of Orthodontists, of which she was president in 1951. At the time of her death she was vice-president of the Midwestern Component of the Angle society. She earned the key of Omicron Kappa Upsilon in dental school and was an active member of Kappa Delta sorority, Upsilon Alpha Dental Society and Zonta International.

All of the above tells what Beulah Nelson did but conveys only an inkling of what she was. She was a faithful member of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) and her character was a living example of the finest tenets of that sect. She was modest, thoughtful, kind and warm, and enjoyed nothing more than to laugh at herself. Because of her personality and her lofty ideals she enjoyed the highest respect and admiration of her colleagues and friends, who will long remember her lovely presence.

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