



WILLIAM P. McGOVERN

1899 - 1961

Obituary

William P. McGovern passed away July 28, 1961. Bill will be sorely missed by his countless friends, for all who knew him loved him as a man and respected him as a counselor. Bill was born in Tacoma, Washington, October 25, 1899, where he attended prep school, until entering University of Washington and graduating with a degree in chemistry. Soon afterwards he entered the University of California School of Dentistry graduating with honors.

Later, Bill left a successful general practice in Tacoma to study orthodontia with Dr. Strang in Bridgeport, Conn. Upon completion of his studies he returned to Tacoma to establish his practice. During his entire professional career, Bill endeared himself to all of his patients and also to his colleagues.

Bill was active in civic, dental and orthodontic affairs. He was a member of Mason Methodist Church, was interested in work of the YMCA for which he led several financial drives. He was a past master of his Masonic lodge, and was a member of the Shrine.

Dr. McGovern was a past President of the Washington State Dental Association. He was a member of the American Association of Orthodontists, a diplomate of the American Board of Orthodontics, a founding member of the Northwest Component of the Angle Society as well as the Tweed Foundation. He also was a member of Delta Sigma Delta and Omicron Kappa Upsilon. He was one of the original instructors in the Orthodontic Graduate program at the University of Washington where his natural ability as a teacher helped many embryo orthodontists.

Surviving Dr. McGovern are his wife Helen Ruth McGovern, a son Dr. William C. McGovern, a Tacoma orthodontist, a daughter Mrs. Ronald F. Robbins of Tacoma, a sister Miss Mildred McGovern of Puyallup and eight grandchildren.

We have lost a grand friend, but we have all gained for having been so close to him for many years.

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