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In Memoriam

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Dr. Edward L. Mitchell passed away July 11, 1964. He was born December 15, 1880 in Lane, Kansas. His death is a profound grief to his many friends, for all who knew him loved him as a man and respected him as a counselor.

Dr. Mitchell was graduated from the College of Dentistry at Keokuk, Iowa in 1906 and started his dental career with his brother Dr. Lester Mitchell in Arkansas City, Kansas. Through Dr. Frederick B. Noyes he was inspired to study orthodontics and was graduated with the Class of 1909 of the Edward H. Angle School of Orthodontia located at that time in New London, Connecticut. He returned to Kansas to practice with his brother Lester.

In 1911 Dr. Mitchell came to Indianapolis where he was the second in the entire state of Indiana to specialize in the practice of orthodontics. As such he was a pioneer in our specialty and was greatly responsible for the dignity and respect which our profession enjoys today, especially in Indiana.

Dr. Mitchell was a charter member of the Midwestern Component of the Edward H. Angle Society of Orthodontia and later served as president of the Component. In 1958 he was presented an honorary membership in this Society. He was active in civic and dental organizations being a past president of the Indiana State Dental Society and the Indianapolis Dental Society. He was a member of Delta Sigma Delta fraternity and the Kiwanis Club of Indianapolis. Surviving Dr. Mitchell are his wife Beulah, a daughter Sally Metzger and two granddaughters.

In the death of Dr. Edward L. Mitchell the profession has lost a courageous and untiring worker and,

those who knew him, a true and loyal friend.

W. A. Kemper

HAYS N. NANCE

The Edward H. Angle Society of Orthodontia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished members, Hays N. Nance. Dr. Nance was born August 14, 1893 in Jackson, Tennessee, and died of a heart attack on April 3, 1964 at his home in Pasadena, California.

He was the youngest of five children and, upon the death of his mother in 1908, attended the famed Webb School in Bell Buckle, Tennessee. During this era, for reasons of health, Hays went west to continue his education in Flagstaff, Arizona. Subsequently, when working in a copper mine in Miami, Arizona, he suffered a fall resulting in several fractures and a spinal injury. After a long convalescence during which he was obliged to wear a steel brace, he made a complete recovery. Later, following his marriage to Julia Manning, he elected to enter the profession of dentistry and, on graduating from Northwestern University in 1919, practiced briefly in Arizona. He then moved to Denver where he was associated with Dr. Albert H. Ketcham and eventually opened his own office in the same city. In 1928 he moved to Los Angeles, practicing for a number of years before moving to Pasadena where he remained until a heart attack forced his retirement in 1948. Mrs. Nance died in 1955.

In 1956 he married Florence Hays by whom he is survived. He also leaves a sister, Mrs. Seymour Wheelock of Denver, Colorado.

Hays had a wide acquaintance in the orthodontic profession throughout which he was regarded with admiration and respect. In addition to serving his own clientele with skill, he contributed much to the literature and the thinking of his colleagues. He is probably best known for his paper entitled "*Limitations Of Orthodontic Treatment*" which appeared in April, 1947. This was the outgrowth of preliminary investigative work which started in 1930, was continued in 1934 when preventive treatment was begun on his patients, and was first reported in a talk and model clinic before the Southern Section of the Pacific Coast Society of Orthodontists in 1937. It was typical of Hays that he did not sanction publication of his findings for a period of ten years during which time he tested and retested the soundness of his results. These conclusions, combined with studies on arch length and progressive extraction, became part of his thinking, practice, and teaching from that time on.

Hays was a Diplomate of the American Board of Orthodontics, past-president and honorary member of the Charles H. Tweed Foundation for Orthodontic Research, past-president and senior member of the Southern California Component of the Edward H. Angle Society of Orthodontia and, until his health prevented, was active in the Southern California Section of the Pacific Coast Society of the American Association of Orthodontists.

The orthodontic specialty, in recognition of Hays' outstanding services over the years, conferred upon him the Albert H. Ketcham Memorial Award in Miami, Florida in 1963. It was a fitting climax to a career marked by industry, scrupulous honesty, and love of his fellow man. The Angle "family" is diminished by his leaving us and the orthodontic profession by the loss of a true scholar and a gentleman.

W. Mahlon Adams