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In Memoriam

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Dr. Walter R. Bell, Reno orthodontist, member of a pioneer Nevada ranching family, died in Reno in November.

Dr. Bell was interested in a wide range of community activities and had served as president of both the Washoe County and Nevada State Dental Societies. He also served in the U.S. Navy as a dental officer aboard a ship operating in Far Eastern waters. For the last several years, in addition to his dental practice, he had operated his own ranch southwest of Reno.

Born in Berkeley, California in 1912, he accompanied his parents, the late Walter L. and Imogene Bell, to Nevada in 1917. He completed his education at Reno High School and the University of Nevada where he obtained his degree of bachelor of science in 1939. On campus, he was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity and was active in student affairs.

Attending University of California School of Dentistry, he received his degree in orthodontics in 1945, then established his practice in Reno as Nevada's first orthodontist. Called to active U.S. Navy duty in 1953, he was serving as a lieutenant commander aboard the USS Menard when it became the first ship to assist in the evacuation of Vietnamese in northern Indo-China when the refugees were escaping from the Communist regime in 1954. He completed his Navy service with a tour of duty at the dental clinic on Treasure Island, San Francisco, then returned to his practice in Reno.

Surviving are his widow, Nancy Bell, two sons, Walter C. and Vance N., and a daughter, Mrs. Marilyn K. Combs, all of Reno; two stepsons, Jeff Vasko of Seattle and Mark Vasko of Sacramento, and twelve grandchildren.

Walter had been an active member of the Angle Society for many years and was a member of the board of directors of the Northern California Component of the society at the time of his death. He will always be remembered by those who knew him for his enthusiastic and devoted love of nature and his fellowman. We shall miss him dearly.

J. F. A.

CARL J. ERICSSON 1908 - 1973

On April 11th of this year Carl Ericsson died, ending a long term of distinguished service to his fellow man. His activities in the church, civic clubs, school board and Westwood Golf Club were outstanding and brought him many friends.

Born in August 1908, Carl attended Kenyon College and was graduated from The Ohio State University College of Dentistry in 1933. He was a member of Delta Tau Delta and Xi Psi Phi fraternities. After an internship at Forsyth Dental Infirmary he became associated with B. Holly Broadbent in the practice of orthodontics. In 1936 he established his office in Lakewood being one of the first orthodontists on the west side of Cleveland.

As one of the early presidents of the Cleveland Orthodontic Society, Carl was influential in developing it to its fullest potential. Later he served as treasurer of the Great Lakes Orthodontic Society. Other honors included membership in the Pierre Fauchard Academy, the International College of Dentists and as a Fellow of the American College of Dentists.

Our sympathy goes to his wife Eleanor and his son John and family. Though quiet and reserved, his warm friendliness will be missed especially by his colleagues in the Midwestern Component of the Angle Society.

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