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In Memoriam

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After forty-four years of orthodontic practice in the Cleveland area, Bruce Curran died December 31, 1973. Born in Chicago in 1902, Bruce came from a family steeped in shipping lore of the Great Lakes; both his father and grandfather had captained freighters out of Chicago for the Reis Steamship Co. To end the enforced absences from his family, his father moved to Cleveland in Bruce's early years and became a steamship inspector for the government.

Bruce was educated in the city's public school system and entered the School of Dentistry of Western Reserve University (now Case W.R.U.) from which he was graduated in 1926. Following his dental training, he spent the following year and a half in California where he pursued the specialty of orthodontics with Dr. Edward H. Angle and with several of Angle's disciples among whom were George Hahn and Ernest Setzer. Bruce also studied, on a part time basis, in the Department of Anatomy, Western Reserve University, under the late Dr. T. Wingate Todd. The fruits of these years resulted in several papers published in the *Angle Orthodontist* and in the *Journal of the American Dental Association*.

He was a member of the Cleveland Dental Society, the Ohio and American Dental Associations, the Cleveland Society of Orthodontists, the American Society of Orthodontists and the Edward H. Angle Society of Orthodontists. His dental fraternity was Psi Omega; he was a Fellow of the International College of Dentists and a past president of the Dental Alumni Association of W.R.U. Bruce was an active member of the Cleveland Dental Society where he served on numerous

committees and presented many clinics at its meetings as well as for several orthodontic organizations. He was a member of the Cleveland Athletic Club and participated in Catholic Charities, the United Appeal and Y.M.C.A.

In 1929 Bruce married Helen Andrews who survives him. He is also survived by a son, David; two daughters, Mrs. Guthrie (Judy) and Dr. Mary V. Curran, a psychologist; an older brother, Lowell, of Princeton, N.J., and a sister, Virginia, of Latrobe, Pa.

His hobbies included photography and golf, in addition to his dedication to his patients with many of whom he had an unusually warm and friendly relationship. Professionally, he never accepted the trend to removal of permanent teeth as an aid to orthodontic treatment. Bruce was noted for his happy outlook on life, his ready smile and his camaraderie and helpfulness to the younger men in the specialty.

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