



ALLAN G. BRODIE  
1897-1976

## In Memoriam

For the first time since the January, 1934 issue of the *Angle Orthodontist* the name of Allan G. Brodie is missing from its masthead. Dr. Brodie died January second of this year.

His close relationship with the journal began with its first issue, January 1931, when he wrote "A Discussion of the Newest Angle Mechanism." Considered by his peers to be Dr. Angle's chief spokesman for the introduction of the edgewise arch, the early volumes contained many of his writings.

Clinician, researcher, teacher, these three words sum the professional life of this man. From his certification in December 1926 with the last class of the Angle College, Allan Brodie's prime interest in life was orthodontics. Clinician he was, to command the respect of his graduate students; researcher, for he was interested in raising the quality of dental and orthodontic education; teacher, because it was his great love.

Following his graduation from the University of Pennsylvania in 1919, Dr. Brodie practiced general dentistry for six years, then went to California to study under Dr. Angle. He returned to Newark, New Jersey in 1927 to practice until late 1929 when he was invited to Chicago to organize the graduate orthodontic department at the University of Illinois.

The University brochure of that time stated the purpose of the department "was to teach the edgewise arch mechanism and to train students for the teaching of orthodontia." That Dr. Brodie was successful in these directions is beyond any doubt. At one time or another, fifteen of his students have been heads of orthodontic departments, and other staff members at various universities numbered close to fifty.

Despite a full schedule of private practice and teaching, he obtained two

graduate degrees, a Master of Science and a Doctor of Philosophy in Anatomy from the University of Illinois. The latter degree was the culmination of his work on the morphogenetic pattern of the face from three months to eight years of age which is considered one of the most significant milestones in orthodontic research of the last fifty years. Subsequently the study was extended to beyond seventeen years of age.

Probably no man has been tendered as many honors in orthodontics as he. Beginning with the first Edward H. Angle Memorial Lecture of the American Association of Orthodontists in 1940, he gave the Seibold Memorial Lecture of the New York Academy of Dentistry in 1947, in 1954 the Joske Memorial Lecture in Australia, the George Grieve Memorial Lecture of the Canadian Dental Association in 1962 and the Norcroft Memorial Lecture of the British Society for the Study of Orthodontics in 1964.

Dr. Brodie was awarded the George Villain Prize, Federation Dentaire Internationale, in 1947 and in 1951 a cherished Alumni Award of Merit from his alma mater, the University of Pennsylvania. The Ohio State Dental Society presented the Callahan Gold Medal to him in 1957, and in 1959 he received the Ketcham Award of the American Board of Orthodontics.

Dr. Brodie was a founding member and the first secretary of the Angle Society of Orthodontists. He belonged to the usual dental associations, the Odontographic Society of Chicago, the American Association of Orthodontists, the Institute of Medicine of Chicago and the American Association of Anatomists. He also served as president of the Chicago Association of Orthodontists and the International Association for Dental Research. His fraternity af-

filiations included Xi Psi Phi, Omicron Kappa Upsilon and Sigma Xi.

In addition to heading the graduate orthodontic department from its inception until his retirement in 1966, Dr. Brodie served as Dean of the College of Dentistry from 1944 to 1955. Following his retirement from teaching, one year was spent as a Fulbright Professor of Orthodontics at the University of Nymegen in The Netherlands.

Fully occupied though he was, time was made available almost every summer for a retreat to his cabin at Bear Lake, Michigan. There he relaxed at his favorite hobby, wading a trout stream, accurately casting a Royal

Coachman (western style), all the while humming "Pomp and Circumstance."

Supporting him in all his endeavors and a gracious hostess to their numerous visitors from the world over was his beloved wife Vera. His contented home life was further enriched by their children, Anna, Allan Jr. and Donald and twelve cherished grandchildren. A sister Blanche also survives him.

To his wife he was "Allan," to his children "Dad," his close friends called him "Steve," but to his more than two hundred fifty graduate students he will always be "The Chief."

A. B. L.

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#### ERRATA

In the January 1976 issue the facial photographs in Figures 16 and 21 are transposed. (Pages 14 and 20)

The editor regrets the errors.

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