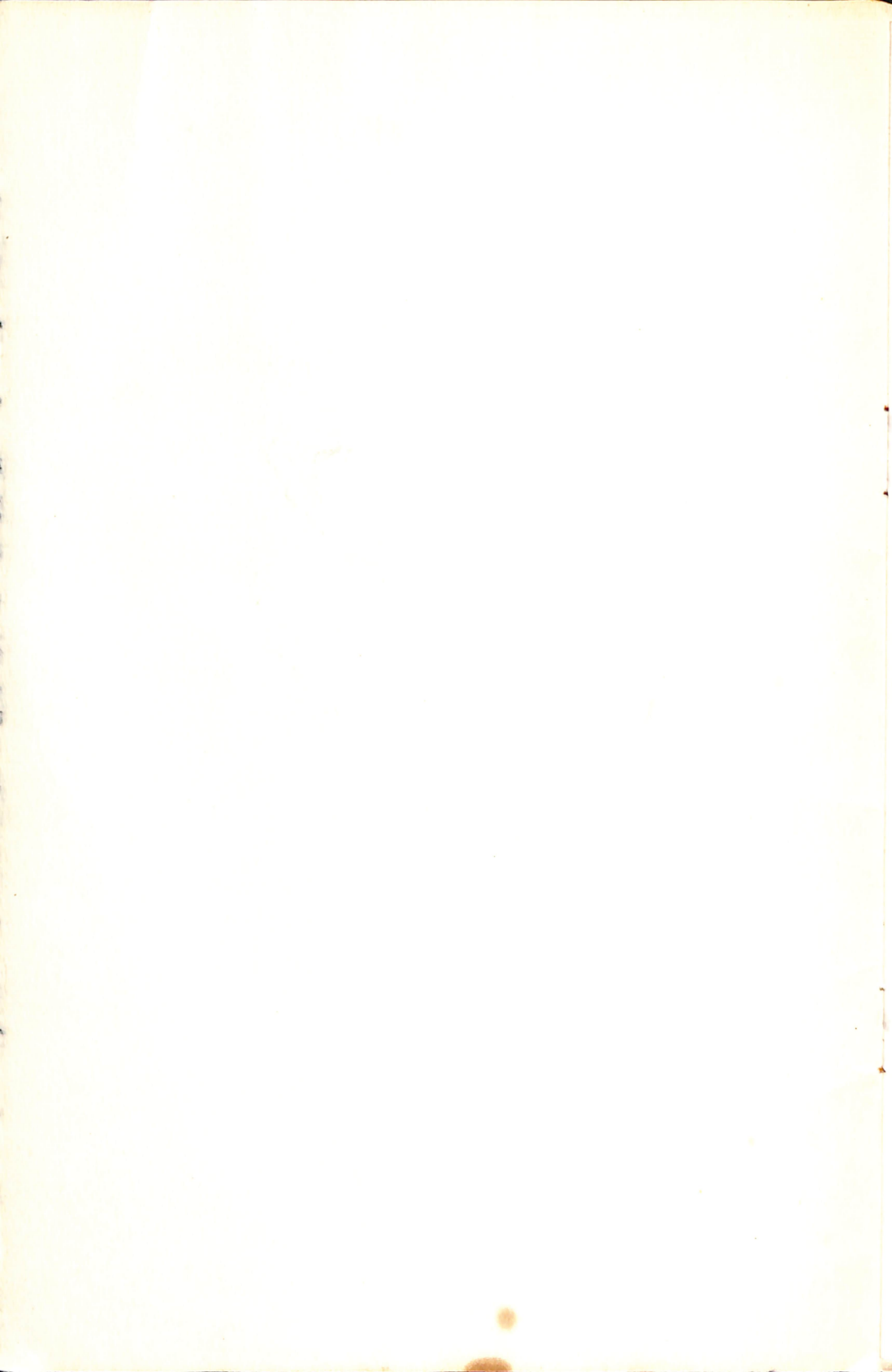


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DR. WALTER W. STEVENS

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DR. WALTER W. STEVENS

Walter, or Stevie, as he is affectionately known to many of his numerous friends, was born at Windham, New York on May 3, 1900. His father, Dr. Ward E. Stevens, is a practicing dentist in that beautiful mountainous section of the state; and his mother, Nellie S. Stevens, was a school teacher. Stevie received his primary and secondary school education in Windham and graduated from the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery in 1921.

Following graduation, he took the State Board examinations in Maryland, and in June, 1921, received his license to practice dentistry in that state. Later he presented himself before the Dental Board of Examiners in the state of New York and was licensed in the Empire State. He opened an office in Poughkeepsie on January 1, 1922 and has been practicing there ever since.

In 1924 he secured the consent of Miss Lucile Case to become Mrs. Walter W. Stevens, and together they embarked on the Sea of Matrimony. A son, Peter Von Strickler Stevens, who is at present a student at Dartmouth College, was born on May 1, 1933 to grace this marriage.

Our guest associated himself very early with organized dentistry, becoming a member of the Ninth District Dental Society, the Dental Society of the State of New York, and the American Dental Association in 1922. He has always demonstrated marked qualities of leadership in his professional career, and through the years has held numerous offices and positions, the duties of which he fulfilled with distinction and honor. No attempt will be made in this presentation to more than mention a few of his outstanding associations.

In 1937 Stevie served as President of the Dutchess-Putman Dental Society, a society which he had helped organize in 1925, and in addition, he filled the chairmanship of post-graduate courses at the State Society meeting. In 1938 he was president of the Ninth District Dental Society. From that date to the present, without interruption, he has held some important post within the Dental Society of the State of New York or the Education Department of the State. At different times he was chairman of Registered Clinics, Topic Discussions, and Visual Education. In 1944 and '45 he represented the State Society on the Dental Information Bureau. From 1939 to 1945 he was one of the two Ninth District members of the Executive Council of the State Dental Society and served on numerous committees of that body. From May, 1946 to May, 1947, at a great

personal sacrifice, he was a bulwark of strength for the then president of the State Society, who was a fellow Ninth District member. During that year he served as General Chairman for the State Meeting, which was held in Buffalo in the spring of 1947.

From 1945 until quite recently he was a member of the New York State Board of Dental Examiners, and during most of the past three years was President of the Board.

In addition to the foregoing, he became a Diplomate of the newly-created New York Board of Oral Surgery in 1947, and since 1949 has served as a Director of the Board.

Early in his career Stevie took post-graduate training in Oral Surgery at Columbia and is still devoting time as an instructor at the Columbia Clinic. For the past nine years he has been a special lecturer in Oral Surgery at the New York University College of Dentistry.

In his home district, Stevie is Attending Dentist at St. Francis Hospital, Poughkeepsie, Consultant in Oral Surgery at Vassar Brothers Hospital, Veterans' Hospital, Castle Point, Hudson River State Hospital, and the Harlem Valley State Hospital.

Among his other professional affiliations, Stevie is a Fellow of the American College of Dentists, the International College of Dentists, and the New York Academy of Dentistry.

While so much of his time and energy have been devoted to the welfare of his chosen profession, he has still taken a rather lively interest in civic and social activities in his home city, where he is a member of the Congregational Church, Masonic Lodge, Chamber of Commerce, Auxiliary Police, and Taxpayers Association; also, the Dutchess Golf and Country Club and the Poughkeepsie Tennis Club.

Walter Stevens has many admirable traits that have endeared him to his confreres. He has much of the "milk of human kindness" in his makeup. He is able and untiring in his efforts. When he accepts a task, he brings it to completion. He has respect for the opinions of others, he is candid and honest, and his friendship is warm, true and enduring.

As long as he is physically able, it would be nigh impossible for one with Stevie's temperament to retire on his laurels. So, for our honored guest, we wish a long life with his loved ones and Godspeed in his future endeavors.

