In Memoriam

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Head of the Department of Dental Surgery, 1934–1967

The Cleveland Clinic Foundation

Born March 12, 1905

Died February 27, 1967

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ON February 27, 1967, the Cleveland Clinic lost a respected and valuable member of its staff, Dr. Charles A. Resch, Head of the Department of Dental Surgery since 1934, when sudden death came as the result of coronary artery disease. During the previous twelve years he had experienced several "coronary attacks," but recovery from these episodes permitted him to return to his work in the Cleveland Clinic, where he examined patients and treated them up to his last day.

Born March 12, 1905, in Youngstown, Ohio, he was one of four children of Albert G. Resch and Florence P. Resch. After graduation from Rayen High School in Youngstown, he attended Adelbert College of Western Reserve University from 1923 to 1925 and then transferred to Ohio University at Athens, Ohio, where he received his A.B. degree in 1927. From the School of Dentistry of Western Reserve University he received the degree of D.D.S. in 1930.

After completing his professional training, he conducted a private practice in dentistry in Youngstown until 1934, when on September 15th he was married to Helen Richards and in December of that year they came to Cleveland. At that time he was appointed Head of the Department of Dental Surgery at the Cleveland Clinic to succeed Dr. J. H. Springsted. During his many years in that post, Doctor Resch performed most useful services as a consultant to the members of the medical staff, who frequently requested his opinion and advice in regard to difficult diagnostic problems. He was particularly helpful in obscure cases of pain about the face and jaws and in the management of oral surgery. His professional skill in dental surgery was greatly appreciated and admired by all who experienced his sure and gentle touch. He was a perfectionist, who demanded precision of himself and of his assistants. He was a fine teacher, and through the years many Fellows in Dentistry received postgraduate training with him before entering private practice for themselves. With members of the medical staff and dental associates outside of the Cleveland Clinic, he conducted annual refresher courses in "Medical Progress and Its Relationship to Dentistry." He contributed many papers to dental and medical journals, emphasizing such problems as dental infection, tumors of the jaws, diseases of the temporomandibular joint, and atypical facial pain.

His memberships included the fraternities, Alpha Tau Omega and Delta Sigma Delta, and the honorary dental fraternity, Omicron Kappa Upsilon. He was an active member of the American Dental Association, the Ohio State Dental Society, the Cleveland Dental Society, the American College of

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Dentists, and the American Society of Oral Surgeons. In 1964–1965 he served as president of the Western Reserve University Dental Alumni Association. He was also a member of the Twenty-five Year Club of The Cleveland Clinic Foundation.

Always interested in gardening and horticulture, he was a member of the Businessmen's Garden Club of Cleveland. His religious life was of great importance to him, and for some years he served as an Elder in The Church of the Covenant (Presbyterian). In his memory a special service was held in that church on March 3, 1967.

He is survived by his devoted wife, Helen, a daughter, Rebecca (Mrs. Neil V. Johnston), a son, Franklin Allen Resch, a sister, Mrs Charles Helman of St. Petersburg, Florida, and a granddaughter, Sarah Rebecca Johnston. To all his family is extended the sincere sympathy of The Cleveland Clinic Foundation. This talented and friendly man will be greatly missed by a host of patients, associates, and friends.

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