

Pioneer Dentist Passes In L.A.



Dr. Charles L. Ennis

Dr. Charles L. Ennis, former Omahan and Pioneer Dentist of Los Angeles, California, passed February 1, 1980.

Dr. Ennis was a native of Hastings, Nebraska. His parents were Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Franklin Ennis. He attended Howard Kennedy School. Dr. Ennis graduated from Central High School June 15, 1923. He was a member of Central's 1922 Championship Football June 15, 1923. He was a member of Central's 1922 Championship Football team. After graduating from Central High School, he attended Creighton University from July, 1923 until June, 1924. The Ennis family lived at 2814 South 28th Street.

Dr. Ennis transferred to the University of Southern California School of Dentistry. He was one of the first black dental students to graduate from USC. He graduated in June, 1930.

Dr. Ennis made his way by working and paying his own way through college.

Dr. Ennis was a member of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity, a life member of the NAACP, USC Century Club. He contributed generously to numerous causes including the blind and American Indian movement.

He was an active bowler and enjoyed ice skating. Dr. Ennis was a widower, without children and had resided in Baldwin Hills for many years.

Relatives living in Omaha to mourn his passing are: Harvey McNeal, Mrs. Iola Willis, Alvin McNeal, Mrs. Halcen Blackson, Mrs. Carolyn Tibbs, Mrs. Carol Jean Smith Howard, Jr., Teddy Willis, Mrs. Beverly Willis, Russel Moss, and Technical High School Basketball Standout, Craig Willis. Other relatives are: Mrs. Fern Williams of Chicago, Illinois and Ms. Louise Patros of Washington D.C.

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