

Autobiography Arthur E. Guedel. Written for I.U. Alumni Journal.
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Arthur E. Guedel.

Born Cambridge City, Indiana, June 13, 1883. As I remember,
it was on a Friday.

Removed with Family to Indianapolis, 1889.

Education:- Indianapolis Public Schools; Indianapolis Boys Club;
E. C. Atkins Saw Works; I.U. at Bloomington 1905 and '06. Graduated
I.U. Medical College, 1908.

Member Vinegar Hill Gang and Indiana Club at Bloomington; Phi Rho
Sigma at Medical school?

Took first place in Indiana State Board Medical Examination, 1908,
with average grade of 98.4 % and was accorded the usual front page news
paper publicity when a home town boy makes good. But twelve years later
I learned that the clerk who added the totals in that examination had
carried an extra 1 in my 10 column and that my position was half way
down the class, with grade of 88.4 %. That was hard to take.

Practiced medicine in Indianapolis, 1908 - 1928 except for time out
for first World War and a year in Minneapolis.

Awarded a nice two quart silver cup by the National Anesthesia Research
Society in 1921 for originating a new type of anesthesia in obstetrics.
While the cup was being made, we learned that the same type of anesthesia
had been used in Petrograd in 1885. The inscription which the cup
was to carry had to be changed.

Other discoveries, or rather innovations were were achieved
while doing such research as I thought necessary to the maintenance
of a good income. A few of the discoveries hit, although most
of them later proved to be re-discoveries. The good income was a
clean miss.

Athletics? A few games as fullback with the I.U. Freshmen and with
Indiana Medical College before its affiliation with I.U., but I
seemed unable to get rid of the idea that the scrimmage line was the
fullback's destination when carrying the ball. I had a clean slate
in amateur wrestling in Indianapolis and Bloomington because Heze Clark
acquired an influenza and our match had to be cancelled. I was glad
for Heze would have dirtied up my slate. Officiated at basket ball
and track meets during school years and early medical practice for most
helpful money. Coached Butler College basket ball one season but
they didn't win.

Was affiliated at different times during Indianapolis school
years, with the sales and distribution departments of about all
of the newspapers of that city.

Removed with family to Los Angeles in 1928 where I
continued the private practice of anesthesia.

Have held the usual hospital and teaching positions
that come to a willing doctor who is unable to say "No".
Lectured on anesthesia at I.U. Medical, 1922 - 1928 and at Univ.
Southern California Medical School, 1931 - 1939. Now boast an
Emeritus association with faculty of Univ. So. Calif.

Was forced into retirement in November 1939, by physical disability. Since then I have become a confirmed gadgeteer.

Am survived by one wife, Florence; one of two daughters, Marian Hart; two sons in law, John C. Hart and John Wm. Shuman, now with our navy and army respectively; two grand children, one grand brother ~~and a grand sister~~ Walter and a grand sister, Judy Hinkle.

For me, the publication of this ante-mortem obituary in I.U's. Alumni Magazine, where my old friends will see it and will then know what a good boy I have been, is a grand pay off.