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G. Walter Dittmar

George Walter Dittmar

1932-1933

Doctor Dittmar, of Chicago, became the seventieth president of the Association at the 1932 meeting in Buffalo.

Doctor Dittmar was a member of the faculty of the dental department of the University of Illinois, first as an associate professor of operative techniques and later as professor and head of the department of prosthetic dentistry. He was elected president of the Chicago Dental Society in 1911 and the Illinois State Dental Society in 1920. Doctor Dittmar was chairman of the Judicial Council of the American Dental Association for five years. He was born in Illinois in 1872 and died in 1949.

In 1932, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Democrat, was elected president, defeating Herbert Hoover, Republican, by 472 electoral votes to 59. All banks were closed for four days in March 1933 by proclamation of President Roosevelt. Wiley Post flew around the world in less than eight days. Adolf Hitler became German chancellor in January 1933 and the persecution of German Jews began in April.