

Ho Hum
why bring that up
says who
so what.

Orman
Tallino
Blake Gilmore
Bochner Kahn
Shoverling
Bauern
Lund Peterson

It (?) probably all began with Hays Nance. The following anecdotes epitomizes the attitude of western orthodontists in the late 40's and early 50's.

Nance suggested that in the exchange from the deciduous (or mixed) dentition to the permanent dentition arch length, as measured from the permanent first molar to the lower central incisors decreased on average of 1.8 mm per side in the lower arch.

Clew Carey confronted Nance with models of lower arch whose length had been held to the pre-permanent dimension and maintained for almost five years post-treatment and retention. Hays told Dr. Carey just to wait another year and check again. As predicted, arch length decreased, crowding occurred, and Carey was convinced.

I met Dr. Nance but once, having missed the opportunity to purchase his practice since I was still in Northwesterns Graduate program (1947-48) when Dr. Roscoe Keedy took over his practice. (Dr. John Thompson told me of that possibility, but alas, too late.) While attending a research section meeting held in conjunction with the national A.A.O. meeting, I sat in the back of the hall counting attendees noting the consistently dwindling audience. Next to me sat a man in an unpressed blue pin-stripe suit, listening

attentively to the research reports. One of those reports affirmed the change of such length predicted by Nance. At its conclusion, the man next to me leaned over and said, almost disparagingly, "Do you believe that Nance stuff?" I replied, almost disdainfully, "has anyone yet proven him wrong?" He smiled and said "I guess not -- nice to hear you say that, I'm Hayes Nance" and reached to shake my hand. He never asked my name, just rose and left. The quotations may not be exact, but the gist of the matter is correct and, on average Nances observations hold as true today as they did then.