

## Obituary

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WINFIELD W. GREENE

ALAN A. GROTH

RONALD LeROY

ARTHUR GEORGE ROBERTSON

ROBERT W. WARWICK

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1887 . . . . Winfield W. Greene . . . . 1965

Winfield W. Greene, a charter member, a past president of the Casualty Actuarial Society, and a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries died on March 26, 1965, at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in New York.

At the time of his death Mr. Greene was president of W. W. Greene, Incorporated, Reinsurance Intermediaries and Actuarial Consultants, of New York City and also a vice-president and director of the Old Republic Life Insurance Company of New York.

After graduating from Brown University in 1910 he became associated with the New York Life Insurance Company, Actuary's Department. In 1913 he joined the examination force of the New York State Insurance Department. Later he became assistant actuary of the New York Workmen's Compensation Commission. At a still later date he organized the Colorado State Workmen's Compensation Fund and served as manager of that organization in its infancy. He then was called upon to serve as manager of the Compensation Rating and Inspection Bureau of New Jersey. He later was an underwriter and consulting actuary of the Employers Mutual Insurance Company of New York. Following this he became actuary of the young National Council on Compensation Insurance.

In October 1925 he joined the General Reinsurance Corporation as controller and was executive vice-president of that organization from 1945 to 1952.

Mr. Greene was a pioneer and a leading contributor in the development of the application of scientific techniques to the problems of workmen's compensation insurance ratemaking and rating procedures when

that branch of the insurance industry came into being in the United States. Although there have been many changes in those procedures since those days, the current workmen's compensation ratemaking methods retain many of the basic elements, including the idea of individual classification credibility, developed by Mr. Greene and embodied in the paper on Workmen's Compensation Ratemaking which appeared in Volume XII of the *Proceedings of the Casualty Actuarial Society*.

From the time of the organization of the Casualty Actuarial Society in 1914, Mr. Greene maintained a lively interest in the affairs of the Society. He contributed many outstanding papers to the *Proceedings* beginning with "Valuation of the Death Benefits Provided by the New York Compensation Law," one of the three papers presented at the first meeting of the Casualty Actuarial Society held on November 7, 1914.

The passing of Win, as he was known to his colleagues in the casualty actuarial profession, leaves a gap which cannot be filled. His outstanding abilities and pre-eminence in the fields of workmen's compensation and casualty reinsurance coupled with his never-failing availability for discussion of problems with the tyro was a source of inspiration and comfort to many a budding actuary.

Mr. Greene is survived by his widow, Grace Lau Greene; two sons, Winfield K. and Thomas; a daughter, Mrs. Ludwig Saskor, and three grandchildren.

1912 . . . . Alan A. Groth . . . . 1965

Dr. Alan A. Groth, 52, a partner of Arthur Stedry Hansen Consulting Actuaries, died January 30, 1965, in a Chicago hospital. Nationally known as an actuary and pension consultant, he was often a featured speaker at employee benefit meetings and a contributor to actuarial publications. He was formerly president of the Chicago Actuarial Club, a director of the Midwest Pension Conference, a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries, and a Fellow of the Conference of Actuaries.

Dr. Groth had been with the Hansen firm since 1949 and was head of its Chicago office. Earlier he was vice-president of the East European General Assurance Company in Budapest, where he was born on June 26, 1912. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Budapest in 1941. During World War II he served with the Hungarian army and was a prisoner of war of the Russians from 1944 to 1948.

He was a member of the American Mathematical Society, the Council

on Employee Benefits, the American Pension Conference, and the American Statistical Association.

Dr. Groth is survived by his widow, Livia, and a sister, Mrs. Nicholas Pastor, of Los Angeles.

**1923 . . . . Ronald LeRoy . . . . 1965**

Ronald LeRoy, consulting actuary, died in an automobile accident on February 11, 1965, less than two weeks before his 42d birthday. He was a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries and a member of both the Actuarial Club of the Pacific States and the Conference of Actuaries in Public Practice.

Mr. LeRoy was born February 24, 1923, in London, England. A graduate of London University with a mathematics major, he served more than four years as a lieutenant in the Royal Air Force.

In 1947, he came to the San Francisco office of Coates, Herfurth & England and in 1949 to Los Angeles where he worked with them until 1950. He joined Cosgrove & Co. in December, 1950, and, following the merger into Marsh & McLennan, Inc., he remained there until December, 1963.

In January, 1964, Mr. LeRoy went into business for himself as a consulting actuary and maintained an office in North Hollywood, California. For approximately twelve years he taught an evening course on pension planning at the University of California in Los Angeles.

Mr. LeRoy was a capable, eager, active man with a lively wit and a quick intelligence. He will be greatly missed by his friends and associates.

Surviving are his widow, Beth, and thirteen-year-old son, David, who are now living in Northridge, California.

**1909 . . . . Arthur George Robertson . . . . 1965**

Arthur George Robertson, an Associate of the Society, died suddenly on February 24, 1965, in his 56th year.

Mr. Robertson was born on December 3, 1909, in Manitoba and received his early education at Shoal Lake and Neepawa. He attended Brandon College, an affiliate of McMaster University, and received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Honours Mathematics and Physics from McMaster University in 1930. The following year he attended the University of Manitoba for graduate study in actuarial science. He became an Associate of the Society of Actuaries in 1938.

He joined the staff of the Department of Insurance in 1931 as a clerk

in the Actuarial Branch. In 1941, he joined the Examination Branch in the Toronto Office. He became a senior examiner of companies in 1953. During his long service as an examiner he became widely known throughout the insurance industry and by the officers of the loan, trust, and small loans companies that he examined.

He served the Department in a loyal and competent manner, and because of his ability and great experience, his advice was respected by both those in the Department and by the officers of the insurance, trust, loan, and small loans companies that he examined.

Throughout his life he actively participated in sports and in his youth excelled at tennis. He was the champion tennis player of Brandon during his university days, and when he moved to Ottawa, he was one of the best players in that city.

He served as an elder of Deer Park United Church and was an active member of the Tuesday Literary Club for many years.

His premature death is a heavy loss not only to his family and friends but also to the Department and to the insurance industry of Canada.

He is survived by his widow, Muriel Blaker; by two sons, David and Donald, and by a daughter, Joan.

## 1888 . . . . Robert W. Warwick . . . . 1965

Robert W. Warwick died in March, 1964, following a long illness. He was an Associate of the Society of Actuaries and an Associate of the Institute of Actuaries.

Mr. Warwick was born at Carleton Place, Ontario, Canada, February 7, 1888. He attended schools at Carleton Place, Smith's Falls, and Kingston and graduated with the degree of M.A. from Queen's University in Kingston in 1909, winning the gold medal in mathematics.

He entered the service of the Department of Insurance in Ottawa as an actuarial clerk in 1910 and became chief administrative officer of the Department in 1936. In 1948 he became superintendent of insurance for Canada and remained so until his retirement in 1953.

Mr. Warwick was an active curler and golfer and had long taken a prominent part in those activities in Ottawa.

He was well liked and respected by his wide circle of friends and his former associates in the Department of Insurance. It was a cause of great regret that his illness, commencing soon after his retirement, prevented him from enjoying his many interests in the leisure of his retirement years.