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1928 John N. Allman 1976

John N. Allman, a Fellow of the Society, died suddenly on November 25, 1976, at the age of forty-eight. He was vice-president and actuary of William M. Mercer.

Mr. Allman was born on January 27, 1928, in Shanghai, China, where his father practiced law. Mr. Allman came to the United States when he was fourteen years old and graduated from Yale University in 1949. He

served with the United States Army in Korea from 1951 to 1953 and became a Fellow in 1958.

After seventeen years of employment with the Mutual of New York, Mr. Allman joined Marsh and McLennan in 1966. In 1970 he was elected vice-president and actuary.

John served on the Society's Education and Examination Committee and Public Relations Committee for a number of years. He was a charter member of the American Academy of Actuaries and a past president of the Association of Actuaries of Marsh and McLennan and Mercer.

He is survived by his widow, two sons, and two daughters.

1901 . . . Carl Ringland Ashman . . . 1976

Carl Ringland Ashman, a Fellow of the Society, died after a long illness on October 18, 1976, in Fort Wayne, Indiana, at the age of seventy-five. He was a retired second vice-president and actuary of the Lincoln National Life Insurance Company.

Mr. Ashman was born on February 17, 1901, in Kirkfield, Ontario, and was educated at the Lindsay Collegiate Institute. After graduation he was employed by the Canada Life Assurance Company and completed his Fellowship examinations there.

In 1927 he accepted the position of assistant actuary with the Reliance Life Insurance Company of Pittsburgh, remaining there until 1931, when he became associated with the Lincoln National Life Insurance Company. After retirement in 1966, he served as actuary for the state of Indiana for several years. In all these positions he demonstrated excellent technical ability tempered with good practical judgment.

Mr. Ashman also was a Fellow of both of the Society's predecessor organizations and a charter member of the American Academy of Actuaries.

Those who knew Carl will remember him for his fine mind, sound judgment, keen wit, competitive spirit, musical talent, and faithful family life. He was well known and loved for his ability to coin humorous phrases. Some of these were published as "Ashmanisms."

Carl Ashman is survived by his widow and four children.

1908 . . . Edwin L. Bartleson . . . 1977

Edwin L. Bartleson, a Fellow of the Society, died on February 9, 1977, at the age of sixty-nine in Jackson, Mississippi.

Ed was born on January 25, 1908, in Grand Chain, Illinois, and graduated from George Washington University in 1932.

He joined the Prudential in 1933 as an actuarial student and was elected assistant actuary in 1942, associate actuary in 1949, and vice-president and associate actuary in 1957.

He was a Fellow of both of the Society's predecessor organizations, and a charter member of the American Academy of Actuaries. Ed was the principal author of the Society's textbook *Health Insurance Provided through Individual Policies* and coauthor of the paper "Reserves for Individual Hospital and Surgical Expense Insurance." He served as chairman of the Industry Advisory Committee on Reserves for Individual Health Insurance Policies, whose reports resulted in the adoption of the 1964 Commissioners Disability Table. Ed was an active participant in many of the committees of the Health Insurance Association of America.

Ed was an avid bridge player and enjoyed stamp collecting and reading. He will be remembered for the high principles upon which he based his professional activity, for the high level of his professional competence, and for the incisive wit that always flavored his conversations.

He is survived by his widow.

1901 **C. Cather Boyle** 1975

C. Cather Boyle, an Associate of the Society, died on November 12, 1975, in Brampton, Ontario, at the age of seventy-four.

Mr. Boyle was born on January 3, 1901, in London, Ontario, and graduated with honors from the University of Toronto in 1923.

He joined the Canada Life Assurance Company in 1923 and received his Associateship in the Actuarial Society of America in 1926. Mr. Boyle was appointed chief accountant in 1950 and continued in this capacity until his retirement in 1965. After retirement he served as a consultant for two years.

Each working day it was Cather's practice to walk to work, a distance of five miles, and this added to his reputation of being a man of Spartan habits. Although he was a quiet and reserved person, Cather had a kindly sense of humor that often appeared unexpectedly.

He is survived by two brothers.

1894 **Barrett N. Coates** 1976

Barrett N. Coates, a Fellow of the Society, died in Berkeley, California, on September 16, 1976, at the age of eighty-two.

He was born on February 5, 1894, in Henley-on-Thames, England. His family came to California in 1906, and he graduated from the University of California in Berkeley with honors in 1917.

After a short period as assistant actuary of the California State Insurance Department, Barrett served as actuary of the Fraternal Brotherhood in Los Angeles, with an interruption for service in the United States Army. He then moved to the Western States Life in San Francisco (forerunner of the California-Western States Life Insurance Company). In 1924 he opened the first consulting actuarial office in the West, which grew to become the firm of Coates, Herfurth and England. Barrett was involved primarily with providing actuarial services to governmental and teachers' retirement systems, smaller life insurance companies, and fraternal associations. He retired in 1947.

Barrett was a member of both of the Society's predecessor organizations, a Fellow of the Casualty Actuarial Society and of the Fraternal Actuarial Association, and a charter member of the American Academy of Actuaries. He also was a founder and past president of the Actuarial Club of the Pacific States.

Barrett devoted much effort to training young actuaries and extending the horizon of opportunity for mathematicians by opening the doors of employment to them in the Pacific Coast area. A liberal thinker who dared to break through barriers, he also was a mild-mannered man who was loved widely and respected especially for his integrity.

He was a long-time active member of the Sierra Club and traveled extensively.

Barrett's wife was seriously ill at the time of his death and died eight days later. He is survived by two sons (one of whom is a Fellow of the Society), a daughter, twelve grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and a brother (a Fellow of the Casualty Actuarial Society).

1907 George Arthur Cooke 1976

George Arthur Cooke, a Fellow of the Society, died September 8, 1976, at the age of sixty-nine in Toronto, Ontario, as a result of a car accident.

Mr. Cooke was born on January 27, 1907, in Toronto and graduated from Humber College in 1924.

After graduation George joined the actuarial department of the Canada Life Assurance Company. In 1959 he moved to the Toronto office of the Wyatt Company as its first actuary and continued his association with that company, including periods of service on the board of directors, until he retired in 1972.

George always was active in church work and also was involved in the work of the Canadian Cancer Society. He followed all sports with interest and was associated closely with the development of pension plans for players in the National Hockey League and the Canadian Football League.

George is survived by his widow, two sons, and five grandchildren.

1898 . . . William M. Corcoran . . . 1977

William M. Corcoran, a Fellow of the Society, died on April 13, 1977, at the age of seventy-nine.

He was born on May 11, 1898, in New London, Connecticut, and graduated from Yale University in 1920.

After starting his career as an assistant actuary with the Massachusetts Insurance Department in 1920, Mr. Corcoran joined the Connecticut Insurance Department in 1923 as actuary. He became a partner in the consulting actuarial firm of Wolfe, Corcoran and Linder in 1928 and later was a senior partner. The firm merged with Peat, Marwick, Mitchell and Company in 1965, and Mr. Corcoran became a special consultant, serving until his retirement the following year.

Mr. Corcoran was a Fellow of both of the Society's predecessor organizations. He was a Fellow of the Casualty Actuarial Society, a Fellow of the Conference of Actuaries in Public Practice, a member of the Fraternal Actuarial Society, and a charter member of the American Academy of Actuaries. He also was a registered public accountant in New York and the coauthor of a book entitled *Inheritance Tax Calculations*.

He is survived by a daughter and two grandchildren.

1881 . . . David L. S. Douglas . . . 1976

David L. S. Douglas, a Fellow of the Society, died December 28, 1976, at the age of ninety-five.

Born in Scotland on September 21, 1881, Mr. Douglas joined the New York Life Insurance Company in 1909. He was transferred to the Paris office in 1912 and was appointed assistant actuary in 1919. When the Paris office was closed in 1923, Mr. Douglas returned to the New York office and was appointed actuary in 1929. He retired from the New York Life in 1947.

Mr. Douglas also was a charter member of the American Academy of Actuaries.

He is survived by a daughter.

1895 Charles C. Dubuar 1977

Charles C. Dubuar, an Associate of the Society, died February 8, 1977, at the age of eighty-one. He was a retired chief actuary of the New York Insurance Department.

Mr. Dubuar was born on August 21, 1895, in Northville, Michigan. After service during World War I, he graduated from the University of Michigan in 1920.

He spent three years in the actuarial departments of two midwestern life insurance companies, and then in 1923 joined the New York Insurance Department as an assistant actuary. Mr. Dubuar was appointed principal actuary in 1929 and chief actuary in 1943. For several years after his retirement in 1966 he served as a consultant to the department.

Mr. Dubuar was active in the National Association of Insurance Commissioners, serving as chairman of the Blanks Committee and as chairman or a member of a number of actuarial committees pertaining to valuation and nonforfeiture mortality tables for life insurance and valuation standards for various other benefits. He also was a Fellow of the Fraternal Actuarial Association.

Mr. Dubuar is survived by his widow.

1937 David Garrick Halmstad 1977

David Garrick Halmstad, researcher in actuarial science and computer techniques, died of a brain tumor on February 18, 1977, at the age of thirty-nine.

Born in Wisconsin on June 23, 1937, David received Master's degrees in mathematics and in actuarial science at the University of Wisconsin after graduating cum laude from Harvard University. He was an Associate of the Society of Actuaries and a member of several other actuarial organizations, including the American Academy of Actuaries and the Conference of Actuaries in Public Practice. At his death he was an associate actuary of the Guardian Life Insurance Company.

David is remembered by his colleagues for his inexhaustible fount of energy, which was spent in expanding the scope of actuarial knowledge and practice. He was identified closely with the establishment of the Research Committee of the Society of Actuaries. He played an active role in every research conference organized by the committee and served as chairman of the 1975 conference at Brown University.

David's papers, articles, and short notes were published widely and, like the rest of his contributions, gave promise of a fruitful career in his

chosen profession. His crowning achievement was his work in connection with the founding of *ARCH* and his service as the editor of *ARCH* until he was stricken by his final illness.

To memorialize his accomplishments during a span of activity that was entirely too short, the David Garrick Halmstad Prize, an annual award for an outstanding piece of actuarial research, has been established. The award will be derived from the income of a fund created by contributions from David's friends and colleagues.

David is survived by his widow.

1923 **A. Douglas Hitchcox** 1977

A. Douglas Hitchcox, a Fellow of the Society, died suddenly at his home on February 6, 1977, at the age of fifty-three.

Mr. Hitchcox was born in Oakville, Ontario, on September 28, 1923. He attended the University of Toronto, and during World War II served in the Royal Canadian Air Force as a navigator.

He began his actuarial career with the Imperial Life Assurance Company in Toronto. In 1956 he came to the United States, joining the Union Mutual Life Insurance Company in Portland, Maine. During his twenty-one years with the company, he made many contributions to the success of its group operations. Never one to stand still for long, he frequently was involved in seeking new approaches to solving old problems and in developing new products. At his death, Mr. Hitchcox was second vice-president with responsibility for group and individual long-term disability products.

Mr. Hitchcox also was a member of the American Academy of Actuaries, a Fellow of the Canadian Institute of Actuaries, and a Chartered Life Underwriter.

Known as Doug to his friends, he had a genuine interest in people and undertook everything with much energy and enthusiasm. These qualities earned for him the deep respect and affection of those with whom he came in contact.

Mr. Hitchcox is survived by his widow, two sons, two daughters, his mother, two brothers, and a sister.

1882 **Wilbur Moore Johnson** 1976

Wilbur Moore Johnson, a Fellow of the Society, died October 12, 1976, at the age of ninety-four. He was a retired president of Central Standard Life Insurance Company.

Mr. Johnson was born on May 24, 1882, near Cambridge, Ohio. He did his undergraduate work at Ohio Wesleyan University and graduate work at the University of Michigan, Harvard University, and the University of Chicago. He was a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

He started his insurance career with Inter-Mountain Life Insurance Company in 1914. He moved to Surety Fund Life Insurance Company in 1920 and Royal Union Life Insurance Company in 1921. He joined Central Life of Illinois as actuary in 1926, and became vice-president and actuary in 1929 and president in 1951. (Central Life of Illinois later became Central Standard Life and is now Reliance Standard Life Insurance Company.)

Mr. Johnson was a Fellow of both of the Society's predecessor organizations and a charter member of the American Academy of Actuaries. He served as treasurer of the American Institute of Actuaries from 1928 to 1937.

He is survived by his widow and three sons.

1905 . . . Aubrey Lavelle Joyce . . . 1976

Aubrey Lavelle Joyce, a Fellow of the Society, died August 29, 1976, at the age of seventy in Avon, Connecticut. He was a retired vice-president and controller of Connecticut General Life Insurance Company.

Mr. Joyce was born on December 30, 1905, in Mount Pleasant, Ontario, and graduated from the University of Toronto in 1927. He joined Connecticut General in 1927 and was appointed assistant actuary in 1939, associate actuary and head of the reinsurance department in 1942, actuary in 1950, vice-president in 1954, and vice-president and controller in 1956. He retired in 1970.

Mr. Joyce was a past president of the Hartford chapter of the Financial Executives Institute. He had served as a director of the Greater Hartford chapter of the American National Red Cross and was chairman of the board of finance for the town of Avon.

He is survived by his widow, two sons, and five grandchildren.

1916 . . . Robert H. Little . . . 1977

Robert H. Little, a Fellow of the Society, died in Pasadena, California, on September 14, 1977, at the age of sixty.

Mr. Little was born on September 26, 1916, in Prairie City, Iowa, and was a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of Iowa. He was a

Fellow of the Conference of Actuaries in Public Practice and of the Canadian Institute of Actuaries, and a charter member of the American Academy of Actuaries.

The first few years of his actuarial career were spent with the Equitable Life Assurance Society, with an interruption for military service. In 1949 he moved to California as a consulting actuary in the pension field. He was a partner, principal, or senior actuary in seven consulting firms during his pension career of over twenty-eight years. At his retirement in 1976 he was a principal of Towers, Perrin, Forster and Crosby. He was one of the founders of the Los Angeles chapter of the Western Pension Conference in 1955, and its only three-term president.

Mr. Little is survived by his widow, two sons, and three grandchildren.

1896 Gladstone Marshall 1977

Gladstone Marshall, a Fellow of the Society, died June 15, 1977, at the age of eighty. He was a retired vice-president and actuary of the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company.

Mr. Marshall was born in Puslinch, Ontario, on October 28, 1896. After serving two years as a warrant officer in the Canadian Navy during World War I, he was graduated from the University of Toronto in 1921 with a B.A. degree.

Mr. Marshall joined the Connecticut Mutual in 1921 and was appointed assistant actuary in 1929, associate actuary in 1942, actuary in 1950, second vice-president and actuary in 1951, and vice-president and actuary in 1953. He retired in 1962.

Mr. Marshall also was a charter member of the American Academy of Actuaries and of the Actuaries Club of Hartford.

He is survived by a daughter and four grandchildren.

1891 Edmund M. McConney 1977

Edmund M. McConney, a Past President of the Society, died in Portland, Oregon, on January 13, 1977, after a brief illness. He was eighty-five years old.

“Mac” McConney was born on November 11, 1891, on the small island of St. Kitts in the West Indies, where his father was a minister in the Anglican church. During his boyhood he lived on several of the smaller islands. His father tutored him until he went to Harrison College in Barbados, where he graduated with honors.

In 1911 Mr. McConney emigrated to Toronto, Canada, and went to work for the Manufacturers Life Insurance Company. His insurance career was interrupted in 1914 when he enlisted in the Second Canadian Division and served in France for four years. He participated in all the division's battles. On the night before the Armistice in 1918, Mac was wounded by artillery fire.

Upon returning to civilian life, Mr. McConney joined the Bankers Life Company, Des Moines, Iowa, where he rose from assistant actuary in 1920 to become president from 1946 until his retirement in 1956. He continued to serve as a director until 1967.

Mr. McConney was a vice-president and member of the Council of the Actuarial Society of America. Upon the merger of the Actuarial Society of America and the American Institute of Actuaries into the Society of Actuaries, Mr. McConney became the Society's first president in 1949. He also was an Associate of the Institute of Actuaries, a member of the Institut des Actuaire Français, an honorary member of the Instituto de Actuarios Españoles, and Conseil de Direction des Congrès International des Actuaire.

Mr. McConney also held leadership positions in life insurance industry organizations. He was chairman of the Institute of Life Insurance and a director of the Life Insurance Association of America, the Life Insurance Medical Research Fund, the Life Underwriters Training Council, and the Huebner Foundation for Insurance Education. He also served on the board of the National Industrial Conference Board.

Active in Des Moines civic affairs, Mr. McConney was chairman of the board of trustees of Drake University, president of the Edmundson Art Foundation, and president of the Greater Des Moines Chamber of Commerce. He received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Drake University in 1952.

After his retirement, he traveled for several years, researching early history and family genealogy in the West Indies.

He is survived by his widow, a son (who is an Associate of the Society), a daughter, four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

1925 John R. Reimer 1976

John R. Reimer, a Fellow of the Society, died suddenly on September 20, 1976, at the age of fifty-one at his home in Marietta, Georgia.

Mr. Reimer was born on July 17, 1925, in Giroux, Manitoba. He received a Bachelor of Commerce degree with honors from the University of Manitoba in 1951.

Mr. Reimer began his actuarial career in 1951 with the National Life Insurance Company. He entered the consulting field in 1955 by joining Bowles, Andrews and Towne, Inc., in Richmond, Virginia, and in 1971 moved to the actuarial consulting staff of Coopers and Lybrand in Atlanta, Georgia.

He also was a charter member of the American Academy of Actuaries and a Fellow of the Conference of Actuaries in Public Practice.

Mr. Reimer is survived by his widow and two daughters.

1906 J. Paul Vallerand 1976

J. Paul Vallerand, an Associate of the Society, died October 15, 1976, at the age of seventy in Saint Sauveur des Monts, Quebec.

Mr. Vallerand was born on June 27, 1906. After graduating from the University of Montreal, he studied actuarial science in Edinburgh, Scotland.

Mr. Vallerand started his insurance career with the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada. He also worked for the Alliance Nationale, Provident Assurance Company, and Union du Commerce. He then became a consultant with the Société Saint Jean Baptiste, where he established and managed their insurance program until his retirement in 1961.

He is survived by his son.

1930 James H. Van Dyke 1977

James H. Van Dyke died suddenly of accidental causes at the age of forty-six on August 12, 1977, in Racine, Wisconsin.

Mr. Van Dyke was born on August 30, 1930, in Linn Township, Wisconsin. He graduated from the University of Wisconsin (Whitewater) with a B.S. degree in 1960. He served in the United States Army as a sergeant during the Korean conflict from 1951 to 1953.

Mr. Van Dyke began his actuarial career with the Continental Assurance Company in 1961. He was appointed director, pension systems, in 1969, and was remembered for his special skills in staff development. In 1976 he joined Alexander and Alexander, Inc., as a consulting actuary. He left in 1977 to operate a family business in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin.

He was an Associate of the Society and a member of the American Academy of Actuaries.

Mr. Van Dyke's primary avocation was curling. He possessed unusual gifts in the sport and was an energetic leader in promoting it.

He is survived by his widow, two daughters, his mother, two sisters, and a brother.

1896 **Dennis A. Warters** 1977

Dennis N. Warters, a Past President of the Society, died on March 28, 1977, at the age of eighty in Des Moines, Iowa, following a long illness.

Mr. Warters had retired as president of the Bankers Life Company in 1965 after a long career of service to his profession, the insurance industry, and his community. His contributions to all organizations with which he came in contact were many and meaningful, and his loss will be felt sorely.

Mr. Warters was born in Birmingham, England, on December 18, 1896. His family moved to Canada in 1901, and he attended the University of Manitoba. After graduating in 1917 with a B.A. degree, he joined the Great West Life Insurance Company in Winnipeg. In 1920 Mr. Warters moved to Des Moines to begin his long association with Bankers Life.

His career with Bankers Life was distinguished and varied. He held responsibilities in a number of areas, including actuarial, planning, and group operations. Mr. Warters headed the company's move into group insurance and group annuities. The group permanent contract, a 1943 innovation in the group insurance field, bore the impact of Dennis Warters. He was named vice-president and actuary in 1942, and president in 1956. He was a member of the board of directors from 1948 to 1970.

Mr. Warters was a Fellow of both of the Society's predecessor organizations and a member of the Board of Governors of the American Institute of Actuaries. He served the Society of Actuaries as chairman of the Committee on Papers, a member of the Board of Governors, vice-president in 1956-58, and President in 1960-61. Mr. Warters authored the paper "Group Insurance on Level Premium Plans" (*TASA*, Vol. XLVIII), and was a coauthor with William M. Rae of "The Risks in Equity Investment for Pension Funds" (*TSA*, Vol. XI).

An early interest in office management led to the presidency of the Life Office Management Association. Mr. Warters also served as chairman of the S. S. Huebner Foundation, a director of both the Institute of Life Insurance and the Life Insurance Association of America, and a

member of the Pension Research Council of the Wharton School of Finance. He also was a member of the National Association of Life Underwriters.

In Des Moines, Mr. Warters also will be remembered as a civic leader. He served as chairman of the Des Moines Salvation Army Advisory Board, on the board of both the Greater Des Moines Chamber of Commerce and the Des Moines Bureau of Municipal Research, and as a trustee of Drake University. Using his actuarial expertise to serve his community, he was a member of the Advisory Committee of the Des Moines Teachers Retirement System. He also served on the Des Moines Park Board, the Iowa Board of International Education, and as a director of Central National Bank.

After retirement, Mr. Warters spent several years in the Far East as a volunteer consultant with the International Executive Service Corps. His hobbies included gardening and photography.

He is survived by a daughter, a son, two grandsons, and a sister.

