

Obituary

ROBERT ARLIN RICHARDSON
PAUL W. STEWART
LARUE S. WAGENSELLER
ROBERT EDWARD WHITE

1914 . . . Robert Arlin Richardson . . . 1971

Robert Arlin Richardson died in his sleep in Chicago, Illinois, during the early morning of December 21, 1971, at the age of fifty-seven. There had been no indication of illness.

Born in Custar, Ohio, Mr. Richardson was graduated from Miami University at Oxford, Ohio, with a Bachelor's degree in mathematics. He studied actuarial science at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. He learned to fly in the United States Army Air Corps in 1938 and served as a naval lieutenant during World War II.

Mr. Richardson's actuarial career began with Lincoln National Life at Fort Wayne, Indiana, in 1946. He later joined Marsh and McLennan and Associates in Detroit, Michigan, and the Wyatt Company in Chicago, Illinois. At the time of his death, he was an Associate of the Society of Actuaries and a partner in Brown, Conrad, Richardson, and Flott of Chicago, consulting actuaries.

He had been in private practice as an employee benefit consultant for seventeen years. He enjoyed the respect and affection of his clients for many reasons, among them his ability to explain complexities of actuarial science in lay terms.

His interests included cryptanalysis, foreign languages, and music. He became an accomplished public speaker during his association with Toastmasters International.

Mr. Richardson is survived by his widow, a son, a daughter, and two sisters.

1899 . . . Paul W. Stewart . . . 1971

Paul W. Stewart, an Associate of the Society of Actuaries, died after a brief illness on June 15, 1971, at the age of seventy-one. He had retired

in 1962 from the Prudential Insurance Company of America with thirty-six years of service.

Mr. Stewart graduated from Princeton University in 1921. His early assignments were in the actuarial department at the Prudential, and after a number of promotions he transferred to leadership roles in the methods and personnel areas. At the time of his retirement, he was director of special services in the personnel department.

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart lived in Montclair, New Jersey, and also had a home on Cape Cod in Yarmouth Port. Upon his retirement, they made that their permanent residence.

He was an avid golfer and played at every opportunity. He enjoyed good music and bridge and was a voracious reader. He was a friendly man with a quiet but acute sense of humor, and he had an effective and practical approach to the many problems he faced during his business career.

Mr. Stewart is survived by his widow, who remains on Cape Cod.

1907 . . . LaRue S. Wagenseller . . . 1971

LaRue S. Wagenseller, retired vice-president of Metropolitan Life and a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries, died suddenly on December 13, 1971, at his home in Manhasset, New York.

Mr. Wagenseller was born on November 15, 1907, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Pennsylvania in June, 1928, and came to Metropolitan as a clerk in the actuarial division in the fall of that year. He attained his Fellowship in the Actuarial Society of America in 1936. In 1949 he was appointed assistant actuary, and he progressed steadily thereafter through a variety of assignments and promotions in several departments of the company. He was active in the affairs of the Society and gave a great deal of time and attention to its intercompany group experience studies. At the time of his retirement in 1969 he was vice-president in charge of all Metropolitan's group insurance claims operations, having brought to them many improvements and innovations.

Affectionately known as "Bud," he was a thoughtful person and accomplished much, quietly and without fanfare. He will be long remembered by his friends and associates for his fine sense of values, good judgment, and unfailing courtesy to all.

Mr. Wagenseller is survived by his widow.

1908 **Robert Edward White** 1972

Robert Edward White died suddenly in the United Kingdom on February 11, 1972.

Mr. White, who qualified as a Fellow of the Institute of Actuaries in the United Kingdom at the earliest age permitted, worked with Confederation Life Insurance Company for nearly forty-three years, becoming their chief actuary for the United Kingdom in 1959. Early in his career he worked in the Toronto head office of the company and became an Associate of the Society of Actuaries, a relationship he valued and maintained throughout his career.

Mr. White's interests covered an exceptionally wide range. He sat on various committees of the Life Offices' Association, chaired advanced study groups of the Chartered Insurance Institute, was a vice-president of the London Insurance Institute, contributed actively to the Institute of Actuaries in the United Kingdom, and wrote several actuarial papers. He was one of the members of longest standing of the Actuarial Fellowship Club (of which he had been treasurer).

He was also active in church affairs. As churchwarden of the Church of the Ascension, Wembley, he served on numerous local committees. He was chairman of the House of Laity, vice-president of the London Diocesan Synod, and chairman of the financial committee of the London Diocesan Fund.

