

## Obituary

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JAMES ROBERTSON BEVERIDGE  
WILLIAM PERCY BRENTON  
ERNEST HOLZINGER  
JOSHUA VAN S. LONGENECKER  
ARCHIE NEIL MacTAVISH

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1904 . . . James Robertson Beveridge . . . 1956

James Robertson Beveridge died in Toronto, Ontario on January 27, 1956, at the age of 51.

Mr. Beveridge was born in Manitou, Manitoba on February 6, 1904. He received his early education in Melita, Manitoba and in 1925 graduated from the University of Manitoba in Honour Mathematics. In August of the same year he entered the employment of The Manufacturers Life Insurance Company. Examinations for Fellowship in both The Actuarial Society of America and the American Institute of Actuaries having been completed in 1928, he was enrolled as a Fellow in each organization in 1929, upon attaining the age of 25.

After experience in the actuarial and medical departments of his Company, where his outstanding ability was quickly recognized, he went to Japan in 1929 to carry out important underwriting and supervisory assignments for a period of two years. Returning to Head Office he was appointed Assistant Actuary in 1935, Associate Actuary in 1947, and Actuary in 1952. In December 1955 he was named Vice-President and Actuary of his Company.

He served as Secretary-Treasurer of the Actuaries' Club of Toronto for the year 1936-37 and as President for the term 1945-46.

Bob Beveridge was endowed with a great natural talent for making and keeping friends. His advice was sought on many problems ranging beyond those purely actuarial. At all times his deep understanding of the human factor tempered his keen analytical mind and gave his counsel the quality of wisdom.

The early close of a life so full of promise of continued development is a matter of deep regret to his office associates and friends everywhere.

Mr. Beveridge is survived by his wife, the former Blanche Patterson, by his daughter Susan, and his son James.

1891. . . . **William Percy Brenton** . . . . 1955

William Percy Brenton, Assistant Actuary of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, died on December 29, 1955 at his home in Mastic, Long Island, after a long illness. He was 64 years of age.

Mr. Brenton was born in Hertfordshire, England, and received his formal education at the Mercers' School in London. After matriculating with honors at London University, he decided to study for the actuarial profession. In 1919 he qualified, by examination, as a Fellow of the Institute of Actuaries of Great Britain. In 1926 he was admitted as an Associate of the Society of Actuaries.

He was widely known in the life insurance field in both the United States and England, having been associated for 17 years with the Prudential Assurance Company, Ltd., of London prior to joining the Canadian Head Office Staff of the Metropolitan on July 15, 1925. In 1928 he was appointed an Assistant Actuary of the Metropolitan and assigned to the Home Office in New York. Through the years he obtained recognition as an authority in various insurance fields, especially those related to industrial life insurance.

During World War I, Mr. Brenton served 4½ years in the British Royal Navy, attaining the rank of Lieutenant in the Royal Naval Reserve.

He was a devotee of music and a talented pianist. As a young man he was awarded bronze medals by the London College of Music and the Trinity College of Music in Cambridge, England. His interest in music and the theater continued throughout his life and he was a member of The Lambs. He was also greatly interested in philately.

Mr. Brenton leaves his wife, Mrs. Barbara Harrison Brenton; a son, Harry; a daughter, Vivian; and five grandchildren.

1901 . . . . **Ernest Holzinger** . . . . 1956

Ernest Holzinger, an Associate of the Society of Actuaries, and an Associate of the Casualty Actuarial Society, died suddenly in New York as a result of a heart attack on February 10, 1956.

Dr. Holzinger became an Associate of the Casualty Actuarial Society in 1945, and an Associate of the Society of Actuaries in 1953.

Born in Munich, Germany in 1901, he was graduated from the Ludwigs-Gymnasium in Munich, and completed his undergraduate studies at the Universities of Munich and Goettingen, receiving his Diploma as Actuary from the latter institution in 1924. He received a degree of Doctor

of Philosophy from the University of Goettingen in 1927 based on his extensive postgraduate research into mathematical statistics.

He entered his professional career in the same year as Associate Actuary for the Westdeutsche Versicherungsanstalt in Dortmund. From 1929 to 1933 he was Actuary for the Vorsorge und Muenchener Lebensversicherungsbank, and from 1933 to 1939 served in the same capacity for the Riunione Adriatica di Sicurtà, Trieste, Italy, an associate of the foregoing German insurance companies.

In addition to his professional qualifications Dr. Holzinger was an accomplished linguist and had a thorough insight into the basic economic problems of the various national groups with which he worked. As a result his services were widely used in settling various intercompany negotiations arising from the rapid political changes of the period.

Dr. Holzinger came to the United States in 1939 and became an American citizen in 1944.

From 1941 until his untimely death he was Actuary for the Pension Planning Company in New York. To the specialized field of employee benefit plans he brought the same high level of professional ability that had always been characteristic of his many previous accomplishments in broader areas of actuarial service. In addition to the respect and esteem he earned from those he served directly, his experience and advice on the technical problems of pension funds was generously shared with his many colleagues.

His leisure time was spent tramping over the beautiful countryside of his new homeland. He was a great art and music lover and an accomplished violinist. He had a quiet humor and brilliant wit.

He is survived by his wife, the former Cecile Graeber of Dortmund, whom he married in 1933.

Ernest was loved and admired by all who knew him. His death is a profound loss to his family and friends and the entire actuarial profession.

## 1900 . . . Joshua Van S. Longenecker . . . 1956

J. Van S. Longenecker died March 15, 1956, in Newton, Kansas. Van had been in failing health for some time and death was the result of a stroke.

He was born May 17, 1900, in Lexington, Nebraska. A serious student, he was a member of various honorary fraternities, including Phi Beta Kappa and Sigma Xi. He graduated from Iowa State College with a B.S. degree and then took work in actuarial science at the State University of Iowa, where he obtained his M.S. degree in 1924.

He began his life insurance career with the Equitable Life Insurance Company of Iowa in 1925 and became an Associate of the American Institute of Actuaries in 1928. He joined the Farmers & Bankers Life Insurance Company of Wichita, Kansas, in 1926 and served that company as Actuary until 1951.

A man of varied interests, he especially enjoyed hunting and chess.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Mrs. Longenecker and their four children.

**1886 . . . Archie Neil MacTavish . . . 1956**

Archie Neil MacTavish, an Associate of the Institute of Actuaries and of the Society of Actuaries and a member of the Canadian Association of Actuaries, died suddenly on January 19, 1956, while vacationing at Lake Worth, Florida.

Mr. MacTavish was born on November 27, 1886, at Mountain, Ontario. He received his secondary education at Kemptville High School and graduated from the University of Toronto in Mathematics and Physics in 1907. Following graduation he joined the actuarial staff of the Department of Insurance at Ottawa. In 1921 he associated himself with the Dominion Life Assurance Company of Waterloo as Actuary, later becoming Assistant General Manager and Actuary. He retired from active service with the company on December 31, 1952.

Mr. MacTavish was recognized for his professional attainments, not only as a sound technician but also as a man of high ethical standards. He was active in the affairs of the Canadian Association of Actuaries, having served as President in 1924 and also on its Occupation Committee for many years. In 1928 he presented a paper to the Insurance Institute of Toronto, "Government Statements and Analysis of Life Assurance Accounts," which was regarded as an authority on that particular subject.

He was also prominent in local lawn tennis and bridge circles and was a member of the Westmount Golf and Country Club. He will be remembered by his many friends on whom he has made a lasting impression for his sincerity and friendliness.