

Obituary

DAVID ERNEST BUCKNER

THOMAS ARTHUR DARK

MILTON DANIEL GRANT

JOHN B. HALL

GEORGE W. HUBBELL

VERNE L. TICKNER

1894 . . . **David Ernest Buckner** . . . 1956

David Ernest Buckner, Vice-President and Actuary of the Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Company, died on July 6, 1956. Although not in the best health for several years, he remained active until the last and did his usual full day's work on the day preceding his death.

Mr. Buckner was born in Alamance County, North Carolina, December 9, 1894. He was a graduate of Wake Forest College and following service in the Army in World War I he attended Grenoble University at Grenoble, France.

He joined the Actuarial Department of the Jefferson Standard in May 1923 and was made Assistant Actuary in 1926. He was named Associate Actuary in 1932 and was elected Vice-President and Actuary in July of 1943.

Mr. Buckner became a Fellow of the American Institute of Actuaries in 1927 and a Fellow of the Actuarial Society of America in 1928. He was one of a small group of men who obtained their Fellowship in both bodies by independent examinations. He served on the Examination Committee of the Institute for several years.

Surviving are his wife, the former Wylanta McKay, and two sons, David E. Buckner, Jr., and John Herbert Buckner.

David Buckner was a kindly man, deliberate, conscientious, industrious and firm in his convictions. He had a splendid record of achievement with his Company and was respected and loved by his associates. He will be sorely missed.

1876 Thomas Arthur Dark 1956

Thomas Arthur Dark died quietly on July 9, 1956, at his home in Toronto. Mr. Dark was born in the town of Port Hope, Ontario, on August 20, 1876. He received his early education at the Public School in Wicklow, Ontario, and later, after a period of time devoted to the occupation of school teaching, he attended Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario, where he was graduated in 1904 with his Master's degree in honor mathematics.

Immediately following graduation, he became associated with The Excelsior Life Insurance Company at its Head Office in Toronto and this was his only business association.

Entering the Company as Actuarial Clerk, he became Actuary in 1911. By 1920 he had been appointed to the dual position of Assistant General Manager and Actuary and in 1924 he was made General Manager and Actuary, a position which he held for the five years preceding the historic recession of 1930.

In the fall of 1929 a siege of ill health forced him to give up his duties as General Manager, but he continued in the office of Actuary of The Excelsior Life Insurance Company until 1938 when his health demanded his permanent retirement.

An unassuming man who never married, Mr. Dark was by examination an Associate of the Institute of Actuaries of Great Britain and a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries. During 1916-1918 he served on the Examination Committee of the Actuarial Society of America and was a member of its Council 1924-1926. In 1926 he served as President of the Canadian Life Officers Association and in 1926-27 acted as President of the Insurance Institute of Toronto.

With a singleness of purpose, his work held a primary place in his life although, among other things, he enjoyed physical activity, particularly golf. As one of the men who guided the destiny of The Excelsior

Life Insurance Company during its formative days, his hand helped to establish the firm foundation on which that Company is making continued progress.

1872 **Milton Daniel Grant** 1956

Milton Daniel Grant died in Winnipeg, Manitoba, on July 12, 1956, at the age of 83.

Mr. Grant was born near the Village of Hopewell, Nova Scotia, and received his early education at New Glasgow, Pictou Academy and Dalhousie University, where he received his Bachelor of Arts degree. He received his Master of Arts degree from studies in classics and mathematics at Harvard University.

He returned to New Glasgow as a mathematics teacher in 1902 and remained there for three years, during which time he wrote the examinations of the Institute of Actuaries, becoming a Fellow of the Institute in 1904. In 1905 Mr. Grant joined the Insurance Department of the Dominion Government, where he became a Fellow of the Actuarial Society of America in 1908 and was appointed Chief Actuary for the Department of Insurance in 1910.

In 1911 he set up the rate structure of the Capital Life Assurance Company at Ottawa, where he remained until 1916, when he was named Actuary of the Sovereign Life Assurance Company in Winnipeg. He later became Assistant Manager and then Managing Director, the position he held until becoming President in 1948. In 1952 he retired from the presidency, but continued as a member of the Board of Directors until February 1955, when he resigned.

Mr. Grant's interests outside of the life insurance field covered a wide range. He was President of the Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce from 1944 to 1946 and was Honorary President of the Junior Chamber of Commerce in 1948. He took a keen interest in golf and lawn bowling and was a member of the St. Charles Country Club and the Manitoba Club and was active in the affairs of Augustine United Church.

Mr. Grant was endowed with a penetrating mind and a passion for exactness. He was alert and energetic, a man who kept his mind swift and his body active by study and work. With this went a kindly outlook and a capacity for friendship. His deep sense of responsibility was matched by an equally strong desire to serve his community.

Mr. Grant is survived by his wife, the former Janet McColl of New Glasgow.

1878 John B. Hall 1956

John B. Hall died at Toronto, Ontario, on July 24, 1956, following a lengthy illness.

He was born in Peterborough, Ontario, December 22, 1878. He attended the University of Toronto and graduated with high honors. In 1903 he became an Associate of the Institute of Actuaries, and in 1906 an Associate of the Actuarial Society of America. Throughout his career he was engaged largely in agency work in the Toronto area, being associated with the Dominion Life from 1906 to 1921, with the Manufacturers Life from 1921 to 1925 and with the Sun Life of Canada from 1925 until his death.

Mr. Hall was a well known figure in Toronto insurance circles and took a very active interest in the Life Underwriters' Association of Canada of which he was elected President in 1928 and a life member in 1930. He served as an examiner for the Association and also wrote textbooks for the C.L.U. course, among which was the *History of Life Insurance*.

He is survived by his widow and a daughter.

1865 George W. Hubbell 1956

George W. Hubbell, a charter member of the Actuarial Society of America, died July 14, 1956, after a brief illness.

He was born December 31, 1865 in New York City and graduated from City College of New York in 1887 with a Bachelor of Arts degree. Shortly after leaving college he joined The United States Life Insurance Company in the Actuarial Department.

His studies in the field of actuarial science and the practical knowledge gained from the school of experience led to his appointment in February 1906 as Actuary of the Company. In 1922 the Secretaryship was added to his responsibilities. He became a Vice President in 1929 and remained in that post until his retirement in 1940.

Mr. Hubbell's friendly and helpful manner will remain as an enduring remembrance for all who were privileged to know him. As we look back upon his long, faithful and highly valuable services, we apply to him the words of Ruskin: "Where we build, let us think that we build forever. Let it not be for present delight, nor for present use alone; let it be such work as our descendants will thank us for, and let us think, as we lay stone on stone, that a time is to come when those stones will be held sacred

because our hands have touched them, and that men will say as they look upon the labor and wrought substance of them—'See, this our fathers did for us!'"

Mr. Hubbell is survived by two daughters, Mrs. John A. Christie of Fairlawn, New Jersey, and Mrs. Marion Mowatt of Norton, Mass.; a son, Bradford P. Hubbell of Bloomfield, New Jersey; a sister, Miss Sara B. Hubbell, also of Bloomfield; and four grandchildren.

1889 Verne L. Tickner 1956

Verne L. Tickner died on November 12, 1956 after a long illness. He was born July 30, 1889 in Fowlerville, Michigan, attended high school in Owosso, Michigan, and was graduated from the University of Michigan in 1912.

He married Edna Louise Meyer April 6, 1922, in Silver Spring, Md. They came to Denver in 1925 and Mr. Tickner became general manager and vice president of the American Life Insurance Company.

He later was active in founding United American Life Company, and was the company's first president. He founded the Great Eastern Mutual Life Insurance Company in 1937 in Denver and was its president until ill health forced his retirement earlier this year.

Mr. Tickner was active in the Society of Actuaries, American Life Convention, Colorado Life Convention, and Colorado Society of Home Office Underwriters. He also was a member of the University of Michigan Alumni Association, the Colorado-Michigan University Club, and Montview Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Marilyn Ann Van Gundy, of Littleton, and three grandchildren.