
This book is a discussion of the development, growth and nature of group insurance, as it has progressed in the past and as it is at present. It describes how the industrial revolution produced a need for such insurance and the rapid development and acceptance of it. The author discusses the social and economic aspects of group insurance, the laws and regulations by governing bodies, and the cost. She also discusses the more recent developments in the field of group accident and health, and annuities. In addition State and Federal disability coverages are described.


This book is the fourth volume in the series issued by the S. S. Huebner Foundation for Insurance Education known as the "Huebner Foundation Lectures." It contains a series of lectures given at the University of Pennsylvania under the supervision of the Foundation, to fellows and students of the Foundation and teachers from the faculty of the Insurance Department of the University.

The speakers who prepared these lectures are outstanding authorities on the subject assigned to them. The subjects cover, among others, the supply of savings, management of the investments, government securities, real estate mortgages, corporate debt, preferred and common stocks and methods of valuation of assets for use by insurance companies in their annual statement.


This is the eighth issue of this reference volume published annually by the Institute and covers the activities of the year 1952. It is intended to provide a handy source of factual and statistical information about the life insurance business. Where further information has been obtained, totals for past years have been revised and thus may differ from those appearing in previous Fact Books.


This is the second edition of this book. It has been completely revised, and new developments and trends in the business since the first edition have been covered. Among these are new policy forms introduced, developments in group and pension trusts and changes in the fields of government insurance and pension plans. Also statistics on the business have been brought up to date. All phases of life insurance are covered except accident and sickness. This subject is available in a separate *Guide to Accident and Sickness*.


This book deals with the various aspects of pension and profit-sharing plans, including designing a plan, getting it approved for tax purposes, financing it, administering
it, and helping employees to understand it. Included is a special chapter on present-day bargaining patterns and union demands in the pension field. The various subjects are handled by specialists in their respective fields, including three Fellows of this Society.


This book is a series of nineteen articles prepared by well-known authorities on various parts of the contract. They originally appeared in the C.L.U. *Journal*. A discussion of contract law is followed by a clause-by-clause coverage of the various provisions of the policy and the riders or supplementary agreements which may be attached. The last chapter is devoted to a discussion of the development of state legislation as it affects the life insurance contract.

**PENSION FUNDS AND SOCIAL INSURANCE**


This report, as is stated therein, is sort of a "command performance," and one limited to that part of extension that would add quite a lot to the current tax receipts and nothing much for a couple of years to benefits.

This group report deals with adding more categories of employment—not very many people, since most adults are already covered to some extent. The report states that this treatment will call for less tax. These categories have to a considerable extent been barred heretofore because of recognized administrative difficulties. Here there is the hopeful statement that the difficulties may not be too pronounced.


Over 1,000 pages of discussion, tables, charts, index make this a rather pretentious performance. Part 2 recognizes that any class system is but a part of the whole national economy.

The extent to which certain discussion has been carried is illustrated on page 5 of Part 1, thus: "the railroad retirement system would achieve savings from integration with the Social Security system because the latter, due to its very large coverage, can sell insurance benefits considerably cheaper than can the railroad retirement system."

One other point made is that "it has a reserve of about $3 billion as of December 31, 1952, invested in Government bonds at 3% interest: and has an unfunded accrued liability of over $10 billion of which about one-half will be financed by the Old Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund as the result of coordinating provisions of the 1951 Amendments."


Actuarial Study No. 26, completed in 1948, had treated the Monthly Benefits as very similar to Supplementary Contracts in Life Insurance, including in that study the wives and widows, eligible to benefits save for being below age 65, discounting future
payments at interest. Along this same line, but omitting the women under 65, Actuarial Study No. 35 determines present values of benefits in current payment status.


This first cost report after the enactment of the 1950 and 1952 Amendments brings in some clues as to the slowness with which the new benefits take hold—and yet the actual extent of benefits-cost advance. Here appears some discussion of the accrued liability and the effect of increasing wage assumptions, when increasing wages are followed by bigger benefits and the relative value of the trust fund drops.


This report is the successor to Actuarial Study No. 31. In the two years between the two studies, the deferment of costs which has always been inherent in OASI has to some extent worn off. In spite of the 1952 increases seeming so small in presentation, an increase of 76% in the "Amount of Insurance in Force" is shown.

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