

Obituary

HERBERT E. CEBELIUS
JOHN RUSSELL DASHWOOD
GEORGE H. DAVIS
DENNIS JACKSON
WILLIAM HENRY KELTON
GORDON CHASE STREETER
JOHN EDWARD WALSH
CLIFFORD JOHN WOODLEY
FLOYD EUGENE YOUNG

1911 **Herbert E. Cebelius** 1972

Herbert E. Cebelius, an associate actuary at the Travelers Insurance Company, died July 27, 1972, at the age of sixty, after suffering a severe heart attack six weeks earlier.

Mr. Cebelius was born in Hartford, Connecticut, but for many years had lived in Wethersfield. He joined the Travelers following his graduation from Hartford Public High School. For many years Mr. Cebelius was in charge of the Travelers' individual life valuation division. A major accomplishment in his career was the attainment of Fellowship in the Society without benefit of college training.

Mr. Cebelius was a quiet, friendly man who enjoyed great affection and respect from his colleagues and associates.

He is survived by his widow, a son, and a brother.

1916 **John Russell Dashwood** 1972

John Russell Dashwood, an Associate of the Society of Actuaries, died April 24, 1972, at the age of fifty-six, after a long period of illness which had forced his retirement in 1956.

Mr. Dashwood joined the Prudential Assurance Company, Ltd., in 1931 and became a Fellow of the Institute of Actuaries in 1939. He remained with the company until his retirement. His history of poor health began during his military service with the Royal Artillery.

1910 **George H. Davis** 1972

George H. Davis, retired actuary of the Life Insurance Association of America, died in his sleep, apparently of a heart attack, on the night of September 13, 1972, at the Harvard Club of New York. He had just attended a meeting of the New York Actuaries Club and was scheduled to chair a meeting of the Academy's Committee on Financial Reporting Principles the next day.

Mr. Davis was born on September 22, 1910, in Kokomo, Indiana. In 1931 he was graduated from Indiana University, where he was admitted to Phi Beta Kappa. In 1933 he received an M.B.A. degree from the Harvard Business School and subsequently joined the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. Four years later he became a Fellow of the Actuarial Society of America. In 1947 he left the Metropolitan to join the Life Insurance Association of America as assistant actuary. He was promoted to actuary and made a senior officer of the organization in 1965. He elected early retirement in 1970.

He served in the United States Navy during World War II, attaining the rank of lieutenant commander and seeing service in both the Caribbean and the Pacific.

George Davis had a very wide circle of friends among actuaries. He served at one time or another on various committees of the Society and Academy, including the Examination Committee, the Committee to Cooperate with the National Association of Insurance Commissioners, the Committee for Preparation of Mortality Tables, the Public Relations Committee, and the Committee (Academy) on Financial Reporting Principles. He appeared often in the general sessions portion of Society meetings, where he would bring members up to date on what was taking place in legislation and regulation on matters of interest to actuaries.

Mr. Davis was always a man of great intellectual honesty which was never sacrificed to expediency. He was also strong in his personal beliefs and conclusions, often acting upon them when others might have compromised or temporized. This commitment to his beliefs is illustrated by the fact that prior to the onset of World War II he became convinced that the United States eventually would become involved in such a war, and he acted positively on that conclusion by taking courses which would be valuable if and when he could join the armed services.

He is survived by his widow, one stepson, two step-granddaughters, and his sister. His mother also survived him, but by only two months. He and his wife lived in Southbury, Connecticut, and Westerly, Rhode Island.

1910 **Dennis Jackson** 1972

Dennis Jackson, an Associate of the Society and a Fellow of the Institute of Actuaries, died July 5, 1972. He had retired from the position of deputy general manager and actuary of the Friends' Provident and Century Life Office at the end of 1971.

He joined the service of Friends' Provident in 1932 and was appointed assistant actuary in 1940. In 1956 he became actuary of the office and in 1965 was promoted to the position he held at the time of his retirement.

During Mr. Jackson's career he made a significant contribution to the development of the Friends' Provident from a comparatively small office in the United Kingdom to a major group with international operations.

His gift of genuine friendship and understanding will be greatly missed by those who knew him.

1894 **William Henry Kelton** 1972

William Henry Kelton was born August 16, 1894, in Manchester, Vermont. He died June 28, 1972. A graduate of Troy Conference Academy at Poultney, Vermont, he entered Williams College, from which he graduated in 1917 with a B.A. degree, magna cum laude, in mathematics and physics. He was admitted to Phi Beta Kappa. Mr. Kelton served during World War I as a second lieutenant with the United States Army in France.

He joined the Life Actuarial Department of the Travelers Insurance Company in 1919 and was appointed assistant actuary in 1925. He was promoted to associate actuary in 1947 and to actuary in 1957. In 1923 he became a Fellow of the Actuarial Society of America. Mr. Kelton also became a Fellow of the American Institute of Actuaries and of the Casualty Actuarial Society. He was a member of the American Academy of Actuaries. Mr. Kelton served for several years on committees of these societies and took part in numerous discussions of papers and other topics at their meetings. He presented a paper on valuation of disability benefits in life insurance policies to the Society.

Mr. Kelton's work embraced several fields, but he specialized in compiling and analyzing financial and associated statements. He will be remembered by his many friends for his integrity and his friendly cooperation with his associates.

Mr. Kelton's favorite sport was fishing, a pastime which he and his

family enjoyed greatly while living at their "home away from home" on Lake Memphremagog, Vermont.

He is survived by his widow, a daughter, a son, and seven grandchildren.

1911 . . . Gordon Chase Streeter . . . 1972

Gordon Chase Streeter, a Fellow of the Society and a member of the American Academy of Actuaries, was stricken suddenly on September 13, 1972, as he was leaving his office at the close of the business day, and died shortly thereafter.

Mr. Streeter was born in Boston on December 1, 1911. He was a graduate of St. Paul's School in Concord, New Hampshire, and received his A.B. degree from Harvard University in 1934.

Following graduation, he joined the Life Actuarial Department of Aetna Life Insurance Company. He obtained his Fellowship in 1942 and was appointed assistant actuary of the company in 1944. Subsequently he transferred to the group division, where he was advanced to associate actuary in 1959.

His major business interest was in the application of data processing techniques and electronic machinery to the solution of problems in the administration of group insurance, a field in which he became a recognized authority. At the time of his death, he was responsible for all policyholder group insurance records maintained in Aetna's home office. He was a member of the Electronics Committee of the Life Office Management Association.

During World War II he served for two years in the United States Air Force.

Mr. Streeter was known for his quick and inventive mind, which produced many ingenious and practical suggestions for solving administrative problems, and for his unfailing courtesy in dealing with his associates. These qualities earned the respect and affection of all those with whom he came in contact.

He is survived by his widow, a son, two daughters, two stepsons, a stepdaughter, two brothers, a sister, and three grandsons.

1919 . . . John Edward Walsh . . . 1972

John Edward Walsh, Mobil Professor of Statistics at Southern Methodist University, died of a heart attack in Dublin, Ireland, on August 24, 1972. An Associate of the Society of Actuaries, Professor

Walsh was a Fellow of the American Statistical Association and of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and past president of the Operations Research Society of America (1967-68). At the time of his death he was serving as a United States delegate to the meeting of the International Federation of Operational Research Societies.

Professor Walsh was best known for his encyclopedic three-volume *Handbook of Nonparametric Statistics*. He also had contributed over one hundred and fifty articles to a variety of statistical journals. He was a master at application of statistical theory to practical problems and also at developing graduate students' abilities to do research through an apprenticeship relationship.

1916 Clifford John Woodley 1972

Clifford John Woodley was fatally injured in an automobile accident on August 19, 1972, while vacationing near Buffalo, New York. At the time of his death he was vice-president and actuary of Home Beneficial Life Insurance Company, Richmond, Virginia.

Mr. Woodley was born October 22, 1916, in Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada. He was graduated in 1937 with majors in both mathematics and physics from Victoria College of the University of Toronto. Jack, as he was known to his friends and associates, taught mathematics for one year in the Engineering School of the University of Toronto and in 1938 was employed as an actuarial student at the Canada Life Assurance Company. In August, 1944, he joined the Canadian army and was enrolled in the Language School for Interpreters, specializing in the study of the Japanese language. After release from service he was employed by the Commercial Life Assurance Company, until he moved to Fort Wayne, Indiana, in 1946 to accept a position with the Lincoln National Life Insurance Company. He became a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries in 1947. In 1960 he joined Home Beneficial Life Insurance Company.

Jack had special interest and aptitude in languages both modern and classical, being fluent in French, Spanish, German, Chinese, and Japanese as well as in Latin, Greek, and Hebrew. He was also familiar with several other languages. His hobbies included organic farming and gardening, particularly the raising of rare plant species. He was a talented musician. He was, indeed, a many-faceted person—an outstanding actuary, a linguist, a devoted church worker, a keen student of history and world affairs, and, to those who knew him, a good neighbor and friend.

He is survived by his widow and one son.

1899 Floyd Eugene Young 1972

Floyd Eugene Young, retired actuarial vice-president of Western Life Insurance Company, died suddenly at his home in Helena, Montana, October 7, 1972, at the age of seventy-three.

Born August 17, 1899, in Le Mars, Iowa, Mr. Young was educated at the University of Michigan and received his Bachelor's degree in actuarial science in 1922. His college career was interrupted during World War I by a period of service in the United States Navy.

Following his graduation, he taught mathematics at Oregon State College for three years before joining Western Union Life of Spokane, Washington, as associate actuary. From 1928 to 1934 he served as vice-president and actuary of National Fidelity Life of Kansas City. In 1934 he joined Western Life as actuary, was elected a director of the company in 1936, and became vice-president and actuary in 1944 and actuarial vice-president in 1962.

Mr. Young, an Associate of the Society of Actuaries, was a member of the American Academy of Actuaries and a member and past president of the Pacific Coast Actuarial Club. He was a Chartered Life Underwriter for more than forty-one years, having been a member of the first group to attain the CLU designation.

He acted as a consultant to the state legislature of Montana and to a number of the state departments. He was also very active in community affairs.

Mr. Young is survived by his widow, two sons, and seven grandchildren.