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1953

Yvon Boucher

1984

Yvon Boucher, a Fellow of the Society and of the Canadian Institute of Actuaries, died on July 16, 1984, at the age of thirty, following a long illness.

Mr. Boucher was born on November 11, 1953, in Saint-Philibert, Quebec. He was a graduate of Laval University, Quebec, and joined Assurance-vie Desjardins immediately after graduation in 1977. He obtained his fellowship in 1981. He was an avid outdoorsman with particular interest in kayaking.

He is survived by his fiancée, Hélène, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Irénée Boucher, four brothers and one sister.

1909

C. Ross Brereton

1984

C. Ross Brereton, a Fellow of the Society, died on December 2, 1984, at the age of seventy-five in Kitchener, Ontario, after a lengthy illness.

Mr. Brereton was born in Carnduff, Saskatchewan, and received his schooling in Winnipeg. He graduated from the University of Manitoba with

an Honors Bachelor of Arts degree in 1930. He then moved to Ontario, joining the federal Department of Insurance. While with the Department, he completed the actuarial exams of both the Actuarial Society of America and the American Institute of Actuaries, some with cum laude and magna cum laude distinctions. He received his Fellowship with these founding organizations in 1945.

Mr. Brereton's career in the Department of Insurance began in the actuarial branch in Ottawa. However, he soon moved to Toronto to work in the Department's examination branch where he rose to the position of Chief Examiner in 1952. In 1967, he was appointed to the position of Assistant Superintendent of Insurance and remained in that position until his retirement in 1974.

After retirement, Mr. Brereton volunteered his services to the Canadian Executive Services Overseas (CESO) working with insurance organizations in both Brazil and Costa Rica. He also provided some actuarial consulting services to the Alberta government.

Mr. Brereton had a passion for music (he both played and made violins), and a love for fishing, cottaging, golfing, bridge, and above all his family.

He is predeceased by his wife, Clarice, and is survived by three sons (one a member), a daughter and eight grandchildren.

1912

Michael R. Carrigan

1984

Michael R. Carrigan, a Fellow of the Society, died on August 22, 1984 at the Veteran's Administration Medical Center, Los Angeles, California. He was seventy-one at the time of his death.

He was born in County Leitrim, Ireland, on November 5, 1912 and emigrated to the United States in his sixteenth year. He became a naturalized United States citizen in July of 1940 in New York City, New York.

Mr. Carrigan was an actuarial and clerical trainee in the actuarial department of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company from 1929 to 1946. His employment with that company was interrupted by service in the United States Army in 1942 and 1943 where he served as sergeant in the Army Tank Corps. He was admitted to officer candidate school but before completion of his training, he received a medical discharge.

In 1947, Mr. Carrigan moved to Los Angeles and became assistant actuary for Pacific Mutual Insurance Company, where he remained in this position until 1951. From 1952 to 1957, he was actuary and manager of the pension department of Marsh & McLennan, Inc.

In 1957, Mr. Carrigan formed his own consulting company, specializing

in pension and health care benefits for the food and drug industry of southern California. He retired in 1968.

He is survived by his wife, Madeline, his daughter, two brothers, and his sister.

1911

Robert P. Coates

1983

Robert Pearce Coates, a Fellow of the Society, died on December 19, 1983 in his home in Plainfield, New Jersey, a few days after his seventy-second birthday.

A native New Yorker, Mr. Coates spent his entire working career at The Equitable. He was employed as a summer intern for the three summers prior to his graduation from Princeton in 1933 with a bachelor of arts degree and membership in Phi Beta Kappa. He became a full-time employee in September 1933 as a technical clerk in the group annuity area. After attaining Fellowship in the Society in 1940, he moved to the Actuary's Department where he held various positions in the Valuation, Statistical, and Policy Forms Bureaus. He became an officer of The Equitable in 1959. In 1969 he became head of the Actuarial Department with the title of Vice President and Actuary. He retired from The Equitable at the end of 1976.

Mr. Coates served on the Education and Examination Committee of the Society of Actuaries and also on the Committee on Mortality under Ordinary Insurance and Annuities. He was a member of the American Academy of Actuaries and chairman of the Actuarial Committee of the Life Insurance Guaranty Corporation of New York.

His wife, Alice, died in 1977 after a long illness. He is survived by his two daughters.

1916

J. Craig Davidson

1984

J. Craig Davidson, aged sixty-eight, a fellow of the Society and former president and chief executive officer of Confederation Life Insurance Company, Toronto, died September 13, 1984, following a long illness.

Mr. Davidson began his career with Confederation Life in 1938 as an actuarial student, leaving in 1941 to serve in the Royal Canadian Air Force during the Second World War.

He returned to Confederation Life after the war, and a year later, he was appointed assistant actuary of the company. In January 1951, he was appointed associate actuary and, three months later, became executive secretary.

He was appointed vice president in 1961, appointed executive vice president in 1965, and became a director in 1966. In March 1969, he was appointed president and chief executive officer, retiring in 1976.

He served the actuarial profession as president of the Canadian Institute of Actuaries for the year 1970–71. He also served on the boards of a number of industry and public service organizations.

1923

Daniel F. Drennan

1984

Daniel F. Drennan, an Associate of the Society, died on September 16, 1984, at the age of sixty-one.

Mr. Drennan earned his bachelors degree in 1947 at Chicago Teachers College and taught for a time after his return from active duty with the army during World War II. In 1949, after receiving his masters degree in mathematics at the University of Michigan, he entered the actuarial student program at New York Life Insurance Company. He spent part of his career as a consulting actuary with companies in New York and Chicago before serving with the Railroad Retirement Board in Chicago as Chief of the Division of Labor Studies in the Bureau of Research.

For many years, Mr. Drennan served as Financial Secretary of St. Anthony's Inn, a halfway house for ex-offenders. He was an avid sports fan and enjoyed a variety of music. He is survived by his wife, Alice, sons Gregory and Richard, and daughters, Joan and Nancy. A daughter, Victoria, died in infancy.

1906

Albert Gray

1984

Albert Gray, a Fellow of the Society, was born in Aberdeen, Scotland, on March 13, 1906 and died February 10, 1984 in Victoria, British Columbia. He was educated at Aberdeen University and graduated in 1927 with an Master of Arts in mathematics, chemistry, physics, and German.

Upon graduation, he initially decided on a teaching career in Scotland. After a year of study at the Aberdeen Teachers Training Centre, he was offered a position teaching mathematics near Edinburgh. Having second thoughts, he asked for time to cable the Sun Life Assurance Company head office in Montreal. The reply he received invited him to come to Canada as an actuarial student in September 1929. During World War II, he had to cope with large amounts of extra work, due to staff shortages and increased business activities.

In addition to his other responsibilities, he was asked to teach actuarial

science to students in Montreal in an effort to develop more French speaking actuaries to work in the Quebec market.

Mr. Gray retired from Sun Life in 1974 as an Associate Actuary of the company.

Mr. Gray was married in 1935 to Winifred Ronald formerly of Aberdeen. Upon retirement, the couple traveled extensively in Europe.

Mr. Gray is survived by his wife, Winifred, daughter, Lesley, and two grandchildren, Elizabeth and Lesley Bohm. He will be missed by his family and many friends and colleagues.

1927

John Hanson

1984

John Hanson, a Fellow of the Society, died unexpectedly of a heart attack in his home on December 27, 1984.

Born and raised in Johnstown, New York, Mr. Hanson graduated as valedictorian of his high school class and attended Union College on an athletic scholarship for two years. Although his education was interrupted by his military service in the Aleutian Islands, he graduated in 1951 from Cornell University. After graduation, Mr. Hanson was employed briefly by New York Life and later accepted a position with the Terriberry Company in New York. He left New York for a position as a consulting actuary with J.H. Daoust & Associates in Detroit and later joined the Chicago office of The Wyatt Company in June of 1958 as a consulting actuary. He retired as office manager of Wyatt Chicago in June of 1984, a position he held for the last seven years of his career with Wyatt. Mr. Hanson served on Wyatt's Board of Directors for fourteen years and on its Executive Committee for six years.

Mr. Hanson took an active interest in the actuarial profession and made many contributions to the Society's publications, including, "What is the Added Cost to Permit Unrestricted Election of Optional Forms of Retirement Income?" (*TSA XIII*, Part I (1961), 169-214), a paper that was required reading for the Society's Fellowship examinations.

Mr. Hanson was also active in the Conference of Actuaries in Public Practice and contributed many papers and discussions on pension funding, design, and accounting for pension expense. He served on the Board of Directors of the Conference for five years and as its Treasurer for three years. The Conference established a memorial fund in John Hanson's name to provide an award for papers submitted. He became actively involved in discussions in drafting the Employee Retirement Income Security Act and was invited to witness President Gerald Ford sign the Act in 1974.

He took an active interest in his church and community, and he played bridge, chess, tennis and joggged regularly. Shortly after his retirement, he

bought a personal computer and learned to program it. He was relaxed and enjoyed life.

John Hanson is survived by his wife, Margery, and three children, Fred, Sarah, and Diana.

1914 Kenneth J. Hedley 1984

Kenneth J. Hedley, an Associate of the Society, died on June 10, 1984.

Mr. Hedley graduated from Melbourne University and began work with the National Mutual Life Association in 1932. After serving in World War II from 1941–46, he returned to Natural Mutual Life as manager. In 1985 he became General Manager and Actuary of Northern Life Association Co. of Australia Ltd. and ultimately became principal of the firm bearing his name.

He belonged to several actuarial organizations in Australia and New Zealand and served as president for some of them. He was widely published in numerous professional journals on actuarial, insurance, financial, and management subjects.

Mr. Hedley enjoyed boating and bowling and was a member of various Australian sporting clubs. He is survived by his wife, Helena, his daughter, Anne, his son, John, and six grandchildren.

1902 Oswald Jacoby 1984

Oswald Jacoby, a Fellow of the Society, died on June 27, 1984, after a long battle with cancer.

Mr. Jacoby worked as an actuary and was considered by many as a “human computer” for his amazing recall of numbers. At the age of twenty-one, Mr. Jacoby was the youngest man to have passed four actuarial exams. His knowledge of numbers made him valuable to the Navy in his assignment of breaking codes during World War II and the Korean conflict.

Mr. Jacoby is best known, however, as a champion bridge player. After returning to Washington from Korea in 1953, he was invited to play bridge at the White House with President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Mr. Jacoby won forty-three national bridge championships since the 1920s, was a syndicated columnist, and wrote of several books on cardplaying. His book *How to Win At Canasta* was a bestseller in 1949. He was considered by many top bridge players to be a genius at the game.

Mr. Jacoby is survived by his wife, Mary, two sons, and four grandchildren.

1900

John B. Lienhard

1976

John B. Lienhard, a Fellow of the Society, died May 10, 1976.

Mr. Lienhard had worked for the Connecticut General Life Insurance Company for forty-five years retiring from there in 1964 as assistant actuary.

In addition to his management responsibilities in the actuarial department, he was involved in the education and training of many of the younger actuaries and actuarial students in the company. He was involved in the activities of the Hartford Actuarial Club and the Insurance, Accounting, and Statistical Association.

He graduated from Hartford Public High School in 1917 and served in World War I. He achieved his fellowship in 1926.

Mr. Lienhard was active in the Trinity Episcopal Church serving as treasurer from 1955 to 1971.

He is survived by his wife, Florence, three daughters, Alyce, Anne, and Helen, and two grandchildren.

1928

Simone Matteodo, Jr.

1984

Simone Matteodo, Jr., a Fellow of the Society and a member of the American Academy of Actuaries, died on August 1, 1984, following a stroke. He was fifty-six years old.

Mr. Matteodo was born and raised in Providence, Rhode Island, and took part in the occupation of postwar Japan, serving two years with the United States Army. He graduated *cum laude* from Brown University in 1951 with a Bachelor of Arts degree. He had been president of the Mathematical Society and a member of Sigma Xi fraternity. He remained active with Brown University interviewing student applicants at his home in Massapequa Park, New York.

After graduation, Mr. Matteodo joined the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States. His entire career was spent at the Equitable where he advanced to vice president and actuary. During his career he was primarily involved with various financial aspects of the group insurance business.

Mr. Matteodo served as chairman of the Committee on Life and Health Insurance for Mortality and Morbidity Experience Studies—Group, after being a member of that committee for several years.

He is survived by his wife, two daughters, two sons, one granddaughter, his mother, two brothers and two sisters.

sentatives on the orange and lemon administration committees. He is survived by his wife, Jeanne, five children, and two grandchildren.

1901

Ray M. Peterson

1984

Ray M. Peterson, a 1927 Fellow of the Society and former vice president and associate actuary of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, died on November 13, 1984.

A native of Dows, Iowa, Mr. Peterson attended Coe College. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in 1922. In 1923 he received his Master of Science degree from the University of Iowa, and joined the Equitable in July of that year. He retired from the Equitable, forty-three years later, on July 1, 1966.

For most of his career, he was concerned with group pensions. He wrote the landmark paper "Group Annuity Mortality" in 1952 (*TSA IV* (1952), 246-307), which presented the 1951 Group Annuity Table of mortality.

Mr. Peterson was active in Society and industry activities relating to pensions. He contributed many articles, discussions, and book reviews for Society publications. He chaired the Society's Committee on Group Annuity Mortality and was a member of the Committee to Study Pension Plan Problems. He was a founding member of the American Pension Conference and a member of the Pension Research Council at the Wharton School of Finance and Commerce. He served on various pension-oriented committees of the insurance industry, the National Association of Manufacturers (NAM), and the National Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Peterson was an early and vocal leader in the long effort to achieve more equitable treatment of insured pensions under federal income tax—an effort that ultimately led to important changes included in the Life Insurance Company Income Tax Act of 1959. His many articles on Social Security and related matters appeared in a variety of publications.

Mr. Peterson is remembered for his integrity and enthusiasm. He read widely, loved music and photography, and enjoyed caring for his home and yard.

He is survived by his wife, Helen; a son, Alan B.; two daughters, Anne L. Wiese and Marjory J. Reid; a brother, Fay Peterson; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

1899

William Poorman

1984

William Poorman, a Fellow of the Society, died on February 22, 1984. He was eighty-five years old.

Mr. Poorman began work with Central Life Assurance Company in 1925 and stayed with the company for forty-four years. He served as president of the company for fifteen years and as chairman of the board for five years. He retired in 1969.

Mr. Poorman worked in both the business and the public sector. He served on the Mercy Hospital Advisory Board and was considered an organizer of the Iowa Medical Service (Blue Shield) in 1945. He also served on several local and national health advisory boards.

Mr. Poorman served as chairman of the governor's committees for the employment of senior citizens and the employment of the handicapped. He also served as chairman of the Commission on the Aging.

For eighteen years, Mr. Poorman was a volunteer for the Advisory Investment Board, serving as a security analyst for the Iowa Public Employment Retirement System. He was named chairman of the Des Moines Low Rent Housing Agency in 1965. He was a former member of several agriculture boards, a former trustee of Drake University, and a former chairman of the Greater Des Moines Chamber of Commerce national affairs committee.

Mr. Poorman is survived by his wife, Zella.

1945

Ronald R. Puffer

1984

Ronald R. Puffer, a Fellow of the Society, died on July 3, 1984, after a long bout with cancer.

Mr. Puffer was graduated from the University of Northern Iowa where he received his degrees in mathematics and in secondary education. He then served with the United States Army near Saigon in Vietnam with the rank of Specialist E-5.

He taught mathematics in various Iowa schools until 1971, when he entered the University of Iowa, where he received his Master of Science degree in actuarial science. In 1973, Mr. Puffer went to work for United of Omaha as an actuarial technician. At the time of his death, he was vice president and actuary in the life actuarial division of that company.

Mr. Puffer was also a member of the American Academy of Actuaries, the Presbyterian Church, and the American Legion. He is survived by his

wife, Carol Ann, and two daughters. His son predeceased Mr. Puffer in 1979.

1899 **Wilfred W. Terryberry** 1984

Wilfred W. Terryberry, a Fellow of the Society, died on December 6, 1984, after a long illness.

Mr. Terryberry graduated from the University of Toronto in 1922 and then went to work for Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company. By 1942, he was an officer in the company. In 1957, he was appointed chairman of the electronics committee, which was formed to investigate and prepare for technological innovations in data processing. In 1961, he was named second vice president, electronics. The development of Connecticut Mutual's efficient data processing system was greatly influenced by Mr. Terryberry's direction and contribution. He retired from the company in 1966.

Mr. Terryberry is survived by his wife, Frances, and his daughter.

