

OBITUARY

JOHN M. BLACKHALL

1914-1957

John M. Blackhall, Assistant Actuary of California-Western States Life Insurance Company, passed away on November 14, 1957, in his home at Sacramento, California. His death was due to a sudden heart attack. He was 43 years of age.

Mr. Blackhall was a native of Toronto, Ontario, Canada. He was a graduate with honors from the Mathematics Course of the University of Toronto, Class of '36. After serving two years with Professors Mackenzie and Shepherd, consulting actuaries in Toronto, Mr. Blackhall spent the next four years in actuarial work with the Monarch Life Insurance Company of Springfield, Massachusetts. From 1942 to 1946 he served as a weather forecaster with the Royal Canadian Air Force.

Mr. Blackhall became associated with the California-Western States Life Insurance Company in 1946 and was Assistant Actuary at the time of his death.

Mr. Blackhall was an Associate Member of the Society of Actuaries as well as an Associate of the Casualty Actuarial Society. He was currently Secretary of the Actuarial Club of the Pacific States.

Mr. Blackhall took a very active interest in religious, civic and charitable organizations. Among his affiliations were the Serra Club, Golden Empire Council of the Boy Scouts of America, Toastmaster Club and United Crusade Drive.

Mr. Blackhall's keen, analytical mind and friendly personality will be missed by all his many friends and associates. He will be remembered by the many younger associates whom his enthusiasm inspired with the desire to learn more about the insurance business.

He is survived by his wife, Oretta, two sons, John, Jr. and Malcolm, and his father, Wilmot R. Blackhall, of Toronto.

OBITUARY
EDMUND S. COGSWELL

1883-1957

Edmund S. Cogswell, a fellow of the Casualty Actuarial Society since 1916, died at his home in Wenham, Massachusetts, on April 25, 1957. A graduate of Harvard University, 1906, Mr. Cogswell started in the actuarial field with the New England Mutual Life Insurance Company in 1906. In 1913, he became the first secretary of the Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement Board. From 1916 to 1929, Mr. Cogswell served the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in various capacities; he was General Manager of the National Association of Mutual Casualty Companies for four years; he also engaged in the consulting business during this period.

In 1929, Mr. Cogswell was appointed Second Deputy Commissioner of Insurance in Massachusetts and in 1932, he was promoted to First Deputy Commissioner. In April, 1953, he was appointed Commissioner of Insurance, which post he held until his retirement on July 31, 1953. From that time to his decease, he engaged in the practice of Consulting Actuary. He is survived by his widow, two sons and two daughters.

Those who knew him feel strongly the loss of a personal friend and competent adviser.

OBITUARY
CLARENCE ARTHUR KULP
1895-1957

Dr. C. Arthur Kulp, a fellow of the Casualty Actuarial Society, died August 20, 1957 in Philadelphia. He was born on August 23, 1895.

Dr. Kulp was Dean of the Wharton School of Finance and Commerce, at the University of Pennsylvania. He was a native of Chalfont, Bucks County, and had been a member of the Wharton faculty since 1919. He was an authority on social and casualty insurance, and he initiated at the Wharton School what is believed to be the first course on social insurance taught in the U. S.

Later, he served as an adviser to formulate the Social Security system. He served the Federal Government in various other ways, including membership on the Federal Advisory Council to the Department of Labor, and the U. S. Railroad Retirement Board.

He also served the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in advisory capacities, and helped set up unemployment organizations for the States of Pennsylvania, New York, New Hampshire and Massachusetts.

He was the author of a book on casualty insurance, which is considered the authoritative text in the field. At the time of his death, he was vice president of the Casualty Actuarial Society.

Dr. Kulp was graduated from Lansdale High School, and earned a bachelor of science in economics degree at the University of Pennsylvania in 1917, his master of arts in 1921 and Ph.D. in 1924.

He is survived by two sons, Robert A., of Lexington, Va., and Donald A., of Beardstown, Ill., and a brother, Mervin S. Kulp, of Drexel Hill.

OBITUARY
JOHN ROBERT LANGE

1892-1957

John R. Lange, fellow of the Casualty Actuarial Society and former Commissioner of Insurance of the state of Wisconsin, died on April 12, 1957 in Madison. Mr. Lange was born on April 18, 1892 in Lomira, Wisconsin. He was educated at Fond du Lac High School, Superior State College and the University of Wisconsin. He lived in Wausau before attending the University of Wisconsin where he received a B.A. Degree in 1918. He taught mathematics in South Milwaukee and Hayward, Wisconsin high schools and was employed with the Great Northern Life Insurance Company at Wausau before joining the Wisconsin Insurance Department on January 28, 1920, as Assistant Actuary. He became Chief Actuary in April, 1930. On December 1, 1948 he was appointed Commissioner of Insurance by Governor Oscar Rennebohm. He was reappointed on July 1, 1951 by Governor Walter Kohler and served in that capacity until his retirement in July, 1955. Mr. Lange served his state for over 35 years.

He was a veteran of World War I and a member of the American Legion. He was also a member in Madison of the First Congregational Church, the Black Hawk Country Club and the Elks Lodge. He was a member of the Federation of Insurance Counsels.

He became a fellow of the Casualty Actuarial Society on November 24, 1933 and was one of the few men in insurance history who, as a career employe in an insurance department and fellow of the Casualty Actuarial Society, was appointed to the office of Commissioner of Insurance.

Surviving are his wife, a daughter, Mrs. T. G. Budd of South Bend, Indiana, and a son, John Robert Jr., a research electrical engineer in Chicago.

OBITUARY

JOHN L. SIBLEY

1887-1957

John L. Sibley, age 69, Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer of the United States Casualty Company, died after a long illness at his home in Haverhill, Massachusetts.

Born in St. Louis, Missouri on August 9, 1887, he attended and graduated from Erasmus High School in Brooklyn, New York. Early in his business career, he entered the employ of the Empire State Surety Company and on August 14, 1911, he was employed by the United States Casualty Company to head its Statistical Department. He continued in that capacity until his retirement because of illness in 1947.

Mr. Sibley was a charter member of the Casualty Actuarial Society and the Association of Casualty and Surety Accountants and Statisticians. He was a life member of Sandolphin Lodge, F. & A. M., located in Brooklyn, New York.

Mr. Sibley will be remembered by his many friends in the Actuarial field and in the insurance industry for his contribution on the subject of casualty company accounting and for his competency and integrity in the keeping of statistical records of his company. He endeared himself to all of his associates for his friendly qualities.

Mr. Sibley is survived by his wife, Jean, and two daughters, Jean and Elsie, and one sister, Mrs. Bert Colgrove.