

36 **IN MEMORIUM****Clyde M. Kahler**

Born in 1901, in Millersurg, Pennsylvania, Clyde M. Kahler undertook a 70-year career as a distinguished and dedicated insurance educator until his death in 1993.

Receiving a degree in economics from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania in 1922, Dr. Kahler that same year joined the faculty as an instructor of insurance. During his 40-year association with the Wharton School, he held a number of academic and administrative positions, including chairman of the insurance department, chairman of the Pension Research Council, and Vice Dean.

Professor Kahler was President of the American Risk and Insurance Association (1952-1953) and served on the Board of Directors of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (1956-1961).

Dr. Kahler's appointment in 1943 as Educational Consultant to the American Institute for Property and Liability Underwriters was followed by an appointment to the Board of Trustees in 1954. Upon his retirement in 1977, Dr. Kahler was elected a life member of the Board of Trustees and became Secretary Emeritus. His very active role in this post as special consultant to the president of the American Institute included counseling the chief executive officer and president on financial, administrative, and academic matters. Clyde Kahler's judgment, dedication to professional insurance education, intellectual curiosity, and personal integrity continued to serve the American Institute up until his death.



Davis W. Gregg

Davis W. Gregg, President of the American College from 1954 through 1982, died on October 27, 1993, at his home in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania.

A native of Austin, Texas, Dr. Gregg graduated from the University of Texas. He received his Ph.D. in economics at the University of Pennsylvania, where he more recently served as the founding director and chairman of the Boettner Institute of Financial Gerontology.

Dr. Gregg became president in 1954 of what was then the American College of Life Underwriters. Under his tenure, in 1976, the College moved from Philadelphia to a larger suburban campus in Bryn Mawr. The outlook of the College was expanded to include the designation of Chartered Financial Consultant as well as two master's degrees in financial services and management. To reflect these changes, the name of the institution was shortened to the American College. Although it remained primarily a life insurance institution, the American College also embraced the growing field of financial counseling.

For 34 years Dr. Gregg served as consulting editor for Richard D. Irwin's college textbook series in insurance and economic security. He was producing an oral history of life insurance when he died.

Dr. Gregg is survived by his wife of 51 years, Mildred M. Gregg, a daughter Cynthia, a son D. William, two sisters, and a granddaughter.



Lester B. Strickler

Lester B. Strickler, Professor Emeritus at Oregon State University, passed away on October 15, 1993, at the age of 69.

After receiving his D.B.A. in Finance from Indiana University in 1954, Dr. Strickler became a professor of finance and insurance at Oregon State University's College of Business, where he remained until his retirement in 1986.

In addition to his active involvement in the Oregon State Employees Association, Professor Strickler also served as director of the M.B.A. program, chairman of the marketing, finance, and production department, and as a faculty senator. Highly respected by his colleagues and students, he received Oregon State University's Outstanding Teacher Award.

A longtime and active member of the American Risk and Insurance Association, Les Strickler made many contributions, most noteworthy of which was his sponsorship of the Innovation in Instruction Award.

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