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MILEPOSTS: PAUL F. GRADY

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Paul F. Grady, 83, retired Partner of Price Waterhouse & Co., died on April 21, 1984 in Boca Raton Community Hospital in Boca Raton, Florida. Mr. Grady died as a result of a cerebral hemorrhage sustained on March 9, 1984.

Born in Creal Springs, Ill., on May 19, 1900, Paul Grady graduated from Marion (Illinois) High School in 1918, and, after a brief period of service in the U.S. Navy, entered the University of Illinois that year, majoring in Chemical Engineering. During his college years, he worked full time for a local restaurateur in Urbana and, by graduation, was a one-third partner in the restaurant. He was forced to change from the study of Chemical Engineering to Accounting because "the required labs in Chemical Engineering took too much time away from my work (at the restaurant)". In 1923, Grady graduated with high honors from the University of Illinois with a bachelor's degree in accounting, whereupon he accepted a position on the staff of Arthur Andersen & Co. in Chicago. In that same year, he passed the CPA Exam in Illinois. On July 1, 1932, Paul Grady was admitted to partnership in the firm of Arthur Andersen & Co.

During the second World War, Paul Grady served as executive assistant to the Secretary of the Navy, James Forrestal, with responsibility for organizing and formulating policies for the Navy Cost Inspection Service, covering the audit and authorization procedures for Navy procurement. In recognition of this service, he received the Navy Distinguished Civilian Service Medal in 1944 and the Presidential Award of Merit in 1947.

After completion of service in the Navy Department, Mr. Grady joined the firm of Price Waterhouse & Co. in New York as a partner, retiring from that firm in 1960. During his active career with Price Waterhouse, he was

director of Technical Accounting Policies of the U.S. firm.

During his long and distinguished career, Paul Grady served both his country and his profession in many ways. As a lifelong friend of President Herbert Hoover, he served on both the first and the second Hoover Commissions as Chairman of the Task Force on Governmental Lending Agencies. He was a member of the Board of Overseers of the Hoover Institution at Stanford University and a member of the Board of The Herbert Hoover Presidential Library Association in West Branch, Iowa.

As a longtime member of the AICPA, Mr. Grady rendered more than 40 years of service to that organization by way of committee work, which included serving as Chairman of its Committees on Auditing Procedure (1944-48), Practice Review (1962-63), Relation with Securities and Exchange Commission (1954-57), Relation with Bankers (1950-52), Public Utility Accounting (1939-41), Insurance Trust (1958-60), and Labor Union and Welfare Pension Funds (1957-58). He also served the American Accounting Association as Vice President in 1954.

In addition to these matters, Paul Grady was active in other areas of service, serving on the Board of Dry Dock Savings Bank in New York for 14 years, chairing a Citizens' Committee on Town Government in his community Greenwich, Connecticut and later serving on the financial advisory board of the City of Boca Raton, Florida. At the national level, he was chairman of the Council on Federal Financial Administration (1946-1949), a member of the U.S. Department of Labor's Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefit Plans (1964-65), and a member of the Advisory Committee to the Atomic Energy Commission on Nuclear Material Safeguards (1968-70). He was also a member of Beta Gamma Sigma, Alpha Kappa Psi and Phi Kappa Phi.

In 1959, Mr. Grady received the AICPA Gold Medal for Outstanding Service to the accounting profession and, in 1964, was elected to the Accounting Hall of Fame at The Ohio State University.

From 1961 to 1962, Mr. Grady held the position of Director of Research of the AICPA, during which time he wrote *Inventory of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles—Accounting Research Study No. 7* (1965). This study has been translated into several languages and is recognized as a landmark document in the development of accounting principles at the time.

In addition to ARS No. 7, Grady edited the *Memoirs of George O. May* (1962) and wrote *Audit Procedures—An Outline for Staff Training* (1940), along with more than 30 articles on accounting and auditing.

After retirement, Mr. Grady moved to Florida but remained active in professional pursuits. He served as a Member of the state Board of CPA's in Florida from 1968 to 1972 and was visiting professor at the University of Florida in 1965.

He received an honorary Doctor of Commercial Sciences degree from Pace College, New York City, in 1963, perhaps reflecting the realization of a lifetime interest in education, as evidenced by his continued support of his *alma mater*, the University of Illinois. The University of Illinois has recognized Mr. Grady's outstanding contribution to that institution by asking him to serve on the Professional Advisory Council of the Department of Accountancy, as well as honoring him by publication of his collected papers in the "Written Contributions of Selected Accounting Practitioners" series. Further, Mr. Grady has, over the years, supported education by providing scholarship aid to graduates of Marion (Ill.) High School and to nursing students at Marion (Ill.) Hospital. Since 1978, Mr. Grady has also served as a Member of the Professional Advisory Board of the School of Accounting at Florida Atlantic University.

Paul Grady is survived by his wife, Louese Trevor Grady of Boca Raton, Florida, two children, five grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

THE ITALIAN SOCIETY OF THE HISTORY OF ACCOUNT- TANCY IS FORMED

At approximately 6:00 p.m. on August 27, 1984 the *Societa' Italiana di Storia della Ragioneria* formally came into being upon the adoption of a revised constitution. Dean Riccardo Varaldo of the Facolta de Economia e Commercio, University of Pisa, presided over a two hour meeting of approximately thirty people. The stated purpose of The Societa is to promote and support the study of accounting history through research, publications, collections of books and manuscripts, congresses and conventions, and other activities. In addition, The Societa is non-political and not-for-profit. Membership categories are honorary, regular and student. There will be a board of directors composed of at least nine regular members and each will serve for four years. Officers will be a president, a vice-president, a secretary and a treasurer.

While The Societa is still in its formative stage, anyone interested in information about or membership in the organization can write to:

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