

## M. ALBERT LINTON

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M. Albert Linton had, of recent years, been a not infrequent speaker at D.V.O.C. meetings, illustrating the accounts of his world-wide travels with motion pictures which invariably brought to life the wild spirits of the birds or other forms of nature being shown. His youthful enthusiasm and vigor made it difficult to believe that he joined the D.V.O.C. in 1905, while a student at Haverford College. During his early years he was a member of Witmer Stone's "Migration Corps" and throughout his life participated each year in the Moorestown and Cape May Christmas Counts. He was a concerned conservationist and served on the board of directors of the New Jersey Audubon Society from 1951 to 1957.

He graduated from Haverford in 1908, was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, and received his M.A. from the same institution in 1909. He did graduate study at the Federal Polytechnic Institute in Zurich, Switzerland, and at the University of Michigan. While at Haverford he was a star goalie on the soccer team as well as a straight A student. In later life he was an expert mountain climber, skier, and camper. In 1914 he married Margaret Stokes Roberts of Moorestown. They had two children, M. Albert, Jr. and Elizabeth.

His talent as a mathematician and his capacity for recognizing fundamental relationships and acting upon them not only elevated him to the vice presidency of The Provident Mutual Life Insurance Company in 1916, seven years after he joined the company, and to its presidency from 1931 to 1952, but created a wide demand for his counsel in many fields. He served as a director of the Provident Trust Company, the Western Savings Fund, and the Curtis Publishing Company. He was Vice Chairman of the American Friends Service Committee, a member of the Board of Managers of Haverford College, and a member of the Moorestown Friends School Committee from 1915 to 1966. His concern for public health and welfare found expression in his establishment of the Board of Life Insurance Medical Research Fund, and in acting as advisor to Senator Vandenburg in the preparation of social security legislation. He served as president of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia from 1951 to 1962, and as a member of the Philosophical Society he played an important role in the building of its new library. The ordered efficiency of his life somewhat obscured the humility that moved him to offer his time and talent so freely for the benefit and enjoyment of his fellow men.

M. Albert Linton wrote several books on life insurance. He was a former vice president and fellow of the Actuary Society of America and a fellow of the Institute of the Actuaries of London. In 1960 he was named to the Life Insurance Hall of Fame.

On May 2, 1966, in his 79th year, on his return from playing golf, death took him in the same swift manner in which he accomplished his earthly tasks.

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