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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

May, 1966

Fellow ALTA Members:

Congratulations to Alvin R. Robin, Chairman of the Abstracters Section of ALTA for the complete success of the first Management Seminar sponsored by the Abstracters Section of ALTA and co-sponsored by the Small Business Administration. The 131 registrants from 26 states in attendance indicated their personal appreciation to Al Robin by a thunderous ovation at the Saturday luncheon. An ALTA milestone which can be pointed to with pride of accomplishment. Well done, Al.

The formation of our second regional land title association is well on its way. At a meeting of a special committee held in Birmingham, Alabama on May 6, a constitution and by laws were drafted. This regional association includes the states of Alabama, Georgia and Mississippi and John P. Matthews of Atlanta, Georgia and Maclin F. Smith, Jr., of Birmingham, Alabama are leaders in the formation of this new regional association.

Our 7th state convention of the 1965-66 year was at Dallas, Texas, April 21-23. Members of the Texas Land Title Association were as congenial and hospitable as we had been told they would be, we had a very good time, and thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to attend this largest of the affiliated state association conventions. Their new convention format, two full days, was very successful. It provided an interesting, educational and entertaining business program.

In May, Iowa, California, Pennsylvania, Washington, the Carolinas, and Tennessee will hold state conventions; the U. S. Chamber of Commerce its annual convention; and the Alabama, Georgia and Mississippi regional association an organizational meeting. May should be a busy and interesting month.

Our deepest sympathy to Jim and Alice Robinson in the tragic death of James W. Robinson, Jr., April 11 as a result of combat injury in Viet Nam. We attended funeral services held at Lyons, Illinois on April 22.

*Don B. Nichols*

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## ON THE COVER

Members of the American Land Title Association owe a great deal to the staunch and farsighted pioneers who established the Association on a firm foundation many years ago.

The splendid titlemen pictured on the cover were in attendance at the 1909 Annual Convention in Seattle, Washington. Only one of those men, R. G. "Stubby" Williams, is still alive. He is active in the title business and attends ALTA Conventions and Conferences regularly. He is the serious looking young man in the lower right corner of the photograph.

JAMES W. ROBINSON, *Editor*

FRANK H. EBERSOLE, *Assistant Editor and  
Manager of Advertising*



*Members of the American Land Title Association are intensely interested in the work of the Public Land Law Review Commission. Following the 1965 Annual Convention, President Nichols appointed H. Eugene Tully as Chairman of a special committee to study and work with the Commission. Executive Vice President, William J. McAuliffe, Jr., has been in close contact with Commission Staff Director, Milton A. Pearl, to whom we are indebted for this splendid article.*



Before becoming staff director of the Public Land Law Review Commission in August 1965, the author had been a member of the professional staff of the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs of the House of Representatives. As consultant on public lands and mining, he was responsible for staff work in the House on public lands and mining legislation during the 87th, 88th, and 89th Congresses,

including establishment of Public Land Law Review Commission, Classification and Multiple Use Act, Public Lands Sales Act, Wilderness Act, and amendments to Mineral Leasing Act. Mr. Pearl has been active in land work during his entire professional career; he is an attorney and a Member of the American Institute of Real Estate Appraisers.

# HOW PUBLIC LAND LAWS WILL BE REVIEWED

by Milton A. Pearl

Congress has established the Public Land Law Review Commission for the purpose of conducting a comprehensive review of the laws, rules, and regulations applicable to those public lands brought within the scope of the study. The objective is to determine whether, and to what extent, revisions of the laws, regulations, and procedures are necessary.

For the purpose of this study, "public lands" are defined as embracing all of the public domain of the United States—whether reserved or unreserved, but exclusive of Indian reservations—all of the national forests, all of the wildlife refuges and game ranges, the outstanding interests which the United States has reserved in land, the surface of which transferred to private ownership for one purpose or another, and finally, the mineral resources in our offshore areas of the outer continental shelf.

Our preliminary summary of lands concerning which the Commission is called to make recommendations indicates a total of about 740 million acres, including some 25 million acres of acquired lands which are part of the National Forest and National Wildlife Refuge systems. This is nearly one-third the total land area of the United States.

In addition, and of particular interest to the title searchers and insurers, there are, among other outstanding reserved interests, mineral rights that have been reserved to the United States in an estimated 60 million acres of land.

## All Public Land Laws to be Scrutinized

In other words, all of the public land laws—including the settlement laws, disposal laws, and mining laws—are to be brought under the Commission's scrutiny during its study period. Behind the need for the examination of these laws are many factors. We all know that interpretations of the mining laws have cast doubt on the validity of claims that in years past would have been bought and sold without question as interests in real property. As the agricultural character of

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some areas has changed to suburban or other use, reserved interests have interfered with intensive development; graziers have become concerned because, under the Taylor Grazing Act, their permits give them no rights in the land in which they have invested and which they have used for 30 years; and there are a multiplicity of other problems, including the need for expanded recreation areas, areas in which communities can grow, and lands upon which industry can flourish.

So it was that the law establishing the Public Land Law Review Commission was enacted, the Commission members appointed, and the work of reviewing the lands and the laws undertaken.

### Commission Has 19 Members

The Commission is composed of 19 members, of whom six are appointed by the President of the Senate, six by The Speaker of the House of Representatives, six by the President of the United States, with the 19th member chosen by the first 18 to act as chairman. In other words, the chairman could have come from anywhere and been anyone; when the 18 members met and chose Congressman Wayne N. Aspinall as their chairman, he, therefore, resigned his representative position, to which he had been appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and another appointment was made to fill the vacancy.

The Commission membership is:  
CHAIRMAN: Wayne N. Aspinall,  
Representative from Colorado.

### APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES:

Laurance S. Rockefeller, of New York City  
Governor Philip Hoff, of the State of Vermont  
H. Byron Mock, of Salt Lake City—  
Vice Chairman  
Dr. Robert Emmet Clark, of Albuquerque, N.M.  
Dr. Maurice Goddard, of Harrisburg, Pa.  
Mrs. Nancy E. Smith, of San Bernardino, Calif.

### APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE:

Henry M. Jackson, Senator from Washington  
Clinton P. Anderson, Senator from New Mexico  
Alan Bible, Senator from Nevada  
Thomas H. Kuchel, Senator from California  
Gordon Allott, Senator from Colorado

Len B. Jordan, Senator from Idaho

### APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

Leo W. O'Brien, Representative from New York  
Walter Rogers, Representative from Texas  
Compton I. White, Jr., Representative from Idaho  
John P. Saylor, Representative from Pennsylvania  
Laurence J. Burton, Representative from Utah  
Rogers C. B. Morton, Representative from Maryland

In addition to choosing Representative Aspinall as chairman, the Commission, at its organizational meeting, chose a Presidential appointee, H. Byron Mock of Salt Lake City as vice chairman, and named the author as the staff director responsible for day-to-day operations.

Following the organization meeting of the Commission, we have been constantly engaged in the detailed effort of preparing and entering upon the substan-

tive program. As if the subject matter of the Commission's study were not awesome enough, we had all the problems that are faced in starting a new appendage of the Federal Government, such as acquiring staff, as well as space, and the "purchase" of supplies.

### **Final Report Due in 1968**

Under the law, the final report of the Commission must be filed not later than December 31, 1968, a date that was agreed upon at a time when some of the bill's sponsors anticipated that the legislation establishing the Commission might be enacted earlier than it was, and that the Commission itself would have organized and been in operation approximately a year earlier than it actually was. Chairman Aspinall and the author are committed to pursue a program that will permit completing the task within the statutory limit. Nonetheless, we have refused to be stampeded into hiring incompetent personnel or making rash decisions in order to expedite action.

### **Advisory Council Appointed by Commission**

While paying attention to the organizational problems of setting up a new office, our initial effort was concentrated on making arrangements for a meeting of the full Commission on August 18, at which time the Commission appointed the 25 non-Federal Government members of the Advisory Council. All groups having an interest in the public lands were urged to submit nominations and over 100 were nominated for the 25 positions. At the same time, the chairman invited

the Secretaries of the Interior, Agriculture, and Defense, the Attorney General, the Administrator of General Services, the Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission and the Federal Power Commission, and the Administrator of the Housing and Home Finance Agency, as the departments and agencies most interested in the use of public lands to name liaison officers who also sit on the Advisory Council.<sup>3</sup>

Then, in response to the Chairman's invitation, each of the Governors designated a representative to work with the Commission, with its staff, and with the Advisory Council. This will assure, at all times, a direct line of communication for the matters of particular concern to the individual states to be brought to the attention of those of us who are engaged in this work.

The Commission met jointly with the Advisory Council and Governors' Representatives in Washington, D. C., on March 24 and 25. These sessions served to give all concerned a common base of understanding of the purpose and scope of the review. In addition there was an interchange of ideas on how to pursue our work. The first day's sessions were devoted to presentations by Federal Government Liaison Officers, who explained background, policies and programs of their Departments as they relate to the public lands. At smaller group meetings on the second day, non-Federal members of the Council and the Governors' Representatives made statements setting forth their views on objectives of the Com-

mission studies and specific areas to be studied in depth. In the course of the meeting, more than 100 topics for study were recommended, all of which will be given thorough consideration by the Commission and staff in drafting the overall program. Chairman Aspinall and the individual Commission members were impressed by the determination of both Council members and Governors' Representatives to play an active role in the deliberations that lie ahead.

### **GSA Will Provide Administrative Services**

To accomplish the task assigned to the Commission, the chairman and I have pledged ourselves to maintain only that minimum staff essential to our work and to perform, through contract, with consultants and research groups, the maximum part of the work that it is feasible to be accomplished through these means.

The first step in not building up a staff was for us to contract with the General Services Administration for administrative support and services, thereby minimizing the number of employees that will be needed to perform such functions as payroll, property and supply management, personnel administration, and similar, burdensome but necessary, work that accompanies any adjunct of government or, for that matter, business. This will permit the staff to concentrate its time and attention on the substantive work of the Commission—the program of finding out what the public land laws are, how they have been interpreted, what the pub-

lic land inventory is, and eventually, assisting the Commission in its task of recommending what should be done in the future.

The staff and the Commission will look to the Advisory Council as a principal source of advice on areas that need study and resolution, how to conduct the studies, and for recommendations as to the course of action to be followed in the future. The Advisory Council is made up of a broad cross-section of knowledgeable individuals. Naturally, we will rely heavily on them. The Advisory Council may well be the cauldron in which the different views among the many groups having interests in the management, use, and disposal of the public lands are hammered out. As defined in the statute, the minimum membership of the Advisory Council comes from the interested Federal departments and agencies, plus 25 additional members appointed by the Commission:

“who shall be representative of the various major citizens' groups interested in problems relating to the retention, management, and disposition of the public lands, including the following: Organizations representative of state and local government, private organizations working in the field of public land management and outdoor recreation resources and opportunities, landowners, forestry interests, livestock interests, mining interests, oil and gas interests, commercial and sport fishing interests, commercial outdoor recreation interests, industry, education, labor and public utilities.”



The initial phase of the Commission's study is being directed at determining the existing statute law in each of the principal areas involved in the public lands, e.g., grazing, mining, oil and gas development, etc., with a simultaneous examination of the manner in which these statutes have been administered and interpreted by the agencies charged with responsibility for jurisdiction of the lands defined in Public Law 88-606.

Parallel to the legal research we have undertaken research relative to the manner in which the resources themselves are treated, giving consideration first to the direction of the laws and, secondly, to an evaluation of the manner in which these resources were given weight by the administering agencies. Simultaneously, studies of a background nature are being undertaken to determine as much as possible, factually, about the lands and the forces being applied to them in order to establish data on which later studies pointing to the future can be based.

In broad outline, our staff is organized into three parts: (1) a group accomplishing legal research, headed quite naturally by an attorney; (2) a resources group, accomplishing the non-legal research, studying the resources themselves; and (3) a group having responsibility for policy evaluation, including integrating the results of the legal and non-legal research and preparing, or supervising the preparation of, reports, which, in effect, will tell us "where we are

and how we got there" in the maze of the public land law jungle as it currently exists. Our four key staff members are Robert B. Foster, Jr., associate director; Elmer F. Bennett, general counsel and chief of the legal group; Neal D. Nelson, chief of the resources group; and Dennis A. Rapp, chief of the evaluation and editorial group. Foster, who was with the Department of the Army, has had more than 30 years experience in military and civil construction and real estate planning and management. Bennett, with a private law firm prior to his appointment to the Commission staff, is a former Solicitor and Under Secretary of the Department of the Interior. Nelson was California State Director for the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Land Management, and has had more than 35 years experience in the field of land and resource management and protection. Rapp served as a senior budget analyst in the Bureau of the Budget prior to coming with the Commission.

While no plans have been made, it is anticipated that in the future regional meetings will be held at central locations in the areas where the maximum potential impact of the Commission's review and recommendations will be felt. Subsequently, still some time away, the Commission contemplates holding hearings. In the meantime, we invite the cooperation of all those interested in the public lands to the end that the broadest possible participation assures consideration of all points of view. We need everyone's help to do this.



## MILESTONE FOR FIRST TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY

The recent grand opening of First Title Insurance Company's new home office at 304 East Carson Avenue in Las Vegas, Nevada highlighted an expansion program that spread throughout the state of Nevada.

Officers of First Title Insurance Company have used their vast title and escrow experience to build the state's first IBM

computerized title plant. They took the latest, most accurate data processing equipment available and combined them with competent personnel.

First Title President, William W. Francis, expressed his thanks to the public for making his company the success that it is by stating that he and his entire



WILLIAM W. FRANCIS



staff feel that the best way to show their appreciation is to continue to offer the high degree of service that has been offered in the past by the firm. An invitation has been extended to the public to come in and inspect the new facilities.

In their new superbly furnished and equipped offices, FTI has struck a balance of luxury and practicality. They have incorporated the utmost in modern and efficient equipment, furniture and interior decoration to achieve the desired result of a pleasant and comfortable facility for both customer and employee without any sacrifice of efficiency in operation or variance in the high quality of service offered. In

addition, three floors of covered parking are provided directly above the new quarters with high speed elevator service to the front door. Customers in need of a location to hold business conferences also have First Title's beautiful new conference room at their disposal. The IBM Data Processing equipment, backbone of FTI's efficient title department, is housed adjacent to the Fourth Street entrance where it is displayed through glass to the public.

In addition to the new ultra-modern home office location FTI maintains a branch office at 1231 East Charleston Boulevard, in Las Vegas. First Title also operates branch offices in Reno, Carson City, Elko and Ely.



## HERE'S WHAT HAPPENED AT THE 1966 MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

Every ALTA President wants his administration to be the outstanding one—bigger and better conventions and conferences; more projects started and completed; better communications, greater prosperity, a finer Directory, and improved services to all the members.

Well, President Don B. Nichols was in a sense trapped into presiding over a Mid-Winter Conference so different, that quite possibly there will never be another like it in the history of the Association. Certainly nothing like it ever happened before. Because of the selection of the San Marcos Hotel and Country Club

as the site of the 1966 Conference and the presumption of the management there that ALTA had a firm commitment for a four-day meeting, the "Arizona Affair" included not only the usual business meetings, but also a Hawaiian Luau, a fashion show for the ladies, a sight-seeing and shopping trip, a wig show, a western style steak roast, complete with western band and square dancing and a great many other activities.

Future Mid-Winter Conferences will return to the traditional schedule—reception on Wednesday with business meetings all day Thursday and Friday mornings.



## ARRIVING

It may have been the lure of the great southwest; it may have been the beauty of the San Marcos Resort. Perhaps ALTA members just wanted to travel that week in March, or it could be the staff, prompted by President Nichols, did an unusual selling job. In any event it was the best attended Mid-Winter Conference in the history of the Association, with every room available at the San Marcos committed weeks in advance. In fact some 50 or more ALTA members who were just a little bit slow in getting their registrations to the national office were forced to use accommodations outside the resort. They were good sports about it, however, and inside or out, they all enjoyed the facilities of this beautiful garden spot in the desert.

They arrived from all over the country, by plane, by taxi, limousine, automobile and passenger

train. As they approached the front gate they looked travel weary and slightly stiff and formal. Within minutes they were at ease in western attire.

It didn't take long either to renew old acquaintances and to greet new friends. The swimming pool and clubhouse were natural meeting places for ALTA members.

### JOYCE DAVIS LOVES FLOWERS





## PLANNING

To many of the officers and committee members, the opening general session on Tuesday morning seemed almost like an anti-climax. For two days the Executive Committee, the Board of Governors and the various other committees had been working very hard.

For the resort management and for the staff, the Conference meant countless details—signs, photographs, coffee breaks, microphones, golf trophies, scratch pads, telephone messages and a host of other details. For them, too, the hard work of the 1966 Conference was almost over before the first General Session ever began.



**WILLIAM G. WAS, PRESIDENT OF LAND TITLE ASSOCIATION OF ARIZONA, CONFIRMS LAST MINUTE ARRANGEMENTS**





## WORKING

The success of a conference is measured in terms of many things. Throughout the pages of this issue of Title News the photographs are vivid evidence that ALTA members had a good time. But that really isn't what a Mid-Winter Conference is

all about. The Standard Forms Committee, during two full days of serious discussions, made another step forward in assuring improved title service to the nation's lenders and purchasers of real estate. Special committees were appointed to study new and



different problems confronting the American Land Title Association and its members. Applications for ALTA membership were considered in detail. Some were approved, some were rejected, a few were deferred for further consideration. Each member of the Board of Governors carried with him to the various meeting rooms a portfolio of papers 8 or 9

inches thick.

Association members who did not attend the 1966 Mid-Winter Conference may take comfort from the knowledge that a great many dedicated men and women concentrated their attention on the affairs of the title evidencing profession. With this kind of leadership the Association must be a healthy one.





## MEETING

On Monday afternoon, March 21, the officers of the affiliated state title associations met in the Terrace Room under the chairmanship of Melbourne Martin, President of the Florida

Land Title Association and Senior Vice President of American Title Insurance Company, Miami, Florida. It was a fine session with Mel Martin leading off from a list of dozens of questions submitted in advance by mail and with lively participation from the other state officers present. Melbourne Martin has prepared a splendid written report of this meeting. Watch for it in a future issue of Title News.

On Tuesday morning President Nichols called the first General Session to order at 9:00 a.m. A little slow getting started it was like a snowball rolling downhill when the President opened the





floor for a discussion of "the most important single problem confronting my company in my state". From then on it was open discussion all the way.

Chairman Al Robin began the meeting of the Abstracters Section with an expression of his pleasure and pride in the progress of plans for the first Management Seminar in ALTA's history, scheduled for Chicago, Illinois, April 22 and 23, 1966. Among the other important business transacted at this Section meeting was the granting of au-

thority to appoint a committee charged with the responsibility of securing information and articles of primary interest to abstracter members for printing in Title News.

It was Gordon Burlingame's first Section meeting as Chairman of the Title Insurance Section. It will come as a surprise to no one who knows Gordon that he presided over this meeting as a truly great executive would, with good humor, ready wit, keen insight and meticulous planning.



## VISITING



Members who attended the 1966 Mid-Winter Conference might forget the discussions at the business meetings; they might overlook the room accommodations, or the food, or the various social events, but they will always remember the warm and very human contacts they made with fellow titlemen. On these pages there are photographs which illustrate the joy of meeting old friends and making new ones.









## DANCING

**H.** B. Clarke, "Ace" to his friends, sang the "Hawaiian Wedding Song" at the Luau Monday evening. He was a sensation! ALTA members joined in the square dancing, got into the mood of the Hawaiian music and some of them even danced with their wives.

Seriously it was a laughing, dancing crowd that enjoyed the 1966 Mid-Winter Conference. The facilities were superb. With the orchestra's stand set on a grassy plot close to the outdoor pavilion; with the night air cool, dry and delightful, there was a festive



air—a contagion of excitement, which infected everyone present. It was as though a master artist had painted an ideal picture on a giant canvas.



## EATING

The combination of business and social activity was conducive to good appetites! Meals served in the dining room of the San Marcos Resort offered variety, quality, and extraordinary finesse. Luncheons were also served at the Clubhouse with a choice of selection from the menu or a delicious buffet.

Typical Hawaiian food was served at the Luau; and what a sensation it was! There were barbecued ribs, selections of seafood, pineapple tidbits, and all the other island delectables that kept ALTA members going back for more.







At the Western Style Steak Roast on Wednesday evening, the chef accomplished a miracle. With outdoor charcoal facilities, he served some 400 New York Strip steaks, each succulent and aromatic.

It seemed as though everytime two ALTA members met, they were either dancing or eating.

The photographs on these pages are inadequate to depict the gusto with which the Conference registrants rolled up their sleeves and pitched into the food at the San Marcos Resort.



## GOLFING

A great one for "pioneering efforts," President Don Nichols suggested a golf tournament to be held in connection with the 1966 Mid-Winter Conference. There was some embarrassment to learn that it was not the "first" as it was expected to be. William L. Bramble, Associate General Counsel, The Life Insurance Co. of Virginia, Richmond, Virginia, had conducted a golf tournament for ALTA members way back in 1939.

First, or otherwise, the golf tournament at Chandler was a huge success. 82 golfers completed not just 18 holes in two complete days, but 36 holes.

The ALTA golfing champion, Larry Davis, Vice President, Lawyers Title Insurance Corporation, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania won the grand trophy. His score for 36 holes was 159.

Best handicap golfer was George Harbert, a past ALTA President, who turned in a net score for 36 holes of 142.

Scores of valuable prizes were awarded for golfers who participated in the "Peoria" handicap. First prize went to Fred McMahon, President, Title Insurance Company, Portland, Oregon.

There just couldn't have been any other master of ceremonies.

It had to be Joseph H. Smith, formerly ALTA's Executive Vice President and now Vice President of Lawyers Title Insurance Corporation, Richmond, Virginia. It was difficult to tell whether the applause was for the golfing champions or for the ever-popular Smith, who awarded the trophies with his usual savoir-faire.



## SIGHT-SEEING



The San Marcos Resort and Country Club is surrounded by desert stretching for miles and miles. For those members (particularly the women) who were not otherwise occupied, special bus tours were arranged to provide the opportunity for sight-seeing and shopping in downtown Phoenix and in Scottsdale, the most Western town in the West.

Busses left the Resort on Tuesday afternoon with 72 ALTA members aboard. They visited universities, shopping centers, areas of great scenic beauty, and other attractions offered by the Phoenix area.

Busses returned to the Resort in ample time for changing of clothes so those who wished to do so could have a "night on the town."





## BUYING CLOTHES AND WIGS

Style shows for ALTA women are not exactly new, but the fashion experts in the Phoenix area did come up with something different. They displayed clothing within a price range that people could afford. In fact, a number of the ALTA women took advantage of the opportunity to purchase some of the fashions displayed.

And that wasn't all! As a "sign of the times," ALTA ladies were treated to a wig show. Even if we knew which of the ladies purchased wigs, we wouldn't breathe a word of it.





## RELAXING

Everybody worked; most people played, a few went sight-seeing and bought clothes. Then there were those who just relaxed. There was something about the atmosphere of the San Marcos Resort which invited a restful time.





## CONSPIRING

*(The photographs speak for themselves.)*





## GETTING READY FOR THE NEXT ONE

If you haven't already done so, mark your calendar now. The 1966 Annual Convention of the American Land Title Association will be held at the Fontainebleau Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida, October 16-20.

General Convention Chairman for the Annual Convention is James H. Kidd, Regional Vice President, Title Insurance Company of Minnesota, Miami, Florida. This almost automatically insures an outstanding meeting. Jim has already made committee appointments and established a sense of direction which promises to produce the best attended Con-

vention in the history of the Association.

Pictured above are (left) M. R. McRae, Chairman of the Convention Publicity Committee and General Convention Chairman, James H. Kidd, apparently congratulating each other on the success they know they are going to have.

Morton McDonald as Chairman of the Reception Committee and Virginia Weatherford, who will be in charge of all the ladies' activities, spearhead a committee group that has been hard at work for months. Watch the next issue of Title News for specific details about the 1966 Annual Convention.

# IN THE NEWS



## CHELSEA TITLE PROMOTIONS

At the recent annual Stockholders Meeting of the Chelsea Title and Guaranty Company in Atlantic City, New Jersey, the following elections and promotions were announced.

Elwood F. Kirkman was re-elected as Chairman of the Board.

Thomas E. Colleton of Lawyers-Clinton Division of Chelsea Title was elected Vice-Chairman of the Board.

Paul C. Burgess was re-elected President for his 13th term.

Frank B. Glover and Alan V. Moony were re-elected Senior Vice-Presidents.

H. H. Lumley was elected Senior Vice President and re-elected Treasurer.

Wilbur A. Barrett was elected Vice-President and Secretary.

Mr. Kirkman and Mr. Burgess announced the following advancements to Vice-Presidencies for:

Alva A. Davey, Philip F. Fannan, Benjamin E. Henderson, Max Schwartz, Sarah Smith, and William J. Stillman.

The following were advanced to Asst. Vice-Presidencies:

Joseph Brisick, Robert E. Burns, Robert J. Fehr, Joseph A. Furlong, J. W. Jones, Clarence G. Ledogar,

Robert J. McSorley, Robert F. Meyer, Herbert Paruin, Philip J. Paul, John C. Pettit, Kenneth N. Scull, and John T. Wilbur.

The Law Firm of Kirkman, Mulligan, Bell and Armstrong was returned as Solicitors.

## ALSO AT CHELSEA

Paul C. Burgess, President of the Chelsea Title and Guaranty Company, announces the opening of two new branch offices in Florida.

To cover the Duval County area, Chelsea has opened an office at 25 South Second Street, Jacksonville Beach, Florida.

Joseph A. Furlong, Asst. Vice President will be in charge of operations.

To service the Osceola County area, the company has opened an office at 1102 West Vine Street, Kissimmee, Florida.

J. Ronald McCain, Title Officer and Manager, and John H. Erickson, Assistant Manager, will be in charge of operations.

Paul C. Burgess, also announces the recent purchase of the Boca Raton Title Company of 855 South Federal Highway, Boca Raton, Florida.

This office, which has now begun operations as a branch office of Chelsea Title will service title insurance matters in the Southern part of Palm Beach County.

The Northern part of the county will continue to be serviced by Chelsea's office at 305 N. Dixie Highway, West Palm Beach.

Hurschel Landrith, Asst. Vice President and George W. Shave, Asst. Vice President will be in charge of operations at the Boca Raton branch.



## TULLY ELECTED

**H.** Eugene Tully, a Seattle Title Insurance Executive, was elected Vice President of General America Corporation for title insurance.

His post is new in management of General America, parent company of the Safeco Insurance Group of property, casualty, life and title insurance companies, and was created at the March 31, 1966 meeting of the board of directors.

In 1964 General America entered the title insurance field.

Tully recently joined General America after nearly 15 years with another Seattle title organization (Washington Title Insurance Company), in which he served as Senior Vice President, Secretary and Manager of Operations. Earlier he was stationed in Olympia and Bremerton, Wash., for affiliate companies.

In the General America organization he has also become a director of Security Title Insurance Company of Washington and Security Title Insurance Company, Los Angeles.

He is current President of the Washington Land Title Association and is also active in the

TULLY



American Land Title Association. He is a member of the Seattle, Washington and American Bar Associations and holds his law degree from Creighton University.

## APPOINTMENTS AT CHICAGO TITLE AND TRUST— ALSO RETIREMENT

**W**ellington S. Smith has been appointed Assistant Vice President of Chicago Title and Trust Company and Manager of the company's Will County Division in Joliet, Illinois. He succeeds Lewis W. Hague, Vice President who retired from the company on March 31, 1966. John L. O'Brien was appointed Title Officer.

Mr. Smith became associated with the company in 1935 and has held a number of posts in the Title and Administrative Divisions. In 1956 he was appointed Title Officer of Will County Title Company, which became the Will County Division of Chicago Title and Trust Company in 1957. He received his LL.B. degree from John Marshall Law School in 1942. During World War II he was in command of an armored infantry unit for two years in the European Theater and also served as Intelligence Staff Officer for eight months. From 1951 to 1953, he was Major in the legal section of the Ordnance Ammunition Center at Joliet.

Mr. O'Brien joined the company staff in 1956 in the Illinois Title Division and has had experience as an Examining Attorney and Manager of a number of examining units. He was transferred to the company's Will County Division in 1962 as a Unit

Manager. He received his LL.B. degree from Loyola University in 1956.

Lewis W. Hague retires from the business scene following three decades of service to his company and the community. He became associated with Chicago Title and Trust Company in 1936. In 1941 he joined the staff of Will County Title Company and in 1943 was elected President of this company. When Will County Title Company was merged into Chicago Title and Trust Company in 1957, he was elected Vice President and placed in charge of the company's new Will County Division.

Throughout his business career, Mr. Hague has been active in professional, community and civic affairs. He is a member of the Will County Bar Association, Illinois Bar Association, the Joliet-Will County Real Estate Board, the Joliet Region Chamber of Commerce, the Civic Committee, Rotary Club, and the Illinois State Chamber of Commerce.

Born in Minden, Nebraska, Lewis Hague was graduated from Hastings College with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1923. In 1924 he attended the University of Nebraska and for the following three years he was at the University of Chicago Law School where he received his J.D. degree in 1928. He received an M.B.A. degree from the University of Chicago Executive Program in 1948.

### STEEN PROMOTED

At a recent meeting of the divisional board of directors, Home Title Division, Chicago Title Insurance Company, New York, N.Y., Burton A. Steen was

promoted to Assistant Vice President-Sales.

Mr. Steen, formerly a title insurance sales representative in the Division's main office in New York, has been transferred to the National Sales Department as a field representative to cover the New England states. In his new capacity, Mr. Steen will coordinate with the Chicago Title Insurance Agency of New England, Stamford, Connecticut to further the Division's development of title insurance business in New England.

### T. I. PROMOTIONS

The appointment of E. O. (Chuck) Pohl, Assistant Vice President, as manager of Kern County operations for Title Insurance and Trust Company, Los Angeles, Calif., has been announced by Richard G. Sleight, Vice President and Fresno Division Manager. Pohl succeeds Herbert H. Theiss, who has been named Chicago Project Manager for TI.

Pohl is a native of Enid, Oklahoma, and is a graduate of San Jose State College, San Jose, California. He joined the company in July, 1948, and has served as an escrow officer, senior escrow officer, and escrow depart-

POHL



ment supervisor. In July, 1959, he was named assistant manager of Santa Clara County operations and in October, 1963, was named assistant manager of San Francisco County operations.

Pohl was elected an Assistant Vice President in 1964. He is extremely active in civic and professional organizations, including Kiwanis, the Mortgage Bankers Association, Associated Home Builders and United Fund.

The promotion and reassignment of Fred Gourdin, formerly Assistant Manager of the San Mateo County operations of Title Insurance and Trust Company, to Assistant Manager of the San Francisco County operations, has been announced by James D. Forward, Jr., Senior Vice President and San Francisco Division Manager.

Gourdin, a native of San Francisco, attended San Mateo Junior College and Stanford University. He joined the title insurance company in October, 1945, and has served as a title engineer, draftsman and long order title examiner. In June, 1953, he was named manager of the Title and Plants Department for San Mateo, and was named assistant manager of San Mateo County in

July, 1963. He was elected an assistant vice president of the company in June, 1964.

Title Insurance and Trust Company began operations in San Benito County, California according to an announcement by James D. Forward, Jr., Senior Vice President and San Francisco Division Manager.

The office is located at 535 Monterey Street in Hollister. Forward also stated that Vincent Balbi, formerly manager of the title firm's branch escrow office in Lodi, will serve as county manager.

Balbi, a native of Stockton, California, was elected an Assistant Vice President of the company at last month's meeting of the board of directors. He attended public schools in Stockton and also Stockton College prior to his joining the title company as an escrow officer in 1953. In 1964, he was appointed manager of the Lodi office, his position immediately prior to his new assignment, Forward added.

#### PIONEER NATIONAL APPOINTMENTS

The appointment of Charles Naught as Associate Counsel for Pioneer National Title Insurance Company, Los Angeles, Calif.,

GOURDIN



BALBI



NAUGHT



has been announced by George B. Garber, President.

A native of New York City, Nauts attended Columbia University, University of Chicago College and the University of College Law School. He was admitted to the Illinois Bar in 1956, and for the past ten years has served as associate counsel for a Chicago title firm.

Nauts is a member of the Chicago Bar Association and the Illinois State Bar Association.

Nauts will be located at the Chicago headquarters of Pioneer National Title Insurance Company.

The appointment of William A. Cameron to the staff of Pioneer National Title Insurance Company, has been announced by George B. Garber, President.

Cameron will be headquartered in Chicago, and his duties for Pioneer National will cover the field of agency representative and development of new agency relations.

Cameron has had an extensive background in the field of title insurance. He formerly was with a national title insurance company stationed in Miami, Florida.

A native of Kansas City, Missouri, Cameron attended public schools in that city and obtained his law degree from the University of Kansas City (now University of Missouri at Kansas City).

Cameron will report directly to President Garber.

#### SETTLE CT&T CASE

A settlement agreement was filed in the District Court in Chicago on April 20 in the civil antitrust case against the Company which has been pending since November,

1962. The decree will become final if the antitrust division of the government does not withdraw its consent before May 20.

Under the provisions of the decree Chicago Title and Trust Company retains ownership of Kansas City Title Insurance Company.

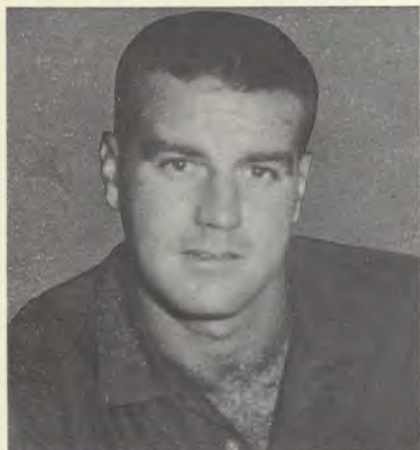
The Company has agreed to divest itself of the following: Title Insurance Corporation of St. Louis, Memphis Title Company, Capital Abstract and Title Company, and unused title plants covering property in Milwaukee County, Wisconsin and West Jackson County, Missouri.

Chicago Title and Trust Company has also agreed to eliminate the exclusive clause from its contracts with Illinois abstracters and to arrange for Kansas City Title Insurance Company to terminate its agency agreements with Wisconsin abstracters.

Upon request of the purchaser of Title Insurance Corporation of St. Louis, Chicago Title and Trust Company has also agreed to enter into a contract with the purchaser of TIC to furnish to TIC for reasonable charges title evidence on tracts or parcels of Cook County real estate with respect to which TIC has an order for and desires to issue its own title insurance policy.

For a period of five years the decree will prohibit Chicago Title and Trust Company from acquiring a title insurance company doing business in Missouri, Wisconsin or Illinois, and for ten years from the date of the decree will prohibit its acquiring any title insurance company except on notice to the government and approval of the court.

# in memoriam



SERGEANT JAMES W.  
ROBINSON, JR.

He was 25 years old. He was strong and tall and straight and handsome. Like most big men, he was gentle. The system of Karate he taught and practiced emphasized self-defense, restraint, physical perfection, and stern responsibility.

Sergeant James W. Robinson, Jr., son of ALTA's Secretary and Director of Public Relations, died April 11 in a hospital in Saigon, Vietnam, as a result of wounds received that day in a battle with the enemy. Robinson's company, part of the 2nd Battalion, 16th Regiment, First Division, was moving through the jungles 30 miles East of Saigon, just north of Binh Gia. At noon sniper fire was encountered, followed by a mortar barrage and heavy machine gun fire. The company was surrounded by an enemy battalion; outnumbered four to one. Twenty-five per cent of the 178-man company was killed or injured.

Sergeant Robinson joined the Marines in 1958 and served four years in Alaska and Okinawa. In 1963 he lived in Virginia for a year operating

the School for Defense in Washington, D.C. Rejoining the service as an Army private in December, 1963, he volunteered for duty in Vietnam and was transferred there in July, 1965.

In a recent letter home, Robinson declared, "Any American who doesn't believe in total victory in this conflict, is a traitor!" With the idealism of the very young, he pictured this war in sharp clear lines of black and white. It was to him a struggle between the forces of good and the forces of evil. He believed that Americans are soft and selfish and smug; concerned with gadgets and Government handouts. He longed for a return to personal responsibility, initiative and self-reliance. He was intensely patriotic and dedicated to the United States Army. He requested service in Vietnam and was proud to lead a platoon on search and destroy missions. He died as he would have wished to die, in the service of the country he loved so dearly.

One statement Robinson made in a letter home is so very true, "The price we pay for freedom is never cheap."

## PERRY BERNARD

Perry Bernard, Secretary and Manager of the Vermilion County Abstract Company, Danville, Illinois, died February 14, 1966. Mr. Bernard was born in Danville on February 28, 1912, the son of Edward and Pauline Pichon Bernard and lived in Danville all of his life.

Mr. Bernard had been associated with the abstract firm since 1934, excluding service in the Eighth Army in the South Pacific in World War II. He was Assistant Manager from 1958 until being elected Manager September 28, 1962.

He was a member of the Faith Baptist Church, Olive Branch Masonic Lodge, Danville Scottish Rite, Danville Elks Lodge 332 and American Legion Post 210.



## MEETING TIMETABLE



### May 1-2-3, 1966

Iowa Land Title Association  
The Town House, Cedar Rapids

### May 10-11-12-13-14, 1966

California Land Title Association  
Arizona Biltmore Hotel, Phoenix, Arizona

### May 18, 1966

Louisiana Land Title Association  
Parliament Lakeshore Hotel, Baton Rouge

### May 22-23-24, 1966

Washington Land Title Association  
Alderbrook Inn, Union

### May 15-16-17, 1966

Pennsylvania Land Title Association  
Skytop Lodge, Skytop

### May 27-28, 1966

Tennessee Land Title Association  
Riverside Motor Lodge  
Gatlinburg

### June 3-4, 1966

South Dakota Title Association  
Sylvan Lake Hotel, South Dakota

### June 8-9-10-11, 1966

Oregon Land Title Association  
Salishan Lodge, Gleneden Beach

### June 15-16-17, 1966

Illinois Land Title Association  
Belair Motel, St. Louis, Missouri

### June 16-17-18, 1966

Land Title Association of Colorado and  
Wyoming Land Title Association  
Stanley Hotel, Estes Park, Colorado

### June 6-7, 1966

New Jersey Title Insurance Association  
Seaview Country Club, Absecon

### June 23-24-25, 1966

Idaho Land Title Association  
Flamingo Motel, Idaho Falls

### June 26-27-28-29, 1966

Michigan Land Title Association  
Boyne Highlands

### July 10-11-12-13, 1966

New York Land Title Association  
Otesaga Hotel, Cooperstown

### August 18-19-20, 1966

Montana Land Title Association  
Viking Lodge, Whitefish

### August 18-19-20, 1966

Minnesota Land Title Association  
Ramada Inn, St. Paul

### September 9-10, 1966

Kansas Land Title Association  
Ramada Inn, Topeka

### September 15-16-17, 1966

New Mexico Land Title Association  
La Fonda Hotel, Santa Fe

### September 25-26-27, 1966

Missouri Land Title Association  
Ramada Inn, Jefferson City

### September 29-30; October 1, 1966

Wisconsin Title Association  
Midway Motor Lodge

### October 2-3-4, 1966

Ohio Title Association  
Statler-Hilton Hotel  
Cleveland

### October 16-17-18-19, 1966

## ANNUAL CONVENTION

American Land Title Association  
Fontainebleau Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida

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