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Dr. Solomon S. Huebner, who has been called the father of insurance education, died Friday at his home, 697 S. Highland ave., Merion Station. He was 82.

Dr. Huebner, who was an emeritus professor of insurance at the University of Pennsylvania at the time of his death, developed the first college-level courses in the world on the economic aspects of insurance.

When he began his unprecedented courses in insurance at Penn in 1904, he found it necessary to write his own textbooks, organize his own classroom procedures and train teachers who were later to become his associates.

RETIRED IN 1953

Dr. Huebner retired from teaching in 1953 after a 49-year career at Penn. During that time he taught an estimated 75,000 students, published 11 major books and became a national figure in insurance through service to the Federal Government and the insurance industry.

Born in Manitowoc, Wis., Dr. Huebner received his bachelors and master degrees from the University of Wisconsin in 1902 and 1903. In 1905 he received his doctorate from Penn and in 1931 the university awarded him an honorary doctor of science degree.

'LIFE VALUE' PIONEER

Dr. Huebner wrote the first textbooks on insurance, from an economic standpoint, and the first on organized commodity and insurance exchange markets.

He was known in many circles for his pioneer development of the "human life value" idea, urging that a dollar value be placed on a man's earning power and that he be indemnified for the sake of those who depend on that earning power.

AIDED CONGRESS

While still in his early 30s, Dr. Huebner assisted in the Congressional steamship investigation which led to the United States Shipping Act of 1916 and the establishment of the United States Shipping Board.

His efforts in developing professional standards in the insurance field resulted in the establishment in 1917 of the American College of Life Underwriters (ACLU) and the American Institute of Property and Liability Underwriters. He was the first dean and later president of ACLU.

FOUNDATION SET UP

In 1950, the S. S. Huebner Foundation for Insurance Education was established in his honor. At the time of his death he was president emeritus of ACLU and chairman of the board of trustees, emeritus, of The American Institute for Property and Liability Underwriters. He was a member of the Union League.

Surviving are his wife, the former Ethel Elizabeth Mudie; a son, John, of Wynnewood, a senior vice president of Penn Mutual Life Insurance Co., and three daughters, Mrs. Ralph Nemo, Ethel Elizabeth and Esther Ann.



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