

Brainerd Policemen's Benefit Association



Annual Actuarial Valuation
December 31, 1993

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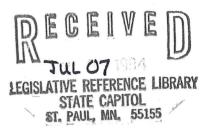


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May 16, 1994

Board of Trustees Brainerd Policemen's Benefit Association Brainerd. Minnesota

Submitted in this report are the results of the December 31, 1993 actuarial valuation of the assets, actuarial values and contribution requirements associated with the benefits provided by the Brainerd Policemen's Benefit Association.

The valuation results contained in Section A provide the actuarial information needed to determine the employer's "minimum obligation" effective January 1, 1995. Section A also contains comments regarding the valuation results.

The valuation was based upon information furnished by the Association concerning benefits, financial transactions, active members, terminated members, retirants and beneficiaries. Data was checked for year to year consistency but was not otherwise audited by us. This information is summarized in Section B.

A description of the actuarial funding method and the risk experience assumptions used is contained in Section C. The economic risk experience assumptions, as well as the actuarial funding method to be used, are established by state law.

Information needed to comply with Statement No. 5 of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board is contained in Section D.

The actuarial valuation was prepared using generally accepted actuarial principles and practices based upon the methods, assumptions, summary of plan provisions and the member and financial data described in this report.

Respectfully submitted,

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Section A Valuation Results

COMMENTS

Economic Assumptions and Financing Method

The economic assumptions of 5% annual investment return and 3-1/2% annual salary increases are established by state law. State law also specifies that the annual minimum obligation of the municipality shall be determined by adding (i) the employer normal cost percent times covered payroll to (ii) the level dollar amount required to amortize the unfunded actuarial accrued liability by December 31, 2010.

It is worth noting that when the same assumptions and methods are applied to plans which differ in nature, the valuation results may not be comparable. Caution should be exercised when attempting to assess the financial condition of one Association relative to another on the basis of valuation results produced using the assumptions and methods mandated by state law.

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CONTRIBUTION RATE TO PROVIDE BENEFITS

Member portion & Employer portion Effective January 1, 1995

	If Paid Equally Throughout Year Normal Cost				
Contributions for	% of Active Payroll for 1995	+	UAAL Dollars		
Normal cost of annuities:					
Age & service: to members Age & service: to survivors Disability Death before retirement Refunds of member contributions Total Normal Cost	19.14% 4.09 2.12 2.26 0.24 27.85%				
Amortization of unfunded actuarial accrued liabilities (UAAL) (16 year level dollar payment)					
Retired lives Active members Total			\$ 29,005 103,531 132,536		
Total Cost of Benefits	27.85%	+	\$132,536		
Member contributions	8.00%				
COMPUTED EMPLOYER RATE:					
(a) If Paid Equally Throughout Year(b) IF PAID AT CALENDAR YEAR END	19.85% 20.34%	++	\$132,536 \$135,809		

Brainerd Policemen's Benefit Association Present Actuarial Condition

The Association's accrued actuarial assets were in excess of \$2.6 million on December 31, 1993 -- a considerable sum of money if unencumbered and allocated among a small group of persons. This is not the case with the Association's assets.

The following schedule puts the \$2.6 million into perspective by showing the relationship between accrued actuarial assets, actuarial accrued liabilities, and the number of persons with actual and potential claims on the Association's assets.

	Accrued Actuarial <u>Assets</u>	Actuarial Accrued <u>Liabilities</u>	Unfunded Actuarial Accrued <u>Liabilities</u>	Percent <u>Funded</u>
Retirants and Beneficiaries Retired Members (9) Surviving Spouses (8) Surviving Children (0)		\$1,847,436 920,124 0		
Total (17)	\$2,445,417	\$2,767,560	\$ 322,143	88.4%
Deferred Members (0)	0	0	0	0.0
Active Members (8)	244,201	1,394,064	1,149,863	17.5
Total	\$2,689,618	\$4,161,624	\$1,472,006	64.6%

Actuarial accrued liabilities represent the value, computed as of December 31, 1993 of:

- (i) retirement allowances likely to be paid the 17 retirants and beneficiaries; and
- (ii) the contributions assumed to have been made for the 8 active members from entry into the plan until December 31, 1993.

The value of retirement allowances likely to be paid the 17 retirants and beneficiaries, discounted for investment earnings and mortality, was computed to be \$2,767,560 as of December 31, 1993. To put this amount in perspective, the \$2,767,560, together with investment earnings, will just be sufficient to pay the 17 retirants and beneficiaries their allowances for their remaining lifetimes. This assumes the 17 retirants and beneficiaries live and die according to the assumed mortality and the \$2,767,560 is invested to yield an average annual return of 5.0% over the remaining lifetimes of the retirants and beneficiaries.

With respect to the active members, the actuarial accrued liability of \$1,394,064 represents the amount that would have been accumulated by December 31, 1993. This assumes the normal cost (which is expressed as a level percentage of pay) had been contributed from the date of hire until December 31, 1993 for the 8 actives, and that these amounts had earned 5.0% interest. It also assumes that the members in the past have lived, died, withdrawn, retired and received salary increases according to the actuarial assumptions shown in this report.

Historical Funding Ratio Schedule (\$ in thousands)

Valuation Date <u>December 31</u>	Actuarial Accrued <u>Liabilities</u>	Accrued Actuarial _Assets	% <u>Funded</u>
1984	\$2,993	\$1,280	42.8%
1985	2,937	1,446	49.2
1986	3,205	1,630	50.9
1987	3,342	1,648	49.3
1988*	3,530	1,740	49.3
1989	3,672	1,907	51.9
1990	3,755	2,094	55.8
1991	3,877	2,295	59.2
1992	4,038	2,492	61.7
1993	4,162	2,690	64.6

^{*} After change in assumptions.

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Computed Contributions - Comparative Schedule

Year En <u>Decembe</u> <u>Valuation</u>	r 31	as a	Normal Cost Percent of ion Payroll*	Unfu	tribution For nded Actuarial ued Liabilities \$ or %
1984	1986		24.86%		\$118,615
1985	1987		23.89		105,432
1986	1988		25.05		113,936
1987	1989		24.40		125,563
1988**	1990		27.79		136,210
1989	1991		27.87		138,247
1990	1992		27.84		134,418
1991	1993		27.84		132,056
1992	1994		27.87		133,777
1993	1995		27.85		132,536

^{*} Includes employee contributions.

^{**} After change in assumptions.

Brainerd Policemen's Benefit Association CONTRIBUTION FOR CALENDAR YEAR EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1995

For any period of time the percent-of-payroll contribution rate is converted to dollars. The amount of dollars for any calendar year depends upon the results of the last actuarial valuation, and the timing of contributions within the year. The later the contribution date, the greater the dollar amount will be.

The municipality's dollar contribution for the year may be determined as follows:

(1)	Estimated covered payroll for 1995	\$	
(2)	Total normal cost % from page A-2	27.85%	
(3)	Total normal cost (Line 1 times line 2)		\$
(4)	x 1.035 1993 Administrative expenses paid from the Special Fund		
(5)	Amortization payment on UAAL from page A-2		132,536
(6)	Total contributions required (Line 3 plus line 4 plus line 5)		
(7)	Employee contributions (Line 1 times 8%)	\$	
(8)	(a) State amortization aid based on 12/31/78 UAAL of \$1,325,291 \$19,947 (b) State amortization aid based on 1984 legislation 2,769 (c) Total State amortization aid	22,716	
(9)	Estimated insurance premium aid		
(10)	Estimated total contributions from other sources (Line 7 plus line 8 plus line 9)		
(11)	Employer's Minimum Obligation if payment is made in equal installments throughout the year (Line 6 minus line 10)		\$
(12)	EMPLOYER'S MINIMUM OBLIGATION IF PAYMENT IS MADE AT YEAR END (Line 11 times 1.0247)		\$

Section B

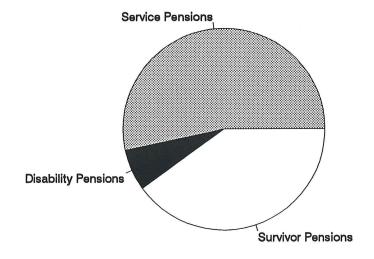
Valuation Data and Summary of Benefit Provisions

Brainerd Policemen's Benefit Association

Retirants and Beneficiaries December 31, 1993

By Type of Annuity Being Paid

Type of Annuity Being Paid	No.	Monthly Amounts	Computed Actuarial Accrued <u>Liabilities</u>
Retirants receiving: Age & Service Disability	8 _1	\$ 8,853.00 1,104.00	\$1,551,288
Totals	9	9,957.00	1,847,436
Beneficiaries receiving: Spouse Child	8 _0	6,624.00 0.00	920,124 0
Totals	8	6,624.00	920,124
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Totals	17	\$16,581.00	\$2,767,560



Monthly Amount Paid by Benefit

Brainerd Policemen's Benefit Association
Retirants and Beneficiaries December 31, 1993
By Attained Ages

		Number	
Attained <u>Ages</u>	Age & <u>Service</u>	<u>Disability</u>	Death Before <u>Retirement</u>
50-54 55-59	2	1	
60-64 65-69 70-74	2 6		1
75-79 80-84	3 1		
Totals	<u></u> 14	1	 2

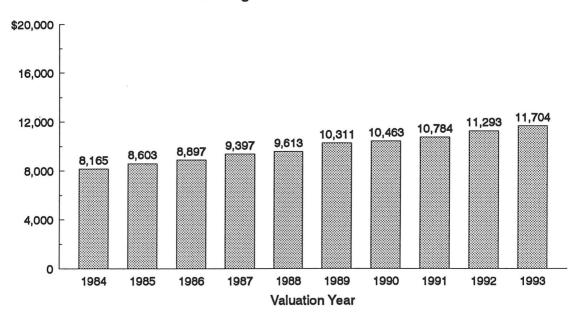
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Retirants and Beneficiaries Added to and Removed from Rolls

Comparative Statement

Valuation Date <u>December 31</u>	No. Added	No. Removed from Rolls	<u>Rolls</u> <u>No.</u>	End of Year Annual Allowances	Discounted Value of
1984	1	1 ,	18	\$146,978	\$2,380,788
1985		2	16	137,641	2,201,460
1986	1		17	151,248	2,465,856
1987	1		18	169,152	2,784,828
1988			18	173,040	2,769,600
1989		1	17	175,282	2,789,064
1990	1	1	17	177,864	2,751,756
1991			17	183,324	2,734,704
1992			17	191,983	2,769,168
1993			17	198,972	2,767,560

Average Annual Allowances



Brainerd Policemen's Benefit Association Active Members December 31, 1993 By Attained Age and Years of Service

Attained		Vear	s of Sp	rvice t	o Valua	tion Da	tο		Totals Valuation
Age	0-4	5-9				<u>25-29</u>	30 Plus	No.	Payroll
40-44 45-49			4	2 1				2 5	\$ 70,210 172,728
50-54			_			_1		_1	33,079
Totals			4	3		1		8	\$276,017

While not used in the financial computations, the following group averages are computed and shown because of their general interest.

Age: 46.1 years.

Service: 16.9 years.

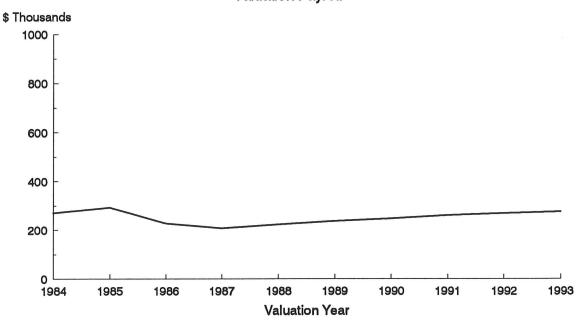
Annual Pay: \$34,502.

Brainerd Policemen's Benefit Association Comparative Schedule

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Valuation Date		Valuation		Averag	e	
December 31	<u>Active Members</u>	<u>Payroll</u>	Age	Service	Pay	% Incr.
1984	12	\$271,113	39.2 yrs.	9.4 yrs.	\$22,593	2.3%
1985	12	293,852	39.3	10.4	24,488	8.4
1986	9	228,577	39.2	9.5	25,397	3.7
1987	8	209,079	40.1	10.9	26,135	2.9
1988	8	224,581	41.1	11.9	28,073	7.4
1989	8	238,240	42.1	12.9	29,780	6.1
1990	8	248,998	43.1	13.9	31,125	4.5
1991	8	261,707	44.1	14.9	32,713	5.1
1992	8	269,957	45.1	15.9	33,745	3.2
1993	8	276,017	46.1	16.9	34,502	2.2

Valuation Payroll



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Brief Summary (12/31/93) of Benefit Provisions Evaluated and/or Considered

Age & Service Retirement

Eliqibility. 20 years of service and 50 years of age.

Amount. Greater of (1) 50% of salary at time of retirement or (2) 40% of top wage for a patrolman. (Item (2) is applicable only if retired after 5/1/66.)

Disability Retirement

<u>Eligibility</u>. Disabled to the extent that unable to perform duties in police department before being eligible for age & service retirement.

Amount.

Duty. 40% of top wage for a patrolman.

Non-duty.

- (1) Less than 10 years service 30% of top patrolman's wage.
- (2) More than 10 years service 40% of top patrolman's wage.

Member's Death While Active, Or In Deferred Status, Or Retired

Eligibility.

<u>Spouse</u>. Legally married to member at separation from service and residing with member at time of death. Benefits terminate upon remarriage.

Child. Younger than age 18.

Amount.

Spouse. 30% of top wage for a patrolman.

<u>Child</u>. 4% of top wage for a patrolman per child. Children's maximum is 20% of top wage for a patrolman.

<u>Vested Deferred</u>. 20 years of service and separated before age 50. Payment beginning is deferred to attainment of age 50.

<u>Post-Retirement Adjustments ("Escalator")</u>. Each time the top wage for a patrolman changes, payments based on such wage are simultaneously changed by the same percent that the top wage for a patrolman is changed.

<u>Member Contributions</u>. 8% of current compensation. Total member contributions are refundable, without interest, if no monthly benefit is payable upon separation from service.

Section C

Valuation Methods and Assumptions

Brainerd Policemen's Benefit Association Valuation Methods and Assumptions

The Entry Age Normal Cost method was used to determine the normal cost of all benefits. The rate of investment return (interest) as required by state law used in making the valuation was 5.0 percent per annum, compounded annually. Age & service retirement was assumed to occur at age 56, attained age if older.

Mortality Table*

Single Life Values:

	Pres	<u>ent Value</u>	thly			
	Lev	/el	Increasing		Future	Life
Sample	For L	For Life		/early	Expectancy (Years)	
Ages	<u>Men</u>	Women	Men	Women	Men	<u>Women</u>
45	\$177.21	\$189.58	\$280.82	\$314.75	29.50	34.00
50	163.12	177.21	246.55	280.82	25.20	29.50
55	147.50	163.12	212.60	246.55	21.16	25.20
60	130.52	147.50	179.49	212.60	17.42	21.16
65	112.87	130.52	148.28	179.49	14.05	17.42
70	95.20	112.87	119.70	148.28	11.09	14.05
75	77.77	95.20	93.83	119.70	8.52	11.09
80	61.71	77.77	71.69	93.83	6.39	8.52

^{*} UP-1984 Table set forward 2 years for males and set back 3 years for females.

Sample Rates of Separation from Active Employment
Before Retirement, Death or Disability

Sample	% of Active Members
<u>Ages</u>	<u>Separating within Next Year</u>
20	1.50%
25	1.25
30	1.00
35	0.75
40	0.50
45	0.25
50+	0.00

Sample Ages	Present Pay Resulting in Pay of \$1,000 at Age 60	Present Increase in Pay <u>During Next Year</u>
20	\$ 253	3.5%
25	300	3.5
30	356	3.5
35	423	3.5
40	503	3.5
45	597	3.5
50	709	3.5
55	842	3.5
60	1,000	3.5

Use of the pay adjustment factor illustrated above is required by state law.

Anticipated Disability Retirements

Sample Ages	<pre>% of Active Members Becoming Disabled within Next Year</pre>
20	0.08%
25	0.08
30	0.08
35	0.08
40	0.20
45	0.26
50	0.49
55	0.89

Section D

The Pension Benefit Obligation
and Certain Other Disclosures
Required by Statement No. 5 of the
Governmental Accounting Standards Board

PENSION BENEFIT OBLIGATION

The amount shown below as the "pension benefit obligation" is a standardized disclosure measure of the present value of pension benefits, adjusted for the effects of projected salary increases, estimated to be payable in the future as a result of employee service to date. The measure is the actuarial present value of credited projected benefits and is intended to (i) help users assess the plan's funding status on a going-concern basis, (ii) assess progress being made in accumulating sufficient assets to pay benefits when due, and (iii) allow for comparisons among public employee retirement plans. The measure is independent of the actuarial funding method used to determine contributions to the plan.

The pension benefit obligation was determined as part of an actuarial valuation of the plan as of December 31, 1993. Significant actuarial assumptions used in determining the pension benefit obligation include (a) a rate of return on the investment of present and future assets of 5.0% per year compounded annually, (b) projected salary increases of 3.5% per year compounded annually, attributable to inflation, and (c) the assumption that benefits will increase 3.5% per year after retirement.

At December 31, 1993, the unfunded pension benefit obligation was \$1,424,362 determined as follows:

Pension Benefit Obligation:

Retirants and beneficiaries currently receiving benefits and terminated employees not yet receiving benefits	\$2,767,560
Current employees	
Accumulated employee contributions including	
allocated investment income	244,201
Employer financed	1,074,018
Total Pension Benefit Obligation	\$4,085,779
Net assets available for benefits, at cost	
(market value was \$2,746,021)	2,661,417
Unfunded Pension Benefit Obligation	\$1,424,362

The total pension benefit obligation as of January 1, 1993 was \$3,962,125. During the year, the plan experienced a net change of \$123,654 in the pension benefit obligation.

CONTRIBUTIONS REQUIRED AND CONTRIBUTIONS MADE

The Association's funding policy provides for periodic employer contributions at actuarially determined rates that, expressed as percentages of annual covered payroll, are designed to accumulate sufficient assets to pay benefits when due. The normal cost and actuarial accrued liability are determined using an entry age actuarial funding method. Unfunded actuarial accrued liabilities are being amortized as a level dollar amount over a period of 16 years.

During the year ended December 31, 1993, contributions totaling \$235,474 -- \$214,182 employer and \$21,292 employee -- were made in accordance with contribution requirements determined by an actuarial valuation of the plan as of December 31, 1991. The employer contributions consisted of \$51,923 for normal cost and \$162,259 for amortization of the unfunded actuarial accrued liability. Employer contributions represented 81.84% of covered payroll.

Significant actuarial assumptions used to compute contribution requirements were the same as those used to compute the standardized measure of the pension benefit obligation.

Computed Contribution Comparative Schedule

Fiscal Year <u>December 31</u>	Valuation Date December 31	Contribution Normal Cost % of Valuation Payroll	Rates UAAL Dollars	Valuation Payroll		ntribution <u>cal Year</u> <u>Actual</u>
1987 1988 1989 1990 1991	1985 1986 1987 1988 1989	15.89% 17.05 16.40 19.79 19.87	\$105,432 113,936 125,563 136,210 138,247	\$293,852 228,577 209,079 224,581 238,240	\$152,125 152,908 159,852 180,655 185,585	\$150,360 167,570 200,915 216,541 219,071
1992 1993 1994 1995	1990 1991 1992 1993	19.84 19.84 19.87 19.85	134,148 132,056 133,777 132,536	248,998 261,707 269,957 276,017	183,549 183,979 187,417 187,325	213,346 214,182

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION ANALYSIS OF FUNDING PROGRESS

	200	(2)				(6)
	(1)	Pension	(3)	(4)	(5)	Unfunded PBO
Valuation	Net Assets	Benefit	Percent	Unfunded	Annual	as a Percentage
Date	Available	Obligation	Funded	PBO	Covered	of Covered Payroll
December 31	for Benefits	(PBO)	(1)/(2)	(2)-(1)	Payroll	(4)/(5)
1987	\$1,652,577	\$3,297,200	50.1%	\$1,644,623	\$209,079	786.6%
1988	1,740,335	3,470,032	50.2	1,729,697	224,581	770.2
1989	1,899,393	3,606,866	52.7	1,707,473	238,240	716.7
1990	2,087,376	3,685,279	56.6	1,597,903	248,998	641.7
1991	2,275,591	3,802,877	59.8	1,527,286	261,707	583.6
1992	2,478,285	3,962,125	62.5	1,483,840	269,957	549.6
1993	2,661,417	4,085,779	65.1	1,424,362	276,017	516.0

Analysis of the dollar amounts of net assets available for benefits, pension benefit obligation, and unfunded pension benefit obligation in isolation can be misleading. Expressing the net assets available for benefits as a percentage of the pension benefit obligation provides one indication of the plan's funded status on a going-concern basis. Analysis of this percentage over time indicates whether the system is becoming financially stronger or weaker. Generally, the greater this percentage, the stronger the plan. The unfunded pension benefit obligation and annual covered payroll are both affected by inflation. Expressing the unfunded pension benefit obligation as a percentage of annual covered payroll approximately adjusts for the effects of inflation and aids analysis of the progress being made in accumulating sufficient assets to pay benefits when due. Generally, the smaller this percentage, the stronger the plan.

Appendices

APPENDIX I

FINANCIAL PRINCIPLES AND OPERATIONAL TECHNIQUES

<u>Promises Made, and Eventually Paid</u>. As each year is completed, the plan in effect hands an "IOU" to each member then acquiring a year of service credit -- the "IOU" says: "The Pension Plan owes you a portion of your retirement benefits, payments to be made in cash, commencing when you qualify for retirement."

The related key financial questions are: Which generation of taxpayers contributes the money to cover the IOU? The present taxpayers, who receive the benefit of the member's present year of service? Or the future taxpayers, who happen to be in town paying taxes at the later time when the IOU becomes a cash demand?

A sound principle of sound retirement plan financing is to have this year's taxpayers contribute the money to cover the IOUs being handed out this year. By following this principle, THE CONTRIBUTION RATE WILL REMAIN APPROXIMATELY LEVEL FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION — our children and grandchildren will contribute the same percents of active payroll we contribute now.

A PENSION PLAN BECOMES CLOSED

The diagram in this appendix shows two important activities which occur after a plan has been closed to employees hired in the future.

Cash benefits paid continue to increase for decades, while active member payroll begins to decrease to zero.

<u>Funding Method</u>. A funding method is the long-term, planned pattern for employer contributions.

For an open plan (a plan covering future employees), the level-percent-of-active-member payroll funding method is the basic funding method.

The level-percent funding method can also be applied to a closed plan. However, the resulting contribution percent usually jumps to a high rate, because the number of covered active members is decreasing.

A preferred funding method for a closed plan consists of: level-percent funding for normal cost (the cost of members' service now being rendered); plus a level dollar contribution for unfunded actuarial accrued liabilities over a limited period of years. The period of years must be limited so that plan assets don't become zero while benefits are still payable.

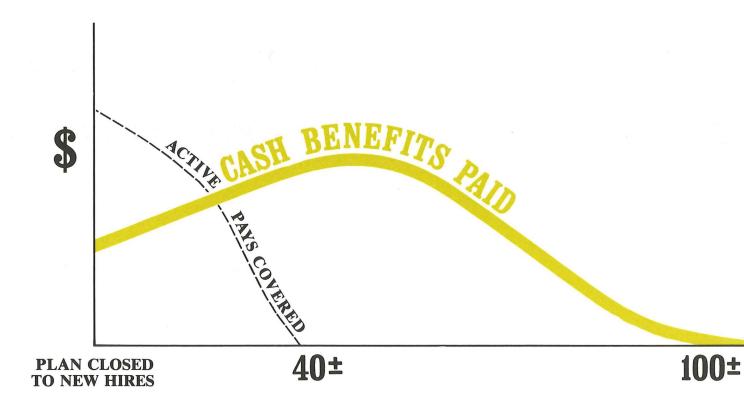
<u>Computing Contributions To Support Plan Benefits</u>. From a given schedule of benefits and from the employee data and asset data furnished him, the actuary determines the contribution rates to support the benefits by means of an actuarial valuation and a funding method.

In making an actuarial valuation, assumptions must be made regarding anticipated financial experiences for the next year and for decades in the future. Only the subsequent actual experience of the plan can indicate the degree of accuracy of the assumptions.

Reconciling Differences Between Assumed Experience and Actual Experience. Once actual experience has occurred and been observed, it will not coincide exactly with assumed experience, regardless of the wisdom of the assumptions or the skill of the actuary and the millions of calculations he made. The future can be predicted with considerable but not 100% precision, except for inflation which seems to defy reliable prediction.

A well-managed plan copes with these continually changing differences by having periodic actuarial valuations. Each actuarial valuation is a complete recalculation of assumed future experience, taking into account all past differences between assumed and actual experience. The result is continuing adjustment in financial position.

A CLOSED PENSION PLAN



YEARS OF TIME

A plan becomes closed when no new hires are admitted to active membership. The persons covered by the plan at the time of closing continue their normal activities and continue to be covered by the plan, until the last survivor dies.

CASH BENEFITS LINE. After a pension plan becomes closed, the usual pattern is for cash benefits to continue to increase for decades of time. Eventually the cash benefits will peak, and then gradually decrease over more decades of time, ultimately to zero. The last cash benefit is likely to occur a century after the time the plan is closed.

The precise amounts of cash benefits cannot be known now, and must be estimated by assumptions of future experiences in a variety of financial risk areas.

APPENDIX II

MEANING OF UNFUNDED ACCRUED LIABILITIES

Almost every pension plan (public or private) has "unfunded accrued liabilities", so whatever they are, they aren't rare. Since the term is not part of everyday conversation, it needs some definition.

"Accrued liabilities" are the present value \$ of plan promises to pay benefits in the future based upon service already rendered - - - a liability has been established ("accrued") because the service has been rendered, but the resulting monthly cash benefit may not be payable until years in the future. Accrued liabilities \$ are the result of complex mathematical calculations, which are made by the plan's actuary (which is the name given to the specialist who makes such calculations).

If "accrued liabilities" at any time exceed the plan's accrued assets (cash & investments), the difference is "unfunded accrued liabilities". This is the common condition. If the plan's assets equalled the plan's "accrued liabilities", the plan would be termed "fully funded". This is a rare condition.

Each time a plan adds a new benefit which applies to service already rendered, an "accrued liability" is created, which is also an "unfunded accrued liability" because the plan can't print instant cash to cover the accrued liability. Payment for such unfunded accrued liabilities is spread over a period of years, commonly in the 20-40 year range.

Unfunded accrued liabilities can occur in another way: If actual financial experience is less favorable than assumed financial experience, the difference is added to unfunded accrued liabilities. In plans where plan benefits are directly related to an employee's pay near time of retirement (a common plan provision) rather than his average pay throughout his working career, unfunded accrued liabilities have been increasing in recent years because unexpected rates of pay increase have created additional accrued liabilities which could not be matched by reasonable investment results. Some of these unexpected pay increases are the direct result of inflation, which is a very destructive force on financial stability.

The existence of unfunded accrued liabilities is not bad, then (any more than a mortgage on your house is "bad"), but the changes from year to year in amount of unfunded accrued liabilities are important - - - "bad" or "good" or somewhere in between.

Nor are unfunded accrued liabilities a bill payable immediately (your food costs are payable immediately), but it is important that policy-makers prevent the amount from becoming unreasonably high and it is vital that your plan have a sound method for making payments toward them so that they are controlled.

The existence of large amounts of unfunded accrued liabilities indicates that total contributions in past years were less than level - - - an almost certain history if retired life liabilities are not fully funded now.