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the Wallis High School and at the Metropolitan Business College. His early accounting experience was in connection with government railroads, construction companies, rice milling, irrigation companies, and public accounting work in connection with various classes of business. In 1917, he left public accounting to become chief accountant of the Department of Supervisor of Public Utilities of the

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Grover C. Bland

City of Dallas. In 1920, he resigned his position with the City of Dallas to become associated with us, and on May 1 opened our Dallas office, of which he was manager up to the time of his death.

Mr. Blandworked unceasingly in developing our practice in Texas and in establishing a reputation for efficient and intelligent service to clients. While manager of the Dallas office, he acted as consulting accountant for the City of San Antonio in a street railway rate case, and for the City of Dallas in street railway and telephone rate cases. He also made an investigation

of the Lone Star Gas Company in connection with another rate case.

Mr. Bland was a member of The City Club and Dallas Jovian League.

Mr. Bland's untimely death came as a shock to his host of friends in our organization. Although he had been confined to bed since July 13, it was confidently hoped that he was well on the way to recovery, since word was received from him about September 1 that he expected to attend the annual firm meeting in New York the latter part of September.

Mr. Bland was an unusually skillful and resourceful accountant, possessing a most pleasing personality. He was described by one of the foremost financiers of the southwest as "the smartest accountant in Texas, bar none." As might be expected of a man of his ability and personality, he was a very popular and prominent man in Dallas and throughout Texas. With the passing of so able and splendid a man as Mr. Bland, the firm has lost one of its most valued managers, and one whose place it will be indeed difficult to fill.

#### News Items

Mr. C. J. Drake has been appointed manager of our London office, effective September 1, 1928.

Mr. L. L. Tompkins, manager of our Atlanta office, recently passed the C. P. A. examination of Georgia.

Mr. William D. Shay, of our New York 39th Street office, was successful in passing the November C. P. A. examination of the State of New York. He has also become a member instead of an associate of the American Institute of Accountants.

Mr. Leslie S. MacKay, of our Los Angeles office, recently acquired the California C. P. A. certificate as a result of his success in passing the November, 1927, examination.