## Harry C. Plummer\*, FCSI

"In recognition of your distinguished and dedicated service to the Construction Specifications Institute, as a member of the National Board, and as Secretary-Treasurer, wherein your selfless contributions of time, wise counsel and immeasurable effort have been reflected in the orderly development of the C.S.I. as a well-recognized national technical organization, you are advanced to Fellowship in the Institute on this 24th day of May, 1961."



HARRY CUSTER PLUMMER was a native of West Union, Ohio, receiving his BA degree from Ohio University, and BS and CE degrees from Case Institute of Technology.

Plummer was one of the earliest members of CSI and a member of the D.C. Metropolitan Chapter since its inception. His CSI record is remarkably outstanding. He served as National Director and member or Chairman of many Institute Committees from 1950-54, and as Secretary-Treasurer from 1955-62. During his tenure as Secretary-Treasurer, he organized and published the first complete Roster of Members on June 30, 1958, and called it the "CSI Year Book." He is remembered as the man who, at a critical point in growth and financial status of the Institute, secured, at no cost to the Institute, suitable administrative quarters for its expanding activities.

He and Sarah, his devoted wife, were the first CSI headquarters administrative team. He truly was one of our CSI "Giants."

Plummer was Dean of Engineering and Technology for the Structural Clay Products Institute since 1963, and before that SCPI director of E&T since 1937. He was a member of the Advisory Committee, and chairman of the Jury of Fellows.

Plummer was the author of Brick and Tile Engineering Handbook of Design, and co-author of Reinforced Brick Masonry and Lateral Force Design.

In addition to Fellowship and Honorary Membership in CSI, he received an ASTM award in 1960 and the Society's Walter C. Voss award in 1966. He was a member of ASTM, ASCE and the American Ceramic Society. He also was affiliated with USASI, BRI, and BRAB. Plummer was a Fellow of the American Ceramic Society, and of ASTM.

## **CSI Membership**

Member, DC Metro Chapter, 1953-1977 Member at large, 1948-1953

## Institute Offices, Committees

Secretary-Treasurer, 1955-1962 Director, 1950-1962

## **Awards**

Honorary Membership, 1959 Institute President's Plaque, 1959