Herman H. Boisclair*, FCSI

“In recognition of your distinguished and dedicated service to the Construction Specifications Institute, as a Member, as a charter Member of the Los Angeles Chapter, as a devoted worker on numerous committees, as an officer and president of your Chapter; in recognition of your faithful and diligent contributions to your Region and to numerous Institute committees, and for your zealous participation in the programs and activities of educational institutions and professional societies whereby your effectiveness enhances the image of the Institute, you are advanced to Fellowship in the Institute on this 26th day of May, 1965.”

San Diego, California

HERMAN HARRY BOISCLAIR was born in 1901 on a farm in New Hampshire. He not only worked his way through the University of New Hampshire, earning a Phi Beta Kappa key in the process, but put his brothers and a sister through the University as well.

He served his country in World War II, retiring as a major in the US Army Reserve.

As Head of the Specifications Department of the Los Angeles School District, Boisclair welcomed formation of the Los Angeles CSI Chapter and became a charter member and the Chapter's fifth President.

Colleagues and other professionals regarded him as a very serious, conservative, sober and thoughtful person who earned many awards for outstanding work. Those who knew him better saw another side.

Married in 1925 to Hermoline, the pair became one of the Chapter's greatest social assets. They loved a social life with happy guys and gals. Parties at conferences and conventions were eagerly attended to enjoy the fellowship of old friends and make new ones. Boisclair's opinion of a healthy chapter of the Institute was one that had lively activities with spirited and enthusiastic interest. Altogether, Herman and Hermoline typified the merriment for which CSI gatherings were noted in those days.

There were times when requests came to please cut down the noise -- and they obliged -- but one can easily imagine that Heaven is lighter today with the comradeship and spirit of Herman Boisclair.

Boisclair passed away 9 March 1993.

CSI Membership
Los Angeles Chapter, 1955-1993

Institute Offices, Committees
Director, 1963-65

Chapter Offices, Committees
President, 1960-1961