

# Harold L. Olsen\*, FCSI



*"In recognition of your service to the Institute, you are advanced to Fellowship in the Institute on this 4th day of June 1969."  
Houston, Texas*



HAROLD LOUIS OLSEN was born in 1925, in Chicago, Illinois. He received his Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering degree from Cornell University in 1948, and his Master of Mechanical Engineering from Purdue in 1951. He served with United States Navy from 1943 to 1946.

Harold worked for several companies. He was a designer of aircraft heating and air conditioning at Pacific Airline Equipment Company, Chicago, 1946 to 1948. From 1948 to 1951, he was an application engineer at Allis Chalmers, Milwaukee. He went on to design heating, air conditioning, and refrigeration systems with Harry F. Wilson & Associates, 1951 to 1952. From 1952 to 1953, he designed railway and bus air conditioning systems for Waukesha Motor Company. He was a designer for Wisconsin State Bureau Engineering, Madison, 1953 to 1955. From 1954 to 1978, he was president and chief mechanical engineer at Olsen & Evans. He was chief mechanical engineer at Donohue & Associates, 1978 to

1981. He began working as manager of the mechanical department at Marshall Erdman & Associates in 1981.

Olsen was a charter member of the Madison Chapter, and subsequently served as secretary, vice-president, and president. During this period, he was instrumental in helping to formulate the joint University of Wisconsin – CSI Region 7 Construction Contracts and Specifications program.

As a professional engineer he was the design engineer on some outstanding projects in the area. Among the more notable are the Cochrane-Fountain City High School, Fountain City, Wisconsin; the General Telephone Company office building, Madison; the Nestle Chocolate Co. building, Burlington; and a number of buildings on the University of Wisconsin Campus, including the Nielsen Tennis Stadium.

Harold was president of the ASHRAE Madison Chapter in FY 1964.

## **CSI Membership**

Charter Member, Madison Chapter, 1958

## **Chapter Offices, Committees**

Secretary

Vice President, FY 1960

President, FY 1961