

ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO LAND SURVEYORS



A. PHILLIPS BILL

• **A. Phillips Bill**, known as Phil by his many friends, served as ACSM president from March 1967-68, having served as vice president from March 1966-67, prior to his investiture as president of the American Congress on Surveying and Mapping. Phil Bill was also chairman of the Property Surveys Division for three terms — 1957, 1958, 1959. In addition to serving the Division and ACSM in these offices, he was also a director of ACSM as well as the Property Surveys Division for a number of years. He served ably as a member of many ACSM committees, including the important Finance and Administrative Matters (FAM) Committee, as well as numerous Division committees. The Property Surveys Division of which he was chairman is now the Land Surveys Division.

A. Phillips Bill, R.L.S., P.E., was born in Hanover, N.H., November 16, 1912. He graduated from Phillips Exeter Academy in 1929 and from Dartmouth College in 1933. He taught mathematics for many years at the Phillips Exeter Academy, the school he himself had attended in his youth. He was registered as a land surveyor and a professional engineer in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for some 30 years. He practiced surveying and engineering with the firm of Gordon E. Ainsworth and Associates in South Deerfield, Mass., and later was a consultant for the firm. He died on March 29, 1980, in a nursing home in South Deerfield — the area where he had lived for 35 years.

During 1966, 1967, and 1968, at a time when professional engineers were facing union problems, Phil Bill was elected chairman of the Joint Committee Against Unionization, organized by the Consulting Engineers Council in which ACSM participated in Washington, D.C.; Chicago, Ill.; and St. Louis, Mo. He served well as chairman of this committee, retaining the chairmanship for three years until the problem was resolved.

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Not only did Phil Bill represent ACSM throughout the United States at various state surveyor society conventions, but he often was the official ACSM representative at numerous Canadian land surveyor society meetings.

Phil Bill contributed frequently to the literature of his profession and was always especially interested in legal matters affecting surveyors. He not only authored papers but was instrumental in seeing that good papers were submitted to the ACSM editor for consideration by the editorial board for publication.

In addition to his affiliation with ACSM, Bill was a member of the National Society of Professional Engineers, the American Society of Photogrammetry, the Canadian Institute of Surveying, the Board of Examiners of the National Board of Professional Engineers, and an honorary member of the Association of Ontario Land Surveyors and La Corporation des Arpenteurs Geometres de la Province de Quebec. Bill was the only non-Canadian ever to be so honored by a provincial land surveyors' society. He was an honorary member and past president of the Connecticut Valley Association of Civil Engineers & Land Surveyors, and an honorary member of the Massachusetts Association of Land Surveyors & Civil Engineers, where he had been a director on the board from 1958-62.

A. Phillips Bill will be long-remembered for his dedication to his profession and to ACSM. His many contributions in time and effort and judicious planning have been instrumental in ACSM's growth as the national voice for the professions represented by it. Professionally, Phil Bill's own voice trumpeted the needs of the surveyor and engineer throughout the land — cohesiveness, professionalism, and education. He spoke out loudly and clearly, in no uncertain terms, in behalf of his profession and his fellow professionals. May someone come forward and continue his dedicated footsteps with even more zeal — that would surely be A. Phillips Bill's lasting request!

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