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## ERNEST CLAYTON (BILL) BRISCO

1917 - 1996

by Frederick B. Brisco

Bill was born in Chatham, Ontario on April 30th, 1917. He received his early education at Queen Mary Public School and Chatham Collegiate Institute and proceeded to the University of Toronto. He graduated in 1941 with the degree B.A.Sc.

On graduation, Bill enlisted in the Canadian Army and was placed in R.C.A. He was soon sent overseas and served 4 years in N. Africa, Italy, France and Holland.

He was released in 1946 and settled in Toronto where he was employed by Pigott Construction. He moved to Chatham in 1948 joining in practice with George A. McCubbin, who was one of the foremost engineers in Canada in the practice of Agricultural Drainage. Bill had apprenticed with Mr. McCubbin during the summers of his university years.

He was active in his practice, specializing in surveying and agricultural drainage until 1976.

Bill was President of this Association in 1963. He was Vice-Chairman of the Ontario Drainage Tribunal from 1976 to 1989.

He was very active in community life, being one of the founding members of Chatham Jaycees. He was a past Commodore of the Chatham Power Squadron and acted as Navigation Instructor for many years. He was a past President of the Chatham Chamber of Commerce and of the Maple City Golf and Country Club.

Bill was married to Hester Carroll of Burlington in 1942. They celebrated their fiftieth anniversary in 1992. Their son Charles lives in Lynden with his wife Marion, their daughter lives in Stouffville with her husband Murray Chalmers and their daughter Lisa lives in Ucluelet, B.C. They have three grandchildren.

Bill was personable and friendly and was highly regarded in his profession and his community.

He kept active and healthy until his last few months when bronchial and asthmatic problems overtook him.

He ran out of breath on July 26th, 1996.

