

Vincent G. Raney*, FCSI

“In recognition of your distinguished and dedicated service to the Construction Specifications Institute, as a member, as a co-founder of your chapter and of your service as an officer in behalf of it, as National Director, as National Vice President, as National Chairman of the Library Committee, and in your ability and inspiration in furthering the objectives at both Chapter and National levels, you are advanced to Fellowship in the Institute on this 22nd day of May, 1963”
Detroit, Michigan



VINCENT G. RANEY was born in 1905 in Loogootee, Indiana. He attended the University of Indiana, then received a degree in architectural engineering from the University of Illinois in 1929. He also attended the University of Arizona, in 1930.

Raney worked for H.G. Atherton in Anderson, Indiana; and for Frederick H. Reimers, Masten & Hurd, and William I. Garren in San Francisco, 1930-36.

In 1937, Raney started his own company, under his own name. He specialized in building and design of multiplex theaters for Snyfy Enterprises.

His projects included more than six hundred service stations for the Associated Oil Company of San Francisco. He also designed more than one hundred movie theatres; many were unusual, including three domed facilities in Utah.

After World War II, he was involved in the development of tract housing, to provide mass produced housing that could be afforded by GIs returning home.

In 1939, he designed a house for the Golden Gate Exposition on Treasure Island. Notable for its high ceilings, floor-to-ceiling windows, and access to a garden from almost every room, it was named the Sunshine House. It was sold in a raffle, with tickets costing one dollar. The home was built to encourage home building and buying after years after the ten years of the Great Depression. The winners sold the house immediately, for \$7,000. It sold for \$845,000 in 2004.

One of his hobbies was flying. He owned his own airplane, and was a member of the Sherriff's Air Squadron.

Raney joined CSI in 1955 as a charter member of the San Francisco Chapter.

In 1957, Raney began his service on the Institute Board as Institute Director. In 1962, he was elected Institute Vice President.

Raney passed away 31 December 2001.

CSI Membership

San Francisco Chapter, 1955

Institute Offices, Committees

Institute Director, 1957, 1958, 1961

Vice President, 1962

Awards

President's Plaque