

Herbert Henry Scofield

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Herbert H. Scofield, professor emeritus of civil engineering at Cornell University, was born at Bemus Point, New York, on October 5, 1880, the son of George and Sarah Brown Scofield. He was married in 1907 to Kathryn Margaret Pease.

The young Herbert Scofield attended public school in Bemus Point and preparatory school at the New York State Normal School, Fredonia, New York, from which he graduated in 1901. He received the degree of Mechanical Engineer from Cornell University in 1905.

In 1905, he became an instructor at Purdue University, advancing to assistant professor in 1912 and remaining there until he became an inspection engineer with the Curtis Wright Aeroplane Company of Buffalo in 1918. In 1919, he came to Cornell University as assistant professor of civil engineering, becoming professor of civil engineering in 1924, remaining here until his retirement in 1948.

In other professional activities, he worked for brief periods as a testing engineer for the American Locomotive Company at Pittsburgh and for the Society for Automotive Engineers. He consulted for the New York State Court of Claims and for the New York Telephone Company in connection with its building program. He was engaged actively in work involving Hoover (then Boulder) Dam and Mt. Morris Dam. He was a registered professional engineer in the State of New York.

Professor Scofield was engaged in various research activities and published numerous technical papers, primarily in the field of concrete. He was a coauthor, with W. K. Hatt, of a book, *Laboratory Manual for Testing Materials*.

He was a member of the American Concrete Institute, the American Society for Testing and Materials, the Committee on Materials of the Highway Research Board, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Sigma Xi, Phi Kappa Phi, Chi Epsilon, Pyramid, Triangle, and an honorary faculty member of the Tau Beta Pi.

Professor Scofield was recognized as an effective and dedicated teacher and was respected, or even at times a bit feared, by his students. He demanded high quality work and gave assignments calculated to force extensive effort. He was regarded as tough but fair. His returning former students would pay him the tribute of especially seeking

him out to chat about their practical, professional experiences and to recall how Professor Scofield's teaching had been of great value to them.

Herbert Scofield was a sports enthusiast and occasionally officiated at track and field events. As hobbies, he enjoyed fishing, golf, trailer travel, and mountain climbing. He was a member and past master of Lodge 123, Free and Accepted Masons, Lafayette, Indiana.

Professor Scofield is survived by two sons, Herbert T. Scofield and Robert L. Scofield; by two daughters, Mrs. Elizabeth K. S. Nielson and Mrs. Dorothy A. S. Simms; and by a brother, G. Glenn Scofield.

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