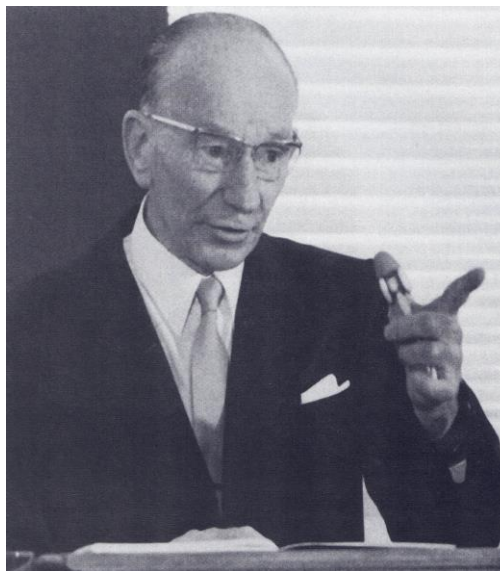


# French, William Charles ('Bill')

(1919-1986)



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Mrs Erica Riley (Bill's long-time auction clerk and secretary) and Frank Purvey with Bill  
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## Biographical and Other Notes

The 'doyen of London auctioneers', working for Glendining & Co. Highly respected by all.

He joined Phillips, Son & Neale in 1936. After the war he became understudy to Douglas Glendining. When Glendining retired in 1948, his company was taken over by Phillips and Bill French remained managing director until his death. His auctioneering style was impeccable, completely fair and straight and could cover over 200 lots per hour if needed!

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