

Obituary



Robert E. Shelby, a Fellow of the Society and Vice-President and Chief Engineer of the National Broadcasting Company, died unexpectedly in Teaneck, N.J., on December 6, at the age of 49.

A pioneer in the development of black-and-white and color television, Mr. Shelby had been associated with NBC since 1929. When the company first established its television development laboratory in the Empire State Building in New York in 1931, he was put in charge of the project, supervising the earliest experimental work in TV operation techniques.

From 1935 to 1937, he assisted in the organization of RCA-NBC field tests of all-electronic television and in the design of equipment and facilities for those tests. During World War II, Mr. Shelby directed NBC's wartime research and development activities, including the development of an airborne television reconnaissance system for the U.S. Navy. He also served during this time as technical consultant to the National Defense Research Committee.

Mr. Shelby participated actively for a number of years in the television standardization work of various industry committees. Before his promotion to Vice-President and Chief Engineer, he was director of Color Television Systems Development for NBC and in this post played an important role in the introduction of RCA-pioneered compatible color television.

He was elevated to the grade of Fellow in the Society on October 4, 1955, at the 78th Convention, Lake Placid, N.Y.

Education, Industry News

SMPTE to Compile Courses of Instruction Report

Formal steps have been taken by the Society to compile a report on motion-picture and television instruction in colleges and universities in the United States. Dr. John G. Frayne, SMPTE President, has appointed a Committee on College Motion-Picture and Television Curricula.

In 1946 Dr. Frayne compiled a report on motion-picture instruction in colleges and universities and in September 1950 this report was revised by Jack Morrison

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