

Biographical Note



Elsie L. Garvin

Miss Elsie Garvin, longtime head of the Research Library at Kodak Park Works and friend and colleague of hundreds of laboratory scientists, retired July 8, 1960, after forty years with Eastman Kodak Company.

As Librarian for Kodak Research Laboratories, Miss Garvin was in charge of an internationally famous reference center on photographic and related sciences. When she became Librarian, in 1923, there were 5000 technical volumes in the library; at the time of her retirement the library contained 30,000 books and thousands of articles and reports on microfilm.

Miss Garvin was born in Danville, Vermont, and was graduated from the University of Vermont in 1920. After her graduation she joined Eastman Kodak Company as Editor of the Monthly

Abstract Bulletin of Kodak Research Laboratories. Shortly thereafter she became Editor of Abridged Scientific Publications and Monographs, a post she held until her appointment as Librarian.

Long active as Chairman of the Science-Technology group of the national Special Libraries Association, she helped organize a Western New York Chapter in 1945. She served as President of the Chapter for a two-year term beginning in 1952. She is also a member of the Monroe County Library Association; the Chemical Literature Division of the American Chemical Society; and the American Association for University Women.

Among other publications to her credit is an extensive bibliography on high-speed photography, published in 1951, of which she is co-author. In 1955 she undertook a revision of this volume for special distribution at the Third International Congress on High-Speed Photography held in London.

During an interview at the time of her retirement, Miss Garvin noted that a recognizable trend in recent years has been the importance of translations of scientific reports from Russian and Japanese. The library's translations of articles from all foreign languages, which in 1923 was "only a handful," has grown to several thousand. Another addition to the library, which she mentioned as being of importance, is the large collection of government reports on scientific subjects.

Her plans for her retirement include travel and special attention to her favorite sports of bowling and golf.

Obituaries



Peter Mole

Peter Mole, President of Mole-Richardson Co. of Hollywood, died August 2, 1960, at La Jolla, Calif., at the age of 68. He was Past-President of the SMPTE (1951-52) and recipient of the Progress Medal (1948).

He was born in Termini, Sicily, Italy, in 1891 and came to the United States in 1907. He became a naturalized citizen in 1930. He was graduated an electrical engineer from Union College in 1915 and from 1915 until 1923 he was design engineer for General Electric Co. where he was active in the development of the General Electric searchlight and a high-intensity rotating carbon-arc theater projection lamp.

In 1923 he left General Electric and moved to California where he was General Manager of Creco, Inc., and soon became interested in motion-picture studio light-

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