

Obituaries



Richard H. Ranger

Richard H. Ranger, founder and President of Rangertone, Inc., died January 10, 1962, at the age of 72. A Fellow of this Society, he was recipient of its Samuel L. Warner Memorial Award for 1957 for the invention and development of a method of synchronizing sound recorded on magnetic tape to the motion picture camera. This same development was also honored by an Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences Award for Scientific or Technical Achievement (*Journal*, pp. 219-220, Apr. 1957). Recognized as a pioneer in communications electronics, he developed experimental radiophoto and facsimile equipment which was used on November 30, 1924, to send photographs of President Coolidge, and other faces in the news of

that time, across the Atlantic. Other inventions included an electronic organ and electronic chimes.

He was graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology with the degree of Bachelor of Science and continued his education at the Ecole Supérieure de l'Electricité in Paris. He served in both World Wars, with the rank of Captain in World War I; and in World War II, while serving with the Army Signal Corps, he attained the rank of Colonel.

Active for many years in Society affairs, his contributions to the *Journal* include a paper in the March 1950 issue on "Sprocketless Synchronous Magnetic Tape."



Alfred Landucci

Alfred Landucci, President of Kodak-Pathé, Eastman Kodak's associate company in France, died January 26, 1962, in Paris. He was 64. Associated with the Kodak company in France for nearly 40 years, during that time he was credited with many important technical developments, particularly those related to the production of photographic film base and emulsion coating.

At the beginning of World War I, when he was 17, he enlisted in the Army of France. At the end of the war he had attained the rank of Lieutenant, and had been awarded the Croix de Guerre with four citations and the Legion of Honor. In 1923 he joined the Pathé Cinema Company, which later became Kodak-Pathé, as supervisor of the film base department. In 1933 he was appointed assistant manager of the Vincennes plant.

In 1948 he received the rank of Officer of the Order of the Legion "for outstanding civilian service to France." In 1945 he became General Manager of Kodak-Pathé and in 1946 he was elected President. He was a member of a number of honorary scientific and professional organizations in France, and acted as advisor to the French Government on export trade.

A statement issued jointly by Albert K. Chapman, Vice-Chairman of the Board of Eastman Kodak, and William S. Vaughn, Kodak President said, in part: "Alfred Landucci, a man of colorful, engaging personality, was an executive of extraordinary talent, a brave soldier, and a warm friend of all his Kodak colleagues. He will be greatly missed by the French nation and by the Kodak organizations here and overseas. His was a distinguished career and he will long live in the affectionate memory of us all."



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