

Obituaries



John W. DuVall

John W. DuVall died suddenly January 23 at his home in Granada Hills, Calif.

He was 52 years old. A native of Kansas City, Mo., he served as a radio officer in the Air Transport Command during World War II. In 1947 he joined the E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co. as a photographic trade sales representative in San Diego. In 1948 he was assigned to the firm's Los Angeles district sales office and at the time of his death he held the post of Technical Representative. In 1949 he became a member of the Society and later was made a Fellow. His many activities on behalf of the Society included service on the Board of Governors, National Membership Chairman, and Chairman of the Hollywood Section. He was also a member of the American Society of Cinematographers.



William C. White

William C. White, a pioneer in vacuum-tube engineering, died January 29 in Schenectady, N.Y., at the age of 74. Throughout his 44-year career with the General Electric Company, Mr. White was engaged in the development of vacuum tubes and electronic circuits and had received more than 40 patents for his work. He held the Columbia University medal for excellence, awarded him in 1948 in recognition of his "advancement of knowledge in the field of electronics." A native of Brooklyn, Mr. White was graduated from Columbia University in 1912 and joined the staff of the General Electric Research Laboratory later that same year. Among his earliest achievements was pumping out the first high-vacuum triode built by General Electric.

In the mid-1920s he directed the development of the water-cooled transmitting triode. In 1930 he left the Research Laboratory to head the company's newly-organized Vacuum Tube Engineering Department where he played an important part in the development of the hot-cathode mercury-vapor rectifier, the first thyatron, and later the steel-envelope sealed-off thyatron, phanotron, and ignitron. In 1942 he joined the new Electronics Laboratory, returning to the Research Laboratory in 1944 where he served first as an electronics engineer and later as a consulting engineer. He retired in 1955 and returned to the laboratory in 1957, serving as a consultant until 1958.

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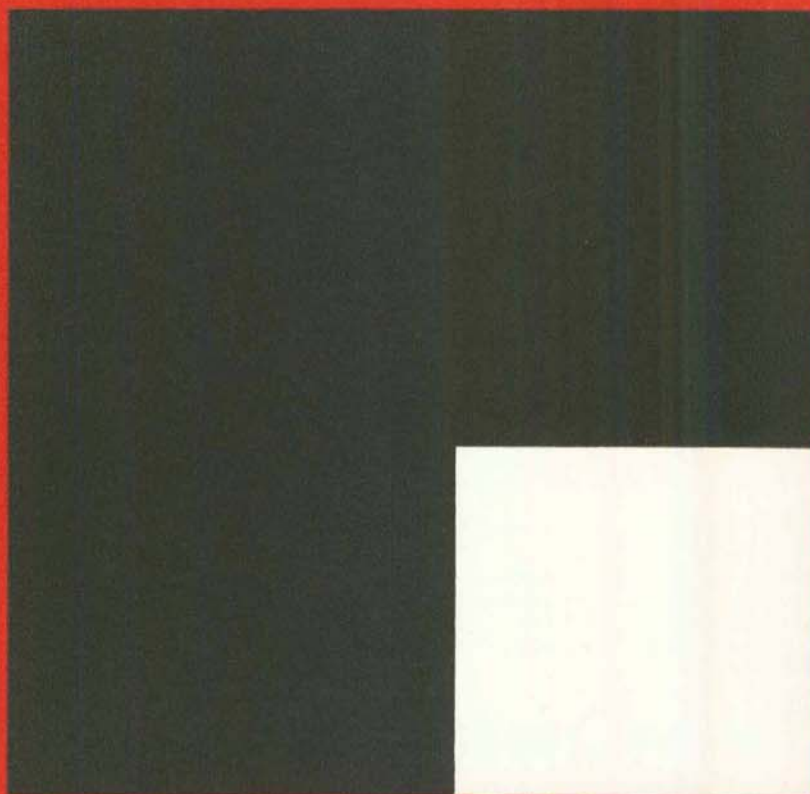
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