

Biographical Notes



Roy D. Cahoon

Roy D. Cahoon, whose career with Canadian Broadcasting Corp. had extended over some 38 years, retired 1 July 1973 as Vice-President, Engineering, a post he had held since 1969.

He was born 1 March 1911 in Cardston,

Alberta. He attended Montreal University and Toronto University where he received the degree of Bachelor of Applied Sciences in Electrical Engineering. He also did postgraduate work in Engineering at McGill University in Montreal. In 1935 he joined the Canadian Radio Broadcasting Commission (CBC's predecessor) as Studio Construction Engineer in Ottawa. A year later he became Special Operations Engineer at CBC's Engineering Headquarters in Montreal. In 1939 he was appointed Prairie Regional Director at Watrous, Saskatchewan, where he took charge of a new 50,000-W station. Two years later he returned to Montreal to become involved with planning the installation of the short-wave transmitters for the CBC International Service at Sackville, New Brunswick. When the station was built he became the first senior engineer. The station started operation in 1945, its first objective being to broadcast news from home to Canadian troops in Europe.

In 1945, Mr. Cahoon attended the first

Commonwealth Broadcasting Conference at London, England; he also has represented CBC at conferences in New Delhi, Nigeria, Jamaica and Kenya. He was Chairman of the Engineering Committee at the conferences in Jamaica (1970) and Kenya (1973). In 1959 he was appointed to a two-man television commission lent by Canada to Ghana with an assignment to study conditions in Ghana and to recommend to the Ghanaian government a system and a plan for establishing a television service in that country.

Among other activities, Mr. Cahoon directed the conversion of the Canadian networks to color in 1966. He also built the International Broadcasting Centre at EXPO Montreal in 1966 and he has been responsible for the development of non-network TV stations for Northern Canada (Frontier Coverage Packages).

He is a Fellow of the SMPTE and he is also a Fellow of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers. His membership in other professional organizations includes the Engineering Institute of Canada, Corporation of Engineers, Quebec, and the American Management Association.

Mr. Cahoon presently resides in the Montreal suburb of Dollard des Ormeaux.

G. Carleton Hunt Honored by SMPTE and DeLuxe General Laboratories

G. Carleton Hunt, former President of DeLuxe General Laboratories and a Past-President of SMPTE was the guest of honor at a gathering held at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel in Beverly Hills on the occasion of his retirement as Chairman of the Board of DeLuxe General Laboratories. He received a bronze plaque from the Society and a scroll from DeLuxe General.

The plaque, presented by Wilton R. Holm, then SMPTE President, was inscribed: "The Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers has awarded G. Carleton Hunt this special commendation for his initiative, dedication and leadership, both in the SMPTE and in the motion picture industry — 22 December 1972 — Wilton R. Holm, President,

SMPTE."

The scroll, presented by Robert T. Kreiman, Mr. Hunt's successor as President of DeLuxe General, contained the names of all of the employees of DeLuxe General and the message: "In recognition and sincere appreciation of the many years G. Carleton Hunt dedicated to providing leadership for DeLuxe General, we, the employees who benefited so richly from his guidance and friendship wish to say thanks."

A Fellow of the Society, Mr. Hunt served as President for the 1967-68 term. Among other activities in behalf of the Society he served as Chairman of the Progress Report Committee (1969-1971). He joined the Society in 1947. At that time he

was with RKO as technical supervisor of operations in the Editorial Department. He had previously acted as projectionist, sound engineer and in other technical capacities for Warner Brothers Theaters, Paramount and other Hollywood motion-picture organizations. Prior to his joining DeLuxe Laboratories (later DeLuxe General), he had been President of General Films Laboratories (of which he was one of the founders), Chairman of the Board of Pacific Industries and President of Glen Glenn Sound Co. He became President of DeLuxe Laboratories in 1964. In 1972 he became Chairman of the Board of DeLuxe General Laboratories in Hollywood and was succeeded as President by Mr. Kreiman.



G. Carleton Hunt presented with plaque by SMPTE President Wilton R. Holm.



G. Carleton Hunt presented with scroll by Robert T. Kreiman.