

## OPEN FORUM

One of the chief reasons why our Society changed its form of publication from quarterly *Transactions* to a monthly JOURNAL was to permit the dissemination of information which is not made available at our conventions. The transactions of a society merely record the proceedings at the society's meetings whereas it is proper for a journal to publish any matter pertaining to the welfare of the society.

Our Society will thrive only if each member takes a deep interest in its welfare. Having the interests of our Society at heart, each of you must have suggestions for making our JOURNAL and conventions of greater value to the industry. It is with this object in view, that at a meeting of the Board of Governors at New York City on December 19th, it was resolved: "That an open forum be established as a new department of the JOURNAL, in which might be published letters and communications from members relating to material in the JOURNAL or to other matters appertaining to the welfare of the Society, subject to the discretion of the Editor and Board of Editors."

May I suggest correspondence on subjects such as the following:

- (a) Better ways of conducting the conventions.
- (b) Problems for research.
- (c) Problems for investigation by the various committees.
- (d) Discussion of technical papers appearing in the JOURNAL, with comments on the success or failure of their application.
- (e) Description of interesting or new developments which have come to your attention during your travels, thereby giving all the members the benefit of this knowledge.
- (f) Preliminary announcements of investigations and discoveries which are to be more fully reported at a later date in formal papers.

Remember that the Society of Motion Picture Engineers is *your* Society and although many of us are widely separated geographically, let us meet monthly in the Open Forum.

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