

## SOCIETY ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW YORK CONVENTION, APRIL 24-28, 1933

The semi-annual convention of the Society was held in New York, N. Y., April 24th-28th, with headquarters at the Hotel Pennsylvania. The success of the five-day meeting was due in large part to the efforts of Mr. W. C. Kunzmann, chairman of the Convention Arrangements Committee; Mr. O. M. Glunt, chairman of the Papers Committee, and his associates; and to the following individuals and firms:

Mr. H. Griffin and Mr. H. Heidegger, of the International Projector Corp., for providing and installing the projection equipment; Mr. A. L. Raven, of the Raven Screen Corp., for supplying and installing the projection screens; the Bausch & Lomb Optical Co., for the projection lenses; the Blue Seal Sound Products, Inc., for supplying the projection booth for the banquet hall; Messrs. J. H. Spray and H. Mayer, of Warner Bros. Pictures, Inc., for providing entertainment on the evening of the semi-annual banquet. Thanks are due Major Edward Bowes, of the Capitol Theater; Mr. H. B. Franklin, of Radio City Music Hall; Mr. H. Charnas, of Warner Bros. Strand Theater, for invitations kindly extended to members of the Society to visit their respective theaters during the week of the convention. Interesting film programs were provided for three evenings at the hotel by the following companies: Columbia Pictures Corp., Fox Film Co., Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, Inc., United Artists, Inc., Universal Pictures Corp., Mr. W. J. Vanderbilt, and Warner Bros. Pictures, Inc. Credit is due also to Mrs. E. I. Sponable for arranging an interesting program for the ladies attending the convention.

At the luncheon which opened the convention on April 24th, addresses were delivered by Mr. Terry Ramsaye, of the *Motion Picture Herald*; Mr. M. A. Lightman, president of the M. P. T. O. A.; and Captain Paul Kimberley, of England, bearer of a friendly message from the president of the British Kinematograph Society to the Society of Motion Picture Engineers.

### PROGRAM

#### MONDAY, APRIL 24TH

The morning was devoted to organization of the Convention, registration, meetings of committees, etc.

**12:30 P. M. Luncheon** (for members and their families and friends).

Speakers: Mr. Terry Ramsaye, Mr. M. A. Lightman, Captain Paul Kimberley (*London*).

**2:30 P. M. Business Session.**

Opening of Convention; A. N. Goldsmith, *President*.

Report of the Secretary, J. H. Kurlander.

Report of the Treasurer, H. T. Cowling.

Report of the Convention Arrangements Committee; W. C. Kunzmann,  
*Chairman.*  
Society Business.

**3:00 P. M. General Session.** PRESIDENT A. N. GOLDSMITH, *Chairman.*

- "Application of Motion Picture Development in Other Fields;" O. H. Caldwell, *Electronics*, McGraw-Hill Publishing Co., New York, N. Y.  
"History of Animated Cartoons;" E. Theisen, *Honorary Curator*, Motion Picture Collections, Los Angeles Museum.  
"The Sound Film Program of the United States Department of Agriculture;" R. Evans, Division of Motion Pictures, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.  
"Audiphone—"Out of the Silence;" C. W. Barrell, Western Electric Co., New York, N. Y.

**8:00 P. M. Lectures.** PRESIDENT A. N. GOLDSMITH, *Chairman.*

- "Unoccupied Motion Picture Fields" (Some Discoveries of the Payne Fund Research); W. H. Short, *Director*, Motion Picture Research Council, New York, N. Y.  
"Photoplay Appreciation in the Nation's Schools;" W. Lewin, National Council of Teachers of English, Newark, N. J.  
Several interesting talking motion pictures were shown.

**TUESDAY, APRIL 25TH**

**9:30 A. M. Studio Session.** MESSRS. E. I. SPONABLE AND J. H. KURLANDER,  
*Chairmen.*

- "RCA Victor High Fidelity Film Recording Equipment;" S. Read, Jr., RCA Victor Co., Camden, N. J.  
Report of the Progress Committee, Part I; J. G. Frayne, *Chairman.*  
Report of the Studio Lighting Committee; P. Mole, *Chairman.*  
Report of the Sound Committee; H. B. Santee, *Chairman.*  
"The Preselection of Takes for Processing from Exposed Undeveloped Negative;" D. W. Ridgway, RKO Studios, Hollywood, Calif.  
"Professional Motion Picture Photography with High-Power Short-Life Incandescent Lamps;" M. W. Palmer, Motion Picture Lighting Co., Long Island City, N. Y., and E. W. Beggs, Westinghouse Lamp Co., Bloomfield, N. J.  
"Economies in Film Consumption by the Preselection Method;" G. Best, Warner Bros. West Coast Studios, Hollywood, Calif.

**2:00 P. M. Exhibition Session.** MR. E. HUSE, *Chairman.*

- "Radio City Sound Equipment;" B. Kreuzer, RCA Victor Co., Camden, N. J.  
Report of the Progress Committee, Part II; J. G. Frayne, *Chairman.*  
Report of the Projection Theory Committee; A. C. Hardy, *Chairman.*  
Report of the Projection Screens Committee; S. K. Wolf, *Chairman.*  
"A New AC Projection Arc;" D. B. Joy and A. C. Downes, National Carbon Co., Cleveland, Ohio.

- "Avoidance of Eye Fatigue;" F. H. Richardson, *Motion Picture Herald*, New York, N. Y.
- "Wide-Screen Photography with Cylindrical Anamorphosing System;" H. S. Newcomer, Consulting Engineer, New York, N. Y.
- "The Morgana Color Process;" J. A. Dubray, Bell & Howell Co., Hollywood, Calif.
- "Sound Recording and Reproducing Using 16-Mm. Film;" C. N. Batsel and J. O. Baker, RCA Victor Co., Camden, N. J.

**8:00 P. M.** This evening was left open for visits to local theaters.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26th**

**9:30 A. M. Photographic Session.** MR. T. E. SHEA, *Chairman*.

- "Sound Film Printing;" J. Crabtree, Bell Telephone Laboratories, Inc., New York, N. Y.
- "Sensitometric Control in the Processing of Motion Picture Film in Hollywood;" E. Huse, Eastman Kodak Co., Hollywood, Calif.
- "The Eastman *IIB* Sensitometer as a Control Instrument in the Processing of Motion Picture Film;" G. A. Chambers and I. D. Wratten, Eastman Kodak Co., Hollywood, Calif.
- "Some Properties of Two-Bath Developers for Motion Picture Film;" J. I. Crabtree, H. Parker, and H. D. Russell, Eastman Kodak Co., Rochester, N. Y.
- "An Improved Potassium Alum Fixing Bath Containing Boric Acid;" H. D. Russell and J. I. Crabtree, Eastman Kodak Co., Rochester, N. Y.
- "Directional Effect in Processing;" J. Crabtree, Bell Telephone Laboratories, Inc., New York, N. Y.

**2:00 P. M. Projection Session.** PRESIDENT A. N. GOLDSMITH, *Chairman*.

- Report of the Projection Practice Committee; H. Rubin, *Chairman*.
- "Image Distortion in the Projection and Viewing of Motion Pictures;" C. Tuttle, Eastman Kodak Co., Rochester, N. Y.

**7:00 P. M. Convention Banquet.**

Dancing, Motion Pictures, and Entertainment.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 27th**

**9:30 A. M. General Session.\*** PRESIDENT GOLDSMITH presented MR. J. I. CRABTREE, *Chairman*.

Address of Welcome, by E. H. Colpitts.

- "Recent Developments in Hill and Dale Recording" (with demonstration); H. C. Harrison, Bell Telephone Laboratories, Inc., New York, N. Y.
- "An Experimental Apparatus for the Projection of Motion Pictures in Relief" (with demonstration); H. E. Ives, Bell Telephone Laboratories, Inc., New York, N. Y.
- Report of S. M. P. E. Fellow; "An Introduction to the Experimental Study of Visual Fatigue;" P. Snell, University of Rochester.

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\* This session was held in the auditorium of Bell Telephone Laboratories, Inc.

**2:00 P. M. Standardization Session.** MR. T. E. SHEA, *Chairman.*

"National Standardization in America;" P. G. Agnew, *Secretary*, American Standards Association, New York, N. Y.

"S. M. P. E. Standardization Program;" L. A. Jones, Eastman Kodak Co., Rochester, N. Y.

Report of the Standards Committee; M. C. Batsel, *Chairman.*

"Wave Form Analysis of Variable Width Records;" O. Sandvik, V. C. Hall, and J. G. Streiffert, Eastman Kodak Co., Rochester, N. Y.

"Analysis of Sound Quality with the Variable Density Method from Sensitometric Data;" R. Schmidt and A. Kuester, Agfa Ansco Corp., Binghamton, N. Y.

"The Aperture Alignment Effect;" E. D. Cook, RCA Victor Co., Camden, N. J.

**8:00 P. M.** Exhibition of recent talking motion pictures.

## FRIDAY, APRIL 28TH

**9:30 P. M. General Session.** MR. T. E. SHEA, *Chairman.*

Report of the Committee on Non-Theatrical Equipment; R. E. Farnham, *Chairman.*

"The Reproduction of Orchestral Music in Auditory Perspective;" J. Mill, Bell Telephone Laboratories, Inc.

"Personality and the Voice;" Ivah L. Bradley, New York, N. Y.

"A Description and Demonstration of the Ciné-Kodak Special;" O. Wittel, J. Stoiber, and F. Tuttle, Eastman Kodak Co., Rochester, N. Y.

"Motion Pictures for Records and Teaching with the Ciné-Kodak Special;" H. B. Tuttle, Eastman Kodak Co., Rochester, N. Y., and R. P. Schwartz, University of Rochester.

Report of the Museum Committee; E. Theisen, *Chairman.*

Report of the Committee on the Preservation of Film; W. H. Carson, *Chairman.*

"A Non-Intermittent High-Speed 16-Mm. Camera;" F. Tuttle, Eastman Kodak Co., Rochester, N. Y.

"Lightweight Single Film Recording System for Newsreels and Travelogues;" C. R. Sawyer, Electrical Research Products, Inc., New York, N. Y.

**2:00 P. M. General Session.** PRESIDENT A. N. GOLDSMITH, *Chairman.*

"New Developments in Portable Gas-Electric Generators for Motion Picture Lighting;" P. Mole, Mole-Richardson, Inc., Hollywood, Calif.

"Silenced or Silent Motion Picture Camera;" H. R. Kossman, André Debrie, Inc., New York, N. Y.

"Military Training and Historical Films;" F. W. Hoorn, U. S. Signal Corps.

"A Triplex Moviola for Rerecording Editing;" J. Aalberg, RKO Studios, Hollywood, Calif.

"Recording Equipment;" D. Canady, Canady Sound Appliance Co., Cleveland, Ohio.

## BOARD OF GOVERNORS

At the Board meeting held at the Hotel Pennsylvania, New York, N. Y., on April 23rd, final arrangements for the Spring Convention, to begin the following day, were completed. The final program as approved by the Board is given in the preceding section.

Considerable attention was given by the Board to the various financial problems confronting the Society, and the desirability of revising the schedule of membership charges. In view of the existing economic situation, it seemed to be desirable that a certain degree of flexibility be allowed the Board in administering the fiscal affairs of the Society and to admit of adjusting the dues and other charges conformably to the changing conditions of the times. The following addition to By-Law VII was therefore framed for submission to the general membership during the Convention:

*Addition to By-Law VII*

**Sec. 7.** *The provisions of Sections 1 to 5, inclusive, of this By-Law VII, given above, may be modified or rescinded by action of the Board of Governors.*

At the meeting of the Society on the afternoon of Monday, April 24th, the above addition to By-Law VII was unanimously approved.

The Sections 1 to 5, referred to in this new Section 7, are as follows:

SEC. 1. The entrance fees for all applicants shall be \$10.00 for admission to the grade of Active member, and \$5.00 for admission to the grade of Associate member.

SEC. 2. The transfer fee from Associate to Active grade shall be the difference between the above mentioned fees, or \$5.00.

SEC. 3. The annual dues shall be \$20.00 for Active members, and \$10.00 for Associate members, payable on or before October 1st of each year. Current or first year's dues for new members, dating from the notification of acceptance in the Society, shall be prorated on a quarterly basis, said quarters beginning October 1st, January 1st, April 1st, and July 1st. Nine dollars of these dues shall apply for annual subscription to the monthly publication.

SEC. 4. Annual dues shall be paid in advance. All Active members in good standing, who shall have paid dues for the preceding year, may vote or otherwise participate in the meeting.

SEC. 5. Members shall be considered delinquent whose dues remain unpaid for four months. Members who are in arrears of dues for 30 days after notice of such delinquency, mailed to their last address of record, shall have their names posted at the Society's headquarters which shall be the General Office, and notices of such action mailed them. Two months after becoming delinquent, members shall be dropped from the rolls if non-payment is continued.

A general discussion of the activities of the various committees of the Society was held, in preparation for the joint meeting of the Board of Governors and chairmen of committees to be held the following day, and described below. With regard to the recent request of the Committee on the Development and Care of Film that the name of the committee be changed in order that it be more descriptive of the aims and functions of the Committee, the Board agreed that the Committee should hereafter be known as the Committee on Laboratory and Exchange Practice. Considerable discussion was also held concerning the possibility of widely distributing among exchanges and exhibitors the test film developed under the supervision of the Projection Practice Committee, presented at this Convention in conjunction with the report of that Committee, and briefly described in the Society Announcements sections of previous issues of the JOURNAL.

The next meeting of the Board is to be held on July 14th.

**SUSTAINING MEMBERS**

Bausch & Lomb Optical Co.  
Bell Telephone Laboratories  
Burnett-Timken Laboratories  
Eastman Kodak Co.  
Electrical Research Products, Inc.  
National Carbon Co.  
RCA Victor Co., Inc.

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**HONOR ROLL**

**OF THE**

**SOCIETY OF MOTION PICTURE ENGINEERS**

*By action of the Board of Governors, October 4, 1931, this Honor Roll was established for the purpose of perpetuating the names of distinguished pioneers who are now deceased:*

LOUIS AIMÉ AUGUSTIN LE PRINCE  
WILLIAM FRIESE-GREENE  
THOMAS ALVA EDISON  
GEORGE EASTMAN  
JEAN ACME LE ROY

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