

SOCIETY ANNOUNCEMENTS

WASHINGTON CONVENTION

As this issue of the JOURNAL goes to press at the time of the Fall Convention at Washington, D. C., details concerning the Convention will be published in the December issue. The Tentative Program of the Convention, which was mailed to all the members of the Society recently, will, as usual, be followed by the Final Program, which will be distributed at the Convention. For the benefit of those who were unable to attend the Convention, the Final Program and a description of the highlights of the Meeting will be published in the next issue. The papers presented at the various sessions will be published in the JOURNAL during the next few months.

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

At a meeting held at the Hotel Pennsylvania, New York, N. Y., September 26th, the following items were considered by the Committee: (1) report on the European 16-mm. sound film situation by Mr. G. Friedl, who attended the recent Berlin and Paris Congresses as representative of the Sectional Committee on Motion Pictures under the A. S. A., and from Dr. W. Clark, who attended the Paris Congress as chairman of the American National Committee of the International Congress of Photography; (2) the relation of the S. M. P. E. Standards Committee to the various other standardizing groups, foreign and domestic; (3) proposed revision of various drawings in the Standards Booklet, in order to clarify them and increase their usefulness; (4) possibility of standardizing camera, sound, and printer sprockets; (5) possible standardization of screen brightness; (6) consideration of the photoelectric cell standards proposed by the British Standards Institution; (7) proposed layout for 8-mm. sound film; (8) 16-mm. sound test film, similar to the present S. M. P. E. Standard 35-Mm. Sound Test Film; (9) dimensions and footage of reels, proposed by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences; (10) possibility of supplying standard densities to studios and laboratories for checking their densitometric work; (11) proposed change of lead of the sound over the picture from the present standard of 25 frames to 26 frames, proposed at the recent Congress at Paris; (12) definition of safety stock.

The various items listed above will be discussed in detail in the Report of the Standards Committee, to be presented at the Washington Convention and subsequently published in the JOURNAL.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

A special meeting of the Board of Governors was held at the Hotel Pennsylvania, New York, N. Y., September 13th, for the principal purpose of completing work upon "Administrative Practices," which had been begun nearly a year ago, but the completion of which was constantly interfered with in the meantime

by current matters. "Administrative Practices" is a compendium of all current operating policies and procedures of the Society, instituted by the Board of Governors aside from the provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws, and is for the guidance and reference of the members of the Board in their work. It is to be continually kept up to date, as new policies or actions are taken by the Board at the various meetings.

SOCIETY AWARDS

Announcement of the recipients of the Journal Award and the Progress Medal Award will be made at the Semi-Annual Banquet of the Society at the Washington Convention, October 23rd. The Journal Award is given for the most outstanding paper originally published in the JOURNAL during the preceding calendar year; and the Progress Medal is awarded in recognition of any invention, research, or development which, in the opinion of the Progress Award Committee and the Board of Governors, shall have resulted in a significant advance in the development of motion picture technology. The Progress Medal Award, it will be noted, does not necessarily apply to work done only during the current year.

PACIFIC COAST SECTION

Election of officers of the Pacific Coast Section has just been completed, with the following results:

G. F. RACKETT, *Chairman*
H. W. MOYSE, *Secretary-Treasurer*
C. W. HANDLEY, *Manager*

The fourth member of the Board of Managers is K. F. Morgan, *Manager*, whose term does not expire until December 31, 1936. Mr. E. Huse remains a member of the Board for another year, as *Past-Chairman*.

2000-FT. REEL

Proposals for the standardization of a 2000-ft. reel to take the place of the present 1000-ft. reel were recently made by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. The subject had previously been considered and reported on by the S. M. P. E. Committees on Projection Practice and Exchange Practice in the June, 1934, JOURNAL.

Meetings of representatives of the various exchange companies were recently held for the purpose of considering these proposals and for gathering economic and technical data involved in changing from the present standard to the proposed one, in the offices of the Motion Picture Producers and Distributors of America, under the chairmanship of Mr. A. S. Dickinson. As a result of these deliberations it appears that the industry is favorable toward making the change, if certain conditions are adhered to for the present, and a complete report on the subject will be presented by Mr. Dickinson at the Washington Convention, May 21st.

RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

As an extension of the researches carried on at the U. S. Bureau of Standards in the Paper Section, relative to the preservation of records on paper, a study was recently initiated on the stability of cellulose acetate motion picture films with respect to their use for the reproduction of record material. Dr. J. R. Hill, formerly associate chemist in the Examining Division, Civil Service Commission, and assistant chemist in the Bureau of Chemistry and Soils, was appointed Research Associate by the sponsoring National Research Council to conduct the investigation.

SOCIETY SUPPLIES

Reprints of *Standards of the SMPE and Recommended Practice* may be obtained from the General Office of the Society at the price of twenty-five cents each.

Copies of *Aims and Accomplishments*, an index of the *Transactions* from October, 1916, to June, 1930, containing summaries of all the articles, and author and classified indexes, may be obtained from the General Office at the price of one dollar each. Only a limited number of copies remains.

Certificates of Membership may be obtained from the General Office by all members for the price of one dollar. Lapel buttons of the Society's insignia are also available at the same price.

Black fabrikoid binders, lettered in gold, designed to hold a year's supply of the *JOURNAL*, may be obtained from the General Office for two dollars each. The purchaser's name and the volume number may be lettered in gold upon the back-bone of the binder at an additional charge of fifty cents each.

Requests for any of these supplies should be directed to the General Office of the Society at the Hotel Pennsylvania, New York, N. Y., accompanied by the appropriate remittance.

The Society regrets to announce the death of

WILLIAM KENNEDY LAURIE DICKSON

Honorary Member of the Society

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