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# The Society of Motion Picture Engineers

## Its Aims and Accomplishments

The Society was founded in 1916, its purpose, as expressed in its Constitution, being the "advancement in the theory and practice of motion picture engineering and the allied arts and sciences, the standardization of the mechanisms and practices employed therein, and the maintenance of a high professional standing among its members."

The membership of the Society is composed of the technical experts in the various research laboratories and other engineering branches of the industry, executives in the manufacturing, producing, and exhibiting branches, studio and laboratory technicians, cinematographers, projectionists, and others interested in motion picture engineering.

The Society holds two conventions a year, spring and fall, at various places and generally lasting four days. At these meetings papers dealing with all phases of the industry—theoretical, technical, and practical—are presented and discussed, and equipment and methods are often demonstrated. A wide range of subjects is covered, many of the authors being the highest authorities in their particular lines of endeavor. On occasion, special developments, such as the SMPE Standard Visual and Sound Test-Reels, designed for the general improvement of the motion picture art, are placed at the disposal of the membership and the industry.

Papers presented at conventions, together with contributed articles, translations and reprints, and other material of interest to the motion picture engineer are published monthly in the JOURNAL of the Society. The publications of the Society constitute the most complete existing technical library of the motion picture industry.

### SPRING, 1937, CONVENTION

HOTEL ROOSEVELT, HOLLYWOOD, CALIF., MAY 24TH-27TH, INCL.

The next semi-annual Convention of the Society will be held at Hollywood, May 24th-27th, inclusive, with headquarters at the Roosevelt Hotel. An unusually fine program of papers and presentations is being planned by Mr. J. I. Crabtree, *Editorial Vice-President*, and Mr. G. E. Matthews, *Chairman*, Papers Committee.

The Convention Committee, under the leadership of Mr. W. C. Kunzmann, is collaborating with the Board of Managers of the Pacific Coast Section toward making the Convention a most pleasant and interesting one. All members are urged to lay plans in advance to attend the Convention, perhaps by combining their vacations with the trip. Complete details of the program and other features will be forthcoming shortly.

Special summer tourists rates will be effective on all railroads after May 15th.