

SOCIETY ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLLYWOOD CONVENTION

As the Hollywood Convention will be in progress at the time this issue of the JOURNAL goes to press, further details will be published in the succeeding issue. The tentative program and abstracts of many of the papers will be found in the May issue, and in the July issue will be published a description of the highlights of the Convention, together with the final program as actually followed.

ATLANTIC COAST SECTION

At a meeting held on April 21st at the Studios of RCA Photophone, Inc., New York, N. Y., Dr. V. K. Zworykin, *Director*, Electronic Research Laboratory of RCA Manufacturing Company, Camden, N. J., presented a paper on television. The meeting was well attended and considerable interest was shown in the discussion that followed the presentation. The material presented by Dr. Zworykin is contained in large part in an article published by him in the May issue of the JOURNAL, supplemented by a rather complete description of the television installations in the Empire State Building and Radio City, New York.

PACIFIC COAST SECTION

At a meeting held at the Hollywood-Roosevelt Hotel on April 15th, Mr. G. F. Rackett presented a discussion of the production activities of the various motion picture producers in England, and compared their activities with relation to those in Hollywood. Following Mr. Rackett, Mr. A. E. F. MacInerny, who has been connected with studio and theater installations in Great Britain and Japan, elaborated further on the operation of the British studios and the markets for British and American-made films.

Mr. Jack Okey, who has also been connected with the construction of British studios, continued the discussion further, with regard to the local conditions governing studio construction, and Messrs. C. Rosher, A. Gilks, and R. Rennahan, who had all taken part as cameramen in the production of various British pictures, discussed some of the problems facing the cameramen in British studios.

JOURNAL AWARD AND PROGRESS MEDAL

The following regulations pertaining to the Journal Award and the Progress Medal of the Society of Motion Picture Engineers are published in accordance with the provisions for such publication contained therein. Members of the Society who wish to nominate recipients for either or both the Awards should communicate their nominations to the General Office of the Society as promptly as possible.

JOURNAL AWARD

The Journal Award Committee shall consist of five Fellows or Active members of the Society who shall be appointed by the President and confirmed by the Board of Governors. The Chairman of the Committee shall be designated by the President.

A cash award (\$50, or other sum as may be appropriated by the Board of Governors) shall be made at the Fall Convention of the Society to the author or authors of the most outstanding paper which is originally published in the JOURNAL of the Society during the preceding calendar year. This Award shall be known as the Journal Award. An appropriate certificate shall be presented to the author or to each of the authors, as the case may be.

A list of five other papers shall also be recommended for honorable mention by the Committee.

A majority vote of the entire Committee shall be required for the election to the Award. Absent members may vote in writing.

The Committee shall be required to make its report to the Board of Governors for ratification at least one month prior to the Fall Meeting of the Society.

These regulations, a list of the names of those who have received the Journal Award, the year of each award, and the titles of the papers shall be published annually in the JOURNAL of the Society. In addition, the list of five papers selected for honorable mention shall be published in the JOURNAL of the Society during the year current with the Award.

The Journal Award Committee for the current year is as follows:

E. A. WILLIFORD, *Chairman*

A. C. HARDY

E. HUSE

G. F. RACKETT

The Awards in previous years have been as follows:

1934—Peter Andrew Snell, for his paper entitled "An Introduction to the Experimental Study of Visual Fatigue." (*Published May, 1933*)

1935—Lloyd Ancile Jones and Julian Hale Webb, for their paper entitled "Reciprocity Law Failure in Photographic Exposure." (*Published September, 1934*)

1936—E. W. Kellogg, for his paper entitled "A Comparison of Variable-Density and Variable-Width Systems." (*Published September, 1935*)

PROGRESS MEDAL

The Progress Award Committee shall consist of five Fellows or Active members of the Society, who shall be appointed by the President and confirmed by the Board of Governors. The Chairman of the Committee shall be designated by the President.

The Progress Medal shall be awarded each year to an individual in recognition of any invention, research, or development which in the opinion of the Committee, shall have resulted in a significant advance in the development of motion picture technology.

Any member of the Society of Motion Picture Engineers may recommend persons deemed worthy of the award. The recommendation in each case shall be in writing and in detail as to the accomplishments which are thought to justify consideration. The recommendation shall be seconded in writing by any two Fellows

or Active members of the Society, who shall set forth their knowledge of the accomplishments of the candidate which, in their opinion justify consideration.

The Committee shall meet during the month of July. Notice of the meeting of the Committee held for the purpose of considering the award of the Progress Medal shall appear in the June issue of the JOURNAL. All proposals shall reach the Chairman not later than June 20th.

A majority vote of the entire Committee shall be required to constitute an award of the Progress Medal. Absent members may vote in writing.

The report of the Committee shall be presented to the Board of Governors for ratification at least one month before the Fall Meeting of the Society.

The recipient of the Progress Medal shall be asked to present a photograph of himself to the Society, and, at the discretion of the Committee, may be asked to prepare a paper for publication in the JOURNAL of the Society.

The regulations, a list of the names of those who have received the medal, the year of each award, and a statement of the reason for the awards shall be published annually in the JOURNAL of the Society.

The Progress Medal Award Committee for the current year is as follows:

A. N. GOLDSMITH, *Chairman*

M. C. BATSEL

J. I. CRABTREE

R. M. EVANS

The 1935 Award was made to Edward Christopher Wente, for his work in the field of sound recording and reproduction (*cf. issue of December, 1935*).

The 1936 Award was made to Charles Edward Kenneth Mees for his work in photography (*cf. issue of December, 1936*).

The meeting of the Committee will be held July 6th.

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