

## REPORT OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

*Summary.*—Letter ballots taken by the SMPE Standards Committee recently gave approval to two projects, viz., (1) the designation of the direction of winding 16-mm film perforated along one edge, and (2) the method of edge-numbering 16-mm motion picture film. These projects have been approved by the Board of Governors and are published here in accordance with the Standardization Procedure adopted recently by the Board.

On two following pages are shown two SMPE Recommended Practices recently approved by letter-ballot of the SMPE Standards Committee, as follows:

(1) *Designation of Direction of Winding 16-Mm Film Perforated along One Edge.*—For a long time there has been some divergence of practice among the various companies of the industry in designating the direction of winding of 16-mm film, and it is the intent of this SMPE Recommended Practice to establish a uniform method of making such designations. The specification given on the following page has been adopted by the large film manufacturing companies in addition to approval by letter ballot of the SMPE Standards Committee, and subsequent ratification by the SMPE Board of Governors.

(2) *Edge-Numbering Interval for 16-Mm Motion Picture Film.*—Quite a number of proposals for edge-numbering 16-mm film have come from various parts of the industry. One of the proposals was to place numbers on the film at 16-frame intervals corresponding to one-foot intervals on 35-mm film; at one-foot intervals; and at intervals corresponding to seconds of screen time. After considerable study and discussion with various companies of the industry, the Committee arrived at the specification shown on the following page. It has been ratified by the SMPE Board of Governors.

These specifications are published in accordance with the Standardization Procedure for the Standards Committee adopted by the Board of Governors. If after thirty days from the date of publication of this issue of the JOURNAL, no adverse comments are received by the Chairman of the Standards Committee from the membership of the Society with regard to these two items, the specifications described

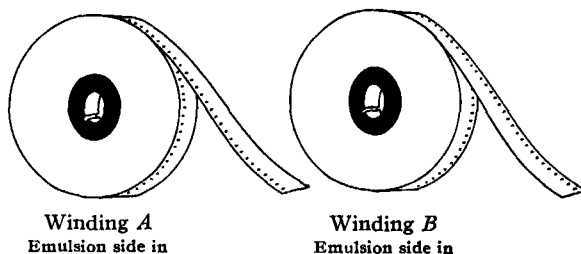
herein will be referred to the Board of Governors of the Society for action upon them as proposals for either American Standards or American Recommended Practices. Comments on these proposals are invited from readers of the JOURNAL.

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<b>SMPE RECOMMENDED PRACTICE</b> <b>For 16-mm Motion Picture Film</b>		<b>SMPE</b> <b>July, 1941</b>
<b>DESIGNATION OF DIRECTION OF WINDING</b> <b>OF FILM PERFORATED ALONG ONE EDGE</b>		

When a roll of 16-mm film, perforated along one edge, is held so that the outside end of the film leaves the roll at the top and toward the right, winding *A* shall have the perforations on the edge of the film toward the observer; and winding *B* shall have the perforations on the edge away from the observer. In both cases the emulsion surface shall face inward on the roll.

The following sketch illustrates these definitions:



The above-given sketch shows reels having round holes on both sides. When the film is wound on a reel having a square hole on one side and a round hole on the other, the square holes in the illustrations shall be understood to be on the side away from the observer.

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	<b>EDGE-NUMBERING INTERVAL</b>	

If 16-mm film is edge-numbered, the interval between consecutive footage numbers shall be 40 frames.