

SOCIETY ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATLANTIC COAST SECTION MEETING

One of the largest meetings of the Atlantic Coast Section of the Society was held on March 13 at the new DuMont John Wanamaker Studios when Dr. Allen B. DuMont, president of A. B. DuMont Laboratories, Inc., delivered a paper on "The Relationship of Television to Motion Pictures." The linking of television and motion pictures in a partnership of mutual advantages, with the possibility of motion picture producers soon making films expressly for television, was seen by Dr. DuMont.

Among the advantages cited were that films provide a permanent record for use any time and place, film programs can be handled with a minimum of technical personnel in the studio, and it provides an effective means of syndicating production among any number of stations.

"Movies and television are natural partners," Dr. DuMont said. "One supplements the other. Movies are the permanent record. Television is the more advanced way of getting the picture. Television owes much to movies up to this time. But from here on, movies will be receiving benefits from the rapidly refining television technique."

The meeting concluded with a demonstration of a sight and sound television motion picture film.

The last meeting in the Spring series arranged by the SMPTE Section to promote wider knowledge of industry techniques and practices was devoted to the production of newsreels, under the title "The Newsreel—Its Production and Significance." Held at Movietone Studios, on April 17, the symposium consisted of Dan Doherty, assignment editor, Harry Lawrenson, foreign editor, Warren McGrath, sound engineer, Jack Gordon, unit director, Vyvyan Donner, women's editor, Walter McInnis, cameraman, and Bert Holst, librarian.

Mr. Doherty described the status of the newsreel as a screen journal. He explained why the reel does not attempt coverage like newspapers. "The newsreel editor cannot, for many reasons, attempt to cover all the news. In the first place the cost of keeping a camera staff capable of the noble effort would be prohibitive. In the second place, newsreel presentation time in theaters is limited.

"By this confining fact alone, the editor's task is not one of attaining total coverage but of selection, and selection based on an intimate knowledge and understanding of the medium."

The Movietone editor defended the practice of presenting the same annual events—football games, horse races, *etc.*—on the grounds that audiences wanted them. Mr. Doherty added that other trivia, such as cheesecake and fashion shows, were the result of policy which required an entertaining newsreel.

Mr. Doherty introduced each of the other newsreel experts who discussed their special work in newsreel and fashion short production.

These papers, as well as the paper by Dr. DuMont, will be published in a forthcoming issue of the JOURNAL.

PACIFIC COAST SECTION MEETING

The March 20 meeting of the Pacific Coast Section of the Society was addressed by Randal Terraneau of the Humphries Laboratory, London, who is currently making his first visit to Hollywood in several years. Mr. Terraneau's witty descriptions of laboratory operations under blitz conditions in London were highly interesting.

Other speakers at the meeting were W. C. Kunzman, L. L. Ryder, E. A. Williford, and Carrol Dunning, who introduced Mr. Terraneau. Approximately 150 members and guests were present at the discussion, held at the Hollywood Athletic Club.

On March 26 the Section was privileged to hear talks by Dr. H. F. Olson and Dr. V. K. Zworykin of the RCA Laboratories, Princeton, New Jersey. Dr. Olson described the Acoustic Laboratory at Princeton, a reverberation simulator, a duo-cone loudspeaker, and a miniature unidirectional microphone.

Dr. Zworykin discussed the status of television including the Image Orthicon and the Aluminized Kinescope. He also reviewed the advancements in the electron microscope, and described a small electron viewing tube suitable for use under invisible infrared light conditions.

A record-breaking attendance of approximately 600 members and guests completely filled the Walt Disney Studio theater at Burbank, Calif.

EMPLOYMENT SERVICE

Position available for Optical Designer, capable of handling the calculation and correction of aberrations in photographic and projection lens systems. Junior designers or engineers will be considered. Write fully giving education, experience, and other qualifications to Director of Personnel, Bell and Howell Company, 7100 McCormick Road, Chicago 45, Ill.

Motion picture studio in Bombay, India, has positions open for professional motion picture cameraman with studio and location experience; sound recording engineer experienced in installation, maintenance and operation of recording equipment; motion picture processing laboratory supervisor; and professional make-up artist. Five-year contracts at favorable terms are offered to those qualified. Write or cable direct to Personnel Manager, Dawlat Corporation Ltd., Patel Chambers, French Bridge, Bombay 7, India, giving experience, etc., in detail.

New film production unit to be located at Athens, Georgia, needs film editor-writer and film director. Experience in 16-mm as well as 35-mm production desirable. Southern background or interest in South preferred but not essential. Write giving full details of experience, etc., to Nicholas Read, The National Film Board, Ottawa, Canada.

POSITIONS WANTED

Projectionist-newsreel editor with 15 years' experience just released from service. Willing to locate anywhere. Write P. O. Box 152, Hampden Station, Baltimore 11, Maryland.

Honorably discharged veteran with 10 years' experience in projection and installation of projection and sound equipment, both for booth and back-stage. Prefer to locate in California, Oregon or Nevada. For additional details write F.A.N., Box 113, Holley, Oregon.

Camerman, honorably discharged Army veteran, desires re-enter industrial, educational production with independent producer or studio. Experienced in 35- and 16-mm color and black-and-white. References and complete record of experience available. Write, wire or telephone T. J. Maloney, 406 Oak St., Ishpeming, Mich. Telephone 930.

We are grieved to announce the death of Robert M. Johnston, Associate member of the Society, on September 19, 1945, in Rock Falls, Illinois.