



ARTHUR SHELDON DICKINSON

**A** RTHUR SHELDON DICKINSON, 59, for twenty years Director of the Conservation Department of the Motion Picture Association, died Saturday, October 25, in Santa Monica, California, after a long illness.

Mr. Dickinson had retired last July, ending a career that began in 1912 in the states rights phase of the motion picture industry. He was connected with a number of motion picture companies in the following fifteen years before joining the Motion Picture Producers and Distributors of America, forerunner of the Motion Picture Association, in 1927. As Director of Conservation of the MPA, he handled technical matters for the motion picture industry, which included contacts with the Society of Motion Picture Engineers, National Film Carriers, Inc., National Fire Protection Association, and the National Board of Fire Underwriters. He devised a plan for film exchange fire inspection which established safety records for all major companies in the handling of motion picture films. This method of inspection gave to the motion picture industry one of the finest safety records of any major industry.

Mr. Dickinson was born in Chattanooga, Tennessee, in 1888, and studied engineering at the Georgia School of Technology. He was well equipped, therefore, to handle technical matters for the MPA and also to be a Fellow of the SMPE. He served for many years as a Member of the Board of Governors and also was formerly Financial Vice-President of the SMPE.

We shall remember him as one who was generous and tolerant toward his fellow man, and we shall remember his deliberate and slow delivery of counsel.