

Obituary

Albert S. Howell, Chairman of the Board of Bell & Howell Co., died at the age of 71 on January 3 in Chicago. He had retired from active service in 1940 from the company which he had helped form in 1907.

He was born in 1879 in West Branch, Mich., and became an apprentice at 16 for the Miehle Printing Press Co. He finished high school in night attendance and later studied in night classes at the Armour Institute of Technology. From his experience in his teens repairing motion picture cameras, his inventions led him to getting patents on 65 photographic devices.

Three of his inventions are credited as forming much of the basis for standardization on the 35-mm film width early in the 1900's and the ensuing rapid progress of the industry. His inventions were the Bell & Howell film perforator (1908), the continuous printer (1911) and a standard camera. His first patent was on a 35-mm projector and that led to the formation of the Bell & Howell Co.

Mr. Howell was an Honorary Member of this Society and he was honored in 1927 by receipt of the Wetherill Medal from the Franklin Institute. He was one of three



men who have received life membership in the American Society of Cinematographers, the others having been Thomas A. Edison and George Eastman.

Meetings of Other Societies

Inter-Society Color Council, Annual Meeting, Feb. 28, Wardman Park Hotel, Washington, D.C. The ISCC meeting will consist of three sessions. In the morning a Discussion and Business Session will be devoted to presentation and discussion of various Color Problem Committee reports, and reports from chairmen of delegates from each Member Body. The afternoon session will consist of a symposium of reports and demonstrations on Color in Government, a program arranged under the chairmanship of Dr. Deane B. Judd. In the evening the Photometry and Colorimetry Section of the National Bureau of Standards will hold Open House for the group.

Optical Society of America, Mar. 1-3, Washington, D.C.

American Physical Society, Mar. 8-10, Pittsburgh, Pa.

American Physical Society, Apr. 26-28, Washington, D.C.

Acoustical Society of America, May 10-12, Washington, D.C.

American Physical Society, June 14-16, Schenectady, N.Y.

American Physical Society, June 25-28, Vancouver, Canada

American Institute of Electrical Engineers, June 25-29, Toronto, Canada

Biological Photographic Association, 21st Annual Meeting, Sept. 12-14, Kenmore Hotel, Boston, Mass.