

vide additional stenographic assistance and the other will be a young engineer, assigned almost entirely to the Society's Test Film Program. His interests would be along the lines of quality control, test film production and the more accurate specification of particular films, either now being made or proposed for the future.

Expansion of publications activity by 72% was authorized and it was pointed out that the change in JOURNAL format would allow the editor to purchase the same amount of printed information for each dollar during 1951 as he did during the early months of 1950, even though general publications costs had increased considerably. Demand for additional technical work by Headquarters and by many of the committees seemed completely

justified and an increase of the services thus provided by as much as 100% was authorized.

Membership procedures have been simplified so that a fairly large increase in the rolls could be handled by Headquarters with very little additional effort. This increased efficiency makes it practical for the Society to invite membership from many potential applicants who have not been aware of the services available. Headquarters has been requested to apply additional effort along these lines, with the hope that every potential candidate for membership will learn of the Society and its JOURNAL and as a consequence will be able to judge whether the benefits warrant his joining.

## 1951 Nominations

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'VOTING' members of the Society, that is all those in the Active, Fellow and Honorary grades, are invited by the Chairman of the Nominating Committee to suggest candidates for the seven Board of Governors' vacancies which will occur at the end of 1951. Since the Nominating Committee for this year will soon begin its formal deliberations, names of potential nominees should be placed in the hands of the Chairman, Earl I. Sponable, c/o Movietone Inc., 460 W. 54 St., New York 19, without delay.

Vacancies will be for the offices held now by the following members of the Board of Governors. The only limitations on suggested candidates for these vacancies are that they be *Voting* members of the Society.

*Financial Vice-President*, Ralph B. Austrian

*Treasurer*, Frank E. Cahill, Jr.

*Governors*, Lorin D. Grignon, Paul J. Larsen, William H. Rivers, Edward S. Seeley and R. T. Van Niman

## Engineering Activities

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### Magnetic Recording

In the September, 1950, JOURNAL, it was reported that the proposals for Magnetic Sound Track on Film, originating in Glenn Dimmick's Subcommittee, were meeting obstacles in the parent Sound Committee. Those obstacles have been overcome and the proposals are now before the members of the Standards Committee, who are now balloting on their recommendation for preliminary publication for trial and comment.

### Laboratory Practices

The Laboratory Practice Committee, under the Chairmanship of John Stott, met in January and pushed ahead on its ambitious program.

The work on 35-mm negative notching is reaching a conclusion and the committee will soon be canvassed on approval of the draft specification for size and location of notches.

16-Mm negative notching has presented a more thorny problem which will require