

able and Frank Cahill. Their program was unusual and original, and its informality provided excellent opportunities for members to get to know each other better. Golf activities were handled by Bunny Hanson.

Last but certainly not least were the ladies. Their committee was headed by Oscar Neu with Mrs. Hyndman and Mrs. Sponable serving ably and graciously as cohostesses.

The Annual Awards session, the full text of which will appear in the December *Journal*, was arranged and directed by John Stott. Through his efforts the program was interesting and dignified, in keeping with the importance of this annual occasion at which the Society formally recognizes

the technical accomplishments of members of the industry. John also served as Chairman of the Banquet Committee.

The "Camera Trails Along Nature Trails" illustrated lecture by Dick and Ada Bird was one of the more rewarding and interesting experiences of the convention. In addition to the excellent color motion pictures of bird and small animal life in the United States and Canada, those attending were charmed by the dry wit and humor of Mr. Bird's interesting account of his experiences.

Bird, a former newsreel cameraman of nearly 50 years experience, and Ada, his pretty brunette wife and assistant photographer, have worked in a remote area of the Canadian Rockies several months each

summer for five years making shots for the Disney picture *Arctic Wilderness*, scheduled for release in 1956. Each of these intrepid photographers has infinite patience, insatiable curiosity to search out their quarry, and great skill to record the scene and action on Kodachrome film.

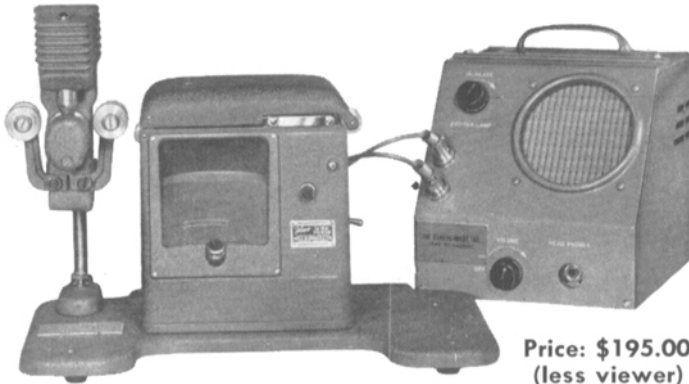
The Birds use only their original color film for their lectures and many who saw their motion pictures expressed amazement at the freedom from scratches and dirt of the film. They were even more impressed when Dick told them after the lecture that some of the sequences of this film had been projected more than 1000 times. Ada always rewinds and wipes the film after each showing and maintains the projector in first-class condition.

In addition to showing their pictures to groups all over this country and Canada, these two nature photographers preach conservation at every opportunity, pointing out that the birds destroy countless insects that would otherwise do considerable damage to crops.

When working in the field, most of their shots are made without the use of blinds by remaining long hours in the area until the bird or animal they want to photograph becomes accustomed to them. Dick dislikes rehearsed shots and prefers to photograph nature as he finds it.

During the convention 12 engineering committee meetings were held. There were also the 79th Convention Papers Meeting and the meetings for 79th and 80th Convention Arrangements. S.G.

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Society Election

The 1955 national SMPTE election ballots were counted on October 2, and the results of the election were reported to the membership at the Annual Meeting held on October 3 during the 78th semiannual convention at the Lake Placid Club, Essex County, N.Y. The following national officers and governors were re-elected for two-year terms beginning January 1, 1956: John W. Servies, Financial Vice-President Axel G. Jensen, Engineering Vice-President Geo. W. Colburn, Treasurer Frank N. Gillette, Governor, East Garland C. Misener, Governor, East Richard O. Painter, Governor, Central Reid H. Ray, Governor, Central Lorin D. Grignon, Governor, West Ralph E. Lovell, Governor, West

President Frayne announced that the Board of Governors had accepted with regret the resignation of Secretary Edward S. Seeley whose move to the West Coast and new duties were described in the September *Journal*. Wilton R. Holm was appointed to fill the remainder of the Secretary's term, through December 31, 1956.

The following section officers and managers were elected — the Chairmen and Secretary-Treasurers for one-year terms, the Managers for two. By virtue of their offices the three section chairmen also serve one-year terms as Society Governors.

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Robert E. Colburn, Manager
Philip E. Smith, Manager

(A tie for the third Managership was unresolved at the time of printing. The outcome will be reported in a later issue of the *Journal*.)

Pacific Coast Section

Edwin W. Templin, Chairman
John W. DuVall, Secretary-Treasurer
Merle H. Chamberlin, Manager
G. Carleton Hunt, Manager
Cameron G. Pierce, Manager

Board of Governors

The fourth meeting for 1955 of the Society's Board of Governors was held on October 2 at the Lake Placid Club, Essex County, New York. As usual the Board met at the close of the third quarter to review operations for the year and to plan the scale of activities to be conducted through 1956.

The Board discussed extensively the question of resort conventions and concluded that conventions should not be held at resorts so often as to become a hardship to a large portion of the membership, nor to make it difficult to introduce new people to the work of the Society. In some cases expenses are a problem and daily registration falls off in isolated locations. At present we hold approximately one resort convention every three years; the next is planned for May of 1959 in Miami Beach.

The Board also received, but delayed acting upon, a suggestion that at some time in the future conventions be scheduled from midweek to midweek, thus allowing members' families to take advantage of reduced transportation rates.

John W. Services, Financial Vice-President, reported on the present state of fiscal affairs and presented budget recommendations for 1956 for Board approval. Included in this plan for continued growth of the Society are the following recommendations approved by the Board for adoption in 1956: purchase by the Society of an Addressograph membership record system, specifically designed for the needs of SMPTE — this system to facilitate the Society's ability to service its growing membership efficiently and accurately; adoption of a program of publicity-public relations aimed at informing members of Society activities through monthly newsletter-section meeting notices and through brief items in the *Journal*, and introducing others to what we are doing through releases to the trade and daily press; publication of the Color Committee's treatise on "Elements of Color in Professional Motion Pictures"; publication of a 40-year *Journal* index; introduction of a standards binder service to be available as soon as internal controls are developed; and installation of air conditioning at Society Headquarters.

Publication of American Standard "Screen Brightness for 16mm Laboratory Review Rooms" and SMPTE Recommended Practice "Magnetic and Photographic Sound on 16mm Film With Perforations Along One Edge" was authorized by the Board.

Norwood L. Simmons, Editorial Vice-President, reported that the first meeting of the newly formed Publications Advisory Committee would be held during the 78th convention. Members of that group are: F. T. Bowditch, Glenn L. Dimmick, Lloyd T. Goldsmith, Ralph E. Lovell, Glenn E. Matthews, Pierre Mertz and Lloyd Thompson. Dr. Simmons also noted that Lloyd Thompson had been appointed Progress Committee Chairman for 1956.

President Frayne reported that Edward S. Seeley, who had recently moved from New York to Hollywood, would be unable to carry a heavy load of Society work and so had submitted his resignation as Secretary of the Society. It was proposed that Wilton R. Holm be appointed to fill the unexpired portion of Mr. Seeley's term. The Board accepted the changes and recommended that Mr. Seeley "be accorded the highest commendation for his years of careful and untiring work in discharging the parliamentary and other responsibilities of the office of Secretary."

Frank N. Gillette, Chairman of the Committee on Membership Requirements, reported that his committee had examined carefully the present membership requirements and admissions policies of the Society to determine if they presented any danger in regard to possible reduction in the professional caliber of Society membership. It was the conclusion of this group, approved by the Board, that the present system appears to be successful and that if care is taken by Membership and Admissions Committee members in the

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