

Obituaries

John W. Servies

Former SMPTE President John Servies died on August 7, 1992, at the age of 85. He was the retired president of National Theatre Supply Co.

Servies joined the Society in 1945 and was very active in its affairs. He served as convention vice-president for three years, during which time the equipment exhibits first became a part of the SMPTE annual convention, and financial vice-president for three years, where he helped to create the Society's first pension program. He later served as executive vice-president for two years, and was president of the Society from 1961 through 1962. It was during his presidential term that the Society had its first meeting with the Soviet Union.

In addition, Servies had been active in SMPTE engineering activities, serving as a member of the Screen Brightness and Film Projection Practice Committees and chairman of the Theatre Engineering Committee.

He joined National Theatre Supply in 1928 when the company was only 1 1/2



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years old, and worked as vice-president in charge of the central area branch operations for 26 years. In 1937 he helped to organize the company's first sales promotion department. He became an executive vice-president in 1965 and was named president of the company in 1966. He retired in 1968. During his career Servies became a pioneer in cable television and started his company on a path of building and financing cable systems in 29 cities.

Servies was a Life Fellow of the Society and a member of the Motion Picture Pioneers. In 1962 he was listed in "Who's Who in America." He is survived by his wife Leona, three children, and ten grandchildren.

Charles E. Taylor, an Active Member of the Society, is dead at the age of 47. He joined the SMPTE in 1980 while working as chief engineer at Triax International Ltd. in Nigeria. He later held positions with the company in England and the U.S. Prior to working for Triax he was a TV engineer with KGO-TV in San Francisco.

Errata

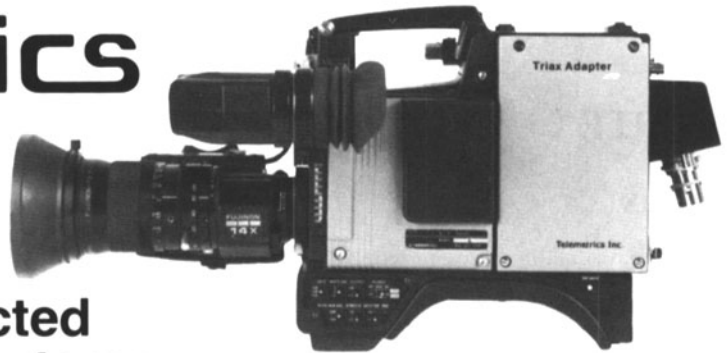
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Section Meetings

In the above-referenced section, several details were omitted from the Napa Valley College meeting report. Gary Youngs of Panasonic gave a thorough demonstration of Panasonic's D-3 VTR and lectured on digital video technology to a group of the college's SMPTE Chapter members. Charles Hintz, KTVU, also touched on digital video technology and discussed Sony's D-1 VTR. In addition, Mr. Youngs was incorrectly identified as Gary Young.

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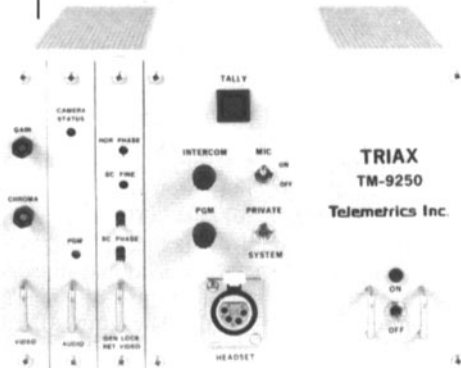
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