

**The European Signal Processing Association (EURASIP)** will publish a new journal, *Image Communications*. Two journals will be published this year; beginning in 1990 four issues a year will be published. The publication will usually contain papers on general aspects of image communications, but several special issues covering specific aspects of the field are also planned. Those interested in contributing should send their manuscripts to Mario Guglielmo, CSELT, Via G. Reiss Romoli, 274, Torino I-10148, Italy. Contributed papers will be reviewed according to normal practice in scientific journals.

**The Camera Mart, Inc.** has moved its international division from New York City to Miami, Fla. The address of their new office is 8200 N.W. 27th St., Suite 108, Miami, FL 33122; telephone (305) 591-8118.

**Kenneth M. Mason, Sr.**, former president of the Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers, received an honorary doctor of laws degree from Washington and Jefferson College, Washington, Penn.



Mason was the president of the SMPTE from 1975 to 1976. He held offices in the Society continuously from 1954 to 1976 and was made an Honorary Member in 1981.

A class of 1938 graduate of Washington and Jefferson College, Mason has five sons who are also graduates of Washington and Jefferson. He is a trustee emeritus on the board of trustees and was the chairman of the successful Washington and Jefferson Bicentennial Development

Campaign, which raised more than \$10 million. He received the College's Distinguished Service Award in 1970.

Mason retired from Eastman Kodak Co. in 1982 as vice-president and general manager of the Motion Picture and Audiovisual Markets Division after 45 years with the company. He is an Honorary Member of the BKSTS and is listed in *Who's Who in the World* and *Who's Who in Finance and Industry*.

**Kenjiro Takayanagi**, Honorary Member of the SMPTE, was awarded the First Order of the Sacred Treasure by the Japanese government. This award is given to those who have devoted most of their lives to the development of industry and culture of the country. There are several orders, the First Order is the highest. The award is given twice a year.



**Robert G. Buckley**, a Life Fellow of the SMPTE, received a bachelor's degree in computer and information science from George Fox College, Newberg, Ore. At age 75, Buckley was the oldest graduate at the commencement ceremonies.



This is Buckley's second college degree; he graduated in 1935 with a chemistry degree from Louisiana State University. Buckley said his greatest challenge this time around was "to keep my mouth shut." He explained,

"I never had any reason to believe I knew more than the teacher about his subject, but I did have a tendency to bring up things I thought were interesting."

Buckley began his career in 1936 at Technicolor, Inc., where he worked for 43 years. He retired in 1979 as technical supervisor. While at Technicolor, Buckley said a large part of his job was facing tasks that had never been done before. In 1975, for example, he was asked to translate 40 years of movie data from six obsolete systems onto one new system.

**Otis S. Freeman**, a Fellow of the Society, has retired from WPIX-TV, New York, after 45 years in the television industry. Freeman was with WPIX before the station went on the air in 1948. He was one of five engineers who helped design and build the station's studio and transmitter.



Freeman's greatest achievement was leading New York City's All-Industry Committee, which developed the 35-story antenna for the top of the 110-story World Trade Center, to improve reception for area viewers. He received the Engineering Achievement Award from the National Association of Broadcasters and the Governor's Award from the New York chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences in 1984. He was active on HDTV projects in his capacity as senior vice-president, engineering, WPIX, and as director of engineering for Tribune Broadcasting Co., WPIX's parent company, for whom he will continue to serve as a consultant. Freeman is retiring to his native South Carolina with his wife, Libba.

## Obituaries

**John K. Hilliard**, a Life Fellow of the Society, died on March 21, 1989, at the age of 87. He was particularly active in the Society from 1948 to 1952 when he served as Governor of the Western Region, Chairman of the Sound Committee, and Vice-Chairman of the ASA-Z57 Committee. He also participated in the Warner Award Committee during this period.

For 17 years, from 1943 to 1960, Hilliard was vice-president of engineering at Altec Lansing Corp. He received an honorary doctor of science degree in audio engineering from the University of Hollywood in 1950. Before joining Lansing, he was an engineer in the sound department of MGM, where he helped to develop mercury vapor lamp recording and printing

processes. He was also involved in the development of the Shearer two-way loudspeaker.

Hilliard was the co-author of *Motion Picture Sound Engineering*, published in 1936, and wrote or was the co-author of 70 technical papers. He was the president of Hearing Conservation Services and belonged to many industry-related groups.

**Albert N. Gaynor**, a Life Member of the Society, died December 31, 1988, at the age of 77. He worked as a graphic artist for many of the major film studios, including Columbia Pictures Corp., Universal Pictures, Walt Disney Productions, United Artists, and Warner Brothers. In 1965,

when he became an Active Member of the Society, Gaynor was employed by Twentieth Century-Fox Film Corp., in Los Angeles. He specialized in miniatures and matte work and developed the optical effects for *Mary Poppins*.

**Howard F. Jirka** died on March 18, 1989, at the age of 50. He had been a full-time lecturer since 1987 after leaving Rockwell International, where he was a senior technical staff member. Before joining Rockwell, Jirka was a senior engineer in the new products laboratory at RCA.

Jirka started his career at Zenith Radio Corp., where he devised signal composition and processing techniques that were compatible with videodisc properties. He also conducted research on improved receiver resolution and colorimetry. Jirka received both a bachelor's and a master's degree in electrical engineering from the Illinois Institute of Technology.