

REPORT OF PAPERS COMMITTEE

IN preparing the fall program your Committee has again endeavored to include as wide a variety of papers as possible, covering the branches of production and exhibition. Every effort was made to cover the subjects of sound recording, the electrical transmission of motion pictures, stereoscopic motion pictures, and motion pictures in color, which subjects are of primary importance at the present time. Your Chairman was successful in securing two papers dealing with the recording of sound; although considerable research is undoubtedly in progress on the other subjects, none of the persons approached was in a position to publish the results of his researches.

In this connection almost without exception, it was necessary to personally approach authors for papers and in many cases to suggest the subject and briefly outline the paper.

In view of the past interest shown in sessions devoted to symposiums on particular subjects, a symposium on projection has been arranged for Wednesday morning.

An innovation on the present program is the inclusion of a session devoted to the announcements of new apparatus by manufacturers and also the provision of free space for the exhibition of this apparatus. Although purely an experiment, your Committee is strongly convinced that the success of this part of our program is assured. Certain rules have been laid down regarding manufacturers' announcements as follows:

1. The apparatus described must be essentially new; that is, it must have been developed within the past twelve months.
2. A maximum time limit of ten minutes will be allotted to each manufacturer making an announcement.
3. The announcement should be read from a manuscript of not more than one thousand words, which must be in condition for printing in the Transactions.
4. The manuscript may be accompanied by not more than six illustrations. The actual apparatus or product may be exhibited during the talk but the ten minute limit for description is not to be exceeded.
5. Apparatus may be displayed in or near the room used for the technical papers sessions but no demonstrations will be allowed during the technical papers sessions other than at the session set aside for the purpose.

With regard to manuscripts submitted, your Chairman has insisted that in order to secure a position on the program proper the paper must not savor of advertising. In the past it has not been possible to adhere strictly to this rule, but the inclusion of the manufacturers' session makes it possible now to separate papers of an advertising nature from those which deal with pure research or which are of an educational nature. Also, many manufacturers have previously hesitated to submit papers describing their apparatus in view of the stigma usually attached to such papers when placed on the program of a scientific society.

Another innovation is the extra half-day session on Thursday afternoon and the reservation of many of the more important papers until Thursday. This has been done deliberately with a view to encouraging the members to stay throughout the entire convention. The number of papers allotted to each session has been strictly limited so as to permit ample time for discussion.

Popular abstracts of 90% of the papers have been handed over to the Chairman of the Publicity Committee.

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REPORT OF PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

Considering the comparatively brief period that has elapsed since the last report was submitted, little has transpired that calls for another. No. 29, Vol. XI., of the Transactions appeared ten weeks after the Spring meeting closed, though publication was delayed two weeks by special request. Under the existing, somewhat cumbersome method of handling the discussions, it would seem that about eight weeks is the shortest time in which the Transactions can be issued. Whether it is worth while to attempt to curtail this still more is an open question. But it may be of interest to draw attention to the fact that another society has published its journal, running to over 420 pages, three weeks after the close of the meeting of which it was the report.

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