

## REPORT OF PAPERS COMMITTEE

**T**HE PAPERS Committee as a rule has very little to say in the way of a report. The printed program you have is really the report of our committee. I have a few other things, however, which I should like to bring to your attention.

In the first place, the function of a committee is to serve the Society and to give the Society what it wants. The Society is composed of individuals, who, while they are drawn together by common interests, have very different fields of activity and points of view. Undoubtedly, each of you has some particular subject in which you are more interested than in others. Unfortunately, the Papers Committee can not read your minds and unless you, as members of the Society, will acquaint the Papers Committee with your particular desires, you must be content with what the committee gives you. The Committee has an obligation to the Society and likewise the Society has an obligation to its Committee; that is, to inform the Committee as to the type of papers and program it would like to have.

In the past two years I have made many attempts to obtain suggestions from members relative to the type of program they preferred. A large number of letters have been written and very few replies received. There is probably no one in the organization who is entirely familiar with all phases of motion picture engineering; some, of course, have broader views than others. Unfortunately, I am not in close touch with all phases of activities which properly should be included in the scope of this society's work. The committee can only get the information necessary to make the programs interesting and profitable from the various members of the Society who are in touch with the developments throughout the various fields. Every individual member of the Society should, therefore, feel that it is his personal duty to bring to the attention of the Papers Committee any particular new and interesting development in the field of motion picture engineering with which he may be familiar.

It has been suggested that while we are in session here in Ottawa it would be an excellent time to gather suggestions for the program of the next meeting. The convention naturally promotes interest in the work of the Society and the reading of each paper probably suggests to each of you some further information or work along similar lines. As you talk over your work with each other, undoubtedly ideas for interesting papers occur to you. It seems, therefore, that this is a time particularly suitable for collecting information for use in arranging future programs. We have prepared cards which

we propose to distribute with the request that you jot down any suggestions which may occur to you, either as to subjects on which you would like to hear papers, or as to speakers from whom you should like to hear. Neither have we neglected to provide a place where you can indicate the possibility of your own work leading to something for presentation to the Society on future occasions. There seems to be an entirely unjustified modesty on the part of many of our members in voluntarily offering to prepare papers for these meetings.

You can not expect your Papers Committee to invite you to give a paper if they have no means of finding out what you are doing. So take these cards and fill them in so that your Papers Committee will have the benefit of your assistance and co-operation. It is up to you as members to make this Society what you want it to be.