



"Ket", manager of RCA custom recording, with Joseph Dengler

IN MEMORIAM Known to many Audio Engineering Society members as a quiet, knowledgeable man who contributed a great deal to the early development and techniques of recording, E. V. B. Kettleman died at his home, 28-10 Franklin Avenue, Flushing, New York on November 8. He was fifty-seven years old.

Ket was born in Maspeth, New York and was interested in communications from the time he was a very young man. In 1923, at the age of sixteen, he joined the Bell Telephone Laboratories, and was with the Labs for four years holding a number of jobs which were to lead him into recording. By 1927 he had become a recording engineer with the Columbia Phonograph Company. This position took him out of the country and for three years Ket

recorded in South America, with Argentina as headquarters. From Columbia in 1933, he went to Wired Music, Inc. later Muzak Inc. He worked with Wired Music on the development of the Muzak system, simultaneously studying for a degree in Electrical Engineering which he received from Cooper Union in 1938. After four years at Muzak, Ket moved to the RCA Victor Record Division where, among other projects, he worked on the development of the 45 rpm record player. At the time of his death Ket had been with RCA twenty-seven years and was Manager of Facilities. Ket's interests included The Boy Scouts and stamp collecting.

He is survived by his wife, Lydia, a daughter, Mrs. Kenneth Wagner, and a son, John E., construction consultant in Virginia.