
In Memoriam

ALBERT CHESTER TRAVIS, JR.

Albert Chester Travis, Jr., a long-time member of the Audio Engineering Society, died on October 9th in New York Hospital. At the time of his death, Mr. Travis was president of the Broadcast Equipment Specialties Corporation of Beacon, New York. He was well known as the inventor of the Tapak portable taperecorder.

He is also credited with the invention of the Aerostructor, a ground machine used in pilot-instruction. Mr. Travis developed the machine while a pilot-instructor in the Army Air Force during World War II. This device was later developed to become part of the Gunairstructor.

An alumnus of Phillips Academy, Exeter, New Hampshire, and Harvard University, class of '29, Mr. Travis was a native New Yorker who lived at Cedar Hill Road, Fishkill. He is survived by his wife Patricia, his daughter Nancy, his father, a brother and two sisters.

From the time of his graduation from Harvard until 1939, Mr. Travis was employed by automotive companies specializing in ignition and allied problems. At the close of the war, Mr. Travis became a vice president of Reeves Soundcraft Corporation, of which he was one of the first employees. He remained with Reeves Soundcraft until 1950 when he left to found his own company in Beacon in 1951.

Mr. Travis also served as consultant to Fairchild Camera and Instrument Corporation and as sales manager of Audio Devices, Inc.
