

IN MEMORIAM

GERALD SLOT, who was in charge of technical documentation and publicity for radio, phonograph and television products at N. V. Philips' Gloelampen Fabrieken Bibliotheekcentrale, Eindhoven, The Netherlands died December 19, 1970 at the age of 54. He had a 35-year career at Philips, which included design work on vacuum tubes, test equipment, and UHF equipment, and sales engineering for phonograph and tape products, as well as authorship of brochures and bulletins and editorship of technical periodicals. He was a member of AES for 12 years.

CHARLES E. WASHBURN, President, Coast Record Manufacturing Co., Inc., of Los Angeles, died February 5. He was a member of the Sapphire Group as well as the AES. Aged 71, he had a long career in recording.

AKIRA EMA, Project Engineer for audio products for Hitachi, Ltd., died January 18 at the age of 56. He took a degree of B.S. in Electronics from Waseda University, Tokyo, in 1941, and during World War II was

Acoustic Engineering Officer at the Imperial Navy Research Institute. After the war, he entered a career with the Japanese electronics industry, reaching Hitachi in 1960. He had joined AES in 1966.

THEODORE SCOTT COLE, SR., retired electrical engineer who had had a highly varied career on both coasts and during the two World Wars, died January 14 in Deep River, Connecticut, at the age of 78. Born in California, he took his B.S. in Electrical Engineering at the University of California in 1916. He did cable work for Pacific Telephone & Telegraph, then joined the Signal Corps, and during World War I did research on storage batteries and other military gear. Following WWI, he designed large storage batteries and developed machinery for their manufacture, then went into the battery business himself. He was a consultant to the Western Electric Company, built batteries during WWII, and did more consulting work after the war. He had retired when he joined the AES in 1963.

OLIVER C. SCHMIDT, JR., an associate member of the Society who operated an insurance business in Winnetka, Illinois, died recently. He was born in 1934 and joined AES in 1964.

MAGNUS BJORN DAL, President of Tech Laboratories, Inc., Palisades Park, New Jersey, died on January 23. Born in Norway in 1899, he took degrees abroad in both electrical and mechanical engineering, later also studied electrical engineering at Brooklyn Polytech. He was a member of AIEE, AAAS, and AES.

HOWARD MAXWELL BLABER, Supervisor, Drafting Office, Canadian Aviation Electronics Ltd. in Montreal, died recently. He was born in England in 1914, and worked for several British firms in communications and aviation before going to Canada. He had been Librarian and Advertising Manager of the British Sound Recording Association, and belonged also to the Institution of Electronics, the British Kinematograph Society, and the American Radio Relay League.