



W. S. Halstead

Born in 1903 in Mount Kisco, New York, **William Storm Halstead**, a giant in telecommunications and a true gentleman, passed from our midst 1987 July, at the age of 84.

Bill was awarded over 80 patents in his lifetime. One of his more notable accomplishments was the first use of a motion picture sound localization system utilizing photographic control tracks for positioning sound, first to present a stereophonic broadcast from a single FM station (1950 September). His pioneering efforts led to the FCC authorization of what is known as SCA subcarriers (1955). His contribution to transportation with the first highway radio advisory system on the George Washington Bridge in 1940 and the culmination in 1972 with the installation of his roadside cable system at Los Angeles International Airport paved the way toward the establishment of the FCC authorization of the Travelers' Information Service FCC in 1979.

Long a crusader in international telecommunications for peaceful purposes, he is known as the father of Japanese television. While planning for the Nippon Television Network, he was instrumental in the adoption of the NTSC television standards. This brought Japan into the television age and resulted in a major contribution to their economic recovery.

A Phi Beta Kappa at Haverford, Bill was a fellow of the Audio En-

gineering Society, the SMPTE, and the Radio Club of America. He was a senior member of the IEEE and the 1959 recipient of the Popov Medal at the International Electronics Conference in Moscow. He has been named the 1987 recipient of the Lee DeForest award from the Radio Club of America which will be awarded posthumously in November.

It was my good fortune to have worked with Bill on many of his interesting projects. My long association with him has had a positive and profound effect upon my life.

RICHARD W. BURDEN

**Douglas Finch Dickey**, a key figure in the professional audio industry and senior executive at Solid State Logic, died 1987 August, after a long illness at the age of 35.

For over ten years Doug played a major role in SSL's development and success, first as head of SSL's professional audio team in the USA and later in product specification and design. He was part of the team responsible for the SSL Stereo Video System, which has become a major influence in the production of audio for stereo television. More recently he helped guide SSL's move into the motion picture industry and was involved in panel design and software interfaces for SSL's first digital system.

In 1983 he became vice president for design communications and moved from Washington, D.C., to SSL's headquarters in Oxford, U.K., in 1986.

The Swiss Section is deeply saddened to inform its members of the accidental death of our friend and AES member **Daniel Lehmann**, who was technically responsible for the Radio Suisse Romande. Because of his competence and availability, Lehmann played an important role in our organization. We will keep the memory of him as a man who, because of his gentleness, made many friends in the Swiss audio world. The committee sends his family its sincere and profound sympathy.

PETER JOSS

**Alf Kürzeder**, founder and long-time owner of Auviv Asona KG (now Asona Audio-Technik GmbH & Co. KG), a sustaining member of the AES, died 1987 January at the age of 76. Since 1970 when he founded the company, he was active in the field of fast duplication of music cassettes. Under his leadership, the small company won worldwide acknowledgment. In 1980 he sold his shares to M/s EMT-Franz GmbH, but he remained active as a consultant for the company for many years. Because of his long-range thinking and skills, his machines still meet this demand today.



D. F. Dickey