Versatility and Bravos

A man of many talents and capabilities with a newly published book, and a professor with a temporary change of teaching scenery provide word profiles.
General Robertson Retires

Maj. Gen. Walter M. Robertson, '07, deputy commander of the Sixth Army was retired in June. As a tribute to the famed World War II commander of the Second Division, Lt. Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer, commander of the Sixth Army, said:

"General Robertson is one of the few American officers who trained a division, guided it overseas and commanded it through its entire combat experience in World War II. This record is even more poignant when one notes that the division was the Second Infantry Division, one of America's finest combat divisions."

Robertson led the division to Ireland, England and then to the Omaha Beachhead. The division was one of those which participated in the Battle of the Bulge.

Wedemeyer's remarks were made at a special ceremony, in honor of General Robertson. Some 25,000 troops passed in review and among the distinguished guests was Gen. Mark W. Clark, chief of the army field forces.

Alumnus Builds Computer

The National Bureau of Standards has announced the completion of an Automatic Computer known as the National Bureau of Standards Eastern Automatic Computer.

Summarizing the significance of the completion of the computer Dr. E. U. Condon, director of the National Bureau of Standards, said:

"SEAC is the first automatically-sequenced, super-speed computer to be put into useful operation. Second, SEAC is the fastest computer in operation. Third, SEAC has already solved significant problems. Fourth, SEAC was designed and constructed in 20 months, an amazingly short period of time, considering the complexity of the machine."

Earnest F. Ainsworth, '46ba, Oklahoma City, was one of the electronic engineers who helped construct SEAC.

DR. ROY TEMPLE HOUSE
Degree for Contributions

Miami U. Honors House

Dr. Roy Temple House, recently retired David Ross Boyd professor of modern languages, received the honorary degree of doctor of letters at the summer convocation at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, September 1.

In notifying Dr. House of the honorary degree, Dr. E. H. Hahn, Miami president, cited the reasons for the honor as follows: for his "Contributions to education and letters and especially for inaugurating and editing Books Abroad."

Dr. House was graduated from Miami University in 1900. He has been associated with the University since 1911.

Col. Dukes Gets New Post

Lt. Col. Joe L. Dukes, '26Law, has been assigned as the new staff judge advocate for Philippine Command (Airforce) and Thirteenth Airforce on Clark Airforce Base in the Philippines.

Colonel Dukes, who is serving a second tour of duty in the Philippines, first went to the island republic during the liberation campaigns and served on Leyte and Luzon in 1944 and 1945.

Colonel Dukes is a holder of the Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal with five battle stars, Philippine Liberation ribbon, World War II Victory Medal and the American Campaign Medal.

Two Receive Fellowships

Two University graduates were among the 312 students from 35 states and 11 foreign countries selected for the graduate study awards at the University of Chicago. The selections were announced by Chancellor Robert M. Hutchins in mid-July.

J. Truman Richardson, '47journ, '50ma, ArDMore, will study for a doctor of philosophy degree in history, and David A. Rodgers, '49eng, Norman, will work for a doctor of philosophy degree in psychology.

Bryan Named Director

Lyman L. Bryan, '48journ, assistant director of public relations for the Pan American Refining Corporation, Texas City, Texas, has been appointed Texas state director of the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Bryan was awarded the Kayser award in 1949 as the outstanding graduate of the school of journalism.

Before going to Texas City, Bryan had managed the Lindsay Chamber of Commerce. He is a member of Sigma Delta Chi, national journalism fraternity.

Alumna Joins WAFs

The Women's Army Airforce had a new recruit and the Norman Transcript had a story in late-August.

"Pfc. Paul Garth Johnson, Jr., thinks the air-force is fine. He said so in the letters he wrote home to Norman from his Newfoundland station.

"His sister, Billie Robin Johnson, '48ba, used to read those letters and do a lot of thinking about the things Paul said. But she won't be getting her information on airforce life second hand from now on. Not since Wednesday when she went to Oklahoma City to take her induction oath in the Women's Air Force. That was the same day she left for Lackland Airforce Base in San Antonio to begin 13 months of basic training. After that she'll go on to a WAF officer candidate school for a six-month training stint.

"The hard work ahead of her will be nothing new to Billie. She's been working hard ever since she was in junior highschool. It's not easy to go to school and hold a job at the same time. But that's what Billie did for seven years while she worked as telephone operator for the Bell Telephone Company in Norman. During that time she earned degrees from Norman highschool and the University and two years of graduate work in languages at the University."

Billie hopes the WAF can use her in some kind of language work. It's a good bet that they will, too, since she has a major in French and a minor in Spanish.