

Sooner Portraits

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



DR. ROBERT CALVERT
No Let Up

Versatility and Bravos

Author, chemist, patent attorney, college professor, inventor, president of a dozen clubs and more—and Robert Calvert, '09ba, '10ma, Scarsdale, New York, shows no signs of letting up. Last spring his book, *Patent Practice and Management*, went on sale. As most of his other work, the book received the bravos of his colleagues.

Dr. Calvert was born in Milford, Missouri, shortly before the turn of the century. Valedictorian of his highschool class, he came to the University in 1906. His college activities included the presidency of the student senate, editor of the '10 *Mistletoe*, general manager of athletics '10. He was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and of Beta Theta Pi.

After leaving Norman, he attended the University of Chicago and Columbia University. He received his Ph.D from the latter. He served as an instructor at Columbia from 1913-15 when he took a position as research laboratory director for the du Pont Co. In 1921 he became an assistant professor at the University of Southern California. He became a research laboratory director once more in 1922 with the Celite Co. A job with the Van Schaak Bros. Chemical Works as chief chemist took him to Johns-Manville as a patent attorney and consultant. He is now self-employed as a patent attorney.

While Dr. Calvert was with the du Pont Co., he invented a process by which a substantial part of the salt peter used by the Allies in World War I was made, and while employed by the Johns-Manville Corporation he was the senior inventor of a filter aid that has been used ever since in

chemical factories throughout the world. This latter invention in 1933 was called the biggest improvement in sugar refining in twenty years.

The esteem in which Dr. Calvert is held by his colleagues is indicated by the offices he has been elected to. In May, 1950, Dr. Calvert was given his latest vote of confidence. He was elected president of the Technical Societies Council of New York, Inc. The council is an affiliate of the New York sections of 17 leading engineering and chemical societies, representing more than 25,000 members.

Dr. Calvert has been vice-chairman of the Chicago section of the American Chemical Society and chairman of the society's New York section. He is currently president of the Scarsdale Community Service. He is a member of the Chemists Club, New York, and Town Club, Scarsdale.

An authority on lacquers and diatomaceous earth, Dr. Calvert is the author of an article used in the American Chemical Society Monograph "Diatomaceous Earth" in 1929.

Dr. Calvert is married to the former Mary S. Siggers. They have two sons, Robert, J., 27, and George Edward, 21. A daughter, Carol, died in 1941.

Practical Teacher

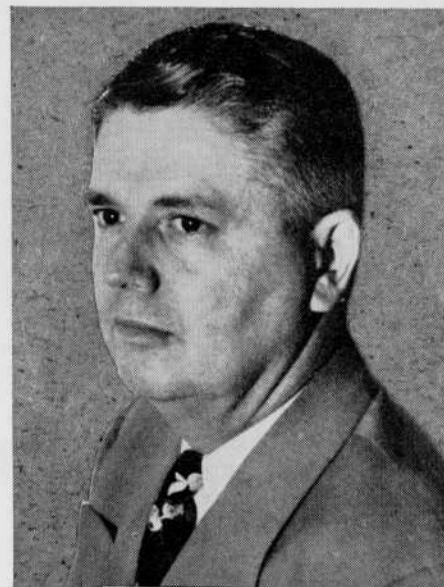
Leslie H. Rice, associate professor of journalism at the University, has been appointed visiting professor of advertising at the William Allen White School of Journalism and Public Information at the University of Kansas for the 1950-51 term.

"I feel the experience I will gain while serving as a visiting professor at Kansas will add materially to my teaching experience and at the same time will give me an opportunity to observe how another accredited school of journalism operates," Rice explained in his request for a 1-year leave of absence.

An advertising man who says his hobby is merchandising contests must be very much attached to his work. And when you talk to Professor Rice you realize you are speaking to a man who is just as much at home in an advertising department as he is behind a lecture desk.

His familiarity with the working press stems from 12 years of actual experience in advertising before he joined the University faculty in 1943 as assistant professor of journalism. A graduate of the University of Missouri School of Journalism with a master's degree, Rice has held positions in merchandising, advertising agency work, advertising selling and newspaper publishing in both metropolitan and small-city fields.

Beginning his advertising career in 1928, after graduation from Missouri, he became a member of the merchandising department of the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*. From 1930-32, he was a member of the selling staff of the Federal Advertising Co.,



LESLIE H. RICE
Adds Teaching Experience

a direct-mail company in Kansas City. Then for seven years, 1933-40, he had charge of the editorial and business departments of the *McAlester Democrat*. When he took the position in McAlester, he actually returned home. Born in McAlester one year before Oklahoma became a state, he had graduated from the city highschool before enrolling in the University of Missouri.

He came to Norman in 1940 to become assistant to the advertising manager of the *Norman Transcript*, the position from which he resigned in 1943 to join the University faculty.

As a new professor Rice took over courses in newspaper typography and mechanics, and he was placed in charge of new courses in advertising layout, merchandising and marketing. In April, 1944, he began a 9-month military leave of absence from O.U., spending the time in special services of the Army Air Force as a public relations specialist.

When he returned to the University, he acted as part-time assistant to the counsellor of men, acting as adviser to returning GIs who were enrolling in the University.

Active in Norman community affairs, Rice is a member of the Board of Stewards of the McFarlin Methodist Church and is a past president of the Norman Lions Club. He is also a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon social fraternity, Alpha Delta Sigma advertising fraternity, and Alpha Kappa Psi business fraternity.

He is married and has two sons, James, 11, and Robert, 6.

In commenting on his forthcoming year on the University of Kansas staff, Rice said, "It seems to me I should return to O.U. a more effective teacher by virtue of this broadening experience."

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.

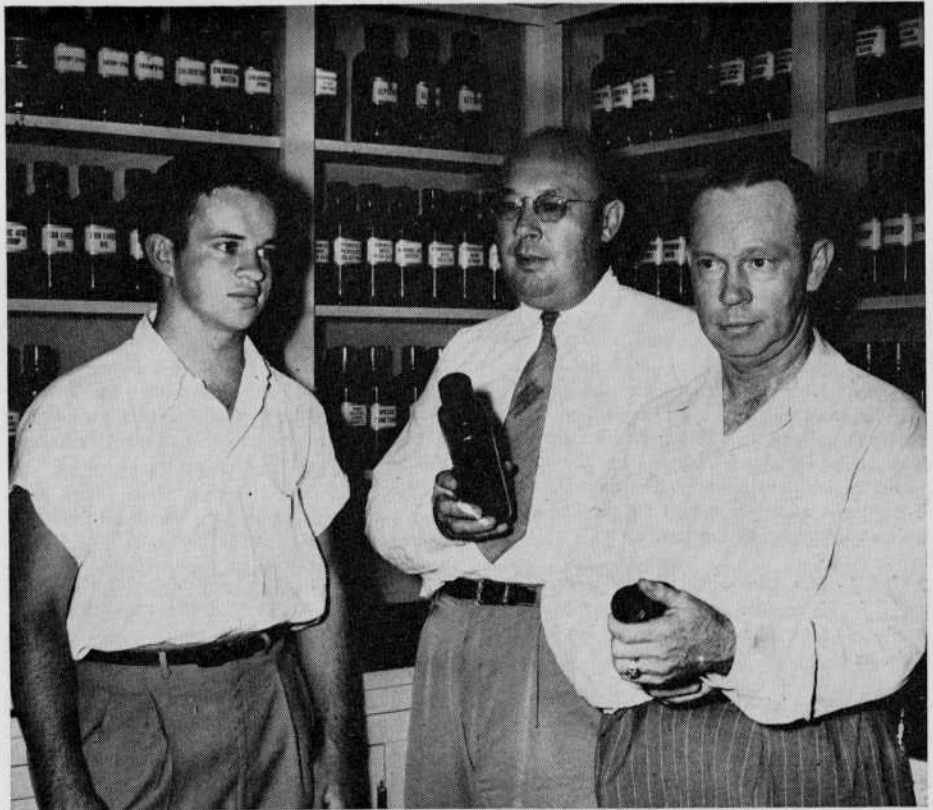
Alumnus Builds Computer

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.



Two generations of pharmacists and the Dean of the Pharmacy School get together. From left to right, T. J. Guthrie, junior in pharmacy, Dean Ralph W. Clark, and L. C. Guthrie, '24pharm, Wakita. They are examining new space-saver bottles.

In notifying Dr. House of the honorary degree, Dr. E. H. Hahne, 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 Philippines 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, '48eng, 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

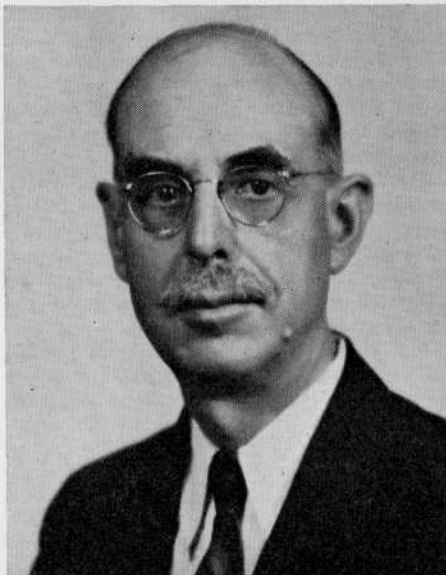
The Women's Army Airforce had a new recruit and the *Norman Transcript* had a story in late-August.

"Pfc. Paul Garth Johnson, Jr., thinks the airforce 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 did 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.



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.