



HISTORICAL ACHIEVEMENTS

VALLEY OF THE GIANTS



ROGER W. EDMONSON

Roger W. Edmonson was born May 1911 in Dayton, Ohio, and attended Steele High School. He graduated from Ohio State University in 1931 with a BS degree in chemistry. He married another OSU graduate, Jane Kuhner, and they have 2 children: Jane who is an instructor at Wright State University, and Alan, who is a doctor at Miami Valley Hospital.

Roger began his professional career in 1933, as chemist for National Cash Register Corp., but shortly, thereafter, took a position at Seybold Division of Harris-Intertype Corp.. In 1941, he set out on his own, and organized Metal-

lurgical Service Inc., of which he served as Chief Executive until his retirement in 1972. Upon retirement, he continued as consultant until full retirement in 1993.

Metallurgical Service Inc. began operations in a small plant on South Main Street in Dayton. It acquired Ohio Heat Treating Co. in 1962, then moved to its new facility on East River Road in Moraine in 1968. The company services include heat treating, copper brazing, tempering, annealing, flame & induction hardening, etc. in the fields of aviation, aerospace, automotive, air conditioning, refrigeration, appliances, business machines, and the machine tool industry. Roger holds several patents in the field of electro-chemistry.

Roger was twice elected to the World Metallurgical Congress in Europe (wherein he did extensive travel). He has been very active in the American Society of Metals, both at National and local levels. He was a member of Federal Steel's Board of Directors, and was a member of the executive group for Dayton's Industrial and Business Expansion Committee.

In addition to his heavy business activities, Roger has been a very active volunteer in several area organizations, including American Red Cross, in which he served as the local chapter Board Chairman 1959-1965, and as member of the Executive Committee 1977-79. He has received many ARC commendations for his efforts, including Project FIND.

Roger was twice awarded Oakwood's "Distinguished Achievement Award" for community

improvement. He was chosen WING Radio's "TOP CLIENT VIP" in 1967, and received an "Exceptional Service" award from Ohio State University. He was chairman of Oakwood YMCA, and a long-time active member of the Miami Valley Boy Scout Council (was Co-Chairman of the National Boy Scout Jamboree in Idaho in 1969, with over 40,000 attending).

Roger was a long-time member of Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce. He was an active member of Ohio State University's Alumni Association. He was a District Chairman of Civitan International Club, as well as Past President of Dayton Technical Societies Council.

He was often sought as Guest Speaker for various social and technical groups. He has long been a member of both Edwin D. Smith School PTA, and of EUB Church in Oakwood.

Among the many pages of historical data uncovered in Roger Edmonson's files were found many documents and photographs of his busy life, among which was a photo of Charles F. Kettering with Roger and two other distinguished Ohio State University Alumni. Another historical item was a program sheet dated 1927, with Charles A. Lindbergh photo and endorsement. This was a Recognition Dinner held at NCR's banquet room on South Main Street, and Lindbergh was the guest speaker.

Roger Edmonson has been a member of the Engineers Club for over 48 years, and our Club is very proud to place his name among the other giants listed in our VALLEY OF THE GIANTS!