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DEAN EMERITUS



The Honorable Dean Roy S. Glasgow

Roy S. Glasgow, Dean Emeritus—pioneer in the field of electronics—interrogator of wartime German scientists—grower of delicate orchids. The many faceted interests of Dean Glasgow have afforded him a life rich in excitement, accomplishment and humor.

Life began in St. Louis where Dean Glasgow spent most of his early years. There he attended Washington University and graduated in 1918 with a B.S. and by 1925 he had earned his E.E. Degree. After graduation, he joined their faculty and taught Electronics for the ensuing two years. Then a combination of travelling fever and ambition infected Dean Glasgow and he applied for a leave of absence from Washington University. Next stop in the life of our Dean Emeritus was Harvard and his graduate work. While studying there he worked as a graduate assistant and those hectic years rewarded him with his M.S. in 1922. Then back to Washington University and St. Louis. Now he moved rapidly up the ladder of the academic world. He began in 1922 as an Assistant Professor which led to Associate Professor, then Professor, and in 1936 Head of the Department of Electrical Engineering.

Since radios have long been the Dean's first love, he found himself as active in industry as he was in education. Not only did he grow up with radios, but you might say he helped them to grow. He fondly recalls the first big broadcast from KDKA in Pittsburgh. It was the returns of the Harding-Coolidge election sponsored by—you guessed it—Westinghouse!

During this period of his life he also worked as a technical consultant for many of the large radio companies. The "radio boom" brought new problems to this infant industry and many of these disputes ended up in the patent courts. Dean Glasgow found himself in the midst of these turbulent trials. As an expert in the field of radio engineer-

ing, he served as a witness for both the major radio companies and the independents.

Shortly after the attack on Pearl Harbor, Dean Glasgow was drafted by his friend, General Sommerville, to work for the War Department as a Radio Consultant. He and Mrs. Glasgow took up residence in Washington and the Dean became one of the "civilian-military." He wore a regulation uniform only without insignia. This proved a cause of much consternation among the security guards. Many an evening's stroll wound up at the security office where Dean Glasgow had to explain his position with the Army.

Dean Glasgow's association with the War Department took him to all the active theaters of the war. He saw Europe, Africa, China, Burma and India. During the final eight months of the war, Dean Glasgow headed a commission for both the State Department and the War Department. His function was to gather all technical intelligence information on radio communications and electronics from the German scientists. General Patton and his forces cleared the way and Dean Glasgow and his commission were in their wake, interrogating, sorting and compiling all available information. At this time, his proficiency in the German language became extremely beneficial. For these labors, he is now the proud bearer of the Distinguished Service Award.

The war finally over, Dean Glasgow returned to St. Louis and Washington University. He taught there until 1949 when ADM Spanagel offered him the position of Dean of the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School. The offer was proudly accepted and Dean Glasgow joined the staff at Annapolis in July, 1949. He remained as Dean until 1960.

To his long list of experiences in education, industry and the war, he must now add writing. Dean Glasgow's book, "Principles of Radio Engineering," went into 19 printings before becoming outdated and for many years it was a standard textbook in colleges all over the country. He has also written a chapter in the current "Radio

Engineers Handbook" published by McGraw-Hill.

Dean Glasgow is presently teaching Electronics to two of the Science sections. He has even found time in the past few years to develop several hobbies. He enjoys stamp collecting and he and Mrs. Glasgow raised champion Cocker Spaniels for many years. At present Mrs. Glasgow is one of the Directors of the Del Monte Kennel Club. Their lovely Pebble Beach home has developed into a greenhouse. Dean Glasgow is raising Catattlyas Orchids in his bedroom. The original two plants, having now expanded to 18, have become quite a concern to Mrs. Glasgow. She fears the total loss of her bedroom to the lovely flowers!

The years of accomplishments have not gone unnoticed for Dean Glasgow. His fellow engineers have bestowed many honors upon him. Among the most treasured are membership grades of Fellow in both the Institute of Radio Engineers and the American Institute of Electrical Engineers. These honors carry a lifetime membership in each organization. He is also an Honorary Life Member of the St. Louis Engineer's Club. In 1961 he was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Science Degree from his Alma Mater, Washington University.

At some later time Dean Glasgow will be retiring and although he is looking forward to a leisurely life of "playing with orchids during the day and sticking stamps at night" the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School will surely feel his loss. His dedication to this school has contributed to its high scholastic standing. We are very honored to claim Roy S. Glasgow, Dean Emeritus, as a faculty member of the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School.

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