

Edward Maurice Brown

Miami '31

Oxford Cup Roll N° 028

Versatility and dedication, which have characterized Ed Brown's entire career, also have been factors which brought him back to Oxford for energetic and generous retirement years. These have been years in which he and his wife, the former Anne Amos, Miami and Delta Delta Delta 1932, made major gifts to the University as well as the Entrance Gates at the Beta Administrative Office.

As a Miami freshman, he quietly accepted leadership in Alpha's struggle to regain effectiveness. Initiated in February 1928, he became Alpha rush chairman, social chairman, chapter president and 1930 General Convention delegate.

Ed earned academic distinction. Graduating from Harvard Law School on a Rutherford B. Hayes Scholarship, he performed conspicuously in a major law firm, served Beta locally as a district chief and internationally as General Secretary and Vice President/Trustee, helping draft an entirely new administrative pattern for Beta, which included both the creation of a first Administrative Office and the selection of Ralph N. Fey, *Miami '40*, as the man to set it up.

In 1947, he left law practice to become assistant to Marvin Pierce, *Miami 1916*, president of the McCall Corp., publisher of *McCall's*, *Redbook* and *Blue Book* and printer of *Reader's Digest*, *Newsweek* and other magazines. Brown became vice president and assistant secretary of McCall in 1949, vice president and secretary in 1951 and a director in 1953.

In 1958, Brown joined Sperry Gyroscope Co., initially as treasurer. He became vice president and treasurer in 1958, vice president for administration 1960-65 and vice president of the Sperry Group, 1965-68, with responsibility for five Sperry Components Divisions in Connecticut, Virginia, North Carolina and Florida and was a director of Gyro's French and Ottawa companies. He also has been assistant treasurer of Sperry Rand since 1958. He became group executive of Teledyne, Inc., 1968-80, and in 1971 was elected chairman of the board of Teledyne Canada, Ltd. He retired in 1981.

For more than 25 years, he was a director on the board of the National Center for Disability Services on Long Island, New York. He served two elective terms, 1961-65, as a trustee of the Village of Pelham Manor, N.Y, for which he was cited "for a long list of his accomplishments during his administration."

When Miami's School of Business Administration inaugurated its Business Advisory Council in 1969, he was one of the first business executives named. In 1972 Miami conferred its honorary degree Doctor of Laws upon him.

The Browns moved to Oxford in 1979. Family visitors to their home in Shadowy Hills include two sons, Edward Dustin Brown and Ernest Amos Brown, two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Robert T. Howard, DePauw '37, General Fraternity Historian