



## *Beverley V. Hancock*

1899-1972

Beverley (Bev) V. Hancock was born in Fargo, North Dakota, on October 7, 1899. His parents were English and young Hancock attended school both in Fargo and in England. His father, George, was an architect and built many buildings in Fargo, some of which are still standing.

In 1917, Hancock came west and began working for Frank Waterhouse Steamship Company in Seattle, Washington. During World War I, he left the shipping firm to serve in the Army Tank Corps, but after the war, he resumed his work with Waterhouse. In 1922, he and Edna McCreery, a native of Seattle, were married.

At the beginning of the Great Depression in 1929, Hancock left the steamship company and began working for the Evans Products Company in Marshfield (now Coos Bay), Oregon. There he learned about the wood products industry, first as purchasing agent and taxation authority on timberlands. Through the years he held various positions with Evans, including handling the selling of Port Orford cedar logs to Japan and the

exporting of cedar battery separators. In 1941, he moved to the Evans western headquarters in Portland to supervise plywood sales.

Meanwhile, in 1940, Evans had built at Lebanon, Oregon, the world's largest single unit plywood factory. The plant was constructed under the leadership of Max Tucker, western general manager, and was later sold to Mr. Tucker. On March 6, 1944, this plywood division at Lebanon became Cascade Plywood Corporation with Mr. Tucker as president. Hancock left Evans Products at that time to join the new Cascade Plywood Corporation.

In 1942, Hancock was named to the powerful management committee of the Douglas Fir Plywood Association, on whose board he served continually until 1956. For two terms (and part of a third), he was president.

After a career of more than 30 years, Hancock retired at age 62 from his position of Executive Vice President in charge of sales with Cascade. Upon retirement, he took up

woodworking and had a shop in the basement of the Arlington Club in Portland where he spent many of his days doing woodcarving. He passed away on August 20, 1972, of heart failure.

Besides the Arlington Club, he belonged to the University Club of Portland, the Outrigger Club of Honolulu, and the Arizona Club of Phoenix, Arizona.

He and his wife had one son, Roger L. Hancock, who is owner of Arizona Millwork in Phoenix, Arizona.