



**Ralph F. Lowe**  
**1907 - 1965**  
**Inducted 1973**

Ralph Lowe was born in Lewis County, Missouri, and attended Westminster College at Fulton. He worked briefly for a hotel in Casper, Wyoming, then joined Oil Well Supply and began learning the oil business in Kansas and Oklahoma. Lowe worked in Wink, Texas in 1927 as a machinist, then became shop foreman and successfully operated a service station here in Midland. By 1940, all of his collected knowledge and experience was beginning to come together. Lowe contracted to drill his first well on the Seth Campbell lease in Winkler County. A year later he bought his own cable tool rig and by 1943 he had drilled 25 wells in Winkler County. Lowe was deeply involved in the great Fullerton play and found extensions of the Denton and Gladiola fields in Lea County. He was part of the Andrews County developments of the 1950s. He also had major roles in the Cohanosa Field in Pecos County and in the Indian Basin Field of Eddy County. From 1940 until his death in 1965, Ralph Lowe was involved in 500 wells in Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and New Mexico.

