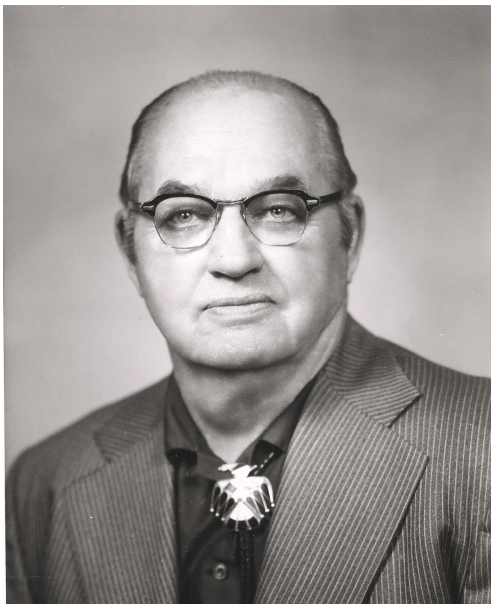


Hazen P. “Cap” Slagel
1895-1974
Inducted 1972

Cap Slagel was born in Mason City, West Virginia. As a boy, he helped his father drill and produce brine wells. As a young man, he worked as a Wells Fargo messenger, then served as a captain (thus, his nickname) in the Army during World War I. After the war, he briefly worked in the Ranger, Texas oil field and then moved to Colorado City in 1919 where he worked as a tooldresser and a driller on many of the most important Mitchell County wells. These early wells were part of what first attracted national attention to the Permian Basin. Cap worked on the Morrison No. 2 well, which was the second and best of the early producers in the Westbrook Field in 1922. He was involved with the Sloan-Miller No. 1, which extended the Westbrook field and was a major producer. He was also on the Chalk No.1, which discovered the Chalk Field in Howard County. Cap later became an independent producer, and was involved in the Ira Field in Scurry County, in addition to wells on the Foster Ranch near Iatan, Texas.

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