



Haymon Krupp 1969

Haymon Krupp of El Paso was one of that handful of visionary men who were brushed by fate in the form of a single oil well: Santa Rita No. 1. As most of us know, this well was drilled in 1923 at Big Lake, Texas and truly opened up West Texas and southeastern New Mexico to oil development.

Mr. Krupp at the time was already a successful merchant and manufacturer. He had come to El Paso in 1890 at the age of 16 and was nearing 50 years of life when the opportunity to lead and invest in the Santa Rita venture came to him. Nonetheless, he became president of Texon Oil and Land Company and undertook the task of handling the company's financial affairs. It was tough and difficult work, with highly uncertain prospects for success. It was Haymon Krupp's encouragement and his ability to find money for land and for drilling that made it possible for Frank Pickrell, Carl Cromwell, and others on the scene to transform the venture into one of the great oil success stories of our time.

Haymon Krupp had a sympathetic regard for people of all kinds. His philanthropies tended to be generous but quietly given. He was a civic leader in El Paso, and is warmly remembered there.

For his vision on the Santa Rita venture and the kind of man he was, we honor him.