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An innovator and outstanding executive, Lovic Pierce Garrett was born in LaGrange, Georgia, October 27, 1880. When he was 12 years old he came to DeLeon in Comanche County, Texas, with his family. He studied geology at the University of Texas, graduated in 1902, and went then with the old Rio Bravo Oil company. By 1908 he had been enlisted in Gulf Oil's Houston organization. He was named president of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists in 1931. He was serving as a Gulf vice president at the time of his death in 1943.

Mr. Garrett introduced seismologists from Germany into this country. He was instrumental in persuading Gulf to drill what became the first commercial oil well producing through a salt dome overhang. In 1924 he added torsion balance and seismograph parties to Gulf's exploration department and pioneered an application of these methods outside the Gulf Coast.

He worked closely with Ben Belt and others in developing a major position for Gulf in the Permian Basin and in arranging for Gulf's necessary financial support for the venture.

We honor L. P. Garrett for his ability to detect the significant and good in exploration technology, to adopt it, and to apply his great organizational skills to its use.