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Vaughn Carlton Maley started a career of continued excellence by earning one degree Summa cum Laude from Southwest Baptist Academy and a second one Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Texas. In 1927 he began his forty-four year career with Humble Oil.

Vaughn's first assignment was as a field geologist in West Texas. During the following six years he made detailed surface maps of over thirteen Texas counties. In 1933 he was promoted to Division Subsurface Geologist.

In 1935 he moved to Midland and became Assistant Division Geologist. After a tour in Mississippi to set up operations in much of the Sough, Vaughn returned as Humble's Chief Division Geologist of West Texas and New Mexico. Vaughn remained in Midland until 1952 when he moved to Corpus Christi as Chief Geologist there.

During World War II he was assigned to assemble and develop figures for actual and potential oil production for West Texas. This data gathering and analysis experience served Vaughn well when he made a major move in 1956 to New York City with Standard Oil of New Jersey. His new job put him in charge of operations in Central and South America including Cuba, Colombia, Ecuador and Venezuela. He also traveled to Iraq, Iran and Europe.

In 1964 Vaughn retired and returned to Midland. He has since served as a leader in numerous civic organizations and on many boards.

Vaughn Maley is remembered as a great oil finder. His geological work either found, or caused to be found, millions of barrels of oil in the Basin and elsewhere in the world. He helped develop the Basin into one of the nation's most prolific oil and gas regions, and helped make humble into the great company it became.

Mr. Maley will also be fondly remembered for the professional pride and loyalty which he instilled into those under him. His sterling character, friendly spirit and modestly earned him the title "gentlemen of the oil patch".