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A writer once noted that Stanley Moore, while attending Rice University in 1937, flew on Sundays with the National Guard, took a correspondence course on becoming an officer, managed the Rice bookstore, worked at night for Houston's electric company, and courted his wife. He took a cut in pay when he got his first job with Hughes Tool as an engineer.

He has made a profession of listening to rig hand's complaints and suggestions. He has made a career of finding the technology that would solve their problems. In 1952 and 1953 he founded and named Drilco, a company that has been peculiarly responsive to the technical needs of the oilman. Stanley Moore imbued and inspired it with his own traits of service and hard work and then brought those same characteristics to the Smith International organization after Drilco became a part of Smith.

It has been said of him that ideas he brought to the industry have save it hundreds of millions of dollars.

He has been extremely generous to Rice University and to a very large number of non-profit organizations in Midland and elsewhere. He has given himself, his cheerful personality, and his wonderful enthusiasm to friends and associates throughout a marvelous life that merits far more tributes than can here be said.