



Neville G. Penrose 1975

Neville G. Penrose of Fort Worth has been one of the most aggressive wildcatters of the Permian Basin. He first came to West Texas in 1928 and in 1932 started operating independently.

Possibly his most noted discovery, out of many, was the Cary No.1, drilled in 1935, in what became known as the Penrose Field. It was later consolidated with the Skelly Field.

However, he also found important fields in Andrews and Upton counties, Texas, the Drickey Queen Field in Chaves County, New Mexico, and the Brunson Ellenburger Field in Lea County, New Mexico.

A native of Philadelphia, Neville G. Penrose has lived in Fort Worth for many years. During that time his reputation as a successful entrepreneur and energy-seeker has grown steadily.

Equally as distinguished has been his service to his nation and the cause of international understanding. Years ago he became interested in improving and maintaining good relations between people of the United States and their fellowmen in Mexico and the Central and South American countries. He served as chairman of the Good Neighbor Commission, and through his personal means he has made notable gains in fostering people-to-people contacts with the Latin American nations.

It is typical of the man that he titled himself a “Grass Roots Diplomat” in a book he wrote.

Diplomat and wildcatter he certainly has been, but his distinguished career barley bespeaks the forceful and farsighted leadership and character he has brought to Texas and the petroleum industry over the years.