IN MEMORIAM

HARRY H. POWER

Harry H. Power, Professor Emeritus of Petroleum Engineering, died May 5, 1982, at the age of 89. Power was one of the first engineers in the country to see the need for, and advance the concept of petroleum engineering education. He served on the faculty of The University of Texas at Austin for twenty-eight years, from 1936 to 1964, and was Chairman of the Department of Petroleum Engineering for twenty years.

Professor Power received his B.S. in Chemical Engineering at Washington State University, his M.S. in Petroleum Engineering at the University of California at Berkeley, and his Ph.D. at the University of Pittsburgh. During his early years he served in various capacities in both industry and government. He first served as junior engineer for Cities Service Company from 1919 to 1922, then became evaluation engineer for the U.S. Bureau of Internal Revenue in Washington, D.C. from 1922-1926. After obtaining his M.S., Power joined the Gulf Oil Corporation in Tulsa, serving as production engineer for four years. He became Chief Production Engineer for Gulf Oil Company in 1930. Headquartered in Tulsa, Power was in charge of all petroleum and production engineering activities of the company for six years. He then was appointed Chairman of the Department of Petroleum Engineering at The University of Texas.

While in industry, and later in petroleum engineering education, Professor Power was active in the professional society of petroleum engineering – The American Institute of Mining, Metallurgical and Petroleum Engineers (AIME). He served as Chairman of the Mid-Continent Section of the AIME in 1930; President of the Petroleum Section of AIME in 1935; Chairman of the Education Section of AIME in 1941, 1954 and 1955. Years later, when the Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE) was formed as a separate unit of AIME,
he was invited to serve as a member of the Board of Trustees of the SPE Foundation. He served in this capacity from 1978 until his death.

Professor Power was also active in the American Society of Engineering Education (ASEE), serving as Chairman of the Mineral Education Division of ASEE in 1951 and 1952. He also served on the Committee on Production Technology, and Committee on Drilling and Production Practice of the American Petroleum Institute (API) from 1936 to 1939. Power served for many years as a member of the Engineering School Examining Committee for Engineers Council for Professional Development (ECPD), the accrediting body for engineering education. His foreign assignments included Fulbright professorships at Delft Technological University, Holland, and the University of Cairo, Egypt. As a Registered Professional Engineer in the State of Texas, he also served as a consultant for industry and government, both at home and abroad.

As an early educator in his chosen field, and as an active proponent of petroleum engineering education, Professor Power received many honors for his pioneering work. He was made a Fellow in the Texas Academy of Science in 1947, and was appointed by various governors of Texas to serve as a member of the Interstate Oil Compact Commission. In 1964 the AIME selected Professor Power to receive its Mineral Industry Education Award. The citation honoring Power read "Distinguished petroleum educator, engineer and author whose pioneering work was preeminent in achieving recognition of petroleum engineering curricula by industry and engineering education."

While a professor at the University, Dr. Power supervised 34 M.S. theses and three doctoral dissertations in Petroleum Engineering (list appended). He also published 48 technical papers during this time. Professor Power was honored the year before his death by the establishment of an endowed Professorship in Engineering in his name by the Board of Regents of The University of Texas System.

Harry H. Power will be remembered for establishing and nurturing a fledgling department in a new field of engineering, one which was to become preeminent in petroleum engineering education and which has furnished the petroleum industry with many of its finest engineers, managers and chief executives throughout the world.
William H. Cunningham, President
The University of Texas at Austin

H. Paul Kelley, Secretary
The General Faculty

This Memorial Resolution was prepared by a special Committee consisting of Professors Myron H. Dorfman (Chairman), Gary A. Pope, and Irwin H. Silberberg.
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