

Distinguished Achievement Medals
and
Honorary Degree



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Colorado School of Mines
Golden, Colorado

Distinguished Achievement Medals

Recipients of the Distinguished Achievement Medals and the van Diest Gold Medal are chosen from the alumni of the Colorado School of Mines each year by the Board of Trustees.

CHARLES W. DESGREY

Engineer of Mines
Class of 1926

Palatine, Illinois

Vice President for Manufacturing of the United States Gypsum Company since 1954, he has completed thirty-six years of service for that company. Following his graduation from the Colorado School of Mines in 1926, he began as a Mining Engineer with the United States Gypsum Company. In 1929, he was elevated to the position of Plant Engineering Superintendent, and in 1931 he became Works Manager, in which capacity he served until 1946 in four different locations. In 1946 he was made Production Manager of the company's Western Division, and in 1949, Operations Manager of the company. He served one year - 1953 to 1954 - as General Manager of Operations of the United States Gypsum Company before becoming Vice President.

CHARLES FRANKLIN FOGARTY

Engineer of Mines
Class of 1942

Doctor of Science
Class of 1952

Rye, New York

Senior Vice President of the Texas Gulf Sulphur Company at the age of forty, he began his service with that company in 1952 as a Geologist. Following his graduation from the Colorado School of Mines in 1942, he entered the United States Army Corps of Engineers as a Second Lieu-

tenant and left active service in 1946 as a Major. After four years as Senior Geologist for Socony Vacuum Oil Company of Colombia, he began work on his 1952 Doctorate from the Colorado School of Mines. In 1952 he joined Texas Gulf Sulphur as Assistant Manager of their Exploration Department, and following positions as Manager of the Geological Department and Vice President and Manager of Exploration, he was named Senior Vice President of that company in 1961. He is the author of articles in professional journals.

W. P. MORRIS

Engineer of Mines

Class of 1930

Houston, Texas

Director and President of the Duval Sulphur and Potash Company of Houston since 1957, he has served in responsible executive positions for that company for twelve years. Following his graduation from the Colorado School of Mines in 1930, he spent a year as an Engineer with a coal company before becoming Safety and Haulage Engineer for the United States Potash Company of Carlsbad, New Mexico. In 1950 he joined Duval Sulphur and Potash Company as Resident Manager of their Potash Division in Carlsbad, New Mexico. He became Vice President and Assistant General Manager of Duval Potash and Sulphur in 1954, and served for three months as Director and Executive Vice President in 1957 before becoming Director and President of the Company.

JOHN ANTHONY POULIN

Engineer of Mines

Class of 1921

Sarasota, Florida

An executive of the Sinclair Oil Corporation of New York, he is President of four Sinclair subsidiary companies, Chairman of the Board of one other, and a member of the Board of Directors of a sixth. His career as a student at Mines was interrupted by two years of service as a World

War I Army Air Force pilot over France and Germany. After completing his mining studies, he worked in postgraduate geological studies at Columbia University for a year. In 1922 he became Engineer and Chemist in Colorado and Utah for the Standard Chemical Company, and in 1926 accepted a post as Engineer and Geologist for the Sinclair Exploration Company. In 1937 he became Chief of the Engineering and Geology Departments for Texas Petroleum Company in Caracas, and in 1943, Vice President and Resident Manager of the United Geophysical Company in Venezuela. Following a year of consulting for the Superior Oil Company, he accepted a post with the United States Department of the Interior where he served in two positions before joining the Sinclair Oil Company in May of 1955.

WILLIAM E. WALLIS

Geological Engineer

Class of 1930

New York, New York

Manager of Exploration for the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey in its New York headquarters since 1958, he has been working all over the world in the field of petroleum geology since his graduation from the Colorado School of Mines in 1930. Beginning as a Field Geologist in northeastern Mexico for the TransContinental Petroleum Company, he became District Geologist for the Huasteca Petroleum Company in Tampico in 1933. In 1939 he joined the Standard Oil Company of Egypt as Geologist and Geophysicist, and in 1942 became associated with Standard Oil Company of New Jersey in exploration work in Costa Rica, Ecuador, and Cuba. He was named Chief Geologist for Standard Oil of Egypt in 1944 and Assistant General Manager of Ecuadorean Petroleum Company two years later. Between 1947 and 1954 he was Exploration Manager of the International Petroleum Company, Ltd., in Peru and the Creole Petroleum Corporation of Venezuela. He then served four years with Standard Oil of New Jersey as Deputy Exploration Manager before he was named to the post of Manager of Exploration in 1958.

The van Diest Gold Medal

The van Diest Gold Medal, established by Dr. Edmond C. van Diest in 1950 for recognition of outstanding achievement by a Colorado School of Mines alumnus in his fifth to fifteenth year after graduation is awarded to

MARION S. BELL

in recognition of his significant contributions to the mineral industries as a Metallurgical Engineer.

Now Works Manager for the El Paso Plant of Phelps Dodge Refining Corporation, Marion S. Bell has been employed by this company since his graduation. His responsibilities with the Phelps Dodge Refining Corporation in operating and executive positions in plant operations have progressed from the duties of Assistant Foreman to his present position as Works Manager, which he assumed last year. His contributions to the field have been in the area of development work in electrolyte purification, electrolyte control, character of cathode deposit, application of rolling mill to process copper starting sheets, combustion control and quality control of fire-refined and electrolytic castings. He is Chairman of the El Paso Chapter of the Texas Manufacturers Association, a member of the President's Advisory Committee on Engineering Education for Texas Western College. He is a past Chairman of the El Paso section of the American Association of Mining, Metallurgical, and Petroleum Engineers.

Honorary Degree

GEORGE R. BROWN

Honorary Degree of

DOCTOR OF ENGINEERING

George R. Brown, who received his Engineer of Mines Degree in 1922 from the Colorado School of Mines, has had a significant part in the management of the Brown and Root Engineering and Construction firm, now one of the world's largest and most versatile building organizations. He is Executive Vice President of the firm, which, in forty years has originated construction valued at nearly three billion dollars.

He is Chairman of the Board of Trustees for Rice University at Houston. He also is a Director of Trans World Airlines, Lone Star Steel, Southland Paper Mills, International Telephone and Telegraph, and the First National City Bank of Houston. He is Vice President of Highland Oil and serves as Chairman of the Board of Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation. He has also served as special consultant and advisor to numerous Federal and State commissions and committees.

In 1949 George R. Brown was one of the recipients of the School's Distinguished Achievement Medals which was awarded to him for his outstanding professional record.

