

## ELMER OELZE, JR.

Nashville, Illinois

Elmer Oelze, Jr. was born in Nashville Township and a graduate of Carson Grade School, Nashville, Illinois.

Elmer farmed with his father and operated his own bulldozer and excavating business from 1956 to 1971. He served his country as a member of the United States Army receiving an Honorable Discharge in 1958.

Developing a interest in oil, he began acquiring leases in the 1950's, which he continued throughout his entire life. As an independent oil producer, he leased, drilled, and produced several prospects a year, increasing his oil production yearly.

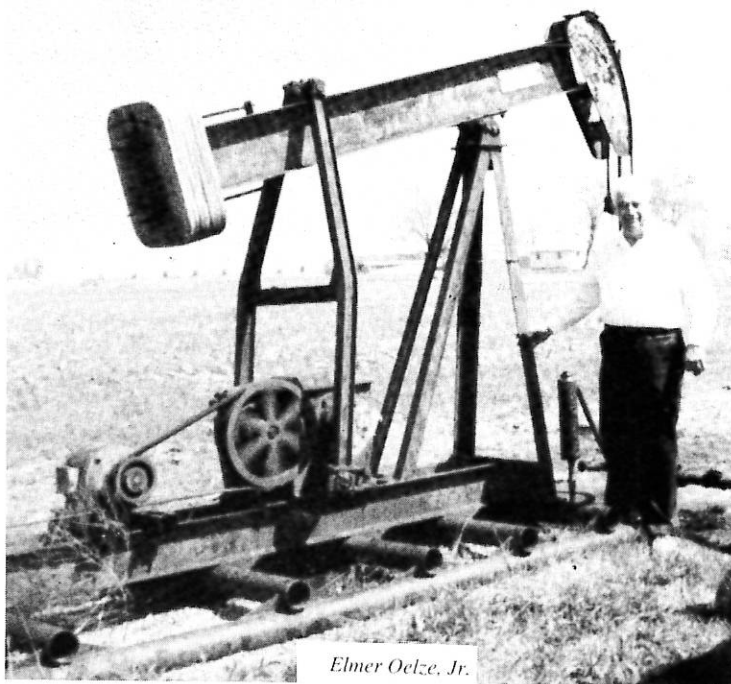
In 1979, Elmer drilled the Schaeffer #1, which would be the discovery well in the field later known as the Nashville North Oil Field. Because of his discovery, he had been nominated for Wildcatter of the Year Award by the Illinois Oil and Gas Association. In 1990 he received the Wildcatter of the Year Award from the Illinois Oil and Gas Association for his discovery of the Rice Northwest Oil Field and new pay zones in the Cordes Field.

Elmer was a 22 year member of the Illinois Oil and Gas Association and served on the Board of Directors.

In 1980, he purchased the Alps Restaurant and Motel, which was remodeled and re-opened in November, 1981, as the Derrick Restaurant and Motel and Bits of Gold Jewelry and Gifts.

Elmer Oelze, Jr. passed away on May 17, 1991.

The business Elmer Oelze, Jr. Oil Company, along with Oelze Equipment Co., LLC, and Oelze Production Co., LLC, Nashville, Illinois; and Independent Supply Company, Mt. Vernon, Illinois, continue to be owned and operated by his wife, Marion, and their four children, Kimberly, William, Jeffrey and Elmer Dean.



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