

# Doherty's Career Marked By Distinguished Service

Born March 23, 1898, in Houston, Wilfred Thomas Doherty has had a long and distinguished career in the oil industry in Texas.

He embarked on his career with the Humble Oil and Refining Co. in 1922 after studying chemical engineering at A&M.

He served with Humble in various capacities until 1938, first as an engineer in the process and research laboratories, as Gulf Coast petroleum engineer, as engineer in charge of the petroleum engineering department and last as division superintendent.

From 1938-1958 he served as general superintendent for the Robert A. Welch interests, and then as president and director of the Mound Co. from 1948-1959. He also served as vice-president and director of the Fidelity Oil and Royalty Co. from 1949-1955.

In 1953 he became trustee for the Robert A. Welch Foundation and today he is president and a member of the board of directors of that organization.

In addition to his varied interests with the oil industry, he served as director of the First National Bank of Houston from 1953-1956, and director of the Texas National Bank of Houston from 1956-1957. Vitialy interested in higher education, Doherty was a member of the Board of Directors of the A&M College System from 1953-1959, the last four years as president of the board.

He has also served with distinction as a counselor to the A&M Research Foundation. Now he is a trustee to the A&M Development Foundation.

In addition to his other contributions to higher education, he co-authored with Joseph Zaba a

book entitled "Practical Petroleum Engineer's Handbook" which is now in its fourth edition.

Doherty holds membership in many professional societies, among which are the American Chemical Society, American Association for the Advancement of Science, Texas Academy of Science, American Petroleum Institute, American

Association of Petroleum Geologists and the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers.

In 1951 Doherty was awarded a "Citation of Service" for distinguished service to the oil industry, the highest honor bestowed by the American Petroleum Institute.

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