VICTOR JAMES HENDRICKSON
(1892-1953)

Victor James Hendrickson, a member of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists since 1923, died of a heart attack at his home in Denver, Colorado, on April 6, 1953, at the age of 60 years.

"Vic" as he was known to his many friends was born in Fort Collins, Colorado, on September 27, 1892. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Hendrickson. The family moved to Denver and Vic attended Manual Training High School, where he graduated on June 6, 1912. While at Manual he was active in athletics. After his graduation from high school he took some special courses at the University of Colorado from December, 1912, until June, 1914. He entered as a full time student September 15, 1914, and continued his studies until November 28, 1917. At this time he left school to enter the United States Army during World War I and served overseas as a meteorologist in the Signal Service Division. After honorable discharge from military service he reentered the University in March, 1919, and was awarded a Bachelor of Arts degree, with a major in geology, on June 14, 1920. He was a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity, where he was affectionately known as "Pa" Hendrickson. Due to his great enthusiasm for geology he was instrumental in starting many freshmen on careers in geology.

Upon completion of his college work he was employed by the Midwest Refining Company. Later he joined Thomas S. Harrison, consulting geologist, and engaged in some of the early work that led to the original drilling in the Fort Collins and Wellington oil fields. For several years he worked for "Hardrock" Coolidge, organizer of the Homestake Exploration Corporation in Great Falls, Montana. About 1926 he joined the California Petroleum Corporation, which was later taken over by The Texas Company. In 1932 he left The Texas Company in order to take graduate work at the Colorado School of Mines, where he was especially interested in sedimentation and micro-paleontology. During this time he made a special study of the conditions of deposition of the basal Cretaceous sandstones in eastern Colorado, which are now the objectives of much drilling in that area.

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