

Dedication to Kenneth K. Landes

As we open this session on Geology this morning I want to take this opportunity to dedicate this and the sessions that follow to the memory of Kenneth Landes. Since Ken opened the first symposium in Cleveland in 1962 with his paper on the origin of salt deposits, these conferences have been truly interdisciplinary and no one, to the best of my knowledge, has better bridged the gap among the represented disciplines than Ken.

In the Core Lab at the University of Michigan he defined the Salina and Bass Island rocks in the Michigan Basin, the basic reference for that sequence since 1945; in the classroom he rolled up his pants' legs to above the knees and spoke of walking across the Michigan Basin during Salina deposition without getting his pants wet; in the American Chemical Society Monograph on sodium chloride published in 1960, he wrote about the geology of salt deposits and the salt deposits of the United States; and in the offices and mines of salt and limestone producers, he solved old problems and prevented the development of new ones. In recognition of his ability to bridge the gaps between laboratory science and industrial application, the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgy gave him the Hardinage Award for Excellency in Industrial Minerals.

His versatility is further demonstrated by his early publications on pegmatites, his texts on petroleum and introductory geology, his editorship of the Bulletin of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists, and his diverse and always thought provoking lectures and papers on oil in the Precambrian, our shrinking globe and the American Association of Petroleum Geologists best seller "Scrutiny of the Abstract".

Ken died in November 1981, but he will long be remembered for his diverse contributions to the scientific community. By dedicating the geology sections of this symposium to him, we recognize not only his contribution to an understanding of evaporite sequences, particularly those of the Michigan Basin, but even more so his ability to bridge the gap between pure science and the real world. Ken's recognition is world-wide, and I am joined in this tribute by Dr. Jozef W. Poborski, Professor at the University of Mining and Metallurgy, Krakow, Poland, who speaks for the European scientific community.

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