



E. Russell Lloyd
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A native West Virginian, Russell Lloyd was a brilliant student who earned a Rhodes scholarship and went on to study at Oxford in England. While there, he vacationed in the Alps and other European locations and became intrigued by the geological formations. He began to study geology seriously. His subsequent career included work with the United States Geological Survey, Sinclair Wyoming in New Mexico, Roxana Oil in Midland, Superior Oil Company and as an independent geologist. Lloyd's greatest contribution to Permian Basin oil development and to scientific knowledge in general took form over several years. He sensed that Capitan Peak in southwestern New Mexico was part of a great reef system that formed the western boundary for a sedimentary region we now call the Permian Basin. His studies of this reef system and of limestone problems in geological interpretations led to Russell becoming an internationally recognized authority in his field. His colleague, John Emery Adams, once called Russell Lloyd the foremost geologist in West Texas.

