

Frank Wendell Strait

1916 - 2004



Frank W. Strait was born June 25, 1916, at Leon, the son of Perry and Fanny Dixon Strait. He graduated from Leon High School with the class of 1933. He spent all his life in Butler County.

Mr. Strait was an independent oil operator and producer. He founded Dunne & Strait Drilling Company in 1946 and Strait Drilling in 1954. Strait Drilling is still in operation in the El Dorado field. On July 18, 1978, he married Eloise Squier Blakeman in Hutchinson.

He was a member of the Leon United Methodist Church, Joppa Masonic Lodge #223, A.F. and A.M. for 66 years, Midian Shrine, Royal Order of Jesters, a former member of Rotary, a former director of Citizens State Bank; and a member of the Board of Directors at Butler County Historical Society and Oil Museum.

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