Laureate
Edward R. "Eddy" Knight
Businessman and Gifted Californian

From the start, Knight's growing business had only one national salesman — Knight himself!

A rancher and oilman, Eddy Knight became interested in the oil and gas industry early in his career. After trying his hand at several unsuccessful ventures in the early 1920s, he finally hit it big in 1925 with the acquisition of the West Coast Oil Company. This company was later merged with his existing Knight Petroleum Company, and he became a major player in the oil industry.

Knight was a proponent of the integration of oil and gas exploration, and he was known for his innovative approach to the industry. He was also a strong advocate for the development of new technologies and methods for extracting oil and gas.

In the 1930s, Knight expanded his interests to include the acquisition of several major oil companies, including the Standard Oil Company of California. He became a major force in the industry, and his companies were known for their innovative approach to exploration and production.

Knight was also a philanthropist, and he gave generously to a variety of charitable causes. He was known for his generosity and his commitment to his family and friends, and he was widely respected for his integrity and his business acumen.

Knight died in 1940, but his legacy lived on through his company, which continued to be a major player in the oil and gas industry for many years to come. His contributions to the industry and his dedication to philanthropy continue to be remembered and celebrated today.