Albert Abercrombie (A. L.) was born in Garden City, Kansas and moved to the Oklahoma Oil Fields when he was twelve years old. He began his oilfield career as a “teaming contractor” where he used horses to haul equipment for Shell Oil Company and Big Chief Drilling Company. In 1945, he moved back to Kansas where he became production foreman for Sohio Oil. By 1949, Abercrombie joined Musgrove Petroleum as part owner in Burch Drilling and associated with Duke & Wood Drilling. He started his own oil production company, A. L. Abercrombie, Inc. in 1962 which later became Abercrombie Drilling & RTD, mainly drilling in the western oil fields of Kansas.