Mr. Shawver was an independent operator and producer. He was a pioneer in the El Dorado field. He discovered the Rock Pool in Butler County, Kansas in 1923. He was the first President of KIOGA. Mr. Shawver is the founder of Stelbar Oil corporation, Inc. He helped to establish oil and gas proration laws in Kansas. Mr. Shawver negotiated the Interstate Oil Compact of 1935.