



PES

PROPANE EQUIPMENT SUPPLY

Our History



Paul Sr. and Dixie Oil Company 1954



The Eardley family 1951. Jim, Paul Sr., Paul Jr., and Jane pregnant with Susan



Paul Sr. and Paul Jr. 1956



Jim (left) and Paul Jr. with Kevin on his lap 1972

Paul Eardley Sr. Founded Dixie Oil Co. in St. George, Utah in 1947. Originally he was in the oil distribution industry and had a service station in St. George.

In the early 1959 Paul Sr. began to retail propane at his service station. After being mistreated by his supplier Paul decided to get into the propane business, and give them the competition they deserved.

In 1964 Dixie Oil and Gas was sold and the Eardley family focused on the propane business. The new business was called Dix-O-Gas, and thus began the Eardley family's time in the propane business.

The business thrived under Paul's entrepreneurial spirit, and by 1963 his son Jim began to work for the company. By 1970 Paul Jr. also came to work for the company.

Paul Sr. continued to run the company with his sons Jim and Paul Jr. taking more and more of a lead with the company. Paul Sr. retired from the day to day operations in 1980, but remained as an advisor until his death in 1983.

In 1987 the decision was made by the family to sell the propane business to Petrolane Gas Service. At the time of the sale Dix-O-Gas was the largest independent LP gas operator in the state of Utah. Dix-O-Gas had 11 retail locations in Utah, Arizona and Idaho as well as wholesale transportation and LP gas distribution all over the inter-mountain west.

Paul went to work for Petrolane and was a manager of the wholesale transportation for seven western states for the company and over saw the day to day operations of Petrolane's retail operations in south eastern Idaho. Following the turmoil of the Petrolane sale and future acquisition by Suburban Propane, the entrepreneurial spirit made him venture back out into the small business world.



Dix-O-Gas bobtail and transport.



Kevin and Kelli growing up the LP gas world. 1974



Karen, Abby, Paul and Nathan 2015



Paul Sr. and Jane Eardley



Paul & Karen 2016

In September 1991 Jim and Paul purchased PES with Paul responsible for the day to day operations. Paul has continued in this capacity to this time.

Over the past 26 years PES has built literally hundreds of bulk plants and other installations. Installed many air mix systems, and sold and serviced several hundred vaporizers.

PES is truly a family business. Paul and his wife Karen are responsible for the day to day operations. Paul's oldest daughter Kelli worked for PES for several years until she decided to be a stay at home mom. Paul's oldest son Kevin works full time for the company, and his youngest son Nathan works part time in the warehouse after school filling and packing orders.

When you work with PES not only do you get great parts and service, but you also get our many years of experience to help you make smarter more informed decisions. We are only a phone call away to help you with whatever you need.