

Dallas-Fort Worth Section

Read is February Speaker

DR. WILLIAM THORNTON READ, scientific research advisor to the Research and Development Group of the War Department General Staff, will speak on "Chemistry in National Defense" in Sherman, Texas, February 17, at 7:45 p.m. in the Austin College Administration Building.



Dr. Read was born in 1883 at College Station, Texas. He received the A.B. and A.M. degrees from Austin College, Texas; the M.A. degree from the University of Texas and the Ph.D. degree from Yale University. He also spent a year as research assistant to Professor Arthur Michael, at Harvard University.

The *Daily Leader*, Lampasas, Texas, employed Dr. Read as its assistant editor for two years. He then served as secretary of Austin College; as German instructor in a preparatory school; as chemistry instructor in the University of Texas, and as chemist for the Bureau of Economic Geology of that University. In 1918, he became assistant chemist, U. S. Bureau of Mines, where he worked on war gas investigations. He also held the commission of First Lieutenant, Chemical Warfare Service, U. S. Army.

Since World War I, Dr. Read has been instructor and assistant professor at Yale

University; professor and head of the Department of Chemistry at Texas Technological College, and dean of the School of Chemistry, Rutgers University. In 1943, he became chief of the Professional Allocations Section of the War Manpower Commission. Since 1946, he has been scientific research advisor to the Research and Development Group of the War Department General Staff.

Dr. Read's address will cover the following topics: present organization of Department of Defense; Munitions Board; National Security Resources Board; Research and Development Board; Navy, Air Force and Army programs; Chemistry in military materiel; Chemical Warfare; Smokes and Incendiaries (Toxics); Ammunition; Weapons, Rocket and Jet fuels, Clothing, Rations, Communications, Bridges and Roads, Landing Fields, Camouflage, Vehicles, Packing and Preservation; Fundamental Research and Department of Defense.

In the afternoon preceding the lecture, a plant tour of Mrs. Tucker's Foods will be conducted and a dinner will be held at 6:30.

Wharton Dies in Accident

F. W. Wharton, research chemist at Mrs. Tucker's Foods in Sherman, Texas, died as the result of an automobile accident when his car went off the pavement in some muddy weather, January 21. Mr. Wharton graduated from Austin College in 1928. He had been with Mrs. Tucker's fifteen years.