

NEWS

Dr. Roy C. Newton, vice-president in charge of chemical research, Swift & Company, Chicago, was placed in the hall of fame of his alma mater, Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College, in special ceremonies commemorating achievements of alumni, December 15. The occasion was part of a three-day observance of the 50th year of the founding of the college.

Dr. Newton, member of the Swift & Company chemical research staff since 1924, was born in El Reno, Okla., in 1896, and was educated in the public schools of that city. He received his bachelor's degree from Oklahoma A. and M. College in 1921, having served in the A.E.F. as a second lieutenant in 1917-18. Wounded during the war, he holds the Croix de Guerre with one star.

Following his graduation, Newton served as assistant chemistry instructor at the college, and later taught at Purdue University and Lewis Institute. He received his doctor's degree magna cum laude from the University of Chicago in 1924.

The citation giving Dr. Newton the honor said, in part:

"Dr. Newton, through a rare combination of scientific and executive skill, has built for his company a research department that has contributed hundreds of improved forms of food and food by-products to the use of mankind. His personal research has contributed many valuable processes to the food industries.

"Standing as he does at the meeting grounds of agriculture, science, and business, Dr. Newton exemplifies the combination in one person of those skills which it is the purpose of the land-grant college to impart; and hence it is fitting that we recognize him today as one of Oklahoma A. and M. College's outstanding graduates."

Dr. Newton's election to the research vice-presidency of Swift & Company is recent; he had served for a number of years as the company's chief chemist.

The post vacated by Dr. Newton was filled by Mr. H. S. Mitchell, first vice-president of the American Oil Chemists' Society and well known to OIL & SOAP readers. Mr. Mitchell had for some time prior to his selection as chief chemist been assistant chief chemist of Swift & Co.

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