Comment

Dr. W. T. Read dies in Texas at age of 86

Dr. William T. Read, 86, died Sunday (June 4, 1972) at Pasadena, Tex., where he and Mrs. Read have been living in retirement in recent years.

Dr. and Mrs. Read made their home with their daughter, Mrs. Roxanna Wiswell, a pediatrician, at 710 Cherokee Lane, in Pasadena.

Dr. Read was a son of Dr. Joseph D. and Belle Thornton Read. He was born March 8, 1886, on the campus of Texas A&M University at College Station, at which time his father was the college physician at the newly established institution.

Dr. Read married the former Roxie Clark of Conway. Their marriage occurred Sept. 9, 1918.

Dr. Read was a veteran of World War I. He served as an officer in the Chemical Warfare Section of the Army. Following his discharge, he joined the staff of Sheffield Scientific School of Yale University as an instructor and later an assistant professor. From Yale he went to Texas Tech at Lubbock to head the Department of Chemistry from 1925 to 1930. He was dean of the School of Chemistry at Rutgers University from 1930 to 1942 and then went to the Pentagon in Washington.

Dr. Read was the author of "Industrial Chemistry,"
American Encyclopedia Annual articles and other publications.
He was a member of numerous scientific fraternities and organizations.

Surviving besides his wife and daughter are a son, William T. Read Jr. of Summit, N. J., and two grandchildren. He was a brother-in-law of Sam M., Robert B. and George Fred Clark, Mrs. Caroline C. Toler and Mrs. Bessie J. Menard, all of Conway.

Funeral and burial were at Pasadena.