

Roy La Mont Ginter (1892-1958)

Roy La Mont Ginter, petroleum engineer with the United States Geological Survey, who was born on February 13, 1892, in Waldren, Missouri, passed away on April 6, 1958, at the Holdenville, Oklahoma, hospital.

His college education was taken at Colorado State Agricultural College from which he received a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in biology in June, 1916. His graduate work in chemistry, initiated the following September at the University of Utah, was interrupted by service in the armed forces during World War I.

The first application of his professional training was in the Chemical War Service where, under Captain W. L. Lewis, he made the first distillation of Lewisite gas which placed Lieutenant Ginter in the hospital with arsenic poisoning. After his discharge he served as organic chemist at the Empire Oil and Gas Company's refinery at Bartlesville. In 1920 he and Mr. Harold Roe established the Roe and Ginter Chemical Laboratories. This partnership was dissolved in 1929 and the following year Mr. Ginter established the Ginter Laboratories which specialized in secondary recovery surveys and reservoir engineering. His interest in petroleum geology and production problems led him to accept a position as petroleum engineer with the United States Geological Survey in 1943, which position he held at the time of his death.

Mr. Ginter was a member of the American Chemical Society, the American Association of Petroleum Geologists, the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and the Tulsa Geological Society. He published numerous scientific papers treating problems in water, corrosion, and reservoir engineering. Of these numerous papers, "Sulphate Reduction in Deep Subsurface Waters," *Problems of Petroleum Geology*, 1934, is outstanding.

He was a man who, because of his deep interests in the natural sciences, spent much time in the field usually accompanied by his wife or a group of friends. His particular hobby was geology. His geological thinking was original and the conclusions he drew from his field work were new and stimulating. He collected many valuable specimens of minerals, fossils, and rocks which he generously gave to educational institutions.

Roy Ginter was a kindly and generous person who thought of the welfare of others. He was particularly interested in children he knew and the progress they were making in learning to lead what he called "the good life."

He was respected and admired by all who knew him. In his passing the Academy and his profession have lost a scientist and a scholar dis-

tinguished by his independent thinking. His many friends will long remember him for his kindness and consideration for others and the many services he rendered to the community in which he lived.

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