
Albert L. Burwell
1885-1961

Albert Lewis Burwell, for twenty years Industrial Chemist of the Oklahoma Geological Survey, passed away at his home in Norman on September 20 at the age of 76 years. Since his seventieth birthday he had held a half-time appointment from the Geological Survey, continuing his investigations of Oklahoma clays and shales in spite of poor health. His

passing is mourned by many friends, who will miss his friendly counsel and his deep interest in the mineral resources of Oklahoma.

Born at Winsted Connecticut, 21 January 1885 and graduated with a B. S. degree in chemistry from Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1907, Mr. Burwell first came to Oklahoma in 1921. He left Tulsa for employment with the Oklahoma Geological Survey in 1941, and during the following years he made or supervised the making of hundreds of chemical analyses at the Geological Survey, took an active part in every economic investigation of that organization, lectured before scientific and industrial societies, and wrote some thirty reports and articles on mineral utilization.

For many years Mr. Burwell was a member of the American Chemical Society and the American Institute of Chemical Engineers. After coming to the Geological Survey, he became a member of the Southwestern Ceramic Society, a director of the University of Oklahoma Research Institute, and a director of the Oklahoma Development Council. He was a member and fellow of the Oklahoma Academy of Science.

Mr. Burwell is survived by his wife Getha of Norman, his sons Robert of Minneapolis, Minnesota, and John of Idabel, Oklahoma, and five grandchildren.

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