
Arthur Curtis Shead

1891-1968

Dr. Arthur Curtis Shead died in Norman 17 June 1968. Born in New Madrid, Missouri 14 February 1891, Dr. Shead lived nearly all his life in Norman. He received his bachelor's and master's degree from the University of Oklahoma, and in 1931 received the Ph.D. degree from the University of Illinois. Dr. Shead was chemist for the Oklahoma Geological Survey from 1918 to 1923, and was a member of the University of Oklahoma faculty from 1924 until his retirement, as Associate Professor Emeritus of Chemistry, in 1957.

Dr. Shead's interests were varied. In addition to investigating the chemical composition of numerous substances, especially the ores and minerals of Oklahoma, he analyzed numerous Oklahoma plants, always on the lookout for useful products they might contain. This botanical interest resulted in making the first known collection in Oklahoma of the poisonous legume, *Glottidium vesicarium*. His last paper published in these Proceedings (vol. 47) is entitled "Some Natural Landmarks of Western Oklahoma."

Dr. Shead is survived by his wife, two sons, Arthur A. and Carleton G., and daughter, Mrs. Robert L. Holt. —George J. Goodman.