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REGINA, JAN. 7 - The first Basterfield Lectures to be delivered at the University of Saskatchewan, Regina Campus, will be entitled "Is Science Here to Stay?" and "Science as a Human Enterprise", it was announced today by Dr. Owen G. Holmes, chairman of the University's Basterfield Lectureship Committee.

The lectures will be given in Darke Hall at 8 p.m. on January 16 and 17 by Dr. Calvin A. Vander Werf, president of Hope College in Michigan. He is a former professor and chairman of the Department of Chemistry at the University of Kansas, and in each of three decades, 1940-50, 1950-60, and 1960-63, he was named one of the ten best teachers of that institution.

With his students Dr. Vander Werf has contributed more than 100 papers to the literature of chemistry, and is co-author of two textbooks of general chemistry. He is also consulting editor in chemistry and biochemistry for the Reinhold Publishing Company.

Dr. Vander Werf is currently doing research into the nitrogen compounds of petroleum, the tranquilizing drugs, and the mechanisms of organic reactions. He is the holder of research grants from the American Petroleum Institute and the Petroleum Research Fund. In 1962 he was awarded an unrestricted grant of \$50,000 by the Petroleum Research Fund for creative and imaginative research.

Dr. Vander Werf has held executive positions in the American Chemical Society, and has been a member of the editorial board of the Journal of Chemical Education. At present he is serving as a visiting scientist in chemistry for the National Science Foundation, and as a member of the advisory board of the Petroleum Research Fund. Since 1955 he has been a lecturer at the National Science Foundation's Summer Institutes in Chemistry.

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The annual lectureship, designed to enrich the undergraduate Arts and Science program at the Regina Campus, was named in honor of Dr. Steward Basterfield, former Dean of Regina College.

Dr. Basterfield was appointed an instructor in chemistry at the University of Saskatchewan in 1913, and seven years later, became a professor in that department. He held this position until 1940, when he was appointed Dean of Regina College. From the time of his retirement in June, 1950, until his death almost four years later, Dr. Basterfield was a lecturer in History and Philosophy of Science at McMaster University.

For his research work in organic chemistry, Dr. Basterfield was elected a fellow of the Royal Society of Canada in 1933. He was also a fellow of the Chemical Institute of Canada and was a charter member of the original institute, founded in 1920.

Dr. Basterfield was president of the Regina Branch of the United Nations Association in 1949, and was the first chairman of the Saskatchewan Arts Board. He was also chairman of the research committee of the Saskatchewan division of the Canadian Cancer Society.