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DALLAS -- Dr. Morton F. Mason, medical professor and director of the Dallas City-County Criminal Investigation Laboratory, will be honored Thursday night as "Analyst of the Year" by the Dallas Society of Analytical Chemists.

Dr. Mason will receive the award "for his numerous creative contributions to analytical chemistry in research and teaching."

Presentation of a scroll and inscribed gift will be made at the society's Award Dinner at 7:30p.m. Thursday (Nov. 20) in the Banquet Hall of the Lucas B&B Restaurant, 3520 Oak Lawn. Some 40 society members and their wives are expected to attend.

Dr. Mason, director of Parkland Memorial Hospital's chemistry laboratory and Dallas city-county toxicologist since 1944, will speak at the dinner in his honor on "Some Remaining Problems in Traffic Alcohol Analyses."

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Dr. Mason is professor of forensic medicine and toxicology at The University of Texas (Southwestern) Medical School at Dallas, having been on the faculty since 1944, the year after the medical school was founded. He is also senior consultant in biochemistry and physiology for the Veterans Administration Hospital here.

A recognized research authority, he is author of about 65 publications dealing with kidney and liver physiology, hypertension, analytical toxicology and electrolyte distribution.

A native of Pasadena, Calif., Dr. Mason received his doctorate in biochemistry from Duke University in 1934. He served on the faculties of the Duke University and Vanderbilt University schools of medicine before coming to Dallas in 1944. He has been director of the City-County Criminal Investigation Laboratory here since 1955.

The "Analyst of the Year" award is chosen by a committee of the Dallas Society of Analytical Chemists to recognize outstanding contributions by a resident of the Southwest to the field of analytical chemistry, with special emphasis on creative activity. About 75 analytical chemists in industry and higher education are members of the local society.

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