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DALLAS -- Dr. Arthur A. Bueche, vice president for research and development of the General Electric Company, of Schenectady, N.Y., will be the Robert A. Welch Foundation annual lecturer at The University of Texas (Southwestern) Medical School next spring, Dr. Ronald A. Estabrook, Virginia Lazenby O'Hara Professor and Chairman of the Department of Biochemistry at the medical school, announced today.

Trustees of the Robert A. Welch Foundation of Houston some years ago instituted a lectureship program to bring outstanding scientists to educational institutions in Texas, with the objective of furthering chemical research within the state, Dr. Estabrook said. Dr. W.O. Milligan of Houston is director of research for the Foundation, which was established in 1954 from the estate of the late Robert A. Welch, Houston philanthropist.

In addition to the Dallas appearance, Dr. Bueche also will speak at Baylor University at Waco and West Texas State University at Canyon. The Dallas lecture will be given at the medical school at 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 17.

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Dr. Bueche directs GE's total effort in research and development, conducted in facilities across the United States and around the world. He also directs the GE Research and Development Center in Schenectady, a centralized activity with a staff of 650 scientists and engineers. He was named to his present assignment and elected a vice president in 1965.

A native of Michigan, Dr. Bueche studied at the University of Michigan and Ohio State University and was awarded the Ph.D. in physical chemistry from Cornell University in 1947. He joined the staff of GE in 1950 as a physical chemist. As a working scientist Dr. Bueche became widely known for his research on the physics and chemistry of polymers and the effects of high-energy radiation on plastic materials.

Long active in professional societies, he is a fellow of the American Physical Society, member and former director of the American Chemical Society and has held numerous other ACS posts. He is also a fellow of both the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the American Institute of Chemists. He is author of more than 30 technical papers, principally in polymer research.

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