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$$V = Bh = (lw)h$$

$$414 \text{ cm}^3 = \left(7\frac{1}{2} \text{ cm} \cdot 4\frac{3}{5} \text{ cm}\right) \cdot h$$

$$414 \text{ cm}^3 = 34\frac{1}{2} \text{ cm}^2 \cdot h$$

$$414 \text{ cm}^3 = \frac{69}{2} \text{ cm}^2 \cdot h$$

$$414 \text{ cm}^3 \cdot \frac{2}{69 \text{ cm}^2} = \frac{69}{2} \text{ cm}^2 \cdot \frac{2}{69 \text{ cm}^2} \cdot h$$

$$\frac{828}{69} \text{ cm} = 1 \cdot h$$

$$12 \text{ cm} = h$$

The vegetable oil in the container is 12 cm deep, but this is only $\frac{3}{5}$ of the container's depth. Let d represent the depth of the container in centimeters.

$$12 \text{ cm} = \frac{3}{5} \cdot d$$

$$12 \text{ cm} \cdot \frac{5}{3} = \frac{3}{5} \cdot \frac{5}{3} \cdot d$$

$$\frac{60}{3} \text{ cm} = 1 \cdot d$$

$$20 \text{ cm} = d$$

The depth of the container is 20 cm.