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DR. TRUETT, TERMED LEADING CITIZEN OF AMERICA, TO BE HONORED AT DINNER TUESDAY

Chamber of Commerce Sponsors Function for Noted Pastor of North Carolina

Head of One of Largest Baptist Churches in the South

(From The Dallas (Texas) Morning News, Sunday, November 6.)

Dallas will honor one of its leading citizens, one who has been termed the leading citizen of America, and who is not only recognized as a powerful factor in the progress of Dallas, but as an international figure in the religious world at a banquet given by the Chamber of Commerce at 6:30 p. m., Tuesday at the Adolphus Hotel. He is Dr. George W. Truett, pastor of the First Baptist Church for the last thirty years.

His life has been identified with Dallas since he arrived here in 1897. At that time the membership of the first Baptist Church was 715. The total value of church property was \$100,000. In 1925 the membership of his congregation was 5,635 and the church property was valued at more than \$1,000,000. The contributions of the church the year he came totaled \$4,925. In 1925 they totaled \$266,000.

Many Baptist institutions followed Dr. Truett to Dallas. Among them were the Baptist Standard, the Baptist State executive board, the Baylor College of Medicine, Baylor Hospital, the Nurses Training School, the College of Pharmacy and the College of Dentistry. Dallas is now the Baptist center of the Southwest and, it is declared that this fact is largely due to the efforts of Dr. Truett.

"Perhaps the climax of Dr. Truett's career was reached when, at the Baptist World Alliance held at Stockholm in 1924, he was selected to preach the annual sermon." Dr. J. E. Cranfill writes, "When he arose to make that address he faced the assembled Baptists of the world. While it was not quite true, as on the day of Pentecost, that every man heard the preacher in his own tongue, yet it was true that he then addressed more nationalities than were present on the day that Peter preached his immortal sermon in Jerusalem. Europe, Asia, Africa, North and South America, the islands of the sea—all the world was represented in that Stockholm convocation. It was a challenge such as rarely comes to any man, because this was the greatest Baptist gathering known to world history.

"His work in Dallas," Dr. Cranfill continues, "has wrought most gloriously for the uplift and betterment of our citizenship. Many have been the calls that have come to him asking that he link his life with what friends abroad thought was a larger and more important life. He has been implored to go to the country's great metropolis and he would have been called to the Calvary Baptist Church in Washington and had our recent President in his congregation but he turned from it all and continued here in Dallas with us."

When the United States entered the World War, Dr. Truett transferred the seat of his activities from Dallas to the Western Front. He was not a "behind-the-line chaplain."

It is said that he showed a striking disregard for danger. In addition to preaching he took upon himself the monumental task of writing to the mother of every Texas boy he met at the front. And there were many Texas boys at the front.

Dr. Truett was born May 6, 1867, in the hills of Clay County, North Carolina. He plowed corn, picked cotton and did chores in this mountain wilderness. He grew up in those tree covered hills whose stillness was never broken by the shriek of the locomotive whistle. Rather,

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FOLK SCHOOL TO OPEN NEXT WEEK

The formal opening of the training department of the John C. Campbell Folk School will be held next week, following which the school will continue in session for the three winter months of December, January and February. The work of the school will be confined to the young people living in easy distance of the school with the exception of a dozen or so from a distance who can be accommodated in the homes of people living nearby or in the farm house on the property. This is due to the fact that the dormitory and living quarters for students have not yet been erected, although the spacious assembly hall and lecture room is ready and will be used for the classes.

The work will consist of lectures by the staff of six members permanently connected with the school and by other people in the section with an occasional lecture by prominent people from out of the State and from other sections of the State, of demonstrations on the farm with certain groups, of games and physical exercise, singing and similar activities designed to arouse the enthusiasm and stimulate the imagination of the people attending the school. Many of the lectures will be attended by the older people in the community.

Some of the speakers who have been secured for lectures in addition to the staff of workers are Attorney John H. Dillard, of Murphy, a Director of the School; Attorney D. Witherspoon, of Murphy; B. W. Sipe, Superintendent of the Murphy Schools; the pastors of the Murphy churches, Messrs. T. L. Sasser, J. P. Anderson, and H. P. Powell. In addition to these County Agent R. W. Gray of Cherokee County and Arrendale of Clay County, extension specialists, a ranger from the Nantahala National Forest; Dr. Warren H. Wilson of New York, head of the Town and Country Department Public Health Board, U. S. A. In February Miss Kidder, Public Health Nurse is scheduled to give some lessons in caring for the sick and health work in general. One member of the staff is also planning some simple surveying courses and lectures on the history of Agriculture in January.

Mrs. A. K. Barton Called to Her Reward

Mrs. Lucy Barton, wife of A. K. Barton, died at her home November 21. She was sick only a week. She was 50 years old, born in Union Co. Ga., joined the Baptist church in her girlhood days. She was a loving mother, a kind wife and a good Christian. She will be missed by all who knew her. She was the daughter of James Carder, of Gaddistown, Ga. She is survived by her husband, 4 children, Ish Barton, of Fryson, Tenn.; Vinnie Payne, of Murphy, N. C.; Jim and Joe Barton, of Kinsey, N. C.; a mother, 4 sisters, 6 brothers and a host of friends to mourn her departure.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Decker. She was laid to rest in Beach Creek Cemetery.

It was sad to give her up, but God knew best.

Mrs. Barton was the most beloved woman of her county and section, being a good worker in the church. She will be missed greatly by those whom she labored and loved, but her spirit and influence will be a shining light to them in the future years. Oh, the sweetest thought that comes to me

Is the day when that face I can see, With a gladly smile and a wave of the hand, She has wandered into an unknown land.

—A friend.

NEXT LYCEUM COURSE TO BE DECEMBER 6TH

Roy E. Bendell's Impersonation of Martyred President Said to be Remarkable

An impersonation of President Lincoln is one of the masterpieces achieved by Roy E. Bendell, reader and entertainer, who appears here in the Lyceum at the school auditorium Tuesday, December 6th, 7:30 P. M.

Those who have seen Mr. Bendell's portrayal of the martyred president are more than enthusiastic on their comments concerning its accuracy and vividness. "The audience fairly gasped," says an Iowa editor, "when, after Mr. Bendell had created the proper setting by a sketch of the scenes just preceding the famous Gettysburg speech, he suddenly faced about, and there stood Lincoln himself, sympathetic, sorrowful, majestic."

It is interesting to note that Mr. Bendell is of almost the same stature as President Lincoln, which fact helps materially in attaining a striking impersonation.

Mr. Bendell's repertoire covers a wide range. He is remarkably successful, not only in the presentation of humorous selections, but of dramatic readings as well.

Many of his selections are given in special costume, and with the aid of grease paints, wigs, and make-up applied and removed in full view of the audience. He has a splendid stage presence, and even without the aid of make-up he fully assumes the character he represents.

Mr. Bendell is one of the biggest men, physically, on the Lyceum platform today, and he is a big man as an entertainer also.

DR. ABERNATHY LAID TO REST LAST SATURDAY

Well-Known and Beloved Physician Had Practiced in County Nearly Half a Century

Dr. Jacob Forney Abernathy, 70 years old, who had been a practicing physician in this county and section for the past forty-five years, died at his home about 4 o'clock last Friday morning, after an illness extending over several years. About four years ago, Dr. Abernathy suffered injuries in an automobile accident from which he never fully recovered.

He was a native of Cherokee county, and was well known throughout this section, and ever held himself in readiness to answer the call to relieve suffering humanity, sometimes getting up in the middle of the night and traveling many miles over rough and muddy roads.

Dr. Abernathy was a prominent figure in the affairs of the community and county. He served on the city council a number of times and was county physician for many years. He was a member of the Methodist church, deeply religious, and fond of children, and as a fitting part of the funeral service a number of children sang his favorite old hymns. He was also a Mason.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday morning at 10 o'clock from the Methodist Church, by the pastor, Rev. Howard P. Powell, assisted by Rev. J. P. Anderson, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, and Rev. T. L. Sasser, pastor of the Baptist Church. Interment was made in Sunset cemetery with full masonic honors.

He is survived by his wife, one son, Boyd Abernathy; four daughters, Mrs. A. S. Clarke, of Copperhill, Tenn.; Mrs. J. H. Phaup, Mrs. Fred Johnson, and Miss Elizabeth Abernathy, of Murphy; one sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Mayfield, of Murphy, and one half brother, Mr. G. K. Welch, of Eatonton, Ga.

FREE DRY AGENT IN CHEROKEE KILLING

Self-Defense Plea Brings Not Guilty Verdict for Crisp—Prompt Decision Is Made By Federal Court Jury in Murder Trial.

(Asheville Times)

Josh C. Crisp, former federal prohibition agent, was found "Not Guilty" by a federal court jury Monday afternoon on a charge of shooting to death Cecil McClure, 17-year-old Cherokee county youth, in a liquor raid at the latter's home in July, 1926.

The jury took the case shortly after 1 o'clock in the afternoon and the verdict was returned at 2:30 o'clock.

Claims Self-Defense

An hour was occupied with selecting a jury. Crisp, taking the witness stand in his own behalf, admitted killing the McClure youth, swearing he did so to save his own life. More than twenty witnesses were summoned to testify and it was believed trial of the case would occupy all of Monday.

Crisp testified that he went to the McClure home in company with two other federal officers, Charlie Branton and Jack Dewesse, with a search warrant issued by W. Christopher, U. S. commissioner of Murphy. The officers, according to Crisp, found half of gallon of whiskey on the premises. Just as the search was being completed, he said, Cecil McClure, his brother, Charlie, and another young man, Clyde Haney, arrived at the house.

Declaring with an oath that he would "fix" the federal agents, Crisp testified, Cecil McClure, rushed into the house, obtained his shotgun and leveled it upon the defendant. As the youth stood in the doorway of his home, his shotgun leveled on Crisp, the latter swore, he (Crisp) fired on the boy with a revolver hitting him twice. The youth died almost instantly.

Drank, But "Not Much."

"I saw he was going to shoot me," Crisp testified. "I shot, to save my life." Under examination of his attorney, McKindley Edwards, of Swain county, Crisp swore his act was in self-defense "absolutely," and that he bore no malice or ill will toward the dead youth.

On being examined by Solicitor Davis, Crisp swore he resigned from the federal service voluntary in December 1926 when the department ordered his transfer to another territory. Crisp declared he was not drinking when the raid was made on the McClure home.

"Mr. Crisp," said the solicitor, have you ever taken a drink while

you were serving as a federal officer, sworn to enforce the prohibition law?"

"Yes," said Crisp, "but not much."

Went for Doctor, Claim

After the boy was shot, Crisp testified, he and the other two officers got in their car and went toward Murphy "to get a doctor." Under the cross-examination he admitted that he had not gone into the hallway of the McClure home where the boy lay after he had been shot.

As the youth rushed into a room in his home to get shells for his shotgun, Crisp testified that he was in the hallway. He said the boy's mother cried and begged her son not to threaten nor shoot the officers. Crisp said he ran from the house to avoid trouble, but when he reached the porch the McClure boy, shotgun in hand, rushed to the door and leveled his weapon upon him. He said he shot the boy with a .38 caliber pistol, firing two shots in rapid succession.

Crisp, who is 40 years old and a native of Robbinsville, said he had served as a government agent for four years. The only time he was ever indicted, he said, was for a "free fight", a fistic affair, which he said was settled in a magistrate's court.

Feeling High In Cherokee

Feeling ran high in Cherokee county against the federal agents at the time the McClure youth was killed. The procedure in the case as it is being tried in the United States court is of a highly unusual nature. The State of North Carolina, through the solicitor in the district in which the killing took place, is prosecuting, and the United States government, through the district attorney, is defending the accused dry agent, Crisp has been at liberty under a \$5,000 bond since the shooting.

In the examination of witnesses, the state is seeking to show that the federal officer exceeded his authority and went beyond the bounds of necessity in killing the McClure boy. The federal government on the other hand is seeking to prove that the killing was entirely justified, since, it is contended, the agent killed in self-defense while in performance of his duty as a government officer.

When court convenes at 9:30 o'clock Tuesday morning, Julian McClure, father of the youth slain by Crisp, will likely face trial on a charge of possessing liquor. It was learned Monday. In the trial of the case in which the dry agent was tried on a murder charge it was testified that a quantity of liquor was found at McClure's home.

DIRECTORY OF OFFICERS OCCUPYING NEW COURT HOUSE

T. W. AXLEY, MURPHY, N. C. Chairman County Commissioners Elected 1923

Born in Cherokee County, Sept. 8, 1892. Educated in Murphy Graded Schools. Bank bookkeeper a number of years; served as county treasurer; in hardware business for 6 years. Now serving third term as county commissioner. Member Methodist Church, serving as steward at present. Mason; now holding office of Tiler. Married Miss Kate Brittain, daughter of the late L. W. Brittain, of Murphy. Two sons, Tom Jr., and Leon; one daughter, Mary Catherine.

W. T. HOLLAND, ANDREWS, N. C. Member County Commissioners Elected 1923

Born in Haywood County, 1887. Educated in Haywood high schools. Located in Andrews, Cherokee County, 1911. Conducted general feed business several years; forest products business 6 years. Served on board aldermen town of Andrews; one term as clerk of town. Director

Andrews B. & L. Association. Third term as county commissioner. Mason. Married Miss Bertha Jenkins, daughter Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Jenkins, of Morris, Ala. Two daughters, Mary Catherine and Margaret Holland.

W. J. MARTIN, MURPHY, N. C. Member County Commissioners Elected 1923

Born in Cherokee County, July 2nd, 1863. Educated in public schools of the county and Hayesville High School. Farmer; engaged in mercantile business 4 years; County Welfare officer 2 years; on 9th term as county commissioner. Member Baptist Church, serving as deacon and clerk at present; Treasurer W. N. C. Association several years; and now member of the executive committee of the Association. Mason; Master for 20 years. Married Miss Mary Ricks, daughter of Henry Ricks this county. Two sons, Arthur and Paul, and one daughter, Norma Martin.

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