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LIFE OF DR GEO. W. TRUETT CONT

Was Marriage in Waco April
28, 1894—Jews Pay High
Tribute to Dr. Truett's
Work at Dallas.

(Continued from last week.)

But I come back to my own personal knowledge of the man. From the time that I first looked upon his kingly, modest, gentle face I loved him, and when he came down to Waco to take up the work for Baylor he was very often in our home. Having been his predecessor in that work I found it necessary to hold many conferences with him, and we were together at our table at many a meal.

He was very fond of apples. My good wife always had a dish of apples ready so that when he came he would find this provision of her kindness and care ready to his hand. If ever he comes to your house, give him apples. He will smile at you and thank you and, best of all, he will eat the apples!

Many an evening during those long-past days we would take walks together, and we always walked in one direction. The attraction for him was a sweet, gracious, comely Waco maiden—Miss Josephine Jenkins, the daughter of my much-loved friend and long-time Christian citizen and patriot, Judge W. H. Jenkins. It

was almost a mile from our gate to the Jenkins gate. While on the way there we would be absorbed in congenial conversation, but he never

came back with me. When I reached the gate at the Jenkins home I always found that I had to make my way back to my own home alone.

And that is another and most beau-

tiful story.

The winsome young preacher won

the lovely maiden, and on April 28,

1894, they stood before the pulpit of

the First Baptist Church of Waco

and Dr. B. H. Carroll, another Bap-

tist immortal, said the words that

made them husband and wife. The

young preacher was yet in school.

He was not to graduate until nearly

three years later. It was a love

match from the beginning and has

been a love marriage through all the

years. "The twain are one."

Bounteous blessings have dowered their

home life and, while each has been

immersed in the vital things of life,

they are lovers still, and will be to

the end. Pictures were made of the

happy young couple on their wed-

ding day. One of these I have kept

through all the years and count it

among the dearest of my possessions.

That reminds me that upon a time

here in Dallas a good woman who

had only seen Dr. Truett in the pul-

pit, asked Mrs. Truett:

"Does Dr. Truett ever smile?"

Mrs. Truett vigorously replied:

"Why of course he does! Do you

think I am married to a tombstone?"

In periods of relaxation the great

preacher and religious leader has

even ventured to tell a joke. When

Peter Clarke McFarlane, editorial

writer on the staff of Collier's Weekly,

came to Dallas a few years ago to

write a character sketch of Dr. Truett,

R. H. Coleman gave a luncheon to

Mr. McFarlane and a few invited

guests. My wife and I were among

these guests and at that board there

were many sallies of wit and many

delightful skits of humor. Dr. Truett

told this story:

"A rather timid young man, who

had been going to see his sweet-

heart for a number of months, call-

ed on a certain summer evening, and

his sweetheart entertained him out

on the porch, where they nestled in

behind the ivy and honeysuckle

vines. He was as slow upon this

occasion as was his wont; where-

upon she asked:

"Why don't you kiss me?" He

replied:

"I've got sand in my mouth." She

WOMAN KILLED OTHERS INJURED

Mrs. Polly Kilby Killed in
Wreck While on Way to
Franklin For Operation—
Driver Seriously Injured.

Last Saturday night at 11:00 o'clock the truck in which Mrs. Polly Kilby of Persimmon, Ga., was being brought to the Angel hospital for an operation turned turtle on the Georgia road near Otto resulting in the death of Mrs. Kilby a short time afterwards. It is reported that the lights of a speeding car blinded the driver of the truck. To avoid a collision he drove too near a high embankment and turned the truck over. It is said that the speeding car, the occupants of which are unknown, did not stop.

Ranger R. C. Nicholson of the Forest Service who was on his way from Franklin to Clayton picked up Mrs. Kilby, her son John and daughter and brought them to Franklin. Mrs. Kilby died before reaching town. Her remains were carried to the Franklin Furniture company and prepared for burial. The son and daughter were not seriously hurt.

Mr. Charlie English of Clayton, driver of the truck, was carried to Clayton by a passing car. It is understood that he is in a serious condition.

exclaimed.
"Swallow it! You need it!"

As a rejoinder to this story, Mr. McFarlane told the following:

"Another modest youth who had been courting his girl for quite a while was also slow in speaking up. On a certain Sunday afternoon when he called upon her, he had a beautiful red rose in the buttonhole in the lapel of his coat. She said:

"If you'll give me your rose I'll kiss you." He did, and she did, whereupon he started for the door. She excitedly asked:

"What's the matter, John? Are you angry about anything?"

"No," he said, "I'm not angry, I'm going for more roses!"

In his pulpit work Dr. Truett is a very serious man. It is only once in a great while that any gleam of humor is noted in his sermons. There was one recently, however. He was talking about the foolishness of amassing vast sums of money to lie idle, inert and useless. In pursuing this thought he said:

"Not long ago I was in conversation with one of our rich men. I congratulated him upon his business success and added that he must be a very happy man. 'No,' he replied, 'I am not happy at all. All I get are my three meals a day and my clothes. My meals don't digest and my clothes don't fit me!'"

Edward Titche Pays Tribute

I have never known any minister whose work took hold upon a wider clientele than the work of Dr. Truett. Not long ago when I was in the office of Edward Titche he showed me a card Dr. Truett sent him from Jerusalem. Then the fine Jewish businessman told me this thrilling and touching incident. Mr. Titche said:

"Many years ago my blessed mother fell quite ill. We did not think it possible for her to recover. We had a number of our best physicians attending upon her and they all said she could not get well. All of us were so distressed that we left word that none of us were to be called to the telephone. One night I was upstairs in my mother's room and all of us were quietly watching about her bed. The maid came quietly to the door and said:

"Mr. Titche, Mrs. Truett wants to speak to you on the telephone."

"Of course, I could not resist that call, so I went to the telephone, and here is the message the good preacher's wife gave me:

"Mr. Truett has just come out of his study, where he has been engaged

HISTORY MAKING ROAD MEETING

Delegates From Five Coun-
ties Organize No. 28 High-
way Association—Work in
Macon to Start by Fall.

On the afternoon of July 16th delegates from Clay, Macon, Jackson, Transylvania and Henderson counties assembled at High Hampton for the purpose of organizing No. 28 Highway association. To Clay county must go the credit for this organization. Some months ago this county organized a No. 28 Highway association and at the High Hampton meeting this organization was expanded to include the four other counties mentioned.

The object of the organization as stated by Attorney J. B. Gray of Hayesville is to co-operate with and lend all assistance possible to the state highway authorities in completing Highway No. 28.

A temporary organization was perfected by electing Mr. Gray as chairman and Mr. Neil Haigler of Hayesville, secretary. Attorney O. L. Anderson of Clay county was then introduced and made a rousing speech in favor of completion of this highway. Mr. Anderson stated that No. 28 passes through the last remaining undeveloped section of the state. He stated also that the road will traverse the finest scenic section east of the Mississippi. It will therefore be of great importance as a tourist highway. However, Mr. Anderson wants this highway built not so much for the tourist as for the benefit of those who live in the country through which it will pass. In this connection he cited the fact that the people of this section who live in the greatest potential dairying and fruit section in the world are now drinking Wisconsin milk and eating western apples. He also said that No. 28 will tap a section of the country where stand forest, vast and primeval. There are likewise huge mineral deposits which will become commercially available when this road is completed. "Therefore," shouted Mr. Anderson, "let us build No. 28 for the benefit of our own people and the tourist trade will follow as a natural result."

in prayer for your mother's recovery. He wanted me to call you and tell you that he was making special petition for her, and that he was also praying for you all."

With deep emotion Mr. Titche con-

tinued:

"That night my mother turned for the better. She got well. She remained with us for five happy years thereafter and none of us can ever forget the love and prayers of Dr. George W. Truett which came to us in such waves of blessing while we waited about what we thought was the death-bed of our precious mother."

Alex Sanger Praises Pastor

While on this point I relate another incident. Not long ago a representative of the Ladies' Home Journal came down to Dallas to write a character sketch of Dr. Truett. He was a bonnie Scotchman named MacDonald and, finding that he was in the city and feeling that I might be helpful to him in the preparation of this sketch, I asked him to lunch with me and we went down to the lunchroom of Sanger Bros. As we came away from the table we met Alex Sanger and I introduced him to Mr. Sanger, telling Mr. Sanger at the same time Mr. MacDonald's mission to Dallas. At once Mr. Sanger entered into conversation with the visiting journalist and said:

"I count Dr. Truett one of the dearest friends I have on earth. I know that at any hour of the night if I needed him he would come to me, and he knows that if he ever needed me at any time, in any way, that I would come to him. All of us in Dallas, of

every creed and every faith, devoutly love him."

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LAKE EMORY STOCKHOLDERS ELECT BOARD OF DIRECTORS AT MEETING

During his speech Mr. Anderson was frequently interrupted by applause showing that he was expressing the sentiments of the 175 delegates who had braved difficult roads in order to be present.

At the conclusion of Mr. Anderson's speech the various county delegations repaired to separate locations to elect a vice-president from their respective counties of No. 28 Highway association. When the delegates reassembled the following were announced as vice-presidents: Clay, J. B. Gray; Henderson, John Eubanks; Jackson, E. L. McKee; Macon, Prof. T. G. Harbison of Highlands; Transylvania, W. E. Breese. Mr. R. A. Patton was also elected to serve on the association's executive committee from Macon. At this juncture spokesmen from the various counties indicated in the presence of Mr. Stikeleather just what their respective counties are willing to do toward completion of Highway No. 28. According to these statements it seems that this highway is practically completed in Henderson and Transylvania counties. Jackson county, has just purchased the Ravenel road and turned it over as a gift to the state as part of No. 28. Jackson has not yet decided what further steps she will take toward the accomplishment of the desired end, but indicated her willingness to co-operate in every possible way. Clay county announced that it is lending the state \$100,000 to be used on No. 28 in that county.

Col. H. G. Robertson as Macon county's spokesman, with the approval of that county's commissioners, announced that Macon will co-operate to the fullest possible extent in putting No. 28 through that county. This announcement had the unanimous previous approval of Macon's 65 delegates.

Incidentally, Macon had by far the largest delegation present, thus proving that the citizens of the county are intensely interested in the rapid completion of this highway.

Clay county then received the honors she so richly deserved by the unanimous election of Attorneys O. L. Anderson and J. B. Gray as permanent president and secretary, respectively, of No. 28 Highway association.

Mr. J. G. Stikeleather, Highway Commissioner for the Ninth District, was then introduced and expressed his appreciation of the co-operation the counties concerned are giving him in the matter of building this highway.

He was also deeply appreciative of the many words of praise uttered by all delegates who spoke at the convention. Mr. Stikeleather stated that surveys will be immediately made on sections of No. 28 still unsurveyed and that contracts for grading this highway will be let at the earliest possible moment.

Viewed from any angle the meeting at High Hampton was a great success. The people living along Highway No. 28 may expect early and practical results.

Our own famous Jim Corbin and a Mr. Harris dispensed some excellent music on the banjo and violin. This music would have made Fiddling John Carson sit up and take notice had he been present.

It would not be proper to close this article without reference to the hospitality extended the delegates by the management of High Hampton. Each one connected with the hotel seemed to take particular delight in making the delegates feel at home. The dinner was bounteous and well prepared and those who served the meal were exceedingly courteous and efficient.

The grounds of the old Hampton homestead are beautifully kept. Many inspiring mountain views can be seen from High Hampton which is itself 3600 feet above sea level. Those who were fortunate enough to attend the meeting at High Hampton will always pleasantly remember the hospitality accorded them.

Old Board Elected With Four
New Members—Prospects
Bright For Rapid Develop-
ment and Sale.

The Lake Emory company stockholders held their annual meeting in the office of Mr. W. B. McGuire last Monday and reelected Messrs. Alex Moore, E. S. Huntcutt, W. B. McGuire, G. A. Jones and John Trotter as directors. The following named men were also elected as directors making a total of nine: Captain L. W. Robert of Atlanta, Elmer Johnson, Theodore Munday and Wint Horn.

Mr. Alex Moore, president of the board of directors, made brief report of the operation of the company for the past year. Mr. C. L. Emerson vice-president of Robert & company spoke to those present concerning the plans of the Lake Emory company for the immediate future. Mr. Emerson stated that Robert & company have just completed a map of the holding of Lake Emory on the east bank of the river. This map shows the division of the land into lots, proposed roads and the location of the electric, water and sewer lines. He also said that the water supply for the development will be obtained from a well and pumped into a tank to be located on the highest point of the Lake Emory lands. This point is of sufficient elevation to give high pressure all over the property. The lighting of this development presents no difficulties since the lands are immediately adjacent to the power plant. The land is also well drained and easily adaptable to the laying of sewer lines.

Mr. Emerson congratulated the stockholders of Lake Emory on their connection with Smith & Rankin, one of the best known real estate firms of Atlanta, who have contracted to sell the property for Lake Emory. Smith & Rankin, though the lots have not been formally placed on sale, have already sold \$10,000 worth of home sites. According to Mr. Emerson, Smith & Rankin are in touch with men of means in Miami and other southern cities. This company anticipates no trouble in disposing of all the lots on the east bank of the river at exceedingly good prices.

A beautiful hotel site has been reserved on top of the mountain near the dam and a golf course mapped out which experts say will be the finest in the south. A prominent hotel man of Atlanta has recently been in Franklin and is anticipating building a hotel of 75 rooms on the lot mentioned with provision for adding two wings with 75 rooms each.