

**J. A. Trent**  
**(1900-1956)**

Dr. Trent was born May 8, 1900 at Eidson, Tennessee and died July 21, 1956 at Shawnee, Oklahoma.

He taught in Tennessee schools before entering Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tennessee in 1922. While completing his undergraduate work he also served as a high school principal. He taught in Tennessee and West Virginia high schools for two years after graduation in 1926.

Dr. Trent received his M. A. degree from the University of Illinois in 1929 and in 1931 joined the faculty of Pittsburg, Kansas State Teachers College as assistant professor of biology. He remained there twelve years.

He continued his graduate study at Ohio State University and received his Ph. D. degree from that institution in 1939.

He joined the faculty of Oklahoma Baptist University as professor of biology in 1943. As chairman of the department, he promoted its development and directed the university's pre-medical program. He was endeared by his colleagues and by the students majoring in his department and had succeeded in stimulating a number of good students to graduate studies in the field of biology.

He was active in church and civic affairs and also a 32nd-Degree Mason.