

**DR. DORR R. BARTOO DIES
IN KENTUCKY**

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Dr. Dorr Raymond Bartoo, head of the department of biological science at the Tennessee Polytechnic Institute since 1929, died last Thursday, November 26, at the United States Veterans Hospital at Outwood, KY, after an illness of several months. He was buried Sunday at Harrison Valley, PA, his family home.

Dr. Bartoo was the first doctor of philosophy to be added to the faculty of Tennessee Tech. He is also, so far as is known, the first Tech faculty member to die while engaged by the institution.

He was born in Mills, PA, the son of Henry S. and Clara Jane Bartoo, who were of French ancestry.

A pen-picture of Dr. Bartoo, taken from the Tech Oracle of March 30, 1932, gives the following information:

“He is one of 12 children. All the Bartoo children attended the little rural school built by the elder Bartoos on the Bartoo estate. This school was taught by various members of the family – an uncle, an aunt, and finally an elder sister and brother of Dr. Bartoo.

“After completing the little rural school, Dr. Bartoo attended the Harrison High School and received his diploma in 1908. It is interesting to note that of the ten children who survived, all were graduated from Harrison High School.

“Dr. Bartoo then taught in the rural schools of Potter County for four years, alternating his teaching with attendance at Grove City College.

“From 1914 to 1917 he was instructor in science in the Clearfield High School. He spent 1918-1919 in France with the A.E.F., as a radio operator in the air service.

“Upon his return from France he was made Director of the State Vocational School at West Sunbury, PA. This position he held until 1932, when he returned to Grove City College to finish the requirement for the bachelor of science degree which he obtained in 1923. The following year the master of science degree was conferred upon him by the same institution.

“From 1924 to 1926 he was supervising principal of Zelinople Public Schools.

“In 1928 he received the Ph.D from the University of Chicago. While at Chicago his research work on ferns was considered outstanding, and many of his articles were published in the Botanical Gazette, one of the leading botanical magazines of the country.

“When he arrived at Tech in 1929, he at once made friends with the other members of the faculty and the student body. So outstanding was he as a teacher that in 1930, the student body elected him “Professor of Personality” in the “Who’s Who” contest.”

Dr. Bartoo is survived by his wife, Mrs. Harriett Bartoo, and by his son, Jimmy Bartoo.

Dr. Bartoo had been married twice, his first wife, the former Mrs. Ruth Nowlin Barnes, died several years ago.

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