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## WCTC GROUP TO GIVE CONCERT SUNDAY NIGHT

### Classical Music Will Be Rendered in Local Methodist Church

A sacred concert will be presented by Western Carolina Teachers College, Cullowhee, in the Murphy Methodist church Sunday evening at 8 o'clock, it has been announced here.

The service is being sponsored by the Organ Circle of the Murphy Methodist church. No admission will be charged. Miss Margaret Bell, chairman of the circle, and Rev. W. A. Barber, pastor of the church, completed arrangements for the concert Monday with Mrs. Charles G. Gulley, who will direct it.

Methodist leaders here state that this will be one of the finest concerts to ever be presented here. No classical group or similar calibre has appeared here in a number of years.

The following program will be rendered: invocation by Rev. Barber; chorus, "The Last Chord" (Sir Arthur Sullivan); talk by President H. T. Hunter, of Cullowhee; duet, "I'm a Pilgrim" (Lorenz) by Dorothy Williams and Dan Cooke; organ solos, "To A Wild Rose" (McDowell) and "Londerry Air", by George Tracy.

Trio, "I waited for the Lord" (Mendelssohn) by Dorothy Williams, Louise Bell and Valeria Hamm; vocal solo, Scene and Air from "Judith" (Concone), Mrs. Gulley; trio, "A Dream of Paradise" (Gray-Rhys-Herbert), Kathryn Sandlin, Louise Bell and Valeria Hamm.

Violin solo, "Ave Maria" (Schubert-Wilhelmj) and "Hymn to the Sun" (Rimsky-Korsakow), Miss Virginia Gustafson; quartet, "Sunset" (Watson), Melba Nanney, June Burleson, Irene Franklin and Juavita Williams; piano solo, "Sonata Eroica" (MacDowell), first movement, Mr. Tracy.

Chorus, Pilgrim's Chorus from "Tannhauser" (Wagner) and Alma Mater; closing prayer, the Rev. Park W. Fisher, of the John C. Campbell Folk School, Brasstown.

Accompanists during the performance will be Misses Christine Broyhill and Melba Nanney. Those making up the chorus are: Melba Nanney, Kathryn Sandlin, Dorothy Williams, Louise Bell, June Burleson, Irene Franklin, Marguerite Clark, Valencia Hamm, Juanita Williams, George Jarvis, Dan Cooke, Charles Holloman and Thurman Perkins.

## Workman Dies In Accident At Hiwassee Dam

The first fatal accident in connection with the construction of TVA's Hiwassee dam 2 miles from Murphy occurred Tuesday night when William A. Henline, 31, a driller on the project, was crushed by a three-ton boulder which rolled over him.

Henline was working on the night shift. About 8:45 he was drilling between two huge boulders on a steep slope. It was believed the vibration of the drill caused the huge boulder to tumble over on him and kill him instantly. Henline had just returned from a safety zone where he had gone during a blast prior to the accident.

This is the first fatal accident that has happened since work first started on the \$16,000,000 project four years ago. One man working for a construction company that had contracted to build the access road was crushed by a steam shovel several years ago.

Henline was employed by the TVA during the construction of the dam at Norris, Tenn. He was originally from Lenoir City, Tenn.

Surviving are his widow and two children, who reside near Turtletown, Tenn.

## CANDIDATE FOR SENATE



JACK MORPHEW

## Morphew Seeks Seat In N. C. State Senate

Seeking Graham county's first Democratic senatorial seat in the North Carolina general assembly is Jack Morphew, prominent Robbinsville attorney, pictured above.

Mr. Morphew, who has served as a Democrat in the legislature previously, recently made his formal announcement for the office. He will oppose Dr. Kelly Bennett, incumbent, of Bryson City, and Guy Houck, of Franklin, both of this district.

Mr. Morphew, now 36, is a graduate of Tusculum college, Greenville, Tenn. Later he studied law at Duke university and Wake Forest. He was admitted to the bar in 1927 and has been in active practice with his father as the firm of Morphew and Morphew in Graham and adjoining counties since.

Elected to the legislature on the Democratic ticket in 1931, 1933 and 1935, Mr. Morphew has made an enviable record. He served as chairman of the judiciary No. 1 committee in 1935 and actively participated in state wide laws including the taking over of road maintenance on gas tax instead of ad valorem tax by the state.

He gave support to the state-wide eight-months school term bill in 1933, and in 1935 introduced the bill to restore to state highway employees and school teachers 20 per cent of their salary which was deducted during previous years.

Formerly a professor of English in the Robbinsville high school for three years, the candidate began his political life early. In 1933 he was assistant of the Federal Land Bank of Columbia at Columbia, S. C., during the rush for federal loans by farmers. Two years later he was appointed personnel director of the WPA office of the Asheville district.

He is a member of the Junior Order, a Methodist and his law firm has been Graham county attorney for the past eight years.

"Graham county has never had a Democratic representative in the senate while Swain and Macon have held it for the past eight years," the attorney said in making his announcement.

## FIRE DESTROYS MURPHY HOUSE MONDAY AT NOON

The home of Oscar Long on the outskirts of Murphy was burned to the ground shortly after noon Monday.

The two-story, log house was valued at \$400. All furniture was saved. No insurance was carried on the home, it was said.

The fire is believed to have originated in a flue. The Murphy fire company arrived shortly after the flames were discovered, but the fire had advanced too far for the volunteers to be of any help except to remove the furnishings.

Mr. Long, a baking company distributor and tavern owner, had recently purchased the house and property, house the old Hayes home built in 1858 is said to be one of the oldest in this area.

## MEETING HELD BY OIL DEALERS HERE MONDAY

### Group Seeks Use of All Gasoline Taxes For Highway Funds

Strong objection to the diversification of the North Carolina gasoline tax to any other state fund than the highway department was voiced by oil dealers of Cherokee county who met at the Regal Hotel in Murphy Monday noon.

S. Gilmer Sparger, of Raleigh, secretary of the North Carolina Petroleum Industries committee, addressed the meeting. It was attended by 12 prominent oil dealers from this tri-county territory.

At the conclusion of the meeting temporary committees were appointed to perfect a local organization to sponsor the program outlined at the meeting. It was decided to hold another meeting this spring.

"Most of us are inclined to take the motor vehicle for granted," Mr. Sparger said in presenting figures concerning the state gasoline tax and highway expenditures of the group.

Declaring that there are 500,000 automobiles in North Carolina which represents one to every six persons.

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## DR. PATTON, 77, IS INTERRED AT MURPHY SUNDAY

### Famous Physician Had Mardi Nuit Bridge Brazil Years Ago

Funeral services for Dr. W. O. Patton, 77, well-known physician of Cherokee and Graham counties and former consul to Brazil, were conducted from the Methodist church in Murphy Sunday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock with the Rev. W. Arthur Barber, Methodist pastor, officiating assisted by the Rev. J. C. Ammons, Baptist minister. Interment was in the old Methodist cemetery. W. D. Townson was in charge of funeral arrangements.

Dr. Patton, possibly the best known physician in this western end of the state, died Friday morning at 3 o'clock of an illness he had suffered for some time.

He had practiced medicine in this section for the past 55 years. Born and raised in Cherokee county, he was appointed consul to Brazil during the administration of Grover Cleveland. He stayed there for several years and returned to this county to resume his practice of medicine. At one time he represented Cherokee county in the state legislature. He was a Methodist.

Dr. Patton was first married to Miss Mary Lester, of Dalton, Ga. Two children survived the marriage. They are: Mrs. Mary Shell, of Atlanta, Ga., and John W. Patton, of Washington, D. C. Later he married Miss Bobbie Brock, of Murphy, and two sons survive this union. They are: Oscar Patton, Jr., and Nicholas Patton, both of Robbinsville.

Active pallbearers were: Fred Dickey, Ben Posey, Willard Cooper, Henry Hyatt, Neil Davidson and Hayes Leatherwood.

Honorary pallbearers were: Dr. S. C. Heighway, Dr. J. N. Hill, Dr. E. E. Adams, Dr. B. B. Meroney, Dr. Harry Miller, Dr. B. W. Whitfield, Dr. J. G. Faulk, Dr. E. V. Taylor, Fred L. Herbert, Dr. W. C. Mason, Dr. R. S. Parker, Dr. W. C. Morrow, Walter Mauney, Sam Lovingood, L. L. Mason, Arthur Akin, Ernest Cooper and P. H. Sword.

Flower girls were: Mrs. D. W. Witherspoon, Mrs. H. G. Elkins, Mrs. Emily Davidson and Miss Emily Sword.

## LEADS OIL MEN



S. GILMER SPARGER

## Gypsy Band Is Held Here Last Saturday

A band of Gypsies were detained here for several hours by county and town police Saturday. They were held for investigation in connection with several small robberies that have been committed in the county recently.

The band was arrested near Marble after they had passed through town. Several identifications were made at the jail after they were brought back.

## Mallonee Among WCTC Alumni To Be Honored

Mr. J. D. Mallonee, Murphy attorney, is one of eight Western Carolina Teachers college alumni who has been nominated for the distinguished service roster of the school.

From the list former students of the institution will select by vote the two persons who will have their names placed at the head of the roster which was inaugurated this year by the alumni association.

Plaques will be given these distinguished alumni and each year two other names will be added to the roster.

Mr. Mallonee is a member of the class of 1898. Others nominated are: Judge Felix Alley, the late Welch Galloway, the late Mrs. Nellie Smith Hooper, the late C. A. Wallace Mrs. J. N. Wilson, J. N. Wilson and the late C. N. Wright.

## HYATT SUGGESTS TAGS BE SHAPED AS STATE CONTOUR

A request for North Carolina automobile license tags to be made in the shape of the state and contain location of several places of national interest is being made to Governor Hoey and the department of conservation and development by Paul Hyatt, Cherokee county accountant.

Mr. Hyatt said he would ask that the tags be manufactured to meet the contour of the state, and that the locations of the Hiwassee dam, the Smoky Mountain National park, Kings mountain and Kitty Hawk be designated on them.

"This would be a wonderful advertisement for North Carolina and at no expense", he said. "By using these four outstanding attractions of the state on the tag, every section of the state would be publicized, Tennessee and Florida tags have been made in the shape of the state and you can spot them just as soon as you see them. It is the best advertisement at the cheapest cost we could have."

Contending that the license plate Mr. Hyatt pointed out that the only new equipment needed in their manufacture in state's prison, Raleigh, would be a new die to cut them according to the shape of the state.

The county accountant said he had started to make this recommendation on several previous occasions.

## FEDERAL LAND BANK MEET

The annual stockholders meeting of the Federal Land Bank will be held in the Murphy court house Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock officials here announced Tuesday.

## MANY ATTEND LIONS ANNUAL DINNER HERE

### Sylva Attorney, Rehabilitation Expert Are Main Speakers

Approximately 100 persons including members of the Murphy Lions club and their guests attended the ninth annual Cherokee County Dinner here Tuesday night.

The banquet was held in the spacious dining room of the Methodist church. The meal was prepared and served by the ladies of the church.

Hugh Monteith, Lion zone chairman and Sylva attorney, and C. O. Meeaslan, who is working with the Hiwassee dam rehabilitation work here, were the principal speakers of the evening. The meeting was presided over by H. G. Elkins, president.

Following the singing of "America", the Rev. W. Arthur Barber gave the invocation.

Immediately following the dinner musical selections were rendered by a group from the John C. Campbell Folk school, and the Lions club quartette consisting of Park Fisher, Allison Sherrill, K. C. Wright and Sam Carr accompanied by Mrs. Tom Axley.

Mr. Monteith was then introduced by Lion W. M. Fain. In his presentation speech, Mr. Fain outlined the history of the Cherokee county dinner which was originated nine years ago to bring all Cherokee county products to the table each year.

Mr. Fain explained that salt, sugar, pepper and coffee were the only foods on the table that could not be raised in Cherokee county, and dwelled on the various other resources of the county.

Mr. Monteith's talk was based on "Some of the Little Things that Build Personality and a Community Spirit". During the address he dwelled on the subjects of kindness, cheerful spirit, thrift, playing a fair game, setting ideals for children and the spirit of reverence.

Extolling kindness and a cheerful attitude toward neighbors as necessities for the average successful citizen, Mr. Monteith advised: "Be thrifty, be willing to work, be willing to learn".

"When your child goes out of his home to find his ideal father or his

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## Rev. Stedman, Of Peachtree, Dies Suddenly

Funeral services for the Rev. D. E. Stedman, 74, of the Peachtree community of Cherokee county, were conducted from the Peachtree Methodist church Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock with the Rev. W. Arthur Barber, pastor of the Murphy Methodist church, officiating assisted by the Rev. P. W. Tucker, of Marion, the Rev. W. A. Rollins, of Waynesville, the Rev. A. R. Bell, of Reidsville, the Rev. E. O. Cole, of Charlotte, and the Rev. W. S. Smith, of Andrews. Interment was in the church cemetery. W. D. Townson, of Murphy, was in charge of funeral arrangements.

In addition to the regular music, a special request quartet selection will be sung by Mrs. Hadley Dickey, Mrs. Dale Lee, Mr. Jerry Davidson and Mr. Homer Ricks. Mrs. Tom Axley will accompany at the piano.

Mr. Stedman, whose 24 years of preaching carried him throughout the western end of the state, died of a sudden heart attack at his home Tuesday night at 11:30 o'clock.

He joined the Western North Carolina conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, in 1903, and served actively for 24 years. Upon his retirement from the conference in 1927 he made his home at Peachtree.

Surviving are: his wife, Mrs. D. E. Stedman, and a sister, Mrs. F. E. Hearne, of Eatonton, Ga.