



NORTH CAROLINA SYMPHONY—Above is shown the full orchestra of the North Carolina Symphony Society. The Little Symphony, composed of 23 members of the full orchestra, will play in Murphy at 1:30 for school children and 8:00 for adults, on Friday.

Murphy and Andrews are among the few small towns in North Carolina that have been favored with visits of the orchestra four years in succession.

## Little Symphony Presents Two Concerts Here Friday

The Little Symphony of the North Carolina Symphony society will give two concerts in Murphy Friday of this week. At 1:30 p. m. a free concert for school children will be given in Murphy gymnasium. At 8 p. m., the adult concert, for the public will be in the high school auditorium.

Those who hold membership cards will be admitted without charge, and tickets for those who are not members may be secured at the door. Mrs. B. W. Whitfield, county chairman of the campaign for funds, states that \$100 more is needed to meet the requirement of \$750 for the orchestra's visit here. She hopes this amount will be received from ticket purchases at the door, the minimum admission charge being \$2.40, including tax. The \$750 in memberships for the adult concert provides the free concert for the children.

The Little Symphony is a group of 23 professional musicians, taken from the full orchestra of the Symphony. Its primary function is to play to the smaller towns and communities where stages or auditoriums are too limited for the large group of 70 musicians.

The Little Symphony has an enthusiastic following. During the 1947-48 tour it reached forty-five thousand people and played in 33 towns.

Under the direction of Dr. Benjamin Swalin, the Little Symphony began its 1949 tour in February. It has had such difficulties as measles and snow storms to combat, but nothing more disastrous happening, it will appear here Friday for the fourth consecutive year in the county.

The members of the orchestra will spend the week-end at Terrace hotel in Andrews.

## Thompson Slain In Baltimore

### Red Cross Report Meeting Is Friday

A report meeting of workers of the Cherokee county chapter of the American Red Cross will be held at the Murphy Library Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock, announces Miss Addie Mae Cooke, chapter chairman.

Reports thus far indicate that only a small portion of the \$2000 goal has been raised, but it is hoped that when reports are made Friday afternoon all workers will have finished their quotas and that the majority of the goal will have been reached.

### Guilford Choir Is Directed By Chas. C. Underwood

The Guilford College A Capella Choir, which will appear in the Methodist Church auditorium, Saturday night, March 26, at 7:30 o'clock, is under the direction of Charles C. Underwood.

Charles C. Underwood, baritone of New York and Paris, is a native of New Glasgow, Nova Scotia. Mr. Underwood joined the Guilford faculty for the second semester following the untimely death of Dr. E. H. F. Weis to take over the choir and voice work.

After completing the course in the New Glasgow public schools, Mr. Underwood attended the Horton Academy of Acadia University and Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Then for five years he studied voice under famous teachers in Paris, including Marquis de Traubodolle and Albert di Gorostolaga and piano under Alfred Cortot at L'Ecole Normale de Paris.

Mr. Underwood's voice teaching experience includes three years in private work in Paris, where he maintained a studio in Noully sur Soine. For five years he was a member of the choir of the American Cathedral in Paris, three years of that time serving as baritone soloist. He also has had extensive experience as soloist with the Comedie Francaise, the French State Radio, the British Broadcasting Company, and the Paris Symphony. His experience includes that of coaching the Sorbonne Glee Club in Paris. Altogether Mr. Underwood lived for eight and a half years in Paris and for six months in Germany.

Edwin Winchester has gone to Lake City after a month spent here with his family.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at 11 a. m. in Shady Grove Baptist Church for George W. Thompson, 58, who was found in his apartment in Baltimore last Friday morning, with his throat cut. The Rev. Thomas Truett officiated. Burial was in the church cemetery with Ivie funeral home in charge. Members of the Unaka Masonic Lodge served as pallbearers.

Mr. Thompson was formerly jailer here for Sheriff Frank Crawford.

He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Louise Hughes of Baltimore, Mrs. Inez Loudermilk of Isabella, Tenn.; two sisters, Mrs. Della Bryson of Chattanooga, and Mrs. Augusta Ciek of Rossville, Ga.

George Thompson, was employed about 14 months on a water tunnel which is being dug under the northern part of the city of Baltimore.

A woman living in an adjoining apartment said she was awakened several times by an argument involving two men and a woman in Thompson's apartment. She said she heard a man and a woman running down the hallway "after a heavy thump which made me sit straight up in bed," about 4 a. m.

Too frightened at first to leave her rooms, Lela Shaver finally aroused another resident of the building and he called police.

They found Thompson, dressed in his heavy woolen sandhog's underwear, lying on the floor amid the fragments of a whiskey bottle. An empty box for a straight edge razor was found outside his door.

Apparently Thompson had come in from work about 1 a. m. The tunnel digging company said he had been paid \$50 yesterday for a short week.

Police said a woman's pocket-book was found in the apartment. It contained no identification material. A handprint was found in the bathroom and there were spots of blood outside the door into the hall.

Mrs. Louise Hughes, Thompson's daughter, said he was divorced and went to Baltimore about four years ago from Murphy to live with her. He moved to the apartment about three months ago.

### Ralph E. Waters Dies In California

The body of Ralph Edward Waters, 32, who died Monday, March 7, in King City, Cal., of a heart attack, arrived in Murphy Tuesday.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at 2 p. m. in Hampton Memorial Church with the Rev. Alfred Smith and the Rev. S. M. Davis of Hayesville officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery with graveside rites by the Joe Miller Elkins Post No. 96, American Legion of Murphy.

Pallbearers were: Verlon Reese, Lucius Lochaby, James Burch, Frank Hogan, Bert Smith and Sam Davis.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Hazel Hampton Waters; one son, Jerry Ralph; one sister, Mrs. Ada McGill of Hayesville, five brothers, John of Opelika, Ala., William of Harlan, Ky., Raymond of Chipley, Fla., Walter of Elkhart, Ga., Woody of Young Harris, Ga.; three sisters, Mrs. Hoyt Penland of Newport News, Va., Mrs. Earl Spain of Carothersville, Mo., and Mrs. John Wilson of Tuskegee, Ala.

Ivie funeral home was in charge. Mrs. W. G. Dickey of Los Angeles, Calif., who has been spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Martin of Oak Ridge, Tenn., spent a few days last week with Mrs. Thos. S. Evans.

## Lions Club Aids Mason In Starting A Business

### Final Rites Are Held Tuesday For Mrs. Brendle

Funeral services were held Tuesday at 2 p. m. in Swanson church for Mrs. Effie H. Brendle, 75, who died in Marion Sunday at 10:15 a. m. following an illness of three months. The Rev. Thomas Truett officiated, and burial was in the church cemetery with Ivie funeral home in charge.

She lived for 27 years in the Shoal Creek section of Cherokee County and was a member of the Shoal Creek Baptist Church.

She is survived by seven sons, Fred of Blue Ridge, Ga., John, Horace, Bars and Dewey, all of Suit, G. N. of Marion and Lawrence of Sedrowolley, Wash.; five daughters, Mrs. J. L. Drake of Black Mountain, Mrs. Cora Hyatt of Murphy, Mrs. Guy Suit of Suit, Mrs. O. W. Davidson of Akron, Ohio, Mrs. Glenn Teague of West Asheville, 37 grandchildren and a number of great grandchildren.

### Mrs. Sam Aronson Is Taken By Death

Mrs. Frida Aronson, wife of Sam Aronson, died in her home here Saturday afternoon after a brief illness. She was 49 years of age.

A native of Russia, she had lived in Murphy for the past six years, her husband being engaged in the lumber business here.

Funeral services were held in the home Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Burial was in Sunset cemetery with Townson funeral home in charge.

Active pallbearers were: L. A. Frasch, Arthur Heinrich, Salo Horowitz, C. Magorik, M. Berkowitz and H. Settle.

Honorary pallbearers were: Frank Crawford, the Rev. J. Alton Morris, the Rev. W. B. Penny, the Rev. W. H. Hampton, C. R. Freed, J. B. Gray, E. A. Browning, F. O. Christopher, E. O. Christopher, Dr. B. W. Whitfield, Frank Forsyth, Sam Kaye, C. E. Hyde, B. Kolker, Tom Axley, Dr. J. R. Bell, Neil Davidson, Dr. R. S. Parker, Walter Mauney, H. Bueck, John Jordan, J. H. Duncan, Howard Moody, Robert Weaver, John Dickey, W. A. Phipps and John Donley.

Surviving are the husband, and a son, Adir.

### W. I. Whitley Taken By Death

News was received here this week of the death of W. I. Whitley of Clayton, father of Duke Whitley, which occurred Monday at 8:15 a. m. in Rex Hospital in Raleigh.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at 3 o'clock in the afternoon in Clayton Methodist Church.

Mr. Whitley had been in ill health for three years, and a week ago he suffered a heart attack and a stroke and was taken to the hospital where he remained until his death.

Mrs. Tom Mauney left this week for a two weeks' visit with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Rider in Savannah, Ga.

Murphy Lions club "lives to serve", and its principal work is with the blind or visually handicapped. The club spends hundreds of dollars annually for assistance to the blind of this county. One of its latest projects is that of helping Henry Mason, 38, of Oak Park get started in a trade that will bring him a steady income. A few weeks ago the club gave Mason a loom, and he is now learning to make rugs.

Miss Arneach, industry specialist with the State Blind commission, has been giving Mason and his wife training in operating the loom, and Mrs. Mason dyes the looper clips and makes the warps for her husband. Already Mason has made 15 rugs and expects soon to be making at least 25 a month. These will be marketed through the Blind commission or personally, and will give Mason a nice supplement to the \$33 monthly that he receives through the welfare department.

Mr. and Mrs. Mason and their daughter, five-year old Joan, live in a house adjoining Mt. Carmel Baptist church at Oak Park.

Mason has been totally blind four years. During that time, he has received considerable assistance from Murphy Lions club, which has furnished money to him for trips to Asheville for treatment and helped in other ways. He is taking Braille lessons at present and doing his best to help himself.

President R. W. Easley, Jr., of the Lions club recently visited Mason and assisted him in getting some repairs made on the loom, to make it more easily operated.

Following its policy of presenting from time to time the voices of younger ministers of the Church, the Presbyterian Hour will have as its next speaker the Rev. Kenneth G. Phifer of Rock Hill, S. C. Mr. Phifer is a native of Tennessee, was educated at Center College and Louisville Presbyterian Seminary, and did graduate work at Vanderbilt University. He started his ministry in the Presbyterian Church of Franklin, Tenn., from which field he moved to his present pastorate.

Mr. Phifer is active in the work of the Presbytery and Synod, having served on committees for Woman's Work, Young People's Work, Home Missions and Evangelism. His topic on the Presbyterian Hour will be "Time For Decision for the Church of Christ", and this broadcast may be heard in this community on Sunday, at 8:30 over Radio Station WSB.

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### Parker Speaks At Baptist B. W. C. Federation Friday

The Rev. C. E. Parker, pastor of Franklin Baptist church, will be the guest speaker at the meeting of the Western North Federation of Business Women's circles, in Bryson City Baptist church on Friday evening, March 18, at 7:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Alvir Buchanan, president of the Murphy B. W. C., will conduct the devotional. Mrs. J. J. Hamilton of Murphy, president of the Federation, will preside.

The program has been planned by the vice-president, Miss Helen Gibson of Bryson City. Representatives of Business Women's circles from Sylva, Scotts Creek, Franklin, Bryson City, Andrews, Robbinsville, and Murphy are expected to attend.

### Graham Home Is Destroyed By Fire

The six-room house of Willard Graham, at Violet, was completely destroyed by fire Saturday morning about 9 o'clock. The origin of the fire is unknown. It was discovered by some of his children when it already had gained much headway. Mr. Graham was in Chattanooga, and Mrs. Graham was in their store near the home, at the time the fire was discovered.

All the clothing and most of the furnishings in the house were burned. In addition, a smoke-house containing the meat from three or four hogs and 400 cans of vegetables and fruits was destroyed.

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### Ty Cobb Visits His Aunt In This County

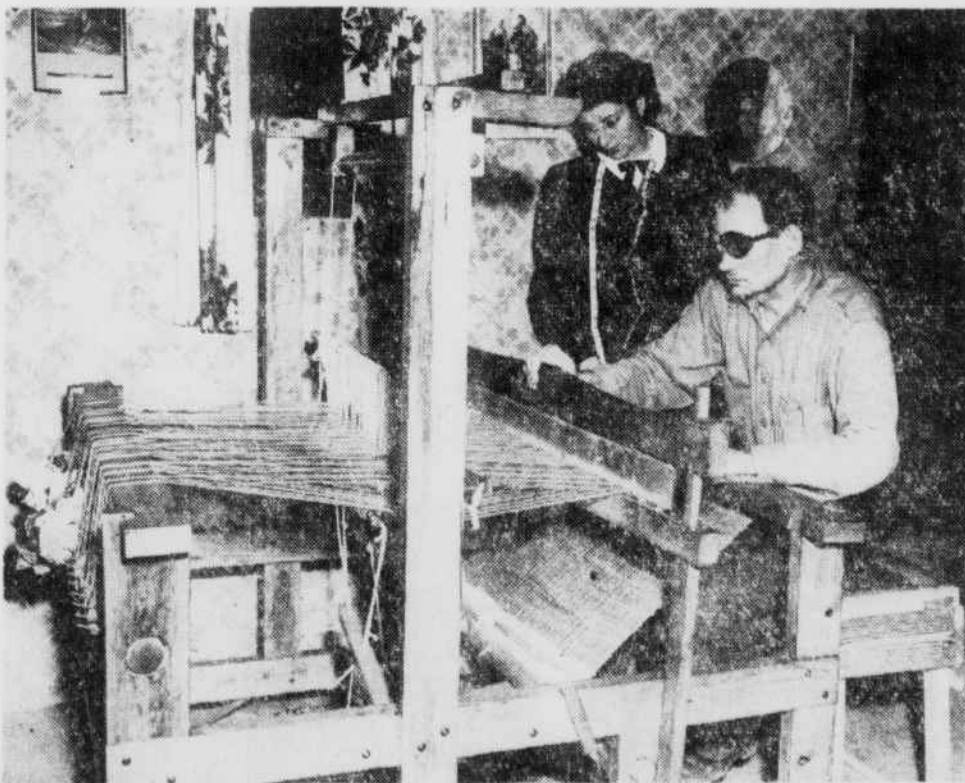
Ty Cobb of San Francisco, Calif., who has been voted the world's champion baseball player, according to his memorial at Coopers-town, N. Y., the nephew of Mrs. Nora Cobb Spencer, visited Mr. and Mrs. Spencer at their home on Route 2 last Sunday.

Mr. Cobb has been spending a few days in his old home town of Royston, Ga., seeing to the erection of the Cobb Memorial Hospital there, in honor of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Cobb. He has donated \$200,000 to build the hospital, and \$50,000 for indigent patients.

Accompanying Mr. Cobb here were Dr. and Mrs. Stewart D. Brown. Dr. Brown, an old schoolmate, with whom Ty, as a boy, played on the diamond, is now an outstanding surgeon and is to have charge of the new hospital.

Mr. Cobb expressed regret at not being able to stay longer and meet with old friends and colleagues of his boyhood days around the old home and in Murphy.

When the new hospital is dedicated, he is expected to be present and to have more time to stay East and see his folks.



LEARNING A TRADE—Henry Mason, who has been totally blind for four years, is shown above operating the loom that recently was presented him by Murphy Lions club. Teaching him to operate

the loom is Miss Arneach of the State Blind commission. The rug that is being made in this picture is now on display at the store of A. A. Williamson at Oak Park.