

# This Marks 20th Year At WCTC For Hunter

Since Mr. Hunter has been president of Western Carolina Teachers College, it has seen many novations and has enjoyed tremendous growth both as a physical plant and as an institution for teacher training. When Mr. Hunter came to the president's chair in July, 1923, there were only about two dozen college students enrolled, the others being of high school rank. At that time there was only one dormitory, Davies, on the campus. Then, no dormitory existed for men who boarded in the community or occupied improvised rooms in the old Madison building, originally used for a classroom building and auditorium, but which was razed two years ago and replaced by the present Madison hall. The central heating plant then consisted of a small unit, heating only two buildings, Davies hall and the old Madison building. Joyner, the present administration building, was used to provide with office space and to house the library. The library, which contained not more than 500 volumes. Not only were all college classes and high school classes accommodated in this building, but also the entire grades of the local graded school were housed in the basement of the present administration building. Moore dormitory was under construction, as was also the present classroom building of the college, the latter at that time being constructed by Jackson county for the purpose of taking care of the grade school and high school students.

For three years after Mr. Hunter's coming, the high school continued as a part of the institution, but as the college enrollment rapidly increased, the high school gradually became a separate entity, and still later became a part of the training school provided by the college for the preparation of students as teachers.

**Granted First Degrees In 1931**

Only two years of college work were offered until 1929, when the state legislature passed an act authorizing the college to give work on a four-year basis. The first degrees were granted in the summer of 1931 to 15 graduates.

The two years' college course was eliminated in 1937, from which time all students finishing at Western Carolina Teachers College are four-year graduates receiving bachelor of science degrees.

Until the college began to confer degrees, most of the graduates

# Dahlia Gardens Are Open To The Public By Owners

Visitors are invited to inspect the dahlia gardens at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Ivey, on the ground of Lake Junaluska, which are now in their prime of glory.

During the past several weeks the blooms have been closely cut each day, as from five to six large baskets have been used in decoration of the auditorium, as a courtesy of the management from Mr. and Mrs. Ivey.

During the summer dozens of blooms have also been given away. Each morning containers of flowers have been placed on Lake Short Drive near the gardens between the bathhouse and the shuffleboard with a sign "Take One". This generosity on the part of the owners has attracted considerable attention to the gardens this summer.

There are 400 hills, with 75 varieties. Among the favorites are the Lilac Giant, which is often 14 to 15 inches across, the Glamour, a 12 to 13 inch specimen, and J. Milton Cross, a large yellow flower.

Since the closing of the summer Assembly more flowers have been left on the plants and the gardens now offer a more colorful picture. The dahlias have been at their best this year, according to Mr. Ivey, who attributes their perfection to the weather, which has been ideal for the growing of this flower.

This year the large dahlias have not won the entire applause of visitors as has often been the case in the past, but the trend of favor has been to smaller varieties, according to Mr. Ivey.

There are ten varieties of pom-poms and miniatures in the garden this year, in contrast to a much smaller number in other years.

Mr. Ivey is extending the invitation to visitors for several weeks, as he explained that due to the moisture from Lake Junaluska, frost does not nip the dahlias there as early as in the surrounding areas. Last year the dahlias bloomed until November.

# Haywood Bought \$73,456 In War Bonds Last Month

Waynesville—Special to Herald

Bond sales for August totaled \$73,456.25 in Haywood county, it was announced this week, after all these improvements in the college have been brought about.

# SERGEANT, 16, BEFORE RETIREMENT



WHILE ON THEIR WAY TO invade Sicily, Staff Sergeants Clifford R. Wherley, 16, of Elmwood, Ill., and Nokolaus Woll, 45, of Ridgewood, N. Y., discuss their North African experiences. Wherley, recently discharged from the air force because of his age, holds the Air Medal and has participated in many air battles. (International)

# Winged Mascot



OSCAR THE CROW is perched atop the rifle of his master and trainer, Private Richard C. Reedy, of Mayo, Maryland, on sentry duty at a U. S. Army base in England. It's a beautiful friendship. (International)

# Whittier Lad Listed Missing from Plane After Sea Fight

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and N. C. State College, having been also teacher in agriculture in an Eastern North Carolina school prior to joining the colors 18 months ago.

His last visit home only three months since, is recalled with special pleasure by many Jackson county residents.

Mrs. Varner received the sad tidings only a few hours after departure of two other children for their respective service units, Robert, a younger brother, being a radio operator, at home for last week-end, while a sister, Miss Louise, was en route to join a unit of the Waves.

The Herald reporter, who talked by phone with Thad Varner, of Whittier, uncle of the missing airman, learned that a message had been sent to Marion, where it was expected Miss Varner would be intercepted. She was expected to return at once to her mother at her Whittier home.

# Western Carolina Teachers College Starts 54th Year

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Cooper, Forest City; Frank Hyatt, Bryson City; Glenn C. Palmer, Clyde; Mrs. E. L. McKee, Sylva; Mrs. J. S. Silverstein, Brevard; Mrs. D. H. Tillitt, Andrews; E. E. Wheeler, Asheville.

Faculty: H. T. Hunter, President; W. E. Bird, English; Anne Plott Albright, social science; Robert L. Madison, president emeritus, English; E. H. Stillwell, history; Frank H. Brown, chemistry; Alice A. Benton, physical education; John S. Seymour, sociology; Cordelia Camp, education; Mrs. Lillian Buchanan, librarian; library science (on leave, Columbia University); Grant McColey, English; Mrs. C. G. Guley, music; A. K. Hinds, mathematics; C. F. Dobson, biology; C. D. Killian, education and psychology; Mary Anne Hammond, business education; W. N. Turner, geology; Clarence Chrisman, modern language; H. P. Smith, social science; Mabel Tyree, English and dramatics; W. A. Ashbrook, business education; Leonora Smith, education; Rachel Rosenberger, music; Clara DeVane, music.

Training School staff: Cordelia Camp, director; C. A. Hoyle, principal; Mrs. Evelyn R. Coward, second grade; Fannie Goodman, seventh grade; Edith Walker, fourth grade; Mrs. Winnie Murphy Killian, English; A. L. Bramlett, social science; Anne Davis Rabe, first grade; Kathleen Holt Davis, business education; Mrs. Mae Master-son Whatley, third grade; Nelle E.

selling agents had made reports. The August quota was not met, and some members of the bond sales committee felt that many purchasers were holding back awaiting the Third War Loan Drive this month.

The report from Haywood selling agents is as follows:

First National Bank	\$20,062.50
Way. Post Office	2,418.75
National Farm Loan	3,150.00
Haywood Building & Loan	5,306.25
Haywood Bank, Canton	34,387.50
Haywood Bank, Clyde	693.75
Canton Building & Loan	2,268.75
Clyde Building & Loan	750.00
Canton Post Office	3,993.75
Clyde Post Office	225.00
COUNTY TOTAL	\$73,456.25

The August quota was \$89,289 for E. bonds. The above is just for E. bonds.

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MARY CALLAHAN OF Ft. LAUDERDALE (FLORIDA) BROKE A 0-6-0, 16-INNING DEADLOCK IN A GAME WITH MIAMI WHEN HE WALKED TO FIRST BASE, STOLE SECOND, STOLE THIRD AND STOLE HOME ON THREE CONSECUTIVE FOLLOWING PITCHES—1925

Bond, French, social science; Mrs. Miriam Stillwell Allen, sixth grade; Geneva H. Turpin, fifth grade; Mr. Phillips, agriculture; Mrs. Phillips, science.

Assistants to Administration: Dr. Grover Wilkes, physician; Claudia M. Baker, nurse; L. A. Ammon, farm manager; Mrs. L. A. Ammon, dietician; Mrs. Cella Ashbrook, secretary to the president; Mrs. M. K. Hinds, dormitory supervisor; Rena Forrest McDevitt, bookkeeper.

There have been a number of changes in teaching and administrative personnel, with war conditions largely responsible directly or indirectly.

A. E. Hinds, former professor of mathematics and now a naval lieutenant, has been succeeded by Rev. M. S. Richey, pastor of Cullowhee Methodist church, who is acting department head for the current year.

Former alumni-secretary, J. W. McDevitt has also joined the navy, his duties at Cullowhee being taken over by Miss Beam, the registrar.

Miss Laura McAdams, former head of the modern language department, is serving with the Signal corps, being succeeded by Clarence Chrisman.

Home Economics will be under direction of Mrs. M. S. Richey, in place of Miss Maude Ketchem, resigned.

Miss Charlotte Watson of Cookeville, Tennessee, will become instructor of art in the place of Miss Helen Patton, who has taken a position at Monticello Junior College, Alton, Illinois.

Miss Frances Brown, who served as librarian of the college last year in the absence of Mrs. Lillian Buchanan, is now librarian for the Cadiz High School, Cadiz, Ohio. Mrs. Buchanan, having completed a year's graduate work at Columbia University, has resumed her duties as librarian.

Kenneth L. Wood, instructor of physics, has taken a position at Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tennessee.

Mrs. Leon Sutton, former secretary to the bursar and business manager, is now secretary in the office of the superintendent of Jackson County Schools, A. C. Jones. Mrs. Leon Worth McDevitt has taken the position Mrs. Sutton held last year.

L. A. Ammon, for a number of years farm manager for the college, has indicated his purpose to retire; however he is now engaged in harvesting an abundant crop produced this summer on the college farm.

Mrs. Carrie Bryson has been appointed by President Hunter as hostess for Moore dormitory. Mrs. Bryson succeeds Miss Kathleen Davis, who teaches business education in the training school and penmanship in the college.

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