

COUNTY TO START SCHOOL BUILDING PROGRAM

President Of Western Carolina Teachers College Found Dead

Educational Leader Of North Carolina Had Been In Poor Health; Funeral Held Saturday

Funeral services for President H. T. Hunter of Western Carolina Teachers College, Cullowhee, who was found dead Friday in his automobile near Pleasant Grove church a few miles from Weaverville, were conducted Saturday in the Weaverville Methodist church. Interment was made in the West Memorial Park at Weaverville.

Four ministers spoke at the service: the Rev. Paul S. Kenneth, pastor of the church; The Rev. Mark R. Osborne, Jr., pastor of the Cullowhee Baptist church; the Rev. R. T. Houts, Jr., pastor of the Cullowhee Methodist church, and the Rev. Morgan A. Kizer, pastor of the Weaverville Baptist church.

Prof. A. K. Hinds acted as head of the college until the board of trustees placed Dean W. E. Bird in as acting president. Classes at the college were dismissed Friday until Monday out of respect for the deceased.

Dr. and Mrs. Hunter had visited her sister, Mrs. Lucy Weaver Posey on Thursday; one purpose being to allow Dr. Hunter to undergo a thorough physical examination by an Asheville physician. According to physicians he had been depressed because of ill health recently, having suffered a slight stroke a short time ago.

After he left to visit some friends Thursday morning in his automobile, the family became alarmed as hours passed and he did not return. A systematic search was begun Friday morning when he still was missing.

About 11 o'clock Friday the body was seen by a man riding in back of a truck. Members of the sheriff's department were called, and a deputy broke a window to get inside and discover Dr. Hunter was dead. He was holding a shotgun and a charge, apparently from the gun, had gone into his chest. Keys to the locked car were found in Dr. Hunter's pocket, according to the Buncombe county coroner.

The son of James Hardy Hunter, a farmer and civil engineer and

Martha Caroline Hunter, Dr. Hunter married Miss Glen Coulter Weaver of Weaverville in 1912.

Surviving are the widow, three daughters, Miss Martha Lou Hunter and Miss Ann Hunter, both of Asheville, and Mrs. Richard Robinson Pettit of San Francisco; a brother, Latta, of Jacksonville; and four sisters, Mrs. John Silvers of Mars Hill, Mrs. E. R. Hall of Clute, Tex., Mrs. N. B. Phillips of Hendersonville, and Mrs. Vivian Edwards of Charlotte Courthouse, Va.

One time district Rotary governor, Dr. Hunter was the third president of W. C. T. C. Closely associated with outstanding civic and welfare projects of Jackson county for many years, he was one of the chief figures in the launching some years ago of the Western North Carolina live-at-home movement, was an active leader in the agitation for hardsurfacing of state highway 106 between Cullowhee and Sylva, and was prominently identified with the welfare work of C. J. Harris Community hospital at Sylva.

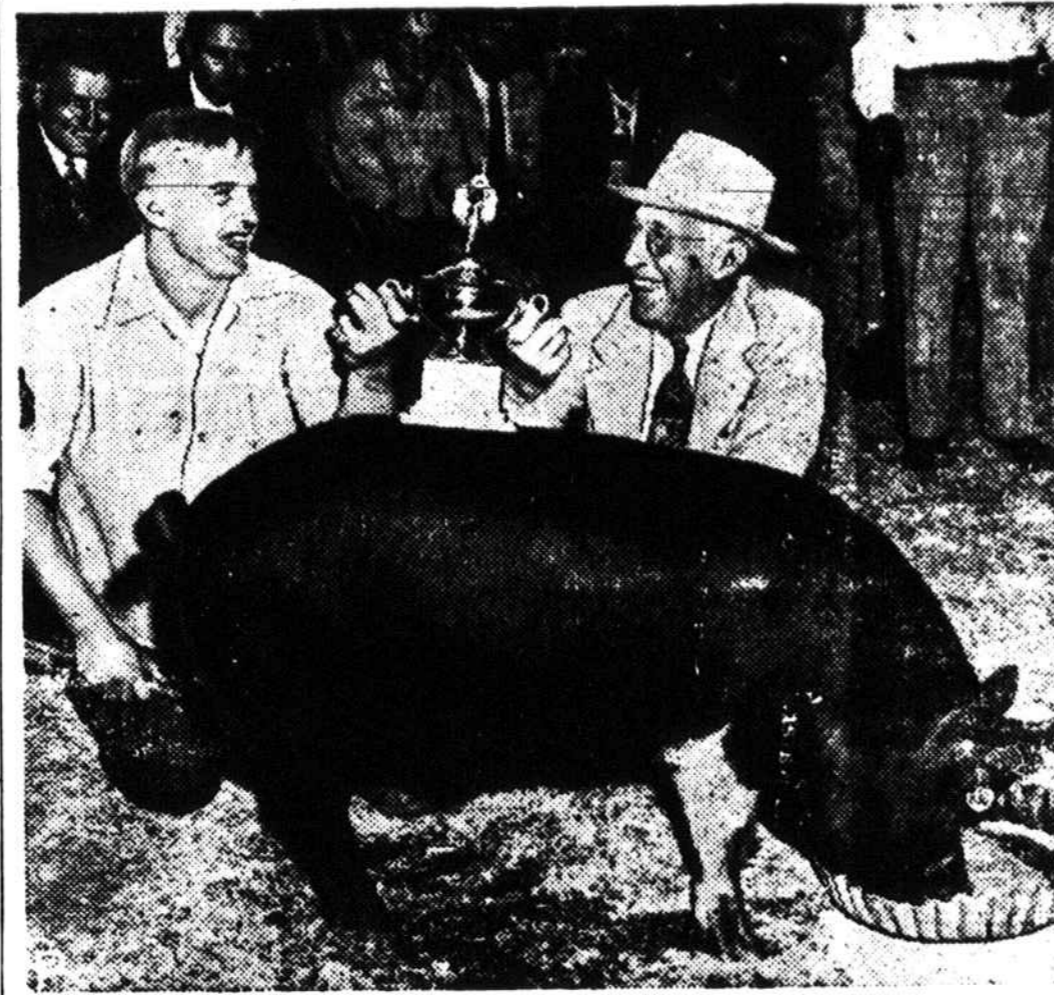
Dr. Hunter had been in poor health for some time, and already had announced to the college board his intention of retiring as president at the end of the current school year.

In addition to membership in various educational associations, he was an active member of the Baptist church and the Sylva Rotary club, and formerly taught a Sunday school class of 100 girls from the Cullowhee community.

His teaching career began as principal of Fairview high school. He served as principal of Southside Institute at Chase City, Va., as professor of English at Woman's college, Richmond; and was associate Professor of education and director of the summer school at Wake Forest.

During his guidance of Western Carolina Teachers college, the school grew in size, number of students and national rank.

CHAMP SELLS AT \$1 PER POUND



AT THE JUNIOR MARKET Hog Show at the Chicago stockyards, Glen Cole 17, of Pontiac, Ill., holds the Pillsbury Trophy which he was awarded for raising the 270-pound animal shown in the photo. Pictured with Cole (left) is J. R. Lewis, Aurora, Ill., who presented the prize. The grand champion hog was sold for a dollar a pound. (International)

TRUSTEES NAME W. E. BIRD ACTING PRESIDENT OF WCTC

College Dean Will Serve Until Successor To Late Dr. Hunter Is Appointed

The board of trustees of Western Carolina Teachers college in a meeting at Cullowhee Tuesday morning appointed W. Ernest Bird acting president of the institution to serve until a successor is named to the late Dr. H. T. Hunter.

Dean Bird came to the college in 1920 as professor of English and dean, and has been a member of the faculty since that time.

Mr. Bird is a native of Jackson county and a graduate of WCTC. He received his A.B. degree from the University of North Carolina in 1917, and his M.A. from George Peabody college in 1920, and has done graduate work at both the University of North Carolina and Duke University.

In an interview by a Herald representative with Brandon P. Hodges, chairman of the board, it was learned that the board had also authorized a contract with Anthony Lord, Asheville architect, to draw the plans for the Science-classroom building, and with the Six Associates, firm of architects of Asheville and Hendersonville, to prepare plans for the new library building. These buildings are included in a million and a half dollar expansion program planned for the school. One of Hodges, chairman of the board, it for Dr. Hunter, Mr. Hodges stated.

PROGRAM OF EVENTS FOR HOME-COMING AT WCTC ANNOUNCED

Events for and honoring its alumni will feature home-coming day at Western Carolina Teachers college, October 25. The home-coming committee, under the chairmanship of John Worth McDevitt, decided at a meeting held Tuesday night on the following schedule:

There will be an alumni supper at 5:30 p. m. in the training school cafeteria.

The annual alumni business meeting will begin at 8:30.

A football game, with Lenoir-Rhyne college, will start at 8:00 o'clock. During the half the college band will play, and the school's mascot, a catamount, will be given a name and formally dedicated.

From 10:30 to 12:00 there will be a homecoming picnic.

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BURIED SATURDAY



DR. H. T. HUNTER, president of Western Carolina Teachers College, was buried Saturday afternoon in the West Memorial Park cemetery at Weaverville. Mr. Hunter's body was found Friday morning near Weaverville where he was visiting relatives.

P. T. A. Makes Donations To Two Sylva Schools

At the regular monthly meeting of the Sylva Parent Teacher association donations of \$100 were made to both the High school and the elementary school. The money given to the high school will be used to purchase maps, the only thing lacking to place Sylva High on the accredited school list. The money for the elementary school will be used with \$200 the school has on hand to purchase playground equipment.

The meeting was opened with a devotional by Mrs. Gugger Fortner. The Glee Club, under the direction of N. R. Beacham, presented the program, singing a group of three songs.

The membership chairman, Mrs. John Norton, reported that there was now a membership of 190 persons in the association.

Mrs. Porter Scroggs reported that \$65 was made from the dinner served at the district meeting by the Home Economics department and the Parent Teacher association. This money will be used to purchase necessary equipment for the Home Economics room.

Local Doctors Attending Med. Symposium at Duke

Dr. E. W. Fisher of Franklin, and Drs. T. D. Slagle and R. W. Kirchberg of Sylva will leave today for Durham, where they will attend the Tenth Annual Medical Symposium conducted by Duke University School of Medicine and Duke Hospital. They will return late Sunday.

FUNERAL RITES FOR BEN N. QUEEN HELD FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Property Owner and Business Leader Died Thursday Morning After Short Illness

Last rites for Benjamin N. Queen, 59, who died in C. J. Harris Community hospital, Thursday morning, October 9, 1947, were held at Glenn Funeral Parlors on Friday afternoon, October 10, at 3 o'clock. Interment was in the family plot in Tuckaseegee cemetery. The Rev. Rufus A. Morgan, Rector of St. John's Episcopal church, assisted by Rev. C. M. Warren, of the Sylva Baptist church, officiated. Graveside rites were conducted by Dillsboro Lodge No. 459 A. F. and A. M. of which Mr. Queen was a member.

Although Mr. Queen was in failing health for a number of years, his death came as a shock to his many friends in the state.

Active pallbearers were Don Davis, Frank P. Crawford, C. E. Thompson, Paul Kirk, C. Howard Allison, and R. L. Glenn, Sr.

Honorary pallbearers were C. B. Thompson, E. L. McKee, R. L. Ariail, W. J. Fisher, W. W. Bryson, Dr. Grover Wilkes, Joseph Popplewell, Dan Tompkins, C. M. Reed, Harry C. Allman, J. H. Wilson, Ben Lessing, J. H. Morris, Chester Scott, Dillard Coward, Felix Picklesimer, Jeff Hedger, and H. E. Montith. Flowerbearers were Misses Dorothy Williams, Jane Coward, Lou Elsie Parker, Nancy Allison, Rebecca Sue Cannon, and Mrs. C. E. Thompson.

Mr. Queen was born in Jackson county on September 21, 1888, the son of the late William Alonzo Queen and Lavenia Price Queen. He spent the greater part of his life here, being active in the civic and political life of the county. At one time he was a member of the Board of County Commissioners and during his residence in Sylva.

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DR. C. RAY JORDAN TO BE GUEST SPEAKER AT CULLOWHEE CHURCH

On Sunday, October 19, C. Ray Jordan will be the guest minister for both the morning and evening services at Cullowhee Methodist Church.

Dr. Jordan is widely known throughout the Methodist Church, being much in demand as a guest preacher. Much of his ministry has been spent in the Western North Carolina Conference. At the present time, he is a member of the faculty of Candler School of Theology, Emory University.

The members of Cullowhee Methodist Church feel they are fortunate in securing Dr. Jordan as a guest minister, and issue an invitation to friends in the surrounding community, to hear him at either of the services on October 19.

Records Wanted Of Farmers Producing 100 Bu. Corn Per Acre

A number of farmers in the County have indicated high yields of corn on at least a part of their acreage. Therefore, we are requesting farmers that believe they have corn that will make 100 bushels per acre to leave their names at the County agent's office in order that the yield per acre may be checked. This information will give us a chance to help the farmer check his yield.

Records will be made of the farmers producing 100 bushels or more of corn per acre and they may become members of the 100 bushel per acre corn club.

M. L. Snipes
County Agent

Number of Frame Buildings To Be Replaced By Modern Brick and Stone Structures

PRIME STEAKS



R. L. PRUITT AND HIS BABY BEEF

R. L. Pruitt, 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Pruitt, of Glensville 4-H club, has proven to Jackson county farmers that there is good money in growing prime beef cattle. Young Pruitt is shown above with his 10-month-old Hereford type baby beef calf which took first prize at the Jackson County 4-H Achievement Day and was later entered in the Asheville Fat Cattle show where it brought a fancy price. The Sylva Merchants Association bought the calf at the Asheville sale, paying 37 cents per pound for it. The beef weighed 800 pounds and brought its proud young owner \$296.00. The prize winner of the Asheville market from Haywood county brought \$1 per pound.

R. L.'s calf made a good showing in the Asheville show where it competed against many other calves from beef producing counties as Haywood and Henderson. His entry was the only one from Jackson county.

The calf has been butchered and is on sale today at Sylva Supply Market.

O. H. Massie Buys Campbell's Interest In Ice Cream Shop

Mr. O. H. Massie, of Waynesville has purchased the Ice Cream and Candy business, formerly owned and operated by Mr. Charlie Campbell in the Ritz Theatre building. Mr. Massie will continue in the same location. He is a son

ELECTION TO BE HELD FOR BOND ISSUE FOR BUILDING PURPOSES

At a joint meeting on Monday of the board of county commissioners and the board of education plans were decided upon for starting an extensive county-wide school building program for Jackson county.

The citizens of the county have long felt the urgency for such a program and it is at the suggestions and wishes of the educational leaders of the county that the decision was made to start this program as soon as possible. No definite decision was made at this meeting as to what schools will be replaced with modern buildings in this program. But the boards indicated that such schools as the Beta and Dillsboro schools in the Sylva district and one teacher school in Canada and other districts are to be among the buildings for consideration.

Experienced school building men from Raleigh will be brought here to confer with the two boards on what school buildings are to be replaced, where they will be located, and the cost of same.

To be able to carry on such a program, a bond issue for the purpose will be necessary. An election for a vote of the people on this matter will be held in the near future, local school officials stated Monday.

At present Jackson county is far down the list among the counties having adequate school building and equipment facilities. Our county officials and educational leaders have realized this for some time but necessarily have been unable to do much about the matter due to building restrictions and costs.

Not only will there be a number of old buildings replaced with modern new structures but many of the present buildings will be improved, officials stated.

of Mr. J. E. Massie, of Waynesville, owner of the Ritz Theatre.

Mr. Campbell owned and operated the Campbell Ice Cream shop here for the past ten years, along with other business interests. He has not announced his future plans.

Western Carolina College Pays Tribute to Dr. Hunter

The students and faculty members of Carolina Teachers college, the citizens of Cullowhee, of Jackson and surrounding counties gathered in Hoey auditorium at 1:30 p. m. Tuesday for a memorial service for the late H. Tyram Hunter, their beloved college president and friend and the institution's third president who died last week.

The memorial service opened with a hymn by the college choir with invocation by the Rev. R. T. Houts, Jr., pastor of the Cullowhee Methodist church. Rev. Mark R. Osborne, Jr., pastor of the Cullowhee Baptist church, of which the deceased was an influential member, reviewed briefly Dr. Hunter's church life and religious influence in the church and on the college campus. Paul Ellis, chairman of the board of trustees of C. J. Harris Community hospital, talked on Dr. Hunter's work in connection with the hospital while a member of its board and of his untiring efforts in behalf of the hospital.

Dr. D. D. Hooper, president of the Sylva club, of which Dr. Hunter had been a member for nearly twenty years, told of the splendid record Dr. Hunter had made as a Rotarian, having served as president of the club and governor of the 190th District of Rotary Inter-

national. In Dr. Hunter the students of the college found a friend who would take time to sit and council with them on their problems, and likewise share their joys. The high esteem in which Dr. Hunter was held by the entire student body was given by Jack Allison, president of the student body. W. E. Bird, dean of the college, who was a member of the faculty when Dr. Hunter became president, told of the late president's lovable attitude toward his "faculty family", working always for the building of fine men and women and for a greater institution for them.

The solemnity of the memorial occasion was made most effective with a vocal solo, He Shall Feed His Sheep, Handel, by Mrs. Inez Wooten Guiley, and a violin solo, Ave Maria, Bach-Gounod, by Florian Lindberg.

Brandon P. Hodges of Asheville, chairman of the college board of trustees, and Harry E. Buchanan of Hendersonville, chairman of the executive committee of the board, talked on the growth and development of the college under the capable leadership of Dr. Hunter.

To conclude the service the choir sang, Holy, Holy, Holy, with the benediction by Rev. Osborne.

TIGHT BRITCHES TO BE PRESENTED AT WESTERN CAROLINA

When Hubert Hayes presents the play, "Tight Britches", at Hoey auditorium of Western Carolina Teachers College Tuesday night, October 21, one of the leading players will be Mr. Moore Bryson, a former resident of Dillsboro. Mr. Hayes, the producer, considers Mr. Bryson's work as very outstanding.

Mr. Bryson was born at Dillsboro March 30, 1908, the son of Holmes Bryson and Nina Moore Bryson, and a grandson of the late Judge Walter Moore of Sylva. He attended the Dillsboro grammar school and his first stage work was a part in the school pageant, as captain of the guard, using a sword as tall as himself which was his grandfather Enloe's. He later had parts in high schools plays in Asheville.

He was a student at Carolina 1925 to 1931, graduating with an LL.B. degree. While there he was with the Playmakers. After passing the bar he practiced law in Asheville. In 1941 he entered the Coastal Air Patrol as a 1st lieutenant, then as Intelligence officer of 1st N. C. Base at Manton. He was later transferred as a pilot to Flagler Base in Florida and then returned to Asheville where he did intelligence work with the Weather Wing of Army Air Forces. At the end of the war he went into the real estate business and practice of law.

He has taken much interest in the Little Theatre of Asheville, playing leads in "Dark of The

VISITING SPEAKER



G. Ray Jordan, D. D.

G. Ray Jordan, D. D., Chapel Preacher School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta, will be the guest speaker at the Cullowhee Methodist church for both morning and evening services Sunday, October 19, according to an announcement by the pastor, Rev. T. H. Houts, Jr.

In 1946 the New York City Fire Department put out 44,764 fires, an average of 122 per day, and answered an average of 47 false or unnecessary alarms per day. Fire losses in the metropolis during 1937-46 have risen 184 percent, according to Fire Department figures.

"Moon" and "State of the Union." Tight Britches is being brought to Western Carolina under the auspices of the Lyceum committee of the college, headed by Mrs. Lillian Buchanan.