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Western Carolina Teachers College

## W. C. T. C. CELEBRATING 50th ANNIVERSARY

### \$650,000 Building Program Now Well Underway

New Buildings Are  
Modern In Every  
Way, Soon Ready

New And Modern Buildings  
Now Going Up. Or Complet-  
ed On W. C. T. C. Campus

Summing 50 years of steady  
growth and development, Western  
Carolina Teachers College will soon  
have six modern buildings completed,  
bringing the total to twelve.

Through the untiring efforts of Dr.  
H. T. Hunter, president, appropri-  
ations from the state PWA were re-  
ceived and now a \$650,000 expansion  
building program is underway.  
In 1937 construction of a \$75,000  
physical education building got un-  
derway. The structure, of native  
Western Carolina granite, is 144 feet by  
100 feet. The stone was quarried  
near the college and each stone was  
carefully cut by hand before being  
used in the impressive building.  
The main gymnasium floor is of hard  
maple with glass backboards for  
basketball. Offices, classrooms,  
rooms for visiting teams, supply  
rooms and a large swimming pool are  
part of the building and make it  
a complete.

The 1937 General Assembly appro-  
priated \$110,000 for the construction  
of a training school. Realizing that  
twice that amount would be re-  
quired to construct a suitable build-  
ing, college authorities, headed by  
Dr. H. T. Hunter, were successful in get-  
ting a PWA grant which made possi-  
ble the construction of the beautiful  
\$650,000 building. An unusual fea-  
ture of this structure is that it is  
built on a unit plan. Each  
unit is made up of two-class rooms  
with a practice teaching room be-  
tween and conference rooms at each  
end. The floors are of modern wood  
block construction.

The latest development in the  
building program of the college is  
a boy's dormitory which will cost  
\$100,000 fully equipped and will com-  
pletely take care of 160 men.  
One of the colleges' greatest needs  
being realized with the completion  
of the striking auditorium with a  
seating capacity of 900. This build-  
ing is costing approximately \$25,000.  
The student union building, now  
under construction, will have student  
organizations and alumni offices.  
Built at a cost of \$30,000 it is near  
the entrance of the Joyner building.  
Approximately \$30,000 is being  
expended remodeling the old training  
school which will be used as a col-  
lege classroom building in the fall.

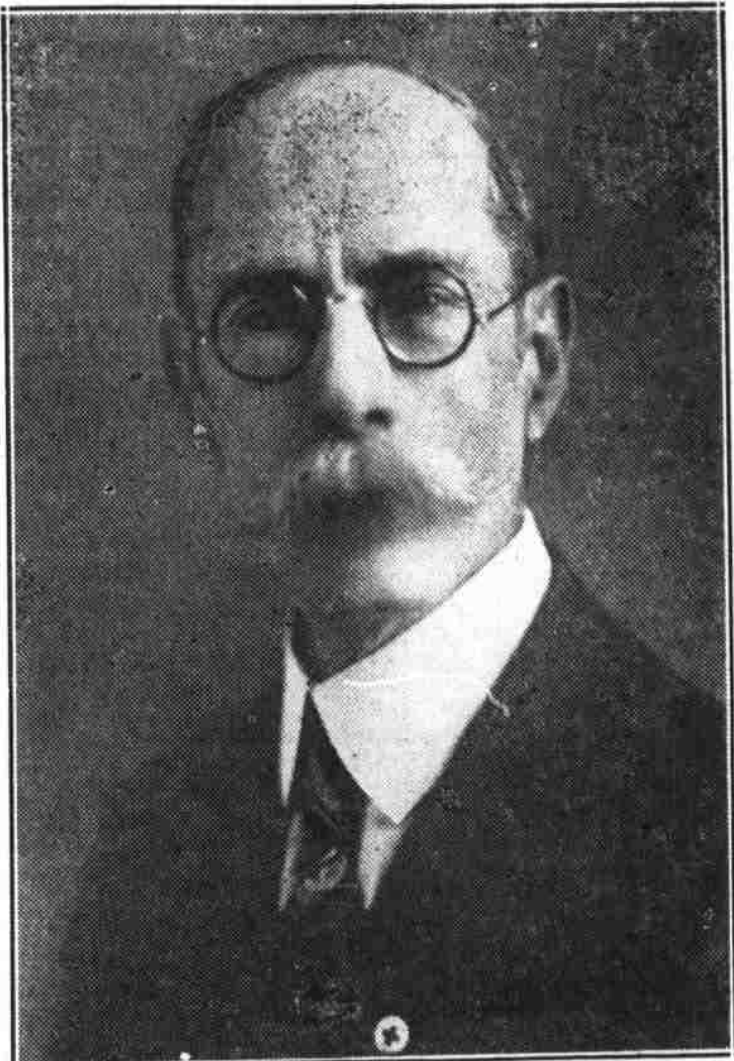
The entire building program was  
carefully mapped out in order that  
the present needs of the college would  
be taken care of and future enlarge-  
ment could be made most economical.  
The building program at Western  
Carolina Teachers College can be  
viewed as an outcome of a research  
made by Dr. H. T. Hunter. In his  
study of a ten year program of the  
institution before the faculty and  
board of trustees, he proposed an ul-  
timate student body of 750 students.  
He also proposed for fundamental  
changes in the institutions education-  
offering.

First, he proposed that the first two  
years be made a rich offering of  
liberal arts, with emphasis upon the  
sciences appropriate for the region,  
and upon the arts. Second, that  
senior and senior years be profes-  
sional, leading to degree and teachers  
certificates in chosen fields. Third,  
that the whole program be modern and  
up-to-date, and that the College be  
made a real interpreter of Western  
North Carolina, and a participant as  
far as practicable, in the life of this  
area. Fourth, that a senior consid-  
eration be given to the question as to  
whether plans should be made for a  
larger per cent of our students to  
share part of their expenses by work.

#### CORRECTION

In the second section of this  
newspaper, on page 2 it is stated  
that Mamie Davis has been with  
the college for 4 years. This  
should read 14 years. We regret  
the error.

Founder Of W. C. T. C.



Professor R. L. Madison, founder of Western Carolina Teachers College in  
1889. Articles about the founder of this college appears elsewhere in this  
newspaper.

President Of W. C. T. C.



Dr. H. T. Hunter, for sixteen years, president of Western Carolina Teachers  
College. It has been through his efforts that the \$650,000 building program  
is now well underway.

#### Growth Of College Has Been Steady; Is Now Expanding More

College Has Meant Much In The  
Progress And Development  
Of Western Carolina

Fifty year ago—a new institution  
came into being at Cullowhee, N. C.

Today, Western Carolina Teachers  
College is no longer a small strug-  
gling school, housed in a high school  
building, but a flourishing and grow-  
ing college.

Of course the promoters of this  
institution had fond hopes regarding  
the growth and the future impor-  
tance of their founding. Yet it is  
hardly to be supposed that they en-  
visioned a day when this school would  
become such a vital force in the life  
of Western Carolina and in the lives  
of Western Carolinians.

Hundreds of men and women, liv-  
ing within a radius of 100 miles of  
Cullowhee call the college "Alma  
Mater," and look fondly back and  
reverently to the time when they trod  
its hallowed corridors.

And where hundreds already have  
trod thousands are yet to tread—and  
soon.

Because, coincidentally with this  
golden anniversary of the college,  
there are at this time, 6 new buildings  
nearing completion, costing \$650,000,  
and plans being made for their occu-  
pancy next fall.

While the building program is well  
underway, the term just ending, also  
marked the peak in registrations and  
151 seniors receiving diplomas.

In fact, the two go hand in hand,  
to make this an ideal beginning for  
the formal celebration and observance  
of the Golden Jubilee of the College.

All plans for the formal event in  
the fall are not complete, but an  
elaborate and carefully arranged pro-  
gram will be arranged.

When founded, the institution was  
known as Cullowhee High School, and  
from that has arisen the Cullowhee  
Normal and Industrial School, Cullo-  
whee State Normal, and the present  
Western Carolina Teachers College,  
a standard four year college with a  
large, well-trained faculty.

From one building, the college has  
grown to six buildings now in use,  
while six other buildings are now  
under construction.

The student body has through the  
years changed from a small number  
to approximately seven hundred now  
in the regular session and the special  
session, representative of the entire  
state and several other states.

With the passing of years the pro-  
gress now at Western Carolina  
Teachers College has added much to  
the upbuilding of Western North  
Carolina.

This issue of The Carolinian has  
attempted to cover the high spots  
in the 50 years of the college, and  
throughout the paper will be found  
articles, carefully prepared, to give  
an up-to-date presentation of the af-  
fairs of Western Carolina Teachers  
College.

Amid the clamor of hammer, saw and  
chisel, with sawdust in the air, and  
the clangor of concrete mixers stir-  
ring, the staff of The Western Caro-  
linian, with the assistance of faculty,  
have assembled together some of the  
major events in the life of the col-  
lege for these pages, and will be sent  
into 5,500 homes.

Past and present administrations  
are proud of the achievements of  
Western Carolina Teachers College  
during this half-century of progress,  
and they, together with the state  
served, are firm believers in its fu-  
ture, and in the territory it repre-  
sents and enhances.

It is with that spirit that this edi-  
tion is sent to you.

#### 151 To Receive Diplomas Tuesday Morning

Tuesday morning, June 6th, 151  
graduates will receive their diplomas  
from Western Carolina Teachers  
College.

Sunday morning, June 4, the annual  
baccalaureate sermon will be preach-

ed by Dr. Frazier, president of Queens  
College, Charlotte. This service will  
be held in the Baptist church, at  
eleven o'clock.

Monday morning, also at the Bap-  
tist church, the commencement con-  
cert, given by the college musical  
organizations, will give an orchestral

concert, vocal and instrumental  
numbers.

The awarding of diplomas will take  
place Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock  
in the auditorium of the Baptist  
church, with Dr. Stirewalt, of the  
Lutheran Theological College, Col-  
umbia, S. C., making the address.

#### Plans Underway For Celebrating Golden Jubilee In October

Elaborate Program Being For-  
mulated By Joint Committee  
Of Institution

A joint committee of the faculty and  
trustees of Western Carolina Teach-  
ers College, consisting of Harry  
Buchanan, Hendersonville; B. C.  
Jones, Bryson City; Miss Camp, Mr.  
Stillwell, and Mr. Elliott, of Cullo-  
whee, is working out the details of  
the program for the Golden Anniver-  
sary of the college.

The plans include chapel speakers,  
conferences, entertainment and the  
like, culminating in a final celebra-  
tion in October.

The final celebration will likely be  
in two parts; one, the theme of which  
will be "Fifty Years of Teacher-  
Training in North Carolina," will  
feature outstanding speakers from  
other colleges and universities, speak-  
ers whose addresses will conform to  
the general theme. In addition to  
the speakers, representatives from a  
large number of colleges and asso-  
ciations from this and other states  
will be invited. The other part of  
the celebration, coming a few weeks  
later, will feature the dedication of  
the new \$650,000 plant, a barbecue  
luncheon, football game, and a ball  
at night. To this celebration every  
high school graduating class in West-  
ern North Carolina will be invited.

The college began its career on  
October 28, 1889. It is likely that  
the final celebration will be on Oc-  
tober 28, 1939.

#### Guidance Course Offered Under Dr. C. D. Killian Here

New Course Placed In College  
Curriculum During 1938-39  
Term

A course in guidance was placed in  
the college curriculum here during  
the 1938-39 session under the super-  
vision of Dr. C. D. Killian, head of  
the Education Department. No spe-  
cific text is used for the course al-  
though many different source books  
are read and consulted. The course  
is restricted to students in their junior  
and senior years and those who have  
received special permission from the  
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#### EXTRA COPIES

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this special edition of The West-  
ern Carolinian can secure them  
from Dan Cooke, business man-  
ager of this newspaper.

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

May 9, 1939.

My dear Miss Wilson:

It gives me great pleasure through  
the special edition of your newspaper to extend  
heartiest greetings to all friends of Western Carolina  
Teachers College on the happy occasion of the  
fiftieth anniversary of its founding.

I trust that through long years to come  
it will ever serve the best interest of the State  
by thorough preparation of young men and young women  
for the profession of teaching.

Very sincerely yours,

*Franklin D. Roosevelt*

Miss Edith Wilson,  
Editor, The Western Carolinian,  
Cullowhee, North Carolina.