

### Attend Optometrists Meeting In Hickory

The monthly meeting of the Catawba Valley District Optometric Society was held at the Hickory Hotel, Hickory, January 19. Optometrists of the district, their wives and assistants enjoyed the chicken dinner which preceded the program.

The lecture of Dr. Gideon Lang, Concord, N. C., on Industrial Vision was the highlight of the program. Dr. Lang outlined a procedure, which is at present being used successfully in one of the large industrial concerns of the state, on applicant examination, job placement counsel, and periodic visual skills checks of employees.

Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Sowder attended from North Wilkesboro.

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### Feb. 15 Closing Date Applications In Wilkes AAA

It was announced today by Maude S. Miller, Secretary of the Wilkes County AAA, that February 15th is the closing date for filing applications for payment on practices carried out on the 1948 AAA program. There are only a very few remaining to be filed and the County AAA Committee is anxious to submit these to the State office for payment at an early date.

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### Women IN THE CHURCH by Mary Fowler

Miss Amber Van, of Sioux Falls, S. D., is one of the American missionaries to North China who are going to stay there "as long as humanly possible," and even after communist occupation, if that takes place. "Until such time as the new regime is actually here there are tremendous opportunities and needs made all the more acute because some had to leave," she says. "When they come we do not know what we can do. But we believe we have a witness to make. We do not know what the future holds, but we move on confidently. People from other areas tell us there are four things that people planning to carry on work in communist areas find necessary (1) extreme simplicity of living in food, clothing, etc.; (2) you must earn your own living; (3) seven to eight persons out of ten must testify that you are a good person, or you are wiped out; (4) you must have such depth of faith that you can stand under persecution and still grow in your Christian life and exhibit it in daily life. They also have stressed the fact that millions will never know any philosophy of life but communism except as Christians give their testimony of a way of life beyond it."

Methodist women, numbering 1,500,000 in some 30,000 societies across the United States, are urged to press Congress and the county and state governments for legislation to check the Ku Klux Klan, and also action to abolish the House Committee on Un-American Activities, in a communication sent to 500 women church leaders by Miss Thelma Stevens, secretary of the Department of Christian Social Relations of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist church. The women executives in 100 conference societies

are urged to have hundreds of thousands of women, as well as local societies, visit or write their congressmen, their state legislators, and other government officers on these questions. Specifically Miss Stevens and her Department ask legislation "prohibiting the appearance on public highways, grounds or buildings, of persons from organizations such as the Ku Klux Klan, using disguises to conceal their identity; and against the desecration of the cross as it is being used by the Klan to intimidate and spread terror." They recommend, too, "the outright abolition" of the House Committee on Un-American Activities "for the publishing of falsehoods about individuals who have never been interviewed or had opportunity to refute allegations."

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