

## CHURCH CALLS REV. S. POET

Waldensian Presbyterian Church Unanimously Extends Call.

The Waldensian Presbyterian church at a congregational meeting at the church Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock service unanimously extended the call for pastorship to the Rev. Sylvan Poet, of Chicago, to accept the pastorate of the church here in Valdese.

The Waldensian church has been without a pastor for the past seven months when Rev. James Calligan resigned his post here to continue his studies abroad.

The services at the Waldensian church for quite sometime have been conducted by Rev. John Pons of Valdese, and visiting pastors from other churches here in North Carolina. Rev. Pons has been conducting the services one Sunday per month in French for the benefit of many of the Waldensians who are not proficient in English.

Mr. Poet who is a Waldensian himself was born in Torre Pellice, Italy, and has been engaged in church work in the United States for some time. He is at present in charge of a church in Chicago where he has been for the past two years.

The call was extended to him by the session of the Waldensian church and having been notified, and it is expected that the session will receive word from him soon as to whether he is in position to accept the call or not.

## FORMER VALDESE COACH IS KILLED

Harold Hudson, 17, Exonerated In Death of Teacher and Athletic Director.

Funeral services were held in Marshville Sunday for Hayden Harrell, 30, athletic director of Morganton high school, who was killed in a hunting accident near Morganton Saturday morning.

Harrell was killed instantly when a shot fired at a rising covey of quail by Harold Hudson, 17-year old star tackle on the M.H.S. football team, accidentally struck him in the back below the right shoulder.

The coach was starting on a hunt with two of "his boys", Hudson and James Lavaughnion West, 17, a guard on the football team, when the tragedy occurred with the firing of the first shot of the hunt as they walked single-file along a path on the farm of J. Ernest Erwin, about 10:30 o'clock.

A verdict of accidental death was returned by a jury impaneled for an inquest conducted by Coroner Russell E. Green. For its verdict the jury found "that the deceased, Hayden Harrell, came to his death from gunshot wounds accidentally inflicted by Harold Hudson while bird-hunting, and that the said Hudson is absolved of all blame for the accident."

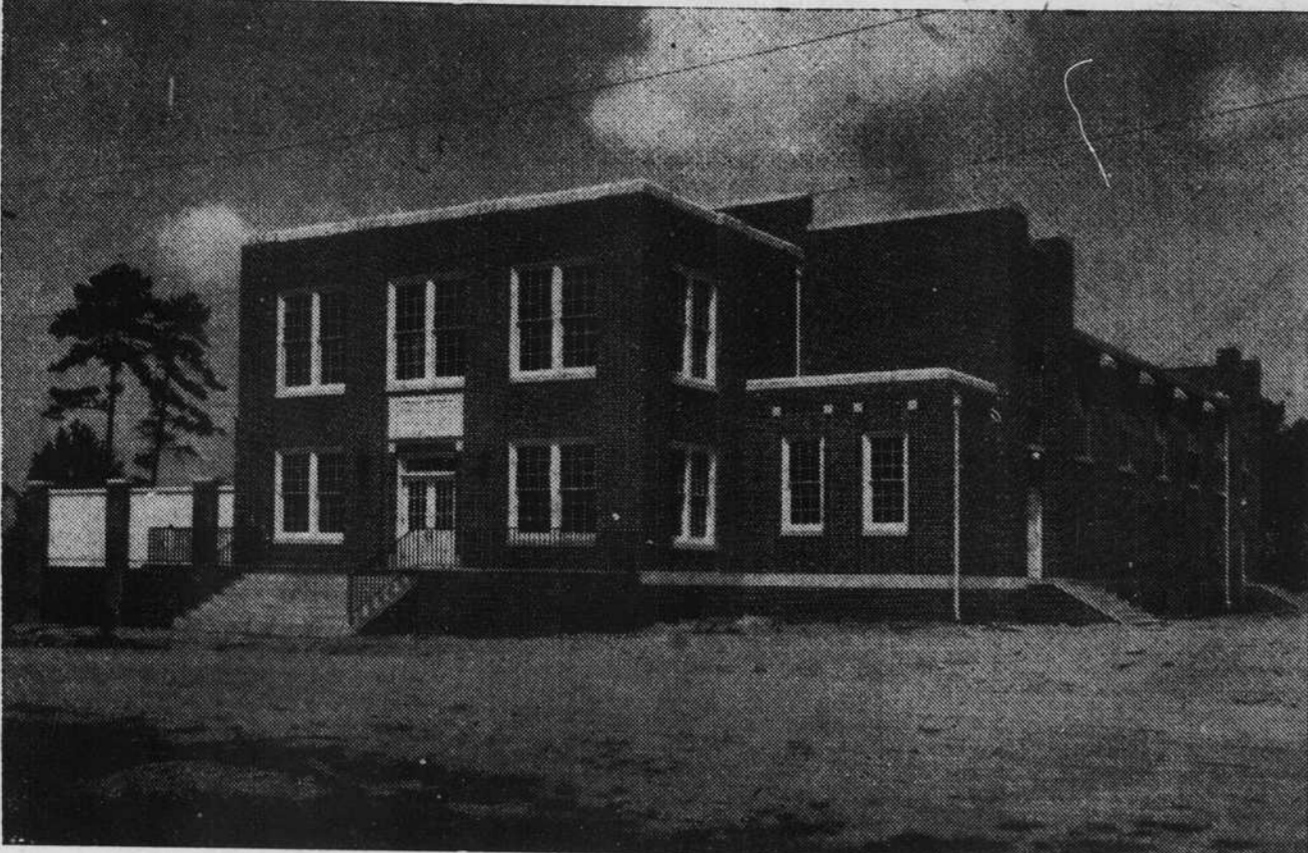
West, a senior in the high school, testified that he had arranged to go hunting with Coach Harrell and Hudson on the Erwin farm where he lives and that upon their arrival, the three started walking along a cowpath beside a branch in a pasture tract, with West in front, Harrell next and Hudson in the rear, about gun-distance between them.

West said that a covey of quail arose directly in front of him, some of the birds going to the right and some to the left. Hearing a shot he turned to see Mr. Harrell with his arms clutched over his breast, and he thought at first that "coach" had fired and that the gun had "kicked" him. He and Hudson helped him to the ground, and he ran to the Erwin home to telephone for an ambulance. Apparently Mr. Harrell had intended to fire at the birds

## GYM BOWLERS LOSE TO LENOIR TEAM

The community center bowling team lost two out of three of their games with the Lenoir duckpin team at the gym last Tuesday night. Both teams were tied for the first game and Valdese lost on the roll off. The community center bowlers took the second game and lost the third.

## "The Pride Of Valdese"



The Francis Garrou Memorial Hall, shown above, is truly the pride of Valdese. Built during the past year as a memorial to the late Francis Garrou (right) it was designed as a center for the recreational activities of the community. Its prime object is the training and physical education of the youth of Valdese, in whom the man whose memory is honored by its erection was always deeply interested.

## Francis Garrou Memorial Hall Is Recreation Center

C. OF C. WILL HOLD BANQUET TONIGHT Beautiful Building Honors Memory of One of Town's Benefactors and Friends

It was announced that the Valdese Chamber of Commerce would hold their annual Ladies' Night tonight, December 8, at the Mountain View Dining room.

Each year the civic group devotes one meeting which they feté the ladies of the members of the Chamber of Commerce.

Admission to the Ladies' Night program will be by card only which will be good for one couple.

## CHRISTMAS MEETING PLANNED BY P. T. A.

Group Will Hold Christmas Meeting Tuesday Night At School.

The Valdese Parent-Teacher association announces that it will not hold its regular meeting today, but would meet this coming Tuesday night at 7:45 o'clock at the Valdese schoolhouse.

The meeting Tuesday is being held at night so as to give all parents, fathers and mothers, a chance to attend. The committee has prepared a special Christmas program and a cordial invitation is extended to all.

## SEARCY TAKES PLACE ON EDUCATION BOARD

Earl B. Searcy of Valdese took his place yesterday as a member of the county board of education, succeeding Sheriff Paul M. Dale, whose term expired. The incoming member was greeted by the board at its monthly meeting, at which a number of minor matters were transacted.

## W. C. Ervin Ill

Friends in Valdese, as well as in Morganton and throughout this section, will be pained to learn that W. C. Ervin, prominent Morganton attorney, is confined to Grace Hospital, Morganton, having become suddenly ill yesterday. At first it was reported that Mr. Ervin had suffered a stroke, but apparently it was more a threatened stroke as he is not paralyzed.

The sudden illness was attributed to high blood pressure and at the time of the attack he was in a barber's chair in one of Morganton's barber shops.

Mr. Ervin is much beloved in Valdese, regarded as one of the most loyal friends the town has ever had and one of its early promoters. News of his speedy recovery will be hopefully awaited.

## Lest We Forget

At Christmas it is the duty of those who have happiness and plenty to care for those who are suffering from misfortune and the lack of means to provide their families with the things necessary to bring cheer into their homes.

What a shame it would be for any little boy or girl in this community to wake on the birth date of Christ and find an empty stocking hanging from the mantle and then ask a sad parent, already in despair, "Why didn't Santa Claus come to see me?"

If YOU know of any family in destitute circumstances The News will be glad to inform the public of their condition. The names of any such families will be held in confidence.

## THEATRE PARTY IS PLANNED BY LIONS

Will Sponsor Picture At Colonial For Poor's Benefit.

The Valdese Lions club at their regular meeting at the Valdese schoolhouse last Thursday night completed plans for their Christmas dance which they are planning to hold at the community center gymnasium on December 23 with the music of Billy Brooks and his orchestra.

Named on the committee for the Christmas dance are Henry Bounous, Walter Sala, Buddy Glass, Charles Burgin and Erwin Williams.

The group heard a report on the blind committee under the chairmanship of Edward Pons and Lion Russell, of Drexel, stated that he had contacted Mr. Hoyle who is principal at Drexel school and that he was awaiting his answer as to needy children there who needed glasses.

The post season football game between the Valdese high school and the Morganton high school was discussed and it was found that Morganton school officials would not permit the game so plans were dropped.

While the report of the dance committee on the Thanksgiving charity dance was not complete, it was reported to be very encouraging.

A letter has been received by the local club from Mr. Schiele, of Gastonia, regarding the Scout cabin which the Valdese Lions are going to build for the Piedmont Scouts at Lake Lanier. He stated that he would be glad to have a marker placed in front of the cabin, with the inscription of the Valdese Lions club.

Lion Jim Pons stated that members of the Lions club were invited to Shelby this Tuesday night at the last meeting of the Scout council there. He urged that any who might want to attend with him to let him know.

The Valdese Lions club will observe its second anniversary the 11th of this month. While no elaborate plans have been laid for the observance of its anniversary it is expected that the club will celebrate it at its Barn Dance night in the early part of January.

Special plans are being laid for the Lions to help the needy for Christmas. It was decided that the club would sponsor a picture at the Colonial theatre and would charge as admission to see the picture merchandise, such as canned goods and clothing and other foodstuffs. These articles would then be divided in baskets and turned over to the ladies' organizations who would help in their distribution to the needy.

Named to act on that committee were Lions Krieger, Sherrill and Carpenter. Lion Carpenter has donated the free use of the theatre and of a picture for the occasion.

## CHURCH OF GOD QUARTET ON RADIO

The Victory quartet from the Church of God at Valdese was heard over the air from WSPA, Spartanburg, S. C., Saturday morning, November 26. The quartet is composed of Dolly Williams, Lucille Stallings, Mae Williams and Ruth Page, all of Valdese.

The broadcast was greatly enjoyed by their friends who were listening in. They will be heard again on Saturday morning, December 10.

## Keeping Step With Valdese Your Own "Valdese News"

### New Mayor



J. Dallas Brinkley, prominent Valdese business man, who was appointed by the town board to fill out the unexpired term of A. Leon Butler as mayor of Valdese.

## J. D. BRINKLEY IS CHOSEN MAYOR

New Mayor Proposes Enforcement of Traffic Laws Here

At a special called meeting at the Valdese town hall of the Valdese town board, J. D. Brinkley, prominent business man, was appointed as mayor of the Town of Valdese to fill out the unexpired term of A. Leon Butler, who was elected as Burke county representative to the North Carolina Legislature in the recent election.

Mr. Brinkley took over the duties which had been handled by Dr. Robert Bonner who had been acting as mayor pro tem. It was decided at the regular meeting this week that the town would enforce to the limit all traffic ordinances in the town of Valdese. Speeding on any street in town and the running of red lights will be punished by a fine and second offenders will get the limit of the law.

All slot machines and pin tables have been ordered removed from town and the shooting of fire works in the business district of Valdese during the holiday season is strictly forbidden.

It was stated that the parking spaces on the main street would be marked off so that they could be seen very plainly and town officers were ordered to arrest any one not conforming with them.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted by the members present at the meeting: "That no filling station, garage gas tanks, gas pumps, greasing racks, or any part of any equipment necessary for the operation or maintenance of a filling station or garage shall be erected or placed or maintained on any property abutting on any of the streets of the Town of Valdese within 22 feet of the curb of said street on which the lot for said filling station, garage, gas tank, etc., is to be placed, abuts."

## C. C. Court Teams Get New Uniforms

Completely outfitted in new uniforms which were purchased for them by the Pilot Full Fashion Mills and the Waldensian Hosiery mills, the community center basketball teams will make their debuts this week with their new royal blue and gold raiments.

Ten uniforms have been purchased by the Pilot for the men's team and twelve of them by the Waldensian for the girls.

The teams have a large V on their shirts, flanked by two small C's which stands for Valdese community center. The girls wear a W which stands for Waldensian, on the side of their trunks, while the boys have a P., meaning Pilot.

Athletic Director Charles Wilson announces that his teams will have several engagements this week with the C. D. A. team from Gastonia and with the Larkwood Mills team from Charlotte.

## Paper Published In Valdese Weekly By and For Valdese People.

Herewith is presented—"THE VALDESE NEWS." It is not the intention of the management to make claims as to what this new weekly paper proposes to do or to be, except to give week by week a fair and impartial report of the news of this section and to try to keep step with the live town that Valdese is known to be. It's first thought will be to boost Valdese and to make the paper an institution of which the entire community can be proud.

For the past seven years (beginning in November 1931, to be exact) The News-Herald at Morganton has carried a page known as "The Valdese News". For some time it has appeared that Valdese (truly "the fastest growing town in the State") was outgrowing that page—that it had reached the point where it deserved and could support its own newspaper. The launching of "The Valdese News" as a separate newspaper and in its own plant is the result of months of careful planning and is an expression of faith in the future of Valdese. The printing plant is owned by Miss Beatrice Cobb, publisher of The News-Herald, but the Valdese newspaper and job shop will be operated "on their own" and entirely in and for Valdese.

In addition to the newspaper equipment, including a modern newspaper press, there has been recently installed here all the job printing equipment needed for the production of commercial printing.

The new paper will be issued weekly, every Thursday morning. The office and plant are located in the Ribet building on Main street in Valdese, where visitors are invited to call and are welcome.

Marcel E. Tron, who has been editor of the Valdese page in The News-Herald will continue as editor of the paper. Mr. Tron, a native Waldensian, is a member of The Lions Club, the Presbyterian church, at Valdese, and is well known for his participation in the social and civic activities of the town.

James C. Alleyn, of Chattanooga, is office manager of the new paper. For the past month he has been living in Valdese and even prior to that was assisting in the installation of machinery and supervising construction of office quarters. He is living in the home of Mrs. R. B. Moody.

H. C. Buchan, of Aberdeen, will serve as general manager of The Valdese News. He has had several years newspaper experience, having been a reporter on the Courier at Asheville, advertising manager of The News Publishing Co., Siler City and The Tobacco Grower of Wilson. He, too, is a member of the Presbyterian church, and in making his home in Valdese expects to make other connections.

## SUPERIOR COURT TO OPEN MONDAY

Judge Wilson Warlick Will Preside Over One-Week Session Here.

A docket is being prepared for the December term of Burke Superior court which will open on next Monday with Judge Wilson Warlick of Newton presiding, it was learned yesterday from Clerk Hal M. Walton in Morganton. Criminal actions will predominate in the work of the term which will be crowded into one week, instead of the two weeks regularly set for the session.

No formal calendar of civil cases will be prepared, but such cases as will come up for trial will be sandwiched in with criminal actions.

Clerk Walton calls attention to the fact that the one-year grand jury will report for duty Monday without being summoned.

Because of the approaching Christmas season, the December term will be shortened to one week instead of carrying out the regular schedule which would send the session on into Christmas week.

## PEGGY CLINE ILL

Little Peggy Cline, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Cline, has been very ill for the past few weeks. Her many friends wish her a speedy recovery.