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Start the New Year right by doing your shopping with Valdese merchants. They have what you want — see them now.

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The News serves one of the most prosperous towns in the Western part of the State. Its annual payroll is well over a million dollars per year.

FIREMENS ANNUAL BANQUET FRIDAY

Volunteer Firemen To Celebrate Banquet Tomorrow Night

Two Valdese firemen, dressed as St. Nicholas, were the delight of several hundreds of children as they toured Valdese in private cars and on the fire truck which was instrumental in the distribution of Christmas cheer baskets to the poor here in Valdese.

The fire department distributed about 50 baskets which had been gathered by the Valdese Parent-Teacher association and Women's Auxiliaries, along with the Eastern Star and other groups to poor families in the Waldensian community.

The annual Santa Claus tour around town was so successful that the fire department volunteered to contribute to buy more candy for the children who welcomed Santa on his tour through town. Private donations for the purchase of candy to be distributed in this manner ran as high as five dollars.

It was announced this week that the Valdese fire department would hold its annual firemen's banquet this Friday night at 7 o'clock at the Cartle Cafe, in East Valdese.

Valdese Leads Red Cross 'Roll Call'

Waldensian Community Signs More Than Half of Total Quota

In the announcement of the annual Red Cross roll call for Burke county which was announced recently, Chairman H. L. Miller stated that Valdese, as it has in the past few years, again led the entire county, accounting for more than half of the county's enrollment.

The total sum collected here in the Waldensian community for the Red Cross this year was given as \$477.13, which is a little more than the total donated to the relief agency last year.

Valdese has been enthusiastic in its support of the Red Cross for the past few years it was announced by chairman of the committee, Ben Pons.

Chairman of the county group, Mr. Miller, announced at the time, that two agencies had yet to be heard from, but from all indications the recent membership drive had "Gone Over the Top" and that the county's quota of 100 had already been reached.

Foster's New Store Ready By March 1

New Building Will Be Situated On Old Co-Operative Store Site.

H. H. Foster, owner of Foster's, incorporated, told a News reporter yesterday that he expects to move into his new store building by the first of March.

The building which will be 30 feet wide by 90 feet long, is located on Main street just below the Brown building. Mr. Foster says that he will have his floor space greatly increased in his new quarters. There will be a mezzanine along with the first and second floors which will increase the floor space considerably.

The store will be one of the most modern of its kind in this section of the state. It will have two display windows which will measure 12 feet by 15 feet. The front of the store will be designed by experts and will add to its attractiveness.

FIRE DAMAGES MRS. J. HERN'S PACKARD

A Packard eight, belonging to Mrs. Joe Hern, caught on fire Tuesday morning about 8 o'clock in front of the Hern home in Pinebur section.

Mrs. Hern had started the car when she noticed the fire under the hood. It was soon extinguished with the use of sand before it could do much harm.

RETURNS FROM VISIT

James C. Alley, member of The News staff, returned to Valdese Tuesday after having spent the holidays with his family in Chattanooga, Tenn.

Testify In Smuggling Probe



Two of several well-known radio and screen players to testify before a federal grand jury in New York, investigating alleged international smuggling activities, Sally Eilers, of the screen, and Sophie Tucker of the stage and radio, are pictured after testifying. Both Miss Eilers and Miss Tucker said they did not know Albert N. Chaperau, one of the accused, who allegedly smuggled goods through diplomatic immunity tendered him as an attache of the Nicaraguan government.

Abee's Grove Will Observe New Year's

Special "Watch Night Services" Will Be Held December 31.

Abee's Grove Baptist church will observe "Watch Night Services" this coming Saturday night from 9:30 p. m. to 12:05 a. m. with an elaborate program.

The main theme for the evening will be "Evangelism" and the following program has been prepared:

Devotional period by J. Cornelius Berry.
Historical background by K. L. Lineberger.

Need of Revival by W. F. Pons.
Music by Mrs. K. L. Lineberger and Miss Ruth Berry.

Rev. Jesse Blalock will discuss "Conditions Necessary to a Revival", while Miss Mary Berry's topic will be "What Can We, As Individuals Do in the Promotion of a Revival."

Grover Walsh will lead a discussion on "My Resolutions For 1939."

All subjects are open for free discussion and it is hoped that many will attend and take part in these informal services at Abee's Grove church.

BOY SINGS 'MY BONNIE,' STOPS THEATRE PANIC

Manchester, England. — A 13-year old boy prevented panic when fire broke out in a theatre here.

Scores of women and children, half-choked with smoke, ignored the pleas of the manager that they remain seated and fought to get out of the building.

In an attempt to stop the stampede an attendant put a record on a gramophone.

Joseph Green, 13, stood up and shouted "Let's all join in," and he began to sing "My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean." Those crowding out stopped and sang too.

In a few minutes the fire was out.

1920 MODEL TRUCK RUNS 100 MILES IN 18 YEARS

Memphis, Tenn. — Ernest Vescovi, grocer, has just come into possession of a 1920 model truck which has been run only 100 miles.

Vescovi bought the truck from Frank Glazer who purchased it new to use on fishing expeditions. But after a couple of trips, the sportsman put the machine in a garage, where it stayed 18 years.

MRS. CLAUDE CAPPS VISITS PARENTS HERE

Mrs. Claude Capps spent last Thursday night at her home here in Valdese returning to Goldsboro Friday where she and Mr. Capps will be at home at 302 South Center street, Clayton Apartments.

EASTERN STAR TO MEET MONDAY

It was announced this week that there would be a regular meeting of Lovelady Chapter 147 of the Eastern Star this coming Monday night, January 2, at the Masonic Hall. All members are urged to be present as there will be interesting plans made for the activities of the organization for the coming year.

REV. S. POET ACCEPTS CALL

Chicago Minister Notices Church He Will Be Here End of January.

Rev. Sylvan Poet, pastor of the Waldensian Presbyterian church in Chicago, has notified members of the committee of the Waldensian church that he will accept the call to become minister here at the Waldensian Presbyterian church of Valdese.

The call was extended to Rev. Mr. Poet several weeks ago and in his answer of acceptance he stated that he hoped to be able to be here in Valdese sometime in the latter part of January.

The church has been without a pastor for the past seven months, when Rev. James Calligan gave up his post here in Valdese to return to New York. Rev. Mr. Poet, who is native Waldensian, was born in Torre Pellice, Italy.

Valdese Faces '39 In Optimistic Mood

Business Men See Prospects For Good Business In Coming Year.

North Carolina's fastest growing town faces the coming New Year in a most optimistic mood. Due to good business during most of 1938 and with general conditions on the upgrade most of the local merchants seem to be of the opinion that 1939 will be a banner year for Valdese.

In discussing the prospects for business during the New Year your News reporter did not have a single man to tell him that he thought business would fall off in 1939. This is considered rather unusual as someone is almost sure to be gloomy about the future.

Joe Hern says that business travels in cycles and is now in the "up" cycle and will continue so for a certain period of time regardless of politics or anything else. Fred Ribet says business is bound to be better in 1939, every indication points that way. Trigger Pons says that he will be very well satisfied if 1939 is as good to him as was 1938. He thinks it will be.

V. B. Cagle, owner of the Western Auto Store, says, "I believe business is going to be good. I am making preparations for it by expanding and making improvements to take care of it. H. H. Foster along with Rhoney Taylor also expect 1939 to be a good business year."

Parks Sherrill says that he expects the New Year to bring forth good business.

The highlight of achievement in Valdese for 1938 was the building and the completion of the Francis Garrou Memorial Hall which is indeed a tribute to the progressiveness of any town or city regardless of size.

Oil Prospects Boom In Northern Missouri

St. Joseph, Mo.—Farmers in northern Missouri, many of whom make a bare living from their marginal soil, have found new hope with oil companies leasing hundreds of thousands of acres of land in preparation for drilling next spring.

More than 300 geologists, surveying at least 20 counties in this section of the state, reported that Missouri's surface geology was equal to that of the nation's greatest oil-producing areas.

An oil company business representative, one of the many who have moved into the section, explained the sudden interest in Missouri's oil producing possibilities.

"We could drill 25 wells in Missouri," he said, "at no more expense than would be required to drill one well in Oklahoma or Texas, where no oil is found until the drilling has reached great depths."

Leasing started at 10 cents an acre but quickly rose to 50 cents as more geologists returned favorable reports. The lease provisions include drilling within a year or payment of the lease price and royalties of one-eighth of all the oil produced, should it be discovered.

Spotlight Will Be Focused On First 1939 Baby Born In Valdese.

All Valdese is waiting expectantly to see who the lucky winner of the Valdese First Baby contest will be. And lucky he and his proud parents will be.

The first baby born in Valdese in the year of 1939 will be declared the winner of the Valdese First Baby contest which is being sponsored by The Valdese News and several local merchants.

This is really a one man show and there is only one rule and only one person can win. The rule is very simple and easy to understand. All you have to do

OFFICERS ARREST MEN AT STILL'S

Sheriff And His Deputies Make Successful Holiday Raids

Sheriff Paul M. Dale announced Wednesday that his department had captured and destroyed four liquor stills, four thousand gallons of beer, nine gallons of liquor and arrested six men.

On Thursday the officers captured a still and 2,500 gallons of beer in the Laurel section. Friday the officers located a still that had just begun operation, they destroyed the still, 1,500 gallons of beer and confiscated two gallons of moonshine liquor. Bert Hicks, Ellis Hicks and Oscar Lowman were caught at the scene.

The officers arrested John Biggerstaff and Claude Lane at a still in the Brindletown section on Friday, another man whose identity is not known escaped. Two gallons of liquor was found.

On Tuesday of this week the officers raided another still in the Laurel section and arrested Robert Stewart, another man who was at the still at the time managed to get away. The officers found five gallons of bootleg whiskey near the still.

17 H. S. GRIDMEN TO GET LETTERS

Coveted Valdese "V" To Be Awarded To Seventeen H. S. Boys.

Coach L. C. Ward announced this week that 17 of his boys from the football squad were eligible to receive the coveted Valdese "V" to wear on their sweaters for their splendid performance on the gridiron field this past fall.

Valdese, under the able coaching of Mr. Ward and fine help of Edwin Pitts, developed a team this past year which has had one of the best seasons in a long time here in Valdese.

Another factor which contributed greatly to putting Valdese on the football map here in North Carolina was their brilliant quarterback, Charles Young, who was rated good enough to play with the North Carolina high school All-Stars in their game against the South Carolina lads at Charlotte this past December 3. The North Carolina boys won by a score of 19 to 0.

In reviewing the team's record this past season Valdese played nine games, won seven of them and lost two of them, one to Morganton and one to Mt. Holly.

ANNOUNCE CHANGE IN MAIL SCHEDULE

The Valdese postoffice announces to its many patrons the change in time of train No. 12 which heretofore has been scheduled to run at 5:05 p. m. and will now be moved up to 4:52.

The Valdese postoffice announces that since the time of the train has been changed and since it is the last mail train east, all mail which is scheduled to go off on this train must be in the Valdese postoffice by at least 4:30 p. m.

NEW YORKERS HERE FOR CHRISTMAS VISIT

Emmett (Tarzan) and Norman Garrou, of New York, arrived Sunday morning from New York, to spend the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Garrou, in Valdese.

Small Fire Loss Is Incurred In Valdese During Past Year

"Santa" Arrested



William Case, 84, known to fellow residents of Grafton, O., as Santa Claus, was jailed at nearby Elyria after William Rousseau, 37, jobless, was shot and killed while trying to take a Yule tree from Case's nursery.

H. S. CAGE TEAMS RESUME PRACTICE

Basketball practice for the Valdese high school boys and girls will be resumed this Friday and Saturday, December 30 and 31, at the high school gymnasium, it was announced by Coach L. C. Ward. The boys will start their practice session at 9:30 in the morning and the girls will practice at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

Members of both squads are urged to turn out for practice if they possibly can.

LIONS PRESENT PICTURE TO GYM

Large Framed Picture of Late Francis Garrou Given As Christmas Present

Climaxing their Christmas entertainment with the presentation to the Valdese community center of a large framed picture of the late Francis Garrou, prominent Valdese industrialist, for whom the community center was named, the Valdese Lions club's Christmas dance was a huge success.

The picture was set in the lobby of the Francis Memorial Hall and guests entering to attend the Christmas dance with Billie Brooks and his boys were given a fine view of the Lions club's Christmas present to the community center.

The gymnasium had been beautifully decorated with many Christmas posters and banners, which were placed under the windows and alcoves of the gym. The band stand had been placed in the northwest end of the gymnasium, and decorated in Christmas colors and pine trees, making a fine Yule setting for the music. The coat room had been marked off in the southeast side of the gymnasium, decorated with Christmas colors.

Featured with Billie Brooks and his orchestra were Frances Garret, vocalist, and the Three Notes, who rendered several selections. Another highlight of the evening was the solos of Tony Wayne on the accordion.

SERVICES AT MT. CALVARY CHURCH

Beginning this week and every Wednesday night thereon there will be prayer services at 7 o'clock at the Mt. Calvary Baptist church on Crow Hill road.

Beginning this Sunday night at 6 o'clock there will be regular B. Y. P. U. meetings. The church which meets in the old Smart store on Crow Hill road, extends a cordial invitation to the public and many friends to attend these services.

LABORATORY

The new U. S. department of agriculture regional research laboratory for eastern states, including North Carolina, will be located in the vicinity of Philadelphia. Aim of the laboratory is the search for new and wider industrial outlets and markets for farm products.

Community Has Not Suffered Large Loss Since August, 1936

The Valdese fire department has had only eight calls since August of this year according to Fire Chief Lee Ribet. In answering these calls the firemen easily extinguished five small blazes with the booster tank. The other alarms proved to be false.

The fire losses in Valdese have been very low for the past two and a half years. The department has not had a loss of more than five dollars reported since April 22, 1936 when Cecil's cafe burned with a reported loss of \$750. The only other big fire the town has had in the last five years was in August, 1935 when the Waldensian was destroyed with damages estimated at \$2,000.

The local department has been serving neighboring communities and Mr. Ribet points out that six of the nine calls answered by the firemen in 1937 were out of town. When the firemen answer out of town calls it leaves Valdese without any protection at all. The Chief says that if this service is to be continued it will be necessary to purchase another truck and a booster tank. This equipment will cost approximately \$2,000.

The firemen are seeking a way to raise this money so they can continue to protect life and property in our nearby communities. Mr. Ribet says that it is almost impossible to refuse a man when he says his home is burning, but unless some arrangements can be made to secure this additional equipment the department as a precaution for our own town will have to refuse to answer out of town calls.

C. C. Bowlers Beat Valdese Bowling A.

The Valdese community center bowlers took two games from the Valdese bowling alleys at the Mitch Church Recreation center last Tuesday night in a regular Intercity League match.

In the first game the Valdese alleys rolled a total of 495 to the Valdese community center's 522. The Valdese alleys took the second game by a margin of 24 points. They rolled 538 to the community center's 514.

The community center alleys took the last game rolling 489 to the Valdese alleys 468.

Spencer led the scoring for the Valdese alleys with a total of 317 for three games, while Rooster Deal led the community center lads with high score for the evening with 360 for three games.

AUTO REPAIR SHOP TO OPEN NEXT WEEK

T. J. Watkins announced yesterday that he and R. E. Moseley of Hickory will open a garage to do automobile service work in Valdese by January 4.

Mr. Watkins has been connected with Flowers and company of Hickory for the past seven years as a salesman. His associate, R. E. Moseley, has been with the same company for the past eleven years serving in the capacity of shop foreman for the last six years.

Mr. Watkins says that the new shop will be completely equipped to do repair work of all kinds. They will specialize in repairing wrecked cars, painting, upholstery work, frame and wheel straightening, installing glass and general motor repair work. The new company will be located behind the old bakery.

JOHN D. GUIGOU SPORTING NEW CAR

One of the best Christmas presents yet seen here in Valdese is the new car that John Guigou was sporting around town yesterday morning. He said that it was the second time that he had a new car but was well pleased with it.

TAKE TRIP TO ATLANTA

V. B. Cagle, owner of the Western Auto Store and his wife took the two regular clerks of their store, David and Randolph Hutto, on a holiday trip to Atlanta. The party left Valdese Christmas day and after visiting many sights of interest returned to Valdese Monday.