

THE VALDESE NEWS

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Valdese stores are well stocked and Valdese merchants appreciate your trade.

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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.

Hitch-Hiker Fatally Injured Near Valdese Saturday P. M.

Old Fort Man Apparently Jumped from Car in Fright. Coffey Key Witness.

Chief of Police J. P. Coffey, of Valdese, was the key witness at the inquest held by County Coroner Russell E. Green Saturday afternoon at Kirksey's Funeral Home, Morganton, in which official inquiry was made into the death of Thorant Plezz Henson, 35-year old hitch-hiker, who died about midnight Saturday night of injuries received late that afternoon. Henson, who lived in Old Fort, was enroute to Hickory to visit relatives, when he was picked up, it was said, by a car driven by Walter T. Jones, of Caldwell county. In the car with Jones was Harry Shell, Lenoir printer. The jury put Jones under a bond of \$1000 for "criminal negligence" and set shell's bond at \$200 as a material witness.

Chief Coffey said his attention was drawn to the car about 3:45 p. m. as it was proceeding west toward Valdese, and he turned to follow it through town. Missing the auto, he went east of Valdese and again saw the car. He turned again to follow it when he came upon Henson lying on the highway about a mile east of Valdese. He did not see him jump from the car, he said.

After giving direction for the removal of the injured man, the officer said he proceeded east and came upon Jones and shell who had alighted from their car. Both were intoxicated, he said, adding that he found almost a pint of liquor in the auto.

The car had crashed into a protective wire fence along the side of the highway, and had dug against it for some distance. It struck a total of 18 posts which were eight feet apart, loosening some of them. The injured man's body lay 193 yards from the point where the car left the fence, and officers inferred that after the car had sideswiped the fence, the hitch-hiker became frightened and jumped from the car.

His skull was fractured, several bones about his right shoulder broken, and he received bruises. After receiving medical aid at the Palmer clinic in Valdese, Henson was taken to Grace Hospital in Morganton, where he died that night without regaining consciousness.

Valdese Leads In Sale of Seals

Report Shows Community Sold About \$90 In Tuberculosis Seals.

Mrs. Ralph Harbison, chairman of the Burke County Tuberculosis Christmas seal committee, announced last week that Valdese had netted over \$90 in the sales of tuberculosis Christmas seals. It was stated that reports from over the county as a whole were very gratifying and that a complete report was expected when all letters which had been mailed out with the seals had been heard from.

Contact was made last week with all those who had so far not heard from and they were urged to send in the money collected or return the seals as soon as possible. This must be done the earliest because the committee must send in a report to the association.

C. BOWLERS LOSE TO VALDESE ALLEYS

The Valdese bowling alleys defeated the community center alley in a regular Intercity bowling match, two out of three games, Saturday night at the community center alleys. The Valdese alleys won the first game by 41 points and the C. C.'s the second game, rolling 480 to the Valdese alleys 458.

THE SHOP HAS CLEARANCE SALE

An advertisement in this issue of the Valdese News the Shop, which is located in the new building, is having a clearance sale this week. The entire stock of the store is included in the clearance sale.

Methodist Group To Hold Banquet

A banquet will be held tomorrow night for the Methodist Young People of the Marion district at the Glen Alpine high school.

A very interesting program has been prepared for the occasion and all the Young people of the various Methodist groups of the Marion district are looking forward to a very enjoyable evening.

Many members from the Valdese Methodist group are planning to attend.

Alex Guigou Will Build New Houses

Four New Houses Being Erected For Renting Purposes.

A steam tunnel to help in the curing of Superbuilding blocks, is being built by Alex Guigou at his Super Rock Building Block Manufacturing plant.

Mr. Guigou states that this new steam tunnel will be kept at a 110 degree temperature and will have a humidity of 70 percent, which will enable him to manufacture building blocks faster, in order to meet the growing demands that he has for them. His daily output at the present is about 1,000 blocks per day, and with the tunnel they can be cured and ready for use within 24 hours.

Four new houses will be built with this new Super Rock building block by Mr. Guigou for renting purposes within the next few weeks, on Roderet street. He stated "the only thing that is holding it up is the weather." The block will be used for the entire construction of the houses, foundation walls, and all. One of the many features of this new building block is that it makes a fine wall, even on the inside without plastering, and nails and screws can be driven into it just as easily as in wood. Large buildings in this section of North Carolina which have used Super Building Blocks exclusively, are the new Charlotte Bus Terminal, and the Baptist Assembly Hall at Ridgecrest.

Valdese Loses Double Header

Old Fort Trims Locals By Large Scores in Game Tuesday Night.

The high school cage teams lost a double header to the Old Fort court teams last Tuesday night at the high school gym.

The girls trailed the visitors, holding the short end of a 34 to 10 score, with Baker high scorer for the local sextet. Dalton led the scoring for the visiting sextet with 21 points to her credit.

The boys, even with the scoring of Satterwhite, were unable to stem the tide of the Old Fort quintet as they continued piling up points on the locals. Satterwhite led the Valdese squad with eight points to his credit while Simmons led the Old Fort cagers with 18 points.

LOSES EYE IN GUN ACCIDENT

Victor Leger, about 37, of near Valdese, lost the sight in his right eye and had the right side of his face crushed last week, when the bolt of a high-powered rifle flew back and struck him.

The accident happened while Leger was firing the rifle, which he had owned for sometime, near his home. He failed to lock the bolt, which flew back in his face when he discharged the rifle.

Leger was rushed to the Richard Baker hospital in Hickory by ambulance immediately after the accident. The sight in his right eye was already gone and a hole had been torn in the right side of his face.

His condition was described as "satisfactory" and he is expected to recover, barring complications.

VALDESE SCOUTS AT HONOR COURT

Elmo Pascal Receives Eagle Rank At Honor Court At Marion Friday

Advanced ranking awarded by a Boy Scout court of honor in Marion Friday gave to Elmo Pascal of Valdese the top honor in Scouting, the rank of Eagle Scout. Jack Edwards of Morganton Troop 1 attained the Life rank, while Burl Noggle of Morganton Troop 5 became a Star Scout.

Other awards included: Tenderfoot—Earl Bridges, Troop 5, Morganton; Roy Chapman, Lefoy Rhodes, Roscoe Duckworth, J. C. England and Vernon Rader, all of Chesterfield.

Second class—James Dollard and Jesse Wells of Troop 3, Morganton; McCoy Rhodes, John Mode, Coran Rhodes and Norman England, of Chesterfield.

Merit Badges: Civics—Jack Edwards, Troop 1, Morganton; Raymond Squillario and Donnie Martinat, Valdese Troop 1.

Chemistry—William Trotter, Troop 1, Morganton.

Electricity—Jack Edwards, Troop 1, Morganton.

Handicraft—Burl Noggle, Billy Penland, Bob Rhyne, Conley Mitchell, Charles Harris, Troop 5, Morganton; Parks Sherrill, Troop 1, Valdese.

Leathercraft—Bob Rhyne, Troop 5, Morganton.

Photography—Bill Trotter.

Reading—Bill Trotter.

Safety—Conley Mitchell, Troop 5; Jack Edwards, Troop 1.

Swimming—Charles Smith, Troop 3.

First Aid—Darold Powell, Valdese.

First Aid to Animals—Elmo Pascal, Valdese.

H. S. Cagers Meet Granite Friday

The Valdese high school cage teams meet the Granite Falls boys and girls at the high school gym here Friday night.

J. D. Laughridge Buried Saturday

Former Greensboro Resident Buried Saturday; Was 52 Years Old.

Joseph Darby Laughridge, 52, for the past ten years a resident of Valdese, died at his home here Friday morning after an extended illness.

Funeral services were held at Valdese Baptist church, of which he was a member, Saturday morning at 11 o'clock, in charge of the pastor, Rev. M. I. Harris, and interment followed at Abee's Grove church cemetery near Valdese. Members of the Junior Order served as pallbearers.

A native of Burke county, born August 25, 1886, Mr. Laughridge spent much of his life at Greensboro where he was for many years a street car conductor, moving to Valdese a decade ago.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Tillie Powell Laughridge, and three daughters, Mrs. Clyde Berry, Mrs. Pete Baker and Mrs. Henry Pennell, all well-known residents of Valdese. Three grandchildren also survive.

J. H. PASCAL IMPROVED

John Henry Pascal who has been ill for the past week at Davis hospital in Statesville underwent an operation Monday morning and his many friends here in Valdese will be glad to learn that his condition is somewhat improved. They wish him a speedy recovery.

Business And Civic Groups Push Plans For Local Bank

At a meeting held yesterday members of the Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association committees on banking decided to take steps for the organization of a commercial banking institution for Valdese.

John Guigou, Ben Krieger, Parks Sherrill, J. V. Benfield, Ben Pons and Henry Grill were present at the meeting. Within the next few days members of the committee will canvas local citizens to receive pledges for stock in the proposed financial institution.

It is understood that practically all the Valdese merchants are in favor of the undertaking. Valdese at present has to do its banking either in Morganton or Hickory. This necessitates a great deal of trouble for local merchants on "pay day." Paradoxical as it may seem the town has one of the largest payrolls in the state for its size and no place to cash checks. This causes merchants to have to have a large amount of cash on hand on the days when the mills meet their payrolls and it is usually necessary for them to drive to the bank on "pay day" and bring back large amounts of cash to cash their customers' checks. The following day they have to drive back to the bank again to deposit these checks to bring their balance back to normal.

Many local citizens have stressed the necessity of a local commercial bank for a long time and those who are close to the situation feel confident that North Carolina's fastest growing town will have a banking institution of its own in the near future.

Local Bowlers Win Tournament

Powell and Erwood Repeat Last Year's Performance Saturday

The winners of the Southeastern Championship Double for men, which was held at the Valdese Recreation Center last Saturday, January 14th, were announced early this week as complete tabulation of all the scores were made.

The first prize was won by a local team, Powell and Erwood, who were high with total score of 1437 pins. Their prize was \$40. Wyrick and Tribble of Greensboro placed second rolling a total score of 1411 pins for the tournament. Their prize was \$20. The last prize in the class went to Simpson and Keever of Charlotte, who placed third high with 1398.

There were four other winners for first high block and high set game and for second high block and high set game. First block high set was won by Grissette and Manning of Asheville with 713, while another local team, Clarence Warlick and Steven Perrou won block high game with 262.

In the second block high set Ellis and Thore of Greensboro, took the money, and Connife and Minnick of Columbia, S. C., won second block high game with 265.

Mr. Guigou Speaks To Valdese Scouts

(By Earle Searcy, Jr.) The Valdese Scout troop heard a very interesting talk on the Panama Canal by Philip Guigou last Monday night at their regular meeting.

Several readings and dramatizations were presented by Ernest Ribet on "Ten Years From Now." The troop, headed by Assistant Scoutmaster Edward Pascal, formally acknowledged into their ranks Elmo Pascal as the fourth Eagle Scout of the troop.

The group accepted the invitation extended to them by the Valdese Lionc club to meet with them tonight.

EAST BURKE MAN SUFFERS STROKE

(Special to The News) John Stamey, who lives about five miles south of Valdese, suffered a severe attack of paralysis caused by hemorrhage of the brain at his home Tuesday afternoon.

He was attended by Dr. C. K. Lynn who stated that it was the second stroke that he had suffered, having had one about a year ago. The stroke has completely paralyzed his left side and it was feared that he would soon be unable to use his right side.

He is unable to use his hands, and his condition in general is reported as very grave.

STOLEN CAR IS WRECKED

Thief Steals Car in Charlotte and Wrecks It At the Icard Underpass

A 1937 Tudor Plymouth Sedan, which was found wrecked at the Icard underpass early Monday morning by Valdese Chief of Police Coffey, was claimed Tuesday morning by Evert Mullen of Lincolnton who stated that the car had been stolen from him late Sunday evening at 2204 Roslyn Avenue in Charlotte where he was visiting.

Mullen was notified by Chief Coffey that he had a car which contained some correspondence of his and which he was holding here in Valdese for him. Mullen made the journey here and had the car taken back Tuesday.

The car was a complete wreck, having turned over once or twice, and although it had a golf set worth over \$100 in the back seat, nothing outside of the car keys and a bunch of keys belonging to the Banner Mills were reported missing.

The car was being held by Goode Motor company who had pulled it in Monday morning.

Honor Roll For Valdese School

Attendance Record Since December is Considered Very Good.

Principal C. C. Long yesterday released the official attendance record of the Valdese schools which shows that the percentage of attendance for the first half of the school year just closed is 96.7 out of a possible 100 per cent. This is considered a very good record.

Miss Varnea McGalliard's fifth grade had the best attendance with the almost perfect mark of 99.65 per cent. Mrs. McCrley's grade has the next best record. The schools have a total enrollment of 891 pupils with 697 students in the elementary school and 212 in the high school.

Out of the 679 students in the elementary school 114 made the December honor roll with the second grade topping the list with 20 of its pupils on the honor list. The names of those making the honor roll by grades are as follows:

First grade: Catherine Williams, Barbara Roper, Joan Rutherford, Nadine Keever, Richard Page, Barbara Owens, Ann Linville, Jimmie Wanda Bouchard, Wilma Pruitt, Ramona Sanders, Joette Smith, Faye Deal, Betty Sue Branch, Betty Hice, O Mearl Lambert, Jack Robinson, Fred Cranford.

Second grade: R. L. Abee, Ernest Epley, Jackie Erwood, Leroy Lail, Donald Stillwell, Mary Elizabeth Crowe, Betty Jean Humphries, Mary Agnes Deal, Roy Ogle, Ray Ogle, Clara Mae Powell, Betty Jean Greenwood, Mary Salvageot, Doris Grill, Charlie Hice, Norma Kay Fite, Betty Benfield, Claude Seward, Lee Harris, Jr., Mary Stillwell.

Third grade: Burl Annas, Daniel Cannon, Bobby Cline, Carroll Deal, Catherine Glasbrooks, Symboline Grady, Helen Linville, Dorothy Rhoney, Bernice Ribet, Dolly Whisenant, Bill Giles, Bobby Jones, Imogen Pons, Betty Jane Perrou, Vigian Ogles, Emily Micol, Marvin Soward, Sarah Jane Jones, Dorothy Lowdermilk.

Fourth grade: Eddie Micol, Annie Sue Christmas, Betty Goings, Phyllis Guigou, Margaret Hice, Doris Long, Marjorie Ogles, Imogene Powell.

Fifth grade: Louise Annas, Dallas Brinkley, Jr., Donald Frazier, Frances Hern, Paris Keever, Kitty Long, Virginia Street, Sally D. Gregario, Alma Lambert, Jeanette Micol, Cleo Ogle, Nancy Small, Juanita Smith, Mary Ward, Delkie Mourglia, Kenneth Stillwell.

Sixth grade: Patsie Pritt Melvin, Sudy Crouch, Ruth Bradshaw, Vivian Bounous, Louise Berry, George Bleynt, J. D. Franklin, Joe Peck Hern, Osbert Hughes, Cecil Lowman, Harry Sherrill, Walter Church, Edward Jacumin, Henry Perrou, Mildred Bradshaw, Catherine Guigou, Margaret Woods.

Seventh grade: John Guigou, Gloria Grill, Frank Tise, Louise Pons, Charley Harris, Billy Goings, Eleanor Conley, Harold Pons, Agnes Ramsey, Emily Ribet, Richard Pascal, Ralph Walsh, Zora Hoyle, Ruth Price, Jimmie Lee Robinson, Ona Williams, Lula Mae Passmore.

Town Board Sets Parking Limit In Business Section

C.C. Schedule For Rest Of The Week

The community center announces that tonight the C. C.'s will travel to Avondale to meet the Avondale cagers.

Tomorrow night, Friday, January 20, they play a double-header here. The center boys meet the Statesville Goforth Motor team and the Covington Sports basketballers.

Saturday night, January 21, before the square dance they meet the Shelby Lions club cagers.

The girls team does not have any games scheduled for the rest of this week at the gym outside of the one they play at Avondale tonight.

Get Fire Permits At The City Hall

Public Can Obtain Permit At Town Hall To Burn Brush Fire.

A. D. Williams, of the State Forestry Service in Burke county, announces that for the convenience of people in and around Valdese and eastern Burke, who wish to obtain permits to burn brush fires or burn rubbish, or other fires, may obtain them at the Valdese City Hall from Frank Pons.

The sincere co-operation of the public is asked in this matter to help in the prevention of forest fires and aid in the work of the forest ranger. Obtaining these permits will facilitate matters, because, should fires become out of control, they can be more easily located from the permit file and be extinguished quicker. There is no charge for the permit. It was stated that a law is at present being considered making it compulsory to obtain these permits during the season from October to June, instead of from October to December and from April to June as it reads at present.

Richard Frazier Buys Radio Shop

Purchases Johnson's Interest In Valdese Business; Changes Name.

Dick Frazier has announced that he has purchased B. D. Johnson's interest in the Johnson Electric Company and has changed the name of the firm to Frazier Electric Company.

The company has the agency for RCA Victor Radios, General Electric appliances and Kelvinator products, and features radio repair work. The business was begun by Johnson in November, 1937. Frazier accepted a position as manager in December of the same year.

Mr. Frazier graduated from the University of North Carolina in 1936 with a B.S. degree in Electrical Engineering, specializing in radio. He is recognized as one of the foremost amateur radio operators in the country. He received his amateur broadcasting license in 1933 and has been broadcasting over shortwave stations ever since. He has operated stations in Chapel Hill, Greensboro, Asheville and Valdese.

Frazier is now overhauling his station apparatus in preparation for the annual contest which is held among the 50,000 amateur stations in the country. In the contest last year he was second in this district and 14th in the United States. In another contest two months ago he was first, in this district and 11th in the nation.

Waldensian Celebration To Be Held Saturday Evening, February 18th

Final plans for the 17th of February Celebration by the Waldensian people of Valdese are being completed and the women's committee of the Waldensian church announce that the supper will be celebrated Saturday, February 18, at 6:30 p. m., at the Valdese school dining hall.

Tickets for the occasion are now on sale and the committee urges that any one interested in attending contact members of the church or call Miss Melanie Bounous at 24-J for their tickets.

The celebration is commemorated each year in honor of the granting of the religious freedom to the Waldensians who inhabited the Cottian Alps in Northern Italy. Waldensian people, all over the world observe this date of freedom, some by a banquet, some by dances and other form of entertainment.

Signs to Go Into Effect Monday; Violators To Be Fined.

In order to meet one of the most essential problems of a growing town, Valdese has this week set up parking signs, restricting the time of parking automobiles in the business district of Valdese to one hour, from eight in the morning till six p. m. at night.

Signs have been placed from Dr. Palmer's Clinic to F. W. Tise's store on the north side of Main street in the center of town and on both sides of Main street from Waldo street or Foster's Furniture store to Columbo street in the west end of town.

Signs reading "No Parking Within Fifteen Feet Of Corners," have been placed on all street corners in Valdese.

In explaining the stop signs which have been placed along the streets from Main street on down to the Railroad tracks, it was stated that cars traveling north and south would have the right of way over the other streets on Carolina, Rodoret and Praly streets.

All three of these streets cross St. Germain street which runs east and west parallel with Main street or the highway. Streets which do not have the right of way over St. Germain street are: Laurel, Italy, Fait and Waldo streets.

St. Germain runs from Brinkley's store in West Valdese straight across through town to the old clubhouse.

Members of the Valdese Police department have been urged to see that these traffic regulations be carried out and that beginning Monday, all violators will be summoned before the desk sergeant at City Hall and fined.

Playing one of the top notch basketball teams in Western North Carolina the Valdese community centers won a two point victory over Spindale at the gym here Saturday night.

At the end of the first half the locals led the visiting quintet by one point and they managed to keep about neck and neck throughout the game. The final score was Valdese C. C.'s 36 and Spindale 34.

Smaley, Spindale center, led the scoring for both teams with a total of 14 points, with Ed Flack following him a close second with 13 points.

The lineups:

Valdese	Pos.	Spindale
Flack	F	Henson
Jacob	F	Davis
Campbell	C	Smaley
Pruitt	G	Lipscomb
Pitts	G	Maxwell

Substitutes: Valdese, Perrou, James, and Owens; Spindale, Shehan.

Referee: Reynolds.

OPENS OFFICE HERE

Dr. J. C. Morrison has opened an optometry office in Valdese at the Brown building and is sharing the quarters of the Singer Sewing Machine people.

He will have all the modern equipment to conduct eye examinations and fit glasses.

IN NEW YORK ON BUSINESS

A. F. Garrou is in New York City on a business trip. He is expected back the latter part of this week.