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MASONS PICK NEW OFFICERS FRIDAY NIGHT

Plan Construction Of New Hall On Tea Room Prop- erty Here.

Members of Lovelady lodge number 670 of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons elected officers for 1949 at an "emergent" meeting held last Friday night and met again Monday night in regular session.

Francis Verreault was elected to head the lodge as Worshipful Master, succeeding J. Henry Pascal.

Other officers named were as follows: senior warden—Edward Pascal; junior warden—Carl Haigler; treasurer—Emanuel Richards; secretary—J. A. Verreault, Jr.; senior deacon—Ellis Brown; junior deacon—Charles Hurst; senior steward—Ted Clemmer; junior steward—E. S. Glass; Tyler—A. W. Garrou.

With a membership now of 119, the lodge is looking forward to a year of growth and progress. Plans are already set for a building program which will be undertaken in the spring, according to Dick Ribet, chairman of the lodge's building committee. Steel for the building, which will be constructed on the old Scotch Tea Room property on East Connelly street, arrived in Valdese this week.

The lodge purchased the tea room property several years for the express purpose of building on it.

Mr. Ribet described the proposed building as about 80 feet by 40 feet in dimensions, two stories and of brick and steel construction. Its expected cost is between \$15,000 and \$20,000. The tea room building will be altered and part of it wrecked and the new structure will be added on to it.

A new Baptist mission is planning to use the tea room until building commences in the spring, Mr. Ribet said.

January 18, the lodge will hold an "emergent" meeting for the purpose of giving the second degree of masonry to a number of candidates.

OFFICERS NAB MAN IN THEFT OF CAR HERE

Soldier Wanted Elsewhere Is Charged With Taking Car In Valdese.

The Pilot Mountain soldier who made off with T. J. Cassel's car last Wednesday afternoon in Valdese and later abandoned it after being pursued by an irate filling station operator seeking pay for gasoline, has been caught, it was learned Monday.

Mr. Cassel, owner of Castle's Cafe in Valdese, said that the soldier, identified by police as Wayne P. Joyce, must have had a strong aversion to walking. Joyce, it was said, had been sought by law enforcement officers in several nearby counties and is credited with five automobile thefts.

"He was in my place Wednesday afternoon", Mr. Cassel said, reconstructing the details of the daring theft. "I had pulled up to the side entrance, had come in by the side door to get some more sandwiches to take to the weave mill. This soldier went out the side door right after I came in. It didn't occur to me that he would take my car."

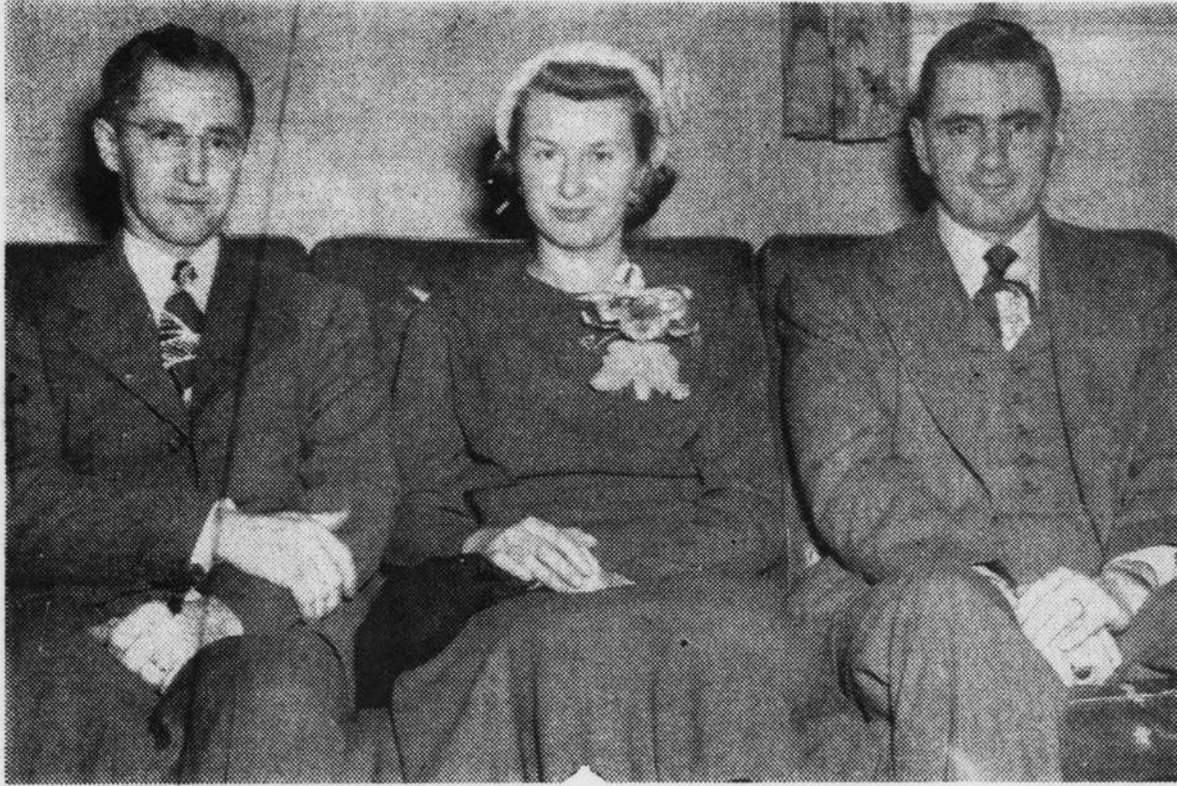
"I was ready to leave again in about five minutes and seeking my car was not at the side, I began to wonder if I had parked it elsewhere. I soon learned that it was really gone."

Mr. Cassel said that he suspected that Joyce took the car over the new highway to the south and turned into the Hickory-Shelby road. At Johnson's service station near Ban Oaks school, Joyce is reported to have purchased gasoline (the car was nearly empty when stolen) and left the motor running while the attendant was putting in the gas. He then pulled away from the station without paying. The attendant jumped in his car and followed Joyce, who turned off on a side road in an effort to shake off his pursuer. The avenue of escape he chose, however, led to a dead end where he had to abandon Cassel's car and flee into the woods.

RELIGIOUS LENSUS

A religious census will be taken in Valdese the first week in February by the First Baptist church, it was announced at the church Sunday.

Valdese Polio Officials At Meeting



When local chapter polio officials and drive chairmen from a 11-county area gathered recently at the Mimosa Golf club in Morganton to discuss 1949 March of Dimes plan, the above Valdese citizens were on hand to assist in the planning of this year's county drive that has a goal of \$20,000. Left to right are Edward Garrou, Valdese chairman of the March of Dimes; Mrs. C. K. Lynn and Frankie Pons, members of the Burke county chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.—(Valdese News Staff Photo).

March Of Dimes Drive Outlined

Broken Into Seven Phases For Concentrated Work By Committees.

A tactical organization for putting the 1949 polio drive over the top in Valdese was outlined Monday night at a meeting of the committee for this area. Edward Garrou, chairman for Valdese, presided. Others present were Mrs. Lacy Hall, chairman of the Women's division of the drive, Frank W. Foss, Mrs. C. K. Lynn and Charles Burgin.

The work was broken down into seven phases, with workers appointed for each division. They are:

1. Publicity. Mrs. Lynn and Miss Frieda Culbertson.
2. Canvass of the business district. Mrs. Lacy Hall, chairman, Mrs. Haynes Rutherford, Mrs. J. P. Rostan, Jr., Mrs. J. M. Chambers and Mrs. Elmer Winkler.
3. Industry. Edward Garrou, chairman; Martinat Hosiery Mill, Miss Ruth Martin; Pauline Mill, John Simmons; A. F. Garrou and Sons, Gordon Johnson; Waldensian Baking Company, J. P. Rostan, Jr.; Pineburr Mill, Dan Bounous; Pilot Full Fashion Mill, Lenoir Lowdermilk; Waldensian Hosiery Mill, C. C. Long; Valdese Manufacturing Company, Mrs. Joe Hern; Valdese Weavers, Roy Boggs; Pons Full Fashion Mill, O. H. Pons, Jr.; Dolly Hosiery Mill, Armand Vereault; John Massey Hosiery Mill, Jack Burns; Francis Louise Full Fashion Mill, Sebren Cannon; Burke Yarns, Frank Gaddy; Pilgrim Mills, Sam Brinkley; Lovelady Hosiery Mill, Ulysses Grissette; Brinkley Lumber Company, Miss Ruth Brinkley.
4. Schools. C. B. Honeycutt and John L. Johnson.
5. Civic organizations. Frankie Pons, chairman; Lions Club, Lenoir Lowdermilk; Rotary Club, Dick Ribet; Masons, Francis Verreault; Eastern Star, Mrs. Francis Verreault; Parent-Teacher Association, Mrs. Leon Guigou; Pilot Club, Miss Lila Cox; American Legion, Reece Scull; Legion Auxiliary, Mrs. Fred Ribet; Junior Order of United American Mechanics, Glen Ramsey, Sr.
6. Sports Activities. Jimmy Chambers, chairman.
7. Youth Activities. George Squillario and Miss Sue Searcy.

LIONS CLUB MEETING HEARS DRAMATIC READING

The Lions Club was delightfully entertained at its meeting Thursday night at the Pilot Cafeteria by Charles Elliege, teacher in the Marion city schools, who gave two dramatic readings, each about 20 minutes in length.

Mr. Elliege is a graduate of the University of North Carolina, where he was active in the Carolina Playmakers. His home is in Rutherfordton.

NAVY RECRUITER HERE

Navy recruiting representatives will be in Valdese and Morganton Friday, January 14, at the post office to interview young men interested in volunteering for service in the U. S. Navy.

Safety Signal Light For Prally Street Crossing

Valdese's worst railroad crossing, the one on North Prally street, will soon be made safer for automobile traffic when railroad workmen finish the installation of an eight-light traffic signal now being erected there.

Long the most dangerous crossing in town because of its blind approach, news of the signal light's installation at the crossing was joyously received here. City Manager Lee Ribet, who has plugged for the light for a number of years, said that it would make for much safer driving conditions for cross-town traffic.

C. A. Woodard, the Southern Railway's foreman of the job said that he expected to have the light installed and ready for operation in about 10 days. His workmen began on the project Monday.

NINETY-FIVE ARRESTS MADE DURING 1948

Public Drunkenness Heads List In Number; Traffic In Second Place.

The Valdese police department turned in 95 arrest for various offenses during the calendar year 1948, records at the Valdese city hall disclose.

A goodly number of the offenses were tried in municipal court here before mayor Oscar M. Harrison while still others went on to higher courts having jurisdiction.

By far and away the leading offense was public drunkenness as 136 arrests were made for this misdemeanor. Valdese residents, in this respect, however, were no different from other localities throughout the section, a fact which points out that temperance is a virtue yet to be learned by many.

Second high on the list were traffic violations, a total of 72 for the year. In third place was improper automobile equipment, an offense which necessitated 11 arrests.

Other offenses: Assault on female—2; trespassing—5; vagrancy—2; destroying personal property—1; peace warrant—1; driving drunk—7; drunk and disorderly—3; non-support—3; gambling—9; profanity—2; violation of prohibition law—2; affray—2; no drivers license—2; disturbing the peace—7; transporting liquor—3; reckless driving—2; assault—2; hit and run—1; running red light—8; worthless check—1; speeding—2; no license on tractor—1; larceny—2; and disorderly—2.

Joe Gillie Hiergesell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lindor Hiergesell, who has been confined to her bed for several weeks by a serious case of rheumatic fever, is reported to be much better.

JUNIOR ORDER GETS FOURTEEN NEW MEMBERS

High Peak Council Holds Fish Dinner Last Saturday Night.

High Peak Council, number 355 of the Junior Order, United American Mechanics, initiated 14 new members at a meeting last Saturday night at the Junior Order hall on Massel street and reinstated 10 former members. The occasion was celebrated with a fish dinner and a number of visiting brothers were on hand.

The initiation of the 14 new men was done mainly by the Burkemont (Morganton) council's Gegree team. The new members are Hugh C. Hutchins, James J. Hutchins, John S. Byrd, Roy Shuping, Garland McGalliard, Earl L. Odum, Lee Ribet, Howard Berry, Rev. Bertis Fair, Jonas R. Bowman, William C. Yancey, I. N. Ramsey, Roy E. Harmon and Andrew Skidmore.

Those reinstated to membership were O. M. Harrison, S. D. Ollis, A. J. Street, Albert Self, Curtis H. Williams, D. W. Barber, Marvin Powell, W. E. Garrou, Thomas J. Chapman and Roy Yancey.

Bill McCombs of Morganton, councillor of district four, was present for the proceedings. The High Peak Council membership now is 70. Glenn Ramsey is councillor.

HORTON NAMED ON THIRTEEN COMMITTEES

Burke's Representative Also Chairman, Vice-Chairman Of Committees.

O. Lee Horton, Burke county's representative in the general assembly, has been named on thirteen of the committees of the House of Representatives, is chairman of one committee and vice-chairman of another, it was revealed Tuesday in the announcement of committee members by Speaker of the House Kerr Craig Ramsey of Rowan county.

Mr. Horton was named chairman of the committee on Institutions for the Deaf, and vice-chairman of the committee on Employment Security.

Other committees of the House (Continued on page Two)

Building Permits Issued In '48 Over Quarter Million

Leads 1949 Baby Parade



Valdese General Hospital's New Year's baby reposes peacefully in spite of the glare of flash bulbs. The mother is Mrs. Earl Hildebrand of Connelly Springs, Route One. The nurse in the picture is Miss Orpha Ford.

Valdese Merchants Honor First Baby In 1949 Here

Putting in a belated appearance (8:30 p. m. January 1) the Valdese General Hospital's New Year's baby missed the county championship, but held absolute dominion in his own little world for a few days, and was honored by Valdese merchants with a shower of gifts.

The baby was the seven-pound seven-ounce son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hildebrand of Connelly Springs, Route One, a soft little bundle with a red face, moist black hair and a contented expression. His father is a farmer. Mr. and Mrs. Hildebrand have five other children living, the oldest a girl 18 years old.

Mrs. Hildebrand, who is 34 years old and for whom this was the

seventh child, was quite excited over having her baby be the New Year's baby. "I never thought about anything like that happening to me," she said. And she was very much interested in having the picture made. "It doesn't matter how I look," she said, "but I do hope you can get a good one of the baby." The sleeping baby posed obligingly but didn't show his face very well.

The Hildebrands received cards which they were to take to the various merchants who would give them the following gifts: Major Electric Company, night light; Children's Shop, bottle warmer; Belk-Broome, air mattress; People's Drug Store, baby set; Valdese Jewelry Store, sterling silver baby cup; Your Florist, baby flower arrangement; Dress Shop, quilted satin bedjacket for the mother; Ruth's Beauty Shop, bath powder; Squillario's, sterling fork and (Continued on page two)

FIGURES FOR BUILDING IN TOWN LIMITS

First Baptist Church Heads Permit List With New Ed- ucational Annex.

Building permits amounting to approximately \$325,000 were issued in Valdese during 1948. This figure is for buildings to be erected within the city limits only, since no figures are available on construction plans outside the city limits.

The largest figures included in this total were for industrial construction and for the educational building of the First Baptist church. Heading the list as the largest permit was that to the First Baptist Church for \$70,000. Next is the Francis Louise expansion program costing \$65,000. Work on the Francis Louise has been completed. The church's educational building is now under construction.

The Pilot Full Fashion is now enlarging its office space, for which a permit for \$62,500 was issued.

The Valdese Methodist church built a parsonage costing \$10,000.

The Waldensian Hosiery Mill, Inc. was issued a permit for construction costing \$8,000, the Valdese Manufacturing Company one for \$10,000 for additional office space. The new four room wing to the high school was estimated on the permit to cost \$20,000, and the Tise estate permit to build a store building was for an estimated \$15,000. The Tise building is now completed and houses the Duke Power Company and Garreen's Credit Jewelers.

Most of the other permits were for homes and smaller edifices such as garages.

MINISTERS TO MEET MONDAY

Pleasant View Church To Be Scene Of Catawba River Meeting.

Ministers of the Catawba River Baptist Association will hold their monthly conference at 10 o'clock Monday morning, January 17, at the Pleasant View Baptist church.

Rev. J. O. Summerlin will lead the opening song service and Rev. C. R. Upton will have charge of the devotion, which will be followed by a business meeting.

The main address of the morning will be delivered by Rev. Paul N. Wilson, pastor of the Antioch church, whose topic will be on "The Pastor and Deacons Working Together."

This Week In Valdese

- Thursday, January 13
7:15 p. m.—High Peak Council No. 355, Jr. O. U. A. M., will meet in the Junior Order Hall.
- 7:30 p. m.—The Pilot Club will have business meeting at the Community Center.
- 7:30 p. m.—The Burke County Sub-District of the Methodist Youth Fellowship will meet at the North Morganton Methodist church.
- Friday, January 14
7:30 p. m.—The Daughters of American Revolution will meet.
- Sunday, January 16
11:00 a. m.—Worship services at all churches.

ROTARY HEARS MISS COBB TALK

Publisher Talks Informally On Recent Visit To Nine- Foreign Countries.

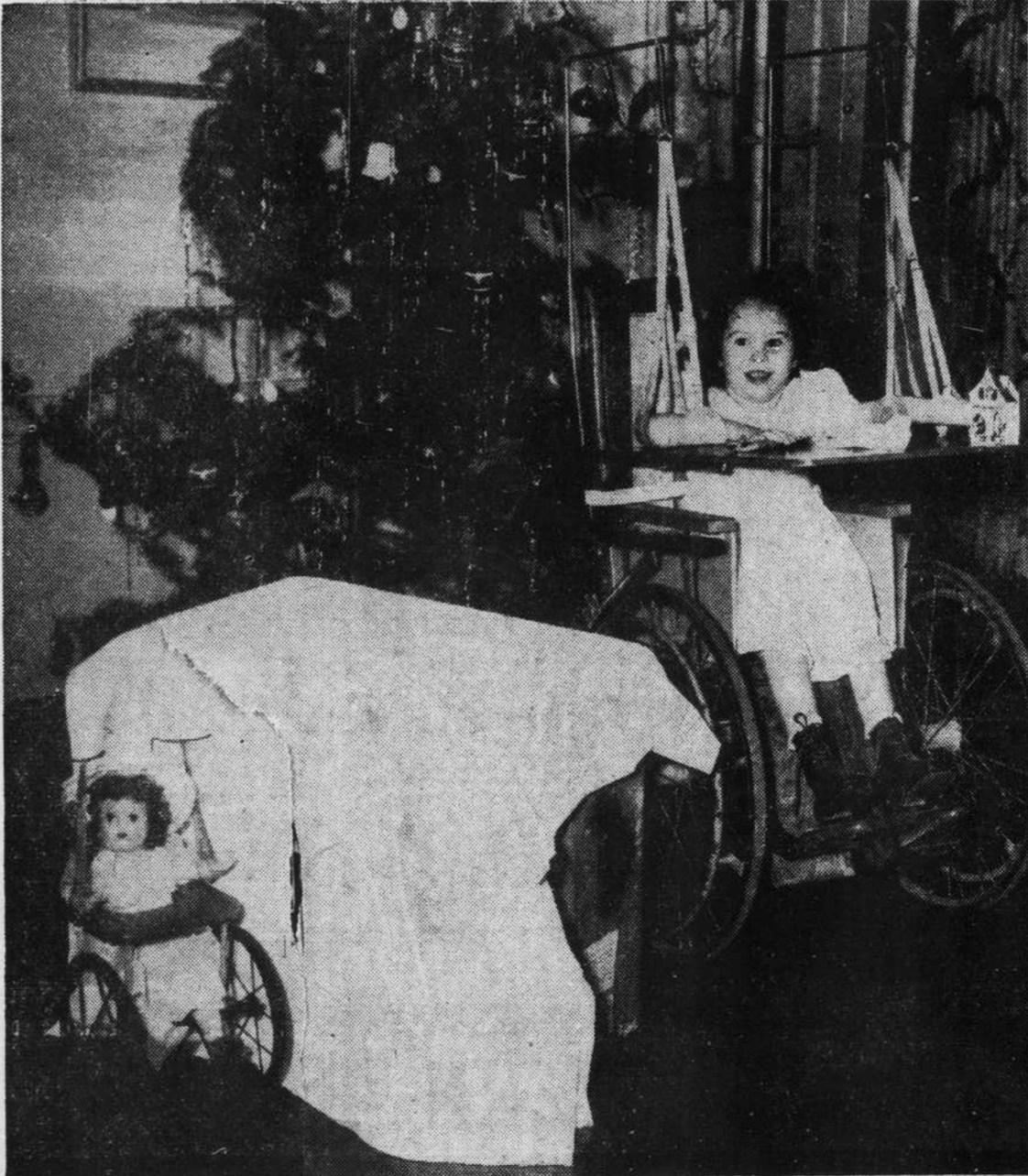
The Valdese Rotary Club was taken on a tour of the world at its meeting last Tuesday at the Pilot Cafeteria. Miss Beatrice Cobb, publisher of the Valdese News and the Morganton News-Herald, who has recently returned from a trip around the world, spoke informally to the club on her experiences.

Miss Cobb visited in 19 countries, but dwelt mainly on her impressions of England, Germany, Austria, Turkey and Pakistan. The devastation in Europe, she said, is inconceivable. When she asked General Clay, for whom she expressed great admiration, if it wouldn't be better simply to abandon Berlin, move out in the country and start a new city, he explained that so much of Berlin was underground—its electrical and water systems, and part of its transportation system. The general added that he thought the city could perhaps be rebuilt in 20 years.

WATCHMAKERS MEET

The Catawba Valley Watchmakers Guild held its regular monthly meeting Wednesday night, January 5, at the Community Building in Morganton, with the newly elected president, C. R. Burnes of Granite Falls, presiding after the installation of new officers. A new film by the Gruen Watch Company was shown. Two watch timing machines were demonstrated; the Watchmaster by F. L. Boutlier of Morganton, and the Paulson Timeograph by Mr. Logan, also of Morganton.

Little Girl Asks Twin Of Self In Wheelchair



Three-year-old Elizabeth Parker, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Parker, Valdese, and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jno. M. Mull of Morganton, smiles during Santa's order-taking visit to Warm Springs Foundation on Christmas Eve, not knowing that behind the big box stands the only thing she wanted for Christmas—a doll in a wheelchair. Mrs. Parker placed the miniature duplicate of her daughter and wheelchair behind the box, but Santa waited until Christmas morning to make the delivery. Elizabeth's Yuletide order was sent to the foundation's craft shop where an almost exact duplicate was made, including the little straps which hold her arms in place.—Courtesy Columbus, Ga., Ledger-Enquirer.