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Consider Projects To Improve Highway Here

WOULD WIDEN ROAD BEND ON EASTERN END

Highway Engineer Reveals Projects For Improving Town's Approaches.

Two road straightening projects are being considered for Valdese which would greatly improve the approaches to town from both the east and the west.

District Highway Engineer H. E. Shell said that plans call for widening highway on "swimming pool curve" on eastern end of town and increase visibility around the bend.

Plans for the educational building, to be erected at the rear of the present plant, have not yet been adopted but the church is raising money for the building which it hopes to have in the not too distant future.

The addition of one new member to the church Sunday made a total of 104 additions in months.

SCHOOL HAS SPECIAL FILMS FOR CLASSES

Educational Movies Are Being Used By Elementary School Teachers.

Through the help of the Parent-Teacher Association and other interested groups, the Valdese elementary school has scheduled and is receiving educational films from the University of North Carolina library and from other groups which supply instructional films.

Educational films are used as a supplementary aid to teaching in the school program. Teachers use the films as reviews for units of subject matter, realizing that what is seen is often much better retained and remembered by pupils, said John Johnson, principal of the elementary school.

The primary grades have scheduled the following pictures: "Tommy's Day", in health and diet; "Safety to and from School", safety; "Common Animals of the Woods", nature study; "Adventures of Bunny Rabbit", nature study; "House I Live In", social studies.

The grammar grades (grades four through eight) will see the following: "Zion National Park", geography; "The Andes", geography and social studies; "Plant Growth", nature study and science; "Washington", geography; "The River", geography and social studies; "Trees for Tomorrow", social studies and conservation; "Golden Foods", diet and health; "Mainline, U. S. A.", social studies and transportation; "Modern Milk", health and diet; and "Wheels Across India", geography and social studies.

Films of general interest to all grades are "Alice in Wonderland," "Abraham Lincoln," "Our America" and perhaps others.

In addition to the rented films, the school has in the library 60 strip films on various subjects, such as primary stories, geography, great American cities, grammar and history. These are used in the classrooms or in the projection room by the teachers. This library of 35-mm. strip film is being enlarged this year by the addition of several new films.

COMPLETE EXAMINATIONS

Students at the Francis Garrou memorial high school completed two days of examinations Friday, and were at liberty to leave the school whenever they completed their last exam.

There were no exemptions, each pupil being required to take a two-hour examination in every course.

STREET SCENES

MRS. EDWARD GARROU feeding a parking meter . . .

JOE BROVERIO growing a beard . . .

LAIRD JACOB, JR., in high heeled western boots . . .

PARKS SHERILL draping a manikin in Bell's window . . .

BUZZ LONG trying to strap a bag of groceries to the back of his bicycle . . .

HENRY S. GRILL in a Chamberlain pose with black umbrella . . .

MARY EMMA MCCLURE taking care of baby sister, EMILY . . .

MARTHA DRUM on way to library . . .

MARY HELEN DUCKETT looking at seed catalogue . . .

JIMMY CHAMBERS in a big hurry . . .

JIMMY LYNN WEIR and JOHNNY REEP shoveling snow off downtown sidewalk . . .

NEW RAILWAY SIDING WORK IS UNDERWAY

Mile-and-Half Long Track Being Built; Grading Is Completed.

Work is already underway on a new railroad siding at Connelly Springs, which, when completed, will be about one mile-and-a-half long and capable of holding one of Southern Railway's long diesel freight trains of 150 cars.

Grading work for the new track has already been done. The present passing track will be connected to the storage track there now near the underpass. Moving of the Connelly Springs depot to the south side of the track is also contemplated.

In the western end of Burke county, the Southern put into service last week a new 5,500-foot passing track, which combined with the old passing track, will also accommodate a 150-car freight train.

A similar passing track has recently been completed at Old Fort. These passing tracks are part of the Southern's plan in its gradual shift from steam to diesel locomotives for freight hauling. The diesel engines can handle in some cases almost two and a half times the number of cars that the steam engines can haul, and therefore need longer tracks to allow passenger trains to pass them.

A. MARTINAT EXPECTED SOON

Sails From Italy February 18 Arriving In New York March First.

Mrs. Helen Martinat has received word that her husband, Aldo Martinat, will sail from Genoa, Italy, on February 18, and will arrive in New York City on March 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Martinat were married August 9, 1947 in Prati, Italy, where Mrs. Martinat had gone in the hope of bringing to America her mother, Mrs. Margherita Bounous Peyrot. When she returned to Valdese in October, 16 months ago, she was still confident that both her mother and her husband would be able to make the trip in about four months.

Mrs. Martinat plans to meet her husband in New York.

BAND PICKS DELEGATES

Phyllis Berry and M. Z. Honeycutt have been chosen to represent the Valdese school band at the all-Western North Carolina band clinic, to be held February 18 and 19 in Salisbury. Both are outstanding members of the band, and both are seniors.

They will be accompanied to Salisbury by Robert Gorley, band director.

Highlights of the clinic will be a concert Friday night by the Davidson College band and one Saturday night by the Clinic band.

Bernice Ribet and Imogene Pons represented Valdese at the clinic last year.

MARCH OF DIMES NEARS \$4,000 MARK

With \$3,966 reported in pledges or money actually received, the Valdese March of Dimes committee, headed by Edward Garrou, was confident that the total would be well over the \$4,000 mark.

Reports of several phases of the canvass were incomplete, among them that of the elementary school, and the parking meters which will be "robbed" of their dimes again today (Wednesday) by the police department. Some of the workers in the industrial division had not finished their canvass.

A breakdown of \$3,966 already received follows: elementary school \$322.53; high school \$121.26; scouts (dime boards) \$122.18; parking meters, \$16.50; industries, \$2,205; American Legion, \$100; cake sale, \$186.60; basketball game \$66.20; other sources, \$520.

The basketball games at the Community Center Friday night afforded the people excellent entertainment as well as an opportunity to help the March of

Dimes. Henry F. Garrou (Uncle Didi) took up tickets amounting to \$66.20.

At 6:45 p. m., the seventh grade chiggers took on the eighth grade mites, with Sain the leading scorer, making five goal shots for the chiggers and leading them to a 12-12 victory. Playing for the Mites were McCorkle, Bonner, Queen, Williams, Smith, Mull, Oxentine, Cook, Robinson and Blyeat.

The Chigger team's players were Chambers, Temple, Sain, Grissette, Brown, Powell, Wise, Harris, Woodie, Metcalf and Hood.

Two teams of Old Stars played a strenuous game, (Red) Branch shooting 10 points for the Dubs.

The Mopheads, were captained by Tom Watkins, and the Dubs were captained by Lee Ribet. Just what role Referee Lee Harris was following remained a secret, as the oldsters made a rough and tumble game of it and the spectators alternately shook with laughter and applauded the sportsman-

Harrison To Attend Hearing On Tax Levy

Mayor Oscar M. Harrison will go to Raleigh Thursday with Morganton City Manager Claud Helms where both will attend a special committee hearing on Friday in the General Assembly.

The hearing will concern House Bill 54, sponsored by the North Carolina Municipal League, which proposes to return one cent of the six-cent-per-gallon gasoline tax to municipalities for the maintenance and improvements of city streets.

North Carolina cities and towns are presently getting only one-fourth of the gasoline tax collected by the state.

Mayor Harrison heartily endorses the bill which would return a larger share of this revenue to cities and towns.

CHINA IS TOPIC ROTARY CLUB MEETING HERE

Dr. Alexander Moffett Is Guest Speaker On China and Communism.

"Can China Survive Communism?" was the topic of Dr. Alexander Moffett's address to the Valdese Rotary club Tuesday of last week at its luncheon meeting at the Pilot Cafeteria.

Dr. Moffett, a missionary to China who was forced to return to America because of the war, told the club that while he had spoken to Rotary clubs on many occasions, he had always just missed being a Rotarian. His first experience with Rotary when he was a schoolboy attending the Shanghai-American school in Shanghai and had to read to the Rotary club a paper he had written on "My Ideal Father." He was also the beneficiary of a scholarship from the Rotary club of Shanghai while he was attending Washington and Lee University.

For a long time, Dr. Moffett said, he was unwilling to admit that the Chinese brand of communism was really communism instead of just another political party. The steps which communism takes are five:

1. The army comes in and takes over.

2. A propaganda team comes in, holds mass meetings and points out the evils of the old system of land ownership.

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FRIGIDAIRE FRANCHISE FOR TOWN OF VALDESE

Franchise for Frigidaire appliances has been secured by the Valdese Hardware Company, owned by Edwin Jones, Joe Reid and Gilmer Lowman. The company will handle a complete line of Frigidaire appliances, including stoves as well as refrigerators and other items, and will have a full service department. Mr. Jones has attended a Frigidaire school in Roanoke, Virginia, has studied service work in Hickory, and last week attended a sales meeting in Charlotte.

Mr. Reid is attending the High Point furniture market this week.

GOLFERS OF VALDESE GET CLUB PRIZES

Make Outstanding Showing In Mimosa Golf Club's Tournaments.

At the annual meeting of members of the Mimosa Golf Club prizes were awarded to winners in the club's tournaments during the past year.

The year's championship went to Otis Arney, medalist winner with a 74 who also went on to win the championship twice. W. R. (Jake) Mullis was runnerup in this event.

In the second flight John R. B. Hawes was winner with Frank Pons as runnerup; Jay Spencer was winner in the third flight with Dr. C. K. Lynn runnerup; fourth flight, Louis Vinay, winner with Nollie M. Patton runnerup.

It is of interest to note in connection with the above winners that four were from Valdese and four from Morganton.

In the 18-hole medal flight with handicap for the A. M. Kistler Cup award, Jake Mullis was winner with Billy Joe Patton runnerup. In this flight Mullis and Patton tied with the former winning out in the play-off.

H. L. Shuey was winner in the F. O. Huffman Cup 36-hole medal flight with handicap. Shuey had 164 with an 18 handicap. Jake Mullis and Russ Triebert tied for second place with 147, Mullis winning the play-off.

In matched plays for the J. Fred Kistler Cup award, with handicap, Jess Barbor was winner and Frank Patton, Jr., runnerup. 'Short' Patton was medalist in the qualifying round with a 73.

Jake Mullis received three awards at the meeting for his outstanding golf and received as a combination prize a leather golf bag.

COUNCIL MEETS ON SATURDAY

Change Necessary In Order To Have Attorney At Meeting.

Deviating from its custom of meeting the first Monday night in the month, the Valdese town council will meet Saturday night in order that the city attorney, Burke Representative O. Lee Horton, may be present.

Mr. Horton's duties in the General Assembly require that he be in Raleigh Monday night during the session.

Mayor Oscar M. Harrison said earlier this week that there was nothing special to be brought before the council at its February meeting.

Discussion of the next steps to be taken in planning for the city's water plant expansion, to be made possible by the passage of \$100,000 bond issue here yesterday, may take place.

AT VALDESE HOSPITAL

Mrs. Hattie Gaddy, mother of Frank Gaddy, was brought from Durham to the Valdese General Hospital Thursday morning. She came by ambulance and was accompanied by Mrs. G. M. Biggerstaff.

The H. and H. Shoe Shop of Drexel has been sold by Oscar M. Harrison and M. Z. Honeycutt to Francis McGalliard, who has operated the shop and the H. and H. Dry Cleaners since shortly after they were opened for business.

McGalliard will continue to operate in the ownership of the shoe repair shop.

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The new owner of the shoe shop was a witness of the Pearl Harbor attack and served as staff sergeant in the quartermaster corps until he was mustered out in 1945.

EDUCATION REPORT IS HEARD BY P.-T. A.

Members of the Parent-Teachers Association were given a graphic picture of the conditions of North Carolina schools in a presentation of the report of the N. C. Education Commission at a meeting recently at the school auditorium.

A film strip prepared by the commission was shown, and with Donald Johnson of the high school faculty reading the accompanying script.

Mrs. L. E. Deaton presided in the absence of the president. The devotional was led by Rev. Ben Dickson, minister of the Assembly of God church. Under the leadership of Mrs. Harold LaFavers, the audience learned the P.-T. A. song and sang familiar songs and rounds.

Water Bond Issue Given Wide Approval By Voters

Large Number Teams Are Expected For Tournament

Twenty-eight girls' teams and 27 boys' teams have already filed applications with Jimmy Chambers of the Community Center to enter the 11th Western Gold Medal Basketball tournament, which will begin here February 12 and continue through February 28.

More applications are expected within the next few days to bring the total number of applicants up to 64, 32 girls' teams and 32 boys' teams. Those teams which have signified an interest in participating in this year's tournament all took part in the tourney last year, which was perhaps the most successful one since the playoffs were started by Chambers in 1939.

The girls' tournament will begin on the afternoon of February 12 and extend through February 19, the date the boys' teams begin their eliminations. The tourney will close February 28.

Boys' and girls' teams from the following schools have paid the \$5 application fee and are expected to take part in the big basketball event: Drexel, Lincolnton, Marion, Waco, Belwood, Casar, Pleasant Gardens, Happy Valley, Grover, N. C. S. D., Glenwood, Hickory, Hildebrand, North Brook, George Hildebrand, Glen Alpine, Nebo, Morganton, Maiden, Valdese, Taylorsville, Blowing Rock, Kings Creek, Piedmont and Gamewell.

Fallston will enter a boys' team but no girls' team.

Stony Point and Banoak will enter girls' teams but no boys' team. Stony Point boys were the winners last year, but it is understood that practically the entire championship squad was graduated last June, leaving the school with very little in the line of basketball material.

Over the past week the Francis Garrou high school cage teams have had a busy schedule, meeting three other county high schools, losing some games and winning a few.

Tuesday night the Valdese girls beat Granite Falls, 23-17, but the Valdese boys lost by the margin of one point to the Granite Falls quint in an overtime period, 27-26. Even the loss, however, was something of a moral victory for the local boys who were beaten badly by the Granite Falls crew earlier in the season.

Last Friday night, both Valdese teams went down in defeat before Salem high school, the girls losing 24-10 and the boys by a score of 26-20.

Tuesday night a week ago, both local teams were triumphant in a doubleheader meeting with Hildebrand high school at the Valdese gym. Valdese boys won 35-33 and the girls made it an easy win over their visitors, 26-10.

DREXEL SHOE SHOP IS SOLD

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TWO BURGLARIES ARE REPORTED BY POLICE

Burglars broke into the home of Frank Lail on Milton Road between 12:15 noon and 3 p. m. Wednesday, January 26, and took a table model radio, a 12-gauge hammer shotgun and fishing rods and reels. The back door of the Lail home had been forced open.

Rick Ribet has reported that his home was entered on the preceding Wednesday in daylight hours. Contrary to his custom, Mr. Ribet went home in the afternoon and heard someone running through the house. He shouted at the intruder, and ran to the front of the house in time to see a tall white man hurtle the front porch railing and flee down the hill.

The Valdese police are investigating the two cases and warn householders to keep their doors locked.

VOTE IS LIGHT IN ELECTION HERE TUESDAY

Action Clears Way For Valdese To Proceed With Plans For Water System.

Voters yesterday put their stamp of approval on the \$100,000 bond issue which passed by a wide margin. The vote was 107 for, with only six voting against the bonds.

The light vote, which saw only about one ninth of the city's registered voters turn out at the polls at the city hall, was more or less expected since there were no personalities or controversial issue involved in the election.

The adoption of the issue by the voters now clears the tracks for the city government to proceed with plans for getting bids on the expansion of the water filter plant and the installation of a new water main into town.

How soon some further action would be taken was not known here yesterday.

Plans, as recommended by the city's engineers, Dixon and Stillwell of Charlotte, call for doubling the size of the present filter plant, making its capacity 1,000,000 gallons daily.

Judges of the election were James Short and A. A. Pons. Glenn Ramsey acted as registrar.

J. D. BRINKLEY, JR., TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH FATHER

J. D. Brinkley, Jr., completed his work at Duke University last week and is now associated with his father in the Brinkley Lumber and Construction company.

He will receive his diploma in the June graduating exercises. At Duke University, he was a member of the band and was also on the freshman advisory council.

He did his high school work at Staunton Military Academy in Staunton, Virginia.

He is an active member of the U. S. Naval Reserve.

LIONS CLUB INDUCTS TWO NEW MEMBERS

The Valdese Lions club inducted into membership at its meeting Thursday evening, February 17, Dr. Isaac H. Prevetie and Gordon Boger.

Because of the Parent-Teacher Association meeting on the same evening, there was no program and the meeting was adjourned early so that the members might attend the P.-T. A.

This Week In Valdese

Thursday, February 3
6:45 p. m.—The Lions club will meet at the Pilot Cafeteria.
7:30 p. m.—The Sans Souci Bridge club will meet at the home of Mrs. Parks Sherrill, Jr.

Friday, February 4
7:30 p. m.—Double-header high school basketball game at school gymnasium. Valdese vs. Glen Alpine.

Saturday, February 5
6:30 p. m.—The young people's class of the Valdese Methodist church will have a party at the church hut.
7:30 p. m.—The Town Board will meet at the city hall.

Monday, February 7
7:30 p. m.—Lovely Chapter No. 147, O. E. S., will meet at the Masonic Hall.
7:30 p. m.—The Mary Grissette, Lettie Hamlet and Lottie Moon circles of the Baptist church will meet in the homes.

Tuesday, February 8
12:30 p. m.—The Rotary Club will have its regular luncheon meeting at the Pilot Cafeteria.
7 p. m.—The Daughters of America will meet at the Junior Order Hall.