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Plan Changing Terms of Alderman, Mayor, and Election Method

HEADLINE SET FOR TAXIS TO FIND PARKING

ward Has Busy Session Covering Matters of Wide Interests.

The Valdese town board at its meeting Saturday night adopted resolution to accept a cash payment of \$907.21 in settlement of a debt assessment, together with a bond interest, against the Southern Railway.

The street paving assessment has been the subject of disagreement for several years between the town and the Southern, since the latter claimed that the street was not about on its right of way, in making a settlement with the board, the town agreed to accept the company's offer to pay the \$7.21 and to install a signal at the dangerous crossing near the Pull Fashion Mill. It is understood from railroad authorities that the installation of the cross-signal cost in the neighborhood of \$8000 or \$7000. Materials were furnished by the state highway department and the work was done by the railroad, which had to change its entire electrical system between Connelly Springs and Valdese.

A former member of the town board said that the town had been working for 17 years to get such a deal installed here.

Election Legislation
Proposed legislation for staggering the election of town officials was approved by the board, with Herman Garrou, Searcy, Marant and Chester voting for it. Alderman Cline dissenting. Representative O. Lee Horton, who is the town's attorney, is expected to present the proposal for change in election machinery to the state legislature. If approved, the measure will mean that aldermen will be elected for two years instead of for one, as at present, and the mayor will be elected for a two-year term. Elections will be held every two years, the coming 1949 election, a mayor would be elected and aldermen for four year terms. Wards 1 and 2 would elect aldermen for two years in this election, but the other two districts in the 1951 election would then be elected to serve regular four-year terms.

Voters would vote only for the alderman from their ward, and for mayor. In the past, all voters have been able to vote for the aldermen from all five wards.

The city hall is designated as the polling place for all wards, with five separate booths to be provided, as has been the custom.

Telephone Service
A letter from Mr. Carpenter of Hickory Telephone company was read, in which he stated that the company was receiving a shipment of cable and other supplies and hoped to begin work within the next 45 days on the cable. This Mr. Carpenter said, would mean that more phones would be available for Valdese.

Alderman Garrou objected to the statement in Mr. Carpenter's letter, namely, that subscribers had always been contacted before additional telephones were added to their lines.

Garrou stated that he knew of a four-party line that had been (Continued on page six)

EDWARD CALLENDER AT KEESLER FIELD, MISS.



EDWARD CALLENDER, JR.
Pfc. Edward L. Callender, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Callender, Valdese, has reported to Keesler Field, Mississippi to begin training in the Airplane and Engine Mechanics School located here.

Keesler Field, a Base of the Technical Division, Air Training Command, is the home of the world's largest Airplane and Engine Mechanics School.

The training Pfc. Callender receives in the School will extend over a period of approximately 28 weeks and will include instruction in aircraft electrical systems, engine operations, fuel and oil systems, propellers, structures, instruments and inspections. This training will qualify him to perform maintenance on all conventional type aircraft flown by the USAF.

MISS FISHER PILOT GUEST

Pilot District Governor Is
Visitor To Local Club
At Dinner Meeting

Miss Mabel Fisher, district governor of Pilot International, was the guest of the Pilot club of Valdese at a special dinner meeting Friday evening at the Pilot Cafeteria. The tables were decorated with yellow candles in crystal holders and an arrangement of jonquils and Dutch iris.

Presiding at the meeting was Miss Lila Cox, president of the club.

Following the dinner, reports for the first nine months of the club year were given by committee chairmen.

Miss Fisher spoke to the club on "How Effectively Do We Grow?" emphasizing that the measure of growth is not so much in numbers as in the effectiveness of service rendered by the organization.

A gift was presented Miss Fisher by the club.

Mrs. Nell Hern, on whose birthday the meeting happened to fall, was presented with a birthday cake.

After the meeting, the club members were invited to an informal social gathering at the home of Miss Ruth Martin.

Miss Fisher was a guest of Miss Martin while in Valdese. On Saturday Mrs. Henry J. Garrou, Mrs. Dick Ribet and Miss Martin entertained the visitor at a luncheon at the Hickory Hotel.

Rutherford College Baptist Mission To Be Organized As Church Sunday

The Rutherford College Baptist mission will be organized into a church Sunday afternoon at four o'clock. Started back in the summer as a mission Sunday school by the First Baptist church, the mission has made considerable progress.

Mrs. Harley Phillips of Hickory has been called as pastor and is holding a series of revival meetings at the church.

Several people of the mission met last Sunday with the advisory committee of the Catawba River Baptist Association and made plans for the organizational meeting Sunday.

Officers of the church will be named later. J. C. Berry, one of the workers in the mission, says that approximately 21 people have already secured their church letters from other churches and are ready to be charter members of the new church, and that others are expected to be ready by Sunday.

OVER \$4,000 RAISED HERE IN POLIO FUND

Garrou Announces Large
Sum For County's March
Of Dimes Campaign.

J. Edward Garrou, 1949 March of Dimes chairman for Valdese, has announced the final amount raised in Valdese in the drive to aid the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis in its work of combating and treating polio.

Stirred by last summer's epidemic, which struck heavily in the town of Valdese and eastern Burke, Valdese residents came through with the largest contribution ever collected here. The final count showed that \$4,362.20 was raised, not including \$78 raised in Rutherford College.

County-wide, the \$20,000 goal was reached and exceeded by several thousand dollars, the exact amount could not be readily determined yesterday.

In thanking the people of Valdese for their generous response to the March of Dimes appeal, Mr. Garrou listed the following donors, which helped put the drive over (Continued on page six)

WORK STARTED TO ELIMINATE U. S. 70 CURVES

Highway Department Confirms
Projects and Will Use
Maintenance Personnel.

Work is scheduled to start this week on the straightening of the two curves which flank the town of Valdese on the east and west. State highway officials conferred here Monday with Mayor Oscar M. Harrison and City Manager Lee Ribet and confirmed the two projects which will be done with highway maintenance personnel.

The road straightening work will be done on the "swimming pool" curve on highway 70 near the eastern side of town and on the sharp bend in highway 70 near the old Assembly of God church on the western side. A power shovel will be used in cutting away the steep banks to give clearer vision and permit the curves to be lessened.

The Valdese Manufacturing Company has given a strip of land on the west-side curve to the State Highway Commission, part of which will be used in straightening the highway at that point. It had been expected that a house situated near the bank on this curve would have to be moved, but the highway commission has decided that it will not be necessary.

Both curves have been the scenes of many accidents in the past and news that the work of straightening them was to be done was received with joy.

JOYCE RAMSEY WINNER IN FASHION SHOW

In a fashion show given by the home economics students Friday morning in the chapel exercises of the Valdese high school, first place was won by Joyce Ramsey, modeling a green gabardine dress which she had made.

The second place award went to Alma Young of Connelly Springs, and Frankie Harrison won third place.

The ninth grade beginning home economics students modeled aprons. Annie Yancey won first place, Betty McCampbell second place and Sally Smith third place.

NAT AMOS OPENING RADIO REPAIR SHOP

Nat Amos, a radio repairman with 20 years experience, is opening a radio repair shop at the Major Electric company in Valdese. Mr. Amos is well qualified in all phases of radio work, having a wide background of experience with AM, FM and television.

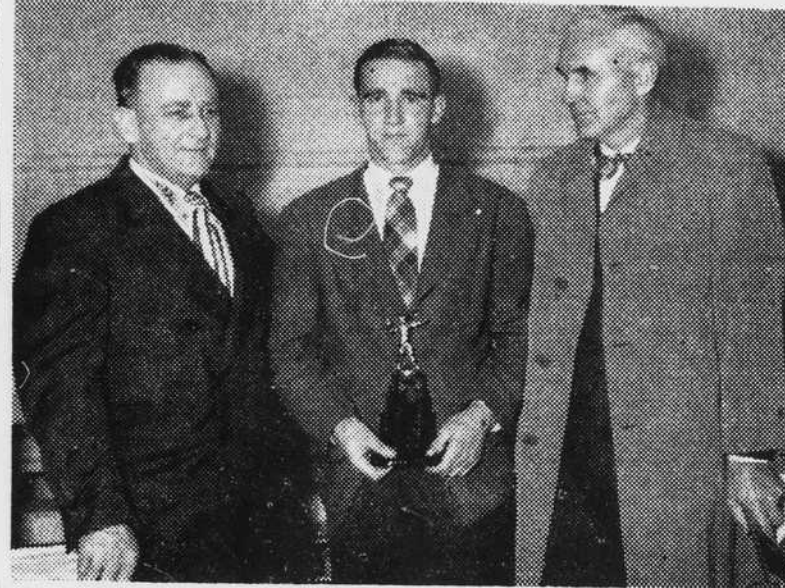
Formerly a resident of Valdese, Mr. Amos comes back here from Ross Radio Shop in Morganton, where he has worked for the past several years.

All work is fully guaranteed, Mr. Amos says.

AT CITY HALL

Mrs. Louise Nier has been employed as assistant clerk in the Valdese city hall. She is the former Louise Berry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Berry.

Pons Receives Football Trophy



Leon Pons holds the football sportsmanship award which was presented to him last Wednesday at the football banquet by George Anderson, left. Standing ready to congratulate him is Coach Jamerson of Davidson College. The camera caught the three in their most serious moment of the evening.

Gridders Hold Banquet And Honor Leon Pons

At the annual banquet for the Valdese high school football squads, held Wednesday night, February 2, at the school lunchroom, Leon Pons, captain of the team, was awarded a trophy for having "in the eyes of his teammates shown the best sportsmanship throughout the season."

The trophy was presented by its donor, George Anderson.

Davidson Coach is Speaker
Coach Charles D. Jamerson of Davidson College, introduced by Rev. A. B. McClure, spoke to the players, first asking the question, "What particular individual trait or characteristic does football, or athletics, give to a boy, which does him most good in later life?"

After mentioning traits he might possibly name—loyalty, determination, and courage—he concluded that the greatest benefit a player derived from playing football was a social consciousness, an ability to be one of the group and to adapt himself to the people around him.

Granville Morrow, linesman, and Harold Hartman, backfield, received gold sweaters from Frank W. Pons of The Men's Shop. Billboards were given by Johnny Gardner of Carreen's Jewelry to R. L. Abee and Gerald Arrowood, backfields, and Charles Whisenant and Jack Leger, linesmen.

Twenty-four boys were given letters for having played sixteen quarters during the 1948 football season. They were R. L. Abee, Harold Abernathy, Lloyd Amas, Gerald Arrowood, Eugene Bridges, John Chaney, Herbert Garrou, Harold Glasbrook, Junior Jacu-

Gold Medal Basketball Tourney Begins Saturday

Promptly at 2 p. m. Saturday Valdese's eleventh annual Western Gold Medal Basketball tournament gets underway at the Community Center with eight girls' games scheduled up through 10 o'clock in the evening. The opening round of the one-week girls' tournament will resume Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock and the second round playoffs will begin Tuesday afternoon.

Thirty-two girls' teams and 32 boys' teams are entered and with a few exceptions are the same teams which participated in last year's successful tourney.

All is in readiness at the Center where the last-minute preparations for the nightly crowds have been made. Jimmy Chambers, in his usual efficient manner, has seen to it that the floor which will be the thumping, scuffling and sliding of thousands of feet in the next two weeks, is in top notch condition. A large ventilation fan has been installed at the north end of the building which will make for more comfort for players and spectators.

A clock-like schedule of games has been prepared and if the same conditions prevail as have in the past, that schedule will be met.

On the closing night (February 19) of the girls' tournament, a beauty contest will be held with an entrant from every one of the 32 girls' teams. A queen will be picked from the 32 and awarded a loving cup in token of the honor. A gift of the Valdese Jewelry Store. Each of the beauty contestants will receive a small gold-filled basketball.

Numerous other trophies are on

SUNDAY SCHOOL MEETING HERE NEXT SUNDAY

Baptists Plan Convention At
First Baptist Church
Sunday Afternoon.

Miss Mary V. Gay of Raleigh, State church library worker for North Carolina Baptists, will address the February meeting of the Catawba River Baptist Sunday School Convention at the First Baptist Church of Valdese next Sunday afternoon at 2:45.

Other features of the program will be special music by the girls' chorus of the Valdese church and an address by Dr. R. K. Redwine, manager of Seaside Assembly near Fort Fisher. Dr. Redwine is a former pastor of the First Baptist Church of Hickory.

At 7 o'clock Saturday evening there will be fellowship and social gathering of the church librarians of the association in the social rooms of the church when the librarians will meet Miss Gay and she will offer plans for the promotion of the library work. Churches not having a librarian are urged to send a representative anyway.

ROTARY CLUB HAS RECORD ATTENDANCE

Highest Attendance Record
In 194th Rotary District
During December.

The Valdese Rotary Club had the highest attendance record in the 194th district for the month of December, with a 98.15% attendance. Average for all clubs of the state was around 88.5%.

Following Valdese were these clubs: Dilworth (Charlotte), 98.15; Brevard, 95.25; Spindale, 95.59; Marion, 95.55; Shelby, 95.13; Granite Falls, 95.00; Andrews, 94.92; Morganton, 93.70; Old Fort, 92.50; Mooresville, 91.43; Highlands, 91.30; Charlotte, 91.00; Lenoir, 90.74; Monroe, 88.69.

The other clubs in the district all had attendance records lower than Monroe, although all of them were in the 80's.

BRITT LAUNDRY HAS SANITONE

Local Cleaners Install New,
Nationally-Known Way
Of Dry Cleaning.

The nationally advertised cleaning process, Sanitone, has been installed by the Britt Laundry and Cleaners of Valdese and is being made available to the Laundry firm's clientele at no extra cost, it has been announced this week by Alton Britt, proprietor of the firm.

An introductory advertisement, carried in this issue of The News, explains the patented cleaning process, which is granted only to certain dry cleaning firms in each community. Sanitone is described as a gentler cleaning process, one in which dull-colored clothes are brightened. Mr. Britt says that the penetrating action of Sanitone gets at every fibre of a fabric and removes discolored particles of imbedded dirt.

Laundry workers in trying out the new process recently reported that a mechanic's work jacket, coated and soaked with grease and grime, had been put through one regular cleaning and came out completely clean without even requiring any spotting.

TO REPRESENT VALDESE DURING CHORAL CLINIC

Chosen to represent the Francis Garrou Memorial high school of Valdese at the first annual Western North Carolina choral clinic held at Mars Hill College Friday and Saturday were Alyce Epley, Betty Bravard, Willis Lachot and Max Baker.

The four students were accompanied by Robert Gourley, chorus and band director.

School No. 3, 8:50 p. m.

Tuesday afternoon: Glen Alpine vs. Mooresboro, 4 p. m.; Hildebran vs. Casar, 5 p. m.; followed by the second round elimination.

The boys' tourney will not begin until Saturday, February 19.

Nurses' Home Completed In Expansion Program For Valdese General

JACK WOOD COMPLETES AIRBORNE TRAINING



Jack W. Wood, Pvt, son of Mrs. Grace Wood, Valdese, has completed the Basic Airborne Course with the Airborne Battalion, Student Training Regiment, at the Infantry School, Fort Benning, Ga.

He was presented with the coveted silver wings of a qualified paratrooper at the impressive graduation ceremony of Basic Class No. 14, 25 Jan. 49.

During his five weeks of strenuous training at Fort Benning he learned the techniques and principles of parachute jumping and landing. In this period he also made five supervised jumps from a plane in flight at altitudes of 1,000 and 1200 feet, one of which was with complete combat equipment.

DEBATERS GET INTO PRACTICE

Valdese Team Will Hear Dr.
Kaiser's Group At
Lenoir Rhyne.

Donald Johnson, debating coach at the Francis Garrou Memorial high school in Valdese, is whipping his team into shape with a series of practice debates at the semi-weekly after-school meetings.

A practice debate with Drexel has been arranged for in the near future. Also, Mr. Johnson has arranged to take his team to Hickory to hear the Lenoir-Rhyne debating society under the direction of Dr. Albert Kaiser.

The national topic for high school debates this year is "Resolved: That the United Nations Now Be Revised Into A Federal World Government."

Valdese high school students who have gone out for debating are Max Baker, Leroy Lail, Catherine Kincaid, Florine Mott, Nancy Harrison, David Abernathy, Tommy Garrou, Mildred Abee, Edwin Houk, Peggy Benfield, Alyce Epley and Barbara Bounous.

"SAN FRANCISCO" AT COLONIAL THEATER

Do you sometimes think of the extra-good movies you have seen in the past and wish that it were possible to see them again? This week "San Francisco" returns to the screen at the Colonial Theatre, and if the popularity of the picture in other towns is any indication of how people here will react, the house will be packed.

Gary Grant and Jeanette MacDonald, as they appeared in this story of the great San Francisco fire, have not been forgotten by those who saw them before and must not be missed this time by those who failed to see the picture before.

NAVY RECRUITER IN VALDESE ON FRIDAY

In addition to interviewing men for enlistment in the regular Navy, Ensignman First Class G. R. Cheney, traveling recruiter from Spartanburg, will process men for enlistment in the Naval Reserve. He will be in Valdese on Friday at the post office.

FIFTEEN-ROOM BUILDING IS NOW OCCUPIED

Furniture Badly Needed To
Complete Home, Says
Hospital Head.

The first step in the Valdese General Hospital's \$150,000 expansion program has been finished as nurses, technicians and other single female employees of the hospital last week moved into the newly-completed nurses' home.

Seventeen women now live in the 15-room building, which was started last summer. Built of brick, concrete and steel, the building is of early American architectural style with an attractive front of square columns supporting a small porch. Only landscaping remains to be done to make the building complete in every detail.

Furnishings for the handsome new building is another matter. While the bedrooms now in use are all furnished with the old furniture on hand, the building's reception and sitting room on the first floor as yet are bare. Administrator W. D. Owens states that there are no funds on hand with which to purchase additional furnishings and jokingly added that "apple crates are going to look rather sad in those nice rooms."

Some of the bedrooms are built to accommodate two persons while others are designed for only one occupant. Connecting every two bedrooms is a bath. The building is fire-resistant with concrete floors, masonry walls and steel supporting columns. The concrete floors are covered with easily-cleaned asphalt tile.

The basement of the two-story building houses a recreation room and a kitchenette, but regular meals will be served in the main hospital building as in the past.

Work on altering the bedroom quarters of the clinic building is now underway since the female employees of the hospital have vacated that structure. The enclosing of the corridor connecting the clinic and the hospital is also being carried on and Mr. Owens states that this second phase of the program should be finished in April in time for a formal opening of the entire facility by National (Continued on page six)

This Week In Valdese

Thursday, February 10
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 Burke county sub-district of the Methodist Youth Fellowship will meet at the Valdese Methodist church.
7:30 p. m.—The Mary Lou Buff circle will meet.

Saturday, February 12
2 p. m.—Opening game of girls gold medal basketball tournament, at Valdese community center.

Sunday, February 13
11 a. m.—Worship services at all churches.
2:45 p. m.—Catawba River Baptist Sunday school convention at First Baptist church.

Monday, February 14
2:30 p. m.—Presbyterian circles 2 and 4 will meet.
7:30 p. m.—The Methodist circles will meet in the homes.
7:30 p. m.—Presbyterian circles 1, 3, 5, 7, and 8, will meet.
7:30 p. m.—Lovelady Lodge No. 670, A.F. and AM, will meet in the Masonic Hall.

Tuesday, February 15
12:30 p. m.—The Rotary Club will meet at the Pilot Cafeteria.
7 p. m.—The Valdese Music Club will have a dinner meeting at the home of Mrs. George Williams.
7:30 p. m.—The American Legion and the Legion Auxiliary will meet at the Legion Hut.