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MUSEUM ROOM NOW HOLDS 95 NEW ARTICLES

Historical Committee Reports On Progress Being Made On Collection

The 95 articles received thus far by the Historical Committee of the Waldensian Presbyterian church have been placed in a museum room in the church building. The collection is in four languages—English, French, Italian, and the patois of the Waldensian valleys.

A Grill recorder for the committee, catalogued the articles, printing in the four tongues the name of the article, together with the date of its presentation, and the name of the donor, history, and date of use of the article.

At the meeting of the committee Wednesday, February 9, at the home of Henry Martin of Pine Bluff, the completion of the small room where the collection is now on display was reported. An attractive sign has been placed on the door, enlargements of two valuable pictures have been framed, and an antique cabinet has been repaired.

Having heard the reports with enthusiasm, the committee expressed in the name of the church, its thanks to all who have had a part in the work.

Each member of the committee was given a special duty to perform and asked to report at the next meeting. An interesting discussion on the details of the authentic Waldensian costume was held.

Mrs. J. P. Rostan and Mrs. Aldo Martinat were welcomed as new members of the committee. Others present were Mrs. L. P. Guignon, chairman; Mrs. Ben Pons, Mrs. J. D. Guignon, Mrs. Ed Nicol, Mrs. J. P. Martinat, Mrs. F. Garrou, John Pascal and Mrs. Meyre were unable to be present.

A pleasant evening was spent with the genial host who, assisted by his daughters, served refreshments during the evening.

DREXEL PLANS NEW MILL BLDG.

Conover Firm Is Awarded Contract By Furniture Company Last Week

The Herman Sipe Company of Conover has been awarded a contract to build new, one-story rough mill for the Drexel Furniture company at Drexel. Bids for the new structure were opened Wednesday at which time the Conover firm's figure was found to be low.

While no exact figures have been made available on the cost of the structure, it was understood some time ago when Drexel planned a major expansion program that the total cost of the whole program would exceed \$1,000,000.

This rough end mill is referred to by Drexel officials as the fourth step in the expansion plan.

The first step in the expansion was the dry kiln, finished in 1947. Second was the office and warehouse building. The third phase was the steam heating power plant. Replacement and expansion of the present production plant is expected to be the fifth project.

Designed by Architect Henry Green of Asheville, plans for the rough end mill call for a 20 x 100-foot structure of brick, concrete and steel which will be added to the plant's machine building forming a L-shaped design. The building will have 18,000 square feet of floor space.

A company official said that in addition to the general contract, heating, plumbing and wiring of the building.

Dave Steel Company of Asheville has already been awarded the contract for the structural steel.

ENLISTMENTS IN ARMY ARE REOPENED RECENTLY

Enlistments in the United States Army were reopened as of Tuesday, it was announced by S/Sgt. Francis Darcy, local recruiter stationed in the army trailer next to the Morganton post office. Those interested are urged to contact the recruiting office at the earliest possible time.

EASTERN STAR TO MEET

Lovelady Chapter No. 147, E. S., will hold its regular meeting Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock in the Masonic Hall.

Reunited After 45 Years



Mrs. Madeline Squillario, left, and her brother, John Steven Rostan of Chicago, were reunited last week after 45 years, not having seen each other since they were in Praly, Italy. Mr. Rostan came to America five years before his sister, moved on to Chicago before she arrived. This is his first visit to Valdese. J. D. Rostan, right, another brother, who also lives in Valdese, saw his brother 19 years ago in Chicago.—(Valdese News Staff Photo).

Gold Medal Basketball Tourney In Full Swing

Girls' Division of Tournament Now In Progress With Finals Scheduled For Saturday Night; First Round Games Bring Many Thrills.

The girls' division of the 11th Annual Gold Medal Tournament is going full blast this week at the Valdese Community Center, with the finals scheduled for Saturday night at 8:30 o'clock, preceded by the consolation championship game at 7:30 o'clock. As the girls are deciding champions Saturday, the boys will be starting their scrap for honors, the first of four games being slated at 2 p. m. Saturday.

Most of the favorites have come through successfully in the girls' competition thus far, with the exception of the Morganton girls who dropped a 22-15 decision to an underdog Maiden sextet. Bancak of Catawba, one of the favored teams, locked Kings Creek, 52-30, as Sue Propped tossed in 40 points to establish her as the leading scorer

to date. North Brook and Lincoln county, two favorites from Lincoln county, came through as expected in first round games. North Brook tripled the score on Taylorville, 36-12, and Lincolnton routed George Hildebrand, 55-9. The Lincolnton girls are defending champions and thus far, look like the team to beat again this year.

First round games for the most part were one-sided, with the Valdese-Grover game being a notable exception. Grover was favored in pre-game dope, but the scrappy Valdese maidens fought their way to a thrilling 27-26 victory, earning the right to meet Banoak Tuesday night. Drexel also capped a tight match from Glenwood by a 25-23 count.

The results of opening round (Continued on page two)

Catawba River Baptist Pastors Now In Session

Dr. Bruce Benton, former editor of the Louisiana state Baptist paper, teacher of Bible at Wake Forest College, and a noted minister, is teaching a course in New Testament at the Catawba River pastors' revival which is being held this week in the educational building of the First Baptist church in Morganton.

Now retired and living in Rockingham, Dr. Benton was before his retirement pastor of the First Baptist church of Rockingham. He is also a former pastor of the First Baptist church of Shreveport, Louisiana.

The pastors' revival, or preachers' school, as it is also called, began Monday and will continue through Friday, convening each morning at ten o'clock and adjourning at three o'clock in the afternoon.

Two inspirational messages are delivered each day, with three field secretaries of the North Carolina Baptist convention scheduled for the first three days, as follows: Monday, Dr. Earl Bradley of Raleigh; Tuesday, Dr. E. L. Spivey of Charlotte; Wednesday, J. C. Pipes of Asheville.

Dr. Benton will deliver the two messages on Thursday, in the absence of Dr. John A. Shepard, former professor of Greek and New Testament at the New Orleans Seminary, who was unable to come.

Friday's speaker will be Dr. Zeno Wall, superintendent of the Zion Home, Baptist orphanage at Thomasville, and former pastor of the First Baptist church of Shelby.

Ministers of the Catawba River Baptist Association are conducting the devotionals each morning through Thursday. They are Rev. Willford Ramsey, Monday; Rev. Paul Wilson, Tuesday; Rev. Cliff (Continued on page two)

Town Officials Seek Cooperation Of All Residents In Collection Of Garbage

Assistant City Manager Dewey Whisnant has requested that all paper and garbage be placed in trash cans and not placed on the ground, or burned on the ground, in the downtown business district.

JURORS PICKED FOR FEBRUARY TERM OF COURT

Superior Court To Convene In Morganton Next Monday Morning.

The following Burke county residents have been picked to serve as jurors during the February term of Superior court which convenes in Morganton next Monday, February 21:

Henry P. Rich, Edgewood Ave., Morganton; Scott Buff, Valdese; C. L. Ledford, Rt. 2, Morganton; Loy J. Berry, Icard; Fred T. Poteat, Rt. 1, Morganton; John H. Reep, Rt. 1, Morganton; Russell W. Pless, 108 Regan St., Morganton; Marshall M. Wilson, Rt. 3, Box 229, Hickory; S. P. Brittain, Rt. 4, Morganton; Emory A. Miller, Rt. 3, Morganton; Joe Baker, Rt. 1, Morganton; Willard R. Mullis, Walker St., Morganton.

Joe A. Cauby, Rt. 3, Morganton; Curtis Weatherman, Jonas Ridge; Olin Franklin, Jonas Ridge; Frank M. Mull, Rt. 4, Morganton; W. A. Branch, 102 Burkemont Ave., Morganton; Jerome L. Whiseman, 306 Randolph St., Morganton; G. W. Vanhorn, Valdese; John Abee, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs; Lynn Baird, Valdese; John C. Ramsey, Drexel.

Luther Bollinger, Rt. 1, Morganton; Ralph J. Harbison, 507 Lenoir St., Morganton; W. G. Hogan, Valdese Ave., Morganton; Fred Garland Mull, Rt. 1, Morganton; Alben T. Seitz, Rt. 3, Morganton; Vernon Golightly, Morganton; Oscar S. Pascal, Rt. 2, Morganton; Edison Lindsay, Rt. 1, Valdese; Edgar T. Berry, Icard; (Continued on page two)

MAN IS HELD FOR SHOOTING

Cleveland County Man Shot In Head During Affray Last Sunday.

Pearly Sigmon of Cleveland county lay near death yesterday in a Lincolnton hospital, two .38 pistol wounds in his head, said to have been inflicted by Lee Swink of Burke county Sunday afternoon about 5:30 o'clock.

Burke County Sheriff Deputies Caleb Hoyle, Oscar Pascal and Harry Feimster who investigated with Patrolman John O'Kelly, reported the following information on the incident:

Sigmon, about 30 years old, had come into the filling station operated by Mr. and Mrs. Swink on highway 18 late Sunday afternoon in a drunken condition. He became disorderly and when asked to leave by Mrs. Swink, he slapped her down with the back of his hand. Mr. Swink then attempted to force him out of the station, but Sigmon became more combative than ever, beating Swink with his fists. Swink had picked up a .38 revolver and fired twice, the bullets hitting Sigmon in the temple and just above the mouth.

A report from the Lincolnton hospital said that the wounded man had a slim chance of recovery. Swink is being held in jail here pending the outcome of Sigmon's condition. No bond had been set as of Monday.

Rodent Control Drive Planned For County

A county wide rat control campaign will get underway in Burke county within the next few days and farmers, business houses, industrial plants and others are being asked to lend their full cooperation to the drive, it was announced from the office of R. L. Sloan, Burke county farm agent, this week. W. D. Robinson, assistant county agent, will handle details of the campaign and will be available for advice and assistance whenever possible.

Red squill, a poison which is not injurious to animals, fowls nor humans, will be used in the efforts to cut down loss and damage

A convenient order blank for requesting the poison may be found on page four of this issue of The Valdese News.

caused by rats in the county, Mr. Robinson said. The poison will be obtained through the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service at actual cost to the user.

Mr. Robinson pointed out that

Little Symphony To Present Two Valdese Concerts

The Little Symphony of the North Carolina Symphony Orchestra will appear in Valdese on March 8, giving two concerts at the school auditorium under the sponsorship of the Valdese Music Club. A free concert for children will be given in the afternoon, and an adult concert will be presented in the evening.

Members of the Symphony society received their membership cards through the mail last week. The membership card entitles the bearer to attend any of the concerts of both the Little and the full symphony, wherever they may be given. So far, 72 concerts have been scheduled for this year, the symphony's fourth annual tour.

BURKE YOUTH FELLOWSHIP MEETING HELD

Good Attendance Is Noted At Sub-District Meeting In Valdese.

The Methodist Youth Fellowship of the Valdese Baptist church was host to the Burke county sub-district Thursday night, and had charge of the program which was attended by approximately 180 young people from 13 churches.

"Crown Him With Many Crowns", played as a piano-organ duet by Miss Clara Watkins and Mrs. Harold LaFavers, opened the program. A musical reading, "Thy Will Be Done", was given by Miss Betty Goins. Miss Lucile Williams sang "I Talked With God Last Night".

Reese Scull was the main speaker, using as his topic "How Shall We Choose Life's Way?" Under the direction of Mrs. LaFavers, the junior choir sang "Take My Life and Let It Be".

Mellie Jean Bernard, president, conducted the business meeting.

At the close of the business session, a recreation period was held in the church hut and refreshments were served. The entertainment and games were planned by Mrs. Ivey Griffin and Miss Billie Pons.

CHINA MISSIONARY AT CONNELLY SPRINGS SUN.

A returned missionary from China will speak at the People's Methodist church of Connelly Springs Sunday in special services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. The speaker is Miss Mary Manser.

Rev. Lester Allman, pastor of the church, also announces that his radio program, "Light Under Spiritual Guidance," will be broadcast from 7:30 a. m. to 8 a. m., Sunday morning from Home voice, Hickory, 630 on the radio dial, beginning March 6.

OPEN CONOVER STORE

The Men's Shop, Inc., is opening a store in Conover. To be operated under the management of Frankie W. Pons and Edward Pascal who run the Men's Shop of Valdese, the store will carry virtually the same lines of merchandise as the Valdese store.

VALDESE SITE OF REGIONAL BASKET MEET

One Of Four Basketball Regional Tournaments Here March 4-5.

The Valdese Community Center has been selected as the site for one of four regional basketball tournaments for Class A high schools, it has been announced in Chapel Hill by L. J. Perry, executive secretary of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association.

The Valdese tournament, along with other tournaments at Wake Forest, Fayetteville and Winston-Salem, will be staged on March 4-5. Winners will be eligible to compete in the State High School Class A Championships scheduled for March 10, 11 and 12 in the Luke indoor stadium at Durham.

In the Valdese tournament the two top teams of the Western Conference and the winners of the district west of Asheville will compete, Perry stated. Selection of these teams await the final outcome of their respective loop standings, which will be determined in the next few weeks.

SCULL LEGION MEET SPEAKER

Local Legionnaires Present At Banquet For Legion Post Officers In Raleigh.

Reese Scull, commander of the Valdese post of the American Legion, was speaker at the banquet of Legion post officers of North Carolina, held Monday night at the Sheraton Hotel in High Point.

Present at the banquet and other meetings were Perry Brown, national commander of the Legion and Mrs. Hubert Goode, national president of the Legion Auxiliary.

Fred Ribet, attended the meeting as district commander of the 29 district. Mrs. Fred Ribet, as president of the Valdese Legion auxiliary, and Steve Rostan as adjutant of the local post.

Jay Spencer, Ernest Chapman, and Sterling Cline also attended the convention which opened Sunday morning and continued through Monday night, the banquet bringing it to a close.

VALDESE FIRM FILES PAPERS FOR CHARTER

The following certificates of incorporation were filed Tuesday in the office of Secretary of State Thad Eure.

Sunbeam Bakers, Inc., Valdese, a general bakery business. Authorized capital stock \$1,000, subscribed stock \$30 by Davis Stolzar, Jerome Greene, both of New York, and J. P. Rostan, Sr., of Valdese.

Parker-Renfroe Knitting Mills, Inc., Hickory, to deal in textile products. Authorized capital stock \$100,000 subscribed stock \$400 by John Renfroe, H. D. Boyles and Albert Allran, all of Hickory.

MOTHER OF MRS. ANNIE J. COLE DIED FRIDAY

Mrs. Annie J. Cole, mother of Mrs. C. R. Smith of Valdese, died Friday, February 11, at 2 a. m. at the home of her youngest son, Leo Cole, in Raleigh. Funeral services were held at the Norman Presbyterian church in Norman at 2 p. m., Sunday, with the pastor of the church in charge.

Survivors are four sons, Lacy and Maness of Norman, Hoyle of High Point, Leo of Raleigh; three daughters, Mrs. Hattie Reynolds of Norman, Mrs. Smith of Valdese, Mrs. Ruby Davis of High Point; 30 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren.

Thursday Is 101st Anniversary Of Waldenses' Edict Of Emancipation

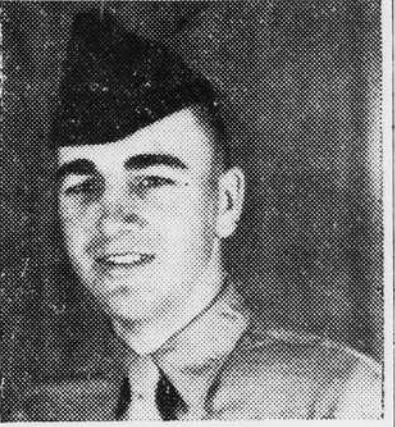
Tomorrow, Thursday, February 11, the bell in the tower of the Waldensian Presbyterian church will toll every hour to remind the people of the granting of the Edict of Emancipation to the Waldenses 101 years ago on another February 17.

The tolling of the bell will call to prayer not only the Waldenses, but all people who are mindful of their precious heritage of freedom, bought with the sacrifice of their forefathers.

By the Edict of Emancipation,

Hanes Rutherford Will Serve As Co-Chairman Of Red Cross Campaign

Featured



Marine Pvt. Samuel L. Harris, above, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph O. Harris of Connelly Springs, was recently featured in the "Boot Inquiries" column of this post's weekly newspaper, "Boot". The column is devoted to sports, current events, and questions of interest to the personnel of this station.

Harris, a graduate of Valdese high school, enlisted in the Marine Corps on December 28, 1948 and is currently undergoing recruit training with platoon One here at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot.

CHURCH OF GOD HAS REVIVAL

Native Of Italy Conducting Special Services At Valdese Church.

Revival services are being conducted this week and next at the Valdese Church of God by Rev. Frank Petrucci, a converted Catholic. Rev. Petrucci, who was born near Cassino, Italy, came to North Carolina about 10 years ago from Pittsburgh, Pa., and is now pastor of Church of God in Kings Mountain.

At one of the services, the evangelist will tell the audience about the battle of Cassino during the last war and why so many men lost their lives in the battle.

The public is invited to attend the services, which begin each evening at 7 o'clock and include special music. Rev. G. H. Groom is pastor of the church.

WILL OFFER AID IN FILING INCOME TAX

Persons in Valdese needing assistance with their state income tax returns should circle the date of Monday, March 7, on their calendars. On that day, C. L. Tallent, deputy collector, and S. J. Peterson, field auditor, will be at the city hall to assist tax filers with their returns. This is the only day Valdese residents will have an opportunity to get this aid since Mr. Tallent and Mr. Peterson have a full schedule between now and March 15.

PATTON TO SPEAK AT VALDESE P.-T. A. MEET

Principal speaker at the Parent-Teacher Association meeting Thursday evening will be R. L. Patton, superintendent of Burke county schools. The meeting will be held at 7:30 o'clock in the school auditorium.

The high school glee club, under the direction of Robert Gorley, will have charge of the musical part of the program.

TO DIRECT FUND RAISING DRIVE IN THIS AREA

Appointment of Former Mayor Of Valdese Hailed As Excellent Choice.

Haynes Rutherford, former mayor of Valdese and a prominent figure in the civic affairs of the community, has been appointed co-chairman of the Burke County Red Cross fund campaign.

Mr. Rutherford, who will head the annual drive in Valdese, will serve as co-chairman with Hugh Bigham of Morganton who recently accepted the county chairmanship. It was announced yesterday by the Burke chapter of the American Red Cross.

An executive of the Waldensian Bakery, Mr. Rutherford will announce soon his appointment of various chairmen who will direct the Red Cross membership campaign. Leaders and assistants will be selected for various divisions—industrial, residential, business district, and others—in order to give every resident in the Valdese area an opportunity to become a member of the Red Cross and to have a part in the program of activities which the widely-known agency carries on.

"I am accepting the chairmanship for this area because of my interest in Valdese and in appreciation of what the Red Cross means to our community," Mr. Rutherford said. Valdese has always gone all-out in its support of Red Cross, having in past years made a record for participation which has received national and state-wide recognition. "The Red Cross has always been able to count on the people of Valdese, and I am sure that the Red Cross program will receive the usual hearty response in the 1949 campaign," he said.

The 1949 campaign is scheduled to get underway on March 1 when the nation unites in the yearly fund-raising drive to support the

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This Week In Valdese

Wednesday, February 17
3 p. m.—The Rutherford College Home Demonstration Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Harold Smith.

6 p. m.—Girls' basketball tournament at Community Center.

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6 p. m.—Girls' basketball tournament at Community Center.
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 Miss Lucile Williams.

7:30 p. m.—The Parent-Teachers Association will meet in the school auditorium.

7:30 p. m.—The Sans Souci Bridge Club will meet with Miss Lucile Williams.

Friday, February 18
6 p. m.—Girls' basketball tournament at Community Center.

Saturday, February 19
2 p. m.—Opening game of Boys' Gold Medal Basketball Tournament at Community Center.
7:30 p. m.—Closing games of girls' basketball tournament at Community Center.

Sunday, February 20
11 a. m.—Worship services at all churches.

Monday, February 21
7:30 p. m.—Lovelady Chapter No. 147, O. E. S., will meet at the Masonic Hall.
4 p. m.—Boys' basketball tournament at Community Center.

Tuesday, February 22
12:30 p. m.—The Rotary Club will meet at the Pilot Cafeteria.
6 p. m.—Boys' basketball tournament at Community Center.
7 p. m.—The Daughters of America will meet at the Junior Order Hall.