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Highland Conference Sportsmanship Winners



The Valdese high school's girls' basketball team was the winner of the sportsmanship trophy in Highland Conference tournament played February 16-20 in North Wilkesboro. In the picture, left to right, are, first row, Jo Passmore, Barbara Coulter, Gilda Cline, Phyllis Berry, Ruth Rho-Kay Scruggs. Second row, Mary Lou Lowman, Margaret Duckett, Peggy Joan Perrou, Hilda Hast-Peggy Hutchins, Lois Holder. Third row: Coach C. B. Honeycutt, Helen Nichols.

Little Symphony Here In Concert On Tuesday Night

At 8:15 o'clock Tuesday evening, the North Carolina Symphony Society will present the Little Symphony in a concert at the city school auditorium. Members of the society are expected to bring their 1949 membership cards for admittance. Cards were mailed out about two weeks ago to the members who their membership dues in the Little Symphony drive.

Those who do not hold memberships, single tickets will be on sale at the door. Student tickets sell for 60c each; adult tickets \$1.20.

Children's Concert
The concert for the children of the elementary and high school age will be given at 2:00 on the afternoon of the eighth. In this concert an original composition by a North Carolinian will be featured. It is "Nocturne," written by Julia Deskins of Greensboro.

Deskins, now a junior at Currier school in Greensboro, wrote "Nocturne" last summer at Shiloh Institute held at Wake Forest College there. It was performed at the final concert of the year for the first time.

Other numbers on the children's program are Intermezzo No. 2 from "The Jewels of the East" by Wolf-Ferrari; Excerpt from Mozart's Symphony in G Minor; "On the Trail" by the "Grand Canyon Suite"; Debussy's "Children's Suite"; including the "Gipsy Cakewalk" and "The Little Parade"; "March and Tarantelle" by Brahms; "Parade of the Soldiers" by J. S. Bach; and "Dance No. 5" by Brahms. During the concert the children will participate by singing a hymn, also taking part in a musical game.

Assembly Of God Congregation To Dedicate New Building Sunday

After the regular 11 o'clock worship hour, a picnic dinner will be spread. Rev. Mr. Dickson said that movies and still shots will be taken on the occasion which will be long remembered. Representatives from the denomination's churches at Morganton, Asheville, Statesville and Charlotte are expected to be present.

The handsome church, valued at \$100,000, is an outgrowth of a mission that had its start in the old clubhouse. Since the present pastor came here in 1945, the work has progressed, with the church being officially organized in 1947. The pastor and members have done most of the work on the church which is of cement block construction. A central heating plant, hardwood floors, and an auditorium seating 200 people are other features.

Rev. Mr. Dickson is a native of Charlotte and graduated from the Assembly of God Bible school in Springfield. His wife, whom he met in school and later married, is a native of Seattle, Washington, and before her marriage was Miss Laura Birkeland. The pastor and his wife live next to the church.

SENIORS PICK TITLE OF PLAY FOR THIS YEAR

Cast Selected For Annual Play; "Aunt Susie Shoots The Works" At Valdese

"Aunt Susie Shoots The Works" is the title of the play which the seniors at the Francis Cerrou Memorial High School in Valdese have selected for their annual class play. The mystery-comedy production will be given in the latter part of the school term, probably in May.

The cast, chosen after try-outs last week, is as follows: Aunt Susie Stowe, an eccentric old maid, Nancy Harrison; Joe Herbert, her delightful young niece, Gilda Cline; Scarlett Deane, Joe's colored maid, Elizabeth Coulter; Laura Dawson, another maid, Florine Mott; Madame Zola, who sees all, knows all and tells nothing, Betty Bravard; Mrs. Edward Dunning, a neighbor, Juanita Sharpe; Portia Lark, a female lawyer, Rosalie Grana; Omar Graves, a successful business man, Edwin Houk LaSalle Johnson, his colored servant, Robert Herman; Johnny Rogers, engaged to Joy, M. Z. Honeycutt; Slick Conway, who adds to the mystery, Jackie Erwood.

Miss Anita Ghio, senior class adviser, will direct the play.

BRUCE SIGMON NOW PARACHUTIST IN JAPAN

Private Bruce Sigmon, Company E, 188th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 11th Airborne Division, recently made his 7th parachute jumps at Lanier Field near Sandai, Japan.

Pvt. Sigmon is the son of Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Sigmon of Valdese. The Carolina trooper joined the Army Feb. 1948 at Fort Bragg, North Carolina and completed his basic at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. Upon his arrival in Japan he volunteered for parachutist duty with the 11th Airborne Division, and received his parachute training at the Airborne School stationed at Yameto, Japan.

Sigmon qualified as parachutist Sept. 1948, and his duty in the Army is that of a machine gunner in E. Company of the 188th P.I.R.

PRESBYTERIANS TO HOLD BUSINESS MEET SUNDAY

The congregation of the Waldensian Presbyterian church will hold its annual business meeting Sunday, March 6, for the purpose of electing elders and deacons, discussing and adopting the church budget, hearing the treasurer's report, and discussing any questions which may be raised.

At the close of the morning session, the first ballot will be taken for elders, and the congregation will then adjourn to reconvene at three o'clock in the afternoon. In the afternoon the balloting will continue until the elders and deacons have been elected.

In this afternoon session all the matters pertaining to the church's budget will be presented for adoption. Reports will be made by the treasurer, and any questions relative to church pledges will be answered. There will be time in this meeting for anyone to make inquiry concerning any phase of the church's program.

ON DEAN'S LIST

Miss Catherine Christian Long (Kitty Long) of Valdese is one of the five North Carolina girls who have been placed on the dean's list at Mary Washington College of the University of Virginia for having attained scholastic honors during the first semester of the current college year. The roster includes approximately 15 per cent of the college's enrollment.

Mrs. Ben Page received a phone call Monday from her son, Pvt. Earl Page, in California, saying that he expected to sail the next day, Tuesday, for Japan.

SAMUEL HARRIS TOP SHOOTER ON RANGE

Marine Private Samuel L. Harris, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Harris of Route Two, Connelly Spring, was one of the top shooters of his platoon when they fired for record on the Parris Island rifle range recently. Firing sharpshooter with a score of 210, he will receive a three dollar monthly increase in pay.

CABS WILL OPERATE AT LOT NEAR BANK

The Valdese taxicab question, which has been going on for years, has resolved itself down to this. All three taxi companies are going to operate from the lot next to the Northwestern Bank.

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ZONING GROUP STUDIES OTHER CITIES' PLANS

Zoning Expert Expected To Visit Valdese For Study Of Proposed Plan.

On October 4, 1948, a special committee composed of Aldermen H. J. Garrou, G. R. Cline and Tude Chester was appointed to study and investigate city zoning as carried on in other cities with a view to adopting some zoning regulations for Valdese. The committee was to report its findings and recommendations to the board at a later date.

Many citizens are interested in the establishment of zoning laws which would protect their property and assure an orderly rather than haphazard growth of the town.

The committee has not since been heard from. But it is not because its members have forgotten the job assigned them.

Quite the contrary. The committee started its investigation by first requesting George Fletcher, a zoning expert with the North Carolina League of Municipalities, to come to Valdese and make a survey of the town.

Mr. Fletcher, however, had a full schedule before Christmas and since Christmas has been tied up with matters concerning the municipalities at the state legislature—such matters as trying to get a portion of the gasoline tax for the towns and cities.

The committee has the assurance that Mr. Fletcher will come to Valdese at the earliest possible date, and hopes that it will not be too long before a progressive plan of zoning can be adopted in Valdese.

SPECIAL EVENT M. E. CHURCH

Rev. John Hoyle of Marion To Occupy Pulpit On Sunday Morning.

The Valdese Methodist church will observe Sunday as Commitment Sunday, and each person will be asked to pledge himself to a life of sobriety by abstaining from the use of alcoholic beverages. It was stated this week by the minister, Rev. M. W. Heckard. Commitment Sunday is being observed throughout "Methodism," that is, all Methodist churches.

Rev. John Hoyle, Jr., of Marion, district superintendent, will preach at the morning service at 11 o'clock.

County-Wide Revival
Rev. E. C. Rozzelle, pastor of Ardmore Methodist Church in Winston-Salem, has been secured to do the preaching at the Valdese Methodist church in the county-wide revival in all Methodist churches of the county, beginning Sunday, April 2.

One of the outstanding preachers in the Western North Carolina Conference, Dr. Rozzelle has held pastorates in the Myers Park church in Charlotte, First church in Lenoir, Main Street in Gastonia, Wesley Memorial in High Point, and also has been district superintendent in the Thomasville District for one term.

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New Attorney



Henry E. Colton, a 1948 graduate of the University of North Carolina law school and a member of the state bar association since August, has opened law offices in Valdese and will practice here two days a week. Mr. Colton is also a graduate of Yale University.

TO OPEN LAW OFFICE HERE ON PART TIME

Henry Colton of Morganton To Be In Valdese For Two Days Weekly.

Henry E. Colton, Morganton attorney, has opened a law office in the Tise Building and will be in Valdese two days a week, Monday and Thursday, for the purpose of practicing law. He will be in his Valdese office each Monday and Thursday from 1:30 p. m. to 5 p. m.

The young attorney was born and raised in Nashville, Tenn. He attended Yale University where he was graduated in 1942 with a bachelor of science degree. After serving in the Naval Air Corps for over three years as a pilot, Mr. Colton entered the University of North Carolina law school at Chapel Hill in 1946. In his last two years in law school he became associate editor of the school's law review, an honor accorded for high scholarship. He received his law degree in June, 1948, and passed the state bar examination in August.

Mr. Colton married the former Miss Marie Watters of Chapel Hill and they have two daughters, Elizabeth and Marie. The Coltons reside in Morganton, where they have leased the Judge Sam J. Ervin, Jr., home on Lenoir street.

In Morganton Mr. Colton has offices in the Ervin Building, the offices formerly occupied by Judge Harry L. Riddle, Jr. He opened his office there in September.

Goes Direct To Subject For Information

Patsy Melvin believes that a straight line is the shortest distance between two points and acts accordingly.

Last Thursday it was Patsy's turn to discuss the life of a North Carolina composer for the Norman Cordon Music Club, only Wednesday morning Patsy was still thinking it was the Thursday of next week. When someone accidentally reminded her that the meeting was the next day, Pat began frantically searching for information about her composer, who happened to be Norman Cordon.

"What'll I do?" she wailed. "I could call my brother at Chapel Hill and have him look up some."

Aw, just call Norman Cordon," joked Lucile Williams. "He's in Chapel Hill too."

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CREDIT BUREAU GOES ANOTHER STEP FORWARD

Merchants' Group Working To Acquaint Firms With Proposed Set-Up.

Another step toward the formation of a Valdese Merchants Association and Credit Bureau was taken this week with the appointment of a representative to call on all merchants here to explain the purpose of the organization and to "feel out" the merchants' attitude toward the establishment of the proposed office.

The representative was secured by the three-man committee composed of Frank W. Pons, John Gardner and Russell Bumgarner, an dis well-qualified through his past experience to take over the management of the local organization when and if it is established. The committee did not think it best to identify the representative at present since his work here is of an experimental nature at present.

Local merchants are united in their opinion that Valdese needs such an organization and it is felt that after the present survey is completed and the various responses discussed and analyzed that the time will then be ripe for positive action. The organization would foster and promote projects to stimulate business here and at the same time, it would serve a most important purpose in tightening the credit practices here. Credit references would be exchanged with credit groups in other towns in this area and merchants here are confident an improvement would be noted in the list of delinquent accounts.

The organization would be financed by membership fees and dues. The committee does not anticipate any financial problem, but is more concerned in forming a useful organization that would meet the need now existing here.

Lions Take Part In Speech Contest

The Lions Clubs of Morganton, Valdese and Drexel will take a leading part this year in cooperating with the North Carolina Bankers' Association and agricultural extension workers in sponsoring a statewide speaking contest for high school students on an agricultural subject, according to Donald Plaster, Burke county soil conservationist, with the farm agent's office.

The Burke county contest will take place on Friday, March 11, and will be followed by district contests, with the state contest climaxing the events.

Prizes being offered in the Burke county contests by the clubs are as follows: First prize, \$25 cash by the Morganton Lions; second prize, \$15 cash by the Valdese Lions club; third prize, \$7.50 cash by the Drexel Lions club.

Inquiries at the Valdese high school revealed that one student, Juanita Cline, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cline, is making plans to enter the contest and that there will possibly be others.

Red Cross Fund Drive Began Here This Week

Preparations for the 1949 Red Cross fund campaign yesterday brought announcement of a \$5,556 goal for Burke county and appointment of additional key workers.

Hugh E. Bigham, county chairman, said the Burke chapter's quota calls for \$6,144 while the national quota is \$3,415 to cover the varied activities carried on by the American Red Cross on the national level. This means that 64.3 per cent of the \$9,556 quota will be retained by the Burke county chapter, with the remaining 35.7 per cent going to the national program.

Mr. Bigham and his Valdese co-chairman, Haynes Rutherford, have been busy selecting workers for the annual roll call which will be conducted during the month of March.

Paul Cash has been appointed chairman for the Morganton business district, and his corps of volunteer workers will be announced later. Other special chairmen include: Claud H. Helms, for city employees; Miss Lillian Ross, county offices; Mrs. Vester Clontz, Jr., court house; Jack Winchester,

State employees; and Charlie Smith, Federal employees. Named to head the fund campaign in various professional groups are: Henry Colton, lawyers; Dr. Ralph Coffey, dentists; Dr. Ralph Hogshead, physicians; Rev. Charles G. Leavell, clergy. Mr. Bigham said a strong industrial organization is taking shape, with a number of appointments yet to be made. Chairman by industries are: Conley Mitchell and Jeffrey Strother, Drexel Furniture company at Drexel; John A. Pons, Garrou, Morganton Full Fashion and Huffleman Hosiery Mills; Graham Hoy, Henredon Furniture Industries; John Berry, Lingerie, Inc.; John H. Justice, Morganton Furniture Company; E. M. Brunson, Morganton Weavers; Richard L. Mansfield, National Carbon Company; J. Marshall Gayle, Ross Fabrics and Duff Looms; W. Price Simpson, Table Rock Furniture Company; J. W. (Aggie) Beach, Beach Manufacturing Company; Tellis Bumgarner, Drexel Knitting Mills; Mrs. H. L. Connelly, education building; W. K. Keeter, North Carolina School for the Deaf.

Election Change Taking Regular Course Toward Receiving Final Approval

Gospel Singer



Rev. Alfred Garr, above, will sing at the Dedication services of the Valdese Assembly of God Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Mr. Garr, a tenor, was formerly a soloist on the Phil Baker program.

CHIROPRACTOR LOCATES HERE

Former Guigou Residence To Be Location of Dr. Martha Wentz.

Dr. Martha Wentz, a recent graduate of the Lincoln Chiropractic College of Indianapolis, Indiana, has rented the old Guigou residence on East Connelly street, and will begin the practice of chiropractic there in the near future, possibly within the next two weeks.

The front part of the building is being attractively redecorated for reception room, office, and clinical space. An oil furnace has recently been installed, and several partitions have been changed. Dr. Wentz is now awaiting the arrival of equipment.

A native of Findlay, Ohio, Dr. Wentz had classmates from Hickory at the Lincoln Chiropractic College, and through their influence decided to come to North Carolina after completing her college work.

ALYCE EPLEY IN FOURTH PLACE IN ORATORY

Alyce Epley, junior at the Valdese high school, placed fourth in the state finals of the Lincoln Day oratorical contest held March 12 in Winston-Salem. Donald Johnson, debate coach at the school, said that Miss Epley did a very fine job, and made a splendid showing among the other contestants. Both first and second place winners were boys.

Thursday, March 3

3:30 p. m.—Girl Scout Troop No. 13 will meet at the home of Miss Sue Searcy.
6:45 p. m.—The Lions Club will meet at the Pilot Cafeteria.
7:30 p. m.—The Sans Souci Bridge Club will meet with Mrs. Clinton Brown.

Friday, March 4

7:45 p. m.—Class A high school basketball tournament opens at the Valdese Community Center.
8 p. m.—Class A high school basketball tournament at Community Center.

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11 a. m.—Worship services at all churches.
3 p. m.—Dedication of Assembly of God church.
3 p. m.—Annual business meeting of the Waldensian Presbyterian church.

Monday, March 7

7:15 p. m.—The Town Board will meet at the city hall.
7:30 p. m.—The Lottie Moon, Lettie Hamlet and Mary Grisetete circles of the First Baptist church will have meetings in the homes.
7:30 p. m.—Lovely Chapter No. 147, O. E. S., will meet in the Masonic Hall.

ENACTMENT EXPECTED IN SHORT TIME

Town Board Expected To Call For Municipal Election At April 4 Meeting.

Nobody knows for sure just yet what kind of an election Valdese is going to have in May. Nobody knows, that is, whether the voters will vote part of their aldermen in for four years on a new staggered election plan, or whether the old system of electing a complete new board every two years will be followed.

But everybody is almost certain. For the legislative procedure that remains to be accomplished in Raleigh is little more than a matter of form.

Bill No. HB 420, introduced by Representative O. Lee Horton on February 17, on the matter of Valdese elections has had the following history in the state capital:

February 22, reported favorably by House committee;
February 23, passed 2nd and 3rd readings in House;
February 24, received in Senate; sent to committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

And there the case rested as of Saturday, but even now the bill may be fully approved, for there is no reason that anyone can think of the Senate's turning the bill down, since similar bills have been approved for many towns.

The Valdese town board will call the election at its April meeting on Monday, April 4, which date leaves ample time for the books to be open.

Another Burke county bill before the House in Raleigh is "To transfer certain assets to the general fund of Burke County". It provides that collection of taxes more than two years delinquent shall be paid into the general fund. This bill has been referred to the house committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

HERE ROTARY PRESIDENT
Dick Ribet, C. C. Long, J. M. Ramsay, Jr., Louis Deaton and Rev. M. M. Summey attended the Asheville Rotary meeting last Thursday at which Angus Mitchell of Australia, president of Rotary International, was the speaker.

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Tuesday, March 8

12:30 p. m.—The Rotary Club will meet at the Pilot Cafeteria.
7 p. m.—The Daughters of America will meet in the Junior Orator Hall.