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Exhibit Of Fine Art To Be Held Here March 15

TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE
Gallery Will Remain Here For Four Days At School Auditorium.

Hospital Chaplain



The Rev. A. W. Lippard, above, pastor of the Calvary Lutheran church of Morganton tendered his resignation from that post Sunday morning, effective March 15, to become full-time chaplain at the State Hospital in Morganton.

MRS. ROBINSON DIED LAST WEEK

Funeral Services Held Last Thursday For Connelly Springs, R-2, Lady.

Mrs. Mary Deal Robinson, seventy-four, of Connelly Springs, Route Two, died in the Valdese General Hospital Wednesday, March 2, at 7:45 o'clock following an illness of two days.

ROTARIANS HEAR TALK ON USES OF RADAR

Walter Pons, who was a radar officer and engineer during the war, spoke to the Valdese Rotary Club last week on the subject of radar, using charts and diagrams to illustrate his topic.

CLAUDE MOOSE AT GERMAN MILITARY POST

Recruit Claude R. Moose, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Moose, Route 1, Valdese, has been assigned to the 7808 Station Complement Unit, of the Garmisch, Germany, military post where he is serving in the Engineer Corps.

Presbyterians Select Four Elders and Four Deacons For Terms Of Three Years

Four new elders and four new deacons were elected by the Waldensian Presbyterian church of Valdese at its annual business meeting Sunday afternoon. The elders are John D. Guigou, Lucy Bell, George Williams, and Dickson. Deacons are Laird Jacob, Bernard Verreault, Haynes Rutherford and Edward Garrou.



after which they are not eligible for re-election for one year. One third of both the diaconate and the session (elders) is retired each year under this rotating system. Ballots for the voting were printed in both French and English, and contained the names of all the men of the church, each member voting for four on each ballot.

BOARD OKAYS PLAN TO RETIRE WATER BONDS

Twenty-Five-Year Schedule Mapped For Retirement Of \$100,000 In Bonds.

A 25-year schedule for retiring \$100,000 in bonds for the enlargement of the Valdese water filter plant and extension of water mains was approved by the board of aldermen at their meeting Saturday night at the city hall.

SUNDAY SCHOOL MEETING SET FOR MARCH 13

McCready To Be Speaker For Convention At Calvin Heights Church.

Dr. John D. McCready, the pastor of the First Baptist church of Morganton, will be the principal speaker at the March meeting of the Catawba River Association Sunday School Convention at the Calvin Heights Baptist church next Sunday afternoon, March 13.

Other phases of the meeting will include reports from the recent State Sunday School Clinic in Shelby by all those who attended, and the making of an assembly program by all the general and department superintendents present. Special music will be the contribution of the El Bethel church.

Rev. M. L. Hastings is the pastor of the Calvin Heights Baptist church. Nallie Stewart who is the Sunday school superintendent, will have charge of the devotional period.

GET INVITE TO FOLK FESTIVAL

The Valdese high school has received an invitation to take part in the Carolina Folk Festival, to be held the early part of June in Chapel Hill.

Lamar Lunsford, who has charge of the festival, was in Valdese recently and talked to C. B. Honeycutt, principal, and to Miss Anita Ghigo about Valdese's participation in the event.

Mr. Lunsford said that, should Valdese accept the invitation, a fifteen-minute program would be expected. Possibly it would include some French songs by girls in Waldensian custom and the dancing of the courante, Waldensian folk dance. The number of people to take part on the program was not specified.

Because of several difficulties in getting up the program at this time it is not known whether or not the invitation will be accepted.

The Carolina Folk Festival was held last year for the first time, and drew a large crowd. Mr. Lunsford also directs another folk festival in Asheville later in the summer.

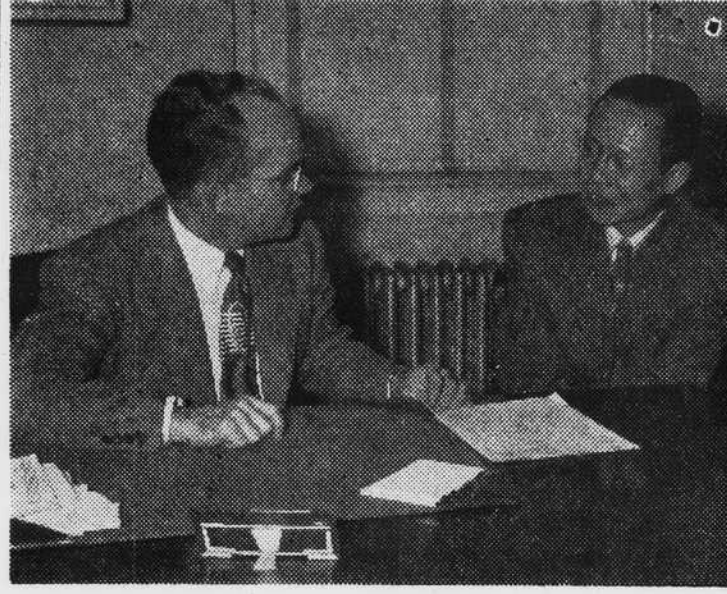
Mr. Honeycutt said that he felt that the school should feel honored by the invitation, and that he hopes the school will be able to participate and that through the festival more people will learn of Valdese's interesting historical background.

SISTER OF MRS. ELLEN BRADSHAW PASSES

Mrs. Martha Elizabeth Cook, 86, sister of Mrs. Ellen Bradshaw of Valdese, died Friday, February 25, at the home of her son, J. A. Cook, at the foot of Richland Hill on the Blowing Rock road. Funeral services were held the following Sunday morning at Bethany Baptist church in the Richland section.

WRENNS ANNOUNCE BIRTH
Sgt. 1c and Mrs. James A. Wrenn announce the birth of a son, Ernest Karl, on February 23, at Oliver General Hospital, Augusta, Ga. Maternal grandfather is Ernest F. Smith, Valdese.

Chinese Doctor Visits Valdese



Dr. Chen Chow, right, of Hunan province, China, discussed with W. D. Owens, administrator of the Valdese General Hospital, the method of keeping medical histories. Dr. Chow, who is studying American hospitals, visited the Valdese hospital Saturday. (Valdese News Staff Photo).

Visiting Chinese Doctor Finds Hospital Marvels

"Is difficult to understand why you like this," remarked Dr. Chen Chow, as he studied the knotty pine panelling in the recreation room of the new nurses' home at the Valdese General Hospital.

Dr. Chow, a physician attached to the provincial Yuanling Hospital, Yuanling, in the province of Hunan, China, is in America on a six months fellowship of the World Health Organization, an agency sponsored by the United Nations. Interested in studying the administration of rural hospitals, Dr. Chow has been following an itinerary arranged by the Duke Endowment. Since he arrived in the United States on December 6, he has spent his time in the Carolinas and mostly in North Carolina.

"Now I am a Tar Heel," he told the doctors of the Valdese hospital. Although his 100 bed government-supported hospital serves an area many times larger than that served by the Valdese hospital, he says that it is never filled. That is because the Chinese people have not accepted modern medicine. "We must try to win them over from the old ways to the new medical ways," he said.

He says that he found Americans quite different from what he had thought before coming to this country (I used to think Americans were "high nosed," he said). He has come to take American friendliness for granted, and readily exchanged jokes with the doctors, and with W. D. Owens, administrator of the Valdese Hospital, who showed him and Stanley Moore, administrator of Grace Hospital, around the Valdese plant.

Dr. Chow's tour started in the clinic, where he was shown laboratory, X-ray rooms and the doctor's offices and was informed the Valdese Hospital set up differed particularly from others in that the doctors had their offices right in the hospital.

Unusual Floor Plan
"This is most unusual arrangement," commented Dr. Chow.

PRAYER MEETINGS AT OLD TEA ROOM HERE

A group of interested people, who believe that a Baptist mission is needed in East Valdese, have planned to hold a series of prayer meetings in the old tea room on the highway, with a view to establishing a mission Sunday school in that section. The first of the meetings will be Friday night at 7:30 o'clock, and will be conducted by Rev. Bertis Fair, pastor of Mt. Calvary Baptist church.

Other meetings will be conducted by various people, several of the members ministers of the association, and interested laymen. The public is invited to attend the meetings.

LOVELADY LODGE LISTS ACTIVITIES FOR WEEK

Lovelady Lodge No. 670, AF and AM, has scheduled the following activities:
First degree, Thursday, March 10, at 7:30 p. m.
Regular meeting, Monday, March 14, at 7:30 p. m.
Lectures, March 14 and 19.
Third degree, Thursday, March 17, at 7:30 p. m.

FILTER PLANTS BIDS
Bids are now being received for the work on the filter plant and will be opened at one o'clock Wednesday afternoon, March 16.

SENIORS PLAN TRIP IN SPRING TO U.S. CAPITAL

Plan Several Projects To Get Funds For Defraying Expenses Of Trip.

Seniors of the Valdese high school are making plans for a four-day trip to Washington, D. C., this spring. The trip to Washington and back on a chartered bus would take two days and the other two days would be spent touring the capital.

Biggest hurdle facing the seniors is getting the money for the trip, since it is estimated that the minimum cost would be \$36 for each student. Transportation and hotel accommodations will cost \$26, and at least \$10 will be needed for meals and incidentals.

To secure money for the trip, the seniors have planned several fund-raising projects, and are at present soliciting magazine subscriptions.

Of the 43 seniors, 37 have indicated that they hope to make the trip.

Robert Herman is president of the senior class and Miss Anita Ghigo is faculty adviser.

SPENCERS SELL PROPERTY FOR PARK PURPOSES

Valuable Morganton Property To Become Recreation Center.

The C. A. Spencer property in Morganton has been purchased by the Morganton parks and recreation foundation from the Spencer heirs, Earl Spencer of Valdese and his brother, Albert N. Spencer of Hickory. The property sold for \$65,000, although the valuable tract in downtown Morganton would have brought a much larger amount had it been sold for commercial purposes, according to real estate estimates.

The Spencer homestead on the tract is in good repair, but will be torn down to make room for the construction of a proposed recreation center that will include a gymnasium which can seat 2,500 to 3,000 spectators, a swimming pool, youth department, small auditorium, offices, lobby, entrance, bowling alleys, arts and crafts room, general meeting rooms, handball courts, locker and dressing rooms, snack bar, boxing and wrestling rooms and storage rooms.

On the board of directors of the parks and recreation foundation are H. L. Shuey, C. P. Reinhardt, Mrs. John C. Reece, J. Ed Butler, G. T. Cornwell, Mrs. T. Henry Wilson, Russell Berry, Clyde Small, and Dr. J. B. Helms.

MISS JUANITA CLINE TO ENTER SPEAKING CONTEST

Juanita Cline, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cline, a ninth grade student at Valdese high school, will represent the local school Friday afternoon in the soil conservation speaking contest which will be held in Morganton at 2 o'clock.

The local contestant will be vying for three cash prizes which will be awarded to the three top speakers. First prize is \$25 cash awarded by the Morganton Lions Club; second prize is \$15 cash awarded by the Valdese Lions Club; and third prize is \$7.50 cash awarded by the Drexel Lions Club.

The winner in Morganton will represent the county in the district contest in North Wilkesboro March 28.

Mt. Calvary Baptist Church Will Get One of Southern's Locomotive Bells

The Mount Calvary Baptist church in Valdese will soon have a much-needed church bell — but this bell will not be just an ordinary bell. Here's why: The bell has spent its life in another realm of service and is now being retired, pushed aside in the march of modernization. It has tolled along lonely countryside from Washington to New Orleans where children learned to listen for its friendly tone. It has served in crowded, busy freight yards. No doubt some veteran railroad man will feel a certain vacancy has come about in his life when he parts with the bell he has rung so many times.

Voters Will Follow New Procedure In Election Of Officials Next May

BOTH HOUSES PASS VALDESE ELECTION BILL

Horton Sees Legislation Gets Quick Passage Toward Final Approval.

Valdese voters will follow a new procedure in electing their town officials in May as a result of a bill which recently passed both houses in the General Assembly at Raleigh.

In the past, the mayor and aldermen from each of the five wards have been elected for two year terms. Voters-at-large elected the five aldermen; for example, a voter in Ward 1 voted for the entire slate of aldermen instead of just the one representing his ward.

Under the new election plan, the mayor will be elected for a term of two years and aldermen will be elected for a term of four years, with the terms being staggered in the various wards. The bill provides that aldermen for Wards 1, 2, and 3 will be elected in May of 1949, for a term of four years and those in Wards 4 and 5 for a term of two years. In the next election and thereafter, the terms of aldermen in the last two wards will be for a period of four years, thus staggering the terms of office in the five wards. The voters will vote for aldermen representing their own wards instead of for a full slate.

The bill, HB No. 420, was introduced February 17 by Rep. O. Lee Horton and five days later was reported favorably by the House committee. Next day, it passed the second and third readings in the House and on February 24 was received in the Senate and sent to the committee on Counties, Cities, and towns. Last Thursday the bill passed the Senate.

The bill further provides that voting precincts shall be in the town hall, with separate boxes for each ward. To be eligible for the office of alderman, a candidate must have been a resident of his ward at least three months prior to the election.

Oscar M. Harrison is now mayor, and his term expires in May. The following men are serving as aldermen in the wards designated: Earl Searcy, Ward 1, which is located in the heart of town; Donald Martin, Ward 2, the Martin section; Henry J. Garrou, Ward 3, the Pine Burr section; Guy R. Cline, Ward 4, Crow Hill section; Stewart Chester, Ward 5, the Weave Hill section.

VALDESE MEN NAMED AS ALUMNI OFFICERS

Earl Spencer, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Garrou, Mr. and Mrs. J. Francis Verreault, Dr. C. K. Lynn, Gordon Boger, Lenoir Lowdermilk, Louis Richard and Ben Perrou attended the University of North Carolina alumni meeting in Morganton Thursday night. Coach Shively, principal speaker, discussed prospects for Carolina's 1949 football team and showed movies of the Sugar Bowl, Texas, Georgia and Duke games.

Officers of the alumni group are Russell Berry, president; Dr. Yates Palmer, vice-president; J. Grisette, secretary; and Claude Russell, Dr. Herbert Kibler, Iley Whiteley, R. O. Huffman and Ed Butler, directors.

Fred Huffman is president of the educational foundation; Earl Spencer, vice-president; John Roughton, secretary treasurer; and H. L. Shuey, Haynes Rutherford, Albert Garrou, H. L. Riddle, Jr., and Tom Cornwell, directors. John Roughton, of Morganton, the only new officer, replaces Bud Cox, who is now living in Charlotte.

POWELL ATTENDS YOUNG GOP MEETING RECENTLY

Marvin Powell of Valdese represented the Young Republican Clubs of Burke county at the state convention held in Lincolnton Saturday, March 5.

The Burke county clubs held a meeting the preceding Saturday at the Rainbow Grill in Morganton and considered and passed on several matters of state and national interest including rent controls, veterans old-age pension, armed intervention in China, tuition increase in state colleges, the motor vehicle inspection law, and the sales tax on soft drinks.

RUFUS BRADSHAW ON SHIP AT N. O.

Rufus W. Bradshaw, seaman third class, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Conley Bradshaw, Route 1, Valdese, is among 39 members of the crew of the experimental ship E-PCS 1431 who are swelling a throng estimated at more than 100,000 visitors here for Mardi Gras today.

This Week In Valdese

- Wednesday, March 9
 - 6:30 p. m.—County high school basketball tournament in Valdese school gymnasium.
- Thursday, March 10
 - 3:30 p. m.—Girl Scout Troop No. 13 will meet at the home of Miss Sue Searcy.
 - 7 p. m.—The Mary Lou Buff Circle will meet at the home of Mrs. Harold Smith.
 - 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 a business meeting at the Community Center.
 - 7:30 p. m.—The Burke county sub-district of the Methodist Youth Fellowship, will meet at the Connelly Springs Methodist church.
- Friday, March 11
 - 6:30 p. m.—County high school basketball tournament in the Valdese school gymnasium.
 - 7:30 p. m.—The Colonel John Alston Chapter of the DAR will meet at the home of Mrs. Henry J. Garrou.
- Saturday, March 12
 - 7:30 p. m.—Finals of county high school basketball tournament in Valdese school gymnasium.
 - 8 p. m.—Hoyle-Crowder wedding (Continued on page two)