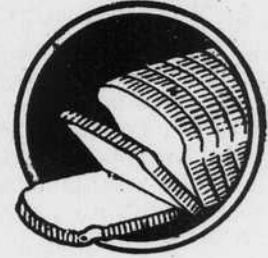


Boost
Valdese!
Watch It Grow!



THE Valdese News

"A LIVE NEWSPAPER IN A PROGRESSIVE TOWN"



Your Local
Merchants Deserve
Your Support

Preliminary Work Begins On Railroad Underpass

WILL PROVIDE SHORTCUT TO POINTS SOUTH

Improvements To Highway
350 Appear Certain As
Work Gets Underway.

Even the fast moving Diesel
trains will have to slow down to
a mile an hour through most
of the summer when they come to
the point where N. C. Highway
350 crosses the Southern Railway
line in east Valdese.

That is the speed limit for a
train going over a temporary
bridge when an underpass is being
built.

Both the state highway depart-
ment and the Southern Railway
employed crews of workmen into Val-
dese last week to begin the all-
summer job of building the under-
pass. While the highway depart-
ment's men are pouring sections
of cement for the spans of the
bridge, the railroad work crew
is boring holes for temporary
open piles to support the tracks
while the bridge is under construc-
tion.

Thursday morning seven men
from the railroad were pushing a
light machine up the hill from
the depot. It looked somewhat
like the pictures of the first rail-
road engine in America that used
the pictures in the fifth grade his-
tory books. They rounded the
corner of St. Germain street, and
headed through town. Their
chime turned out to be an earth
drill, used for boring holes in the
ground for the wooden piles which
will support the tracks tempo-
rarily. Some of the holes, the high-
way engineer said, will be 40 feet
apart. The temporary structure is
now "falsework".

By the side of the old road is a
large wooden form in which men
are dumping wheelbarrow after
wheelbarrow of cement, as fast as
a mixer could turn it out. When
the cement is hardened, it will be
20-ton half section of one of the
spans for the bridge. Later it will
be picked up with a crane and set
place under the tracks. There
will be five spans to the bridge, and
four of them will be poured in
two half sections. The crossing
of the railroad will be 12 feet
wide, and 114 feet
long.

Wilson Construction Company of
Valdese is doing the concrete
work on the railroad, with a pro-
fessional engineer out of Knoxville, Mr.
White, in charge of the railroad
work. The Wilson company
will also hard surface 400
feet of the road under the railroad.
Siber and Company of White-
hall, South Carolina, is contractor
for paving 7.1 miles of the road,
and Lavender Brothers of Earle
are the contractor for the remain-
ing eight miles to be hard surfaced.
When finished the road will pro-
vide a shortcut to Shelby and
Charlotte, meeting N. C. 10 near
Tusculum and connecting with N. C.
17 near Asheville.

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TRAINING UNION ENDS AT Mt. CALVARY BAPTIST

The Mt. Calvary Baptist church
completed a Training Union study
course Friday evening, having had
average attendance of 99, with
35 as the highest attendance.

Training Union manuals for
various departments—the adults,
young people, intermediates and
children—were taught by Rev. M.
Summey, Rev. Bertis Fair, Mrs.
Fair and Miss Frieda Culbertson.
The nursery and the story
hours were open each of the five
nights to take care of the children.
The course was closed with a
prayer.

Easter Services At Waldensian Presbyterian Church Are Announced

Pre-Easter services at the Wal-
densian Presbyterian church in
Valdese will begin Monday even-
ing, April 11, and continue through
Friday. On Thursday evening, a
pre-Easter music festival, will be
held on by the various church
groups of town, under the spon-
sorship of the Valdese senior
club.

Leaves Valdese



The Rev. M. I. Harris, above, for
fifteen years pastor of the First
Baptist church at Valdese, resig-
ned last week to accept the pas-
torate of the Friendship Baptist
church at Morganton.

PLAN WAYS FOR FILLING PULPIT HERE

Baptists To Have Visiting Preacher Next Sunday

Dr. B. A. Bower, former pastor
of the First Baptist church of
Gastonia, will preach at both the
morning and evening worship ser-
vices of the First Baptist church of
Valdese next Sunday. Dr. Bower
is now retired and makes his home
at Ridgecrest.

Rev. M. I. Harris, for 15 and a
half years pastor of the Valdese
church, who submitted his resig-
nation last Wednesday evening,
preached his last sermon Sunday
evening to a capacity audience.

A pulpit committee was to have
been appointed Sunday night, ac-
cording to an announcement last
week from the church, but the
naming of the committee was
postponed until Wednesday night,
when a church conference will be
held.

Lee Harris, educational director
of the church, said that he did
not know exactly what system
would be used in selecting the
pulpit committee; whether a chair-
man would be selected, who would
then appoint his own committee,
subject to the approval of the
church, or whether the committee
would be nominated from the floor
and voted on by the church. There
is, he said, no set way for Baptist
churches to handle such a situa-
tion, each church being its own
authority on the system it is to use.

METHODIST REVIVAL TO CONTINUE THIS WEEK

Revival services at the Valdese
Methodist church will continue
through Friday evening, conducted
by Dr. E. C. Rozzelle. Capacity
crowds have attended the services
so far this week.

Dr. Rozzelle is pastor of the Ar-
dmore Methodist church in Win-
ston-Salem, and was in Valdese
last year as guest speaker for the
Lions Club. He is considered one
of the outstanding Methodist min-
isters in this state.

Mount Calvary Baptists Plan Revival And Review Record Of Past Year

Rev. Ewell Payne of the Chero-
kee Indian Mission in Cherokee,
N. C., will preach in the revival to
be held at the Mt. Calvary Baptist
church in Valdese April 17-24. Ed
Powell of Gastonia will conduct
the singing.

On Friday a three hour service
from noon to three o'clock will be
held at the church with the ser-
vice divided into half-hour sec-
tions, and the people of the town
invited to come into the church for
any of the periods.

A sunrise service for the com-
munity is being planned for Easter
morning.

REV. M. I. HARRIS RESIGNS FOR NEW CHARGE

Valdese Pastor To Become Pastor of Friendship Baptist, Morganton

Rev. M. I. Harris, for 15 and a
half years pastor of the First Bap-
tist church in Valdese, submitted
his resignation to the church at
the regular Wednesday evening
prayer service last week. The
resignation came as a surprise to
the congregation, which had in
1943 accorded him the honor of
voting him pastor for life.

The resignation was effective
Sunday evening after Mr. Harris
preached the evening sermon, his
last as pastor of the church.

Mr. Harris resigned to accept
the pastorate of Friendship Bap-
tist church which is located on
Church and Vine streets in Mor-
ganton. He will succeed Rev. W.
B. Sprinkle, who has gone to a
church near Canton.

During the more than 15 years
of Mr. Harris' pastorate, the mem-
bership of the church has more
than doubled, having grown from
263 members in 1933 to 579 mem-
bers today. Fifteen years ago the
average weekly offering to the
church was \$70. The weekly bud-
get for 1949 is \$400.

The Rev. Mr. Harris began his
ministry in a rural church field
near Morganton, and from there
went to the Penelope Baptist
church just across the Burke coun-
ty line, in Hickory. His 14 years
of service with the Penelope church
was interrupted by a two-year pe-
riod when he held a church in Lin-
colnton. The Penelope church
also extended him a life-long call.
From the Penelope church he came
to the Valdese church.

The courage of the Rev. Mr.
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BAPTIST FUND FOR BUILDING IS INCREASED

Attendance Goal of Sunday School Exceeded As Pledges Fulfilled.

A goal of 500 in attendance was
reached and exceeded by two-
Sunday morning at the First Bap-
tist church, when there were 442
present at Sunday school, and 60
additional people in church who
had not been at Sunday school.
Offering for the building fund
amounted to \$1845.95. This was in
separate from the regular offering.

The special building fund goal
will be held over through next
Sunday, when it is expected that
gifts to the building fund will
bring the total to a figure in ex-
cess of the \$2,000 goal.

Rev. M. I. Harris, pastor of the
church, who submitted his resig-
nation last Wednesday evening,
preached his last sermon Sunday
evening to a capacity audience.

Dr. I. G. Greer, vice-president
of the Business Foundation of the
University of North Carolina and
former superintendent of the Bap-
tist Orphanage in Thomasville, was
the speaker at the morning hour,
using as his topic "The Lure of the
Church".

For several Sundays prior to the
Every-Member Present day, mem-
bers of the Sunday school were
asked to sign a pledge, saying that
they would be present on the
special occasion unless providential-
ly hindered. The pledges were
then pasted together to form a
chain. When completed the chain
had 421 links in it, and 21 more
people were in Sunday school on
the stated day than had signed
the pledges.

Rev. Bertis Fair closed his first
year as pastor of the church the
1st Sunday in March, and is now
beginning his second year. The
church has made outstanding
strides during the past year.

In 1947, there were 14 baptisms
and in 1948 there were 80 baptisms
and 40 additions by letter, making
a total of 120 new members.

Gifts to all causes in 1947
totaled \$5,379.01, and in 1948 the
total gifts were \$6,797.66.

Sunday school enrollment in
1947 was 272. In 1948 it increased
to 339.

Mt. Calvary church also has a
mission Sunday school in the tea
room in the east end of Valdese.
Rev. Cecil Thompson, a ministerial
student at Gardner Webb college,
is to preach there for the summer.

Merchants' Association Is Moving Ahead With Plans

Directors of the Valdese Mer-
chants' Association met Monday
night for the purpose of studying
a proposed constitution and by-
laws and for setting up the ma-
chinery for a credit bureau.

An office has been rented, the
type of filing system to be used has
been selected and an order placed
for the cabinets and forms. Ap-
plicants for the position of execu-

tive secretary were interviewed,
but a final decision was not reach-
ed.

Another meeting was planned
for Tuesday night, Hall Williams,
president of the association, said
Tuesday morning. Mr. Williams
also expressed the opinion that
the work was progressing very
satisfactorily and that credit
bureau would be in operation in a
very short time.

Annual Anti-Cancer Drive Gets Off To Fine Start

Cancer literature and coin cans
appeared Monday in all the Val-
dese stores and public buildings as
the annual cancer drive, sponsored
by the Pilot Club, got under way.
Mrs. James Farris is chairman of
the committee working on the
drive. Other members are Mrs.
A. F. Garrou, Mrs. Henry Grill
and Mrs. George Williams.

No goal has been set for Val-
dese, but in the past Valdese has
always been noted for raising its
proportionate share and more of

the funds for Burke county.

Of equal importance with the
fund raising campaign, Mrs. Far-
ris explained, is the educational
value of the drive. Each year in
Valdese and Burke county, as well
as throughout the rest of the
country, people die with cancer
whose lives might have been saved
had the symptoms been recognized
early enough for treatments to be
effective.

Individual contributions are be-
ing stressed because it is believed
that a person who gives, however
small the amount, is thereby made
more conscious of the dangers of
cancer.

Sixty cents of each dollar raised
in retained by the state where it is
raised and is used largely for
service purposes, providing aid for
the indigent, helping supply rad-
ium and X-ray where needed, and
assisting in the support of detec-
tion centers and clinics.

Twenty-five cents out of every
dollar will be devoted to the sup-
port of an all-out research effort.
Under the direction of the Na-
tional Research Council more than
247 projects are under way in lead-
ing universities, colleges and founda-
tions. Any one, or a combination
of several of these projects, may
produce the answer to cancer, says
the American Cancer Society.

Nine cents is used by the Nation-
al Society to carry on a program of
education, seeking to arouse the
public to the personal threat of
cancer, for "everyone everywhere
must learn that delay is the great-
est factor in the probability of can-
cer deaths."

BITES HELD FOR L. F. BRINKLEY, BURKE NATIVE

Was Prominently Connected In Business Life and Church of County

L. Frank Brinkley, 70, prominent
Burke county native with wide
family connections and a former
resident of Glen Alpine, died at a
Hickory hospital Sunday after be-
coming ill Wednesday night. He
and Mrs. Brinkley have been re-
siding at the home of a daughter
in Hickory for the past several
years.

Born in this county November
24, 1878, Mr. Brinkley made his
home in Glen Alpine for the
greater portion of his life and was
connected there with the former
Pitts & Giles Lumber Company,
at that time one of the leading
lumber manufacturing firms in
this section. He was a lifelong
member of the Baptist church,
took a leading interest in religious
and civic activities of this county
and served for twenty years as a
member of the Burke county board
of education.

Funeral services were conducted
Monday afternoon at the First
Baptist church in Hickory with
the Rev. E. Nolan Benfield officiat-
ing. Interment was made in the
Oakwood cemetery, Hickory.

Mr. Brinkley leaves three daugh-
ters, three sons, three brothers, a
sister and numerous other relatives.
He was a brother of the late
J. M. Brinkley of Valdese.

The daughters are Mrs. William
McDonald, Hickory; Mrs. Carl
Kanzal, Parkersburg, Va.; Mrs.
Frank Green, Montgomery, Ala.
The sons are Paul Brinkley, St.
Louis; Bob Brinkley, Tulsa, Okla.;
Clifton Brinkley, Winston-Salem.
The brothers are, John Brinkley,
Asheville; Sam Brinkley, Shelby;
Fonzo Brinkley, near Asheville.
The sister is Mrs. Etta Fuller of
Morganton.

RITES HELD SATURDAY FOR A. B. BARNES, 88

Andrew B. Barnes, eighty-eight,
of Hildebran, died at his home
at 8:45 o'clock Thursday night
following a lingering illness.

Funeral services were conducted
at Bethany Baptist church, Hil-
debran, at three o'clock Saturday
afternoon. Burial was made in
the church cemetery.

Mr. Barnes, born in Madison
county October 6, 1860, the son
of the late William Barnes and
Liza Sherrill Barnes, is survived
by five sons, Frank of Longview,
McKinley of Hildebran, Theo-
dore of Asheville, Cleoda of New-
ton, and Louis of Longview; one
daughter, Mrs. Allie Mae Haden
of Tacoma, Wash.

CHICKEN PIE SUPPER

The Parent-Teachers Associa-
tion of the George Hildebran
school will sponsor a chicken pie
supper in the school cafeteria Sat-
urday night, April 9, from 7 o'clock
to 8:30 o'clock. Adult plates are
75c each, children's, 50c.

MEETING POSTPONED

The regular meeting of the
Colonel John Alston DAR has been
postponed from April 8 to April 15.

MARVIN POWELL TO HEAD YOUNG GOP OF COUNTY

Young Republicans Of Burke County Organize At Meeting.

Marvin Powell of Valdese was
elected president of the Burke
County Young Republican Club
Friday night in a mass meeting at
the court house. Other officers
elected were Fred Hull, Salem,
Morganton, secretary; and Mrs.
Lillian Pitts, Morganton, treasur-
er.

R. M. Lineberger, county chair-
man of the Republican Executive
Committee, presided at the open-
ing of the meeting and he present-
ed Bill Cobb, national commit-
tee-man of the North Carolina Young
Republican Club to the group.

Frank Patton, prominent local
Republican, addressed the rally
and the guest speaker was Frank
Benbow of Winston-Salem, state
treasurer of the Young Republi-
cans.

Resolutions were passed which
will be presented at the next
statewide meeting of the Young
Republican clubs at Duke Univer-
sity Saturday night. Burke county
will be represented at the meet-
ing.

Other charter members of the
local organization besides the of-
ficers are Fred Moberly-Brine,
Morganton; Ernest Pitts, Glen Al-
pine; Wheeler Dale, Morganton;
Grady Poteat, Valdese; Mrs. Clar-
ence Harris, Valdese; and Bill
Cobb, Morganton.

KIBLER WINS IN MORGANTON CITY ELECTION

Two New Council Members Also Elected, Official Count Reveals.

Morganton voters Monday
named a new mayor and ousted
two incumbent members of the
town board of aldermen.

The election was one of the
closest in the town's history and
the total vote of more than 2,300
broke all records.

Dr. Ralph E. Kibler, former
mayor, defeated incumbent Mayor
Nollie M. Patton by 128 votes—1,
234 to 1,106, according to complete
unofficial returns.

The Ward 3 race for a seat on
the town board was the most hotly
contested with W. M. Harris de-
feating William Harbison Jr., in-
cumbent, by 43 votes—1,173 to 1,
140.

Results in the three other wards
all unofficial, are:
Ward 1, Moran Wilson, incum-
bent, defeated J. K. Crowell, 1,183
to 1,114; Ward 2, Garland Crouch,
incumbent, defeated E. J. Clontz,
1,222 to 1,084 and Ward 4, Ed But-
ler defeated Dwight Long, incum-
bent, 1,284 to 1,003.

ENON BAPTIST GROUP HAS SUPPER MEETING

The officers and teachers of
Enon Baptist church had a supper
meeting Thursday evening in the
church recreation room. There
were 50 people present, of whom
19 were teachers and officers. A
goal of 254 attendance in Sunday
school by the middle of May was
set.

A Training Union study course
will be held at the church next
week.

Junior-Senior Banquet Plans Taking Shape For Next Friday Evening

The annual junior senior ban-
quet of the Valdese high school
will be held Friday evening, April
8, in the lunchroom. The theme for
the banquet is being kept a deep
secret by the juniors, who each
year entertain the seniors. Mrs.
Myra Braswell is junior class ad-
viser. Money for the banquet has
been raised by the junior class by
various projects.

Committees working on the ban-
quet are as follows: program, Ra-
mona Sanders, chairman, Wilma
Pruitt, Joette Smith, Ruby Mc-
Donald, Homer Smith.
Invitations and place cards:
Carolene Day, chairman, Peggy
Pope, and Betty Lail.
Decorations: Alyce Epley, chair-
man, Jean Abernathy, Jack Leger,
Nadine Keever, Bobby Walsh, Fred
Cranford and Julia Church;
Menu: Elizabeth Street, chairman,

Three More Candidates Enter Field Seeking Two Places On Town Board

Young GOP Head



Marvin Powell, above, of Val-
dese, was elected president of the
Burke County Young Republican
Club Friday night. He had been
acting as chairman prior to his
election.

SAMS, CHESTER, MARTINAT RUN FOR ALDERMEN

More Candidates Expected To File Well Within Time Limit.

The Valdese municipal election,
after getting off to a quick start
with two candidates, Oscar M.
Harrison, and A. A. (Trigger) Pons
filing for mayor within two days
after the election was officially
called, slowed down after that,
with only two of the five wards
having candidates for the office of
alderman by Tuesday morning.

Donald H. Martinat, is a candi-
date for re-election for alderman
from Ward 2 (the Martinat sec-
tion.) He had no opposition as of
Tuesday morning. He is connected
with the Martinat hosiery mill.

In ward 5, the Weave Hill sec-
tion, there were two candidates as
of Tuesday morning. Stewart S.
(Tude) Chester, seeking re-election,
and John Sams. Chester is in
the grocery business with his fa-
ther-in-law, Frank Cline. They
operate Littleman's Grocery on
Morganton street. Chester is well
known in this area as a baseball
player for a number of years.

Sams drives a taxicab here. He is
a veteran of World War I.

Earl Searcy, Sr., ward 1 had not
announced his intentions in the
election, but it was expected in
most quarters that he will be a
candidate for re-election. Henry J.
Garrou, ward 2, has stated publicly
that he does not plan to run for
office again, and will support J.
Francis Verreault as candidate for
alderman from the Pineburr sec-
tion.

Guy Cline, the oldest member of
the present board from the stand-
point of years in office, is expected
to run again as a candidate for
alderman from ward 4.

Jay Spencer, who announced
several weeks before the election
was called, that he intended to
file as a candidate for mayor, had
not filed when this paper went to
press, but he is still expected to
enter the race.

Debaters Win One Round In Friday Events

Valdese high school debaters
won one and lost one in the an-
nual triangular and dual debates
held last Friday.

The affirmative team composed
of Alyce Epley and Mildred Abee
won a decision over Hudson but
the negative team composed of
Max Baker and David Abernathy
dropped a decision to Brawley
High in Mooresville. The winning
team will go to Boone April to
compete in the district elimination
contests. The winners there will go
to Chapel Hill later in the month.

Donald Johnson, coach of the
local debaters, was well-pleased
with the performances of his
team.

The query for debate was "Re-
solved, That the United Nations
now be Revised into a Federal
World Government."

This Week In Valdese

Thursday, April 7

3:30 p. m.—Girl Scout Troop 13
will meet with Miss Sue Searcy.
6:45 p. m.—The Lions Club will
meet at the Pilot Cafeteria.

7 p. m.—The Minnie Herman
and Lottie Moon circles of the Mt.
Calvary Baptist church will meet.
7:30 p. m.—The Sans Souci
Bridge Club will meet with Miss
Catherine Guigou.

Friday, April 8

7:30 p. m.—Junior-Senior ban-
quet at the high school.
7:30 p. m.—Rutherford College
Baptist Missionary Society will
meet with Mrs. F. S. Branch.

Sunday, April 10
11 a. m.—Worship services at all
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