

Boost
Valdese!
Watch It Grow!

Merchants' Association Expects To Be Set Up In Offices By May 1st

OFFICE SPACE IS OBTAINED

Teaney of Morganton Named Secretary Of Valdese Organization.

The Valdese Merchants Association should be functioning actively May 1, it was learned this morning from Hall Williams, president of the new organization.

The office secretary has been engaged and is now engaged in the methods of procedure in the detailed work of a secretary. The secretary, Mrs. C. L. Teaney, of Morganton has had wide experience in the business world, and comes recommended for the position.

The office of the association will be in the Butler building on Commercial Street, in the old quarters of the merchants' association has been moved to the new building.

The five phases of the work of the association will be:

1. To protect its members from unscrupulous and dishonest practices, thus promoting intelligent charity and proper advertising. This activity saves a member more in a year than the cost of his dues.

2. To promote cooperative days and events to hold and help business in the community.

3. Through a confidential bulletin to its members, it publishes information on merchandising and business practices, also other information of value to the member.

4. It works with the State Merchants' Association and other organizations to protect its members from legislation which cripples business, and for legislation designed to promote business.

5. It furnishes to its members a credit business, reliable reports on persons not only in the trade area, but through affiliations, on persons from practically every point in the United States.

The merchants' association is a service organization, Mr. Williams stated, and this is service organization, he says, which brings not only to the business community but to the entire community, in serving the entire community.

VALDESE TEACHERS GET NEW PAY INCREASE

Teachers received their monthly pay checks in this payroll is 20 per cent increase voted by the 1949 General Assembly.

The pay checks included retroactive pay on the basis of three months of the annual salary. Thus, each teacher employed on a nine-month basis received an increased amount for six and three months.

VALDESE METHODISTS SET EASTER BAPTISMAL EVENT

The Valdese Methodist church observed Easter with a baptismal service and the receiving of members at its morning worship service, according to Rev. M. Heckard, minister of the church. Special music will be given by the choir under the direction of Miss Lucille Williams.

Community-Wide Pre-Easter Music Event Set For Thursday Night

The annual community-wide Easter music program sponsored by the Valdese Music Club will be held Thursday evening at 8 o'clock at the Waldensian Presbyterian church.

At popular request the last year's program is being repeated, only change being in the first solo organ number, and in one of the soloists. Mrs. George Williams, organist, and Miss Anita Johnson, pianist, will open the program with "Panis Angelicus" by Schubert.

Donald Johnson will take the solo part which was sung last year by Charles L. White, who is now in Charlotte. Miss Lucille Williams and Mrs. Sam Brinkley will sing the same numbers they had last year.

The choirs of the Waldensian Presbyterian church, the Valdese Methodist church and the First Baptist church are uniting to give the program, which drew an overflow audience last year.

Miss Lucille Williams directs the Methodist choir, Mrs. George Williams, the Presbyterian choir, and Miss Virginia Street, the Baptist choir.

HOPES FOR NEW POST OFFICE NOT TOO GOOD

Recent Communication Gives Little Encouragement For Valdese Building.

Valdese had cold water thrown on its hopes for a new post office last week by a letter from John K. Stear, secretary to Hamilton C. Jones, congressman from this district. The letter didn't say that a new post office was an impossibility, but on the other hand, it wasn't exactly calculated to raise any hopes.

Thus ran the letter: "Bills have been introduced proposing the erection of a new post office in each Congressional District. However, if this proposed legislation is finally enacted into law, it merely authorizes the Post Office Department to look into the matter of buying sites and drawing plans and carries no money appropriation. In fact, I do not believe there will be any money appropriated for Federal projects until there is unemployment throughout the nation that will justify the government's again launching a federal building program as it did several years ago.

"When a federal building program is launched, if the policy followed is the same as in the past federal building programs, the local (Continued on page two)

PILOTS NAME RUTH MARTIN TO HIGH POST

Elected Lieut.-Governor For District Six Of Pilot International.

Miss Ruth Martin of Valdese was elected lieutenant-governor of District 6 of Pilot Club International at the annual meeting in Raleigh at the Sir Walter Hotel last weekend. District 6 comprises 16 clubs in North Carolina.

A charter member of the Pilot Club of Valdese, Miss Martin has held every office in the local club except that of treasurer and has served several times on the board of directors. She has on more than one occasion been a member of the district nominating committee and has served on other district committees from time to time.

During the 10 years since the Valdese club was organized, Miss Martin has attended 11 district meetings and two international conventions.

Presidents of all clubs in the district were installed at a luncheon Saturday at 12:30. Mrs. T. L. McCaskey is new president of the Valdese club.

Official delegates from Valdese were Miss Martha Boyd and Mrs. A. T. Justice. Others attending were Mrs. Dick Ribet, Miss Ann Blevins, Miss Martin, and Mrs. McCaskey. Dick Ribet and A. T. Justice accompanied the group to Raleigh.

Included on the program of the convention were a school of instruction for incoming officers and committee chairmen, the president's luncheon, an informal reception at the Governor's Mansion, on Saturday a breakfast, and a business session on Sunday morning.

Additions To Rutherford College School Planned

News from the county board of education office that construction would begin soon on four new classrooms and a lunchroom at Rutherford College school is being received jubilantly by residents and school leaders in that section.

At present, more than 300 pupils are crowding into seven classrooms. With nine teachers and only seven rooms, one class has been meeting in the lunchroom and another on the stage of the auditorium. A class in remedial reading has been assembling on the stage while another has been meeting in the lunchroom which is a temporary frame structure located behind the regular building.

The average number of pupils meeting in the rooms at present is between 35 and 38, with one room having 41 pupils. The addition of four class rooms will do much toward easing this problem.

The board okayed the architect's plans and authorized officials to accept bids on the subject. Cost of the work is expected to be approximately \$36,000.

Principal of the Rutherford College school is C. R. Stroupe who has held the post for the last five years. He expressed the hope that the construction would be finished by next fall.

Valdese Stores To Be Closed Easter Monday

Stores in Valdese will be closed Easter Monday in accordance with a custom of long standing. Most of the merchants contacted, including the grocery store owners, said that they planned to close the Monday after Easter, and that they would follow the regular schedule the rest of the week, closing as usual on Wednesday afternoon.

LOUIS DEATON HEADS ROTARY FOR NEW YEAR

Valdese Rotarians Are Told Of Work For Deaf At Recent Meeting.

Louis E. Deaton has been elected president of the Valdese Rotary club for the coming year. Other officers are Dick Ribet, who as president this year automatically steps down to vice-president; C. C. Long, secretary; and Louis Garrou, treasurer.

The officers were first elected as directors, and then chosen by the directors to fill the various offices. Other members of the board of directors are J. E. Rostan, Sr., Frank Pascal, and Julius Ramsay, Jr.

A. F. Garrou was the first president of the club, having been elected in 1947 when the club was organized.

Tuesday's Program A. H. Setzer had charge of the program at last week's meeting. Ben Hoffmeyer, principal of the North Carolina School for the Deaf, Morganton, and Dr. Carl Rankin, superintendent of the school, told briefly of the history of work with deaf people, and then introduced two teachers who with children from their first and fourth grade classes, demonstrated the techniques of teaching deaf children.

Under the Roman law, all deaf children were believed to be feeble-minded, and so were denied civil rights. It was not until 1400 that any steps were taken to try to teach deaf children.

BOARD TO MEET AFTER TUESDAY

Regular Meeting Not Held Monday Due To Called Meet Saturday.

The Valdese town board did not hold its regular meeting on Monday, April 4, having had a special meeting on Saturday, March 26, at which time the election of town officers was set for May 3. City Manager Lee Ribet said that there was no business to take up at the time and the regular meeting was scheduled, and so it was dispensed with.

Another called meeting will be held this week, however, he said, after the sale of \$100,000 worth of bonds on Tuesday. The bond issue was authorized by voters at a bond election on February 1, and is for the purpose of doubling the water filtering plant capacity to 1,000,000 gallons.

The present filter plant capacity is 500,000 gallons. Boyd and Goforth Construction Company, Charlotte, was low bidder for the construction job. The firm entered a bid of \$85,148, its offer being accepted over the bids of six other companies.

Collecting Clothing For The Valleys

The Waldensian Relief Committee is again collecting clothing of all kind for shipment to the Waldensian Valleys in Italy. It was announced this week by Mrs. Aldo Martinat, chairman of the committee. All people who have clothing they would like to contribute are asked to leave it at the Valdese News office or call Mrs. Martinat at Phone 119-R.

Numerous letters from the Waldensians in Italy have told how gratefully the gifts of clothing are received and how badly they are needed.

Mrs. Martinat stated also that shoes are welcome, and asked that housewives please not throw out garments that could be used by the people in Italy. Most of the clothing shipped by the local committee is distributed in Italy by the Waldensian pastors there.

TWELVE MEN SEEK TOWN BOARD POSTS

With One Exception All Of Present Members Are Seeking Reelection

All members of the present Valdese town board have filed for reelection except Henry J. Garrou, alderman from Ward 3 who announced several weeks ago that he would not be a candidate.

Three members of the present board are unopposed thus far, but in Wards 3 and 5, a race has developed.

With the name of Jay Spencer added to the list of candidates for mayor, the scrap has developed into a triangular affair. Oscar M. Harrison, incumbent, announced his candidacy several weeks ago as did A. A. (Trigger) Pons. Pons and Spencer are running for public offices for the first time.

Here is the situation in each of the five wards at present: Ward 1—Earl B. Searcy, Sr., production manager of the Waldensian Baker, announced his plans this week to run again for the office he now holds.

Ward 2—Donald H. Martinat who is connected with the Mar-

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B. A. BOWER OF RIDGECREST IS SUPPLY PASTOR

Former Pastor At Gastonia To Serve In Valdese Until Pastor Is Obtained.

The First Baptist church of Valdese has called Dr. B. A. Bower of Ridgecrest to serve as supply pastor until a regular pastor is secured for the pulpit recently vacated by Rev. M. I. Harris. Rev. Mr. Harris has accepted the pastorate of Friendship Baptist church in Morganton.

Dr. Bower, now retired, was formerly pastor of the First Baptist church in Gastonia. He served as supply pastor of the Calvary Baptist church in Asheville recently, while that church was without a minister. He preached at both morning and evening services at the Valdese church Sunday.

At the Sunday morning service a pulpit committee was named by the congregation, members of the committee being elected by written ballot. Each church member present voted for five people from among a group nominated by the people. G. P. Hagaman was named as chairman of the committee. Other members are Glen Ramsey, Sr., Herman Epley, John Harris and William F. Pons.

This committee is charged with the task of selecting a minister to recommend to the church as new pastor.

COSTUME WARDROBE MAINTAINED AT SCHOOL

A permanent costume wardrobe is being set up at the Valdese elementary school in order that costumes may be saved from year to year.

Miss Lila Cox and Mrs. Mildred Shore are in charge of the wardrobe, and have sorted out the wardrobes on hand, had them dry cleaned and moth proofed and are storing them in a cedar lined closet prepared by John L. Johnson, elementary school principal.

In the collection now are the Christmas costumes used at the community Christmas program last year and the costumes worn by the children of Miss Cox's room for the minut.

Miss Cox and Mrs. Shore stated that if anyone had any costumes they would like to contribute to the collection, they would be greatly appreciated by the school.

BILLY BERRY REPORTS TO LANDING SHIP

Billy R. Berry, seaman apprentice, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Berry of Cline Street, Valdese, recently reported aboard the landing ship USS 517 which has completed a cruise in the Caribbean Sea on Atlanta Fleet Exercises.

Liberty and recreation was afforded the crew at Guadaloupe; St. Thomas, V. I.; Kingston, Jamaica; and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Berry entered the Navy service January 20, 1948.

Housing For Teachers Is Termed Urgent Need Here



LIONS CLUB CITES NEED OF QUARTERS

Sees Problem One For Entire Town To Assist In Early Solution.

The Valdese Lions Club took cognizance Thursday night at its regular bi-monthly meeting of an outstanding need of the town of Valdese that of providing suitable living quarters for the teachers in the Valdese public schools.

Going a step further, the club approved a motion to take action in the matter, and endeavor to get a committee of citizens appointed to work out a solution to the problem. The problem was deemed to be one large enough and important enough to merit consideration and aid from the entire town, rather than from all civic, as well as other organizations.

The club went on record as favoring a two-fold plan of action: (1) to take whatever measures are necessary to provide housing by the time school opens next fall and (2) to take a long range view of the matter and plan for the housing of teachers ten and fifteen years from now.

At present, the club is planning to represent the problem to other organizations, to consult with the school boards and school principals, and to try to arrive at a proper plan of procedure.

In discussing the matter, members of the Lions club agreed that the problem was not one for the school board and the school principals to solve, but one for the entire town to face, since the welfare of the entire community is endangered if Valdese cannot attract qualified teachers because of its lack of housing facilities.

But, club members agreed, they wanted to work with the school board in solving the problem, which they feel is of vital concern to all citizens who are interested in the growth of Valdese.

Leaders of the town have noted for some time that the Valdese schools are sometimes having to accept teachers with less than "A" grade certificates who have homes in the community, in place of "A" grade teachers who might be willing to come to Valdese if they could find suitable places to live.

Furthermore, it was stated at the meeting, the town loses teachers each year for this reason, and in addition, imposes an unjust hardship on those who are willing to stay. Since many of our teachers live in Morganton and other places, the community is losing the benefit of their participation in local activities.

No definite solution to the problem was proposed, as it was felt that a study of the way the situation is handled in other places should be made before any definite recommendations were made by any person or group.

A program of musical selections was given by the Valdese high school boys' quartet, composed of Willis Lachot, Max Baker, Robert Herman and Max Baker. L. P. Guigou had charge of the program.

This Week In Valdese

Thursday, April 14
3:30 p. m.—Girl Scout Troop 13 meets at the home of Miss Sue Searcy.

3:45 p. m.—Easter egg hunt at the East Valdese Baptist church.

7:15 p. m.—High Peak Council No. 355, Jr. O. U. A. M. meets in Junior Order Hall.

7:30 p. m.—Community Pre-Easter Music Program at Waldensian Presbyterian church.

7:30 p. m.—Methodist Youth Fellowship sub-district meeting.

Friday, April 15
12 noon—Three hour Good Friday service at the Waldensian Presbyterian church.

7:30 p. m.—The Colonel John Alston chapter of the DAR will meet with Mrs. Gordon Johnson.

7:30 p. m.—The WSCS of Bolinger's Chapel Methodist church (Continued on page two)

Easter Sunrise Services At Presbyterian Church

At five o'clock Easter morning, while it is yet dark, many of the people of Valdese of all denominations and faiths will already be assembled in the Waldensian Presbyterian church for the annual sunrise Easter service which is coming to be one of the traditions of Valdese.

With the ringing of the church bell, a 35-minute service in the church auditorium will begin. Music will be furnished by a children's choir from the various churches of the community under the direction of Mrs. Harold LaFevers. Rev. M. W. Heckard, pastor of the Methodist church, will preside at the service, and Rev. Bertis Fair, pastor of the Mt. Calvary Baptist church, will bring the Easter message in the church.

The children's choir leading, a procession will then wind its way to the cemetery, where it will be met by the Valdese high school band under the direction of Robert H. Gourley playing Easter hymns.

The service will be closed with the proclamation of Christ's rising from the dead, read from the headstone, and with the singing of "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name."

BAPTIST MINUTES GET BOARD'S HIGH RATING

The minutes of the Catawba River Baptist Association, published in booklet form, have received a rating of 103, out of a possible 110. Dr. Porter E. Routh, formerly head of the foreign mission board and editor of the "Commission", foreign mission magazine of the Southern Baptist Convention, judged the minutes of associates throughout the south.

Rev. M. M. Summey, clerk of the association, who compiled the minutes from reports of the various churches, and edited the publication, received from Dr. Routh a Shaeffer fountain pen in recognition of his work.

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EASTER EGG HUNT SET FOR E. VALDESE

An Easter egg hunt for the children of the East Valdese Baptist church, a mission of the Mt. Calvary Baptist church, will be held Thursday afternoon at 3:45 o'clock. All children of the church and the community are invited. In case of rain, an indoor party will be held, and the egg hunt set for another day.

Sunday school is held at the church at 9:45 a. m. and Training Union at 6:45 p. m. Preaching services are at 11 a. m., and 8 p. m.

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Judges were Mrs. Lacy Hall, Mrs. J. M. Chambers and Rev. A. B. McClure. Members of the committee in charge of the event were Mrs. Deaton, Mrs. Melissa Grill and Miss Harris.