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## POSSIBLES ELECTED VALDESE MAYOR BY WIDE MARGIN

### YOUTH WEEK AT CONNELLY BAPTIST CHURCH

Hoyle Is "Pastor" Of Baptist Church During This Week.

Youth Week at the Connelly Baptist church was inaugurated Sunday evening when the church was turned over to Youth Week Pastor Evan Hoyle by Rev. L. A. Miller.

Young people are taking part in all services of the church during the week and will conduct the morning and evening services on Mother's Day, May 8.

Members of the week are Homer Hoyle, Sammy Wiseman, Charles Grady Day and Jack Berry.

Berry is Sunday school superintendent, with Pauline Yow as secretary. Betty Lail as treasurer and Mrs. Ray Powell as assistant.

Teachers will be: Nancy Smith, Mavis Carpenter, beginning; Mary Lail, primary; Mrs. Hoyle, junior boys; Agnes Hoyle, junior girls; Jack Street, intermediate boys; Nancy Wise, intermediate girls; Dave Milroy, young people; Betty Bumgarner, young married women; Russ Pope, young married men; Lester, adult women; and Day, adult men.

Services at the Sunday morning service on May 8 will be Bobby Pettit, Lowman, Howard Garner and Harley Eridges, welcoming committee will consist of Sue Bumgarner, L. B. Miller, Susan Lowman.

The Mother's Day service gifts were presented to the oldest member of the church present, to mother with the most children, to the oldest mother present.

Sunday evening Gene Wilkins will serve as director of the singing Union, and the young men will present a play.

Mrs. Miller and Carolen Day conduct prayer meeting on Tuesday evening, May 4.

### FUNERAL FOR C. I. STAMEY

Six-Year-Old Resident Of Drexel Passes At Home Saturday.

Ernest Ivey Stamey, forty-six, died at the home at 415 West Saturday afternoon following a critical illness of four weeks. Funeral rites were conducted at the Baptist church at three o'clock Monday afternoon.

Rev. Fred Forester, the Rev. O. L. McGinnis, and the Rev. C. Hoelle officiated. Burial was made in the church cemetery.

Stamey, born in Burke county January 6, 1903, the son of Fred and Elizabeth Stamey, is survived by six brothers, Marvin and Fred of Morganton, Luther, Fred Dover of Drexel, and Lester of Angeles, Calif.; and three sisters, Mrs. Pink Ballew, Mrs. John Grady and Mrs. David Grady, all of Drexel.

MEETING POSTPONED  
The meeting of the Czerny Music Club was postponed from last Friday evening to next Tuesday, May 10, because of a conflict with the high school chorus concert. The club will meet at 7:30 p. m. at the home of Vera Miholen on Church street.

### Valdese Seniors Depart Thursday For Four-Day Visit To Nation's Capital

The seniors of the Valdese church, their pilgrimage to the nation's capital Thursday morning, ranks in importance with the coming of diplomats. Thirty-six members will board a chartered bus Thursday, and when they return home four days later they will have seen Washington, visited the White House, the senate, the house of representatives, the Smithsonian Institution, the National Art Academy, and everything else that could be jam-packed into a two-star trip.

Principal and Mrs. C. B. Honeycutt will accompany the class. Those planning to make the trip

### L. H. McNeely Named Education Board Head

Burke County Board of Education Sworn In This Morning In Brief Ceremonies At Office Of The County Superintendent.

L. H. McNeely of Drexel was elected chairman of the Burke county school board Monday morning to succeed E. P. Whisnant who resigned several weeks ago. The action was taken at the monthly session of the board which convened today.

Mr. McNeely has had broad experience in school work, having served as principal in Nash and

Wake counties for 15 years. He is a graduate of Duke University and has been a member of the county school board for the past six years. He is connected with the H. P. Rich Milling Company in Morganton.

The board was sworn into office this morning, the oath being administered by W. C. Ross, clerk of Superior Court. Other members of the board sworn in this morning were M. S. Arney, Duke Power man, who has been a member for 19 years; Harold Perry, prominent farmer of Hildebran and newly-elected member who replaced Mr. Whisnant; George Carpenter, Valdese theatre operator who has been a member for seven years and who was formerly principal of George Hildebran school; C. L. Yount of Morganton, manager of Belk-Broome who has been a member for four years.

### PRE-ELECTION MEET HELD BY TOWN BOARD

Officials Take Up Minor Matters On Eve Of Town Election.

Loose ends of its administration were tied up Monday night by the Valdese town board in an election eve meeting.

Three motions were made and officially passed:

(1) That property on which the 1948 taxes are unpaid be advertised for sale in the month of September.

(2) That a permit to drive a taxi be granted to J. B. Cannon, who will drive for Ed Lowman in the City Cab Co.

(3) That the town send three firemen to the fireman's school in Charlotte for three days this week. The men to be sent are Frank Tise, Billy Goings and Fred Ribet.

The questions of delinquent taxes and unpaid street assessments were discussed unofficially, with the aldermen largely seeking information from City Attorney O. Lee Horton.

A long distance phone call from Hickory afforded an amusing interruption: Radio Station WIRC wanted to know the results of the election.

Mayor Oscar M. Harrison presided at the meeting, at which Aldermen Donald H. Martinat, Stewart S. Chester and Guy Cline were present. Aldermen Earl Searcy, Sr., and Henry J. Garrou were absent.

### UDC HAS 50TH BIRTHDAY

The Samuel McDowell Tate Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy in Morganton observed its 50th anniversary last Wednesday with a banquet. Prof. E. A. Beaty of Davidson College was the featured speaker and UDC military service crosses were presented to 14 World War II veterans who are lineal descendants of Burke county Confederate soldiers.

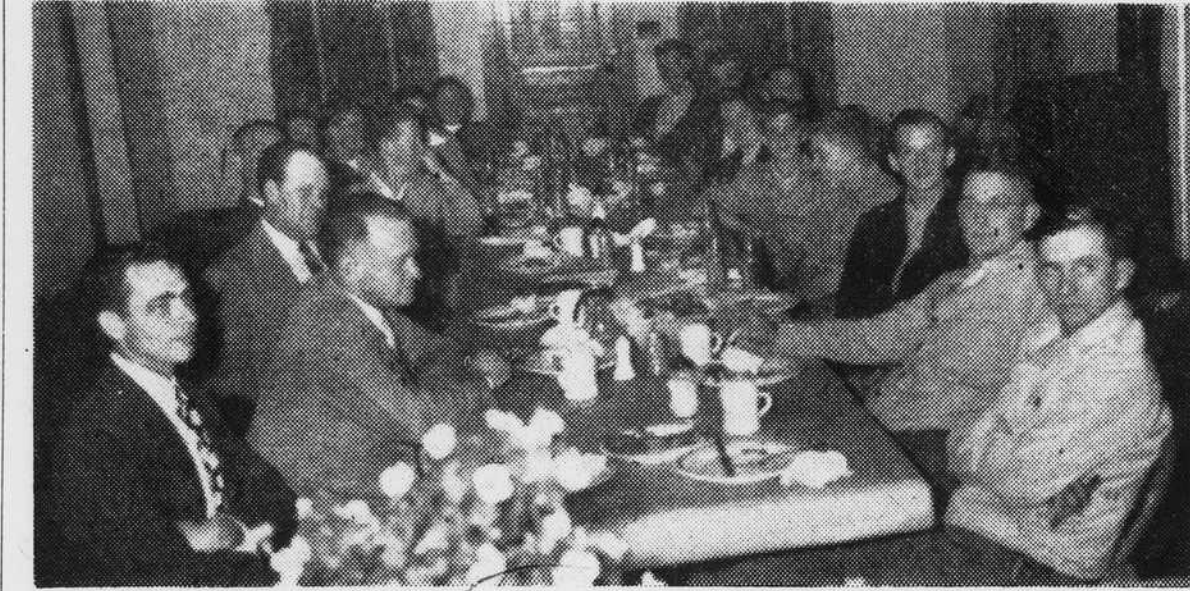
### Golden Years Of Service

"A famous preacher once preached a sermon entitled 'And the Little Dogs Yapped'. The idea presented was that as the great caravans of progress moved across the face of the nation to establish the western frontier, the little dogs along the way spent their time yapping at the procession. How true it is of human nature to stand by and yap in an unkind tone when some great energizing force is steadily moving through the life of a town and community.

"We, the members of a group chosen from the various civic clubs, are happy to take this opportunity to recognize in glowing terms the steady forces that have been in progress in our town since its founding. Five men (A. Grill, Philip Guigou, Henry Grill, Haynes Rutherford and C. C. Long) have served on the school board varying in periods of time ranging from two to forty years, aggregating nearly a century of service. There are other men living in our town who have served, Edward Micol and Wilson Powell.

"These men have distinguished themselves in their service to the community. In addition to these men, we pay respect to the memory of two great citizens, Francis Garrou, Sr., and J. M. Brinkley, for their faithful years of service. "Continually, these all have walked and talked and served without a cent of pay; they have given themselves to the life of their town. Such unselfish service ought not to go unnoticed and we do take this occasion to commend them and to express to each of them the sincere appreciation of this committee and, we believe, the profound gratitude of the citizens of the town of Valdese and (Continued on page two)

### At Kickoff Dinner For Junior Legion Baseball



Talking over American Legion Junior baseball was the purpose of the get-together shown in the picture above. The boys who aspire to make the team, their fathers, and members of the legion met for a good feed and to talk baseball last Friday night. The outcome is that everybody is expecting a good team, and maybe a "junior junior" team as well, under Coaches "Tude" Chester and "Rooster" Deal. Reese Scull, Jay Spencer, Fred Ribet and Lee Harris, at the speakers' table, didn't get in the picture.

### CARL BAKER GOES BACK AS DREXEL MAYOR

Phifer Berry, Ersel Bradshaw Reelected; Griffin Will Replace Haigler.

Drexel voters turned out in record-breaking numbers Monday to elect a mayor and three members of the town board. When the votes were tallied, Carl Baker, incumbent, was swept back in to the mayor's office with a 239 to 133 victory over Pat Poteat, his challenger.

Two members of the old board were reelected—P. E. Berry, who polled 148 and Ersel Bradshaw who tallied 153 votes. Garland Griffin, a newcomer, led the ticket by polling 173 votes. Griffin will replace Carl Haigler on the board.

Other men in the running for the three board seats were Marshall Cline, 55; Owen Puetz, 51; John Ramsey, 134; Grier Baker, 128; Garnie Brendle, 38; Carl Powell, 98; Henry Baker, 85; Carl Haigler, 68.

Of the 446 registered voters, 384 voted in Monday's elections, or approximately 86 per cent of the number registered. This is an unusually high percentage voting as compared to the number registered.

### ROTARY HEARS REV. McCREADY

Morganton Pastor Speaks At Valdese Club On English Tour.

Members of the Valdese Rotary Club were taken on a vivid imaginary tour of England last Tuesday by Dr. John Dudley McCready, pastor of the Morganton First Baptist church. Dr. McCready visited England about a year ago.

Conducting his hearers to Westminster Abbey, burial place of many of the world's greatest men, to Oxford University and to Stratford-on-Avon, the birthplace of Shakespeare, the speaker urged them to "live greatly, above self."

Dr. McCready was introduced by C. C. Long, who was in charge of the day's program.

Attending the meeting were visiting Rotarians from California, Alabama and from Lenoir.

### BAPTIST JUNIOR CHOIR GETS HIGH RATING

The junior choir of the First Baptist church received the highest rating in the district contest at Shelby last Saturday, and will go to the state contest at Fruitland, the state assembly ground near Hendersonville.

Miss Virginia Street directs the choir. Miss Street, Lee Harris and Glen Ramsey furnished transportation to Shelby for the 24 girls in the choir.

### Boiler Explosion Here Is Second For Waldensian Bakeries In Short Time

Officials of the Waldensian Bakery are sincere, but sad, believers in the old adage that "troubles come not singly."

Last Tuesday, April 25, an oven in the bakery firm's Shelby plant blew up, causing damage estimated at \$50,000 and seriously injuring J. C. Morrow, production superintendent.

Monday morning at 6 o'clock the boiler in the Valdese bakery, which was operating 24 hours a day to take care of the orders for

### LARGE CROWDS ARE ATTENDING BAPTIST EVENT

Countywide Revivals Get Off To Excellent Start In Twenty Churches.

Under the theme "Christ Is The Answer", twenty Baptist churches throughout Burke county began simultaneous revival services last Sunday with capacity crowds attending each service.

These twenty churches have a total membership of almost five thousand and it was conservatively estimated that considerably more than this number attended the opening services of the countywide revival event.

Other Baptist churches in the county, unable for various reasons to begin revivals Sunday, have scheduled their revivals for later dates. Calvin Heights Baptist church, M. L. Hastings, pastor, will begin next Sunday, May 8. Dr. J. Harlan Harris has been obtained to fill the pulpit of the Morganton First Baptist church during revival services to begin there June 19. Two churches held their revivals prior to this week.

### TO ATTEND MUSIC EVENT

A number of members of the four music clubs of Valdese are making plans to attend the state convention of the Federated Music clubs in Asheville beginning next Wednesday, May 11.

### NAMED CENSUS TAKER

John L. Coontz of Morganton has been named federal business census taker for Burke, Mitchell, and Avery counties. He began his duties Monday.

### Women Of Concord Presbytery Pick Valdese For 1950 Convention

The 1950 session of the Women of the Church of the Concord Presbytery will convene at the Waldensian Presbyterian church in Valdese, it was announced last week at the 1949 annual meeting held in Concord.

Approximately 350 women of the Presbytery attended the meetings at the First Presbyterian church in Concord. Speakers included Mrs. W. A. Dixon of Belmont who discussed the scope of the work of the Women of the Church; Dr. Bruce R. Boney, who explained the

### Searcy, Cline, D. Martinat, Chester, V. Martinat Win

### METHODISTS TO SEEK AID FOR HOME FOR AGED

Valdese and Morganton To Seek Offering On Mother's Day.

The First Methodist church of Morganton and the Valdese Methodist church will join with the 1,109 churches of the Western North Carolina Conference on Mother's Day to raise a generous offering for the building of the Methodist Home for the Aged in Charlotte. The center unit is now filled to capacity. A left wing to house an additional 75 persons will be finished in the early summer, and a right wing is still to be built. There are now more than 300 older persons seeking the security of the home.

The Western North Carolina Conference was the first Methodist Conference in the Southeast to open a home for the aged. Homes are now projected in Richmond, Virginia, and Miami, Florida, and in other states. Fifty-nine such homes are operated by the Methodist church. The great need for the service of the home is evidenced by the large and rapidly growing list of applicants.

The Methodist Home is equipped to offer a very rich cultural and spiritual life to the members. A modern well-equipped hospital provides medical care for members who become sick or disabled.

Rev. E. K. McLarty, Jr., of Morganton says, "Without a doubt, the Home for the Aged is one of the finest projects the Methodist people of North Carolina have undertaken, and the loyal support of our people is necessary to carry it forward."

### BAPTISTS PLAN SCHOOL MEET

Bowers To Speak Sunday At Associational Sunday School Meeting.

"God's Challenge to You" will be the subject of an address by Dr. Bartlett A. Bowers next Sunday afternoon at the Catawba River Baptist Associational Sunday school meeting at El Bethel church.

Dr. Bowers, was for many years a member of the Baptist Sunday School Board of Nashville, Tenn., served for sixteen years as pastor of the First Baptist church of Gastonia, and is now interim pastor of the First Baptist church of Valdese. He makes his home at Ridgecrest.

The program will also feature a message by Rev. M. L. Hastings, pastor of Calvin Heights church, and a demonstration by Shirley R. Hudson, superintendent of the Sunday school at Mt. Calvary Baptist church in Valdese.

J. M. Watkins, Sunday school superintendent at El Bethel church will have charge of the devotional period.

### BIBLE CONFERENCE IS PLANNED FOR 15-20TH

The Waldensian Presbyterian church is planning for a Bible conference to be held May 15-20, it was announced this week by the minister, Rev. A. B. McClure.

Dr. F. Crossley Morgan, one of the outstanding Bible scholars and teachers of this generation, will conduct the conference, teaching the book of the prophet Habakkuk.

Services will be held both in the mornings and in the evenings, and Dr. Morgan will also speak at both the morning and evening services on Sunday, May 15.

### MOTHERS' DAY PROGRAM

The Valdese Church of God will have a special Mother's Day service next Sunday, beginning at 7:30 p. m. A cake will be presented to the largest family present, according to an announcement by Rev. G. H. Grooms, pastor.

### Unofficial Returns Show 721 Ballots Cast In Mayor's Race.

A. A. (Trigger) Pons, local insurance man, will be mayor of Valdese for the next two years. He defeated Oscar M. (Red) Harrison, the present mayor, by a whopping 551 to 127 vote in the biennial election Tuesday, unofficial returns show.

Jay Spencer, the third candidate in the mayor's race, polled 31 votes.

Four members of the present board of aldermen were reelected. They were Earl Searcy, Sr., in Ward 1; Donnie Martinat in Ward 2; Guy Cline in Ward 4; and Stewart (Tude) Chester in Ward 5. The lone newcomer to the board is Valdo Martinat who will represent Ward 3 on the board.

The candidates in Wards 1, 2, and 3 were unopposed in yesterday's balloting. In Ward 4, Cline polled 115 votes against 80 for G. W. Van Horn. Chester, the incumbent in Ward 5, tallied 96 votes against 63 by Lenoir Lowdermilk and 21 by John Sams.

Searcy received 120 votes. Donnie Martinat polled 106; and Valdo Martinat tallied 92. A total of 721 voted in the mayor's race.

Aldermen Searcy, D. Martinat and V. Martinat will serve four year terms while Chester and Cline will serve two year terms. In 1951, the aldermen in Wards 4 and 5 will be elected for four years, thus achieving the staggered terms as provided in a bill passed in the General Assembly this past session.

In the last week before the election Harrison Nichols withdrew from the mayor's race and Walter Lingafelt withdrew from the race in Ward 3. Francis Verreault had previously withdrawn in favor of Martinat.

### This Week In Valdese

Wednesday, May 4  
12 noon—Formal announcement of election of mayor and town board.

Thursday, May 5  
3:30 p. m.—Girl Scout Troop No. 13 will meet.  
6:45 p. m.—The Lions Club will meet at the Pilot Cafeteria.

7:30 p. m.—Baseball game, Valdese High vs. George Hildebrand High.

Sunday, May 8  
11 a. m.—Worship services at all churches.

Monday, May 9  
7 p. m.—Boy Scout Troop No. 2 will meet at the Baptist church.  
7:30 p. m.—General meeting of Woman's Missionary Union of First Baptist church.  
7:30 p. m.—Lovely Lodge No. 670, AF & AM, will meet.  
7:30 p. m.—The missionary circle of the East Valdese Baptist Mission will meet with Mrs. Roy Abee, Jr.

Tuesday, May 10  
3:30 p. m.—Swimming pool at Community Center will open for the summer.

12:30 p. m.—The Rotary Club will meet at the Pilot Cafeteria.  
7 p. m.—The Daughters of America will meet at the Junior Order Hall.  
7 p. m.—Boy Scout Troop No. 1 will meet at the St. Germain Street Scout hut.  
7:30 p. m.—The Czerny Music Club will meet at the home of Vera Miholen.

FUNERAL HOME OPENS  
The Sossaman Funeral Home, newest mortuary for Morganton, has opened for service, it was announced this week. Complete funeral services are offered the public and a formal opening is planned for the near future.

DESIRABLE MINERAL  
There are more than 75 minerals which are regarded as of sufficient commercial importance to be mined extensively.