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No Reason to Change Old System of Rotating Election of State Senator

AGREEMENT FOUND FILED BY COMMITTEE

Concern Noted Recent
In Caldwell County Over
New Senator.

Burke county preparing to
take advantage of a technicality
which allows an agreement on
the election of the State senatorship
in the twenty-eighth district?
Such was the question raised in
Caldwell county last week when
it was heard that a well-
known Burke county citizen was
contending for the Senate seat.
UNTIL an alleged agreement
between Democratic Executive
Committee chairman from Alexan-
der and Caldwell counties
(comprising the district),
there has been rotated equal-
izing these counties every two
years. The alleged agreement, a
copy of which has not been filed
with the State Board of Elections,
is said to have adopted a plan of
rotation as follows: two consecu-
tive years for Caldwell, two consecu-
tive years for Burke and one
year for Alexander.

Interested Burke county citi-
zens, who learned of the concern
over the matter in Caldwell
county, quickly set out to show
that it is really Burke county's
right to furnish the Senator for
the district.

R. Stoney, former Burke rep-
resentative in the General As-
sembly, has been prominently men-
tioned as a prospective seeker of
Democratic nomination for
the Senate next year. Thus
Mr. Stoney has not commit-
ted himself on the matter.

HOWEVER, HE did write the
Board of Elections inquiring
about the alleged agreement on
rotation plan. A reply from
C. Maxwell, executive secretary
of the board, advised that, "I have
checked my file and find that no
agreement has been made
with us in the 26th District
under the old agreement
that would be entitled to
Democratic nominee for the
Senate in that district in 1951."

Mr. Maxwell's letter continued:
"Your attention, however, to
Section 36 of the Democratic Party
of Organization, which pro-
vides that any agreement now in
effect in a senatorial district may
be terminated by a majority vote
of the executive commit-
tee of at least two counties in the
district, provided notice of the ter-
mination of such agreement is filed
with the chairman of the State
Board of Elections at least 120
days in advance of the primary
election."

W. KIRKSEY, chairman of
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CHRISTMAS VESPERS ARE PRESENTED BY CHURCHES

Services of Christmas music
presented at the churches of
the county on Sunday night, December 18.
The music of the Waldensian
Presbyterian church began at 6:30
p. m. and at 8:00 p. m. the ser-
vice at the First Baptist church
began.
The Prophecy, the Annunciation
of the Birth, the Annuncia-
tion to the Shepherds, and the
Birth of the Shepherds and Magi, were
the presentations in song.
The scriptures were also
presented to the music that
was presented.

Annual Ladies Night Is Held By Valdese Firemen

The Valdese Fire Department
held its seventeenth annual
ladies night with their wives,
daughters and others as guests.
The event was held in the Wal-
densian Hotel where a bountiful
Christmas dinner was served
to approximately seventy-
seven guests.
The Christmas dinner was
prepared by the Valdese Community Center.

News To Skip An Issue Next Week

This issue of The Valdese
News will be the last for this
year—there will be no issue
published next week so that
employees of The News may
have a well-earned Christmas
vacation as has been the custom
for a number of years.

Next issue of The News will
be published Wednesday, Jan-
uary 4th.

MAN DIES IN TRUCK CRASH TUESDAY A.M.

Tobacco Truck Fails To Make Curve At Swimming Pool.

The driver of a truck loaded
with tobacco met instant death
about seven o'clock Tuesday morn-
ing when the heavily loaded ve-
hicle left Highway 70 at a curve
near the old swimming pool on
the eastern edge of Valdese and
crashed into concrete guard posts.

The Valdese Funeral Home,
where the victim's body was taken,
said identification papers and oth-
er items on his body showed his
name to be Lloyd Howard Davis,
age 30, of Greenville, Tenn. Ship-
ping papers found in the truck
indicated the cargo of tobacco was
destined for Sanford, N. C.

Information from Valdese police
was to the effect that Davis was
driving the long trailer-type truck
for Austin & Company, trucking
firm of Greenville, Tenn. Valdese
Police Chief Norris Ramsey said
he notified the trucking firm of
the accident and that another
truck was being dispatched to pick
up the large casks of tobacco left
on the side of the highway at the
scene of the accident.

Ramsey said he was of the opin-
ion Davis was unable to make the
sharp curve on the highway and
that the truck jack-knifed, throw-
ing the cab into the concrete posts.

A Greenville, Tenn., funeral
home was to come to Valdese Tues-
day afternoon to return Davis' body
there for burial.

D. OF A. ELECT NEW OFFICERS

The new officers of the Daugh-
ters of America are as follows:
Junior Past Councillor — Mar-
garet Berry.

Associate Junior Past Councillor—
Sudie Cline.

Councillor—Bessie Poteat.
Assistant Councillor — Evelyn
Candler.

Vice-Councillor—Lora Griffin.
Assistant Vice-Councillor — Toy
Mae Epley.

Conductor—Lora Perrou.
Warden—Blanche Harris.

Inside Sentinel—Doris Cline.
Outside Sentinel—Lois Coffey.

Treasurer—Darlas Peeler.
Financial Secretary—Ruth Ri-
bet.

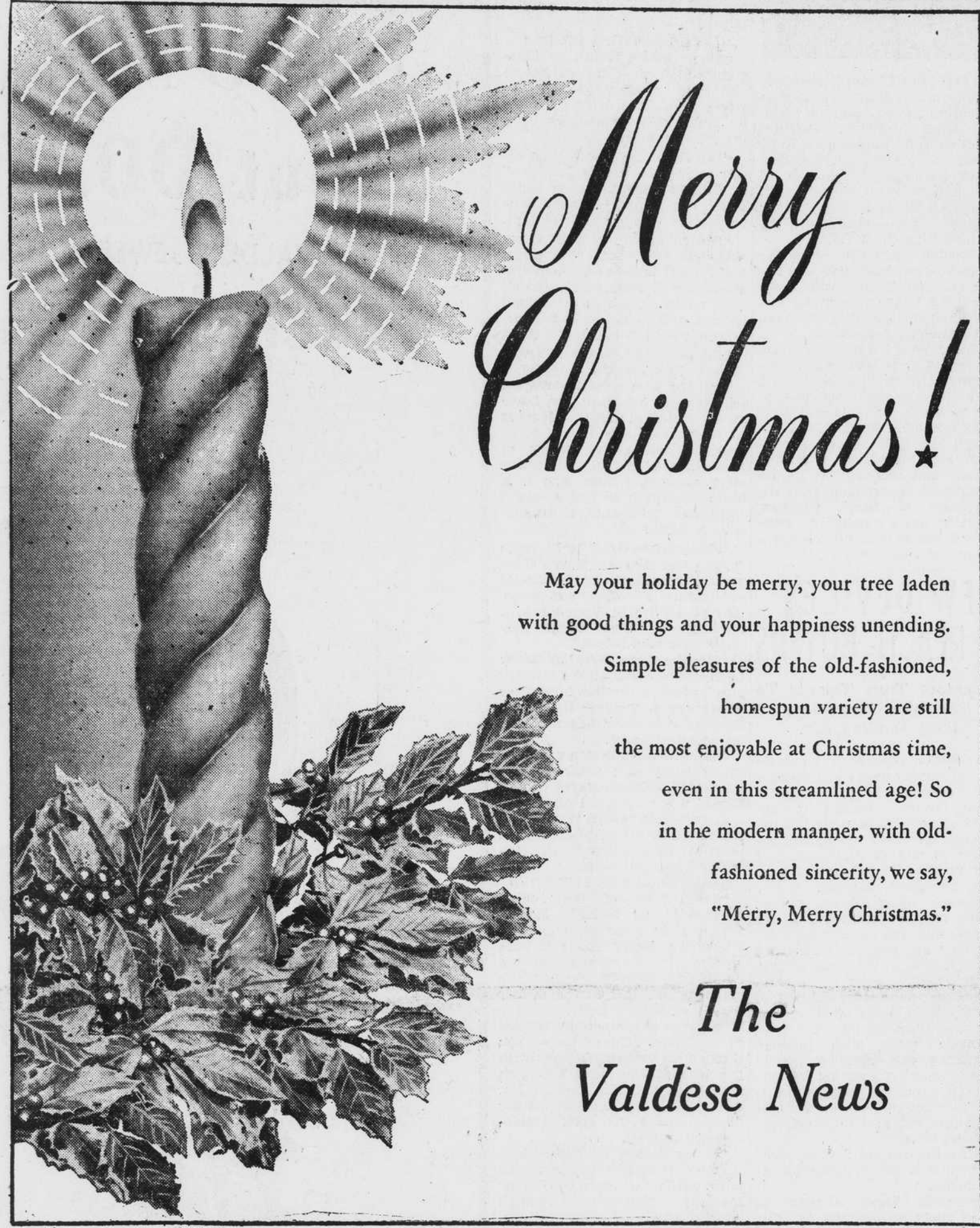
Recording Secretary — Esther
Sharpe.

Trustees—Toy Mae Epley, Nita
Poteat, and Lily Branch.

The installation service will be
held Tuesday night, December 27.
All members are urged to be pres-
ent for this event.

as master of ceremonies the ban-
quet program was kept lively and
included brief talks by several of
the firemen and officials, a Wal-
densian dance by Mr. and Mrs.
Waldo Martin.

The firemen presented a hand-
some ring with Masonic emblem
to their fire chief, Lee Ribet. Gifts
of nylon hose were presented to
each lady present and members of
the fire department received their
Christmas checks.



Merry Christmas!

May your holiday be merry, your tree laden
with good things and your happiness unending.
Simple pleasures of the old-fashioned,
homespun variety are still
the most enjoyable at Christmas time,
even in this streamlined age! So
in the modern manner, with old-
fashioned sincerity, we say,
"Merry, Merry Christmas."

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ASK BURKE SCHOOL BUS DAILY CHECK

Grand Jury Comments County Department Heads In Report This Week.

The Burke county grand jury
made its regular report last week
during the December term of Su-
perior Court to the Hon. J. C.
Rudisill, presiding judge.

Foreman of the jury was C. P.
Whisnant, who submitted the re-
port.

"We, the grand jury, make the
following report:

"We have passed on all bills
sent before us.

"We have inspected the county
buildings and offices, the same in-
cluding the Prison Camp, the
County Home, Burke County Jail,
Court House and the County Of-
fice Buildings.

"We find all the county institu-
tions clean and well-kept as far
as existing conditions permit. We
hereby submit the following com-
ments and recommendations:

"Upon inspection of the county
school bus garage and some of the
school buses and after consultation
with county officials and mechan-
ics, we recommend that all school
principals and bus drivers make a
general inspection of all buses each
day so that notice of same can be
made to the county garage and
have necessary repairs made that
day. We think this necessary for
the safety of all children being
transported.

"We further wish to commend
the County Board of Education
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for the system of inspection and
checks they have in force to
make our transportation system
as safe as possible.
"We would like to personally commend
Edward Moses for the cleanliness
and well-kept conditions of the
Prison Camp. We find this in-
stitution in excellent condition.
"We find the records in the
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New Ford To Be Awarded By Merchants On Saturday

While those people who have
been shopping in Valdese for the
past twelve weeks always looked
forward to Saturday afternoons
when Valdese merchants awarded
\$100 in cash to some shopper, next
Saturday afternoon is really the
big day—the new Ford car will
be awarded, bringing to a suc-
cessful conclusion this series of big
trade events.

Some person who has been
shopping in Valdese will get the
new car Saturday afternoon. The
award will be made at two-thirty
o'clock at the usual place on the
Tice lot.

Immediately following the
awarding of the New Ford the
Pilot Club will award the beau-
tiful large doll which has been on
display in the window of The
Dress Shop for the past several
days.

The trade events, which have
been going on for the past twelve
weeks, have not only brought
many bargains from Valdese mer-
chants but have resulted in the
distribution of \$1,100 to eleven
people in this area. It has been in-
teresting to note that in all cases

Business Holidays Are Announced

All Valdese stores—except gro-
cery stores—will be closed Mon-
day and Tuesday, December 26
and 27, it was announced by the
Valdese Merchants Association.

On Wednesday, December 28,
grocery stores will take an after-
noon holiday. Grocery stores will
be closed all day Monday, Decem-
ber 26.

All stores—except grocery—will
remain open all day Wednesday of
next week, the announcement said.
The Valdese post office will ren-
der service only at the parcel
post window Saturday afternoon
before Christmas Day. The office
will observe Monday December 26
as a holiday, Jim Farris, post-
master, announced.

DOWELL GETS LIFE TERM IN DEATH OF SON

Kaylor and Cook Found Not Guilty In Two Other Murder Charges.

Charlie J. Dowell, on trial for
the killing of his son, was found
guilty of murder in the first de-
gree Thursday night at 10 o'clock
by a Superior Court jury and up-
on recommendation for mercy, was
sentenced to life imprisonment.

The trial, which opened at 10
Thursday morning, came to a dra-
matic end at 10 Thursday night
after the jury had deliberated the
fate of the Burke county man for
almost two hours.

DOWELL 44, was charged with
the shooting of his son, C. J.
Dowell, Jr., 19, on the Sunday
morning of October 23 as the
youth lay in bed at their home
on the old Hickory road near
Meadow's Mill.

The blast from a 16-gauge
single barrel shotgun entered the
son's head and face.

Dowell claimed he committed
the crime in self-defense, but
state's evidence showed that he
aroused his son from sleep and
then shot him to death.

UPON THE jury's request for
mercy, the Hon. J. C. Rudisill, pre-
siding judge, sentenced Dowell to
be confined at the state prison in
Raleigh for life.

The entire trial lasted 12 hours.
Solicitor for the 16th Judicial
District, James C. Farthing, was
the prosecuting attorney. O. L.
Horton and M. Farrel Carter were
the lawyers for the defense.

THE DOWELL case wound up
the December term of Superior
Court. The next regular sched-
uled term of Superior Court will be
held in February.

Kaylor Not Guilty

A jury returned a verdict of not
guilty last Thursday morning in
a case of Homer Kaylor, charged
in the killing of George Woods on
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Valdese Represented In Selection Of Officials For Burke Polio Chapter

College Queen



MISS BERRY

A twenty-year-old Burke county
beauty walked away with honors
at Appalachian State Teachers
College in Boone last week. Miss
Betty Sue Berry, of Drexel, a sen-
ior at the college, was elected
"Christmas Queen" by a large vote
at Appalachian when the 1,300
students picked her from five
nominees.

MISS BERRY, a graduate of the
Drexel high school, is the daugh-
ter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Berry.
She has brown hair, brown eyes,
and was crowned queen last Sat-
urday night in festivities marking
the Christmas season at the col-
lege.

The queen is a member of the
Future Teachers of America, mem-
ber of the Y.W.C.A. and B.S.U.
She is treasurer of the A.E.C., vice-
president of the Verneian Liter-
ary Society and secretary of the
House Council of New Dormitory.

DESTROY FOUR BURKE STILLS IN TWO WEEKS

Two 50-gallon stills were raided
and three arrests made at South
Fork on Highway 18 Friday after-
noon by U. S. deputy marshals
and ATU men.

Joe Chapman, wanted on two
charges of manufacturing illegal
whiskey, was arrested along with
his two sons, Mack and Clayton
Chapman.

THE THREE men are being held
in jail at Shelby. They will be
tried in March at the spring term
of U. S. district court at States-
ville.

Arresting officers were: U. S.
deputy marshals for this area:
Hugh Stevens, Paul Teal, Robert
Bean, and Mack Poston.

ATU agents were: Lewis Fretz
and Clarence Fink of Hickory.

Two other stills were destroyed
in Burke county week before last
by ATU agents.

Earl Roper of Morganton, Route
1, was arrested on a charge of
manufacturing as the agents moved
in on a 100-gallon copper outfit
in Silver Creek township. At
another raid three men escaped
afoot as the agents nabbed an-
other 100-gallon steam outfit in
Silver Creek township.

Eastern Burke Boy Scouts Promoted At Honor Court

Eleven Burke county Boy Scouts
were promoted to the rank of First
Class Scouts along with other pro-
motions and the awarding of merit
badges at the Boy Scout Court of
Honor held in Morganton last Fri-
day night.

Promotions and badges were
awarded as follows:

Tenderfoot Rank
Joe Stanley Benfield, troop 1,
Morganton; R. C. Lane, Boyd Sat-
terwhite, troop 1, South Mountain;
Norman D. Jones, troop 4, Valdese;
Jimmy Crowell, Benny Martin,
William Booth, troop 4, Morgan-
ton; Johnny Wilkinson, troop 1,
Rutherford College; Leroy Epley,
Richard Arrowood, George Cozart,
Claude Grady, Ray Smith, troop
1, Morganton; Jimmy Clemmer,
troop 1, Connelly Springs; Rex
Williams, troop 1, Drexel; Hal
Glenn Hollman, troop 3, Valdese.

Second Class Rank
Dane Hamilton, Harold T. Wal-

CHAS. BURGIN IS NEW VICE- CHAIRMAN

Ty Crabtree of Morganton To Succeed Franklin As Chapter Chairman.

C. H. (Ty) Crabtree, who re-
cently opened an insurance
agency in Morganton and who has
made Morganton his home for a
number of years, was elected,
along with other new officers,
chairman of the Burke County
Chapter of The National Founda-
tion for Infantile Paralysis at a
meeting last week of members of
the Burke organization.

The meeting, held in the law
offices of M. Farrell Carter in
Morganton, was well attended by
a representative group from over
the county.

In addition to Mr. Crabtree,
other officers elected for the com-
ing year are: Charles Burgin of
Valdese, vice-chairman; Bill Con-
ley, treasurer; M. Farrell Carter,
secretary, and Mrs. Albert Max-
well, chairman of the woman's
committee. Douglas C. Smith was
reelected publicity chairman.

Executive Committee Named
Members of the chapter's ex-
ecutive committee which plays an
important part in work of the
organization were also named at
the meeting. These committee
members are Mr. Crabtree, Mr.
Burgin, Mr. Conley, Mr. Carter,
Mrs. Maxwell, Mrs. A. M. Lang,
Paul Caldwell, Frank Pons of Val-
dese, J. D. King, Livingston Ver-
non, Mrs. Effie Smith, T. Earle
Franklin, Mrs. Ed Swann of Icard,
Harry Hallyburton of Drexel, and
Mrs. Worth Giles of Glen Alpine.

Members of the executive
committee who are authorized to
approve emergency expenditures
by the chapter of not more than
\$100 are Mr. Crabtree, Mr. Frank-
lin, Mr. Caldwell and Mr. Carter.

Mr. Crabtree succeeds T. Earle
Franklin of Morganton as chair-
man of the Burke County Chapter
of the Foundation. Mr. Franklin
was elected to the post in the
early part of 1945 immediately
following the severe 1944 polio
epidemic in this county. He has
served continuously since and has
often received the plaudits of the
people of the county for his
splendid work with the chapter.

The meeting Monday night also
went on record to request the
chairman of the Burke County
Medical Society to designate a
physician from within their
group to act as chairman of the
advisory committee of the polio
chapter.

Recently the chapter appointed
Oscar King, Morganton attorney
as Burke county chairman for the
1950 March of Dimes and also
named Livingston Vernon, also a
Morganton attorney to head the
March of Dimes in Morganton.

Phyllis Guigou came home
Tuesday from Duke and is spend-
ing the Christmas holidays with
her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D.
Guigou.

ker, troop 4, Morganton; Kenneth
Hice, troop 1, Shady Grove; Arn-
old Lindsay, Kenneth Albright,
troop 4, Valdese; Rodney Woodie,
troop 6, Morganton; Baxter Jay-
nes, troop 1, Hopewell; Jerry R.
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3 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT

BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS!