

The County **NEWSTELLER**

A Monthly Magazine Dedicated to the County and School Officials
of West Virginia

UPSHUR COUNTY COURT HOUSE Dedicated in 1900, Buckhannon, W. Va.



(For Picture of Upshur's First Court House See Page 3)

UPSHUR COUNTY: Formed in 1851 from Randolph, Barbour and Lewis counties; named for Abel Parker Upshur, Virginia statesman-jurist; area 355 square miles; population (1930) 17,944.

(No. 9 in a series of 55 front covers being used to present the Court Houses of West Virginia)

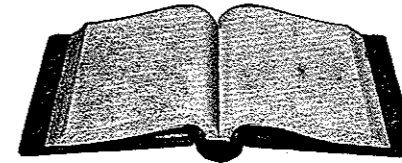
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Lincoln Votes On Bond Issue

\$750,000 Fund Proposed for School Building Purposes

Lincoln county voters will go to the polls Sept. 30 to decide for or against a proposed \$50,000 bond issue to make possible a school building program in the county.

The special election was called by the board of education after it became evident that schools in the county were overcrowded and inadequate.

If the bond issue passes, actual construction will be started as soon after the election as possible. The plan calls for retiring the bonds over a 34 year period. In calling the election the board set out all projects, showing how much will be spent in each locality of the county.

SOME NAMES!

According to "Ken" the following names were actually found on birth and death certificates filed in Alabama: Laxative Jones, Rabbit Montgomery, Strawberry Commode, Please James, Radio Blair, Semicolon Duke, Castoria Green, Classee Kidd, Golden Day, Wavy Cotton, Louie Ooloolo Vaughn, Supper Moore, Pattie Pigg, C. C. C. Camp, Easter Coats, Sparkle Flint Rock, Cleoporia Manilla Turner, Green Berry Bush.

110 YEARS OLD



Mrs. Vicie Sands

(\$3 Prize-Winning Article)

The above picture is of Mrs. Vicie Sands, residing at Dink, Clay county, who has reached the age of 110 years. Proof of her age has been verified by Ferrell Friend, Deputy County Clerk who made the picture. Records in the County Clerk's office show that a marriage license was issued to her in the year of 1873. At that time her age was given as 44 years.

Mrs. Sands, or "Aunt Vicie" as she is known to her friends and neighbors, is still in good health considering her age, and will discuss current affairs as well as things that happened almost a century ago.

"Aunt Vicie" has a vivid recollection of the war between the states, and can tell about the unrest and turmoil the country was

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Two Officials Make Real News

Two More Proud Dads Follow A. M. Brown's Example

Last month The NewsTeller announced that A. M. Brown, clerk of the Putnam county court, was the proud father of a daughter, and suggested that other county officials get busy and send in similar news.

The response was more than gratifying.

First on the list was Circuit Clerk Howard Wilson of Clay county. He and Mrs. Wilson became the proud parents of a fine boy on Sept. 1. They named him James Howard Wilson.

Not to be outdone, Assessor Edward Johnson of Pendleton county announces that to the Johnson home on Sept. 14 arrived a youngster who had been named Samuel Edwin Johnson.

With this kind of cooperation The NewsTeller can stay in circulation indefinitely. Do your part!

CLAY COUNTY ELECTS DELEGATES TO S. E. A.

The Clay County Teachers association elected the following delegates and alternates to the State Education association, which meets in Wheeling Nov. 1, 2, and 3: Miss Vada McCutcheon and Miss Jane Butler; alternates, Miss Marie Steorts and Miss Mildred Wimer.

Jackson Shows Big Gain in Valuations

Personal Property Up More Than \$700,000 in Year

Total assessed valuation of personal property in Jackson county for 1939 was \$2,642,491.41, an increase of more than \$700,000 over the valuation of personal property in 1938, according to figures released this month by County Assessor Guy Dudgeon.

Personal property valuation has increased more than a million dollars since 1936, Assessor Dudgeon revealed, and explained that the increase was in a large measure due to the new law which made taxable shares of stock in building and loan associations, federal savings and loan associations, as well as industrial loan companies.

According to the assessment survey there were 2,233 horses in the county this year, with an assessed valuation of \$153,530, 25 head less than the previous year.

There were 396 more cattle in 1939 than in 1938, 14,512 head, valued at \$34,965. But in spite of the increased number of cattle, due to the lower beef prices, the valuation for this year dropped \$19,890.

Sheep totaled 10,844 for this year, valued at \$34,635, as compared to 11,875 in 1938 at \$43,450. Hogs totaled 995 in 1939 valued at \$8,172, as compared to 1,175 in 1938, valued at \$11,035.

The total amount of personal property used exclusively in agriculture and horticulture totaled \$15,565, and the total assessed value of money, notes, bonds, and the like, was \$353,882.

—Send in Pictures—

SHORT TERM

It took Judge E. B. Pennybacker only two days to wind up business in the Wirt county September term of circuit court. The grand jury brought in a few indictments and several chancery cases were disposed of, but the petit jury was not called to act on a single case.

The Political Man

(Dedicated to County Clerks of West Virginia)

By IDA G. MARTIN
(Wife of the Monongalia County Clerk)

He starts out to find votes, but will only stop to sneeze;
While his Oldsmobile, will sputter and wheeze.
He learns to find pleasure, just knocking on doors,
The ambitious political man.

He lost hours of sleep, a thousand or more;
Two teeth and some hair, when he knocked on one door.
Donated a beef, four pigs and five sheep,
The generous political man.

He gave two old men, suspenders of red;
Four calico dresses, to women instead.
Five dollars in cash, baby rattlers galore,
The charitable political man.

Just to be of help, kindled four kitchen fires;
Kissed one hundred babies, and painted church spires.
Walked four thousand miles, shook nine thousand hands,
The popular political man.

'Twould take volumes and volumes of print, just to hold;
The talk and the talk and the fibs that he told.
He attended revivals, was baptized four times,
The deceitful political man.

He attended box suppers, bought boxes galore;
Spent ninety-five dollars and still there were more.
Made love to nine widows, hugged sixteen old maids,
The lovemaking political man.

He was bitten by dogs, at least forty times;
Butted down by a goat, who was cutting some shines.
And at last was defeated by twenty-nine votes,
The hopeless political man.

NEXT MONTH'S ISSUE BECOMES VOLUME II

This September issue of The NewsTeller finishes up Volume I, it being the 12th number.

Volume II, No. 1 will be issued in October. It is hoped that, in view of this first anniversary, NewsTeller readers will send in many pictures and articles for the October issue.

—Send in Pictures—

New Deputy Sheriff

Stanley Spotts, Keyser, is a new deputy for Sheriff Harley O. Stagers of Mineral county, it has been announced.

Mr. Spotts succeeds Glen Smith, who resigned.

110 YEARS OLD

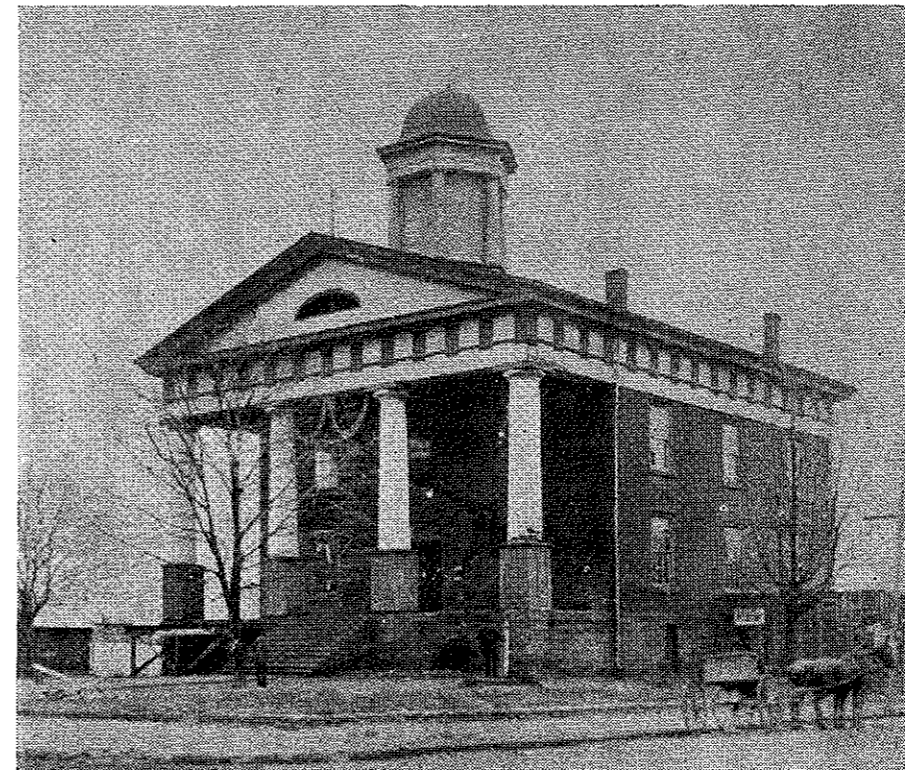
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in at that time. During the war Aunt Vicie resided at Charleston, and can remember the maneuvers of the cavalry troops in the large bottom where the city now stands.

Aunt Vicie lives on the Washington and Cincinnati air line route and daily sees at least two planes go over, which is not unusual, but although she lives within eight miles of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, she has never seen a train.

Aunt Vicie lives with a son, aged 70, and she has often remarked "My one desire is to live long enough to raise Dudley."

Upshur's Original Court House



(Picture Present Structure on Front Cover)

Built nearly 100 years ago—in 1851—Upshur county's first Court House, pictured above, cost only \$8,479.

The present Court House, constructed in 1900, was built on the same site at a total cost of \$45,000.

SHERIFF INJURED

Five persons, including the sheriff of Mason county, escaped serious injury in an automobile accident near Mercers Bottom, Wednesday evening, Sept. 20.

Sheriff W. W. Rowsey, accompanied by his daughter, Mrs. Charles Withers and children, Mary Ann and Bill Keith, and his grandson, Eugene Ball, owner and driver of the car, were en route to Huntington.

According to Mr. Rowsey the steering wheel came loose and the car ran directly across the road and jammed into an embankment. He received a wrenched back and was shaken up; Mrs. Withers suffered a bruised foot and shock; the children received minor facial cuts and Ball escaped injury.

They cancelled the trip to Huntington and Mr. Rowsey spent the

night with his daughter, returned to Point Pleasant Tuesday morning. He is able to be at the office, although complaining of a soreness in his chest.

—Send in Some News—

SHERIFF'S MOTHER DIES

Mrs. Katherine Traubert, mother of Sheriff Herbert Traubert of Brooke county, died Sept. 11.

Her husband, Leo Traubert, was sheriff of the county at the time of his death two years ago and his son was appointed to fill the unexpired term. In 1938 he was elected to the office.

—Send in Some News—

Jackson K. Kern, deputy county clerk of Marion county, spent several days visiting in Spencer recently.

Cupid's Helper Death Victim

Collapses While Asking for License for Couple

Death came Sept. 9 to Harry J. McGlumphy, 49, while he was in the act of carrying out another of the countless errands for Cupid he had performed in recent years.

McGlumphy, head of the Wellsburg taxi company, had gone to the courthouse to obtain a marriage license for a couple. He had just asked the clerk for the papers when he collapsed and died.

A new state law requiring notice of intention to wed three days before issuance of the license went into effect on April 11, 1937.

McGlumphy and his partners would take care of the notice and send the papers back to the applicants, and be prepared to meet them and take them to a preacher when they arrived in Wellsburg.

Then, on June 26 of this year, another change in the state law required physical examination to assure that license applicants did not have syphilis in contagious stages.

This hampered the taxi company's business, but did not stop it entirely. The partners then arranged a plan whereby they added the making of an appointment for the physical examination to the services they performed in the past.

—Send in Pictures—

Succeeds His Wife

There will be a Sims on the Greenbrier county board of education, but instead of a wife it will be a husband.

Mrs. Mark Sims resigned her post on the board last month to accept the position of county school attendance officer. At a special meeting of the board, her husband was appointed to fill out her unexpired term.

—Send in Pictures—

John Shinn, member of the Jackson county court, was a business visitor in Spencer recently.

DALE CRAWFORD, RANDOLPH COUNTY SHERIFF, WEDS
ETHEL FISHER, MARSHALL COUNTY DEPUTY SHERIFF



Mrs. Crawford



Sheriff Crawford

The marriage of Miss Ethel Fisher, chief office deputy in the Marshall county sheriff's office in Moundsville, to Randolph County Sheriff Dale W. Crawford took place in Harrisonville, Va., Aug. 29.

Accompanying Miss Fisher and Sheriff Crawford to Winchester were Deputy Sheriff and Mrs. Dee Gainer, Deputy Sheriff and Mrs. Orris B. Wilmoth, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Moore, the Misses Evelyn and Anna Belle Crawford, daughters of the bridegroom, and Howard Workman, all of Elkins.

The bride wore a violet blue lace frock fashioned with shirred puffed sleeves, and tiny tucked full circular skirt, street length, with which she wore white accessories. Her shoulder corsage was of pink roses. There were no attendants.

Mrs. Crawford is a daughter of Mrs. Rachel Fisher of Moundsville. She was educated in the Moundsville public schools and has served under four sheriffs, two Republicans and two Democrats. She has also been assistant bookkeeper for the Wheeling Metal and Manufacturing company of

Wheeling for 11 years, and served as treasurer of the town committee of the Moundsville branch of the Y. M. C. A.

She returned to Moundsville the latter part of the week, where she will remain until after the tax tickets are completed and will return to Elkins on October 1, to become office deputy in her husband's office there.

Mr. Crawford is serving his first term as sheriff of Randolph county, and prior to coming to Elkins he was formerly mayor and councilman of Mill Creek and has always been active in politics in the county.

Mr. Crawford and his bride will move into the residence formerly occupied by Jailer B. Y. White.

—Send in Pictures—

Granddaughter Ill

Sheriff W. W. Rowsey of Mason county was a recent visitor in Huntington, where his granddaughter, Mrs. Wesley Ball, underwent an operation.

At last reports she was recovering nicely.

**Few Marriages
In Tyler County**

New Law Practically Eliminates Marriages There

Only four marriage licenses have been issued by Ray Henderson, clerk of the Tyler county court, since the new physical-examination marriage law went into effect May 26.

This is an average of only one per month and, indeed, the record shows, only one license was issued in August.

—Send in Pictures—

**PROSECUTING ATTORNEY
OF CALHOUN DIES**

Bee Hopkins, 83, serving his third term as prosecuting attorney of Calhoun county, was found dead early Sunday, Sept. 3, at his farm at Minnora. Physicians said he succumbed to a heart attack.

Born in Wirt county in 1856, he was the son of the late Mark Hopkins of Creston. He began his active life as a schoolteacher. He was elected justice of the peace and later a member of the West Virginia house of delegates from Calhoun county.

Mr. Hopkins made his home in Grantsville, but was visiting his farm at Minnora over the weekend when he suffered his fatal illness.

He leaves one brother, Dr. Hopkins of Portsmouth, Ohio; a brother-in-law, Sheriff R. E. Hays of Parkersburg; a sister in California, and a number of nieces and nephews, among whom are Chonice Engeke of Creston, and B. Hopkins, Jr., president of the Wirt county board of education.

—Send in Pictures—

SON IN COLLEGE

Circuit Judge and Mrs. James F. Shipman of Marshall county were in Syracuse, N. Y., late this month where their son, Robert, who accompanied them, entered the New York State College of Forestry.

**Prize Spelling Again
Received**

Sheriff of Roane County Receives Interesting Letter

Take it from Phil D. Phillips, sheriff of Roane county, it takes all kinds of people to make a world, as witness the following letter recently received in his office:

Akron, Ohio.

"Sheriff of Roane County, West Virginia.

"Please let us know by returned mail about _____, marriage certifacte. Marriage licensed was issued in Spencer W.V.A. Her name was _____ His name was _____. Married about the year 1915 or there about. They lived in Roane Co. Next to the Calhoun Bridge. In Spencer W.V.A. They lived together about two years. Cheif of Police Was Lew Wolfe. During his married life. All he wants to know if he is eligable to get Married again with out sueing for divorce. Please let us here from you by returned mail. About the whole thing and if you have his birth certifacte please let us know about what year Mr _____ was Borne in and how long he resided in Roane Co. With Many Thanks And Hope you Will Give us enough information so we will be able to see him through His difficultys. With the best Regards,

"Respectfully. YOURS, _____?"

—Send in Pictures—

EX-SCHOOL HEAD DIES

James Thomas Peters, 74, superintendent of Fayette county schools from 1912 to 1920, died Sept. 24, in a Quinimont hospital.

Mr. Peters, a district school superintendent before the county unit plan went into effect, was connected with the schools for 55 years.

He was editor of a Fayette county history published in 1922.

UNPOSED



H. Laban White

Mr. White, Dean of the Glenville State Teachers' College, didn't know his picture was being taken when Gordon Depew, C. & H. salesman, snapped him in this informal pose at the recent county superintendent's meeting at Jackson's Mill.

FORMER OFFICIAL DIES

Clark C. Knapp, 88, former Putnam county prosecuting attorney and superintendent of schools, died suddenly two weeks ago at his home in Charleston. Death was attributed to a heart attack.

He was one of the oldest teachers in point of service in Putnam county. He is survived by his widow and 11 children.

—Send in Some News—

JAIL IMPROVEMENT ASKED

Judge Mark L. Jarrett by formal order will ask the county court of Summers county to improve the conditions surrounding the jail, and appointed a committee to further investigate the matter.

**PROSECUTOR'S SON
MARRIES**

Announcement has been made of the marriage of Miss Eleanor Jackson and Oval D. Damron, both of Hamlin. The bridegroom is a son of Prosecuting Attorney and Mrs. W. F. Damron of Lincoln county.

The marriage occurred Aug. 20 at Greenup Ky.

—Send in Some News—

FIRST CANDIDATE!

Apparently Harry C. Bee, president of the Ritchie county court, is the first public official to throw his hat into the 1939 ring. At least, The NewsTeller has not heard of any other.

In mid-September Mr. Bee let it be known that he was a candidate for the Republican nomination for sheriff of Ritchie county.

**Announcing In Advance
That Your 1940 C. & H.
Calendars Will Be Wrong!**

Yes, that's right! Although you won't get your Casto & Harris 1940 calendars until around Dec. 1, this year, we can tell you in advance that they will have one error.

It's Thanksgiving Day! Yes, we printed them back in July, long before President Roosevelt moved the date up a week, and consequently we are showing Nov. 28, 1940, as a holiday. In other words, we plead guilty but it wasn't our fault.

Incidentally, one calendar received by NewsTeller publishers this year was correct, despite the fact that the Thanksgiving date was changed only a short time ago. Put out by the L. L. Brown paper company, it showed Thanksgiving on Nov. 23. However, at the time this was an error and the company sent out stickers to paste over the error. The "error" turned out to be correct, however, much to L. L. Brown's surprise!

Calls Charleston Meeting



A Leeman Knight, President,
Association of County Commissioners

The annual convention of the County Commissioners of West Virginia will be held at Charleston Oct. 12-13, it was announced recently by A. Leeman Knight, Harrison county commissioner who heads the association.

All commissioners are requested to register in the County Court room of the Kanawha county Court House Oct. 12 at 10 a. m., at which time the convention hotel will be designated.

Assessors, county and circuit clerks are also invited to attend this meeting.

Carl C. Calvert, newly appointed member of the Kanawha county court, is in charge of convention arrangements and an interesting program, including luncheon and banquet, has been arranged.

To Halt Truancy

Those who play "hooky" in Grant county had better watch their step!

County Supt. C. P. Hott an-

nounces that he will launch a drive to end truancy in the county.

He says violators will be punished in accordance with the law.

Mercer Clerk's Father Is Dead

Aged Lawyer Succumbs to Heart Attack

Eighty-three year old Albert W. Reynolds, Sr., father of Circuit Clerk Landon T. Reynolds of Mercer county, went out to sit in his swing until time to leave for his office Sept. 18.

A few moments later members of the family found him dead of a heart attack, seated upright in the swing.

Reynolds, one of West Virginia's oldest practicing attorneys, had been at his office as usual Saturday.

Reynolds during a 60 year career had served as special judge in Mercer and McDowell counties, had been Mercer county attorney for the Norfolk and Western railway since 1882, was a director in several coal concerns including the Pocahontas Coal and Coke Co., and was the last surviving founder of the First National bank of Bluefield.

He was married twice. His second wife died 15 years ago. Children who survive are former State Sen. Albert W. Reynolds, Jr., now a government attorney in Washington; Landon T. Reynolds, of Princeton, William H. Reynolds, a Washington architect, Roy Reynolds of Kegley and Helen Reynolds, at home.

—Send in Pictures—

New Building

An addition to the West Union High School building is assured now that the contract has been awarded to the E. F. Phillips Lumber company of New Martinsville.

The board of education of Doddridge county accepted the company's bid of \$65,369.

—Send in Some News—

Thelma Kirk, an employee of the Fayette county board of education, visited in Spencer recently and called on NewsTeller publishers.

Martin Having Eye "Trouble"

But Filling Station Operator Cures The Ailment

Mrs. A. R. Martin, wife of the Monongalia county clerk, tells this true story on her husband:

Recently they were returning from a vacation trip and had been driving since early in the day. As it got dusk, Mr. Martin turned on his car's headlights, then began complaining that the lights were weak.

As it got darker and darker, his grumblings increased and finally he decided to stop at a filling station and have the lights examined.

An accommodating attendant examined the headlights, said they were as good as new. "I don't understand," said Mr. Martin, "why they don't seem to be as bright as usual."

The attendant grinned. "Maybe if you took off your dark glasses," he said, "they'd be brighter."

Having been using dark glasses during the day, A. R. had forgot to remove them as it grew darker!

—Send in Pictures—

LONG TERM DEPUTIES

Last month's article about Beatrice McMillan, who has been a deputy county clerk in Lincoln county for 13 years, brought equally interesting items from Mineral County.

Miss Audry Kiser, who recently resigned as deputy County Clerk of Mineral county, served for 18 years.

Miss Margaret McIlwee, deputy clerk of the Mineral county circuit court, has been in that office for a little more than 13 years.

—Send in Pictures—

"Gertie," said her father, "I don't mind your young man smoking my cigars, but I do object to him taking the morning paper when he says good night."

WETZEL DEPUTY IS MARRIED



Mrs. Lyle Edward Winer

A pleasant surprise to the many friends of the prominent New Martinsville couple came with the announcement of the marriage of Miss Lucile Marie Shurtliffe to Lyle Edward Winer, which was solemnized June 18, 1939, at New Martinsville, Rev. B. Elmo Kelley, pastor of St. John's M. E. Church, officiating.

Mrs. Winer is a daughter of Mrs. Mary Shurtliffe, is a graduate of Magnolia high school, and is a widely known young lady of the community. For the past several years she has been employed as a deputy in the office of County Clerk G. A. Harman.

Mr. Winer is the eldest son of Mrs. Harry Winer, and is manager of the Winer Dept. Store of New Martinsville.

Music Director

Frank Troy of Keyser has been selected as supervisor of music for the Hardy county schools.

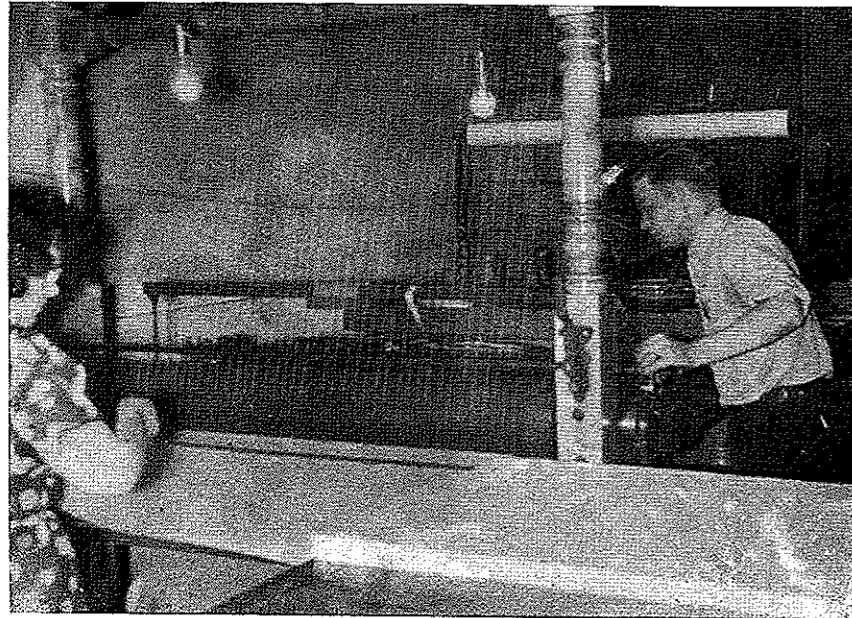
He resigned a similar post in Mineral county to accept the new position. Mr. Troy has had wide experience in band direction and in music.

Shumaker Speaks

"Means of Improving Standards" was the title of an address made by R. Worth Shumaker, Upshur county superintendent of schools, before a teachers' meeting held at Buckhannon Sept. 29.

A large attendance was reported.

Getting Ready for 1940



(First in a series of pictures showing C. & H. employees at work)

Casto & Harris' ruling machine is working overtime these days getting ready for the election in 1940. Shown above is Luby H. Smith, bindery foreman, who is supervising ruling work on the 1940 registration books. Mrs. Mattie B. Long is feeding the sheets into the machine.

For registration books alone it requires 38,000 sheets 24x38 inches, weighing 4,500 pounds. This means a total ruling machine and press run of 228,000.

NEW PARSONS HIGH SCHOOL DEDICATED

The new Parsons High School building was officially dedicated Sept. 10 with about 500 persons in attendance. Music was furnished by the Parsons Volunteer Fire Department Band, directed by Carl Wilson.

The ceremonies were held in the school auditorium with P. L. Marsh of the Board of Education introducing Mike Ferruso, Board member; Arthur Wilkens, architect; Jason Wolford, high school principal; County Superintendent Shirley Cooper and his assistant, J. E. Riley. Devotionals were led by the Rev. H. A. St. Clair, Baptist minister.

Atty. W. K. Pritt made a brief talk and then introduced the main speaker, Judge Harlan Calhoun of Moorefield, who spoke on "The Three Things Dearest to the

American People." He said they were the public schools, Christian teaching and freedom, and free government.

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Judge McClintic Urges Jail in Greenbrier

In his charge to the Federal grand jury recently at the Lewisburg Federal court term, Judge George W. McClintic referred to the report of the committee appointed by Judge Jarrett to inspect the Greenbrier county jail, and said that he hoped that the judge's action would result in the county court submitting the matter of bonding for a new jail to the voters of the county, and that they would provide a humane place in which to keep prisoners.

This time he referred to the present jail as an "accursed building" called a jail.

Circuit Clerk Dies At Elkins

Is Replaced by F. E. Tallman, Randolph County Attorney

As it must to all men, Death came to G. N. Wilson, Circuit Clerk of Randolph county, Sept. 9, ending a career that kept him in this one office for 37 years.

George Nelson Wilson was born at Valley Bend April 6, 1871, and was the son of William Hall Wilson, who later became circuit clerk of the county, and of Rachael Crouch Wilson. His earlier years were spent on the farm at Beverly. He graduated from the Wheeling Business College and eventually became a deputy under his father, who was elected circuit clerk in 1884. It was in that capacity that he acquired a knowledge of the office and familiarity with legal procedure which later made him one of the most efficient clerks in the state. Mr. Wilson succeeded his father as circuit clerk at the election in 1902 and was re-elected in 1908, 1914, 1920, 1926, 1932, and again in 1938, or seven times in all.

Circuit Judge John F. Brown appointed F. E. Tallman, Elkins attorney, to fill the vacancy. A clerk to fill the unexpired term will be elected in 1940.

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TO COUNTY CLERKS:

Does your Court House have a clock?

The NewsTeller would like to publish an article or series of articles telling about clocks in the various Court Houses in West Virginia.

Is yours running o. k.?

Does it act up queerly, such as striking the wrong hour, running backwards, etc?

Is it run by electricity or by winding?

Send us the information about your Court House clock and we'll return the favor with an interesting (we hope!) article.

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