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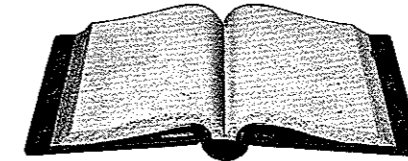
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TWO CANDIDATES UNABLE TO VOTE

**Kenna Clark and Frank Thorne
Both Ill at Election
Time**

Two successful candidates for County Clerk did not get to vote for themselves Nov. 8, because illness kept them indoors. They were Kenna Clark, Marion county, and Frank Thorne, Wirt county.

Mr. Clark was taken ill several days before the election and was bedfast on that all-important day. However, he didn't need this extra vote, as his majority was more than substantial.

At the same time Mr. Thorne was a patient in the St. Joseph's hospital, Parkersburg, with a badly infected finger. For more than two weeks before the election he did not get to do any campaigning, but he won reelection by

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DEPUTY CLERK

Nominated as the oldest deputy clerk—from point of service—is Miss Olive Davis, who has been in the Marion county clerk's office at Fairmont since Oct. 1, 1906.

Miss Davis has served as deputy clerk continuously for more than 32 years and if there are older deputies—from point of service—their names should be sent to the NewsTeller.

WINNER



For sending in two dandy items about marriage & divorce in Hampshire county (see pages three and seven) Miss Pauline Snyder, deputy clerk of that county, is winner of the first monthly award for the best contribution of the month.

The award—a handsome all-steel filing cabinet—has already been shipped to Miss Snyder.

This month's prize is a check for \$2, to the county or school official or deputy who sends in the most interesting item for publication in the December NewsTeller.

Deadline for the December contribution is Dec. 15. Act now to win this cash prize, which will be mailed to the winner at once.

CO. COURTS MAY MEET WITH CLERKS

**Possibility Discussed at
Huntington Meeting
November 23**

Members of the West Virginia County Commissioners' Association may meet with the County and Circuit Clerks' Association at their Morgantown convention in 1939, according to plans discussed at a meeting of the former group held at Huntington Nov. 23.

It was pointed out that a merging of the two groups would be

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LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

An eight-man legislative committee, to work in behalf of the West Virginia County and Circuit Clerks' Association, was named Nov. 25 by Circuit Clerk M. M. Hix of Kanawha county, president of the association. The committee is composed of four circuit clerks and four county clerks, as follows:

Circuit Clerks: Van Hunter, Raleigh county; Landon T. Reynolds, Mercer, chairman; L. L. Nightengale, Ohio county; and Paul W. Dayton, Mineral county.

County Clerks: Paul H. Wehrle, Kanawha county; Earl Wolfe, Jr., Wood county; A. R. Martin, Monongalia county; and Ray F. Henderson, Tyler county.

COMMITTEEMAN



L. L. Nightengale
Ohio County Circuit Clerk

Mr. Nightengale is one of the four circuit clerks who will serve on the 1939 legislative committee of the West Virginia County and Circuit Clerks' association. (See page one)

Mr. Nightengale was reelected Nov. 8 by an overwhelming majority.

PAY YOUR '38 DUES URGES PRESIDENT

Malcolm H. Hix Urges Clerks
To Pay Up Now; Funds
Are Lacking

"November 22, 1938.
"To All County and Circuit
Clerks:

"From all the information that I can get, the matter of paying dues in our Association has been sadly neglected. I am sure that this condition has existed simply because no one has made any effort to look after the matter. I feel certain that we are all interested in our Association to the extent that it will be a pleasure to pay the small annual dues of \$2.50.

"Those of you who have not

HAMPSHIRE'S FIRST DIVORCE IN 1773

Husband Returns to Find
Spouse Re-Married;
Spurns Revenge

Hampshire county's first divorce—and probably one of the first granted in what is now West Virginia—resulted from peculiar circumstances.

During Pontiac's war, prior to 1757, a farmer living in Hampshire county was taken prisoner by the Indians, but his wife escaped. He was carried to Ohio and sold from tribe to tribe until several years afterwards, when peace was made with the Indians and he came home.

Great was his disappointment when he learned that his wife had long ago given him up as dead, had re-married and had several children by her second husband. Instead of seeking revenge, he had the following paper recorded in Deed Book No. 3, page 161: (Actual names omitted for obvious reasons)

"To all whom these Presents shall come or may concern Whereas my Wife Barbara formerly Barbara D _____ hath sometime left me & hath intermarried with James C. _____ I do therefore hereby certify that I do freely acquit & discharge the said James & Barbara from all Trouble or Damages by means of their Intermarriage & do consent that they may dwell & cohabit together as Husband & Wife for the future without any Interruption from me. Given under my Hand & Seal this XIX Day of February 1773

"Test J _____ K _____ (L.S.)

paid their dues for the year ending July 1, 1939, will please send your remittance to Mr. A. M. Brown, Secretary West Virginia Association of County and Circuit Clerks, Winfield, West Va., and he will mail you receipt for same. I would like to see all the Clerks pay up in full to July of next year and when we have our Convention next year we could collect the dues for the following year.

HER BOSS RE-ELECTED



Miss Martha Smith

Living proof that beauty & brains often go hand-in-hand is Miss Martha Smith, deputy county clerk of Wayne county.

Miss Smith, who recently returned from a vacation in the New England states, is a faithful attendant at the annual clerks' convention and takes an active part in all festivities.

She'll be on hand at Morgantown this fall inasmuch as her boss, Clerk J. G. Lambert, was re-elected for another six-year term with many votes to spare.

Two Candidates

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a whopping majority.

(Are there other successful candidates who did not get to vote Nov. 8? If so, send us your name and particulars for publication—ed).

"Your attention in this matter will be appreciated by your President.

"Yours very truly,
"M. H. Hix, President."

WEST VIRGINIA ASSESSORS TO MEET AT CHARLESTON, DECEMBER 6 & 7

Nearly All Counties to Be
Represented at Annual
Meet

Nearly all of the 55 counties will be represented at the annual meeting of Assessors to be held at Charleston Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 6 and 7, according to Ernest K. James, state tax commissioner, who is chairman of the committee on arrangements.

Sessions will be held in the House Chamber on the second floor of the main unit of the Capitol building, with a banquet at the Ruffner hotel at 8 p. m. Tuesday climaxing the event.

Mr James announces the program in full, as follows:

First Session

Tuesday Morning, Dec. 6,
9:30 a. m.

Ernest K. James, presiding;

ON PROGRAM



Chauncey D. Twyford

Mr. Twyford, one of the best known assessors in West Virginia, will have an important part in the assessors' program at their convention Dec. 6-7. He is scheduled to speak on "Oil and Gas Assessments" and to conduct a round table on the same subject.

President Turley's Message

"As President of the West Virginia Assessors' Association, I send greetings to all members and their deputies.

"Our annual meeting will be held in Charleston Dec. 6 and 7 and it is my hope that we will have a 100 percent attendance.

"Much good can come from our annual sessions and any suggestions to make the programs more interesting and beneficial will be gladly received.

"With best wishes to all, I am
"Sincerely yours,

"W. C. Turley, Assessor Logan county."

Roll call of counties; Address of greeting, Homer A. Holt, Governor; "What Happens To Delinquent Lands Sold Prior to 1936, and Making up Current Land Books," George Grove, chief of land department, State Auditor's office; Announcements, Wm. C. Turley, President West Virginia State Assessors' association; Re-cess.

Second Session

Tues. Afternoon, Dec. 6, 1:30 p. m.; "Value of Tax Maps, Card Index and Other Mechanical Aids In Assessing Urban Property," W. M. Martin, assessor of Cabell county; "Assessors' Problems In Property Transfers," Garland Wilkinson, deputy assessor of Kanawha county; "Oil and Gas Assessments," Chauncey Twyford, Assessor of Tyler County; Round Table—"Oil and Gas," discussion led by Chauncey Twyford, Assessor of Tyler county; "Coal," discussion led by C. W. Perine, Assessor of Monongalia county; Adjournment.

Banquet at Ruffner hotel Tuesday evening, Dec. 6, 8 p. m.

Third Session

Wednesday morning, Dec. 7, 9:30 a. m.; An address of greeting, Edgar B. Sims, state auditor;

HE DIDN'T VOTE



Kenna Clark
Marion County Clerk-Elect

Illness prevented Kenna Clark from voting for himself for county clerk of Marion county, but it didn't keep him from getting a handsome majority.

Mr. Clark was justice of the peace of Fairmont district at the time of his election to this new office.

"Observations on Work of Assessors, and County Courts as Boards of Equalization and Review," Ernest K. James, State Tax commissioner; "Assessment of Improvements, Fixtures and Equipment on Coal Properties," Fred Blair, Assessor of Mingo County; "Assessment of Coal Lands," C. W. Perine, Assessor of Monongalia county; "Problems In Property Classification," Kenneth H. Hill, Assessor of Hancock county, and R. C. McClagherty, Assessor of Mercer county.

Fourth Session

Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 7, 1:30 p. m.; Election of officers; Discussion of Question Box Problems; "Function of County Courts as a Board of Equalization and Review," Discussion by members of county courts of Monongalia, Boone, Taylor and Preston counties.

FIRST COMPLETE LIST OF COUNTY AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS ELECTED NOVEMBER 8, 1938

Because the Secretary of State's certified list of newly elected officials will not be available for several weeks, The News-Teller publishers have taken it upon themselves to compile a list of the successful candidates in each of the 55 counties Nov. 8.

Questionnaires were sent to every County Clerk in West Virginia and 90% of them responded by return mail. Although this compilation is not official, it is more than reasonably accurate, the final results in every county not being available until after numerous recounts.

An asterisk (*) after a name indicates that that person is newly elected to this office, while "re-count" means that a recount is in progress, although first figures gave victory to the candidate named below.

It is suggested that this list be preserved for future reference.

BARBOUR COUNTY

Co. Clerk Waitman D. Corder*
 Circuit Clerk Roscoe D. Zinn
 County Court Marvin J. Gainer*
 School Board—
 R. H. "Bob" Woodford*
 Frank V. Brandon*
 Dowden Hudkins*
 House of Delegates—
 Wm. T. "Bill" George

BERKELEY COUNTY

County Clerk H. O. Keedy*
 Circuit Clerk W. C. Morton
 Co. Court Garland E. Johnson*
 School Board L. D. W. Gerhardt
 Chas. Siler
 C. Stewart Cline*
 House of Del. Chas. Beard*

BOONE COUNTY

County Clerk Lloyd Estep
 Circuit Clerk B. L. Allen
 County Court Kirby G. Hill
 School Board Dennie M. Ferrell*
 Tilden Hendricks
 Earl Miller*
 (Short term) W. L. Covert*
 House of Del. E. E. White

BRAXTON COUNTY

County Clerk Frank Fisher

Circuit Clerk C. B. Eakle
 County Court Smith Marks
 School Board J. B. Fisher
 Frank R. Holt*
 Brady Randolph*
 House of Del. L. T. Harvey

BROOKE COUNTY

Co. Clerk Charlotte Calderwood
 Circuit Clerk Mrs. Newton
 W. Shannon
 Sheriff Herbert Traubert
 Co. Court Geo. Mewha* (recount)
 (Unexpired term)—
 George W. Armistead*
 School Board Claude R. Carey*
 Edward J. Nolte*
 Herman Zimmerman*
 House of Del. Reed L. Clark

CABELL COUNTY

Judge of Domestic Relations Ira P. Baer
 County Clerk Fred A. Ware
 Cir. Clerk M. C. (Cliff) Blake
 County Court W. Arch Leap*
 School Board Harry W. Pollock*
 H. B. Daniel*
 R. E. (Dick) Mallory*
 House of Delegates—
 Claude V. Swann
 John G. Hudson*
 Mike Casey*
 Charles G. Rhodes*
 A. R. (Snooks) Winters*

CALHOUN COUNTY

County Clerk Robert Mollohan*
 Circuit Clerk P. P. Gunn*
 County Court Walter Farrar
 School Board Kenna Lester*
 Howard Burns*
 D. E. Bailey*
 House of Del. C. A. Jarvis*

CLAY COUNTY

County Clerk Levy D. Friend
 Circuit Clerk Howard E. Wilson*
 County Court Dr. T. D. Nutter*
 School Board—
 J. A. Sirk* (recount)
 Andy Starcher* (recount)
 J. V. Hinshelwood (recount)
 House of Delegates—
 Dr. Ralph R. Lockhart*

DODDRIDGE COUNTY

County Clerk Hall Maxwell
 Circuit Clerk Earl L. Davis
 County Court Ralph Givens*
 School Board D. M. Flick

C. T. Darnall
 C. H. Waldo*
 House of Del. S. Lee Smith

FAYETTE COUNTY

Co. Clerk H. R. Beckelheimer
 Circuit Clerk Mrs. L. S. Tully
 County Court Mr. Reed*
 School Board Mr. Potter*
 Mr. Orndorff*
 Mr. Cashion*

House of Delegates—
 J. Alex Tinsley
 Mrs. Nell W. Walker
 R. L. Matthews
 Mr. McClung*

GILMER COUNTY

County Clerk Brooks Lynch*
 Circuit Clerk Homer G. Woodford
 County Court Alfred Vanhorn*
 School Board Harley Wolfe*
 Howard Stump
 Roy L. Fitzpatrick*
 House of Del. Paul H. Kidd*

GRANT COUNTY

County Clerk and Circuit Clerk Paul A. Leatherman
 County Court W. T. May
 Evers Bergdoll
 Alley Foley*
 School Board A. N. Brown
 Ike Alt*
 W. H. Muntzing*
 House of Del. Melvin C. Muntzing

GREENBRIER COUNTY

County Clerk Paul C. Hogsett
 Circuit Clerk Thos. W. Henry
 Co. Court Lewis A. Fleshman*
 School Board W. E. Burns
 Wood W. Wickline*
 J. W. Compton*
 House of Del. J. H. Bowling*
 C. L. McClung*

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY

County Clerk R. E. Stewart
 Circ. Clerk Edgar G. Shanholtzer
 County Court O. B. Calohan
 School Board Aven C. Ruckman
 Henry W. Campbell
 Geo. W. Stewart
 House of Del. Wm. T. Milleson

HANCOCK COUNTY

County Clerk Don G. Stewart
 Circuit Clerk R. M. Brown*
 Co. Court Thomas J. Garlick
 School Board W. A. Collins
 William G. Phillips

L. P. Turley
 (unexpired term)—
 Alvin W. Eckleberry
 House of Del. George E. Loucas*

HARDY COUNTY

County and Circuit Clerk C. C. Wise
 County Court T. W. Mathias
 Sheriff (to fill unexpired term) P. D. DeLawder*
 School Board O. G. Bean
 E. Pitt McKeever*
 T. A. Foltz*
 House of Del. C. C. Heishman

HARRISON COUNTY

County Clerk Chas. P. Furbee
 Circuit Clerk Raymond C. Wolfe*
 County Court Carl J. White*
 (Recount)
 School Board Dr. Edward Davis
 Dr. F. C. Chandler*
 Patrick Henry Shields*
 (Short term) Harold M. Garrett*
 House of Del. Howard J. James
 Edgar E. Righter
 Fred L. Shinn
 E. L. Simpson*

JACKSON COUNTY

County Clerk Donald Ferguson*
 Circuit Clerk Okey Ellison*
 County Court J. C. Fisher*
 School Board (long term)—
 Dr. T. E. Rymer*
 Enoch Staats*
 George Walker
 (short term) W. S. Ritchie
 House of Del. Jack W. Walker

JEFFERSON COUNTY

Co. Clerk Emily A. M. Stanley
 Circuit Clerk W. M. Jones
 Sheriff R. J. Madison
 Pros. Atty. John C. Skinner*
 County Court J. M. Garrett
 W. J. Melvin*
 School Board H. L. Lyne
 Harry G. Moffett
 Melvin T. Strider

KANAWHA COUNTY

County Clerk Paul E. Wehrle
 Circuit Clerk M. H. Hix
 Co. Court B. F. "Ben" Watson
 School Board Tom J. Grizzell*
 O. T. Jenkins
 H. L. Snyder
 House of Delegates—
 John E. Amos*

W. T. Brotherton
 Carl C. Calvert
 I. L. Cavender*
 W. T. Hanifin*
 Walter L. Hurlcy*
 K. L. McClung
 James Kay Thomas

LEWIS COUNTY

County Clerk J. O. Bleigh*
 Circuit Clerk Ernest G. Smith
 County Court Zed P. Hammer*
 School Board (long term)—
 George O. Harrison*
 Ellis L. Smith*
 Lloyd G. Losh*
 (short term) J. H. Stern*
 House of Del. Kenneth S. Kurtz

LINCOLN COUNTY

County Clerk J. M. Marcum
 Circuit Clerk L. E. Thacker
 County Court Elza Vickers*
 School Board Elza V. Adkins*
 Bethel O. Henderson*
 Ove Hill*
 House of Del. Frank Adkins*

LOGAN COUNTY

County Clerk J. G. McNeely
 Circuit Clerk Simon A. Dingess
 County Court Grover C. Combs
 School Board Frank White*
 Louden H. White
 R. L. Shelton
 House of Delegates—
 Lonnie E. Butcher*
 Carl McCoy
 Lester (Bus) Perry

MCDOWELL COUNTY

County Clerk Don S. Renn*
 Circuit & Criminal Court Clerk Alex D. Cyphers*
 County Court T. F. Henritze
 School Board Oscar A. Duff*
 P. H. Lawless*
 H. S. Shumate*
 County Engineer (short term) J. Harvey Williams*

MARION COUNTY

County Clerk Kenna Clark*
 Circuit Clerk Clarence Currey
 County Court Arch Fleming
 School Board—
 Thurman J. Downs*
 E. R. (Jack) Horner*
 E. L. Lively*
 House of Del. H. A. Alltop*
 John L. Gill*
 Russell D. Meredith*

MARSHALL COUNTY

County Clerk J. Randall Crow*
 Circuit Clerk Frank M. Ferrell*
 County Court B. W. Brown*
 School Board Ralph E. Riggs*
 Kenneth Harbison
 Guy Alexander*
 House of Del. Everett F. Moore*
 Floyd Yoho*

MASON COUNTY

County Clerk John G. Aten
 Circuit Clerk Vernon Jones
 County Court (regular term)—
 Willard Heffon*
 County Court (short term)—
 P. P. Bumgarner*
 School Board (regular term)—
 John Rice*
 Russell Starkey*
 E. H. Burdette*
 School Board (short term)—
 Russell Starkey*
 House of Del. George Rairden*

MERCER COUNTY

County Clerk Lowery G. Bowling
 Cir. Clerk Landon T. Reynolds
 County Court A. C. White*
 School Board Dr. John H. Bird
 C. V. Foland
 A. J. Cole
 House of Delegates—
 O. H. Ballard*
 John W. Haldren
 A. A. Hopkins*

MINERAL COUNTY

County Clerk T. T. Huffman
 Circuit Clerk Paul W. Dayton
 County Court T. M. Cannon
 School Board (long term)—
 Robert W. Bess
 George Boyd*
 I. N. Lyon*
 (short term) Chas. Deremer*
 House of Del. John I. Rogers*

MINGO COUNTY

County Clerk Elmer Ferrell*
 Circuit Clerk W. A. Curry*
 County Court H. G. Clark*
 School Board Chlide Nelms*
 Thurman Chambers
 Sidney A. Ferrell*
 House of Del. Glenn Taylor
 Mark Russell, Jr.

MONONGALIA COUNTY

County Clerk A. R. Martin

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S. E. A. CHIEF



Virgil L. Flinn

Mr. Flinn, superintendent of the Kanawha County Schools, was chosen president of the State Education Association at its annual convention held in Charleston last month.

Co. Courts May

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mutually beneficial and the matter was referred to a committee for final decision.

Nineteen counties were represented at the Huntington meeting, which adopted resolutions favoring a system of permanent registration of voters and urging transfer of the power of commitment and disbursement for county infirmaries back to the counties.

After registering at the courthouse, the delegates were taken on a tour of the city. Following the tour, county court representatives adjourned for luncheon and reconvened at 2 o'clock in the afternoon in the ballroom of the Hotel Frederick for a three-hour business session.

Passage of the two resolutions highlighted the business session, during which the association ap-

BALLOTS IN TOO SAFE SAFEKEEPING!

Locked Up In Bank Vault;
Time Clock Set for
8:30 A. M.

They played safe at Walton precinct in Roane county night before election—so safe that it was embarrassing!

Searching for a safe place to keep the precinct box and ballots overnight, election officials hit upon the vault at the Poca Valley bank. Bank officials were most accommodating and the several-ton vault door banged shut promptly at 5 p. m. Nov. 7.

Not until 5:30 next morning did it occur to anyone that the time clock on the massive vault was set for 8:30 a. m.—not before!

A telephone call to Spencer routed Circuit Clerk E. M. Sinnett out of bed and he dispatched a special messenger with extra ballots and an extra precinct box. These ballots lasted until 8:30, when the original consignment was available.

pointed legislative and finance committees.

A. W. Garnett, state director of public assistance, addressed the delegates in a private meeting.

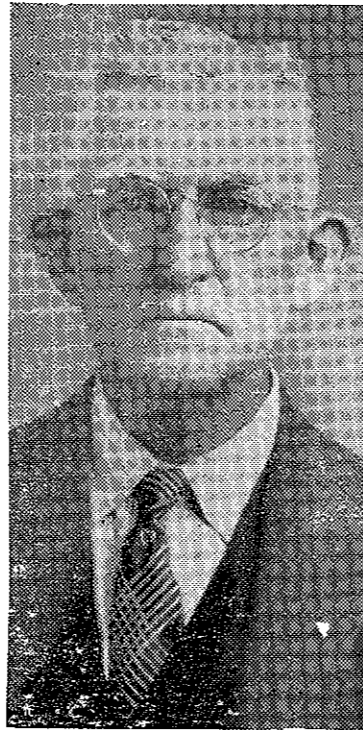
Members of the legislative committee appointed at the business session include A. Leeman Knight, of Clarksburg, president of the association; G. C. Combs, of Logan; Oscar Watts, of Wayne; and W. Arch Leap, of Huntington.

The finance committee members include Mr. Knight, S. B. Lawson, of Logan; J. M. Ross, Jr., of Huntington; and E. A. Crawford, of Lewis county.

A banquet held at 6:30 o'clock at the Hotel Frederick concluded the meeting. Mr. Knight, president of the association, presided.

Other speakers at the afternoon session were W. H. Dawkins, president of the Wood county court; Arch Fleming, president of the Marion county court; George W. Jamison, president of the Monongalia county court; and F.

NEW CLERK



Ed. C. St. Clair

Taylor County Clerk-Elect

One of the few new county clerks is Ed C. St. Clair, of Taylor county, who succeeds Frank Bennett. Mr. Bennett was not a candidate for reelection.

Former deputy assessor of Taylor county, this is Mr. St. Clair's first bid for a major county office.

D. Bonar, president of the Doddridge county court. Their discussions centered around the questions of legislative issues and finance.

Gregory Crawford, deputy clerk of Cabell county, registered the following delegates:

J. P. Rice and L. H. Hill, Hancock county; Oscar Watts and C. E. Romans, Wayne; S. B. Lawson and G. C. Combs, Logan; O. B. Calohan, C. H. Parsons, C. A. Loy and R. E. Stewart, Hampshire; E. V. Shorr, Zed F. Hammer, R. W. See and E. A. Crawford, Lewis; A. Leeman Knight, Charles P. Furbee and J. E. Lanham, Harrison; A. L. Moses, McDowell; Harry Anderson, Raleigh;

Ernest L. Moon, Harry DePollo and J. F. Robinson, Tucker; Arch Fleming, S. L. Ash and R. Nichols, Marion; H. B. Powell, W. W. James, John P. Elliott and Ernest Stalnaker, Gilmer; W. A. Leap, Cabell; Ira E. Hill, Nicholas; M. H. Cox and E. C. Frederick, Ritchie; Ward M. Dawson, Morgan; W. K. Dawkins, Earl Eaton and W. O. Holliday, Wood; C. O. Smith, C. W. Garner and F. D. Boner, Doddridge; C. S. Sutton, John W. Smith, Harvey Lawson and Ray F. Henderson, Tyler; Charles Howard and J. L. Maxwell, Marshall.

First Complete List

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Circuit Clerk Evelyn H. Yorke
County Court Geo. W. Jamison
School Board Charles V. Hare
Rebecca Core Conaway*
D. O. Morris*

House of Del. Harold D. Slaven
(Recount)
Junius M. Strouss

MONROE COUNTY

County Clerk..... Fred H. Dunn
(recount)
Circuit Clerk W. R. Fullen
County Court J. R. Johnson
School Board Dr. T. G. Matney*
W. O. Raines
Ray C. Garrett*

House of Del. J. O. Mitchell*

MORGAN COUNTY

County Clerk R. E. Allen
Circuit Clerk Geo. H. Allemon
County Court C. G. Mechem
School Board W. D. Ambrose
Jos. J. Hawvermale*
Geo. A. Goller*

House of Del. H. D. Beeler

NICHOLAS COUNTY

County Clerk Ira E. Hill
Circuit Clerk Raymond V.
Summers*

County Court—
(long term) John Fitzwater
(short term) Oscar H. O'Dell*
School Board A. Lee Stewart*
Brooks B. Callaghan*
Charles McQueen*
Dr. W. E. Echols

House of Del. Jake Neal

OHIO COUNTY

Co. Clerk Raymond J. Falland
Circuit Clerk L. L. Nightengale
County Court Edward J. Lally
School Board Louis Armbricht*
Fred E. Cowl*
L. Budd Haberstick*

House of Delegates—
J. Wm. Cummins*
Cuyler E. Ewing*
Wm. A. Hannig*
Tom H. Johnson*

PENDLETON COUNTY

County Clerk and Circuit Clerk Luther H. Eye
Pros. Atty. K. C. Van Meter, Jr.*
County Court Geo. A. Bennett*
School Board—
R. Mahlon Lambert*
Glenn Ruddle
Charles E. Zicafoose*

House of Del. Wm. D. Anderson*

PLEASANTS COUNTY

County Clerk O. Rolla Williams
Circuit Clerk Roy J. Virden
County Court W. M. Elliott
School Board L. E. Alley*
R. S. Foley*
A. W. Locke

House of Del. J. C. Powell

POCAHONTAS COUNTY

County Clerk Moody Kincaid
Circuit Clerk Grady K. Moore*
County Court Z. S. Smith, Jr.*
School Board Clarence A. Sheets*
Frank King*
S. D. Kirk*

House of Del. June McElwee

PRESTON COUNTY

County Clerk P. F. King
Circuit Clerk Hobart Spindler
School Board H. G. Grogan
Dr. A. G. DeFoe
Dr. F. W. Fortney

House of Del. Clarence B. Bishoff

PUTNAM COUNTY

County Clerk A. M. Brown
Circuit Clerk J. W. Anderson*
County Court James Utt*
School Board Curtis Pickens*
P. K. Fravel*
A. N. Sumner*

House of Del. Dr. H. A. Erwin

RALEIGH COUNTY

County Clerk Harry Anderson
Circuit Clerk Van Hunter
County Court John R. Smith
School Board K. O. Green
Golden L. Meadows*
F. J. Moore*

House of Del. O. C. Flint
J. L. Huffman*
B. E. Meadows*

RANDOLPH COUNTY

County Clerk John S. Caplinger
Circuit Clerk G. Nelson Wilson
County Court Ray Ward*
School Board Dr. John Bosworth
Mrs. T. O. McVaney*
Wilson Ware*

(unexpired term) Phil Williams*
House of Del. John W. Bosworth

RITCHIE COUNTY

County Clerk Olin V. Wilson
Circuit Clerk L. H. Summers
Co. Court (long) A. R. Douglass
Co. Court (short) Harry C. Bee
School Board (long term)—
Michael Ayers
H. B. Bartlett
Henry Hoover

School Board (short term)—
F. S. McCullough
House of Del. Robert Morris

ROANE COUNTY

County Clerk E. R. Lester
Circuit Clerk E. M. Sinnett
County Court Hugh H. Boggs
School Board J. W. Webb*
J. Herby Smith*
C. W. Walker*

House of Del. Everett Starcher*

SUMMERS COUNTY

County Clerk Harold E. Price
Circuit Clerk G. J. Hughes
County Court Rufus H. Ford*
School Board Luther G. Dodd*
Adney Meadows*
Mrs. Mark Sims*

House of Del. Forest L. McNeer

TAYLOR COUNTY

County Clerk Ed C. St. Clair*
Cir. Clerk Frank M. Hollis, Jr.
County Court D. I. Bayley*
School Board J. Lee Evans
Paul P. Warden
Arthur G. Yates

House of Del. Lloyd L. Shriver*

TUCKER COUNTY

County Clerk Ernest Moon
Circuit Clerk Clara Rightmire
County Court Walter Hovatter*
School Board J. F. Yeager
Geo. W. Harper*
Mike Ferruso*

House of Del. J. C. Cooper*

TYLER COUNTY

County Clerk Ray F. Henderson
Circuit Clerk Donald Van Camp*
County Court Harvey Lawson
School Board P. P. Berkley*
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House of Del. Orren L. Jones

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Wade H. Young*

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County Surveyor C. B. Wilson

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Circuit Clerk S. S. Plymale
County Court W. B. Smith
School Board Eustace Adkins
G. W. Staley

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TYLER INSTALLING NEW INDEX SYSTEM

Deeds and Leases Being
Placed in 18-Volume
Series

A new and modern Permaflex index to deeds and leases is now being installed by Ray F. Henderson, clerk of the Tyler county court. The new installation con-



Ray F. Henderson
Tyler County Clerk

sists of 18 volumes and the project is being supervised by Everett Smith, former Tyler county clerk. It is to be an open series index going back to the formation of the county.

A large crew of young men and women have been at work for some time making and checking cards from the original records. These will, in turn, be checked against the old index, insuring an accurate index system.

It is Mr. Henderson's intention to begin indexing all other important documents as soon as he completes the deeds and leases. Of especial interest is the fact that he will index his court order books. Only a few counties in West Virginia have these books indexed, but Mr. Henderson feels that such an index would prove to be a great time saver and an extremely valuable record.

DEPUTY CLERK DIES

Charles E. Walker, 72, deputy circuit clerk of Wayne county, died Nov. 25 after a brief illness. Physicians said he suffered from a heart ailment. Mr. Walker had served three terms as circuit clerk before becoming deputy clerk.

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Eugene Plymale
House of Del.Epison A. Cole
Frank Lake

WEBSTER COUNTY

County ClerkCharles Herold
Circuit ClerkGeo. W. Jackson
County CourtC. L. Hines*
School BoardLawrence Miller*
W. L. McCourt

S. W. Cutlip
House of Del.H. Clay Mace

WETZEL COUNTY

County ClerkG. A. Harman
Circuit Clerk ..Archie Leo Yeater*
County CourtFred Anderson
School BoardJ. C. Froelich
L. G. McIntyre

Hugh Sapp*
House of Delegates—
Herbert Schupbach*

WIRT COUNTY

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Circuit ClerkWalter Hoffman
County CourtW. D. Smith
School BoardFloyd Anderson*
Frank Mills*

B. D. Williams*
House of Del. ..Robt. F. Hickman*

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Circuit ClerkFritz Grimm
County CourtJ. B. Yeager*
School BoardE. L. Hamric
Frank Athey

E. M. Ball
House of Delegates—
Spencer Creel*
Francis Bickel*
Ben Nern*

WYOMING COUNTY

County ClerkF. Pierce Cook*
Circuit ClerkJohn S. Lambert*
Co. Court ..John W. Shufflebarger
School Board (long term)—
Jack Shipman

Asa Hurst
Grover C. Dooley*

MAN FREES SLAVE; TAKES HER AS WIFE

Negress Emancipated, But She
Must Live With
Master

Another interesting and enlightening document on record in Hampshire county was entered May 6, 1826,

when a landowner freed a negress slave with the stipulation that she remain with him during his lifetime "in the quality of my wife."



R. E. Stewart
Hampshire Clerk

The document, with names omitted for obvious reasons, was sent to The NewsTeller by Miss Pauline Snyder, Hampshire county deputy clerk, and is reproduced as follows:

"Be it known to all to whom it may concern that I W_____ M_____ of the county of Hampshire and Commonwealth of Virginia do by these presents liberate emancipate and forever set free from and after the day of my death my negroe woman Nancy on condition that she remain with me during my natural life in the quality of my wife In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 6th day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty six

his
"W_____ X M_____
mark (L. S)

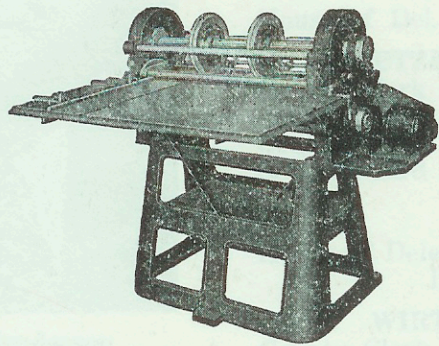
With the tabulation of election winners requiring three pages of space, many other important items are omitted this month, will be published in December.—Ed.

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