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NEWSTELLER

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

Gentleman from Harrison



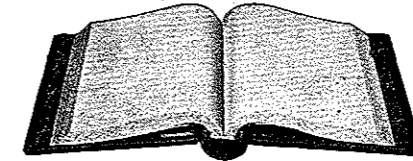
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President West Virginia County Commissioners' Association
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GRANDPA WANTED NO "RED HEADS"

Deeded Farm With Understanding Granddaughter Wouldn't Have Red Hair

The strange case of a grandfather who deeded his daughter-in-law a 58-acre farm apparently with the understanding that (1) she would make him a grandfather; (2) that the child would be a girl; (3) that the granddaughter would be named "Rye"; and (4) that "Rye" would not have red hair comes to light from Doddridge county this month as the prize-winning article.



The winner is Deloros Underwood, deputy in Clerk Hall Maxwell's office at

West Union, and her check has been delivered.

The deed in question is dated Jan. 26, 1889, and is recorded in
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New Members Invited

An invitation to the 27 newly elected county and circuit clerks to join their statewide organization has been extended by M. H. Hix, circuit clerk of Kanawha county and president of the West Virginia Association of County
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S. O. S.!

This is an urgent call for help!

This is the third issue of The County NewsTeller, which is being published monthly and mailed free to every county and school official in West Virginia. Already it has won many friends who realize that such a magazine can be of unique service to the men and women who manage the counties' affairs.

We want The NewsTeller to be spritely, interesting as well as informative. That's why we offer monthly prizes for the most interesting item sent in by public officials, their deputies or office assistants. Stories such as the "Red Hair Deed" yarn to the left of this column are the type wanted. Certainly there are many such unusual documents in every public office.

But to date few have been received. This is our special plea for more such articles, for little news items of interest originating right in your own office, for photographs which might be interesting to those on our mailing list, for information about changes and improvements in your office. The more news you send in, the bigger & better can be YOUR magazine.

For the best article submit-
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NEW CLERK SERVED IN THREE OFFICES

Barbour County Clerk-Elect Started Public Career In 1909

As a former deputy sheriff and three-time circuit clerk, W. D. Corder of Philippi is well qualified to take over his new duties as Barbour county clerk Jan. 1. Mr. Corder started his public



W. D. Corder

career Jan. 1, 1909 as deputy sheriff under his father and he served out the full term. In 1914 he was elected circuit clerk of Barbour county and served three full terms, retiring voluntarily on Dec. 31, 1932. This year he
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TO PRINT PICTURES OF COURT HOUSES

Complete Series of 55 to be Placed on Front Cover of NewsTeller

Beginning with the January issue, The NewsTeller will use its front cover to picture one of the 55 court houses in West Virginia. Letters have been mailed to all county clerks, asking them to secure suitable photographs, so that engravings can be made at once.

Although it will require nearly five years to complete the set, it will be accomplished before any of the present county or circuit clerks leave office, and the complete set of 55 should make an interesting and valuable collection, as no such series is now available.

Newspaper mats or postcard pictures will not do, it is explained, because the mats will not print up well on the slick cover paper, and good engravings cannot be made from colored postcards. It is suggested that a good black and white photograph, glossy if possible, be submitted.

If none is available it has been suggested that a local commercial photographer might make an up-to-date picture in exchange for using his name, with credit line, on the front cover in connection with the picture. The magazine goes to 600 county and school officials in West Virginia and it would be a good advertisement for his studio. Any size photograph will do, as it can be enlarged or reduced to space requirements.

Courthouse pictures will be printed in the order in which they arrive at the office of the publishers. Ritchie county's came in first, and will be used on the front cover for January. County officials are urged to send pictures of their court houses now so that reasonably early reproduction can be assured.

WANT TO TRADE?

Chauncey D. Twyford, assessor of Tyler county and a booster for The NewsTeller, suggests that a "Want to Trade?" department be included in each issue of this monthly magazine.

It is his thought that many county and school officials have supplies and equipment which they have outgrown, or for which they have no further use, and through this department such items could be exchanged.

The NewsTeller publishers will gladly furnish space for "To Trade" and "For Sale" items, with no charge.

If you have any equipment or other items that you want to trade, send in their description.

SURPRISE?

If our plans did not go astray this picture of J. O. Bleigh, new clerk of the Lewis county court, will be quite a surprise to him when he sees it in print.

We borrowed it from a friend and hope that its use comes as a pleasant surprise.

Mr. Bleigh succeeds "Singing Ed" Shorr Jan. 1.



New Members Invited

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& Circuit Clerks.

Pointing out that the 1939 convention would be held at Morgantown, he reminded them that the annual dues are \$2.50, which should be sent to A. Miller Brown, clerk of the Putnam county court at Winfield, who is the secretary.

\$35,000 INCOME FROM MARRIAGES

Over 35,000 Licenses Issued By Brooke County Clerk Since 1931

Revenue from marriage licenses have brought into the Brooke county treasury more than \$35,000 since Miss Charlotte Calderwood, county clerk, took office in April, 1931, according to records in her office.

The peak year was in 1936, when 9,627 licenses were issued, the county and state getting a dollar each for each license. From Jan. 1, 1932, to July 1, 1938, a total of 36,265 licenses were issued. All of the county's share of this money goes into the general county fund to help defray general expenses.

A victim of sensation-loving reporters. Miss Calderwood probably is the most misunderstood clerk in West Virginia. Contrary to published reports, the Brooke county clerk's office does not issue licenses at all hours of the night, or on Sunday. Indeed Miss Calderwood and her deputies exercise more than average caution, many instances calling applicants' parents to verify ages and permission notices.

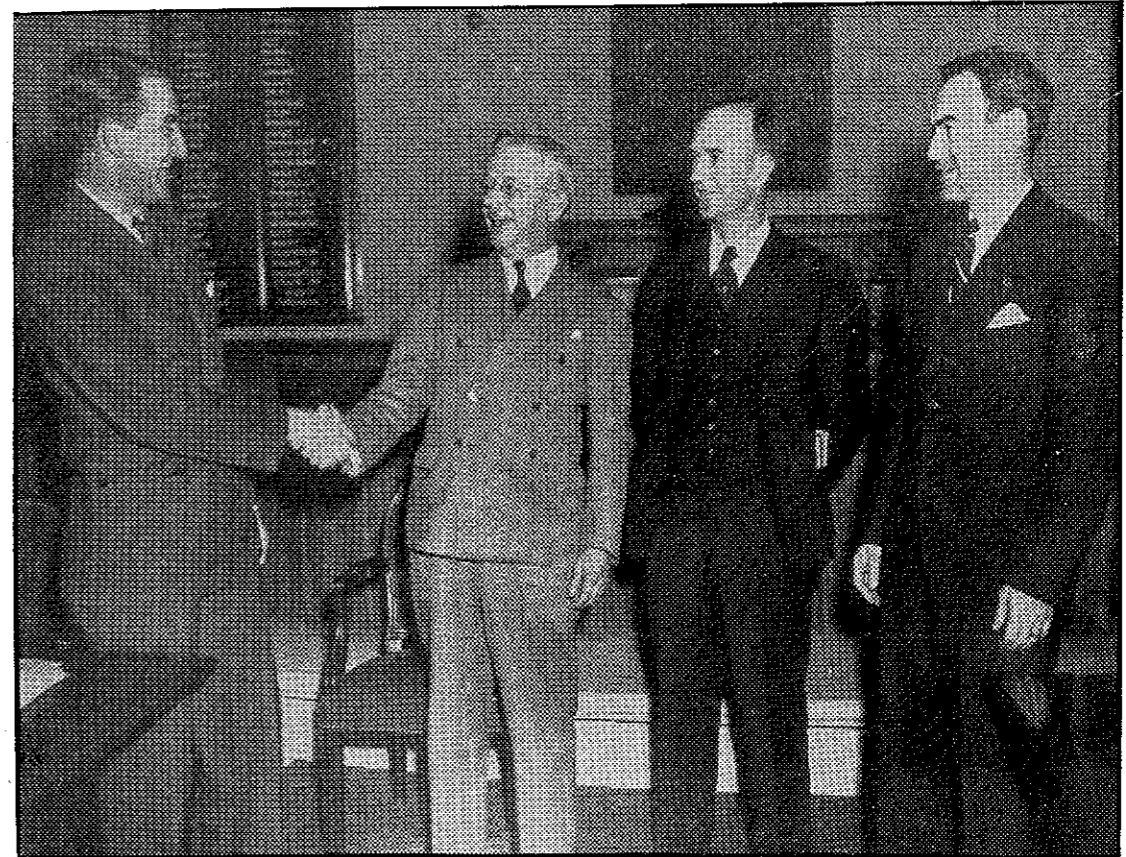
This state's comparatively new 3-day-notice marriage law greatly curtailed the issuing of licenses in the border counties of West Virginia, but it is presumed that couples desiring to get married merely cross over into another state that does not have such laws.

Many famous personages, including Lenora Kight, the swimming star, and William L. Mellon, nephew of Andrew Mellon, have secured their marriage licenses in West Virginia from Miss Calderwood.

NEW INDEXES

Beginning Jan. 1 Frank Fisher, clerk of the Braxton county court, will use Permaflex indexes to his deeds.

Hornor Succeeds Turley As President of West Virginia Assessors' Association



—Photo Courtesy Charleston Gazette.

Pictured above, left to right, are W. C. Turley, retiring president of the West Virginia Assessors' Association; J. L. Hornor, president; K. K. Warden, vice president, and Garland F. Wilkinson, secretary-treasurer.

HORNOR ELECTED

Harrison Assessor Named to Succeed Turley as President

Harrison county's veteran assessor, J. Lee Hornor, was elected president of the West Virginia Assessors Association Dec. 7, after a statutory two-day session held at Charleston. He succeeds W. C. "Bill" Turley of Logan county.

K. K. Warden of Fayetteville was elected vice president to succeed Hornor and Garland F. Wilkinson of Charleston was re-elected secretary-treasurer.

The assessors closed their

Moves to Town

Being reelected circuit clerk of Taylor county made Frank M. Hollis homesick for the city, and he moved back to Grafton after spending the past two years operating "Fairhill Farm", tourist home midway between Clarksburg and Grafton on U. S. route 50.

statutory two-day session on technical problems with a brief address by A. L. Knight of Clarksburg, president of the State County Courts association, who outlined the duties of county commissioners.

COUNTY COURTS TO MEET JAN. 16

President A. Leeman Knight Sets Dates for Charleston Gathering

Members of the West Virginia County Commissioners' Association will meet at Charleston Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 16 and 17, it has been announced by A. Leeman Knight, newly-elected president of the organization.

A large attendance, with most counties represented, is expected. The West Virginia legislature will be in session and several important questions must be decided by the county commissioners relative to new legislation.

Grandpa Wanted

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Deed Book 18, page 371. It is reproduced as follows:

"This Deed made this 26th day of January 1889 between John R. Boggess of the first part and Mrs. Mary R. C. Boggess, wife of E. S. Boggess, of the second part—all of Clarksburgh, West Virginia—Witnesseth: That the said party of the first part, in consideration of love and affection and the further consideration of his granddaughter "Rye" not having red hair, doth grant to the said party of the second part the following described tract of land, situate in the County of Doddridge West Virginia on the waters of Big Battle Fork, and adjoining other land of the said party of the second part. Beginning at a stone corner to land of said party of the second part, and running thence with a line of the same S 25 W 70 poles to a Stoen with Hickory and R-Oak pointers, on the ridge or point between Line Run and Tucker Runs; thence with said point by three lines N 70 W 46 poles to a Hickory with pointers; N 84 W 78 poles to stones; S 85 W 44 poles to stone on the ridge between Battle Forks; thence with said ridge by two lines N 35 W 56 poles to a stone; thence N 13½ E 38 poles to a stone, corner to Israel Swiger; thence S 87½ E 206½ poles, crossing said Line Run to the Beginning containing fifty eight acres. The said Boggess retains a lien on the said land as a security that the said Baby's hair shall not be red. Witness the following signatures and seal.

"John R. Boggess. (Seal)

"State of West Virginia, of
"County of Harrison, to wit:

"I, W. Scott a Notary Public in and for the county aforesaid do certify that John R. Boggess whose name is signed to the writing above bearing date on the 26th day of January 1889, personally appeared before me in my County aforesaid and acknowledged the same. Given under my hand this 26th day of January 1889.

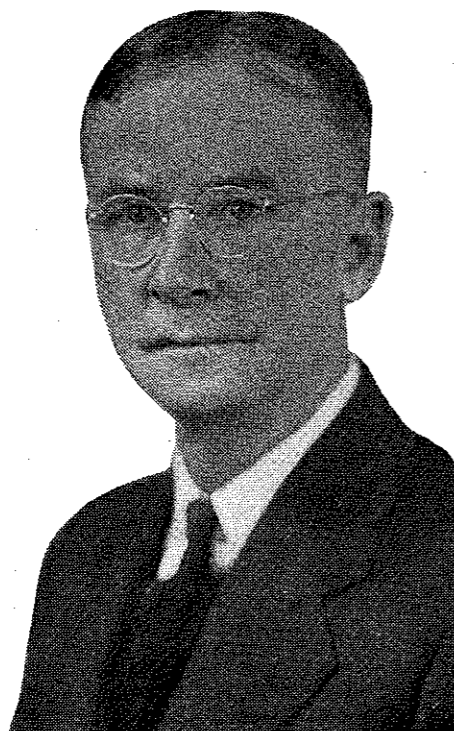
"W. Scott, Notary Public.

"State of West Virginia
"Doddridge County Court Clerk's Office
February 26, 1890. The foregoing deed from John R. Boggess to M. R. C. Boggess, and the annexed certificate were this day admitted to record in this office.

"Teste: John A. Davis, Clerk."

The only other possible inter-

From Calhoun



Robert Mollohan

Calhoun county's new clerk is Robert Mollohan, who succeeds Mrs. Thelma Smith. Mrs. Smith was not a candidate for election.

FORMER SHERIFF DIES

Joseph Baker, who served as sheriff in two states, died Dec. 2 at Fredericksburg, Va., after a brief illness of pneumonia. He was 79 years old.

At the time of his death he was sheriff of Caroline county, Va., but he had previously served two terms as sheriff of Jefferson county, W. Va., and for many years was a deputy there. Funeral services were held at Charles Town, this state.

pretation of this strange document is that a granddaughter already existed at the time the instrument was written, but the color of her hair could not yet be determined. However, the other inference is more likely to be correct.

NAME IS SPELLED 21 DIFFERENT WAYS

How Would You Like to Index
These Names In
Your County?

Indexing and reindexing is the order of the day in West Virginia, but it is doubtful that any of the state's officials have run into as many ways of spelling one name as did the clerk of Dane county, at Madison, Wisconsin.

The first spelling was "Neighbor," which is as familiar as the family next door, but look at the 20 other ways it is spelled in that county: Neighbor, Nenbauer, Nieburhr, Niebur, Niebuhr, Niebuher, Niebbhr, Niepuhr, Neubauer, Neuber, Neihbor, Nebauhr, Neibhur, Neighbaur, Neiburh, Neabuhr, Neaboehr, Neburh, Neibaur, Neiboehr.

Also, the name "Detrick" came in for 14 other ways of spelling: Detrich, Deitrich, Deitrick, Diederich, Diederick, Dieterich, Dieterick, Diedrich, Diedrick, Diderich, Diedrick, Dirtick, Dietrich, Dietrick.

Probably the county clerk pulled his hair when one man, his last name containing 39 letters, applied for his birth certificate. His name: "Daniel S. Venkinghouelenssternhausenboughenklater."

Another citizen of Wisconsin, with a somewhat shorter name, is "John Papademetrioplutaropulos."

"Schnitenwurstlich" is another not-so-common Wisconsin name.

DEPUTY RESIGNS

Announcement was made recently that Justin Cottle, deputy clerk of Roane county for the past six years, would resign Jan. 5 to accept an appointment in Internal Revenue Collector F. Roy Yoke's office in Parkersburg.

Mr. Cottle has been chief assistant to Clerk Roy Lester, and was reappointed for another six years, but declined in order to take the Revenue post.

George Vandale of Spencer has been named as his successor.

BRIDE SAID "YEP" INSTEAD OF "I DO"

So Her Husband Would
Like To Be Freed
From Bonds

One of the most amusing and interesting letters ever received by E. R. Lester, clerk of the Roane county court, came in nearly a year ago from a former Roane countian now residing in another state.

Alleging that his bride said "yep" instead of "I Do", when the minister asked the important question, he wants to know if he is legally married. Other complications have also arisen, as the following letter testifies (Names and places omitted for obvious reasons):

"Dear Sir:

"Am writing to you in regard to some information regarding my marriage to a girl from W_____, W. Va., May 1934.

"I cultivated the acquaintance of Miss D_____, H_____, July 1923 and corresponded with her until March 1924 when I was induced to come down to her home of which I did. I was deeply in love with her, her mother insisted we should get married right away. D_____, was anxious as well, so we went to Spencer around May 29, 1934 got the license and married that night by Rev. S_____, over on H_____, Creek, one month later she told me she was in trouble, I was pretty well surprised, I did not answer her remark, I was put to deep thought, the next day I left and came back home to Z_____, upon my arrival I wrote her a letter and said I did not want to see her until she told me who the father of her child was, she wrote back and told me that _____

_____ was the father of her child, he ran off, joined the Army, and she was afraid of her Father, so she and her mother planned for me to marry her, I still have that letter.

"Well things kept getting worse, I came back to her, I loved her and overlooked what she did, after the baby was born _____

New County Clerk



J. Randall Crow

Pictured above is J. Randall Crow, newly elected county clerk of Marshall county. He succeeds C. Earl Knapp.

_____ she started to run around. I tried to make a home for her in Z_____, she would stay six weeks in Z_____, two months in W_____, back to Z_____, and everywhere.

"She was untrue ran around with every body who had a nice car and money, she said she did not love me, never did, and never will, she just married me to cover things up, and so far as marriage was concerned she was not married to me for Rev. S_____, had no Court License to perform marriages, she never held up her hand and she said yep instead of I do; this she told to me on a street corner in Z_____, two months ago. She is now living in C_____, _____, with a C. C. M_____, R. F. D. 3, this latter information I secured through her sister who is working in Z_____,

"I am curious to know how I

75,000 BABIES BORN FIRST 10 MONTHS

Many Unusual Names Given to
Children Born in West
Virginia This Year

Over 75,000 babies were born in West Virginia during the first 10 months of 1938, according to state department of health records.

Most popular names given to the girls were Shirley, Shirley Ann and Patricia Ann. Other popular names for girls were Linda, Norma and Dolores. Of course such standard names as Mary, Ellen and Ruth came in for their full share.

With the boys Franklin, Franklin Delano and Robert Lee were quite popular.

The Parkersburg Sentinel also reports the following assortment of unusual names:

There was a Homer Holt, a Paul Revere, a Teddy Roosevelt, several Andrew Jacksons, a Jesse James, a John Dillinger, several Gene Raymonds, Gene Autrys and a Jackie Coogan. Most unusual names and combinations of names were found such as Irish Irene, Dolly Dimple, Anna Babydoll, Lavoris, Dreama, Dawn, Precious, Oneida, Finnis, Dionne, Zethel, Izora, Other and Modesteen.

SCHOOL MAN DIES

T. P. Rollyson, 54, former superintendent of Braxton county schools and deputy collector of internal revenue, died Dec. 21 at his home in Frametown.

Mr. Rollyson had been ill for several months.

He is survived by his widow, father and one brother.

stand in the situation and what to do.

"I have been told, on several occasions that my marriage was not legal and I could get an annulment, especially with that letter I have.

"Thanking you for a reply."

"IN ANSWER TO YOUR INQUIRY"

(From Mergenthaler's "Shining Lines")

One of Bert Miller's friends, who is a cashier in a Michigan bank, found an article by some unknown writer, which tells an amusing story about what happened when some Eastern interests were considering the purchase of real estate in Louisiana. During the negotiations they wrote to the owners of the property, asking for an abstract of title, and in due course received what was certified to be a copy of the official record. Writing in reply, the prospective purchasers commented on the fact that the title record began with the year 1803 and stated that, while the title seemed to be complete and satisfactory as far as it went, still, as a justification for the investment of the sum under discussion, they would require to know more of the origin of the title as involved in the record back of 1803.

In proper time a reply was received from one who signed himself as attorney for the owners of the land. He said:

"I note your comment upon the fact that the record of title sent you as applying to the lands under consideration dates only from the year 1803, and your request for an extension of the record prior to that date.

"Please be advised that the government of the United States acquired the territory of Louisiana, including the tract to which your inquiry applies, by purchase, from the government of France, in the year 1803.

"The government of France acquired title by conquest from the government of Spain.

"The government of Spain acquired title by discovery by one Christopher Columbus, traveler and explorer, a resident of Genoa, Italy, who, by agreement concerning the acquisition of title to any lands discovered, traveled and explored under the sponsorship and patronage of Her Majesty, the Queen of Spain.

"The Queen of Spain had veri-

Circuit Clerk



R. M. Brown

Another new member for the clerks' association is R. M. Brown, newly elected circuit clerk of Hancock county.

FROM SOUTH AMERICA

NewsTeller publishers this month received their first request for a quotation from a foreign country.

Under date of Dec. 13, 1938, the Papelera Colombiana company of Bogota, Colombia, South America, wrote to Casto & Harris, requesting a catalog and exporting prices.

It is presumed they got the address from one of the office appliance magazines, which recently mentioned our new VOTE-GARD ballot boxes and voting booths.

The letter reached its destination Dec. 29.

fied her arrangement and received sanction of her title by consent of the pope, as resident of Rome, Italy, and ex-officio representative and vice-regent on earth of Jesus Christ.

"Jesus Christ was the son and heir-apparent of God.

"God made Louisiana.

"Trusting that this additional citation complies with your request and assuring you of our willingness to be of service, I am"—

FLINN PREVIEW'S SCHOOL MEASURES

SEA President Cautions Against Losing Cause by "Overshooting"

Virgil L. Flinn, president of the State Education association, previewing school measures to come before the legislature, spoke recently of the need for cooperation and cautioned against losing the cause "by overshooting the mark of possibility."

Flinn's statement appeared in the West Virginia School Journal, official organ of the S.E.A., on the same page with a letter from Governor Holt to the association stating that the pace of business recovery must in some measure control progress of school improvements.

Flinn in a message to teachers on the legislative outlook said:

"No appraisal of the difficulties of the work to be done can possibly omit a reference to those who lose the cause by overshooting the mark of possibility; who destroy the probability of making gains within reach by concentrating upon goals which the hour cannot afford."

The governor's letter stated that "though I am sure all of us would like to see our governmental services make more rapid progress, it is inescapable that, from a financial standpoint, the pace of business recovery must, in large measure, control the progress of school improvements."

Flinn also said in his message:

"The need is for more intelligence and less emotion in efforts to promote desirable ideas; for an objective, realistic approach to problems and less for an academic treatment which too often refuses to recognize stubborn facts over which members of the profession and other persons as well have no control."

The S.E.A. head listed seven measures he said probably will be before the legislature. They would propose to reallocate property levies to increase local income by \$1,800,000 a year for

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1st Woman Graduate

Evelyn Yorke, who was reelected circuit clerk of Monongalia county Nov. 8, was one of the first women to graduate from the West Virginia University College of Law, class of 1926.

Prior to getting her degree she was considered one of the best legal stenographers in the state, being associated with the Morgantown law firm of Donley & Hatfield.

READER COMMENT ON FIRST ISSUES

"When I was looking over my mail this morning I saw a big envelope and my thought was—another advertisement, of which I receive many, and was just about to throw it in the waste basket when I noticed 'Casto & Harris' in the corner. Anything from that firm always interests me and imagine my surprise when I found 'The NewsTeller,' an infant which I sincerely trust will enjoy a long and useful life! This little paper is just what has been needed for a long time and I am sure it will be welcomed by the County Officials of West Virginia. "Good luck to you and your magazine."

—E. V. Shorr, Clerk
Lewis County Court.

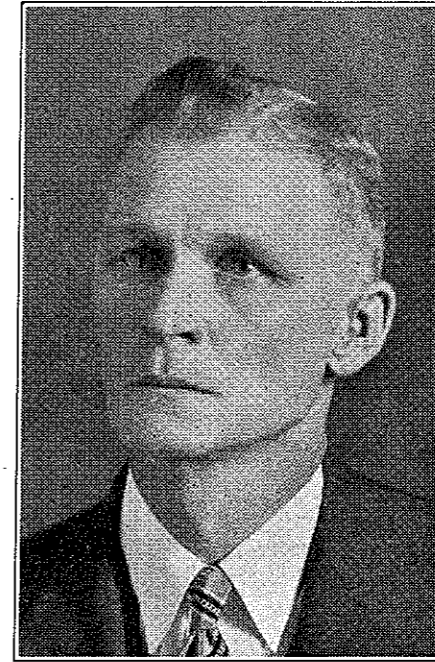
"I received your 'NewsTeller' a few days ago and I enjoyed reading it very much and I believe that within a short time it will be one of the most popular papers to come in to County Officials.

"One of the best ways I know of improving our own work is to find out how the other fellow does his, and through your paper it will be an exchange of ideas which will benefit everyone."

—Chauncey D. Twyford,
Assessor Tyler County.

"I am very much pleased to receive your first copy of 'The County NewsTeller,' but as you know it would be useless for me to try to duplicate Rolla Williams' letter of appreciation . . ."

New In Wyoming



F. Pierce Cook

When the county clerks call the roll at this year's convention, Mr. Cook will answer from Wyoming county.

HOME DESTROYED

The home of Harvey A. Poe, president of the Taylor county court, was destroyed by fire several weeks ago. Mr. Poe, who resides at Thornton near Grafton, the county seat, estimated the loss at \$4,000. He blamed a defective flue.

"With best wishes for the success of The NewsTeller, and with kindest personal regards . . ."

—R. E. Stewart, Clerk
Hampshire County Court.

" . . . Wishing for you and the 'County NewsTeller' much success. . . ."—Pauline Snyder, deputy county clerk, Hampshire county.

" . . . I did not see the first issue myself, but certainly enjoyed No. 2. . . ."—Fred A. Ware, clerk Cabell county court.

COUNTIES MISSING

The following counties HAVE NOT sent in pictures of their court houses for reproduction in The NewsTeller. Will your name be on this list next month?

Barbour, Berkeley, Boone, Braxton, Brooke, Cabell, Calhoun, Clay, Doddridge, Fayette, Gilmer, Grant, Greenbrier, Hampshire, Hancock, Hardy, Jackson, Jefferson, Kanawha, Lewis, Lincoln, Logan, McDowell, Marion, Marshall, Mason, Mercer, Mineral, Mingo, Monongalia, Monroe, Morgan, Nicholas, Ohio, Pendleton, Pleasants, Pocahontas, Preston, Putnam, Raleigh, Randolph, Summers, Taylor, Tucker, Tyler, Upshur, Wayne, Webster, Wetzell, Wirt, Wood, Wyoming.

New Clerk Served

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was elected county clerk for a full term which, when completed, will make 28 years of service in three different offices.

Mr. Corder was born on a farm in Barbour county, educated in the free schools, at Broadus college and West Virginia Wesleyan. For the past two years he has served as field representative of Alderson-Broadus college at Philippi.

Incidentally, Mr. Corder comes by his public service career honestly. His father served Barbour county as justice of the peace, assessor, member of the house of delegates, state senator and sheriff! So the new county clerk still has a long way to go to equal the record of his father.

Flynn Previews

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operating expenses and \$900,000 for building purposes, call for optional county-wide servicing of old debts, propose beginnings of tenure and retirement programs and call for the basic salary boosts for teachers with master of arts degrees.

Flinn said that "orderly planning and action must in association activities supersede disorganization and individualism, particularly while the legislature is in session, if prospects are to be explored with most success."

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

(Confession is good for the soul)

This is the story of three Wise Guys who thought they were better known than they really are!

Came Christmas time and in selecting their firm's greeting cards the three white-collared members of Casto & Harris hit upon the grandiose idea that they were close enough to their county-and-school-official patrons that it wouldn't be necessary to put the firm's name on the cards—or even the last names of said three such well-known (?) Wise Guys.

So it was decided to take half the Christmas cards, engrave across the bottom only the three simple words: "Okey—Clay—Gordon."

It was a great idea, but apparently it didn't work. Although the three names were spaced quite well apart, it seems in the best-informed circles that most recipients came to the conclusion that the card was from one individual, quite pompously named Mr. Okey Clay Gordon.

Indeed this great idea was such a flop that people right here in our own little city didn't know who sent the cards, and the favorite question Christmas Eve was: "Who is this O. C. Gordon that sent us a Christmas card?"

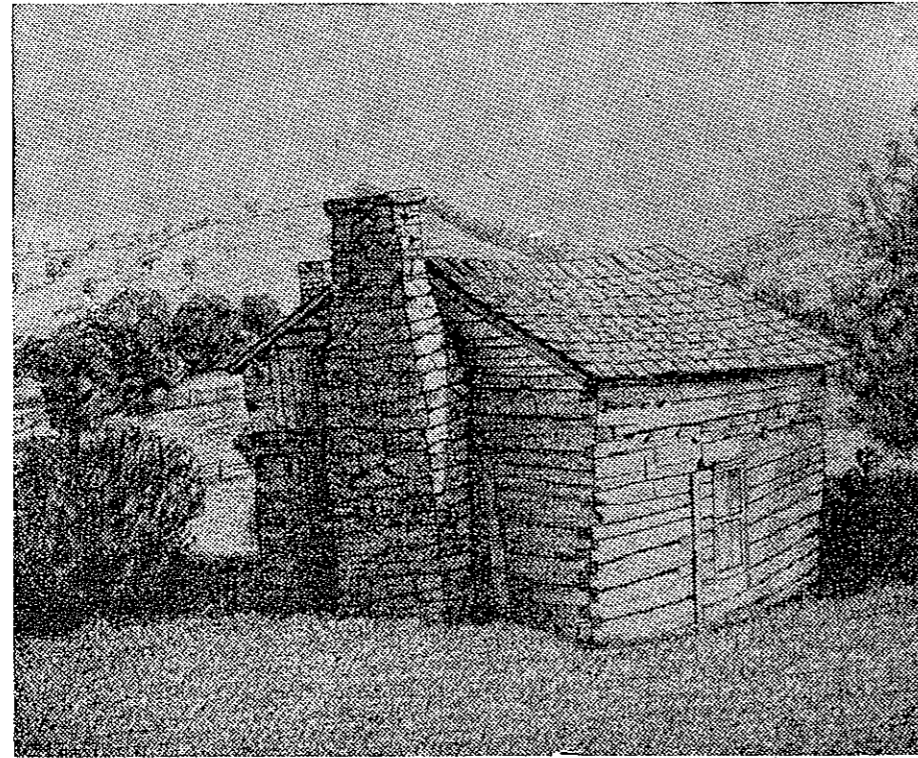
It got so bad that our own county clerk, Roy Lester, with whom "Okey" fought, bled & died on the battlefields of France, couldn't recognize the sender, gave up in disgust when his chief deputy agreed that he had never heard of an Okey C. Gordon.

So if you got one of these cards and couldn't decipher it, please consider this a sincere though belated Christmas greeting from Okey R. Harris, Clay Miller and Gordon DePew. (Casto & Harris, Inc., Market street, Spencer, Roane County, W. Va., U. S. A., Northern Hemisphere, Telephone 110.)

Next year we're going to sign our full names.

And further this deponent saith not!

Here's Where First Sheriff of Harrison County Was Born Many Years Ago



—Photo Courtesy Clarksburg Exponent-Telegram.

WAS LOG CABIN BUILT IN 1772

Torn Down in 1910 or 1912—
All Sheriffs' Pictures
Collected

All available pictures of Harrison county sheriffs from the first in 1784 down to the present time, a period of 154 years, are being collected by the present sheriff, Moore M. Reynolds, and are to be hung in the corridor of the main floor of the courthouse, near the sheriff's office.

To date no picture has been found of the first sheriff, Col. William Lowther, who served in 1784 and 1785. Desiring to have the earliest member of the group represented, Sheriff Reynolds has had a drawing made of Colonel Lowther's first home in the county, a log cabin on the West Fork river.

The building, a sketch of which

appears above, was located on a large homestead on the river about seven miles above Clarksburg. It was built in 1772, as nearly as can be learned from Harrison county records, and remained standing as late as 1910 or 1912, when it was razed and the logs were used in the construction of a barn on the same location. The cabin was built of hewn logs and measured 16 by 20 feet. The fireplace was five feet, four and a half inches high.

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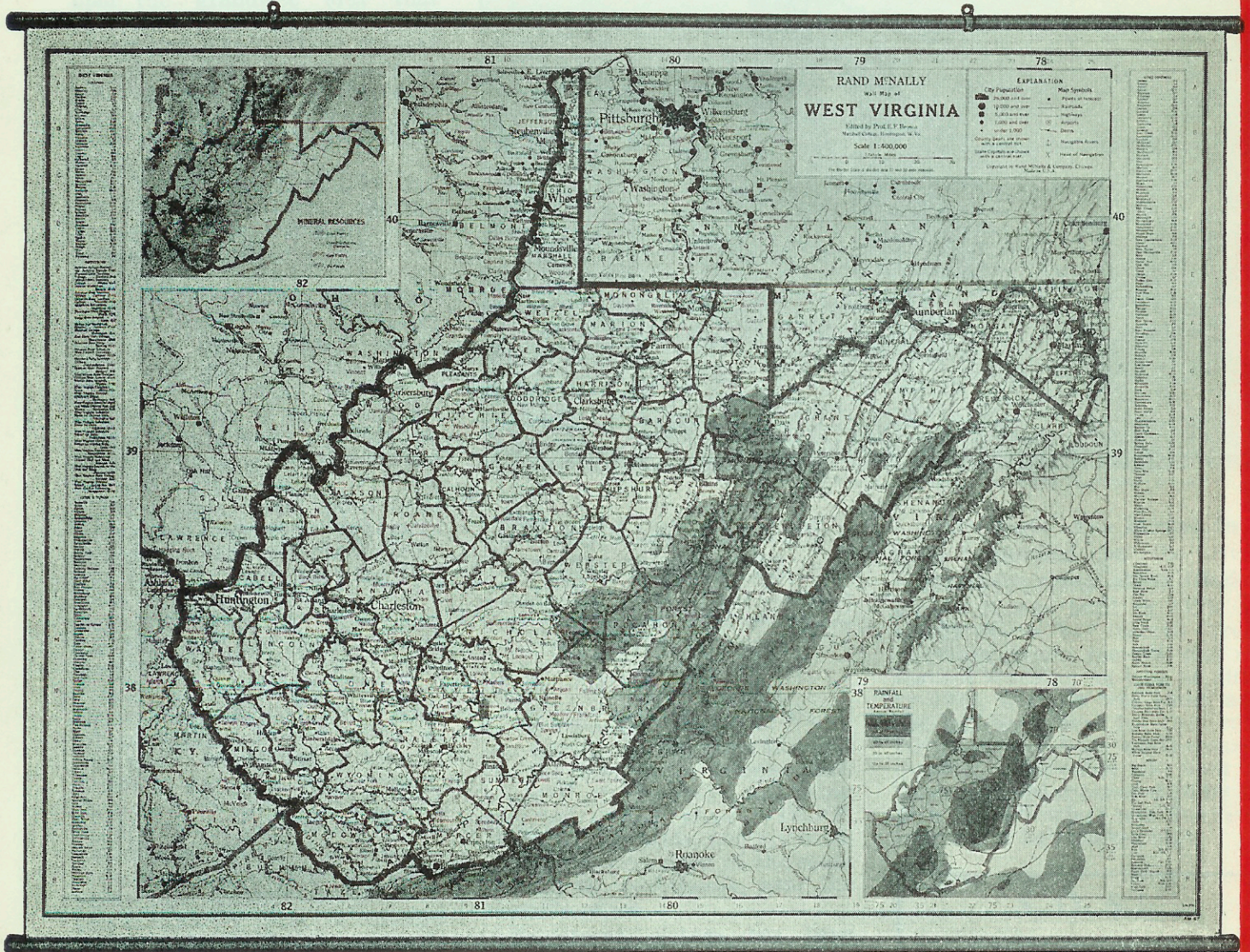
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ted before Jan. 15, for the January issue, we will send our check for \$3. To date all prizes have been won by office deputies. Why don't some of you other deputies take advantage of this opportunity to win some easy money?

Presenting West Virginia---1939 Edition

As sponsors of and exclusive agents for Rand-McNally's new map of West Virginia, we proudly present it as the very latest authentic picture of a great state. Edited by Prof. E. F. Brown of Marshall college, it was designed primarily for the schools, but many county officials will find it an attractive and useful addition to their office.

Below we show a miniature of the new map, which is 55x45 inches in size. For full description and prices see circular inside this magazine.



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