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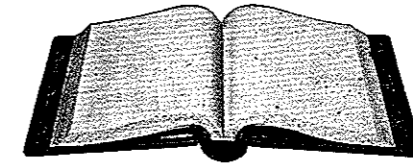
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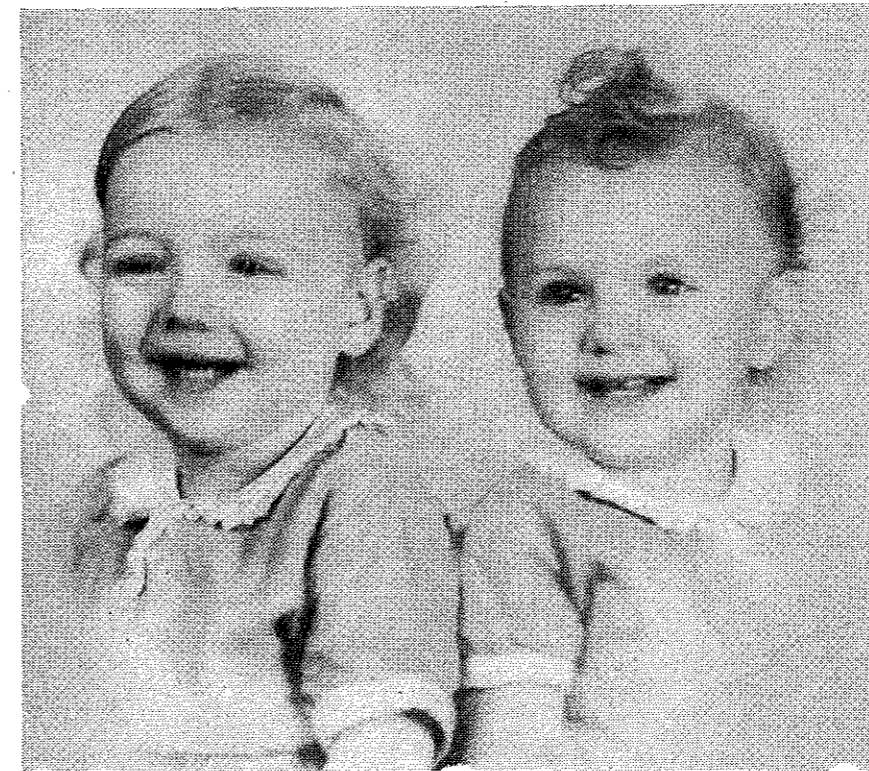
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MEET THE RENN TWINS!



Donald S. Renn, Jr.

Phyllis Jean Renn

Introducing the Renn twins—boy & girl—lovely children of Mr. and Mrs. Don Renn of Welch. These youngsters were two years old March 16, 1939. Their Daddy is the newly-elected Clerk of the McDowell County Court.

Unusual Deed

The most unusual deed recorded in the office of Chester S. Bavis, Register of Deeds of Wor-

cester county, Mass., is dated July 2, 1884, and in it the seller, first reserving a life interest, conveys certain land "to the Lord Jesus, the Supreme Ruler of the Universe."

19-YEAR-OLD BOY BORN IN MARSHALL

Peculiar Request for Birth Certificate Reaches J. Randall Crow, Clerk

How a 19-year-old boy, weighing 126 pounds, five feet seven inches tall was born on March 3, 1920, is recited in a birth certificate request recently received by J. Randall Crow, clerk of the Marshall county court.

Of course the writer meant to say that the youth was now that age, weight and height, but he got his wires crossed. Also interesting is the reason given for not having a birth certificate.

The letter, with exact punctuation and spelling, is reproduced as follows:

"Dear Friend

"I'm writing you a letter see if you will send me Robert W. G. Birth Certificate He was Born in 1920 March 3. 19 years old weight 126. Ht. 5 ft-7 in. Brown Eyes and Brown Hair When Born He 4½ lbs. When he was born we lived don a Big hollow and it was rainy and we called for Doc Coffield and he could not get there fore he was sick so an old lady took care of things which is Dead now and the doc is dead. His dad name Jessie G. We lived out in the county But are address was Proctor W. Va. Mothers name Goldie G. Father is dead now Robert was born before we could get another doc and there

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MOST ORIGINAL SPELLING CITED

Intention of "Boath Partys" Evident After Careful Study

What might be the world's most original spelling was discovered several years ago by Mrs. Pearl Yeager, deputy Circuit Clerk of Pocahontas county, in a deed recorded in her county on March 5, 1907.

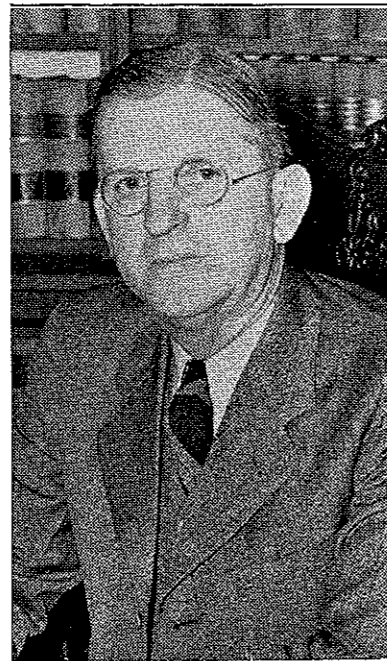
Although at first glance the deed appears to be beyond interpretation, careful study and concentration brings out the original intent of "boath partys"

The deed is reproduced as follows:

"Pocahontas County, W. Va. Deed Book 41, page 186
"February The 22" 1907
"In the Year of Our Lord 1907 of the County of Pocahontas and State of West Virginia too wit.

"This article of A greement In-tered In this Day by Boath partys Of a Separatians as a Soot Brot by C. M. Buzzard In the Circuit Court for a Devorce In marriage matrimony as a Certificate may be found in the Clerks Office of Pocahontas Co. W. Va. Representse that on The 20 day of May 1890 he was Lawfully married at a point about Three miled from Dunmore In said county & Boath A Gree Too make Too partys here aftere In Land & Alle E State each may havve. I A Gree too Deed Too C. M. Buzzard and Charles H. Buzzard & Clarence Buzzard the Land Be Ginning at Too Locusts On The East Side of the Creeke With My Line & E. M. Buzzard Too my line & J. W. Lindsay a Crosse the Brierfield fence too the Wagon Road Too the Corner Downe the Road too a Big oake a Corner Tree Thence with My Line Stragt up the mountain to a Peach Pen a stake a coner onn The Micles Mountain & from Their Too the Outs Side Line Too a Blacke Gum Too the Wilson Line On the top of Micles Mountain & with the Wilson Line Too E. M. Buzzard And With his Line too the Beginning Corner Too Be Payed One thousand Dollarse in too hundred Dollarse Megatinn Bondes too hun-

Recovering



—Photo Courtesy Ravenswood News
Okey Ellison

Mr. Ellison, Circuit Clerk of Jackson county, is recovering from a heart attack suffered last month, which kept him away from his office for several weeks. His condition was regarded as critical and he was rushed to a Parkersburg hospital for treatment. His many friends will be glad to learn that he is on the road to recovery.

dred A yeare tile payed And the Balance Of the Farme a Buve J. W. Lindsay From the Corner of the peach pen Is P. A. Buzzard for C. M. Buzzard Too Sine her Rite A Way too, P. A. Buzzard We Boath A Gree Too this Article of agreement Too be Recorded and Witnessed.

"Perry A. Buzzard (Seal)
"Clara M. Buzzard (Seal)
"Recorded March 5, 1907
"S. L. Brown, Clerk."

O. H. BOWLING

O. H. Bowling, brother of Lowery G. Bowling, Clerk of the Mercer County Court, died early this month. He worked with the State Road Commission for the last several years.

WHO BIT WHO?

Dog Dies After Biting Brooke County Youth

From Miss Charlotte Calderwood, Clerk of the Brooke county court at Wellsburg, comes the following "tall tale" titled "Which Bit Who?" or "What Killed The Dog?":

"A young man who does odd jobs about the Brooke County Court House recently exhibited a bad-looking hand in the County Clerk's office, stating that he had been bitten by a dog. One of the deputy clerks (who, by the way, is noted for her sympathetic nature), running true to form, exclaimed with great anxiety and concern:

"Oh, my! Did they kill the dog?"

"No," replied the young man seriously, "the dog died."

"Now this office is worried as to whether the young man will have to be shot."

19-Year-Old Boy

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was no other doc could get there on account of high water

"Will you please fix Robert up a Birth Certificate and send to him as he is going to inlist fore the CC Camps and Knead it at once if you cant fix him up one please let me know how to get one
"Yours truly"

Assessor's Daughter Marries

Martha Agnes Black, daughter of Assessor and Mrs. Clarence Black of Oxford, Ritchie county, was married to Ocal Hatfield, son of Fred Hatfield of Goff's, that county, according to an announcement made this month.

The ceremony took place at Greenup, Ky., on New Year's Day, 1939. The bride is a graduate of Pullman high school and attended Salem college. The groom has a position with the Moose garage at Harrisville, where the young couple will reside.

Aged Negro Preacher Begg County Clerk's Pardon

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Mr Fred A Ware
Clerk of Cabell county court
At cOurT House

My Dear sir

Here is a marrige licen All aranged and sealed should ben your office days ago, sut sir to be truthful I went on an evangelical tour for a while and taken them with me as a minsteral refance, Some years ago as you remember I got butnt my home and all I had I lost every thing I had encluding one of my children (my minsteral credintials went up in the blaze,) I often use a marrige licen which prove successful to the purpose,

MR Ware I hope you will pardon me for not turning the licens to you sooner as you know a poor gospel minster have poor ways I uster clean your office at R & P building many years a go I found you to be a fine man I aspecialy suported you each time you ran for the office you now so pleasantly hold

I uster could work and pastow churches but not so now my age is against me getting work and right much as a minster therefore offer I am up against a hard provision,

I earnestly promast to be more careful and punctual for ever here after in fact I did not know it matterd so much I never ~~had~~ had a line of teaching on the order of marrings I once thought i could marry any where but the county clerk at catlettsburg learnt me better when i was with a couple there to perform for them, Mr Ware you see often ignorance make stupidity & Carelessness

Now Mr Ware I hope my humble words will find their way to your kind big heart and you for give me for for what ever trouble this delay may have caused i feel for any fellow minster the same way who might be like guilty,

Earnestly yours truly

Reproduced above is a photograph of a letter received in January by Fred A. Ware, Clerk of the Cabell County Court, from a Negro preacher who was apologizing for his tardiness in returning a marriage license.

For obvious reasons the name of the writer, who is nearing 80 years of age, is omitted, but the original letter is on file at the office of the NewsTeller publishers.

FORMER FAYETTE SHERIFF SUCCUMBS

Edward Brewer Hawkins, 83 year old former Fayette county sheriff, county clerk and commissioner of school lands, died March 12 from complications resulting from a stroke he suffered last

year.

Gov. Holt was named one of the honorary pallbearers for the funeral services.

Hawkins served 12 years as Fayette county clerk, one term as commissioner of school lands and one term as sheriff. He was a native of Oak Hill.

"... We received today our copy of The NewsTeller and it is the unanimous opinion of this office force that the idea of its issuance is a splendid one. We'll try to contribute an article 'er something later on. . . ."—Frank S. Tolliver, Deputy County Clerk, Wyoming County

BEAUTIFUL WILL IS REPRINTED

R. S. Douthitt, Cabell County Deputy Clerk, Submits Will of Lawyer Who Died in Asylum

Submitted by R. S. Douthitt

(The following literary gem is credited to Charles Loundsbury, a lawyer, possessing no property of means, of whom it is said that he died insane in the Cook County, Illinois, Asylum, at Dunning. Evidently the memory of happy days remained to him; and, possessed of a beautiful spirit, he proceeded to devise with a generous hand the best things in the world to those to whom they rightfully belonged.)

"I, Charles Loundsbury, being of sound mind and disposing memory, do hereby make and publish this my last will and testament, in order to justly as may be dispose of my interest in the world among succeeding men, that part of my interest which is known in law, recognized in sheep-bound volumes as my 'property,' and, being inconsiderable and of no account, I make no disposal thereof in this my will.

"My right to live, being but a life estate, is not at my disposal.

Wood Assessor

Mr. Jackson, the Assessor of Wood county, is another News-Teller boost-

er. His deputies are W. A. Boso, chief deputy; Mrs. Vanda Matern and Sara Van Horn. He was one of the first to write a congratulatory letter on the advent of this monthly magazine. In one of the state's larger counties he is able to finish annual assessments on good schedule.



Peter Jackson

but, those things excepted, all else in the world I now proceed to devise and bequeath:

"Item I. I give to good fathers and mothers, in trust for their children, all good little words or praise and encouragement, and all quaint pet names and endearments, and charge said parents to use them justly and generously, as the needs of their children may require.

"Item II. I leave to children, exclusively, but only for the term of their childhood, all and every, the flowers of the fields, and the blossoms of the woods, with the right to play among them freely according to the customs of children, warning them at the same time against thistles and thorns, and I devise to children the banks of the brooks, and the golden sands beneath the waters thereof, and the odors of the willows that dip therein, and the white clouds that float high over the giant trees. And I leave the children the long, long days to be merry in, in a thousand ways, and the night and the moon and the train of the Milky Way to wonder at; but, subject, nevertheless, to the rights hereinafter given to lovers.

"Item III. I devise to boys, generally, all the useful idle fields and commons where ball may be played; all pleasant waters where one may swim; all the snow-clad hills where one may coast, and all streams and ponds where one may fish, or where, when grim winter comes, one may skate, to have and to hold the same for the period of boyhood. And all meadows with the clover blossoms and butterflies thereof, the woods and their appurtenances; the squirrels and birds and echoes and strange noises, and all the distant places which may be visited, together with the adventures there found. And I give to said boys each his own place at the fireside at night, with all pictures that may be seen in the burning wood, to enjoy without let or hindrance and without any incumbrances of care.

"Item IV. To lovers, I devise their imaginary world, with whatever they may need; as the stars

of the sky, the red roses by the wall, the bloom of hawthorne, the sweet strains of music, and aught else of which they may desire and figure to each other the lastness and beauty of their lives.

"Item V. To young men, generally, I devise and bequeath all boisterousness, inspired sports of revelry, and I give to them the disdain of weakness, the undaunted confidence of their own strength, though they are rude; I give them the power to make lasting friendships and all possessing companions; and, to them, exclusively, I give all merry songs and brave choruses to sing with lusty voices.

"Item VI. To all those who are no longer children or youths or lovers, I leave memory, and I bequeath to them the volumes of poems of Burns and Shakespeare and all other poets, if there be others, of the nature and they may live over the old days again, freely and fully without time or diminution.

"Item VII. To our loved ones with snowy crowns, I bequeath the happiness of old age, the love and gratitude of their children until they fall asleep."

FOOD AND DRINK

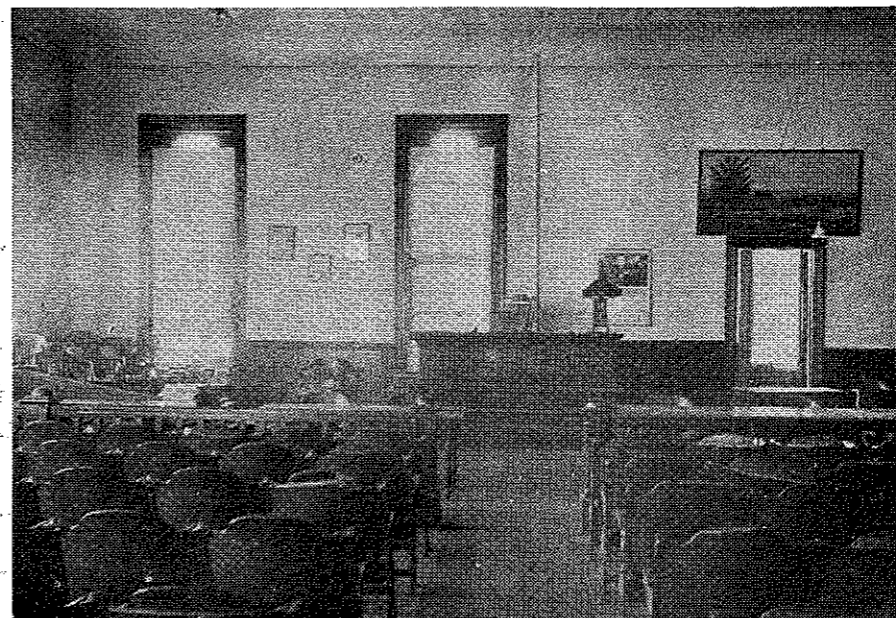
Prices are Set by Circuit Court Back In Good Old Days

Tavern rates in Lewis county were regulated by the Court back in the Good Old Days, according to information unearthed by Laura F. Lister, deputy Clerk of the Lewis county circuit court.

According to a court order entered May 8, 1820, rates for meals, drinks, and horse-keep were set as follows:

For dieting for every meal, victuals	\$0.25
Liquor or rum, 1/2 pint	\$0.12 1/2
Wine, 1/2 pint	\$0.18 3/4
Whiskey and brandy, 1/2 pint	\$0.12 3/4
Oats and corn, gallon	\$0.12 1/2
For horse to hay, 12 hours	\$0.17
For horse to pasture, 12 hours	\$0.12 1/2

Scene of Justice In Pocahontas



The above photograph, sent in by Mrs. Pearl Yeager, deputy Circuit Clerk of Pocahontas county, shows the interior of the court room at Marlinton. An interesting article, submitted by Mrs. Yeager, also appears in this issue of The NewsTeller.

OBITUARY!

PROMINENT MAN DIES AT FAIRMONT

Arch Fleming Succumbs to Pneumonia Fever at His Home April 14

Pneumonia fever, setting in upon a complication of other diseases from which he had been suffering for several weeks, proved fatal to Marion County Commissioner Arch Fleming of Fairmont in his home at 2:10 o'clock April 14. He was 63.

A former president of the Marion County court, Mr. Fleming had been undergoing treatment under an oxygen tent for almost a week.

Mr. Fleming had been in failing health since April 9 of last year, when he sustained severe injuries in an automobile accident.

While returning from Charles-

ton on a business trip, Mr. Fleming, Sheriff Andrew C. West, Prosecuting Attorney Harrison Conaway and W. S. Clark, cashier of the First National Bank in Fairmont, were injured when their car crashed into a tree in Peacock Park. Blinding lights of an approaching car caused the machine to run across the road and strike the tree.

Mr. Fleming, who had lost an arm some years ago as the result of an infection, suffered a broken leg and other injuries. He was a patient in a hospital for some weeks but later was able to resume his duties on the court.

Never strong after the accident, Mr. Fleming was severely shocked by the death of his wife, A. Maude Fleming, last September 24. While attending court sessions as often as his health permitted, he showed the effects of his loss, and for the last few weeks had been confined to his home.

Mr. Fleming was born June 19,

1864, on what once was known as the Joseph and Harry Fleming farm in the Edgemont section. He was a son of Harry Fleming.

His entire life was spent in the vicinity in which he died. He was educated in the public schools of Fairmont, and later he attended the old Fairmont Normal school.

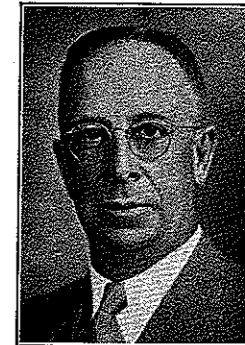
For many years of his life, Mr. Fleming was engaged in the wholesale flour, feed, and farm implement business. In 1929 he became associated with the Farmers' Mutual Insurance association, for which he was engaged as general agent for West Virginia.

Upon his election to the Marion County court in 1932, Mr. Fleming retired from this business and since that time had been engaged only as a county commissioner. His first public office was sought in 1932, when he was elected to the County court, and his re-election in 1938 was one of the high spots of that campaign, his accident injuries having prevented him from taking an active part in the contest.

Serving as president of the County court during the last two years of his first term, January 1, 1937-December 31, 1938, Mr. Fleming filled many positions on county committees of various kinds.

From Morgantown

Although A. R. Martin, County Clerk, and Evelyn Yorke, Circuit Clerk, are official joint hosts for the Clerks' convention at Morgantown June 8-9, Mr. McQuay, resident of the Monongalia County Court, will be very much on hand. He will assist in making the 1939 convention the best ever.



F. M. McQuay

He will assist in making the 1939 convention the best ever.

RESERVATIONS FOR CONVENTION

The following letter has been mailed, under date of April 15, to all County & Circuit Clerks in West Virginia:

"Dear Clerk:

"The County and Circuit Clerks' Annual Convention will be held in Morgantown on June 8 and 9, with headquarters at the Morgan Hotel. The first session is to be held at 10 o'clock A. M.

"We have made a check on hotel accommodations and find that rates at The Morgan are \$2.50 to \$4.00 for a single room, and \$4.00 to \$6.00 for a double room.

"The Morgan Hotel requests that you make reservations with them direct as soon as possible and avoid confusion, as it will be necessary to double up in rooms in many cases in order to accommodate the crowd. Please comply with their request.

"Please sign and return the enclosed postal card promptly so we can make final arrangements for your entertainment. This is important and the Committee will appreciate your cooperation. Rooms in private homes are available.

"We are here to serve you.

"A. R. Martin, Co. Clerk.

"Evelyn H. Yorke, Cir. Clerk."

Old Proclamation Found in Cabell

A few days ago Lee Taylor, deputy clerk of the Circuit Court of Cabell county, found an original proclamation signed by Hon. Francis M. Pierpoint, Governor of Virginia and under the lesser seal of the commonwealth, reciting the fact that a state of insurrection existed and directing that the court house be moved from Barboursville to Guyandotte in said county.

It is recalled by older residents of the county that this was occasioned by the approach of a Confederate Army in the vicinity of Barboursville.

Huntington is now county seat of Cabell county.

NEXT IS CONVENTION ISSUE

The NewsTeller for May, to be published late in the month, will feature the West Virginia County & Circuit Clerks' convention to be held at Morgantown June 8-9, 1939.

County Clerk A. R. Martin and Circuit Clerk Evelyn Yorke of Monongalia county are completing plans for the greatest and most successful convention in history and full details will be given in the May issue.

All County and Circuit Clerks are urged by President M. H. Hix, Kanawha county circuit clerk, to make plans now to attend this gala event.

CABELL BUILDING PROGRAM STARTED

A \$400,000 building program is being sponsored by the Cabell county court, according to Fred Ware, clerk.

The project, arranged in con-

junction with the PWA, calls for a large addition to the present Court House and a new jail and jailor's residence. Work has already been started and should be completed by next December, Mr. Ware said.

Secretary Brown at His Desk



Shown above is A. Miller Brown, Clerk of the Putnam county court, and Curtis Pickens, his chief deputy. "Brownie" is one of the best known clerks in the state, having served as Secretary of the West Virginia County & Circuit Clerks' Association since its reorganization. As usual, "Brownie" will be on hand at the convention, to be held June 8-9 at Morgantown.

FIRST COURT TERM IS QUITE BRIEF

Chancery Order Book In Doddridge Tells Interesting Story

Doddridge county's first term of circuit court, designated as "Spring Term 1845," lasted only a few minutes, if the records in Chancery Order Book No. 1 tell the whole story, according to information sent in by Earl L. Davis, present Circuit Clerk of that county.

Complete proceedings for the entire term were entered on Page 1, C. O. Book No. 1, as follows:

"At a Circuit Court of Law & Chancery held for the County of Doddridge on the Chancery side thereof. On Wednesday the 30th day of April 1845 at the Brick House of Nathan Davis in the Village of West Union in the said County, being the place fixed on by the County Court of said County for holding the Court until a Court House shall be provided, Present the Honbl. Joseph L. Fry a Judge of the General Court and Judge assigned to the 10th Judicial District and 20th Circuit of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

"Ordered that Ethelbort Bond and Jepe Jarvis be appointed commissioners for taking Depositions for this County, who severally took the oath required by law.

"Ordered that the Court be now adjourned till the first day of the next term.

"(Signed) Joseph L. Fry."

Road to Recovery

Hopemont, W. Va.,
April 11, 1939.

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Sirs:

"I enjoy reading 'The NewsTeller' very much. It is the only paper I read word for word from 'civer' to 'civer'. There are always interesting stories in every one, especially for one who has spent several years in a county office.

"It is kind of you to send me

the paper each month and I appreciate it very much. Am feeling pretty good these days and from the reports I have been getting from the doctors am improving. Hope to be back in Huntington before many months.

"Lyle Hensley."

(Mr. Hensley, deputy County Clerk in Fred Ware's office at Huntington, is well known throughout the state, having been a regular attendant at the Clerks' conventions. The NewsTeller knows he would be glad to receive letters from any of his friends in other county offices. Write him at Hopemont, W. Va.—ed.)

Another Brief Will

Lowery G. Bowling, Clerk of the Mercer County court, submits another "shortest will" this month. The instrument, dated Aug. 1, 1919, was written on the back of an envelope while the testator was in a hospital. It read:

"I will my entire estate to my

LAMBERT WANTS UNIFORM FEES

J. G. Lambert, clerk of the Wayne county court, would like to see uniform fees charged for probating wills and appointments of notaries public, administrators and guardians.

It is Mr. Lambert's opinion that many of the counties charge different fees and it is his hope that this matter be brought before the convention at Morgantown June 8-9.

The NewsTeller welcomes any discussion of this matter, will give any space required for same.

wife and name her my administrator. 7:45.—Hoge Mason."

It is presumed that the "7:45" indicates the hour of day that the will was written.

Barbour Assessor Hard at Work



Otto Simon

This interesting picture shows Mr. Simon, Barbour county Assessor, hard at work in his office at Philippi. Mr. Simon is serving his second term as Assessor.

ANOTHER FIRST



Eula Wamsley

Miss Wamsley's picture is the first taken by Gordon Depew, C. & H. salesman who is now acting as a roving photographer for The NewsTeller. He took this picture of the Randolph county Sheriff's deputy on his last visit to Elkins. Be on the look-out for Mr. Depew and his camera!

LIKED LETTER "L"

In Fayette county is recorded a will dated Dec 16, 1891, in which property is bequeathed to eight daughters and five sons, according to Mary K. Houchins, deputy clerk.

Apparently the father was partial to the letter "L" for the first names of all 13 children begin with that letter. The girls were Lactea, Layema, Lydaho, Lormega, Lenida, Ledora, Lorena and Ledona.

The boys were Leancy, Ladura, Leonidas, Lualzo and Lester.

JUDGE SERIOUSLY ILL

C. M. Ward, Circuit Judge of Raleigh county, has been critically ill for the past several weeks. His son, John Ward, is Deputy Circuit Clerk of Raleigh county.

TO THE FELLOW WHO'LL TAKE MY PLACE WHEN I AM GONE

Here is a toast that I want to drink to a fellow I'll never know—
To the fellow who's going to take my place when it's time for me to go.
I've wondered what kind of a chap he'll be and I've wished I could take his hand,
Just to whisper, "I wish you well, old man" in a way that he'd understand.
I'd like to give him the cheering word that I've longed at times to hear;
I'd like to give him the warm handclasp when never a friend seems near.
I've learned my knowledge by sheer hard work, and I wish I could pass it on
To the fellow who'll come to take my place some day when I am gone.
Will he see all the sad mistakes I've made and note all the battles lost?
Will he ever guess of the tears they caused or the heartaches which they cost?
Will he gaze through the failures and fruitless toil to the underlying plan?
And catch a glimpse of the real intent and the heart of a vanquished man?
I dare to hope he may pause some day as he toils as I have wrought,
And gain some strength for his weary task from the battles which I have fought.
But I've only the task itself to leave with the cares for him to face;
And never a cheering word may speak to the fellow who'll take my place,
Then here's to your health, old chap: I drink as a bridegroom to his bride;
I leave an unfinished task for you, but God knows how I tried.
I've dreamed my dreams, as all men do, but never a one came true,
And my prayer today is that all the dreams may be realized by you.
And we'll meet some day in the great unknown—out in the realm of space;
You'll know my handclasp as I take your hand and gaze in your tired face.
Then all failures will be success in the light of the new-found dawn—
So I'm drinking your health, old chap, who'll take my place when I am gone.

—Author unknown.
(Submitted by A. R. Martin, Morgantown, W. Va.)

"BEN" WATSON PASSES AWAY

Kanawha County Commissioner Succumbs to Heart Attack April 27

Benjamin Franklin Watson, 69, of Shrewsbury, president of the Kanawha county court and its junior member, died April 27 at his home after a short illness. Death was caused by a heart attack.

Familiarly known as "Ben," Mr. Watson had been at his office regularly up until the end of the week preceding his death. He was named county commissioner to succeed the late Robert M. Brawley March 14, 1936. The following fall he ran to fill the unexpired term and last November was elected to serve a full six-year term.

Mr. Watson served as the court's purchasing agent until his

Ira Whitlock



Mr. Whitlock, one of the best known county officials in West Virginia, is Assessor of Raleigh county, Beckley.

election to the presidency last January.

He was for many years active in Democratic politics. He served as postmaster at Mammoth from 1903 to 1921. For 19 years he was store manager for the Kanawha and Hocking Coal and Coke company in the Cabin Creek section.

Prior to his appointment to the county court, he was tool and equipment supervisor in WPA district No. 6 and previously was HOLC appraiser.

WARE WINS!

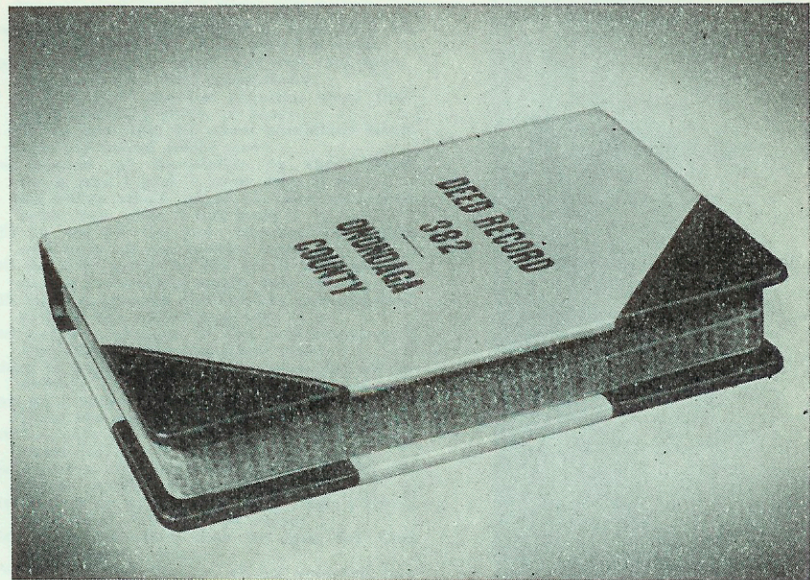
This month's prize of \$3 goes to Fred Ware, Clerk of the Cabell County court, for sending us the letter reproduced on page three.

Again in May The News-Teller will pay \$3 for the most interesting item submitted. Every reader of The News-Teller, including office deputies, stenographers, etc., is eligible for this prize.

Now TRULY EVERLASTING RECORDS

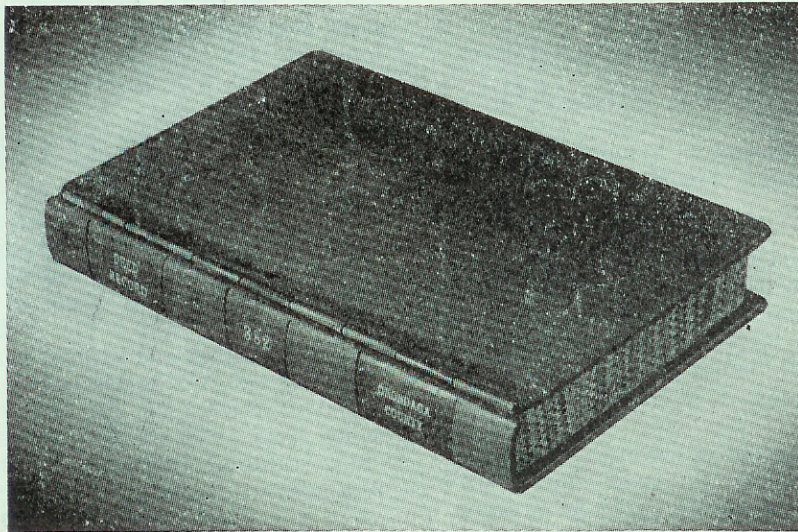
MADE ENTIRELY OF FORMED ALUMINUM

This long-awaited development marks the dawn of a new day in permanent recording of county records. Binder repair expense is eliminated. No more hazard of loss from floods and no more costly damage from dryness, dampness, termites, coal and sulphur gases. H&M All-Metal construction provides you with record books of everlasting permanency—plus ease of handling, conservatively modern appearance and all operating features which have made H&M Record Books so popular in West Virginia for years.



With canvas cover, which may be lettered on sides and back, the new H&M All-Aluminum Record Book looks exactly like a conventional board and leather record book. Covers are of the same thickness—yet the book is lighter. You can match the appearance of present volumes, if desired, with jackets of similar color and lettering.

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