

# The County **NEWSTELLER**

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

## LEWIS COUNTY COURT HOUSE

Completed June 16, 1888  
Weston, W. Va.



**LEWIS COUNTY:** Created in 1816 from Harrison county; named for Col. Charles Lewis, famous soldier killed at battle of Pt. Pleasant in 1774; Jackson's Mill, 5 miles north of Weston, was boyhood home of General "Stonewall" Jackson; county's area: 391 square miles; population (1930): 21,794.

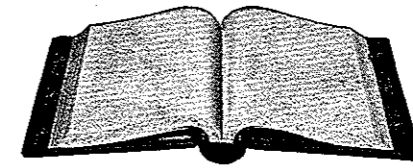
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### Hostesses at Tea



The NewsTeller's candid cameraman took this photograph of hostesses at a tea for ladies attending the County and Circuit Clerks' convention at Morgantown June 8-9.

They are, left to right: Hazel Copeland, Mrs. Paul Mehlinger, Mrs. Bertha Wilson, Mrs. Rose K. Hayes, all deputies in the Monongalia county clerk's office; and Mrs. A. R. Martin, wife of the county clerk. Mrs. Martin was in charge of this tea, which was given on the mezzanine floor of the Hotel Morgan the afternoon of June 8.

### LEWIS COURT HOUSE

(See Front Cover)

Lewis county's court house was ordered built at a special session of the county court he'd Sept. 1, 1886. The lot on Center avenue was purchased from James Burns for \$1,700.

P. M. Hale's low bid of \$18,620.50 for constructing the building was accepted and work was completed near the end of 1887. The supervising architect was W. J. Kitson.

### Believe It or Not!

Here's another one for Ripley: Clarence Myers, present sheriff of Jackson county, signed his own high school diploma as Secretary of the Board of Education.

Here's how it happened. Mr. Myers served as county superintendent of schools in Jackson county from 1931 to 1935. During his administration he graduated from Cottageville high school in 1934, thus having the unusual privilege of signing his own diploma.

### MARTIN ELECTED ASSN. PRESIDENT

Monongalia County Clerk Named to Statewide Post

Albert R. Martin, Monongalia County Clerk, was elected president of the West Virginia County and Circuit Clerks Association at the final session of the two-day convention June 8-9.

The association also named Mrs. Evelyn H. Yorke, clerk of the circuit court of Monongalia County, first vice president.

The organization designated Beckley as the site of their 1940 convention.

Other officers elected were P. F. King, Preston County Clerk, second vice president; Hall Maxwell, Doddridge County Clerk, third vice president; Paul W. Dayton, Mineral County Circuit Clerk, fourth vice president, and A. Miller Brown, Putnam County Clerk, secretary and treasurer.

The county clerks, circuit clerks and county commissioners met at 10 o'clock a. m. June 9 in separate groups to discuss policies and problems, while the women members of the association and wives of the men members embarked upon a motorcade to Arthurdale. They stopped there for luncheon at the Inn.

A complete list of those registered follows:

Virgil Morgan, Wyoming county; Frank Tolliver, Wyoming county; Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Bowling, Mercer; Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Martin, Monongalia; F. M. McQuay, Monongalia; George W.

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Letters To The Editor

"The NewsTeller:

"I just returned from the Clerks' Convention held at Morgantown. As I was the only Assessor present I felt more like an honored guest that some person just horning in on somebody else's party.

"Since I have been in this office I have found out the more I know about the workings of the other county officials serves in a great measure in assisting me to give better and more authentic information in my office.

"When a person attends these conventions he has an opportunity to meet county officials from every county of the state, and this alone is worth the expense. I am looking forward to next year and meeting all of the clerks and county commissioners in West Virginia's air conditioned city—BECKLEY.

"I take this opportunity through this wonderful paper to express my appreciation to all Clerks and Commissioners for the courtesies extended me in Morgantown.

"Chauncey D. Twyford,  
"Assessor Tyler County."

CLERK'S MOTHER DIES

Mrs. Sherman Leatherman of Lahmansville, Grant county, W. Va., died at her home April 29, 1939. She was the mother of Paul A. Leatherman, Clerk of the County and Circuit Courts of Grant county.

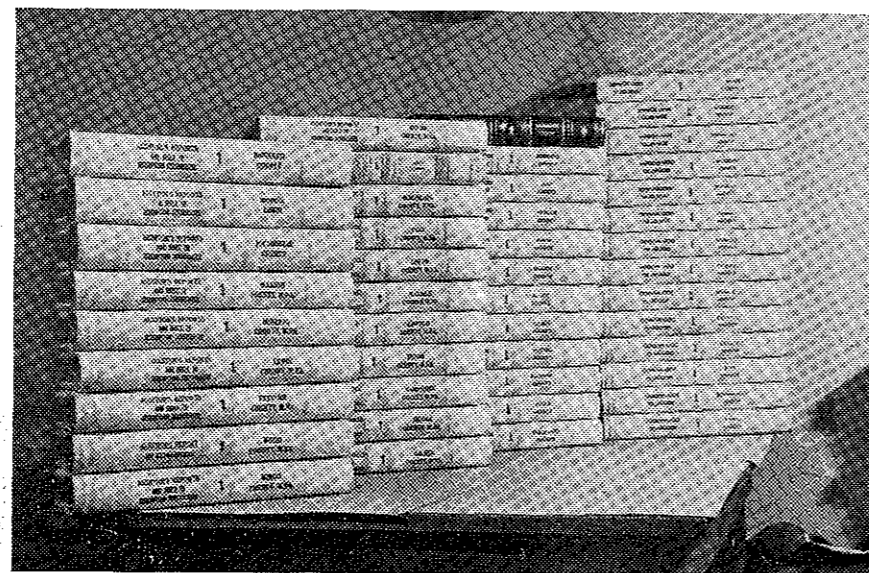
She is survived by her husband, Sherman Leatherman and two sons Gordon Leatherman, Cumberland, Md., and Paul A. Leatherman, Petersburg, W. Va.

Martin Elected

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Jamison, Monongalia; Chauncey Twyford, Tyler; A. L. Knight, Harrison; J. W. Anderson, Putnam; Donald Van Camp, Tyler; Frank Fisher, Braxton; Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Hix, Kanawha; Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Wehrle, Kanawha; Ernest G. Smith, Lewis; Harry Anderson, Raleigh; D. S.

BIGGEST SHIPMENT



Shown above is the largest shipment of books ever to leave the Casto & Harris bindery in any one day. Consigned to more than 30 counties, these 46 books (some of them with the new aluminum binding) left Spencer by truck, express, parcel post and freight.

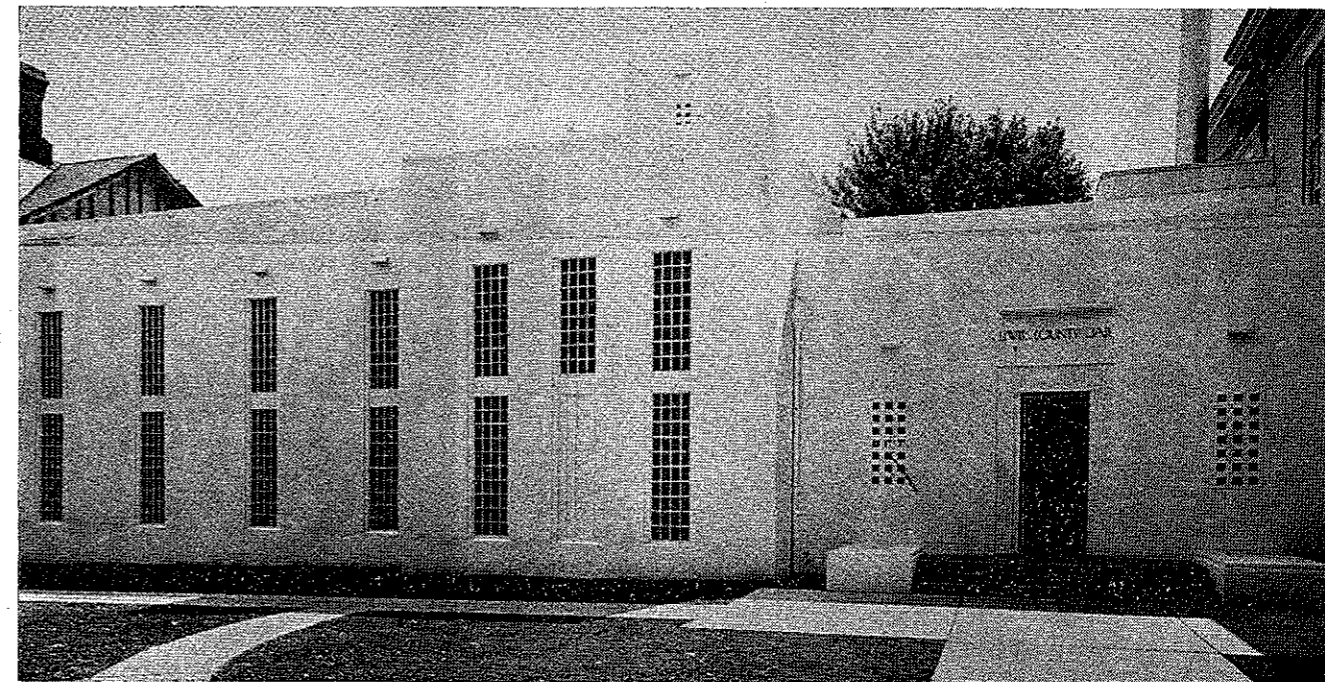
Renn, McDowell; J. Randall Crow, Marshall; Frank D. Thorne, Wirt; Kathlyn Pauley, Kanawha; Pearl Poteet, Kanawha; Ernest K. James, Kanawha; Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stewart, Hancock; Mr. and Mrs. E. Roy Lester, Roane; Charles P. Furbee, Harrison, and Kenna Clark, Marion.

J. O. Bleigh, Lewis; Roy J. Viriden, Pleasants; R. O. Wolfe, Harrison; Walter Hoffman, Wirt; Van Hunter, Raleigh; J. M. Harsh, Preston; Ward M. Dawson, Morgan; Charles Cale, Preston; John F. Miller, Preston; A. L. Reed, Preston; Gene Viriden, Pleasants; V. E. Howell, Preston; Charles Howard, Marshall; G. E. Borgman, Preston; J. L. Maxwell, Marshall; F. M. Cunningham, Preston; D. W. Brown, Marshall; Jesse L. DeBerry, Preston; V. R. Todd, Marshall; W. D. Corder, Barbour; C. E. Corder, Barbour; S. L. Ash, Marion; Russell Nichols, Marion; H. D. Martin, Marion; E. A. Crawford, Lewis; Z. P. Hammer, Lewis; R. W. See, Lewis; A. D. Cyphers, McDowell; Evelyn H. Yorke, Monongalia, and Frances J. Quinn, Monongalia.

L. L. Nightengale, Ohio; A. B. Creighton, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. Simon A. Dingess, Logan; Hall Maxwell, Doddridge; Marian Beddow, Logan; Iva Workman, Logan; Paul W. Dayton, Mineral; Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Loving, Monongalia; Hazel Copeland, Monongalia; Bertha Wilson, Monongalia; Hazel Kemp, Brooke; Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Hollis, Jr., Taylor; Virginia Boakes, Brooke; Ray Henderson, Tyler; Ed Shorr, Lewis; Paul J. Mehlinger, Monongalia; Edgar G. Shanholtzer, Hampshire; Clara Rightmire, Tucker; Ethel Loughry, Tucker; Frances Cox, Tucker; P. F. King, Preston; J. G. Lambert, Wayne, and F. M. Ferrell, Marshall.

J. W. Bowers, Monongalia; Martin Farinetti, Monongalia; Martha Smith, Wayne; Louise Hoback, Wayne; Hobart Spindler, Preston; George D. Herold, Nicholas; H. V. Summers, Nicholas; Ira E. Hill, Nicholas; John C. Ward, Raleigh; C. O. Smith, Doddridge; L. Jack Wilson, Monongalia; J. R. Price, Kanawha; Eddie Clement, Kanawha; Roma Lewis, Kanawha, and James McClung, Kanawha.

Jail for Lewis County, W. Va.



Were it not for the sign over the entrance doorway, the new Lewis County Jail at Weston, W. Va., would appear to be very much like those small modern, air-conditioned office buildings in which the window openings are used for illumination and decoration, but not ventilation.

All restraining devices, aside from the concrete walls of the structure itself, are mounted in the inside face of the walls; hence the impression of barred windows which one generally associates with jail structures is missing entirely.

The new jail replaces an old

stone and brick structure erected in 1887. One of the problems in construction of the jail was to prevent damage to or failure of the old courthouse walls.

Lewis county's jail is two stories, raised on a plan of 35x85 ft., ample in size and plan to care for current and future requirements of the county. The architectural style is modern, but slightly modified by classic touches to keep it harmonious with traditional styles in the community.

It was originally planned to build the jail through the aid of a PWA grant, but application for

the grant was not approved in 1937 and the need for new facilities was so pressing that the court, comprising Messrs. E. A. Crawford, Hugh Butcher and Ralph See, decided to proceed with the structure using only county funds. Lewis county today has a modern jail, constructed from current revenue, without any bonded indebtedness against future revenue.

The jail, which was built and completely equipped for \$60,577.-50, was built by John L. Earnest & Sons of Wheeling. Elwood S. Tower was mechanical engineer.

EMBARRASSING

One of the boys down in Illinois oil fields came into money suddenly and decided to see the sights. He and a lady friend obtained tickets for the open air opera in St. Louis Municipal Gardens.

After the play got to going along well into the first act, he was conscious of an urge. As it became more insistent, he excused himself and hurried down the aisle. Encountering an usher, he

asked directions to the men's room.

"Straight forward, the first turn to the left and first door to the right," was the whispered instruction.

Our hero hastened, found the door locked, but an open door ahead beckoned. Trees and shrubbery were plentiful and not a soul was in sight.

Returning to his seat he asked the lady if the first act was over.

"You ought to know. You were in it," was her reply.

Tolliver Wins

For his amusing yarn, "We Went to Morgantown", Frank Tolliver, deputy clerk of Wyoming county, wins this month's award of \$3 for most interesting item submitted.

Another similar prize will be awarded next month.

Be sure to mail your contribution in early.

Princess



Miss Clara Otto

Miss Otto, who is typist in the office of J. Randall Crow, clerk of the Marshall county court, has been chosen by Congressman Schiffler to represent that district as Princess at the Elkins Forest Festival in October of this year.

DODDRIDGE MAN WANTS LICENSE

Wonders If "Examinashen" Is Now Necessary in West Virginia

Cognizant of the fact that West Virginia now requires an "examinashen" before marriage, a Doddridge county man has written to County Clerk Hall Maxwell, as follows:

"To the Clerk of Courts of Doddridge County.

"Dear Sir, or Madam.

"I wish to have a copy of the marriage laws of the State of W. Va. or County of Doddridge Co. or the Requirements to obtain a Marriage Lisons is it necessary fore Both partys to apply fore the Lisons. or can the girl apply fore the Lisons prior to the issue and the husband to Be sign the Lisons before they are issued

"I have herd that the state of

W. Va. Requires a examinashen of Both Parys before they will be issued a Lisons

"May these examinashens be taken by any License Doctor. and a Report of the examinashens be presented to the Clerk of Court.

"if a examinashen is Required what prices are lisons issued at in West Virginia.

"Trusting I have made My Self clear I am

"Very truly yours"

SATISFACTION IS GUARANTEED

You'll Have to Read All This Article to Get the Joke

A lease containing a somewhat naughty, but exceedingly funny clause, has been found by A. R. Martin, clerk of the Monongalia county court, in his search of old records.

The lease in full is reprinted, with actual names omitted, as follows:

"THIS LEASE, made and entered into on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

his wife, of Monongalia County, West Virginia, parties of the first part and \_\_\_\_\_

of Monongalia County, West Virginia, party of the second part.

"WITNESSETH: That for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar, cash in hand paid, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, and the stipulations and agreements hereinafter contained, the party of the first part, hereby rents, and leases unto the party of the second part all that certain tract or parcel of land with the buildings thereon, located in \_\_\_\_\_ District, Monongalia County. That is to say, a lot fronting 350 feet on the improved road and extending back to a uniform width of 500 feet in line with John Doe's property to a paling fence, belonging to the parties of the first part.

"It is further agreed to by and between the parties hereto, that the said party of the second part

is to use said buildings and lot for all purposes.

"It is further agreed to that the parties of the first part are at all times, while this lease is in force, to provide a chicken lot and house for the party of the second part; said lot is to be located in what is now used as a garden.

"It is further agreed that the party of the second part is to have access to a water well and pump that is on or near the line of said property.

"It is further agreed that the party of the first part is to let the party of the second part have a perfect movement in his privy.

"This lease is to be binding upon the heirs and assignees of both parties hereto unless changed by agreement of both parties.

"We have this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, witness our hand and affixed our seal.

(Seal)

(Seal)

"Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of \_\_\_\_\_"

Maxwell Children



The NewsTeller proudly presents 11-year-old Joan and 8-year-old Thomas Hall Maxwell, children of Mr. and Mrs. Hall Maxwell of West Union.

Their daddy is county clerk of Doddridge county.

We Went to Morgantown

(By Frank S. Tolliver, Deputy Wyoming County Clerk)

From "The Wilds of Wyoming" to the comparative civilized section of Monongalia is a "fer piece" as the writer and Virgil L. Morgan (quickly and quite appropriately christened "Colonel" at the convention) discovered.

Feeling fresh, enthusiastic, full of vim and quite prepared for a good time we started from Pineville (the Wyoming county seat) at about 10 o'clock Wednesday morning planning, in our blessed ignorance, to arrive in Morgantown about in time for a late lunch that noon.

Well, Colonel Morgan and the writer had never been to Morgantown before or much farther toward the northern part of the state than Charleston. And there-in lies a story.

With the writer doing the driving we made it to Charleston quite easily and without undue difficulty. From there on, however, things evolved into what is known as a hell of a note. We became lost in every creek and hollow between the statehouse at Charleston and the Hotel Morgan.

For hours, hours and hours we drove, drove and drove. Finally I stopped at a filling station and inquired of the attendant how damned far it was to Morgantown. "Well, it's about 143 miles," I was informed. So, we drove, drove and drove for what seemed like hours. Again I stopped at a filling station. "How far is it to Morgantown?" You can imagine our disgust when we were told "about 159 miles or a little further!"

Colonel Morgan who, incidentally, hails from the wildest section of wild Wyoming and consequently has had little occasion to stray from the environs of his own section, finally became thoroughly alarmed. "Ya know, By Gad," he said, "West Virginia is a helluva lot bigger 'n the whole United States!"

Well, in the wee hours, we finally got to the convention city. On arriving at the hotel the "Colonel" remarked that "Well,



Frank Tolliver

Thank God, we're here but the Lord only knows how and when we'll ever get back!"

Once in Morgantown, however, we began to enjoy ourselves most thoroughly . . . meeting everyone and transacting considerable business at Casto & Harris' "headquarters."

We certainly enjoyed and appreciated it all, the meetings, luncheons, banquet and dance. At the banquet, however, the "Colonel" ran into a little difficulty when his plate was served him. It seemed that his peas were served in a little paper cup. "How in the hell," he asked someone, "do you get these things outta here; drink them?"

GILMER COURT PRESIDENT DIES

Clacy Reed, 57, Succumbs to Long Illness

Clacy A. Reed, 57, president of the Gilmer county court, died at his home at the mouth of Leading Creek three miles west of Glenville Sunday, June 18. Mr. Reed was stricken with paralysis the day after Christmas last year and never fully regained his health.

However, he was able to reassume his duties in the court the past two months. He met with other members of the court the first week in June but the same week he suffered a second attack and his condition grew steadily worse.

Mr. Reed was born on Leading Creek May 26, 1882, a son of Lewis S. Reed and Joanna Goff Reed. In 1906 he married Mabel Taylor, daughter of Zack Taylor and Lummie (Floyd) Taylor of Glenville. They settled on the farm at the mouth of Leading Creek where Mr. Reed engaged in farming and raising cattle. In 1934 he was elected a member of the county court.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Mabel Reed; two daughters, Mrs. Ruth Reaser, wife of Dale Reaser of Baltimore, Md., and Mrs. Mary Davidson, wife of Lester Davidson of Glenville; three sisters, Mrs. Julia Kee, local agent for the Railway Express Agency and wife of Squire Will Kee of Glenville; Mrs. Mae Bell, wife of Jesse E. Bell, Sr., of Glenville; and Mrs. Eva Floyd, of Otterbein community near Glenville; three grandchildren, Naomi Lee Reaser, Mary Sue Davidson and Ruth Annabell Davidson.

Final rites were held at the home Tuesday afternoon with the Rev. J. C. Musser, pastor of the Glenville Baptist church, in charge. Interment was in Otterbein cemetery, near Glenville.

SLAVE IS FREED ON CONDITION

But She Must Not Set Foot In Frederick County, Va.

Abraham Lincoln is known as the Great Emancipator, but 50 years before his time one Warner Throckmorton freed a slave—on certain conditions—according to an entry in Deed Book 21, page 78, in Hampshire county, oldest county in West Virginia.

The slave, 38-year-old Fanny Cary, was freed on condition that she never set foot in Frederick county, Va.

The instrument was discovered

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**Pocahontas Educator**



Mack H. Brooks, Assistant Superintendent Pocahontas county schools, has been very energetic in helping to administer school affairs. Mr. Brooks was appointed to office in July, 1937. At the present time he is doing graduate work at Marshall college.

**Slave Is Freed**

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and mailed to The NewsTeller by Pauline Snyder, deputy clerk of the county. It is reproduced in full, as follows:

"Know all men by these Presents that I Warner Throckmorton of Hampshire County and State of Virginia for divers good and valuable considerations unto me moving, and particularly for and in consideration of the meritorious services of Fanny Carey do herein and hereby emancipate and forever set free and at liberty the said Fanny Cary my Slave aged about thirty eight years nevertheless she is to enjoy her freedom hereby granted upon this express condition that she is never to reside in the County of Frederick in the State of Virginia. Should she violate this condition, from thence forth she shall be

deemed & considered a slave and this Deed be utterly null & void to all intents and purposes as though it had never been recorded. In Testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and affix my seal the 16th day of February in the year 1818.

"Warner Throckmorton (Seal)  
"Signed Sealed & Delivered  
in the presence  
Saml. Kerchevall Junr.  
Wm. Inskeep

"At a Court continued & held for Hampshire County the 17th March 1818, This Deed of Emancipation was acknowledged & ordered to be recorded.

"Teste

"John B. White C. H. C."

**LADIES ENJOYED ENTERTAINMENT**

During the Convention of the County Clerks and the Circuit Clerks which was held in Morgantown, the ladies who were fortunate enough to attend were delightfully entertained by the hostess group. Varied entertainments were provided for our pleasure and all were thoroughly enjoyed.

On Thursday afternoon a tea was given on the mezzanine floor of the Hotel Morgan, and refreshments were served from a gaily decorated tea table, the color scheme of green and yellow being carried out in the flowers, candles, cakes and the cooling punch. Favors were presented to each guest and the door prize, a fine aluminum broiler, was won by Mrs. Don G. Stewart of New Cumberland. Mrs. A. R. Martin, wife of County Clerk Martin, had charge of this affair and her aides were Mrs. Rose K. Hayes, who presided at the tea table, Mrs. Paul Mehlinger, Mrs. Bertha Wilson and Miss Hazel Copeland.

A lovely table lamp was given as door prize at the banquet Thursday evening, and Miss Virginia Oakes was the winner of this gift. Miss Oakes was from Weillsburg.

Friday morning the group was taken to the Arthurdale Homestead and all voted this to be one

of the most beautiful places it had been their pleasure to have visited. The drive along a road of more than scenic loveliness was climaxed when we reached Arthurdale. After visiting the points of interest at the homestead, we were invited to the Craft Shop and there inspected many beautiful pieces of linens, table wear, baskets, tables, and furniture of all kinds which had been turned out by the folks living at the homestead. Following the inspection tour we had lunch at the Colonial Inn, a beautiful building standing high on a knoll surrounded by lovely lawns, and was a picture that we shall long remember. The hostess at the Inn, Mrs. Pauline Meredith, proved to be a most delightful person and added a lot to our visit. Small green vases, trimmed with platinum bands, were given by the hostess ladies as favors. These were products of the Morgantown Glass Company and will always be a reminder of our visit to Morgantown.

Returning to Morgantown we visited the West Virginia University and many of the residential sections with their fine flower and rock gardens.

The Morgantown hostesses were Mrs. A. R. Martin, Mrs. Evelyn H. Yorke, Mrs. Rose K. Hayes, Mrs. Paul Mehlinger, Miss Hazel Copeland and Mrs. Bertha Wilson. A guest.

**Dog No Good**

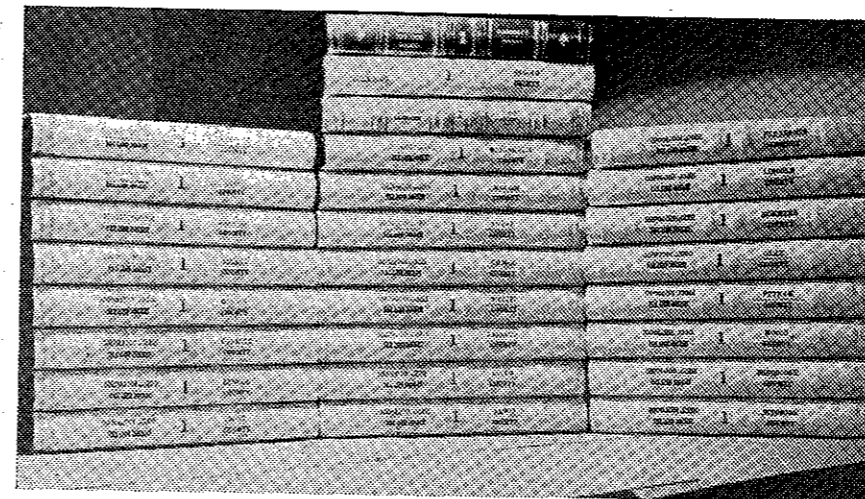
H. J. Smith, deputy assessor of Nicholas county, sent in this amusing letter from a citizen, written in reply to a request that his dog tax be paid:

"I am writing you about the dog. I told the sessor when he sessed the dog that she was no good so I give my brothring law 25 cts to take the dog out and kill her. so I have not got the dog. Yours very truly."

**No Paper Clips**

In sending photographs to The NewsTeller, readers are requested not to use paper clips on same. The clips leave marks on the photograph which show up in the cut.

**27 OF ONE KIND**



Twenty-seven books of one kind were shipped to 27 counties in West Virginia at one time. They were the new "Corporation License Tax Lien Dockets No. 1." The above photograph was taken in the Casto & Harris bindery.

**Martin Thanks Clerks**

To County and Circuit Clerks:

"I wish to take this opportunity to thank the West Virginia County and Circuit Clerks' association for the honor conferred on me in electing me as their president at the annual meeting in Morgantown June 9.

"I fully realize the duties I have assumed and the problems that will come before us for solution. I will, at all times, appreciate suggestions and will endeavor to use them to good advantage.

"It will be necessary to appoint committees to work out plans and appointments will be made at a later date.

"Co-operation must be our slogan, and it is my hope that all Clerks will use their best efforts to assist the officers of the State association and make this year very harmonious and beneficial to the organization. We want to have a good report to present at our 1940 meeting in Beckley.

"I also wish to express my thanks to the people who contributed so liberally to our entertain-

**SUICIDE WRITES HER WILL FIRST**

But She Doesn't Explain Reason for Self Destruction

An unusual will that brings a lump to the throat has been discovered in an old will book in Lewis county by Miss Sue Boram, deputy county clerk.

The instrument was written by a woman just before she committed suicide, and is reproduced verbatim as follows:

"A farewell to my dear husband. You have been faithful to me and lovingly and kined at all times you have performed your duties as well as any one could you are not the cause of the deed I am going to committ Weep not for me, nor shed one tear, my God has bid me come and I am ready to go. I give my life that others may be made happy. I have bore all that I can bear, I will not have to ans for this deed. But those that are the cause, and A \_\_\_\_\_ this does not Include you in the least, you are free from the least cause. I want to be burried at

ment while in Morgantown."

A. R. Martin, Clerk  
Monongalia County Court.

P\_\_\_\_\_ by side of father in a White foulding casket and a White casket shroud, or dress. I want the Rebecca's to burry me and furnish a wreath. six of them from this Lodge at V\_\_\_\_\_ go to P\_\_\_\_\_ and act as pall bearers

(naming them)

all be dressed White Good bye Friends Good bye Mother and Brothers and sisters and Good bye fare well dear A\_\_\_\_\_ it is so sad to part I am going to meet my father and Bro in Heaven there I will meet you all A\_\_\_\_\_ sell off all the property and pay for the farm. And make your home with Mother, tell her I request this; Mother be good and kind to A\_\_\_\_\_ for he has been good to me. I would like to live longer But I have stood all that I can, and Nobody but me and my God knows the cause of act."

**TROUBLES AND MORE TROUBLES**

Wetzel County Taxpayer Can't Raise Money to Pay Taxes

So you think you have troubles, do you?

What about this Wetzel county man who wrote this pitiful tale to Sheriff Frank C. Berger? His letter, spelling "as is," follows:

"Dear sir

"I dont have any work to pay our taxes. i have been trying to get on W. P. A. but have never got on yet its about all we can do to live we have to sleep on pillows now without pillow casses. and have 1 old sheet so how do you expect me to pay taxes our old cow was sick when the cessor was here and he never cessed her. and we sold her for 13 dollars the doctor bill for her was 9 dollars and the pig we have was too young to cess and we only have 1 old hen and 9 little biddies and the hen belongs to our girl. and if you would sell our pig and the biddies that would be pretty bad for we need them. but when i get to work i will pay them. we don't have any farming tools either. and need what little furnisher we have.

"Yours very truly,"

## "YOUR LIFE IS IN MISERY IN THAT SHAPE..."

I want to explain my self through the Columns of your paper  
in regard to law violaters and the taxes we halt to pay.  
Tax Money is the best money we ever spent . it protect your  
lives educate our children builds good roads, and vears other  
things to numers to mencion.

I want to say to those that Violate the law

No man is above the law wheather the law is good or bad. we  
want to make roane county a beter place in which to live.

and the best way i know to do it for every Father on sundy  
Morning take his Famley and go to church and teach them that  
there is a hereafter and if they violate the law they will be  
punished. that would reduce our taxes in a short time for it  
takes lots of maney to prosicute thoes law brakers.

The seed you so is just what you reap

There is no man nor boy can prosper when he is breaking the  
laws of land. his life is in misery he is specting the law to  
get him any moment which it does sooner or later.  
and your privlige is taken a way from you and you ar behind  
the prison bars.

A young man told me the other day that the law got after him  
and he had to leave home and every town that he was in when  
he saw and officer he would say to my self there he is after me  
And finly the law got him. so your life is in misery in that shape  
So if you ar violateing the law you quit it and and go to work  
and make and honest living you will have moore friends  
and moore money. life is just what you make out of it.

Roane county is one of the best countys in the state. but we  
Can make it a little beter by every Body doing all the  
good he can to all people he can in all the ways he can  
if you see some one make a misstake dont jump on him with  
boath feet. but go to him and speak kinda words to him.  
it will go fourther theand harsh words.

Abe Lincon. said all men must have eakel wright which is  
wright. and every man has the hold world to make and honest  
liveing in. if we would practis the golden rule a little  
moore we all would get a long beter. and make life worth  
living.

It is the good people who pays the burden of the taxes  
and they want it spent to the betering of our country .  
and it is going to be spent that way.

I will wring off

Just a tax payer from

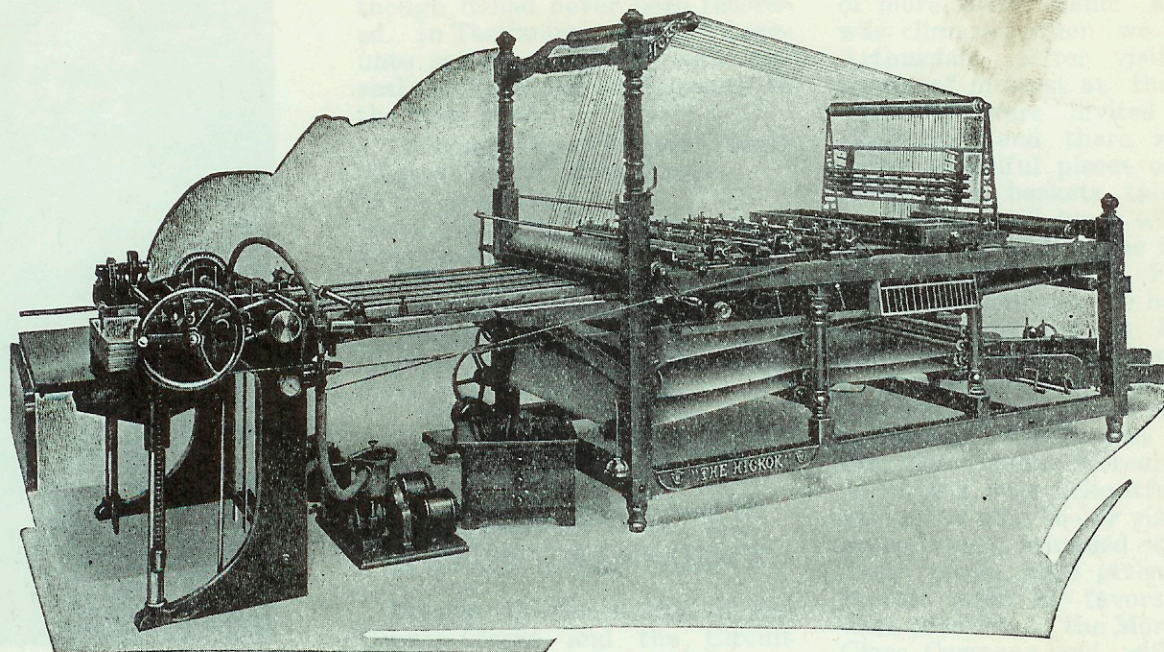
Under date of Aug. 2, 1929, the editor of a  
weekly newspaper in Roane county received the  
above "article" for publication. He "dressed it  
up," ran it in greatly modified form.

The original, however, is so interesting and

amusing that we secured his permission to run a  
photograph of the letter, exactly as it was received  
—spelling and all.

Only the signature has been omitted, for  
obvious reasons.

# NOW 100% COMPLETE . . . .



Last month's installation of a modern Hickok ruling machine, pictured above, makes our plant 100% complete. Now every operation, including ruling, binding, printing, perforating, drilling, etc., is started and finished under one roof, on our own machinery.

Of course this means better service, because we depend on no one else for any phase of production. And it means quality work at better prices, because our labor costs and overhead expenses are lower than in larger cities.

Naturally we're proud of the fact that now we offer a 100% West Virginia service to the county courts and school boards of the state—that our plant is now COMPLETE in every sense of the word.

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