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NEWSTELLER

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

HARDY COUNTY COURT HOUSE

Mocrefield, W. Va.

Dedicated in July, 1914



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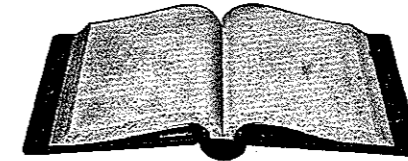
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This Citizen Wants a Boy!

And How! Asks Preston
Clerk to Get Him One

One of the strangest requests ever received by a county official in West Virginia has come to Paul F. King, clerk of the Preston county court.

It seems that one of his constituents wants a boy—a red-headed little fellow—and he is practically demanding that Mr. King find one for him. Mr. King's letter to The NewsTeller and three of the several letters he has received from the gentleman in question are reproduced herewith. If he receives any more, The NewsTeller hereby claims them!

Writes Mr. King:

"I am enclosing, herewith, three (3) letters, that might be an item of interest in The NewsTeller to some Brother Clerks who might be in position to help find a boy for one of my constituents; as most of the Clerks know quite well that we are called upon to perform most all sorts of duties, accommodations, and other people's work.

"Perhaps the last letter of December 15, would give a better idea of the emergency of the case. Some former letters were destroyed, but you will note, from this letter, that this fellow wants the boy soon and states definitely that he does not desire to wait nine months. As time is an es-

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HARD AT WORK



Charlotte Calderwood

Miss Calderwood, who was re-elected Brooke county clerk in 1938, is shown above at her desk in the court house at Wellsburg. There was great excitement in this office Dec. 7 when the City Hall, just across the court, was destroyed by fire. None of her records was damaged.

Parents Arrested

Three parents in Wayne county last month learned that the state's truancy law has teeth in it. Charged with failure to compel their children to attend the public schools, they were taken before a justice of the peace, who fined them \$3 each. In default of payment, they were sentenced to jail, but were released after a few hours.

Three dollars is the minimum fine under the law.

Marshall Court Has Thanksgiving

Expression of Appreciation Is
Spread Upon The Minutes

The Marshall county court unanimously agreed that the true spirit of Thanksgiving is the real thing and that the problem of whether it is observed Nov. 23 or Nov. 30 could well be left to individual preference.

At any rate, the commissioners said, the true purpose behind the tradition of Thanksgiving must transcend any differences in opinion among the people of the county as well as the nation as to what day the people shall give their thanks.

Commissioners Charles Howard, J. L. Maxwell and B. W. Brown were unanimous in the expression that this country has enough to be thankful for to make it last a whole week anyway.

In line with their views they compiled no Thanksgiving Proclamation, but caused to be spread upon the minutes of the court an expression of appreciation and gratefulness for the nation's manifold blessings, emphasized by the war now rampant in other nations. It follows:

"Thanksgiving 1939"

"More than three hundred years have passed since our Colonist forefathers, grateful for the bounteous harvests which rewarded their efforts; grateful for their survival against extreme

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THIS CITIZEN

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sential element in this case, I thought The NewsTeller might help out.

"Of course, you will not use the name of the gentleman who wants the boy.

"Any helpful suggestions from any Brother Clerks should be directed to The NewsTeller or the County Clerk of Preston County, who will see that the information goes to the proper person.

"Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, I am,

"Respectfully yours,

"P. F. King,

"County Clerk."

The first letter follows:

"Sep 8 1939

"P. F. King
 "County Clerk Preston
 "County King Wood W Va
 "Dear King Friend If You cant See a Bout getting the Kind loving homeless Boy for Me from 2 3 4 years age Plea See Some one you can Depend on to look After One for Me for I love little Boy so much the good lord No I am So Crazy a Bout a little Boy that I would not harm a hair in his head Bone in his Body Now Mr P F King do all In your Power to have Some one to See a Bout a Deal little Boy for Me for I love them so much I hope you May find a Boy at the poor Farm or some Wher soon for me Mr P F King you do not no how I love a little Boy Pleas have some one to see for Me at once or soon as possa Bel I will Be a Mother and Dady to a Boy that Will Do Right
 "I will Close from
 "S_____ B_____
 "Pleas I want a Red hair Boy If you can find it"

The second letter:

"Oct. 21 1939

"P. F. King County Clerk
 "Preston County Kingwood
 "West Va
 "Dear Mr. P F King I have just wondered If you have found the Dear little Kind loving boy for Me I hope so soon I am Just Crazyly for you to get the Deal little Boy for Me I no you will pleas do not

SCHOOL SUP'T.



E. S. Clutter

Mr. Clutter is now serving his third year as superintendent of Pocahontas county schools. He graduated from Washington and Lee University with an AB degree. He received his Master's Degree from Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, in 1937.

for get it for I no you will I want the Dear little Sweet heart Boy Mr. King I want to all So Want to no how to and Wher to find Out how to Adver tise for any thing I want or any thing I want I want to no wher I can get a Gen a flash that generates it own Electricity has no Batteries and will Give all the light I want Wher I want it any time I want it Pleas tel me how to ad Vertise how much Cost Wher to ad Vertise pleas auncer soon let me no a Bout the Boy and gena flash

"yours truly

"From S_____ B_____

"Please Mr. P F King hurry up get the Boy for Me"

And now, for the third letter:

"Dec. 15 1939

"Mr P F King
 "Preston County Clerk
 "King Wood W Va
 "Dear P F King I want to no Wat Is Rong With you Wont Eaven Auencer this letter at Once I want to no if you are going to get the little Red haired Boy for Me or not I want him for My Christmas gift Now Mr. P F King Pleas get Busy I want the little Boy for Christmas for Surt I Want a Boy Age from 2 years not Over 5 years old I Want a Slim Slender Boy Small at that Now Mr P F King open up your heart go get the little Boy for Xmas I am plum Crazy for the little Boy I will do all In My Power and the Power off the lord to Pay you for getting a Dear little Boy for Me I do not ask for you to Be so fine particler a Bout getting a Boy perfect In Ever way You cant do it or I Can Not I want you to get that Boy for Me at Once I have Binn Wating on you going on 3 month I do Not want to Wait 9 months You get that Boy for Me soon and I will thank you the longest Day I live Now Mr P F King Please open up your heart get the little Boy for Me I want him so Bad as the Dear lord knows If you would get Me a Boy go Bad I would Not Blame you one Bit I would Be the one I no you Can get a Boy Easy as falling off a log the world Is full little Boys Now Mr P F King Pleas get Busy get the Boy for Me for Christmas I love one and all little Boys as the lord no Pleas let me here from you at once Mr P F King If you do not get the little Boy for Me I will no you are Not Commadation as I thot good By
 "From S_____ B_____
 "Pleas let Me here from you soon"

—Send in Pictures—

Contractor: How much will th's bridge for my teeth cost?

Dentist: Oh, about \$175.

Contractor: Couldn't you just put in a culvert?

Sorta Mixed Up

Some men were once soliciting an old man for a donation to a worthy cause, but he wouldn't listen to them as he was determined to leave everything he had to a State University. Finally, one of the solicitors said he would like to tell him a few things about the University that possibly he didn't know.

For instance, did he know that the head of the University was a septuagenarian? "Why, no!" said the old man.

Did he know that the boys and the girls both used the same curriculum? "Why, no!" he said. Did he know that they matriculated together? "Why, no!" And finally, did he know that before anyone graduated from the University, they had to show their thesis to the head of the school?

"Well," said the old man, "you gentlemen have opened my eyes to a lot of things, and I'll be damned if I leave them a cent of my money!"

—Send in Pictures—

Rattle-Brained

Three slightly deaf men were motoring from the North to London in an old noisy car, and hearing was difficult. As they were nearing the city, one asked:

"Is this Wembly?"

"No," replied the second, "this is Thursday."

"So am I," put in the third. "Let's stop and have one."

—Send in Some News—

A KISS

A kiss is a peculiar proposition. Of no use to one, yet absolute bliss to two. The small boy gets it for nothing, the young man has to lie for it, and the old man has to buy it. The baby's right, the lover's privilege, and the hypocrite's mask. To a young girl, faith; to a married woman, hope; and to an old maid, charity.—V. P. I. Skipper.

AN AWAKENING

While strolling 'mong the trees one day
 I cast a match beside the way;
 No thought at all of doing wrong,
 Just dropped a match and passed along.

I had to smoke a cigarette;
 Had smoked it, even on a bet;
 No care had I if tinder lay
 Close where I threw a match that day.

I topped a hill and then looked back;
 Saw smoke ascending close my track:
 That match had found a leafy bed;
 A burst of flame that fast had spread.

Too late, I saw what I had done,
 As flames leaped high toward the sun.
 I loved those trees! I loved them all!
 It pained my heart to see them fall.

My head was bended low in shame,
 As from my soul this whisper came:
 "Cigarettes are smoked by fiends like me,
 'But only God can make a tree!'"

—Luke McDowell.

The above poem is from "Scraps and Sketches" a book of poems by former County Superintendent of Mineral County schools, Luke McDowell. The unusual spread of forest fires during the recent hunting season makes the publication of this poem very timely.

MARSHALL COURT

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privations, and grateful for their very existence, paused, and on bended knees offered thanks and praised God.

"As we enjoy these daily provisions we do not always pause to reflect upon their Source.

"Let us, then, on this Thanksgiving Day, 1939, unite in expressing gratitude to this Divine Source for these many daily blessings.

"Let us be sincerely grateful for our many priceless possessions: free worship, free thought, productive industry, a goodly harvest; and, a hopeful future.

"Let us thank our Almighty God for setting our Nation apart from the 'black-outs' of humane tolerance, the 'war of nerves,' and apart from the monsters of war rampant throughout the length and breadth of many pitiful nations.

"Let us be thankful, too, for the well-being of our families and

friends and associates; and let us utter a prayer for strength and guidance in this generation to broaden the foundation which is our heritage, and through our efforts to make our humble contribution sufficiently constructive that each of the generations to follow will find in their lives an inspiration to perpetuate our great American custom of Thanksgiving.

"Marshall County Court."

—Send in Some News—

New Standard Uniforms Are Being Worn by Bus Drivers

New standard approved uniforms are being worn by the 13 operators of Berkeley County school buses, G. William Ropp, county superintendent of schools, reports. The uniforms are made of dark gray whipcord, and consist of trousers, zipper blouses, shirt, black four-in-hand tie, and cap.

Fort Smith Has New Court House

Arkansas Structure Is Called
Most Beautiful in South

(From Brown's "Permanence" Magazine)

Municipal and county governments of Fort Smith, Arkansas, have "lived" under the same roof for more than forty years and now they're at home in a new half-million dollar courthouse and city hall which is the pride and joy of the Southern city.

"Most beautiful courthouse in the South" is the way thousands of visitors have described the building. And Fort Smith citizens, who voted bonds in 1935 to erect the edifice, find themselves even more enthusiastic about it.

Six stories high, the building stands in the center of the city-county block adjoining the Fort Smith business district. The beautifully landscaped lawn has a year-round carpet of green grass, in sharp contrast to the massive white limestone building.

While the building stands as a monument to all the progressive citizens of Fort Smith, the name of one man—County Judge R. P. Strozier—figured more prominently than any other in the courthouse project started in the fall of 1932.

At that time Judge Strozier, recently appointed, had a survey made which showed more than \$1,500,000 worth of public records were being housed in an antiquated building which lacked a single fire-proof vault. Judge Strozier's first courthouse project committee got first hand evidence of the building's inadequacy when the ancient structure swayed and a crack developed in the very room where they were meeting.

Subsequently, an application for \$500,000 was made to the Public Works Administration and the building was completed in November, 1937.

While the outside appearance is what catches the eyes of tour-

Celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Knight (above) of Burnsville recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary and on that occasion the above photograph was made.

Mr. Knight is president of the Braxton county court and a regular reader of The NewsTeller.

ists, the interior of the building is even more beautiful. Steps to the main entrance are made of marble. All the floors are of terrazzo and the main lobby has a marble design made up of different colors of marble separated by bronze strips of metal.

City offices occupy approximately one-third of the building. Most elective county and city officers have their departments on the first main floor. Offices of the Fort Smith mayor, commissioners No. 1 and No. 2, city engineer and water department are at one end of the first main floor while those of the county judge, assessor, collector, treasurer, clerk and sheriff are at the other end.

The last word in beauty and dignity are the three courtrooms—municipal, chancery and circuit—located on the second floor. Walnut panelwork and wainscoting—acoustical ceiling tile—extremely modernistic, yet practical lighting fixtures—Venetian blinds—walnut furniture, all these con-

tribute to the beauty of the courtrooms. Also on the second floor is the office of the circuit clerk, his records and documents being easily accessible to the courts.

Third floor offices are those of the prosecuting attorney and probation officer. Secret stairways connect the prosecutor's office with the courtrooms. A large grand jury room and rooms for witnesses also are on this floor.

On top of the building are the modern jails, two stories in height. The county jail is located on the top floor, with part of the city's fifth-floor cells being used for the county's overflow prisoners. The jails are serviced by an automatic elevator. Both jails have modern kitchens. All spaces for those in charge are protected by bullet-proof glass. An automatic control system enables jailers to move prisoners around from one cell to another—all the time keeping steel partitions and bullet-proof glass between them and the inmates.

One of Oldest Postoffices

Martinsburg Office Establish-
ed 147 Years Ago

A postoffice dating back 147 years to the days when George Washington was President is the record for Martinsburg or Martinsburgh, as it was once spelled.

The Martinsburg office was the 196th established in the United States and was set up on the route from Alexandria, Va., to Winchester, Va., with Daniel Norton of the latter town contracting for the maintenance of the service. David Hunter was the first postmaster for Martinsburg and served more than a year.

It was during the early part of the nineteenth century—the exact date not being known—that the spelling was changed to Martinsburgh. This it remained until an order entered Feb. 16, 1894 when the late William Henry Harrison Flick was succeeded as postmaster by C. W. Boyer.

At the time the Martinsburg office was established, Thomas Pickering of Pennsylvania was postmaster general. The total revenue that year from all post-offices in the country was \$67,443 of which \$16,517 went to the 196 postmasters as salaries.

—Send in Pictures—

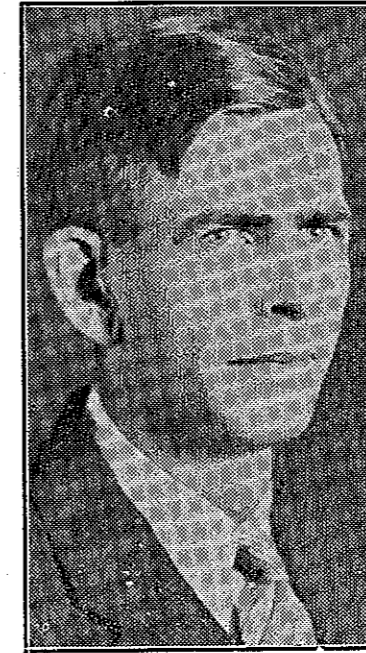
Also a Deputy

In running the picture of Miss Birdie Hall, daughter of the President of the Lincoln county board of education, in the October issue, The NewsTeller failed to state that Miss Hall is now serving as deputy circuit clerk of Lincoln county.

The NewsTeller regrets this error of omission.

Casto & Harris, Inc., Spencer, W. Va., Publishers of The County NewsTeller wishes every county and school official in West Virginia a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

HANCOCK CLERK



D. G. Stewart

Mr. Stewart, who is serving his second term as clerk of the Hancock county court, never misses the annual conventions and is quite active in the association. He and Rolla Williams, clerk of the Pleasants county court, are the outstanding golf players of the group.

Deputies in Mr. Stewart's office are Miss Helen Cuppy, Mrs. Mary Smith, Miss Anna McNeil and Miss Helen Cameron.

Bond Issue Defeated

Voters of Roane county, at a special election held Dec. 15, overwhelmingly turned down a proposed \$750,000 bond issue for a school building program.

The vote was 4635 against, 1040 for. Only one precinct returned a favorable verdict.

—Send in Pictures—

Tonsils Out

Earl Wolfe, clerk of the Wood county court, is not "all there" any more. He had his tonsils taken out last month and stood up under the ordeal as well as could be expected.

This Spelling Is Unique

Minutes of Church Meeting
Recorded in Logan County

Recorded in Church Trustee book 1, page 52, at the Logan county clerk's office is a masterpiece in spelling.

The resolution, with names omitted, is reproduced just as it was brought in for recordation—without the spelling or punctuation changed:

"Oct. 21, 1939

"ST. Phillig Baptist Church. Meet in it Regular Church Meeting on above Date With Pastor. Rev. J. H. P. Presiding The Meeting Werr Call To order By the Presiding officer at 8-oclock P. M. "The Meeting were open, By Singing, o for a Closter Walk with God Followed with Cripture Lesson 13.1/Cor. Read by Rev. J. H. P. after which Rev. W. E. m offered Prayer Thire optin the House were anounce open in oder for Buisness By the above Mention Presiding officer, dist, Minnits of the meeting were Call for, Same were Read, on Motion by W. M. S. Second by Sister C. W. the were adopteol by an Uaninuous Vote

"after the adoption of the affaresaid Minnits The Following Men were offered for Election, as Trustees of the Said ST. Phillig Baptist Church

"Surch Men namely (here 7 men were named)

"after a motion. Being Approved By a Second. Surch Men were Elected By an unaninuous Vote of the Said Church Membership Whereas The President Officer Call The Body to Thire Feet. a Congregational Sond led By The Paster, Wherein Rev S. M. E Offered the Bebedicon"

—Send in Some News—

It's about time for Rolla Williams, Pleasants county clerk, to send the NewsTeller another full-page rebus drawn in his own inimitable style.

Ira Hill Gets Another Letter

Man Wants Nicholas Clerk to Give First Aid

The sad story of a man who is about to have his rent raised is told in the following letter (reproduced "as is") recently received by Ira Hill, clerk of the Nicholas county court:

"to the Clerk circuit court of nicholos County Wetvirginia Mr Ira Hill dear Sir i thought i would write you concerning that house i am liveing in inmidetown the house that was taken in to the hands of the State in j_____ t_____ name the house which is owned by j_____ h_____ at this time which i am living in P S the house I fixed up Some and fenced it all around for the use of it is in verry bad Shape Yet he wants me now to pay him \$4.00 dollars a month for it but to dollars would bee high for it and im hard up at this time had no work for some time please write me at once and let me no just what to doe about it of it not being his i dont want to pay him for it

"your truly
"O_____ W T_____"

—Send in Some News—

WEATHER REPORT

Written in pen and ink on the fly leaf of an old deed book in Lewis county are the following weather notes for three days in January, 1906:

"Weston, W. Va.

"Jan. 23, 1906.

"The weather for Jan. 20, 21, and 22, is as follows:

"Saturday, Jan. 20th, 1906, 74° above zero.

"Sunday, Jan. 21st, 1906, 75° above zero.

Monday, Jan. 22nd, 1906, 74° above zero.

"The above days were typical Maydays, the buds are out on the Maples in C. H. yard; grass growing; Weather forecast for Jan. 23, is 65° of a fall in the temperature of Sunday, 21st."

Wellsburg City Hall Burns



Here is an action picture taken at Wellsburg as the City Hall was being gutted by flames. The Brooke county court house, which is just across a small court, can be seen at the right. The downstairs windows of the court house look out from the office of County Clerk Charlotte Calderwood. The court house was not damaged.

The fire occurred the afternoon of Dec. 7.

WANTS TO KNOW!

Writing for a woman who "cant writ," a young woman sent the following interesting letter to J. G. McNeely, clerk of the Logan county court:

"Sept 28 1939

"Dear sir

"I writing you to See if you can tell Me where R_____ T_____ ever goten his Devrcie from H_____ T_____ thay ware Married in year of 1921, ore, 1922 and his wife wont to know she ask me to writ as She cant writ and would you be cind enough to give me the statment of thire marige

"Yours turly

"Miss M_____ F_____"

—Send in Pictures—

New Lock

After giving more than 60 years' service, the lock on the front door of the Taylor county court house wore out and Sheriff Herbert Evans had a new one installed Thanksgiving week.

Wisconsin's "Deed Rock"

Mr. Emil Iwen of Algoma, Wisconsin, has been offered \$300 by persons who want to buy his rock door stop.

He found the rock 28 years ago on his father's farm—a heavy, oddly shaped rock with strange markings.

Chief Simon Kahquadas of the Pottawattomies, informed Mr. Iwen in 1920 that the rock was a "deed rock" by which Indians designated transfer and ownership of property.

Chief Kahquadas told Mr. Iwen that the inscriptions—a brave, a wigwam, a bow and arrow and a horse—signified the chief had presented a brave these necessities of life.

The recipient of the gift was identified by the figure of the man, with certain characteristics accentuated.

—Send in Some News—

New reindexing projects, both using H.&M. Permaflex systems, have been approved in Jackson and Roane counties.

OBITUARY

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

Memorial resolutions on George Nelson Wilson, late Clerk of the Circuit Court of Randolph county.

On this day came C. O. Strieby, E. L. Maxwell and Henry K. Higginbotham and presented in open court the resolutions of the Bar Association of Randolph county touching the life and death of George Nelson Wilson, which are as follows:

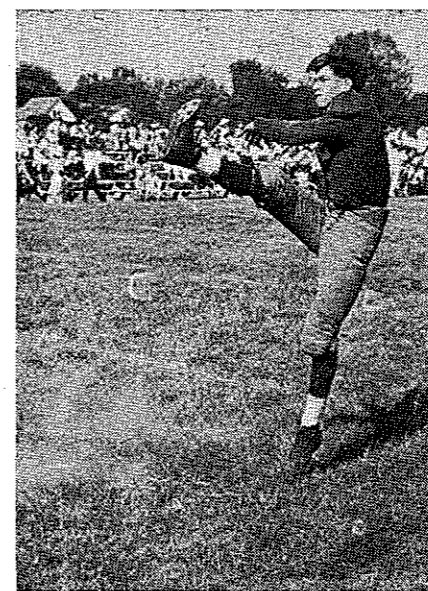
"The members of the Bar Association of Randolph county desire to submit the following preamble and resolutions with respect to the life and death of George Nelson Wilson, late Clerk of the Circuit Court of Randolph county, whom an All Wise Providence called from our midst and from the duties of this world.

"Whereas, in solemn and respectful memory of George Nelson Wilson and his long and genial association with us, we desire to set forth, and have appear upon the records of this Court, the following outstanding facts in respect to his life as a citizen and as a public official.

"We desire to testify to the high esteem in which he was held, and the confidence and profound respect reposed in him. This he earned by the full and useful life he lived, his fair dealing and the kind and courteous treatment of all with whom he came in business or social contact. By his death, the members of the Bar Association and the people of this community have suffered a great loss, which will long be felt.

"He was the son of William Hall Wilson, a former Circuit Clerk of this county, and Rachel Crouch Wilson. His antecedents represented the prominent pioneer families of the county. He was appointed deputy of his father, and succeeded him as Circuit Clerk in the election of 1902 and held the office by election until his death. He was a Clerk of outstanding ability, and his efficiency was recognized as being equal to the best in this State.

GRID STAR



John Anderson

Six-feet tall and weighing 170 pounds is John Anderson, second son of Circuit Clerk J. W. Anderson of Putnam county. He is shown above in the act of getting off a long punt.

A junior this year, he played his first season for George W. Miller's Winfield Generals. An expert at drop-kicking, he scored five out of six extra points made during the 1939 season. He played quarterback and called signals.

"He married Miss Myra Weymouth in 1894, to which union were born 10 children. His wife and five children preceded him in death. He was a son of a Confederate veteran, and belonged to the Sons of the Confederacy, and to other organizations, religious, civic and fraternal, including Davis Memorial Presbyterian Church, three branches of the Masonic Order, Elks, and Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He was always interested in the progress of his community, both agricultural and industrial. Therefore be it

"RESOLVED, That the Randolph County Bar Association extend to his bereaved family their deep and tender sympathy in the

PLEASE MAKE THIS NEW YEAR RESOLUTION!

Plan to send in pictures and items for The NewsTeller without waiting for an invitation by card or letter.

Several times during 1939 we have had to send out postcard requests to our more than 600 readers, asking them to rush such material to us.

It was either this or no NewsTeller. We can't make up the news and photographs out of our own heads, and we need your help.

Many readers have told us that they enjoy receiving this magazine monthly but so many of them have done nothing to help us make it more interesting and newsy.

Won't you do your share THIS MONTH by sending in some news?

—Send in Pictures—

KILLS WILDCAT

Orris Wilmoth, chief deputy in the office of Sheriff D. W. Crawford, of Elkins, Randolph County, killed a 12 pound wildcat while hunting on Rich Mountain Armistice Day. Included in the hunting party were County Clerk John S. Caplinger and Mr. Wilmoth's son, Carol.

loss of their father. And be it further

"RESOLVED, That a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolutions be spread upon the records of this Court, and that a copy thereof, duly engrossed and attested by the Clerk of this Court be mailed to each of his children, to-wit: Margaret Wilson Barry, George Nelson Wilson Jr., Virginia Wilson, Henry C. Wilson, and Woodrow Wilson, and published in each of the papers of this county.

C. O. Strieby

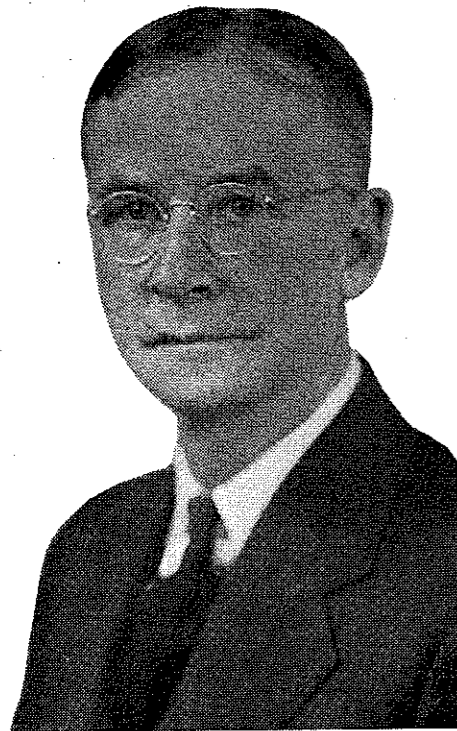
E. L. Maxwell

Henry K. Higginbotham."

And moved the Court that said resolutions be spread upon the records of this Court, which is accordingly done.

Enter this 30th day of November, 1939.

COUNTY CLERK AND FOUR GRANDCHILDREN



Shown above is Robert P. Mollohan, clerk of the Calhoun County Court, and the proud grandfather of the four youngsters shown on this page.

The young man seated to the right is Charles Ernest Mollohan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Mollohan of Parkersburg. The boy and girl at the right are Robert Holt and Kathryn



Cline Mollohan, whose parents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Mollohan of Parkersburg. At left is Jane Alice Mollohan, also a daughter of the Ernest Mollohans.



This is the first opportunity The NewsTeller has had to run pictures of a county official and his grandchildren. Others are requested.

HAT IN RING

"Dear Sirs:

"While glancing over the September issue of The NewsTeller, which I enjoy reading, I saw Mr. Harry Bee, president of the Ritchie county court, is the first public official to throw his hat into the 1940 ring. So I take the pleasure to tell The NewsTeller that I am a candidate for re-election for Assessor of Wood county.

"I am now serving my first term and like the work very much, and thank The NewsTeller very much and hope they continue in their fine work.

"Very truly yours,
"Peter Jackson,
"Assessor Wood County."

—Send in Some News—

Carey Woofter, Glenville college professor, is making a collection of court house pictures.

WOMAN

She's an angel in truth, a demon in fiction; a woman's the greatest of all contradiction. She's afraid of a cockroach, she'll scream at a mouse, but she'll tackle a husband as big as a house. She'll take him for better, she'll take him for worse; she'll split his head open and then be his nurse, and when he is well and can get out of bed, she'll pick up a teapot and throw at his head. She's faithful, deceitful, keensighted and blind; she's crafty, she's simple; she's cruel, she's kind; she'll lift a man up; she'll cut a man down. She'll make him her hero; she'll make him her clown. You fancy she's this, but you find she is that; for she'll play like a kitten, and bite like a cat. In the morning she will, and in the evening she won't, and you're always expecting she does—but she don't.

Hardman Appointed

Earl Hardman of Tanner has been appointed member of the Gilmer county court to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Commissioner Clacy Reed.

Mr. Hardman will serve until Jan. 1, 1941. He will not be a candidate to succeed himself because it is an established precedent in Gilmer county that each district take its turn in having a court member. This precedent has not been broken in many years and those who have tried to break it have always gone down to defeat.

—Send in Some News—

Kanawha, Brooke, Wyoming Marshall and Roane counties have installed automatic time stamps in the county clerk's office to give automatic time recording information on all documents filed for record.



TIME TO BUY!

**VOTING
BOOTHS**

And

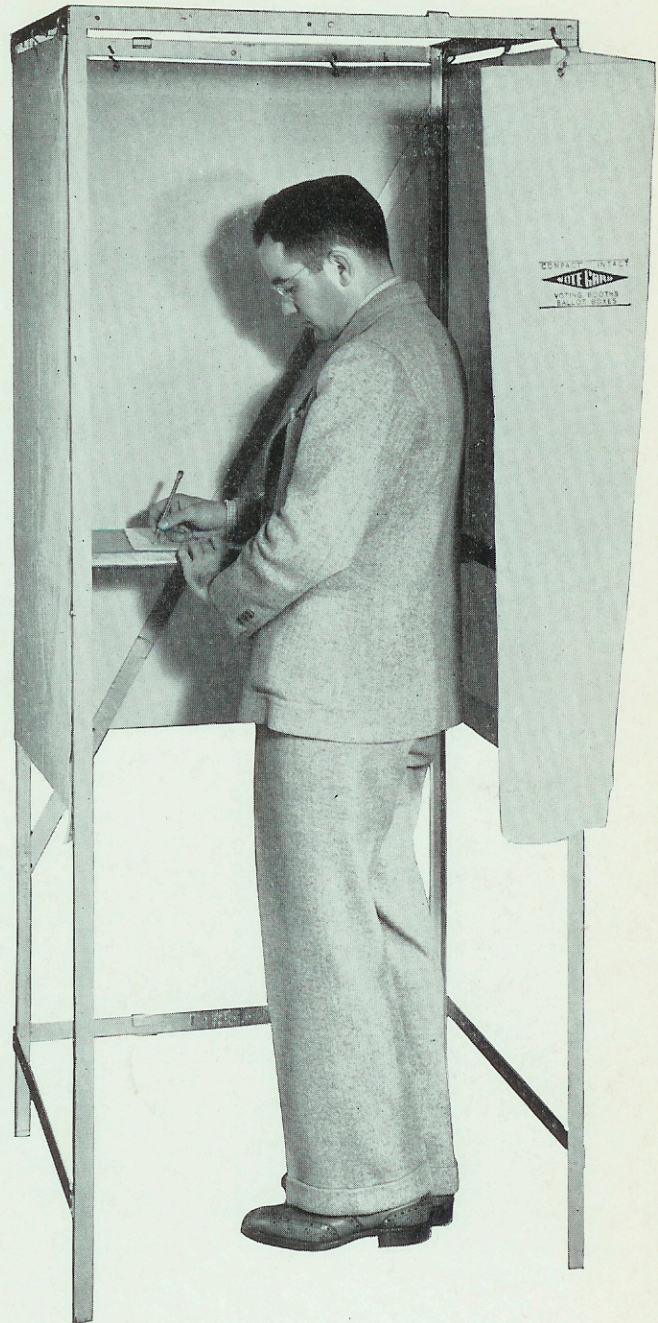
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