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of West Virginia

**MARSHALL COUNTY COURT HOUSE**

Moundsville, W. Va.

First Officially Occupied 1 p. m., Dec. 27, 1876



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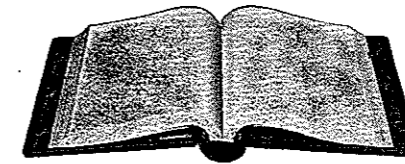
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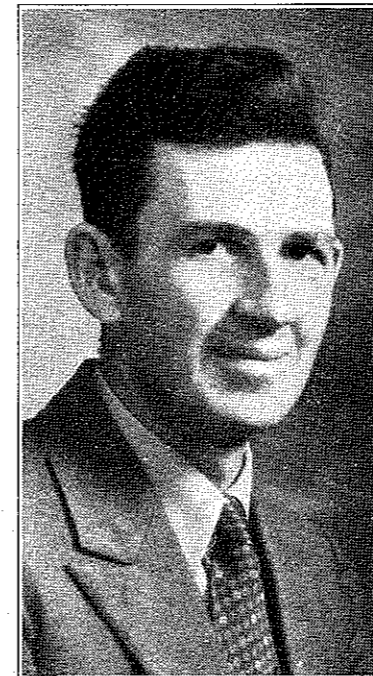
Record Books of Everlasting Service

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**HIS SECOND TERM**



**R. S. Balenger**

This will be Mr. Balenger's second term as president of the Berkeley county court. Elected in 1936, he is now only 34 years old, one of the youngest—if not the youngest—court presidents in West Virginia. A farmer and stockman, he is married and has three children.

**Morgan Resigns**

Deputy Sheriff L. E. Morgan of Wetzel county has resigned his position and announces that he will be a candidate for Sheriff in 1940. Albert M. Berger was named as his successor.

**Kanawha Uses  
109 Books**

Eleven Different Kinds Are Used in Year Just Past

The Kanawha county clerk's office used 109 record books in 1939, according to figures disclosed this week.

These books were itemized as follows:

Deeds	40
Trust Deeds	24
Releases	12
Chattels	8
Fiduciary	9
Leases	4
Wills	4
Certificates of Inc.	3
Mechanics' Liens	3
Judgments	1
Assignments	1

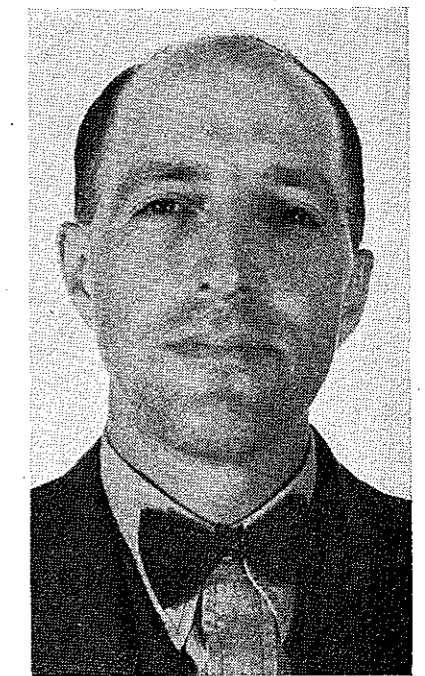
This does not include books used in the other offices.

**CHARLES FURBEE ILL,  
MOTHER ALSO AILING**

Charles P. Furbee, popular and highly efficient clerk of the Harrison county court, has been confined to his home at Salem for several weeks on account of illness. A representative of the NewsTeller called on him recently, found him getting along satisfactorily, but it will be some time before he can resume his duties.

At the same time his 85-year-old mother is convalescing in a Clarksburg hospital following a fall which resulted in a broken hip.

**NEW PRESIDENT**



**Guy Douglas**

Mr. Douglas succeeds Okey L. Patteson as president of the Fayette county court. A citizen of Lookout, W. Va., he has been a member of the court for three years.

It is understood that Mr. Patteson, whom he succeeds, will be a candidate for sheriff in 1940.

**Undergoes Operation**

Miss Betty Taylor, daughter of Sheriff and Mrs. W. C. Taylor of Ritchie county, recently underwent an operation in a Washington, D. C., hospital. She is a student nurse in the Capitol city.

## County Commissioner's Daughters



Pictured above with their favorite horse, Prince, are the two daughters of Owen Boggs, president of the Clay county court. Standing is Lona, astride the horse is Thelma.

### COMMITTEE TO EQUALIZE CLERK'S FEES

By A. R. Martin, President County & Circuit Clerks' Ass'n of the State of West Virginia.

It has been the practice in the offices of many County and Circuit Clerks to continue a set charge for filing and recording various papers without due consideration to fees as listed in the Code of West Virginia.

For instance, some Clerks probate a will and make the appointment of executor for \$2.00 or \$3.00, while others charge \$4.00, \$5.00, or as much as \$8.00 for this work. The price of recording additional pages or excess words to a deed or other paper is plainly set out by the Code, but not all Clerks follow it.

These are only suggestions as to many differences which should not exist and which have been discussed at the Annual Clerks' Conventions. Last year a resolution was passed authorizing the president of the Association to appoint a committee of three County Clerks and three Circuit Clerks to suggest the proper fees to be charged, and to make a re-

port at our annual meeting at Beckley to be held in June. Following this resolution, the president appointed the committee as follows: Paul E. Wehrle, Charleston, Chas. P. Furbee, Clarksburg, Earl S. Wolfe, Parkersburg, M. H. Hix, Charleston, L. L. Nightengale, Wheeling, and Clarence Curry, Fairmont.

This committee will appreciate any suggestions from the Clerks, and it is the wish of the officers of the Association that all clerks assist in this work and make known to the committee the problems to be solved, and in this way furnish many valuable thoughts for consideration.

—Send in Pictures—

#### "Birth" Department?

At least one person, residing in Copley, Ohio, believes that Morgantown, W. Va., has a "Birth Department."

A letter addressed to such a department, % Court House, was delivered promptly to A. R. Martin, county clerk and president of the clerks' association. He also received one from Martins Ferry addressed to the "Corner of Mononghale County" (Spelling as is!)

## Circuit Court Fees Drop During 1939

Collections Only \$18,639, Clerk M. H. Hix Reports

The Kanawha county circuit clerk's office did less business in 1939 than 1938 with a resultant drop in litigation fee collections of from \$21,203.40 to \$18,639.26, Circuit Clerk Malcolm H. Hix reports.

"I have known all along that we were doing less business," Hix said, adding, "I guess when times are good fewer people become involved in litigation."

The number of chancery cases instituted fell off from 1,002 to 762 and law cases from 526 to 491. There were 430 divorces granted in 1939 as compared to 445 in 1938 and 511 in 1937.

Civil appeal cases from justice of the peace courts decreased from 260 in 1938 to 180 in 1939, state misdemeanor appeals from 350 to 236 and city misdemeanor appeals from city court from 56 to 29.

There were, however, more pages written into the record books, figures being 3,986 for 1938 and 4,260 for 1939. Subpoenae issued increased from 10,606 to 11,661.

Felony indictments dropped off from 540 in 1938 to 516 for the year just ending and murder indictments increased from 13 to 18. There were 9 manslaughter indictments returned as compared to twice the number last year.

—Send in Some News—

### Father of Roane County Prosecutor Dies

Levi Ernest Smith, 65 years old, a former Roane County school teacher and resident of Spencer, the father of Prosecuting Attorney Clair Smith, of Roane county, died this month at Johns Hopkins hospital, Baltimore, after a brief illness.

### IS REELECTED



T. H. Nash

The Cabell county court reelected Mr. Nash president for 1940. It is under his leadership that Cabell county is getting a new jail and a remodeled court house. Completion of the jail is held up on account of a steel shortage, but will be completed by April 1.

### Found Jail Empty

When church organizations expecting to make gifts to prisoners in the Tyler county jail on Christmas Day investigated as to the number of inmates there they found the institution entirely empty. Sheriff Eastman reported that the last prisoner was given his freedom more than a week before. This was the first time the jail had been empty for some time.

—Send in Pictures—

### Heads Birthday Ball

Sheriff R. E. Hays of Wood county was general chairman at the 7th annual President's Birthday ball held at Parkersburg Jan. 30. His co-chairman and treasurer was Earl Wolfe Jr., Wood County Clerk.

Indeed Mr. Wolfe postponed his trip to Florida until after the Ball. He, Mrs. Wolfe and their daughter will spend several weeks at Daytona Beach.

## No Wonder She Was Absent!

Unusual Letter Received by Hardy Truant Officer

Pathetic because of the facts, but humorous because of its spelling, the following letter has been received by P. O. Miller, attendance officer for Hardy county.

The item, sent in by County Supt. G. R. Kiracofe, is printed exactly as it was written, but with names omitted:

Dec. 4, 1939.

W. Va.

"Mr P O Miller

I Got your Leter a Bout sendin my Girl to school I will tell you why I didem send her to school for she tak es them spilles Lik e I do and a nother thing when I did send her them Kids of old G\_\_\_\_\_ t\_\_\_\_\_ 's picks on her and no one with her to tend to her when she tak es then fits and them t\_\_\_\_\_ 's pick es on her and that will mak e her tak e them fits and a nother thing she cannot wade the Rund from home to the school hous Bar footed and my mother cannot stay By her self and my Baby cannot Be trusted By her Self of y u doesnt think so Pleas ask Dr G\_\_\_\_\_ she has fits Lik e I do she was a Going to school and as soon as I started her them t\_\_\_\_\_ 's pick ed on her and I tried to Rais my Girl Right and you come out to the School and see how it Goes of them t\_\_\_\_\_ s stay es from schoom she can Go But she cannot get thir for she cannot cros the Run well I will close

"from

"Miss N\_\_\_\_\_ B C\_\_\_\_\_

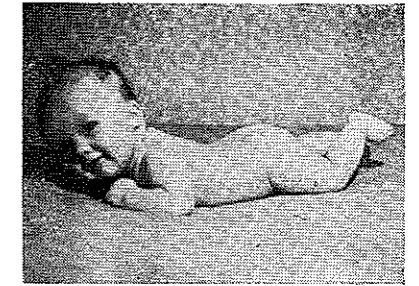
"she hasem got Any shoes to go to school to wade water in"

—Send in Some News—

### Daughter Married

Hazel Morton, daughter of Assessor and Mrs. P. D. Morton of Webster county, became the bride of William Smouse Dec. 21. They will reside in Elkins.

### YOUNGEST



The young man pictured above was born Aug. 1, 1939, and is the youngest person ever pictured in The NewsTeller. He is also the only person to appear in The NewsTeller with no clothes on.

He is James Howard Wilson, son of Circuit Clerk and Mrs. Howard E. Wilson of Clay county. His daddy was less than 21 years old when elected, and was only one month over that age when he took office, being probably the youngest Circuit Clerk in West Virginia.

### Assessor's Car Damaged

Assessor Henry Mullens of Wayne county escaped injury when his automobile, a new Buick model, figured in a collision near Wayne on the Wayne-Eclio road recently.

Mr. Mullens' car was being driven by his son, Floyd. The other car, a 1933 Ford, owned by Cohan Maynard, was being driven by Jay Maynard of McComas creek, and skidded on the slippery, snow-covered highway into the Mullens car. The Ford then went over a small embankment and overturned but no one was injured, and the Ford suffered less damage than the Mullens car, according to witnesses.

—Send in Some News—

### Viriden Elected

Roy Viriden, clerk of the Pleasants county circuit court, has been elected chairman of the Democratic county executive committee of Pleasants county, filling the vacancy caused by the resignation of O. C. Barkwill, who was appointed acting postmaster for St. Marys.

## Kanawha Court Head Succumbs

Dr. C. A. Ray Dies Suddenly At Age of 75



—Photo Courtesy Charleston Gazette.

Dr. C. A. Ray

Dr. Charles Andrew Ray, 75, president of the Kanawha county court and chief of the Kanawha Valley hospital medical staff, died Jan. 21 of a heart ailment.

He became ill at his Pocataligo home, "Raymont," shortly before Saturday midnight.

Born May 14, 1864, at what is now Kanawha City, he was the son of John E. and Deborah Ray.

Dr. Ray was educated in Kanawha county public schools and taught for several years. He attended the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Baltimore and received a medical degree in 1887. After serving as an interne at Baltimore City hospital he took post-graduate work at Johns Hopkins hospital and New York Poly-clinic.

He was elected a fellow of the American College of Physicians in February, 1926. Dr. Ray first practiced at Montgomery and was located in Winifrede for 16 years. After a short stay in Huntington, he practiced at Lewisburg for 16 years. He had practiced in Char-

## Returns to Hamlin

Deputy Sheriff E. F. Johnson of Lincoln county returned to Hamlin recently from Excelsior Springs, Mo., where he had been recuperating at the McCleary Sanitarium and Clinic for several weeks. Mr. Johnson is feeling much better and reports a pleasant visit at the resort city. While under treatment, he was honored by the management of the sanitarium with a surprise birthday party. A decorated cake was presented to him and he invited several staff members and other patients to share it with him. So Mr. Johnson is again greeting his many friends at the Sheriff's office.

—Send in Some News—

## Gives Kids Party

Mrs. A. R. Martin, wife of the Monongalia county clerk, was hostess at a Christmas party given in her home for a group of children of the vicinity.

Youngest guest at the party was three years old. Oldest was Mrs. Martin's 87-year-old father, W. H. Given.

—Send in Pictures—

## Former Sheriff Dies

James L. Johnson, 77, former sheriff of McDowell county, died at his home at Meadowview, Va., Jan. 19.

His widow and four children survive: E. J. Johnson of Garl W. Va.; C. F. Johnson of Elbert, W. Va., and the Misses Peggy and Betty Johnson of Meadowview.

lestion since 1917 and specialized in internal medicine.

A member of the Kanawha Medical society for 50 years, Dr. Ray served as president in 1925. He was elected president of the West Virginia State Medical association in 1928 and was editor of the West Virginia Medical Journal in 1926-27 and associate editor for many years thereafter.

He was elected a county court member in 1930 and served several terms as president, the last time when he succeeded John C. Blackwood last January.

## REELECTED



Ralph W. See

Mr. See, one of the best known county officials in West Virginia, was reelected president of the Lewis county court. His term expires in 1940 and friends express the belief that he will be a candidate for reelection.

## On Hunting Trip

J. W. Anderson, Circuit Clerk of Putnam county, accompanied by his son, John Anderson, and Phil Fravel, member of the Putnam county school board, made a two weeks hunting trip through Alabama, Florida and Georgia. They report a wonderful time, but due to continued rain and very cold weather, didn't do much hunting.

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## Former Sheriff Dies

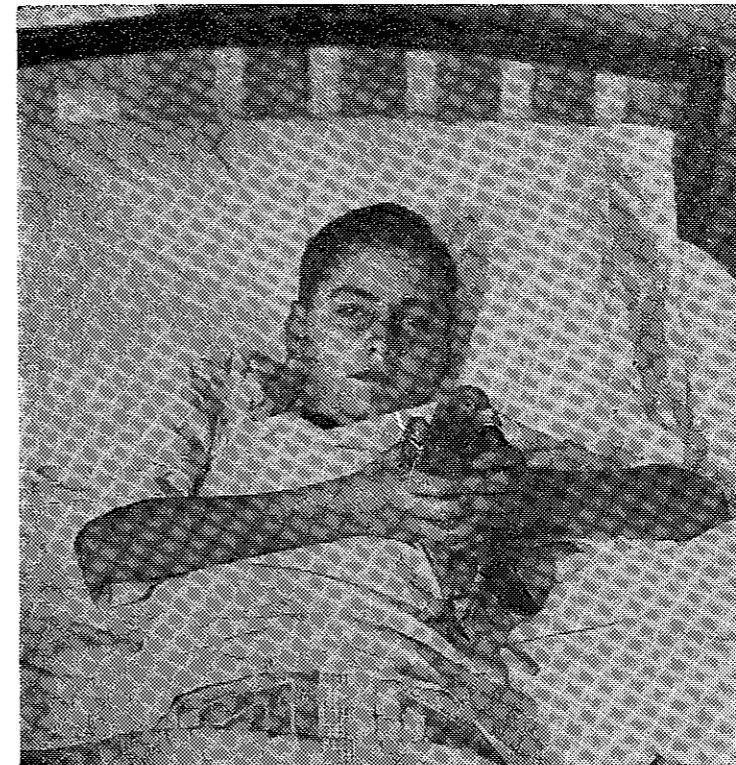
Funeral services for Jacob Moore, 88, thrice sheriff of Gilmer county, were held at Glenville Jan. 2.

He was also vice-president of the Kanawha Union bank.

—Send in Pictures—

Personal to Rolla Williams: How about that rebus?

## BELIEVE IT OR NOT, HERE'S ONE FOR RIPLEY



—Photo Courtesy Clarksburg Telegram.

This amazing story is told by Hugh Brady Perkins, 12-year-old son of Sheriff and Mrs. Floyd Perkins of Summersville, Nicholas county, upon his return home from a hospital bed at Philippi, 105 miles away.

Attracted by a noise at his window, he glanced up from his hospital bed in Myers Clinic to face a New Year's visitor, a pigeon, perched on the window sill.

"That's my pigeon. I know him by his bill," he called to the day nurse. "Let him in."

She tried to put him off, thinking it was a dream. It did not seem possible that his pigeon could come from Summersville direct to his room in the hospital.

"I'll bet if you will let him in, you will find a band on him with the number 167. Open the window, let him in and see if he doesn't have a band bearing that number," he pleaded. Seeing she could not be prevailed upon to open the window, he gave up for the time being.

When the night nurse came on, the pigeon was still there. He finally prevailed upon her to open the window. Brady grabbed for the pigeon, almost exerting himself too strenuously, as the window was beyond reach of the bed. Sure enough it bore the band with the number 167.

The story was soon known throughout the hospital.

Sheriff Floyd Perkins says that the pigeon came to their home last Fall; that Brady fed it and made a pet of it. It has a peculiarly shaped bill and is banded. He thinks that it is a stray carrier pigeon. Mr. Perkins could not recall just when the pigeon was last seen at home, but he is under the impression that it has been seen since Brady went to the hospital three weeks ago. His deduction is that the bird was on a flight, buffeted by stormy weather and that it just amazingly happened that it landed at the hospital room of its friend.

Brady, known to his playmates

## MISS ANNE JARRELL AND HENRY C. WILSON WED

In celebration of the marriage of her brother, Henry C. Wilson, deputy circuit clerk of Randolph county, to Miss Anne Jarrell, of Webster Springs, which was an event of Saturday morning, Jan. 6, at Monterey, Va., Miss Virginia Wilson, assisted by Miss Ruth Wyatt, entertained a number of the former's business associates and friends Sunday evening at the Wilson home on Randolph avenue, Elkins.

The wedding ceremony was read in the Manse of the Presbyterian church in Monterey, with the pastor, the Rev. A. E. Johnson, officiating.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Jerrell, of Webster Springs. She is a graduate of Webster Springs High School and has been employed in Chicago for some time. She will return to Chicago the first of February, and later will return to Elkins to reside.

Mr. Wilson is a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. G. Nelson Wilson, one of the best known families in the county. After graduating from Elkins High School, he attended Davis and Elkins College for three years and was a member of the Pi Bater Cappar Fraternity. After his father's death last September, he was appointed deputy circuit clerk.

Guests at the Wilson home included Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Wilson, Sheriff D. W. Crawford, and Mrs. Crawford, Circuit Clerk F. B. Tallman and Mrs. Tallman, County Clerk John S. Caplinger and Mrs. Caplinger, Mr. and Mrs. Orris Wilmoth, Assessor and Mrs. Oliver C. Daniels, Cecil S. Gilmore, Miss Clara Cantrall, Paul Shreve, Miss Rosita McDonald of Junior, Vincent Erzinger, Miss Fhyllis Harmison of Junior, Francis Martin, Miss Anna Ruth Kep-linger, and Miss Dollie Coberly.

as "Spark Plug," came home recently, bringing the pigeon with him. He is recovering nicely now and is anxious to get back into school, where he is a good student and popular.

TO LEAVE COURT



A. L. Reed

A. L. "Archie" Reed has been elected President of Preston county's eight-member court for a number of terms but now his friends want him to go to the Legislature and, according to them, he is going! Explaining that he will be greatly missed on the court, his supporters point out that he will be able to serve more people in the legislature.

Chicken Dinner for Prisoners

Sheriff C. L. Booton performed double duty in seeing that prisoners in the Wayne county jail enjoyed themselves on Christmas day.

The sheriff not only provided the prisoners with a chicken dinner and all the trimmings, but donned a cook's apron and personally prepared part of the meal. Attaches at the jail said the sheriff made the biscuits and dumpings and spent several hours at this task. When his cooking chores were over, the sheriff also helped serve the sixty prisoners or more who partook of the Christmas feast.

—Send in Pictures—

Deputy Appointed

John B. Chenoweth has been appointed Deputy Sheriff of Randolph county, succeeding Dee Gainer, who resigned.

COUNTY COURT PRESIDENTS NAMED

The NewsTeller presents here-with a partial list of West Virginia County Court presidents for 1940, following annual elections held in January.

Every county clerk was asked to furnish the president's name and, if possible, his picture and any other interesting facts about his term.

The following list is the result:

Barbour—C. E. Corder reelected.

Berkeley—R. S. Balenger reelected. Picture in this issue.

Boone—Lem Jarrell, Gordon, W. Va.

Braxton—A. J. Knight, Orlando, W. Va.

Cabell—T. H. Nash reelected. Picture in this issue.

Calhoun—Elsworth Stump, Applefarm, W. Va.

Clay—Owen Boggs.

Fayette—Guy Douglas, Lookout, W. Va. Picture in this issue.

Gilmer—H. B. Powell.

Grant—Evers Bergdoll, Petersburg, W. Va.

Greenbrier—Dr. Carl C. Jackson, East Rainelle, W. Va.

Hardy—F. C. Welton reelected.

Harrison—A. Leeman Knight reelected.

Jackson—James Fisher.

Lewis—Ralph W. See reelected. Picture in this issue.

McDowell—T. F. Henritze.

Marshall—Charles Howard reelected.

Mason—Dorsel E. Wedge, Cottageville, W. Va.

Mercer—C. I. Johnson reelected.

Mineral—J. Frank Junkins reelected. He is now serving his 24th year as a member of the court and his 8th year as its president.

Mingo—T. B. Varney reelected. Picture in this issue.

Monongalia—F. M. McQuay reelected. Picture in this issue.

Morgan—Ward M. Dawson reelected. Picture in this issue.

Nicholas—David McClung.

Preston—A. L. Reed reelected. Picture in this issue.

Putnam—C. A. Neal, Frazier Bottom, W. Va.

Raleigh—Incumbent president, John R. Smith, was elected in 1939 for two year term.

Ritchie—H. C. Bee, Pennsboro.

Randolph—Lee J. Kelley, Hut-tonsville, W. Va.

Roane—Hugh Boggs reelected for 8th consecutive year.

Taylor—Harvey A. Poe, Graf-ton, W. Va.

Tucker—J. Frank Robinson reelected for 4th consecutive term. Was also president of court in 1920.

Tyler—C. S. Sutton.

Wirt—C. E. Mace, Elizabeth, W. Va.

Wood—Earl Eaton.

IS CANDIDATE



Ward M. Dawson

Reelected president of the Morgan County Court, Mr. Dawson has recently announced that he is a candidate for sheriff of that county.

NEW PRESIDENT



Chauncey D. Twyford

Chauncey D. Twyford, assessor of Tyler county, was elected president of the Assessors' Association when they held their Annual Assessors' meeting in Charleston, Dec. 4-5.

Mr. Twyford has been one of the most active assessors in the state, and he is no doubt better known than any other county official in the state because he always finds time to attend the annual meetings of the other county officials.

The assessors throughout the state look forward to their Annual Assessors' meeting because they know that "Chauncey" (as he is known by all his friends) will be there and take an active part in the meeting.

Mr. Twyford was elected assessor of Tyler county in 1932, and since that time he has built up the office in efficiency and appearance and he no doubt has one of the most complete assessor's office to be found anywhere. If you ever visit his office, you will never pass through Tyler county without calling on him. In 1936 he was reelected by a landslide vote and will be a candidate for his third term in the coming election and friends say he will be re-elected without much opposition.

Mr. Twyford feels that when

Fire Destroys Hinton School

Damage Is Said \$150,000; New Location Sought

Fire which broke out in the basement of the Hinton Central school building at 5 o'clock Jan. 24 destroyed the 14-room brick structure.

The origin was not determined.

Mrs. Margaret Nicely Leidig, Summers county school superintendent, said the building was a "total loss." She declined to estimate the damage, but it was "partly covered" by insurance.

Unofficial estimates placed the loss at \$50,000.

The Hinton high school, located nearby and which was threatened by the flames, was dismissed for the remainder of the week.

The Central building was essentially an elementary school, although part of the high school work was carried on there. Also, it was said to contain a quantity of county school records.

Erected in 1895 with a later addition, Central served as the high school building until a new one was constructed in 1925.

There are three other elementary schools in the community.

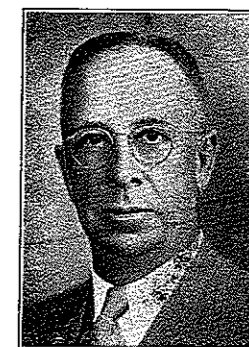
—Send in Pictures—

Stenographer Hired

The Braxton County Board of Education has hired Miss Glenda Lee Hosey of Flatwoods as stenographer in the county health office. She succeeds Mrs. Russell Sands, the former Hazel Jackson, who resigned.

he was elected president of the West Virginia Assessors' Association it was a much greater honor than the many other honors bestowed him, and through this capacity he will devote his time trying to impress on the people of West Virginia the importance of the assessor's office. It is his desire to visit all the assessors in the state during his term as president of the association.

ALSO REELECTED



F. M. McQuay

Mr. McQuay, already introduced to NewsTeller readers, was continued as president of the Monongalia county court.

Going to Florida

County Clerk and Mrs. E. R. Lester of Roane county will leave this month for several weeks vacationing at Daytona Beach, Fla.

—Send in Pictures—

Secretary Weds

Miss Nina Bartlett, secretary to Clair Smith, Roane county prosecuting attorney, was wed recently to Jack Sarver, Spencer employee of the C. & P. Telephone Co.

—Send in Some News—

Flinn Speaks

Virgil L. Flinn, superintendent of the Kanawha county schools, recently addressed the Kanawha Valley DAR on the subject of "How Fare American Youth?"

—Send in Pictures—

13th Child Born

New Year's day brought Circuit Clerk and Mrs. Raymond C. Wolfe, of Harrison county, their 13th child—a son. Congratulations!

—Send in Some News—

Counsel (to police witness): "But if a man is on his hands and knees in the middle of the road, does that prove he is drunk?"

Policeman: "No, sir, it does not, but this one was trying to roll up the white line."

GIVES ADDRESS



Ben H. Carpenter

Because his address before the assessors at their annual convention Dec. 5 created such favorable comment, The NewsTeller has reproduced Mr. Carpenter's speech as a supplement to the January issue.

His subject was "Increasing Interest in the Administration of Property Tax." As deputy assessor of Upshur county and a former banker, Mr. Carpenter knows whereof he speaks.

Look for the supplement in this issue.

Deputy Marries

Announcement has been made of the marriage of Miss Macel Coe, deputy circuit clerk of Nicholas county, to Russell Butler. The marriage took place at Catlettsburg, Ky., Dec. 15

Improving

The condition of Roy J. Virden, clerk of Pleasants county circuit court, who recently underwent surgery in the Camden-Clark Memorial hospital, Parkersburg, is improving slowly.

Court House Addition Planned

Work Will Be Started at Once on Wayne Structure

Plans are being made by the contractors to begin work immediately on the construction of the Wayne county court house addition and walls on two sides of the court house square.

J. G. Lambert, county clerk, said the contractors informed him they had already purchased materials for the work and these will begin arriving at Wayne in the near future.

The contractors, Crouch and Crouch of Beckley, also indicated to county officials that local labor would be used whenever possible. They have already let a sub-contract for the stone work in connection with the foundation and basement of the addition to Boyd Smith of Sidney, it was reported.

Bond of \$10,000 to assure satisfactory completion of the work according to plans and specifications for the addition has been furnished by the contractors through a surety company. The work must be substantially completed within 100 calendar days from Dec. 7.

Under the contract signed by the county court and contractors, Crouch and Crouch will be paid monthly estimates furnished by the architect based upon 90 per cent labor and material in place in the building, and 60 per cent of materials on the building site, subject, however, to a holdback of 10 per cent on each estimate until full completion of the work. Final payment will be due fifteen days after completion of the work.

The contract was awarded to Crouch and Crouch on their low bid of \$12,000.

Named Deputy

George M. Spruce has been appointed deputy sheriff of Kanawha county by Sheriff J. M. Slack.

SEA MEETING SET FOR NOVEMBER 6-8

Mrs. Nellie O. Dick, president, has announced the State Education association would meet Nov. 6-8 at Huntington.

The site for the state's biggest convention was announced several weeks ago, but the dates were not set.

Mrs. Dick said the delegate assembly would meet on the evening of Nov. 6 and the morning of Nov. 7, with the general convention opening Nov. 7.

First Upshur Candidate

O. B. Lanham, of Arlington, assessor of Upshur county from 1929 to 1937, has filed his candidacy for this office in the office of Circuit Clerk O. B. Phillips. He is the first candidate in the county to announce himself for the 1940 contest. He seeks the nomination for assessor on the Republican ticket.

MINGO PRESIDENT



T. B. Varney

Elected to the Mingo county court in 1934, Mr. Varney is serving his fourth consecutive term as president. He is also manager of Matewan Branch of the Mingo Lime and Lumber Co. at Matewan, W. Va.

# -: 1940 ELECTION CALENDAR :-

(Condensed Form)

## PRIMARY ELECTION, MAY 14

**MARCH 4**—County Court appoints two registrars for each precinct.

**MARCH 9**—Last day for County Clerk to notify registrars of appointment.

**\*\*MARCH 10 TO MARCH 25**—Circuit Clerk shall appoint ballot commissioners.

**MARCH 11**—Last day for County Clerk to deliver registration books.

**MARCH 18**—Registrars of each precinct shall meet to register voters.

**MARCH 29**—Last day for registrars to post notices of time & place of first sitting.

**MARCH 30**—Last day for Circuit Clerk to appoint ballot commissioners.

**APRIL 1**—Term of ballot commissioners begin.

**\*APRIL 14**—Last day for certificates of announcement to be filed with the Secretary of State or Circuit Clerk.

**APRIL 8-9**—Registrars shall sit together for purpose of correcting and completing registration.

**APRIL 10**—Last day to obtain copies of registration lists from registrars.

**APRIL 9**—County Court appoints election commissioners & Poll clerks for Primary Election.

**\*APRIL 14 TO APRIL 29**—Circuit Clerks shall estimate number of absent voters' ballots required for primary.

**\*APRIL 14 TO MAY 4**—Applications may be made for absent voters' ballots.

**APRIL 15**—Last day for registrars to return the registration books.

**APRIL 19**—Last day for ballot commissioners to prepare sample official ballot and publish same.

**APRIL 23**—County Court meets to hear matters pertaining to registration.

**\*APRIL 28**—County Court shall publish lists of election commissioners and poll clerks for two weeks prior to election.

**APRIL 29 TO MAY 7**—Before-the-primary sworn financial statements shall be filed by candidates, etc.

**MAY 4**—Last day to make application for absent voters' ballot.

**MAY 4 TO 10**—Circuit Clerk shall mail out absent voters' ballots; also voters who expect to be absent on election day may receive absent voters' ballots in person from circuit clerk.

**MAY 7**—County Court shall convene to register qualified persons.

**MAY 7**—Last day to file before-the-primary sworn financial statements.

**MAY 8**—Last day for public inspection of registration books.

**MAY 9**—Last day for Executive Committee to fill vacancy on ticket caused by death or withdrawal.

**MAY 11**—Last day for ballot commissioners to designate a commissioner to receive ballots and election supplies; also last day for issuance of certificate of transfer by registrar or County Clerk.

**MAY 13**—Supplies uncalled for sent by special messenger to precinct; also last day for filing certificate nominations with Secretary of State or Circuit Clerk.

**MAY 14**—PRIMARY ELECTION DAY.

**MAY 17**—County Court sits as board of canvassers.

**JUNE 13**—Last day for filing after-the-primary sworn financial statements.

## GENERAL ELECTION, NOV. 5

**OCT 1**—County Court meets in regular or special session for appointment of election officials for general election.

**\*OCT 6**—Last day for state executive committee to fill vacancy in nominations for state offices.

**\*OCT 6**—Last day for registration books to be transmitted to registrars by the County Court.

**\*OCT. 6 TO 21**—Circuit Clerk shall estimate number of absent voters' ballots required for general election.

**\*OCT 6 TO 26**—Applications for absent voters' ballots made to Circuit Clerk.

**OCT. 9**—Last day for registrars to post notices of their second sitting.

**OCT. 14 AND 15**—Registrars of each precinct sit together for amending, correcting and completing registration.

**\*\*Oct. 15**—County Court sits in regular or special session to hear matters pertaining to registration.

**OCT. 16**—Last day for party executive committees to fill vacancies in nominations.

**OCT. 18**—Last day for registrars to sign and return registration books.

**OCT. 21 TO OCT. 29**—Before-the-general-election sworn financial statements to be filed by candidates.

**OCT. 26**—Last day to apply for absent voters' ballots.

**OCT. 26**—Last day for Circuit Clerk to begin publication of list of nominees for general election.

**OCT. 26 TO NOV. 1**—Circuit Clerks mail absent voters' ballots to applicants.

**OCT. 29**—Last day for candidates to file before-the-general-election sworn financial statements; also County Court shall convene in regular or special session to register persons who have not been registered.

**OCT. 30**—After this date registration list shall be closed to public inspection.

**NOV. 1**—Last day for Circuit Clerk to mail absent voters' ballots; also last day to obtain absent voters' ballots in person from Circuit Clerk.

**NOV. 1 TO NOV. 3**—Election commissioners designated shall call for ballots and supplies from County and Circuit Clerks.

**NOV. 2**—Last day to obtain certificate of transfer from registrar or Clerk.

**\*NOV. 3**—Last day for election commissioner to receive ballots and other election supplies.

**NOV. 4**—Special messenger to be dispatched to precinct with election supplies if uncalled for.

**NOV. 5**—GENERAL ELECTION DAY.

**NOV. 11**—County Court sits as a board of canvassers.

**DEC. 5**—Last day for filing after-the-general-election sworn financial statements.

\* When first or last day falls on Sunday, it is suggested that the Saturday next prior thereto be considered as the date.

\*\* Because of the conflict between this date and the date for the sitting of the registrars, it is suggested that the County Court meet and adjourn until Oct. 18th, when registrars are required to return registration books to County Clerk.

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