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NEWSTELLER

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

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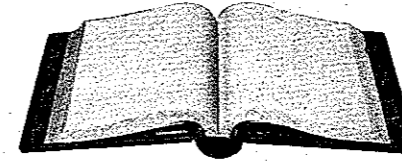
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Hampshire Sheriff Is Murdered

Shot While Helping Killer's Wife Get Clothes

Newton B. Guthrie, 70, sheriff of Hampshire county, was killed Oct. 15, and Ralph Chaney, 29, an orchard worker of near Springfield, has been charged with the murder.

Prosecuting Attorney L. V. Thompson said the sheriff had gone to the Chaney home with Mrs. Chaney to get some clothes for herself and two children. He said Mrs. Chaney had asked the sheriff to go with her, saying she left home the previous day as her husband had been drinking and she was afraid to go to the

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TYLER ASSESSOR HAS NARROW ESCAPE

Tyler County Assessor Chauncey D. Twyford escaped possible serious injuries recently when returning from a Republican political rally at Cameron. His car ran into a fog pocket at twin bridges near New Martinsville on Route 2 and left the road, overturning several times.

The car was almost completely demolished but Mr. Twyford escaped with bruises on the knees and cuts and bruises about the face and forehead. He was taken to Sistersville by a passing motorist and given medical attention.

FORMER CIRCUIT CLERK IS TAKEN BY DEATH

Grant Cremeans, 72, one-time circuit clerk of Lincoln county, died in September. Forty years ago he was a member of the house of delegates from Lincoln county.

Unusual Names From Taylor County

Ex-Commissioner Digs Up Some Queer Ones

H. B. Scranage, former member of the Taylor county court, forwards us the following list of family names which appear on the books in that county. He groups them as follows:

Wood	Cole
Woodyard	Coalbank
Locke	Keyes
King	Queen
Stuck	Fast
Payne	Hertz
Grinnan	Barrett
High	Lowe
Hyer	Loar
Goode	Best
Byers	Trader
Long	Short
Steele	Irons
Olive Green	Pearl Gray
Six	Nine

(They're married)

Tighe	Knotts
Sandy Love	Edith Lovejoy

(They're married)

Pugh	Smell
Potts	Chambers

Pocahontas County Has New Sheriff

Nottingham Resigns To Take Another Post

At the meeting of the Pocahontas county court recently the resignation of Neal Nottingham as sheriff was accepted. His resignation became necessary when he accepted the position of assistant warden at the new prison farm at Huttonsville.

The court, upon recommendation of the county Democratic executive committee, appointed Carlton Pritchard of Dunmore as sheriff.

They're Neely Kittens

Two tiger-colored kittens born in the Harrison county sheriff's residence each have the initial "M" perfectly formed in black on the forehead.

"The mother cat," Sheriff Reynolds said, "heard me talk so much in favor of M. M. Neely and the Democrats that she branded each of her kittens with an 'M'."

The sheriff's initials also are "M. M."

Like Father, Like Son

O. M. Damron, son of Prosecuting Attorney S. F. Damron of Lincoln county, has opened a law office at Louisa. His partner is Claude Asbury, native Wayne countian.

Four Generations Tote County Key

**Overgrown Treasurer's Key
of Jennings County, Ind.,
In Family Since 1872**

It takes a mighty big key to open the vault in the treasurer's office of Jennings County at Vernon, Indiana. The sturdy instrument measures six inches in length and weighs almost half a pound.

But to the family of Deputy Auditor Cliff Bemish, the task of lugging about the jumbo passport to the vault's riches holds no terrors. For no less than four generations of the Bemish family have been entrusted with the custody of the famous key during the course of their duties in Jennings County.

The first Bemish who carried the key was Mr. Hiram Elliott, grandfather of the present Deputy Auditor, Mr. Cliff Bemish. Mr. Elliott was elected County Treasurer in 1872 and was re-elected in 1874. Thus he had to tote the key for four years.

The next Bemish upon whom this duty devolved was Mr. Young Bemish, father of the present Deputy Auditor. Mr. Young Bemish took over the task when he was elected County Treasurer and continued it after his re-election in 1906.

Then the key fell to Mr. Cliff Bemish when he followed in the footsteps of his father and grandfather and became Treasurer in 1928. True to the Bemish tradition, he was re-elected two years later. The huge key, it seems, unlocked not only the door to the vault, but to re-election as well.

It was while Mr. Cliff Bemish was serving as Treasurer that the fourth generation of Bemish key-carriers stepped forth to maintain the family heritage. Mr. Forrest Bemish, son of the present Deputy Auditor, was Deputy Treasurer when his father was Treasurer and in that capacity, he

KANAWHA GETS NEW VOTING BOOTHS



—Photo courtesy Charleston Daily Mail

Nannie Akers, above, who works at the Kanawha county court house, got the honor of trying out the first of the new Casto & Harris "Vote-Gard" voting booths which the county court bought for the Nov. 5 election. Beside it is one of the new "Vote-Gard" ballot boxes. Both represent an effort on the part of the county court to renovate voting equipment throughout the county.

Miss Akers was just posing, of course. On Nov. 5 she pulled down the curtain and voted privately.

joined the growing line of key-carriers.

Jennings County, throughout which Mr. Bemish is very well known because of his long and conscientious public service, is in the southeastern part of Indiana,

not far from the Kentucky border. While one of the smaller of the 92 Hoosier counties, it concedes nothing to the state's larger governing units in efficiency and sound administration.

(Brown's Permanence Magazine)

INTERESTING EVENTS OF 1891 ARE RECITED IN OLD WAYNE NEWSPAPER

The county court has fixed the salaries for the county offices for the fiscal year, as follows:

Prosecuting attorney, \$500; clerk circuit court, \$225; clerk county court, \$300; sheriff, \$200; jailer, \$100; assessor 1st district, \$300; assessor 2nd district, \$300.

However, the fiscal year referred to was 1891 and the county court members at that time, according to an article in the July 23, 1891, issue of a Wayne county newspaper, were Chapman Adkins, president; W. W. Brumfield and John Jarrell, commissioners.

Oscar Allen, of Wayne, is the owner of the 1891 copy of this newspaper, which was published at that time by W. L. Mansfield. Mr. Allen also has copies for February 15, 1900, with Boyd Jarrell as editor; Feb. 18, 1904, with Mansfield again in charge, and Sept. 6, 1906, when C. G. Fry was editor.

The 1891 issue revealed that the county court would convene in special session on July 30 of that year for transaction of matters relating to the building of a new court house at the county seat, all matters relating to the keeping and maintaining of the paupers at the poor house of the county, and all matters relating to roads and bridges in the county.

The same issue of this paper revealed that the county court awarded to Wm. Shore of Huntington the contract for building the new court house at his bid of \$24,900. Mr. Shore's bondsmen demanded that the court give some personal obligation in regard to payment for the work, but the court refused to do this and Mr. Shore failed to find new bondsmen who would trust the court for the work. The court cancelled the contract given to Mr. Shore and awarded the contract to J. D. Sites, G. F. Gallup, S. A. Maupin and C. L. Wiley, of Catlettsburg, who had first bid \$24,975 but who submitted a new bid of \$24,000.

The county tax levy at that time, according to the old newspaper, was 65 cents on the \$100 valuation for county purposes and 30 cents for road purposes in each district.

Among other events of that year were the following:

County Alliance Meets

Wayne County Alliance met on July 11, 1891, and transacted the following business:

Prayer by Rev. J. D. Garrett; election of W. T. Workman as president, G. W. Frazier vice-president, W. H. O'Dell secretary, T. N. Christian treasurer, Wesley Crabtree chaplain, J. D. Garrett lecturer, L. S. Ferguson door-keeper, Jackson Ballengee, assistant door-keeper, J. E. Hobbs sergeant-at-arms, R. K. Hamilton business agent, W. H. Smith, W. E. Payne and G. W. Harrison, executive committee, and Rufus Lester, Jacob Plybourn and J. F. Stevens, committee on good of order. There were 32 lodges with a membership of over 1400.

Andrew Keyser, Calvin Moore and Dr. J. A. Taylor have been appointed a local board of health.

Jones S. Ross has been appointed constable in Stonewall district in place of Jefferson Clay, who removed.

Next Saturday Lacey Marcum and W. W. Brumfield will let the contract to build a new road to Kellogg.

Plans for Lavalette

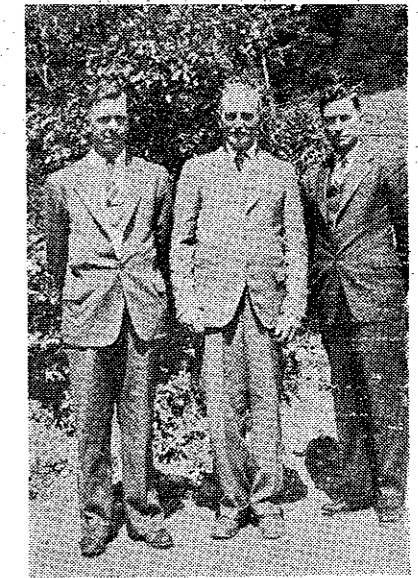
It is said that a town will be laid off on the W. H. Smith farm at mouth of Beech Fork to be named Lavalette.

J. D. Pymale, with the consent of the county court has resigned as keeper of the infirmary.

Geo. S. Good has taken the contract to furnish ballast for 20 miles of the railroad, his own section and that of E. S. Whitney above here. The stone is being laid in advance of the track laying.

The county court has appoint-

TEACHER FOR 40 YEARS



In the middle (above) is John Dahmer of Franklin, Pendleton county, who has taught school for 40 years and who has been retired under the state's new pension law. At the left is I. L. Bennett, Pendleton county superintendent of schools, and at the right is Whitney A. Propst, president of the board of education. Both went to school to Mr. Dahmer, whose record shows that he never whipped a pupil during his 40 years tenure.

The picture was taken by Archie Crummett on Sept. 1, 1940.

ed Calvin Moore as coroner for the county.

Italian Shot While Stealing

In 1891, Wayne county farmers along the line of the railroad suffered more or less from the Italian laborers burning their fencing and stealing their straw and wheat for bedding. Last Friday, a son of Bos. Brumfield who lives four miles below here found two Italians tearing down a stack of wheat that belonged to his father. He explained to them that it was not straw but wheat and forbid them taking it. Later in the day while Mr. Brumfield was out on his farm with his shot gun he came upon two Italians with the wheat tied up ready to carry

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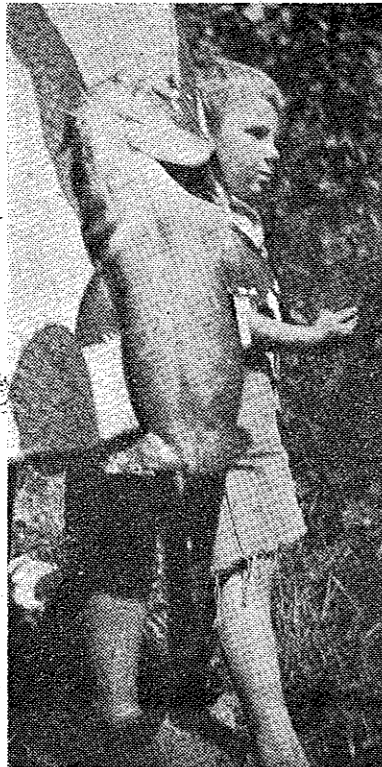
Putnam Sheriff Narrowly Escapes

Sheriff F. H. Moss, of Putnam county, narrowly escaped injury recently when the automobile in which he was returning to Winfield from taking a prisoner to Moundsville got out of control on the curve at Fairplain, left the road and landed upside-down on the front porch of the G. W. Pfost store.

Neither the sheriff nor a youth riding with him were injured. The Putnam official told Deputy C. A. Hill and Trooper P. R. Pritchard, who investigated the accident, that his machine hit some mud washed onto the highway by a recent rain causing it to lurch from the highway, and at the critical moment his brakes failed.

Officials said that it was one of the strangest traffic mishaps they had ever witnessed. Sheriff Moss' large machine was wedged so securely in its upside-down position that the roof of the store porch had to be raised somewhat before the car could be removed.

NO FISH STORY



Shown above is five-year-old Clarence Dewey Ruthford, son of Carl Ruthford, deputy circuit clerk of Wyoming county, and a 30-pound catfish that his daddy caught in the Guyan river, a mile east of Pineville on Sept. 22.

Deputy Sheriff Marries

Hiram Adkins, deputy sheriff of Wayne county, and Miss Mary Leichner, both of Wayne, were married at Ashland, Ky., last month.

Ex-Sheriff Is Chief

David E. Brown, former sheriff of Lewis county, has been named as chief of police of Weston. He held a similar post several years ago.

At Berkeley Springs

R. P. Mollohan, clerk of the Calhoun county court, spent two weeks vacation at Berkeley Springs.

SHERIFF'S DOG BELIEVED RABIED

"Wimpy," the little Boston bull owned by Sheriff Lon F. Byrd of Wyoming county, was killed recently when it was thought she had rabies. The dog has been acting peculiarly for a few days and had bitten several other dogs and cats. Six small pups were also destroyed.

Dock Cooper, Wyoming jailer, and Mary Jo Byrd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter C. Byrd, have both applied to a physician for Pasteur treatment since they had played with the dog during her illness.

COURT HOUSE ROBBED!

The offices of the Sheriff, County Clerk and Circuit Clerk of Wetzel county were burglarized during the noon hour recently.

The door of the Sheriff's office was jimmed and \$86 was stolen from the cash drawer, which was broken open.

The Circuit Clerk's office was entered by breaking the lock. The knob on the County Clerk's office door was twisted off but entry was not gained.

No money was missed in the Clerk's offices.

It is thought that persons who loafed about the court house did the job.

On Vacation

Mrs. Everett Knowlton, deputy county clerk of Tyler county, and her mother, Mrs. Dollie King, spent a week's vacation at Maryland and Virginia beaches last month.

John C. Berry Dies

John C. Berry, aged 80, one-time president and member of the Braxton county court, died at Buckhannon Oct. 8. He also served at one time as deputy sheriff of Braxton county.

Heart Attack Claims Roscoe D. Zinn

Circuit Clerk of Barbour County Succumbs

Funeral services were held Oct. 23 for Roscoe D. Zinn, 47, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Barbour county, who died Oct. 21 following a heart attack in Davis Memorial Hospital in Elkins. He had been a patient there since the preceeding Wednesday.

Mr. Zinn was a graduate of Broadus College, and following graduation, taught school in Barbour county for almost ten years. He gave up schooling work to go into the coal business, and operated several different coal mines in Barbour and adjoining counties. He was elected clerk of the circuit court of Barbour in 1932, and re-elected in 1938. He had four more years to serve of that term at the time of his death.

Mr. Zinn had served both as president and as director of the First National Bank of Philippi. He was secretary of the Philippi Kiwanis Club at the time of his death, and was a former member of the Board of Trustees of Broadus College. He was a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge and the B. P. O. Elks.

Mr. Zinn was born in Barbour county, April 24, 1893, the son of Charles L. and Wilda Smith Zinn.

He was married to Miss Rose Mary Schilling of Spencer, and to this union was born one son, Charles. Both of them survive. He is also survived by three sisters, Mrs. C. A. Dyer of Philippi, and Mrs. Thomas Fitzwater and Miss Mary Zinn, both of Belington.

His widow was elected Nov. 5 to fill out his unexpired term.

At Washington

S. S. Plymale, circuit clerk of Wayne county, spent several days last month attending to business matters in Washington, D. C.

Circuit Clerk Dies



Roscoe D. Zinn

Mr. Zinn, clerk of the Barbour county court, died at Elkins Oct. 21 following a heart attack.

New Board Secretary

Miss Thelma Myers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Myers, of Jackson's Mill, has been appointed to the position of secretary of the Lewis county Board of Education, it was announced recently. She replaces Mrs. Ernestine Henry Starcher, whose resignation was announced.

EX-SHERIFF'S SON ENLISTS IN ARMY

Tennis H. Hatfield, 19-year-old son of T. S. Hatfield, Sr., former sheriff of Logan county, has enlisted in the U. S. army and will see service in Panama. He is a grandson of the late "Devil Anse" Hatfield.

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NEWS ITEMS
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New Button For License

A new type lightweight, visible license button will be worn by West Virginia hunters and fishermen in 1941.

The Conservation Commission has placed orders for the new button and distribution will be started when the 1941 hunting and fishing licenses are placed on sale.

The buttons are made of aluminum, and are rectangular in shape. They have an open window over the entire front, making it possible for game protectors to read the full identification record of the license holder without taking the license out of the badge. This will save time for both hunters and fishermen and game protectors.

Through the open window the protector will be able to read the name and address, age, height, weight, color of eyes, hair, and color—and the wearer need not even take it off his coat.

Sportsmen are asked to keep their badges from year to year, taking them to the county clerk's office when applying for the next year's license. In this way the State will save a considerable sum of money which can be used for other game and fish purposes.

The present round buttons, with small windows through which only the license number can be seen, have caused many complaints because of the long delays hunters have been forced to undergo while protectors struggled to take the button apart and put it together again. The new system will eliminate this.

Sheriff's Widow Dies

Mrs. Lucy Seckman Long, widow of Will E. Long, who served four terms as sheriff of Tyler county, died last month. During the terms of her husband she looked after the feeding and care of the prisoners and was affectionately known to them as "Mother" Long. Her husband died in 1935.

November NewsTeller to Give Names of All New Officials

The November issue of the County NewsTeller, due in the mails on the last day of the month, will carry a complete list of all successful candidates in the Nov. 5 election.

Also, all new officials will be placed on the News-Teller's free mailing list. Ex-officials' names will be dropped UNLESS they write to us, asking that their names be kept on the list. The publishers will be glad to comply with such a request.

County clerks and circuit clerks are urged to send in the names of all winning candidates as soon as the vote is canvassed. This is the only way the NewsTeller has to collect this information which will be of statewide interest.

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION OFFICES OCCUPIED

The NYA Project of renovating the abandoned Arbuckle Grade School building in Nicholas County and converting it into offices for the Board of Education is almost completed. The office equipment and records were moved there Monday of this week and the offices formerly occupied by the Board in the Nicholas County Bank building have been rented by the Nicholas County Draft Board. The new location will be known as the Administration Building and will accommodate the entire administrative and supervisory staff employed by the Board.

A large basement will be used as a storeroom for school supplies and will make possible a checking of all materials distributed thus providing a live inventory which will affect a substantial saving. Supplies have been stored at four different places thus making the distribution inconvenient and inefficient.

The County Health Nurse will have a laboratory and office in the building when the alteration of the Nicholas County high school basement is completed providing room for the Agriculture Department which is located at the Administration Building at the present time.

Hampshire Sheriff

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home by herself.

After getting the clothes Mrs. Chaney returned to the sheriff's car with the sheriff following several steps behind her. Just before the sheriff reached the car, Thompson said, Chaney ran out of the house with a .22 rifle and fired at the sheriff. The first bullet missed its mark. Chaney quickly reloaded his gun, Thompson said, and fired again, the second bullet striking Guthrie in the head and killing him.

Leldon L. Loy has been appointed to fill the unexpired term, and he was also reelected at the Nov. 5 election.

Interesting Events

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away. He ordered them to drop the wheat but instead they shouldered it and started off with it. One got out of the field with his load and made his escape and as the other climbed the fence Mr. Brumfield fired a load of bird shot at him, the charge striking him in the back. He dropped the wheat and got away the best he could. Afterwards some of the laborers came with a hand car and took him away. Mr. Brumfield was not arrested nor is he likely to be. It takes something like this for the farmers to protect their property against the raids of these marauders.

BUTTONS--COUNTY COURT PRESIDENT HENRITZ HAS THEM; HE COLLECTS 'EM

The party game of Button, Button—Who's Got the Button, took on new prominence with the coming of the political campaign, but to T. F. Henritze, president of the McDowell county court, buttons are an old story, both politically and socially.

Buttons—for Willkie, for Roosevelt, for Neely, for Dawson, Red Cross, Community Chest, VFW, American Legion—floating around on the jackets and coats of McDowell county residents during the campaign, found their way to Henritze's button board.

The button board hanging on the wall of Henritze's office in the McDowell Bank building has been gaining in buttons since the county commissioner started saving the lapel tokens 25 years ago.

The first button Henritze acquired bears the slogan: "They've gotta quit kickin' my dog around," the famous cry Missouri's Senator Champ Clark raised in a campaign almost three decades ago.

Henritze is a member of the Snow White Jingle Club, went to VPI, eats Ritz Crackers, supports the Red Cross, Boosts the Big Creek Band, is a member of the Let's 'Lect Lum Edwards President club, voted for Woodrow Wilson for President, supported Hatfield for Sheriff—according to the buttons, more than 200 in all, on his board.

OLD CERTIFICATE

Mrs. Emma Bailey of Shadybrook, Lewis county, widow of John E. Bailey, has an old teacher's certificate. It is dated August, 1874, and was the first she received. She taught that year in Skin Creek district, going to Buckhannon the next year. Strange Hall was then county superintendent of Lewis county. That certificate is now 66 years of age.

TO BE BRIEF, SHE WAS NO GOOD

AUSTIN, Tex.—For husbands who want to disclaim any debts contracted by their estranged wives, University of Texas librarians think they have as good a model as can be found.

Printed in a newspaper of 1830, it says:

"... she has, without cause, left my habitation and is floating on the ocean of tyrannical extravagance, prone to prodigality, taking a wild goose chase and kindling her pipe with the coal of curiosity.

"To abscond and abolish such insidious, clandestine, noxious, pernicious, diabolical and notorious deportment, I therefore caution all persons from harboring or trusting her on my account, as I will pay no debts of her contracting from this date, unless compelled by law."

Attend Football Game

Deputy Sheriff Ernest Hesson and Prosecuting Attorney William H. Rardin, both of Mason county, attended the Ohio State-Purdue football game at Columbus recently.

Enjoys Vacation

Miss Helen Anderson, daughter of the Putnam county Circuit Clerk and a deputy in his office, recently spent a month's vacation in Canada and Detroit.

Court Member Dies

Rufus Howard Ford, 74, member of the Summers county court, died Oct. 7 following two years of ill health.

BRAXTON ASSESSOR CALLED BY DEATH

Oliver Queen, 62, assessor of Braxton county, died in a Baltimore hospital last month after a long illness. His widow was appointed by the county court to fill the unexpired term.

Former Assessor Dies

Albert Henderson Mann, 76, a former assessor of Summers county, died in a Hinton hospital Oct. 12. He was the father of Cyrus W. Mann, assistant superintendent of the Summers county schools.

Bryson Elected

George Bryson, McDowell county superintendent of schools, was elected district governor of the Kiwanis clubs at the annual convention held at Fairmont.

At Ocean City

Mrs. Hildreth Overholt, who works in the county superintendent's office in Mason county, recently spent a two weeks vacation at Ocean City, Md.

Visit Sheriff

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Rhoades, Jr., of Clifton Forge, Va., recently visited at the home of the former's father, Sheriff Gilbert Rhoades of Gilmer county.

Assessor's Wife Dies

Mrs. Anna Watson, wife of Assessor F. L. Watson of Jefferson county, died last month after a long illness.

Prosecutor Better

G. W. Coffield, prosecuting attorney of Wetzel county, is able to resume his duties after undergoing a major operation in a Wheeling hospital last month.

Men Only

(The following article was sent to the NewsTeller by Miss Francer McGrew, deputy circuit clerk of Jackson county:)

"Men are what women marry. They have two feet, two hands, and sometimes two wives, but they never have more than one dollar and one idea at a time.

"Like Turkish cigarettes, men are all made of the same material, the difference being that some are a little better disguised than others. Generally speaking they may be divided into three classes: (1) Husbands, (2) Bachelors, (3) Widowers. An eligible bachelor is a man of obstinacy entirely surrounded by suspicion. Husbands are of three varieties: Prizes, surprises, and consolation prizes. Making a husband out of a man is one of the highest plastic arts known to civilization. It requires science, sculpture, common sense, faith, hope and charity.

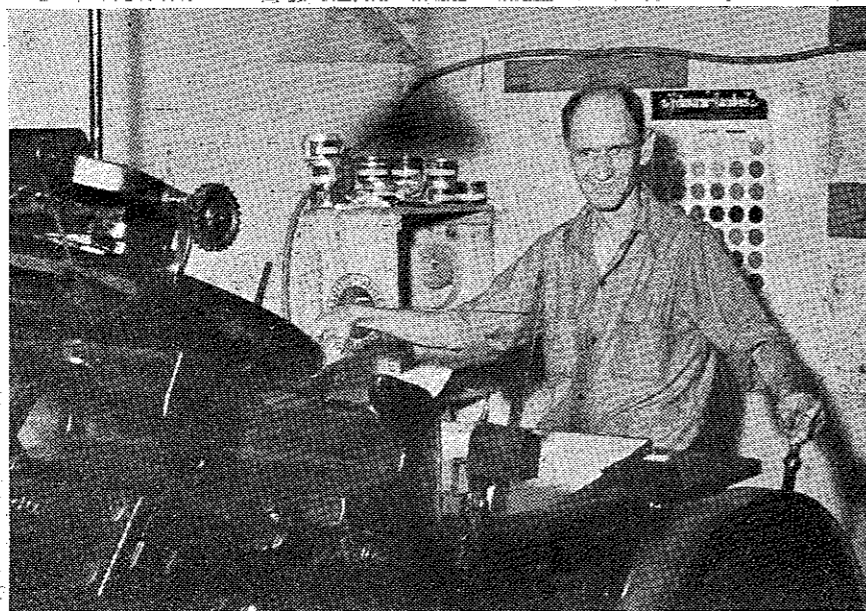
"It is a psychological miracle that a soft, fluffy, tender, violet-scented, sweet little thing like a woman should enjoy kissing a big, awkward, stubby-chinned, tobacco and bay-rum scented thing like a man.

"If you flatter a man, you frighten him to death; if you don't you bore him to death. If you permit him to make love to you, he gets tired of you in the end, and if you don't he gets tired of you in the beginning. If you believe all he tells you, then he thinks you are foolish, and if you don't he thinks you are a cynic.

"If you wear gay colors, rouge and a startling hat, he hesitates to take you out. If you wear a little brown turban and a tailor-made suit, he takes you out and stares all evening at a woman in gay colors, rouge and wearing a startling hat.

"If you join the gayeties and approve of his smoking and drinking, he says you are driving

OLDEST EMPLOYEE



Oldest Casto & Harris employee—both from standpoint of service and in actual years—is Lee L. Lowe, shown above operating a 14x22 C. & P. job press. A native Roane countian, he is married and has two children.

him to hell; and if you don't approve he vows that you are snobbish.

"If you are the clinging vine type, he doubts whether you have any brains, and if you are a modern, advanced and intelligent woman, he doubts whether you have a heart. If you are silly he longs for a bright mate, and if you are intelligent and brilliant, he longs for a playmate.

"A man is just a worm in the dust; he comes along, wiggles about for a time and finally some chicken grabs him."

Miller Appointed

Appointment of William Miller, of Marlowe, to fill the vacancy on the Berkeley county Board of Education made by the death of B. A. Barney, has been announced.

Miller has had previous experience, having served two terms on the board. He is a retired telegraph operator.

Barney's term expires this fall and he was seeking re-election on the Democratic ticket.

FISH FRY GIVEN BOARD AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS

The bus drivers and janitors of Tyler high school and Ellsworth school entertained with a fish fry at noon Tuesday, Oct. 8, in the bus drivers lounge at the high school garage. E. R. (Pete) Swan served as chef. Those present were board members C. M. Knowlton, H. D. Racer, A. D. Arnett, Arch McMullen, Supt. W. E. Gamble, J. E. Smith, Sherman Buchanan, Principal Emmett Stine, Phil Stealey, Bus Drivers Eugene Ferguson, Clem Lemasters, Stanley Henderson, Mark Ferrell, Lyle Gregg, Earl Reppard, Ralph Smith, E. R. Swan of high school and Everett Knowlton of Ellsworth school.

Board Member Dies

Bruce D. Williams, a member of the Wirt county board of education, died last month. He was elected to the board in 1938 and had two more years to serve.

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