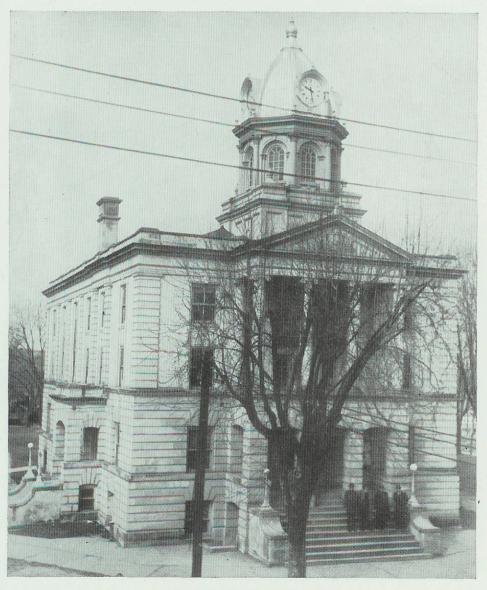
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Assessors Have Meeting Jan. 16

Five Counties Represented At District Meeting

Representatives of five counties met at Spencer Jan. 23 for the annual district meeting of assessors.

Howard Gibson, representative of the State Tax Commissioner's office, Charleston, was the principal speaker. Both morning and afternoon sessions were held with guests having a luncheon at noon.

Among those present:

Calhoun county—L. J. Wright, assessor; and Lora Kimble, deputy.

Clay county—S. W. Young, assessor; J. B. Vaughan, deputy; Henry McLane, prosecuting attorney.

Gilmer county—Lee W. Taggart, assessor; Oris Curry, deputy

Roane county— Jason Taylor, assessor; D. M. Westfall and H. C. Gandee, deputies; J. J. Taylor and H. C. Law.

Upshur county—H. V. Tenney, assessor; Kyle M. Reger and H. G. Martin, deputies.

FOUR SHELVES LEFT

Casto & Harris has on hand four roller-shelf units proper size for assessor binders or books of similar depth. When these are gone it is doubtful that any more similar steel equipment can be secured until after the war.

If interested, write at once.

37 COUNTIES ARE REPRESENTED AT COUNTY CLERKS' MEETING

75 Attend Banquet Given Friday Evening at Spencer; Permanent Registration Law Explained by State Officials

JACKSON COUNTY: Formed in 1831 from parts of Kanawha, Wood and Mason counties. Named for Andrew Jackson, seventh President; area 472 square miles; population (1940) 16,598.

Shown on the front steps in the picture (front cover) are, left to right, Corp. W. M. Beckett, state police; Edw. C. Mc-Murray, chief deputy sheriff; Gilbert Pringle, jailor; and Foster F. Morris, sheriff.

Clerk's Brother Dies in Crash

Lieut. Richard Beverly Hughes, brother of Evelyn Yorke, circuicelerk of Monongalia county, was killed Dec. 8 when the bomber in which he was flying crashed at sea.

A citizen of Parkersburg, he was the first Wood countain reported killed after war was declared Dec. 7.

Memorial services for the hero were held at the St. Paul's Methodist Church, Parkersburg, Dec. Thirty-seven out of 55 counties of the state were represented at a meeting of the County Clerks held at Hotel Spencer-Roane, Spencer, Friday, Jan. 23.

The meeting was called by Harry Anderson, president of the Clerks' association, so that the officials of the State Election Commission might explain workings of the new Permanent Registration law.

A business session was held all Friday afternoon and speakers included President Anderson, Dr. Julius Cohen, chairman of the Committee; D. Pitt O'Brien, assistant secretary of state, and others. The business session was followed by a general round table discussion.

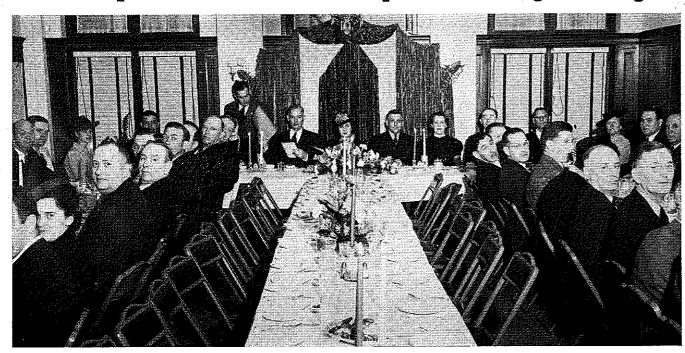
At 7 p. m., the visitors were guests of NewsTeller publishers at a banquet arranged at the hotel. Special entertainment was provided. E. R. Lester, host clerk, served as toastmaster.

Among those who registered for this meeting and banquet were the following:

Barbour—Waitman D. Corder, county clerk; C. E. Corder, county commissioner.

Boone—O. H. Carson, county clerk; Walter Hendricks, deputy.
Braxton—Frank Fisher, coun(Continued on Page Seven)

County Officials Attend Banquet Following Meeting



On the night of Jan. 23, following a meeting of the West Virginia County Clerks and officials of the West Virginia Election Commission called to discuss the new Permanent Registration law, the visitors were guests of Casto & Harris at a banquet given at the Hotel Spencer-Roane, Spencer.

The above photograph shows only part of the gathering.

Rear row, left to right: W. D. Corder, clerk of the Barbour county court, Philippi; Paul E. Wehrle, clerk of the Kanawha county court, Charleston; Mrs. J. W. Reynolds, Spencer; her brother, Z. S. Smith, member Pocahontas county court, Marlinton; Gordon K. Depew (standing), Casto & Harris, Inc.; E. R. Lester, clerk of the Roane county court, toastmaster; Mrs. Lester; Harry Anderson, clerk of the Raleigh county court and president of the Clerks' association; Mrs. Okey R. Harris, wife of the president of C. & H. Inc., Spencer; O. H. Carson, clerk of the Boone county court, Madison; Howard Bartlett, sheriff of Roane county, Spencer; Mrs. Bartlett; Walter Hendricks, deputy county clerk of Boone

county, Madison; Gregory Crawford, deputy clerk of Cabell county, Huntington.

Front row, left to right: Clair Smith, prosecuting attorney Roane county, Spencer; Mrs. Smith; H. Raymon Young, Permanent Registrat.on Officer, Kanawha county; John G. Lambert, clerk Wayne county court, Wayne; A. M. Brown, clerk Putnam county court, Winfield, and secretary of the Clerks' association; Arnold Broyles, clerk of the Monroe county court, Union; (face hidden) Paul Leatherman, clerk of the Grant county court, Petersburg; P. F. King, clerk of the Preston county court, Kingwood; J. Randall Crow, clerk of the Marshall county court, Moundsville; Clay Miller, Casto & Harris, Inc., Spencer; Pat Doyle, clerk of the Board of Commissioners of Ohio county, Wheeling; E. M. Sinnett, clerk of the Roane county circuit court, Spencer; John Caplinger, clerk of the Randolph county court, Elkins: Bonn Brown, attorney of Elkins; Hall Maxwell, clerk of the Doddridge county court, West Union; A. R. Martin, clerk of the Moncagalia county court, Morgantown.

Deputy Clerk III

Mrs. Pearl Poteet, chief deputy to Paul E. Wehrle, clerk of the Kanawha county court, has been ill for several weeks but is now back at her important post.

Since being appointed Dynamite inspector for Kanawha county, Mrs. Poteet has been dubbed "Dynamite Pete" by her many friends.

WANT PHOTO?

Anyone desiring prints of the photograph above may secure them at a nominal price from Parrish Studio, Spencer, W. Va. These prints will be glossy ones, 8 by 10 inches.

In Service

Ferrell Friend, deputy county clerk of Clay county, has joined the service, and is stationed at Washington, D. C., as a yoeman.

Tracy Leach, deputy clerk of Monroe county, is also in the yeoman service.

"AU REVOIR"

(but not "goodbye")

. FOR THE "DURATION"

It can no longer be "Business as Usual." Every effort, every bit of manpower, every possible production is being extended to win this war. "Luxuries" are definitely out-of-style, even unpatriotic. Today the only important consideration is a speedy and decisive victory over the most barbarous and treacherous foes that ever threatened our peace and security.

Regretfully, therefore, we find it necessary to discontinue publication of The County NewsTeller "for the duration." We say "regretfully" because we have enjoyed editing and publishing this intimate little magazine as much as we hope you have enjoyed receiving and reading it. Born in October, 1938, its 35 issues have been read by thousands.

But, under war circumstances, it must be classed as a "luxury," temporarily sacrificed because of the exigencies of production for victory. We feel that you regret with us that we must suspend publication to help strengthen our country's war effort, for that is what this leave-taking amounts to.

For example, The NewsTeller uses $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$

considerable amount of white, coated paper—and many of the materials and chemicals employed in the making of paper are needed in production for war. Ink, electricity, manpower are also required—which can be converted to more urgent production requirements.

Furthermore, some of the men who publish and print The NewsTeller will soon be serving in the armed forces. One printer already has been called and it is quite likely that within the next few months several others, including executives, will be in service.

So—like your many friends and acquaintances who have joined the forces, bowing to the inevitable necessities of war—so does The NewsTeller bow to needs of wartime production. And, like your friends in the service, The NewsTeller also hopes to come back to you after America's mighty task is done—and that task is simply WINNING THE WAR!

Until then The NewsTeller says "au revoir" but not "goodbye," grateful for the friendship it has established between us and hopeful that our parting will not be for long.

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Note: Immediately upon resumption of publication the series of Court House pictures on front cover will be continued.

Assessor Issues Facts

Preston Official Puts Out Interesting Little Booklet

Because "it is my thought you will appreciate having in detail these figures of your county," C. E. Gustkey, assessor of Preston county, has issued a pamphlet giving facts & figures on the 1941 valuations of real estate and personal property.

The attractive booklet gives complete information about facts & figures required for assessment. It shows, for example, that the county's total valuation is \$22,960,790. It gives the levy rates, shows that public utilities paid \$130,000 in taxes, real estate owners \$127,000 and personal property owners \$46,000.

Notations from the assessor's manual are included.

Good Progress On Certification

Auditor's Office Has Special Crew Working

Certifications to the 55 counties for reports of State Commissioner of Forfeited and Delinquent Lands will be made shortly, according to a letter received March 3 from G. W. S. Grove, chief clerk of the land department.

Answering a C. & H. inquiry, Mr. Grove wrote as follows:

"I have your letter of Feb. 20 relative to reports of State Commissioner of Forfeited and Delinquent Lands, you advising that you had sold binders in several of the counties for these reports and would not release them until thirty days before the certifications are made by this office, and asked us to advise you therein.

"We are not in position to say definitely when any particular county will be certified. I can advise you that we have a special

Scene at Clerks' Meeting



Here is one view of the meeting of County Clerks and the Election Commission held at Spencer Jan. 23. A sharp eye will pick out, left to right, such celebrities as:

O. H. Carson, clerk of Boone county; Moody Kincaid, clerk of the Pocahontas county court; Walter Hendricks, deputy clerk of Boone county; A. M. Brown, Putnam county clerk; "Red" Rodgers, deputy clerk McDowell county; Kenna Clark, Marion county clerk; George Harmon, Wetzel county clerk; Allen Cutright, Upshur county clerk; R. E. Stewart, Hampshire county clerk; Don S. Renn, McDowell county clerk; Arnold Broyles, Monroe county clerk; Earl S. Wolfe, Jr., Wood county clerk; Mrs. Charles Herold, wife of the Webster county clerk; Olin V. Wilson, Ritchie county clerk; A. R. Martin, Monongalia county clerk; Howard Wilson, circuit clerk Clay County.

crew working on this and it is making good progress. A couple of the counties have been completed so far as abstracting is concerned. However, the abstracts have not been transferred to the certification forms, which will take additional time. It seems to me that the county officials should realize the enormous amount of work connected with these certifications and should not be over-anxious. We expect, if humanly possible, to comply with the law and make the certifications in each county, as is required during the present year, and our idea is to take the counties alphabetically, but we do not think it would be a good policy to certify one or two counties and

then perhaps not be able to make a further certification for a couple of months. The Land Department feels that when this certification is commenced that it should be continuous and we are working with that view in mind.

"Very truly yours,
"G. W. S. Grove,
"Chief Clerk,
"Land Department."

Grand-daughter Born

Assessor Jason Taylor of Roane county is strutting his stuff these days, proud of a 9½-pound grand-daughter presented him by his daughter, Mrs. Clair Barrickman.

The baby has been named Shirley Ann Barrickman.

Another View of Meeting



Here is another angle shot of business sessions held by the county clerks and the State Election Commission at Spencer Jan. 23. You should be able to spot the following people:

George Harmon, Wetzel county clerk; A. M. Brown, Putnam county clerk; Allen Cutright, Upshur county clerk; Pat Doyle, clerk Board of Commissioners of Ohio county; Gregory Crawford, Cabell county deputy clerk; Paul E. Wehrle, Kanawha county clerk; "Red" Rodgers, deputy clerk McDowell county; A. R. Martin, Monongalia county clerk; Charles Herold, Webster county clerk; John G. Lambert, Wayne county clerk; P. F. King, Preston county clerk; Rolla Williams, Pleasants county clerk; Don Ferguson, Jackson county clerk.

Easy Payment Divorce Asked

Without further comment, we present an exact copy (with names omitted) of a letter recently received by Allen Cutright, clerk of the Upshur county court:

"Maryland "Lock Box—

"Mr. Allen B. Cutright.
"Dear Sir:

"I am wrighting you in case of business. Would you find out how much a divorce will cost me, and how soon can I get it? The one I am getting devorced from already has her's. Her name is '____'. I want to know all detales on how

soon I can get a ('divorce,') how much will it (coust), and if I can pay for it in Payments? If you can send it to me as soon as posaible and I will send you the payments every week until it is paid? I guess that sums it all up, as I would like to have the divorse by February 14, if possable, So please ("Mr. Cutright) see if you can get it before the 14 of February and send it to me. I will be looking forward to a reply from this letter as I sure want a divorce.

"My address is as following
"Mr. _____, ___, Maryland
"Lock Box_____
"Very truly yours

"P. S. Please rush."

Election Calendar Not Yet Prepared

All Dates Have Not Been Set, Secretary of State Reports

Casto & Harris' biennial ELEC-TION CALENDAR cannot yet be released this year because official dates on which some actions are to be taken have not been set by administrative order, according to a letter recently received from William S. O'Brien, secretary of state.

Usually this calendar is published around the first of each election year, and already hundreds of requests for same have been received.

NewsTeller readers can rest assured that as soon as the Secretary of State provides all dates that this calendar will be printed and mailed out free to all county officials and other interested parties. The calendar shows important dates to be observed with respect to the elections coming up in 1942.

Mr. O'Brien's letter is reproduced as follows:
"Dear Sir:

"In reply to your letter of February 4th, you are advised that the 1942 Election Calendar cannot be compiled until the official dates on which some actions are to be taken have been set by administrative order.

I do not think you would be safe in using the dates that correspond to the off-year election of 1938 as changes have been made in the law which alters some of the dates.

"Very truly yours,
"Wm. S. O'Brien,
"D. Pitt O'Brien."

Back on Job

Mrs. Ruth McQueen, secretary to James Creasy, Nicholas county superintendent of schools, has recumed her duties after an extended illness. For some time she was a patient at the Sacred Heart hospital at Richwood.

We Thank You

The NewsTeller extends its thanks to Minnie Kendall Lowther, whose "Notes and Comments" column is one of the most widely read features of the Parkersburg News, for the following kind words recently printed in her column:

"The October-November issue of 'The County Newsteller,' a monthly magazine dedicated to the county and school officials of West Virginia, Volume 4, has come under our notice, and it makes a favorable impression. It is published by Casto and Harris. specialists in county and school record books, at Spencer, and should fill quite a niche in the affairs of the state. It seems that it is in the midst of presenting, as a frontpiece, the courthouses of West Virginia, and thirty of the fifty-five have already appeared. This issue contains a very nice picture of the courthouse of Hancock county, at New Cumberland, Inside it also has another nice view of this beautiful, vine-covered building. It contains news of the gatherings of these officials in conventions, notes of marriages, births, etc., of employees of courthouses. The picture of the staff of the county clerk's office in Kanawha, at a Hallowe'en party at the Kanawha hotel, Charleston, is one of its illustrations. Then we note that our neighbor, Superintendent of Schools L. F. Rosenlieb, of Pleasants county, has removed his office, from the courthouse to the high school, at St. Marys where he has nice quarters. The office of the Wirt County Board of Education, too, has been removed from the courthouse to property of its own on the high school campus. John Yeager of the Wood county court is also mentioned as recovering from his recent illness. Brooke county has just finished a new addition to its courthouse, which will house the offices of the county treasurer, sheriff and deputy, assessor, D. P. A., county health

Here Comes The Assessor Man

Look Mandy, there comes the assessor-man!

Hide them dogs as quick as you can,

Tie them back in that deep ravine

So he won't be able to hear them whine.

Drive all the stock from the front of the hill And throw a canvas over that still, Roll the Packard into the shed And drive that Model "T" out instead.

Push that new furniture out of sight,
Bring out them chairs that look a fright,
Put the frigidaire behind the door,
Cover the rug on the living room floor.

Take them diamonds off your finger,
Hide the washer and the wringer,
Put this gold watch in the hall
And bring me out my Ingersoll.

We're poor, by heck, I'll tell that man,
Ain't got nothin' but a little land.
Mandy, gal, get out of sight,
Them gold teeth reflect too much light.

—James Johnson, Office Deputy, Mason County.

department, the state police, and the jail. The county court of Berkeley is nominated as the youngest and the best-looking. Their total ages reach 105 years. So in all the magazine is not only well presented, but is extremely interesting."

JUSTIFICATION

The horse and mule live 30 years and nothing know of wines and beers:

The goat and sheep at 20 die
And never taste of Scotch or rye;
The cow drinks water by the ton
And at 18 is mostly done;
The dog at 15 cashes in
Without the aid of rum or gin;
The cat in milk and water soaks
And then in 12 short years it
croaks;

The modest, sober, bone-dry hen Lays eggs for nogs, then dies at 10:

ALL ANIMALS are strictly dry, They sinless live and swiftly die; But sinful, ginful, rum-soaked MEN

Survive for threescore years and ten!

BEST OF ALL

A story we always liked has to do with the fellow who opened a little eating place between two other restaurants. Across the front of one was a banner reading: THE BEST FOOD IN AMERICA. The sign on the second restaurant proclaimed: THE BEST FOOD IN THE WORLD. The newcomer hung up a modest shingle which read: THE BEST FOOD IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD.

FIGURE IT OUT

Write down your house number.

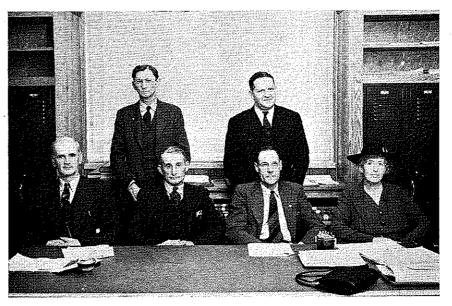
Double it.
Add five.
Multiply by fifty.
Add your age. (Don't cheat.)
Add 365.
Substract 615.
In the result, you will find that
your house number is to the left
and your age to the right.

Midcontinent Life Bulletin.

Note: We didn't believe it, either!

Courtesy of R. & R. Service &

Roane County School Board



Shown above is the Roane County Board of Education and the

Seated, left to right: J. Herby Smith, member; J. W. Webb, president; C. W. Walker, member; and Mrs. Della Cummings, member.

Standing: Homer C. Parrish, member, and L. D. Moore, County Superintendent.

The county superintendent and board operate from one of the newest, most modern and best equipped administration office buildings in the state.

37 Counties Are

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County Superintendent.

ty clerk; Mrs. Drusilla Clem, deputy.

Cabell—W. Arch Leap and Boone B. Arthur, county commissioners; Greg Crawford, deputy county clerk.

Calhoun—Robert P. Mollohan, county clerk; Lawrentz Hamilton, prosecuting attorney.

Clay—Levy Friend, county clerk; Howard Wilson, circuit clerk.

Doddridge — Hall Maxwell, county clerk; C. W. Garner, county commissioner.

Gilmer — W. Brooks Lynch, county clerk; Alfred Vanhorn, county commissioner.

Grant—Paul Leatherman, county clerk.

Greenbrier—Paul C. Hogsett,

county clerk.

Hampshire—R. E. Stewart, county clerk.

Harrison—Herschel D. Wade, Carl J. White and Walter M. Elliott, county commissioners; Harley Wolfe, county clerk; Clate Bond, deputy clerk.

Jackson—Don Ferguson, county clerk; C. A. Hill, circuit clerk; Guy Dudgeon, assessor.

Kanawha—Paul E. Wehrle, county clerk; Raymon Young, deputy; Mont Cavender, county commissioner.

Lewis—J. O. Bleigh, county clerk; Miss Green, deputy.

McDowell—Don S. Renn, county clerk; "Red" Rodgers, deputy.
Marion—Kenna Clark, county clerk, and Mrs. Clark.

Marshall—Randall Crow, county clerk.

Mineral—Sam Smith, county

commissioner.

Monongalia—A. R. Martin, county clerk.

Monroe—Arnold H. Broyles, county clerk.

Ohio—Pat Doyle, clerk of Board of County Commissioners.

Pleasants—O. Rolla Williams, county clerk; Mrs. Williams and daughter.

Pocahontas — Moody Kincaid, county clerk; Grady K. Moore, circuit clerk; Z. S. Smith, Jr., county commissioner.

Preston—P. F. King, county clerk.

Putnam—A. M. Brown, county clerk.

Raleigh—Harry Anderson, county clerk.

Randolph—John S. Caplinger, county clerk; Bonn Brown, attorney.

Ritchie—Olin V. Wilson, county clerk.

Roane—E. R. Lester, county clerk, and Mrs. Lester; Everett Sinnett, circuit clerk; Howard Bartlett, sheriff, and Mrs. Bartlett; Clair Smith, prosecuting attorney, and Mrs. Smith.

Taylor—D. I. Bayley, county clerk; Mr. Jolliffe, deputy.

Upshur—Allen Cutright, county clerk.

Wayne — John S. Lambert, county clerk.

Webster—Charles Herold, county clerk, and Mrs. Herold.

Wetzel—George Harmon, county clork

ty clerk.
Wirt—Frank Thorne, county

clerk.
Wood — Earl Wolfe, county

BREAKS BACK BUT NOW BACK ON JOB

You can't keep a good man down. Last fall Van Hunter, clerk of the Raleigh county circuit court, was picking chestnuts. He fell out of a tree, cracking several vertebrae in his back.

But he wasn't down long! Now he's back at work, as well as ever.

Incidentally, Clerk Hunter reports that good chestnuts were plentiful in Raleigh county this past season.

Permanent Registration Commission Officials



Shown above, at the Spencer meeting in January, are officials of the Permanent Registration Commission and three county clerks of West Virginia, conferring after the regular business session.

Left to right, front row: D. Pitt O'Brien, Chief Clerk to the Secretary of State and deputy chief registration official; W. Harold Lewis, election clerk

and secretary of the State Election Commission; Dr. Julius Cohen, chairman of the State Election Commission; R. E. Stewart, clerk of the Hampshire county court; Paul E. Wehrle, clerk of the Kanawha county court; and Harry Anderson, clerk of the Raleigh county court and president of the West Virginia County & Circuit Clerks' association.

"Pat" Takes Ride

The boys (and girls) are still laughing about the railroad trip made by "Pat" Doyle, clerk of the Board of Commissioners of Ohio County, when he came to Spencer Jan. 23 for the Permanent Registration Committee meeting.

"Pat", living in a railroad town, never stopped to think that railway facilities are not the same all over the state. So on Thursday morning around 9 o'clock he boarded a train with a through ticket to Spencer. He arrived in Parkersburg, sat around some time, boarded another train for

Spencer. But at Ravenswood he had to change trains, wait several hours. Finally at 6:30 p.m. he pulled into Spencer, the only passenger on the train!

P. S.—It took him nearly 10 hours to travel from Wheeling to Spencer. It takes three hours via auto. Is his face red?

Big Instrument

A legal instrument requiring 326 pages for recording was received at the office of J. O. Bleigh, Lewis county, recently. It covered a Hope Natural Gas Co. deep well pool agreement.

Mr. Bleigh had the instrument photo-copied, saving much time and eliminating chance of error. The office received \$204 in fees to

cover recording and the photocopy work cost \$144.

ANY SECOND-HAND OFFICE EQUIPMENT?

Now that it is almost impossible to buy new steel files, roller shelves, desks, chairs, etc., there is a ready market for second-hand items of this type.

If any Newsteller reader knows of any such items stored at the Court House or unused, drop us a line and we'll try to dispose of of these items.

Former Sheriff Dies

Samuel J. Jasper, 67, former sheriff of Fayette county, died Feb. 20 after a two weeks illness of heart trouble.

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"These records mean even MORE to me NOW"

Deeds, wills, mortgages, plat books, property records of all kinds,—these give quick, dependable data for real estate transfer, plant construction, unlimited production.

Vital statistics—births, marriages, deaths,—here are provided personnel facts which are the very foundation of selective service.

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been privileged to serve in the common cause. The earliest county records written on record papers currently made are entrusted to this pioneer permanent record paper. Today, after 92 years, it is selected for service in more records in more counties than ever before.

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