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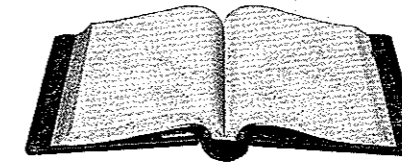
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1940 Convention May Be June 13-14

Questionnaires Being Mailed
Out by President A. R. Martin

Thursday & Friday, June 13 and 14, have been suggested as dates for the annual convention of the County and Circuit Clerks' association of West Virginia, it has been announced by A. R. Martin, Monongalia county clerk, who is president of the group.

The 1940 meeting is scheduled for Beckley with County Clerk Harry Anderson and Circuit Clerk Van Hunter as hosts.

A return postcard has been mailed to all clerks and Mr. Martin requests that they make use of same, indicating if the suggested dates are satisfactory. Space is provided for suggesting another date, if it is so desired.

—Send in Some News—

GILMER PROSECUTOR HAS NEW OFFICE

The office of Prosecuting Attorney Haymon H. Boggs of Gilmer county has been moved from the second floor of the court house to rooms on the first floor. The office is now located near the East side entrance in the two rooms formerly occupied by the county health department. The county health department vacated these rooms to locate in one of the dwellings owned by the county on a lot adjoining the court house.

SEEKS REELECTION



C. H. Parsons

Mr. Parsons of Romney, president of the Hampshire county court, has already announced his candidacy for reelection this year. A regular reader of The NewsTeller, Mr. Parsons is well known, particularly in the Eastern Panhandle.

Deputies Marry

Two employees of the County Clerk's office at New Martinsville, Wetzel county, were married New Year's Day. The NewsTeller learned recently.

They are Miss Madelyn Calvert, stenographer in the clerk's office, who became the bride of Ross Harman, Jr., a deputy clerk.

Monongalia County Court House History

(See Front Cover)

The first court for old Monongalia County was probably held near the home of Theophilus Phillips in Springhill Township (now Pennsylvania). George Washington speaks in his diary of having made a visit there in 1784.

In 1783 the Virginia legislature authorized the justices of Monongalia county to hold court in the home of Zackquill Morgan.

In 1784 a frame court house was built near the site of the present building.

Between 1800 and 1802 a brick court house, 30x40, was built on the present site, and later it was torn down and a larger brick edifice erected in 1846-48. In 1851 the statue of Patrick Henry was placed on its dome.

In 1891 a new court house and jail were built upon this site. It is still in use, but fast becoming inadequate for the needs of the great developments of Monongalia county.

—Send in Pictures—

Announces for Court

P. C. "Pete" Dingess has filed for Democratic nomination for the Logan county court. The well known public official is now serving his 10th year as member of the school board.

—Send in Pictures—

Former Commissioner Dies

William A. Morgan, 76, one-time member of the Wetzel county court, died Feb. 6.

The Greeks Had A Word for It

Without further comment we pass on the following paper, recorded in a Miscellaneous Record book in Boone county. For unusually obvious reasons, all names are omitted. The paper was substantiated by a notary certificate:

December _____
In regard to our trouble _____ and _____, his wife, I _____, make these statements and make affidavit to the following:

That I had no section intercourse with _____ (the man which our trouble was over) and he dont know I am a woman or a man only by outside appearance and also will not speak to the said _____ during life.

Signed: _____

—Send in Pictures—

RYE IN RHYME

The horse and mule live thirty years

And nothing know of wines and beers,

The goat and sheep at thirty die
And never taste of Scotch and rye.

The cow drinks water by the ton
And at eighteen is mostly done.
The dog at fifteen cashes in

Without the aid of rum and gin.
The cat in milk and water soaks
And then in twelve short years it croaks.

The modest, sober, bone dry hen
Lays eggs for nogs then dies at ten.

All animals are strictly dry
They sinless live and swiftly die.

But sinful, ginful, rumsoaked men
Survive for three score years and ten.

And some of us, tho mighty few
Stay pickled 'til we're ninety-two.

—From Oil Weekly.

—Send in Pictures—

Wehrle Is Back

Paul Wehrle, clerk of the Kanawha county court, was able to return to his office around Feb. 1 after a three-weeks illness.

HANDSOME OFFICER



The handsome young officer pictured above is Deputy Sheriff S. B. Noe of Wayne county. For the past two years he has been chief field deputy. All deputies in the Wayne county sheriff's office are uniformed.

Don't Blame Him!

Lawyer—Now, sir, did you, or did you not, on the date in question or at any other time, previously or subsequently, say or even intimate to the defendant or anyone else, alone or with anyone, whether a friend or mere acquaintance, or, in fact, a stranger, that the statement imputed to you, whether just or unjust, and denied by the plaintiff was a matter of no moment or otherwise? Answer me, yes or no.

Witness—Yes or no what?

—Send in Some News—

Commissioner Ill

Dr. William J. Melvin, member of the Board of County Commissioners of Jefferson county, has been ill for several weeks, and is a patient in the Charles Town hospital.

Sometimes It Pays

An old man was found dead in an alley and no one appeared able to identify him. The body was removed to a morgue. A day or two later a young man called at the morgue, looked at the body and sorrowfully remarked that the dead man was his father. He directed the undertaker to prepare for an appropriate funeral. The old man's lower jaw was held in place by a strap that reached over top of his head. As the young man started to leave the morgue the undertaker removed the strap and the old man's jaw dropped down again. The young man looked around again.

"Why, that's not my father," he exclaimed. "This man has gold teeth. My father had no gold teeth. Cancel the arrangements for the funeral."

And the young man walked out. After he had left the room, the undertaker slammed the old man's jaws together. "You old fool," he said, "if you had kept your mouth shut you would have had a decent funeral."

It pays sometimes to keep your mouth shut.

—Send in Some News—

COUNTY LEASES LARGE BUILDING

The Freeman building, a large concrete block structure at Speedway and Winfield street, East Fairmont, unoccupied for the last five years, soon will be teeming with activity.

The building, which fronts 60 feet on the Speedway and 50 feet on Winfield street and is three stories high, was built at the time the brass plant was being constructed. It was intended as a recreation hall.

For a time the building was occupied, but when the brass plant was closed the large building soon was empty and was closed up by the owners. Recently, a lease was obtained on the building by the Marion county court, and the first of the year the large structure was taken over for county purposes.

Here's Some More Unique Spelling

Logan Deputy Sends Humorous Letters to NewsTeller

On successive days Glen Jackson, Logan county deputy clerk, got his fill of unique spelling, as per letters reproduced below:

"January the 15 1940
"to the County Cleark of Logen County

Dear Sur Pleas send me the Reckerd of my marrige to _____

As i am Puting in a ap- placation for the old age Penchion Pleas send at once"

And the other one is as follows:
"1-16-1940

"Dear Sire What Will my Mar- rige Setefy better name a Mar- rige destiffet cost me to seCure it So i Will Send you the Money for it an pleas send it at once i need it Very Bad My Nam iS _____ i SeCurd My Marrige LiCens thair Septemper 1917 Married to _____ My hubanm from _____"

—Send in Pictures—

DAVIS-DINGESS MARRIAGE VOWS

Miss Yantus Dingess became the bride of Robert H. Davis at ceremonies held in the First Baptist church at Logan Feb. 24.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Dingess, her father being a member of the county school board and an avowed candidate for county court. The bridegroom is in the engineering department of the Appalachian Electric Power company.

—Send in Some News—

Poe Reelected

Harvey A. Poe has been re- elected president of the Taylor county court for 1940. He has served four years at this post. Mr. Poe is a Baltimore & Ohio boiler- maker by trade.

COL. MORGAN & WIFE---



Pictured above are "Colonel" and Mrs. Virgil L. Morgan of Wyoming county. The Colonel, who made such a hit at the 1939 convention at Morgantown, is a commissioner of the Wyoming county court.

AND THEIR SON



Gene Morgan, whose smiling face is seen above, is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Morgan.

FREAK BEQUESTS

The first will on record—un- earthed some time ago in Egypt —was drawn up about 2550 B. C.

A California woman recently left her twenty thousand dollar estate to her horse. The officials in charge of estate duty tried in vain to collect something—but no California tax law could be found applying to a horse.

Wills have been made out on pebbles, oyster and other kinds of shells, gramophone records and pieces of furniture.

By deed of gift, filed in the su- perior Court of Laurens County, Georgia, one John McDaniel left all his property to "Jehovah, the Most High God." McDaniel ap- pointed his lawyers as trustees for God.

A Philadelphia woman, who died recently, left instructions for her executor to take one dollar from her estate, invest it and pay the interest on this investment to her husband, "as evidence of my estimate of his worth." Another Philadelphia lady went one better —she bequeathed her divorced husband one dollar to buy a rope to hang himself with.

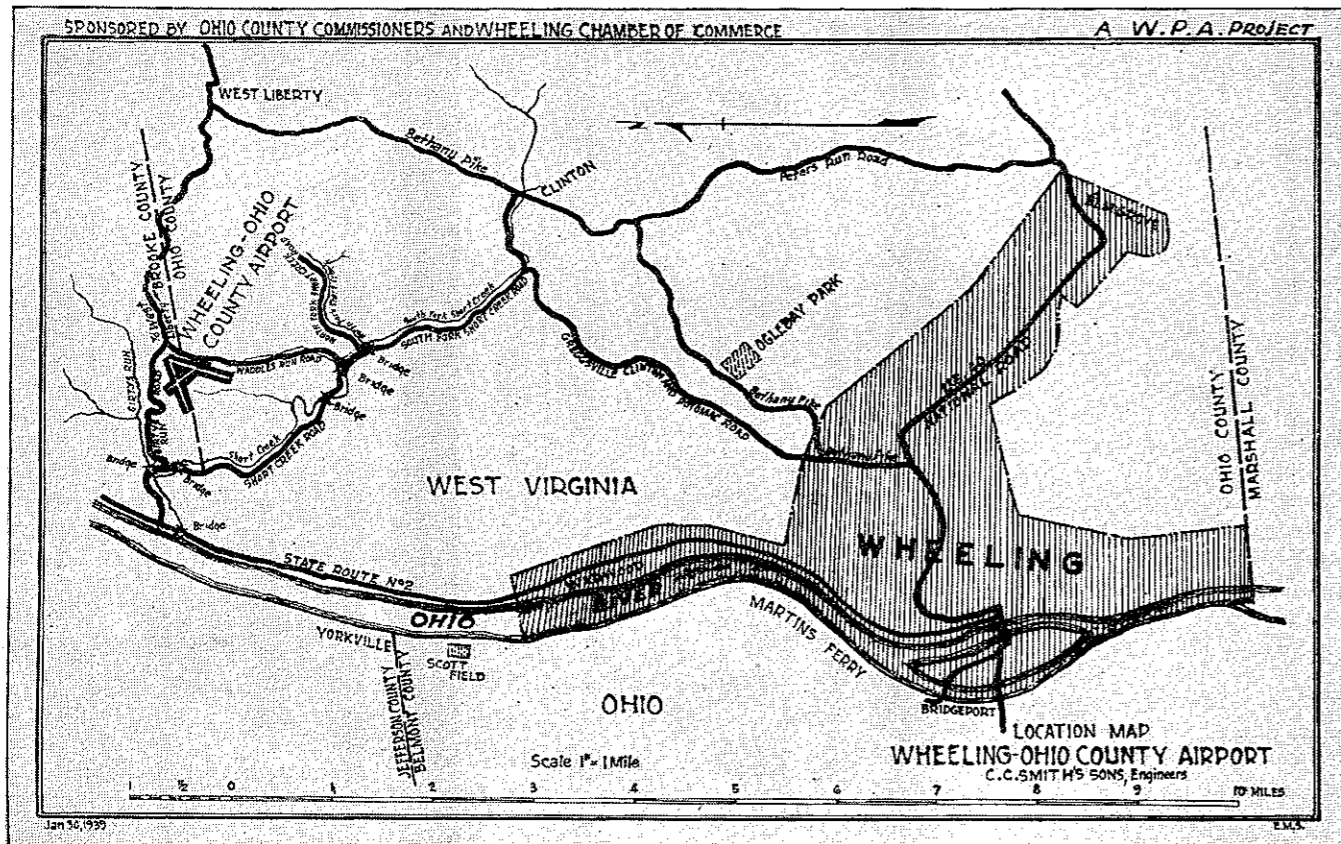
Professor J. C. Watson, who died in 1880, discovered some twenty-three small asteroids in the heavens during his researches, and left a fund to provide for con- tinued observations of his little heavenly bodies, so that they might not be lost in the confusing shuffle of astronomical discov- eries.—Fact Digest.

—Send in Some News—

Reelected

J. W. Shufflebarger, of Itmann, recently was elected to his second term as president of the Wyom- ing County Court. Mr. Shuffle- barger is also an announced can- didate for the nomination for Sheriff of Wyoming county. For many years he has been superin- tendent of the Itmann coal oper- ation of the Pocahontas Fuel Company, has been active in county political circles for years and is extremely popular through- out the county.

OHIO COUNTY'S \$2,500,000 AIRPORT TO BE ONE OF FINEST IN THE NATION



Early in the Nineteenth century men with vision foresaw the Twentieth century commerce and industry of the Ohio Valley and built the National Road from Baltimore to Wheeling. Other men of vision who followed in the next generation were more progressive and they built a railroad between these same two cities. Now early in the Twentieth century with the era of modernism and creative genius making progressive strides at phenomenal breath-taking short periods of time, the Ohio county commissioners, like many others in the nation, are in this magic stride, and with this spirit of the pioneers have launched the Wheeling-Ohio county airport, which, when finished in three years as a WPA project, and costing about \$2,500,000, will be opened as one of the nation's best equipped stops on a system of national airways.

The project, which carries the approval of the Civil Aeronautics Authority, is now one year old, having been started in January, 1939, and Runway B of the three-way "A" shaped airport will be completed this Spring. The excavation and runways will cost \$1,721,827 of which 68.4 percent is supplied by the WPA, the rest by the local sponsor, according to President Tom Gavin of the board of commissioners of Ohio county. The erection of hangars and roads and other needs may add approximately \$800,000.

To give some vague idea of the mammoth undertaking, the two large runways are 3,700 feet long. The cross bar to the "A" is also 3,200 feet long. All runways are 510 feet wide.

In cutting off the hills and filling up the valleys to get the large flat area needed for the airport

at a high altitude, it is necessary to make a total excavation of 2,969,451 cubic yards of earth, this excavated material being used for fills in ravines.

The airport is in the hills about a mile west of the Ohio river away from the fog of the stream and lower altitudes. It is about three miles from the north end of Wheeling and about seven miles from the heart of the city. It straddles the Brooke and Ohio county boundary lines.

While Wheeling Christmas shoppers were engaged in their annual shopping orgy, giant steam shovel operators at work on the airport bit their shovels into the earth and instead of the usual brown muck and white limestone, brought up something black as coal. They examined it. They cheered. They had struck diam-

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onds, black diamonds.

The county's engineer, Sydney Smith, was called to the scene. In a moment his examination showed the five foot Washington vein of coal had been struck. He went into a huddle with the Board of Commissioners, Messrs. Tom Gavin, Edward Yally and Tom Garden. The coal had to be moved. It would be a shameful waste to use it as part of the needed fill. Then why not use it for fuel? That's what it was intended for, but how to dispose of it?

Surveys were made, columns of figures added, analysis were made. Then it was announced the coal would be given to the indigent residents of the city and county. But there was more coal than the poor needed. It was estimated by the DPA officers that 25,000 tons would be plenty for needy families for two years. It was estimated 135,000 tons would be excavated of necessity for the airport runway. The board then advertised for sale 100,000 tons, the sale to be held later.

President Gavin believes the airport has unlimited possibilities. He said:

"Wheeling is the home of numerous great industrial enterprises. They include Wheeling Steel corporation, Bloch Brothers Tobacco company, Hazel-Atlas Glass company, Sterling Products, Inc., Fidelity Investment and others with chains of other factories and offices in other cities and it is essential that the home offices here be in closest passenger and commercial contact with their branches, as well as mail service. It will be an added inducement to bring other industry to the Ohio valley.

"While local industry will benefit in peace time, and the airport will be an incentive for local industry to remain here, it will be far more important to industry and to valley residents in time of war, should there ever be an invasion of the nation and warcraft aimed at Ohio valley industry."

PRESIDENT OHIO COUNTY COURT



Thomas F. Gavin

Mr. Gavin is president of the Ohio County Court, sponsors of a \$2,500,000 airport described on the opposite page.

Kanawha County Will Elect 3

First Time in History All
Three Commissioners To
Be Named

For the first time in its history big Kanawha county will elect all three members of its county court at one time this fall. Two deaths-in-office are responsible. Last summer Ben F. Watson died while serving as commissioner and Carl C. Calvert was appointed in his place. Mr. Calvert will run for the regular term.

Last month President C. A. Ray succumbed and Suey Brotherton has been named his successor. It is understood that he will also run for a regular term.

The term of J. C. Blackwood, only duly elected incumbent, expires Jan. 1. It is not known whether or not he will be a candidate for reelection.

Smith Reelected Court President

In reply to a postcard asking for county court presidents' names for 1940, County Clerk Hall Maxwell of Doddridge county sends the following interesting information:

"Your card requesting the name of the County Commissioner elected President of the County Court for the calendar year 1940, was received, and this will advise that C. O. Smith was re-elected President of the County Court for this year.

"Mr. Smith has been in politics and public office for more than eighteen years, having been first elected Clerk of the Circuit Court during the year 1922, in which capacity he served Doddridge county until December 31, 1932.

"One of the unusual circumstances occurred during Mr. Smith's term as Circuit Clerk, he often relates, which is as follows:

"During the August term of the Circuit Court in the year 1923, when the Hon. Homer B. Woods, former Supreme Court Judge, and then Judge of the 3rd Judicial Circuit, was then presiding, the grand jury was in session for four days, returned four indictments only, and on which grand jury there were four local Ministers of the Gospel.

"Mr. Smith advises me that he does not have at this time a cut, mat or photograph of which he is able to send along with this letter, but the probabilities are that he will be a candidate for the office of State Senator to represent the 12th Senatorial District of West Virginia, and if so, he promises a cut, mat or photograph as per your request."

—Send in Pictures—

Car Catches Fire

When Deputy Sheriff Ernest Hesson of Mason county recently started to drive his car away from the court house the motor caught fire. A state trooper noted the blaze, called to him and the two of them extinguished it without much damage.

Most Unusual Will Recorded

"To Hell With Olive" Writes Boy to His Mother

Dated at Perry Point, Md., March 3, 1931, one of the most unusual wills ever recorded is found in one of the Will Books in the office of Kenna Clark, Marion county clerk.

Apparently written from army barracks or from a hospital, it is reproduced in full as follows:

"Perry Point, MD
"Mar. 3. 1931.

"good Morning.

"Mother and Sister in riting you a few lines i fel- pretty good hope you bouth are well Whate i want to say is for god sake hold on to My discharge paper and My bonas paper let No one No Matter who May ask for it have it, if i Never get home a live you tare the envelope open this is yours. all i ask of you is give me a decent berrail dont do like Uncle Tom wife did him

"the rest of the Money is yours dont you ever give Olive one sent of it No Matter what befalls her. Not even a pair of old Socks to remember me by to hell with her the way she's treated me if you need any witness for this bonas paper, Jinnie dodd brother Mich-olas hattie and sister berth, and poor old dad if he was living now it was Made to you Mother dont let No one persuade you to draw any on it let it go and get all in one bunch My poor broken finn- gures will show on the paper

"at Washington on the docket it belong to My Mother, the same as i had on My insurance paper in tine of war i still say for god sake hold on to My bonas paper if you go away take them with you for fear some of the dan hillbeys break in and get them it is you always remember this Mother if they try to get it you get C_____ h_____ and his dad to look after it for you see them and if they think best to put this letter on record you have them do so if they think it best

'OLD FAITHFUL'



Lem Jarrell

The above snapshot pictures the new President of the Boone county court, Mr. Lem Jarrell, who earns his bread and meat as a blacksmith and is described as one of the "Old Faithful" of the county.

dont let any one have this

"letter put with my discharge and bonas paper. im having a good frend of mine here to take this out and mail it for me so they wont read it for Mother they read all letters go out from here so there is a boy leaving today and he my friend and is taking this for me, and when you write don't mention any thing was in it Mother, for god Sake remember do as i am telling you blod is thicker then water Mother

"good by by
"to Mother and Sis
"F_____ B_____ "

—Send in Some News—

Prisoners Help Sheriff

Sheriff Carl Roth of Kingwood was taking three prisoners from jail to the court room on Jan. 31. En route he fell and broke one of his legs. Rejecting the opportunity to escape, the prisoners helped him up and carried him into the building, where they summoned aid.

Ohio Marriage Licenses Jump

Marietta Has Big Increase After New W. Va. Law Passes

Marriage licenses issued in Marietta, Ohio, took a big jump after last May 25, when a new West Virginia law went into effect requiring all applicants to submit to physical examinations.

Records at the Washington county marriage license bureau in Marietta reveals that 513 licenses were issued during 1939, and of this number 384 were granted from May 25 to December 31, in comparison to only 248 for the same period in 1938. During all of 1938, the number of licenses issued at the Washington county court house totaled only 361, less than the 1939 figure from May 25 to the end of the year.

Washington county officials said the new West Virginia law "doubtless" was the cause of the sharp increase in license issuance since last May 25.

—Send in Pictures—

LOST AGAIN, FOUND AGAIN, GONE AGAIN TOLLIVER

The Pineville papers print a good one on Frank Tolliver, deputy clerk of Wyoming county:

Tolliver left his car in front of his residence in East Pineville and left the keys in the ignition lock. Some weary traveler passing by took advantage of Tolliver's oversight, or neighborliness, and stepped in. Tolliver located his car the following day near the Logan county line. Like Tolliver, the driver had parked the car and left the keys as he had found them—in the lock.

—Send in Some News—

Brother Dies

C. E. Douglass, brother of Andrew Douglass, member of the Ritchie county court, died recently at his home in Collinsville, Okla. He was 52 years old.

Man Spends Many Years at Counting Words In Bible

Interesting Statistics Are Compiled by Man in Prison

It's well known that the number of letters, words, verses, etc., contained in the Bible have been counted, but by whom, when or where, is not generally known. Treat's publication, entitled, "Curiosities of the Bible," speaks of the occurrence as being of Spanish origin, and that the Prince Granda, fearing usurpation caused the arrest of the supposed would-be usurper, and by order of the Spanish crown he was thrown into an old prison called the place of skulls, situated in Madrid, where he was confined for thirty-three years, with no other companion than the rats, mice and other vermin that frequented his dismal cell.

During his confinement he counted the letters, etc., contained in the Bible and scratched the several numbers on the stone wall with a nail. When his work was discovered he was furnished with writing utensils and ordered to make a copy of the results of his long and tedious task, and on its being completed, he finally received his liberty.

The following is a correct copy of his great work:

The Bible contains 7,566,480 letters 773,746 words, 31,173 verses, 1,195 chapters and 66 books.

The word "and" occurs 10,684 times, the word "Lord" 6,855 times and the word "Reverend" but once, which is in the ninth verse of the 111th Psalm.

The middle verse is the eighth verse of 118 Psalm. The 21st verse of the seventh chapter of Ezra contains all the letters of the alphabet except the letter J.

The finest chapter to read is the twenty-sixth chapter of the Acts of the Apostles. The most beautiful chapter is the twenty-third Psalm. The nineteenth chapter of II Kings and the

W. B. SMITH



Mr. Smith is president of the Wayne county court and is a faithful attendant at county court meetings held in his section of the state.

thirty-seventh chapter of Isaiah are alike.

The four most inspiring promises are to be found in the sixth chapter of St. John, thirty-seventh verse and fourteenth chapter, second verse, also eleventh chapter of St. Matthew, twenty-eighth verse and the thirty-seventh Psalm and the fourth verse.

The longest verse is the ninth verse, eighth chapter of Ester. The shortest verse is the thirty-fifth verse, eleventh chapter in St. John.

There are ten chapters in the book of Ester in which the words "Lord to God" do not occur.

The eighth, fifteenth, twenty-first and thirty-first verses of the 107th Psalm are alike. Each verse of the 136 Psalm end alike. The 117th Psalm contains but two verses. The 119th Psalm contains 176 verses. There are no words or names more than six syllables.

It has also been discovered by some person unknown, that in Joel, third chapter and third verse, the word "girl" occurs, and in the eighth chapter of Zachariah, fifth verse, the words

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WAS IT WORTH IT?
According to a story for which we won't vouch, a successful candidate for sheriff's office in a well-known county in the north-west submitted the following itemized list of campaign "expenditures."

Lost 1349 hours of sleep thinking about the election. Lost two front teeth and a lot of hair in a personal encounter with an opponent. Donated one beef, four goats and five sheep to county barbecues. Gave way two pairs of suspenders, four calico dresses, \$5 in cash and 15 baby rattles.

Kissed 126 babies. Put up 4 stoves. Kindled 4 fires. Shook hands with 9503 people. Walked 4967 miles. Told 10,101 lies and talked enough to make in print 1000 volumes.

Attended 16 revivals and was baptized four times by immersion and twice by other ways. Contributed \$50 to foreign missions and made love to nine widows—five grass and four sod.

Hugged 40 old maids. Got dog bit 39 times and was elected by 353 majority.

—Send in Pictures—

You Are

If you can't be a pine on the top of the hill be a shrub in the valley, but be the best little shrub by the side of the rill, be a bush if you can't be a tree. If you can't be a bush be a bit of a grass doing something for somebody's sake, if you can't be a muskie then just be a bass, but the liveliest bass in the lake. We can't all be captains, some's got to be crew. There's big work to do, and there's lesser to do but the thing we must do is the near. If you can't be a highway then just be a trail. If you can't be the sun be a star. It isn't by size that you win or you fall be the best of whatever you are.—Exchange.

"girl's" is mentioned for the only time in the whole book.

The eighth chapter of Ester, and ninth verse contains fifty-two T's. The word "snow" appears twenty-four times in the old testament.

Wants to Know About "Devorse"

Circuit Clerk Van Hunter Gets Interesting Epistle

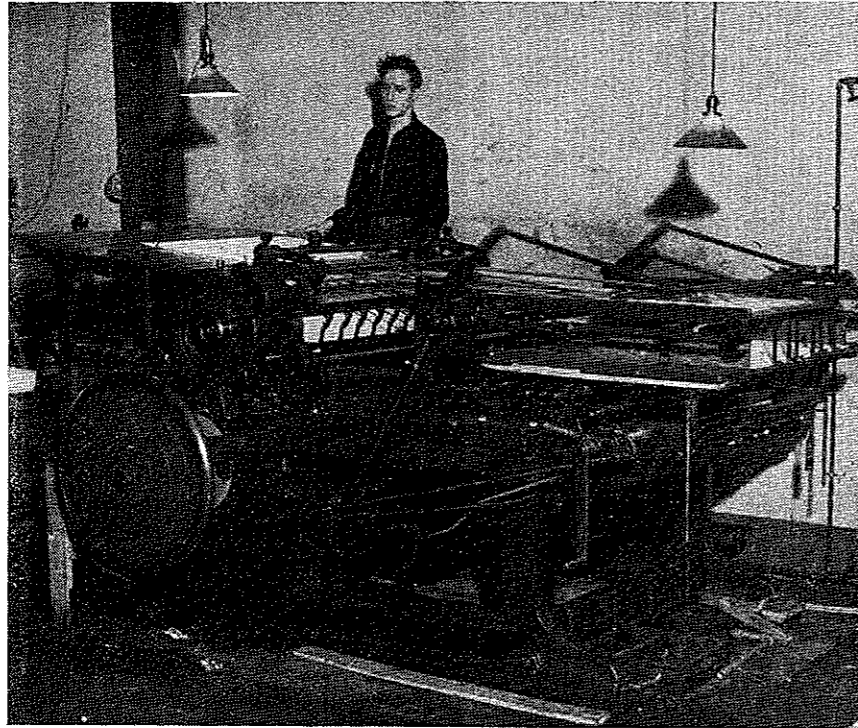
The following letter, reproduced exactly as it was written, was received recently by Van Hunter, Clerk of the Raleigh county court:

"Feb 5 1940
"Colcord—W Va—

"Dear mr Van Hunter
"I am writen to you fur a little infmasher I want to no ABout my Devorse from _____ he went to ta zewell Virgiain and got married agan with out any Dovorse from me—
What will I have to do will I have to go and sue fer my Dorves we was married in Beckley in 1924 Decmbr he first told me at he got his Devorse in Beckley and I come out their and found out from mr Kilgore and he told me to get his Devorse cobby and bring it to him will I went to toZewell court cort Hou and he diden have any Devorsen Can I Make him pay fur my Dvorse or what can I do with him for marry-in With out Devorse We ant lived togathr any since he come Back from the Pen and we hav one child and Never have Done anythig Hardy for here if you Please will you write and give me a little information ABout this he lives over at lamare in Mersey county and if you are to bessy to ancer you give this letter to mr Kilgore I went and ask _____ about what mad him do it and he said No he diden havy any Devorse and said he diden want any. You Be sure and write and tell me what to do first and how much it will cost me to get my Devorse can I sue and make him pay fer it Please ancer as soon as possiBle from _____

"the man is mr. _____, w va is where he is at now."

Printing 1940 Poll Books



Pictured above is a Miehle press used by Casto & Harris to turn out poll books, tally sheets and other larger forms for the 1940 elections. The operator is Allen Jones, native Upshur countian.

Artickle of A Greement

More Unusucl Spelling Is Unearthed in Hampshire County

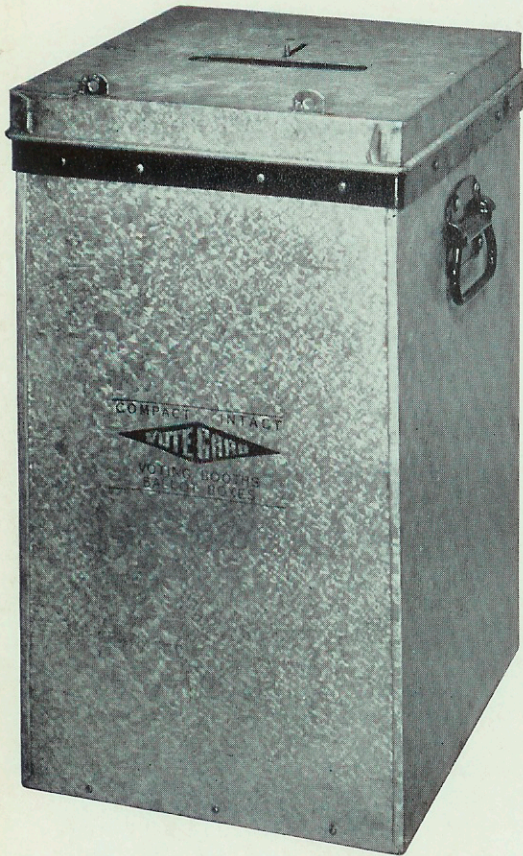
The NewsTeller has published many spelling classics but it believes that the following "Artickle of A Greement," sent in by Pauline Snyder, Hampshire county deputy clerk, is one of the most interesting. Try to count the number of misspelled words!

"April the 1 1931

"Artickle of A Greement

"this artickle of A Greement made and inter in to the 1 day of April 1931 betwen P. S. S. _____ the first Part and D. _____ L. _____ the Seckon Part durs a Gree to Pay P. S. S. _____ 250.00 for a Surten Mount of Land perpose to be 8 a kers more

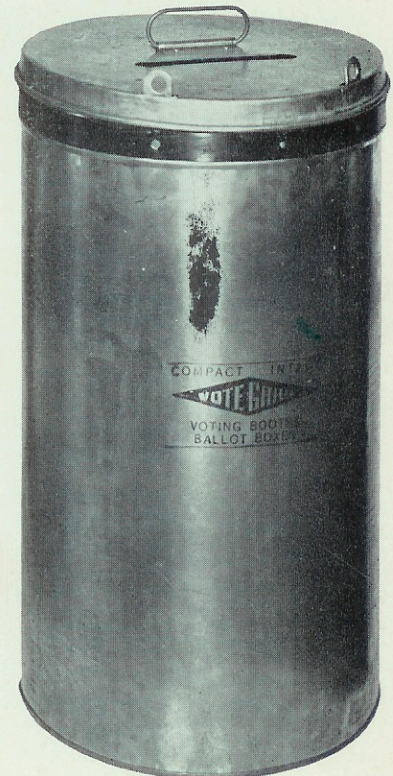
cre Less and all So duse a Gree to Pay 50 a yer and interst on Said Land and if he fail to Make his Pay Ment Said Land come back to P. S. S. _____ and all so durs a Gree to build a Good wire fense be ten me and his cleare thue on the Line the line is Mark 6 strangs beginning at a hickrey a bout half way up the hill from the Bridge a Long the Public road then to a Hickrey on the bank of the run then cross the run then to a hickrey and white oak then a duble hickrey then to a little white oak beten me and A. _____ M. _____ then out the Linse torse Arthor house beten me and him down the line then runing Long the road to the begin corner and all so durse a Gree to build a Good Small House on Said Land and thar is to be no timber cut Such as cross ties mine props ore Pup wood No timber to be taken of the Place of eny kine if eny thing Hapens me he dorse a Gree to Pay fore it in one year." (Signature Here)



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