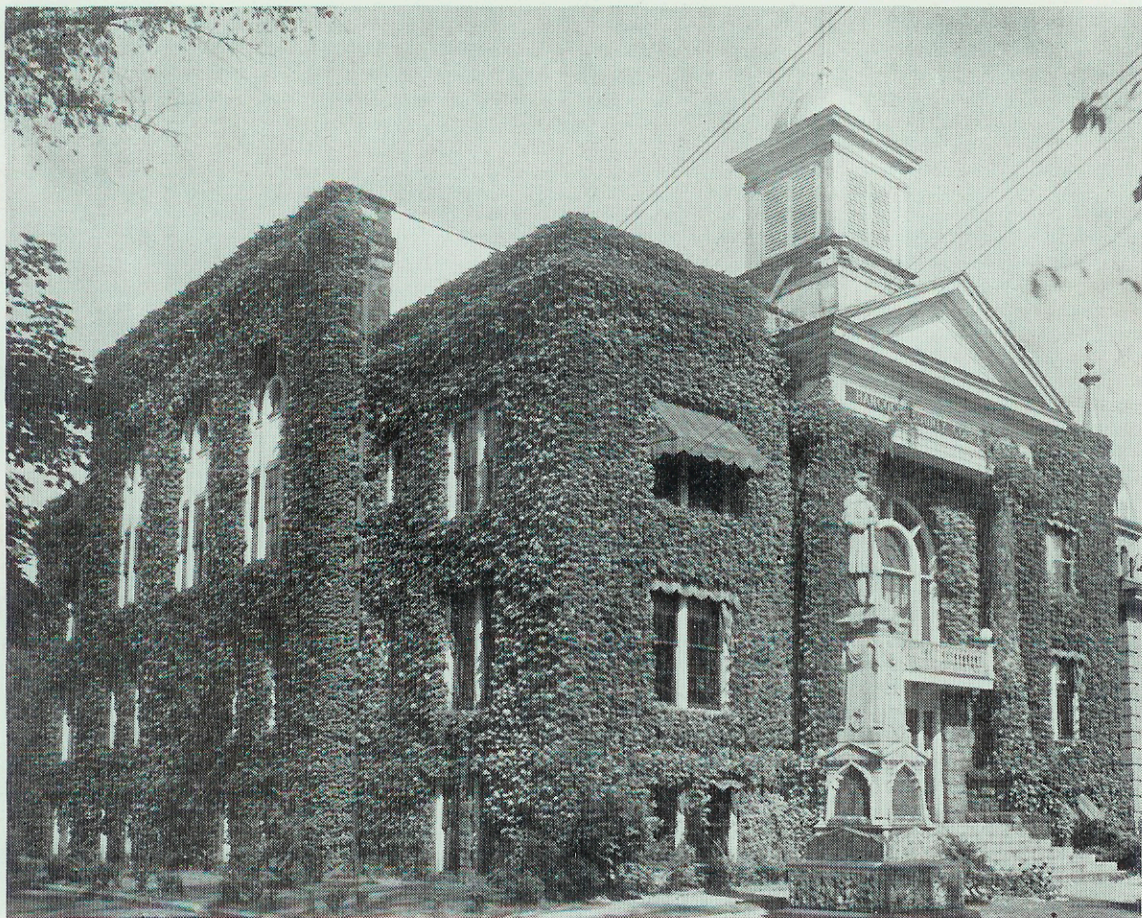


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New Cumberland, W. Va.



HANCOCK COUNTY: Created from Brooke county in 1848, named for John Hancock, first signer of the Declaration of Independence. Area: 88½ square miles (smallest in state); population (1940) 31,572. (For another beautiful view of this vine-colored building, see page 3.)

(No. 30 in a series of 55 front covers being used to present the Court Houses of West Virginia.)

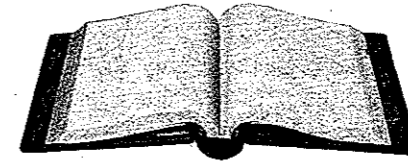
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## Assessors Have Fine Session

Every Section of State Is  
Represented at Annual  
Gathering

Every section of West Virginia was represented at the annual meeting of assessors and county commissioners held at Charleston Nov. 24-25-26. Sessions were held in the House Chamber on the second floor of the main unit of the Capitol.

Officers elected were:

Kenneth C. Hill of Hancock county heads the assessors with J. Harold Felton of Tucker county vice president, and Garland Wilkinson, chief deputy assessor of Kanawha county, reelected secretary-treasurer.

The county commissioners chose Oscar Watts of Wayne county as their new president succeeding J. F. Loving of Monongalia county. Robert Ramey of Wood county is their new vice president, and O. M. Herod of Monongalia county, secretary-treasurer.

The program was as follows:

### FIRST SESSION

Monday Afternoon, Nov. 24,  
1 p. m.

Presiding, State Tax Commissioner George P. Alderson.

Roll call of counties.

Address of Greeting, Governor M. M. Neely.

"The Relation of National and State Taxation to Local Taxes," Dr. Carl M. Frasure, West Vir-

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## FRED A. WARE KNOWS 'EM ALL!

Salesman Okey Harris is convinced that Fred Ware, clerk of the Cabell county court, knows more people and more people know him than any one man in the state.

Recently while in Huntington Messrs. Harris and Ware left the latter's office shortly after the noon hour intending to grab a bite of lunch.

They finally arrived at a restaurant only two or three blocks away, but the time was 3 p. m.! In other words, Mr. Ware spent the greater part of two hours shaking the hands of men and holding the hands of the good-looking women he met along the route.

## NEW DEPUTY

Roger C. Yeater is the new deputy clerk in the office of Archie Leo Yeater, Wetzel county circuit clerk. He succeeds Alton Jolliffe, who resigned to take the clerkship of the Wetzel board of education.

Married and with two children, Mr. Yeater is described as a "good mixer" and hard worker. For the past five years he has been case supervisor for the Wetzel DPA.

## SUFFERS STROKE

Suffering a stroke while leaving a football game recently, John Yeager, member of the Wood county court, is reported resting comfortably and well along the road to recovery.

## County Clerks To Hold Meet

Officials Will Discuss New  
Permanent Registration  
Plans

In order to better acquaint themselves with the working of the State's new permanent registration law, county clerks of West Virginia will meet at some centrally located city in the near future to make a close study of this law.

Inasmuch as this new law must be administered by the county clerks, it was thought advisable to call this general meeting. A. M. Brown, secretary of the county clerks' association, stated that the meeting would be held about the middle of January.

Formal notice of the time and place of meeting will be mailed to each clerk.

## HARRY BATSON GETS HIS BUCK

Harry Batson got the first buck deer of 1941 in Taylor county, a month in advance of the open season, merely by stepping out of the rear door of his residence on Route 50 near Pruntytown.

The ten-point buck, endeavoring to jump a wire fence on the Batson place, became entangled in the wire and broke his neck. The assessor notified County Game Protector J. W. Powell and the animal was turned over to him for distribution to state institutions.

## Assessors' Convention Notes

### Perfect Host

W. T. (Suey) Brotherton as generalissimo, toastmaster and what have you, at the luncheon in the Kanawha banquet hall Nov. 25, was somewhat frustrated when the invitation he had given the courts, assessors and deputies was accepted almost one hundred percent. Suey must, however, be accustomed to overflow meetings.

With one arm in a sling he set up more tables and carried more chairs than the best waiters the Kanawha had to offer. When he had completely filled the large banquet hall he took care of the late comers in the regular dining room.

A few of the "overflowers" who ate in the regular dining room were the most honorable Sheriff of Marshall County, Hazen Fair, Commissioners Brown and Maxwell, Assessors Buzzard and his chief office deputy, Porky. Incidentally, Porky was the life of the convention entertainment.

### Youngest?

We nominate the County Court of Berkeley County as the youngest as well as the best looking court. We appreciated their visits and always enjoy their company. The total age of Messrs. Balenger, Johnson and Bradshaw is 105 years.

### "Dirty Trick"

Fred Anderson of the Wetzel County Court played Oke Harris a dirty trick at the convention. We won't tell it, but you can get the complete story from Fred or any of the Marshall County Court. Oke says he is going to have Commissioners Frei and Snodgrass impeach him.

### Clerks at Meeting

Several of our friends, the county clerks, were present at the assessors' convention, among them being our good friends Hall Maxwell of Doddridge, Estes Stewart of Hampshire, Jake Mar-

cum of Lincoln, O. H. Carson of Boone, Moody Kincaid of Pocahontas, and E. R. Lester of Roane.

### Getting Old

Past President Chauncey Twyford of Tyler, probably the best known assessor in the state and now serving his third term, admitted to us he was getting old. We were surprised at the admission. Not a gray hair did we see, but Chauncey should know.

We nominate President C. W. Perine of Monongalia County as the best dressed assessor at the meeting.

We enjoyed the company of Lot Hall and his deputy of Lewis County, as well as Commissioners Hammer and Crawford.

President J. F. Loving of Monongalia, as usual, entertained the boys with some 100 or more new jokes. We asked his fellow Commissioners, Herod and Jamison, how long he could tell tall stories without repeating himself and they admitted he had not started repeating on them as yet.

### Lost Overcoat

While President Oscar Watts of Wayne County was busy talking to his friends, someone ran off with his overcoat. Oscar, we predict an overwhelming victory for you in Wayne next year. Anyone that can run like you did for president doesn't want to be bothered with an overcoat anyway.

### Successful

All in all, it was a great meeting. We, Gordon Depew, Russ Payne, and Oke Harris had a most enjoyable time with every one who honored us with a visit at our headquarters. At times there were so many present we, perhaps, did not get to visit with you as long as we would have liked, but there is another time coming, so let's make a date for

next year and this is your advance invitation. Let us know what you like and if it is obtainable, we will try to find it.

Everyone was glad to shake hands with A. Leeman Knight, Assessor of Harrison county. Leeman is a past president of the County Courts association. We are glad to report that Mr. Knight has practically recovered from his recent illness.

James W. Davis of Marion county seemed to be the goat of the convention, but Jim can take it and seems to enjoy the fun. He is the oldest assessor in point of service in the state.

We became very well acquainted with Cecil R. Ambrose, Assessor of Morgan county, during the convention. From all reports Cecil is doing an excellent job of assessing.

Jason Taylor, Assessor of Roane county, was in attendance and could have given some of the oldtimers a few tips on the art of finding and assessing property.

We offer our congratulations to Kenneth Hill, Assessor of Hancock County, and predict a very successful year. Anyway, anyhow, anytime The NewsTeller can be of any service to you or your excellent group, call us collect, and that goes for you too, Oscar.

### Financial Wizard

Estes Stewart, county clerk of Hampshire county, knows his way around when he comes to the city. The other evening he and several members of the court house staff were going out to dinner in Charleston when they were accosted by the Daily Mail paper boy.

"Buy a paper, Mister?" Estes asked how much. "Five cents, Sir," the boy replied. (The evening was cold and the other men were standing shivering in their shoes.) Estes started trading and after several minutes finally succeeded in making a deal where-

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## Court House Sold for Taxes?

### Yes, This Almost Happened In Cabell County Recently

They were not trying to sell the Brooklyn Bridge in Huntington a short time ago but—believe it or not—they were about to sell the court house for taxes.

Like the fellow who said they couldn't put him in jail, your first thought will be that they can't do that! But here's how it almost happened:

Recently the federal government, in conjunction with the city and county, built a flood wall and all property including that owned by city and county, was taxed to defray the expenses. Having never been required to pay taxes before, it was overlooked by the court and in due time was turned delinquent.

However, the bill was paid and Cabell county still has access to its beautiful court house.

### THE PAPER SITUATION

From all indications, there is not going to be enough pulp available to make the paper needed for normal use in 1942. According to Government forecasts, the pulp supply will be 25% less than the estimated amount required. N. A. McKenna of the O.P.M. told this to paper merchants last month.

As a result of this anticipated shortage, a committee of 10 paper merchants has been appointed to advise the O.P.M. of ways to spread the available pulp to cover normal needs without detracting from defense requirements.

Although the committee's report has not yet been made public, it's safe to presume that certain "in between" grades will be eliminated and that we will all be asked to use lighter weight papers than those to which we

## Rear View of Hancock Court House



Here is another beautiful view of the rear of the Hancock County Court House, and you can see that the entire building is vine-covered from top to bottom. Both this and the front cover picture were furnished by Don G. Stewart, Hancock county clerk.

### NEW ADDITION TO BROOKE COURT HOUSE

The new addition to the court house in Wellsburg is completed and will house the County Treasurer's office, Sheriff's and Deputy's office, Assessor's office, DPA, County Health Department, the State Police, and the jail. It is one of the most modern court house buildings in West Virginia and will be ready for occupancy within the next 30 to 60 days. More description and a picture of the building will be found in The NewsTeller at a later date.

The building was built under the supervision of the present county court. Dr. V. C. Wells, president of the court and one of Wellsburg's leading dentists, has taken special pride in the erection of this modern structure.

The garage is in the basement of the building.

### New Court Members

Hal Short of Branchland and John M. Sanford of Midkiff have been appointed by Governor Neely as new members of the Lincoln county court, succeeding C. E. Vickers and Randolph Sias, both resigned.

## Cabell Assessor Getting Results

### Explains Method of Adding Higher Valuations for New Improvements

The Cabell county's assessor office has discovered a highly efficient method of putting on its books increased property valuations due to improvements, and to locate hitherto un-assessed property, according to William M. Martin, assessor.

"For several years," he explained, "we have been receiving from the City Clerk duplicate copies of all building permits issued for new construction and remodeling of old buildings. Every year by this method we add hundreds of thousands of dollars to our tax books.

"But we discovered there was a leak somewhere and we were not getting records of all new construction. With this in mind we designed two new forms, a supply of which were furnished to all outside deputy assessors. The first form was to be filled out whenever, during the house-to-house classifying period, a new building was found, either under construction or completed. This was in addition to our building permit records, which in most cases gives us a double check.

"The second form is used in same respect but applied only to a remodeling job.

"All this may sound like a lot of red tape, but during the 1941 taxation period, in addition to the building permit cards which we already had on file, these simple little forms added to our valuations something between a quarter and a half million dollars of value. Last year was a trial period for us, and the forms used were only inexpensive mimeographed slips of paper, but their worth was so proved we had them printed this year.

"Another innovation this year is a Classification Re-check card. Whenever a taxpayer comes to our office we fill in the blanks on

### NEW SALESMAN!

Flash! Casto & Harris have a new salesman. He is one Gordon K. Depew, Jr., who made his debut into this veil of tears on Friday, Sept. 19. Mother and son did excellently from the first, but the father—well known to NewsTeller readers—is just getting back to normal.

He has also become quite adept at walking the floor in the wee small hours, and is an expert at putting those three-cornered things on the new-comer. Just ask him!

this card and refer it to the deputy assessor in that particular area. Like the other new forms, the small cost involved in the printing will be more than offset in amount of satisfaction given.

"We will be more than glad to send a small supply of these forms to anyone requesting them," concludes Assessor Martin.

### REBINDING WAYNE BOOKS

E. G. Ingraham, book binder for Casto & Harris, Inc., has just returned from Wayne, West Virginia, where he was binding a number of old and valuable records in the office of County Clerk John G. Lambert.

Incidentally, if any of the county or circuit clerks or any other county officials have books in their offices that need rebinding, backs or canvas covers to be put on, we will be glad to make you an estimate and will come to your office and do the work.

### TWINS!

Mr. and Mrs. Otis White of Winfield are the proud parents of twins. The father is county superintendent of the Putnam county schools.

(Note to Fritz Stemple, of Webster county schools: You'd better look to your laurels!)

## Wayne County Has Twelvepole Creek

Wayne county has, it is believed, the only Twelvepole Creek in the land—perhaps in the world. Everywhere you go you find Horse Creek, Coon Creek, Turkey Creek, Sand Creek, Mud Creek, and other such standard names for streams. It is said that out in the Western plains states, half of the creeks are called either Dry Creek or Hell Creek. Wayne also has a Fourpole Creek, but shares honors with Cabell county, since the stream flows through a corner of greater Huntington. Both these streams were named by George Washington during his pre-Revolutionary explorations of the Ohio river country. The names are believed to indicate width of the streams where they join the Ohio.

What odd and distinctive names do you have of streams and places in your neighborhood?

### DEPUTY GOES WITH BRIDGE COMMISSION

Carter Taylor of Cabell county, one of Fred Ware's chief office deputies, has resigned his position in that office to accept a position with the Bridge Commission.

The toll bridge which spans the Ohio River at Huntington was recently purchased by the Cabell county court and Mr. Taylor has been employed by the court to handle the business affairs. Mr. Taylor's ability, no doubt, was recognized by the court as he has been a very efficient man during the years he has served in the county clerk's office.

### Attending College

Miss Ada Ruth Bleigh, daughter of County Clerk and Mrs. J. O. Bleigh, Lewis county, is attending West Virginia Wesleyan college at Buckhannon this term.

## CLERK SUPREME COURT PRAISES CASTO & HARRIS FOR REBINDING JOB COMPLETED AT STATE CAPITOL

"Oct. 9, 1941.

"Casto & Harris, Inc.,  
"Spencer,  
"West Virginia,  
"Gentlemen:

"Please be advised that careful examination has been made of the rebinding project which you have just completed and I find that the materials furnished are the best quality and that the work has been performed in a workmanlike manner.

"The books now look like new and, no doubt, their life has been extended for many years. We are well pleased with the job.

"Thanking you for the courtesy shown throughout the project and wishing you continued success, I remain

"Cordially yours,

"B. B. Jarvis, Clerk

"State of West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals."

(Note: Casto & Harris rebound 44 books complete, made and installed 94 new canvas jackets.)

## Surveyor Uses Only Two Calls

Could you describe by metes and bounds a considerable tract of land, using only two calls? An engineer in West Virginia (then Virginia) did just that, something over a hundred years ago in what is now Cabell county. Here it is:

"Beginning at a stake just above the mouth of the second gut above the salt gum and running square across the hill to Guyandotte (river); thence down the said river to the beginning."

This description is believed to be the briefest of its kind on record, and is possible because of the fact that the land lies in a bend of the river—a tract known as the "Frying Pan" containing about 400 acres. The surveyor took his start on the river bank at the handle of the "Frying Pan," crossed over to the river on the other side of the handle, then followed the river course to the beginning.

The above description is contained in a deed by Alexander and Patsy Catlett to Martin

Moore, date of Jan. 8, 1818, recorded in Deed Book 2, Page 358, in Cabell County Clerk's office.

### Assessors Have

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ginia University.

"Method of Securing Tax Returns," Karl Sailer, assessor of Ohio county.

Remarks and announcements, C. W. Perine, President West Virginia Assessors' Association.

### SECOND SESSION

Tuesday Morning, Nov. 25,  
9:30 a. m.

"Delinquent Lands and the New Delinquent Tax Law," George Grove, Chief, Land Department, Auditor's Office.

"Exonerations and Exemptions," Howard J. Gibson, Supervisor, Assessments and Levies Division.

"Discovery and Assessment of Omitted and Under-Valued Property," Sherman Young, assessor of Clay county.

"The Obligation of Assessors to Themselves, to Their Citizens, and to the State of West Virginia," Chauncey D. Twyford,

assessor of Tyler county.

Open forum for county court members, discussion led by J. F. Loving, president, County Court Association.

### THIRD SESSION

Tuesday Afternoon, Nov. 25,  
1:30 p. m.

"Cooperation Between Assessors," C. W. Perine, President, West Virginia Assessors' Association.

"Discovering and Assessing Intangibles," Ben Carpenter, chief deputy assessor, Upshur county.

"Assessment of Inventories or Stocks of Merchandise," C. E. Gustkey, assessor of Preston county.

"My Most Difficult Problem and How I Solved It," (discussed by each new assessor.

Question Box; adjournment.  
Banquet at Ruffner Hotel  
Tuesday evening, 7:30.

### FOURTH SESSION

Wednesday Morning, Nov. 26,  
9:30 a. m.

"Maintaining Property Values Under Adverse Circumstances," J. H. Felton, assessor of Tucker county.

"Discussion of Progress on Uniformity and Equalization," Howard J. Gibson, Supervisor, Assessments and Levies Division.

District meetings of assessors and deputies, open forum.

Election of officers.

### NAMED TO BOARD

Dr. E. O. Wiseman, member of the Fayette county court and purchasing agent for that body, has been appointed as a member of the State Board of Pharmacy, it was announced recently by Governor M. M. Neely.

Born and reared in Fayetteville, Dr. Wiseman owns the Wiseman Drug Co., and at one time was president of the West Virginia Pharmaceutical association.

### ENTERTAINS GRIDDERS

Chauncey D. Twyford, Tyler county assessor, was host to Tyler's football boys and a number of friends prior to their game with Sistersville.



## BOX SCORE

Sealed bids on visible record binders for West Virginia's new Permanent Registration law were opened in Charleston Oct. 14, as follows:

Casto & Harris, Inc., Spencer, W. Va., \$68,810.76.  
Remington Rand Co., Buffalo, N. Y., \$76,630.50.  
Wilson-Jones Co., Chicago, Ill., \$83,264.01.

**FINAL SCORE:** The state purchasing agent, acting upon recommendations of a majority of the Election Commission, awarded the contract to Wilson-Jones Co.

### HAD BUSY JOB

Sheriff Matthews of Putnam county together with his chief office deputy and other assistants were very busy, on our last trip to Putnam county, making out tax tickets. The sheriff was somewhat delayed but he was more than putting his best foot forward to complete his tax tickets so that all the citizens of Putnam county would have ample time to pay their taxes before the discount period ended.

### Deputy Clerk Marries

Announcement has been made of the marriage of Miss Wilma Faye Fisher, deputy clerk of Jackson county for the past two years, to Blaine Andrew of Beeghly, instructor in vocational agriculture at Ripley high school.

The ceremony was read Oct. 19 at the Ripley United Brethren church in the presence of the immediate families and a few close friends.

They are residing at Ripley after a wedding trip to Washington and other eastern cities.

### TWYFORD VISITS

Chauncey D. Twyford, assessor of Tyler county and former President of the Assessors' association, visited at the plant of Casto & Harris recently. He was en route home from Charleston where he had assisted in preparation of the assessors' convention program. (See elsewhere in this issue.)

### MORE VOTE-GARD BUYS

Since the last NewsTeller, West Virginia counties have purchased Vote-Gard ballot boxes and voting booths for the 1942 elections, as follows:

Doddridge county, 4 ballot boxes;  
Brooke county, 12 voting booths and 6 ballot boxes;  
Raleigh county, 40 ballot boxes;  
Fayette county, 60 voting booths and 50 ballot boxes; and  
Cabell county, 150 voting booths and 75 ballot boxes.

### IN HOSPITAL

Ray F. Henderson, clerk of the Tyler county court, is a patient at the veterans' hospital, Huntington. He went there for observation and, possibly, an operation.

### 82nd Birthday

Probably J. W. Smith of Tyler county is the oldest active county commissioner in the state. He observed his 82nd birthday Nov. 6.

### R. R. TROUBLE

("Twelve Delaware and Lackawanna trains were stalled and 23 others tied up when the pantographs froze in the down or stop position."—New Item.)

The storm it came with fury  
And swept from town to town,  
It caught the Lackawanna  
With its pantographs down!  
Mrs. K. F. Gross.

## "... BUT DON'T SCRATCH DOTSON" ... THEY DON'T!

(From Brown's Permanence Magazine)

To kindle even greater interest in his several candidacies for Clerk of the District Court of Wharton County (population 36,000), Texas, it was perfectly logical that Mr. Walter Dotson should think of matches. And that is exactly what he did in his last three campaigns.

had it printed in silver ink on the back cover of the match containers.

As was to be expected, the original and striking slogan attracted much attention and made this interesting campaign aid so successful that Mr. Dotson has, as stated, used it in several elections. Its effectiveness was reinforced, of course, by the splendid service which Mr. Dotson has rendered to Wharton County.

But cards of matches are by no means new or novel in political campaigns, so Mr. Dotson, knowing that the unusual appeals and is remembered, devised the appropriate slogan, "Scratch the matches but don't scratch Dotson," and

### FATHER DIES

Addison Hite Thorne, 78, father of Frank Thorne, Wirt county clerk, died Monday, Nov. 25, following a heart attack. Funeral services were held Wednesday, Nov. 27.

County Clerk Thorne, upon hearing of his father's sudden death, also suffered a heart attack and has been confined to his home, but his improvement is reported.

### Assessors' Notes

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by he became the possessor of the newspaper for four cents.

To our knowledge, he is the only man living today who ever purchased this paper below the market price. (Note to all other County Clerks: If you are having financial difficulties, we suggest you get in touch with Mr. Stewart of Hampshire county). Thanks to Heber Parsons, a member of Mr. Stewart's court, for the story.

## New Leaders of S. E. A.



—Photo Courtesy Charleston Gazette.

Shown above are four of the five new officers of the State Education association elected Oct. 30 by the 208 official delegates to the 77th annual convention held in Charleston. Left to right are Rex Smith of Morgantown and Miss Virginia Lewis of Keyser, members of the executive committee; Miss Winifred Newman of Charleston, president, and E. S. Maclin of Montgomery, vice president. J. E. Batten of Welch, third member of the executive committee, was not present when picture was taken.

"In all things, let us take it upon ourselves to create for the world of tomorrow a better understanding among people."—Paul Garrett in Advertising and Selling.

"Salesmen, after fighting for business for ten years, scarcely can be blamed for growing a bit cocky about small orders today . . . nevertheless it is dangerous."—American Business.

"Industrial democracy will sur-

vive only if it achieves total victory and aspires to a daring future."—Fortune.

"You find courage to meet the unusual. Why not find courage to meet the usual, the everyday strain and riddle of life."—Think What You Want.

"Next to doing the right thing, the most important thing is to let the public know you are doing the right thing."—L. Rohe Walter in Sales Management.

## ATTORNEYS LOSE FREE COUNTY OFFICES

At least six lawyers in Marion, Arkansas, are looking for new offices. Recently the court house there became so crowded for office space that the county judge named a committee to consider building an annex.

Then somebody suggested that if all the lawyers who had set up rent-free offices in the court house moved, there'd be room a-plenty.

The grand jury agreed, and asked the six extra-legal tenants to leave before next March.

## DAUGHTER MARRIES

Assessor and Mrs. Jason Taylor of Roane County are announcing the marriage of their daughter, Miss Dorothy Taylor, to Harless Mahaney of Clendenin. The beautiful single ring ceremony of the Baptist faith was performed Nov. 23 at the home of the bride's parents by the Rev. Orland Reynolds.

The bride attended Spencer High School and Mr. Mahaney is a graduate of Clendenin High School.

The young couple will reside at Sissonville where he is employed by the United Carbon Co.

Following the ceremony a dinner was given in their honor. A lovely wedding cake formed the centerpiece. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Roy McCulty, Mr. and Mrs. Clair Barrickman and daughter, Connie, of Clendenin, Miss Betty Taylor, Assessor and Mrs. Taylor, and the honorees.

"Goodwill as between buyer and seller is the attitude of mind which breeds mutual respect and confidence, and makes the two more willing to do business with each other than with someone else."—Printers Ink.



## County Clerk's Staff Frolics at Party



—Photo Courtesy Charleston Gazette.

Employees of the Kanawha county clerk's office held a Hallowe'en party the night of Oct. 31 at the Kanawha hotel in Charleston. About 35 persons, including relatives and friends, attended.

Pictured above are (left to right) Cuba McClung, Richard Caverlee, Margaret Peay, Nannie Akers, Ella Goodman and Verneeda McCloud.

### County Superintendent of Schools Moves Office

The office of the Pleasants county superintendent of schools, which had been located on the second floor of the court house for a number of years, has been moved to the high school building.

Supt. L. F. Rosenlieb said this change was made to work a convenience both for his office and school authorities. The new office is located on the first floor of the building to the right of the south entrance. One large class room has been converted into three office rooms consisting of a lobby, a clerk's office and the superintendent's private office.

### "NO SALE"

Gregory Crawford, deputy clerk of the court of Cabell county, and Arch Leap, member of the county court, were out squirrel hunting the first morning the season opened and all indications were that when they arrived back at the court house they got what the little boy shot at. And much to the surprise of all those in the court house they told the truth about it.

### Attends Festival

Miss Hazel Kemp, deputy county clerk of Brooke county, Wellsburg, attended the Mountain State Forest Festival.

### Board Member Dies

Frank W. Porter, 74-year-old member of the Lewis county board of education, died last month after a brief illness. First named to the board in 1936, he served as its president for several years and in 1940 was reelected to a four-year term.

### Office Moved

The office of the Wirt county board of education has been moved from the court house to board-owned property on the high school campus.

The new building will provide adequate space for a free county textbook and teachers' library.



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# STEEL . . .

*Is As Scarce as the Proverbial "Hens' Teeth"*

However, We Still Have a Few

## VOTE-GARD BALLOT BOXES

The new permanent registration law has greatly increased the number of voting precincts in the state, making necessary the purchase of a large number of booths and ballot boxes.

Early West Virginia buyers have already exhausted our stock of more than 1,000

## VOTE-GARD VOTING BOOTHS

We are, however, scouring every manufacturing and jobbing source from Alabama to Minnesota with the hope of finding some steel. We have also made application for government priority on these essential products.

Right now we are in position to accept your order for our popular VOTE-GARD BALLOT BOXES, with or without the non-stuffable head, in either the round or square design for immediate or deferred shipment. We suggest that you buy now, for delivery at any time you suggest, so as to protect you on price and insure delivery.



## WE ALSO SUGGEST . . . .

That you place an order for VOTE-GARD VOTING BOOTHS. Orders will be filled in the order in which they are received, if and when we can get the steel.

Recent purchasers of Vote-Gard Booths and Ballot Boxes include the counties of Harrison, Doddridge, Webster, Marion, Raleigh, Fayette, Cabell, Brooke, Monongalia, Hancock, Kanawha, and Roane.

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