

SPECIAL CONVENTION EDITION
COUNTY AND CIRCUIT CLERKS' ANNUAL MEETING
WHEELING JUNE 19-20

The County
NEWSTELLER

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

OHIO COUNTY COURT HOUSE
Wheeling, W. Va.



Not only is the above picture one of the Ohio County Court House, but it is also a picture of the first capitol building of West Virginia. Wheeling was the first capitol of the state and Ohio County has been using the old state capitol building as its Court House.

A new Court House will soon replace this one.

OHIO COUNTY: Formed in 1776 from the District of West Augusta, Va., and named after the county's principal river. Area 109 square miles; population (1940) 73,162.

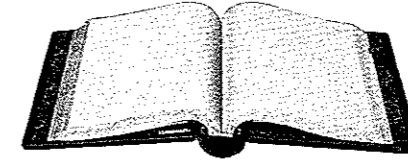
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Spayed Dog Still Female

Howard Gibson Hands Down
Expert Opinion

Probably with his tongue in his cheek, Howard Gibson, supervisor assessments and levies, of the state tax commissioner's office, wrote the following letter to a clerk of the county court in West Virginia, relative to the highly controversial question as to whether or not a spayed female dog is still a female.

In our opinion, this decision is one of the most profound and far-reaching since NRA was outlawed by the U. S. supreme court.

The letter follows:

April 30, 1941.

—, County Clerk,
—, W. Va.

"Dear Sir:

"I have your letter of April 21, 1941, desiring to know how much dog tax should be paid on a female dog that has been spayed.

"I have carefully considered this matter and have come to the conclusion that inasmuch as the statute provides for a \$1.00 tax on a male dog and a \$2.00 tax on a female dog, without any further explanation, that it would be necessary to charge a tax of \$2.00 for a spayed female, inasmuch as she is still considered a female. If you were to deduct a dollar from the tax by reason of the fact that she is spayed, then a male dog that had been castrated would not be charged with

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NOTICE

In answer to many letters I have received from various county clerks through the state wanting to know if I was going to attend their convention in Wheeling on June 19-20, I am glad to inform you through the NewsTeller that my good friend Ray F. Henderson and myself have just completed arrangements at the McLure Hotel for reservations for this convention. I cannot say at this time just what floor our rooms will be on, but you can rest assured they will not be far from the ones occupied by Okey Harris & Co. So make arrangements to go to Wheeling, it is a wonderful city and a good time is assured to all who attend the CLERKS' CONVENTION.

Chauncey D. Twyford,
Assessor Tyler County.

EX-ASSESSOR MARRIES

Announcement has been made of the marriage of Miss Marianna Barnes and Joe Steinbeck, both of Weston.

The bride is a member of one of Lewis county's pioneer families. She is a graduate of Weston high school and West Virginia Wesleyan college.

Mr. Steinbeck is a former assessor of Lewis county, having served two terms, the last ending Dec. 31, 1940. He was not a candidate for reelection. In 1936 he was elected by the largest majority ever given a Lewis county candidate for office.

Clerks Urged To See Display

New Permanent Registration
Equipment To Be On
Display

Permanent registration forms, binders and equipment—as have been adopted in many other states—will be on display at the Casto & Harris rooms in the McLure hotel June 19 and 20. Inasmuch as West Virginia will have permanent registration in effect next year, the county clerks, especially are urged to see this display.

Permanent registration experts, who have made installations in other states, will be on hand to make complete demonstrations.

As the only manufacturers of election supplies in West Virginia, the NewsTeller publishers have been making a detailed study of the new law and have also made trips to other states to become thoroughly familiar with the procedure.

Takes Poll

The Webster Echo, in conjunction with Charles Herold, Webster county clerk, is taking a poll of its readers, asking them whether or not they are in favor of daylight saving time. The ballots were being mailed to Clerk Herold.

Perfect Record For Wood Sheriff

Ex-Sheriff Hays' Records Balance to the Penny

An unusually accurate record was made by R. E. Hays while he was sheriff of Wood county, the audit of his books recently completed by the state auditor's office revealed.

Mr. Hays' records as treasurer of the county balanced to the penny over the four-year period he was in office. There was not a penny's difference either way, Mr. Campbell, the deputy auditor, reported.

Usually there is some variation over a four-year period in view of the amount of money that passes through the sheriff's hands. Mr. Hays' office staff handled \$4,000,000 during his administration.

Mrs. Freeman Kincaid was Mr. Hays' head bookkeeper, assisted by Miss Irene Kelly and C. Leonard South, chief office deputy. He took office January 1, 1937 and retired December 31, 1940, succeeded by Gordon Enoch.

THORNE-COTTLE

Announcement has been made of the marriage of Miss Neva Eloise Thorne, a daughter of Wirt County Clerk and Mrs. Frank D. Thorne of Palestine, to Mr. Lester Gilbert Cottle, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Cottle of Reedy. The wedding was solemnized in the Methodist parsonage at Belpre, O., last Jan. 24 by the Rev. H. V. McCleary.

For her wedding the bride wore an aqua sheer wool ensemble with brown accessories and a shoulder corsage of gardenias.

Mrs. Cottle, attractive and personable brunette, graduated from Wirt county high school, attended West Virginia University and later received her bachelor of arts degree from Glenville State Teachers College. She is a teacher in the Wirt county schools.

Mr. Cottle is a graduate of

RESIGNS DEPUTYSHIP



Miss Juanita Nichols, the efficient and pleasant deputy assessor of Tyler county employed by Chauncey D. Twyford, resigned her position effective May 15. Miss Nichols accepted a responsible position in the engineering department of the State Road Commission.

During the six years she served as a deputy assessor, she was very efficient in the assessor's office, and no doubt she had as neat a set of records as could be found in any assessor's office of the state.

Mr. Twyford said it would take several years to train a new deputy to take her place. Miss Nichols requested that her name be kept on the mailing list of the News-Teller as she likes to keep in contact with the county officials.

Spencer high school and attended Glenville State Teachers College. At present he is employed at the Roane County Courthouse as a supervisor of clerical work.

IN CANADA

Miss Helen Anderson, deputy circuit clerk of Putnam county, recently attended a wedding of a girl friend in Canada.

SPAYED DOG

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anything. The tax is actually levied against the dog but is to be paid by the owner and the injury is to the dog and not to the owner, and a dollar more or less would not make any difference to the dog.

"A similar parallel would be found in the case of cattle. A steer is not a bull, yet it is a male animal. Further parallels will be found in the fact that an impotent man is still considered a man and required to pay capitation taxes, and a spayed female of the human race is still considered a female and is required to pay capitation taxes in municipalities where such tax is imposed.

"Incidentally, I once owned a male dog who was a son of a spayed bitch! she having given birth to him prior to being spayed.

"Trusting this satisfactorily answers your inquiry, I am

"Yours very truly,

"Howard J. Gibson,

"Supervisor Assessments
& Levies."

RESIGNS JOB

Miss Margaret Groves, stenographer in the office of Ira Hill, Nicholas county clerk, has resigned. Miss Marguerite Amick of Runa was named to fill the vacancy.

MRS. BAKER FALLS

Mrs. J. M. Baker, wife of Tyler county's deputy sheriff, fell in her Gorrell's run home last week, seriously injuring a knee cap. Mrs. Baker was recovering from a broken leg, suffered several months ago.

SILVER ANNIVERSARY

Sheriff and Mrs. Claude Gore of Logan county recently celebrated their silver wedding anniversary with an elaborate dinner party. They received many lovely gifts.

Greetings, County and Circuit Clerks:

We, of Ohio County and Wheeling, are honored and pleased to have you hold your 1941 Annual Convention of the Association of County Clerks and Circuit Clerks of West Virginia in Wheeling. We feel sure that through your deliberation, much profit will come to the State in general and the Counties in particular. With your state-wide experience in administering the many duties pertaining to State and County Government that come under your jurisdiction, and with a more perfect understanding of the problems confronting each and every one of us, both County Officials and State Officials, with a closer cooperation in securing constructive and remedial legislation, and with your every aim and objective being for better government and better service to the people of West Virginia, we can not help but feel that much profit and good will come from this convention.

The Officials of the City of Wheeling, and the Officers of the Ohio Valley Board of Trade have co-operated with our County Officials in providing every facility for your convenience and comfort while in business session and entertainment will be provided for you between sessions, as well as for your ladies.

To you, State Officials, County Clerks, Circuit Clerks, County Court Members, and other County Officials and visitors, we extend a warm welcome and hope the Convention will be successful and profitable through your efforts. We feel certain you will enjoy your stay in this vicinity and trust by our efforts you will so enjoy yourself that you will want to come back to Wheeling again and again.

L. L. NIGHTENGALE, President and
Chairman of the Convention Committee

D. A. BURT, JR.,
President Ohio Valley Board of Trade

The Following Business Firms Will Have Headquarters at The McLure Hotel:

NATIONAL BLANK BOOK CO., Holyoke, Mass.

CASTO & HARRIS, INC., Spencer, W. Va.

JOHNSON-WATSON CO., Dayton, Ohio.

COLUMBUS BLANK BOOK CO., Columbus, Ohio.

GEO. D. BARNARD CO., St. Louis, Mo.

WILSON-JONES CO., Chicago, Ill.

ACME VISIBLE RECORDS, INC., Chicago, Ill.

COTT INDEX CO., Columbus, Ohio.

BOORUM & PEASE CO., Brooklyn, N. Y.

THE McBEE COMPANY, Athens, Ohio.

The race meet at Wheeling Downs will still be held on the 19th and 20th of June. The races start at 4 o'clock P. M. which will afford those attending the Convention an opportunity to see these races if they care to attend.

Officials of the State of West Virginia



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Secretary of State

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Superintendent of Schools

HON. R. E. TALBOTT
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HON. CLARENCE W. MEADOWS
Attorney General

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Commissioner of Agriculture

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- ALEX CYPHERS2nd Vice-President
Circuit Clerk, McDowell County, Welch, W. Va.
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- ROY LESTER4th Vice-President
County Clerk, Roane County, Spencer, W. Va.
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- CHARLOTTE CALDERWOODCounty Clerk
Brooke County, W. Va.

YOUR CONVENTION HOSTS

RAYMOND J. FALLAND Ohio County Clerk

From point of service, Mr. Falland is one of the oldest county clerks in West Virginia. Elected for the first time in 1926, he has been re-elected each six years since then.

Mr. Falland is also one of the best known county clerks in the State, always participating in the annual conventions and taking an active interest in the clerks' affairs.

He is very active in the American Legion and, during the World War, saw action in France. He was also badly wounded during the war.

Mr. Falland joins with Mr. Nightengale in urging you to attend the Wheeling convention.



L. L. NIGHTENGALE Circuit Clerk, Ohio County

As President of the County and Circuit Clerks Association, Mr. Nightengale sends you an official invitation to come to Wheeling on June 19 and 20.

As most of you know, Mr. Nightengale has always attended these Clerks' conventions and is one of the leading figures at all Clerks' meetings.

He is sparing no time or expense in making this the finest convention ever and your attendance will be greatly appreciated by him and Mr. Falland.

County Clerks

THURSDAY, JUNE 19th, 1941

PROGRAM

Morning - - - - - Registration at McLure Hotel
12th & Market Streets

10:15 A. M. - - - - - Address of Welcome by Hon. John J. Mathison,
Mayor, City of Wheeling, W. Va.

Response by - - - - - L. L. Nightengale, President,
Wheeling, W. Va.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES
RECEIVING RESOLUTIONS

12:30 P. M. - - - - - Luncheon
Courtesy Johnson-Watson Co., Dayton, Ohio.

ENTERTAINMENT

2:00 P. M. - - - - - Address by Hon. George P. Alderson,
State Tax Commissioner

2:30 P. M. - - - - - Meeting of County Clerks,
Intermediate Court Room

Reports and New Business
Appointment of Committees

4:00 P. M. - - - - - Auto trip to Wheeling and Oglebay Park

7:00 P. M. - - - - - Banquet
Courtesy Casto & Harris, Inc., Spencer, W. Va.

Address - - - - - Hon. J. H. Brennan,
Judge of the Circuit Court of Ohio County, First Judicial Circuit

ADDITIONAL ENTERTAINMENT

9:30 P. M. to 12:30 P. M. - - - - - Dance
Hotel McLure Ball Room

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NEW BUSINESS

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Clerks of the Circuit Courts of West Virginia

CLERK	COUNTY	COUNTY SEAT
Mrs. Rose Mary Zinn	Barbour	Philippi
William C. Morton	Berkeley	Martinsburg
B. L. Allen	Boone	Madison
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Haymond V. Summers	Nicholas	Summersville
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J. W. Anderson	Putnam	Winfield
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Ralph See	Randolph	Elkins
L. H. Summers	Ritchie	Harrisville
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G. J. Hughes	Summers	Hinton
F. M. Hollis, Jr.	Taylor	Grafton
Clara Rightmire	Tucker	Parsons
Donald VanCamp	Tyler	Middlebourne
O. B. Phillips	Upshur	Buckhannon
S. S. Plymale	Wayne	Wayne
G. W. Jackson	Webster	Webster Springs
Archie Leo Yeater	Wetzel	New Martinsville
Walter Hoffman	Wirt	Elizabeth
Fritz Grimm	Wood	Parkersburg
John S. Lambert	Wyoming	Pineville

Clerks of the County Courts of West Virginia

CLERK	COUNTY	COUNTY SEAT
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Hall Maxwell	Doddridge	West Union
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Don G. Stewart	Hancock	New Cumberland
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Don Ferguson	Jackson	Ripley
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J. M. Marcum	Lincoln	Hamlin
J. G. McNeely	Logan	Logan
Kenna Clark	Marion	Fairmont
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Elmer Ferrell	Mingo	Williamson
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Don S. Renn	McDowell	Welch
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Raymond J. Falland	Ohio	Wheeling
Luther H. Eye	Pendleton	Franklin
Rolla Williams	Pleasants	St. Marys
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J. J. P. O'Brien	First	Wheeling, W. Va.
James F. Shipman	Second	Moundsville, W. Va.
S. O. Prunty	Third	Harrisville, W. Va.
D. F. Turner	Fourth	Parkersburg, W. Va.
Lewis H. Miller	Fifth	Ripley, W. Va.
Carney M. Layne	Sixth	Huntington, W. Va.
C. C. Chambers	Seventh	Logan, W. Va.
Thomas H. S. Curd	Eighth	Welch, W. Va.
D. M. Easley	Ninth	Bluefield, W. Va.
W. H. File	Tenth	Beckley, W. Va.
Mark L. Jarrett	Eleventh	Lewisburg, W. Va.
H. E. Dillon, Jr.	Twelfth	Fayetteville, W. Va.
Julian F. Bouchelle	Thirteenth	Charleston, W. Va.
Jake Fisher	Fourteenth	Sutton, W. Va.
Homer Strosnider	Fifteenth	Clarksburg, W. Va.
Frank C. Haymond	Sixteenth	Fairmont, W. Va.
Minter L. Wilson	Seventeenth	Morgantown, W. Va.
A. G. Hughes	Eighteenth	Kingwood, W. Va.
Herbert W. Dent	Nineteenth	Grafton, W. Va.
John F. Brown	Twentieth	Elkins, W. Va.
Robert McV. Drane	Twenty-first	Piedmont, W. Va.
Harlan M. Calhoun	Twenty-second	Moorefield, W. Va.
Decatur H. Rodgers	Twenty-third	Martinsburg, W. Va.
Charles W. Ferguson	Twenty-fourth	Wayne, W. Va.

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Ben Moore	Common Pleas	Charleston, W. Va.
D. Jackson Savage	Intermediate	Charleston, W. Va.
Charles E. Miller	Criminal	Fairmont, W. Va.
John M. McGrath	Criminal	Princeton, W. Va.
E. C. Marshall	Criminal	Welch, W. Va.
William B. Casey	Intermediate	Wheeling, W. Va.
Clay S. Crouse	Criminal	Beckley, W. Va.

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E. A. Crawford

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Charles W. Cale
Jesse DeBerry
Vincent Howell
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J. F. Robinson
Ed Miller, Jr.
Walter Hovatter

TYLER COUNTY

Harvey Lawson
John W. Smith
C. S. Sutton

UPSHUR COUNTY

Ira V. Rexroad
Paul Poundstone
Willis Norvell

WAYNE COUNTY

J. C. Wilson
W. B. Smith
Oscar Watts

WEBSTER COUNTY

J. W. Mills
D. W. Cutlip
C. L. Hines

WETZEL COUNTY

W. F. Anderson
E. W. Frei
W. B. Snodgrass

WIRT COUNTY

W. D. Smith
Willie Morehead
C. A. Daniell

WOOD COUNTY

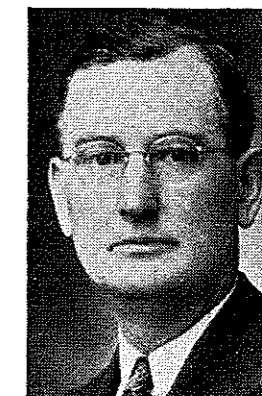
J. B. Yeager
Robert D. Ramey
N. B. Biddle

WYOMING COUNTY

Murvian Walker
John W. Shufflebargen
Virgil L. Morgan

Immediate Past President

A. R. MARTIN
County Clerk of
Monongalia County
Morgantown, W. Va.



As the immediate past President of the Clerks' Association, Mr. Martin is taking an active interest in making the 1941 session the best ever.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin attend every convention and are active in making each convention a business and social success.

Mr. Martin's experience as a County Clerk over a period of years enables him to speak with authority on all of the problems faced by the Clerks and he will participate in the business sessions at Wheeling.

Secretary of the Association

A. M. BROWN
County Clerk of
Putnam County
Winfield, W. Va.



Although he is now serving his second term as Clerk of the Putnam County Court, A. M. Brown is one of the youngest county officials in the State.

He has been Secretary of the Association for many years and the chances are he will be elected and re-elected every year as long as he will accept this position.

"Brownie" will be on hand at Wheeling and joins with the rest of the officials in urging a good attendance.

Brief History of The Association

By A. M. Brown, Secretary
(Clerk Putnam County Court)

The first County Clerks' meeting as an Association was in the City of Clarksburg, on the invitation of Charles P. Furbee, County Clerk, which said meeting was on June 20-21, 1934, at which time Mr. Furbee was elected as the first president of said Association.

The second meeting was held in the City of Princeton on June 20-21, 1935, at which time the Circuit Clerks were invited to join the Association and the name adopted was the County and Circuit Clerks Association of West Virginia. At this meeting Mr. Lowery G. Bowling, the County Clerk of Mercer County, was elected as the President.

The third meeting was held in the City of Huntington on Aug. 13-14, 1936, at which time was about an equal number of Circuit and County Clerks present. At this meeting Mr. Fred A. Ware, Cabell County Clerk, was named as the President of said Association.

The fourth meeting was held in the Chancellor Hotel in the City of Parkersburg, Sept. 9-10, 1937. At this meeting the annual fee was set at \$2.50 per year. Mr. Earl Wolfe, Jr., the County Clerk of Wood County, was elected as the President of said Association.

The fifth meeting was held at the Hotel Ruffner in the City of Charleston, on June 9-10, 1938. At this meeting Mr. M. H. Hix, Circuit Clerk of Kanawha County was elected as the President of said Association.

The sixth meeting was held in the Hotel Morgan in the City of Morgantown on June 8-9, 1939. At this meeting Mr. A. R. Martin, County Clerk of Monongalia County, was elected as the President of said Association.

The seventh meeting was held in the Hotel Beckley, in the City of Beckley on June 6-7, 1940, and at this meeting Mr. L. L. Nightengale, the Circuit Clerk of Ohio County, was elected the President for the convention which is to be held in the City of Wheeling, June 19-20, 1941.

Thanks from the Officers of the County and Circuit Clerks' Association to Casto & Harris, Inc., of Spencer, W. Va., for compiling and printing this Souvenir Program.

Menu for the Banquet

Fresh Iced Cantaloupe

Olives

Celery

Cold Consomme

Fried Half Chicken with Shoe String Potatoes

Fresh Lima Beans and Asparagus Tips

Chef's Salad

Fresh Strawberry Sundae with Cookie

Assorted Rolls

COFFEE

If any errors or omissions appear in this program the Association assures you they were unintentional, as every effort was made to check and re-check all names listed.

IN MEMORIAM

Deceased Former Members of The
Association Which Was Organized
In June, 1933

COUNTY CLERKS

Chas. P. Furbee - - Harrison County
O. E. Reed - - - - Clay County
Charles A. Johnson - Jefferson County
S. L. Brown - - Pocahontas County

CIRCUIT CLERKS

Roscoe D. Zinn - - Barbour County
G. N. Wilson - - - Barbour County
Okey Ellison - - - Jackson County
Virgil A. Cook - - Wyoming County

To Be Expected At Convention

(By one who has lived through
many of them.)

Besides the important business sessions held each year at the County & Circuit Clerks' convention, there's a lot of fun and good-fellowship for everyone. Judging from the past, here are a few of the highlights which we feel sure will come to pass:

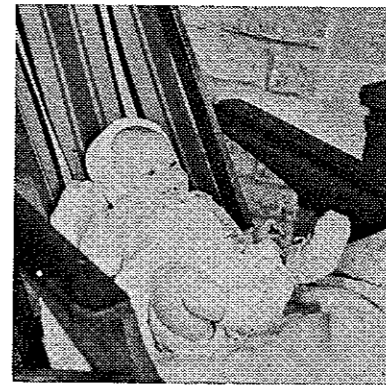
Preston county's eight-man county court 100 percent present and having the time of their lives . . . Barbour County Clerk Waitman Corder taking it all in but having little to say . . . Colonel Virgil L. Morgan, Wyoming county commissioner, entertaining a score or more by describing his trip from Pineville to Wheeling.

Assessor Chauncey D. Twyford of Tyler county, who couldn't be dragged away from this annual affair by a team of horses . . . accompanied by Tyler County Clerk Ray Henderson, who keeps Chauncey in line...Frank Thorne, Wirt county clerk who talks like he's mad all the time, but who is really enjoying himself to the utmost . . . and with him Circuit Clerk Walter "Patrick Henry" Hoffman, who would rather talk than eat . . .

M. C. "Cliff" Blake of Cabell county, who personally sees to it that everyone has a good time . . . Mrs. A. R. Martin, wife of the Monongalia county clerk, seeing that the ladies have their entertainment too . . . Don Renn, McDowell county clerk just sittin' and grinnin' . . . Don Ferguson, tallest county clerk in the state, telling how his purebred Irish Setter puppy down on his Jackson county farm is the finest specimen in the whole country . . .

C. & H. Salesman Gordon Depew still acting as door-keeper . . . Mrs. Pearl Poteet, Kanawha county chief deputy clerk, her usual charming self . . . L. L. Nightengale, co-host of this year's convention, showing the guests around his circuit clerk's

NEW YEAR'S GIFT



Dorothy Carter Taylor

This picture of Miss Taylor was taken when she was four months old. She was born at 12:01 a. m., New Year's Day and probably was one of the first New Year's babies of 1941.

Her Daddy, H. C. Taylor, Jr., is deputy county clerk of Cabell county and her grand-daddy is sheriff of Cabell county.

office in Wheeling . . . Frank King, Preston county clerk, telling that beaut of a yarn of the "switch-back" railroad that runs into Kingwood . . . Malcolm H. Hix, Kanawha county's hard-working circuit clerk, shaking hands with his many friends from all over the state . . .

Charlie Herold, Webster county clerk, telling some tall fish tales . . . Alex Cyphers, McDowell circuit clerk, just listening in but having a good time . . . Roy Lester, Roane county's cigar smoking county clerk, playing dumb so that he can tell that "rest room" story on himself and the "ulcerated stomach" story on Okey Harris . . . John Lynch, of Hall & McChesney, Inc., Syracuse, N. Y., mixing and acting as if he'd been a native West Virginian all his life . . . Cabell County Clerk Fred Ware, his eyes snapping as he tells a snappy one.

Ira Hill, Nicholas county clerk, campaigning for the next convention to be held at Summersville . . . Doddridge County Clerk Hall Maxwell, and his yarn about being in the cavalry during World War I . . . or about his first trip

to New York City . . . Earl Wolfe, Jr., Wood county clerk, wanting to go home before the show's over . . .

Ace Hall, another Hall & McChesney representative, sneaking away for a round of golf . . . Probably a foursome with Okey Harris, Pleasants County Clerk Rolla Williams, and Hancock County Clerk Don G. Stewart . . . Miller Brown, almost as tall as Don Ferguson (see above) rounding the boys up for the next business session . . . John Caplinger, county clerk of Randolph county, who drove all the way from Elkins to be in on the meetings and fun . . . Kanawha County Clerk Paul Wehrle renewing acquaintances from all points north, south, east and west . . . Eddie Clement, Kanawha deputy, who is easily the best man dancer at these annual shindigs . . .

Miss Charlotte Calderwood, Brooke county clerk, who is one of the hostesses assisting Clerks Nightengale and Falland . . . Martha Smith, smiling deputy from the Wayne county clerk's office, who never misses a convention . . . Les Thacker and Jake Marcum, Lincoln county's circuit and county clerks, respectively, very much on hand . . . H. R. Beckelheimer, Fayette county clerk, and Carl Calvert, Kanawha county commissioner, talking over the days when they played football together . . .

J. Randall Crow, Marshall county clerk, also very much on hand as one of the host clerks . . . Harry Anderson, snappily-dressed Raleigh county clerk, flying around like he's trying to catch a train. . . .

Ex-Sheriff Dies

R. H. Dickerson, 75, who was elected sheriff of Fayette county in 1908, died at Charlottesville, Va., recently.

Commencement Speaker

Ernest L. Moon, clerk of the Tucker county court, was principal speaker at a joint commencement program held at the Pifer Mountain church, Tucker county.

FOX HUNT IS REVERSED AS PURSURER BECOMES PURSUED

(From Tyler County Journal)

Fox hunts in reverse—that's what George Ott Knowlton, Friendly oilwell pumper and Spanish-American war veteran reports.

While pumping the wells of his lease in Devil Hole, Tyler county, last week, Mr. Knowlton heard a fox yelping on Andrews Knob, nearby. Accompanied Saturday evening by his son, Oscar, he went to the fox's haunts, built up a comfortable fire and turned Billdad, his bull hound, loose. Soon the hound picked up the trail and went plunging towards the den in Devil Hole.

Suddenly, the melody ceased. Angry barks and snarls emerged. As the battle raged, Oscar remarked to his father, "Dad, I believe he has found a wild cat." With that remark, the tables changed—the pursuer became the pursued and the chase, punctuated by the plaintive yelping of Billdad and the vicious snarls of the pursuer, was on again—straight toward the campfire. Billdad was ahead and a grizzled old fox, reddish grey, nipping at the receding tail, was bringing up the rear. They didn't use a strategic circle or back track—just a bee-line. Billdad pulled up trembling between his master's legs while the fox put on the brakes ten feet away.

Billdad whimpered and the angry fox circled the fire and snarled. When it showed no disposition to raise the siege, Mr. Knowlton hurled a blazing pine knot toward its flaming green eyes. This unexpected attack was too much—he lifted his brushy tail and sailed toward the home den and protection.

"Last night" says Mr. Knowlton, "I tried the chase again with the same results. Billdad started and Sir Reynard finished. I have served on sentry duty in Hindanee while in the Phillipines, but never did see angrier man or brute than that fox when it circles the campfire."

From Readers:

Clerk's Office
COUNTY COURT OF
BARBOUR COUNTY
Waitman D. Corder, Clerk
Philippi, West Virginia

May 20th, 1941.

"The County NewsTeller,
"Casto & Harris, Inc.,
"Spencer, W. Va.
"Gentlemen:

"I have just recorded a judgment rendered by Luke Boyles, Justice of the Peace of Philippi District, Barbour County, West Virginia in favor of the Trustees of the First National Bank of Philippi against T. J. Delauder and Mamie Delauder, with the following notation inscribed thereon:

"After making inquiry at their home by A. C. Simon, C. B. C., both parties are dead, no service, not found, location unknown."

"I thought, perhaps, this might be of interest to you as an item for your NewsTeller.

"Sincerely yours,

"F. E. Christopher,
"Deputy County Clerk."

REJECT LEVY

Voters of Wayne county, at a special election held May 22, rejected the proposed extra tax for school improvements by a majority of five to one.

SHERIFF RECOVERING

Foster F. Morris, sheriff of Jackson county, has recovered from an attack of appendicitis. It was an acute attack and an emergency operation was performed, but he is now out of danger.

Wirt Assessor Is Active

J. N. Collums, assessor of Wirt county, left no stone unturned in making assessments for 1941. He had printed the following notice and sent it to all taxpayers in the county:

"A representative of the Wirt County Assessor has called for the purpose of assisting you in making your tax return for the current year. There being no person at your residence qualified to list your property a copy of S. T. C. O. Form Number One has been left for you to fill in. Please fill in such of the spaces as apply to you and mail same to J. N. Collums, Assessor, Wirt County, Elizabeth, W. Va.

"May I call your attention to Sec. 10, Chap. 37, Acts of Reg. Session 1933, which reads: 'If any person whose duty it is by law to list any real estate or personal property for taxation, shall refuse to furnish a proper list thereof, or refuse to furnish a list within the time required by law, or to make such oath as required by this chapter; or if any person refuse to answer untruly any question asked him by the assessor, or fail or refuse to deliver any statement required by law, he shall forfeit not less than twenty-five nor more than one hundred dollars, and shall be denied all remedy provided by law for the correction of any assessment made by the assessor.'

"In case you find it convenient to call at my office I will be glad to take your assessment and in that case you may ignore this notice.

"If at any time, this office can be of service to you; feel free to call on us.

"Very truly yours,
J. N. COLLUMS, Assessor.

HAD PNEUMONIA

Sheriff "Jake" Hines of Webster county has completely recovered from an attack of pneumonia.

WHERE GOOD FELLOWS GET TOGETHER

ROOMS 626 and 628, McLure Hotel, Wheeling, June 19 and 20

As usual, Casto & Harris will hold "open house" at the County & Circuit Clerks' Convention to be held at Wheeling June 19 and 20.

All county and school officials—and especially the county and circuit clerks, their deputies and friends—are invited to come to our headquarters at rooms 626 and 628 in the McLure Hotel. We hope and expect that many county commissioners will attend this convention and they, too, are cordially invited to be our guests.

Of course we will not bother you with a sales talk—indeed no attempt will be made to make a sale of any kind. Our products will be on display in another room and whether you view them or not is strictly up to you.

But good fellowship will be the order of the day and we'll be there to do our share to make this the greatest convention in the association's history.

We'll be looking for you!

Okey R. Harris,
Clay Miller,
Gordon K. Depew,
Russell Payne,
John B. Lynch, representing Hall & McChesney,
W. S. O'Brien, representing National Blank Book
Company,
John J. Kahl, representing the Haloid (Recti-
graph Photocopy Machine) Co.

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