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That wedge-like cleave the desert airs,



BECKLEY'S EARLIEST HISTORY.—(Continued from page 831) of the Board of Property and of the Supreme Executive Council of Pennsylvania and of the Pennsylvania Convention which ratified the Federal Constitution. Stanard's Colonial Register, p. 201.

REFERENCE TO AUTHORITIES FOR LINE OF DESCENT. 1). Certified Copy "American Families of Historic Lineage" page 81. 2). "Historical Families of America", Shields Family, page 71 and chart. 3). Ibid, pp. 76, 81. Egle's "Pennsylvania Genealogies" page 551. Edition 1896. 4). Egle's "Pennsylvania Genealogies, page 551 "Historic Families of America" page 81 and chart. 5). "Historical Families of America" chart; Egle's "Pennsylvania Genealogies" pp. 543, 547. 6). "Historic Families of America, p. 78 and chart; Egle's "Pennsylvania Genealogies" pp. 478, 479, 541, 542.

"Dr. William Foushee was the first mayor of Richmond, but John Beckley was elected mayor in 1788. Attached is a sheet with the several brief references on Beckley to be found in Christian's history of Richmond. He also served as mayor in 1783 right after Foushee, when James Buchanan—the elected mayor—declined to serve."

"RICHMOND, HER PAST AND PRESENT, by W. Asbury Christian. Richmond: 1912, p. 22, "Under this charter the first city election was held at Henrico Courthouse Tuesday, July 2, 1782. Turner Southall and Gabriel Galt were appointed to supervise and count the ballots. The following citizens were elected: Isaac Younghusband, William Hay, James Hunter, Robert Mitchell, William Foushee, Richard Adams, James Buchanan, Samuel Scherer, Robert Boyd, Jacqueslin Ambler, John Beckley, Robert Mitchell, and James Hunter Aldermen, which left as councilmen Younghusband, Adams, Buchanan, Scherer, Boyd, and McKeand."

p. 32-33, "But the greatest convention ever held in the State was that which met in Richmond June 2, 1788, to consider the question of ratifying the Constitution of the United States as prepared by the Convention of Philadelphia. All depended upon Virginia, for if she refused to ratify it, it would not stand. The convention was called to order in the State House. Edmund Pendleton was unanimously elected president and John Beckley secretary."

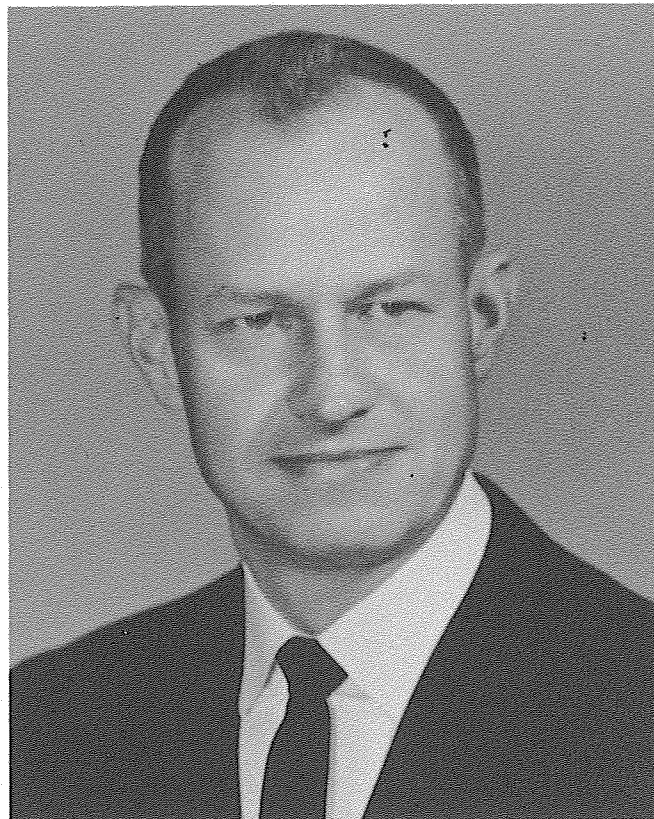
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Mr. Maurice "Marty" Selden

MAURICE MARTY SELDEN of 207 Mercer Street was born June 20, 1920 at Baltimore, Maryland. He is the son of Samuel (a storekeeper) and Mary Selden. He married Hannah Hochman daughter of Tillie and Morris Hochman of Beckley. He is a high school graduate and attended Baltimore City College. He is Jewish and belongs to the Elks Club, Moose, Y.M.C.A. and B'nai B'rith Social Fraternity. Mr. and Mrs. Selden have two daughters and one son: Sheila Jane, 14, Stanley, 12, and Brenda, 8. Mr. Selden worked for Glenn L. Martin in 1941 at Essex, Maryland as instrument technician. He moved to Beckley, W. Va. in 1948 and worked for Capital Home Furnishings, 116 Williams Street until 1951; then opened Quality Home Furnishings, 301 Prince Street. It later became Marty's after 1962 and he relocated at 102 South Heber Street as Marty's, Inc. On March 15, 1967 he purchased the buildings and warehouse known as Beckley Hardware and Supply Company at the foot of Main and Heber Streets. Marty deals in furniture, television and appliances. He represents such lines as American of Martinsville, Lane, Bassett Industries, Diamond Brothers, Selrite, Louisville Chair, Western-Stickney, Simmons, Bunting, Thayer Appliances, Westinghouse, Maytag, Magic Chef, Admiral Philco and many other name brands. He also sells lawn mowers, tillers, super Kem-Tone Paint and a complete line of General Electric small Appliances.

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RONDEY L. WEBB of 219 Mercer St., Beckley was born November 12, 1919 at Allisonia, Va. He is the operator of Webb's Florist and Greenhouse in Crab Orchard and at 115 N. Kanawha St., Beckley. He married Maxene Taylor of Shreveport, La. on December 23, 1944 at Chanute Field, Ill. He was a graduate of V.P.I. where he majored in Horticulture and received his B. S. degree. He is a Baptist and Democrat, campaign chairman, 1956, county court appointee, 1964; past president, Tri State Growers Association, Black Knight Country Club, Elks, Lions, Moose, and Masonic Lodge.

He has three children: Julia Nell born September 26, 1948 married to Clifford A. Stevenson, Jr. of Beckley; Rondey L. Jr. born March 7, 1951; Nancy Jane born April 27, 1955.

Mr. R. L. Webb is past president of the Beckley Junior Chamber of Commerce, State vice president of the W. Va. Jaycees, past president of the Raleigh County Tuberculosis and Health Association, past president of the Beckley Lions Club, past president of the Beckley-Raleigh County Chamber of Commerce, vice president of the Dr. Thomas Walker Memorial Health Foundation, vice president of the Appalachian Regional Hospital Advisory Board, secretary of the State W. Va. Regional Health Council, Inc. and president of the Raleigh County Extension Committee.

(See general INDEX for other references to Mr. Webb, especially an earlier biographical sketch on page 641 and page 522, etc.)

THOMAS RIGGS WILSON of 501 Highland Drive, Beckley was born December 31, 1888 at Hartley, (now Brohard), Ritchie County, W. Va. He is the son of Isaac R. (a farmer and carpenter) and Elizabeth C. Barnett Wilson. His sisters and brothers include: Myra, Lawrence, Thomas R., Sylvester, Samantha, Lee, Belle, and Len. He married Ethel Warner of Charleston on September 18, 1912 at Thayer, W. Va. She is the daughter of Julia Thane Warner and William Warner a mine manager of Charleston. He was educated in the public schools of W. Va., Mountain State Business College, and International Accountants Society, Chicago, Ill.; taught public schools for three years. He is a member of the First Christian Church, (Elder) Masonic bodies to 32 degree Mason, Bethlehem Chapter #71, OES, Judea Shrine #13, Order of White Shrine of Jerusalem, Beni-Kedem Shrine, Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club, (Secretary and president '67-'68), and member of the Flat Top Lake Association. He is a Republican. He has one son and two daughters: Thomas R. Jr. married to Margaret Summers of Clarksburg, W. Va. He is a lawyer, and they have one daughter, Mergie, (Mrs. Max Adams) and three sons, Tom, III, Jimmy, and Mason; Charlotte married to Howard L. McIntyre, an engineer of Clarksburg, (they have two sons and three daughters, Tom, Barbra, Debbie, Howard Jr., and Anna); Annabelle Scott married Robert H. Frilen, Dr. Veterinary Medicine, of New York, (they have a daughter, Susan, 18, and a son, Robert H. Jr., 15.)

Mr. Wilson came to Southern West Virginia in 1910 and has worked within an area of 20 miles in and around

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DAVID CARLISLE WADE was born December 4, 1887 at Brownsburg, Va. He is retired and was past vice president of the Raleigh County Bank. He resides at 108 Wilson St., Beckley, W. Va. He is the son of William (a merchant of Brownsburg, Va.) and Jane Ann Wade. His sisters and brothers include: Andrew, Edna, William, John, Carrie, and James. He married Ellen Hay the daughter of Frances Gordon and James Hay, a lawyer and congressman of Virginia, on June 24, 1914 at Madison, Va. Mr. David C. Wade attended private high school. He was treasurer and Deacon in 1920 at the Presbyterian Church. He is a Democrat and belongs to the Kiwanis, Black Knight Country Club, Elks, and the local Chamber of Commerce. He has one son and one daughter; David Carlisle, Jr., an industrial engineer, born July 27, 1915 married to Ann St. Clair of Beckley, (they have three sons, David Carlisle, III, 22, William St. Clair, 20, and Richard Lee, 16; Frances Gordon born October 28, 1919 married George M. Haldane, Jr., a salesman from Huntington, W. Va., (they have two sons and one daughter: George M. Haldane, III, 21, Mary Douglas, 22, and Charles Wade, 18).

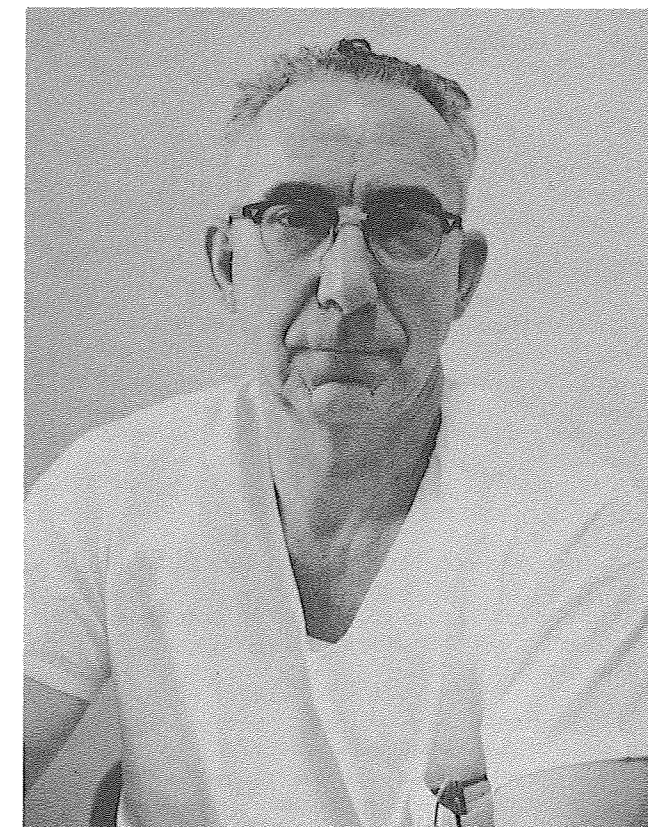
Mr. Wade came to W. Va. in 1906; worked in office of Wright Coal & Coke Co., Wright, W. Va.; then worked in the office of the Slab Fork Coal Co., 1908; came to Beckley, W. Va., 1909 as bookkeeper of Peoples National Bank, which consolidated with Raleigh County Bank in 1909; in 1912 returned to Slab Fork Coal Co. as bookkeeper until 1920; returned to Raleigh County Bank as assistant cashier; then was elected as cashier; promoted to executive vice president, and later to president. Mr. Wade retired on July 1, 1959. See page 235 and INDEX

PAUL ELIGAH VAUGHAN, (M.D.) of 904 Woodlawn Avenue, Beckley was born October 14, 1909 at Fraziers Bottom, W. Va. He is the son of Tora W. (a retired mail carrier of Fraziers Bottom, W. Va.) and Anna Catherine Vaughan. His sisters and brothers include: Sebatt, Anita, Audrow, Tora W. Jr., and James. On December 18, 1948 at Montcalm, W. Va. he married Madalene Miller daughter of Evie Sublett and Chester Miller, an engineer with N & W-Virginian Railroad. Dr. Vaughan graduated from Buffalo High School, 1927; West Virginia University where he obtained his A.B. degree in 1936; and the University of Pennsylvania where he obtained his M.D. in 1940. He is a Baptist and Republican, and belongs to the Black Knight Country Club, YMCA, Raleigh County Medical Society, the American Medical Association, and interned at Charleston General Hospital, 1940-1941. He has three sons: Paul Michael born May 2, 1950, David Bruce born December 18, 1951, and Richard Alan born March 16, 1953; they all attend school.

Dr. Vaughan came to Beckley and the Raleigh General Hospital on September 15, 1941. He belonged to the Army Medical Corp from July, 1942 to April 1946; operated alternate train unit for the Air Force Medical Corp; later practiced general surgery at the Raleigh General Hospital.

Dr. Vaughan has had wide, successful experience in the field of general surgery. The Raleigh Register files of 1942 reported as follows: Dr. Paul E. Vaughan, M. D. of the Raleigh General Hospital staff, will report for duty with the United States Army Medical Corps on June 30. He will spend a 10-day vacation with his family at Frazier's Bottom. He did overseas duty in Japan, 1942-1946. He ended up Flight Surgeon as a Captain in the Army Air Force.

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MAYOR JOHN WESLEY SMITH of 905 Woodlawn Avenue, Beckley was born October 23, 1918 at Riley, W. Va. He is an independent merchant in Beckley. He is the son of William J. (1894-1958, a retail grocer) and Eura Lowery Smith. He has one brother, William J. Smith, Jr. On January 10, 1942 he married Dorothy Sheffler at the First Christian Church in Beckley. She is the daughter of H. R. Sheffler. Mayor Smith graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School in 1938; 1940 Aviation Course, Beckley College, National Business College, Roanoke, Bowling Green Business University, Bowling Green, Ky., American Airlines Training School, Ft. Worth, Airline Transport Pilot Rating and instructor and full grade lieutenant. He received an Associate Business degree. He is a Democrat and member of the Christian Church, Lions Club (secretary for two years), Elks, Moose and Chamber of Commerce. He has two daughters; Joan Addison Smith born September 19, 1949, a Freshman at Randolph-Macon Woman's College at Lynchburg, Va., Anne Wallace Smith born February 18, 1952, a junior at Woodrow Wilson High School. Mayor Smith was stationed at Honolulu, Seattle, Washington following transport to Atlantic chains and all over the Pacific, and U. S. coast to coast; four years active, now retired lieutenant, senior grade, United States Naval Reserves; member of the Beckley Council under Elmer Davis, 1½ years, by appointment, taking Bob Campbell's place; elected four year term under A. K. Minter, and four year term under Cecil L. Miller; elected Mayor, May 28, 1963 for four year term, largest majority in history of voting in Beckley, 3696 votes, by 1976 margin, a complete Democratic City Hall; member of Raleigh County Democratic Executive Committee, third time

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MR. CLEMENT L. SCHULTE, Beckley Florist, had been listed in the Society of the American Florists' 1967 in "Who's Who in Floral Culture"; also "Horticulture" magazine. He is a member of the Rotary Club and other civic organizations. Beckley has no greater supporter than Mr. Schulte in all phases of civic, social and business life. Mr. Schulte married the former Mary Anne Kinney, and their only child is John Kinney, who just recently married Linda Leckie. (See page 188 and INDEX)

SNOW THORNTON FLORISTS

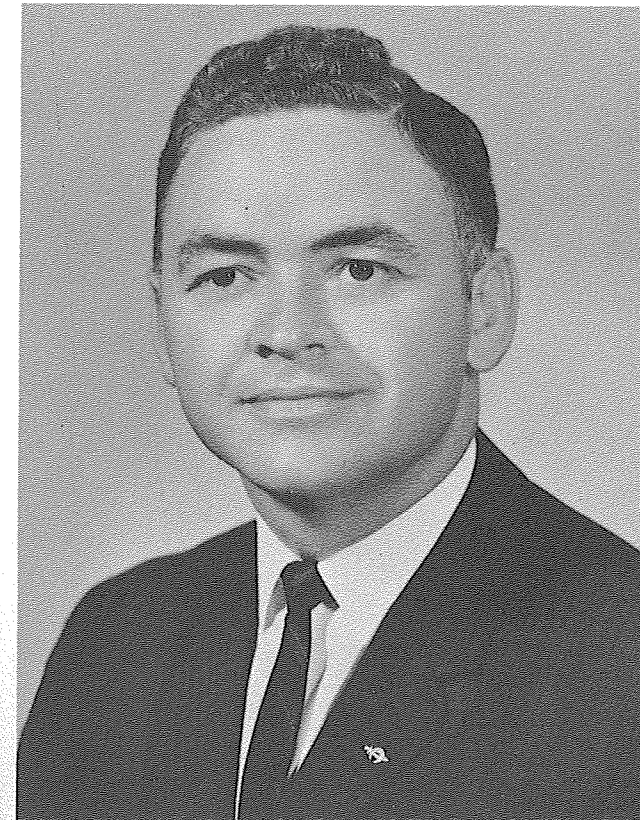
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TED T. STACY son of S. M. (a merchant) and Leventha Stacy, was born March 10, 1923 at Grundy, Va. He is in the general insurance business. His brothers and sisters include: Virgie Justus, a housewife at Grundy; William F. Stacy, a motel operator in Florida; Orpha Kerr, a nurse in California; George Stacy, a lawyer and school teacher in Georgia; Margie Brooks, a housewife in W. Va.; Edna Meadows, a school teacher in Va.; Fred Stacy, an insurance agent in W. Va.; and Joseph M. Stacy, a funeral director in W. Va. He attended public schools of Buchanan Co., Va.; attended Hurley High School, Morris Harvey College; graduated from Beckley College and La Salle Extension University in Chicago, Ill. with degrees in American Law and Procedures and Bachelor at Laws, LL.B.; entered the U. S. Army at the age of seventeen; was with the first troops to be sent to the South Pacific during World War II; arrived at Pearl Harbor Dec. 24, 1941; served with the Coast Artillery, Military Police, and taught Judo to troops; was stationed at the University of Hawaii with the Army Special Service entertainment section; for two years traveled all over the South Pacific entertaining troops; after 43 months returned to the Mainland and was discharged from the military service; came to Beckley in 1945; continued in the entertainment business for some three years appearing at local radio and television stations with his twin brother, Fred; joined the Kemp Time Show out of New York and toured the entire South in all major theatres; entered the general insurance business in 1948; at the present time owns and operates Stacy Insurance Agency, located at 301 S. Ka-

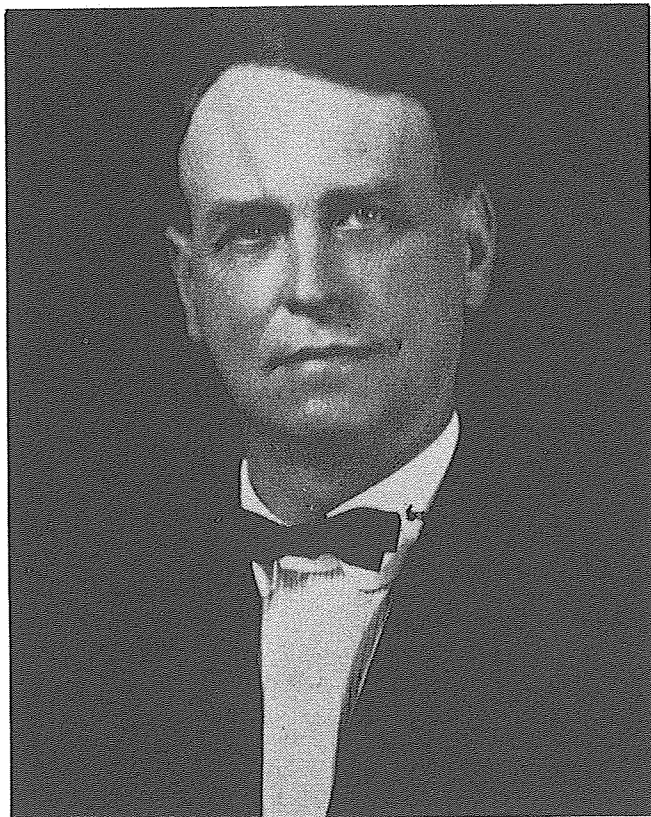
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FRED THILMORE STACY son of S. M. (a merchant) and Leventha Stacy, was born March 10, 1923 at Grundy, Virginia. His brothers and sisters include: Virgie Justus, a housewife in Grundy, Va.; William F. Stacy, a motel operator in Florida; Orpha Kerr, a nurse in California; George Stacy, a lawyer and school teacher in Georgia; Margie Brooks, a housewife in W. Va.; Edna Meadows, a school teacher in Va.; Ted Stacy, in the general insurance business in Beckley; and Joseph M., a funeral director in W. Va. He attended public school in Buchanan Co., Va.; left home at an early age of 17 to enter the U. S. Army; served three and a half years in South Pacific during World War II; was discharged from service in 1945; came to Beckley; attended Concord College, Morris Harvey College and graduated from Beckley College with an Associate in Arts degree; graduated from La Salle Extension University with degrees in American Law and Procedure and Bachelor of Laws, LL.B.; past Master and Trustee of Princeton Masonic Lodge #134, AF & AM Royal Arch Chapter of Masons; Commandry Knight Templar Masons, Beni-Kedem Temple Shrine and Order Eastern Star; president and owner of Fred Stacy Insurance, 1707 Harper Road, Beckley, comprising general insurance and real estate; taught school at Laverne School near Nashville; worked as law clerk in attorney office for one year; was candidate for State Senate for Raleigh and Wyoming Counties.

Mr. Fred Stacy married Emma Jane, daughter of Ruby Woolwine and D. C. Holley, a livestock dealer of Beckley. They have two children: Betty Jean, a student at Marshall University and Donnie Mathew who attends Park Junior High School. They reside at 1515 Harper Road, Beckley.

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JACKSON SMITH (Father)



AUBREY O. SMITH (Son)

(Editorial note: The history of 1917 Selective Draft Act as far as Raleigh County and adjacent Southern W. Va. is concerned is tied in closely with the World War I history of both Jackson Smith—long-time famous Raleigh County clerk—and his equally prominent son, Aubrey O. Smith, outlined below as a permanent record of this important period in American history. See INDEX for further reference to these two gentlemen.)

On April 6, 1917, as a direct result of the many atrocities committed against American shipping and the use of the freedom of the seas, the Congress of the United States of America declared war against Germany. On April 25, 1917, Hon. John J. Cornwell, Governor of the State of West Virginia, appointed George S. Wallace, Major Judge Advocate General, ORC, of Huntington, as head of the newly formed Department of Military Census and Enrollment. It was definitely known then that the Act would become a law and preliminary preparations were immediately instituted so that on May 18, when the Selective Draft Act became a law, the state was in readiness for operation.

Under this law the Registration was decentralized under the direct supervision of Registration Boards established in each county consisting of the Sheriff, County Clerk and County Health Officer, and two citizen members, and the Mayor and five citizens in cities of 30,000 population.

The Registration Board of Raleigh County was composed of W. L. Foster, Sheriff, Jackson Smith, County Clerk, Dr. D. W. Snuffer, County Health Officer, and Joe L. Smith and T. K. Scott, citizen members. Aubrey O. Smith, Chief Deputy in the office of the Sheriff, was delegated to administer the operation of registration. Registration places and registrars were secured throughout the county and as far as possible using the same places and registrars used in the last general election. Equipment and supplies were delivered at all appointed places so that all was in readiness by the evening of May 26 for registration on June 5.

On that date 4266 males were registered in Raleigh county, many registering later who were unable to attend at the appointed time. It should be noted here that all personal services rendered in this program were patriotically donated without cost to the Government, as did similarly 2423 persons out of 3630 in the state. In registration Kanawha county led the state followed in order by McDowell, Fayette, Harrison, Cabell, Marion, Mercer and Raleigh.

On June 26 the Registration Board completed its work and delivered to the newly appointed Federal Selective Draft Board all registration material acquired during its operation. The permanent board for Raleigh county was composed of T. K. Scott (R), Chairman, Joe L. Smith (D), Clerk, and Dr. K. M. Jarrell (D), Member. It is noted that many board members within the state served as clerk in the initial operation.

A second registration was held on June 5, 1918, for those reaching draft age since the first registration, and a third registration held on August 24, 1918, for those becoming 21 years of age since June 5. On August 31, 1918, President Woodrow Wilson, by proclamation, appointed September 12, 1918, as a day of registration for all male persons in the United States between the ages of 18 and 46 who had not previously registered or were otherwise exempt.

The Selective Draft Act was in operation from May 26, 1917 to May 1, 1919. At its termination the following citizens were attached to its various segments. Local Board: T. K. Scott, Chairman, Joe L. Smith and Dr. K. M. Jarrell, Members, and (Prof.) W. R. Howell, Clerk.

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JAMES ANDREW SHARP, an accountant teacher, is the son of James Curtis Sharp. He was born April 4, 1884 at Berea, Kentucky. He married Matilda Robinson at Hazle-green, Kentucky in 1906. Attended Bryant and Stratton Business College, Louisville, Ky. He was a Greg shorthand and typing teacher in 1905. Mr. Sharp attended Moorehead College. He is an Elder, and Quire at the Christian Church. He is a Republican. He has four sons and two daughters; Mildred born 1908, and died in 1958, was married to Edwin Kirk a Physician at Cleveland, Ohio, (they had one daughter, Mary Carroll Kirk); James Edward born 1910 in Beckley and died in 1959 was married to Mary Jones of Lexington, Kentucky, (they had one daughter, Margaret born 1934); Raymond born 1912 at Beckley is married to Margaret Saltee of Kentucky, (they have one son James Curtis born in 1938 and one daughter, Ann Robertson born 1936); Roger Andrew born August 21, 1917 at Raleigh married to Wanda Keys of Mercer City, (they have two daughters, Sharon Lee born 1947, Wanda Diane, 1949, and one son, Richard Andrew, 1952); Jannet Lee, died at birth; Donald Howard, a minister, was born 1924, and married Ruth Bennett of Bardstown, Kentucky, (they have two daughters and one son; Janet Ruth, 1947, Steven, 1952, and Carroll, 1957).

He has 13 great-grandchildren.

Constantly active in every phase of church work, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Sharp left among their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren a strong christian heritage. This has been expressed rather vividly by their third son, Roger Andrew Sharp's direct quotes from his parents, such as "A man can take with him, only what he



ROGER ANDREW SHARP of 806 South Oakwood Avenue, Beckley, was born August 21, 1917 at Raleigh. He is the son of James Andrew (an accountant, and teacher of Berea, Kentucky) and Matilda Robinson Sharp. On February 11, 1946 he married Wanda Keys daughter of Orphia and Andrew Keys of Mercer. He obtained his education at Lexington, Ky., where he did some farming. He is an Elder and teacher of the Men's class at the Christian Church, Beckley, W. Va. A Republican, he belongs to the Chamber of Commerce, Elks, Masons, and is past president of the Lions Club; past president and member of the Board of Directors of the Beckley Little League. Mr. & Mrs. Roger A. Sharp have two daughters and one son: Sharon Lee born in 1947, married to Dennis Coletta who will graduate from Albany State College this fall and is from Schenectady, New York, (they have one daughter, Caroline Elizabeth who is one and a half years old.); Wanda Diane born 1949; and Richard Andrew born 1952.

Mr. Sharp was in the Naval Reserves from 1941-1946, Jeffersonville, ship building L.S. Construction.

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has given of his talents and materials". Roger says that their life-time prayers were that one of their sons would become a minister. And, he continued that their hopes were fulfilled when Donald Howard, the sixth child, became the pastor at the Christian Church of Crawfordsville, Indiana. (See INDEX)

Were not attained by sudden flight,



MINOR LEE SCOTT was born April 8, 1909 at Table Rock. He is the son of Claud (a farmer of Grandview) and Annie F. Richardson Scott. His sisters and brothers include: Irene Keesee, Mary R. Scott, Ethel Richmond, Eugene "Gene" Scott, and Isabelle and Bennett. He is a farmer and manager of the New River Livestock Market. On November 11, 1939 he married Margaret Allen Kay, daughter of Rose Jane Grass and William Kay, a miner. He is an Elder and Sunday School Superintendent at the Table Rock Christian Church. He is a member of the Beaver Lions Club, Farm Bureau and the Odd Fellows. He has three sons and two daughters: Lee Allen, 27, Captain in the United States Army Reserves, he received his Masters Degree at the Business University of Kentucky. He is married to Myrah Lou Erickson of Parkersburg, (they have one daughter Elizabeth Ashley, 2½ years old); Robert Kay Scott, 24, a machinist, married Carol Goodman, a registered nurse, of Crab Orchard; Rebecca Jane, 21, is a registered nurse; Kenneth Minor, 18, is studying agriculture at the Potomac State College at Keyser, W. Va.; Sarah Ann, 13, attends Shady Spring High School.

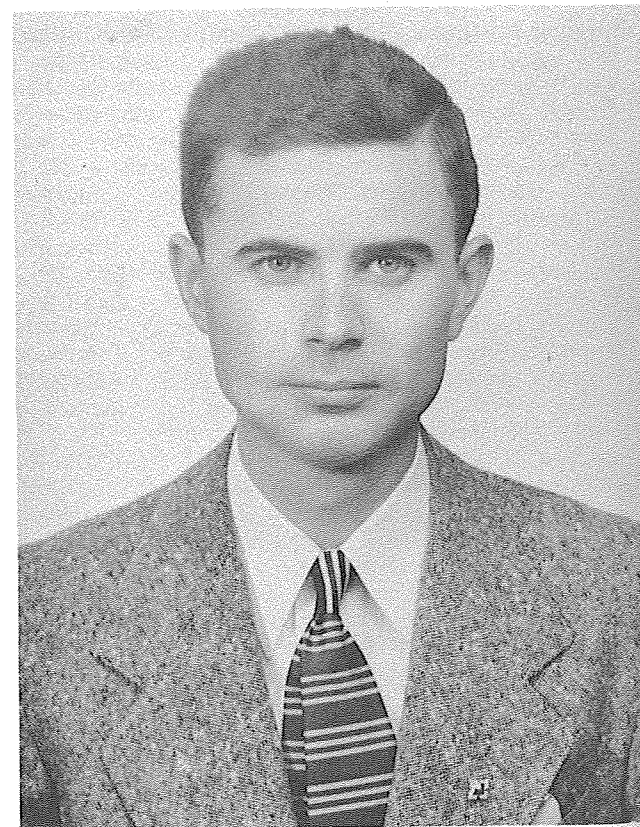
Mr. Scott is a farmer specializing in Purebred Hereford Cattle, Hampshire Sheep and Irish potatoes; one of the area's largest potato growers planting some 20-25 acres each year for several years; manager of the New River Livestock Auction Market, member of Raleigh County Court, first Republican to be elected to the court since 1928; member of the Table Rock Christian Church, Elder and Sunday School Superintendent; graduated

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CHARLES OSCAR SAUL (D.D.S.) was born at Hinton, W. Va. on August 16, 1926. He is the son of Arch and Gladys Quesenberry Saul of Hinton. He has one brother, George Archer Saul. Dr. Saul married Norma Ellis, daughter of Elizabeth Cline and Joseph Anthony Ellis on April 7, 1954 at Charleston, W. Va. He is a graduate of Hinton High School, Concord College, and Baltimore College of Dental Surgery where he obtained his D.D.S. degree. He is on the Church Council at the Lutheran Church and is a Democrat. He belongs to the Civitan, Moose, Mason, and Elks Clubs. He has one son, George Arch Saul born January 21, 1956 and one daughter, Sarah Ann Saul born October 20, 1957. Dr. and Mrs. Charles Oscar Saul and family reside at 421 Woodlawn Avenue, Beckley, W. Va.

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But they, while their companions slept,



CLAUDE RENICK HILL (Continued from page 920)

Fayette newspapers, Fayetteville, W. Va.; and brought about the removal of the Fayette Tribune to Oak Hill. Probably one of Southern West Virginia's most progressive spearheads for his entire business career he had a hand in the promotion and accomplishments of every civic development from the end of World War I until his untimely death in 1964.

They have four children: Millicent Brazie married to John G. Fox, former attorney general and now assistant vice president and attorney for AT&T, (they have four children: John G. Jr. 20, Claudia M. and David V. (twins) 17, and Nancy R. 13); Carolyn Anita Hill married Juan A. Faria, Jr., a lawyer and owner of a dairy of Bayamon, Puerto Rico, (they have two children: Juan A. III, 11, and Fernando Claude 7); Claude Renick Jr., a member of the law firm, Love Abbot & Hill, Fayetteville, and president of the Merchants and Miners National Bank, Oak Hill, married to Cynthia Ann Goldsmith, a housewife of Beckley, (they have four children: Claude R. Jr. 14, Kathryn Elizabeth, 11, John William 9, and Mary Rutherford, 3); John Haptonstall Hill, a special supervisor (Astronomy) with MacDonald-Douglas Aircraft, California, married to Frances Ann Burruss, a teacher and housewife of Mt. Hope, W. Va. (they have three children: Carolyn Burruss 7, John H. Jr. 5, and Spencer Edward 3).

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MILDRED CATHERINE "K" HAPTONSTALL HILL (Continued from page 920)

now compiling "Morris Harvey the Man". She organized the first music club of Oak Hill, and assisted in organizing first girl scout troop in Oak Hill as well as the Rhododendron State Girl Scouts, and the first dancing class in Oak Hill. Mrs. Hill has many active hobbies and takes an energetic interest in every phase of civic, religious, and historical progress in this entire community. (See INDEX)

ROBERT F. HAMILTON (Continued from page 917)

administrator and organization executive; completed reorganization from City Chamber to County Chamber since 1961; Chamber Budget increased from \$13,500 membership investments to current membership investments of \$28,887; overall Chamber budget, 1966, \$36,200.

Mr. Hamilton is past secretary-treasurer, vice president and past president of the W. Va. Chamber of Commerce Executives; presently Board of Directors, Southern Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives; completed United States Chamber of Commerce sponsored course in "Principles of Management"; completed "Advanced Management Studies", which took six years to complete.

"Beckley-Raleigh County Chamber of Commerce 'Accredited' by the United States Chamber of Commerce in February, 1965; the only Chamber in West Virginia to be accredited to date." Many honors have most justly been accorded Director "Bob" Hamilton and our fine Chamber of Commerce. (See INDEX)

ALBERT KING MINTER, JR. (Continued from page 925)

Bank of Philadelphia as bank examiner; was with Raleigh County Bank as trust officer, Beckley, W. Va.; Beckley National Bank as assistant cashier and trust officer; Bedford County Bank, Shelbyville, Tennessee, where he was chief executive officer and vice-president and member of the Board of Directors; currently employed as President Fidelity National Bank, West Memphis, Arkansas and Member of Board of Directors. (See INDEX)

AMOS EDWARD QUESENBERRY of 307 Hull Street, Beckley, was born April 17, 1922 at Beckley. He is the son of William E. (a coal miner) and Elizabeth Cox Quesenberry. He is owner and funeral director of Rose & Quesenberry Funeral Home, Beckley, W. Va. In 1950 at Clarksburg, W. Va. he married Frances Caletges, daughter of Pauline Rock and James Caletges, a restaurant operator of Clarksburg. Mr. Quesenberry graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School in 1940. He is a graduate of Renouard College, New York City. He is a Baptist and Democrat, and belongs to the Elks, Moose, IOOF., Legion, Veteran of Foreign Wars, Order of the Golden Rule, and Raleigh County Chamber of Commerce. Mr. & Mrs. Quesenberry have two sons, Michael, 15, who attends Woodrow Wilson High School, and David, 13, attends Central School. He served with the Navy during World War II; participated in the first American offensive operation of World War II with invading parties into North Africa; served with the Amphibians at landings in Fedala and Casablanca in French Morocco; was aboard the Troop Transport USS Mallory which was torpedoed and sunk in the North Atlantic in which several hundred lives were lost; served with the Fleet Marine Force and Navy for one year in Iceland at Reykjavik and Helgafel. He served two successive terms as president of the West Va. Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors and was the only person to ever have done so. He is a member of the National PGA Golf Club of West Palm Beach, Florida; member of the National Funeral Directors Association and W. Va. Funeral Directors Association; served as a member of the Legislative Panel to study legislation on the federal level for one year. He is a member of the Pioneer Raleigh County Family; Grandfather, Myles Quesenberry and great-grandfather, Lee Quesenberry; both buried in Wildwood Cemetery. (See INDEX)

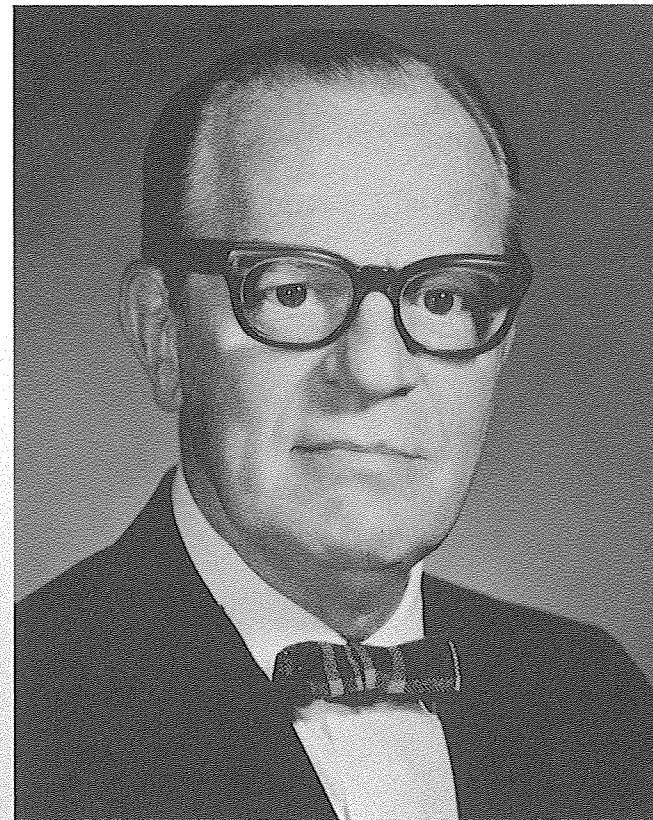


WALTER HARRY GRISWOLD was born February 24, 1912 in Decatur, Illinois, the son of Harry Ross and Edna Graves Griswold. His early schooling was in Joliet, Ill., Milwaukee, Chicago and Highland Park; AB and DD at Millikin University, BD, Texas Christian University, post graduate Garrett Bible Inst., Andover Newton Theo. Seminary; ordained, April 26, 1936 Christian Church, New Orleans; pastorates, New Orleans, Riverton, Ill., Crowley and Shreveport, La., Dedham, Mass.; Lynchburg, Va., Honolulu, and Kansas City; Beckley since January, 1962; president of Ministerial Unions, Riverton, Ill., Crowley and Shreveport, La., Dedham, Mass., Lynchburg, Va., Honolulu, Kansas City and Beckley; of State Conventions in Kansas and West Virginia, a member of State Board, La., Kansas and W. Va.; Chaplain in Navy World War II and to certify Chaplains for U. S. Military, on Chaplaincy Commission. He served in many capacities of the various Christian Church conventions and committees on State level and many state councils of Churches, committee chairmanships; vice president Alumni ASSN Millikin University, 1957-62. Present activities outside Church, Rotary Club (secretary), Raleigh County American Cancer Society, Chamber of Commerce, Veterans Committee on Handicap, Citizens Scholarship Foundation, Dental Health Council, Raleigh County Unit of United Nations, (president), president of the local Red Cross; Beckley USO Unit; "Who's Who in the Midwest"; publications, many articles Pacific Correspondent, Christian Century, 1950-55; served preaching mission in South Pacific, more than sixty youth conferences, directing more than thirty of them. Wife, Louise Harrington Griswold, married Aug. 16, 1938 San Antonio, Texas. Children, Frank C. (MD in 1967 from W. V. U.), John E. (Jed) student at Ohio State University, Steven, deceased. (See INDEX)



LINA (E. J.) MacFARLAND of 107 Wilson Street, Beckley, is the daughter of the late W. A. and Mary Gold Browning of Beckley. She was born December 7, 1910 at Hillsboro, W. Va. She has one brother and one sister: Mrs. Josephine Jones of Yucca Valley, California and William M. Browning of Lewisburg, W. Va. She married E. J. MacFarland on March 10, 1942 at Hillsboro, W. Va. She has been with the Beckley Newspaper Corporation since 1953, and is now Woman's Editor of The Raleigh Register. She belongs to the Quota Club of Beckley.

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EDWIN RATCLIFFE of 334 Westwood Dr., Beckley was born March 3, 1913 at Charleston, W. Va. He has been president of the Beckley Insurance Agency since 1956. He is the son of Everette (deceased) and Atha DeVinney Ratcliffe. On October 26, 1942 at Beckley he married Lanier File daughter of Addie Lanier File and W. H. File, deceased. He attended Charleston Public Schools. He is a Democrat and Deacon at the First Christian Church at Beckley. He is a member of the Black Knight Country Club, Elks, and Board Member of the Beckley-Raleigh County Chamber of Commerce. He has two daughters and one son: Ann born December 25, 1943, teacher at George Washington High School at Danville, Va., Mary born November 8, 1946, a student at Randolph-Macon Womans College, and Edwin, Jr. born March 22, 1950, a student at Woodrow Wilson High School.

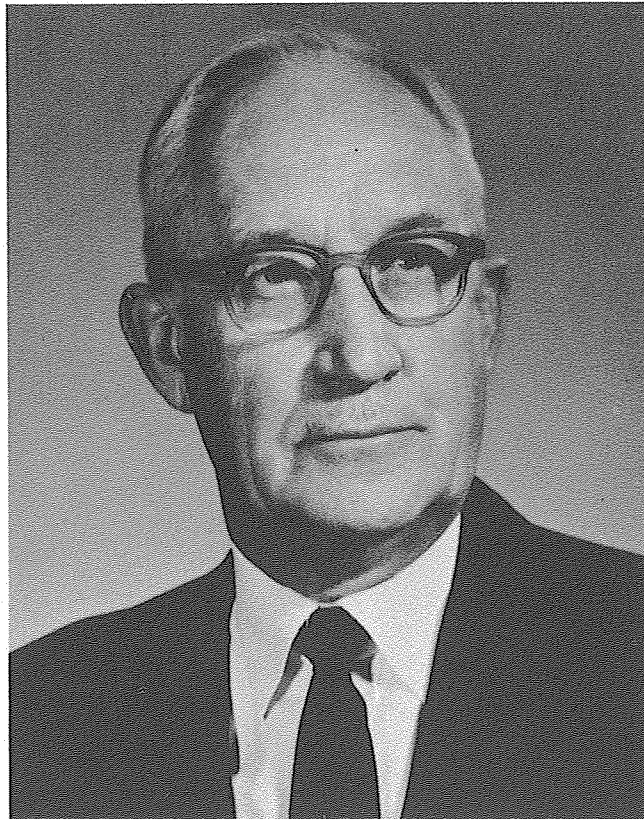
Mr. Ratcliffe was past president of the Beckley Jr. Chamber of Commerce, 1939-1940; past president of the Young Democratic Club of Raleigh County, 1940-1941; past president of the W. Va. Association of Insurance Agents, 1949-1951; treasurer of the State Democratic Executive committee, 1947-1952; Member of the Board of Directors of the National Association of Insurance Agents, 1952-1953; past president of the Chamber of Commerce, Bardstown, Ky., 1954-1955; member of the W. Va. State Board of Insurance, 1957-1958; he is presently a member of the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels; Board of Directors of Beckley College; member of the Board of Directors of the Beckley-Raleigh County Chamber of Commerce; chairman of the City Democratic Executive Committee. Mr. Ratcliffe entered the army as a private in 1942; served as Battery Commander in 522nd Field Artillery in Italy, France, and Germany. He was discharged as a major in 1946. (See INDEX)



LAWRENCE EVERETT PRUETT of 511 Highland Drive, Beckley was born July 29, 1906 at Clifffield, Va. He is the son of Tom (a farmer at Clifffield, Va.) and Kathryn Pruett. He has one brother, Roy Pruett. He is the owner of Beaver Block Co., Beaver, W. Va. In January, 1932 he married Cornelia, daughter of Jack Kelly, a stone mason at Roanoke, Va. He had an elementary education; is a Methodist; Democrat; belongs to the Chamber of Commerce; Black Knight Country Club, Elks and Moose Clubs, Lions Club. He has three sons and one daughter: L. E. Pruett Jr., born September 3, 1932, a high school teacher, married to Doris McClure of Clay, (they have three children: Michael born September 16, 1956, Gregory born January 20, 1959, and Judy born April 29, 1962); Mary Lou Pruett, an elementary school teacher, born August 25, 1934 married to Don Mikush, a therapist from Baltimore, (they have three children: Don, born August 8, 1957, Debby born October 28, 1959 and David born October 21, 1962); Charles David Pruett, secretary and treasurer of Beaver Block Co., Beaver, W. Va. born June 5, 1942 married to Yvonne Carmen of Beckley; and James Thomas Pruett born December 1, 1943, Assistant Director of Intermural Act., Perdue; Instructor at Perdue University, West LaFayette, Indiana, married to Jannie Davis of Clarksburg.

Mr. Pruett has been very active in the many functions of the Elks Club. He served all chairs in Elks Lodge and was Exalted Ruler in 1945-46; served as president of Past Exalted Rulers Association of State of W. Va.; was deputy to the Grand Exalted Ruler for the state and served as president of W. Va. State Elks Association;

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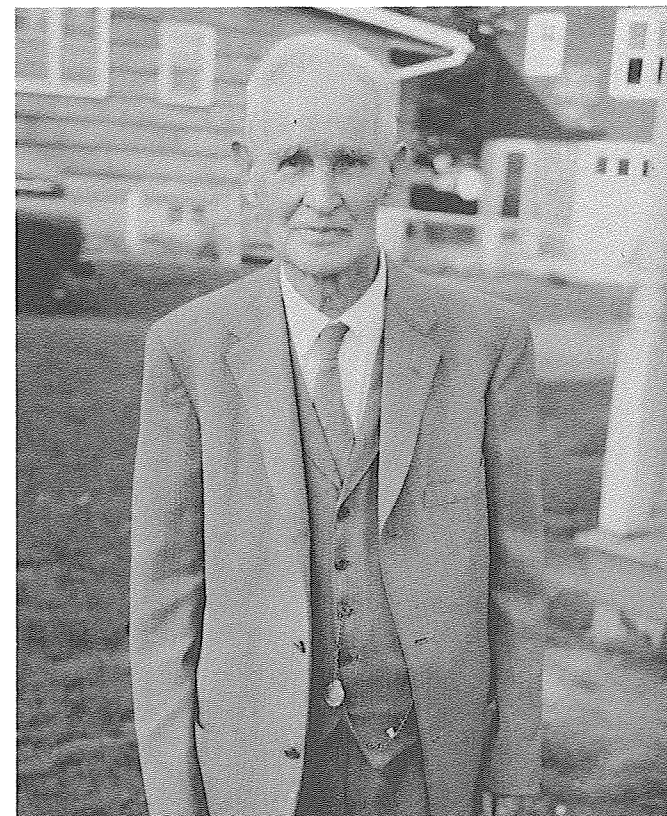


LEONARD S. FORD. If you happen to see a small, handsome, elderly gentleman (5'5" tall, weighing about 100# wringing wet), eternally walking this entire region from end to end,—and you could not possibly have missed him,—the gentleman is no less than: Mr. Leonard S. Ford of 109 McClure Street, Beckley, an Ancient Railway Telegraph Operator was born July 14, 1880 at Nashville, Tennessee. He married Jayne W. Johnson, daughter of Nancy Parr and William Henry Johnson, a tailor at Lewisburg. He is a Democrat and an "agnostic Baptist". He has been a member of the Modern Woodman for 68 years; Moose for 57 years, and Order of Railroad Telegraphers Fraternity for 64 years.

He was with the C & O Railroad for 60 years. He first begun as messenger boy at the age of fifteen, and later became ticket agent. He was with the Deepwater Railroad for 17 years. He came from Lexington, Kentucky to Hinton, W. Va. with his family in 1891. Started with the telegraph in December 1897 at the age of 17; began November 1 at Beckley Junction. He now walks 12 to 15 miles per day to walk off the "agony", he says. He walks the streets of Beckley and Mabscott to pass the time and "keep from going nuts", he says. His wife, Jayne W., who died October 21, 1951, walked with him to and from Prosperity and Skelton. He was telegrapher for 27 years at Beckley Junction, July, 1929 to December 15, 1951. He fired a sawmill at twenty-five cents per week in his boyhood. He worked for Lawyer William H. Sawyers at \$8.00 a month at Hinton. Later he worked for the Independent Herald in 1897. He did not receive a high school diploma.

Mr. Ford is a born fresh-air fiend; he neither smokes, chews, nor drinks, and says that anyone so abstaining, "and keeps it up long enough, will live forever!" Mr. Ford doesn't want to ride he just wants to be occupied.

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MATTHIAS WHITING POWERS of 1312 Harper Road, Beckley was born April 27, 1888 at Aurora, Indiana. He is in the loans and real estate profession with office at 306½ Neville Street, Beckley. He is the son of William Logan (a merchant from Ashland, Kentucky and Aurora, Indiana) and Clementine V. Lukens Powers. He has one brother, Gaver M. Powers, a dentist in Beckley. On July 3, 1917 at Hinton, W. Va. Mr. M. W. Powers married Hilda Brabban daughter of Sarah and Ralph Brabban, a mine foreman at Scarbro, W. Va., and who were originally from England.

He is a Republican, Baptist, and belongs to the Elks Club; past president and secretary of the Rotary Club. He also is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and president of Bentley's reign. He has two daughters, Hilda Brabban married to James Wilson Walters, a financier of Uniontown, Pa., (they have one son, James Wilson, Jr. who is 19 years old.); Sarah Jane married to James Walker Word, Jr., who is the real estate business in Beckley, (they have one son, James W., III, 6, and a daughter, Laura Jane, 10).

Mr. Powers was educated in public schools in Ashland, Kentucky; worked for C & O Railroad in Superintendent's office for three years; came to Thurmond, W. Va. in January 1911; worked for C & O Railroad one year, then transferred to New River Operators Association in Secretary's office for one year; went with Chesapeake & Ohio Coal Agency Co., of Boston, Mass. and Richmond, Va. for 16 years; moved to Beckley in January, 1926; opened first loan company (legal) in Beckley with the passage of the small loan company law in March, 1926. He has been a member of the Rotary since 1926, Elk's Club and active in Red Cross work with Citation for 20

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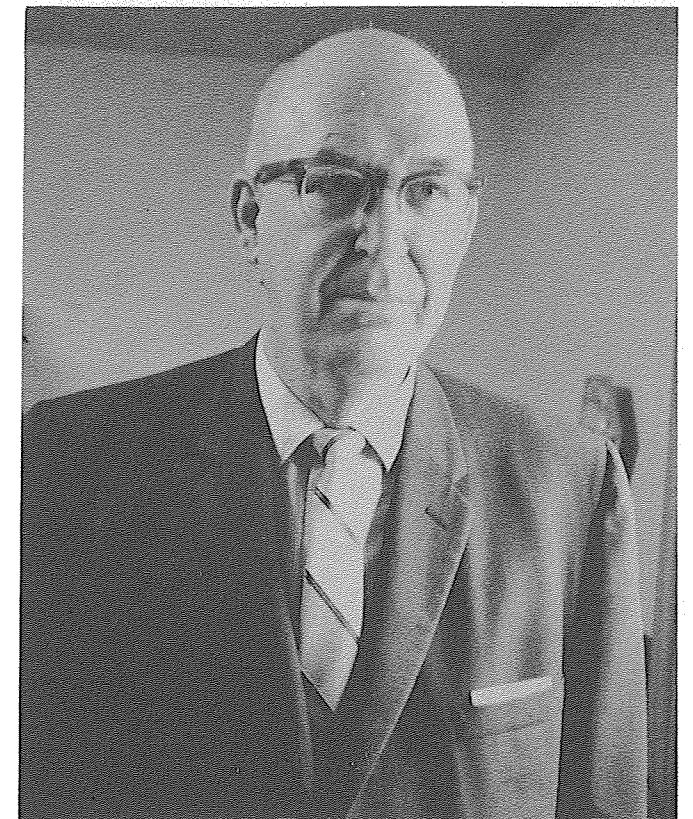


WILLIAM AUSTIN STANLEY was born on Harper Road, Beckley, March 25, 1871 the son of John R. and Martha Hollandsworth Stanley. For twelve years he taught school in Prosperity and the old Cleveland School, also in Logan and Mingo Counties before returning to Beckley at the turn of the Century. On April 8, 1896 he married Spicie E. Christian, of Logan. Of their five children Tessie (Mrs. George Olie Mills), Wilmer, and Mary Emyl Nuckols are still living.

Mr. Stanley has been associated with many business enterprises in Beckley, and his early classification in Rotary was "Capitolist". He organized the Beckley Electric Power and Light Co., The Beckley Water Co., of which he is still the head. It is often referred to as the largest privately owned water company in the United States. He has long been a Director of the Beckley National Bank, and is still the Chairman of the Board. He is a Mason, and active in many civic ventures even now. He has been Chairman of the Official Board of the First Christian Church on several occasions thru the years, and has been an Elder for about 60 years of that Church, and a Church School Teacher most of that time. He has been significantly honored by Lexington Theological Seminary (Lexington, Kentucky) Lynchburg College and Bethany College. He has served on these Boards and many others. He is a Life Member of the State Board of his Church, and thru the years has had many national responsibilities in the Church.

Tho not a Charter Member, Mr. Stanley was an early member of the Rotary Club. In 1927-28 he served as President, having been vice-president the previous year. He has attended eight International Conventions of Rotary and followed the activities closely. He has been an Honorary Member of the Beckley Club since February, 1954.

(There is an earlier biography which did not include many of Mr. Stanley's civic and business activities, on page 233 which also shows a group picture including those deceased, and for other references see INDEX.)



WILMER A. STANLEY of 211 Mercer Street, Beckley was born December 17, 1907 at Beckley, W. Va. He is executive vice president and treasurer of Beckley Water Company. He is the son of William Austin (the president of Beckley Water Company) and Spicie Emyline Stanley. His brothers and sisters include: Tessa M. Mills, F. Orion Stanley, Paul O. Stanley, and Mary S. Nuckols, Orion and Paul being deceased. On November 10, 1929 at Lexington, Kentucky he married Kathryn Banta, daughter of Rosa and John Banta, a tobacco farmer of Wilmore, Kentucky. He attended Concord College and the University of Virginia. He is a Democrat and member of the First Christian Church, Beckley. He is also a member of the Black Knight Country Club and the Elks Club. Mr. & Mrs. Wilmer A. Stanley have two children: Wilmer A., Jr.; and Wilmer A., III, adopted, son of Wilmer A. Jr. He has been executive vice president and treasurer of Beckley Water Company since 1959. Prior to 1959 he was engaged in Real Estate and Home building business.

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DOUGLAS TERRELL BRYANT son of Florence Burgess (deceased) and William H. Bryant, a retired mine electrician of Beckley, W. Va. was born November 29, 1922 in Raleigh County. His brothers and sisters include Traphes, Zelda, William, and Norma. He is a graduate of Cincinnati College of Embalming. He is Funeral Director, Embalmer, and owner of Keyser-Bryant Funeral Home at 1000 Johnstown Road. He is a Democrat; past Deacon of the Beckley Presbyterian Church; past director of Beckley Chamber of Commerce; belongs to the Black Knight Country Club, Elks, Moose, and is past president of the Beckley Rotary Club.

Douglas T. Bryant married Barbara Ann Richmond, daughter of Irene and the late Robert Richmond of Beckley. They have one daughter, Barbara Irene Bryant, nine years old and attends Sylvia Elementary School. *See picture of Barbara Irene elsewhere among the younger set in this volume. (See INDEX)

JOHN QUINCY HUTCHINSON (Continued from page 916) war between the states he served in the Confederate Army under Capt. Adams, of Clark's battalion, participating in the battles of Fort Donelson, Cold Harbor, Cedar Creek and others, and in 1862 he was captured by the Federals and sent to prison in Chicago, Ill. Being later released, he returned to his command. Born in 1836, he died in 1912. The mother, born in 1842, died in 1896.

John Quincy Hutchinson was married at Hinton, West Virginia, September 27, 1910, to Leila Loving, a daughter of Allen J. and M. Lavonia (Kilbey) Loving, both natives of Virginia. Mr. Loving was a Baptist minister, and organized the Twentieth Street Baptist Church of Huntington. After serving that charge for many years he accepted a pastorate at Hinton where he eventually retired from the ministry. (See pages 210-211 and general INDEX.)

JAMES MCCREERY BAYLOR (Continued from page 892) Coal Company, Inc., Richmond, Virginia, where he has been employed since July 1, 1949, and is Vice President, Massey Enterprises, Inc., a subsidiary of A. T. Massey Coal Company, Inc. He is an officer and director of three West Virginia corporations: Piney Coking Coal Land Co., McCreery Coal Land Co., and the James T. McCreery Co., all of Hinton, West Virginia. At the University Chapel, Charlottesville, Virginia on March 25, 1950 James McCreery Baylor and Virginia Crews Borden were united in holy matrimony. They are the parents of two children, a son, Lewis McCreery, born January 5, 1952, who is a student at St. Christopher's School and, a daughter, Mary Borden, born December 7, 1953, who is a student at St. Catherine's School. The Baylors reside at 6503 Boatwright Drive, Richmond, Virginia.

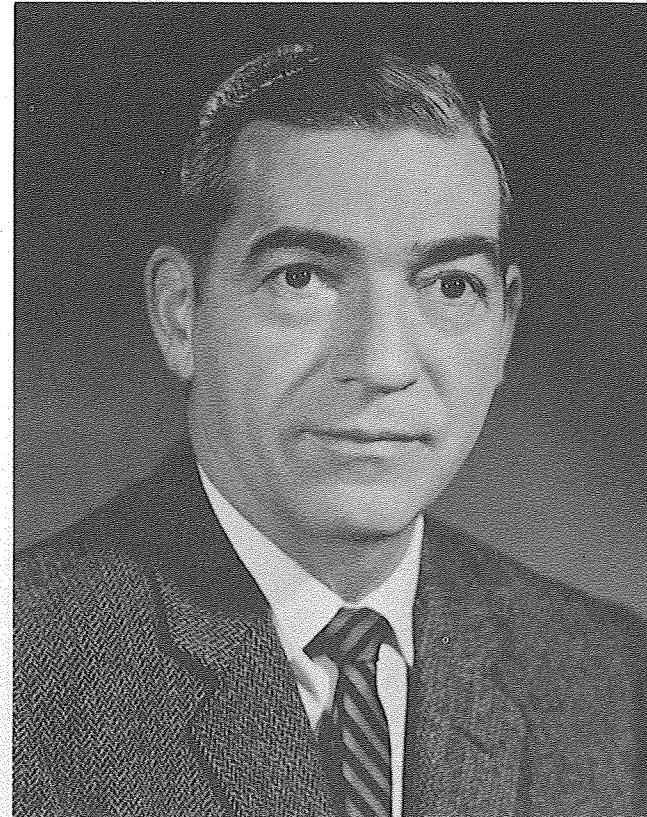
Colonel Baylor's military affiliations include the Marine Corps Association, Quantico, Virginia; Marine Corps Reserve Officers Association, Washington, D. C.; James M. Slay Detachment, Marine Corps League, Arlington, Virginia, of which he is immediate past State Commandant, Department of Virginia; Reserve Officers Association of the United States, Washington.

D. C.; Richmond Chapter, The Military Order of World Wars, Washington, D. C.; and the Sons of the Revolution in the State of Virginia, Richmond, Virginia. He is a member of the Officers' Open Mess, Defense General Supply Center, Bellwood, Virginia.

Mr. Baylor is a member of both the Virginia Historical Society and the West Virginia Historical Society. He is a past officer and director of the Virginia Genealogical Society, Richmond, Virginia, and he was editor of the Virginia Genealogical Society's Quarterly Bulletin from 1962 to 1966. He is also a member of the Jamestown Society and the Mayflower Society, being Deputy Governor of the latter in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Social and civic activities of Mr. Baylor's include memberships in B. P. O. Elks, No. 821, Hinton, West Virginia; Willow Wood Country Club, Hinton, West Virginia; and The Press Club of Virginia, Richmond, Virginia. He is a director of the Central Richmond Association and won the Doctor of Progress in Centrichology Award on February 24, 1960 and was presented a Special Civic Salesman's Citation on February 28, 1962. A former member of the Ascension Episcopal Church, Hinton, West Virginia, Mr. Baylor's church affiliation is now St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Westhampton, Richmond, Virginia.

*See other pictures and biographies of the Baylors, Sawyers, and the McCreerys of Hinton, Beckley and McCreery, W. Va. together with a family chart on pages 372 & 373. See INDEX.

LESLIE WILSON FARLEY (Continued from page 933) Woodhaul of Lorain, Ohio, (they have one son and two daughters, Beverley Ann, 5, Leslie Warren, 9, and Nancy Marie); Jeanette Farley, 29, married Ronald Tennix, a hair stylist of Baltimore, Maryland, (they have an infant son, James Glen); William Stewart, 26, married Billy Lorain Scarbro of Stanaford, (they have a son, Bill, Jr., who is one year old); Thomas Lee Farley, 21, married Barbara Dill, (they have an infant son, Bob, who is three months old); Marjorie Farley, 22, married Edwin Duane Brundy, a brick mason of Piney View; John Allen Farley is fourteen and attends Woodrow Wilson High School. (See INDEX)



MORTON ALEXANDER "PING" JOHNSON of 1004 Dogwood Lane, Beckley was born January 16, 1908 at Clifton Forge, Virginia. He is the founder and president of West Virginia Belt Sales, Inc. He is the son of Margaret and Robert Riley Johnson, an engineer. He has two sisters and one brother: Mrs. J. A. (Ruth) Hunt, Mrs. Wilmer (Sarah) Haga, both of Beckley, and H. Thorne Johnson. In June of 1937 at Beckley he married Margaret Bibb, daughter of E. E. and Ella Bibb. He attended grade schools in Clifton Forge, Virginia, GMS and was a graduate of VPI with a BS degree. Mr. Johnson is a Democrat and a Deacon in the Presbyterian Church. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, Black Knight Country Club and Elks Club. He has two children. Susan Ella Johnson born December 6, 1941 married to Gilbert Pennypacker High, Jr., an attorney from Pennsylvania, (they have one daughter, Margaret Amanda High born October 8, 1966). M. A. "Alex" Johnson, Jr. was born October 8, 1949. Mr. Johnson was a founder and president of the Stevens Lake Assn. for three years. After graduating from VPI he was on the Signal force with the C & O Railroad; Pure Oil Company Salesman; came to West Virginia from Clifton Forge, Va. in 1935; worked for the Lilly Brook Coal Company at Lilly Brook; Hulbert Oil and Grease Co. in Philadelphia; went into the Navy 1943-45, was a Lieutenant, Senior Grade, in the North Atlantic; instituted West Virginia Belt in 1946. Founder and sole owner with his wife of West Virginia Belt Sales, Inc. The longest belt made by them was five miles long and 42 inches wide running over land in Morgantown. He is vice president and director of Stonewall Life Insurance Co.; director of the Beckley National Bank. (See INDEX)

FLOYD MCKINLEY SAYRE 411 Woodlawn Ave., Beckley, W. Va. born Nov. 3, 1893, Ripley, W. Va. He is an attorney, the son of Sylvester Brown, (1870-1940, a farmer, ex-sheriff and assessor) and Clara Ellen Kessel Sayre, (1872-1959). His sisters: Dollie Sayre Jordan, Virginia Sayre (deceased, 1917) and Everett Sylvester Sayre (deceased, Feb. 29, 1944). On Oct. 1, 1924 at Clarksburg, he married Winifred Virginia Lynch (born Jan. 16, 1901), daughter of Truman James (1866-1930), merchant and banker, and Addie Fais Lynch (1872-now living with Mrs. Sayre). Mr. Sayre taught school in Putnam Co. before he was sixteen; three terms with First Grade Certificate; graduated Marshall College, 1914; WVU for two years before World War I; U. S. Army as private, then Second Lieutenant in Artillery; attended Saumur Artillery School, assigned to 350th F.A. Regt. at the Metz front and was there when the war ended; received discharge April 1918; returned to WVU for AB in 1920 and LL.B., 1922; Aug. 1, 1922 to Beckley and beginning his practice of law, where he is today. Mr. Sayre is in partnership with two sons, Truman and Robert Sayre. He is a Presbyterian, Republican (delegate to Willkie Convention), past president and member of Rotary Club; Masons, Scottish Rites, Shrine, Chamber of Commerce, Elks Club and Flat Top Lake of which he is director and past president. He has four sons and one daughter: Truman Lynch, graduate of WVU and University of Richmond, born Aug. 19, 1925 and married to Betty Beede Ferguson, Clarksburg, teacher (three children: Truman Lynch, Jr. born July 9, 1952, Rebecca Susanne born Aug. 25, 1954, and Thomas Hall born Dec. 24, 1962); Floyd M. Jr. a graduate of WVU, born July 17, 1930 married Ruth Ellen Thomas Alderson, teacher,

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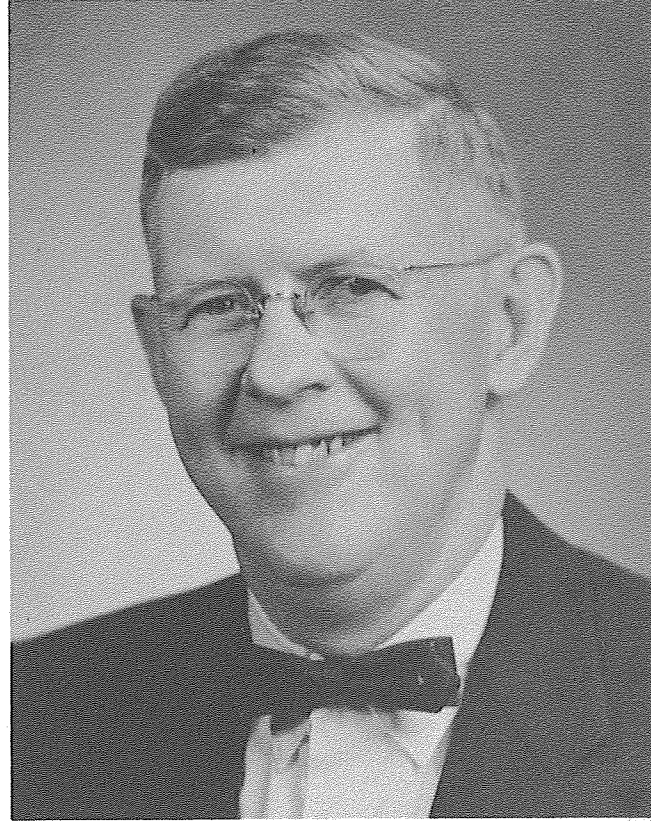


MRS. DELMAS ELKINS (see brief sketch on page 709 and INDEX), a retired Beckley school teacher, always enjoyed working with retarded children, and—achieved wonderful results. But, she has not spent her retirement idly. After long and tedious study she has developed a highly effective teaching method which is likely to become of widespread or universal use. Seeing the critical need for a method of learning to “read by the word, picture, story or project”, she devised “THE SHORT ROAD TO READING” a “HEAD-START EDITION” under her writing name, Willa P. Elkins, published and copyrighted (1965) by herself, and put her methods into book form.

Illustrated and enhanced pictures galore with easy association to the printed word, (by) her book lends itself to expansion to keep pace with the students’ development. The first unit is being placed in Shady Spring Elementary School. Principal Guy Rumberg sanctioned the placing of the book in the school on a trial basis, with the idea that it may get enough general attention to merit some financial help on it.

Mrs. W. C. Meek, a parent of one of the children Mrs. Elkins has tutored, stated that “Mrs. Elkins taught her son two grades in one year.” She added: “The method that she used is wonderful, I don’t see how a child could keep from learning with this method.” Mrs. Meek also said: “Mrs. Elkins is just wonderful with children. The Meek boy is now “holding an executive job with the Gov. in Korea in the service,” according to his mother.

Every classroom has about 3 non-readers, Mrs. Elkins



DELMAS ELKINS was born August 31, 1908 at Gilbert, W. Va., a son of Rush and Mary Ellen (White) Elkins. Mr. Elkins and his wife, Willa P., are a highly educated couple with an enviable number of degrees, having seen that their children (next page) received the same opportunities. They have been active school teachers all over Raleigh County, where Mrs. Elkins is still on the substitute teachers list and Mr. Elkins is a competent and successful salesman. Today he is an exclusive local Compton’s Encyclopedia representative. They have one son and one daughter shown on the following page. (See INDEX)

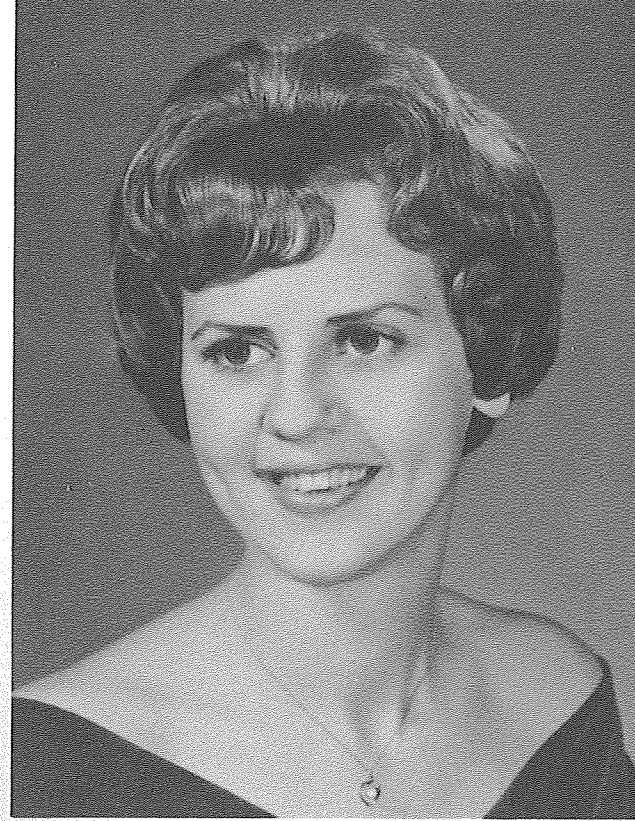
says. She added: “I have had but one child to go through my class without learning to read; I believe I could teach him now. That was during the early part of my teaching.”

Mrs. Elkins stated that when she begins tutoring a non-reader, the first step is let him read her first story containing 36 words with phonetic sounds of every letter in the alphabet and picture words for each sound.

The first page of her book is made up of ten pictures of animals and objects containing all letters of the alphabet. Pages 20 and 21 of her composition consist of pictures showing the phonetic sound of each letter of the alphabet (picture with word). Pages 22-23 show each of the consonant blends. Then the next step features a picture with each of the 36 words in the first story. Only 6 verbs are used in the story.

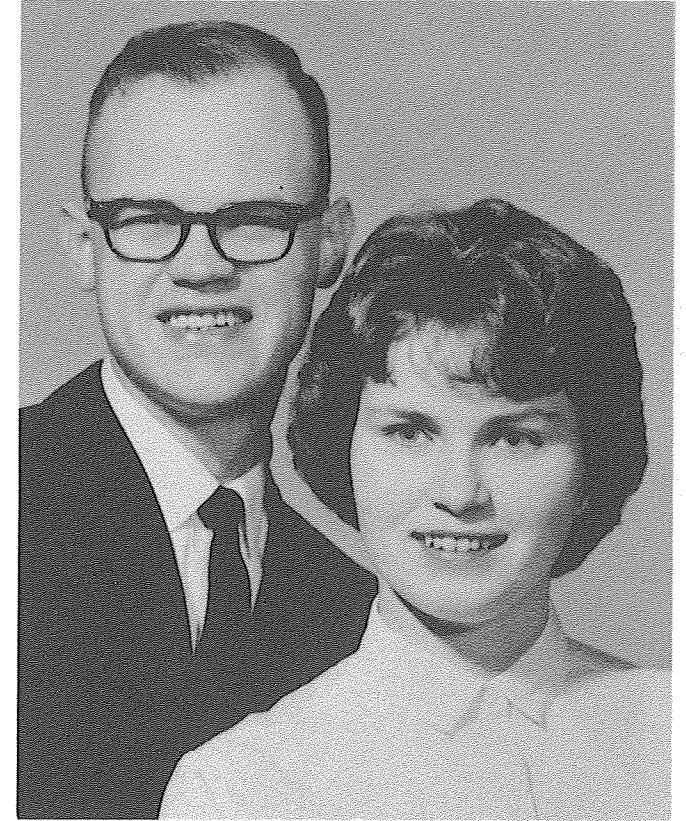
After a non-reader has mastered this part of the text, a list of tongue twisters including the words that have several “like endings” are shown to motivate the child to further their learning.

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NANCY ELLEN ELKINS was born in Beckley, July 10, 1944 and is the daughter of Delmas and Willa P. Elkins of 333 Burgess Street, Beckley, W. Va. Miss Elkins graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School, 1962; from Concord College with a BS degree in 1965; earned an assistantship in the Department of Health and Physical Education that year at West Virginia University to finance her Masters Degree which she received in 1966. She belongs to the Eastern Star. While at Concord she was named best woman athlete of 1965 and pledge leader of Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority, and was a candidate for “Miss Pine Tree”, and an assistant swimming instructor. She is now teaching in the University of Richmond, Virginia.

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DOCTOR JOHN RUSH ELKINS (with wife, Jane Armstrong) was born in Beckley, Nov. 16, 1941 and is a son of Delmas and Willa P. Elkins of 333 Burgess Street, Beckley, W. Va. Dr. Elkins is an assistant professor of chemistry at West Virginia Institute of Technology, where he graduated with honors in chemistry. From there it was W.V.U. where he received a Ph. D. in chemistry. His dissertation was “The Chemical Nature of Organic Nitro Compounds”. Dr. Elkins speaks very highly of his connection with Tech and W.V.U. They live at Glen Ferris and are the parents of John Perry Elkins who was born December 11, 1966.

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Mrs. Elkins stated “these tongue twisters are very much enjoyed by the children.”

The first unit contains 4 stories, the last one being “My Big Story” containing all the words learned to this point.

Mrs. Elkins has completed the first unit of her book and expects to complete the entire book in the near future.

According to Mrs. Elkins, she first got this idea, some years ago when she discovered her daughter had an eye problem and had fallen behind in her reading abilities. She first purchased reading cards and the set of books centered around a child’s first 500 words. This method helped her daughter, Nancy, to such an extent that Mrs. Elkins first developed the idea of teaching retarded children and non-readers through association.

Mrs. Elkins has taught school for 36 years, including grades 1 through 12. During this span of years in the teaching field, she was principal of the Sullivan Elementary School for 2 years and principal of the Whitby Elementary School for 5 years. She has three degrees, an AB degree in Elementary Education in 1937 from Concord College and an AB in the high school field at W. Va. Tech in 1933, MA degree, 1940, at Peabody College.

Two full years of advancement in reading abilities are contained in her book, Mrs. Elkins stated.

In addition to the very comprehensive books mentioned above, she has invented a two-sided device with sliding letters which may be manipulated by her pupils in such a manner as to arrange the spelling of certain pictured illustrations corresponding with illustrations. This device a very ingenious mechanism must actually be seen and demonstrated to be appreciated.

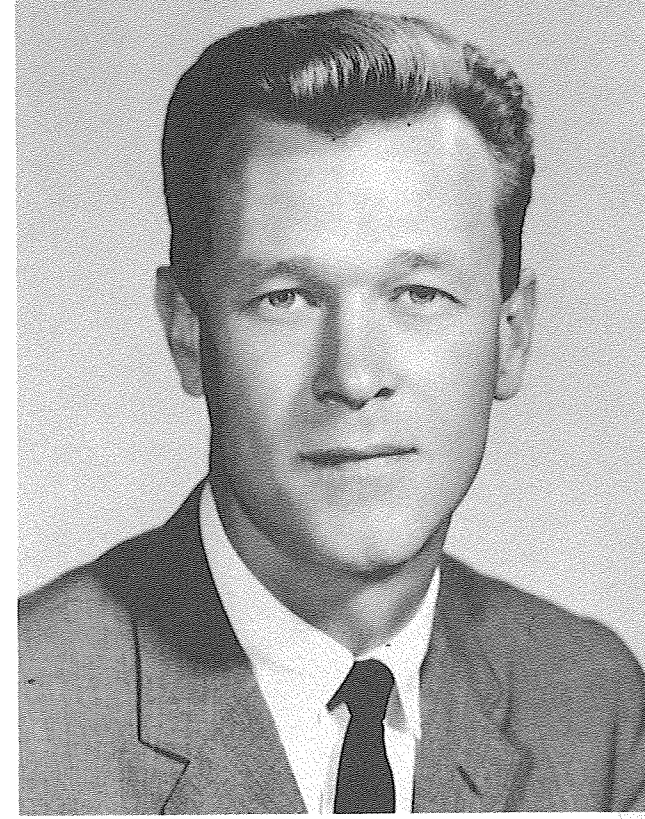
All in all the book and the device, together with the very efficient arrangements of chosen words and sentences with vivid illustrations seems likely to become a most important system of modern computing age of machine teaching, not only retarded children but many others as well. Surely Mrs. Elkins’ orderly process and learned discovery should receive the complete attention and study of all of our up-to-date school systems. Mrs. Elkins with her equally highly educated husband and son and daughter certainly represent with their vast knowledge of teaching the English language to our beginning citizens the very epitome of experience and ability. (See INDEX)



DR. JOHN HOWARD McCULLOCH, was born December 14, 1885 at Point Pleasant, West Virginia. He was the son of C. Edward and Emma Chapman McCulloch. He attended the University of Kentucky and received his medical training at the Medical College of Virginia. After one year at St. Luke's Hospital in Richmond he began his practice of medicine at Welch, West Virginia where he was also appointed the first State Health Director of the State of West Virginia. After that he was chief examiner of the State Compensation Commission. Following the practice of medicine in Charleston he came to Beckley in 1922, to acquire, with his brother-in-law, Dr. A. U. Tieche the entire Beckley Hospital with whom he established a partnership. He was active superintendent of the hospital until 1934. In 1928 they bought the Oak Hill Hospital at Oak Hill, West Virginia. In addition to his connection with the hospitals he was the originator of the Beckley Industrial Loan Association, which combined with the Bank of Raleigh in 1958. He was vice president and a director of the Bank of Raleigh and a member of the local Chamber of Commerce. He was vice president of the Raleigh Smokeless Fuel Company, president of the Beckley Industrial Savings and Loan Bank; president and general manager of the Lilly Brook Coal Company; member of the Rotary, The Shrine, Elks, Black Knight Country Club, the American Medical Association and the American College of Surgeons. He was a Scottish Rites Mason and a member of the St. Stevens Episcopal Church.

Dr. McCulloch was injured with a fractured skull from falling down the steps at the Black Knight Country Club, at 6 p.m. on March 18, 1939, from which he did not recover. He was survived by his widow, Mrs. Effie Lajo Stalnaker McCulloch, his mother, Mrs. C. McCulloch, and two children, John Howard McCulloch, Jr. and Patty Jo McCulloch Masters, all of Beckley at the time and two

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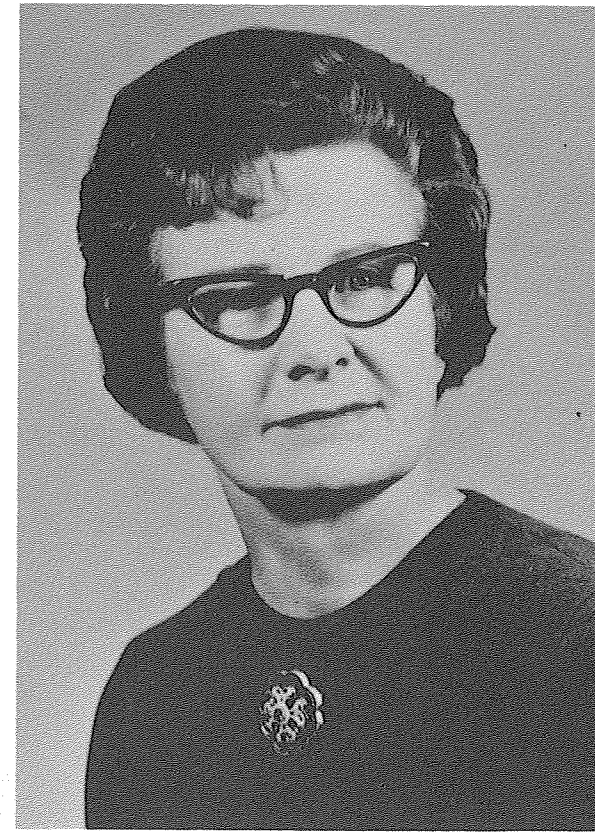
JOHN HOWARD McCULLOCH, JR. In a late column from the hand of Beckley's favorite historical writer, the Reverend Shirley Donnelly comes an interesting run down of the McCulloch family. He starts off with information collected from Edward McCulloch who lives at the ancestral homestead at Henderson, in Mason County where Ed McCulloch was born April 30, 1889. Ed is a brother of the late Dr. John H. McCulloch (see this page), but four years Ed's senior. Their parents were Charles E. McCulloch (1850-1905), and Emma C. McCulloch (1861-1958). Charles E. McCulloch is buried in the Andrew Bryan Graveyard on the McCulloch lands at Henderson but his wife is entombed in the McCulloch Mausoleum in Sunset Memorial Park. Mrs. Emma McCulloch died at home at 1522 Harper Road on June 30, 1958 at the great age of 96 (she was Miss Emma Chapman before her marriage).

In the days of long ago Ed McCulloch's great-great grandfather and his wife and children left Pennsylvania. They were coming down the Ohio River on a boat when they were attacked by the Indians. Mrs. McCulloch was shot through the arm near Eight Mile Island in the Ohio. Because of this wound the family came ashore at Eight Mile Island in order that the wound might recover. Where they landed the McCulloch pioneer family liked it so well that they decided to settle there. The land where they settled and which they purchased was eight miles up the Ohio from Point Pleasant. They had three sons and three daughters.

Two of those boys ultimately went to Point Pleasant and started a store. However the third son remained on the farm bought by his father. He was John McCulloch, the great grandfather of Edward McCulloch. It ran in the McCulloch family to name men folks John.

Grandparents of Ed McCulloch and Mrs. A. U. Tieche were long lived people. On their grave stones these legends are listed; "John McCulloch, Died June 12, 1884,

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EVELYN LONG BRECK of 110 Northwestern Avenue, Beckley was born at Appleton, Wisconsin. She is news director of WJLS Radio, Beckley, W. Va. She is the daughter of the late Thomas J. (a merchant) and Bessie Ann Green Long of Appleton, Wisconsin. She has two brothers and two sisters who reside in Appleton and Green Bay, Wisconsin, and Midland, Michigan. She is married to Graham K. Breck son of Theodore (a physician) and Lou Breck of Brecksville, Ohio; family founded Brecksville as part of Western Reserve Territory. She is a graduate of Lawrence University, Appleton, Wisconsin, and a member of Delta Gamma. She is an Episcopalian, Director and recording secretary, The Citizens' Scholarship Foundation of Beckley, Inc., and a member of the Quota International Business Club. She has two children: Graham King Breck, Jr., who is in the U. S. Air Force and is married to Karin Schneider of Lahore, Pakistan, and Karlshue, Germany, (they have two children: Allen, 4 and "Bee", 2); Evelyn Louise married to Larry J. Bolash, son of Mr. & Mrs. Frank Bolash of Beckley, and an Engineer, IBM, Poughkeepsie, New York and Louise is a teacher in Spackenkill High, New York. Mrs. Evelyn Long Breck and her family came to Beckley in 1948 with Decker Clothiers, Inc. of which her husband Graham was vice president in charge of manufacturing. When that company was dissolved, her husband established a building business which he operated for a number of years. . . until he retired. She worked with him in that business until she joined the news gathering staff of the Raleigh Register and in 1964 was named news director at WJLS where she is "happily ensconsed now". (Mrs. Breck is now back with the Beckley Newspapers Corp.). (See INDEX)

HUNTER SMITH of 508 Maxwell Hill, Beckley, W. Va. was born October 2, 1889 at Grandview, W. Va. and died on December 16, 1967. He was a coal operator and the son of Henry A. (a stone cutter) and Arlisha Hurt Smith of Grandview, W. Va. His sisters and brothers include: Bill, Mollie, and Emery; his half brothers and sister include: Jennie, Milton, Kennley and Paul. In 1943 at Zanesville, Ohio he married Verona Bailey Caldwell, daughter of Burb (a railroad engineer) and Lula Mae Gilliam Bailey of Beckley. He was a high school graduate and a Protestant. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge and the Beni-Kedem Temple, Charleston, W. Va. He had one step-son, Julius Caldwell married to Georgann Seager of Huntington, W. Va. Mr. Caldwell is circulation manager of Whitlock Publishing Company in Chicago, Illinois, and has two children: Mac born December 20, 1958 and Cindy born February 26, 1960. Mr. Hunter Smith worked at Raleigh Coal Co., Raleigh, W. Va. as a Civil Engineer from 1912 until 1916. He then went to work for Lillybrook Coal Co., Lillybrook, W. Va., as Superintendent until the early twenties; worked in the Beckley area as an engineer cutting up lots; 1929 went to Beelick Knob, W. Va. as Superintendent for the Otis Steel Co. of Cleveland, Ohio; 1934 bought the mines at Jonben, W. Va.; Stephen Ginestra of Beckley and French Callaway of Cincinnati, Ohio were his partners. In 1939 they also bought the Beelick Knob mine from the Otis Steel Co.; 1936 opened a truck mine known as Hollywood Coal Co., MacArthur, W. Va. with his brother Emery Smith. He was president of both mines until the Hollywood mine worked out in 1942 and the Beelick Knob mine was sold to Republic Steel Corp. in

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JUDGE JAMES WILLIAM MAXWELL (Continued from page 904)
and Raleigh in 1944 and unsuccessfully ran for election in the fall of 1944, the district having a Democratic majority of 56,000 which the Republican nominee could not overcome though he reduced it to approximately 18,000. Judge Maxwell entered the Primary as a candidate for Judge of the Supreme Court of Appeals in 1948, in a contest in which there were two to be nominated and three candidates. Judge Lewis Miller of Jackson County and John Copenhaver of Charleston (Kanawha County). Judge Maxwell was nominated but ran an unsuccessful race in the fall election. Judge Maxwell entered the Primary campaign as candidate for Governor of the State of West Virginia in 1952, but was defeated by Rush D. Holt who had only recently abandoned the Democratic Party and became a Republican candidate for Congress. He, nevertheless was defeated in the fall election. (See INDEX)

COLONEL STUART ALFRED BECKLEY (Continued from page 901)

Beckley followed in his exact footsteps and did the same performance, graduating in the Class of 1923.

An extract from the Register of Graduates, USMA, make the above experience at the great military institution especially interesting: General Alfred Beckley graduated 9th in a class of 35 in 1823. Colonel Stuart Alfred Beckley graduated 22nd in a class of 261 in 1923. Thus: Relative Standing Positions were 8.4 vs 2.6 The legend of his great-great-grandfather who was the first Librarian of Congress, the first acting mayor of Richmond, Virginia when that city was establishing its basic city government, the clerk of the Bill of Rights Convention, the confidant and close associate of Thomas Jefferson, James Madison and even George Washington himself, had a profound impact on young Stuart Beckley. He often spoke of his childhood and the plans he had made early in life. The army was to be the beneficiary of the traditions passed on to him. In 1954 at his retirement from the Army he took his residence at Arlington, Virginia. Here, he became the senior engineer for Melpar, Inc. On December 19, 1961 Stuart Alfred Beckley died of lateral sclerosis and was buried on December 22 in Arlington National Cemetery at Arlington, Virginia. General Alfred Beckley died on his birthday May 26, 1888 at the age of 86 years, and was buried in the family plot of Wildwood Cemetery which he had so generously given to the people of his adopted city, county, and state.

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JOE L. SMITH, JR. (Continued from page 902)
organization of operators with over twenty-five years of licensed experience and the Armed Forces Communications Electronics Association. He was among the first Raleigh Countians to earn his private aviator's license at the old Beckley Airport at Skelton. A Presbyterian, he also belongs to the American Legion, 12th Army Group Association, Moose, Elks, Black Knight Country Club, Charleston Press Club, Broadcast Pioneers and Sigma Nu. He is Past President of the Appalachian Council and Past Chairman of the Piney River District of the Boy Scouts of America. He has served on the Board of Directors of the Beckley Chamber of Commerce and as Chairman of the Raleigh County Community Chest. He is a past West Virginia State Chairman for the "Crusade for Freedom" and twice served as President of the West Virginia Broadcasters Association.

A Democrat, Mr. Smith has lived in Beckley all of his life. He is married to the former Nancy Richards of Beckley. They have one son, Joe III, and reside at 103 Druid Avenue, Beckley. (See INDEX)

LESLIE C. GATES, P. E. (Continued from page 906)
Mining Engineers, Central Appalachian Section AIME, vice chairman, 1964-65, chairman, 1965-66, American Society of Civil Engineers, American Mining Congress, Program Committee, 1966-67, Sanitary Board, Beckley, 1958-62, Advisory Board, Salvation Army, 1956-59, Beckley-Raleigh County Chamber of Commerce President 1953; West Virginia Registration Board for Professional Engineers, 1965-70; W. Va. Chamber of Commerce, Director 1964-65, Chairman Highway Committee, 1966-67; President, 1965, Beckley Business Development Corp., President, 1965, Raleigh County United Fund; President, 1966, Raleigh County Citizens Scholarship Assn., president, 1965, Flat Top Lake Assn., president of Beckley Rotary Club, 1962-63; Elder in the Beckley Presbyterian Church; served from Second Lieutenant to Major, U. S. Army, 1941-46 (ETO). He resides at 110 College Avenue, Beckley, W. Va. His office is at 203 North Kanawha Street, Beckley. (See INDEX)

JOE L. SMITH (Continued from page 902)

importance to his nationally leading coal mining district. He voluntarily retired from Congress with the end of World War II in 1945 to return to business in Beckley. An active and important figure in West Virginia politics during this period, after retiring from Congress he became Chairman of the State Democratic Committee.

He first became interested in banking as a member of the Board of Directors of the Bank of Raleigh, Beckley. In 1912, he became Vice President of the Bank of Winding Gulf, which, in turn, on July 24, 1914, was chartered as the Beckley National Bank. Shortly after the formation of the Beckley National, he became President and served as its chief executive officer for 46 years. During his tenure as President, he saw the Beckley National Bank grow from a one room banking house to occupy a million dollar bank building of its own and become one of southern West Virginia's leading financial institutions. He was a charter member of the West Virginia Bankers Association "50 Year Club".

While still retaining a small financial interest in the newspapers published in Beckley, he actively engaged in other businesses. He was a member of the Board of Directors and at one time President of the Home Insurance Agency which had been organized in 1898. He was on the Board of Directors of Radio Station WJLS, named for him, and still interested in the printing and publishing industry through a financial interest in Biggs-Johnston-Withrow, a Beckley printing plant. Actively in real estate, he was President and majority owner of the First Beckley Corporation, owners and operators of the Beckley Hotel and other business properties and the President of the South Beckley Land Company, a real estate development firm.

Although a member of the Raleigh County Draft Board during World War I, Joe L. Smith was a part of that generation of Americans who did not see active military service because they were born either too early or too late. Nevertheless, he was active in a civilian or official capacity during both Wars and refused to consider retiring from Congress while there was any doubt concerning the outcome of the second World War.

A quiet and unassuming man, because of his newspapering experience he preferred to write his public statements rather than deliver them orally. During his long stay in Congress, he never addressed the House. His political oratory was confined to brief acknowledgements from the platform. He preferred to do his campaigning by personal correspondence conversations. His volume of mail during his terms of Congress was high and each letter personally was answered. His uninterrupted return by an ever increasing majority of the voters to the House of Representatives for a total of eight terms, one of the longest periods spent in Congress by any West Virginian, evidence the closeness he was able to effect with his constituency and to the effectiveness of his methods. His multitude of friends reelected him.

Personally financially successful, he was generous in his philanthropies. He could be counted upon to be among the leaders contributing to any worthwhile cause. After his death, his personal files revealed hundreds of scribbled promissory notes, spanning his adult lifetime, for "loans" made to many of his less fortunate friends. Even his closest associates were unaware of this phase of his generosity. It was his way of partially repaying the community for the opportunities it had offered him and the successes he had enjoyed.

He was an officer and trustee of the Beckley Presbyterian Church; a member of Beckley Lodge No. 95, A. F. & A. M.; a life member of the BPOE and a member of the LOOM. He belonged to the National Press Club of Washington, D. C., and the Black Knight Country Club. In the field of education, he was a trustee of Beckley College, Beckley.

Joe L. Smith was married on September 9, 1914, to Marian Christine Carlson, in Annapolis, Maryland, the daughter of Lawrence P. Carlson, of that city. He had two sons: Joseph Luther, Jr., and Hulett Carlson. He died in Beckley on August 23, 1962. (See INDEX)

JOHN MILTON GATES (Continued from page 905)
Commerce, Kiwanis Club of Beckley, United Fund of Raleigh County, W. Va. Historical Drama Assn., Inc.; past president of the Beckley-Raleigh County Chamber of Commerce; president of the Raleigh County Mental Health Commission, Inc., Smokeless Coal Chapter, VPI Alumni Assn.; Jury Commissioner, Raleigh County Circuit Court; and president of the Citizen's Scholarship Foundation of Beckley. (See INDEX)



THOMAS EVANS of 215 Westmoreland Street, Beckley, West Virginia, was born June 5, 1910, at Raleigh, West Virginia to Angus (deceased) and Viola Evans. His brothers and sisters are Mae Evans Reid, Angus Bernard Evans, Billy Evans and Ruby Evans Coats. In October 1937 he married Dorothy White, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Benjamin F. White of Huntington, West Virginia.

Mr. Evans received his B.S. degree from West Virginia State College and the M.A. degree from West Virginia University; he also attended Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio.

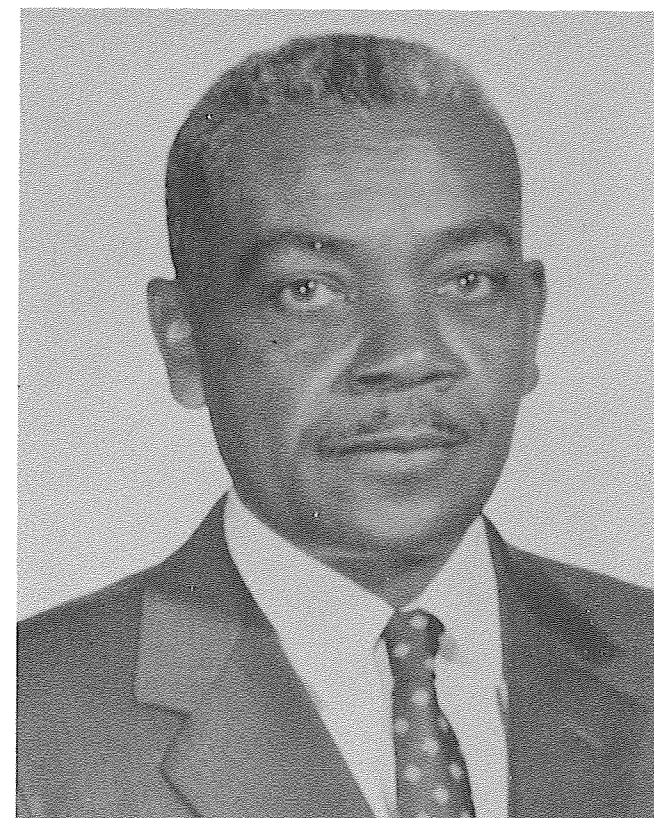
He is a member of the Ebenezer Baptist Church and politically is a Republican. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Red Cross, the Community Concert Association and a committee member of the United Fund. He is also a member of the City Recreation Board and the Advisory Council of the Beckley Employment Opportunity Center. He is a member and past president of the Raleigh County Secondary Principals' Association. He served in the United States Navy for two years. He was commander of the American Legion Post 70 of Beckley for thirteen years and also served as a Vice-Commander in the Department of West Virginia. Mr. Evans taught twenty-two years in the Stratton High School and served as principal of that school from 1959 to 1967. Upon the closing of Stratton High School, he was appointed principal of Park Junior High School where he is presently serving in that role.

Mr. Evans' wife, Dorothy, who was a teacher of Spanish and English at Stratton High School, studied during a summer session at the University of Mexico, Mexico

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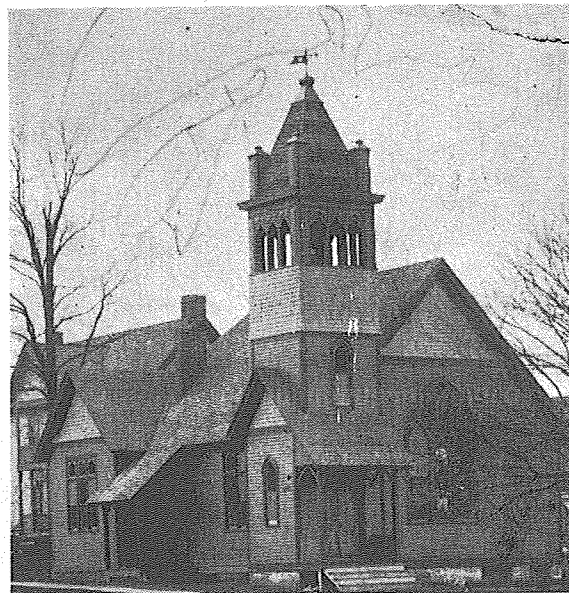
AUBREY W. JACKSON of 115½ Wilson Street, Beckley was born January 14, 1923 at Hinton, W. Va. He is principal of Shady Spring High School and the son of C. F. (deceased, railroader), and Sallie Jackson (deceased). His brothers are Hubert, Charles and Samuel (deceased). In 1946 at Beckley, W. Va. he married Jean Fisher daughter of J. S. (retired—former manager of G. C. Murphy Co.) and Francis Fisher. Mr. Jackson received his education at Woodrow Wilson High School, W.V.U. and Concord College obtaining a M.A. degree. He is a Democrat, Protestant, and a member of the Raleigh County Education Association, the West Virginia Education Association, and the National Education Association. He has one son William Jackson born January 12, 1948 who is single and a student at V.P.I. where he is studying Space Engineering. Mr. Jackson was captain of the basketball team at Beckley Jr. Hi, 1939; captain basketball team W.W.H.S., 1942; participated in football W.W.H.S., 1939-41; coached at Clear Fork High School, 1948-50; coached at Stoco Jr. High, 1951-58; Asst. Principal Shady Spring High School, 1959; principal at Shady Spring High School, 1960- ; served in the United States Army, 1942-46; reached rank of Sergeant; served in C.B.I. theater of war (China, Burma, India); member of the Methodist Temple, Adult Education Council, Red Cross Council, Blue Jay Recreation Assn., and served as president of the Raleigh County Education Association.

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GEORGE W. BAIR, JR. (Continued from page 897) leasing his planing mill and concentrating on selling cars (his first sales agency was in the Beckley Hotel store room, a picture of which is reproduced in this book. The room was hardly big enough to show more than one Model T runabout at a time.) While the ancient planing mill and its many stacks of lumber have disappeared, the property still stands with the large new storeroom where the mill once stood and now belonging to his grandson, George E. Honts who has just graduated from Washington & Lee Law School in Lexington, Virginia. Perhaps the story of these three brothers could fill a book the size of the one you're now reading, depicting a long gone era which would in itself embrace a comprehensive history of not only the Bair Brothers, but of Beckley and Raleigh County combined. For instance, Mr. Bair's first year selling automobiles produced only three sales, one of which was to himself. Mr. Bair claims that the first car he bought cost \$780. Since then his corporation sold as many as 500 cars a year. "You can do anything if you are willing to work" he always maintained. "It doesn't take brains; it takes sacrifice. You have to give up a lot of things—be thrifty." These seem like simple words with a simple philosophy, but they are still profound, far-reaching, and worthy of any man's attachment. Mr. Bair served an unexpired term in 1928-1929 as Mayor of Beckley when Joe L. Smith was elected to Congress. He was a director of the Raleigh County Bank and president of the Co-operative Building and Loan Association and a Charter Member of the Kiwanis Club. (See INDEX)

KARL DOUGLAS BOWERS (Continued from page 900) two children: Ann Hutter born December 11, 1952, Robert Gene, Jr. born August 24, 1955). Their second child, Nancy Ragland Bowers born November 12, 1931 married Richard Kenneth Davis, construction engineer and contractor, Ft. Pierce, (they have two children: Douglas French born March 25, 1955 and Susan Bowers born October 31, 1957). Karl Douglas Bowers, Jr. born December 9, 1935 is an orthopedic surgeon of Morgantown, W. Va. married to Carol Sue Truman (they have three sons, Karl Douglas, III born November 4, 1957, Paul Alfred born March 7, 1959, and John Rush born September 18, 1960); Phyllis Gordon Bowers born October 29, 1939 married Robert Milton Workman a sales manager of American Oil Co., Baltimore, (they have two daughters, Nancy Harrison born November 11, 1961, and Lucy Douglas born April 18, 1964). (See INDEX)



Formerly the "Southern" Methodist Church — First Church built in Beckley, S.W. Corner Prince & N. Kanawha Sts.

JAMES THOMAS MCCREERY (Continued from page 896) Boston, Massachusetts, who helped to open the Raleigh County coal fields. Mr. McCreery removed to Hinton, Summers County, West Virginia in 1894, and continued his coal association as President of the Piney Coking Coal Land Co., and founded the McCreery Central Pocahontas Coal Land Co. and the James T. McCreery Co. He also became President of The National Bank of Summers of Hinton, built the McCreery Hotel, and engaged in many and sundry business occupations, until his death on May 18, 1925 at Bellepoint in Hinton. After his death it was written, "His eighty-one years did not weaken his strong intellect nor change the inertia of his forceful character." The children of James Thomas and Maria Prince McCreery were: Anna McCreery Gray, b. October 18, 1868, d. August 1, 1948. William Ash McCreery, b. March 29, 1870, d. December 21, 1922. Daisy McCreery Wilson, b. November 24, 1872, d. February 27, 1955. Maude McCreery Perkins, B. March 5, 1875. Josephine McCreery Sawyers, b. November 18, 1876. Benjamin Franklin McCreery, b. December 22, 1878, d. October 9, 1962. Hunter McGuire McCreery, b. February 9, 1881, d. January 15, 1961. Birdie McCreery Baylor, b. November 19, 1882, d. June 4, 1952. Edwin Prince McCreery, b. August 4, 1884, d. March 12, 1957. Ethel Francis McCreery, b. April 14, 1888, d. July 12, 1888. All of the above were born at "The Cedars", McCreery, Raleigh County, West Virginia except Anna, who was born in Springfield, Illinois. *A somewhat less covering biography, in conjunction with his brothers William and James, see page 687; also accounts of Sawyers', Baylors' and INDEX.

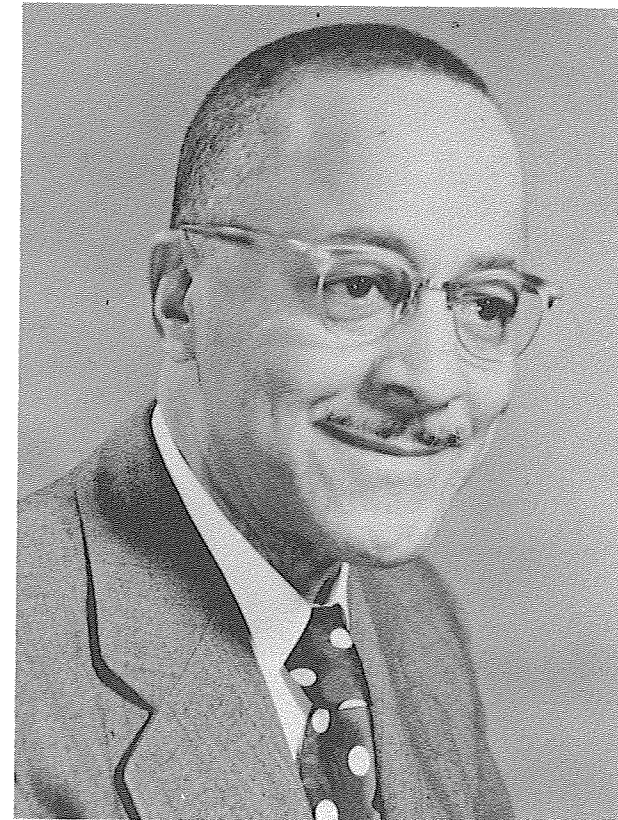
MAYOR JOHN WESLEY SMITH (Continued from page 944) elected, treasurer for now second four year term; moved city office into new city building on February 1, 1964. Mayor Smith is the second cousin of Governor Hulett C. Smith. (See INDEX for other references and pictures.)

HALLECK (HAL) MCGINNIS SCOTT (Continued from page 908) West Virginia and they now live in Martinsburg, W. Va. where he is a practicing physician. The Groves have three daughters: Deborah Jo, 13; Carolyn Elizabeth, 11; and Nancy Lynne, 9. (See general INDEX)

EMMETT S. PUGH (Continued from page 937) West Virginia Coal Assn.; three terms Beckley City Council; director, Beckley Chamber of Commerce; past president of Beckley Rotary Club and most of the executive offices including president of Beckley's oldest banking institutions, The Bank of Raleigh. Mr. Pugh lives at 350 North Kanawha Street. (See page 225 and general INDEX.)

EDGAR EARLE BIBB (Continued from page 899) (More than likely, the longest, continuous and uninterrupted management of a hardware, furniture and mine supply business in the city of Beckley, most certainly could be credited to the subject of this biography. With the wealth of available material, a book as large as this one could be written on the genealogy of this area's Bibb family.) (See INDEX)

HUNTER SMITH (Continued from page 959) December, 1947; 1954 opened a mine in Shady Spring District, Raleigh Co.; his partners were his nephew, K. W. Smith, Beckley and Oval Lee Stover of Mt. Hope, W. Va. He was president of the Smith & Stover Coal Co. until his death. Mr. Hunter Smith participated in sports, baseball and wrestling in his early years and played with the Blue Jay Baseball Team. (See INDEX)



WILLIAM C. REID, the son of the late William T. and Matilda Reid, was born in Elizabeth, N. J., June 7, 1897. He received his education at Wayland Academy, Richmond, Va., Lincoln University, Pa. (an A. B. degree), Pennsylvania U., Nevada U., and Michigan U. (an A. M. degree); he taught at Beckley, W. Va.'s Stratton High School, 1921-22; prin. of the Court St. Elem. School, Freehold, N. J., 1922-24; prin. Stratton High School, 1924-33; supt. of the W. Va. School for the Deaf and Blind, Institute, W. Va., 1934-36; prin. of the Byrd Prillerman High School, Amigo, W. Va., 1936-50; prin. of Stratton High School, 1950-59; assistant supt. of Raleigh County Schools from 1959 until he retired on June 30, 1965.

Mr. Reid is a member of the Board of Directors of the Raleigh Co. Chap. of American Red Cross, Raleigh Co. Mental Health Assn. and the U.S.O.; member of the



Raleigh Co. Dental Council, the Southern W. Va. Economic Development Corp., Local Draft Board No. 18, W.V.E.A., N.E.A. and an Honorary Member of the New River Dental Society. His wife, Mrs. Mae Reid, (Continued on page 986)

BECKLEY'S EARLIEST HISTORY—(Continued from page 941) "p. 34, 'The local happenings at this time (September, 1788) are of interest. John Beckley was elected mayor and Robert Pollard recorder.'"

A bit of the little-known romance in General Alfred's life as told by Mrs. Wanda Campbell Bledsoe, a close family relation: "Emily Neville Craig daughter of Major Neville B. Craig of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, was the first wife of General Alfred Beckley. She was visiting friends in Philadelphia when the general saw her on the street and instantly fell in love with her. Shortly afterwards he maneuvered an introduction, followed her back to Pittsburgh and they were married in a bare few months. General Beckley brought this city-bred girl to this wild and lonely wilderness. There were only two houses between Beckley and Vandalia, (now Fayetteville, West Virginia). "The wolves came right up to their doorstep and howled. And once when someone in the Hull family, who lived at what is now known as Raleigh, became ill, and sent one of their slaves to Mrs. Beckley, for help, she sent the slave back home, and started to go to them as soon as she could. When she was about half way there she met a bear in the road. Petrified with fright, she stood perfectly still. The bear came up close and sniffed at her garments, then trotted off into the forest. "Emily Craig Beckley died in Vandalia on March 9, 1845 at the age of 28 years. Her parents at Pittsburgh were notified, but it took them two weeks to get here. During that time the body was kept unburied. The trip from Pittsburgh was made to Point Pleasant by steamboat; from Point Pleasant to Charleston by stage, and it

isn't known how they completed the journey, unless it was made by horseback or wagon."

Stuart Heber Beckley was a surveyor. He died of pneumonia, a highly-fatal illness of his time.

Ella Lillie Knopp, who first married (Sheriff) William Robert Campbell, was born in Sewell, Fayette County, on December 31st, the last day of the year in which West Virginia was born.

William Robert Campbell died while serving as Sheriff of Raleigh County, he too, was born in the year of the birth of his newly formed state.

"Wildwood" the homeplace of General Alfred Beckley, was actually almost a town in itself. The homeplace, the cemetery and the locality were known under this name.

John Price Beckley was killed, with his friend William E. George, by lightning at what used to be called the Preston home on South Heber Street, during a storm when the building was being constructed. He was an architect, practicing the profession at the moment of such an untimely death in 1900.

Margaret J. Price, the wife of John Beckley (son of Alfred Beckley—note: there are FIVE John Beckleys on the chart, alone), came from Greenbrier county. His wife, Jesse M. Kay, was the daughter of James and Julia Kay.

William G. Beckley, as did Isaac C. Beckley, his next youngest brother, moved to Auxvasse, Mo., where they also established permanent homes, and stayed. From these two brothers, several hundred offspring now exist.

ROBERT WRISTON (M.D.) (Continued from page 980)

Mary (McGinnis) Davis. "Her father's career was distinguished by his long and active connection with public service. He served as sheriff two terms, as county clerk and clerk of court, and he died while still in public office." The late Judge Winton A. Riffe said that the ex-sheriff John F. Davis, was "one of the most brilliant men he ever knew." (See pages 20, 29, 71, 155, 173, 174, 243-1963 Biography-265, 286, 287, 324, 331, 449, 480, 604, and INDEX.)

GOVERNOR OKEY L. PATTESON (Continued from page 885) dent of Fayette County Court 1935-41; Sheriff of Fayette County 1941-44; Presidential Elector 1944; Campaign Manager for State Democratic Party, General Election, 1944; appointed Assistant to Governor Clarence W. Meadows, January 15, 1945; resigned to become candidate for Governor, January 1, 1948; inaugurated the twenty-third Governor of West Virginia, January 17, 1949, for the term ending January 19, 1953; General Manager of West Virginia Turnpike, February, 1954 to February, 1956; is a partner in two real estate firms-the Blackburn-Patteson Company, of Mount Hope and Beckley, of which he is Secretary-Treasurer-and The Kanawha Valley Realty Company, of Charleston, of which he is President; was President of The Raleigh County Bank, Beckley, West Virginia from July 1, 1959 to 1967, at which time he was elected Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Raleigh County Bank, which position he now holds. (See INDEX)

JOHN W. SAUNDERS (Continued from page 886)

Colleges and Secondary Schools for three years. He served as national chairman of the committee reviewing schools to be advised for the North Central Association in 1957 and a vice-president of the Board of Appeals of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission from 1959 until 1961. Mr. Saunders is a member of the Baptist Church, Lions Service Club, Elks Lodge, West Virginia Education Association, National Education Association, West Virginia Association of School Administrators and American Association of School Administrators. He is married to the former Miss Lillian Golden. (See INDEX)

JAMES EDWARD SONGER (Continued from page 891)

in the construction of modern homes in the Beckley area. He is a member of the Beckley Rotary Club, Beckley-Raleigh County Chamber of Commerce, Elks Club, Masonic Lodge, Beckley Chapter, Mt. Hope Commandery, Charleston Beni Kedom Temple, Beckley Shrine Club, Charleston Press Club, Black Knight Country Club, past president of Raleigh Co. Realtors Assn., member of W. Va. Real Estate Assn., National Cemetery Assn., former member of Federal Housing Advisory Board and an active officer and lifetime member of the Beckley Presbyterian Church. (See INDEX)

RICHARD PRINCE BAYLOR (Continued from page 894) eign Wars, and the Y. M. C. A. He is a Democrat and very active in the Democratic Party, having been elected May 12, 1964 to the State Executive Committee, 10th Senatorial District. He is a member of the Ascension Episcopal Church in Hinton.

*See other pictures and biographies of the Baylors, Sawyers and the McCreerys of Hinton and McCreery, W. Va. together with a family chart on pages 372 & 373.

THOMAS RIGGS WILSON (Continued from page 942)

Beckley until he retired in 1961. He has been chief accounting officer, secretary, and treasurer of these companies, most of which are under the same management: Laurel Creek Coal Co., Greenwood Coal Co., Laurel Smokeless Coal Co., Alaska Coal Co., Branch Coal & Coke Co., Coal Run Coal Co., Fire Creek Fuel Co., Prinson Coal Co., Beech Glen Coal Corp., Rock House Fork Land Co., New River Fuel Co., and Kanawha By-Product Coal Co. He worked since 1910 for these coal companies from payroll clerk to treasurer. He was also secretary and treasurer of the Quinnimont Coal Company. (See INDEX)

DR. ROBERT ARMSTEAD ASHWORTH (M. D.) (Continued from page 889)

Charles Vincent, born December 5, 1933; Robert Armstead born March 22, 1938; and David Brian, born January 27, 1948. Dorothy Ashworth born 1914, married Irvin Howell, a teacher from Mc-Mechen, W. Va. They have one daughter Dorothy Jean, born August 23, 1953. Elizabeth Ashworth born 1916, married Cecil Fulkerson, a teacher of Business College, of Centerville, Kentucky; they have two daughters, Susan born April 7, 1941, and Dorothy, born May 16, 1945. John Calvin Ashworth born 1924, an attorney at law, married Patricia Robinson of Moundsville, W. Va. They have two daughters Robin Ann, born December 25, 1952, and Melinda born January 2, 1956.

Dr. Robert Armstead Ashworth is listed in "Who's Who in Medicine" in 1925. He belonged to Phi Chi and Phi Delta Theta; was physician and surgeon at West Virginia Prison for 32 years. (See also page 739 additional relationships and INDEX.)

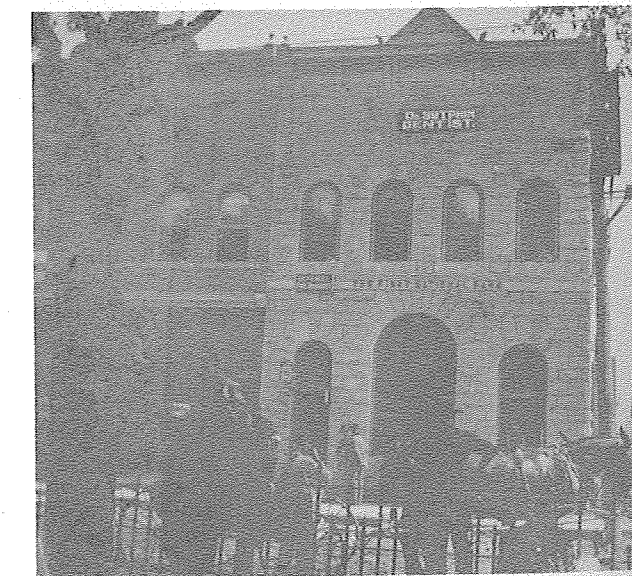
SHERMAN C. TRAIL (Continued from page 887)

Mr. & Mrs. Sherman C. Trail have one son and two daughters: Dr. Julian S. Trail born July 26, 1937 and married Carolyn Palmer of Beckley on June 9, 1958. Dr. Trail is a dentist, (they have two sons and one daughter, Julian, 8, Mark, 4, and Karen, 2); Patricia E. Trail born January 8, 1942 married Clyde D. Peters, a teacher of Princeton, W. Va. on June 20, 1962, (they have one son James, 4, and one daughter, Teresa, 1); Sharon E. Trail born October 14, 1943 married Roy H. Casto a teacher from Dunbar, W. Va. on August 22, 1964, (they have one son, John who is 5 months old).

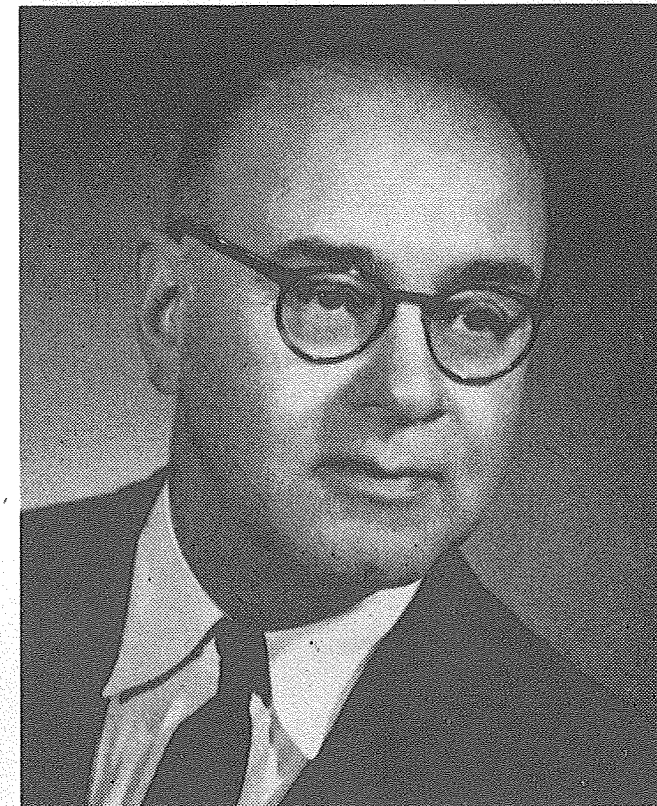
LEWIS WORTH BAYLOR (Continued from page 893)

and The Jas. T. McCreery Co., Inc., all in Hinton, West Virginia and later Manager of the McCreery Hotel, Hinton, West Virginia. Lewis Worth Baylor married Birdie Katherine McCreery in Huntington, West Virginia on August 17, 1918. They had two sons: James McCreery Baylor of Richmond, Virginia, and Richard Prince Baylor of Hinton, West Virginia. Mr. Baylor passed away at his residence in Hinton on August 7, 1955. He was a Life Member and Trustee of B. P. O. Elks, No. 821, Hinton, West Virginia and a member of Willow Wood Country Club, Hinton, West Virginia. He was a member and senior vestryman of the Ascension Episcopal Church, Hinton, West Virginia and is buried beside his wife in Restwood Cemetery, Summers County, West Virginia.

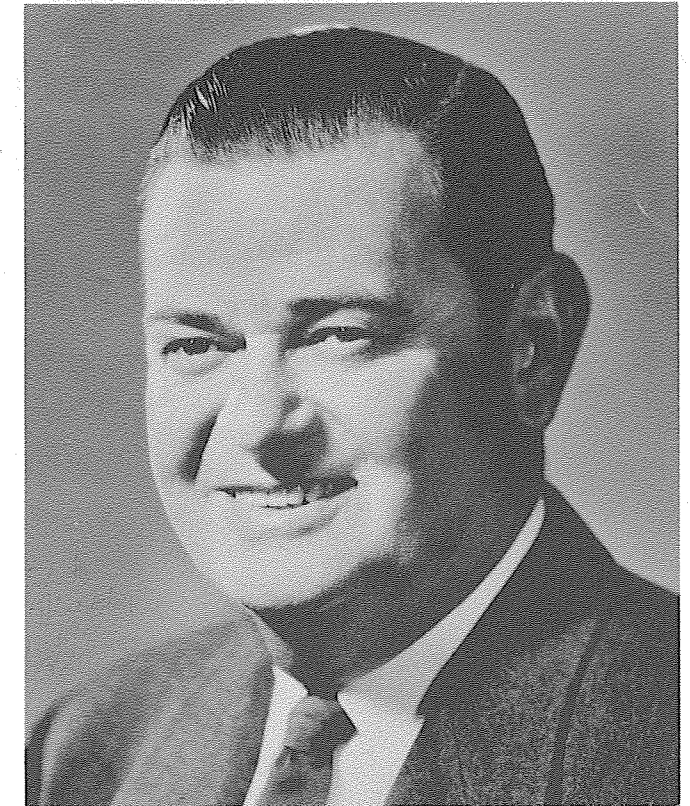
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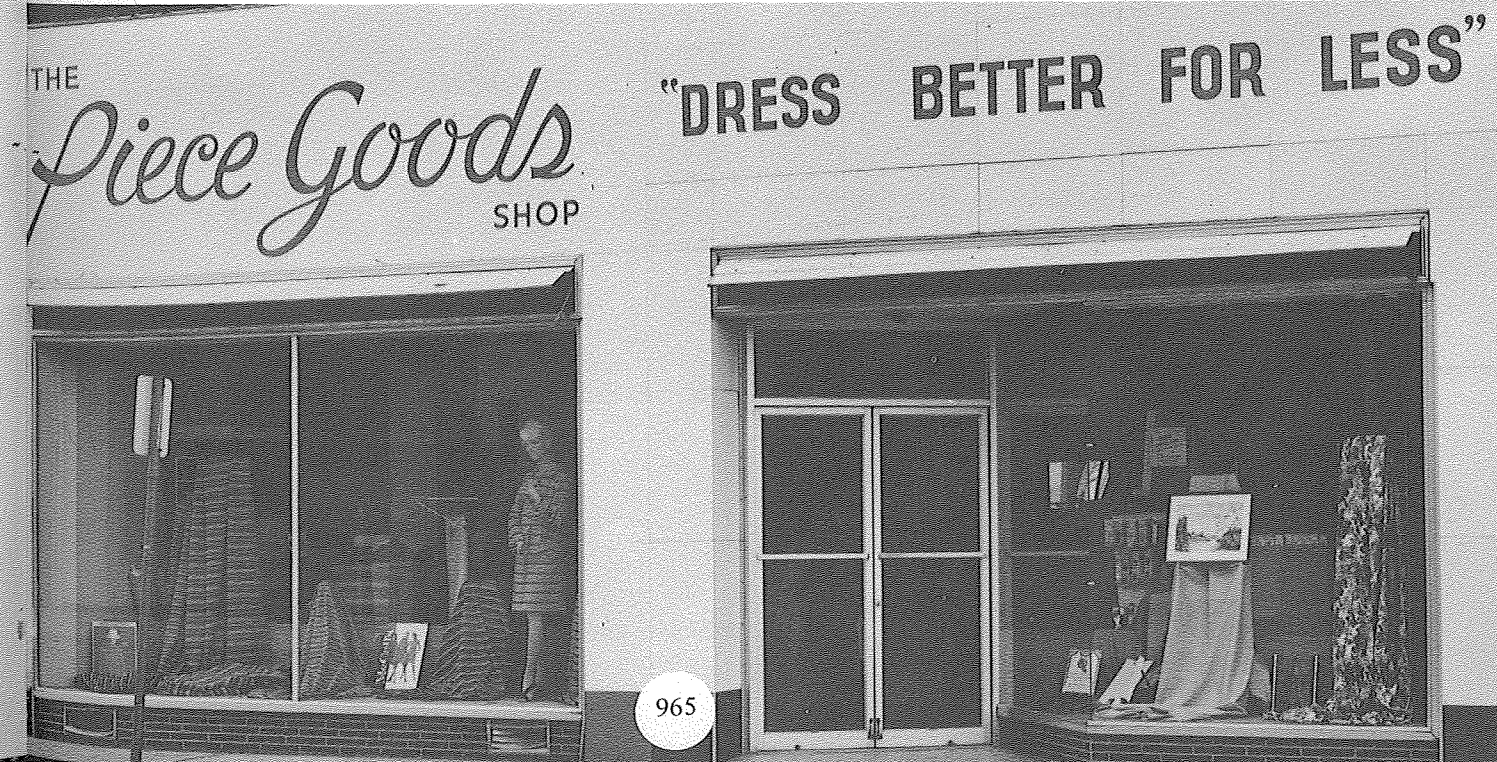
Beckley's First National Bank, merged with Bank of Raleigh about 1907 or '8. At Rahall Store now, Main St.



ROLAND ALLEN HINCKLEY of 201 Wickham Avenue was born at Ipswich, Massachusetts. He is general manager of the Piece Goods Shop and the son of David B. and Agnes Dunn Hinckley of Ipswich, Mass. He had two sisters one of whom is deceased and the other, Mrs. Gertrude T. Murphy, living at Beverly, Mass. and one brother, who is also deceased. He is a high school graduate, an Episcopalian, and a Republican. He was married to Florene Ryan, (deceased), daughter of William Ryan of Marietta, Ohio. He is a 33rd degree Mason, member of the Elks, Moose, Rotary, and past president of the (Continued on page 973)



DUDLEY L. SIMMS, Charleston, W. Va. is a past president of Lions Int. (1958-1959); member of Lions since 1937; served Director, Treasurer, and President of the local Club, he was Deputy District Governor (29-W) and Governor (1947-48) of the W. Va. Dist. A Master Key Member and Director in 1959 he served on the Board of International Relations and was awarded The Ambassador of Goodwill citation, having traveled over one million miles in 90 countries in the interest of Lionism. As first chairman of the membership Development and Retention Committee, he developed a program which is now (Continued on page 973)



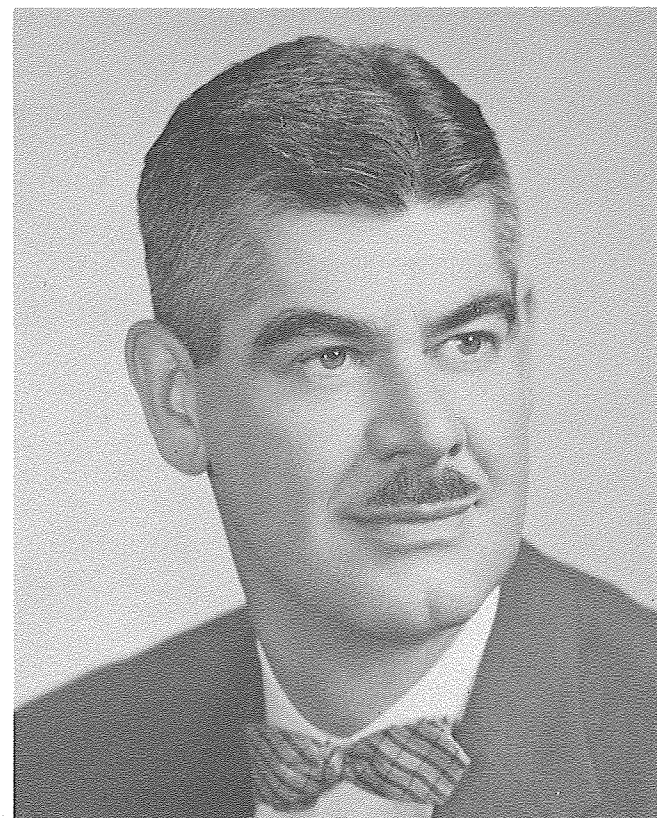
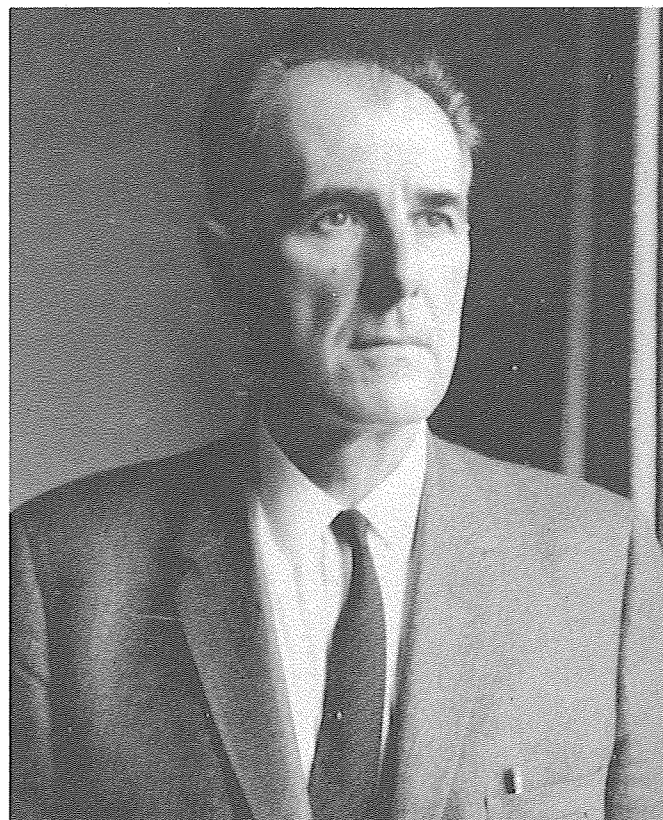


GROVER CLEVELAND HEDRICK (Sept. 23, 1881—Apr. 25, 1960; see earlier detailed biography, page 208). At the age of seventeen years Mr. Hedrick began his business career with a first grade teacher's certificate. After three years teaching in the Raleigh County Schools he attended Marshall College (now University), where he worked his way through graduation. Establishing his home in Mabscott where he was employed at the C & O depot as a freight hustler, later going into the Milling and Mercantile business. After his first child was born he moved his small family to Beckley, entering the banking business, the work he was to follow the rest of his life as described more thoroughly on page 208 of this trilogy. Mr. Hedrick's great strength both physical and mental served him and this community exceedingly well. A widely accepted authority throughout the banking world, he was a natural organizer, financial advisor, and civic leader, probably not paralleled in his time. Indefatigable and with a born instinct for questions of finance, he had a bent in these capacities for drawing friends and business associates into whatever project he put his hand to organizing. In addition to his long and strenuous hours he was ready and willing to serve any community project brought to him. He maintained an open-door philosophy which made him a man of considerable demands both at home and abroad. He served as a Federal Food Administrator for Raleigh County during the first year of World War I, and as chief executive officer of his banking institution until the moment of his retirement shortly before his death April 25, 1960.

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OPPIE L. HEDRICK, the oldest child of Grover Cleveland and Ethel Fink Hedrick, is a practicing attorney in Beckley. Born on June 14, 1907, he attended Beckley Institute, and the Beckley free schools. He completed his academic work at Marshall University, Huntington, W. Va., where he had served as treasurer of his freshman class. Here he was one of the founders of Phi Tau Alpha fraternity, which later became a chapter in the national fraternity of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. While attending Marshall, he and the former Alice Schweitzer of Huntington, West Virginia were married. Subsequently thereto, he was employed by the Amere Gas Utilities Corporation in the construction of a gas pipeline system in and about the City of Beckley, and later he was employed by the Gulf Refining Company of Pittsburgh, Pa., as a representative in West Virginia, Ohio, and Kentucky. Early in the 1930's he enrolled in George Washington University and later completed his law work in the law school, and subsequently became a member of the Bar of West Virginia in 1937. At George Washington, he was initiated as a member of Phi Alpha Delta. He is therefore a member of the American Bar Assn., West Virginia Bar Assn., West Virginia State Bar, Bar of the United States Supreme Court and the American Judicature Society, and various United States Circuit and District Courts. He is a member of the Elks and Black Knight Country Club. Earlier in his career, he served several terms as Police Judge of the City of Beckley. In 1949 when his father, Grover C. Hedrick was elected as mayor of Beckley for his second term, his son, Oppie, was Chairman of the City of Beck-

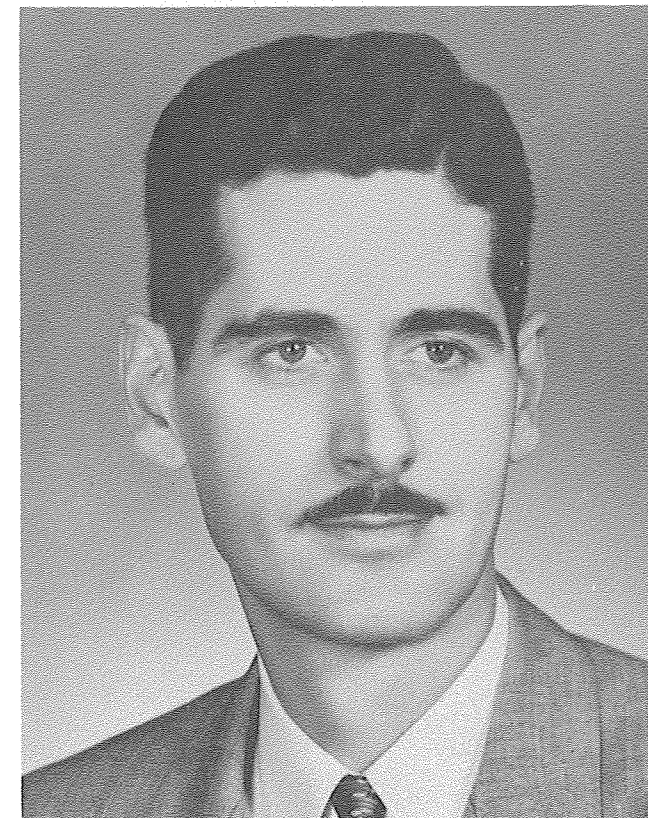
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GROVER C. HEDRICK, JR. M.D., son of the late Grover C. (a banker) and Ethel Mae Fink Hedrick was born June 7, 1912 at Beckley, W. Va. His brothers and sisters include: Oppie Lee, Macie Evelyn Shank, Anna Lee Campbell, Thomas A., Ruth Mae Tully, Dr. John Albert, and Harold A. Hedrick. He married Mary E. Harder daughter of Emma J. and Otto R. Harder of Leavenworth, Kansas. Grover C. Hedrick, Jr. is a graduate of Woodrow Wilson High School, W. Va. Tech, University of Maryland, School of Medicine. Dr. Hedrick served his internship at St. Agnes Hospital, Baltimore, Maryland; New York Post Graduate Hospital in New York; U. S. Army, 1942-1946, Major flight surgeon, Battalion Surgeon; plant physician, Electro Metallurgical Co., Alloy, W. Va., 1931-1941. He has been an Elder of the Presbyterian Church from 1959-1961, and 1963-1968; a Republican; he belongs to the Raleigh County Medical Society (president in 1955); Board Member (1954 and 1963) of the Beckley-Raleigh County Chamber of Commerce; B.P.O.E., Civitan; W. Va. Medical Society; American Medical Association; Aero Space Medical Society; World Medical Association; Association of Military Surgeons of U.S.A.; W. Va. Pediatric Society (president, 1961-1962); New York Academy of Science; University of Maryland Medical Alumni Association; Chief Pediatrics at Raleigh General Hospital, Beckley, W. Va.; and Associate Pediatrician at Beckley Appalachian Hospital. He is listed in "Who's Who in the East", "American Men of Medicine", and "World Biography".

Dr. G. C. Hedrick, Jr. 111 Locust St., has been elected to

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JOHN A. HEDRICK, M.D. of 309 Third Avenue, Beckley was born June 28, 1921 at Beckley. He is the son of Grover Cleveland (a banker of Beckley) and Ethel Mae Fink Hedrick. His sisters and brothers include: Oppie L., Macie E. (Shank), Dr. Grover C. Jr., Anna L. (Campbell), Thomas A., Ruth M. (Tully), and Harold A. Hedrick. On August 6, 1944 at Baltimore, Md. he married Natalie D. Bailey, daughter of Bertha A. Gearhart and Jas. D. Bailey, a store owner of Baileysville, W. Va.

Dr. Hedrick graduated from Beckley College, Marshall College, and the University of Maryland where he obtained his A.A. and his M.D. degrees. He is Republican and an Elder at the Beckley Presbyterian Church. He belongs to the Black Knight Country Club, Elks, Moose, and Rotary. He has two sons and one daughter: John B. born March 18, 1945, Connie Sue born November 28, 1947, and James Robert born August 8, 1954; all students.

Military Service: 1943-1948, discharged as Captain in the U. S. Air Force; was flight surgeon. He is a member of the Raleigh County Medical Society, W. Va. State Medical Association, American Medical Association, Southern Medical Society, Academy of Pediatrics, Academy of General Practice and the W. Va. Chapter of the American Academy of General Practice. He has been doing private practice since 1948. He has had staff appointments at the Raleigh General Hospital, Beckley Hospital, and Beckley Appalachian Regional Hospital. He is on the Board of Directors of the Raleigh County Chapter of the American Society, president of Educational

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"A feeling of sadness and longing,



CLARA FERNE MASSIE PHILLIPS, of Sophia, was born July 8, 1905 at Hinton, West Virginia, daughter of John H. and Macie Ellen (Frazier) Massie. Her sisters and brothers are Mrs. David (Thelma) Cope, O. J. Massie, Mrs. Artha Conner, W. E. Massie and Mrs. S. M. (Grace) Halsey. A graduate of Beckley High School and attended Concord College for three years. Married August 31, 1923 to O. A. Phillips, founder of Phillips Motor Company of Sophia. Taught school for ten years in the Raleigh County Elementary Schools; Secretary-Treasurer of Phillips Motor Company.

Active in the Methodist Church, she served as President of Beckley District Woman's Society of Christian Service and District Secretary of Supplies. For eight years was West Virginia Conference Treasurer of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild, Member of the Conference Board of Trustees and Northeastern Jurisdiction Finance Committee. Past President of the Sophia Woman's Society of Christian Service and Missionary Secretary. Director of the Junior Choirs of the Sophia Methodist Church; assistant organist; recording steward; chairman of the Commission on Worship; chairman of the Commission of Church Records and History; teacher in the Junior Department of the Church School. Served on the Raleigh County Girl Scout Council and leader of a local Girl Scout Troop. Served on the Raleigh County Executive Committee of the Red Cross. Served as Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary of the Monday Music Club of which she is a member.

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ORELL ADAIR PHILLIPS of Sophia was born September 10, 1900 at Raleigh, West Virginia in a sawmill shanty, the son of Mont and Ida Belle (Adkins) Phillips. His brothers and sisters—Macie, Oppie, Odetta, Flossie, Nomie, Nellie, Faye, Vinson of California, and Alvin D. of Columbus, Ohio. He was educated in the one-room schools of Raleigh County and taught school for twelve years. In 1935 he founded the Phillips Motor Company at Sophia; he organized the Sophia Chamber of Commerce; Sophia Lions Club; a Trustee of the Sophia Methodist Church; member and president of the Raleigh County Board of Education 1958-62 and served as Mayor of the Town of Sophia 1963-65. In Bristol, Tenn. he married Clara Ferne Massie on August 31, 1923. They have two sons: O. A. Jr. educator and teacher in Albuquerque, New Mexico, born November 4, 1924 in Beckley, W. Va. Graduate of Virginia Polytechnic Institute; Morris Harvey College, University of New Mexico and attended Marshall University. He served 26 months in the United States Naval Air Force in World War II. Married to Hazel Shelor of Blacksburg, Virginia, they have two daughters and one son, Sheild, married to V. Ray Wood II of Beckley (with one son V. Ray "Trae" Wood III), Orell III married to Karen Sue Jensen of Colorado Springs, Colo. and Karen Elaine, married to David Brent Smith of Sophia. Gene Montague, attorney-at-law in Chicago, born December 17, 1926 at Beaver, W. Va. graduated from Virginia Polytechnic Institute; Harvard University and Northwestern University Law School. He served two years in the United States Air Force, in the Korean War. Married to Doris Lazarte, Lima, Peru, South America. They have four children, Jorge, Pamela, Gregory, and Carlos. They reside in Highland Park, Chicago, Ill.

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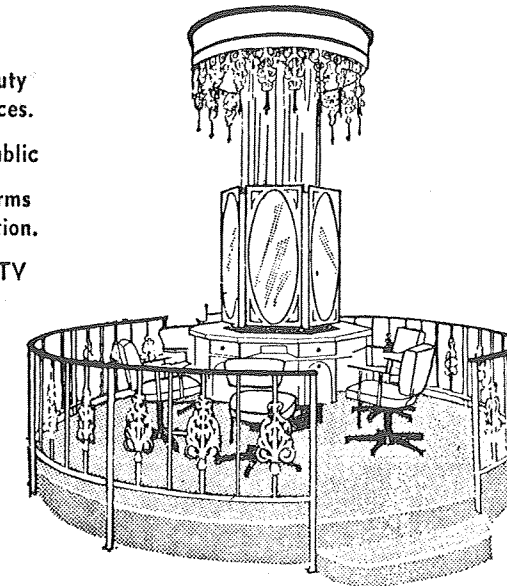
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DR. JOHN HOWARD MCCULLOCH (Continued from page 958) sisters, Mrs. Florence Ann Tieche of Beckley, Mrs. Mary V. Gates of Huntington, and one brother, C. E. McCulloch of Point Pleasant. (See general INDEX)

LAWRENCE EVERETT PRUETT (Continued from page 951) served all offices of his Lions Club, including president; served one year as Zone Chairman of the District and was Deputy Governor of his Lions International District; served eight years on the Raleigh County Park Board, part of the time as its president; served four years on the board for the Raleigh County Tuberculosis Association; has always been interested in children and youth and served eight years on Executive Committee for Raleigh County Boy Scouts; was very instrumental in forming Beckley Little League Baseball; served fourteen years on the Little League Board and is now serving as its president. Mr. Pruett is a member of the Beckley-Raleigh County Chamber of Commerce; served two years as vice president of the Chamber and two terms on the Board of Directors. He is presently serving on the Governor's Committee for the Employment of the Handicapped. (See general INDEX for further references to Mr. Pruett and his family.)

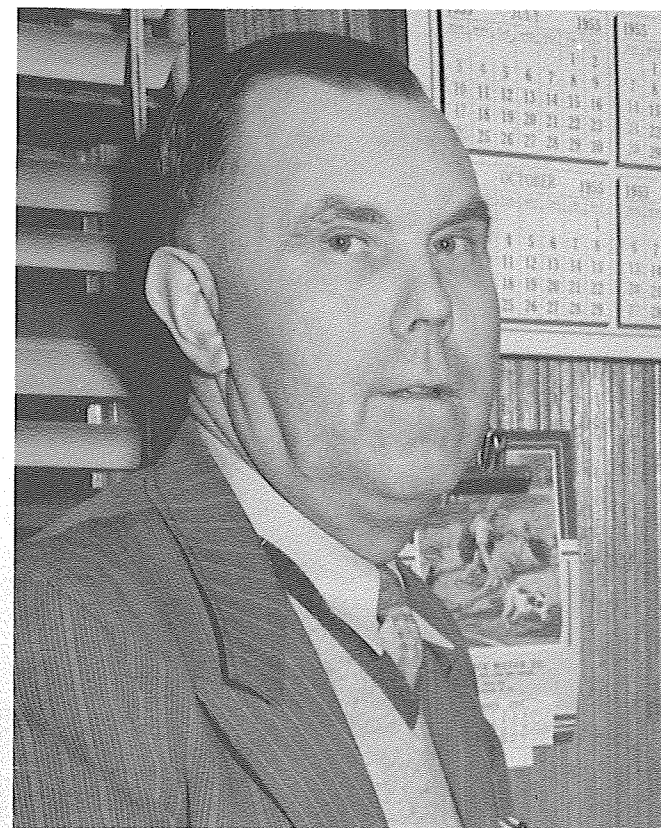
GROVER C. HEDRICK, JR. M.D. (Continued from page 967) the Board of Governors of the International Platform Association. The Association is an international organization which has been instrumental in improving the American Platform, especially in the area of school assembly programs available to children. (See INDEX)

JOHN HOWARD MCCULLOCH, JR. (Continued from page 958) This particular John McCulloch was born in 1792 when George Washington was serving his first term as President. His wife was in her 77th year when she died. By the by, Mary E. McCulloch was the daughter of Andrew Bryan, great uncle of William Jennings Bryan.

Speaking of the several John McCullochs, the late Dr. John H. McCulloch, (Dec. 14, 1885-March 18, 1939) was one; and the current John H. McCulloch is the new young councilman of Beckley whose hobby is the collecting of Indian artifacts, son of the late Dr. John Howard McCulloch.

There was another John McCulloch, an uncle of Edward McCulloch, who died young. He was John McCulloch, brother of Charles E. McCulloch, Ed McCulloch's father. This particular John McCulloch died July 9, 1881, at the age of 37 years, 6 months and 22 days, according to figures on his grave marker. John McCulloch, (1792-June 12, 1884), great-grandfather of our new councilman-and Mrs. Hulett C. Smith and Albert M. Tieche-was sheriff of Mason County long before Virginia was rent in twain. When he had collected the taxes his was the job, as Ed McCulloch put it, "to carry the proceeds to Richmond." This Sheriff John McCulloch did.

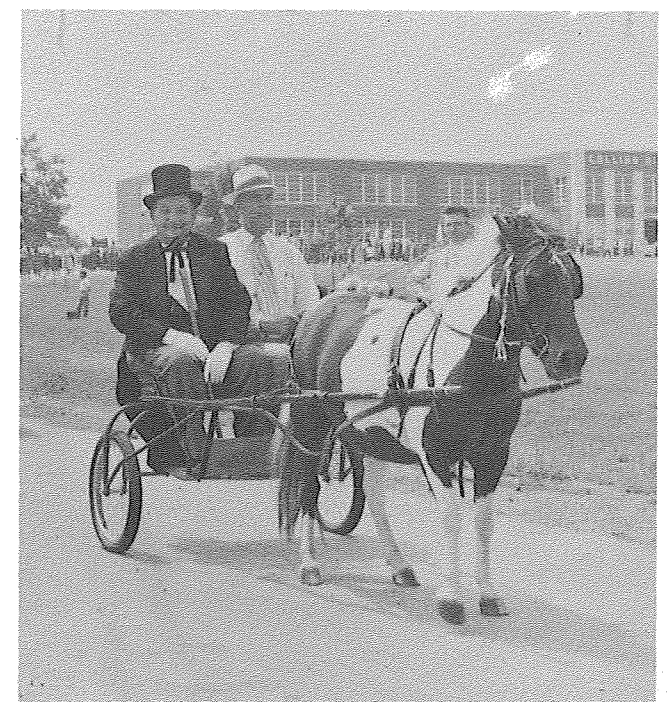
Our John Howard McCulloch, Jr. is married to Carolyn June Hedrick. They have two sons, another John who is John Howard III was born May 27, 1952, and Scott Hedrick born March 3, 1959. (See general INDEX)



JAMES KENNY WILLIAM (J. K.) WHITLOCK was born in Franklin County, Virginia, January 27, 1903, a son of the late Jim Henry (live stock dealer) and Onnie Frances Whitlock. He was an automobile, real estate, and live stock dealer. He has a brother, T. F. Whitlock, Fayetteville; two sisters, Mrs. Nettie Taylor, Martinsville, and Mrs. Mary Lucy Boyd, Fayetteville; four half brothers, Dewey Ashby, Fayetteville, Jessie Ashby, Chicago, Ill., and Joe and Monroe Ashby, both of Greensboro, N. C. On October 16, 1926 at Packs, West Virginia he married Icie McKinney, daughter of Abraham Garfield and Judy Edry Good McKinney. He has three sons and two daughters: Grady, Beckley, Billy, Summersville, and Jimmy, Mrs. Thelma Neal, Beckley and Mrs. Anna Frances Wilder, Huntington. Mr. Whitlock spent his boyhood days in Virginia, dealing in livestock; moved to Kingston at the age of 22 and worked for the Kingston Mining Co.; moved to Oak Hill where he worked as an automobile salesman for the Pat Hamilton Motor Company for four years; 1932 was awarded the Plymouth-DeSoto automobile franchise and formed the Oak Hill Trading Post Company which he owned and operated in Oak Hill until 1949, when he moved his automobile business to Fayetteville, forming the Whitlock Motor Company. Mr. Whitlock amassed a fortune in the automobile business and can lay claim to being the king of West Virginia's used car dealers. His office was located at the biggest Whitlock Co. lot, a mile south of Fayetteville on U. S. 21. When he opened his business, he traded some cars but it was mostly livestock, ponies, cows, horses and mules. He later expanded into real estate too. He had at least 30 houses or business places and five farms. He was a lover of horses and ponies. He

had ponies scattered in Fayette, Raleigh, Summers, and Kanawha Counties. Although scattered over these four counties, most of Mr. Whitlock's ponies were kept at his farm on U. S. 21 just north of Oak Hill. He purchased three-fourths interest in the Shumate Dairy Property on Harper Road. He sold and traded work horses, cattle and mine ponies for many years. He later discontinued raising anything but Shetland ponies. He bought two dairies near Fayetteville, the Bragg Dairy Farm and Maple Lane Farm. For a time he operated the Maple Lane Farm as a dairy but it later became stocked with ponies. He also had ponies on a rented farm near Belle in Kanawha County. The ponies were sold to the mines for working in the mines in West Virginia, Virginia, and Kentucky. After the machinery took over the ponies' jobs he discontinued to raise them to sell for working purposes. He started breeding them to a size no larger than a collie dog. These little ponies were in a great demand at this time, about 1960. The long-haired ponies graze in acres of rolling pasture land all year and spend very little time inside the barn. When the weather gets very cold, the ponies are friskier than ever. The animals were never taken to auction sales, but were sold at the farm. Most of the ponies were sold as children's pets. Mr. Whitlock had some of the smallest ponies anywhere. He had one pony that weighed only 15 pounds when it was two weeks old. When the pony was three years old, it was only 29 inches tall. It may have been the smallest pony in the world. Mr. Whitlock died at 3:15 a.m., January 4, 1960 in an Oak Hill hospital after an illness of three months. At the time of his death he owned over a thousand Shetland ponies; more than anyone in the United States. (See INDEX)

J. K. Whitlock and former Mayor H. C. Brown of Oak Hill are shown at the Children's Day parade at Collins High School at the Fayette County Fair.



"Come, read to me some poem,

Some simple and heartfelt lay,



DUDLEY L. SIMMS (Continued from page 965)
being used by every club in the association. He originated the President's Book, "This Is Your Year", an invaluable manual for Club presidents and all club officers. Mr. Simms attended GMS, Lewisburg. His working career started in the mercantile business in Charleston and he now operates Fabric shops in W. Va., Ohio, Ky., Va., and N. C.; he is president of Simms Wholesale Dist. Inc. and Simms Management Corp. He is director of Southern W. Va. Automobile Association, past president of Charleston C. of C., Past Exalted Ruler of the Elks, Member of the Citizens Advisory Com. for the City of Charleston; a 32° Mason and a member of the Beni-Kedem Temple of the Shrine; Press Club, Army and Navy Club and Berry Hills Country Club. He has served in active executive capacity in the Parent Teachers Assn., Y.M.C.A., United Fund, Red Cross, U. S. Savings War Bonds Drives and in the building development of Charleston Memorial Hospital and Morris Harvey College; member of the Charleston Baptist Church. Lion Simms and his wife, Opal, have four children—Mrs. Patricia Maria Harrison, Mrs. Betty Lee Sears, and twin sons, John Lee and Dudley Lee III, and 12 grandchildren. (See INDEX)

ROLAND ALLEN HINCKLEY (Continued from page 965)
Charleston Lions Club. He took voice lessons for twenty years, studying with Mr. Frank Merrill, Boston, Mr. Frank Kincheloe, Charleston, Mr. Edgar Schofield, New York, and Mrs. Anne Laura Leonard, Charleston. For twenty years Mr. Hinckley was choir director at the Methodist Temple, directed the Elks Choraliers for several years; past tenor soloist of Christ Church Methodist in Charleston, Virginia Street Temple in Charleston, and Christian Science Church, Charleston. Mr. Hinckley established the Piece Goods Shop at 101 Main Street 21 years ago. There are 13 of these stores of which Mr. Hinckley is general manager of the Beckley and Bluefield Stores. He came to Beckley 21 years ago, and since that time has seen the Beckley Piece Goods Shop expand to a thriving business. The Beckley store was the first of these stores to be established following the establishment of the Charleston Store. (See INDEX)

JOHN A. HEDRICK, M.D. (Continued from page 967)
Loan Fund Association, member of the W. Va. Heart Association, Beckley-Raleigh County Chamber of Commerce (ex-director), Air Force Association; ex-member of the Board of Directors of the Raleigh General Hospital, past president of the Medical Staff of the Raleigh General Hospital, and past president of the Raleigh County Medical Society. (See INDEX)

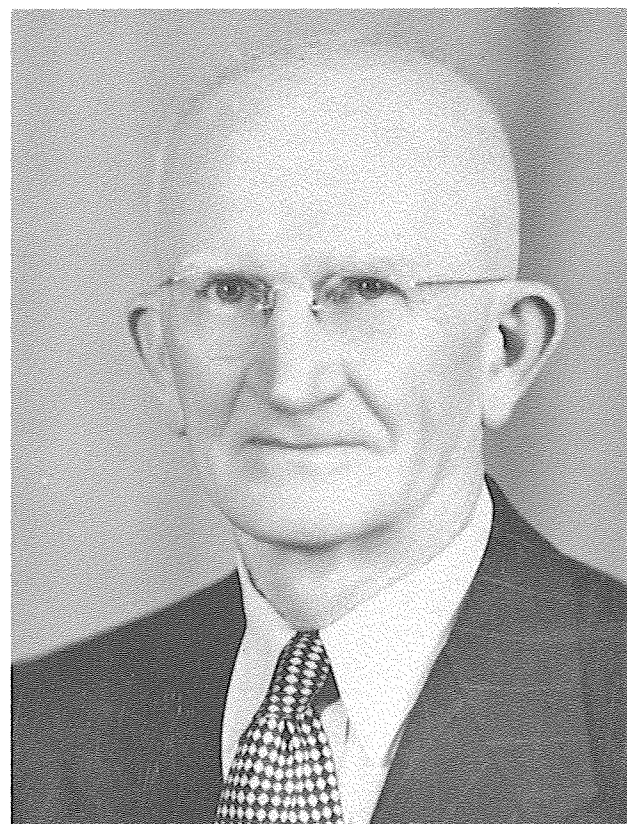


HOWARD E. HALL of 211 Granville Avenue, Beckley, W. Va. was born May 8, 1920 in Nicholas County, W. Va. He is a merchant and the son of E. L. (mine foreman) and Mable Darlington Hall of Alloy. His brother and sisters are: Juanita, Louise, Geneva, and John. On October 20, 1946 at Minersville, Pa. he married Irene Hazara daughter of George (shovel operator) and Helen Perubula Hazara of Minersville, Pa. He received his education at the Gauley Bridge High School and West Virginia Tech. He is a Baptist, Democrat, and member of the Black Knight Country Club, Moose, Chamber of Commerce and an ex-Kiwanis member. He has three children: George Hall born March 15, 1951; Deborah Kay Hall born April 29, 1952; and Howard E. Hall, Jr. born November 15, 1955. After leaving W. Va. Tech. he was employed by the Marietta Mfg. Co. at Point Pleasant; later volunteered for Navy with Amphibious Forces; served in Mediterranean & Pacific Theatres; discharged from Navy in 1946; worked in Pennsylvania for Alcoa Aluminum; left Pennsylvania and came to Beckley; sold dry goods door to door in coal camps; later opened furniture store on 19-21 By-Pass; July, 1963 opened his own furniture store known as Hall Furniture Company at 1101 Valley Drive, Beckley; attended the Dale Carnegie Course in Charleston and then served as graduate assistant with a class in Beckley. (See opposite page & INDEX)

That shall soothe this restless feeling,

CHARLES CLEVELAND FARMER of 217 Woodlawn Avenue, Beckley was born March 4, 1884 at Bolt, W. Va. He is secretary of the Beckley Water Company and the son of Christopher C. (a farmer) and Virginia M. Farmer of Bolt, W. Va. His brothers are Kelly, James P., John D., H. G., A. A., and C. H. Farmer. On September 9, 1903 at Beckley he married Bessie Worley daughter of Nathan (a farmer) and Sophia J. Worley. He received his education in public schools and Beckley Seminary. He is a Baptist, Democrat, and a member of the Kiwanis Club for 21 years. He was past Masonic master, 1925; 32nd Mason, Scottish Rite treasurer for 23 years. He has three children: Arthur C. Farmer born May 7, 1905 married to Sarah J. Lee of Morgantown, W. Va. (they have one son Jackson, 32); Madgelene born March 13, 1908 married to C. Binford Sims employee of Long-Airbox Corp., (they have one daughter Sue Thomas, 24); and Charles C. Jr. born May 18, 1924 married to Regina Hughes, a housewife and Registrar of Vital Statistics of Bowling Green, Ky., (they have four children: Cynthia Low, 17, Jo Anne, 15, Charles David, 13, and Christopher Alan, 12). Mr. Farmer taught school at Bolt, Teel, 1904, two terms at Sylvia, 1905-06, and Johnstown, 1907; sold automobiles one year; worked for the Home Insurance Company for Mr. Till Williams and Mr. Howard Phipps; 1917 worked for the Beckley Electric Light and Water Company where he was secretary and treasurer. Lee Foster was elected sheriff at this time. John McCreery was president of the Beckley Electric Light and Water Company and in 1928 sold the electric part of the business and retained the Beckley Water Company. Mr. Charles Farmer is now the secretary of this Company.

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SHERWOOD EDWARD SPARKS, a coal operator with offices at Layland, West Virginia and residence at the top of Maxwell Hill was born July 25, 1909 at Chatteroy, West Virginia. On February 11, 1939 at Ashland, Kentucky he married Martha Short of Louisa, Kentucky. He received his education in Kentucky. Mr. Sparks is a Methodist, Democrat, and member of the Masons, Shrine, Black Knight Country Club, and Elks Club. He is president of the Black Knight Country Club, the Royal Sparks Mining Company, Richmond, which is a subsidiary of the A. T. Massey firm. He formed the Sparks Coal Company in 1961 and the Royal Sparks Mining Company two years ago. July of last year he sold to Royal Smokeless Coal Company and the two merged.

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And banish the thoughts of day.



PAUL RANDALL HUTCHINSON of 114 West Fourth Street, Beckley was born June 7, 1909 at Mabscott, West Virginia. He is president of Colony Drug, Inc. and the son of G. R. (deceased) and Lake E. Hutchinson of Beckley. On April 21, 1935 at Beckley he married Ruth O'Dell daughter of M. F. (retired) and Ida S. O'Dell of Beckley. He is a graduate of Furman University where he obtained his B.S. degree. He is a Baptist, Republican, and a member of the Rotary Club, Elks Club, Chamber of Commerce, Shrine and Masons. He has three children: Paul, Jr. born January 18, 1937 married to Carolyn Smith Hutchinson of Beckley, daughter of Gov. Hulett Smith; Paul, Jr. is a lawyer. Mary Martha, a teacher, is single and was born November 25, 1940. Julia B. is a school teacher married to Charles E. Hutchinson manager of the Flat Top Day Camp and General Store. Mr. Hutchinson is also a member of the Isaac Walton Legion of America, Black Knight Country Club, member of the Recreation Board of the City of Beckley, Raleigh County Horsemen's Assn., Mt. Hope Commandry, Royal Arch Masons, National Assn. of Retail Druggists, and Beni-Kedem Shrine. Mr. Hutchinson was division manager for Liggett & Myers Tobacco Company, 1934-1950; opened up the Colony Drug, Inc. in 1950.

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THE VERY REVEREND THOMAS LEO KERRIGAN, V.F. of 614 South Oakwood Avenue, Beckley was born July 21, 1922 at Weston, West Virginia. He is a Catholic Priest and the son of Frances B. (deceased) and Teresa B. Kerrigan of Weston, West Virginia. He attended grade school and high schools and is a graduate of St. Patrick's Catholic School, Weston, St. Paul's College, Maryland, and St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore. He has an A.B. and a S.T.B. degree. He served from 1948-54 at the St. Paul's Church in Weirton; January 1, 1955-June, 1964 Chaplain at the Federal Reformatory at Alderson; June, 1964 to the present time has served as Priest at St. Frances de Sales Catholic Church on South Oakwood Avenue, Beckley. (See INDEX)



"Not from the grand old masters,



WILLIAM PIERSON HALL, JR. of 3062 Wallace Circle, Huntington, West Virginia, was born October 30, 1924 at Stotesbury, W. Va. He is the son of William P. (coal miner; 1900-1952) and Willa G. Hall of Beckley, W. Va. On March 4, 1956 at Beckley, W. Va. he married Alice G. Hall daughter of N. S. (a salesman) and Elsie Mae Gregory. He moved to Beckley at the age of one; received his education: grade schools, secondary schools, and graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School in June, 1942; entered military service in June, 1943, enlisted in U. S. Air Force as cadet and pilot candidate; attended Slippery Rock State Teachers College, Slippery Rock, Penn.; University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska; Officers Candidate School, Maxwell Field, Alabama and graduated as a pilot and 2nd Lt. from Advance Twin-Engine Flying School, Turner Field, Albany, Georgia, March 11, 1945; separated from service in 1946 and remained active reservist in W. Va. Air National Guard until February, 1964 at which time he retired with 22 years of service and with the rank of Major. Mr. William Hall, Jr. formerly resided at 302 Witherspoon St., Beckley and was manager of the Credit Bureau of Beckley from July 1947 to December, 1963. While in Beckley he was active in Elks Club, Rotary Club (former secretary), First Methodist Church (sang in choir). His wife was employed for a time at Beckley Newspaper Corp. and was active in Junior Womens Club of Beckley. She is now active in the Junior Womens Club of Huntington and a member of the Pink Ladies Volunteer Group at St. Mary's Hospital. Mr. Hall moved to Huntington on December 4, 1963 and started employment with the Credit Bureau of Huntington at that time. He is now active in the Kiwanis Club of Huntington, Chamber of Commerce, Administrative Management Assn., First Methodist Church (sings in choir), Associate Credit Bureaus of W. Va. (secy.-treasurer for past 12 years), and the Associate Credit Bureau of America (state Public Relations Chairman). (See INDEX)

DEWEY HOBSON MEADOR was born June 16, 1898 at Dunns, West Virginia, and died on April 4, 1953; he is the son of Cyrus H. and Emma A. Lilly Meador. Mr. Meador, the subject of this sketch, is a member of one of the really stolid pioneering families of this entire region; he is a banker dealing in coal operations and book-keeping. His grandfather was the well-known and popular merchant, J. G. Meador (1854-1934) who operated a large grocery store on Main Street opposite the County Court House until 1911. (See picture bottom of page 36.) J. G. Meador's family consisted of Cyrus (the father of our subject) Sally, Adams, Henry, Olga, Frank, and Mack Meador, all deceased. Dewey Meador's sisters are Oneida Meador Gardner and Eva Sue Meador Pier. Mr. Meador was married on August 16, 1926 at Staffordville, Virginia to Margaret Stafford. Her father was W. B. (a farmer, 1860-1934) and mother, Avileen Hardiman Stafford. He was graduated, Beckley Institute, 1917; Augusta Military Academy, 1917-1919; W. Va. University, 1919-1920. He was a Baptist and Democrat. Mr. and Mrs. Meador had two daughters, Margaret Ann, a registered nurse, born August 18, 1929 and was married to J. David Brown, an M. D. of Craigsville, W. Va., (they have two children, James Patrick Brown born Oct. 5, 1954 and Lou Ann Brown born January 25, 1958), and Sara Lou was born March 5, 1933 and is a legal secretary to the Law Firm of Bowers, File, Hodson, & Payne, Law Building, Main Street, Beckley.

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Not from the bards sublime,



JIMELLE FARMER WALKER was born January 15, 1921 at Macon, Georgia. She is secretary of Foster Hardware Company and is manager of their Art Department. She is the daughter of James W. and Eunice Dodd Farmer, both deceased. Her brothers and sisters are: Isaac Leon, James Roy, John, Marjorie, Barbara, and Eunice. She is married to Henry Lee Walker (see his biography on this page). She received her education in Georgia schools and is a graduate of Beaver High School, Bluefield, W. Va. and Bluefield Junior College, Bluefield. She is a Baptist, Democrat, and a member of the Black Knight Country Club. She is state president of the Woman's Garden Club. (See INDEX)

HENRY LEE WALKER of 224 Westwood Drive, Beckley was born January 23, 1919 at Bluefield, West Virginia. He is the stepson of H. P. Walters. On December 22, 1941 at Bluefield he married Jimelle Farmer, daughter of James W. (a Baptist minister) and Eunice Dodd Farmer, both deceased. He received his education in Bluefield Schools, Beaver High School, Bluefield, W. Va. and Bluefield Junior College. He is a Baptist, Democrat, and a member of the Black Knight Country Club, Elks and Moose Clubs. He has been a traveling salesman since 1939 for the Bluefield Hardware Company; chairman of the Board of the Mercer Distributors; and owner and president of Foster Hardware Company, Beckley. Mr. and Mrs. Henry L. Walker have three children: Henry Lee, Jr. born March 18, 1945, a senior at West Virginia University where he is on the swimming team and a member of Psi Kappa Phi fraternity. Jimelle Walker born November 26, 1948 is a freshman at Virginia College, Bristol, Virginia. Thomas David Walker born October 11, 1952 is in the tenth grade at Woodrow Wilson High School.

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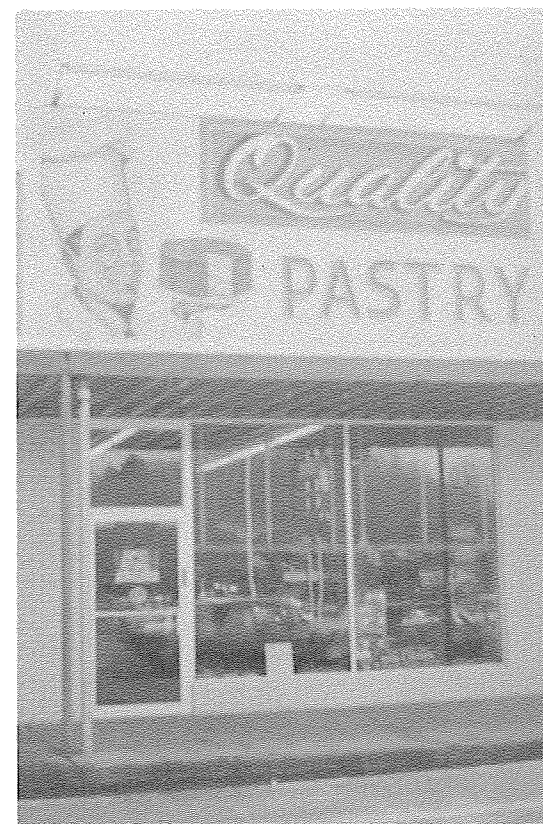




The two Torlone "Quality Pastry Shops", top, 435 Neville Street, lower right, Beckley Plaza Shopping Center.

Mr. Lorenzo Torlone came to Beckley from Logan, W. Va. on October 21, 1931 and originated the Raleigh Baking Co., November 20, 1931; purchased Quality Bakery from Mr. G. Spaulding in 1933; it was located on McCreery Street near Klaus Office Equipment, and was the original "Retail Bakery" in Beckley, later an outlet to this was located on Main Street in the vicinity of the Beckley Hotel (about where the Kiddie Shop is now). In 1936 moved to present location at 435 Neville Street. Remodeled in 1958 when Anthony J. Misiti took over as president. Opened a second location at the Beckley Plaza Shopping Center on January 15, 1968.

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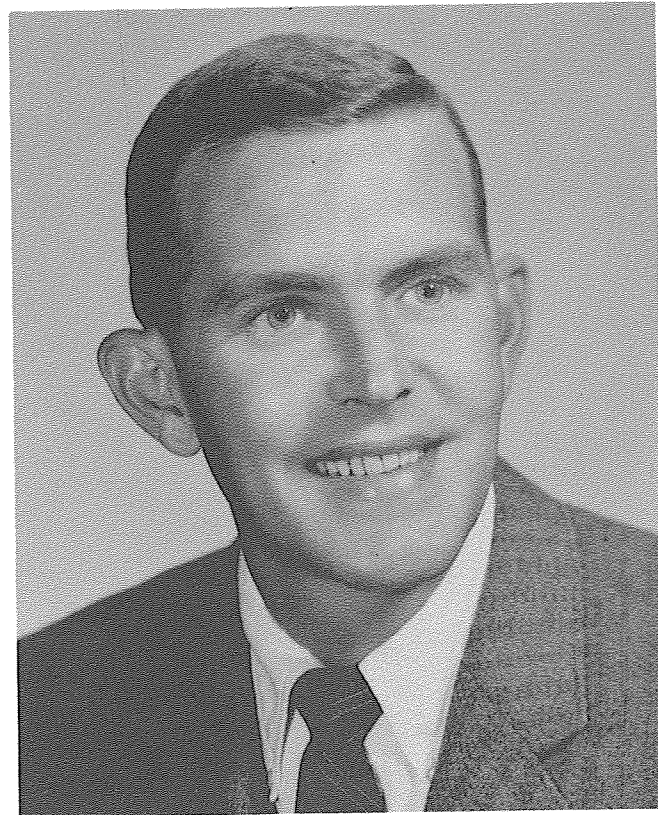
MR. and MRS. ANTHONY JOHN MISITI, JR. reside at 2200 Hill Road, Beckley, W. Va. They were married on September 5, 1955 at Beckley, West Virginia. They have six children: Lawrence A. born July 20, 1956; Michael G. born September 19, 1957; Patsiann T. born March 13, 1960; Anthony J. III born December 31, 1961; Paula M. born August 2, 1963; and Vincent S. Misiti born September 3, 1965. Mr. Anthony John Misiti, Jr. was born August 1, 1933 at Port Chester, N. Y., the son of Anthony J. (printing shop manager; 1912-1956) and Rose F. Lombardo Misiti of Port Chester, N. Y. He has one brother John Misiti, and one sister, Patsiann G. Misiti. He received a B.S. degree at Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, Pa. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus of the Catholic Church; a Republican; member of the Retail Bakers Assn., Chairman of Mens Golf Committee, 1966, Black Knight Country Club, Alpha Phi Delta National Fraternity, Y.M.C.A., and Civitan Club. Mrs. Anthony J. Misiti (former Miss Jeannette Irene Torlone) was born October 12, 1932 at Beckley. She is the daughter of Lorenzo (bakery owner) and Theresa Torlone of Beckley. She received a B.S. degree at Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, Pa. She is a member of the Catholic Daughters of America of the Catholic Church; a Democrat and member of the Black Knight Country Club. Mrs. Misiti is secretary of the Quality Bakery Shop and Mr. Misiti is president.

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MR. and MRS. LORENZO TORLONE reside at 236 Locust Drive, Beckley. They were married on October 14, 1931 at Wooster, Ohio. They have one daughter, Jeannette Irene born October 12, 1932 married to Anthony J. Misiti, Jr. formerly of Port Chester, New York, now president of the Quality Pastry Shop, Beckley; (they have six children: Lawrence A., Michael G., Patsiann T., Anthony John III, Paula Marie, and Vincent Stephen Misiti). Mr. Lorenzo Torlone was born August 9, 1902 at Navelli, Italy, the son of Nicholas (a farmer) and Doralicia of Navelli, Italy. He has three brothers and a sister: Daniel, Bill, Paul, and Antoinette. He received a high school education; a Catholic; Democrat; and member of the Holy Name Society and Elks Club. Mrs. Lorenzo Torlone, (former Miss Mary Theresa Nollelli) was born February 21, 1915 at Wooster, Ohio. She is a housewife and the daughter of Domenic (a carpenter; 1886-1965) and Elia Nollelli of Wooster, Ohio. She has two brothers and two sisters: Dorothy, Eugene, Umbert and Angelina. She received a high school education and is a Catholic; Democrat; and member of the Beckley Business and Professional Club and the Quota Club. Mr. Torlone is owner of the Quality Pastry Shop. (See INDEX)





S. AUSTIN CAPERTON, JR. is a son of S. Austin (late former president of Slab Fork Coal Company) and Helen Mason Caperton. He was born July 7, 1925 at Slab Fork, W. Va., graduated from Greenbrier Military School, and Virginia Polytechnic Institute where he received his B. S. degree in mining engineering. He is a Presbyterian; Democrat; and is Director of Red Cross of Raleigh County; Director of United Fund of Raleigh County; Past Director of the Raleigh County Cancer Society; Past President of Appalachian Chapter of W. Va. Society of Professional Engineers; President of Lake Stephens Tourist Development Authority; Vice President of Smokeless Operators Association; Director of W. Va. Coal Association; and belongs to Black Knight Country Club and Elks Lodge.

S. Austin Caperton, Jr. married Barbro Oxehufwud, daughter of Thyra and Anders Oxehufwud of Mt. Lakes, New Jersey. They have four sons, Samuel Austin, III born November 26, 1951; Hugh Mason born May 18, 1955; John Alexander born March 1, 1958; Adam Anders born August 4, 1960; and one daughter Mary Clay born July 6, 1962. All of their children reside with them at their residence at Slab Fork.

*Photograph and biography of Mr. S. Austin Caperton, Sr. may be found on page 623.

Incidentally, Mr. S. Austin Caperton, Jr. is the third Caperton to be named to the presidency of this huge coal operation. His father S. Austin Caperton, Sr. died on June 29, 1967 and his grandfather, W. Gaston Caperton was the founding president of this firm.

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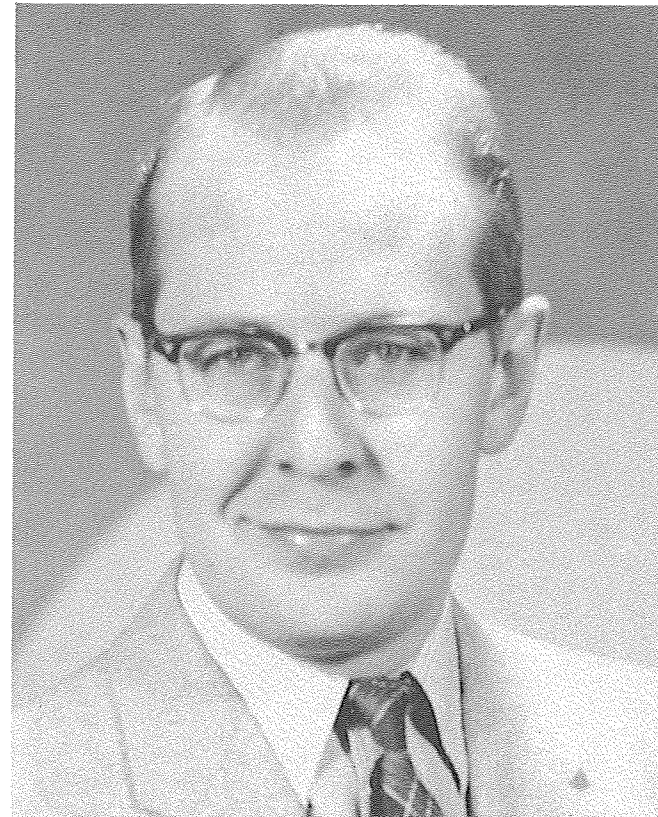
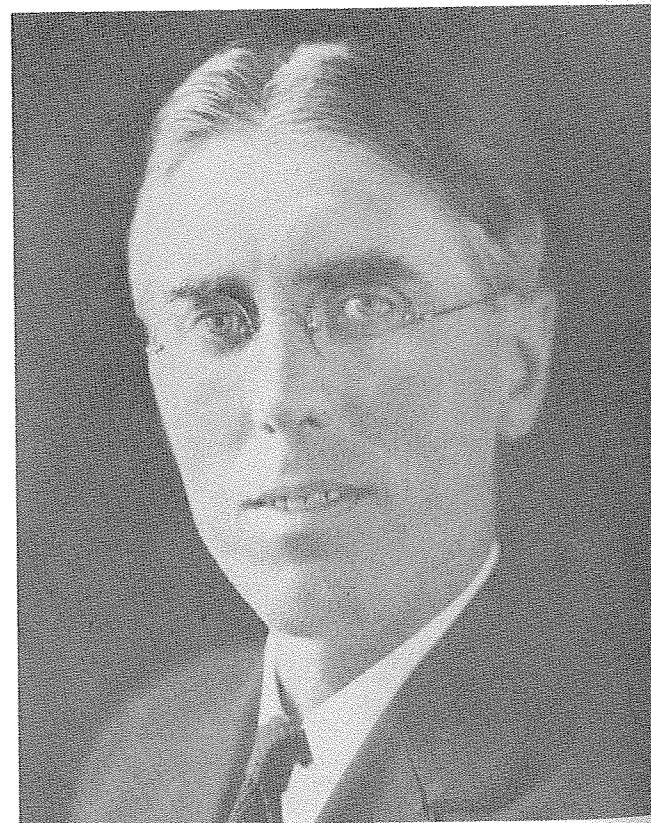
(Quoted verbatim from "HISTORY OF WEST VIRGINIA, VOL. III, page 355.)

ROBERT WRISTON, (M.D.) "The career of Dr. Robert Wriston as a physician and surgeon began at Beckley in 1906. He is one of the very accomplished professional men of Raleigh County, and has been very active in all that concerns his profession and the general welfare and advancement of the community."

A native West Virginian from Fayette County, "his grandfather, Caleb Wriston, served as a Confederate soldier in the Civil War, and his maternal grandfather lost his life in that struggle. The Wristons were of Scotch ancestry, and the family has been in Virginia for a number of generations." His father, Mr. I. G. Wriston, and his wife lived in Nesco where he had been a farmer and for two terms held the office of justice of the peace, and was an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Fresh from his medical training in Baltimore, where he was resident physician in the City Hospital, he began his work at Beckley. "Dr. Wriston handles a general medical and surgical practice, and every year or so he gets away from the routine of home duties to come into contact with the leading men and schools of the country. He took postgraduate work in the New York Polyclinic in 1908 and again in 1911, pursued special studies in Tulane University at New Orleans in 1917, and in 1921 and 1922 pursued courses in the Augustana Hospital and under Dr. Printy at Chicago.

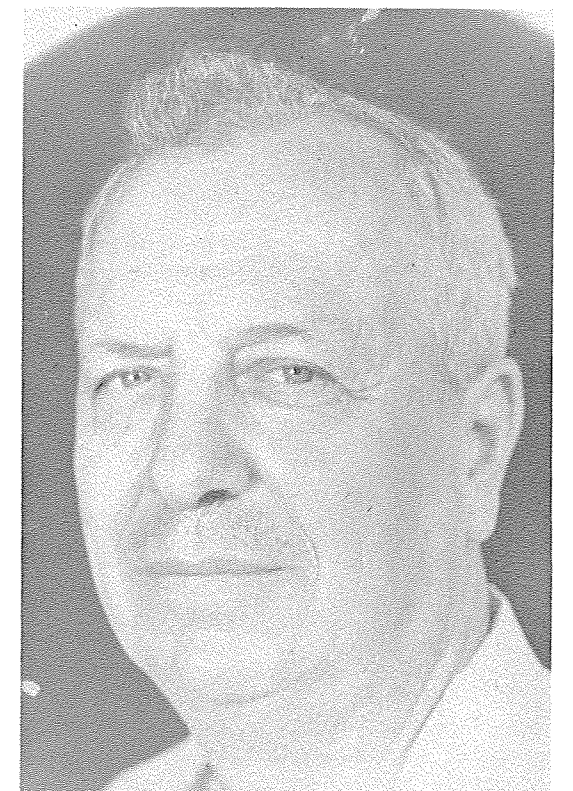
"In 1913 Dr. Wriston helped organize the Beckley Hospital, and he owned a half interest in that institution until January, 1922. . ." Dr. Wriston's wife, the former Miss Minnie Davis was the daughter of John F. and

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EMILE J. HODEL, newspaper editor, and writer (2nd vice president of Beckley Newspaper Corp.) of 300 Maxwell Hill Road, Beckley, West Virginia was born November 24, 1923 at Beckley. He is the son of Charles, publisher born January 13, 1889, and Katharine Warren Hodel, born May 12, 1889. He has two brothers and a sister: George Warren Hodel, John Charles Hodel, and Rose Hodel Chrisley. On October 10, 1949 at the Presbyterian Church in Beckley he married Nancy Henrichs of Harper, daughter of W. F. (mining hoist engineer, July 18, 1892–October 27, 1951) and Grace Henrichs. He graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School, Beckley in 1941, Greenbrier Military School and West Virginia University. He is a Unitarian and president of the Beckley fellowship and vice president of the Ohio-Meadville District. He is a Republican and member of the Beckley Junior Chamber of Commerce where he is secretary and was awarded the distinguished service award in 1957. He is also a charter member of the Historical Society of Raleigh County, vice president of the Mountaineer Travel Council, vice president and a board member. He has two children: J. Randolph Hodel born December 27, 1950 and Alan Emile Hodel born August 31, 1954. (See pages 106, 210, and INDEX.)

PRICE WAYNE WILLIAMS, born September 14, 1890, at Johnstown Road and South Kanawha St., (his first name is from J. Price Beckley), the son of Joseph Millard and Virginia Alice (Hutchinson) Williams of Prosperity. Through the Hutchinsons he is a descendant of Captain James Ellison of Revolutionary War Service and of Martin L. Rogers; in the Williams family he is a descendant from the Shumates, Carpers, and Stovers. His great-great grandfather, "Lonesome" Dave Williams, is buried at Cirtsville. At the age of three his family moved to Moundsville where he attended schools through high school. In 1911 he graduated from Marshall College and returned to Beckley to teach school at Teel. After that he taught and supervised in Kanawha, Cabell and Summers Counties until 1955. Time was taken out for service in the army 1917-'19 and 1941-'45, and various other ventures. He is an excellent historian and "amateur" river boat buff. The last twenty-five years before his 1955 retirement, he was principal of Cedar Grove Elementary and Junior High Schools. In 1919 he married Nelle Elizabeth Ellis of Washington County, Ohio. They have four children: Nancy Alice (Mrs. J. P. Murphy) of Grafton, born 1920; Elizabeth May (Myers-Wileman) deceased, born 1922; Wayne Ellis Williams of Hansford, born 1924; Roger Edward Williams of Martinsburg, W. Va. born 1931. They, in turn, are the parents of twelve grandchildren to Nelle and Price Williams. (See other biographical sketch of Mr. Williams and his illustrious family—of which there should have been "millions"!—on page 643 and many other connections through the general INDEX.)



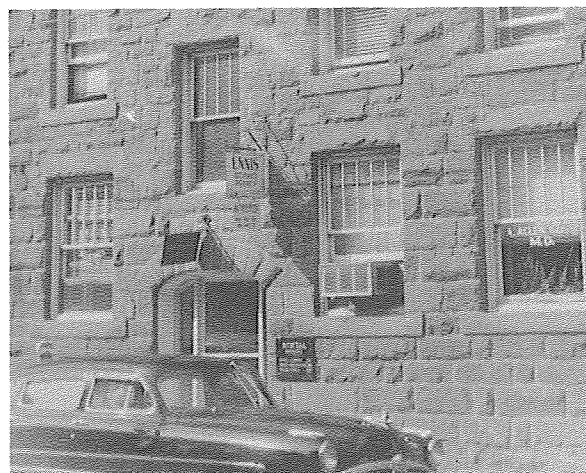
SCOTT ARTHUR FORD, M.D. (Continued from page 922) merly from Beckley and they have a daughter Sally, 9, and a son David, 8. They are now residing at Charlotte, North Carolina. (Note) Dr. Ford died Wednesday, November 22, 1967 and funeral services were held in the Melton Mortuary Chapel at 2 p.m. Friday. His body was taken to Sherwood Memorial Park in Salem, Virginia for cremation. (See photo and other reference to Dr. Ford on page 156 and refer to INDEX.)

RALPH HOGE JACKSON (Continued from page 924) Ralph's help while Mr. Neal went on vacation. Mr. Neal's death, while on vacation, was the beginning of Ralph's return to the funeral business, though at the time, he had not planned such a change. Now he is general manager of Webb & Neal Funeral Home and Thomas Funeral Home, Inc. (See INDEX)

MINOR LEE SCOTT (Continued from page 948) from Shady Spring High School in 1929; president of the Senior Class, played on the 1929 football team; helped organize the Southern States Beckley Cooperative; served several three-year terms on Board of Directors of Southern States Beckley Cooperative; member of Board of Directors of the Beckley Chamber of Commerce; past member of the Raleigh County Farm Bureau; member of the Board of Directors of the Rural Development Council. (Check with the general INDEX for other connections, especially on page 433.)

THOMAS EVANS (Continued from page 961) City. Through a mutual friend, she sent for a young Mexican boy, Carlos Cid, who has resided with them for the past five and one-half years, and who was graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School June 1968. Carlos, who could not speak English at all when he arrived, has now an excellent command of the language and, because of this, expects to obtain lucrative employment upon his return to his native country. (See INDEX)

OPPIE L. HEDRICK (Continued from page 966) ley Republican Executive Committee, greatly assisting in the election of his father. He is a longtime member of the Board of Directors of the Raleigh County Bank and now serves as associate general counsel of this institution. He is a member of the Board of Directors and general counsel for Beckley College. He has served on several occasions as Chairman of the Beckley Executive Committee for the Republican Party; is now a member of the Republican State Executive Committee of the Ninth Senatorial District, and is acting Treasurer of the Raleigh County Unit of American Cancer Society. (See INDEX)



Ye Ole "Deepwater" Bldg. Where Citizens Bank of Beckley began business (right hand two front windows).

THELMA HEDRICK (Continued from page 909) months, when moved to Meadow Creek in Summers County; at the age of eleven years moved to Mabscott, and has been in Mabscott and Beckley the rest of her life. (See INDEX)

PRICE H. CALFEE, SR. (Continued from page 912) the family work. They were joined by Price, Jr. later, and now the fourth generation of Calfees in the funeral work is represented by Price H. III. Like his father and grandfather, Price H. is a graduate of the Cincinnati College of Embalming. Price Senior, though not active because of ill health, still maintains an interest in all concerns of the business. (See INDEX)

JUDGE JAMES WILLIAM MAXWELL (Continued from page 904) and Raleigh in 1944 and unsuccessfully ran for election in the fall of 1944, the district having a Democratic majority of 56,000 which the Republican nominee could not overcome though he reduced it to approximately 18,000. Judge Maxwell entered the Primary as a candidate for Judge of the Supreme Court of Appeals in 1948, in a contest in which there were two to be nominated and three candidates. Judge Lewis Miller of Jackson County and John Copenhaver of Charleston (Kanawha County). Judge Maxwell was nominated but ran an unsuccessful race in the fall election. Judge Maxwell entered the Primary campaign as candidate for Governor of the State of West Virginia in 1952, but was defeated by Rush D. Holt who had only recently abandoned the Democratic Party and became a Republican candidate for Congress. He, nevertheless was defeated in the fall election. (See INDEX)

H. T. CALFEE (Continued from page 912) first wooden caskets in the area and had conducted a funeral business in connection with his furniture store, continued after the fire with business which is known today as the Calfee Funeral Home. Mr. Calfee died in 1923. (See INDEX)

STEVE EDWARD PACHUTA (Continued from page 928) carving and the design and construction of fine furniture; he "is trying desperately to master the game of chess." He paints in oils, concentrating almost entirely on local landscapes and early scenes of Piney Creek. His chief success in art has been carving unique pieces and creating boards of original design. (See pages 639, 641, and INDEX.)

ROBERT TAYLOR BAIR (Continued from page 909) East Main Motel, and they have three sons, James Adolph Bair born January, 1938, William Kent Bair born in 1942, and Robert T. Bair, Jr., born in 1948; Lucille Bair born Sept. 7, 1913, married John Dee Donovan who is part owner of Rema Inc., New York City, a company dealing with rubber material. They have four sons, George born 1948, Thomas, 1950, Gary, 1951, and John Dee, Jr., 1952; Bobbie Marguerite Bair born November 2, 1916 married Edward Short vice president of Fayco Lumber Co. Oak Hill, W. Va. They have one daughter, Cathy Sue Short born December 11, 1949, and one son, Edward Bair Short born September 15, 1951. (See INDEX)

MR. TED T. STACY (Continued from page 945) nawha Street, building was recently purchased and converted into a very modern office; past Master of Beckley Lodge #95 and Past High Priest of Beckley Chapter Royal Arch Masons, and belongs to the Masonic Lodge, Beni-Kedem Shrine, Lions Club, Odd Fellows, Baptist Church, and is a Democrat. He was elected to the House of Delegates, 1958-1960. Mr. Ted Stacy married Elizabeth Ann Barnette, daughter of Lillie Friend and Nathen Barnette, a Railroad Engineer of Gault, W. Va. They have one son, Larry Ted Stacy, born May 9, 1946, an employee of Commercial Credit Corporation, married to Frances McVey a school teacher. (See INDEX)



ROBERT LEWIS AMICK, SR., Circulation manager of the Beckley Newspaper Corp. for 31 years, resides at 213 Reservoir Road, Beckley, W. Va. He was born November 7, 1911 at Clifftop, W. Va., the son of J. Adam (buyer; store manager, Babcock Coal & Coke Co.) and Eva Herndon Amick. He has one brother, C. Harold Amick. On September 5, 1936 at Beckley, W. Va. he married Dorothy Dempsey, writer, columnist, librarian (see page 673) daughter of W. B. (deceased, owner of a transfer business) and Pearl Henley Dempsey, deceased. Mr. Amick received his education at Nuttall District High School; W. Va. Business College, where he obtained an associate degree. He is a member of the Methodist Temple and a Democrat. Mr. Amick is past District Chairman of Seneca District; member of the Executive Board, Appalachian Council of Boy Scouts of America; honors received: awarded the Order of Merit in 1964 and Silver Beaver in 1966; member International Circulation Managers Assn. and Inter-State Circulation Managers Assn.; member Beckley Masonic Lodge No. 95, AF&AM; Chapter No. 38, Royal Arch Masons; Mount Hope Commandery No. 22; Knights Templar; Beni-Kedem Shrine; Bethlehem Chapter No. 71; Order of the Eastern Star; Charter Member of Judea Shrine No. 13; White Shrine of Jerusalem, past Watchman of Shepherds; now serving secretary of Beckley Chapter No. 38, R.A.M.; secretary of the Raleigh County Chapter of American Red Cross; member of Board of Directors of the ARC; charter member, past president of Friends of the Library; charter member of Raleigh County Historical Society; member Beckley Rotary Club; and honorary Mountaineer Colonel. Mr. Amick has two children: Capt. Robert Lewis Amick, Jr. of Ft. Story, Va. born August 21, 1939, a career army man, married to Sandra Boll of Ironton, Ohio. John William Amick of Vandalia, Ohio, born April 30, 1943, a sales coordinator with Leland Airbourne Division of American Machine and Foundry, married Jill Blankenship of Dayton, Ohio. (See INDEX)



MATTHEW MURRILL RALSTEN, M.D. of 117 Hill Park Drive, Beckley, W. Va. was born October 23, 1900 at Union, W. Va. He is the son of William J. (farmer and merchant) and Sallie M. Ralsten, both deceased. His sisters and brothers include: Ruth R. Woodrum; Catherine Waller, deceased, Ellen Chrisman, deceased, and William M. Ralsten, deceased. On February 14, 1931 at Pearisburg, Va. he married Margaret Lucille Campbell daughter of William R. and Betty D. Campbell, both deceased. He received his education at Union High School, W. Va. University, and the Medical College of Virginia, obtaining his B.S. and M.D. degrees. He is a Trustee and on the Official Board of the Methodist Temple, Beckley, W. Va., a Democrat; past president, Raleigh County Medical Society; W. Va. State Medical Assn.; American Medical Assn., Fellow American College of Surgeons, Southern Medical Assn., Black Knight Country Club, B.P.O. Elks, Rotary Club. Dr. Ralsten has two sons: Matthew M. Ralsten, Jr., merchant married to Helen Banda of Weirton, W. Va., (they have two children: Matthew Murrill, III, and Molly); John Neville Ralsten, a physician married to Carol Keesee of Bluefield, W. Va. (they have one son, John Beckley).

Dr. Ralsten became associated with Beckley Hospital when this institution was taken over by Doctors J. H. McCulloch and A. U. Tieche on January 1, 1922. After two years of employment in business offices, began study of medicine at West Virginia University and graduated from that institution with B.S. degree in 1927. Following one year of internship at Beckley Hospital, continued study of medicine at Medical College of Virginia receiving his M.D. degree in 1930. Following five years of rotating internship and resident training in medicine and surgery, became Chief of Department of Orthopedic and Traumatic Surgery at Beckley and Oak Hill Hospitals. Consultant to Beckley Veterans Administration Hospital and Pinecrest Sanitarium. He was appointed Medical Director Beckley Hospital Inc., June 1, 1964. (See INDEX)

BECKLEY'S EARLIEST HISTORY—(Continued from page 963) For some reason they seemed to give up all connections with the rest of the general's sons (he had no daughters). Also, this seemed to be the same case with the two families, mentioned above, who went east, to Virginia. Today, the western groups reside in Washington, D. C., St. Louis, Mo., Kansas City, Columbia, Salisbury, and Mexico, Mo.

One of the most interested of the Beckley clan in genealogy—of the so-called Missouri group—is Mrs. L. E. (Marie Martin) Clark, Mexico, Mo., who has contributed enormously to the present compilation. (Also Fulton, Mo.) Granddaughter of Wm. G. Beckley.

The name Jatho (see Chart) is pronounced Yato. Several of these children have migrated to Florida and Illinois.

Intensely interesting is the picture taken only a short while ago (to be seen among the Beckley Photographs), of Miss Gussie (83) and John Beckley (85), only living children of the late William G. Beckley. They live in Mexico, Mo.

Also not to be overlooked is the likenesses of TWO remaining John Beckleys: the elder, mentioned in paragraph above, and his 14-year old grandson, Johnny.

At the moment word has not been received from the Isaac Beckley, the Walter Beckley, and the Mrs. Neville Beckley Satterfield descendants or families.

Stuart Alfred Beckley, the grandson of Alfred Beckley, Jr., is a retired colonel in the U.S.A.; lives at Arlington, and is senior engineer for Melpar, Inc., in electronic research and development. (See Frontis piece & INDEX)

There is a Rev. W. W. Beckley, Wallace (near Clarksburg), W. Va. and his sister, Mrs. Daisy Hildreth of Long Beach, California, who have not been heard from for this book.

Wm. Robert Campbell, II, is now the executive vice president of The Mercantile Banking & Trust Co., Moundsville, W. Va. Anna Lee Hedrick is a daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Grover C. Hedrick, Beckley.

Henry Martin Beckley died at 32, in Baltimore. He was owner of a store in Fincastle, Va., and had gone to the Maryland market to replenish his stock of Merchandise. It was reported that he had lost the money to be used for that purpose.

Dictated by Hal M. Scott.

From the original Minute Book of the City of Beckley, we find the following:

"Raleigh County, July 15, 1872. Pursuant to an Act of the Legislature of West Virginia, passed on the 20th day of February, 1872, incorporating the Town of Beckley, a majority of the qualified voters residing within the boundary being present. Proceeding to the election of officials, John Beckley was elected Mayor of the City; John W. McCreery, Recorder; Edwin Prince, Joseph Hanna, James T. McCreery, Dr. William M. Overton, and M. A. Ellison, Councilmen; and the said Mayor, Recorder and Councilmen qualified by taking the oaths of office required by law, whereupon the Council appointed E. D. George Town Sergeant, Martin Ellison Assessor, and George Stovall Superintendent of Roads,

Streets and Alleys, who qualified by taking the oaths of office required by law. And the Sergeant, together with John W. McCreery, his surety, entered into & accepted a bond in the penalty of One Thousand Dollars, payable to the Town of Beckley & conditions according to law. On motion the Council adjourned to meet at the call of the Mayor. /S/ John Beckley, Mayor, and John W. McCreery, Recorder."

At the meeting of the Council of the City of Beckley, January, 1873:

"If any country hogs, horses, mules and sheep shall come within the corporation, to the annoyance and disturbance of the citizens therein, the sergeant shall give the owners, or owner, of such stock ten days notice that he, or they must take them out of said corporation and keep said stock out and if said owner, or owners, shall fail to remove them within three days then the sergeant shall take charge of such stock and, after giving five days public notice shall sell the same at public auction for cash." "On motion it is ordered that no wood pile shall occupy more than eight feet of the street from the fence out.

All persons are required to use due diligence to keep their dogs from going to church, and if any person permits his dog to follow him to church, & he knowing of the same, he shall be fined not exceeding One Dollar for each offense. . . ."

At the January 8, 1879, meeting of the Council of the City of Beckley:

"If any person unlawfully shoot at another person in any street in the Town of Beckley, or in any place of public resort therein, he shall be confined in jail not exceeding thirty days and fined not exceeding Twenty Dollars for such offense."

From the January 9, 1884, meeting of the Council of the City of Beckley:

"The Council of the Town of Beckley having carefully and impartially examined the returns of the election held on the 3rd day of June, 1884, do hereby certify that in the said Town of Beckley for the office of Mayor, John Beckley received 12 votes and George W. Cook received 1 vote. For office of Recorder, John W. McCreery received 13 votes. For the office of Councilmen, Joseph Hanna received 13 votes, J. Q. Stovall received 13 votes, G. W. Cook received 12 votes, W. H. McCreery received 13 votes, John Prince received 13 votes E. D. George received 1 vote. . . ."

As evidence that the Town was growing, we find in the Minutes of January 7, 1891, of the Council of the City of Beckley, the following:

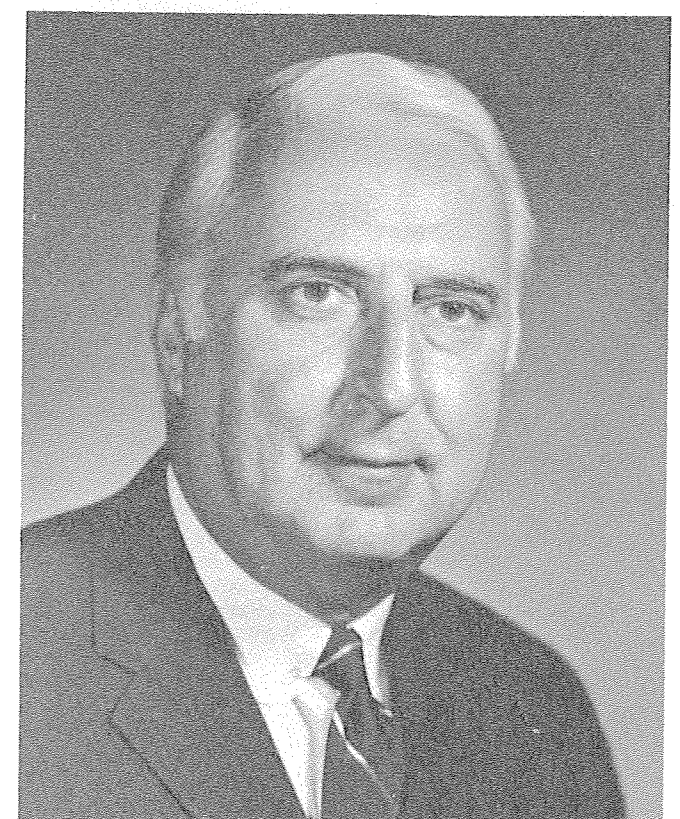
"The Council of the Town of Beckley having carefully and impartially examined the returns of the election held in the said Town on the 5th day of January, 1891, do hereby certify that in said Town for the office of Mayor T. K. Scott received 26 votes; for Recorder John F. Jones received 22 votes and John W. McCreery received 5 votes. For Councilmen J. F. Harper received

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CHARLES SCOTT LEWIS was born September 3, 1878 at Scotland Farm in Albermarle County, Va., and died in Beckley on January 28, 1957. He was the son of William Meade Lewis and Francis Bathurst Scott Lewis of Virginia. He married Marie Cranz of Richmond, Va. on October 2, 1915. He has two children: Charles Scott Lewis, Jr., of Beckley and Mrs. Wendell (Marie) Marston, of Charleston. Mr. Lewis' sisters and brothers are: Mrs. John Doswell, Mrs. Walter Leake, Miss Elizabeth Lewis, all of Richmond, Va., Z. R. of Baltimore, Md., Howell of Durham, N. C., Daniel of Richmond, Va., W. M. of Pineville, W. Va., Edward B. of Norfolk, Va., and John B. of Richmond, Va. Mr. Lewis started as a store clerk with the Virginia Soapstone Co. at Schuyler, Va., at the age of twenty and shortly thereafter advanced to purchasing agent of the same company. In 1902 transferred to the W. M. Ritter Co. of Blackey, Va. as store manager. In 1905 was transferred with the W. M. Ritter Co. to Maben, W. Va. In 1906 to the Raleigh operation of the W. M. Ritter Lumber Co. In 1907 resigned with the Ritter Co. and joined the Blue Jay Lumber Co. as store manager of the Lynwin Coal Co. at Lynwin, W. Va. In 1912 went back with the W. M. Ritter Lumber Co. as superintendent of the Blackey operation. In 1915 as superintendent was transferred by Ritter to the Fitzpatrick operation as superintendent. In 1916 was transferred by Ritter back to Blackey, Va. as superintendent of the operation there. In 1917 went back with the Blue Jay Lumber Co. to develop coal properties, Weston, W. Va. area. In 1918 purchased the Lynwin Coal Co., a subsidiary of Blue Jay Lumber Co. at Lynwin, W. Va. In 1923 sold Lynwin Coal Co. to Winding Gulf Collieries and moved to Beckley to enter the automobile business. In 1924 purchased the Forbes Motor Co., the Nash and Packard dealers in Beckley, W. Va. In 1925 purchased the Dillon Motor Co., the Dodge dealership. In 1928

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CHARLES SCOTT LEWIS, JR., automobile dealer, resides at 104 Virginia Street, Beckley, W. Va. The son of Charles Scott (deceased, automobile dealer) and Marie Cranz Lewis, of 106 Wickham Avenue, he was born July 14, 1916 at Richmond, Va. He has one sister, Mrs. Wendell (Marie) Marston of Charleston. On August 31, 1939 at Oak Hill he married Nancy Pat Hamilton, daughter of Dr. Edward St. Clair and Kate Boone Hamilton. Mr. Lewis graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School, Beckley, W. Va., 1934 and Virginia Polytechnic Institute with a B. S. degree, 1938. He was associated with his father in the automobile business, which his father founded, until he entered the U. S. Air Force in August, 1942, as a 1st Lieutenant, served overseas for 3 years in the European Theater of Operation as Assistant Chief of Staff of Personnel, European Theater Air Transport Command; awarded the Bronze Star; was discharged as Lieutenant Colonel in January, 1946; returned to the Lewis Chevrolet Co., which has been his principal vocation throughout the years. Mr. Lewis has three daughters: Nancy Hamilton, a social worker, born in 1940, Langhorne a student at the Univ. of Cincinnati born in 1946, and Mary Charles, a student at the Univ. of Kentucky, born in 1949. Mr. Lewis is a Democrat and Episcopalian; he served on the Vestry of St. Stephens Episcopal Church for several years. He is president of Lewis Chevrolet Co., Hall Chevrolet, Co., Sophia, Lewis Realty & Insurance Co.; vice president, Princeton Ind. Savings & Loan Co.; director, Walls Chevrolet Co., Princeton, Richardson-Chevrolet Oldsmobile Co., Pearisburg, Va.; director, Bank of Raleigh; director and past president, Beckley Business Development Corp.; Chairman of Board since 1960, Raleigh County Armory Field House; Chairman of Raleigh County Memorial Airport Authority since 1962; member and past president of Rotary Club; director and past vice president

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MATTHIAS WHITING POWERS (Continued from page 952) years of service. Also interested in Boy Scout work and was awarded Silver Beaver citation. Beckley College Awards Mr. Powers Honorary Degree. As approximately 140 graduates received diplomas at the 34th annual Beckley College Commencement exercises at the Elks Lodge on Thursday evening, June 1, 1967, Mr. Matthias W. Powers, chairman of the Board of Directors of Beckley College was bestowed with an Honorary Doctorate of Laws Degree. (See INDEX)

FLOYD MCKINLEY SAYRE (Continued from page 955) now living at Southern Pines, N. C. (three children: Floyd McKinley, III, born June 8, 1962, Richard Thomas and David Lynch, (twins) born Aug. 28, 1966); Robert Brown, a graduate of WVU born April 5, 1932, married Margaret James, (one daughter Frances Elizabeth Sayre born Nov. 11, 1965); Frances Sayre is single born Sept. 26, 1935, graduate of WVU with a MA., a teacher, Alexandria, Virginia; Graham Everette Sayre, a graduate of Marshall University is single, born September 12, 1938, a high school history teacher, Lancaster, Ohio. (See INDEX)

WILLIAM C. REID (Continued from page 963) is the daughter of Mrs. Viola and the late Angus B. Evans, Talcott, W. Va. She received her education at Bluefield State College, Michigan State Normal, Ypsilanti, Michigan, Michigan University, Illinois U., Syracuse U., Rutgers U., Conn. U. She earned the A. B. degree at Bluefield State College and the A. M. degree at Mich. U. Mrs. Reid was a teacher and prin. at the East Elem. School, Beckley, W. Va. for a number of years, and is now assistant prin. at the Central Elem. School, Beckley. She is a member of the W. Va. Social Studies Curriculum Advisory Comm., the W.V.E.A., the N.E.A., the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and the Maids and Matrons Study Club. There are two daughters: Patricia Ann and Peggie Evans. Patricia, who received the A. B. degree from Indiana U. is now teaching in the Philippines Islands, where her husband, Capt. Neil Brooks, is Director of Administrative Services at the Clark Air Base. Peggie, who received the B. S. degree in Nursing and the M. S. degree in Science from Indiana U. is a Nursing Supervisor of the Rehabilitation Department of the Hospital Center, Orange, N. J.; her husband Ronald Webb, is prin. of the East Orange Junior High School. All the Reids are members of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Beckley, W. Va. (See INDEX)

GOVERNOR HULETT C. SMITH (Continued from page 885) of that organization, and was the first Junior Chamber International Senator from West Virginia. A man of impeccable taste, he was named one of the nation's ten best-dressed men in 1966. A man of many interests, the Governor is an Elder in the Beckley Presbyterian Church. In addition, he belongs to many civic and fraternal organizations. He was elected Governor of West Virginia in November of 1964 by the greatest margin for any candidate for Governor in sixteen years. He served a year as chairman of the Southern Regional Education Board, and also served as a member of the Appalachian Regional Commission, and as a member of the Executive Committees of the National Governors' Conference, and the Democratic Governors' Conference. (See INDEX)

BECKLEY'S EARLIEST HISTORY—(Continued from page 984) 26 votes, W. T. Shumate received 26 votes, E. D. George received 26 votes, J. Q. Stovall received 25 votes, R. T. Willis received 3 votes, G. W. Cook received 2 votes, J. S. Hull received 1 vote & A. P. Farley received 1 vote. . . .

WE LIVE IN DEGENERATE DAYS PRINCE TOLD BECKLEY IN 1877

"We live in degenerate times," wrote Clarkson Prince

from his home on Beaver Creek to General Alfred Beckley at Wheeling in 1877.

Prince and General Beckley were kinsmen and close friends for many years. General Beckley had gone to Wheeling as a member of the House of Delegates from Raleigh County, the State Capitol then being located in the northern city. The original letter, in the possession of Mrs. A. C. Sutphin, of Beckley, who is a granddaughter of Mr. Prince, is as follows:

'Dear Cousin'

Dear Cousin Alfred,

Your very welcome letter of the 19th of January is at hand, received last evening. I will reply this the first opportunity; I am also truly pleased to learn that you have comfortable quarters. We have delightful winter at present, matters are getting on in our "diggins" much as usual. I am glad that you like your situation, I have no doubt that you will make an admirable member as I know you will be attentive to duties. The speaker gave you the right profession as Chairman of Military Affairs. "Pole" French will be in place as Sgt. at Arms, remember me to him.

Shams

By your letter and also the papers, I see that all of the West Via delegation in Congress are at Wheeling, out on such reformers, however it is always thus with these modern shams. Jefferson views were that the Office should seek the man and not the man the Office, but we live in degenerate times.

Tell Henry S. Walker that I wish him God speed and would help him if I had a vote in preference to any of the delegation that should be in Washington. I trust that Faulkner may beat H. G. Davis. Now Gen. you know both men & I know that you will agree with me when I say that Faulkner is made of Clay and Davis of Mud. I trust your "cold" has departed and left you in good health. I calculate to go to Wildwood tomorrow to stay a day or two with Cousin Jane & Maria. I will take your letter with me to show them and will also write to you on Friday, giving you all the points I can gather, the mails have been very irregular for some time, but they no doubt will improve shortly.

Wheeling 'Clever'

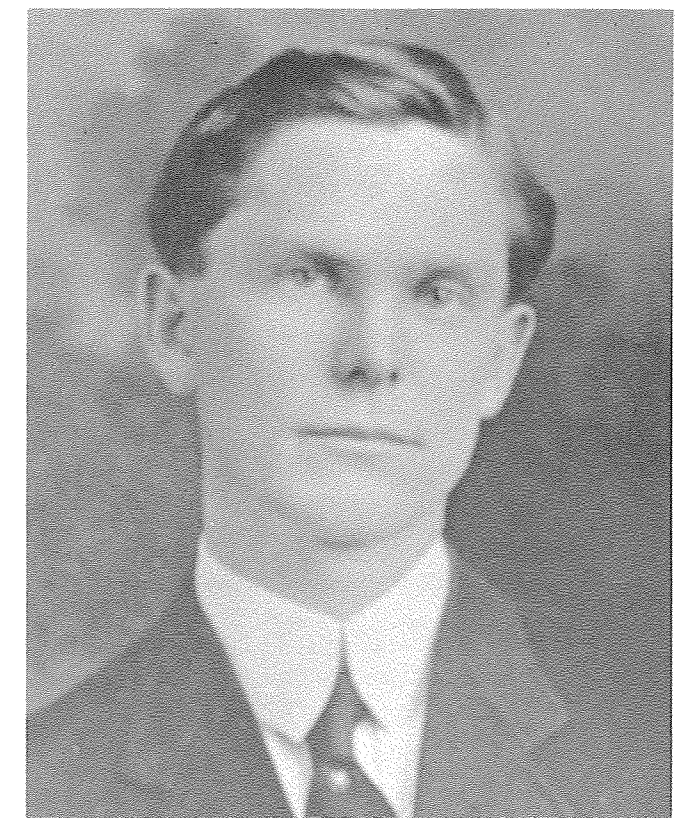
Wheeling is a clever city, all whom have seen the Capitol speak of it in like terms as yourself, take good care of your health and don't be out much in the night air. All well this way. Susan & family desire to be remembered & send their love. You will write to me again soon please. It's great gratification to me to hear from you. I still keep telling that they must not look for this Legislature to do much as the Capitol question and the election of Senators must consume much time but more will be done than many preceeding Legislatures. You have done plenty for Raleigh Co. a long time ago now in my old age I would take it moderately and do as it seemed best without trouble or fuss, for should you do every thing that was asked, someone would trump up

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PEARL STOVER HARPER, daughter of the late Leonard Stover and Anna Laurie Watts Stover was born January 2, 1892 at Clear Creek, West Virginia. Mrs. Harper was educated in the public schools of West Virginia, Patti Stockdale Presbyterian School for Girls, the old Beckley Seminary, Beckley, West Virginia, and Marshall College, Huntington, West Virginia. She taught three terms of school before her marriage to French A. Harper, Sr. on February 2, 1910. They have three children. (See Mr. French A. Harper's biography on this same page.) Mrs. Harper operated the store at Harper for a time after her husband's death until her post office and other interests required her full attention. She was postmaster at Harper until her retirement in 1959. She was also a very successful business and real estate operator. She is an active member of the First Christian Church and is a member of the Kings' Daughters and Sons of that church. She lived at Harper at the time of her marriage. The home was located on the knoll in the center of about 17 acres. Several acres of this tract was heavily wooded with different varieties of evergreen trees. She called this homeplace "Green Acres". In 1957 Mrs. Harper purchased a home at 227 Woodlawn Avenue, Beckley, West Virginia where she now resides. (See INDEX)

FRENCH AUGUSTUS HARPER, SR. was born January 23, 1884 at Harper, West Virginia. He was the son of the late Henry H. Harper and Rose Ella Davis Harper. Mr. Harper was a graduate of Concord College, Athens, West Virginia and Roanoke Business College, Roanoke, Virginia. Mr. Harper married Pearl Stover on February 2, 1910, daughter of Leonard and Anna Laurie Watts of Clear Creek, West Virginia. There were three children born to this union. One son, French Augustus Harper, II of Beckley, West Virginia; two daughters, Anna Watts married to James M. Kay of New York City, New York; and Rose Ella married to Attorney, E. Carl Meadows of Beckley, West Virginia. Mr. Harper operated his late father's rather famous general store at Harper and the large land and coal holdings at Harper. He was a lifelong member of the Methodist Church and maintained that church which his father built on the knoll of Harper opposite their home. He was Sunday School Superintendent from the age of 18 years until the time of his death. He was also a Mason. Harper and Harper Road were named for this family. He was a great lover of animals and kept thoroughbred riding horses. His stables were unusual for that day. He had running water and electric lights and all the conveniences most people did not have at the time. His greatest interest was in the people of the community and his church. Mr. Harper was truly a great philanthropist. (See INDEX)



CHARLES SCOTT LEWIS (Continued from page 985) sold the Dillon Motor Co. to the Atwell-Catron Motor Co. and organized the Lewis-Word Motor Co., A DeSoto and Plymouth dealership. In 1930 he organized the Lewis Chevrolet Co. and was President of the Company, bearing his name in addition to being interested in several other automobile dealerships, including the Presidency of the Hall Chevrolet Co. of Sophia and Pine Chevrolet Co., Pineville, and Lewis Realty & Insurance Co., Beckley, W. Va. A member of St. Stephens Episcopal Church in which he served on the Vestry for many years. He was one of the founders and original directors of the Automobile Dealers Association of West Virginia. He was a Mason, being a member of the Sandy Valley Lodge No. 17, Grundy, Va. Also, a member of the Beckley Elks Lodge and Black Knight Country Club. (See INDEX)

CHARLES SCOTT LEWIS, JR. (Continued from page 985) Beckley Chamber of Commerce; director, past vice president W. Va. Automobile Dealers Assn.; advisory council, Concord College; advisory council and executive committee, Beckley Appalachian Regional Hospital; Board of Directors, Black Knight Country Club; Commissioner of the W. Va. Turnpike Commission; Board of Trustees & member of Joint Conference Committee, Appalachian Regional Hospitals, Inc. of Lexington, Ky. He is also a member of the Moose and Elks Clubs. (See INDEX)

BECKLEY'S EARLIEST HISTORY—(Continued from page 986) something to complain of. I send you an account of an accident that like to have been serious.

I trust again that you are in good health and that it will remain with you.

Very affectionately yours,
Clarkson Prince

RALEIGH COUNTY INDEX

Thursday, November 3, 1887
(The year before General Beckley died.)

LOCAL GATHERINGS

Public school opens Monday.

County Court next Monday.

No preaching in town Sunday last.

We understand Wm. Martin has captured.

Mr. J. T. McCreery was in town Wednesday last.

Mr. Alex Ford's new house will soon be completed.

Mr. W. H. Dewees, of Philadelphia, was in town Tuesday.

Mr. Jackson Smith, of Table Rock, paid us a call Tuesday.

If you want an Organ give the Index a call or write for particulars.

J. H. Lemon attended the state Fair at Richmond, Virginia last week.

Mr. Morris Sullivan is lying at his home in Richmond District, very low with consumption.

J. W. McCreery has completed an excellent stable on his home lot, which adds much to its appearance.

Dr. J. S. Lewis and his interesting daughter, Miss Joe, of Daniels, were in town last Saturday.

EDWARD (NED) M. PAYNE, SR. (Continued from page 994) a golf ball from the top of Egypt's biggest pyramid—witness: Dr. O. O. Cooper (see page 486). The Payne's are the parents of E. M. Payne, Jr. who served in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, and Pvt. Charles Henry Payne, Nashville, Tennessee; Mrs. Eleanor Payne Scherer. He was the brother of Charles K. Payne, Charleston shoe wholesaler, and two sisters Mrs. Laura Payne Lewis, Charleston and the late, Mrs. James A. Campbell. (See INDEX)

WARREN ASHBY THORNHILL, III (Continued from page 1000) war, should be found of great interest. For instance: Jessie Thornhill (1763-1837), father of William (1796-1857), father of William H. (1836-1899), who married Ellen Virginia Jones, (1836-1911), the parents of William Ashby (1875-1951), father of William Ashby, Jr. (1903-1965), father of William Ashby, III (born in 1928-), the subject of this biography, the father of James Ashby Thornhill born in 1962. (The above mentioned history was loaned by Mrs. Warren A. Thornhill, Jr. This book, a first edition, 1948, is a monument of American lore).

RICHARD GARLAND JONES, SR. (Continued from page 999) (they have six children: Mary Kathleen, 13, Robert D. II, 12, Richard, 11, Jeffrey, 7, Susanne, 4, and Todd Walton, 3); Frances Marie born March 10, 1936 married to Warren Upton, attorney at law of Parkersburg, W. Va. (they have two children: Mary Elizabeth, 4, and Matthew Bradford, 2); Kathryn Alien born December 1, 1938 married to John T. Kay, an attorney at law in Charleston, W. Va. (they have two children, John T. Kay, III, 6, and Craig, 5). (See INDEX)

JOSEPH H. JONES (Continued from page 998) keeper at Prince. For the first several years he did all of the toll keeping alone, twenty-four hours a day! Later, when traffic got heavier he employed three helpers. With Frank and James Prince, John Harvell and others, he was one of the first stockholders of the bridge before it was acquired for public freeway in 1954. (See page XXXI and INDEX.)

JOHN WALLACE McCREERY (Continued from page 994) Dr. John Earl McCreery, his son, was born in Beckley, in December of 1882 and died in April of 1937. His other son, Lacy, died early many years before. Senator McCreery was a stalwart for prohibition and politics, and used both qualities in keeping liquor out of Raleigh County. On the subject of "demon rum" he drove a hard, demanding bargain for his support to anyone aspiring for a membership to the County Court, since it was this body which either did or did not license the sale of intoxicants. For many years he was able to keep Hickman Garrison head of the Court because they saw the "likker question" eye-to-eye. It was reported that time after time bags of gold—as much as twenty-five thousand dollars at a clip—was dumped into Hickman's desk, for "just your signature" on the right piece of paper. But it never happened—at least while this other stalwart held the helm.

The McCreery home, built in 1906, stood on the site now occupied by the Appalachian Electric Power Company offices. (See pictures of this magnificent mansion and other data through reference to the general INDEX.)

*The confusion between "Fincastle, Virginia" and "Union, Monroe County, Virginia" on page 219 may have caused by the geographical proximity of these two locations.

DR. RANDOLPH GWINN BROADDUS (Continued from page 991)

Since Vol. I was published, Virginia Randolph Cofer, daughter of the Joseph Cofer, was born March 27, 1962, and the Broaddus' second daughter, Virginia has married and is no longer a resident of Beckley. She is married to Dr. Gordhan L. Patel, assistant professor of Zoology at the University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia. This new little family is the proud parents of another grandchild for the R. G. Broaddus, "Elizabeth Arianne Patel", born February 14, 1968. (See INDEX, especially pages mentioned above).

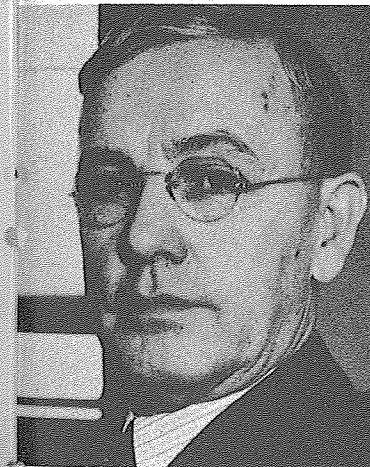
Raleigh County's 1st Draft Board

There is so much talk and notoriety concerning the drafting of soldiers for the U. S. Army today that some reference to the beginning of this system might be of interest: Selective conscription became effective July 20 while a small company of war department officials in Washington worked throughout the day and far into the night drawing from a large glass bowl 10,500 capsules containing the serial numbers and fixing the order of army service liability for nearly 10,000,000 young Americans—the flower of the nation. (At the end of the above story published in 1917 there was a list by name and number of the first seven hundred drawn for this—the nations' first draft.)

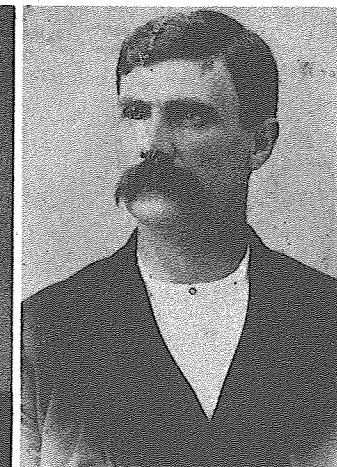
The Raleigh County draft and exemption board, was composed of T. K. Scott, Joe L. Smith, sheriff, W. L. Foster, county clerk, Jackson Smith, and county health officer, Dr. D. W. Snuffer, is shown herewith. Aubrey O. Smith was the clerk.

In a "fifty years ago—1917" column of the Raleigh Register this notice was posted: "The Raleigh County draft and exemption board has completed the work of comparing and numbering the 4,358 registration cards made up in the forty-seven precincts of the county on June 5. Beginning with number one the entire list of cards was numbered consecutively." (See INDEX)

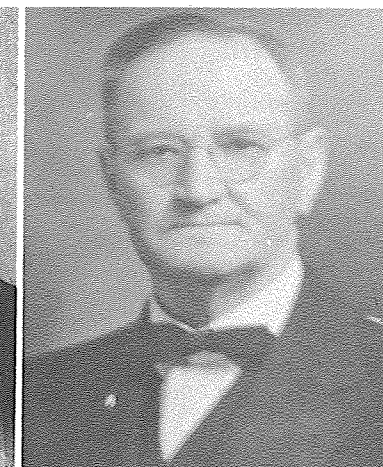
RALEIGH COUNTY'S 1ST DRAFT BOARD



Joe L. Smith



T. K. Scott



W. L. Foster



Dr. D. W. Snuffer

(A Bonafide Draft Card)

Correct in every detail except the name, which may be had on application. Mr. Charles C. Farmer was the Registrar.

REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE.

To whom it may concern, Greetings:

THESE PRESENTS ATTEST.

That in accordance with the

proclamation of the President of the United States, and in compliance with law,

(Name on application) Beckley

(City or P. O.) Beckley

Precinct 1 County of Raleigh State of W. Va.

has submitted himself to registration and has by me been duly registered this

day of June, 1917.

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Chas. C. Farmer
Registrar.