

## CLAY SHERIFF



Elmer F. Zinn

Elmer F. Zinn, deputy to the late Sheriff Fred E. Erickson since Dec. 1 of last year, has been appointed by the Clay County Board of Supervisors to succeed the late sheriff in that post.

The board named Zinn to fill out this term and to serve the next full term of two years which begins Jan. 2 1947.

He is an honorably discharged serviceman, having served four years, seven months and five days. He saw much action in Europe as a supply sergeant in the field artillery after landing in Normandy nine days after "D" day.

Thoral P. All, a member of the Spencer police force, was appointed as deputy sheriff. Appointment was made by the new sheriff and was approved by the board of supervisors.

All, who is 39, is married and the father of three children. They live at Greenville but he expects to move into Spencer next Spring and make his home at Spencer.

# Attorney General Sends Men Here; In Unusual Move

Two assistant attorneys general ordered to Spencer by Atty. Gen. Robert L. Larson and two "surprise" witnesses were the first four persons to be called before the Clay county grand jury here Tuesday morning.

With the assistant attorneys general, but not called as a witness, was T. A. Thompson of the State Bureau of Investigation. The two men from the attorney general's office were Don Hise, first assistant attorney general, and Kent Emory.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Stoullil, Jr., of Gilmore City, were also called to testify. The Gilmore City couple was asked to appear before the grand jury by agents from the attorney general's office and were served with subpoenas after they arrived in Spencer Tuesday morning.

Another surprise during a morning of surprises came when Clay County Attorney Reid Kennedy, Jr., was called before the jury, apparently to testify. Kennedy remained out of the courtroom until after Mr. and Mrs. Stoullil offered their testimony. He was then summoned inside the jury room and remained for about 10 minutes.

He then came out of the room and remained in an office adjoining the makeshift courtroom until the grand jury recessed for lunch shortly after 12 noon.

### Why Here?

Questioned concerning the presence of the three men from the attorney general's office, Clay County Attorney Reid Kennedy, Jr., said he did not know specifically why they were here.

He stated that he had written a letter to Atty. Gen. Robert L. Larson asking that if his office had any evidence concerning commercialized gambling in Spencer and Clay county he would be happy to have someone from his office to appear and present the evidence before the grand jury.

The first three witnesses originally scheduled to appear by Kennedy were pushed back in the order of testimony as the attorney general's office took over in the courtroom.

### Were To

According to Charles E. Curtiss, editor of The Reporter, a son, publisher of the paper, were originally notified in that order at 10 a. m. Tuesday.

The grand jury was called by District Judge J. C. Batschelet, and the court room at J.

Named to the jury were five men and one woman, selected for jury duty by Judge Batschelet, Spencer; T. W. Mrs. Herman Grove; Mrs. Linn Grove; Lows, Royal.

### Name

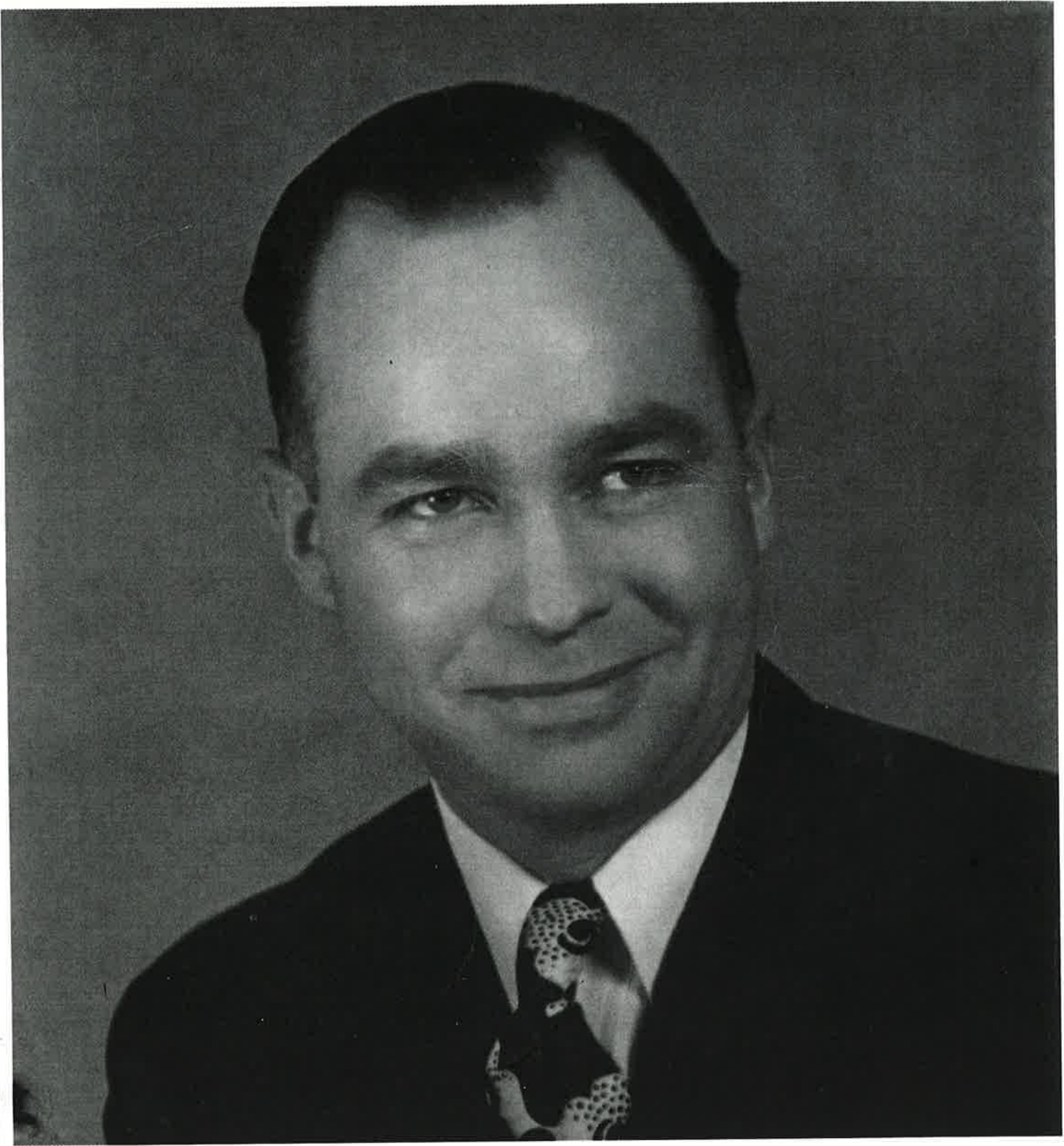
L. C. Batschelet was named for the jury by Judge Still.

Following the selection of their duty man, the grand jury met in a makeshift room of the house.

Clay County Attorney Reid Kennedy, Jr., was called before the grand jury this morning, but he had been called to appear before the grand jury to present evidence concerning commercialized gambling.

Subpoenaed witnesses include Jackson and Norton, Walter Ogrodowski, Harold Davy Woods, Ben Anderson, and Manning.

Persons called to appear at 2:35 p. m. were Ben Bjorn and Dale Norton. Others are



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