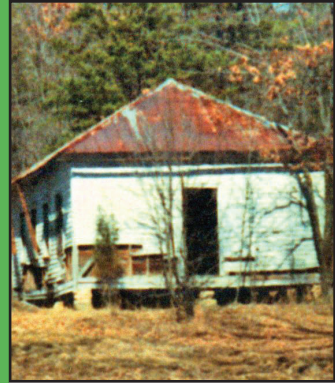


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Bill Wesley, left, was sworn-in as state representative of the 91st district at noon Saturday on the Estill courthouse steps. 23rd Circuit Judge Michael Dean administered the oath. The 23rd circuit includes Estill, Lee, and Owsley counties, which Wesley will represent in the state House of Representatives, along with Breathitt County and the Waco precinct. His mother, Millie Farmer, held the Bible for her son's oath. In the bottom photo, the Irvine Fire Department used their aerial truck to display a large flag as the backdrop for the ceremony. Residents attended from all 5 counties that Wesley will represent in Frankfort.

Valerie Flinchum is chosen Monday as Ravenna mayor

by CATHY DAWES
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A special meeting was called on January 2nd by members of the Ravenna council to appoint a mayor, discuss payroll, and a few other items that would potentially save the city money.

Before the meeting was officially called to order, Councilwoman Amy Crowe announced that the meeting was illegal because it had not been handled properly and she had not received notification of the meeting in writing.

Crowe added that the meeting that was scheduled for January 4th to appoint a mayor had been called by Estine Tipton before she left office and the only item on the agenda for that night was to appoint a mayor.

After much discussion the group decided to meet on Monday night to appoint someone as mayor. That way it would be handled legally.

On January 4th the council met at 6 and appointed Councilman Budd Tucker to preside over the meeting. Council member Tammy Howell kept minutes of the meeting and a motion was made for Valerie Flinchum to fulfill the remaining two years left of Estine Tipton's term.

Amy Crowe asked Flinchum if she had learned what the budget was and about the different line items on the budget. Flinchum replied yes that she had owned and operated her own business for several years.

Crowe asked if Flinchum thought she would be able to collect delinquent taxes, and she responded yes, to the best of her ability.

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Valerie Flinchum was selected by the Ravenna Council on Monday to replace Estine Tipton as mayor.



Wesley is sworn in as state representative

Saturday was a big day in Estill County, as Bill Wesley of Ravenna was sworn in as the state representative for the 91st district on the Estill County Courthouse steps.

Wesley is the first person from Estill County to be elected to the 91st district since it was formed.

During the November

election, he received 72 percent of the vote in the district which covers the largest geographic area of any district in Kentucky.

There were people present for Wesley's swearing in from each of the five counties in the district.

Kirby Easterling, chairman of the Madison

County Republican Party, served as master of ceremonies for the event.

"We elected the right man because he's a fighter for everyday people," Easterling stated.

"Our district will not be neglected" was Wesley's campaign slogan.

Wesley will represent the Waco precinct of

son added.

Wesley, Easterling, and Dotson are all natives of Pikeville, Ky.

Dotson added that Republicans made history in November. He said the House is 75 strong.

Wesley and Dotson are two of five pastors elected to serve in the House.

Wesley said the Bible



Kris Lee was sworn in Wednesday to serve his first term on the Irvine City Council. Lee's two year term began January 1.

Obituaries

Florine Arthur, 81	Mary Martini, 97
Rose Ashcraft, 63	Reva Neal, 71
James Cox, 96	Hobert Osborne, 88
Clark Brinegar, 82	Brenda Robinson, 63
Charles Clevenger, 77	William Rose, 70
Kathleen Compston, 86	William Ross, 85
Harold Hunt, 95	Judy Stacy, 69
Donnie Johnson, 31	Phyllis Spivey, 82
Randell Johnson, 41	Anna Walters, 81
Mary Martin, 78	

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"We elected the right man because he's a fighter,"
Kirby Easterling

Madison County, Estill, Lee, Owsley and Breathitt counties.

"I have five counties, because Waco is a county to me," Wesley stated.

"He's already gone to pre-file bills," said Ryan Dotson of Winchester. "They said, 'Wait! You've got to be a state representative first.'"

Dotson was elected in November to serve in the 73rd legislative district, which includes Clark and the northeastern portion of Madison County.

"I'm going to help him fight for this district," Dot-

son added.

speaks of 120 disciples who went into the upper room to pray. He said there are also 120 counties in Kentucky.

Dr. Ralph Alvarado, state senator from the 28th district, which includes Clark, Montgomery, and part of Fayette counties, spoke briefly to the audience.

Brandon Storm newly elected state senator for the 21st district, which includes Estill, was attending a funeral and could not make the swearing-in.

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Billy Arthur, left, and Tommy Joe "Tobo" Bryant were given the oath of office Wednesday by City Clerk Robin Powell. Both men have served on the Irvine Council for 30 or more years. All council terms are for two years.