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Tuesday, March 9, 1971 Courthou



Boxes upon boxes of old court records, many of them confidential according to Su-perior Court Judge Gilbert perior Court Judge Gilbert Perry and County Clerk Tom Kelley, lie scattered about in the basement of the old Cooper Street court house. County crews failed to destroy the records as ordered, Kelley says.

## Confidential Old SC County Records Carelessly Discarded

ious persons are available from the old building.

too numerous to list. But they're for \$180. \$30 all down in the basement, scatsan down in the baselier, scattered like so much trash. Much of it, sorry to say, has actually been dumped into the trash by the scavenging firm the trash by the scavenging firm and may be a little hard to it seems.

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All you have to do is stroll
over to the old county court.

Of course, most of the files bought some furnishings back from the salvage firm to keep
"They should be destroyed," for his restoration.

Presumably, the county still bert Perry. "I believe that's is keeping three oak desks, the law library bookcase, some

In lover to the old county courtand house and offer to buy some files from the firm clearing out the building for its new owner, Max Walden.

You not only would get the lover to the old county Clerk Tom Kelley, wooden filing bins, the railing from the courtrooms, a voters' measuring stand, and some old metal storage cabinets.

This reporter saw what are

You not only would get the old file drawers and cabinets, but the files they contain.

Inquest records, for instance, into the cause of death of various persons are available from the old huilding the former.

County crews take them out and burn them or destroy them. They certainly are not public." Inguest records, for instance, into the cause of death of various persons are available from the old building the former. courtroom, including his former When the courthouse building idee's bench. He made sure and property was sold to Walden for conversion into a series of shops the court to 1954, at least. up to 1954, at least.

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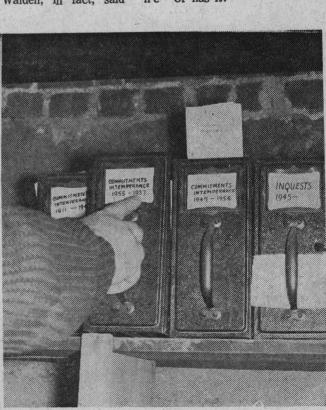
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courtroom.

Want a little piece of in-formation about old court records? These files all were full when this photo was taken. A salvage firm which purchased all the courthouse furnishings from the county has been dumping the rec-ords and keeping the file



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