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**MOORE COUNTY RECORDER'S COURT**

**Poverty Revealed In Case Of Boys Stealing Food To Give To Family**

A sad story of poverty was revealed in Moore Recorders Court at Carthage recently in the trial of a Negro father and son. Chief Deputy Sheriff H. H. Grimm had arrested Larry Ratcliff, who had just turned 16, for breaking and entering the cafeteria of the Academy Heights school at Pinehurst and stealing foodstuffs valued at less than \$25.

Grimm told the court that his investigation revealed that Larry and a 14-year-old brother had taken cabbage, four pounds of butter and a gallon can of peanut butter, which they took home for younger children in the family, as there was no food in the house.

The deputy said the mother and an 18-year-old son worked at a Pinehurst hotel, that there were eight other children ranging from Larry on down to a small baby, and that the father contributed only occasionally.

He said that, when he traced the stolen food to the Ratcliff home, the younger children had eaten all the peanut butter and three pounds of the butter, that he found nothing else in the house to eat, nor any adult with the children.

Also appearing as defendant

was Timothy Ratcliff, the father, whom Grimm had indicted for failing to support his brood. It turned out the father and mother were separated. The father said he contributed around \$15 per week but the children ate all they wanted.

A nine-year-old daughter testified for her father, saying that he brought them food.

Judge J. Vance Rowe, however, found Timothy Ratcliff guilty of non-support of his nine minor children, and gave him three months on the roads, suspended on payment of \$15 per week toward their support, plus costs of the case.

Larry, a thin dark boy who has only recently returned from a training school, where he was sent for throwing rocks, had pleaded guilty to breaking and entering and larceny. His four-months' sentence was suspended on two years' probation on condition he either get a job now, or return to school and get one when school closes, then from his earnings to pay a fine of \$25 plus costs.

Other cases disposed of were:

Anthony Elwood Parker, Southern Pines, speeding 65 in 55-mile zone, \$10 and costs; Floyd Garland Criscoe, Greensboro, careless and reckless driving causing injury, failure to report accident, judgment continued on payment of \$25 and costs; Capitoler M. Thomas, Carthage, operating motor vehicle with expired dealer's plate, \$10 and costs; Warren Brady, Robbins, unlawful possession of illicit whiskey, \$10 and costs; Malley Hussey, Robbins, Route 1, unlawful possession for sale, 60 days suspended for 12 months on payment of \$50 and costs, not to violate prohibition laws.

John D. Person, Carthage, driving while drunk, accident, personal injury, six months suspended for two years on payment of \$100 and costs; defendant to pay or cause to be paid damage to the other car also hospital and medical expenses, including ambulance service, incurred by Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Strother as result of wreck, license to be suspended for 12 months; Walter Lawrence Young, Raleigh, speeding 63 in 45-mile zone, \$12.50 and costs; Froney Bullins, Vass, Route 2, trespass, judgment continued on payment of costs; Jimmie White Frye, Pinehurst, exceeding safe speed, 60 days suspended for 12 months on payment of \$50 and costs, not to violate speed laws, not to operate motor vehicle during next 30 days.

William McGregor Cameron, unlawful possession of illicit whiskey for sale, 90 days suspended for 12 months on payment of \$50 and costs, not to violate pro-

hibition laws; Martin Alex Rhyne, Ellerbe, Route 1, speeding 60 in 45-mile zone, \$12.50 and costs; Charles Lee Michael, Greensboro, bad check (\$4,000) and fraud, called and failed, capias returnable May 4 with new bond of \$4,000, sci fa on bondsman; Willie James Hamilton, Lakeview, driving while drunk, not guilty; Robert Lee Davis, Robbins, careless and reckless driving, amended to charge exceeding safe speed, 30 days suspended for 12 months on payment of \$25 and costs, defen-

dant to obey speed laws, appeal noted, bond set at \$200.

Mrs. Annie Hussey Ward, Robbins, exceeding safe speed, accident, personal injury, judgment continued on payment of \$25 and costs, defendant to pay or cause to be paid damage if any, also medical expenses of those injured; Robert Matthews, Jr., Carthage, driving without license, judgment continued on payment of \$10 and costs; Willie D. Wise, Wilmington, driving without license, \$15 and costs; Clyde Need-

ham, Carthage, larceny of power takeoff from hay baler, malicious destruction of property, eight months on road, appeal noted, bond set at \$300; LeRoy Wooten, Pinehurst, breaking and entering with intent to steal, etc. probable cause found, bound to superior court under \$500 bond.

Joel Leonard Phillips, Southern Pines, exceeding safe speed resulting in accident, 60 days or \$25 and costs, defendant to pay or cause to be paid damage to other auto and medical expenses

of any person hurt in the collision; carrying concealed weapon (sawed-off rifle), 30 days or \$50 and costs; and speeding 70 in 35-mile zone, careless and reckless driving, resisting and delaying police officer in performance of his duties, speeding 90 on highway, cursing, six months suspended for two years on payment of \$200 and costs and good behavior conditions, license revoked as provided by law (sentences as given above to run consecutively).

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Obligations of States and Municipal Subdivisions	795,440.84
Other Bonds and Stocks	505,539.23
Loans and Discounts	5,112,237.98
Banking House and Furniture and Fixtures	208,677.92
Other Assets	26,997.45
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$9,037,836.06</b>

LIABILITIES

Common Stock	\$133,555.00
Surplus	550,000.00
Undivided Profits	143,620.96
<b>Total Capital Accounts</b>	<b>\$827,175.96</b>
Deposits	\$8,019,615.40
Other Liabilities	191,044.70
<b>Total Capital Accounts and Liabilities</b>	<b>\$9,037,836.06</b>

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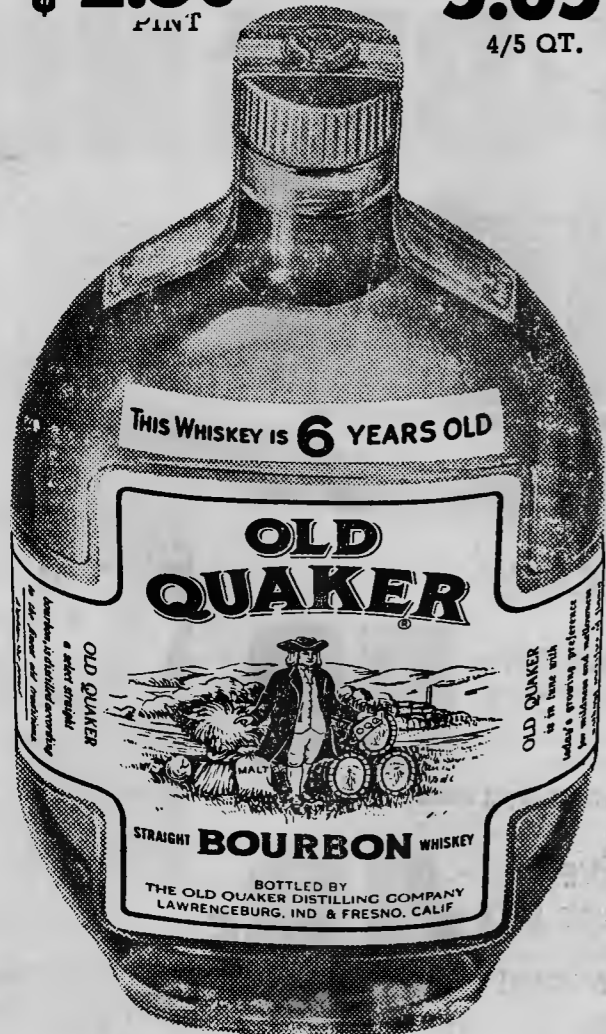
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