



This Is The Law

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LOST DOGS

Meekins lost his bird dog. The dog took up at the home of Simpson. Simpson fed and cared for the dog. Five years later Meekins discovered the whereabouts of the dog and demanded its return. Simpson refused to return the dog, contending that Meekins had waited too long to assert ownership of the dog. May Meekins recover the dog in a legal proceeding?

Yes. Lost or stolen property may be recovered by the true owner wherever it is found. It may be recovered from even an innocent purchaser.

Simpson was a finder of lost property. He was a bailee of property that belonged to another. A finder or other bailee cannot acquire ownership of property under the doctrine of adverse possession. The statute of limitations will

not commence to run against the true owner of property until there has been a demand and refusal.

In this particular case, Meekins has three years from the date of the demand and refusal within which to start an action for the recovery of the dog.

Suppose Simpson had asserted a claim of sixty dollars for the keep and care of the dog. Would Meekins be able to recover his dog without paying to Simpson the sixty dollars?

Yes. The Supreme Court of North Carolina has held that the owner of a lost dog can recover it from a finder without paying to him anything for its care and keep.

Although there are times when a finder may recover from the owner in a separate action for the necessary and reasonable expenses incurred in the successful recovery and

preservation of lost property, he has no lien therefor. The finder cannot continue to keep the lost property until his claim is paid. He has a claim, not a lien.

Suppose the lost bird dog gives birth to puppies shortly before Simpson discovers the whereabouts of his dog. May Simpson recover from Meekins both the dog and the puppies?

Yes. The owner of a female animal automatically becomes the owner of any offspring born to his animal during his ownership. The puppies are accessions to property owned by Simpson.

Camp Cook Likes Her Gas Range



A holiday in the great outdoors needn't mean constant cook-outs. This homemaker, vacationing in a trailer, cooks Dad's daily catch of fish on a modern gas range fueled by LP gas.

SS Wants Brides' Names

Girls getting married this June might not think of sending a wedding announcement to their social security office. But the Social Security Administration would like to know the bride's new name as soon as possible. Up-to-date records are important if earnings are to be recorded properly and without delay.

These earnings records will help to determine how much is paid some day in retirement, survivors, or disability benefits. Records which are incomplete or incorrect can result in delay or even in reduction of amounts payable.

Today's bride could receive social security payments long before she and her husband reach retirement age. More than 8 million Americans under 65 now get regular monthly checks.

An automobile accident that disables a young husband or his wife could set the social security wheels in motion. With as little as 1½ years of work under social security — including credit for part-time and summer jobs — benefits could be paid to the family of a young man or young woman.

As the family grows, it is possible that one of the children before the age of 18. If he is still disabled when one of his parents starts getting retirement or disability benefits or dies, he can get monthly payments for as long as he is disabled — perhaps the rest of his life.



LT. J. E. HARRELL

Wings Are Won By Lt. Harrell

2nd Lieut. Joseph E. Harrell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl G. Harrell, 18 Albania Street, Edenton, has been awarded U. S. Air Force silver pilot wings upon graduation at Moody AFB, Ga.

Lieut. Harrell is being assigned to McGuire AFB, N. J., for flying duty with a unit of the Military Airlift Command which provides global airlift for U. S. military forces.

The lieutenant, a 1965 graduate of John A. Holmes High School, received a BS degree from East Carolina University and was commissioned through the Reserve Officers Training Corps program.

His wife is the former Norma Jean Clark.

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Everybody Aids Club's Project

The Panama City, Fla., garden club was nominated for a Keep America Beautiful national award in 1969 for its total-community efforts.

Students competed in an anti-litter poster contest, merchants donated advertising time and cut prices on paint, repair materials and plants.

Newspapers and radio/TV outlets supported the movement, and a new anti-litter ordinance was passed by the city council.

Check on Pipes, Drains Can Help To Prevent Tree Root Troubles

Plan to buy a new home this summer? Make sure that the underground pipes and drains are of durable, watertight material.

Tree roots "instinctively" spread in the direction of nearby water. Once there's a leak or break in inferior piping, destructive roots will invade it and clog the line, notes the Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Information Bureau.

Cleaning out clogged lines can be a complex and expensive proposition, depending, of course, upon the extent of the damage, the location of the pipe and other factors.

The most effective method, which requires the knowledge and tools of a plumbing contractor, is cutting out the roots with a flexible auger that can be reeled into the lines.

The contractor also has special root solvents that can be flushed through the lines to retard further growth.

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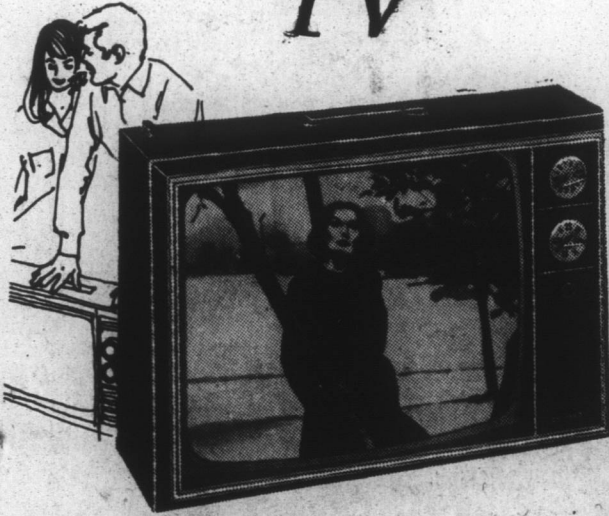
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