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## Jones County Suing To Recover Welfare Grants to Land Owner

This week a suit was filed in Jones County Superior Court by the County of Jones against Henry and Olivia W. Carr and Martha Ann Ward in which the county seeks to recover \$3,369.

The suit alleges that between October 1, 1951, and September 30, 1961 the Jones County Welfare Department paid Old Age Assistance grants totalling \$3,369 to Mrs. Silvia Carr.

The suit further alleges that at the time the grants began Mrs. Carr was owner of a tract of land and a home, and that under North Carolina law a lien had been filed on this land and home by Jones County.

The suit further claims that after the old age assistance grant began Mrs. Carr transferred the property to Henry and Olivia Carr and they later sold part of the land to Martha Ann Ward.

Under North Carolina law it is permissible for persons owning real estate to receive welfare funds, but all funds they receive become a lien against such properties after their death.

The suit alleges that the Carrs have refused to repay the county the funds received by the late

Mrs. Carr and so this court action seeks to force the sale of the property, and under the sale the county to recover the first \$3,369 realized.

## Suits to Recover Debts Filed Against Two Jones Countians

Firms in Goldsboro and Kinston during the past week have filed suits seeking to collect past due accounts from two Jones Countians.

Turner Tractor and Equipment Company of Kinston seeks to collect \$2,626.46 with interest from April 27, 1963 from W. J. Dillahunt Jr., which is alleged to be the balance due on a combine purchased by Dillahunt in 1961.

The total lien against Dillahunt was \$5,494.65 but the combine was repossessed and sold at auction for the high bid of \$3,000 by E. W. Askew.

In the other action Rite-Way Masonry Company of Goldsboro seeks to collect \$338.87 with interest from August 27, 1963, from Jerry Jones Jr. for a set of masonry guides they say Jones purchased in July of 1963.

## Family Suit Seeks \$25,000 in Auto Death

This week a suit has been filed in Jones County Superior Court by Hezekiah Murrell, acting as administrator of the estate of Melvin Augustus Baines, who was killed in an auto accident on August 2, 1963 while riding on a rural road one mile south of Cove City.

Defendant in the \$25,000 damage suit is Jesse Baines of Trenton route 1, owner of the car and father of the boy who was killed.

The car was being driven by Franklin Leon Smith, who is not named as a co-defendant in the action, but who is alleged to have been the defendant Baines' "agent."

## Effort to Spread Jones County Courts More Evenly Accepted

The chief administrative officer of the North Carolina Supreme Court has accepted the suggestion of Jones County Superior Court Clerk Walter Henderson that a better spread of court terms in Jones County be installed.

In a letter to the Raleigh official Henderson pointed out that the present schedule has terms of court in Jones County in September, October, November, January and March, leaving a six-month period from March to September without a term of court.

Henderson suggested that the financial best interests of the county and the convenience of those

## Bryan Hargett Suing Chatham Couple for False Arrest, Slander

### Formerly of Cove City

At 8 Monday night a car driven by J. A. Ivey of Cove City route 1 hit the parked car in Trenton of Superior Court Clerk Walter Henderson, knocking an estimated \$250 worth of dents in it. Henderson came to discuss the matter with Ivey and to await arrival of an officer. Ivey, a bit the worse for drink, and a trifle nervous because of his companions, an equally sodden negro woman, decided to leave, and did, depositing his passenger in a ditch near Oliver Crossroads, from whence she was plucked to be charged with public drunkenness. On Tuesday when officers went to Ivey's home to remonstrate with him, they were told that he had arrived home early, packed quickly and departed, saying, "I won't be back."

This week two suits were filed in Jones County Superior Court by W. Bryant Hargett against Mrs. Ouida Newell and her husband, John Newell of Chatham County in which he seeks to collect \$220,000 in damages.

Hargett's complaint alleges that he was arrested on November 11, 1963 on a warrant signed by Mrs. Newell which accused him of stealing a pony; which theft he was not guilty of committing.

Hargett's complaint against Newell alleges that he was slandered and embarrassed in a livestock arena at Siler City when Newell in a boisterous, profane and loud manner, before numerous witnesses said, "You are going to pay me for that pony or I am going to indict you for stealing."

In each suit Hargett is asking \$10,000 compensatory damages and \$100,000 punitive damages.

Hargett alleges that the warrant was signed with malice by Mrs. Newell when she knew he had not committed the offense she alleged.

## No Service Change Comfort Post Office

The Postmaster at Comfort announced today that the residents in that area will not be affected by the recent announced adjustments in parcel post and window service.

Postmaster Alice George said that many local people, who visit other cities and transport postal business in those area, will be interested to know that the services at the Comfort Postal Office will be continued as usual.

## About This Here Little Old Governor's Campaign

By Jack Rider

Four years ago I was personally wound up in the North Carolina governor race because of my support for John Larkins.

This year I have been able, until now to take a much more dispassionate look at the efforts of workers here and all across the state to win friends and influence votes for their particular candidates.

### Either an Improvement

Although I admit it to be "damnation with exceeding faint praise" I believe that either of the three major candidates would be an improvement on the present governor. The state has survived, even prospered under Terry Sanford so I cannot get frightened by any political phrases about the dangers that may be "possible" or certain if this, or that candidate is elected.

### About Lake

In the second campaign of 1960 I strongly supported the effort of Beverly Lake against Sanford, perhaps as much from my distaste for Sanford as my belief in the things Lake said he stood for.

Many of my close friends have attempted to persuade me that it is illogical and completely out of my political character for me not to be leaving no stone unturned in behalf of Lake's candidacy.

Perhaps they are right, but I am four years older, and just that much more bitter about the galling neglect of Eastern North Carolina under Luther Hodges and Terry Sanford, so at least I am this time playing my cards very close to my chest, biding my time and my support for whatever it may be worth until I reach some conclusion about what is really best for our part of the state.

This time Dr. Lake has been reluctant to support a road bond issue, which is, as I see it, the only

possible way East Carolina can ever come close to catching up in the highway department with the Piedmont. Lake talks of surveys, commissions, studies and of more efficient use of the present income of the highway department.

I told him that I was sick, sick, sick of commissions, studies and out-of-town experts telling us what we need in ANY field. If we are not intelligent enough to see what our needs are, then nobody with a brief case from MIT or the Ford Foundation is going to be able to help us, except to reduce the size of our bank account.

I surely support Dr. Lake's premise that we can get more return on our highway tax dollar expenditure, but this "runt pig" called East Carolina will never fatten on a smaller diet.

I surely support Dr. Lake's position on state's rights and his eternal opposition to the meddling of federal government in purely local affairs.

But Dr. Lake was beaten badly by a weak candidate in 1960 and today he is facing two very strong candidates. So I ask myself, "Why keep going to the bettor's window and placing your money on a horse that couldn't wind four years ago, and who has grown no stronger in the interim."

Four years ago Sanford got 269,463 votes in the first primary and Lake got 181,850, while John Larkins and Malcom Seawell together got 201,905 votes.

In the second primary of 1960 Sanford increased his vote to 352,133 — an increase of 82,670. Lake boosted his vote to 275,905 — an increase of 94,055 votes.

### About Moore

As to Moore, it would seem that there is a fairly good chance that Moore will get the majority of the votes that went to Larkins and

Seawell in 1960. If he does, then the likelihood is that the second primary will be between Preyer and Moore rather than between Lake and Preyer.

Moore has more governmental background than either Lake or Preyer, is a folksy, hand-shaking campaigner who has strong backing in every part of the state.

The so-called expert observers feel that in a second primary the vast majority of Lake voters would turn to Moore, while if the primary was the other way around at least a good half of those who support Moore would switch in the second primary to Preyer.

### About Preyer

Preyer has the backing of the Sanford machine, which includes 99 per cent of the negro vote, 90 per cent of the teacher vote and the "liberal vote" which does not include those elements embraced in the negro and teacher groups.

Preyer also is a far more personable candidate than Sanford and the magnetism of his and his wife's personalities plus his service as a sailor in World War II as a state and federal judge will bring him other smaller blocs of votes.

Moore is also a World War II veteran, and although neither of them campaigned largely on this issue it is something that Lake does not have in his favor.

### Between Now and 30th

May 30th is just 16 days away and one political cynic has said that the candidate who is able to put the most money in the hands of his county workers on the day of the State Democratic Convention will be the next governor of North Carolina.

But it is my belief that there is another factor now involved in politics — both state and national, that may very likely throw the money bags out the window.

This is the race issue. If a series

of racial demonstrations were to hit North Carolina between now and May 30th it is quite possible that Lake might be swept to victory on the backlash that is setting in all across the nation against the civil rights kick.

North Carolina's negro leaders do not want Lake as governor are likely to do everything they possibly can to prevent any racial incidents between now and May 30th, or even before the June second primary.

But as all observers have seen; negro leaders have very largely lost control of their youth, and no one can register a guess as to what will happen when school is out and the "long, hot, bloody summer" arrives that some negro leaders have threatened the nation with.

### Preyer Preference

The Preyer people strongly prefer a second primary with Lake, because they believe that the history of 1960 will repeat itself and that Lake would lose in a second primary.

The Moore people use this as their best argument for supporting their man in the first primary, so that a better chance will be had to defeat the "liberal" candidate in the June election.

The Lake people argue that the ground swell of conservatism, the national resentment against negro pressures and the cold logic of Lake's campaign have strengthened their man to the point where he will lead in the first primary and sweep on to victory in the second primary.

Fortunately for the Democrats they none have much to fear from the major Republican candidate, Robert Gavin, who couldn't beat Sanford, and who surely cannot beat either Lake, Moore or Preyer in the November general election.

### Our Guess

It would be foolishly reckless on

my part to guess who will win the Democratic nomination, because obviously I cannot and do not know the political tempers of the people in the far corners of this large state.

But in our own backyard it is my feeling that Lake will lead in the majority of Eastern Carolina counties as he did in the second primary of 1960, but as we recently learned in the effort to amend the state Constitution, the vote that counts is in the Piedmont and that is where Lake is likely to fair worst.

Lake carried Lenoir, Jones, Craven, Pitt, Greene and Wayne counties in the '60 second primary while Sanford was carrying Duplin, Carteret, Onslow, Wilson and Pamlico counties in this immediate area.

My guess is that Lake will do better than this in the first primary, but the odds are still extremely high against him being in the second primary; which, of course, will prostrate his supporters and scare hell out of the people for Preyer, who do not want a second primary vote on purely liberal-conservative lines, minus the racists overtones that have wrongly been affixed to Lake.

### Lenoir Specifically

In Lenoir County my guess is that the vote will be very close in the first primary, with Lake leading with perhaps 4,000 of 10,000 votes and Preyer and Moore will very nearly divide the other 6,000 votes equally. Lenoir County cast 8,139 votes for governor in the first primary of '60.

### Jones Specifically

In Jones County, which cast 2,498 votes in the '60 first primary my guess is that close to 3,000 votes will be cast on May 30th and Lake will get at least 1500 of them and the other 1500 will be divided in about the ratio of 800 for Moore and 700 for Preyer.