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Debt Collection and Accident Damage Suits Filed in Jones Superior Court

Two civil issues have been filed in the Clerk of Court's Office in Trenton during the past week.

One of the issues, filed against Marvin Mills of Route 2 Trenton by the W. T. Rawleigh Company of Freeport, Illinois, is in the sum of \$664.71.

K. W. Elkington, Vice President of the Rawleigh Company, states in his complaint that defendant Mills "executed a written surety agreement, under seal on the 28th day of June, 1960 . . . whereby the Defendant expressly and unconditionally promised to pay the Plaintiff for any and all goods sold and delivered under the contract . . ."

The contract was drawn between the Rawleigh Company and Raymond Mills, Marvin Mills' brother. Elkington further states "that after all proper credits as shown on Exhibit 'B' (an itemized statement of Raymond Mills' bill) have been allowed said Raymond Mills there is a balance due and owing from said Raymond Mills to the Plaintiff in the sum of \$664.71."

The plaintiff is asking in its suit for \$664.71 plus interest from January 6, 1961, and asks also that the court costs of the action be charged to the defendant.

In a second civil suit filed in the Clerk of Court's Office, Clell Foy, mother of the minor, Gary Foy, is suing Claude Edward Willie in her son's behalf for the amount of \$25,000.

In her complaint Mrs. Foy says that defendant Willie "on February 26, 1967, at about 1:30 p.m. . . was operating his automobile while under the influence of intoxicating liquors and in a careless and reckless manner without due caution and circumspection and failed to keep his automobile under con-

trol and as a result ran off the paved portion of rural road 1002 to the right onto the shoulder and collided violently with the body of the Plaintiff who was on said shoulder in compliance with the traffic rules and regulations of the State of North Carolina."

Mrs. Foy continues in her complaint to say "That the Plaintiff as a result of the . . . negligence of the Defendant was knocked violently from the bicycle on which he was riding and was thrown violently to the ground causing him to suffer serious bodily injuries, to wit: Severe cuts, contusions and bruises about his body and a fracture of the left tibia. That said Plaintiff continues to suffer great pain both physical and mental by continuous headaches and mental distress coupled with continuous aches and pain of arms, legs, neck, back and fingers."

Mrs. Foy goes on to reiterate "That said injuries . . . were proximately caused by the negligence of the Defendant", and emphasizes that the Plaintiff's injuries are permanent."

In the petition in which she requested to be named her son's next best friend in order to initiate the suit proceedings, Mrs. Foy stated that she "is a reputable and disinterested person closely connected with the minor."

Production Credit Association Meet Being Held Tuesday

The annual stockholders meeting of the East Carolina Production Credit Association will be

One Trial, Eleven Submissions in Past Jones Court Week

Only one case came up for trial in the Friday, November 10, session of Recorder's Court held by Judge Joe H. Becton in Trenton. Charlie "Mojo" Strayhorn of Pollocksville, charged with assault with a deadly weapon, was found not guilty, and Linwood Jasper Mercer, who was charged with kidnapping, had his case nol prossed.

Eleven defendants waived appearance and paid fines and costs as follows: James H. Carter of Washington, D. C. paid \$31 for speeding 75 mph in a 60 mph zone; William H. Andrews of Morrisdale, Pa. paid \$30 for speeding 75 mph in a 60 mph zone; and Lance Corporal Kenneth Erie McConaha of Columbus, Ohio, paid \$26 for speeding 70 mph in a 60 mph zone.

Jessie Dairus Banks, of Maysville, and Charlie Hill of Route 1 Trenton each paid \$13 for failing to comply with the inspection laws while John Bright of Route 1 Maysville paid \$16.50 for the same offense.

Dale Harrington Tyndall of held Tuesday, November 21, at 10 a.m. in the Lenoir County Courthouse.

There will be a business session to review the activities of the association for the past year, including the financial report, report of directors and election of directors.

The local PCA serves farmers in Lenoir, Jones, Onslow, Craven, Carteret and Pamlico counties with short and intermediate-term credit. E. C. Rodwell, General Manager, urges a full attendance.

Maysville Town Board Has Quiet Session, Discussed Possibility of Regional Airport in General Area

The Town Board of the Town of Maysville met on November 7 at the town hall.

Donald Thompson, certified public accountant, gave the board his report on examination for the year ended June 30, 1967. Thompson's report showed that the town is in reasonably good financial condition.

The street maintenance commissioner stated that Quipman Dudley and Bud Moore (if his health holds up) will be ditching soon.

The water maintenance commissioner reported that a lot of meters are still out; however, they are being repaired.

Discussion ensued regarding putting businesses in a residential area. The Board also discuss-

ed the possibility of the airport locating in this area. There seems to be a good possibility that it will.

Mayor Jones stated that there is a possibility that Maysville can obtain a doctor. The Mayor has contacted a doctor who is interested, and is waiting to hear from him.

The Board heard several visitors — Quipman Dudley, George Hassell, George Wooten, and Louis Ward who asked questions regarding a light for the corner of Ed Simpson's, replacement of a metal lid on a water meter, and possible paving of streets in their area.

A motion was made by Bobby Barbee, seconded by Franklin Riggs, and passed that all current bills be paid.

Botched Butchering Job Investigated In Pleasant Hill End of the County

The partially-butchered carcass of a 600-pound Black Angus beef cow was found Thursday morning on the Currin Howard farm in the Pleasant Hill section of Jones County.

Howard, who said his nephew found the still-warm body of the cow during a routine morning headcount, is a prominent farmer in the Noble's Crossroads community in Lenoir County.

The head and feet of the slain cow were cut off and a part of

the front quarter was missing in what appeared to be a botched butchering job. Howard commented that "It takes a very stupid somebody to get the front quarter and leave the hind quarter."

Jones County Sheriff W. Brown Yates, in investigating the unusual theft speculated that "The butchers were probably scared off before they could finish the job." Four sets of tracks were found leading to and from the point about 60 yards off the highway where the dead cow was found.

Yates said that the inept rustlers "apparently knew the area well though, to be able to find the cows in the dark." Yates said that the cow had been shot in the head with a high-powered rifle, probably a 30-30. "No empty cartridges could be found," Yates said, "because the cows had trampled the high grass down before we got there."

Howard, who runs a herd of about 300 beef cows, said he missed two cows "three of four years ago but this is the first one we've lost to thieves since."

WELFARE COSTS CONTINUE TO SOAR IN MIDST OF GREATEST NATIONAL PROSPERITY

Even those most closely involved are taking very long looks at the amazing increase in welfare costs, and the expanding number of welfare clients in a time of greatest national prosperity and when every issue of every daily paper has long lists of job opportunities for practically every kind of worker, and especially for unskilled workers.

In the year just ended (July 1, 1966-June 30, 1967) there was an 11.3 per cent increase in the number of recipients under aid going to families with dependent children and a 22.7 per cent increase in the money paid out in this category.

There was an increase in aid to the totally disabled of 7.2 per cent in numbers and 18.1 per cent in money.

Under aid to the blind there was a decline of 1.9 per cent in number but a 2 per cent increase in money paid.

Under aid to the aged there was also a .5 per cent drop in number but a .5 per cent increase in money. Both these drops reflect the expanding scope of social security.

In June of this year there were 2,065,000 receiving welfare checks for aid to the aged, another 82,900 getting aid to the blind, another 615,000 getting

aid for disabilities and a staggering 4,976,000 getting aid for families with dependent children . . . a total of 7,738,900 drawing welfare checks in June of this year.

In June total welfare checks amounted to \$374,629,000. This includes \$184,577,000 for aid to families with dependent children, \$140,563,000 for aid to the aged, \$42,254,000 to the disabled and \$7,235,000 to the blind.

This is an annual welfare payment to clients of \$5,595,548, which does not include the administrative cost of the thousands of welfare departments in every county, nor does it include \$25,774,000 spent in "General assistance", a non-repeating form of emergency welfare help, nor does it include \$229,960,000 paid out in medical care for welfare recipients, nor does that include an additional \$214,184,000 paid out under another medical aid program.

The sum of all these programs — less administrative costs in June of this year was \$635,363,000; or an annual rate of \$7,634,356,000.

This represents an annual expenditure per welfare client of \$966.50.

It also represents a per capita cost to those 190 million not on welfare of \$40.28 per year, or

\$201.40 per year for the average family of four.

This, of course, has taken place at the same time social security payments have been expanded and increased. Social security payments increased in the same 12 month period from \$1,721,000,000 to \$1,845,000,000 in the category of disability and increased from \$18,267,000,000 to \$18,643,000,000 for the retired social security workers, their families and to survivors of social security clients, and this figure of course does not include the expenditures under Medicare to all citizens past 65 whether or not they were ever covered by social security.

Local Picture

This, of course, is a quick look at the national picture insofar as welfare expenditures are concerned. Even a cursory glance at state by state figures reveals some glaring discrepancies, which would be further shocking if county-by-county breakdowns of these same figures were available.

The single most questioned category of welfare aid is, of course, that of aid for families with dependent children, under which an 11.3 per cent gain in number of clients was racked up in the last 12 months and a 22.7 per cent increase in ex-

penditures was logged.

But the spread among the states ranged from an increase of 28.4 per cent in number of clients in Wisconsin, which also showed an increase of 31.1 per cent in money spent to a drop of 7.3 per cent in clients in South Carolina, which even racked up an increased expenditure of 4.5 per cent in spite of the large reduction in number of clients.

Alabama had the lowest increase in rate of expenditures in the past 12 months, increasing just .2 per cent.

The magnitude of the problem comes shockingly into view when one lingers briefly over the June '67 expenditures in the aid for families with dependent children category which show that just seven states got far more than half of the total welfare expenditure in this category.

California \$34,004,000, Illinois \$10,643,000, Michigan \$7,081,000, New Jersey \$7,463,000, New York \$38,718,000, Ohio \$6,649,000 and Pennsylvania \$9,679,000 . . . a total of \$114,237,000 of the \$184,577,000 spent that month in this category.

And these are the states where the worst summer riots have taken place in the past two years. It is a foregone conclu-

sion that the vast majority of these expenditures in these seven states have taken place in just a few counties in those states.

In these seven states the average welfare check to a family of five in this category for June was \$219.75 in California, \$207.50 in Illinois, \$210.50 in Michigan, \$280.75 in New York, \$187 in Ohio and \$181.75 in Pennsylvania.

In North Carolina in this same category the family of five check would have been \$123.75 and in Mississippi it was only \$46.75.

Reflecting, ironically on the fact that the worst troubles have taken place in those spots where the welfare money flows most freely it is easy to reach conclusions that are far from favorable to the overall benefit, to the client or to the community from overly lavish programs of this kind.

Closer to home reflections on the recent rioting in Winston-Salem and Durham follow this same pattern. Forsyth County had 7277 welfare recipients in the aid to dependent child family category in May of this year, or a rate of 3.82 per cent of the total population and Durham County had 5488 recipients of

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