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Two \$25,000 Damage Suits Filed in Jones County Court During Past Week

Jones County Court Clerk Rogers Pollock reports receiving four civil actions in his office during the past week, including two in which damages of \$25,000 are asked for injuries suffered in accidents.

Joseph Williams Jr. is suing Albert Randolph George Jr. for \$25,000 for injuries he suffered in an accident on NC 58 near Trenton on July 20, 1959. The complaint says he remained in hospital for 14 days and had medical bills totalling \$1,221.25, and that he lost use of one of his hands to some degree permanently.

Sandra Kinsey is suing Jerry Bryant and Will Henry Brock for injuries she suffered May 10, 1969 in an accident on US 17 1.8 miles south of New Bern, when their cars collided and one of them struck her as she stood on the road shoulder.

One of the other actions is that in which Joseph E. Griffin asks a divorce from Robbie Stroud Griffin, alleging their marriage on October 30, 1955 and their separation on Feb-

Barbecue Dinner

The Glen-Newton Smith Post of the American Legion is holding a barbecue Saturday in the Legion Hut at the fairgrounds in Trenton. Serving for dinner will begin at noon and will last until 6 p.m. Everyone in the area is urged to eat either dinner or supper with the Legionnaires.

ruary 28, 1968.

The final suit is one in which W. F. Hill, trading as Hill's service Station, seeks to collect \$32.94 from J. T. Jones.

ON ACC DEAN'S LIST

Janice Grey Mills, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Mills of Trenton route 2, was among the 225 students at Atlantic Christian College whose grades earned the honor of being included on the Dean's List for the last grading period. A grade average of B-plus is required for the honor.

Allen Mooring's Unit Gets Citation

Technical Sergeant Allen A. Mooring, son of Mrs. Allen Mooring, Route 2, Richlands, is a member of a select Andrews AFB, Md., organization that has earned the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award for the third time.

Sergeant Mooring is an air transportation supervisor with the 89th Military Airlift Wing.

The 89th operates a special fleet of aircraft — including Air Force One — for the air transport of the President. It also transports high ranking officials, visiting foreign heads of state and other dignitaries.

The wing received its latest citation for safe and reliable operation during the past two years.

Eight Arrests

In the past week eight persons were booked at the office of Sheriff Brown Yates. They included James Grady and Monroe Bender of Trenton Route 1 and William W. Murphy of Pollockville route 1 on public drunkenness charges, James T. Meadows of Maysville route 1 and Bryant Griffin of Comfort for drunken driving, Lloyd West of Comfort for aiding and abetting in drunken driving, Charlie Dunn of Trenton route 1 for passing a worthless check and Edward Lee Simmons was picked up on a capias from district court.

MORALS CHARGE

Robert Eugene Blake of 315 East Peyton Avenue, Kinston, was placed under \$5000 bond Monday by Kinston authorities following his indictment on charge of committing incest upon his 15 year-old daughter.

Telephone Company Pays \$11,211 in Ad Valorem Taxes to Jones County

Carolina Telephone's Jones County taxes for 1970 amounted to \$11,211, one of the largest assessments in the county.

Eugene Godwin, local manager, said that the tax payment covered ad valorem taxes on the company's property located within the county.

A check of the county records indicated that Carolina Telephone ranks among the top six taxpayers in the area.

County and municipal 1970

Black Gum and Thunder Butt Heads In Trenton Parking Fuss: Thunder Pays

Storm clouds had been gathering for some time over Trenton because Mrs. Sidney Brock parked her car from time to time in front of the grocery operated by Lillian Nobles.

Miss Nobles has asked that a loading area be marked off so customers would not have to carry heavy packages too far, but this had not been granted. She asked Mrs. Brock to desist, but she also, along with the town fathers, demurred.

Last week Miss Nobles took matters into her own hands when Mrs. Brock carefully installed her car in the space in controversy.

Miss Nobles took a hammer and beat out the front windshield of Mrs. Brock's car. This caused Mrs. Brock to sign a warrant, charging Miss Nobles with malicious damage to private prop-

Mills to Texas

Airman Lonnie D. Mills, son of Mrs. Helen V. Mills, Route 1, Maysville, has completed basic training at Lackland AFB, Tex. He has been assigned to Sheppard AFB, Tex., for training in the civil engineering mechanical and electrical field. Airman Mills is a 1970 graduate of White Oak High School.

erty. In Jones County District Court last week Miss Nobles was ordered to pay for a new windshield and also pay \$15 court costs.

Meanwhile, Trentonians are watching to see if Mrs. Brock wants to try for more lumps on her flivver.

Other less exciting court affairs last week included the following:

Carl Todd found not guilty of simple assault, Walter Foy placed on good for one year and paying the court costs for public drunkenness.

James Meadows had a choice of 60 days in jail or paying a \$100 fine for drunken driving. He was also granted a restricted driving license.

Linster Bryant paid the costs for driving on the wrong side of the road.

Edward Brittingham Jr., John Huggins and John Gray paid \$5 fines and costs for speeding.

Charlie Hill appealed to superior court after being found guilty of assault with a deadly weapon.

Milton Cannon had an assault charge noll prossed on payment of the costs.

Ernest Foy paid costs for being drunk, Walter Koonce for violating the liquor laws.

Others paying costs for traffic violations included George Reese, Dennis Dew, Margie Hamilton, Clyde Mercer, Simon Edwards and Walter Meadows paid a \$10 fine and costs for speeding. Robert Ray Thigpen was given a divorce from Elizabeth Gray Thigpen.

Jones County Wreck

Mrs. Francis Norris of Richlands route 2 suffered painful injuries at about 7:30 Sunday night when the car she was riding in, driven by her son Otis, hit a horse on Highway 258 at Hargett Crossroads. The horse was killed and \$800 damage was estimated to the Norris car. Mrs. Norris is reported to be recuperating satisfactorily at Parrott Memorial Hospital.

JONES COUNTIANS ASKED TO SCRAPE UP \$7,965,000 FOR FEDERAL BUDGET THIS YEAR

by Jack Rider

The average citizen has become numb to hearing such staggering figures as those represented in the federal budget, so when President Nixon dumped a \$225 billion unbalanced budget in the laps of congress recently there was hardly a murmur from the natives, who can get awfully restless if their city council or county commissioners inflict a mere fraction of this kind of taxation upon them.

Reduced to its brutal bare bones a \$225 billion federal budget represents \$1,150 per person across the nation that has to be scraped up for federal spending.

However, North Carolina, not being one of the richer states, pays a little less than its pro-rata share of the federal taxation. Instead of paying the two per cent which its population represents of the nation's population, North Carolina at the latest report was paying 1.77 per cent of the total federal tax levy.

This figures out at \$706.50 per person in North Carolina, which comes out as \$7,965,000 as Jones County's part of the federal tax bite.

At first glance the average taxpayer is staggered to such a degree by this kind of arith-

metic that he finds it difficult to believe, but when he begins adding up the immensity of the federal taxation it comes into focus and is understandable, if not appreciated.

First off there is 10.4 per cent of every dollar of every wage earner up to \$7800 per year that comes out of social security, socialized medicine and the other activities of the federal welfare system. The worker has 5.2 per cent taken out of his pay and his employer is forced to pay another 5.2 per cent.

Then comes the income tax, which takes a bigger bite, but is less easy to compute because the income tax regulations are perverted to make it possible for the very low and very high income earners to escape paying much if any tax.

However, where social security taxes contribute about 17 cents out of each federal tax dollar, personal and corporate income taxes account for 63 cents of each federal tax dollar (39 cents from personal income taxes and 24 cents from corporate income taxes).

Another nine cents of each federal tax dollar comes from exercise taxes, which are paid each time a person buys a pack of cigarettes (8 cents), a gallon of gas (4.5 cents), a pint of whisky (\$1.25), and all the way through the long list of goods

and gadgets that the average family insists on having in the modern world.

President Nixon has come up with an old socialistic scheme. To cover a huge tax increase which he is asking congress to approve he is offering to give a few crumbs back to local governmental units as a bribe for their support in congress of his "revenue-sharing" scheme.

However, few local governmental units are taking the bait. Aside from bankrupt major cities that are in the position of the drowning man grabbing for straws, local officials are looking but few are buying.

They only have to look at the unholy mess federal interference has made in the schools, in the welfare program and in the so-called national highway program to understand the hard fact of life that federal money includes federal controls.

No less a state's rightist than North Carolina Senator Sam Ervin fell for the bait of federal money for schools, which he insisted would not mean federal control of the schools. But that was long ago, and politicians once - burned are twice - shy.

The simple way for Nixon, and Congress, to restore the American system is to take the federal paw out of every facet of local government and then simply let local people decide how

much, or how little, of all these public services they desire to continue.

Now each community is baited by the very hard fact that if they do not grab their share of the federal tax money it will be squandered somewhere; so climb on the merry-go-round and get dizzily bankrupt with the rest.

This, of course, is not the Nixon line. He really is not asking for less federal government. When he proposes to increase the federal tax bite by billions of dollars, he is increasing the power of the federal apparatus, no matter what may be done with the money once it has been extracted from the taxpayer.

A majority of congress is also wedded to this socialist line, which is based on the simple principle that wise men in Washington know better what each community needs than the people who live in each community, and damn 'em they're going to have it if they are choked to death by having what Washington says they should have jammed down their throat.

This applies in education, welfare, public health, libraries, extension service, hospitals, roads, waterways, airports, public housing, railroads, sewage plants, water systems — every one of which now has to secure prior approval at the Washing-

ton level before it can be constructed or operated.

The way out of this moral and economic bankruptcy is not through the lockstep path of totalitarian conformity, but is through individual efforts and competition between communities, between states and regions to provide better places for their citizens to work and rest and play.

Trust the judgment of the people in each community to see the wisdom and necessity of taxing themselves to provide a competitive climate, but never losing sight of the fact that every community may not wish to attract industries, or tourists, or prizes for architectural elegance in its public buildings.

The socialist is not only wedded, or welded, firmly to the sinkable premise of universal education, which is a literal impossibility, but is also tied to the drowning proposition of universal and equal everything, including the air one breathes, the adulterated water they feel we should drink and the polluted thoughts we are supposed to think.

Know something? This proposition is just silly enough that congress may buy it. A group that will come up with George Washington's Birthday on February 15th is stupid enough to go to any unimaginable extreme!