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**Human Resources in Action
in North Carolina**
by
Jean Peterson

For more than ten years, during the Christmas season, people in North Carolina have been contributing gifts, cash donations and their time for those persons residing in the state's psychiatric hospitals and mental retardation centers. Spearheading this gallant effort through the years have been the local chapters of the North Carolina Mental Health Association and the North Carolina Association for Retarded Children.

The program, Operation Santa Claus, was initiated in order that every patient or resident of the state mental health facilities might be remembered at this special time of the year. Each facility has a number of "forgotten patients" that receive no

mail, have no money and no regular visitors. If volunteers did not contribute their time, money or gifts to these patients, they would like to look forward to, especially at Christmas.

In recent years the task of coordinating the volunteer efforts of so many individuals, church groups, civic clubs and organizations has been done by the Volunteer Services Director at each facility.

Donated articles which are intended for Christmas distribution should be new and unwrapped. The usual suggestions include clothing, games, toilet articles, small luxury items and

cash. Some institutions provide the community participants of Operation Santa Claus with a brochure outlining the gift suggestions in greater detail. Larger gifts for an entire ward, such as a television, coffee urn, record player or hair dryer are also welcomed.

At the mental retardation centers, which have children, only a few of which are under five years of age, toys for the younger children are often given in abundance. At least one center tries to provide each child with a variety of gifts-fruit, candy, toilet article and piece of clothing, in addition to a toy. Gifts of money allow the volunteer coordinators to purchase gifts to fill in voids.

Each facility serves the mentally retarded or mentally ill from all the counties in its region, often receiving support for this project from all of the 16-32 counties in each region.

In addition to the increasing number of donations every year, other activities at the facilities make the holiday season a time to be remembered for the patients and residents. Several large organizations sponsor institution-wide parties, usually complete with Santa and gifts. The residents of three mental retardation centers receive a special treat in seeing Santa flown in by helicopter.

Some of these centers demonstrate their holiday spirit to parents, friends and the community with an annual Christmas pageant to which the public is invited.

Operation Santa Claus is a result of many hours of volunteer time and thousands of gift donations by North Carolina citizens and groups. But volunteers agree that the look of surprise and happiness on the faces of the patients and children at the institutions makes it well worth the effort.

THIS IS THE LAW

By Robert E. Lee
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Rule in Shelley's Case

Henry Smith by deed or will conveys his farm Blackacre "to John Taylor for the term of his natural life and upon the termination of the life estate of John Taylor then to the heirs of John Taylor." Does John Taylor acquire merely a life estate in the farm? Strange as it may see, John Taylor acquires more than a life estate. He becomes the absolute owner of the farm and can convey to any person a title free from the claims of his heirs.

This is because of the famous Rule in Shelley's Case, decided in England in 1581. Although this decision is no longer series followed in most jurisdictions, it is still the law of North Carolina. The decision is an ancient landmark and one of the pitfalls in our law that attorneys are constantly on the alert to guide their

clients around. Henry Smith undoubtedly intended to convey to John Taylor only a life estate, but he did not achieve his purpose. *** If Henry Smith had conveyed Blackacre "to John Taylor for life and then to his children" or "to John Taylor for life and then to the heirs of Sally Sutton," in these instances John Taylor would have acquired only a life estate in the farm. *** This is the last of a fall series of articles which have appeared weekly during the past three months. They have been written for the non-lawyer as a public service of The Lawyers of North Carolina. Another series will be started in the spring.



The Pointer Sisters are special guests of host George Carlin for NBC-TV's "New Year's Rockin' Eve '74," a rock salute to the new year on Monday, Dec. 31. Also appearing on the show, originating from the Queen Mary, docked in Long Beach, Calif., are Billy Preston, Linda Ronstadt and Tower of Power. Executive producer Dick Clark will host a live segment from Times Square, counting down to midnight and 1974.

A&T AWARDS MADE TO 10 STUDENTS

GREENSBORO-- A&T's Transportation Institute announced that they have awarded grants to ten students totaling \$16,000.

Ten students were each awarded \$1,600 for the academic year.

Most of the students are Research Assistants on projects being conducted by the Transportation Institute while two are Program Assistants who are working on the Transportation Institute's training program.

Grants were awarded to students from a number of academic departments based on

a competitive application procedure. This year the Transportation Institute awards more than doubled in number from the 1972-1973 period as a result of some new research contracts they received. The Institute Director, Prof. Arthur

Saltzman comment that "the Institute believes in having students involved in

each of their research and training projects. This involvement offers the

grantee the opportunity to learn the field of Transportation, while receiving financial aid. In the past,

the Institute has received excellent help from our student assistants and many of our past assistants have become interested in the field of transportation by working on our research projects." The students who received the grants are James Blackmon from Greensboro, N.C.; Gaylord Carlton Morehead, N.C.; James Grant from Pine Tops, N.C.; Joseph Lindsay, Laurinburg, N.C.; Yvonne McDonald, Asheville, N.C.; Bruce Morgan, New York, New York; Lennard Tucker, Winston-Salem, N.C.; Ronald Powell, Greensboro, N.C.; Shirley Spivey, Winston-Salem, N.C.; and Lloyd Stiles, Winston-Salem, N.C.

**No Warrants Required
Praise, Regret Meet
New Search Ruling**

WASHINGTON--Law enforcement officials are praising the Supreme Court's ruling broadening the powers of police searches, but civil libertarians regret the decision.

The court ruled, 6 to 3, Tuesday that persons legally arrested, even if only for a traffic violation, may be thoroughly searched and later convicted of another offense if evidence of it is discovered in their possession.

ONE LAW enforcement official said the opinion was one in which "all police and law enforcement officers must find some satisfaction."

"It affirms the need to provide for the safety and protection of those who are engaged in the duties and responsibilities of their office," he said.

ON THE other hand, a civil rights lawyer said the ruling is another indication the Supreme Court under Chief Justice Warren E. Burger is out to cut back on search and seizure rights invoked under the 4th Amendment of the Constitution.

The majority opinions, by Justice William H. Rehnquist, affirmed the convictions on drug charges of two persons arrested for not having a valid driver's license. A search at the time turned up drugs on the two.

THE RULING focused on an interpretation of the 4th Amendment, which bars "unreasonable searches and

seizures" and requires search warrants based on a probability that a crime has been committed.

Rehnquist said a search is "reasonable" if an individual has already been arrested, and under these circumstances the warrant requirement does not apply.

JUSTICES William O. Douglas, William J. Brennan, Jr. and Thurgood Marshall, who are likely to vote against the government in individual liberties cases, accused Rehnquist of "inaccurate and misleading" research of the pertinent legal history.

They said a search could be conducted without a warrant under earlier Supreme Court opinions only if the arrestee is thought to be armed or to have some incriminating evidence on his person.

**Marsh Heads
US Black
Mayors Group**

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico--Richmond Vice Mayor Henry Marsh last week replaced East Orange, N.J., Mayor William Hart as president of the National Black Caucus of Elected Officials at their annual meeting here.



A Holiday Treat

--Kraft Foods' Home Economists are suggesting the Caramel Crispy Tree for the upcoming Christmas Holidays. Not only is it delicious, but is easy to make and can, also, be used as a decoration.

CARAMEL CRISPY TREE RECIPE

- 49 (14-oz. bag) Kraft Caramels
- 2 tablespoons water
- 3 cups crisp rice cereal
- 2 cups corn flakes
- 1 cup coarsely chopped peanuts
- Styrofoam cone, 9 inches high

Melt caramels with water in double boiler or in saucepan over low heat. Stir occasionally until sauce is smooth. Pour over combined cereals and nuts; toss until well coated. With hands slightly moistened with cold water, form into 1" balls. Let stand until firm. Insert wooden pick in each ball and attach to cone.

Smoke Says:



Man Topics



"HE SINGS FOR CHARITY, AND HE NEEDS IT!"

Things You Should Know

George H. WHITE...



... **CONGRESSMAN FROM N. CAROLINA.**

TWO TERMS FROM 1897 TO 1901. THERE

WERE 23 NEGRO CONGRESSMEN FROM

1868 TO 1895 AND HE WAS THE LAST OF

THE CENTURY. / ON JAN. 29, 1900, HE IN-

PRODUCED THE FIRST BILL MAKING LYNCHING A FEDERAL OFFENSE. /

FROM JAN. TO OCT., 1900 THERE WERE 114 LYNCHINGS REPORT-

ED IN THE U.S.; 112 WERE IN THE SOUTH!

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14. Biblical name
15. Wing
16. Walks through water
18. Nut
20. Siam
22. Dog
25. Sea eagle
26. Pippen
27. American Indian
30. Drives off
31. Comic sketches
35. Mr. Husing
36. Concept
37. Valuable fur
40. Happy looking (dial)
41. Whiskies
42. Ancient Greek coin
43. Bedews
44. Kitchen ware

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1. Porcelain ware
2. Sharpened, as a razor
4. Golf mound
5. Salt
6. Arabian garment
7. Llamas of Peru
8. Seed anew
11. Bird's claw
13. Like the beach
17. Leontus
18. Bullet sounds
19. City train
21. Constellation
22. Mails
23. Un-
24. Famous well
28. Nay
29. Position of arms
32. Snipstion actor
33. Narrativs
39. Letter
40. Soak

**MERCHANTS PRACTICE
WHAT THEY PREACH
ABOUT
EQUAL OPPORTUNITY
WHEN THEY ADVERTISE
IN YOUR PAPER.
PATRONIZE THEM!**