

**Repayment Suit Filed In Circuit Court**

Mary H. Brown, Arnold Lane, Medford, is seeking repayment of \$3,171.82, plus interest on a loan and foreclosure on a mortgage on property owned by William J. and Martha Kramer, Merriman rd., Medford, according to a complaint filed in circuit court this week.

In the complaint, Mrs. Brown states she agreed on Sept. 20, 1954 to lend the Kramers \$3,500 to be repaid with 6 per cent per annum interest. She also stated in order to obtain the loan, the Kramers placed a mortgage on some real property they owned in the Medford area.

She claims that the Kramers are behind on payments and that they now owe her \$3,171.82 principal, \$174.81 interest on the principal to Dec. 1, 1956 also asks interest at the rate of 6 per cent per annum from Dec. 1, 1956 until the amount is paid. Mrs. Brown asks that the mortgage be foreclosed and the property sold in order to repay her. She also seeks \$267 attorney's fees.

Representing Mrs. Brown is the Medford law firm of Skyrman, Ouellette and Heisel.

**WRONG WAY**  
Medford, Conn. — (UP) — Mrs. Beatrice Sliney was arrested for driving 40 miles an hour in a 35-mile-an-hour zone. She was backing up.

**Students Said Dodging Science Courses Because of Bad Spelling**

BY DELOS SMITH  
United Press Science Editor  
New York — (UP) — A new explanation of why science courses are not popular with college students was offered today. It is because so many students leave elementary and high schools unable to spell even the most simple words.

Dr. Kenneth B. M. Crooks, a professor of zoology, told the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, that for some years a depressing proportion of his college students use the following spellings (among others no less shocking):

Nerse, blud, ginny pig, anamal, brane, human bean, color, divilop, docter, curcle, skeeter, punkin, worf, and writting. So it follows, he said, that when kids who spell that way, come to college they're afraid of science courses because of new and "big" words they'll have to spell.

The relative lack of interest of college students in science is an extremely serious matter, and the AAA's meeting devoted much time to it. With the developing of atomic travel, it is an always increasing scientific and technical world. Colleges simply aren't turning out enough scientists and engineers to meet

America's future need for technical know-how.

Various explanations were offered at the AAA's sessions, having to do with lack of effort to interest children in science, improper teaching or unqualified teachers of elementary science in high schools, and absence of sufficient "motivation" to give youngsters a scientific bent.

Prof. Crooks, of the faculty of the State College, Fort Valley, Ga., blamed the whole teaching set-up in elementary and high schools. He's been studying the misspellings of college science students for 26 years, he said, adding: "It is well known that college students do not read, write or comprehend as well as they should. This study proves that they cannot spell, either."

He charged that "carelessness and laziness are apparently encouraged in our circus-style school rooms." Furthermore, "most school teaching of spelling is beneath their dignity. Hence, pupils who have learned to spell have probably taught themselves, or have learned in spite of their teachers."

**Wrong Procedure**  
He said many youngsters come to college without knowing the alphabet "nor that letters have sounds." Elementary teaching now places emphasis on read-

ing "never on spelling." The kids get away with cheating—that is another reason. Still another is that lower school teaching methods "tend to encourage haste, shallow thinking, and superficiality."

Not only are lower schools to blame. The "national affliction, slogonitis," has to share it because many slogans "engrave wrong spellings in the young minds." Adult "inventiveness" has telescoped spellings. He cited the "horror" of "Jaxanville" for Jacksonville.

"Since reading-and-spelling and writing-and-spelling are two sides of the same coin, they must be given back the important place they have lost in our curricula, if we are to attract to the sciences and technology the number of young persons now needed and urgently needed in the near future, to enable us to keep America strong and free," he said.

**PHEASANT FOR ONE**  
Ripley, Mo. — (UP) — Fred Reese thought for a moment that the bird fluttering up in front of him was a chicken. But a closer look showed that the pure white fowl was a pheasant. He quickly raised his gun and brought down the rare albino specimen.

**Reforestation Firm Organizes in Medford**

Southern Oregon Reforestation company, a new seed planting and forest improvement firm, will officially open in Medford Jan. 1.

The county clerk's office reported Thursday that Owen H. and Maxine M. Thomas, 1781 Myers lane, have assumed the company name. The firm's headquarters will be located at the Thomas residence.

According to Thomas, the company's services will include cone collecting, seed extraction, burning and blister rust work as well as tree planting in burned or logged over areas. Thomas will operate as a private contractor for such agencies as the bureau of land management, forest service and lumber companies.

Thomas, formerly associated with McCready and Thomas company of Medford, specialists in reforestation, plans to work mostly in the southern Oregon and northern California areas. He has recently been reforesting the Haystack burn area north of Yreka.

His former partner, Tom McCready, will also work on an independent basis. McCready is currently working in Aberdeen, Wash.

The first recorded harness racing meet was held at Harlem, N.Y., in 1806.

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