Fathers paying child support can't expect to have much left—O'Grady

A father should not expect to have much money left for himself after he takes care of his children, according to the decision of a Juvenile Court master Monday.

The opinion came to light during the trial of a smelting and refining firm employee who was ordered to pay $40 of his weekly take-home pay of $85 for the support of his two children.

In addition, Master John O'Grady who presided over domestic cases Monday required the father to pay a sum of $350 on a back support total of $1,231 due the children or face a prison sentence on May 22.

The 46-year-old father, James L. Curtis, 2400 block Madison Ave., was hailed into court on a warrant after the Probation Department reported he frequently failed to pay the original $35 a week support the court ordered in 1965.

The children are 12 and 15 years of age. According to the testimony of Mrs. Curtis, 48, who was present in the courtroom, she and the children reside apart from the father.

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TESTIFYING IN his own defense, Mr. Curtis said he had "drifted behind" over $1,000 because income Tax leins had taken over $400 from his pay check in 1966.

He added also that he had spent other sums "trying to live myself."

In ordering nearly half his weekly pay "to knock down" the back support past due, Master O'Grady said, "What's left for you to live on is more than most of us married men have after we pay our bills. I think you'll be able to make it."

In closing the case the jurist placed Mr. Curtis on probation and reminded him the court is making it "tougher and tougher and tougher" for fathers who fail to support their children.

Urging him to get the $350 in on time, Master O'Grady cautioned, "A man with a wonderful 27-year work history doesn't want to spoil it by going to jail."

A. E. Waters, social security worker, dies

Funeral rites were held for veteran Social Security employee, Albert E. Waters, 1410 Rosedale St. Wednesday, at the St. Edwards Church.

Mr. Waters, 55, died Sunday, at his home of a heart attack. He was a native Baltimorean.

He graduated from Douglass High School and attended New York and Fordham Universities.

He later attended St. Augustine Seminary at Bay-St. Louis, Miss.

Mr. Waters was a graduate of Cortez Peters Business School and recently finished a course in African culture at Coppin State College.

Mr. Waters was a veteran of World War II. He served in the South Pacific theatre. After the war, he was employed with the Social Insurance Claims Examiner at the Central Bureau of Social Security.

Mr. Waters was a charter member and the first president of the Alpha Chapter, Chi Psi Sigma Fraternity. He was also a member of St. Edwards.

Mr. Waters is survived by his mother, Mrs. Laura B. Waters, a brother Joseph Waters, and other relatives.

Citizens challenge districting plans

By ROGER J. NISSLY

A citizens group sharply challenged a school plan, containing remnants of geographical districting, to eliminate split shifts at three high schools and six junior high schools yesterday.

After the presentation before the School Board, Associate Superintendent M. Thomas Goedeke said that final selections by children showed that the plan would not have to be implemented in the junior high schools.

Fearing that the plan would become permanent policy, the Committee for Good Government reveived the discriminatory aspects of the program which has been used to select applicants for first year classes at Northern, Edmondson and Western High Schools.

One of the main objections noted by Dr. Homer Favor, who spoke for the committee, was that the plan did not take integration into account in any way.

The plan, which essentially gave applicants their second choice schools if these were underpopulated, came under fire from a wide range of citizen groups.

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INCLUDED IN the committee are: Interdenominational Ministers Alliance (whose president, the Rev. Frank Williams, is also chairman of the committee), Activists for Fair Housing, C.O.R.E., Urban League, NAACP, 28 Parents, Elks and Masons.

Dr. Favor cited the method chosen to eliminate the shifts as "the bone of contention."

When well integrated or newer schools on the rim of the city are concerned, "children tend to cite a school in their area as a second choice," he said.

This results in, he added, "a greater containment to inner city schools."

About the geographical aspects of the plan, he said there was "no assurance these were more workable than in the deep heart of the South."

"The committee will not be receptive to the suggestion that present plans are too far along to be changed for next year."

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DR. FAVOR gave three recommendations which would be more favorable:

1. random choice 2. an imaginative exchange program 3. accept all on basis of first choice, but have some students attend the undercrowded schools for only the first year in a sort of annex program.

He urged the board to rescind the program, later adding that if it added to racial imbalance, the next time "we won't be as nice as we were today, perhaps a little more unruly."

It appeared, he said, that nothing constructive is done "until we are faced with a crisis."

In response to a question from James Griffin, chairman of CORE, Dr. Goedeke said Superintendent Laurence G. Paquin, who is ill, had been appraised of the plan after it was approved by the School Board and was in accord with it.

After Dr. Goedeke said the new Board of Admissions for secondary schools was instructed only to be "sensitive" to integration, not to actively seek it, he was questioned on the board's function.

Board member Mrs. Elizabeth Murphy Moss questioned how much being "sensitive" had accomplished.

"We can talk about being sensitive and never have an integrated population," she observed.

Mrs. Moss had originally called for a rider on the plan to initiate a study of it after the first semester.

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IN THE continuing dialogue, Dr. Favor stated that the department appeared to have misplaced emphasis on its priorities: placing the ills of split shifts before the ills of segregation.

Board President Eli Frank Jr. ended the discussion by assuring the committee its recommendations would be further studied by the board.

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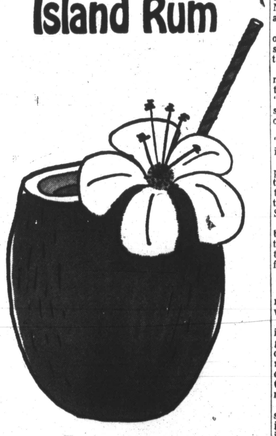

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BY BETTYE M. MOSS

From Coast To Coast

Can you travel by jet from the East Coast to the West Coast 2,362 miles away and not peer out of the window?

Yes, you can. This reporter did. There was no interest for me out of the window.

In fact, I occupied the inside seat.

Head of the house was in the window seat, camera et al.

You can leave Baltimore at 7:50 a.m. (Eastern Standard Time), and land in Portland, Oregon seven hours later, at 12:33 p.m. (Pacific Standard time).

There is a three-hour difference, so you're in the air about six hours (allowing for changes in Kansas City and Denver.)

By the time you eat breakfast, have a snack before lunch, a full meal after lunch and read an article, you're on the West Coast.

Time goes that fast when you're traveling 600 miles an hour. Yes, it does!

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National School Board Convention sessions were in Portland's Coliseum.

It is located across the river, away from the downtown hotels.

While there was shuttle bus service, it was not there when you needed it, so there was frequent use of taxicabs.

And, that is a story — cabs start charge at 60 cents the minute they drop the meter flag plus 10 cents every one-fifth mile plus 20 cents each person.

Along with this high price travel you get courteous service. The drivers open and close the doors and are polite ('Sorry, I'll turn this loud radio down' said one!)

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If you thought Portland, in the far northwestern part of the country would be cold and breezy, you are mistaken.

Foliage was out in full force, flowers were beautiful (We have had them all year) weather was warm and clear. Many people were on golf courses and beaches.

Lovely rose bushes and cherry blossoms in full bloom and the grass a blanket of green.

Cuff note: How far up in the air does a United Air Lines' jet fly?

At 32,000 feet — pretty high.

Spied at school board sessions: Gustave Solomons, an engineer, one of six members of the Cambridge, Mass. school committee.

Also, William Urquhart, the real estate man, member of the Hempstead, L.I. board. Mrs. Mildred Barry, a member of the East Orange, N.J. board.

And Dr. Lillian Lewis, Winston-Salem, N.C., where she is on the faculty (biology professor), of Winston-Salem State College, as well as the school board;

Also, Ernest Raynolds of the Wyandanch, L. I. Board.

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Soul note: When you get out in the far Northwest, soul faces are rare.

It was so when we landed in Portland, day ahead of the convention.

When a call to the NAACP, the Urban League and Bethel AME Church brought no response we reached friends in nearby Seattle.

That's how we arranged a reunion with Tommy Vickers. He is a teacher and heads the Portland NAACP.

During the war, he was stationed at Aberdeen outside of Baltimore.

Members of his unit are planning a reunion this summer and he wants Chappy Manning of Cherry Hill and others in the Baltimore area to know he'll make the reunion if it is held in Baltimore.

Mrs. Vickers' name is Dorothy. They have a daughter, Sharon, age 11. P.S. They live in an elegant new rancher with a view.

Also met: Dr. and Mrs. Booker T. Lewis. He's the dentist who hails from Buffalo.

Harry and Mercedea Hardy were other friendly Portland residents met.

They've called Oregon home for nearly three decades.

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In Seattle, talked with former Baltimorean, Mrs. Winona Koger Collins.

Remember she retired in 1960 after 33 years as a teacher, and moved to Portland in 1961.

Your hellos will reach her if addressed to 1400 E. Mercer St.

Her son, Dr. James E. Moore Jr., is the dentist, also in Seattle.

His wife is the former Joyce Craig of D.C. She's the pharmacist. They have a daughter, Collyn.

Mrs. Collins' other sons Anthony, in the Army in California; and Codell, with IBM in Seattle.

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More reunion: In the Seattle airport, head of our house had reunion with former Springfield, Ohio residents — Mr. and Mrs. Edward White (Frances), she was one of his first camp counselors; and Mr. and Mrs. James Escloven (Flo.) Small world!

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Cuff note: Salmon season began last week in Portland — it is a delightful dish when it is fresh and served out Oregon way.

For the National School Board convention the 8,000 delegates consumed three tons of salmon.

Afterward, they were treated to a timber carnival — speed climbing, log rolling power, sword bucking. Something.

People, places, things

Tear jerker: There were no dry eyes in the St. Paul, Minnesota airport at 6:30 Wednesday morning when the passengers arrived from the West Coast.

The entire family, children, pets et al were on hand when a clean-cut soldier boy entered the terminal.

Grandma screeched with joy. Sisters and brothers yelled aloud.

Mother and father cried openly and so did most of the bystanders. You would too! (Yes, I did!)

Back on the homefront: On Saturday, Jack and Jill senior teens and their parents, arranged a stimulating and educational program at Heritage Church.

They invited teens from D.C. over to join them in the weekend's activities which included movie and frank discussion on sex, narcotics and drinking.

Orchids to Mrs. Anne Emory, Mrs. Nahkitah Gregory, Mrs. Mary Law and the other mothers who helped plan the weekend.

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More investment in children: A large crowd gathered at Sharp St. Methodist Church on Friday evening for the Sunday School program.

It was a musical play entitled 'China Silk.' Costumes were imaginative and the children performed well.

Mrs. Thelma C. Moore was director - producer of the event which also featured sixth graders from Murphy Laboratory School.

Children participating were: — Stephanie Lee, Jacqueline Blackwell, Peter Allen, Madeline Langhorn, Carol Wright, Tamara Brown, Velda Smith, Denise Stanley, William Benjamin, Brian Allen;

Also, Milton Allen, Dallas Barclift, Owen Dutton, Gary Dutton, Kirk Dutton, Joseph Hines, Clyde Avery, Ricardo Langhorn, William Avery.

And, Jill Hubbard, Lynda Langhorn, Janet Holman, Sabrina Clark, Sheri Avery and Charmaine Allen.

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Cuff note: What can you do with neighborhood kids who hang inside the window and talk aloud about the program inside? Would you, could you persuade them to come inside and keep quiet?

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Memorable affair of the week: The dinner party last Monday which honored Mrs. Lillian Butler for 25 years an employee of the Md. Workshop for the Blind.

It was an inspiring gathering. What a day to be in the presence of such happy people.

The honoree (who incidentally is NOT blind), met her husband some 15 years ago while working at the Maryland Workshop for the Blind.

Mr. Butler, known as a violinist of considerable merit, (although he has been blind for many years,) is an avid baseball, and football fan, and is one of the most remarkably cheerful persons to meet.

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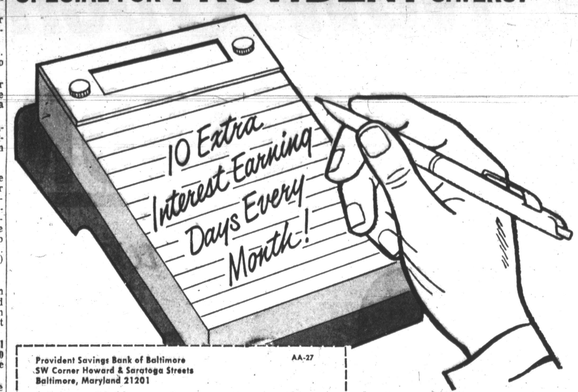

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