

Compensation For Victims Of Crime Seen As Landmark Legislation

A fund to provide compensation to innocent victims of violent crime will be remembered as one of the top achievements of the 1987 General Assembly, according to Attorney General Lacy H. Thornburg.

"The crime victims compensation fund will go a long way toward balancing the scales of justice," Thornburg said. "For too long, North Carolina has spent millions of dollars each year on behalf of criminal defendants while providing

nothing for the innocent victims. The victims compensation fund should be considered as a major turning point in the way our citizens view the criminal justice system."

The victims compensation fund, along with an act to ensure fair treatment for victims and witnesses passed in 1985, was a cornerstone of Thornburg's campaign for attorney general in 1984.

Thornburg applauded the legislature for finally authorizing

the fund, which is set up to compensate victims of violent crime for economic losses not covered by other sources such as insurance.

Effective since August 13, the fund will compensate victims for losses such as lost wages and medical expenses, with individual victims eligible to recover up to \$20,000. Families of homicide victims will be eligible to recover for funeral expenses.

The fund does not cover property

losses. The legislature has appropriated \$1 million for each of the next two fiscal years as start-up money for the fund. Thornburg said that ultimately, the fund should be self-supporting through court-ordered payments. The fund also makes North Carolina eligible for supplemental federal grants.

In the months and weeks leading up to legislative enactment, Thornburg had been working to

build public support for the new law, speaking to dozens of civic clubs, victims advocacy groups and business organizations across the state.

Thornburg and his Justice Department staff were also busy in the halls and committee of the legislature, lobbying for the fund appropriation, even though the program is being administered by the Department of Crime Control

and Public Safety.

"The criminal justice system was being viewed by many citizens as a criminal injustice system,"

Thornburg said, "but now, the resources of the state will be put to work to help the people who need it most."

Cattle Demonstration Puts Emphasis On Healthy Herd

A cattle herd health demonstration was held recently at Iredell Livestock Market at Turnersburg.

According to Mike Miller of the Iredell Agricultural Extension Service, several recommended products were discussed and administered to the cattle and the merits in terms of economic returns were evaluated.

Included in the demonstration was the use of Totalon, a new pour-on dewormer which is a formulation of ivermectin. The product is applied to the animals backline and is absorbed through the skin to effective deworm the animal. This product avoids having to catch each animal and administer the wormer orally.

In addition, the cattle were treated for lice and grubs with the systemic insecticide Spotton which relieves the animal of internal and external parasites that can greatly reduce efficient growth. This product is applied in a spot on the animals back and should be used from August through October. This product also aids in fly control.

The cattle were also vaccinated for blackleg which is a disease that is common in the area and affects calves from 2-24 months of age. The vaccine is administered intramuscularly.

Ralgro, a growth implant which is not a hormone, was administered to the calves to increase growth rate by stimulating the pituitary to secrete additional growth hormone. According to research information and

field trials, this product results in an added 20-25 pounds over the 90-120 period after application.

The Animal Health Companies who participated were Cutter Animal Health, IMC Pittman-Moore and Southern States.

Amy Bellis, beef promotions director with the North Carolina Cattlemen's Association, was also on hand to solicit memberships in the State and National Cattlemen's Associations.

Miller encourages producers to contact him at the office of the Agricultural Extension Service, Statesville on questions concerning herd management and use of these or other products.

Graveside Service Sunday At 3 For Miss Summerell

A graveside service for Miss Mary Doane Summerell, 95-year-old resident of Boone, was conducted at Thytira Presbyterian Church in Rowan County at 3 p.m. Sunday. The Rev. Malcolm M. Bullock officiated.

Miss Summerell died Saturday morning at Rosewood Rest Home in Harmony following a period of declining health.

A native of Iredell County, Miss Summerell was born on July 12, 1892, a daughter of the late Dr. Elisha Mitchell Summerell and Lillian Barber Summerell.

Miss Summerell's great-grandfather was Dr. Elisha Mitchell for whom Mount Mitchell, in western North Carolina, was named. Surviving are: one sister, Miss Jane Summerell, a resident of the Presbyterian Home in High Point; and one brother, Howard Summerell of Burlington. Three nieces and nephews also survive, along with her guardian, Wayne B. Roberts of Davidson.

Joseph Leroy Sherrill, 78-year-old resident of Statesville, route 10, died at 11:30 p.m. last Friday at Iredell Memorial Hospital in Statesville.

He was a brother of Mrs. Evelyn Byers of Mooresville.

A native of Iredell County, Mr. Sherrill was born on Sept. 17, 1908, a son of the late Clyde and Mary Sherrill.

A retired employee of Sherrill Machinery Company in Troutman, Mr. Sherrill was a member of Bethel Baptist Church, located on East Monbo Road near Troutman.

Surviving are: the wife, Mrs. Ellie Sipes Sherrill; one son, Ted Sherrill of Statesville, route 3; one daughter, Mrs. Irene S. Lackey of Charlotte; two brothers, A.C. Sherrill and Howard Sherrill, both of Statesville; and two sisters, Mrs. Faye Woods of Statesville and Mrs. Evelyn Byers of Mooresville. Six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren also survive.

A funeral for Mr. Sherrill was conducted at 11 a.m. Monday at Bethel Baptist Church, with the Rev. John Greene and the Rev. C.B. Bobbitt officiating. Burial was in Iredell Memorial Gardens, on U.S. 21, south of Statesville.

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