

GILMANTON IMPROVEMENT CLUB
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Mr Howard Langley
Selectman West District
Gilmanton Iron Works, N. H.

May 15, 1948

Dear Mr Langley;

The following letter was received from a taxpayer in this town, and was read at our last stated meeting on May 12, 1948 at the Grange Hall. It was decided that we should have more facts on this matter for our next meeting on May 26.

May 9, 1948

Mr Jehn Lines
Secretary.

~~Here are some facts should be presented to club members and Taxpayers of Gilmanton.~~

Operation Rathole: Sponsered by Howard Langley.

I understand Mr Langley gave the Davis ' Family an order to buy Groceries. It has always been the custom to limit the amount a family could spend of taxpayers' money when they were on relief. A bill was presented to Town Officers; for \$84.00, and paid last month.

I hope Mr Langley has Itemized bill for said Groceries. The County usually reimbursed the town for some cases of need. This is one case they will not consider. Check with Welfare Dept. One Member had worked part of that period. If they had no money to pay store bill, they still could buy gas and register car, to be able to ride around Hell's Half Acre.

Mr Langley should have found out why they weren't eligible

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For unemployment compensation. Had they received social security benefits from David Davis Fund.

Had they registered for work with employment office. Would they leave gun & car for security?

All else failing he could have put them to work on road. What angle did they work that he would do such a feolish thing to his own interests & the Taxpayers.

I suggest that Mr Langley be appointed Monitor over this family at no expenss to town. Said family to present an itemized bill each week of payments made for feed. I suggest he also have county move them up to her mother's where they can watch Ellen.

The latest delevopement is this. Mr Berk of Camp Wingo found out some one helped themselves to tires & rims off camp truck. He feels it is a matter for the police to settle once and for all. I believe he intends to see that Davis' are moved out of the neighborhood. This is the time to shut down any more relief help.

I contend that all the welfare agents that ever handled Davis' case, dumped it in the Town's lap as the easiest way out.

Lord knows they had the power & means to keep the tribe within bounds before this. Now I am afraid it will be an endless chain of mistakes with other children as it was with Ellen, Irene & so on back. Let the taxpayers figure what the bill will be. If Langley continues to give them credit like that or you have to pay for board of children elsewhere.

Glenn Edwards Desrves better treatment than he has been accorded by Town Officers. He keeps reemploying them and it does no good.

I also suggest that some one find out from Welfare Dept.

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what outside aid they may be getting from county, on Ellen's children or Irene's Mother. Also check up with Bank Commishener in Concord if they have any bank acc't. Laugh if you want but funny things happen every day.

Patterson tells me the Jone's keep asking if the Davis are working.

Davis has told around town that when school closes they are going to move to Bar Harbor, Maine.

Saterday night, May 8. Davis stoped in at 11:30 P.M. He said he was going to get caretaker down at Wingo. Claims that said caretaker ran off with his girls last year. I called Malcolm Locke to tell him to keep out of camp. Also called Berk so he could have his head aches.

I could go on endlessly pointing out the family tricks; but it doesn't remedy the situation. No matter which way you turn: taxpayer will be stuck with the bill.

If you need anymore evidence ask what Ellen is doing down home so much. Who takes care of children when they go on their Saterday rides.

Yours Truly

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P.S.- How much did they stick the legion for David Davis' Funer al
How Much do they take out of Lester's Pay Check ?

Please answer any and all questions pertaining to the above letter before May 26 so it may be presented to the club.

Yours Truly

Secretary