

State asks dismissal of Creech counterclaim

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FRANKFORT, Ky. — The state attorney general yesterday asked Franklin Circuit Court to dismiss a counterclaim filed by Jimm Creech of All American Movers, Inc., that seeks \$155,000 that Creech contends the state owes him.

The attorney general's reply to the counterclaim also denied Creech's contention that an "oral agreement" with unnamed state employees authorized him to bill the state at "reasonable rates" for moving services not contained in two written contracts.

Atty Gen. Ed W. Hancock filed suit on Aug. 8 against Creech and All American Movers, Inc., to recover \$160,666 that Hancock alleged the moving company overcharged the state in moving state agencies to the Capital Plaza Tower in Frankfort. Creech's counterclaim was in response to the civil suit.

The reply said the attorney general "is without sufficient knowledge or information to form any belief as to the truth or falsity" of Creech's contention that the state owes him \$155,000.

Creech's counterclaim also seeks \$50,000 in damages for "loss of profits . . . under the existing contracts."

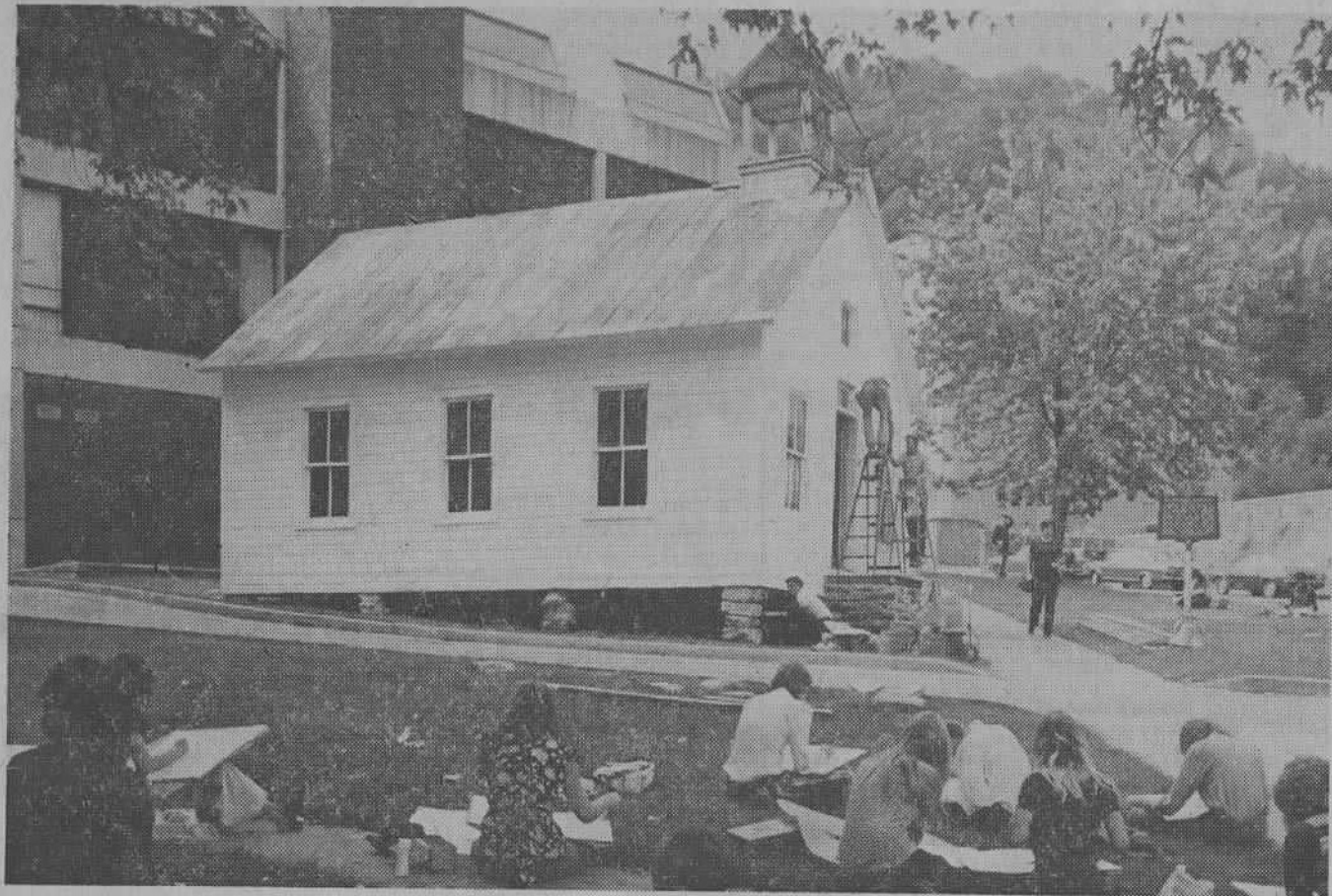
The civil suit is separate from an indictment returned by the Franklin County grand jury against Jimm Creech last month on 11 counts of falsifying claims against the state in connection with the moving contract. He is free on \$10,000 bond.

All American Movers, Inc., was indicted at the same time on nine counts of making political contributions during October and November 1972. Glen D. Creech, father of Jimm Creech, is president of All American Movers, Inc.

Jimm Creech was a campaign aide to Gov. Wendell H. Ford during the 1971 gubernatorial race, and also worked for U.S. Sen. Walter (Dee) Huddleston during his senatorial campaign last year.

Jimm Creech originally received the contract for moving state agencies into the new Capital Plaza office building through competitive bidding in November 1971, under the preceding Republican state administration of Louie B. Nunn.

Ford's Democratic administration extended the contract for a second year without bidding. The contract was canceled May 10 by the Department of Finance because of alleged irregularities.



MEMBERS of a Morehead State University art class sketch the Moonlight Schoolhouse as workmen

add finishing touches to the exterior of the building on the campus of the university.