

NOT MUCH OF A CASE

Breaking And Entering Charges Against Needham Are Dismissed

Everette Ray Needham, 22, of Sanford, pleaded guilty in Moore criminal court Wednesday to three counts of forgery, but contested a charge of breaking and entering and larceny, acted as his own lawyer and got himself off.

In this case John R. McIntosh, Vass service station owner, and his son, Julian, went on the stand to testify that last September, while employed as an attendant at the station, Needham broke into the garage part of the station and stole several items, also that he served several patrons and kept the money for himself.

The lanky defendant—well over six feet tall, broad-shouldered and spindly-legged—explained all his actions and glibly countered cross-examination. He then placed on the stand his younger brother, Rex Needham, of Cameron, Rex, a colorful figure, was clad in latest zoot-suit attire, wearing sideburns and with his long well-brushed hair done in a gleaming roll on top.

On direct examination by his brother, and cross-examination by District Solicitor M. G. Boyette, Rex with great composure revealed that Everette had been frequently entrusted with the station and its services by the McIntoshes, and that the elder McIntosh had been off with the two of them on trips.

To Boyette's question, "Aren't you modeling an Elvis Presley hairo?" Everette snapped, "I object! That has nothing to do with the case."

J. R. McIntosh, placed on the stand and questioned by Needham, admitted that he had been drinking with the boys, that once they had had to carry him into his home—but he said he was "sick"—and that he had twice sent Everette Ray Needham to the Southern Pines ABC store to buy whiskey for him.

At this point Boyette called it all off, telling Judge Richardson Preyer "Your Honor, I see no point in letting this go to the jury. A man who would go off drinking with these boys like that hasn't got much of a case."

Testimony was not given in the forgery cases, brought by O. W. Loving, of Cameron, and charging Needham with forging the name of his aged father, J. W. Loving, to several notes for bank loans. These are expected to be heard today, and sentence handed down.

Needham has been snowed under with warrants charging various crimes, including several.

Local Girl To Attend Religious Meet In NY Kathryn Ann Dwight of Southern Pines, a student at Woman's College in Greensboro, will attend the fifth annual conference on Religious Vocations for College Women at Union Theological Seminary in New York this weekend.

The conference was instituted for college women who have not yet chosen a profession and who wish to secure information about religious vocations, and for those who plan to enter a religious vocation but have not chosen a particular field.

of the confidence game variety, since his arrest in Southern Pines early in December. Eight or ten have come in from Lee, Chatham and other counties, to be read to him as he remained incarcerated in Moore County jail, unable to make bond.

Advance Party Of Airmen, Officers Leaving This Week

A small advance party of airmen and officers of the USAF Air-Ground Operations School left here yesterday en route to Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, Miss., to begin setting up permanent quarters there.

Brig. Gen. Daniel W. Jenkins, commandant of the school, said the rest of the personnel would be leaving about the middle of February either with, or without, their families. He added that finishing touches are being put on the investigation and clean-up job here but that no definite date had been set for actual transfer of the school.

A United Press dispatch from Langley Air Force Base earlier this week quoted Tactical Air Command officials as saying the move would take from 90 to 100 days, at which time classes would be resumed. They said part of the delay was required to replace specially constructed visual aids for classroom study.

The spokesman there said that some 25 officers and 50 airmen would make the move to Keesler in February.

The school, which was located in Highland Pines Inn since 1951, was destroyed by fire almost two weeks ago. At the time of the fire officials had joined with parts of the North Carolina delegation in Washington in attempts to persuade the Air Force to retain the school here in the face of announced intentions of the Air Force to move it to Mississippi.

Air Force officials selected the new location at Keesler because of the availability of more economical and efficient facilities on an established Air Force installation.

INS AND OUTS Julian Pleasants, a student at Davidson College, spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Pleasants on a between-semester visit.

David McCallum spent from Friday until Tuesday morning with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. David McCallum, between semesters at N. C. State College in Raleigh, where he is a member of the freshman class.

Claude Reams, a student at the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, arrived Friday to spend several days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude E. Reams.

George Irving of Warwick, N.Y., left last week for Jamaica, B.W.I., after a two months' stay at Pine Cone Lodge.

Mrs. Myron H. Hill, who has been a patient at St. Joseph Hospital for several days, is reported to be improving.

Mrs. Frank Welch came home from Moore County Hospital last week and is getting along well.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny E. Wilson, Jr., and daughter, Cindy, have returned to their home in Columbus, Ohio, after visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Wilson, in Manly. Ernie Wilson, who came with his family, is remaining with his grandparents for a few weeks. Sunday guests in the Wilson home were Mrs. Wilson's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Kennedy, and their daughter, Mrs. Evelyn Wright, of Mount Vernon Springs.

Robert G. Darst, a student at The Citadel in Charleston, S. C., spent the weekend here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas C. Darst, Jr.

Mrs. Joe C. Thomas has been receiving treatment at Moore County Hospital this week. Miss Elizabeth Lamont of Millbrook, N. Y., arrived last week to visit her sister, Mrs. James Boyd.

More than 600,000 American men and women own shares in one of our large industrial companies; 25 per cent of them live in villages, farms, or in towns under 10,000.

CONFUSED AND CONFUSING

Non-Suit Ordered In Larceny Case Against Carthage Woman Wednesday

A confused and confusing case, which started in Moore criminal court Tuesday afternoon and lasted through the whole of Wednesday morning, ended in non-suit as the defense rested its case, on the ground of insufficient evidence.

Judge L. Richardson Preyer dismissed the case against Mrs. Creola Cole of Carthage, charged with larceny of \$587 from her former boy friend, Hugh Phillips, also of Carthage.

Mrs. Cole, a widow, had vigorously denied that she had taken Phillips' pocketbook containing proceeds of a land sale from his pocket as they sat together on a couch at his home one Saturday night in January, 1956. She said she didn't know where the money went, that she hadn't seen it and doubted that he had had it.

Mrs. Cole, her son and daughter and several other persons testified that when Phillips brutally beat her up several days after that, putting her in Moore County hospital, that he had stated at the time he did it "out of jealousy," with no reference to the missing money.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Watson, former roomers in Mrs. Cole's home, said they went to see her at the hospital and she told them she "got Hugh's money"—that it would be better for her to have it than for him "to spend it on some other woman." However, a Mrs. DeWitt of Elerbe, who had been Mrs. Cole's ward mate at Moore County hospital, said she heard the entire conversation and no such subject was mentioned.

Left pending after dismissal of the case was a companion case, consolidated for trial, in which Mrs. Cole had indicted Phillips for assault on a female and assault with deadly weapon inflicting serious and permanent injuries.

Fire Damages In Woods Were Only \$21 In Six Months

Moore County forest ranger Travis Wicker this week released figures on the damage done by forest fires in Moore County during the six months from July 1 through December 31, 1956. There was only one fire, he reported, caused by campers and hunters.

The fire burned 10 acres, of which five acres were forest land and five acres were open. Damage was fixed at \$21, of which \$11 was for forest land and \$10 was for open land. The damage figures were based on a state-wide damage appraisal system used by the North Carolina Forest Service.

All persons are asked to assist in any way they can to prevent forest fires in Moore County during the coming months, beginning of the fire season, Wicker said, and requested that particular care be taken on windy days.

Dimes Drive Gets \$10 In Unique Fashion

"Real ingenuity" is the description given this week by Paul Butler, chairman of the Southern Pines March of Dimes drive, in commenting on \$10 he received from an 11-year-old girl.

The money came from Dawn Margaret Leland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Leland of Southern Pines. The money represented half the proceeds from a birthday party held earlier this month honoring Dawn on her 11th birthday. She had requested all her friends to bring money instead of gifts.

Of the \$20 the friends brought, \$10 was turned over to the American Cancer Society. "A very good idea and most commendable," Butler said.

Although dairy cows have been maintained for several years without much pasture, or even none at all, this practice usually is not economical and, moreover, it does not promote the health of the animals.

A feature of our changing dietary pattern has been a long-term trend toward more beef, say specialists with the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Consequently, our national diet contains more red meat than before. An Agricultural Marketing Service economist says that our pork appetite seems to be leveling off, as U. S. consumers have eaten more beef than pork for three consecutive years. Consumers have been willing to pay more per pound for beef than for pork, even when beef was more plentiful than ever before. Fifty years ago people worked more strenuously and ate fat meats for energy, but now increasing leisure time has made us a nation of calorie watchers.

Pineluff and Pack 801 of West End.

For the District Chairman's Cup, which was presented by Gen. Pearson Menoher, Explorer Post 936 of Carthage, sponsored by the American Legion, was declared the winner for the second year in succession.

GRAND JURY

(Continued from page 1) Southern Pines clinic set-up. No rent has been charged by the town, but it had been expected by both parties that the county would assume maintenance of the building as well as paying for the fuel and part of the light bill. A while ago, Mr. Cameron said, the county agreed to pay for having the building painted, but when it was found that because of several leaks in the roof the building needed considerable repairs—if not an entirely new roof—the paint job was held up.

"It seems to be the feeling," said Mr. Cameron, "that the building ought to be in a different place, more generally convenient to both sides of the town," a point in which Mr. Scheipers expressed complete agreement.

Because of this fact that a better site is needed and that it is unwise to put extensive repairs into an old building that will probably not be used much longer, the condition stressed by the Grand Jury has remained as is: "disgraceful . . . inadequate . . . dangerous."

GRAND JURY REPORT

After examination of witnesses and in due consideration of their sworn testimony, we have returned 16 true bills of indictment, one not a true bill and one bill was returned to be acted on in later Court.

The following places were examined: Courthouse—We found that many previous complaints had been corrected in the Courthouse building. A pipe from photo machine in basement of Register of Deeds' office should be fixed. There should be some new or better seats placed in hallway of the basement of the Courthouse; the ones that are there are dangerous.

The County Jail—Was found clean and orderly and good reception. Parts have been ordered for commodes and these are to be fixed right away. The Prison Camp—The committee was welcomed and No. 805 found to be in excellent condition and well supervised. The committee made a careful examination of the kitchen, dining hall, jail cells and surrounding grounds and found everything in excellent condition.

Carthage Health Center—Well kept. Some repairs needed, plaster in hall needs repair. Leak over front door needs to be repaired. Aberdeen Jail—new one almost complete. Old jail obsolete, but clean.

Justice of the Peace reports and Guardian and Administrators' and Executors' reports are up to date and all bonds for county officials and employees are in order.

Rest Homes Carthage Rest Home—Committee not well received. Building in average condition. Robbins Rest Home—Home clean and well kept. Patients appeared to be well taken care of. West End Rest Home—Clean and well kept. Patients appeared to be well taken care of. Samarand Manor—In excellent condition. Appears to be well supervised.

SCHOOLS

Aberdeen School—Several fine new buildings, but old main building in need of repair. Floors, walls in poor condition. Bank adjoining Highway No. 1 washes down. Retaining wall needed. Also some approach to playground, which is below school level. Steps and rail needed. Perhaps a drain to carry off water on highway side. A few modern-drinking fountains needed in main building.

Aberdeen colored school—All in good condition. Cameron School — Buildings and grounds well kept. Some plaster repair needed in halls. The committee desires to commend the management for the excellent condition found.

Carthage School—Badly in need of repairs in classrooms and halls. Covered walkways in need of paint. Guard rail needs repair in gym. Lunchroom clean and well kept. Building needs treatment for termites. Walls should be built in boiler room to hold coal back from furnace.

Carthage colored school—Plumbing work badly needed in boys' toilet in high school building. School should have another drinking fountain in hall of Primary Building. There are two drinking fountains there. One is

not working, and the other one serves about six classrooms. The old tool and material house that was used when the gym was built should be moved. It is a fire hazard.

Elise School Building — found well kept. Some work needed on grounds. Seats in auditorium in bad shape. Large crack in wall of classroom. Water pressure to toilets not sufficient.

Farm Life School—Full capacity—new gym in process. Good, attractive cafeteria. School needs some repair of leaks and settling of main building. Four or five leaks between walls and additions. Old style doors seem to be fire hazard.

Vass School—Well kept and clean. Badly in need of cafeteria. In need of storage room—present storage room a fire hazard. The furnace in need of repair; needs caulking. Walls need to be extended to boiler room to hold back coal from furnace.

Pinehurst School—Found in excellent condition. The committee desires to commend the management for the condition of the buildings and grounds.

Taylortown School — Buildings and grounds found in excellent shape. Westmore School—Well kept. Walls damaged from dampness. Unable to keep paint on walls as a result.

Davis School, Robbins—Building well kept. Some window glass needed. Highfalls School—Building and grounds found in good shape, clean and well kept.

West Southern Pines colored school—New cafeteria badly needed. Building up, but used for classrooms. Old cafeteria accommodates only 72. Utility room or closets needed in gym. All cleaning equipment in shower room unsanitary. Water seeps into present cafeteria and around gym, because of lower level. In main building, floors in bad condition. Sinking and settling are a distinct hazard, especially in the office.

Vineland colored school, West End—New modern building under construction to replace wood building.

ROTARY (Continued from Page 1) will speak Sunday night on life in South Africa. At the Tuesday night banquet, he will present his message from the interna-

tional president. Other visiting speakers, aside from North Carolina Rotarians, are Peter Murdoch of Scotland, a Rotary Foundation fellow studying at Princeton University, Dr. Hunyan Stephens of Rome, Ga., a past district governor in Georgia; and W. M. Robbins, Jr., of Miami, Fla., whose topic, "A Rotarian Tours Russia," is considered of special interest.

Two Sandhills ministers, Dr. W. C. Timmons of Southern Pines, and Dr. A. W. Craig of Pinehurst, will pronounce invocations opening two of the sessions.

Southern Pines Rotarians on the program include Dr. Amos Dawson, president of the local club, who will give the welcome at the first plenary session Monday morning; and Mr. Perkinson, immediate past president of the Southern Pines Club, who will speak at the Monday morning session on the topic, "Learn More About Each Other Through Club Fellowship."

Members of the Southern Pines Rotary Club head most of the conference committees. Col. Paul Kinnison is District Conference treasurer and Garland Pierce is the conference secretary.

Southern Pines Rotarians heading other committees are Frank Yandell, Boy Scouts; George McCormac, decorations; Johnnie Hall, entertainment; Dr. W. C. Timmons, ladies' entertainment; E. J. Austin, halls and meeting places; James Hartshorn, housing; Dan Ray, printing; Joe Scott, reception; Mark King, registration; Virgil Clark, transportation, and Mr. Perkinson, publicity.

Harry Chatfield will be sergeant-at-arms chairman. Johnnie Hall also heads the prizes committee.

At the conference a Rotarian will be nominated to serve as governor of the 281st District for the 1957-58 fiscal year. He will take office July 1, 1957 as the official representative of Rotary International, the world-wide organization of all Rotary Clubs, in this district.

The new governor will be formally elected, along with more than 200 other district governors representing some 9,200 Rotary Clubs in 99 countries, at Rotary International's 1957 convention which will be held in Lucerne, Switzerland, in May.

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