

Suit Filed By Drug Counselor

Former Southport resident Robert E. Ward—claiming he was libeled last year—has filed a \$20,000 lawsuit against the City of Southport, Southport Police Chief William Coring and Long Beach resident Ruth B. Somers.

The suit was filed Oct. 2 in Brunswick County Superior Court in Bolivia.

Ward, who now lives in Horry County, S.C., was founder and director of Tar Heels Against Drugs (THAD), an anti-drug abuse counseling service in Southport.

Last October, Coring swore out a warrant against Ward for practicing psychology without a license. The charge was voluntarily dismissed in June.

In his lawsuit, Ward claims the warrant was issued "for an ulterior

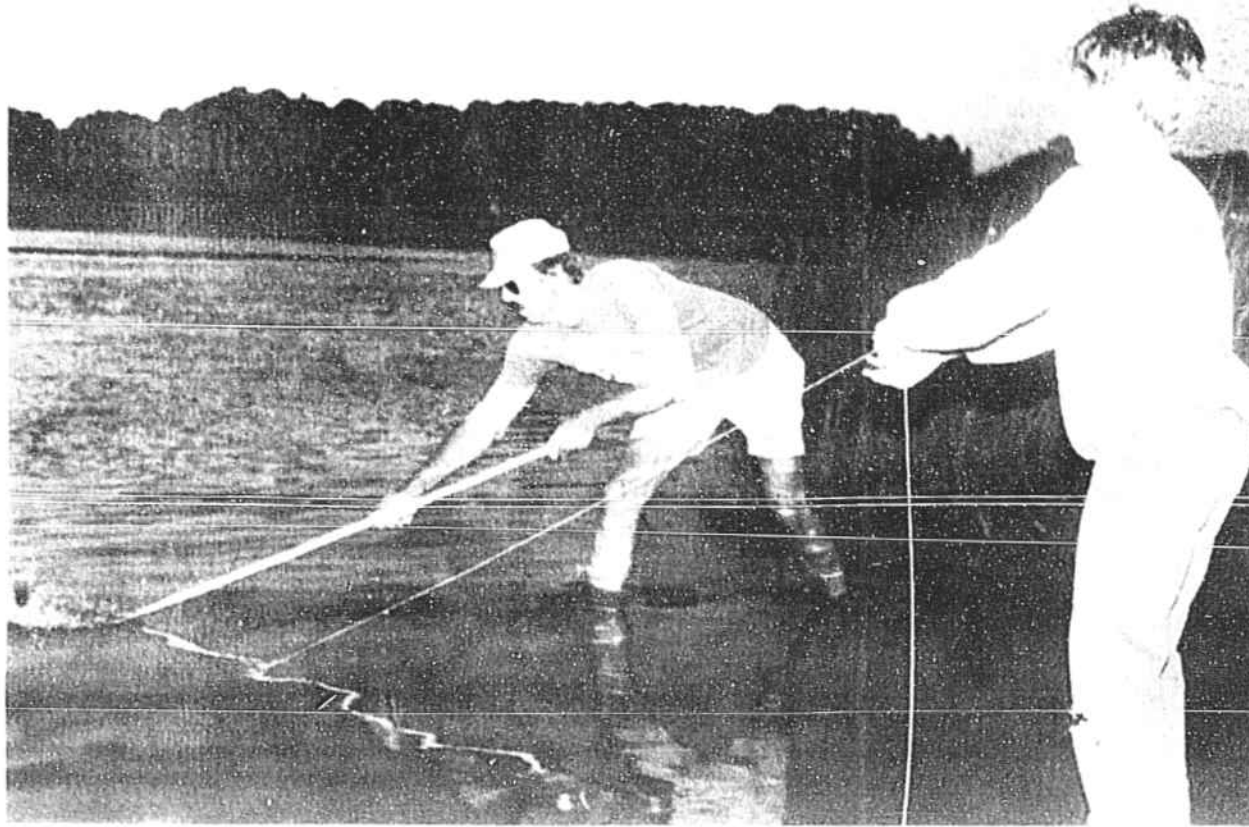
purpose, namely to cause (Ward) to be held up to ridicule and censure, and to injure (Ward) in his profession of rehabilitation counseling."

Ward also claims that Coring caused "false, libelous and defamatory" statements involving Ward to be published in newspapers including Southport's State Port Pilot, the Wilmington Star-News and The Brunswick Beacon.

He said Ms. Somers libeled him in statements she made that were published in the Southport newspaper.

In the suit, Ward asks for compensatory damages of at least \$10,000 and punitive damages of at least \$10,000.

Ward is being represented by Shallotte attorney Michael Ramos.



Crabbing In The Waterway

David Montgomery lunges for a crab with his fishing net as Matthew Compton slowly pulls in the fish head used for bait. The two were visiting from Cary recently

with their families and found some time to crab in the Intracoastal Waterway near the Sunset Beach bridge.

STAFF PHOTO BY DOUG RUTTER

Nursing Assistant Course Is Offered

A nursing assistant course begins Oct. 22 at West Brunswick High School in Shallotte.

Sponsored by the Continuing Education Department of Brunswick Community College, the class will meet Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Students are to register at the first class. The fee is \$15.

Assistants perform simple health care procedures.

Individuals eligible to participate in the Jobs Training Partnership Act (JPTA) Program may receive funds for registration, travel and books to attend this course. More information on JPTA eligibility is available from Linda Ready at the college.

Correction

An article in the Oct. 8 edition of The Brunswick Beacon incorrectly identified the rescue squad that transported the body of murder victim Michael Baker to The Brunswick Hospital on Oct. 6.

Calabash Volunteer Rescue Squad made the transport.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Rep. Redwine Appointed To Special Commission

Redwine Appointed

Rep. David Redwine (D-Brunswick) of Ocean Isle Beach has been appointed by House Speaker Liston B. Ramsey to a special commission to promote development of the motion picture industry in North Carolina.

The Motion Picture Industry Study Commission is made up of 10 House members and 10 Senate members and is to submit a final report to the 1989 General Assembly.

Redwine represents Brunswick County and portions of New Hanover and Pender counties in the State House of Representatives.

Sanitarian Honored

Clark Sizemore of Long Beach, a sanitarian with the Brunswick County Health Department for the past two years, has been named Rookie Sanitarian of the Year in the Southeastern District, which is composed of 11 counties including Brunswick.

The award is named in honor of Dewey L. Padgett, a district sanitarian who lost his life in the line of duty.

Sizemore will be among the candidates considered for state Rookie of the Year at the fall 1988 conference of public health employees.

This is the third consecutive year a Brunswick County sanitarian has claimed the district award. Past recipients are Hubert Reaves and Sonja Remington.

To Attend Convention

Stephen M. Russ and Rusty Bellamy, both of Shallotte, will represent the West Brunswick High School Chapter at the 60th National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 12-14.

Russ is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Michael Russ. Russ, who as chapter advisor, will accompany the two. Bellamy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Bellamy.

Featured speakers will include Vice President George Bush, Chrysler Corp. Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Lee Iacocca, Secretary of Education William Bennett and former Dallas Cowboys quarterback Roger Staubach. FFA members will be recognized for achievement in numerous agricultural and career skill areas.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Chamber Names Five Officers

The South Brunswick Islands Chamber of Commerce this week announced the appointment of five vice presidents for the 1987-88 year, including a new vice presidency.

Dean Walters will serve as the first vice president in charge of the N.C. Oyster Festival.

Other vice presidents and their area of responsibility are as follows: W.J. McLamb, public affairs; David Batten, internal affairs; Debbie Fox, economic development; and Annette Odom, community development.

The chamber also announced the dates for its next fundraising event, a casino night to be held Nov. 13 at Tavern on the Tee at Sea Trails Golf Links, Sunset Beach.

Attends Seminar

Betty Pait of First Choice Realty

attended a two-day seminar in Birmingham, Alabama, Oct. 7-8. She is working toward her C.R.S., a national designation awarded by the Realtors National Marketing Institute, an affiliate of the National Association of Realtors.

Agents Appointed

Sand Dollar Realty of Ocean Isle Beach has been appointed exclusive sales and marketing agent for Village Pines Villas, according to an announcement by Jody Simmons, a representative of the developer, Pat Simmons & Co.

Simmons said open house will be held Saturday beginning at 11 a.m. at the development on Village Point Road (Hwy. 179) in Shallotte.

Village Pines will have eight units of one- and two-bedroom townhouses.

'Longshot' Investigation Concludes With No Violation

BY DOUG RUTTER

The U.S. Coast Guard investigation of a shrimp boat that ran aground off Sunset Beach Aug. 23 has closed with no violations found.

Lt. Anthony Wiest of the operations division of the Coast Guard's Marine Safety Office in Wilmington said "Longshot" owner Terry Norris will not be fined for pollution violations.

Wiest said no report of violation was sent to the Guard's district office in Portsmouth, Va., because "there was no evidence of oil discharge."

Wiest added, however, "There probably could have been a violation and

fine but our investigators could not gather enough evidence.

"One of the problems we often have with accidents such as this," he continued, "is that by the time we get there on the scene there is nothing left."

Wiest added that the smell of diesel fuel which was noticeable after the beaching could have come from residuals which had soaked into the wooden planks of the boat.

At the time of the accident, Chief Petty Officer James Williams of the Marine Safety Division had said that

there were "sufficient elements for violation" and that Norris could face as much as a \$5,000 pollution fine.

Wiest said there is no chance for fine even though all fines are issued from the district office. "Without a report of violation, the district office can't levy a fine," he said.

The Coast Guard investigation

began Aug. 28 when the "Longshot" ran aground about one-half mile west of Sunset Beach Fishing Pier. The boat was destroyed in the surf within two days.

Norris, previously of Sunset Lakes, could not be reached for comment.

Wilmington Trio Arrested In Shallotte Shoplifting

Three Wilmington women are out on bail after Shallotte Police arrested and charged them with larceny last week.

Sgt. Rodney Gause arrested Hiroshima Joye, Stephanie Marie Bridges and Rafeeka Parker around 2 p.m., Oct. 6, after they allegedly shoplifted \$91.62 worth of goods from Pic-N-Pay Shoes at Twin Creek Plaza.

The merchandise included several pairs of shoes and socks and was found in a green trash bag in the car driven by one of the women.

Gause said the shoplifting report came in about 12:10 p.m. The three would have been charged with shoplifting if police had caught them in the act, he said.

Gause said the three each posted \$200 bail and that the hearing has been set for Oct. 21.

Shallotte Police Chief Don Stovall said the department is currently investigating a shoplifting incident at Carson's Cards and Gifts, also located at Twin Creek Plaza.

He said this shoplifting appears to have occurred just before the one at Pic-N-Pay on Oct. 6.

The assorted items stolen from Carson's were valued at \$140, and were later found on the shelves of the Family Dollar, another store located in the Plaza, he said.

Stovall said the three arrested for larceny in connection with the Pic-N-Pay shoplifting are suspects in the Carson's shoplifting case.

Four Eliminated In Long Beach Primary

Incumbent Mayor Johnny Vereen will face Commissioner Michael Oxford in the Nov. 3 Long Beach elections.

Mayoral candidate Doris Werner and three of nine candidates for commissioner were trimmed from the field in the town's Oct. 6 primary.

According to the Brunswick County Board of Elections, Werner was eliminated from the race when she received only 219 votes last week. Oxford advanced to the general election with 256 votes along with incumbent Mayor John Vereen III, who

received 416. Commissioner candidates eliminated from the general election were Jean Beard (221), Paul Middleton (260) and Harold Watson (128).

Still in the running for three seats on the board and their votes in the primary are Kevin Bell (349), Jean Gray (330), David Drummond (297), Robert Miller (296), Ben Thomas (293) and David Ford (287).

Nearly 45 percent, or 879 of the town's 2,025 registered voters turned out for the primary.

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