

Richard Johnson Loses Right Leg As Accident Result

Richard Johnson, 28, who was injured in a hunting accident in New England November 21, lost his right leg by amputation Saturday.

For the operation he was moved to the veterans' hospital at White River Junction, Vt., from Hitchcock Memorial hospital at New Hanover, N. H., where he had been a patient since the accident.

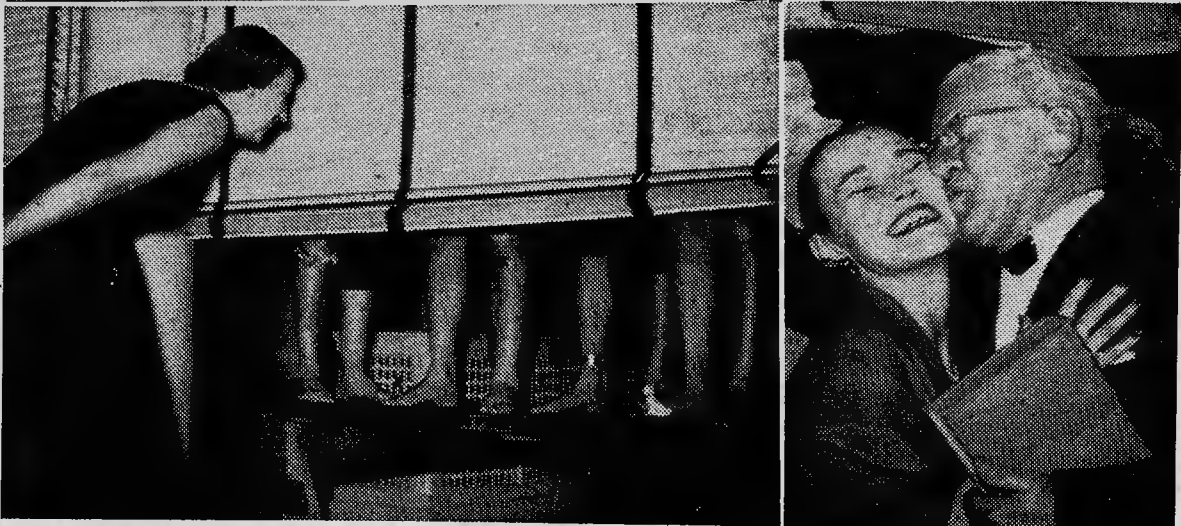
With him is Bob Fleming of Southern Pines, who accompanied his friend on the ill-fated hunting expedition in which Johnson was wounded by a stray bullet from a nearby hunting party.

According to messages received from Fleming by Mel Johnson and Mrs. R. W. Howard here, their brother stood the operation well, is in good spirits and is expected to recover without complications. Plans are being made to move him to the veterans' hospital at Fayetteville, but it is uncertain when this can be done, as he must still sustain at least two operations of a lesser nature on his leg before he can be moved.

The bullet blasted the flesh and muscles of the calf of the leg, causing damage the doctors found impossible to repair, though they delayed the amputation for a time in hopes of doing this.

Richard Johnson, makes his home here with his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Howard of Howard's Bakery. He has been employed in construction work.

Fun, Festivity And Foolishness At Kiwanis Ladies Night



Top Picture—The Mad Hatters. Harry Pe-thick, Joe Montesanti, Jr., and Tom Howerton fashion chapeaux for their wives from buttons and bows, household hardware, fruit and other assorted items. Losers had to wear their own creations while Bachelor Norris Hodgkins had to wear the winner, styled by Montesanti.

Bottom left—"Now, which one is he?" Mrs. John Zelle picks out her own husband from display of bare legs and feet. Can you do as well? Besides Mr. Zelle, they are Earl Parker, Ward Hill, Bill Morrow, Graves Vann and Earl Owens neophyte Kiwanians, like the milliners (above) undergoing initiation.

Bottom right—"I ain't mad no more!" Big buss of forgiveness is planted by Talbot Johnson on Jeanne (Mrs. Hoke) Pollock, who had interrupted his speech on the Constitution, rising to object, "They promised us there'd be no speeches!" Jeanne then took over as mistress of ceremonies, heading a frolicsome program "by the ladies."

Voit Gilmore presided over the sparkling event, for which Bill Huntley was program chairman. There were songs, poems, speeches—lots of laughter. For a more serious moment, award of the Builders Cup, see Page 1. (Pilot Staff Photos)

Coming Events

Saturday, December 13—Robert Shaw Chorale, concert, auditorium, 8:30 p. m.
 Sunday, December 14—Carolina Golf Association tournament, Pinehurst Country club.
 Wednesday, December 24—Christmas Hole-in-One Turkey Shoot, Pinehurst Country club.
 Sunday, December 28—16th Annual Winter Informal Horse show, Carolina riding ring, 2 p. m.
 Monday, December 29—Fifth Annual Donald J. Ross Memorial Junior tournament, Pinehurst Country club.
 Tuesday, December 30—Alumni-Varsity game, Southern Pines school gym (tentative date).
 New Years Eve ball, Carolina hotel, Pinehurst.
 January (date to be set later)—Charlotte Opera company in Sig-mund Romberg's "Desert Song," auditorium, 8:30 p. m.
 Saturday, February 21—Duke Glee club, sponsored by Southern Pines Civic club, Weaver auditorium.
 Friday, March 6—Lucille Cummings, concert, auditorium, 8:30
 Friday, March 27—Madrigal Singers, concert, auditorium, 8:30.
 Thursday, April 23—N. C. Symphony orchestra, auditorium, afternoon and evening concerts.

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New Tucker Office And Warehouse Will Be Headquarters For Carolinas Sales

A business which within a short time will extend its operations over both Carolinas is in process of being set up at Pinebluff.

This is the office and warehouse of E. A. Tucker, Distributors Inc., headed by E. A. Tucker of Southern Pines.

The office, center of buying operations for the Eastern Auto Supply Store of Laurinburg, which he owns, was formerly located in the Graves Building here.

Mr. Tucker has taken over the building at Pinebluff where J. K. Mason formerly operated an auto sales agency, remodeled it as a warehouse and built an annex to house the office. From this headquarters a full line of auto supplies and accessories, home appliances, bicycles and other hard items will be held to auto supply stores, service stations, garages, etc., over North and South Carolina. These sales operations are expected to start in about 30 days.

When Mr. Tucker first opened his office here in November 1948, his concern owned and supplied two stores, the one at Laurinburg and another at Clifton, Ga.

The Clifton store has since been sold, and Mr. Tucker's long-range plan, as told to The Pilot this week, is eventually to establish and supply a chain of such stores in North and South Carolina.

Now employed in the headquarters office and warehouse, besides Mrs. Tucker who assists her husband, are Brady Brooks and Mrs. Adelaide Edwards of Pinebluff.

The Tuckers moved to Southern Pines from Fort Lauderdale, Fla., four years ago, and own a home on May street at Youngs road. They have four children. They are active in church and community affairs. Mr. Tucker served as co-chairman of the 1952 Southern Pines "Finer Carolina" committee, and is on the municipal planning board.

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Reynolds & Co. Branch Opens Here; Darst To Head Year-Round Operation

A branch office of Reynolds & Co., New York Stock Exchange firm, is opening this week at 105 East Pennsylvania avenue, in the building recently occupied by the Pilot Life Insurance Co. Thomas C. Darst, Jr., resident

manager, said this is a reopening, on a year-round basis, of the branch which has been located at Pinehurst during the winter season for the past three years.

Following the closing of the Pinehurst office last June, Mr. Darst moved to Raleigh to manage the office there. He and his family have returned to the Sandhills, and are now living at Pinehurst. They have leased the Hornblower cottage.

Office manager of the local branch is Don M. Madigan of Southern Pines, who was associated with Mr. Darst at Pinehurst during the past two years. He will be on duty five days a week. The office will close Saturdays, along with the Stock Exchange.

This is the first New York Stock Exchange office to be located in Southern Pines in recent memory. Reynolds & Co. also have membership in the New York Cotton Exchange, and other principal exchanges of the North American continent.

By Private Wire Operations will be conducted from the local office by private wire to New York, and Reynolds' connecting wire system which extends into Canada and all over the United States.

Besides executing orders on the various exchanges, services of the firm will be available at all times for portfolio analyses and counseling with investors of the Sandhills communities, regardless of the size of the account. "The man of moderate means with \$500 to invest will receive as careful and conscientious service as the investor of \$50,000," said Mr. Darst.

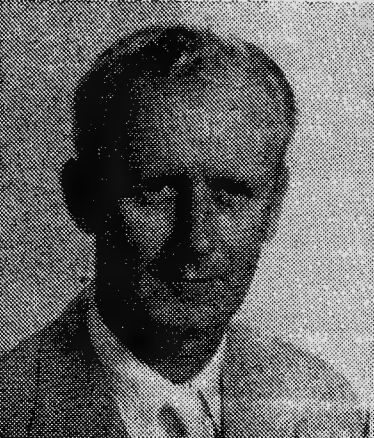
Father Was Bishop A native of Alexandria, Va., he moved to Wilmington in 1916 when his father was made Bishop of the Episcopal diocese of Eastern North Carolina. Bishop Darst died in 1948.

Educated at St. Christopher's school in Richmond, Va., and the University of North Carolina, Thomas C. Darst, Jr., entered the investment business in April, 1928, and has remained in it continuously since that time. He headed his own firm in Greensboro before becoming associated with Reynolds & Co. in 1949. During the past few years, besides heading the Pinehurst branch, he has had the duty of establishing branches all over North Carolina. He has been associated with the opening of five new branches.

He is a member of Emmanuel Episcopal church in Southern Pines, the Pinehurst Country club, and Tin Whistles, also the Carolina Country club and Sphinx club at Raleigh. The Darsts have five



T. C. DARST, JR.



D. M. MADIGAN

sons, the eldest a student at Davidson college, the others attending the Pinehurst school.

Retired as Colonel Mr. Madigan has lived in Southern Pines since 1945, when he was retired from Army service as a colonel. His service in World War 2 was mostly in the Pacific theatre, where he commanded the 503rd Combat Team.

He served for a time as secretary of the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce, following its reorganization in 1946.

He was a founding member of the Southern Pines Elks Lodge in 1946, and has served continuously as its secretary except during 1950 when he held the office of Exalted Ruler.

Active in numerous civic and community affairs, he is at present the Southern Pines director of civil defense, by appointment of Mayor C. N. Page.

"Galakin," which means gathering thousands of small shiny red and green leaves of the galax plant, is a source of cash income for many families in Western North Carolina, especially at Christmas time. Galax leaves are widely used as Christmas evergreens, as well as in floral arrangements year around.

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