

\$100,000 Suit Filed Against Local Woman

V. J. Daly Seeks Judgment Against Mrs. Nicholson

A \$100,000 damage suit, charging that Mrs. Valerie Nicholson, Southern Pines newspaperwoman, conspired to ruin the Sandhills Institute of Social Adjustment, which operated here, was filed in Middle District Court in Greensboro Friday.

It was filed by Vincent Daly, F. Edwina Hallman and Martha Dixon Underwood, all of whom are now reported to be residents of Washington, D. C.

It was served on Mrs. Nicholson here Wednesday.

They filed the suit themselves, after first going to the court house in Carthage where Daly voluntarily accepted service of a \$50,000 suit filed by Mrs. Nicholson several months ago. The two women have already been served. The case had been docketed at the two previous terms of Civil Court but was never tried because of a lack of time.

In the papers filed Friday in Greensboro, the trio claims that Mrs. Nicholson conspired with others to drive them "from their normal and legal enterprise, depriving them of their means to earn a livelihood."

Cause of Action

They state in their action: That they "were engaged in the enterprise known as 'Sandhills Institute of Social Adjustment' at Southern Pines, North Carolina. The enterprise was legally constituted and ethically operated for the purpose of helping people to achieve social and emotional adjustment by the application of proven techniques, religious cooperation and other methods.

"The prime motive of this enterprise was to bring religion into the field of emotional adjustment; it had the approval of many of the local clergy and many of the clients were referred by ethical physicians and hospitals.

"In addition, the enterprise had, at the request of local, state and federal agencies, made its facilities available and gave services and performed any duties requested of it without fee or favor. Its policy was the antithesis of communistic influences."

Daly and the two women also charge that Mrs. Nicholson "utilized vicious, monstrous and unlawful means to carry out the plan aforesaid; and has attempted to use, and did use, false newspaper and magazine publicity, contempt of legislative bodies, slander, libel, intimidation and false reports to further the cause of the conspiracy."

Mrs. Nicholson, the suit asserts, "for a period starting on or about the month of November

1955 and continuing to the time of this complaint has willfully, unlawfully and maliciously, engaged in an unlawful and vile conspiracy with one Harry Kursh, now of the State of New York, and others unknown to the plaintiffs to cast into oblivion any further chance they might have for fame or fortune in their chosen professions and to break up the marital relationship between Vincent J. Daly and his wife."

Daly and the two women each ask an award of \$25,000 as special damages. An additional award of \$25,000 is sought as punitive damages.

Daly and the two women also have been named in Superior Court grand jury indictments. All are charged with conspiracy to commit perjury and, in addition, Daly is charged with subornation of perjury and the two women with perjury.

Daly was tried and convicted of criminal libel against Mrs. Nicholson in April of last year in Moore Recorder's Court. He was fined \$500 and costs and given a two-year suspended 12 months road sentence, on condition he not further violate the libel laws.

Several other suits have been filed in the matter. Daly, Mrs. Underwood and Miss Hallman filed a \$75,000 suit, with practically the same wording as he used in the one filed against Mrs. Nicholson last Friday, against Harry Kursh, a free lance writer of Peekskill, N. Y. The suit was dismissed, however, since it was

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Harold Collins In Semi-Finals Of Moore Golf Event

Harold Collins of Southern Pines was carried to 21 holes by Harry Chatfield, also of Southern Pines, before winning 1 up to move along last week in the Moore County golf tournament being played at the Pinehurst Country Club.

In a later match in the week Collins defeated O. T. Parks, Jr., 5 and 4, for a berth in the semi-finals, and is the only player to reach that point to date.

In other matches in the championship flight Jack Carter of Southern Pines defeated Carlos Frye of Carthage, 2 up; E. Woodward defeated Jimmy Mann, 5 and 4; and Jimmy Collins defeated Ed Comer, Carthage, 5 and 4.

First flight matches, for those defeated in the first round of the championship flight, resulted as follows: Parks defeated Pete Tufts, 5 and 4; M. C. Hufford defeated Robert Ewing by default; and H. McCaskill defeated Tom Shockey, 2 up.

Play will continue this weekend.

Gilmore Named C&D Board Member

Voit Gilmore, former mayor of Southern Pines, has been named to a six-year term on the North Carolina Board of Conservation and Development. His position with the board will be primarily to promote the State's tourist industry.

Governor Hodges made the appointment Thursday.

Gilmore presently is the president of the North Carolina Travel Council, an independent group that has charged itself with promotion of the entire state as a vacationland and retirement center. He is also heading up, as president of the Council, a committee appointed by the Governor several weeks ago that is trying to educate the public to be "anti-litterbugs" on the highways.

This is the second appointive position that Gilmore has held to State office. In addition to those, however, he has been a national committeeman of the Young Democratic Club, and was chairman of the statewide fund raising committee for the new consolidated Presbyterian College to be built in Laurinburg.

His appointment to C&D gave Southern Pines two men on the



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board; the other is W. P. Saunders, the chairman, who was formerly president of Robbins Mills. Gilmore, along with H. C. Kennett of Durham and Walker Martin of Raleigh, two others whom the Governor just appointed, will be sworn in at the Board's summer meeting in Morehead City Monday.

FOR ONE YEAR TERM

Pleasants Elected President Of State County Commissioners Assn.

James M. Pleasants of Southern Pines, a member of the Moore County Board of County Commissioners, was elevated to the presidency of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners at the golden anniversary meeting of the association just concluded in Raleigh.

Mr. Pleasants has previously served the association as first vice-president.

He is now serving his third term on the Moore County board, having been elected with scant opposition the first two times and unopposed, along with the rest of the board, last summer. Mr. Pleasants, a native of Carthage, is an insurance man and owner of the Pleasants Oil Company, which is distributor in this area of Phillips 66 products.

The state association has members from 94 of the 100 counties, with only a few of the mountain counties still not included. Its primary aim is to serve as an agency for the study and promotion of county government.

It has succeeded in placing at



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least one member on each of the state's agencies and is considered one of the most potent of all associations in the state that deal with government.

Mr. Pleasants' term is for one year.

HEADQUARTERS FOR EIGHT MILLS

New Amerotron Office Building Is Modern, Spacious Quarters For 100

Amerotron's new administrative building was opened last week and all personnel are now installed and hard at work, to judge by appearance and sound. The place fairly rocks with all the humming and scurrying, not to mention heavy thinking that, clearly, is going on there.

But it doesn't actually rock, not this sound, substantial both-foot-on - the - round building, beated there, four-square, along the Aberdeen-Pinehurst road.

The good-looking structure, like the mill nearby, which now, under the Karagueshian emblem, makes carpets instead of suitings, is of modern construction: brick, with cement trim. It depends for its good looks on simplicity and basic structural soundness of design, and the implication of efficiency that accompanies straight lines and no foolishness. The structure has a decided air of dignified durability—outside.

Inside, you walk into a bleas-

ing blue glow. Counter-sunk ceiling lights reflect the azure sheen of long paneled walls. In the anteroom, baskets of flowers, testimony to last week's opening gala, add to the surprising thieral effect. The baskets have cards attached testifying to the good wishes of friends and businesses in the community.

In plan, the building is like a ship. A long, narrow corridor, also blue, runs the length of it and the offices open off it on each side. It's all so new, so shining, so blue you might have wandered onto a page out of an article in "Fortune Magazine" or "Interior Decoration," describing the New Administrative Look.

These blue walls are intriguing. The panels are made of very strong and durable material, whose base is gypsum. (We got mixed up with oakum, on that one: the ship-like quality again. Gypsum is calcium sulphate and is used to make plaster of Paris. Also panels. They are quickly put up and need almost no maintenance. And you can nail into them. If you have the nerve.

Another good thing is that these panels are constructed with a space along the baseboard to facilitate wiring. Doors, framing and so on are of metal, these painted a slightly darker blue... that sea effect again. The floor is a handsome dark marbled rubber tile.

Each of the offices, opening off the corridor with mathematical regularity is blue, too, and most of them have colored pictures.

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LIBRARY CLOSING

The Southern Pines library will close at noon Tuesday July 2, and will not reopen until Monday, July 8, according to Mrs. Katherine Lambourne, librarian.

She said the closing was necessitated to make repairs to the building. In the meantime, she suggested that patrons check out the books they desire for that period either this weekend or Monday.

HAD FOUR YEAR TENURE

Lockey Reviews Work As Highway Commissioner; Much Accomplished

"I've enjoyed every minute of my four years and two months as Eighth Division Highway Commissioner, and wouldn't take anything for the experience," said Forrest Lockey of Aberdeen this week.

He added, "I've come through with a greater respect for people, and their good sound common sense, than ever before."

He expressed no regrets that he was not reappointed, as Governor Hodges made a clean sweep of the entire old Commission, setting up a new one based on a new administrative pattern, to take office July 1.

A former Mayor of Aberdeen for 12 years, Lockey is content to get back to full-time work as vice-president and assistant to the president of the Aberdeen and Rockfish Railroad Co. But he will treasure the memory of his term now ending, complete with struggle and activity, and

the satisfaction of service and of accomplishment.

To accept Governor Umstead's appointment May 11, 1953, he had to resign the office of mayor to which he had been elected, unopposed, for a seventh term just six days before.

From the beginning he was known as a man in a hurry, as if he wished to get as much done as possible in four years, in a division which comprised one of the most neglected areas, roadwise, in the state.

Plans once made did not lag. Decisions were reached without delay and were translated into highways which sprang across the landscape as modern marvels of engineering, with some of the soundest-built, most beautiful structures on the State's highway system.

Yet roads mean people, people mean roads—and the combination formed to help with bus-

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Rev. D. Hoke Coon Resigns Pastorate Of Baptist Church To Accept Post In Forest City On July 10

The Rev. D. Hoke Coon, pastor of the First Baptist Church here for the past four years, announced to his congregation last Sunday that he was resigning to accept a call to the First Baptist Church in Forest City.

He will assume his new duties July 10. Meanwhile, it is expected that a pulpit committee will be selected at the church here Sunday and that an immediate search will be started to obtain a new pastor.

Mr. Coon, who has been active in civic and religious activities throughout his career here, told the congregation it was "the hardest decision in my life to make," referring to his acceptance of the new post. The Forest City church has about 1,100 members, he said later, and the challenge was too great to pass up.

A graduate of Catawba College and the Southern Baptist Theological School in Louisville, Ky., Mr. Coon had been associated with the First Baptist Church in Salisbury as interim pastor before accepting the call here.

He is a native of Bessemer City.

He and Mrs. Coon, who is from Salisbury, have a son, two years of age.

Fred Chappell, chairman of the church's Board of Deacons, is expected to name the pulpit committee Sunday.

Sandhill Telephone Co. To Sell Stock

The Sandhill Telephone Company was authorized Tuesday by the State Utilities Commission to sell up to 4,000 shares of preferred stock at a par value of \$10 per share.

The company operates telephone facilities at Wagram in Scotland County and Aberdeen in Moore County. It said funds from sale of the stock will be used to improve service to patrons in the area.

New Rotary Officers Installed

Joseph I. Scott was installed as president of the Southern Pines Rotary Club at a banquet held last night at the Elks Club.

Scott, an insurance agent connected with the E. C. Stevens Agency here, succeeded A. C. Dawson, superintendent of the Southern Pines schools.

Other new officers are Harry Chatfield, vice-president; James Hartshorne, re-elected secretary; and Royden Council, treasurer. Named to the Board of Directors were Dawson, Herbert Cameron, Dr. Walter S. Sargeant, and James Perkinson, a past president of the club.

E. O. Brogden, of the law firm of Boyette and Brogden in Carthage, was principal speaker. He based his talk on the needs of the community at the present time, calling attention to the several reverses the town and surrounding area has suffered in the past year or so.

"Now is the time for all of us to act as informal ambassadors in helping to bring new business interests to this community," he said. He pointed out that now is a propitious time to convince others in the area that industrial development of the proper type would be beneficial to Southern Pines.

There has been some objection to bringing industry to Southern Pines, he said, but the objections have been lessened to a great extent by the declining business brought on by the removal of several industries that had been located here and close by.

"Through careful planning—none of us want a glue factory next door—this town and area could be the scene of much business activity," he said.

Brogden reminded his listeners that no one civic club could do the job, but called on all of them to help with the groups already formed to help with bus-

GROUND BREAKING

Groundbreaking ceremonies for the new Town Hall will be held Tuesday morning at the site in the Town Park at 10 o'clock.

Town Manager Louis Scheipers, Jr., said this morning that a number of present and past town officials would attend the ceremonies, as would Thomas T. Hayes, Jr., the architect, and T. E. Saunders of Troy, contractor.

The site has been cleared and construction of the new building will get underway next week, according to Saunders.

The public has been invited to attend the groundbreaking ceremonies.

National Guard Returns From 2-Week Encampment

Members of the Moore County National Guard tank company returned from Camp Stewart, Ga., from what was described as one of the most outstanding summer encampments ever attended by the unit.

Capt. William Wilson of Southern Pines, company commander, said the unit received high ratings in every phase of the two week operation. And, though final ratings have not been released, Wilson added he was confident the over-all rating would be excellent or higher.

The summer camp ratings, incidentally, indicate the efficiency of the unit and are made by regular Army inspecting officers. Capt. Wilson had special praise for the performance of the mess section under Sgt. first class Cecil Hutchinson, and the supply room, under Sgt. Robert Davis. Both received a Superior rating, the highest possible under the system.

Thirty three members of the unit fired qualifying scores on the 90 mm tank gun ranges and a composite platoon from the local unit was rated best in the battalion in conduct of a platoon attack exercise.

Plans for future training, Wilson said, include cleaning up equipment and preparation for

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\$12,000 Bequest To Institutions In Area Revealed

John L. Given Adds To Gifts Made By Wife

John LaPorte Given, prominent winter resident of Pinehurst who died on May 20, bequeathed \$5,000 to the Pinehurst Village Chapel, \$2,000 to the Pinehurst Community Church and \$5,000 to Moore Memorial Hospital, according to Eric Nelson, a director of the Irene Heinz Given and John LaPorte Given Foundation, Inc.

The bequests were in addition to the following made by Mrs. Given, who died October 5 of last year:

Pinehurst Religious Association (Village Chapel) \$10,000; Pinehurst Community Church, \$5,000, and Moore Memorial Hospital, \$10,000.

The residue of both estates goes to the foundation, Mr. Nelson said.

Mr. Given died in Doctor's Hospital in New York following a heart attack suffered in Pinehurst on April 1. He was 85 years of age. A graduate of Cornell University, he had entered newspaper work early in life as a member of the staff of the Altoona, Pa. Times, and later became News Editor of the New York Evening Sun, one of the great dailies of the time.

Mr. Given had authored a textbook, "Making a Newspaper," which ran through many editions and was widely used in schools of journalism.

Mrs. Given was the former Irene Edwilda Heinz, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Heinz of Pittsburgh. Both were deeply interested in Pinehurst's religious and charitable institutions.

HOLIDAY
The Citizens Bank and Trust Company and the post office will be closed all day next Thursday, July 4. Many other businesses in the area will also close for the holiday.

Fees For Special Services At PO Go Up On Monday

A number of increased fees for special services at the local post office will go into effect July 1, it has been announced by Postmaster Garland Pierce.

The rate increases, ordered by the Post Office Department to help offset losses for such services, are in effect throughout the country.

First class mail, by far the biggest single item, the post office handles, is not affected unless special services are required. Pierce listed the changes as follows:

Minimum fee for registered mail will be 50 cents instead of the 40 cents previously charged.

Return receipts for registered mail will be increased in cost from seven cents to 10 cents.

The certified mail fee will be 20 cents, an increase of five cents per item.

Minimum money order fee will be 15 cents instead of 10 cents.

Special delivery mail will go up from 20 to 30 cents, plus the usual postage.

Certificates of mailing will be five cents instead of three, and correction of mailing lists will be five cents per name instead of one cent.

On business reply envelopes and cards the fee will be two cents instead of one, plus the usual postage.

Special handling fees will be increased to 25 cents for packages of two pounds or less. The previous fee had been 15 cents.

VISITING MINISTER

The Rev. Charles M. Maness, chaplain at McCain Sanatorium, will be guest minister at the Southern Pines Methodist Church Sunday morning. Earl Hubbard, church lay leader, will preside during the service.



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