Local Doctor Sued For $4150 Alimony

State Hospital Official Named by Ex-Wife

A complaint for judgment for $4150 in back alimony was filed today in Superior Court 5 against Dr. Jess V. Cohn, assistant superintendent at the Central State Hospital.

The suit was brought by his former wife, Willis Irene Mann, who won a Florida divorce from the doctor on July 7, 1947.

The former Mrs. Cohn is represented by Indianapolis Attorney Jack C. Brown who said he is handling the case here "for an out-of-state attorney." He said he did not know the current address of the plaintiff.

The Cohns were divorced in Dade County, Florida, and Mrs. Cohn was awarded $75 a week alimony. Under the provisions of the divorce her maiden name was restored.

In the complaint filed in Judge Ralph Hamill's court, the doctor's former wife charged she did not receive any payments after Sept. 17, 1948.

Dr. Cohn, who has since remarried, could not be reached at the hospital for comment.

Realtors to Speak On European Tour

John E. Bauer and Paul L. McCord, Indianapolis realtors, will speak on "Our European Tour" before the Indianapolis Real Estate Board at noon tomorrow in Washington Hotel.

They recently returned from the 35-day good-will trade tour of Europe sponsored by the Indianapolis and Indiana Chambers of Commerce.

T. Lorin Driscoll will speak at the Realtors' Educational Course at 7 p. m. Monday in Antlers Hotel. George H. Dirks is moderator.

Wife Charges Husband Degraded Her in Son's Presence

Story of Cruelty Shocks Divorce Court

By PHILIP F. CLIFFORD JR.

The question before Superior Judge Hezzie B. Pike today was how 7-year-old Donald McPheron and his brother, Ronald, 5, are going to be raised to become good citizens.

It seemed to be another divorce case, the case of Nancy Martha versus James T. McPheron.

The charges were like thousands of others before: Cruel and inhuman treatment. And the usual alimony, support for the children and counsel fees, was included in the complaint.

But as Attorney W. Gordon Davis began to lead Mrs. McPheron through the incidents leading to the crash of her marriage to her 39-year-old husband, time seemed to stop in Superior Court 3 yesterday.

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HERE WAS a story of poverty, drunkenness, and rape.

Mrs. McPheron testified she was forced by her husband to submit to the attentions of as many as five men in one night whom he brought to their meager quarters in a Bridgeport rooming house.

Mrs. McPheron, a tiny, frail brunet, is 31. Her lips quivered and her voice faltered with emotion as she testified.

She said she met and married her husband at Somerset, Ky., when she was 17. At first, she said, he worked steadily and was kind. But after they moved to Bridgeport in 1940 he began staying out nights in taverns.

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ONE NIGHT, she testified, her husband brought a group of men to the house. They were all drunk. And while her husband alternately beat and restrained her, the men raped her.

Her youngest son, Ronald, with whom she shared the bed, cowered in a corner of the bed during the multiple attacks, she told the court.

Mrs. McPheron said she left her husband last August. In order to make a home for her two sons, she said, she took a job as housekeeper for a College Ave. widower, and also cares for his two small daughters.

The husband, who filed a cross complaint and a petition for custody of the two children, slouched in a chair and stared without emotion as Mrs. McPheron told her story.

Photo by Victor Peterson, Times Staff Photographer.

Children of divorce, Donald and Ronald McPheron gaze out on a bright, sun drenched world. But will their future be as bright? The girls are children Mrs. McPheron was caring for.

'Proper Home' for 2 Boys Sought by Judge

On the witness stand, Mr. McPheron, a garden nursery worker, denied his wife's charges.

He admitted he "struck her two or three times." He accused his wife of carrying on affairs with other men.

After hearing all the testimony, Judge Pike said he would reserve his decision in the case.

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"IN ALL my years on the bench and as a lawyer," Judge Pike declared, "I've never heard the equal of this. But what is most important here," he said, "is to determine whether or not these two handsome boys are living in a fit and proper home. It is my duty to see that they have every chance of growing up to be good American citizens."

Mrs. Ruben Hunt Rites Friday

Services for Mrs. Dora Hunt, 2401 Elizabeth St., who died yesterday in St. Francis Hospital, will be at 2 p. m. Friday in Anderson Cemetery, E. 10th St. She was 70.

Born in Mitchell, Ind., she lived in Indianapolis most of her life.

Survivors include her husband, Ruben Hunt; four sons, Daniel, Henry and Marvin Monroe, all of Indianapolis, and Paul Monroe, Rochester, N. Y.; four daughters, Mrs. Goldie Ready and Mrs. Thelma Esarey, both of South Bend; Mrs. Naomi Retz, Marion, and Mrs. Alice Sellmeyer, Indianapolis; a sister, Mrs. Margaret Bless, Indianapolis, 14 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

ADMITS KILLING WIFE

STAMFORD, Conn., Nov. 2 (UP)—James Plunkett, 48, admitted he killed his 38-year-old wife "while trying to frighten her during a tussle," police said today as they charged him with murder.

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EVENTS TODAY

American Legion Conference of Department Commanders and Adjutants—Final day, Legion headquarters.
Clothing Drive for Needy of Europe—Under auspices of Eucemicity and World Service Committee, Church Federation. Clothing to be collected from neighborhood churches through Sunday.
Marion County and Indianapolis Girl Scouts present "Mr. Copper Penny's Adventure in Friendship"—7:30 p. m. each night through Friday, Indiana University building, Fairgrounds. An exhibit in the same hall open to public until 1 p. m. Saturday.
Thomas Carr Howe School Presents "The Mocking Bird"—8 p. m. today and tomorrow, high school auditorium.
Book and Toy Fair — Sponsored by Indianapolis Branch, American Association of University Women—Through Saturday, L. S. Ayres & Co. auditorium.
Speedway High School Addition Dedication and Open House—7:30 p. m., school grounds, 5151 W. 14th St.
Indianapolis Deanery Council, National Council of Catholic Women, Luncheon Meeting—12:30 p. m., Claypool Hotel.
Indianapolis Chapter, National Office Management Association Dinner Meeting — 6:30 p. m., Athletic Club.
American Christian Palestine Committee Noon Luncheon Meeting—Columbia Club.
Lions Club Noon Luncheon Meeting — Claypool Hotel.
Degree of Honor Protective Association Benefit Rummage Sale—8:30 p. m., 814 Indiana Ave.
Ladies Auxiliary, Fountain Square Eagles Lodge, Card Party—8 p. m., lodge hall, 1105 Prospect St.

EVENTS TOMORROW

George N. Craig Day in Indiana—Statewide tribute to the newly-elected American Legion national commander.
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11th District, American Legion, Auxiliary Council Business Session—7:30 p. m., War Memorial auditorium.
Marion County Council of Republican Women Election of Officers—2 p. m., 3686 Fall Creek Blvd.
Legion of the Moose and Women of the Moose Joint Meeting—8:30 p. m., club house, 135 N. Delaware St.
American Friends Service Committee and Marion County Quakers Meeting—7:30 p. m., Second Friends Church, Lee and Lambert Sts.
Sahara Grotto Auxiliary Membership and Initiation Program—8:30 p. m., club house, 4107 E. Washington St.
Silver Star Review 15, Woman's Benefit Association, Initiation—8 p. m., club hall.
Second and Third Year "Great Books" Discussion Group Meeting—7:30 p. m., Rauh Memorial Library.
Real Estate Board Noon Luncheon Meeting—Washington Hotel.
Ad Club Noon Luncheon Meeting—Athletic Club.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

John A. Miller, Jr., 19, 739 Martin; Delores M. Spillman, 20, 747 Sparrow.
Homer Carson, 54, Sheridan; Edith Hoffman, 54, 1613 Hall Place.
Bernard J. Ryza, 31, 1340 W. Division; Margaret Edwards, 26, 1909 S. Delaware.

DIVORCE SUITS FILED

Carol J. vs. Robert L. Boston; Elizabeth vs. Will H. Garrett; George vs. Ruth Grimm; George H. vs. Ruby H. DeHaven; Viggo E. vs. Marian Kihl; Delilah vs. Arathar Edelen; Edna M. vs. William P. Conver; Lois M. vs. Benjamin L. Riche; John R. vs. Gertrude Foster; Ruby M. vs. Charles A. Ziegler; Paul vs. Bertha D. Hartleah; Corvin H. vs. Frankie D. Vare; Clafarn vs. Richard Buchanan; Lucile A. vs. John C. Vance.

BIRTHS

Boys

At St. Francis—Albert, Nora Hall; Billy, Mary Candler; William, Ruth Wigley.
At General—Robert, Corine Baker.
At Coleman—John, Laura Forge.
At Methodist—David, Shirley Ford; Harold, Ruth Haney; Francis, Sue Ann Gloe; Milton, Harriet Pate; Harry, Mary Bower.
At St. Vincent's—Willard, Dorothy Siefert; George, Myrtle Rinard.
At Home—William, Margaret Highbaugh, 1127 N. Capitol; John, Dorothy Fray, 923 Prospect.

Girls

At St. Francis—Harry, Virginia Sering; Harvey, Sybel Elaine Fannin; Robert, Beatrice Martin; Raymond, Frieda Koopman; James, Mary Jane Wagner.
At General—James, Jennie Mae Williams.
At Coleman—James, Margaret Butler.
At Methodist — Carl, Mary Jane Lloyd; Herschel, Juanita Hanaway; Harry, Marion Hubble; William, Imogene Nunn; Matthew, Rose Evans; David, Alberta Morton.
At St. Vincent's—Paul, Cecelia Day; Robert, Irmgard Douglas; Clifford, Wilma Corbin.
At Home — Henry, Nettie Robbins, 407 Hanson; John, Marietta Dunn, 26 McLean; Frank, Grace Turner, 439 W. McCarty; Floyd, Azalee Wisdom, 2106 Pleasant; Kenneth, Linana Washington, 2706 Martindale; Junius, Rosie Lewis, 1131 Nelson; Clarence, Mary McIlwain, 2408 Rader.

DEATHS

Wi" "aylor, 58, at Veteran's, carcinoma.
Wilbur Henry Murrell, 57, at 1246 S. Capital, emphysema.
Harry Bradburn, 86, at 2726 Burton, arterio vascular renal.
John J. Monahan, 71, at Methodist, arteriosclerosis.
James R. Noland, 59, at Veteran's, carcinoma.
Ralph W. Robbins, 27, at Veteran's, leukemia.
Emily Louise Shriner, 3 months, at Riley, pneumonia.
Beatrice N. Woolridge, 44, at 1066 W. 28th, carcinomatosis.
Clarence Oral Rumyem, 43, at Long, hypertension.
Charles Lee Lyatt, 75, at Methodist, coronary occlusion.
Dorothy L. Jackson, 39, at 412 Bright, nephritis.
Harry Brown, 73, at 1720 Columbia, cancer.
Isabelle Appleby Holt, 83, at 2115 Central, arteriosclerotic heart.

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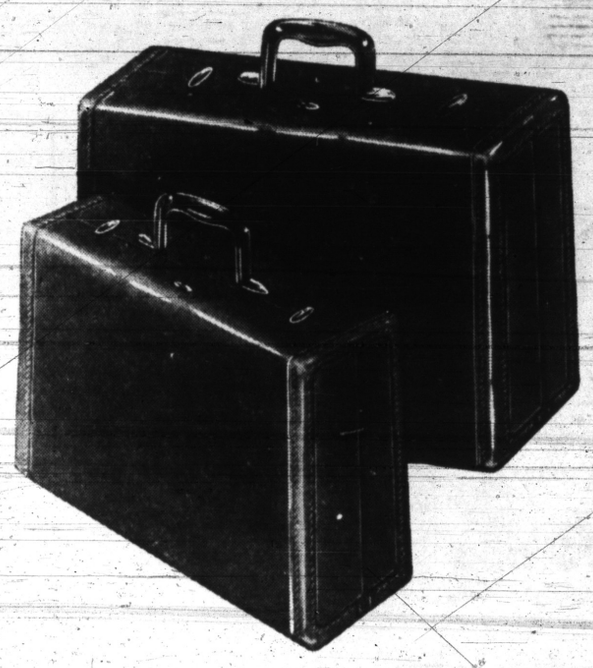

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