

Charles and Emily Vito Cop Nolo Contendere Plea

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 wn. He even told him to go out here and clear the brush because construction would start within the week. When construction did not start Mr. Vito told him his lot was in a different location and to go out and clear the brush there.

One advertisement Mr. Vito in the newspapers listed officers of the company and told people they were ready and willing to help home buyers with FHA problems. When people tried to contact the officers they were shuffled from one to the other, given promises that were never kept, and occasionally were asked for more money - which some of them gave.

The ad listed George Horn, general and district sales manager; Charles Vito Jr., first

vice president; Anthony Dipinski, assistant vice president; Nyles Monahan, district office supervisor; Brian McHugh, coordinator of funds and finance; Peter Linfanie, comptroller; Joseph Peleak, architect.

Legal consultants included Atty. Joseph Farrell, administrative consultant; Atty. Thomas Glenn, land title consultant; and Atty. Michael Collins, land development consultant.

Also listed in charge of program planning and public relations is Neil Burns, nephew of Wilkes-Barre councilman Joseph Burns, who together ran the Tri-State Advertising Co. in Pittston. The Scranton office of the Bureau of Consumer Affairs put that company out of business for unfair trade practices -

they took orders for plastic book covers and failed to deliver. Councilman Joseph Burns later went into the construction business, with much the same success as Mr. Vito.

The ad states Mr. Vito is a member of the Fox Hill Country Club, a 15-year Elk veteran, and a member of the Chamber of Commerce.

Outside the court room on Monday Mr. Vito spun his tale of woe.

"I'm a broken man," he said, "I have had too many reverses lately. My wife just got out of the hospital from a nervous breakdown."

Mr. Vito said he had been ruined by the flood, although after the flood he continued to take down payments for new homes even though he had all the previous commitments on which he had not delivered.

"I lost my Gateway Apartments in Edwardsville. There was water up to the second floor. My lumber yard and offices in West Wyoming were washed away. Then the Tax Payers Association in Trucks-ville stopped my project because they knew I was selling low cost homes and they were afraid I would fill the project with black people," Mr. Vito said.

The way it really happened was that the Kingston Township Zoning Officer John Dana was instructed by DER not to issue a permit to Mr. Vito because they had taken percolation tests and the land was unfit for septic systems. Kingston Township refused the permits and Mr. Vito brought charges that were investigated and dropped because they were "completely unfounded." The Dug Road Taxpayers Association was instrumental in getting the DER test of the proposed building site.

"After the flood," Mr. Vito

said, "the Small Business Administration refused my application for a loan. I wanted to pay all these people back but they refused my loan."

"You wouldn't believe the harassment I have gone through," he continued, "People threw rocks at my home in Trucks-ville. I have a bullet hole I can show you in my car. These people are out to knock me off."

All of Mr. Vito's assets have apparently disappeared. He managed to qualify for a public defender, which the consumers resent deeply because they know they are paying for his lawyer with their tax money.

"He's on welfare," one said, "he gets a free lawyer. Nobody's going to pay for our lawyer if we file a class action suit to try to get our money back."

Mr. Vito was on welfare last summer. The medical section of the Luzerne County Department of Welfare issued him a green card July 1, 1974. The card was good for medical benefits for three months after that date. The address he gave was 87 Terrace Ave., Trucks-ville, which is the model home

Mr. Vito built to show prospective buyers.

The last two times Mr. Vito appeared in court he showed up without a lawyer. The court also had trouble delivering summonses to Mr. Vito because he kept moving around. Finally the judge told him if he appeared before the court again without a lawyer he would put him in jail.

At that point Mr. Vito listed his address as the Tiffany Lounge, 156 Lehigh St., Wilkes-Barre. According to the deed in the recorders office, the building is listed in the name of John D. Smith, 141 Hanover St., Wilkes-Barre. Mr. Smith was at one time an associate of Mr. Vito, and appeared with him at several public meetings called by citizens with complaints against Mr. Vito.

"Jack' Smith is Vito's body guard," one woman outside the court room said on Monday, "he carries a gun."

Ezekial Hanna transferred the property to Mr. Smith for \$1 Nov. 20, 1973. Abraham and Bessie Kurtzer and Jean Kurtzer Fischer and Peter Fischer sold the property to Ezekial Hanna, again for \$1, May 11, 1973.

Jackson Township

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 Salansky Road-\$10,675.00. Total-\$37,765.00.

1983-pave Salansky Road-10,675; widen and pave Shady Hill Road from Zbick Road to Salansky Road-\$4,730.00; widen Mountain Road from Cigarski Road to Chase Road-\$20,550.00. Total-\$35,955.00.

1984-pave Mountain Road-20,550.00; resurface Sutton Road-\$44,600.00. Total-\$65,150.00.

The Supervisors accepted Mr. Radomski's plan and expect to make it available to whomever is hired as township planner for traffic circulation study and recommendations. In the future any roads located in subdivisions must be 18 feet wide and meet state specifications or paving surface. The estimates of the 10 year costs of this program were based on the standard escalated cost figures. In answer to a question about the installation of sewers, Mr. Niedjaco said the supervisors will consider the feasibility study when it is completed and determine how the necessary road work can be done in regard to sewer installation.

Another road matter which was discussed was Mr. Radomski's inspection of the Briarwood Terrace roads which he developed. Ed Jeffery, had asked the township to take over. According to Mr. Radomski the roads would require over \$3,000 repairs to bring them up to acceptable standards. There are no shoulders and drainage from the road must be improved because at the present time it is overflowing into a private home septic field and causing serious problems in wet weather. These roads service 12 families.

Mr. Jeffery asked if he could meet with Mr. Radomski after the meeting about the necessary improvements. Mr. Niedjaco agreed to table the matter until Dec. 30 when there will be a special meeting of the supervisors.

Mr. Radomski asked for permission to solicit three bids by telephone for back-hoe services which are needed to correct a drainage problem on Kasko Road and on Cigarski Road. He was given the go-ahead provided the work does not exceed \$850. Also one of the supervisors will have to purchase the necessary drainage pipe needed for these two places at an estimated cost of about \$200.

In a meeting with Plymouth Township officials concerning the paving of Weavertown Road; Mr. Radomski reported it was agreed that Plymouth Township owes Jackson Township about \$1,000 for paving about 490 feet into their township. Payment of this will be made as soon as a bill is submitted to Plymouth Township.

John Filip suggested that in the future all land developers in the township should be required to post a bond when their roads

are taken over to insure that road paving is up to standard. Chairman Niedjaco responded that "consideration has to be given to residents of the developments who also pay taxes."

A motion was passed to pay the bills for the pick-up truck and dump truck when they are delivered within the next three weeks. A "Cap Sewer Ordinance" was passed as advertised. The supervisors have petitioned the court to name Steve Yenchka as township auditor to replace Bert Balliet who resigned to assume the duties of patrolman.

A letter was received from the office of postmaster general explaining that it is impossible to give the residents of Jackson Township a centralized mailing address at this time. It explained that although residents of the township are served by four post offices, Dallas, Shavertown, Hunlocks Creek and Plymouth, no complaints of their service has been received. The supervisors had written Congressman Flood about the four different addresses in the township.

The meeting ended in a heated debate concerning American Asphalt Paving Co. It was announced that Atty. Patrick Toole had answered the equity action filed by Atty. John Aponick to take over. Therefore it is expected that the case will be scheduled for hearing at the first available date on the court calendar. At this point John Filip asked that it be made a matter of record that American Asphalt is continuing to dump sludge and debris on the Habblett Tract which is the subject of the equity action. He further commented that Aponick "did not get a preliminary injunction to stop this action".

When Niedjaco asked him to put this into writing, Mr. Filip retorted "I am not going down to baby sit American Asphalt." Niedjaco then replied; "But you want us (supervisors) to. All right, from now on you comply with the zoning ordinance and put your requests in writing".

Mr. Filip then exploded "All right, you answer my other written complaints on noise violations". Mr. Culp, zoning Officer, clarified for the supervisors that Mr. Filip had indeed written several letters of complaint about American Asphalt last year. Mr. Culp was instructed to send a copy of all the complaints to the supervisors and to Atty. Aponick.

At a meeting of the Jackson Township Zoning Board prior to the supervisors meeting, a request was heard from Dr. and Mrs. G. A. Klem for a variance to place a dog kennel on their property which is some 60 acres and zoned agricultural. Because they had no detailed map of the proposed building or where it will be placed on the property, the zoning board voted to table the matter until more information can be obtained.

Altar & Rosary Society Holds Christmas Dinner

St. Therese's Altar & Rosary Society, Shavertown, held their annual Christmas Dinner recently at the Castle Inn, Dallas.

Entertainment was provided by the Womens' Folk Group of King's College.

Officers installed for the coming year included: Mrs. Joseph Bren, president; Mrs. Alfred Hudak, vice president;

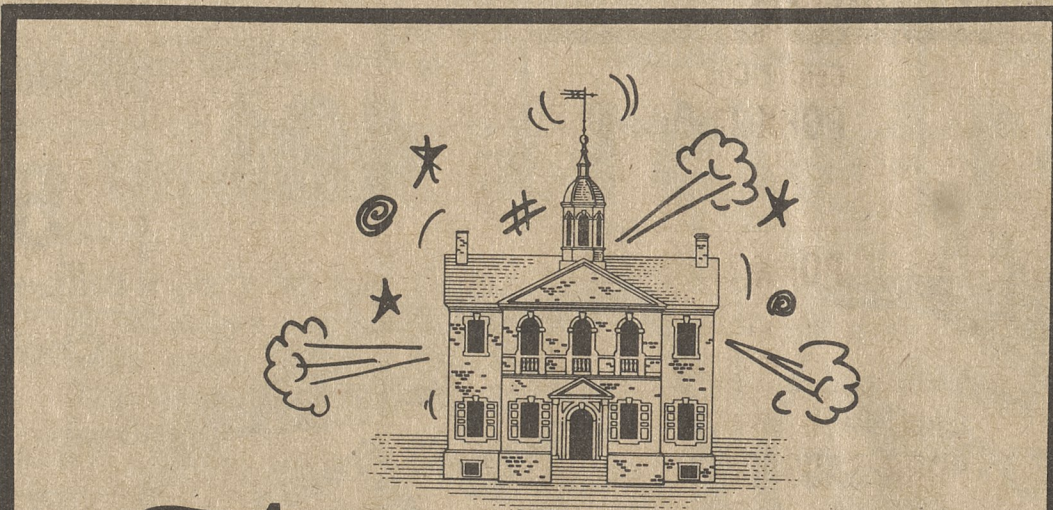
Mrs. George Dapral, financial secretary; Mrs. John Rogers, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Joseph Youngblood, recording secretary; Mrs. Rosario Vicchio, treasurer; Mrs. John J. Carey, publicity.

Retiring officers include: Mrs. John T. Luke, president; Mrs. Peter George, vice president; Mrs. Joseph Banks, recording secretary; Mrs. Thomas Ochman, treasurer.



St. Therese's Altar & Rosary Society, Shavertown, held their annual Christmas Dinner recently. Officers for the coming year were installed at this meeting. Pictured are new and retiring officers, seated from left to right: Mrs. Joseph Banks, Mrs. Thomas Ochman, Mrs. John T. Luke, Mrs. Alfred Hudak,

Mrs. Joseph Bren, Mrs. Rosario Vicchio, Mrs. George Kapral, Mrs. John J. Carey. Standing: the Rev. Joseph Sammons, Mrs. Peter George, Mrs. Michael Olinatz, Mrs. Edward Petty, Mrs. John Rogers, Mrs. Joseph Youngblood, Mrs. Louis Seidziewski, and the Rev. Vyto Zematitis.



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