MRS. RAINWATER SEEKING DIVORCE

Charges Mate Had 'Wild Visionary' Leanings

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—Mrs. Phyllis Ann Paulson Rainwater filed suit for divorce Saturday from Charles Veazey Rainwater Jr., because she said he spent too much money on "wild and visionary ventures."

The suit charged extreme cruelty and listed a number of alleged extravagances. Rainwater has homes at Palm Beach, New York and Beaumont, Tex., she said.

In February, 1947, the suit said, he "embarked on a visionary and designedly world wide peace venture known as the United Youth Foundation" and spent a reported $100,000 on the project.

Six months later he had reduced himself to "an almost penniless and insolvent figure," Mrs. Rainwater declared.

During the 1951 season in Palm Beach he also rented an apartment and office in the Plaza hotel and a penthouse at the Colony hotel "beyond his means," Mrs. Rainwater said in the suit. He provided her with a "meager household and personal budget of $200 a month" as this time; the suit added.

Mrs. Rainwater said they separated March 1 this year because his conduct was "self-centered, egotistical and arrogant."

She said in the suit that he shipped large quantities of furniture and wedding presents to the home he had built in Beaumont without consulting her and then left for New York.

The Rainwaters were married Jan. 8, 1946, at the fashionable Everglades Club in Palm Beach. At that time she said he was earning around $20,000 a year and had substantial resources and savings.

Mrs. Rainwater is the daughter of Henry Paulson of Antioch, Ill., and Palm Beach. He formerly lived at Winnetka, Ill.

Rainwater, 40, is the son of C. V. Rainwater, formerly of Atlanta, who now has a home at Pensacola, Fla.

Mrs. Rainwater said her husband was the beneficiary of a family trust fund valued at more than $1,000,000. She asked custody of their two children, a boy about two and a girl four years old.