

N.C. Webster Convicted Of Embezzlement

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CHARM SCHOOL OPERATOR JAILED

Miss Jackie Allen Held On Charge Of Forgery

HIGH POINT
Miss Jackie Allen, alias Augusta Jones, plump, teasing and pleasing Charm School operator of Durham, was convicted in Municipal Court here Wednesday morning on a charge of issuing worthless checks. Total amount of checks is \$252.58. Total sentence was \$25.00 and cost, 90 days in jail on each count with the sentence suspended provided she stay on good behavior for two years and not be guilty of any other offense in this state. Miss Allen must also pay back the money direct. On a second charge she was given four months in jail suspended on the same grounds. The original charge was forgery but was later reduced to that of issuing worthless checks when sufficient evidence to convict of forgery was not available. Miss Allen or Miss Jones was arrested here last Sunday night at her 607 Fayetteville Street apartment in the Russell Memorial building on a charge of forgery. The arrests were made by Officers Frank McRae and C. L. Cox of the Durham detective bureau.



Jackie Allen, Charm School operator, who is being held in a High Point jail on a charge of giving worthless checks amounting to several hundred dollars in the Guilford County city. Miss Allen is alleged to have stolen several checks from the office of the Carolina Times when she went there under pretense of wishing to purchase an advertisement for a Charm School she was hoping to open in Durham.

Ex-Bursar To Appeal Prison Sentence Of 15 To 22 Years

Without show of emotion, 53-year old N. C. Webster, who for more than 30 years had served as bursar of A. and T. College here, heard a Guilford Superior Court jury pronounce him guilty of embezzlement and listened quietly as Judge Sossie Sharp sentenced him to serve 15 to 22 years in Central Prison, Raleigh.

Webster was found guilty as charged on each of five separate bills of indictment as the seven-day trial came to an end.

His lawyers entered notice of appeal to the State Supreme Court after their motion to have the verdict set aside was denied by Judge Sharp.

Judge Sharp ordered that the former A. and T. bursar serve the following consecutive sentences:

Seven to 10 years for embezzling \$10,399.84; five to seven years for embezzling \$9,467.91; and three to five years for embezzling \$9,322.21, with each sentence to follow the expiration of the prior commitment.

Judge Sharp consolidated judgement on two other counts of embezzling sums of \$5,123.30 and \$5,296.35 and ordered Webster to serve two to three years at the expiration of the other sentences. This sentence was suspended for five years following Webster's release from prison.

In pronouncing sentence, Judge Sharp severely reprimanded Webster as she said, "I have tried a lot of people for stealing, but they were petty thieves compared to you."

"Most of them were poor and uneducated. But you have a college education and have lived in a college community where you enjoyed prestige. Any taxpayer who paid taxes so that your college could operate has a right to be indignant when he learns you bought \$65 bathrobes, \$250 dresses and an \$800 television set."

"The worse part of your crime," said Judge Sharp, "is your insinuations against these girls who worked in your office. That's the only defense I've heard you offer. The state's case satisfied the jury and I believe everyone who heard it."

A packed courtroom heard the verdict of the jury and the sentence pronounced by Judge Sharp. Among them was state Auditor Henry L. Bridges whose investigation led to discovery of the shortage.

Webster's prime defense was an effort on the part of his counsel to show that many other people could have taken the money.

The state showed the Webster spent nearly \$26,000 on charge accounts during 1950-52 when he drew a net salary of less than \$13,000 during the three year period.

Counsel for Webster pleaded for mercy on the grounds that he had "heart and kidney trouble and high blood and diabetes. Our client is in pretty bad shape," they told the judge.

Webster was released under \$20,000 bond Tuesday night pending appeal to the Supreme Court.

ONLY \$6,000 OF \$300,000 SPENT FOR THE TRENTON, NEW JERSEY SIX

NEW YORK (Calvin's News Service) Although the Civil Rights Congress — a reputed Communist organization — raised \$300,000 to defend the Trenton Six, less than \$6,000 went to the actual defense of the six Negroes who were charged with murder in 1948.

This revealing information came from O. John Rogge who was testifying before the joint legislative committee investigating charitable and philanthropic organizations in New York state. Rogge said he knows whereof he speaks for he got \$5,000 from Civil Rights for heading up the defense of the Trenton Six and that \$800 more went to a Trenton lawyer for out of pocket expenses.

"Substantial sums were collected on a nationwide scale, ostensibly for the purpose of defraying the cost of an appeal and other legal expenses."

cited Rogge, who is a former assistant U. S. attorney and a well-known lawyer in civil liberties cases. He cited that "only the merest trickle went for the defense."

Rogge claims he resigned from the Trenton case because he could not get funds from William F. Patterson, the Negro executive secretary of Civil Rights Congress. Patterson, himself has refused to testify. The organization has been called Communist by the U. S. Attorney General.

NEVER THE TWAIN SHALL MEET

VANCOUVER, B. C. When he refused to identify two gunmen who had attempted to kill him, suspected Drug Peddler William (Bill) the (Painter) Semelick, was convicted of concealing a felony. Semelick explained to police his silence by saying: "I am one side of the law, you are on the other."

HUSBAND EATS RAT POISON TO PROVE TO HIS WIFE ITS NO GOOD

HIGH POINT
Ernest Holly, 40, ate rat poison one night recently in order to prove to his wife that the stuff she was using around their home to kill rodents was no good. Holly probably convinced himself as he still maintains that the rat poison isn't strong enough to kill rats or humans. But his wife, Rosa Holly, is still skeptical.

In talking about his experience, Holly said his stomach began to burn a little after he ate the poison, but stopped following his drinking a glass of water.

His wife, however, did not seem to think the water helped much as she notified the police who took him to a hospital.

Thirty minutes later, hospital nurses, after checking with a druggist to determine the contents of the rat poison, gave Holly a large quantity of salt water, to cause vomiting. The day following his demonstration, Holly was alright, but had a "queasy" stomach.

In operation at the College for both women and men students, the group stressed the need for immediate action.

Women students are now residing in Wilson Hall, formerly the men's dormitory; the latter who moved to give the women a place to live are scattered. Some have taken up temporary residence in other buildings on the campus; some are being housed temporarily in barracks on South Carolina State College (Please turn to Page Eight)

83 Arrested In W. Salem In Biggest Liquor Raid

WINSTON-SALEM
In what is believed to be the largest liquor violation raid in the history of this city was staged last Monday when ABC enforcement officers, ATU officers, local police and sheriff's deputies picked up 83 persons. More than two thirds of those arrested were women and all taken into custody were Negroes with the exception of Tommy Pennix, 29, of Yadkinville who is already under probation for violation of the liquor law. His bond was set at \$1,000.

Chief M. B. Byrd, ABC enforcement officer for Winston-Salem said federal ATU agents seized three cars during the mass roundup, which started at 1 a. m.

The raid came as a climax of several weeks of undercover work by ABC officers and ATU agents. All persons arrested were released on bond except Pennix, and will appear for trial in municipal court here.

Most of those taken were arrested at their homes after being awakened.

Brown Heads Basketball Coaches Again

DURHAM
North Carolina College's Basketball coach Floyd H. Brown was reelected president of the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association's Basketball Coaches Association at the organization's second annual meeting during the CIAA tournament here last week.

Dr. Edward Jackson of Delaware State College was named secretary and Thomas A. Hart of Howard University was elected public relations officer.

Sixteen of the conference's 18 coaches attended the session. They were: Benjamin Whaley, Hampton; Clarence Gaines, Winston-Salem; William Gaines, Fayetteville State Teachers College; Sonny Jamerson, St. Paul's; T. A. Hart, Howard; L. Hill, Morgan; Shelton Mat-



In recognition of their outstanding achievements in behalf of American youth, Dr. Charlotte Hawkins Brown, left, and Dr. Laurence Clifton Jones, second from right, were presented with the Seagram Vanguard Awards at a Washington's Birthday celebration sponsored by the Utility Club of New York. Shown here with Dr. Brown and Dr. Jones are Arthur H. Matillard, Jr., second from left, Metro New York sales manager, Seagram - Distillers Company, who represented the Seagram Vanguard Society in donating the plaques to the Utility Club; and Mrs. Louise F. Morris, right, president of the Utility Club. The Seagram Vanguard plaque awarded to Dr. Brown, widely-known educator, noted her "dedicated service to American youth, and her inspiration in behalf of democratic ideals for over fifty years." Dr. Jones, president of the famed Piney Woods School in Miss., was honored for his "wisdom and guidance which have enriched the lives of thousands of American young men and women for half a century." The celebration, held at New York's Manhattan Center, was featured by colorful colonial costumes worn by Mrs. Morris and fifty members of the club. The Utility Club is a leading organization in community service work and charity programs in New York.

New Booker Washington Birthplace Memorial Created

Purchase here last Saturday of the properties formerly held by Booker T. Washington Birthplace Memorial reassures the object of a fitting commemoration of Booker T. Washington on the plantation where he was born a slave.

The 207 acre farm was sold at auction on the \$16,000 high bid of Mrs. Portia Washington Pittman, daughter of the famous educator. Mrs. Pittman's bid was made in behalf of the newly created Booker T. Washington National Monument Committee, which is headed by Sidney J. Phillips who founded and was president of the former memorial corporation. Through the efforts of Phillips, interested friends provided a loan of \$16,000 to redeem the Washington Birthplace reservation which contains the restored birth cabin and to which the former memorial administration made extensive improvements.

Phillips states the over-all (Please turn to Page Eight)

Z. Alexander Jr. Now Licensed Embalmer In N. C.

CHARLOTTE
Zechariah Wilbur Alexander, son of Mr. and Mrs. Zechariah Alexander, Jr., of 628 Baldwin Avenue, Charlotte, North Carolina passed the examinations given on January 11, 1955 by the North Carolina State Board

Business League Executive Board To Meet March 6

ROCKY MOUNT
The executive board of the North Carolina Business League will hold its first meeting of the year at the Bloodworth Street YMCA in Raleigh, at 11 A.M. Sunday, March 6.

The announcement was made here last week by state president Alexander H. ("Tuffy") Bryant of this city, and confirmed by notices to board members issued by League secretary Mrs. DeShazor-Jackson, prominent Durham business woman and official of the Housewives League, an affiliate of the Business League. Both groups seek to promote Race enterprise.

The board meeting will lay plans for the forthcoming state meeting of the league and probable launching of some type of promotion in the way of a state wide contest to stimulate interest in the league's program. Local business groups or enterprising individuals from all areas of the state are requested to send representatives to the Raleigh meeting March 6. (Please turn to Page Eight)

of Embalmers and Funeral Directors and is now the holder of North Carolina Funeral Directors' and Embalmers' licenses. He graduated from the Cincinnati College of Embalming in November, 1954 with an (Please turn to Page Eight)

Floyd McKinney Succumbs After Long Illness

Floyd McKinney, age 44, of 107 Dunstan Street died at Lincoln Hospital last Tuesday afternoon at 2 p. m. Mr. Kinney suffered a heart attack over two years ago from which he never fully recovered; and, since last Christmas, had been confined.

Mr. McKinney, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam McKinney, was born in Mt. Olive, May 12, 1910 and came to Durham about 28 years ago. Twenty-two years ago, he became a member of the Kyles Temple A. M. E. Zion Church. At the time of his death he was serving in his church as a Steward.

For the past 12 years, Mr. McKinney has been connected with the Sunset Taxi Company.

He was widely known and was held in high esteem as a citizen and churchman. Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Alease Jenkins McKinney, to whom he was married in 1947; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam McKinney of Durham; two brothers, Jonnie McKinney of Mt. Olive and Walter McKinney of Durham; two sisters, Mrs. Sadie P. Green and Mrs. Alvetor Monroe of Durham; and a daughter, Mrs. Clarissa Bethea, an only child, of New York City, and four grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements had not been completed when this paper went to press, but the family announced that funeral services for Mr. McKinney will be held at Kyles Temple A. M. E. Zion Church on Dunstan Street at 2 p. m. Friday with the Reverend Mr. T. E. Tharrington, pastor, officiating.

Interment will be in Beechwood Cemetery.

AGAINST RIDING WITH STRANGE MEN

MATAWAN, N. J.
Four year old Susan St. John was reported missing from home. Two hours later, police Captain, Edgar Wilkinson spotted her strolling down the street.

"Hop in and I'll take you home," said Captain Wilkinson. Susan politely and firmly declined explaining that her mother had warned her not to get into cars with strangers. The Captain found it necessary to drive to her home to get Susan's mother.