

Felony charge against grocer dropped

Chronicle Staff Report

A felony charge against an Egyptian born grocery store operator for receiving stolen property in August has been dropped.

Azzat Aly Amer, who had owned the 311 Grocery Store in the Jet Way Shopping Center for just two months, was charged with the offense by Winston-Salem police after they had been tipped off that a tractor trailer full of beer was

being unloaded into his store.

According to the Forsyth County clerk of court's office and Azzat's attorney, A. Lincoln Sherk, that charge was dismissed.

But Azzat still faces misdemeanor charges involving sale of beer without a license, which Azzat says he will provide at his next court appearance Nov. 2, and possessing untaxed, paid alcoholic beverages.

Police investigators discovered in August

that the 45-foot tractor trailer load of beer, about 5,000 cases, had been stolen from the Stroh Brewery Company. The cargo was valued at more than \$30,000 dollars.

The driver of the truck, 39-year-old Lawrence Edward Bell, of 281 Grape Street, has been released on probation.

Police said Bell was suppose to drive the truck to Ann Harbor, Michigan to deliver the cargo but instead sold it to Mr. Amer.

Child Guidance Center to close in December

by RUDY ANDERSON
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The Child Guidance Center, which has been open for 35 years offering therapeutic and diagnostic psychiatric services, is closing due to persistent operating deficits.

The *Chronicle* has learned that the center, located at 610 Coliseum Drive, will close as of Dec. 31, but that some of the services offered will be continued at Bowman Gray School of Medicine and the Forsyth-Stokes Mental Health Center.

Center director, Clyde Benedict, said the decision to explore the possibility of merging programs with larger organizations began two

or three years ago. He said those considerations resurfaced a couple of months ago when it was determined that the center would continue to operate at a loss. This year's operating budget is approximately \$650,000. There are nine full-time staff members and eight on part-time status. Eight years ago, the center had a full-time staff of 30 and a budget of more than \$800,000.

Benedict said that even though several measures have been taken to cut costs over the years, it has not been enough to operate without a loss.

Center officials say services for 400 to 600 children and their families are provided each year that also

include speech therapy, learning disability training, and day classes. Benedict estimated that 30 to 35 percent of those served are African-American and receive these services at market rates.

Some of the center's employees are not sure how many of them will find jobs at the other facilities or how many of the other programs will be absorbed.

Benedict said Tuesday that outpatient work done by the center would now be done at Bowman Gray, and that center's day treatment program for children ages three to six years old would be handled by the Forsyth-Stokes Mental Health Center.

"We can save money by operating it (the center) joined with other large organizations," Benedict said. "After a loss of public funding eight years ago, it was predicted that the center would close in six months," he said. "Here we are eight years later and now we have arranged a plan to continue the services once provided by the center. So it's a happy situation."

But Benedict did acknowledge that several parents did express concern upon hearing the news that the center would close. "They wanted to find ways, monetary and otherwise, to keep the center open. But realistically, a few parents just can't meet that kind of financial obligation," he said.

Funeral services held for retired educator

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Mrs. Lualgia Pitts Alcorn, 1003 Duke St., died on Saturday, Oct. 20.

Funeral services were held at Shiloh Baptist Church on Wednesday, Oct. 24, at 1 p.m. Burial was at Evergreen Cemetery. The family received friends at the residence.

A native of Winston-Salem, she was a retired media specialist with the Greensboro City Schools. She received her academic training at Winston-Salem State University and North Carolina Central University and further study at North Carolina A&T State University and Columbia University.

She had been an instructor at the School of Library Science at North Carolina Central University; a cataloger at the Central Library Department of the Greensboro City

Schools and cooperating media specialist for students in school librarianship at North Carolina Central University, Bennett College, and the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

Her professional affiliations are the National Education Association, American Library Association, North Carolina Library Association, North Carolina Teachers Association, Greensboro NCTA Unit, and Guilford Library Association. She has served on several committees, namely, the North Carolina Library Association Executive Board and the Greensboro Public Library Board.

Mrs. Alcorn was active in the North Carolina Negro Library Association and served as secretary and a member of the Research Committee.

Her participation in professional programs and her publications are Organization and Distribution of Instructional Materials (NCLA) and "Study Methods of Processing Transparencies for Easy Accessibility to Student Teachers."

In civic, religious, and social circles, she actively participated as registrar of precinct 7; Board of Directors for J.T. Hairston Memorial Apartments; Chair of the J.T. Hairston Scholarship Committee; Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc.; Librarian of Shiloh Baptist Church; and Treasurer of the Greensboro Chapter of the Winston-Salem State University Alumni Association Inc.

She received the award for Outstanding Service to Children and Youth from Guys and Dolls Inc. and WSSU Alumni Award from the association.

The North Carolina Library Association awarded her Honorary Membership at its 1989 Biennial Conference.

Surviving are husband, William Alcorn of Greensboro; daughter, Mrs. Dolores D. Gilmore, Washington, D.C.; sisters, Mrs. Marian P. Best, Hyattsville, Md., and Mrs. Eleanor P. McHenry, Hopkinsville, Ky.; brother, Marquis D. Pitts, Washington, D.C.; and a granddaughter, Ms. Delores J. Simmons, Cleveland, Ohio; several nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 1114 Magnolia St., Greensboro, N.C., 27401 or Hospice at Greensboro office, 706 N. Greene St., Greensboro, N.C. 27401.

Community Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Birthday celebration for matriarch

A belated birthday celebration was held for Mrs. Minnie Caldwell Corpening Sunday, Oct. 20, at her church, Ephesus Seventh Day Adventist Church. Recently turning 94 years old, "Mama Minnie", as she is better known, was married to the late Paul Corpening and has one daughter, Mrs. Earthy Lee Wilson.

Sharing in the joyous occasion in addition to her daughter were a devoted son-in-law, Mr. Henry A. Wilson; five grandchildren: Ronald Wilson, Debra Inegenebor, Gloria Taylor, Sharon Wilson, and Karen Wright; three god-grandchildren: Joetta, Lillian, and Brenda; along with 13 great-grandchildren, nieces including Mrs. Georgia Williams who wrote her biography and a poem, nephews, friends, and church members.



Mrs. Minnie Caldwell Corpening

Citizens Coalition to sponsor anti-drug march & rally

The Citizens Coalition for a Better Tomorrow and Cleveland Avenue Homes tenants council will have a march and rally to promote a drug-free Cleveland Avenue Homes. The march, which will be Saturday, Oct. 27, from 4 to 6 p.m., begins at Bethlehem Baptist Church at the corner of 17th and Claremont streets.

Winston-Salem Mayor Martha Wood and Aldermen Virginia Newell, Nelson Malloy and Larry Womble will be the city officials speaking at the rally.

Other speakers will include candidate for county commissioner Mazie Woodruff, Police Chief George Sweat and the presidents of the four public housing community tenant councils, Maggie Edwards (Happy Hill Gardens), Mattie Young (Cleveland Avenue Homes), Johnnie Mae Ingram (Kimberly Park), and Queen Black (Piedmont Park).

The march and rally are being sponsored by the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Coalition on

Drug and Alcohol Problems, the East Winston Community Development Corporation, the Human Relations Department, the Housing

Authority, the Parks and Recreation Department, the Best Choice Center, the Salvation Army Boys Club, and the Winston-Salem Urban League.

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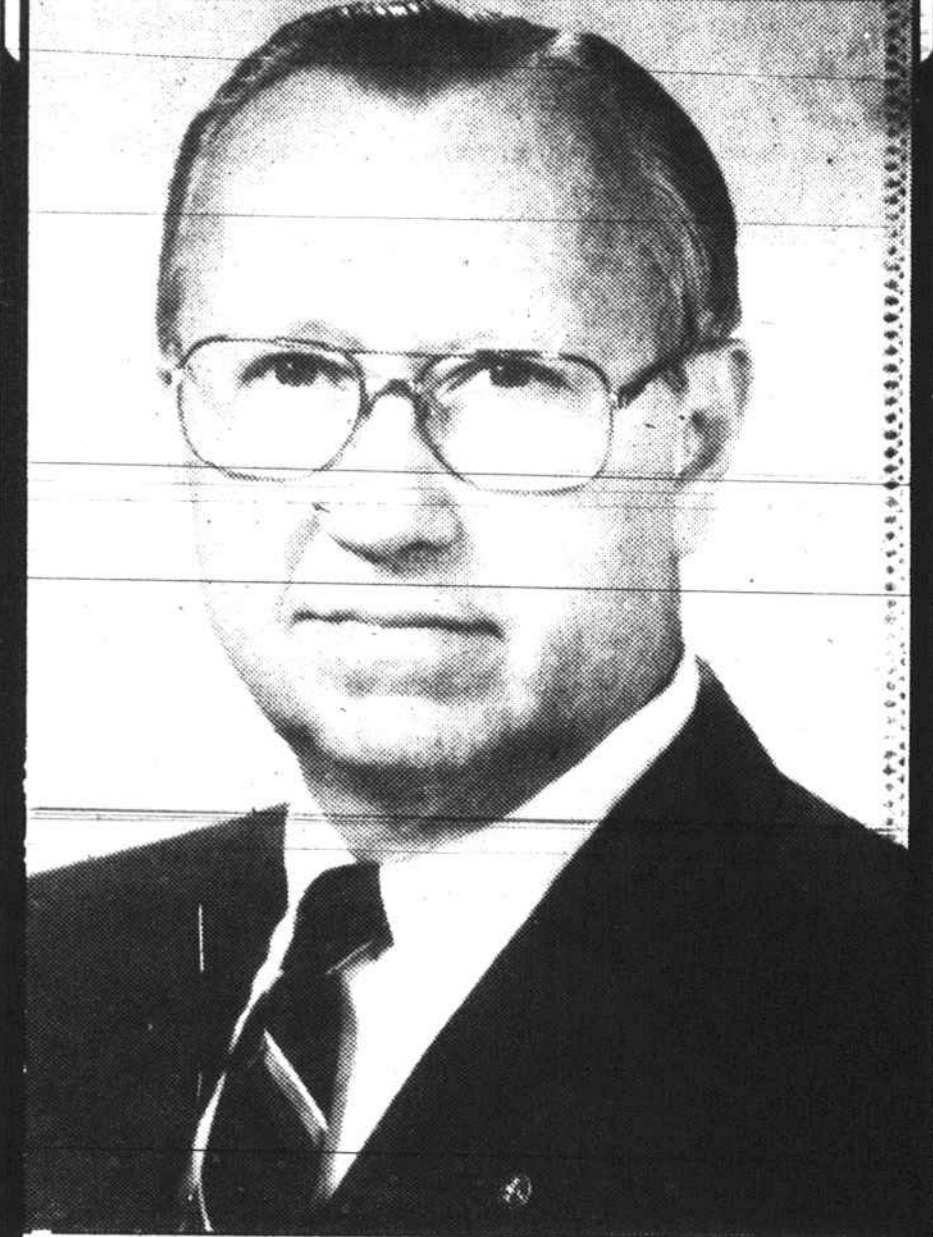
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