Teachers' Family Spat In Which AFRO Was Blamed Is Settled Out Of Court

HENDERSON, N.C. — A Fayetteville, N.C. school teacher, who three months ago in an answer to his wife's divorce suit charged that she was "obsessed with fanatical ideas about her rights gained from reading the "AFRO" has reached an out-of court agreement with his estranged mate, a former teacher.

Hugh M. Jenkins, a World War II combat veteran and teacher at the Newbold Training School, has agreed to pay Mrs. Clara Barnes Jenkins a reasonable sum of money in order that she might drop court charges against him.

Mrs. Jenkins filed for a limited divorce from her husband on Sept. 15 in the Third Judicial District Court, charging that Mr. Jenkins beat her, made her pay room and board, moved her bed from a heated bedroom to an all purpose room where she had to buy a heater to keep warm and finally moved all her belongings out.

Living In Greenville

The couple married at 305 Nash st., in Greenville, N.C. when all this happened. Mrs. Jenkins charged.

Mr. Jenkins in his unusual answer on Oct. 15 denied all his wife's charges. He also claimed that he "reluctantly agreed" to marry her in Fayetteville, Dec. 16, 1948, after she told him she was expecting a child.

He said the marriage was entered into with the understanding that they would separate and would be divorced as soon as it was practical to do so.

Charged Hospital Visit

After a visit to Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, he said, his wife came home and said she was no longer pregnant.

He further charged that Mrs. Jenkins was "constantly expounding her legal rights and sought to stamp" his home and the life of his mother with her extreme and fanatical ideas gained from constantly reading the AFRO which he branded an "extremely radical colored newspaper."

The amount of money to be paid Mrs. Jenkins as a result of the out-of-court settlement was set by her attorney. They secured a deed of trust on the Greenville property to secure the final settlement and Mrs. Jenkins ton.

House Valued at $7,000

The house in Greenville is now occupied by Mrs. Hattie Jenkins, the mother of Mr. Jenkins. The property is said to be worth about $7,000.

Mrs. Jenkins denied her husband's statement that she "reluctantly agreed" to marry her. She also denied she was ever a patient at Johns Hopkins Hospital and has indicated plans to get hospital authorities to issue a statement to that effect.

She attributed the reflection in the Greenville home to in-law trouble.

School On College Campus

The Newbold Training School where Mr. Jenkins is employed is located on the campus of Fayetteville State Teachers College. It is a unit of the college but supported by public taxes.

Mr. Jenkins is a normal school graduate of Fayetteville State and received his Bachelor's degree from Hampton Institute. He received his Master's degree from Boston University. He is a native of Greenville.

Mrs. Jenkins, a native of Henderson, is an honor graduate of Winston-Salem Teachers College. She received her Master's degree in Education from N. C. State College at Durham and has done graduate work in Education at New York University.

During the litigation Mrs. Jenkins was represented by the law firm of Kenneth C. Bland and Blackburn and A. A. Bunn, both of Henderson. Mr. Jenkins was represented by Dink James of Greenville and Gholson and Gholson of Henderson.

MRS. CLARA BARNES JENKINS

'Catfish' Turner, Co. Lose Million

Dope Ring Draws Total Of 122 Years In Jail, $24,000 Fines

WASHINGTON

A million dollar dope ring went to jail Monday.

Its leader, Randolph (Catfish) Turner and an aide, Leon James, received the lion's share" of the sentences that totaled 132 years and the fines that amounted to $24,000.

Judge David A. Pine handed down the sentences and fines in District Court to Turner and six others.

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Others sentenced were:

Richard Manfredonia, 6 to 18 years, $4,000 fine. Lawrence Carrado, 5 to 15 years, $500; Joseph (Peter Rabbit) Smith, 6 to 18 years, $4,000; Allan (Turk) Williams, 6 to 8 years, $500 fine; and Edward (Meathead) Atkins, 8 to 15 years, $400 fine.

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Letha (Kitty) Simpson, girl friend of Catfish, underwent a surgical operation on the eve of the trial; Pearl Woodward, acquitted on a motion of the district attorney.

Warren Williams, acquitted by the jury; and Robinson, entered a guilty plea as the trial began.

The trial began on November 10 and went six weeks. Originally, the defendants were slated to be sentenced Friday, however, District Attorney Charles Irelan received the "lion's share" of the sentences that totaled 132 years and the fines that amounted to $24,000.

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Dr. E. Roberts Succumbs At 85

NEW YORK—Dr. Eugene P. Roberts, 84, one of the oldest physicians in the metropolitan area and a founder of St. James' Presbyterian Church, died last week at his home, 136 W. 130th st.

Dr. Roberts, a native of North Carolina, graduated from Lincoln University in 1887 and from New York Homeopathic Medical in Flower Hospital, now New York Medical College in 1894.

The same year he was appointed a medical inspector of the NYC Health Department and from 1917 to 1922 he was a member of the Board of Education.

Headed Y Board

From 1912 to 1927 he was with the Board of Health and for 13 years he was chairman of the 135th st. branch YMCA of which he was a charter member. He was also a charter member of the National Urban League and for 25 years was a trustee of Lincoln University. From 1940 to 1947 he was chairman of the Lincoln board.

His survivors are his wife, Mrs. Ruth L. Roberts, and a brother, Dr. Charles A. Roberts.

Soldier In England, Wife In Washington

SCULTHORPE, England—Army Pvt. Richard E. McCarthy, whose wife, Elva, lives at 1415 Euclid st., nw., Washington, D.C., recently joined the 39th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion here.

McCarthy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John McCarthy, Lower Main st., Freeport, Maine. A veteran of nearly six years Army service, he is a wireman in the 39th.

Record Shop Manager, Who Police Charge Posed As Wife, Sues 3 Detectives For 20G

Woman Charges Love Affairs Between Police, Waitresses In Northeast Tavern; Cops Try To Prove Bell Home A Love Nest

WASHINGTON

Payoffs to police by "underworld" figures and love affairs between policemen and waitresses in a Northeast tavern were mentioned in a dynamite-laden $20,000 damage suit filed Thursday, by a witness in the Rudolph P. King slaying case. The sensational accusations were contained in a grievance filed to district Court by Mrs. Dorothy Green Lewis, manager of Rex's record shop in the 500 block Fourth st., sw.

She is seeking damages on the charges of false arrest, false imprisonment and assault and battery. Named as defendants in the action are homicide squad detectives, Theodore R. Haage, Lawrence A. Barnett and Emmett R. Waters.

Monroe R. Bell, 38, owner of Rex's record shop, is being held for the grand jury in the shooting of Private King, 29, which occurred in the Bell home in the 4600 block B St., se.

Admitted Intimacies

The fatal gunfire came during a conversation between the police officers, Bell, and Bell's wife, Mrs. Mildred I. Bell, 28. She testified at an inquest that she had admitted to her husband that she was intimate with Private King on one occasion and might be pregnant by him.

Identified

Mrs. Lewis was identified by Capt. Richard Felber of the homicide squad as one Mrs. Dorothy L. Bell, a witness at the coroner's inquest into the slaying of Private King.

Captain Felber told reporters that Mrs. Lewis had been previously identified as Bell's wife.

However, testimony at the inquest revealed that the woman was not married to Bell, but was generally an employee in his record shop.

In her suit, Mrs. Lewis alleges that on Jan. 6 (the day after the inquest), while working in the record store, three homicide detectives entered the store "without an arrest warrant and without a search warrant."

Mrs. Lewis says that the detectives told her "to chose your business down" because she was "constantly causing trouble."

Stating that she "was forcibly thrust into a police car and taken to police headquarters," Mrs. Lewis asserts that the detectives "refused to allow her to call her attorney, James J. Laughlin."

She adds that the detectives "told her she would not leave until she gave a statement regarding a certain criminal case, then pending.

A highlight of her allegations is that when she "gave a complete statement to the police concerning her knowledge of the criminal case, involving one Monroe Rex Bell, and of how the police in the District of Columbia received pay offs from certain numbers kings of the underworld at a bar known as Rocco's;

And when she (Mrs. Lewis) "told in detail how the police officers went out with the waitresses at Rocco's," they (detectives) told her (Mrs. Lewis) that "those statements could not be included" and it was not until "well after 4 o'clock that they (detectives) coerced a statement" out of her (Mrs. Lewis) which was "satisfactory to them."

She asserts that the detectives "perpetrated a false arrest upon her, charged her with no crime, they possessed no arrest warrant and that as a result of their (detectives) action," she (Mrs. Lewis) "suffered severe mental anguish and her nervous system was upset."

She asks $10,000 damages on this count.

Second Count

In the second count, she charges the detectives with "assault" when they "physically grabed her and forced her down to police headquarters."

Mrs. Lewis states that "keeping her at police headquarters while they questioned her constituted false arrest."

She states that the detectives' conduct was "unlawful" and asks $10,000 on the latter count.

Denial

Captain Felber, in a categorical denial of Mrs. Lewis' charges, gave this explanation of the incident:

The police department had information that Mrs. Lewis had been holding herself out to be the wife of Bell.

On the day in question, the detectives entered the record shop at about 2 p.m. and asked her if she would accompany them to headquarters.

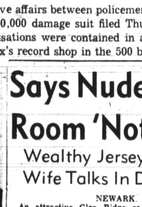
She agreed, stating that business was slow.

At headquarters, she gave a statement and was given a ride back to her place of business.

According to Captain Felber, the questioning of Mrs. Lewis was part of the continuing investigation on the part of the police to meet an anticipated defense contention that the slaying of the policeman was the result of a man "attempting to protect his home life."

It was explained that the police are attacking the stability of such a defense through uncovering evidence that Bell had "several wives."

It was pointed out that a Mrs. Margaret H. Bell of the 1200 block Carrollsburg pl., sw., testified at the inquest that she was Bell's common-law mate from the first part of 1938 until the last part of 1941.



MONROE R. BELL

"I have two children by him," Mrs. Margaret Bell stated.

Third Ball Unofficial

Inaugural Group Pays The Rental

WASHINGTON

There will be three inaugural balls in the District on January 20.

Two have the official blessings of the Inaugural Ball committee, while the third will be a charity venture. The balls that will be used for all three balls, incidentally, have been rented by the inaugural committee.

The official dances will be staged at the National Guard Armory and the McDonough gymnasium at Georgetown University. The unofficial dance, which will feature disc jockeys, Willis Conover and Jon Massey, will be held at Uline's Arena. It will be called "Celebrities Ball."

Explanation

The explanation behind the Uline ball, according to an authentic source, is that the inaugural committee, originally planned to hold an official dance there.

However, it was pointed out that on January 19 there will be the inaugural festival, a marathon production featuring some of the nation's top stars.

On January 21, the arena has been rented for a basketball game. Therefore, the committee would have to bear the expense of moving the stage, lights, etc., out and heard the police witness say when Bill stepped from the closet he said his clothing was upstairs in his third floor bedroom, and that one of them accorted him upstairs to get dressed."

"That is not so," Mrs. Moreau answered. "He said he had to go upstairs to get his overcoat."

Another interesting revelation was made by Robert A. Mengel, assistant supervisor of the Montclair office of the telephone company in charge of toll calls.

He testified that 50 calls had been made from Mrs. Moreau's home to the butler's home in Hartford, Conn., between July 1 and Nov. 30, 1952.

Says Nude Man In Room 'Not Unusual'

Wealthy Jersey Publisher's Wife Talks In Divorce Suit

NEWARK

An attractive Glen Ridge society matron, under cross-examination Monday, denied as she had done previously that she had committed adultery when police found the family's young brownskinned butler in the nude in her bedroom at midnight Dec. 10, 1950.

Mrs. Christine Moreau, wife of the wealthy publisher of five weekly papers in Essex county, Charles E. Moreau, made the denial when advisory Master Hildebrandt reopened the hearing on counter suits for divorce filed by the Moreaus.

The publisher is suing on grounds of adultery and named the butler, Delma W. Worrell Jr., now living in Hartford, Conn., as co-respondent.

Mrs. Moreau, now a resident of Mansfield, Ct., is seeking to dissolve the marriage on grounds of extreme cruelty.

Wife Charges Trick

She charged that the circumstances under which the butler was found in nature's clothes in her bedroom was a "dirty trick" and a "frameup" concocted by her husband and the servant.

But although she insisted that visits the butler made to her bedroom on three occasions the night she was trapped were to discuss household duties only, Mrs. Moreau said midnight visits between male servants and female employees are not unusual.

"Nothing Unusual"

Newton H. Parker Jr., her husband's lawyer, asked:

"Didn't you think it unusual for Bill (the butler) to be in your room at midnight, while you were in your night clothes?"

Mrs. Moreau replied:

"I wouldn't say it is anything unusual for a servant to be in a bedroom after midnight. A bit unconventional, perhaps, but not unusual."

Whether the butler had undressed in the closet in Mrs. Moreau's bedroom when he was found by policemen, or whether he was nude when Mrs. Moreau let the officers in was made an issue in the cross-examination.

The matron testified, when asked by her husband's lawyer if she made an outcry when an officer opened the closet door, that:

"The butler came out of the closet quickly in the nude, put on a T shirt and slacks, but went upstairs with an officer to get his clothes for a trip to police headquarters with the Moreaus."

Judge's Comment

Judge Hillenbach then made this comment:

"Mrs. Moreau, you were in

Easy Come, Easy Go As 'Borrowed' Coat Is Finally Stolen

A 26 - year - old Baltimore country resident was charged Monday with stealing a friend's topcoat on Nov. 15, but pleaded James Figs of Reisterstown rd., he didn't really steal the coat, and besides—the coat was later stolen from him.

Figs admitted taking the topcoat from the home of James Grant, 1100 block Brevard st., where Figs had spent the night but he was only borrowing it, he defendant said.

Attacked By Trio

And before he could return it that same day, he said, he was attacked by three unknown men who took the coat, his hat, and then stabbed him.

Magistrate E. Everett Lane said that despite the fact Grant and Fig were friends, he could not believe that Figs was not guilty of larceny of the topcoat.

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