

# Rival Healers Battle in Philadelphia

# MRS. ABBOTT WINS

## Khaki Shirts, New Order, Not Ku Klux Klan

### MRS. ABBOTT WINS DIVORCE AND \$50,000

Car, Furniture, Silver  
Added to the Settle-  
ment.

### LAWYER ASKED \$12,000 FEE

Chicago Court Allow-  
ed Sum of \$5,000.

(ANP)

CHICAGO—Mrs. Helen Thornton Abbott, wife of Robert Sengstacke Abbott, Chicago newspaper and magazine publisher, won a divorce on a charge of desertion Saturday before Circuit Judge Philip Finnegan.

She received a settlement of \$50,000, an automobile, and furniture and silver in the Abbott home at 4742 South Park Avenue.

Mrs. Abbott was represented by Robert E. Cantwell, Jr., white attorney, who sought a fee of \$12,000. The judge allowed \$5,000.

Abbott was represented by Charles S. Deneen, white, former U.S. Senator.

Of the \$5,000 lawyer fees, Mr. Abbott was ordered to pay \$2,500.

Action in the case occurred during the six days of last week. On Monday, after the principals had failed to agree in a preliminary conference in court's chambers, Mrs. Abbott took the stand and testified for nearly two hours in the hearing of her suit for separate maintenance.

#### Settlement

When the principals returned to court Tuesday afternoon for a resumption of the hearing, it was indicated by their attorneys that con-

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ferences were desired to discuss the possibility of divorce and settlement. These conferences dragged through several days until the climax Saturday morning.

Mrs. Abbott moved from the South Parkway residence where she had lived for eight years with the publisher. Saturday afternoon, taking up her new abode in an apartment in the Rosenwald Apartments at 4628 S. Michigan Avenue. Abbott returned to his home later in the afternoon.

A certified check for \$52,500 was turned over to her attorney.

## Statements

Before the settlement was reached, Mrs. Abbott signed a prepared statement, and another, also signed by N. K. McGill, which was expected to remove any possibility of litigation between them subsequent to the divorce.

The statement signed by Mrs. Abbott read as follows:

"I, Helen Thornton Abbott, of the City of Chicago, County of Cook and State of Illinois, do hereby openly and publicly withdraw and retract all statements and charges by me made since I instituted proceedings for separate maintenance against my husband, Robert S. Abbott, concerning the conduct and character of Nathan K. McGill, and concerning the management and conduct of the business of the Robert S. Abbott Publishing Company by the said Nathan K. McGill, and concerning interferences with the relations between my husband and myself by the said Nathan K. McGill, and in particular all charges made concerning said Nathan K. McGill in the amended bill for separate maintenance filed by me in the circuit court of Cook County in case number B-241865."

## Sentence Taken Out

It was stated by a member of Mrs. Abbott's family that this statement was designed to protect McGill against any possible action for alienation of affections and that a sentence, stating that the charges previously made by Mrs. Abbott were without any foundation, was taken out before she agreed to sign.

All parties seemed to be particularly pleased with the settlement of the case, particularly Mr. McGill, who has been irked by some of the charges made, and has felt that he was being unfairly misrepresented. He claims to have had an open hand in all the transactions and has repeatedly stated that his sole interest was the protection of his employer's business.

## Started Year Ago

The Abbott case began legally in May, 1932, when Mrs. Abbott filed her suit for separate maintenance after the publisher had absented himself from the home for ten days. Hearings were held in July, 1932, and November, 1932. At the November hearing Mrs. Abbott was awarded \$300 monthly as temporary alimony.

After the Abbott case broke, differences between Mr. McGill and his wife, Mrs. Abbott's sister, became public and they were divorced in April of this year.

Residing with Mrs. Abbott in her new home is a third sister, Mrs. Lucille Hill.