

PLEADS GUILTY TO CHARGE OF BIGAMY, FINED \$750

Thomas C. Jones Admits in Case
Not Considered Strong By
the State.

Thomas C. Jones, former president of the General Neon Corporation, electric sign firm at 3327 Lindell boulevard, today pleaded guilty before Judge Calhoun to a charge of bigamy, and paid a fine of \$750, plus \$15.60 costs.

The plea was arranged by Jones' lawyer in settlement of the case, which the Circuit Attorney's office did not consider a strong one. The indictment here, voted last December, was based on a one-day stay of Jones and his bigamous wife at Hotel Coronado.

Jones was married in Los Angeles in 1922 to Irene Stayart of Chicago. He was still legally married to her when he went through a second marriage ceremony in Tennessee, Feb. 18, 1929, with Marguerite Brenholts of Newark, O. He said afterward that he had supposed his wife had divorced him.

The two women testified before the grand jury here. Complaint was made against Jones, at the same time, by former employes of his business establishment, who charged him with issuing worthless pay checks. An involuntary petition in bankruptcy was filed against the company. An annulment suit, to dissolve the bigamous marriage, is pending in Ohio.

St. Louisan inherits \$10,000.