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(FSU Photo by John B. Henderson)

Merry Christmas to all—Lovely and Lucious Pam McKoy, a Coed at Fayetteville State University (N.C.) takes a moment to wish everyone a most happy Christmas at FSU and loves to sew and design her own clothes.

Settles Out Of Court

Woman Wins Plight With Bank

by James Smith
Staff Writer

A Winston-Salem woman, who was suing a local bank, settled her suit out of court Friday, four days short of the 30-day period the bank had to answer her complaint, after having been served with the complaint and summons.

Mrs. Benjamin Hairston of 2742 Ludwig Street, had filed a \$1.1 million suit against First-Citizens Bank and Trust Co.

Mrs. Hairston was suing the bank for malicious prosecution, false arrest and false imprisonment.

Mrs. Hairston's attorney, R. Lewis Ray, declined to comment on the settlement amount but did say that he and his client were very much satisfied with the amount.

Mrs. Hairston began her suit against the bank after she took out a warrant against a bank loan officer, Ray A. Wall, whom she said did not

live up to a promise he made to her.

In her suit, Mrs. Hairston gave the following account:

She obtained a loan from the bank to buy a car, and on Feb. 28 she mailed her monthly loan payment—a \$131.85 check. That same day Wall visited her and said he needed her payment that day, and persuaded her to write a second check for the same amount. She gave him the second check, the suit says, and he promised to give her the first one "as soon as he received it in the mail." Instead, the suit says, he cashed the check she handed him, and did not return the one he later received in the mail.

The suit also says that she told Wall that she had funds in her account to cover only one check, and could not cover both.

The suit also states that Mrs. Hairston's car was stolen and burned, and the bank recovered \$3,200 in insurance

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Two Killed, Six Injured

Man Charged In Wreck

Don Westmoreland, 34, of Mocksville, has been charged with driving under the influence of alcohol in connection with a two-car wreck in which two persons were killed and six persons were injured last Tuesday at the intersection of Clemmons-ville Road and Corporation Parkway.

Killed were Mrs. Diana Hall, 28, of 925 Wendell Street and Mrs. Shirley Ann Westmoreland Fowler, 28, of 209 N. Spring Street.

Injured were Claudette Green, 28, and her daughter, Dorothy Green, 6, of 1212 Argonne Blvd., and Rovia Hall, 7, of 925 Wendell Street.

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\$2.2 Million Project

Shopping Center Approved

by James Smith
Staff Writer

James K. Haley, executive director of Redevelopment Commission said a \$2 million proposal for a neighborhood shopping center near Reynolds Health Center was approved last week by the commission.

Haley said Cumberland Development Corp. of Greensboro has bid \$146,200 for 11.2 acres north of Winston Mutual Life Insurance Co. and the Burger King on East Fifth Street. The corporation plans a shopping center with 80,000 square feet of retail space (about the same size as the Old Town, King and West Salem centers), including an

IGA supermarket.

Haley said the project is being coordinated by John Duncan, executive director of Midwest Piedmont Area Business Development Organization and that Ed Jenkins of Greensboro is the architect.

"So far, the Cumberland Development Corp. is trying to get tenants and contracts and if that can be done within the next 60 to 90 days, we'll (the commission) be glad to sell them the land," he said.

The redevelopment commission has been trying to sell the property for more than 10 years. Forsyth County has

more than two dozen business areas large enough to be classified as shopping centers, but not one in a predominantly black neighborhood.

Haley continued by saying that the commission has had three previous proposals for the site but all of the former proposals fell through.

Cumberland has already posted 5 per cent of its bid as bond, however, and is working with the Small Business Administration to get strong leases from prospective tenants.

Haley said if everything goes alright, construction could begin by early summer.

Neal To Hold Public Session

Congressman Stephen L. Neal, democrat from the fifth congressional district will be on hand for a public question and answer session Monday, Dec. 29th at 7:30 p.m. in the large courtroom in the old courthouse building on fourth street.

Neal will be there to answer questions for persons who are having problems with the Federal Government or local problems the people have and feel that Neal should be aware of.

While in the fifth district area, Neal will also be having

similar question and answer sessions in several cities throughout the area. They include:

On Dec. 27 at 10 a.m., he will be at Mount Airy Town Hall; Dec. 30 at 3 p.m., he'll be at Thomasville City Hall and at 7:30 p.m., he'll be in the Superior Courtroom at the Lexington Courthouse; Dec. 31 at 10 a.m., at the North Wilkesboro City Hall and at 3 p.m. at Elkin Public Library; Jan. 2 at 10 a.m. at Danbury Courthouse; Jan. 3 at 10 a.m. at Blue Ridge Opportunity

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"Busted" In Court

A young Winston-Salem youth, who was appearing in court on a public drunkenness charge, ended up being charged with having marijuana in his pocket.

L.R. Scales, bailiff said he was frisking the man, Phillip Graham Weaver, 17, of 926 Elmhurst Street, to see if he had a weapon in his pocket.

He said when he reached into his pocket, he found a "nickel bag" of marijuana.

Scales said he searched the man's pocket in the hallway outside the Forsyth County District Court because the judge had ordered the man taken to a cell in the Hall of Justice.

Weaver was placed under \$500 bond and his preliminary hearing has been scheduled for Jan. 8.

He was let off the public drunkenness charge after he was charged with having marijuana.