

# Attorney General Denies That Statement On Local Suit Came From His Office

State Attorney General Wade Bruton, in a telephone conversation to Times Editor Clint Fuller last Friday, denied a report by The Raleigh Times which claimed his office had issued a ruling in the case

involving a suit against Superior Court Judge Hamilton Hobgood of Louisburg. The Franklin Times had picked up the report from the Raleigh newspaper which stated "The attorney general's of-

ice said it has never had occasion to make a ruling on the matter of a judge's liability but indicated it would be liable only if "malice and a misuse of his discretion were involved." The article appearing in last

Thursday's issue of this newspaper quoted from the Raleigh article. Mr. Bruton emphatically denied that his office had made any ruling or statement pertaining to this case.

The case involves a \$250,000 civil suit filed by Franklinton attorney Hubert Senter against Judge Hobgood as an aftermath to Senter's being found in contempt of court by the Judge on October 20 during the week-

long term of criminal court held here.

Bruton said he held Judge Hobgood to be of the "highest caliber personally, and this office has not made any statement pertaining to this case. The quotes appearing in The Raleigh Times did not come from this office," he continued.

The Raleigh newspaper also printed the denial by Mr. Bruton in its Friday Capital Area Edition.

A search of the court minutes shows an important point in the case which has not been generally reported in articles to date. The minutes show that the Franklinton attorney was cited for contempt of court, not for being late or absent when his case was called; but "The statement and the manner of saying same by the said Hubert H. Senter are in contempt of this Court." The statement referred to appears in the minutes as follows: "Mr. Senter, in a manner considered by this Court to be contemptuous, stated in open court that he had seen Clyde Abbott (defendant in the case) the night before and said Clyde Abbott had not paid him and that he did not intend to be in Court to represent the said Clyde Abbott on this date, and that he could not be made to represent the said Clyde Abbott without payment."

Senter, claiming "immeasurable damage to his reputation" and "embarrassment" is seeking \$200,000 actual damage and \$50,000 punitive damages.

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### Voters Decide Two Major Issues Today

Franklin County voters join other North Carolinians today at the polls as the electorate decides on a \$300 million Road Bond issue and authorizing the General Assembly to establish an Intermediate Courts of Appeals.

Voting is expected to be light in the area polling places, since no local issues or races are involved. Road Bond advocates have issued statements on the highway bonds, with a number of posters, leaflets and the usual bumper stickers being distributed.

A number of civic organizations have endorsed the bonds as has the county commissioners and the Louisburg Town Council. The Ku Klux Klan has publicly opposed the bonds and unsigned leaflets were passed out at a local football game Friday night and tacked to store windows during the weekend in opposition to the issue.

The Appeals Court issue has the endorsements of most local attorneys and statewide judicial

leaders. The polls opened in the area at 6:30 a.m. and will close at 6:30 p.m. A few citizens were seen entering the Louisburg booths around 7 a.m. today but the overall number expected to cast their ballots is expected to be one of the lowest in years.

### Dean Gets National Award



C. T. Dean, Jr.

C. T. Dean, Jr., Franklin County extension chairman, has been cited for distinguished service by the National Association of County Agricultural Agents.

Dean is one of six North Carolina agents to receive the 1965 service award. Presentations will be made Thursday night, Nov. 4, at the association's annual meeting in Pittsburgh.

Awards are made in recognition of outstanding achievement in county agricultural extension work. The agents' association cited Dean, an extension agent for 18 years, for the leadership he has provided in helping Franklin County farmers increase agricultural income from \$10 million in 1948 to over \$20 million in 1964.

The citation points out the rapid advancement the county has made in livestock and tobacco production with the educational assistance provided by Dean and his extension staff.

Other Tar Heel award recipients are Murray L. Goodwin, Tyrrell County; Chester Williford, Robeson; Charles M. Turner, Rockingham; Howard R. Clapp, Cleveland; and Paul J. Gibson, Jackson.

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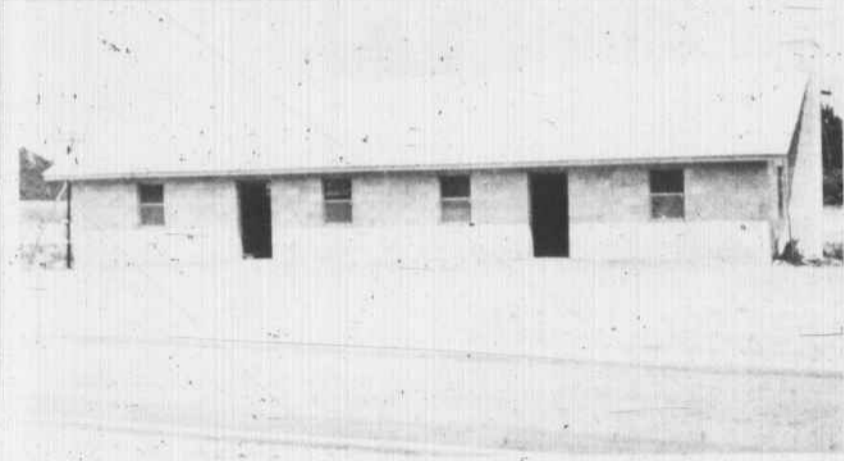
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MOULTON-INGLESIDE COMMUNITY HOUSE

Justice, Seven Paths Close

### Moulton-Ingleside Wins First Place In Community Judging

The community judging for Community Development in Franklin County was held this week. Moulton-Ingleside placed first with Justice and Seven Paths giving them close competition.

Each community worked with projects to help increase in-

come, youth activities, home improvements, and in general help make their communities better places to live.

Moulton-Ingleside has completed a large community building that is being used for a wide variety of community activities. They have an outstanding youth program for the young people of the community.

This is through the boy scouts, 4-H Club and church organizations. Plans have been made

to help develop projects to increase income. The three churches are working together to provide spiritual guidance through a united program.

They will receive \$50.00 from the Capital Area Development Association on November 17, at the awards dinner to be held at Louisburg College.

Justice and Seven Paths Communities will also receive smaller cash awards to be used by their association.



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### Firemen To Meet

Kenneth Fuller, Secretary, announced today that the Franklin County Firemen's Association will hold a supper meeting at the Louisburg High School Lunch Room at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 3. All members of the Association are urged to attend.

### Board Meets, Bypasses Federal Aid Plans

The County Board of Education met Monday and for the first time in several months found time to discuss some long range plans for the county schools. The Boards, informed by attorney E. F. Yarborough that the Negro committee which had complained to Washington concerning lateral transfer denials had not reported their intentions in pursuing the matter, passed over any consideration involving the use of federal

funds and discussed, instead, the use of State Bond money in school planning.

The complaint by several Negro parents, has made the receipt of federal aid for this year uncertain. Several meetings, including a conference in Washington, has failed to solve the problems. The Board has stood firm on their original denial of certain requests for transfer, saying that they are

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### Forest Fire Warning

Forest Warden Joseph Smith issued a statement from the N. C. Forest Service this morning urging "extreme care" in the use of fire. The danger of forest fires is said to be great at this time.

Several minor fires were reported over the weekend, the largest being an early Sunday morning blaze near the local airport. The blaze, Smith said, is believed to have started near a sawdust pile from a discarded cigarette. He said his department is continuing its investigation of the fire. The fire plow was called into service at this blaze Sunday.

Several other small fires were reported along the railroad tracks near Franklinton and Youngsville Sunday. It was believed to have been a spark from a passing train that ignited the historic blaze in 1963 which threatened the town of Franklinton for several hours.

The Forest Service announcement pointed out, "Forest fuels are highly inflammable and fires are likely to spread rapidly" under today's conditions.

### Weather

Clear and cool today. Wednesday generally fair and warmer. Low, about 30; high, 62.



Pleasant Task

Tri-Captain Howard Stallings seems to be saying, "this football business is a great life" to Miss Ann Avent, Homecoming Queen, chosen last Friday night at Louisburg High School. Actually, Stallings is about to plant the traditional kiss on the cheek of Miss Avent after presenting her with the bouquet signifying that the team had elected her as Queen. The Queen's escort, Terry Nash, looks on. More pictures and story on page 8. Staff Photo.

### Shearin Announces Retirement Plans

Louisburg Fire Chief W. J. (Pete) Shearin announced that he will retire as head of the local fire department, effective January 1, 1966. The statement came Monday night in a letter addressed to the firemen and read at their regular monthly meeting.

Shearin, who has been a member of the local unit for 38 years, has served as Chief for the past six years. While he plans to retire as chief, he will continue as a member of the department until his retirement following his next birthday, June 30, 1966, at which time he will become eligible for the Firemen's Retirement Pension.

Shearin dates his service back to 1927, stating in his letter that he has worked under the following Chiefs: F. J. Beasley, W. N. Fuller, J. S. Howell, F. M. Fuller and Herman Murphy. Under Murphy, Shearin served as assistant chief.

The department passed a resolution of praise, honoring Shearin for his "loyalty and the faithful discharge of his duties" over the 38 years stating that he "has carried out his duties

with affection for his post, with ability and diligence, with great self-sacrifice and always with his prime consideration being for his sworn duties and for the good of the service."



Chief W. J. Shearin

In his letter of retirement, Shearin said, "I take this occasion to commend each fireman who served with me while I was Chief for his devotion to duty and his loyalty to the

### Market To Close Tuesday

James D. Speed, secretary to the Louisburg Tobacco Board of Trade, stated today that the Louisburg Tobacco Market will close for the season following the sale on November 9th. This announcement comes as a result of action taken by the Board this week.

Speed further reported that the local market has experienced a most successful season considering that there was a short tobacco crop this year, and that sales had far exceeded the expectations at the beginning of the season.

A new chief is expected to be named at the December meeting of the department, with Assistant Chief R. G. Person and Fireman Karl Pernell being mentioned as replacements. Wyatt Freeman is reported to be in line for Assistant Chief and James Johnson is favored to continue as Secretary of the department.



Sadie Hawkins Day

Louisburg College students are pictured above, dressed for the annual Sadie Hawkins Day at the college last Friday. The Dogpatters above are unidentified, and most of the student body and some faculty members were hard to recognize in their "hill country" attire as they paraded through downtown

Louisburg late Friday afternoon. A dance followed the afternoon parade, Friday night. There has been no report on the number of non-conformists arrested by the Dogpatch authorities for being on campus improperly dressed in street clothes. -Photo by Jeff "Hairless Joe" Bartholomew.



Fire At Airport

Billowing black smoke can be seen rising behind the airplane above as the area marked the beginning of the forest fire season. The fire, near the local airport, was never a threat, and very little damage was done. Several small fires were re-

ported along the railroad near Franklinton and Youngsville Sunday afternoon. The airport fire was reported around 10:30 a.m. Sunday. The plane, shown being warmed up, was occupied by Wilbur Raynor, pilot, and Dwight Hinton.