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Hobgood Case Nonsuited

Franklin attorney Hubert H. Senter nonsuited his case against Superior Court Judge Hamilton H. Hobgood of Louisburg in papers filed with the Clerk of Court Monday.

Senter had filed suit against the Judge for \$250,000.00 as a result of the Judge having found the attorney in contempt of court in the criminal session held in Louisburg on October 18. Senter, asked by phone, if he had a reason for the nonsuit or if he would like to make any comment, said, "I don't believe so."

Judge Hobgood found Senter in contempt of court when the Franklin lawyer failed to appear for the trial of a case in which he was attorney of record. In informing Judge Hobgood of his reasons for not appearing, the attorney reportedly said, "The defendant has not made proper financial arrangements. I don't have to be here and nobody can make me."

It was this statement and the attorney's attitude, according to reports, which prompted Judge

Hobgood to order the attorney jailed. The attorney was detained in the Franklin County jail for several hours and fined \$100 at a hearing before the Judge later that afternoon.

Senter filed suit for damages, charging that Hobgood "did illegally preside over the Court" in reference to an exchange of sessions between Judge Hobgood and Superior Court Judge Raymond Mallard. Mr. Senter also claimed damage to his reputation.

Louisburg attorney E. F. Yarborough of the law firm of Yarborough and Jolly was retained as attorney for Judge Hobgood and filed a demurrer last week. The demurrer stated that the allegations of fact, even if they were true, "are not sufficient to state a cause of action against the defendant," and further stated, "... the laws of North Carolina do not permit the imposition of any civil liability," in regards to actions taken by a Judge in his official capacity.

While not stated in the de-

murrer, the prayer for the demurrer to be sustained, was probably based on an 1839 ruling in North Carolina and a number of similar cases since. The 1839 ruling, found in Volume 20, North Carolina Reports as *Cunningham vs Dillard*, states, "The law is clear in general no action against a judge or justice of the peace, acting

judicially and within the sphere of his jurisdiction, however erroneous his decision, or malicious the motive imputed to him. This doctrine is to be found in the earliest judicial records, and has been steadily maintained as essential to prevent "the slander of justice" and to protect those who are bound to administer it, "from

continued calumniation, and from being arraigned for every judgement they might pronounce.

The nonsuit states simply that the case is, "Therefore, ordered, adjudged and decreed that the plaintiff be nonsuited in said action," and is signed by Ralph S. Knott, Clerk of Court and by Mr. Senter as plaintiff.

Waccamaw Bank

Gets Permission To Locate Here

Waccamaw Bank and Trust Company of Whiteville was granted permission to locate a branch in Louisburg, following a hearing last Wednesday before the State Banking Commission in Raleigh.

While there has been no official release of the information and no statements from either Mr. Ben NeSmith, President of the organization or his local representative, W. L. Lumpkin, Louisburg Mayor V. A. (Tommy) Peoples stated that

he had been told permission was granted.

Peoples and several other local leaders attended the hearing last Wednesday morning but left before a decision was

made. Mr. Lumpkin was out of town when an attempt was made to contact him. The new banking facility is reported to hold an option on land on the north end of Bickett Blvd. just across the street from the Louisburg ABC Store. It has not been announced whether or not this will be the location of the new facility.

There was no opposition to the bank's application to locate here, according to reports.



Decorations Going Up

Louisburg town crewmen are shown above installing Christmas decorations along Nash Street in preparation of the upcoming season. The annual

Business Association parade is scheduled for next Monday afternoon at 4 p.m. The parade traditionally opens the Christmas season here.

Mayor Issues Proclamation

Operation Christmas Star

DATES: THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY

PURPOSE: TO SEND GIFTS TO SERVICEMEN IN VIETNAM

SPONSORS: LOUISBURG COLLEGE STUDENTS

COOPERATING AGENCIES: LOUISBURG BUSINESS ASSOCIATION, NATIONAL GUARD, TOWN OF LOUISBURG.

EVENTS: RALLY, Thursday, 3:30 p.m., Louisburg College
PARADE: Thursday, 4 p.m., Louisburg
BUYING SPREE: Thursday, 4:30 p.m., Louisburg

ARTICLES APPROVED: Any Canned Goods, Powdered Milk, Drinks, Tea, Coffee, Soap, Shaving Cream, Razor Blades, Popcorn in Cans, Paperback Books, Canned Nuts, Pork and Beans, Etc.

ARTICLES NOT ACCEPTABLE: Any Perishables, Bottled Goods, Goods That Will Melt, Clothing Articles of Any Kind.

GIFT DEPOSITORIES: NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY, ANY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION MEMBER OR HAND TO ANY LOUISBURG COLLEGE STUDENT.



Hoping For Successful Project

Louisburg Mayor V. A. (Tommy) Peoples is shown above, center, Monday explaining his Vietnam Gift Proclamation to Louisburg College faculty members and students. Pictured left to right: Ken Wheeler, Burlington; Ginny Allen, Bethesda, Md.; Steve Sawmelle, McLean, Va.; Diane Jones, Durham; John Nottingham, Norfolk, Va.; Tommy Patterson, Dean of Students; Mayor

Peoples; Rod Tidy, Siler City; Dr. Gerald Shinn, professor; Shirley Yocum, Durham; George Billings, Lexington; Frances Morris, Ahoskie; David Wiggins, Durham; and Maxine Turlington, Melfa, Va. This is the group of students leading the drive this weekend for gifts for servicemen in Vietnam.

-Times Staff Photo.

Seven Escape Injury In Local Accident

Twenty persons were killed in North Carolina over the long Thanksgiving Holiday weekend, but Franklin County escaped without a fatality.

A three-car accident at the intersection of Bickett Blvd. and Nash Street Sunday afternoon was the most serious of the few minor accidents reported here.

Seven people escaped serious injury when a truck, reportedly driven by Charlie Clement Collier, w/m/40, Rt. 1, Louisburg, failed to stop for a red light and rammed into a 1963 station wagon, driven by Louis Farley Oxnevad, w/m/37, Rt. 4, Louisburg, and a 1964 Plymouth driven by William Arthur Strickland, w/m/19, Rt. 2, Louisburg.

Louisburg Police Officer Kyle Prince, who investigated the accident, reported the accident occurred when the brakes on the truck failed. Collier has been charged with improper brakes. Damage to the three vehicles was listed at \$1,000.00. The Oxnevad vehicle sustained damages estimated at \$500; the Strickland car, \$300; and the truck, owned by Dick Collier, Louisburg businessman, suf-

fered \$200 in damages. Collier and Strickland were alone when the accident happened. Oxnevad's car contained his wife and three daughters. All were shaken, but no serious injuries were reported.

Collier was reportedly heading north on Bickett Blvd., with Oxnevad heading east and Strickland heading west when the truck failed to stop. Damage was heaviest around the front ends of all three vehicles.

The following cases were disposed of in Recorder's Court on Tuesday, November 23:

Willie Clayborn Gilliam, w/m/25, speeding. Pleads guilty under waiver statute. \$10.00 fine and costs.

Dewey Lee Brantley, w/m/41, speeding. Pleads guilty under waiver statute. \$15.00 fine and costs.

William Crawley, c/m, speeding. Pleads guilty under waiver statute. \$20.00 fine and costs.

Winford Ayscue, w/m, lar-

The Louisburg Tobacco Market sales were 31% below those of 1964, according to a report released last week by the Federal-State Market News Service. Information, which had not been made available locally, shows that the local warehouses sold 5,381,938 fewer pounds this year.

The total sales for the 1965 season are listed at 8,376,370 pounds for an average of \$61.58. This year's average is above

the \$57.51 recorded in 1964 when the local market sold 13,758,308 pounds.

In the ten-market Middle Belt, Louisburg placed fifth in poundage sold and sixth in price average for the 1965 season. Louisburg also held fifth place in poundage last year but was seventh in average.

Durham led the market in poundage and Fuquay-Varina was tops with an average price of \$64.43.

Ernest Richardson, c/m/26, motor vehicle violation. 6 months in jail, suspended on payment of \$15.00 fine and costs.

Carl Dennis Norris, w/m/30, speeding. Pleads guilty under waiver statute. \$10.00 fine and costs.

James Carter, c/m/28, non-

support. 9 months in jail, assigned to work under supervision of State Prison Dept.

Willie Andrews, assault with deadly weapon with intent to kill. Probable cause found. Bound over to Superior Court under \$750.00 bond.

Robert Lee Wiggins, c/m/33, non support. 9 months in jail, assigned to work under supervision of State Prison Dept., suspended on payment of \$10.00 per week into C.S.C. for support payment and costs of court.

Joe Wilson Moore, w/m/27, support. 9 months in jail, assigned to work under supervision of State Prison Dept., suspended on payment of \$10.00 per week into C.S.C. for support payment and costs of court.

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Middle Belt flue-cured tobacco markets experienced a 38 per cent drop in sales volume during the 1965 season compared with the previous year. The Federal-State Market News Service reports this caused a sharp reduction in total money paid out although prices by grades and the general average showed substantial gains over 1964 crop levels. Deliveries to the Stabilization Corporation fell to the lowest point in four years. Quality of the offerings was better than that of last season.

Gross sales (includes resales) totaled 117,155,034 pounds for 73.9 million dollars averaging \$63.06 per hundred. This poundage was 72.2 million under that of last year and the smallest in 22 years. Value was 37.3 million dollars below the previous season's and the lowest since 1957. The general average topped the one for 1964 by \$4.37 and was below only the 1961 record. Untied sales amounted to 12,728,713 gross pounds and averaged \$60.23. These sales made up 36 per cent of total volume during the untied selling period of seven

days compared with 27 per cent last season.

Grade prices averaged above 1964 levels in nearly all cases. Most increases for tied tobacco amounted to \$1.00 to \$5.00 per hundred pounds—although ranging as high as \$15.00. Bulk of the gains above \$5.00 occurred for green offerings and nondescript. Best qualities were up only \$1.00 or \$2.00.

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Firemen To Meet

The Franklin County Fireman's Association will hold its regular monthly meeting with the Justice Fire Department Wednesday, December 1, at 7 p.m. All delegates are urged to attend.

Boxscore

Raleigh--The Motor Vehicles Department's summary of traffic deaths through 10 a.m. Monday, November 29:

KILLED TO DATE	1420
KILLED TO DATE LAST YEAR	1434

Louisburg Mayor V. A. (Tommy) Peoples has issued a Proclamation urging "All the citizens of Louisburg to solemnly remember the sacrifices of those who are so valiantly fighting for democracy in Vietnam" and also urging "All citizens to cooperate generously with the students of Louisburg College in their noble undertaking of 'OPERATION CHRISTMAS STAR.'"

The Proclamation was issued in connection with the announced drive by students at the local College to collect gifts for servicemen in Vietnam. The gifts will be airlifted to the troops in time for Christmas by the Air National Guard.

The drive will last for three days, beginning Thursday afternoon this week with a rally at the College at 3:30 p.m. with Professor of History, Demetrios (Jimmy) Nixon, a member of the College faculty, as the main speaker. He was in Greece when the Communists attempted to take over in 1946.

Following the rally, students will parade in downtown Louisburg to emphasize the project and disperse downtown, going into the stores to purchase their gifts to be sent to Vietnam.

The Louisburg Business Association has called on all their member merchants to cooperate in the drive by allowing discounts on merchandise purchased for gift purposes. Boxes are to be located in member-merchant stores for depositing of such gifts, according to the announcement.

Gifts may also be left at the Louisburg Armory in care of the local National Guard, who will transport all gifts from Louisburg to Raleigh on Monday for assembly and they will be transferred to Charlotte for overseas shipment.

The Mayor's Proclamation follows:

PROCLAMATION BY HONORABLE V. A. PEOPLES, MAYOR OF LOUISBURG

WHEREAS, many thousands of United States servicemen are engaged in deadly combat

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Of Louisburg, Raleigh

Tarheel PCA Formed By Merger

The Tarheel Production Credit Association has been formed by the merger of the Raleigh PCA and the Louisburg PCA, the merger to be effective December 31, 1965.

Stockholders of the Louisburg association voted to merge with the Raleigh association in a stockholders' meeting held in Louisburg on Saturday, November 20.

Stockholders of the Raleigh association approved the merger in a meeting of stockholders on Saturday, November 27.

The Tarheel association's home office will be at Raleigh with a complete service branch office at Louisburg and will serve farmers in Franklin and Wake counties with short and intermediate-term loans.

Ernest L. Greene will serve as general manager of the new association and M. L. Jones will be branch office manager at Louisburg.

All members of the present boards of directors will serve on the board of the continuing association and all members of the staffs of both associations will continue.

Members of the board of directors of the Tarheel association will include:

Julian H. Buffalo of Raleigh; T. M. Harris of Louisburg; W. Raymond Johnson, Jr., of Morrisville; R. L. Knott of Knightdale; Vassar P. Shearson of Wake Forest; James D. Speed of Louisburg; John Lee Wilder of Franklin; J. O. Wilson of Louisburg; J. G. Winston of Knightdale; and J. Roy Womble of Apex.

Mr. Jones, in commenting on the merger, said, "The purpose of the merger is to provide a broad enough base to serve farmers in the future more economically and efficiently, to be able to serve farmers with larger loans, and to extend credit at lower cost."

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Bank Gives Awards

Four staff members of First-Citizens Bank & Trust Company in Louisburg are to be honored on December 7 for their service to the banking organization, according to J. H. Talton, Vice President and Manager of the local office.

Frances P. Davis will receive a five-year pin; James A. Weathers will receive a ten-year pin, and Eleanor P. Alston and Margie H. Mullen will each receive twenty-year pins.

They are among 131 First-Citizens employees throughout the State to be honored for their service to the Bank and its customers. The entire group has compiled 2277 years of total service, averaging 17 years each.