

It's The Franklin Area Conference Now

An old friend died last night after 42 years of excitement, filled with fond memories, death came painlessly and without a tear being shed. A last attempt to save some semblance of the old Franklin County League by Louisburg was also killed.

The assassination came from one expected source and some unexpected ones. Franklinton led the opposition to a split Conference for basketball and when Edward Best and Bunn joined forces with the opposition, the old League was no more,

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in fact nor in spirit. Louisburg's Eric Morgan, who was elected President of the new Conference, proposed a two-division setup for the new group with the six schools under the Franklin County administrative unit forming one division and Franklinton, Apex, Cardinal-Gibbons, Oxford Orphanage and Wakelon forming the other. Morgan's proposal, worked out with Louisburg basketball coach Tommy Twitty, would have had each school crossover and play members of the other division at least one conference game. Fear of scheduling was apparently the main reason for the defeat of the motion.

Morgan cited distances between schools and the fact that schools could continue to schedule games with outside teams which bring in large gates as some reasons for his motion. J. C. O'Neal, Franklinton coach, and Wes Jackson, Franklinton Principal, attacked the motion saying that it would result in the same scheduling problems that had prompted expansion of the conference. It was known that Louisburg wanted to schedule Warrenton and Vance County, among others outside the conference. All dates are filled with conference foes under the schedule as approved here Wednesday night. Youngsville was known to want to play Wake Forest, an old rival.

In the final vote, Louisburg, Gold Sand, Epsom and Youngsville voted in favor of the two-division league and six schools voted against it. In a companion motion, Louisburg and Gold Sand voted against a schedule which called for a full slate of conference games. The motion passed on an 8-2 vote and will take play through February 20 of next year.

Vance County sent a representative to the meeting seeking inclusion in the conference scheduling. Vance will become a 2-A school this fall and any games played against the Cougars will not count against or for the league teams it was explained.

In view of obvious dissatisfaction by some representatives at the decisions being made, Marvin Moss, of Bunn, outgoing President, postponed any action on plans for the conference basketball tournament to a later meeting.

The only motion gaining unanimous approval of the ten schools represented at the

meeting was a report from the name committee. All schools endorsed the recommendation that the new conference be named the Franklin Area Conference. On a suggestion by O'Neal, the group voted to have an all conference team this year in baseball. In the future all-conference teams will be selected for basketball and football as in the past and for track and baseball with appropriate trophies being presented.

The final action in Wednesday night's meeting was the election of officers for the coming year. The recom-

mendations of the nominating committee were unanimously approved and Eric Morgan, assistant principal at Louisburg, was named President, James Marshall, Principal at Gold Sand, was elected Vice President, Tommy Twitty, Louisburg Coach, was elected Treasurer and Mrs. Kay Phillips, Youngsville Girl's Coach, was reelected Secretary.

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ERIC MORGAN
...Heads New Conference

Vance Pins Rams

Henderson - Pete Newman scattered three hits and drove in the only run he needed as Vance County coasted to its 11th win of the season against a single loss as the Cougars bombed Franklinton, 11-0 here Tuesday afternoon. Newman won his fifth game of the season and in the process whiffed eight Franklinton batters.

Wayne Ellington led the VC attack with three hits including a double and a triple.

Bunn Wins

Robert Wheless and Donnie Richards cracked homers as Bunn outlasted Edward Best, 12-8, here Tuesday in a non-league contest. John Wheless, the winning pitcher, whacked a double and triple for Bunn.

Robert Wheless hit three for four for Bunn, including a homer and Donnie Richards had a homer out of two trips to the plate for the Bulldogs. Phil Champion had a double and a homer in four tries for the Eagles. Steve Medlin was the losing pitcher.

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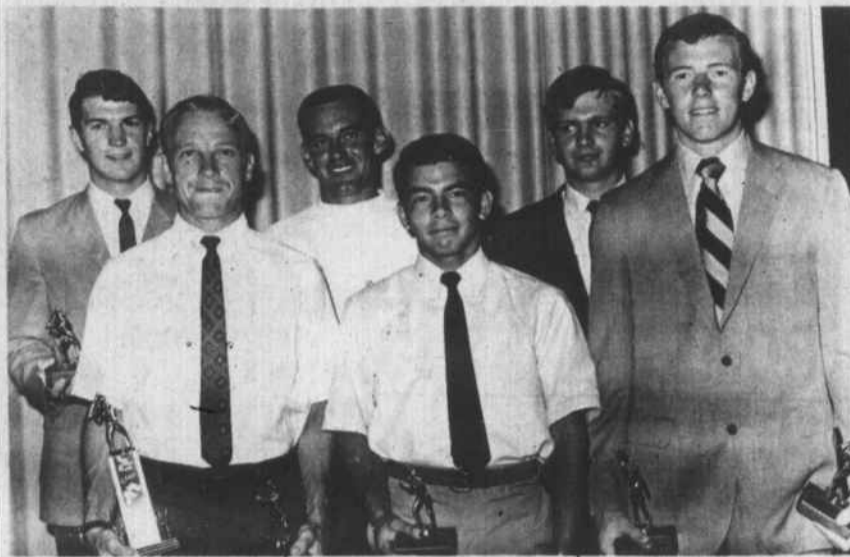
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LC Cagers Honored

At the recent athletic banquet, Louisburg College Basketball Coach Enid Drake (middle in photo) smiles with delight as he contemplates freshman Terry Davis (left) and Larry Paschall (right) returning next year.

Davis, from Tillery, N. C., was selected All-Conference and All-Tournament as a freshman and at the recent sports banquet was selected by his teammates as the Most Valuable Player. Davis also recently won the award for the athlete with the highest academic average.

The return of Youngsville native Larry Paschall is equally big plus for the Hurricanes. As a freshman, diminutive Paschall was selected All-Conference, All-Tournament, and by the coaches as the Most Valuable Player in the league. He was also selected to the All-Regional second team.

Zebulon - Wakelon whipped Youngsville, 6-3, here Tuesday in a Franklin County Conference baseball game.

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