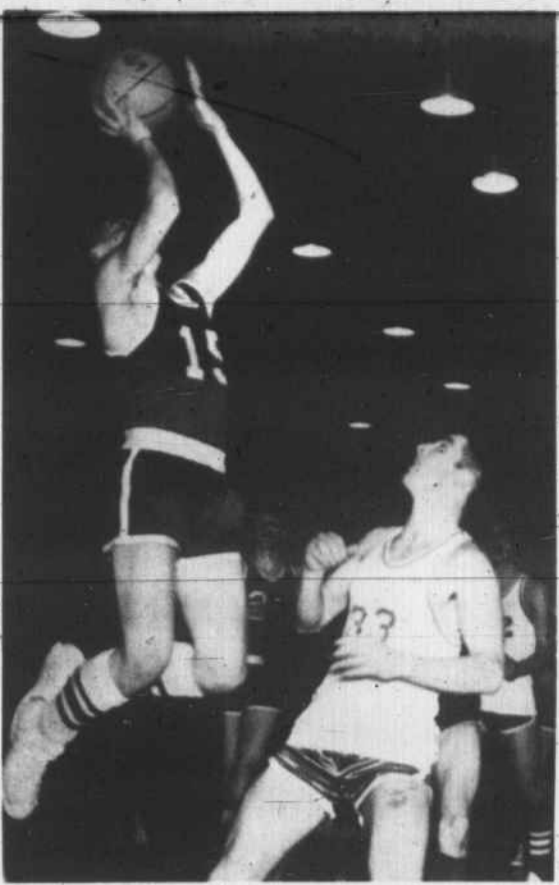


Bunn Girls Beat Epsom, Youngsville Boys Top Bunn For Tournament Crown



Youngsville Downs Bunn

The Phantoms of Youngsville, second-place finishers in the regular season race, took the Tournament crown Saturday night as they downed a determined Bunn team, 59-55.

Youngsville took the lead at 55-53 with 2:17 left in the game and managed to hang on for the win. Bunn jumped off to an 8-3 advantage in the early minutes of play, with the Phantoms catching up to tie at 17-all at the end of the first period.

The game, which was tied six different times, had Bunn with a 33-31 halftime lead, which the Bulldogs were able to increase by one at the end of the third frame of play.

Ralph Brown, Youngsville's All-Tournament, hit two foul shots with 6:56 in the fourth period to put the Phantoms ahead, 47-46. Charlie Mullen's field goal gave Bunn the advantage, 52-51, with 4:12 left to play.

Wesley Alford and Wiley Brown accounted for foul shots for Youngsville as Bunn attempted to get ball possession in the final seconds of play. Alford and Jimmy Keith missed from the foul line during the closing seconds, as did Lee Brantley for Bunn.

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In the most exciting and unbelievable finish to a basketball game seen here in several years, the Bunn girls won the Tournament Championship last Friday night from a stunned Epsom cage contingent.

The game, which started extremely slow with the first quarter score 4-3 in Bunn's favor, was sent into overtime with a desperation play executed magnificently by little Janie Frazier and Peggy Strickland of Bunn.

Bunn trailed the Epsom girls, 21-18, with 1 second left in the regulation game. At this point in the game Janie Frazier went to the foul line for Bunn. Marilyn Duke of Epsom had fouled Frazier following a jump ball with seconds left in the game and Bunn called time before Frazier tried the foul shots to set up the play which proved to be the play of the season.

Frazier made the all-important first shot good, nodded and winked at Peggy Strickland standing nearest the basket on the left, and purposely missed the second shot on Strickland's side. Strickland grabbed the ball, bounced it once and sent it soaring through the net to tie the game as the buzzer sounded, at 21-all.

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Bunn Tops Epsom

Weather

Considerable cloudiness and cooler today. Showers likely Wednesday. High today, 57; low, 38.

Comment

A clairvoyant is a person who knows where the flashlight is when the lights go off.

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Legislative News

by Representative James D. Speed

Another busy week of the Legislative Session is getting underway. New light is being focused on some of the legislation that was introduced last week as well as some of the bills that have cleared committee hurdles and are now ready for House and Senate debate.

I am grateful for the many comments about last week's article in the Times. Expressions of interest have come by letters, telephone calls and by personal conversations. Further comments are invited from week to week. Whether you agree or disagree with my statements, I shall be pleased to have the benefit of your ideas on legislative matters.



SPEED

The Speed bill: Last Thursday a statewide bill was introduced by your representative which will broaden the present Inheritance Tax Laws to provide additional tax savings by allowing exemptions to people over 21 years old who are of weak mind and/or body unable to support themselves and remaining in the home of a parent or guardian or in an institution. This bill will provide an exemption of \$5000 from inheritance tax. Minors under 21 years old are afforded the \$5000 exemption under the

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Most Valuable Players

Jerry Mitchell of New Bern is shown above left, after presenting the Wiley F. Mitchell Award Saturday night to Wiley Brown of Youngsville and Betty Batten of Bunn as the Basketball Tournament's Most Valuable Players. Superintendent of

Schools Warren Smith looks on. The Award is given each year in memory of Mitchell's father, who was County Superintendent for over 20 years, by the County Board of Education.

—Times Staff Photo.

Commissioners Fail To Act On Education Board Request

The Board of County Commissioners failed to act Monday on a request from the County Board of Education for \$600,000, with which to consolidate Franklin County Schools. The request was formally presented the Board Monday afternoon by Schools Superintendent Warren W. Smith.

The Commissioners and the Education Board have held joint meetings to discuss the long range school plans. Earlier last month the Commissioners indicated that would give their answer in Monday's meeting. The request is for the funds to be appropriated over a 4 to 5

year period. The discussion with Smith and Board member Clint Fuller took nearly three hours yesterday afternoon, with no action taken. The request would necessitate a sizable tax increase and the Commissioners apparently wanted to give the matter further study.

In other action, the Board hired Mrs. Inez Foster as assistant Home Demonstration Agent for the county and heard a request from a delegation of H. B. Cottrell, K. G. Weldon, Wilton Smith and Bennie Ray Gupton to write their Congressmen denouncing the proposed cut in the Soil Conservation

program. The Board discussed salary matters for county employees without any action taken and conferred with Representative James D. Speed on local legislation pertaining to expansion of the Courthouse. Also discussed was the possibility of moving some offices out of the courthouse to make more room for others. The Board is entertaining thoughts of a long range Courthouse Improvement plan to extend over a 5 to 10 year period, according to reports. They are to meet later in the month for more discussion on the matter and then in Raleigh with Rep. Speed for further talks.

Louisburg Fire Dept. Trains

Louisburg Fire Department, in their training sessions, has started this year with a good record.

Last week the department, along with four members from the Bunn Fire Department, put in a total of 192 hours of classroom training.

Mr. Elwood Insko, Training Instructor from the N. C. Department of Insurance, conducted a twelve hour class on the subject of "Structural Tactics." This class dealt mainly with fires pertaining to gas, oils and L. P. gas, and was accompanied by several instructive films. One film, of a gasoline fire in Kansas City, Mo. in which nine people lost their lives, made it possible

for the firemen to see mistakes made by others and thereby profit by them. In fire fighting service one big mistake is very often fatal, therefore training is necessary to avoid them.

Certificates of completion were issued to those who completed the entire twelve hour session, as follows: Tommie Denton, S. C. (Buster) Foster, Wyatt M. Freeman, Gray Moon, Willard Morton, Joe Perry, Davis Perry, Karl Pernel, R. G. Person, Jr., W. J. (Pete) Shearin and Eugene Twisdale of Bunn. Several of the fireman attended part of the training but did not complete the twelve hours.

No, no, Detroit; you've got it all wrong. What we need is faster traffic and slower cars. —CHANGING TIMES

Saturday Wreck:

Times Employee Injured

Mrs. Linda Spencer Loftin, a Times employee, was seriously injured in a two-car accident Saturday afternoon around 5:15. Mrs. Loftin was a passenger in a late model station wagon driven by her sister-in-law, Mrs. Bobby Spencer.

The accident reportedly occurred as Mrs. Spencer attempted to turn into her driveway near Pruitt Town on the Louisburg-Hickory Rock highway. Ben Gardner of Louisburg, driving a 1956 Chevrolet convertible, rammed into the right side of the Spencer vehicle. Mrs. Spencer said that Gardner told her that he thought she was making a left turn and he attempted to swing to the right to miss the car.

Both the Spencer wagon and the convertible were traveling east on the rural paved road. Mrs. Spencer suffered neck injuries and is hospitalized in Franklin Memorial. Her young son, Robbie and Gardner were not injured.

Mrs. Loftin, seated on the right front seat, suffered a broken back and pelvis bones, plus head and foot injuries. She was transported by the Louisburg Rescue Service to Franklin Memorial Hospital here and was later taken by the Service to Rex Hospital in Raleigh.

Mrs. Loftin was reported to be improving today and is expected to be confined for at least ten weeks, according to reports. Both cars were severely damaged and no charges had been registered at last report, pending investigation.

Wreck Scene

Pictured above is scene of 5:15. Mrs. Loftin received a broken back and head injuries. Mrs. Bobby Spencer suffered neck injuries in the accident. Her son, Robbie, and Ben Gardner, driver of the convertible, escaped injury.

—Times Staff Photo.

Board Sets Make-up Days And Graduation

The Franklin County Board of Education set Friday, June 4, as Graduation Day in the county schools, in their meeting here Monday and set the make-up dates for time lost during the recent snows.

The three days missed due to bad road conditions will be made up as follows: one day on Good Friday, which was originally to have been a holiday; one day on Saturday, April 24, and the third day was added to the end of school moving graduation from June 3 to June 4.

The Board moved from its recent policy of no school on Saturdays in order to complete the school year in time for teachers to enter summer school, according to Superintendent Warren Smith.

The Board moved a commendation to Mrs. T. H. Weldon of Epsom, who is retiring after twelve years on the Board. The Board unanimously praised Mrs. Weldon for her "years of faithful service." Mrs. T. H. Dickens, Chairman of the Board, said of Mrs. Weldon,

"You have been an inspiration to this board." Mrs. Weldon stated that she "deemed it a privilege to have had the opportunity to serve on the board." She added, "My thought and prayers will always be with you, especially during the trying days ahead." Mrs. Weldon will be replaced on the Board by Louisburg businessman, Lloyd A. West, at the April meeting.

The Board also commended the principals and coaches who make up the Franklin County

League for the manner in which they conducted the recent tournament here and the regular season basketball program.

No action was taken on the Federal pledge and integration plan compliance, already approved by the State Department of Public Instruction. The Board discussed the issue at length, but declined to act on the pledge at the Monday meeting. Local units must sign a pledge and present a plan of integration to the Department of Health, Education and Wel-

Greenwood Speaks Here

Thompson Greenwood, Executive Secretary of the North Carolina Merchants Association, spoke to the Louisburg Rotary Club last Thursday night here. Greenwood presented an interesting film on shoplifting and made a number of observations on how local communities could help themselves in the fight against larger shopping centers.

The merchants leader was introduced by a long time friend, Al Goodwin of Louisburg, Program Chairman. Greenwood spoke praisefully of Louisburg College and its importance to the community.

He also spoke to the group about local communities losing business to larger trading centers and pointed out how this could be combated. Members of the Board of Directors of the Louisburg Business Association were special guests of Rotary for this program. Jim Brown, President of the local club presided at the meeting.



Rotary Meeting Principles

Pictured above are principals at last Thursday's Rotary Club meeting here. Shown left to right, Al Goodwin, Program Chairman; Thompson Greenwood, Executive Secretary of the North Carolina Merchants Association, guest speaker;

Archie Lee, President of the Louisburg Business Association, and Jim Brown, President of the local Rotary Club. Greenwood showed films on shoplifting and spoke to the group on the loss of business to other trading centers.