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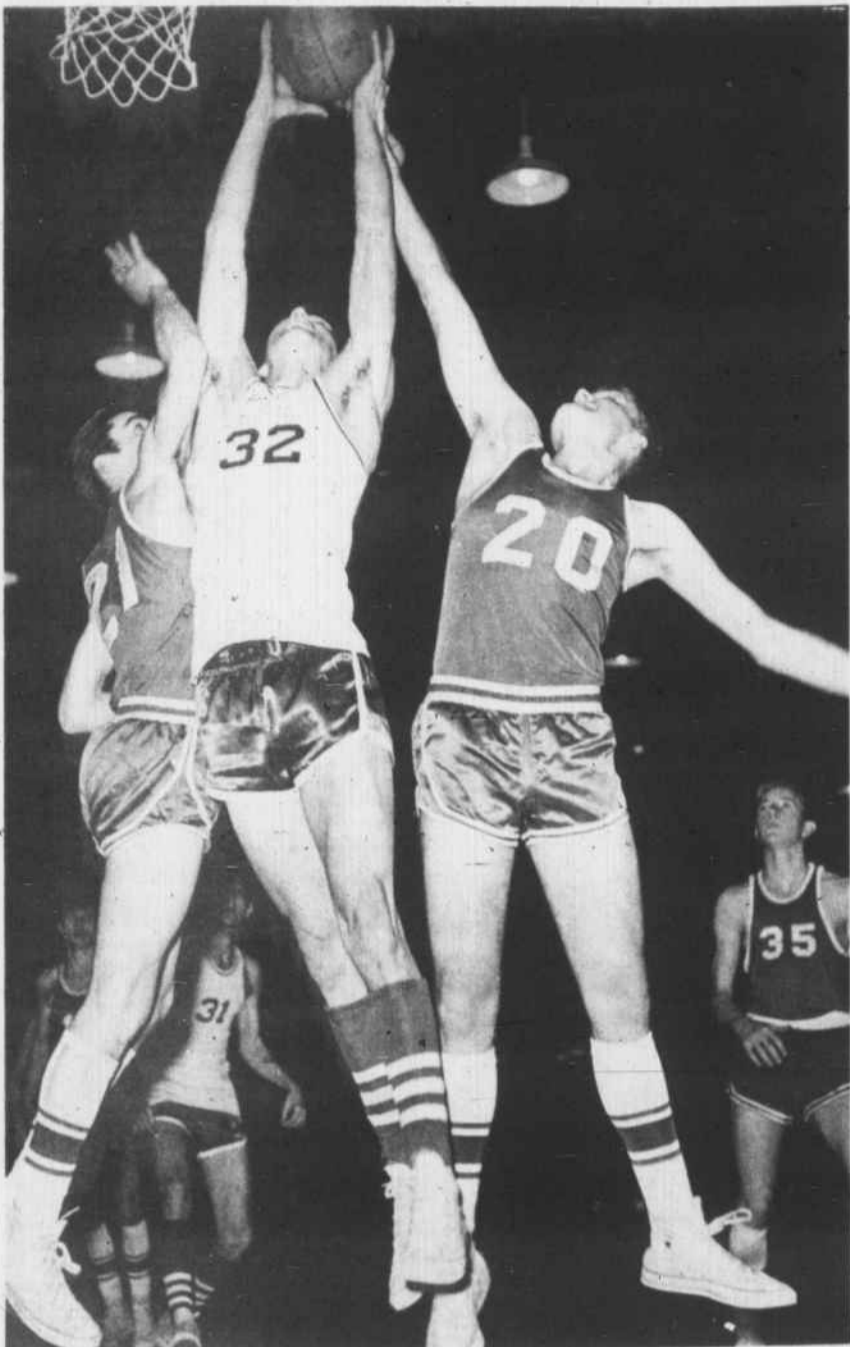
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Semi-Finals Start Tonight In County Basketball Tourney

The Franklin County basketball tournament moves to the halfway point tonight as play in the semi-finals begins. Six of the league's fourteen teams have been eliminated in the week-long event.

Wednesday night's double-header resulted in wins for the Bunn girls over Gold Sand and the Louisburg boys topped Edward Best. Tuesday night, Edward Best girls defeated Franklin as the buzzer sounded and Gold Sand boys edged Epsom.

The Epsom girls meet the Edward Best girls in tonight's semi-final first game and the Youngsville conference champs take on Bunn in the second. The latter promises to be a real dog-fight. Bunn is the only team to win over the Phantoms this season.

The crowds have been large and enthusiastic thus far. The closest game was of course, the Edward Best-Franklin girls and vying for the poorest game thus far is the Gold Sand-Louisburg girls contest Monday night. The Louisburg-Edward Best boys game Wednesday night runs a close second, and the Youngsville-Epsom girls game might win the distinction.

Things are about the same as in past years. The clock has been moved to the front of the Paul Elam gym and new bleachers, stretching wall to wall are getting fan approval. Pretty Louisburg cheerleaders are sporting impressive badges

designating them as "Hostesses."

The Louisburg Athletic Boosters are in charge of the doors and concessions and are doing their traditional fine job. The Louisburg Police are doing an excellent job of handling the many cars, and the Rescue Service is on hand, as always, ready to render aid when needed.

Several youngsters have gotten separated from their parents or vice versa, the popcorn vendors still manage to be right in front of you when the crucial basket is shot and

Tippett Attends Recreation Meeting

Wallace Tippett, Louisburg businessman and a member of the North Carolina Recreation Commission, attended the Commission's celebration of its 21st Anniversary in Raleigh this week.

Tippett was appointed to the Commission last year by Governor Dan Moore. He was the Governor's county campaign manager in 1964.

The Louisburg politician was honored by being appointed to escort the Governor into the meeting and was introduced to the gathering as "The Governor's choice."

Tippett reported that the Commission, meeting in the Sir

nobody can hear the buzzer this year either. Ask the Franklin coach about the buzzer.

Play resumes tonight with the Epsom-Edward Best girls at 7 p.m. and the Bunn-Youngsville boys at 8:30 p.m. The finals in the girls division will be played Friday at 8:30 p.m. pitting the winner of tonight's girls game against Bunn for the Championship.

The boys finals will come Saturday night with the winner of tonight's Bunn-Youngsville tilt meeting the winner of Friday's Gold Sand-Louisburg game.

Walter Hotel, spent the morning Monday hearing a review of the past history of the state agency, and the afternoon was spent in discussing the future of the Commission.

Tippett was appointed earlier this year to be Chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee of the Commission by Chairman Charles S. Hubbard. Following the meeting, the announcement was made of a \$6 1/2 million recreation complex at Hall's Point near Atlantic, N. C. The Commission met in official conference from 8:30 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. Monday.

Louisburg Police Chief Announces For Sheriff's Race

Veteran Louisburg Police Chief William Dement announced today that he will enter the race for Sheriff of Franklin County in the coming May 28th Democratic Primary. The announcement, rumored for months, make the law enforcement officer the second to announce for the race. Incumbent Sheriff Joseph W. Champion announced a few weeks ago that he would seek reelection to the post.

Dement, in his announcement, said, "I have been engaged in law enforcement work for the past 16 years, as Township Constable, Deputy Sheriff and for the past ten years as Chief of the Louisburg Police Department."

He continued, "I feel that my experience in this type of work will enable me to best serve all of the people of Franklin County. My only promise to the voters of our county is to work constantly and diligently to lower our crime rate and to make our county a better place in which to live."

Dement, 42, and a native of Franklin County, is a graduate of W. R. Mills High School here and has attended several S.B.I. and F.B.I. Schools, including courses on Fingerprints, Arson, Narcotics and Juvenile Delinquency. He is married to the former Virginia (Snookie) Leonard of Louisburg. They have five children, Carol, a junior at the University of North Carolina; Patricia, a second-year student at Louisburg College; Billy, a senior at Louisburg High School; Mike, a sixth grader; and Kim, a second grader at Louisburg.

Dement, who served as Deputy Sheriff under former Sheriff Willis Perry, is a member of Hill King Methodist Church, the Louisburg Masonic Lodge,

Franklin County Firemen's Association, Louisburg Volunteer Fire Department, and is Chairman of the Franklin County Peace Officer's Association.



William T. Dement

National Magazine Article Critical Of Franklin County

An article in the February 25 issue of Time, a national magazine, makes critical reference to Franklin County in a report on Civil Rights. Under the heading "Bending the Guidelines," Time says: "Many Negroes have been deterred from sending their children to white schools by fear of economic and physical retaliation. In Franklin County, N. C., when the local

newspaper published names and addresses of 61 Negro children who applied at white schools, crosses were burned on their families' lawns and bullets fired into their homes."

"The article obviously was written without checking the facts," Times Editor Clint Fuller said today. "There was only one cross burned, 38 days after the names of the students appeared in this newspaper. The addresses were never published at any time."

Investigating officers expressed doubts following the shooting at two Moulton homes of Negroes that the incident was connected with school applications, Fuller pointed out. The only cross burning reported was one burned 75 yards from the home of Rev. Luther Coppedge on Rt. 4. The residents of the two homes at Moulton, Irene Arrington, Saindy Jones and Rev. Coppedge, are parties in the current suit brought against the Franklin County Board of Education seeking to enter 20 children into schools of their choice.

The Time article refers to other southern regions and relates to present administration efforts to get tougher on the desegregation of southern schools.

OES To Meet

William B. Barrow Chapter No. 39, OES, will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, March 1st, at 7:30 p.m.

The annual election of officers will be held at this time. All members are urged to attend.

Local Prexy In Jaycee Book

The Junior Chamber of Commerce of Louisburg, North Carolina, announced today that Charles M. Davis, president of the local organization, has been selected for inclusion in the 1966 edition of Outstanding Young Men of America. Davis was nominated earlier this year by the Jaycee Chapter and has been selected by a thirteen man National Board of Editors for the publication.

Doug Blankenship, Past U. S. Jaycee President (1962-63) who is serving as chairman of the Board, stated that men were selected between the ages of twenty-one and thirty-six who "had distinguished themselves in one or more fields of endeavor to the point of being outstanding."

Outstanding Young Men of America is an annual biographical compilation of approximately 10,000 young men of outstanding rank throughout the country. Nominees for the book come from many sources. However, the majority of the nominations are made by Junior Chamber of Commerce Chap-



Charles Davis

ters and College Alumni Associations.

Davis is a Louisburg attorney and is attorney for the Franklin County Board of Commissioners. He is President of the Young Democratic Club. He is married to the former Martha Freeman, and they have two children.

Epsom Housewife To Be Charged In Husband's Death

An Epsom housewife is expected to be charged with murder today in the shotgun death of her husband Wednesday afternoon around 5:15 p.m.

Franklin Sheriff Joseph W. Champion said this morning that his investigation into the death will continue today and that he expects to charge Mrs. Minerva Overton Ayscue, around 50, Rt. 1, Henderson, with murder.

Mrs. Ayscue allegedly shot her husband, Robert Thomas Ayscue, 52, in the right leg as he entered the back porch of their home in the Epsom Community late Wednesday afternoon.

Sheriff Champion quoted the woman as saying, "I didn't mean to shoot him. I only wanted to scare him. I didn't even know my finger was on the trigger." The victim was shot in the upper leg. He was taken to Martha Parham Hospital in Henderson by his wife

and brother-in-law. He died shortly after reaching the hospital from loss of blood.

Sheriff Champion stated that Mrs. Ayscue told him she was afraid of her husband and showed bruises on her leg, which she said her husband put there earlier this week.

The murder weapon was identified as a .410 gauge shotgun.

Deputy Sheriff Tom Powell is assisting Sheriff Champion in the investigation. Both Champion and Coroner James Edwards were summoned to the Henderson hospital by officials there last night following the death of the victim.

Funeral arrangements for Ayscue were incomplete this morning.

Land Dispute May Be Near Settlement

The long hassle between the Town of Louisburg and W. G. Lancaster, local businessman over a piece of land on Bickett Blvd at the intersection of Highway 59 is nearing a settlement, according to a reliable source connected with the case.

The dispute which has waged for several years had its day in civil court here this week when the Town's suit for an injunction was heard. The suit entered sometime ago was designed to prevent Lancaster from filling in the land in question.

It was reported that the Town failed to prove ownership of the property in court this week and took a non-suit on the injunction. Lancaster, according to reports, has earlier filed a counter-suit claiming ownership of the land.

The Town Council met Tuesday without taking any action

in the matter, although the case was discussed with E. F. Yarborough, attorney for the Town in the case. Another special meeting Wednesday by the Council resulted in a motion of compromise being made by Councilman Jonah Taylor.

Taylor's motion, passed unanimously, stated: "That Mr. Lancaster pay all expense incurred by Town in connection with the litigation, not to exceed \$5,000. The Town resigned a 20 ft. easement, 10 ft. on each side of existing sewer lines with the right of ingress, egress and regress to maintain, repair and replace existing sewer lines. In event that said offer of compromise is not accepted by defendant, attorney E. F. Yarborough is authorized to proceed with necessary defense." Councilman S. C. Foster seconded the motion.

A source close to Lancaster cast doubt today that the compromise would be accepted. However, one town official stated he believed the matter was nearing a settlement.

The dispute arose several years ago when Lancaster purchased land on Bickett Blvd, and began building a funeral home. The Town sent officers to the scene to stop Lancaster from occupying the disputed land. Lancaster, it was reported purchased the land from Charlie Ford and the late Charles P. Green who had obtained this and other nearby land from the Green Estate.

Lancaster claimed at that time and reportedly still contends that his deed is valid. The Town, holding an older deed because of the sewer line and facilities on the land, claimed they were the rightful owners.

1st Federal Holds Board Meet Here

The Board of Directors of First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Rocky Mount held its February meeting in Louisburg Tuesday afternoon, February 22, in the conference room of the new office at 202 N. Main Street.

The following Directors were in attendance: Henry Gregory, President and Director; R. D. Wimberley, Senior Vice-President and Director; J. B. Brewer, Jr., Julian B. Fenner, Jake L. Rosenbloom, Alfred L. Stancliff, A. P. Thorp, III, and John A. Vann, Jr.

Meeting with the Directors were: Graham C. Kennedy, First Vice-President; Helen Drummond, Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer; R. C. Winstead, Assistant Vice-President and Loan Officer; and Norma T. Cuthrell, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer of the Rocky Mount home office. Frank A. Read, Jr., Vice-President and Manager of the Louisburg office, also met with the Directors.

During the meeting, the Directors reviewed the entire Louisburg operation, and See MEETING Page 6

Brother Of Local Attorney Dies

Brantly Jolly, 40, of Ayden, N. C., brother of Louisburg attorney Wilbur Jolly, died this morning in a Durham hospital. He had been ill for several months.

Jolly, a graduate of Wake Forest College, is survived by his widow, a 13-year-old daughter and a 4-year-old son. Funeral services are incomplete.

To Players And Fans, Young And Old, The Tournament Is Always An Experience To Remember



"Pay Attention, Now"



Safety Patrol Cutie



"Smile, We're Winning"



"Who Cares?"



Box Seats Cost Extra



"My Team Won"



"Mine Didn't"



"Oh, Me, Why'd He Do That?"