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Youngsville Seniors Wiley Brown, left, and Lin Green are shown above after receiving the District III Runnerup Trophy at Rocky Mount Saturday night. Phantom Coach Larry Lindsey looks on at left. Mr. M. W. Weaver, Assistant Nash County Superintendent and Tournament Chairman, is shown at right. Red Oak won the championship in overtime.

—Staff Photo by Clint Fuller.

8:44 P. M. Saturday

In Basketball, The End Came

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by Clint Fuller

It was 8:44 P.M. Saturday night. And the end came. The 1966 basketball season was over. Actually, for all practical purposes it had ended 1:15 earlier as Rober Simpson of Red Oak made good on a foul shot to put the Red Devils ahead of Franklin's Youngsville Phantoms in the district tournament.

Spirited Youngsville, ranked fourth in Class A High School eagers most of the year, surprised the capacity crowd gathered at the Rocky Mount Senior High School Gym, as they held the highly tutored Tom Ennis of Red Oak scoreless for 25 minutes of the 32 minute contest Saturday night, in the championship game for District III.

But the Phantoms, certainly a bright spot in the closing season, were not the only highlight of the year. The underrated Louisburg Bulldogs, came on strong at the end of the regular season and played like veterans to win over Edward Best, Gold Sand and Youngsville to cop their first County Tournament championship in 15 years.

Like the Phantoms, they too gained the admiration of the fans at Rocky Mount as they downed South Granville and Murfreesboro before falling to Youngsville in Friday's semifinals.

Franklin County fans have expressed their pride in both their teams. This was illustrated by the capacity crowd from Franklin traveling each night to fill the huge gym.

The Phantoms won over Wakelon, Coopers and Louisburg before falling in overtime to the undefeated Red Oak eagers.

Youngsville finished the season with a 26-3 overall record. Louisburg finished with a record of 16-10.

Singleton Withdraws, Field Open For Speed, Drake

Henderson Mayor Carroll V. Singleton has announced his withdrawal from the Sixteenth District House race, due to pressing business developments which require his time, according to an announcement this weekend.

Singleton announced several weeks ago as a candidate for the House from the district made up of Franklin, Warren and Vance Counties. His withdrawal leaves only two candidates for the two seats allotted to the district.

Incumbents James D. Speed of Franklin and Wilton R. Drake of Warren are now unopposed in the race.

The complete text of Singleton's announcement follows:

"Since making my announcement to run for nomination for the House of Representatives in Vance, Franklin and Warren Counties, business develop-

ments have created additional demands on my time. Our firm, Carroll V. Singleton & Associates, has just entered into an agreement to develop an industrial park in Raleigh and is negotiating on one in Charlotte.

"Business demands, in addition to my duties as Mayor of Henderson and as a member of the North Carolina Real Estate Licensing Board, have led me, regrettably, to the decision that I should withdraw from this race. It appears that I would not have the time to serve in the legislature in the manner in which the people of the three counties would

have the right to expect. "At some time within the next few years, I expect to again be a candidate for the General Assembly, or some other State office."

Bloodshed Boxscore

RALEIGH — The Motor Vehicles Department's report of highway deaths and injuries for the period from 4 p.m. Friday until 4 p.m. Monday:

Killed	20
Injured (rural)	1,59
Killed this year	266
Killed to date last year	261
Injured in 1965	50,053
Injured in 1964	49,021

Named For Governor's School

Eight nominees for the Governor's School have been submitted from Franklin County High Schools. From the group nominated throughout the state approximately four hundred talented students will be selected by the State Department of Public Instruction to attend the school to be held in Winston-Salem from June 20 to August 5 of this year.

Criteria for the selection of these students include an I. Q. score of 125 or better, an acceptable overall grade average, a high scholastic rank within his class and demonstrated intelligence, interest and aptitude. Students can be nominated only from the rising junior and senior classes.

All high schools in the county were given an opportunity to make nominations. The following are the nominees: James Berger of Louisburg, John Mitchell of Youngsville, Jane Johnson of Edward Best,

Mary Leigh Ayscue and Linda Jo Ayscue of Epsom, Tony Gup-ton of Gold Sand, and Vicky Baker and Judy Wheelless of Bunn.

Those selected by the State Department to attend the school will be notified on or about May 10.

Students from Franklin County who have attended the Governor's School in the past are Rennie May and Connie Williams of Edward Best and Jane McKinne of Louisburg.

Hearing Set Today In Car Theft

A 27-year-old Rt. 1, Youngsville, Negro man is slated for a hearing in Recorder's Court today on charges of stealing a new 1966 Pontiac from the D & J Pontiac-Olds Company on South Main Street last Saturday night. Emelious Dunston was caught in Zebulon Saturday night when

Association Split On Saturday Bank Closing Issue

The Louisburg Business Association Board of Directors learned the results of the recent polling of members on the proposed Saturday bank closing in a special meeting here Monday afternoon.

The Board was told by Mrs. Juanita Pleasants, Executive Secretary, that of the sixty some polled, seventeen voted against the closing, fourteen reported they favored the proposal, and three said they didn't have an opinion.

The poll was taken last week after several members had requested it, according to the Association. The local First-Citizens Bank & Trust Company has applied to the State Banking Commission for permission to close all day on Saturdays beginning April 15.

A hearing is slated on the proposal here next Monday.

J. Harold Talton, local bank official, was present at the meeting and explained the reasons behind the proposal. Talton told the group that loss of experienced personnel in the past because of their going to five-day-a-week jobs was the prime reason behind the move. He cited other localities as having either already closing on Saturdays or having already applied to do so.

Following Talton's explanation, the Board agreed that no stand could be taken by the Association in light of the split vote on the issue. Some members had advocated hiring an attorney to represent the businesses at the hearing, while others had pointed out that it is the business of the bank to decide their hours.

A letter was ordered sent to Talton informing him of the decision not to oppose the action nor to agree to it on the part of the Association. A similar letter is to be sent to each member explaining the details of the Board's decision.



Brooks Young

Young Files For Board

Brooks W. Young, former County Commissioner, paid his filing fee Friday to Elections Board Secretary John King, as he entered the race for his old seat from Harris-Dunn Townships.

In making his announcement, Young stated, "I look upon election to the Board of County Commissioners as a trust and opportunity for service. I know and love Franklin County, and I believe that I understand our problems and our opportunities."

Young is the third candidate to announce for the position now held by Mrs. Jeanette P. Arnold, who was appointed to fill the unexpired term of her late husband, Chairman Claude A. Arnold. Bunn businessman-Derrill Mitchell and retired Bunn businessman Frank Hinson are already in the race.

Young said, "Immediate steps must be taken on the county level to aid and strengthen our agricultural agencies and to further develop and enlarge our industrial opportunities, and my interest and experience in farming and business and in County government should help me to be of service in Franklin County in supporting these programs."

Young was County Commissioner from District I for twelve consecutive years and served as chairman for six years, including and prior to the installation of the rotating chairman procedure. He is married to the former Lucille Perry of Franklin County and is a native of Harris Township. The Youngs have two sons, Daniel Wright, 25, of Durham and Millard Ferris, 19, of the home. Young is a member of the Harris Chapel Baptist Church.

Hancock Seeks Senate Seat

Willis Hancock of Oxford has announced his candidacy for the State Senate in the May Primaries and in the November election. He is a candidate from the senatorial district comprised of Granville, Vance and Franklin Counties.

Under the rotation system for senator, Granville will name the official for the 1967 General Assembly. In the 1965 session, Fred S. Royster of Henderson served from the district, and in 1966 Franklin County will name the senator.

Hancock has a legislative record extending as far back as 1947, when he was elected to the House from Granville County. In the interim years he has served several terms as State Senator. He is the son of former Congressman Frank W. Hancock of Oxford.

While Vance is in the Granville, Vance, Franklin senatorial district, the alignment is slightly different under the new districting system for the House.



Franklinton Man Killed On Unfinished Race Track

A 22-year-old Franklinton man died instantly Sunday morning around 10:30 a.m. when the 1959 Plymouth Station Wagon he was driving on an uncompleted Franklinton race track overturned.

Kurt H. Roth, employee of a Louisburg building firm, was traveling around the oval dirt tract at about 55 miles per hour, according to an eye witness, when a rear tubeless tire pulled away from the rim, causing the loss of air as though a blow-out had occurred. A passenger in the vehicle, Willie Arnold, 22, of Franklinton suffered minor rib injuries and was taken to Franklin Memorial Hospital. His injuries are not believed to be serious.

The uncompleted dirt track, located about two miles south of Franklinton on U. S. 1, is to be known as the Franklinton Speedway and is to have a drag strip adjoining when completed sometime in April.

Franklinton Attorney H. H. Senter, one of the track owners, stated that heavy equipment had been placed at the track to prevent anyone from going onto the unfinished area. He pointed out that unauthorized personnel were not allowed on the track.

One eye witness said that he attempted to caution the dead youth against going onto the track but failed to stop him.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at Wesleyan Methodist Church near Franklinton. Burial followed in the church cemetery. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Betty Jo Roth; his mother, Mrs. Betty Hagwood; his stepfather, John W. Hagwood; and two sisters, Veronica and Kathy Roth, all of Franklinton; his grandfather, Daniel Honig of Homburg, Germany; and his grandmother, Marie Roth of Germany.

Reports say that another automobile overturned on the track late Sunday night, even though heavy equipment had been moved into position to block entrance to the unfinished dirt oval. The driver is reported to have fled from the scene, leaving the overturned car.

Negro Enters District 4 School Race

Joseph L. Strickland, Rt. 4, Louisburg Negro farmer, filed for the County Board of Education last Saturday in the race from Cedar Rock-Gold Mine Townships. Strickland is the first Negro to file for office in the upcoming May Democratic Primaries.

The District is now represented by Board Chairman Mrs. T. H. Dickens of White Level, who has held the seat for the past 39 years.

Strickland was a member of the NAACP Steering Committee during the 1963 school boycott held at Riverside, Cedar Street

and Mapleville Schools in the Louisburg School District. He sat in several meetings with the Board while negotiations were going on at that time. Strickland is the first to announce for the District Board seat. Mrs. Dickens has made no public statement as to her intentions. In the Louisburg-Cypress Creek Township District, now represented by Clint Fuller on the Board, Walter Ball, Rt. 1, Louisburg farmer, has filed. Fuller has not announced his intentions.

Other filers in the past few days include James H. Ed-

wards, who had previously announced for reelection as Franklin County Coroner, and former County Commissioner Brooks W. Young, who is running for his old seat from Harris-Dunn Township.

Weather

Occasional rain and cooler today. Wednesday, decreasing cloudiness, moderate temperatures. Low today, 48; high, 60.

State School Boards Meet At Franklinton

Several hundred regional school officials met in Franklinton last Thursday afternoon and evening for the annual District VI State School Boards Association Convention. A number of outstanding edu-

cational speakers appeared on the program.

Dr. Richard Whitfield of the Franklinton City School Board and President of the Association presided over the meetings. Franklinton Mayor

Joe Pearce delivered the welcoming speech Thursday afternoon in the school auditorium.

The afternoon session featured an address by Robert J. Marley of the State Department of Public Instruction. He spoke

on the implementation of the Elementary, Secondary Education Act. Dr. Zane E. Eargle, Assistant Superintendent of Durham County Schools, spoke on Educational Programs Funded through the Office of Economic Opportunities. T. N. Stephens, former Franklinton Vocational teacher, spoke on the Vocational Education Programs. Stephens is now with the State Department as a Supervisor. O. L. Searing gave the final afternoon address, speaking on the Important Changes in the Federal School Lunch Program. He is State Supervisor of School Food Services.

Mrs. Willard Marley of the Durham County Board of Education was elected incoming President of the Association in the session. She has served as Vice President in the past two years. Joel T. Cheatham, Jr., Chairman of the Henderson City School Board, was named Vice President. Mrs. T. H. Dickens, Chairman of the Franklin County Board of Education, was Chairman of the Nominating Committee.

Mrs. Florence E. Sutphin, Educational Consultant, Winter Haven Lions Research Foundation, was the featured speaker at the evening session. Clyde A. Erwin, Jr., Executive Secretary of the Association, gave his report at the afternoon session, and the B. F. Person-Albion High School Glee Club of Franklinton supplied the music at the dinner meeting.



Franklinton Mayor Joe Pearce is shown above welcoming the group attending the District VI State School Boards Meeting held at Franklinton High School last week. Dr. Richard Whitfield, a member of the Franklinton City School Board and President of the Association, is shown at right. —Staff Photo by Clint Fuller.

Features Spring Dance

The Jr. Woman's Club is ushering the arrival of Spring with their Semi-Annual Dance at the Louisburg Armory Saturday night, March 19.

Couples will whirl from 8 to 12 p.m. The Highlighters will play, and tickets may be bought from any club member or call Mrs. Wilsop Clay, Ticket Chairman.

Get up a crowd and come on to the Armory and enjoy a good dance with the Jr. Woman's Club of Louisburg.