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Youngsville Boys, Bunn Girls Win Tourney Titles

Phantoms Make It 24 In A Row

The fabulous Phantoms of Youngsville, winners of 50 games over the past two seasons with only three losses, none this year, downed a spirited Bunn Bulldog five Saturday night to take the 1967 Tournament title, 59-38.

The Bulldogs managed to make a real contest of it through three quarters. Youngsville led at the end of the first period, 16-14, at the half, 26-25 and at the end of three, 38-34. Starting the final frame, the roof fell on Bunn. The Phantoms poured it on both offensively and defensively, scoring 21 points while holding Bunn to only four.

As the Phantoms have done all year in rolling up a perfect 22-0 season record, they used a running game against Bunn and enjoyed a well-balanced scoring attack with three starters hitting in double figures and a fourth scoring

nine points.

Ralph Brown with 18 and Jimmy Keith with 17 led the Youngsville attack. Bill Jones topped Bunn with ten points followed by Darrell Hagwood

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Bunn Tops Epsom For District Berth

The Bunn Bulldogs defeated the Epsom Tigers in the playoff game last night, 55-47 to take second place in the conference. Bunn will now represent the county as the "B" Team in the District Playoffs and will meet Zeb Vance at 7 p.m. Saturday night in Rocky Mount. See Story Page 6.

Gwen Ray's Foul Shot Does It

Bunn's Nadine Gay stepped to the line with eight seconds left in the championship game Saturday and most fans thought, with the score tied at 27-all, this was all they could stand. Nadine, surprisingly missed both shots. For a brief time, the gym stopped rocking.

The pause was short-lived. Sandra Cash of Youngsville in an effort to gain a rebound from Gay's foul shot, unavoidably fouled Gwen Ray of Bunn. With one second showing on the clock, the petite miss from Bunn strolled to the line and unnervingly made the foul shot which assured Bunn of the championship. Then the gym rocked.

It might have been a disappointing finish to one of the best seasons experienced by

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Franklin County Farm Income Tops \$20 Million

Franklin County's gross farm income was more than \$20 million in 1966. The total, announced today by C. T. Dean, Jr., County Extension Chairman, was \$20,120,599. This level of farm income was reached in spite of very unfavorable weather during most of the growing season.

The 1966 total, Dean says, represents an increase of \$1,956,906 over the 1965 level.

"It was a year of extremes for crops in 1966," the Extension Chairman commented. First the spring was wet and cold and then a freeze the first week of May caused many acres of cotton to be plowed up and damaged other crops. Most crops were planted later than usual because of the cool weather. Then the summer ushered in a six weeks drought followed by some heavy rain and then another drought. The drought is still evident from the low water level in ponds and water holes.

Corn suffered most from the dry weather. Corn yields dropped from a yield of 65 bushels in 1965 to 25 bushels last year.

Tobacco accounted for over 60% of Franklin's 1966 farm income. A total of 9,608 acres were planted with an average yield of 1895 pounds per acre that sold for \$12,197,768. Prices for the year were generally good with farmers receiving an average of nearly \$67 per hundred pounds.

Soybeans continued to be a

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Britt To Address Democratic Meeting



Rep. Dave Britt

Rep. David Britt, Speaker of the House of Representatives and often-mentioned gubernatorial candidate in 1968, will be the keynote speaker at the annual Democratic Party dinner in Franklin County on Friday, March 10, according to an announcement made today by Mrs. Betsy Pernell, Chairman of the County Democratic Executive Committee.

The dinner will be held beginning at 7 p.m. in the Louisburg College cafeteria.

Rep. Britt, whose home is in Robeson County, has been a member of the N. C. Legislature since 1959 and was chosen "Man of the Year" in his home county in 1957. He is a past District Governor of Rotary International, a Baptist and a former Solicitor of Reorderer's Court and attorney for the Town of Fairmont.

He served in World War II as a private, graduated from Wake Forest College and Wake Forest Law School. He is recipient of the Judge John J. Parker Memorial Award, given by the N. C. Bar Association in 1966.

He was named Speaker of House by his fellow Democrats in the present General Assembly. Scores of his friends and neighbors celebrated Dave Britt Day recently in honor of his being named Speaker.

Mrs. Pernell reported that this is to be "a most colorful event" and that special enter-

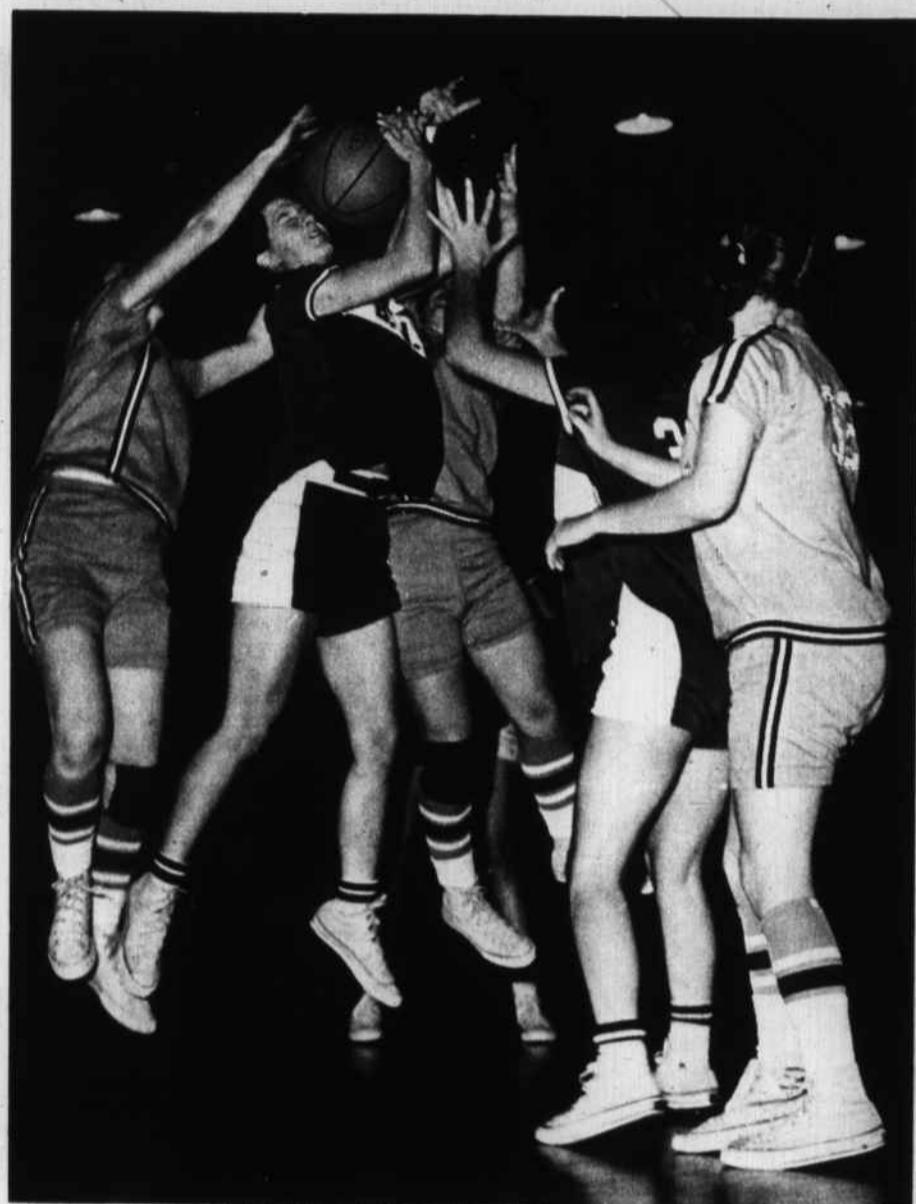
Yep, It Was Cold

If you're thinking it's been unusually cold the past few days, you're exactly right. Louisburg weatherman G. O. Kennedy reports that last Saturday's morning low of 9 degrees was the coldest in the past three years. Other frigid readings reported by Kennedy include 10 degrees Sunday morning and 12 degrees Monday.

He reports that there has been "several" four-to-five degree readings since he took over the weatherman duties in March, 1960. The coldest day this winter prior to the weekend, fell on Tuesday, December 27, 1966 when the thermometer fell to 13 degrees.

Kennedy reported this morning's low at 4 degrees as compared with the 12-degree reading yesterday. A high of 46 degrees is predicted in the area today, but colder weather is forecast for Wednesday.

-Photo by Dick Burnette.



Bunn Tops Youngsville

Youngsville-Bunn girls scramble for ball in Friday's Championship game. Bunn girls won, 28-27 with one second left in the game.

County School System Starts Choice Period

Superintendent of Franklin County Schools Warren W. Smith announced today that the School Choice Period will begin this year on Wednesday, March 1 and will continue through Friday, March 31. Smith said the system will operate under the Freedom of Choice plan, much like in the past two years.

The county system will mail out over 6,000 envelopes containing three forms and a return envelope, according to Smith. One form, printed on blue paper will be the Notice of the plan and explains the requirements under the guidelines issued by the U. S. Office of Education. Also contained in the packet, is a letter to parents, describing what is expected of them and the third document, Choice of Schools form, is to be filled in and returned.

Teams from the Board of Education have been attending PTA meetings at every school in the system explaining the 1967-68 Freedom of Choice Plan and parents have been shown copies of the forms in most cases. In all cases members of the teams have explained the procedures and regulations and answered questions posed from the audience.

The guidelines require that every child in the county system be given a free choice of schools and Smith explains that any parent, guardian or person standing in for a parent may exercise the choice. He also stated that any child entering the ninth grade this fall or who is 15 years old at the time, may exercise their own choice, subject to the overruling of their own parents.

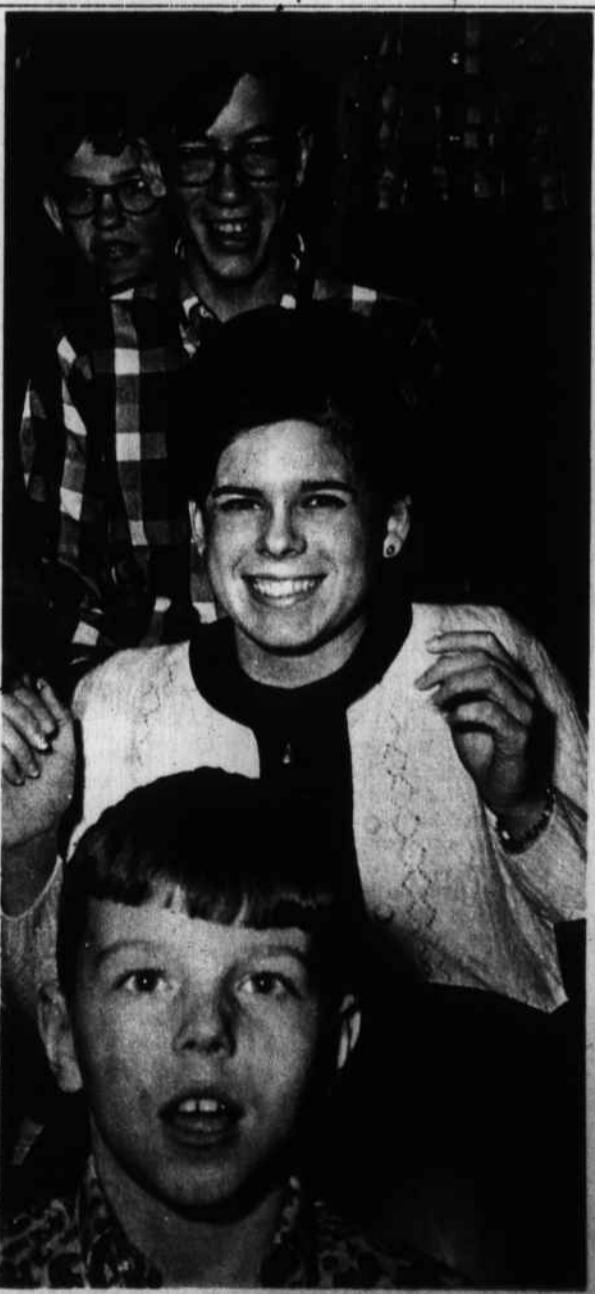
It was also reported that no choices would be denied except where an overcrowded condition exists. In such cases,

children are to be assigned according to the proximity of their homes to the school. Others will be given a second choice of schools.

It was also pointed out that once a choice is made, it cannot be changed except in extreme hardship cases, which must be cleared with Washington authorities.

Smith said he is hopeful that every parent will exercise the choice of schools for their child or children and return the Choice Form to his office or to the school where the child is now attending as soon as possible.

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Cheering Fans



Youngsville Tops Bunn

Bunn's Bill Jones (20) blocks out Jimmy Keith of Youngsville in boy's Championship game. Youngsville won, 59-38.

Justice Accident Nets Second Road Death

A 27-year-old former resident of Franklin County became the second highway victim of the year Saturday night when the car he was driving ran out of control and overturned near Justice.

Lathan Louis Inscoe, a graduate of Edward Best High School and an employee of a Raleigh loan firm, was killed instantly when he was thrown from his car around 7:45 p.m. Saturday night on Rural Paved Road 1002 near the Justice Community.

State Trooper Dwight Hinton has been quoted as reporting that Inscoe's car was traveling in excess of 100 miles an hour at the time of the accident. The Raleigh man was thrown about 100 feet, according to Trooper Hinton.

Funeral services for Inscoe were held Monday afternoon from the White Level Baptist

Church, conducted by Rev. Gilbert Barnhill. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Marie Shearin Inscoe; one daughter, Tammy D. Inscoe of the home; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lacy Inscoe of Rt. 1, Castalia; and his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Claudia Bell Thorp of Rocky Mount.

The only other highway fatality thus far this year in the county occurred in a four-car smash-up in Centerville on January 7. Ed D. Mills, c/m/48 of Manquin, Va. died from injuries, shortly after the accident around 7 p.m.

The second highway death occurred in the county last year on March 21. In 1965 Franklin County escaped until May 7 before recording a second fatality.

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Most Valuable Players

Winners of the Most Valuable Player awards are shown above with the Wiley F. Mitchell Trophies, presented each year by the Franklin County Board of Education in memory of the late Superintendent of Schools. Pictured, left to right, Mrs. Wiley F. Mitchell who made the presentations, Ralph Brown of Youngsville, winner in the boy's division; Gwen Ray of Bunn and Linda Strother of Youngsville who tied in the girl's division. Both will receive a trophy.

-Photo by Dick Burnette.