

WEATHER

Partly cloudy and continued rather cold today. Generally fair with little change in temperature Wednesday. Low today, near 25; high, upper 40's.

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Youngsville Boys & Girls Add Tourney Titles



Tourney Champs

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Vickie Rogers, left, Most Valuable Player in the Tournament, and Sandra Cash of Youngsville accept Conference Championship trophy while holding Tournament Championship award.

Last year's bridesmaids became the brides Friday night as the conference champion Youngsville girls downed Epsom for the Franklin County Tournament crown. Saturday night's boy's championship was more of the same as the Youngsville Phantoms, number two ranked team in the state, slapped the Bunn Bulldogs for the title.

Vickie Rogers, voted all conference, all tournament and Most Valuable Player, led the Youngsville girls to the 48-36 win over Epsom Friday night, scoring 21 points. Larry Paschall, chosen all conference and all tournament, paced the Phantoms with 22 points as high scorer in the Saturday night game as Youngsville captured the title, 80-59.

Bunn's Milton Horton, selected to the all-tournament squad, led the Bulldogs with 22 points in a stellar performance. Delores Falkner, all conference and all tournament from Epsom led her team with 19 points.

At the end of the first half, the Youngsville girls held a 25-14 lead and the decision seemed to have already been made. But the never-say-die Epsom girls came roaring back in the third period and catching Youngsville with a cold hand brought the score back to 25-21 at the 3:52 time mark. Youngsville failed to score in

the first four minutes of play in the third frame. Harriet Pearce scored a field goal to make the tally at the end of three, 33-26. In the final frame, the Youngsville cagers again found the range and led by Vickie Rogers, they outscored Epsom, 15-9 to take the final 48-36 win.

The Saturday night championship contest was Youngsville boys all the way. They jumped out to a 21-11 first period lead, made it 36-23 at the half and started the final period with a 56-38 edge.

Four Phantoms hit in double figures. In addition to Paschall, Morris Catlette had 18, and C. L. Wrenn and Rodney Roberts each had ten. Except for Horton, only Robert Bowden of Bunn hit in double figures, scoring 11 points.

Youngsville will represent the county as "A" team in the District III playoffs at Rocky Mount, with the first game slated for Saturday night March 2, at 8:30 p.m. against Johnston County's "A" team. Bunn will go to Rocky Mount by virtue of finishing second in the conference as the County's "B" team and will also play Saturday night, March 2 at 7 p.m. against Johnston's "B" team. Winners in Saturday night's playoff games will advance to the District III tournament

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Youngsville's Larry Paschall, Jesse Preddy, E. J. Wilder and C. L. Wrenn get Tournament Trophy from Supt. Warren W. Smith.

Sportswear Hearing Continues Today

Motion To Bar Newsman Denied

Testimony was resumed this morning at 9:30 A.M. in the case of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers Union of America versus Louisburg Sportswear Company. The hearings are taking place in the courthouse before the Honorable Harry R. Hinkes of Washington, National Labor Relations Board Trial Examiner.

The Union contends that the election held at Sportswear last October 12 in which the ACWU was soundly defeated by a vote of 121-39, was improper because the "employer's campaign was intertwined with a local businessman's campaign in which furtive threats of plant closing made by individual businessmen to individual employees and the public insuendo of plant closing was made by the local newspaper on September 28 and October 5, 1967, so polluted the atmosphere that the holding of a free and fair election was rendered impossible".

ACWU also contends that certain actions on the part of the company, such as wage increases and improved hospital benefits affected the outcome of the election.

In testimony heard Monday afternoon, three witnesses identified their Union cards and all said they had been promised nothing by the persons, not disclosed, who presented them the

cards. All said that an election was not mentioned at the time the cards were passed out. The witnesses, Mrs. Dorothy Dickinson Batton, Peggy Jean Fogg and Mrs. Agnes P. Leonard appeared for the prosecution and the Union.

Larry Eubanks of Winston-Salem is prosecuting attorney for the NLRB and Neil Lipton of New York is assistant General Counsel of the ACWU. Richard Keenan of New Orleans represents the company. Rachel Barnes, union organizer, who has been here since last summer when the union first started activities, is assisting the prosecution and Jerry Costa, local plant executive is assisting the company attorney. Just before the start of testimony

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Society To Meet

The February meeting of the Franklin County Historical Society will be held Thursday night February 29, in the community room of the First Citizens Bank Building on Bickett Blvd.

A varied program is planned, with several members taking part in displaying and describing items pertaining to Franklin County History.

Time for the meeting is 8 P.M. and the public is invited.

Dean Farms Expands Local Operation

Dean Farms Inc. has completed here the only egg products facility in North Carolina capable of processing multiple blends of egg yolks and whites, as well as whole eggs.

Jackson Dean, owner of the Dean Farms operation, today announced his new facility is ready to start supplying bakeries, restaurants and institutions or special accounts with a wide variety of special egg blends. Dean indicated that salt, sugar, stabilizers or other ingredients may be blended to meet the specific needs of the customer. The facility, valued at approximately \$200,000, is an addition to the existing Dean Farms shell egg processing plant.

Planning for the new facility was a co-operative effort with the North Carolina Department of Agriculture which administers egg regulations, promote quality and assists in other egg marketing operations.

Agriculture Commissioner James A. Graham said the operation will provide expanded outlets for the North Carolina's egg producer, and will supply consumers with an increased supply of whole and blended egg ingredients. He noted the facility has a capacity for pasteurizing 3,000 pounds of egg per hour.

Jackson Dean stated that seven new jobs, for people in the Louisburg area, were created by the addition. The firm expects to hire five other persons in the next few months when two more breaking machines to complement the two now in operation. Each machine is capable of handling 20 cases, containing 30 dozen, of eggs per hour.

Commissioner Graham said an egg inspector and grader from the North Carolina Department of Agriculture's grading service will be on hand continuously to assure that all products are properly graded and labeled with the USDA shield of quality. The NCDA's poultry and egg services section was extensively involved in the planning and the technical aspects of the facility to make sure it met the North Carolina and USDA regulations for sanitation etc., he pointed out.

Wednesdays Closings Undecided

The Louisburg Association, the organization that annually faces the task of getting local merchants together on Wednesday afternoon closings, has

released a statement on reasons why some stores will not observe the closings this year.

The statement, as received from Mrs. Juanita Pleasants, Executive Secretary of the organization says, "It is believed the Wednesday closing of a small town makes a "dead" town. Since large competitors and shopping centers are only a short drive from a small town, they believe it helps to build up the small towns by keeping the customers at home. Shopping centers and cities are open 9 to 9 every day, so in order to help ourselves as merchants, the town needs to be open. A closed business can not make money".

Mrs. Pleasants said, in the accompanying note, "I am listing some of the reasons that have been received from the department store corporations for not closing Wednesday afternoon".

No announcements have been made by the Association or individual businesses on plans for other than those referred to in the Association release. In the past some businesses have started the short day about this time of year.

Power Off Sunday In Some Areas

Electric service to some communities on Highway 39 will be interrupted for two hours on Sunday, March 3, according to Tom Dabney, Carolina Power & Light Company manager in Zebulon.

The interruption, which will be from 1:15 P.M. to 3:15 P.M., will affect communities between Pilot and Edwards Store-- Pine Ridge, Tant's Crossroads, Poplar Springs, Bunn, Old Bunn, Margaret, Gethesmane, and Johnson Town.

The power will be off to permit linemen to replace some poles and to rework lines to improve service to the area.



Collier Home

Pictured above is the ruins of the old Percy Joyner home-place where fire destroyed all furnishings of the Charlie Collier family, who occupied the dwelling. The blaze struck Saturday morning around 10:15 a.m. Four children, ages 7 to 14 escaped the blaze while their parents were away

at work. Bunn firemen answered the call. Bunn also was called Saturday around 5:15 a.m. to a grass fire near Popular Springs Church, which destroyed four out buildings on the Tommy Williams estate farm.



Day Home

Scene above shows home of the Ralph Day family as it was destroyed by fire around 1 p.m. last Thursday. The dwelling was located just off Halifax Street here behind the Rowe automobile agency on N. C. 561. All furnishings were des-

troyed with the house as the Day family was away at the start of the blaze. Louisburg firemen answered the call.

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