

WEATHER

Mostly cloudy and rather cool with occasional rain or showers today. Clearing and cooler Wednesday. Low today, 49; high, around 60.

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Youngsville Wins District III Basketball Championship



Seniors Accept Trophy

End Is Not Yet

The four senior members of the Youngsville Phantom Championship team are shown above with Mr. M.W. Weaver, Assistant Superintendent of Nash County Schools and Chairman of the District Basketball Tournament Committee.

The fantastic Phantoms of Youngsville are District III Class A champs for the second year in a row.

The end was painless for the Rams as the Youngsville buzz-saw hit so swiftly, Rock Ridge never knew what struck them.

Thus the quintet from Youngsville continued to roll, collecting victory number 29 against only one defeat, a two-point loss to Wake Forest, a 2-A school.

To gain the berth in the State championship finals, the Phantoms won first, the Franklin County conference title, going undefeated through twelve league games, captured the tournament title by downing Louisburg and Bunn and won four games in the district.

The Phantoms defeated Meadow High School of Johnston County last Saturday night, 69-47 in the preliminary playoffs; downed the Murfreesboro Red Devils, 83-57 last Thursday; knocked off the Red Devils of North Edgecombe, 89-68 Friday night and massacred the Rams on Saturday.

The Phantoms will play at 9 P.M. Thursday night in the Durham High School gym in opening round of the state tournament. The Phantoms meet Cullowhee of Jackson County. Actually the school is Camp Laboratory on the

campus of Western Carolina University at Cullowhee. The principal of the school is a former Franklin County resident, Joe Hicks of Franklinton, who was for years coach of the Rebels.

Cullowhee has good size, according to reports, holds a 22-4 record for the year and has plenty of tournament experience, having been in the state playoffs three of the past five years, according to Simon Terrell, Executive Secretary of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association.

The Rebels, who wear Gold and Black colors defeated Glenwood in the District VIII tournament to gain the berth against Youngsville Thursday night. Both share the upper bracket with Ayden and Newland. The four teams

making up the lower bracket are, Rock Ridge, from District III, but representing District VI; and Boone Trail, a double overtime winner over No. 1 ranked Pinehurst will meet Wednesday night at 7:15 and Midway, representing District II will take on Liberty, who downed Youngsville in the consolation game last year, at 7:15 P.M. Thursday.

Cullowhee, formerly McKee High School, is coached by Charles "Chuck" McConnell, who is a graduate of Cullowhee and Western Carolina University.

Youngsville, of course, is coached by Larry Lindsey, a member of the squad that won the state championship in 1956. Last year he coached the Phantoms to the county conference title; the tournament championship, the district crown and fell to Ayden in the semifinals in the state tournament.

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What Must I Do To Register And When ?

Editor's Note: This is the second in a series of articles dealing with the new voter registration to be held in Franklin County beginning on Saturday, March 30. The series will attempt to answer questions arising from the registration order and to act as a reminder to all who are eligible to be sure and register.

By Clint Fuller Times Managing Editor

12,584 registered voters in the county, a sizable increase over the 11,827 registered in November of 1964. One person, knowledgeable in this area, estimated recently that the county will be "fortunate" to register 9,000 in the new registration.

Complacency is blamed for the expected decrease along with inconvenience to the public by the methods of registering.

Politicians, candidates and prospective candidates are finding themselves faced with the unenviable task of not only asking the public to vote for them but also urging the public to go and register. In a year which has thus far seen little signs of many heated races on the local level, this effort might not even be enough to muster the public support and interest desired.

No one can register until Saturday,

March 30. This is the first day the books will be open. The books will be open each of the four following Saturdays. These are April 6, 13, 20, April 27 is Challenge Day. It will be possible to register on days other than Saturday, if one can find the registrar at home or his place of business with the book. It is also legal to register with the Chairman of

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the Board of Election any day during this period although it is doubtful that the health of the present Chairman will allow him to offer such a service, and none would probably expect nor require it.

There is some sentiment among local officials to extend the days for registration at the precincts from the lone Saturday to at least three days in each of the four weeks. The reasoning is that many will flock to the

registering places during lunch hours causing long lines to form and thus discouraging others in registering. However, there are provisions for each registrar to employ additional help and this could eliminate any long lines.

Each person must register in the precinct where he lives and cannot do so in any other. The precinct, is, of course, the polling place where one votes. Such places and names of the registrars will be given in this series before the registrations begin on March 30.

It is still to be determined by the Board of Elections what is to be required of a person seeking to register. Franklin County, coming under the Voting Rights Act, since only 56.13 percent of those registered voted in the 1964 elections, seemingly has an option.

Under direction of the federal authorities, the county may eliminate the

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Politics Like Everything Else In County, Is Quiet

It is an unusual time, indeed when there is little or no action in Franklin County where it has been said "The action usually is". At this stage of a political year, with only twelve days left for filing, things are usually buzzing in the political circle. This however, is not the case today.

Even the rumors are dying for lack of interest.

There is one, and only one candidate for two county commissioner seats thus far. In past years, one seat alone had five or even six active seekers by this time.

There are two candidates for the county's turn at a seat in the State Senate, but even here the activity is veiled and subdued.

There is only one candidate for the district's Seat No. 1 in the House and even the rumors of another have died for the lack of circulation. Two Henderson men are going after Seat No. 2 in the district and although both are frequent visitors to our area, only

their initial announcements have been witnessed.

Nobody is running for constable. Nobody is running for the Board of Education. Nobody is running for one of the two commissioner posts. And nobody has announced to be running for Register of Deeds. This could be the year of nobody running for almost anything.

However, twelve days remain and things can't stay quiet for much longer, although we said this twelve days before now.

As though taking its cue from the politicians, everything else has lain low the past several days and activities on the law enforcement front, the announcements, club programs, and general activity in the area has done the same. Even schools have taken on an unsteady quiet.

But, faith we have in Franklin County. Things will soon get back to normal--they always do and once again we'll all be back where the action is.

What must I do to register to vote in the coming primary? In the general election? Where do I go? When do I go?

These and numerous other questions will be asked in the next few weeks in Franklin County as citizens face a complete new registration - the first in modern history.

As of last November 28, there were

WEMC To Hold Meet

Members of Wake Electric Membership Corporation of Wake Forest will meet March 22 to hear reports of officers, consider plans for future operations and activities, and to elect three directors.

The meeting will be held at the Wake Forest High School Gymnasium, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Wake EMC serves over 4,000 members in portions of Franklin, Granville, Vance, Wake, Nash, Johnston, and Durham counties.

Two color television sets will be given as attendance prizes and there will be drawings for other prizes. All persons attending will receive souvenir ballpoint pens bearing the cooperative's name.

H.L. O'Brien, Wake's director from Granville County, will discuss the responsibilities and duties of an electric cooperative director.

W.T. Crisp of Raleigh, general counsel for Tarheel Electric Membership Association and Wake Electric's attorney, will explain the 1965 Territorial Assignment Act as it applies to, and is being implemented by, Wake EMC.

J.L. Shearon, the cooperative's manager, will report on the affects of taxes on the co-op's finances; these taxes are, of course, paid by the members when they pay their electric service bills. He also will tell how the cooperative is striving to better serve its members and describe the statewide emergency work plan under which electric co-ops join forces to restore service in emergencies such as the January ice storm.

N.C. Brummitt of Route 1, Kittrell is president of Wake EMC. Other directors are: C.E. Young, Route 2, Wake Forest; E.C. Hunt, Wake Forest; J.P. Bailey, Route 1, Wake Forest; J.M. Ferrell, Route 5, Durham; W.O. Fuller, Route 1, Louisburg; Ben L. Husketh, Route 1, Creedmoor; H.P. Price, Route 1, Selma; and H.L. O'Brien, Route 5, Oxford.

Sportswear Hearings Resumed Monday

Hearings in the case involving the Louisburg Sportswear and the Amalgamated Clothing Workers Union of America resumed here Monday with the Union completing their call-up of witnesses. The company began questioning witnesses late Monday.

The hearings, which began February 26, recessed last week after a full week of testimony by witnesses for the Union. One source said today that the company plans to call around twenty witnesses this week and that the interrogation will probably last through Friday.

The hearing, being conducted by the National Labor Relations Board, are to determine if the elections of last October 12 in which the Union was soundly defeated, are to be upheld or overturned or if a new election is to be called.

The Union is claiming that pressures by community leaders and businessmen and certain actions on the part of the company prevented a fair election in

which employees of Sportswear voted 121-39 against unionization.

The prosecution is represented by Labor Relations Board attorney Larry Eubanks of Winston-Salem and Neil Lipton, assistant chief counsel for the Union. The company is represented by Richard Keenan of New Orleans. The Hearing Examiner is Harry R. Kinkes of Washington, D. C.

Correction

Through the omission of a line in a legal advertisement last Thursday, it was erroneously reported that voter registration in the county would start on April 20. The date is, of course, in error. Registration will begin on Saturday, March 30, and continue through Saturday, April 20. The Times regrets this error and is happy to correct it in today's advertisement and in this column.

Confusion Is Expected When District Court Starts

If experiences in other counties are to count, Franklin will suffer a certain amount of confusion when the new District Court system takes over here in December. The changes brought about by the new system caught many attorneys, court officials and law enforcement officers unfamiliar with the procedures in the test counties.

This year, 61 counties will begin the new system, including Franklin. There are 73 District courtships to be filled and six men are running for the three in the ninth district composed of Franklin, Vance, Warren, Granville and Person counties.

Already Franklin has voted renovations for the courthouse, in part to gain space for the new district court and its officials.

One of the complaints heard most often with the new system is the age-old one of untrained men getting elected to judgeships. The constitution of North Carolina forbids the requirement that a judge must be an attorney to run for office. The people are allowed to select whomever they choose for the positions. However, in the test counties - that is, the counties that already have the new court system - judges who are lawyers are assigned regular court duties while those not trained as attorneys are assigned to criminal cases.

An article appearing in this month's issue of Popular Government, written by C. E. Hinsdale and which first appeared in the February issue of Bar Notes, states, "They have reduced usefulness in civil cases, especially those requiring a jury, and in chambers and juvenile matters", in reference to judges who are not lawyers.

Extensive travel by the judges has also been cited as a problem. It's been found that the travel is time

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consuming, although no one seems to have found an answer. As expected those judges living in a single county district are not plagued with the problem while those living in multi-county districts are.

The jurisdiction of the district court in criminal cases is about the same as the present Recorder's Courts. With certain minor exceptions, its jurisdiction in misdemeanor cases is exclusive. Thus far the incident of appeals from the district court has been low, which pleases those advocates of the new system.

In civil cases, the transfer of domestic and divorce cases to district court jurisdiction has brought on welcome relief to the superior courts, according to Hinsdale's article. Another change is the transfer of cases involving \$5,000 or less in money value which has also relieved the higher court.

Thus far, the use of juries in district courts has picked up where at the beginning very few jury trials were called.

A state-paid, full time prosecuting attorney for the district courts is termed a big improvement. By January, 1971, there will be thirty full-time superior court solicitors, one for each court district with authority to hire assistants sufficient to take over the district court duties.

Perhaps the greatest changes in the new system will come in the Clerk of Court's office where multitudes of

paper work will develop and storage space will become a premium. The Clerk's salary and that of the office personnel will be paid by the state. Beginning in December the Clerk's office will be the only record-keeping office in the county for the courts.

It has been said that the weakest link in the new system will be that of magistrate. Under the system a magistrate will be nominated by the Clerk of Court and appointed by the resident Superior Court Judge. His salary will range between \$1,200 annually and \$6,000 and will be set by the Administrative Officer of the Court, which is the Clerk. Working hours and location of magistrates office will be determined by the chief district judge.

The method of appointment of magistrates has come under attack in some quarters. With his appointment resting upon the Clerk and Superior Court Judge, the magistrate is sometimes hesitant to cooperate with his supervisor, whom by law, will be the chief district judge, who has no part in his appointment. This, according to Hinsdale's article, has presented some problems in counties already under the system.

There are but a few of the problems Franklin is likely to face at year's end. They have been faced by other counties and most of them have or are being solved to everyone's satisfaction. Any new system will take time to settle and this will probably be especially true in the case of anything as complicated as an entirely new court system.

Meantime, local officials have a job before them if they are to familiarize themselves with the procedures and the people will need to acquire some knowledge of the court system, if their best interest is to be served.



We're From Franklin County

And Proud Of It

A part of the Saturday night crowd from Franklin County is shown above beneath a sign crying, "We're from Franklin County and Proud of It". Most of the fans were from Youngsville, but there were many from other parts of the county there

In support of the Youngsville team, representing the county. The fans went away happy as the Phantoms took the championship, 87-36 over Rock Ridge of Wilson County.

Photo by Clint Fuller.