

[SPORTS] In Our Opinion

By CLINT FULLER

The annual Franklin County tournament is only a week and a half away. League and school officials have kept a watchful eye on the basketball program this year. The total integration of Franklin schools threatened for a time to cause the elimination of the sports program altogether. Fortunately, most schools decided to continue and to see how it worked out.

Thus far, it has worked well. There have been some minor dissatisfaction in some quarters, but all in all the program has stood the test. At this point, there is little danger that it will not be continued another year.

However, the true test of whether or not the young people can continue to benefit from this type of school activity will come during the tournament. Fans should make no mistake. If tempers get heated, school officials will bring the entire program to a halt. If basketball is to survive in our school system, the tournament must be conducted in the same manner as in past years. There is little reason to believe otherwise at this point.

Many faithful and loyal fans are going to find themselves without tickets to get into the tournament this year. Officials decided to place tickets on sale prior to the games. This will eliminate someone having to tell fans standing in line that the gym is full. No one wants to turn fans away, but the limits of seating in the gym necessitates this.

With slightly over 200 tickets allotted to each school, the scramble will be on as soon as tickets are put on sale. It may be that in future years, seats can be numbered and reserved and single game tickets might be sold. This way, fans of a particular school could attend on the night their team is playing and others could do the same. This way—a sort of rotation system—perhaps more fans could see at least part of the action.

However, time does not permit such a plan for this year and unless fans join together in some sort of volunteer exchange of tickets, many unfortunately will not get in.

It should be one of the most interesting tournaments in some time. Youngville girls will be favored but, for the first time in several years, the Youngville boys will not be alone in the pre-tourney pickings. The Franklinton Rams have the strength and thus far have shown they have the desire. They've built a large following, too. One game last week, they had standing room only in their gym.

Tournament Tickets To Be Scarce This Year

Area basketball fans will have to draw on their experiences in obtaining tickets to the old Dixie Classic and the ACC Tournament if they are to attend the upcoming Franklin County High School Tournament this year. Tickets to the five-night affair are going to be scarcer than the proverbial hens-tooth.

Due to the increased enrollment at most of the member schools this year and the limited seating capacity of the Paul Elam Gym at Louisburg, each school will be allocated slightly over 200 tickets—far below the enrollment of any of the six participating schools.

League officials met here Wednesday to set the stage for the ever-popular season's end event and approved plans for ticket sales. Under the plan, each school will be given an equal number of tickets. Sale of the tickets will begin early next week and advance sales will end on Saturday. In the event, any school fails to sell their allotment, single game tickets will be placed on sale at the box office on the night of the game. The number available and the night they are to be sold will be announced in advance.

The tournament will begin on Monday, February 17 and run nightly except Thursday, through Saturday. Girl's championship game will be played Friday night and the boy's crown will be decided Saturday.

A complete pairings bracket will be announced as soon as the remaining games are decided.

In other actions, the League changed the method of dividing the tournament profits. In past years, all schools received equal shares but with some schools fielding both girls and boys teams and one school having only boys basketball, the League voted Wednesday to allocate shares by teams. The main effect of the new ruling is that Franklinton will receive 1/11th of the profits. The other schools, Louisburg, Youngville, Gold Sand, Bunn and Wakelon will receive a double share, having two teams participating in the tournament.

Players will sit in a special designated section during the tournament, according to a new ruling. Sportsmanship, coach of the year and all-conference selections were made in Wednesday's meeting, but following past custom, these will not be made public until the final night of the tournament.

'WHAT'S IT'
Today's What's It is a photograph of an electrical receptacle. We thought you would get it.

Franklin County Basketball Standings

Team	Overall		Conference	
	W	L	W	L
Boys				
Franklinton	14	3	6	1
Youngville	14	5	7	2
Wakelon	11	4	5	4
Bunn	9	9	5	5
Gold Sand	7	11	3	6
Louisburg	4	13	0	9
Girls				
Youngville	15	0	7	0
Bunn	9	5	5	3
Wakelon	6	5	3	4
Gold Sand	2	14	2	4
Louisburg	4	14	1	7

County League Top Ten Scorers

BOYS DIVISION		Games Played	Total Pts.	Average
Player	Team			
(1) Foster Brodie	Franklinton	16	406	25.0
(2) Morris Catlett	Youngville	20	430	21.5
(3) Dewey Perry	Gold Sand	18	314	17.4
(4) Rodney Roberts	Youngville	20	333	16.6
(5) Phil Hagwood	Bunn	18	284	14.9
(6) Tommy Massey	Wakelon	15	219	14.6
(7) Benny Edgerton	Louisburg	16	219	13.6
(8) Jamie Pearce	Wakelon	13	152	11.6
(9) Thomas Finch	Louisburg	16	170	10.6
(10) Mac Beckham	Franklinton	15	154	10.2
GIRLS DIVISION		Games Played	Total Pts.	Average
Player	Team			
(1) Harriett Pearce	Youngville	16	281	18.73
(2) Vickie Rogers	Youngville	14	283	18.71
(3) Gayle Pearce	Wakelon	9	101	11.1
(4) Linda Brown	Wakelon	9	90	10.0
(5) Louise Person	Gold Sand	13	68	8.6
(6) Jean Hagwood	Bunn	14	110	7.85
(7) Jackie Perry	Wakelon	9	71	7.8
(8) Marsha Winstead	Bunn	14	109	7.78
(9) Ellen Andrews	Bunn	14	105	7.5
(10) Jean Crudup	Bunn	14	95	6.78

Game Site Changed

The basketball game between Louisburg High School and Sanderson High of Raleigh, which was originally scheduled to be played at Sanderson tomorrow night, February 7th, has been changed.

The game will be played in the Louisburg High School Gymnasium instead, beginning with the Jayvee game at 6:30 p.m.

Statistics prove what the statistician set out to prove. That explains poll mistakes.

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Court

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and to remain on good behavior for 2 years.

Auburn Mitchell, assault, 30 days in jail, suspended on payment of \$5.00 fine and costs; not to go on premises of Chick and Ester Billings for 2 years and remain on good behavior for 2 years.

Jessie Lee Alston, c/m/19, careless and reckless driving, 3 months in jail, suspended on payment of \$80.00 fine and costs.

Dallas Ray Hunter, n/m/48, operating auto intoxicated, 6 months in jail, suspended on payment of \$120.00 fine and costs; to turn in driver's license and not operate motor vehicle for 12 months.

Luperious (NMN) Mann, n/m/45, driving under influence. Court accepts plea of careless and reckless driving. To pay \$100.00 fine and costs; not to operate motor vehicle for 45 days except under direction of J. L. Wilder.

Archie Coley, c/m/22, improper registration; no insurance. Guilty 46 improper registration. 10 days in jail, suspended on payment of \$15.00 fine and costs. Not guilty of no insurance.

Charles Linwood Edwards, w/m/16, failing to stop at stop sign. To pay costs of court.

Bruce Reimer Champion, w/m/19, temporary larceny of vehicle. No suit.

Robert Edward Elliott, Jr., speeding. Prayer for judgment continued on payment of

Franklinton Hits Bunn

Franklinton, appearing sluggish after their victory over Youngville, rallied in the second half to defeat Bunn, 76-54. The victory gave the top-ranked Rams a 6-1 league record.

Franklinton grabbed a 12 point lead in the second quarter before Bunn charged to within 6 points of the Rams at halftime.

In the second half, the Rams set the pace and raced off to the 22-point victory. Foster Brodie powered the Franklinton attack with a 27 point effort. Haywood Lawrence scored 10 points.

Score by quarters: Franklinton 15 20 24 15 - 64 Bunn 8 21 10 13 - 52 Franklinton - Brodie 27, Beckham 7, Yates 6, Fogg 6, Lawrence 10, Manson 8, Davis 2, Sneed 8, Collins 2, Johnson.

Bunn - Horton 10, James Horton 11, Strickland 9, R. Wheelless, W. Horton 2, Thorne 4, J. Wheelless 5, Hagwood 13, Crudup, Pace.

Notice

Louisburg Lodge 413 A F & A M will hold a stated communication Tuesday evening, February 11th, at 7:30 in the Masonic Temple on Jolly St. All Master Masons are fraternally invited.

Willie Yarborough, disturbing the peace. Nol pros with leave.

Herman Thomas Collier, w/m/26, speeding. Prayer for judgment continued on payment of costs.

Benjamin Ronald Peoples, w/m/19, safe movement violation. Not guilty.

Howard Lee Edwards, improper muffler and no back light. To pay costs.

Bennie Dunston, c/m/52, \$5.00 fine and costs.

Mary Massenberg, c/f/38, public drunkenness. \$5.00 fine and costs.

Charged with public drunkenness and to pay \$5.00 fine and costs were: Joseph W. Wood, w/m/37, Vern (NMN) Ferguson, w/m/53; Charlie Lee Alston, c/m/19; William Ele Bradford; Lerselle Howard; Charles Horman Brodie, n/m/32; and Spurgeon Wheeler.

The following were taxed with costs of court: Wilton Earl Harris, exceeding safe speed; David Earl Satterwhite, nno muffler; David Earl Satterwhite, c/m/24, fail-

ing to stop at stop sign; Charlie (NMN) Lee, w/m/48, stop signal violation; David Gwy Batton, Jr., improper mufflers and Thaddeus Earl Clemons, exceeding safe speed.

To pay \$5.00 fine and costs for speeding were: Jerold Avery Holleman, John A. Niles, Worly Wenrick Davis and William Buffaloe Tippet.

Eugene (NMN) Cooley, c/m/56, speeding. \$15.00 fine and costs.

Darrel D. Steward, speeding. \$13.00 fine and costs.

Robert Earl Person, Jr., speeding. \$15.00 fine and costs.

James Allen Burgess, c/m/27, improper parking. To pay costs.

R. O. Perkinson, worthless check. To pay \$10.00 fine; costs of court and amount of check.

Ronald C. Johnson, operating auto intoxicated; no operator's license. 4 months in jail, suspended for 2 years on payment of \$100.00 fine and costs.

Ferrum Here Monday

Crown At Stake

The Cavalier-Tar Heel Conference championship and an automatic berth in the Regional Tournament at Lenoir will be up for grabs Monday night, February 10 in Louisburg College's Holton gym when the Hurricanes meet mighty Ferrum. Both teams have one loss in the conference race, and the winner of Monday's game in all probability will win the championship. The championship carries with it top seeding in the conference tournament at Albemarle, February 25, 26, 27 and an automatic berth in the Region 10 Tournament at Lenoir March 5, 6, 7.

Both teams will be favored to win their remaining conference games, but Chowan, who plays Ferrum at Ferrum, and Mt. Olive, who meets Louisburg at Mt. Olive, could provide an upset. Ferrum's first loss in the conference in four years came at the hands of Mt. Olive at Mt. Olive this year, but they revenged the loss by beating the Trojans at Ferrum 107-56. They handed Louisburg its only defeat in the conference last week when they beat the Canes 72-71 at Ferrum.

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Youngville Tops Granville

Youngville's White Phantoms turned back South Granville, 58-48, here Tuesday night behind the 22-point effort of Rodney Roberts.

Morris Catlett pumped in 16 points to help Roberts in the scoring column for Youngville. Nathaniel Davis had 18 and Ricky Strickland 16 for South Granville.

Score by quarters: South Granville 14 6 15 13 48 Youngville 15 12 16 15 58 South Granville - Strickland 16, Saunders 1, Willis 6, Harding 7, Davis 18, Uhrin, Parker.

Youngville - Wiggins 8, Roberts 22, M. Catlett 16, Mitchell 6, Bailey 4, Woodlett 2, R. Catlett, Hart, Carter.

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