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FRANKLIN LEAGUE TAKES GIANT STEP

A year ago, when the Franklin County League voted to accept Wakelon as a member, there were some misgivings. The League had always been made up of schools located within the bounds of Franklin County, even though one was from a different administrative unit than the other six members.

The custom had served the League and the county students extremely well and any change could have endangered the very existance of the League. However, Wakelon's entrance proved to be a good move on the part of the League, especially when Epsom and Edward Best pulled out.

While it was believed that Wakelon was accepted as much as anything else because of the fact that its principal Johnny Alford labored so long as a League member while coaching at Bunn and as principal at Edward Best, there was some merit in the expansion itself.

Last week the League took a giant step which has led to a much larger expansion. Oxford Orphanage, Cardinal-Gibbons and Apex were voted into the League. One night later, Oxford Orphanage and Wakelon--joined Louisburg and Franklinton--in abolishing the Tar River Football Conference. All four voted to join the Franklin County League.

MORE SPORTS, MORE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The four teams only will field football in the League this year. Apex, with a football program, has already made committments for this year. Cardinal-Gibbons may field a grid squad next year and there is some talk that Saratoga Central and Elm City will seek to enter as football members after this fall

All eleven schools will have basketball although which are to field girls varsities and boys jayvees is yet to be announced. Baseball, track and golf will also be a part of the League program, but to what extent is yet to be decided.

There is likely to be at least five League championships and more when girls and jayvees are included. Old rivalries will continue and some new ones will undoubtedly blossom.

KEEP THE FRANKLIN NAME

Looking around the room in the League meeting last week, it occurred to this writer that -- with a couple of possible exceptions--we had been attending League sessions for about as long as any of today's members and longer than most.

The problem of naming the newly expanded group arose as might be expected. With three teams now coming from Wake County, one from Granville, one from Franklinton City unit and the remainder from Franklin County, it is natural that a name change enter the picture.

We shudder at the suggestion of a Franklin-Wake-Granville conference. This name does absolutely nothing for the members or anyone else. Franklin did not seek to join anybody's else's League. They already had the best in the state. They accepted those who came seeking to join them.

This is not to suggest that the newly expanded organization should not give equal voice in its business to the new members. Indeed, it should. It is to state empathically that this writer believes that the name Franklin should remain in whatever name chosen

The Franklin League was formed 42 years ago. It was the brainchild of Julius A. Woodward, former principal at Epsom and J. J. Wolfe, vocational teacher at Edward Best. Formed in 1927, the Franklin County League has succeeded through the years of depression, wars and integration. It has withstood a gross lack of funds and even a gas rationing in 1943, when it was forced to suspend its programs, including basketball.

Originally stated, "The purpose of the organization is to promote a better feeling between the schools in the county, and at the same time give training in every extra-curricular activity practicable".

This the League has done and in so doing, it has built for itself a tradition which is difficult--if not impossible--to match. It would be a great loss to the League past and future if this tradition were to be lost. It deserves a better fate.

It took League members less than an hour to decide on the

In Our Opinion Tar River Football Conference Merges With Franklin League

The Tar River Football

Helena High School, locat-Conference, down to four ed at Timberlake in Person teams after the loss of Helena County, has been consoliand South Granville, voted to dated into Roxboro High disband and to join the eleven School for next year and South Granville at Creedmoor -school Franklin County League in a meeting held at Oxford Orphanage last Thurshas joined the 2-A Capital Area Conference. The day night. The four schools, changes have brought on ma-Louisburg, Franklinton, Wakelon and Oxford Orphanjor problems in scheduling for the remaining four teams. will be the only ones to The move into the Franklin field a football squad in the

with four for five, including a

triple. He was thrown out at

third trying to stretch a

double into a second threebagger. Tommy Wrenn had

two for four for Louisburg to

place behind Finch in the top

Truby Oakley slammed two triples for Bunn and Jerry Strickland did a good

job of relief for Bunn. Hold-

ing a 6-4 lead going into the final seventh inning, Louis-

burg scored two runs and it

appeared Strickland had put

out the fire until a dropped

fly ball in center field allowed

two runs to score with two

This was the fourth

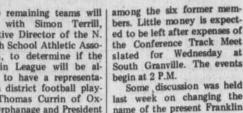
League will consolidate the efforts of the schools, which will field teams in other sports, withing the League. Coaches of the four teams

expressed difficulty at filling schedules for the fall football season. Tommy Twitty of Louisburg disclosed that the Bulldogs thus far have only eight games slated. He has

open dates on October 17 November 7, Jimmy and O'Neal of Franklinton said he has nine games scheduled but has been unable to get the tenth. Twitty and O'Neal have tried to rearrange their schedules so the Rams and the Bulldogs could play each other twice, but this too has been impossible to do

The remaining teams will check with Simon Terrill, Executive Director of the N. C. High School Athletic Association, to determine if the Franklin League will be allowed to have a representa-tive in district football play-offs. Thomas Currin of Oxford Orphanage and President of the Tar River Conference will confer with Terrill.

The Conference voted last Thursday to split any funds left after expenses equally



Some discussion was held last week on changing the name of the present Franklin County League, but the football conference was without authority to do anything more than offer a suggestion.

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Currin told the coaches to pass on any name ideas to the League Committee.



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Get the message?

NFO To Meet

The National Farmers Organization will hold a meeting

mitted five errors, all at straight win for the visiting crucial times for Bunn. Bulldogs after dropping their Louisburg's workhorse, Thomas Finch, hurled the first six games. LOUISBURG 16, BUNN 4 Lovisburg 210 300 4--10 0 Bunn 100 300 0-4 5 Finch, Wynne (4) and Purnsil, Mag wood, Strickland (4) and Wheiss. Leading hitler: Louisburg - Thomas Finch 4 for 3; T. Wrenn 2 for 4, Bunn -Trubr Oakley hit we triples. first four innings and gained credit for the win. He needed help from Mike Wynne to halt a Bunn rally in the fourth. Finch led the hitters

men out.

hitters.

Accidents Can

Be Prevented

Statistics, it is said, can be driver frequently needs swift used to substantiate any fact. emergency treatment. Techni-However, according to Sterlcal examination for alcohol in ing T. Tooker, president of his blood stream must come The Travelers Insurance Companies, statistics cannot prove how many accidents have prevented through been

Louisburg hitting and

Bunn miscues decided the

first nightime contest be-

tween the two teams Monday

night. Louisburg jumped off

to a 2-1 lead in the first inning before one of the larg-

est crowds ever to witness a

high school game in the coun-

Bunn brought out the crowds

from the Bunn area and also

wood, Bunn's starting hurler.

was not brillant, but deserved

a better fate than he received.

Miscues on the part of his

teammates spelled disaster for

the big righthander. The

home standing Bulldogs com-

The newly lighted field at

Louisburg. Phil Hag-

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safety education. Writing in the 35th edition company's annual his booklet of highway accident data, Mr. Tooker said, "Our rationale back in 1931 was that if reasonable people know the truth about a problem, the truth will help them solve the problem. In 1969, 65 million booklets later, it is still our rationale. "Ironically enough, this

conviction cannot be based on hard statistics," he said. "Yet we know that hundreds thousands of accidents have been prevented by drivers and pedestrians who have learned to drive and walk with safety. And the ever-mounting number of miles traveled on many poorly engineered roads clogged by more and more cars

later when the aberant ingredient has been diluted or has disappeared altogether. The evidence is nevertheless overwhelming. Indeed, the U. S. Department of Transportation has issued a report to Congress which even die-hard statisticians agree is a definitive in-dictment of drink-then-drive

offenders. This landmark study concludes that "the use of alcohol by drivers and pe-destrians leads to some 25,000 deaths and a total of at least 800,000 crashes in the United States each year".

"Some" and "at least" acknowledge that the D.O.T. study is not an exact recap either. The point, however, is sharp to all last-ditch apologists for irresponsible social drinkers or social drinkersand-drivers themselves.

UNC Nips College Golfers ouisburg Takes Bunn The Louisburg golf team pressure putt to keep the fought as hard as it could 'Cane golfers right on Caroyesterday, but at the end, the Carolina JV prevailed $9^{1} + 8^{1} +$ Under The Lights, 10-4 lina's heels. However, it all

Beat Vikings

The Edward Best Eagles

beat the South Granville Vik-

ings last week. It was re-

ported the other way around

in these columns. Sorry about

that, Eagles. That's what we

get when we snitch ball game

reports from those out-of-

The game, played last

Tuesday, was won by Edward Best 5-1 in the tenth inning

when Phillip Champion hit a

grand slam home run. The

game was tied at the end of

the seventh 1-1. That out-of-

town daily reported that South Granville's Glen Brink-

ley's sacrifice fly accounted

for the Vikings winning run. The reporter must have left

the game early. Incidentally, the Eagle's Medlin struck out

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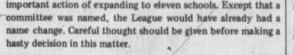
It was a close match all the way to the last foursome where Rick Green sank a

came down to a 20 foot putt on the last hole by the JV's Parker to rap up the match for Carolina. Stamper (L) d. Hooks (C) **Oops**, Eagles 3-0; Parker (C) d. Radford

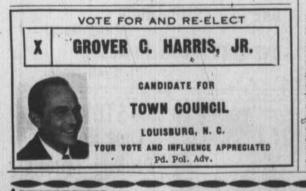
(L) $2^{1/2-1/2}$; Leadbetter (L) d. Potter (C) $2^{1/2-1/2}$; Hege (L) $1^{1/2}$, Battle (C) $1^{1/2}$; Alexander (C) d. Klingel (L) 3-0; Kin-cheloe (C) d. Green 2-1.

Louisburg's last match is at home Thursday against COA and Ferrum. If LJC/ takes this match, then they will be co-champions in the conference with Chowan. Louisburg's record is now 7-1 in conference play and 8-3 overall.

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For what it's worth, a suggestion from one of those present at the Tar River Conference strikes our fancy. How about the FRANKLIN' AREA CONFERENCE? We like it.



added "Alcoholocaust" is the title of the 1969 edition of The Travelers booklet. And for the first time it takes a long, hard look at the mix-ture of alcohol and gasoline. But the booklet does not contain statistics to support the title. Here's why: The numbers and the class-

and trucks and busses give us

real reason to believe that

these ghastly casualty totals

could be much higher," he

ifications are distilled--no pun intended-from monthly re-ports furnished by state motor vehicle departments (a voluntary service gratefully acknowledged by The Travel-ers). Energetic and thorough research has nailed down drunk driving as a major acci-dent cause, but absolute precision is still out of reach. A dead driver can't be asked to heel-and-toe or take a breath or blood test. The injured

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