



HUGH GRASTY, hard-driving Mountaineer fullback, was presented a trophy Tuesday night as the most valuable player on Waynesville's 1956 football squad. The award was made by Superintendent of Schools Lawrence B. Leatherwood, who pointed out that Grasty was selected by a vote of his teammates. Letters also were presented to 36 players.

FOES FORMERLY, BUT FRIENDS NOW are Canton and Waynesville co-captains who met Tuesday night at the Jaycees football banquet at the WTHS cafeteria. Here Jackie Conard (left) and Billy Stamey of CHS receive best wishes from Mountaineers Carroll Hooper and Tom Sparks for their championship game with Washington Friday night.

HAYWOOD'S KING-SIZED FOOTBALL COACHES—Boyd Allen of Canton (left) and Bruce Jaynes of Waynesville exchanged handshakes at the Jaycee football banquet here where the Black Bear mentor was guest of the Mountaineer squad. Both Mr. Jaynes and Superintendent of Schools Lawrence Leatherwood (center) wished the Canton players the best of luck Friday night. (Mountaineer Photos)

Canton - Washington Game Friday To Match Mountains Against Coast

State Title Clash Set For 8 P.M.

By BOB CONWAY
East is east and west is west, and never the twain shall meet—according to Rudyard Kipling.
However, the Canton Black Bears, pride of the Western mountains, will meet the Washington Pam Pack scourge of the Eastern coast, for the state Class-AA title at Canton Memorial Stadium Friday night.
Kickoff time for this colossal championship clash will be at 8 p.m.
According to information received by The Mountaineer from John Morgan, sports editor of the Washington Daily News, via telephone Tuesday afternoon, the Eastern North Carolina Kingpins will play a team to Canton that has won 11 games and tied one. A scoreless deadlock with arch-rival New Bern has been the only blot on the Pam Pack record.
Regular season victims of the Washington eleven were:
Wilson (a triple-A school), 19-12; Elizabeth City, 20-6; Greenville, 48-6; Roanoke Rapids, 41-7; Ahoskie, 34-6; Churchland, Va., 52-7; Williamston, 19-0; Kinston (last year's Class-AA champions), 40-0, and Jacksonville, 40-0.
In the playoffs, Washington

dwarfed Henderson, 13-0, and Rockingham, 38-0.
The team is coached by J. G. "Choppy" Wagner, and has blue and white as its colors. The city of Washington itself has a population of 9,700 and is the county seat of Beaufort County—situated on the Pamlico River and Pamlico Sound.
The starting lineup for Washington against the Black Bears will include two juniors and nine seniors.
Running the Pam Pack attack from both the regular and split-T formations will be quarterback Ward Marslander, 144-pound junior. At the halfback posts will be seniors Bartow Houston, 156, and Fritz Tanner, 158, who reputedly specialize in end sweeps. At fullback will be Steve Cochran, 152-pound junior.
Reserve backs, some of whom may see action are: senior Jack Warren, 153, and juniors Jimmie Silverthorne, 144; Dicky Jones, 152; Joe Hassell, 139, and Larry Aldridge, 138.
The probable starting line for the visitors will include senior ends Carl Jones, 168, and Billy Gilgo, 170 (both of whom stand 6-2; senior tackles Graham Singleton, 223, and "Skybo" Langley, 165, and junior center Durwood Dixon, 180.
(Singleton was selected to play with the North Carolina team in the annual Shrine Bowl game at Charlotte, but withdrew because of the playoffs.)
Outstanding reserve linemen are Marshall Singleton, 178-pound senior guard, and Paul Leggett, 188-pound senior tackle.
The Washington squad was scheduled to leave for their 375-mile trip to Canton at 7 a.m. today, and will stay at a motel in the Canton area.
In tomorrow night's jackpot game, the Canton Black Bears will carry into the fray a record of 11-0. During the regular season, the Blue Ridge champions defeated Bethel, 25-0; Enka, 24-0; Brevard, 19-6; Waynesville, 45-6; Asheville School, 46-6; Blue Ridge, 44-0; Hendersonville, 42-7; Erwin, 50-6, and Lee Edwards, 13-7.
In playoff games, Canton rolled over Murphy, 41-13, and Charlotte Harding, 30-7.
Canton has now scored 379 points to their opponents' 58, while Washington has tallied 364 to 44.
North Carolina State has 20 lettermen on its 1956 football team.

Dayton Tops Burnsville In WNC Opener, 78 To 71

The Dayton Rubber Thoroughbreds won their first game in the WNC Basketball League Monday night with a 78-71 victory over the Burnsville Fire Department.
Neil Stamey, who played freshman ball with N. C. State and was with Champion Y in the Dixie League last year, was the top scorer for Dayton with 17 points. Runner-up was Joe Aldridge, former Mountaineer star, who meshed 16 points. Max Rogers also hit 14 points and Bobby Kuykendall got 13.
Top scorers for Burnsville were M. Buckner with 20 points and Ledford with 16.
In another WNC League game Monday night, Beacon Mills swamped Osborne, 100-51.
Dayton Rubber will open its home season in the league tonight with a doubleheader against General Electric of Hendersonville on the WTHS floor.
The girls' game will start at 7 p.m.
Dayton Rub. (78) (71) Burnsvl.
F-Fransom (6) (20) M. Buckner
F-Rogers (14) (14) L. Buckner
C-Anderson (2) (18) Ledford
G-Stamey (17) (9) Banks
G-Kuykendall (13) (8) Neal
Subs: Dayton—Aldridge 16, Sutton, Smith 4, Owens 4, Smart 2.
Burnsville — R. Buckner 2.

boys as letter winners, including 16 seniors:
Co-captains Carroll Hooper and Tom Sparks, Bobby Hill, Jim Byrd, Richard Turner, Jim Hall, Jerry Nichols, Buster Price, Jack Lewis, Hugh Grasty, Sam Lane, Neal Palmer, Charles Robinson, John Arch, Richard Mehaffey, Ulu Burnette, Joe Gilliland, Ray Moody, Ernie Henshaw, Don Rogers, Bruce Davis, Frank Sharp, James Pressley, John Allen, Jerry Deweese, Andy Owen, Wayne Pruett, Jack Hoffer, Tommy Paris, Johnny Carswell, Paul Burris, David Warren, Jeff Donnohoe, Carlton Burrell, Bill Sorrells, and Jack Atkins.
Assistant coaches Bill Swift and Gene Leonard also spoke briefly after Mr. Jaynes' talk.
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White House Tree Lighting To Open Christmas Season

WASHINGTON—The Capital is readying its annual Christmas Pageant of Peace, with President Eisenhower expected to press a gold key to light a 65-foot "National Community Christmas Tree" on the south side of the White House.
The ceremony launching the pageant, started three years ago as an international gesture carrying out the theme of "Peace on Earth to Men of Good Will," will signal the illuminating of similar community trees all over the nation and in our embassies abroad.
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Wolf In Deer's Clothing
DRYDEN, Ont. (AP) — Maybe Mr. Wolf shouldn't go around in deer's clothing. Frank Wolf, wearing a brown-colored jacket, was shot in the leg in mistake for a deer by an over-zealous hunter in this northwestern Ontario district.
Syracuse University is still looking for its first undefeated football season.
turn a half million people.
This will be the 34th annual lighting of a community Christmas tree by a President. Until three years ago, a tree growing on the White House lawn was used. Since 1954, the tree has been donated by one of the states. This year a beautiful spruce is being sent by New Mexico. More than 8,000 lights and hundreds of glittering ornaments are used to decorate the national tree. Throughout the season there'll be music by the Marine Band and choral groups. There'll be a life-sized nativity scene, a traditional Yule log burning, and a Youth Corner with exhibits, games and folk dancing as well as a Santa Claus.

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The Family.

MORE ABOUT Hugh Grasty

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Waynesville High and Mountaineer grid coach for 27 years, said that "Waynesville will be 100 per cent behind the Black Bears Friday night," but added with a grin — "however, we'll be seeing you again next year."
Mr. Weatherby, a native of Eastern North Carolina, warned his Canton guests that football players in the coastal region "are raised on goobers" and cautioned that Washington will be no push-over in the championship clash.
The principal speaker on the program, the Rev. J. W. Fowler, Jr., superintendent of the Lake Junaluska Methodist Assembly, opened his remarks by asserting many high schools and college

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