

### Four Western AA Teams Split Loop's Championship Crowns During 1952

By Ronald Kiser  
**CHERRYVILLE** — Newton-Conover, Lincolnton, Hickory, and Lenoir won championships in the three major sports last season in the Western AA Conference. Newton captured the baseball title with Lincolnton (girls) and Hickory (boys) taking the basketball crown. Lenoir's Bearcats copped the football championship for the fourth campaign in a row. Newton's sensational portside, John Issac, racked up eight wins in a row last season including the second no-hit, no-run game of his career. Issac, a stringbean lefty, hurled his hitless gem against Cherryville, then tossed a pair of two-hitters at Hickory and Morganton, finished up with beauts vs. Cherryville and Lincolnton. Big John fanned well over 80 batters during the season with the Devils, tutored by Harry Lemon, taking 12 loop victories in a row. The Newtons, who finished two full contests ahead of second place Hickory, lost their first game of the season to the Statesville Greyhounds of the South Piedmont Conference in the Western AA high school playoff. The tilt, played at Statesville, was held to five innings by rain with the South Piedmonters garnering one hit and a couple of unearned tallies to defeat the Devils by 2-0. Newton failed to collect a base blow. Jim Gaitner, John Sharpe, Cecil Jarrett, and Donnie McRae were the top hitters for the Red Devils with Gaitner, McRae, and Sharpe hitting .300 or better. Lincolnton and Hickory were tops in the basketball picture. Coach Jack Kiser tutored the Lincs to their fifth straight title

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with Hickory coming back to the top after two years' absence. The Lincs topped seven family foes twice each, then won the Western Conference-South Piedmont Conference tournament at Statesville before going to the state tourney. Twenty-seven wins were recorded by the Lincolntons before Reeds High handed them a 51-50 setback in the semi-finals of the state tournament at Aberdeen. Forwards Shirley Parker, Betty Snipes, and Fredia Bost provided the Lincolnton six with the highest scoring girls' outfit in Western North Carolina. Parker, who tallied well over 700 points during the season, made every all-tournament team including the all-Valdese Gold Metal team and the all-conference sextet. Guards Mary Jo Elmore, Frances Gregory, and Betty Smith gave Lincolnton the top guards in the league.

Joe Buff, Manuel Cohen, Bill Ishenour, Harold Moore, Joe Peartree, James Abernathy, Jerry Bishop, and Bill Gaines paced Coach Gene Miller's Hickory quint to the boys' crown with a 12-2 mark. Buff, a 6' 1" forward, and Cohen, tall pivot man, made the all-league outfit. After establishing their brilliant conference and non-conference record (16-2), the Hickorians journeyed to Statesville for the conference tournament. Barium Springs, a second rated power in the South Piedmont Conference, upset the Hickory outfit in the first round.

Bill Cross guided the Lenoir Bearcats to their fourth flag in a row this past season with an 8-1 record. The victorious session was the second in a row for Cross, the ex-Appalachian griddler, who replaced Recess Muhl, who moved to the Boone school to assist E. C. Duggins. The 'Cats spilled Shelby, Cherryville, Forest City, Marion, Morganton, Hickory, Rutherford Central, and Belmont, Newton-Conover's surprising Devils dealt the Cross-mentored Bearcats their lone setback. Lenoir, paced by Emmett Stevens, Jerry Waters, Willie Letevers, and Captain A. G. Jonas, rolled up more than 1000 yards through the air and 1500 yards on the ground. Jonas, the big fullback, carried

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### Blanton Promoted To Top Rating

FORT LEE, VA. — The son of a Kings Mountain, North Carolina family has been promoted to Master Sergeant, it was announced today at the Quartermaster Training Command, Fort Lee, Virginia.

Billie Blanton, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Blanton, was promoted to the highest enlisted grade in recognition of his service as section chief and instructor in the Quartermaster School located at Fort Lee. A 10-year veteran, M/Sgt. Blanton has seen service in two wars. During World War II, he served in Europe with the 64th Transportation Corps Group from July 1942 to September 1945. He also served in Korea from November 1950 to January 1951 with the 24th (Taro Leaf) Infantry Division. M/Sgt. Blanton's wife, Ruth E. and three children live at PO Box 615, Kings Mountain. He was graduated from Central High School, Kings Mountain, in 1936.

Alfalfa, soybeans, clover, lespedeza and other legumes are rich hometown sources of protein.

Many persons now self-employed had previously worked for wages in employment covered by social security. This work is credited, of course, toward being insured, and the credits may be added to those earned in self-employment, Miss Lowder said.

Each additional year of work covered by the law will extend the protection for two more years. She points out that self-employed persons must make a report and pay the social security tax once every year to keep this insurance protection. In force. After ten years of work under social security, a person is permanently insured. Miss Lowder also reminds them of the importance of having a social security card, and of copying the number from that card on the social security report of self-employment earnings that they file with their income tax return. Everyone is required to file a social security report and pay the tax if his self-employment earnings are \$400 or more in a year.

Methyl bromide gas has proved a "very effective" treatment for controlling weeds, grass and nematodes in plant beds in tests conducted by the North Carolina Experiment Station.

### Medical Society Offers Prizes In Essay Contest

RALEIGH — An essay contest for all high school students in North Carolina starts January 1, 1953 and runs through February 26, 1953, sponsored by the Medical Society of North Carolina. Subject of the essay contest is "Why the Private Practice of Medicine Furnishes This Country With 'The Finest Medical Care.'" First prize for the best essay will be a \$600 scholarship, payable to any college or university, selected by the winner, which meets the standards of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. Prizes will also be awarded to winners of second and third place essays. This is the sixth consecutive year the State Medical Society has held the contest sponsored by the Public Relations Committee of the State Society in cooperation with the Association of American Physicians and Surgeons. In addition to the prize of a \$600 scholarship awarded the first place winner, the Public Relations Committee may choose to invite, at its expense, the winning contestant to be its guest and to present the winning essay at the annual meeting of the State Medical Society in Pinehurst, May 11 through May 13, 1953.

The three top papers in North Carolina will be forwarded to the Association of American Physicians and Surgeons for competition in the national contest. National prizes are \$1,000 for first prize; \$500 for second place; \$100 for third place; and \$25 each for the fourth, fifth, and sixth place winners.

Essays may be submitted any time between January 1 and February 26, 1953. Each High School Principal is being requested to designate a committee of three teachers who will, on February 27, select the two best essays, from his school. These two essays will be forwarded by the Principal to the Superintendent of Public Instruction of the county and/or city school system not later than March 5, 1953. The County or City Superintendent of Public Instruction will select the two best essays from those submitted by the Principals to him and forward them not later than March 10, with covering letter certifying two essays to be the best in his school system to Public Relations, Medical Society of North Carolina, 212 Capital Club Building, Raleigh, N. C. To enter the contest, a student



**GARDEN TIME**  
 ROBERT SCHMIDT  
 N. C. STATE COLLEGE

"Because of the response to my article of last December on the poinsettia, I am repeating the article with some additions. The poinsettia has long been a popular Christmas plant but probably few people have given much thought to the fact that it does come into bloom each year only at this season. The so-called blooms are really leafy bracts which color up a brilliant red. The true flowers are the small insignificant yellowish cups found in the center of the whole of red bracts. The poinsettia is one of a group of plants known as short day plants because it will bloom only in the season of the year with short day length periods, preferably ten hours or less. That is why it is always in bloom during the Christmas season and not during the summer. It could be prevented from blooming now by lengthening the day light period to fifteen hours by means of artificial lights, how to bring garden chrysanthemums into bloom any month of the year by using shading cloth to shorten the days and artificial lights to lengthen the days. The Chrysanthemum is also a short day plant.

How can one keep a poinsettia plant until next season? After its usefulness is over, place it in the basement or some dry place where it will not freeze. Do not water it, or at least very little, and let the soil dry up. Next May bring the plant out, cut the stem back about two thirds, wash the old soil off the roots and re-pot in new soil. From then on handle it like any other pot plant. Softwood cuttings

must write and submit to his or her principal an original essay of not more than 1500 words on the topic: "Why The Private Practice of Medicine Furnishes This Country With The Finest Medical Care." Small packaged libraries with bibliography for use in this contest have been furnished each high school and additional copies of the packets are available from the Medical Society Public Relations Office in Raleigh.

ember, January.) Therefore, after late October it should not be placed where it will be exposed to artificial light at night. Such exposure may prevent blooming or cause poor blooms.

**NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS**  
 Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of stockholders of the First National Bank will be held in the lobby of the First National Bank, Kings Mountain, North Carolina, on Tuesday, January 13, 1953, at 4 p. m. This the 10th day of December 1952.

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**ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE**  
 Having qualified as administrator for the estate of William L. Blackburn, deceased, all persons having claims against said estate will please file same with the undersigned on or before the 28th day of November, 1953, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. This the 24th day of November, 1952.

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