



**LAYTON RECEIVES BLOCKING TROPHY** — Ronnie Layton, right above, senior at Kings Mountain high school, is shown above receiving the first annual Fred Plonk Blocking trophy from Coach Shu Carlton at the annual Lions club football banquet December 8. Teammates are in background. In action at left, Layton (No. 44) blocks out the final Lincolnton player as Fullback Richard George scores. The big, three-sports star caught an important touchdown pass against Rutherfordton - Spingarie from his right end position and manned the left flank capably all season on defense. He is also president of the Student Participation Organization, pupil governing group at the school. A 1952 grid letterman, he was elected co-captain by the 1953 Mountaineer team in balloting before the 1953 season started. Layton suffered a serious eye injury in a baseball game with Cherryville high school last spring and for a time it appeared doubtful that he would be able to play football. But he was determined to play, started the season wearing a protector in pre-season drills. Layton plans to go after another letter in baseball next spring and is currently a member of the 1954 varsity cage team, on which he lettered last year. A definite prospect for a collegiate grid career, he tips the scales at 186 and stands six feet, one inch high. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James (Red) Layton. (Herald photos by Carlisle Studio.)

### Grover Cagers Match Points In Twin Win

Unusual twist to the Grover victories over Belwood on December 8 at Grover was the fact that Coach Gene Turner's two teams scored the same number of points—56.

Sue Keeter paced the girls team to a thrilling one-point victory in the opener. The score was 56 to 55.

Tommy Keeter hit 25 points and Donald Ellis 20 in leading the boys team to a three-point verdict. Score was 56 to 53.

The box scores:

GIRLS					
GROVER (56)					
Player, Pos.	G	FG	TP	PF	FTM
Sue Keeter, f	13	5	31	2	7
Betty Watterson, f	19	1	19	2	2
Cath. Hambright, f	2	0	4	0	3
Linda Ponda, f	1	0	2	0	0
Thao Huffstetter, g	1	0	2	2	0
Joyce Reynolds, g				4	
A. L. Huffstetter, g				3	
Margie Allen, g				0	
Peggy Watterson, g				0	
Joyce McGinnis, g				0	
Faye Houser, g				0	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>12</b>

BELWOOD (55)					
Player, Pos.	G	FG	TP	PF	FTM
Hilda Willis, f	6	3	15	0	1
Kate Wortman, f	0	0	0	0	0
Phyllis Warlick, f	5	1	11	0	1
Nancy Cook, f	8	2	18	2	3
Doris Hamby, f	5	1	11	1	3
Doris Earwood, g				2	
Edith Tallent, g				2	
Dot Davis, g				2	
Jerris Ledford, g				2	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>8</b>

Technical Fouls: T. Huffstetter, Hamby.  
SCORE BY PERIODS:  
GROVER 10 22 19 5-56  
BELWOOD 10 17 18 20-55

BOYS					
GROVER (56)					
Player, Pos.	G	FG	TP	PF	FTM
Tommy Keeter, c	12	1	25	1	0
Billy Wells, f	1	2	4	4	0
Donald Ellis, f	7	6	20	4	0
Eddie Tucker, g	1	2	12	3	1
Jimmy Owens, g	0	0	0	0	0
Joe Mullinax, g	0	3	3	4	1
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>2</b>

BELWOOD (53)					
Player, Pos.	G	FG	TP	PF	FTM
Troy Williams, f	5	10	20	1	8
Jerry Willis, f	4	1	9	3	0
Marion Miller, c	5	2	12	3	1
Jimmy Hicks, g	1	1	3	4	1
Mickey Beam, g	4	1	9	1	1
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11</b>

OFFICIALS: A. M. Triggano, referee; Bobby Lane, umpire; Pat Hollifield, scorer; Vardell Neal, timer.

In 1953, tobacco consumption per person 15 years or older (in the United States and its overseas armed forces) was practically the same as during 1952—about 10 per day per person, including non-smokers.



### GARDEN TIME

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More about pruning trees and shrubs:

As I said last week, about this time of the year many people get the urge to go out and cut their shrubs and trees. I have noticed many times in the city that when shrubbery has become too large and must be cut back severely it will be done at this season instead of the period just before growth starts in the spring. What I am trying to bring out is the fact that if you prune trees or shrubs back severely now you will have to look at the naked stumps all winter since there will be no growth until spring.

On the other hand, if the pruning was done in late winter or early spring, it would take only a short while for the new growth to cover up the ugly stumps. Of course, no shrubs should be allowed to get into so bad a condition that they should have to be cut back to large stumps. Intelligent pruning each year should prevent that.

Spring flowering shrubs should be pruned only lightly during the dormant season if you wish a lot of bloom. That would include spiraea, forsythia, climbing roses and other similar spring bloomers. Heavier pruning can be done immediately after they are through blooming. Summer flowering shrubs such as crape myrtle and hybrid tea roses may be pruned quite severely during the dormant period because they bloom on the new wood. It is best to delay the pruning of hybrid tea roses until late in the dormant season or until danger of hard freezing is past.

If you have any pear trees, the less pruning you do on them the better. Pruning will force out new growth, and this new growth is very susceptible to fire blight infection. The same cautions apply to the fertilization and cultivation of pears. Keep ferti-

### Dewitt Guyton Gets Promotion

Dewitt L. Guyton, son of Mrs. James R. Guyton of route 3, was promoted to the rank of Corporal last week in exercises at Philadelphia, Pa.

Cpl. Guyton is a member of the U. S. Marine Corp. He entered the service in April of 1951 at Charlotte and prior to his assignment at the Naval Air Station at Jacksonville, Fla., was stationed at Camp Lejeune.

He attended Central high school here and before entering the service Cpl. Guyton was employed by the Ben Rayfield Brick Company.

Colonel William A. Kengle, USMC, made official rank pre-

sentation at Naval Base ceremonies.

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