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"If the choice were left to me whether to have a free press or a free government, I would choose a free press."—Thomas Jefferson.

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Service Officer Needed

The G. I. Bill of Rights provides many benefits to World War Two service men and women and in order that all of our veterans may obtain maximum benefits this newspaper urges the county commissioners to employ a full time Veterans' Service officer, with an office in the courthouse.

Most of the counties in the state have already done this and we understand that the others are giving serious consideration to the proposal.

The last session of the state legislature passed a law setting up a North Carolina Veterans' Assistance administration. This law provided for a director and several district representatives, but did not authorize any funds for employment of a county service officer.

Since this Bill of Rights is so extensive and so complicated, it is almost impossible for it to be administered by voluntary committees and there are a number of agencies that handle different phases of the Bill. These include the U. S. Employment Compensation, the Selective Service Board, the Red Cross, the Veterans' administration and other agencies.

In this county we should have one person who attends a school, makes a thorough study of all of the benefits and then is in a position to give advice and assistance to all veterans.

It seems to us that this is a good project for the American Legion to promote. They could select a committee to appear before the commissions at their next meeting and urge such appointment. This should not be delayed because hundreds of our men and women have already returned and need this assistance now.

Lost - 350,000 Automobiles

So far, strikes affecting the automobile business have cost the public 350,000 automobiles which would otherwise have been delivered in 1945.

That estimate, made by the Automobile Manufacturers association, was released before any of the big general strikes threatened by the automobile unions had taken place. If major strikes do tie up the industry the last eight weeks of this year, the loss will of course be much greater.

In addition to causing delay in getting new automobiles to market, it is also es-

timated that the strikers, and those out of work because of strikes, already have lost half a billion dollars in income—more than they could make up in a full year if the 30 per cent raise they are seeking materialized.

Strikes are expensive for all of us—the public, the worker and the manufacturer. Yet we seem to be getting nowhere in arriving at a way to end strikes. In a case like this, where everybody loses, there should certainly be some solution.

We don't believe in turning to government for the solution of every problem.

Railroads Of The Future

Because they are one of the nation's heaviest employers and taxpayers, everybody is interested in the future of the railroads. John J. Pelley, President of the Association of American Railroads, endeavors to look ahead upon the basis of the past. He says:

"Three facts which are fundamental in assessing the future of the railroads were clearly brought out in the test of war. The war demonstrated how essential railroads are to this nation, the remarkable technological progress of railroads, and the importance of investment in railroads in providing better transportation at lower real cost.

"The first of these facts will remain valid in peacetime as in war. There is nothing in existence, or in sight, to take the place of trains of cars on tracks in transporting the vast volume of American commerce at rates which now, and for some years past, have averaged less than one cent for hauling a ton of freight a mile.

"The technological progress demonstrated by results during the war will continue in peacetime at an accelerated rate. Much of this progress will not be conspicuous. To the naked eye, for example, steel rail rolled today looks about the same as ever, but, as a result of research, it actually has a rate of breakage per year of service only about one-fifth as high as that of rail rolled only 15 years ago. And that is but one detail in the composition picture of progress which enabled the railroads, in this war, to do twice as much work per day with nearly one-third less equipment, and to do it immeasurably better than during the first World War.

"The third fact strikingly demonstrated by the war is that no amount of ingenuity and invention would have been enough to do the job without the investment of vast sums in better railroads. Between the two wars, considerably more than ten billion dollars of railroad money was spent for additions and betterments to plant and equipment. In that period, the average railroad investment went up from about \$10,000 to \$20,000 per man employed. Largely because of the better 'tools' provided by this doubled investment per worker, the men themselves received an average hourly wage double that of the first World War; the nation received better services at freight rates no higher now than they were before the recent war; and the federal government received an average of nearly \$4,000,000 a day in railroad taxes, in contrast to a deficit of nearly \$2,000,000 a day resulting from federal operation of railroads during the first World War."

Bright as the future of railroading looks, Mr. Pelley concludes with the warning that no other form of transportation provides, maintains and pays taxes on roadways to an extent comparable with the railroads.

This is a competitive handicap which must be reckoned with before maximum railroad development can be expected.

HONOR ROLL FOR SPARTA ANNOUNCED

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Edna Mae Hampton, Bobby Lee Hoppers, Lorene Shumake, Marjorie Truitt.
Seventh Grade — Lorene Billings, George Heinz, Anna Lee Anderson, Delano Choate, Vena Miles, Sally Philipps, Joan Phipps, Fern Hope Shepherd.
Eighth Grade—Maxine Todd, Sue Evans, Patsy Edwards, Ruth Dutton, Ida Maud Black, Dorothy Andrews, Ralph Gentry, Jr.
Ninth Grade—Gelene Andrews, Betty Jean Fender, Rose Marie Fender, Virginia Van Crouse, Daynard Atwood, Paul Edwards, Grace Crouse, Pauline Wyatt, Nellie Waddell, Tommy Burgess, Carol Richardson, Junior Rizotti.
Tenth Grade — George Bryan Collins, Dorothy Joines, Evelyn Joines, Zelma Choate, Imogene Carpenter, Ruth Crouse, Madge Wyatt, Gelene Wyatt, Mary Frances Smith, Virginia Poole, Lorene Holloway, May Key, Iva Dean Royal, Ellen Woodruff, Muriel Richardson, Alda Richardson.
Eleventh Grade—Jean Bledsoe, Uptie Andrews, Adele Blum, Naomi Douglas, Annie Sue Bennett, Wanda Blevins, Reba Edwards, Helen Walker, Martha Norman, Evelyn Mitchell, Ennice Maines, Juanita Spicer, Emalene Joines, Anna Blanche Pugh, Mary Ruth Miller, Jean Reeves, Tommy Sue Moxley.

JUNIOR RED CROSS DRIVE IS UNDERWAY

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bags have just been completed by the local chapter of Junior Red Cross and that Piney Creek home economics department was making afaghans.

Miss Edwards urged that all teachers, both white and colored, throughout the county, turn in reports on the drive to her as soon as possible.

NEARING QUOTA IN UNITED WAR FUND

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Contributions not previously announced include: David P. Lavietes, \$25.00; D. & P. Pipe Works, \$25.00; Chamber of Commerce, \$43.00; C. G. Collins, \$50.00; Ben G. Reeves, \$25.00; and Mrs. Isom Waggoner, \$5.00, in honor of Herman Chapel; Rich Hill school, \$17.00.

One of the principal ingredients in DDT is a chemical that is popularly known as "knock out drops." DDT knocks out a wider variety of insects than any other insecticide.

The 1946 spring pig goal is 52 million head, or about equal to the pig crop last spring.

There's no telling when that 1,600,000 tons of sugar in Java will be available for export. Internal conditions in Java are responsible.

If there were more sugar this year, there would be more honey for the table. Many beekeepers are leaving extra honey in the colony because they are afraid they cannot get sugar.

Potatoes are being diverted into the manufacture of butyl alcohol, an ingredient of paints and lacquers, and a source of synthetic rubber.

The Answer

UNIVERSAL TRAINING

President Truman's Message to Congress Oct. 28, 1945

"IF WE DESIRE TO AVOID INSULT WE MUST BE READY TO REPEL IT; IF WE DESIRE TO SECURE PEACE IT MUST BE KNOWN THAT WE ARE AT ALL TIMES READY FOR WAR."

President Washington's Message to Congress Dec. 2, 1795

YELLOW JACKETS TO MEET RURAL RETREAT

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there last Friday afternoon by a score of 26-7, when luck seemed to be against them in every period. The Yellow Jackets outplayed the Walkertown team throughout the game, but lost to the Forsyth lads.

In the second period, Reeves flipped a pass to Adams for 24 yards and a touchdown and the extra point was made on a line plunge by Irwin.

Irwin, Reeves and Davis stood out in the backfield, while Adams, Holloway and Taylor were offensive threats.

During the last half of the last quarter, Coach Reed ran in the whole second string, who showed the Walkertown lads some strong playing.

The line-ups:

Pos. Walkertown	Sparta
LE—Self	Adams
LT—Scott	Holloway
LG—McGee	Bennett
C—Bowman	Joines
RG—R. Waggoner	Gentry
RT—Sievers	Hincher
RE—Griffin	Shepherd
QB—Vaughn	Davis
LHB—Jones	Andrews
RHB—Myers	Osborne
FB—C. Waggoner	Reeves

Walkertown 6 7 6 7—26
Sparta 0 7 0 0—7

Sparta scoring touchdown—Adams. Point after touchdown—Irwin (scrimmage).

Subs: Sparta: Edwards, Irwin, Moxley, Taylor, G. Roe, R. Roe, Rizoti, Bryant, Douglas, Caudie.

MRS. DOUGHTON, 82, DIED SUDDENLY HERE

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Surviving are one daughter, Miss Mae Doughton, of Sparta, and one son, George Wooten, of Princeton, W. Va. A daughter, Mrs. Cynthia Perry, preceded her in death in 1919. A number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren also survive.

Honorary pallbearers were: John Higgins, Champ Duncan, Dr. C. A. Thompson, John Robert Edwards, Glenn Duncan, Amos Waggoner, R. F. Crouse, C. C. Castevens and C. G. Lucas.

Active pallbearers were: Luther Halsey, John Mac Edwards, C. R. Roe, Eugene Higgins, Claude Holloway and Wilmer Woodruff.

Flower bearers included: Mrs. Mexa Phipps, Mrs. Luther Halsey, Mrs. John Mac Edwards, Mrs. Bill Halsey, Miss Marjorie Halsey, Mrs. C. A. Thompson, Mrs. J. T. Inskeep, Miss Minnie Lou Edwards, Miss Dona Duncan, Miss Edna Edwards, Mrs. Bessie Reeves, Mrs. C. C. Castevens, Mrs. R. F. Crouse, Mrs. June Tompkins, Mrs. Claude Holloway, Mrs. Wayne Waddell, Mrs. Jay Hardin, Mrs. Champ Duncan, Mrs. A. V. Choate and Mrs. Ed Rizoti.

By proper cultivation, spacing, and fertilization and through the use of hybrid seed, A. B. Craven of Richmond county increased his corn yield from 17.24 to 68.48 bushels per acre in the same field.

Thanksgiving Specials

Ironing Boards
Strong, sturdy board with steel supports.
\$5.95

Small Tin Heaters
Just the thing for that small room. Heats quickly on cold mornings.
\$2.65

Window Curtains
Different styles for kitchen and living room. See our selection.
\$3.95 Set

Silverware
Knives and forks that you've been looking for. Service for four.
\$6.95 Set

Dishes
32-piece set of beautiful chinaware.
\$6.95

Glasses
Give her a set of glasses for Thanksgiving this year.
25c set to 40c set

Light Bulbs
Buy your light bulbs by the carton... up to 60-watt bulbs, only
59c Carton

EDWARDS Furniture Company

SPARTA, N. C.

Men In Service

Pfc. Omar S. Poole, son of Mrs. J. W. Poole, of Twin Oaks, was discharged from the military service at Ft. Bragg last week. Entering the army in December, 1942, at Ft. Thomas, Ky., he served 13 months in the European theater of operations, winning three battle stars, certificate of merit and good conduct ribbon. Before entering the army, Pfc. Poole was employed by a mining company in Goodwill, W. Va.

S-Sgt. Ray Reeves, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lon Reeves, has been discharged from military service. A gunner in a bombing crew, S-Sgt. Reeves completed 50 missions in the European theater of operations. He plans to return to his civilian job in Sparta at an early date.

Pfc. Arvid G. "Bomber" Murray, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Murray, received his discharge from the

Negro Minstrel To Be Given Fri.

A Negro minstrel will be presented at Piney Creek school on Friday night, November 16, at 7:30 o'clock, it was announced this week.

The play will be given by the high school students and promises to be outstanding entertainment.

The high light of the show will be a Negro wedding, staged by high school students.

The average yield of flue cured tobacco in the U. S. has increased from 639 pounds per acre for 1920 to 25 up to 1,137 pounds in 1945.

army last week, after spending three years and seven months in the service. He served first in the Pacific theater and second in the European theater of operations.

VISITS GLADE VALLEY

B. D. Phillips, of Raleigh, visited friends at Glade Valley high school, Tuesday.

Mr. Phillips, who is now manager of the Customers Accounting department of the Carolina Light and Power Company, Raleigh, is a graduate of Glade Valley high school with the class of 1917. He has been with the Carolina Light and Power company for several years.

QUAIL SEASON TO OPEN IN ALLEGHANY

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season will end January 1. The bag limit on quail has been set at 10 per day while that of grouse is only two. Hunters are reminded that the squirrel season remains open until December 15. The attention of hunters is also called to the fact that they are to secure licenses before hunting. They are also asked to guard against forest fires.

Announcement

We have moved into our new building on Whitehead street just below old shop.

WE WILL HOLD
Open House, Saturday, Nov. 17

When Every Person Visiting
Us Will Be Given A
Free Shoe Shine

Regular operation will be resumed on Monday. For Best in Shop Repair—See

Sparta Shoe Shop

Joseph Absher, Owner & Mgr.