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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.

## Removing The Cause

Illiteracy can never be stamped out until the cause is removed. Boys and girls must attend school if they are to eliminate this. While the majority of those of school age are in school, there are always a few that are kept home. It is this few that must be brought into the fold if we are to abolish illiteracy, entirely.

If you are a parent of a child of school age and are not sending him to school, you are not only violating the compulsory attendance law, but are committing a crime against the child and society by not seeing to it that he is in school. Few parents are so cruel as to willfully physically handicap a child for life. But there are others that would mentally handicap him, through their failure to see that he attends school. Let's get all children of school age in school.

## Visual Education

The belief in visual education is growing stronger and stronger through experience. Children remember what they see. Educational movies are being used more and more in the schools of the country.

We can think of nothing more educational in the life of a child than to take him on some well planned trip and to point out the highlights to him.

This year the North Carolina State fair is again to be held after being discontinued during the war years. And we are informed that the educational exhibits will be much larger than ever before. Friday, October 18, will be designated as Young North Carolinians' Day and on this day all school children of North Carolina will be admitted free. School children availing themselves of the opportunity to visit the fair will find much to see and learn. It should be an educational event, well worth seeing.

## Obituary

### LONNIE R. RICHARDSON

On the night of September 9 death came into the home of one of the best citizens of our community and took away Lonnie Reaves Richardson. For several years he had been afflicted with asthma, and while suffering an attack of this disease he passed suddenly away.

Lonnie Richardson was born March 24, 1904 and death coming to him on September 9, 1946 his age therefore was 42 years, 5 months and 15 days. On November 4, 1925 he was married to Miss Myrtle Hendrix and to this union was born one child, Effie Madeline, who is now Mrs. Billy Handy.

Surviving relatives include his wife, Mrs. Myrtle Richardson, his daughter, Mrs. Billy Handy, his mother, Mrs. Effie Dickens, two sisters, Mrs. Johnny Todd, of Ennice, N. C., and Mrs. Edwin Cochran, Bel Air, Maryland, two brothers, Page Richardson, of Bel Air, Maryland, and Don Richardson, of Glade Valley. His father, Jessie Richardson and one brother, Guy Richardson, preceded him in death several years ago.

About 25 years ago Lonnie Richardson made a profession of faith in Christ and although he was never united with any church he often attended religious worship and enjoyed hearing the gospel preached. By his dealings with his fellowmen and by his activities in various ways in life

we are inclined to believe that he lived as close to God as many other men whose names are written on church books. He believed in treating everybody right and according to God's word, this is one of the requirements of a Christian.

Lonnie Richardson was a good husband and father, a splendid neighbor, and a friend to everybody. He will be greatly missed in his home and in his community but by his life as he lived it and by the remarks that he often made in regard to being ready to die we firmly believe that he is now at rest in that celestial home prepared for all those who love and serve their Master.

There are stars that go out in the darkness but whose silvery light shineth on,  
There are roses whose perfume still lingers when the blossoms are faded and gone,  
There are hearts full of light and of sweetness when no longer the stream of life flows,  
Still their goodness lives on with the living, like the souls of the star and the rose.  
—Written by Isom Wagoner.

Why produce a good crop of corn and then let the weevils eat it? The loss from this cause is about two and one half million bushels a year.

Pedestrian deaths begin to rise in October as hours of darkness increase, says the National Safety Council.

## Prewar Service In Stores

The National Retail Dry Goods Association recently observed that retail trade has a job to do in the field of reconversion. That job consists of bringing back, as rapidly as possible, prewar standards of service—standards which could not be maintained with the labor and material shortages caused by war.

First of all, the Association suggests, stores should get rid of arrogant, bad-mannered personnel who had to be kept on the payroll in wartime because replacements were not available. In other words, stress common courtesy.

Next, departments should be adequately staffed in order to eliminate that old war custom of standing in line. This will take time in localities where labor is still short but the customer will expect it.

Stores should also, in the opinion of the Association, eye merchandise carefully with a view to eliminating the shoddy. During the war years, merchants were helpless and were forced to sell whatever they could buy. Conditions are gradually improving, and efficient buyers can obtain more reliable goods.

It's a safe bet that most retailers, chain and independent, have been working on such problems as these for some time. The typical American merchant has always been a stickler for good service. He takes pride in operating the kind of a store people like to shop in, whether it specializes in low cost merchandise or eye-catching luxuries. The customer can feel certain that those fine prewar service standards are on the way back—and that in the years to come they'll be better than ever.

## An Individual Loss

Commenting on our disgraceful fire loss, The Topeka Capital observes: "Prevention must originate with individuals. Fire departments and other agencies cannot enforce safety regulations when the public is too indolent or careless to assume the chief responsibility."

The vast majority of fires originate in homes and small places of business. They are the result of the common and most easily eliminated hazards—defective heating equipment, improper storage of inflammables such as paint and gasoline, accumulations of trash in closets and cellars, frayed light cords, etc. Almost all of them could be prevented if the individual property owner had affected simple repairs which require little time or money.

The importance of fire prevention to the homeowner, as a purely practical matter, was never greater than now. A recent survey shows that small houses now sell for an average of 65 per cent more than in 1940 and medium-sized houses for 57 per cent more. In other words, it will cost you more than half again as much to rebuild as it did before the war if fire destroys your home. And shortages of materials make rebuilding next to impossible, regardless of cost.

Fire loss is at record levels now. The active, aggressive cooperation of all is necessary to check it.

## Auxiliary Meet To Be Held Tues.

Mrs. C. A. Thompson, Local President, Will Extend Greetings

The district meeting of the Presbyterian Auxiliary will be held at the Sparta church on Tuesday, September 27, when Mrs. H. B. Elliott, Presbyterial president, will be present, it was announced this week. Sparta is in the North Wilkesboro district.

A number of interesting features have been planned for the all-day meet, Mrs. C. A. Thompson, president of the Glade Valley-Sparta Auxiliary, announced yesterday. A foreign missionary is expected to be present. Mrs. Thompson will extend greetings.

Mrs. Elliott was present at the September meeting of the local auxiliary when it met with Mrs. R. F. Crouse this week. Mrs. Crouse served a delicious sweet course and coffee to the twelve members present.

## FINAL RITES HELD FOR MRS. SPICER

(Continued from Page 1) brother, Thomas Fender, of Erwin, Tenn., eleven grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Pallbearers were James E. Doughton, Reece Martin, Herman Spicer, Henry Brinkley, Dewey Wellborn and Deloss Holbrook.

Flower girls were Mrs. Lonnie Edwards, Elma Waddell, Mrs. James E. Doughton, Mrs. Henry Brinkley, Mrs. Herman Spicer, Mrs. Dewey Wellborn, Mrs. Deloss Holbrook and Mrs. Reece Martin.

## FOOTBALL SEASON OPENS AT ASTC

(Continued from Page 1) 5, High Point college (homecoming) October 12; Erskine college, October 26. All home games will begin at 2:30 with the exception of the homecoming which will begin at 2 o'clock.

A number of football fans from here are expected to attend the game Saturday.

## X-RAY CLINIC TO BE HELD SEPT. 25

(Continued from Page 1) checked, have been asked to contact the Health Department here by Tuesday, September 24. It was pointed out that to those who are not financially able to pay, there will be no charge for this service, but to those who were able, there will be a fee of \$1.00.

It was also explained that the Sparta Lions Club, at their meeting here on Tuesday night, volunteered twelve cars to carry all persons desiring to attend the clinic at West Jefferson.

## SPARTA TEAM HOLDS LEAD IN LEAGUE

(Continued from Page 1) on the mound for the winners and Dale Ham behind the plate. Doyle Tucker was leading hitter for the winners by collecting five hits for six trips to the plate.

Scottville defeated Roans Creek on the local diamond 5-1 and 6-1 in a double-header victory, Sunday. In the first game, with Campbell on the mound for the winners, Hoyt Jones was leading hitter with two singles and one double his four times at bat. A. Miller pitched for Roans Creek.

In the second game Campbell pitched for the winners and W. Shepherd was leading hitter with two doubles and a single in his four times at bat. A. Miller again was on the mound for the losers.

West Jefferson suffered defeat in losing Sunday to Laurel Springs, 18-6.

The schedule for the week end is as follows:  
September 21 — Lansing at

Scottville; West Jefferson at Nathan's Creek; Pond Mountain at Sparta; Laurel Springs at Roans Creek.

September 22 — Scottville at Pond Mountain; Sparta at West Jefferson; Nathan's Creek at Laurel Springs (double-header);

Roans Creek at Lansing. All teams had not reported at time of publication therefore the standings were incomplete.

First Game of the Season ...

see the Fightin' Eleven of

The Sparta High Yellow Jackets

against

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Sparta, N. C.