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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.

Vote Next Tuesday!

One of the greatest honors in the world today is that of being an American citizen, a citizen of the United States.

During the past two centuries, people from almost every country on the globe have purposely and wisely sought to come to America to live. And today this desire throughout the world is even greater than it was in the past.

Just as our forefathers, people from other nations on all continents are eager to come here because they know this is a land of opportunity, a land of freedom and liberty for the individual and a land of abundance in comparison to their own countries.

What has made this nation great? Why do we have the highest standard of living ever known? Why was it possible for us to outproduce all of our enemies and become the arsenal of Democracy that made the allied victory possible?

Actually these United States cover only a comparatively small percentage of the land area of the world and have a still smaller percentage of the world's total

population. Yet in wealth we have by far outstripped all other nations.

Why is this? We believe the main reason is because of the system of government that we established and have maintained. Ours is a government that places the emphasis upon the individual, giving the individual freedom and equal opportunity. It is a government of the people, by the people and for the people. It is a government in which the majority rules, but at the same time the minority is equally protected. It is a government that guarantees to every one the right to think and say what he pleases, to worship as he pleases, to associate with whomsoever he pleases and to vote as he pleases.

We have just finished fighting a second world war to protect these rights for ourselves and for the world. Had we not won, the hanging would have been done in America instead of in Germany and we would have lost all of our individual rights and privileges.

To retain this system of government in this great land of the free and home of the brave, every citizen must take a keen interest in public affairs and in government, especially in the selection of our public officials.

It is, therefore, the sacred duty of every citizen to go to the polls on election day and vote for the party and candidates of his or her choice. Every citizen should do this without being urged to do so by others and should vote according to his or her convictions without influence.

Selling one's vote is like selling a birthright. It should not be done and neglect of voting is carelessness that should almost deprive a citizen of the rights and privileges that he or she enjoys.

Next Tuesday is the first peacetime election since 1941 and every citizen, men and women, who are twenty-one years of age and older should show their appreciation for the honor of having been born an American citizen, and should show their interest in government by going to the polls and voting.

Don't wait for someone to come and get you. Go and vote next Tuesday!

It is of uttermost importance to elect the best men to congress, to the state legislature and to our county offices.

Don't leave the voting to others. It is your duty as well as theirs. Vote next Tuesday!



Romance was in full swing here this week-end — Bob Gambill, whose curiosity got the better of him, followed couple after couple into the courthouse Saturday and almost worked himself into the title of official witness. Six couples promised to "love, honor and cherish" on Saturday and two on Monday. All were married by Justice of the Peace B. F. Wagoner, except one couple.

Two Sparta couples were among the eight couples who went into the courthouse as individuals and came out as "one." Minnie Brown and Gwyn Whitaker, both of Sparta, was the couple who took vows on Saturday and Jean Faircloth and Dean Taylor on Monday. The tone became very lyrical, so I am told, on the latter wedding when the J. P. said "Do you Dean take Jean and do you Jean take Dean?"

But that wasn't all the excitement that happened during the week-end. The Sparta high school football team was almost upset by the Cove Creek team; the Sparta baseball team played the third game of the series with Scottville and the score is a matter of question; there was an automobile wreck in town—nobody was seriously hurt but the car, 'tis said, jumped thirty-five feet in the air before it decided to land. And that wasn't all the excitement, I feel sure, but to date that's the score.

And speaking of the score, for

the first time in my life I attended a baseball game, watched the entire game closely and when the game was over I still didn't know the score. And I can count, too. The game Sunday was one that should never have been played. That's my personal opinion. After the fourth or fifth inning, it was nothing but an argument from then on, and at times came near to being a brawl. When any game reaches that stage, it has ceased to be a sport and there is no justification in classifying it as a sport.

No matter who was right and who was wrong, it's the kind of thing that our boys, as a team, and we as a town do not need nor want to be mixed up in. It can mean nothing but hard and bitter feelings on both sides. Athletic contests and sports were never intended to be so tense as to cause people and towns to develop grudges that will last for years and years. And I feel sure that the players themselves will agree with that statement, I make no effort to say who was to blame for the unfortunate affair, but I think the sooner it is forgotten, the better it will be for all of us.

Among the exciting events which occurred during the past week and week-end there is one important one that I almost forgot to mention. And I'm sure he would never forgive me if he didn't get the proper amount of publicity on it. Mayor Amos Wagoner learned new things about the traffic regulations one day last week and he learned that the city policeman is on the job. The mayor parked his car, left it, went back to get it and found that he was a victim of the law. He had been presented with a parking ticket.

Boy Scouts of Sparta will have their first court of honor here Friday night after two years of Scouting. That's nothing short of amazing. Scouts have courts of honor very regularly and advance rapidly so there must be a reason why that isn't true here. Of course you know what the reason it—nobody has been interested

enough to take that active a part in the Scout work. Now we have two very interested and active Scout officials—Bob Randolph, Scout commissioner, and Granville Liles, Scoutmaster.

In my opinion, Scouting is one of the most worthwhile of the youth movements. If you don't know much about it and if you haven't been particularly interested, then you should inform yourself. I'll be saying lots about the Scouts in this paper because I believe in Scouting whole-heartedly.

Interested as they are, Mr. Randolph and Mr. Liles cannot assume all the leadership and responsibility for the Scout movement here. You'll have to help some too. You'll have to help with your money and with your time. But it's a good investment

it's an investment in your boys of today who are going to be your town leaders tomorrow. What kind of leaders they will be depends largely on what kind of training they get at home, in school, and in worthwhile, wholesome recreation. So do all you can to back the Scout movement here, with your time, your influence and with your presence at their various activities.

When asked how he thought the election would go in a certain rural precinct in the county, the man said:

"Lady, it's going to be awful mixed up. Some people are going to vote for one of them fellows and some of them for the other one. Just don't know what politics is coming to."

In a lighter vein I pass on to (Continued on Page 8)

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P. T. A. DISCUSSES NEW SCHOOL SITE

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Crouse and Mrs. R. E. Black. The announcement was made that \$1.00 will be given to the grade with the most parents present at the meetings. New members were Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Walker, Mrs. R. E. Black and Mrs. Roy Ellison. Twenty-one members attended the meeting.

VOTING PLACES ARE LISTED HERE

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to exercise their privilege and vote on election day. Chairman Nichols issued a statement, explaining to the voters why the candidates for the board of education are not listed on the ballot. The members are chosen in the primary, one Republican and one Democrat, but they are not voted on in the general election. One will be appointed by the legislature when it convenes.

SCHOOL ANNOUNCES NEW HONOR ROLL

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Ann Blevins, Frances Crouse. Fifth grade: Lettie Sue Waddell, Carol Edwards, Dwane Caudle, Carol Dean Blevins, Holton Shepherd, Doris Jean Edwards, Rosemond Maines, Ruth McCann, Iva Lee Rector, Wilma Richardson, Shirley Ann Thompson, Gaynell Truitt, Nancy Waddell, Jimmy Liles. Sixth grade: Shirley Bumgardner, Sylvia Liles, Nelson Gascho, Carol Hoppers. Seventh grade: Beulah Edwards, Edith Mae Hampton, Bobbie Lee Hoppers, Carol Pruitt. Eighth grade: Anna Lee Andrews, Dorise Billings, Delano Choate, Zelma Crouse, Ralph Edwards, Wanda Edwards, Myrtle Evans, Grace Harris, Mary Lee Irwin, Alva Joines, Betty Jean Gentry, Thelma Lyons, Vera Miles, Emma Lee Mitchell, Johnny Norman, Peggy Porter, Edward Rector, Georgia Sexton, Eccell Wooten, Ruby Jean Wyatt. Ninth grade: Ida Maude Black, Dorothy Brooks, Ruth Dutton, Patsy Edwards, Maxine Todd.

Doris McKnight. Tenth grade: Gelene Andrews, Mildred Cooper, Grace Crouse, Virginia Van Crouse, Betty Jean Fender, Rose Marie Fender, Doris Upchurch, William Paul Edwards. Eleventh grade: Naomi Andrews, Zelma Choate, Alda Richardson, Juanita Higgins.

YELLOW JACKETS PLAY ON FRIDAY

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mon, left tackle; Greene, left end; Wilson, right half; Bingham, left half; Greer, fullback and Mast quarterback.

SCOTTVILLE WINS; GAME IS PROTESTED

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Players	AB	H	R
Atwood, Boyden	5	3	1
Holloway	4	1	0
Thompson	4	1	0
Richardson	4	2	2
Nichols	4	2	0
Joines, Leff	1	0	0
Edwards	4	1	0

Caudill	4	2	2
Joines, E. Lee	3	0	1
Atwood, H.	1	1	0
Joines, C.	2	1	2
Atwood, F.	2	0	0

SCOTTVILLE

Atwood	4	1	3
Jones	4	2	2
Phipps	4	1	1
Shepherd, W.	2	0	0
McMillan	4	1	0
Shepherd, G.	4	0	0
Perkins	4	0	0
Edwards	4	0	0
Cox	4	1	2

Alleghany Still Destroyed Tues.

A 200-gallon copper still was cut up by members of the Alcoholic Tax Unit Tuesday, local officers stated. The still, located in Alleghany county in the Laurel Springs section, was discovered by officers last week. The names of the operators and owners have not as yet been divulged, officers stated late yesterday.

Public Auction Sale

Saturday, Nov. 9, 1946, at 2 P. M.,
At My Residence at Twin Oaks

- 1 Extra Good Piano
 - 2 Beds—good as new
 - 1 Set Springs and Mattress
 - 1 Feather Bed
 - Some Extra Good Bed Quilts
 - Some Wool Blankets
 - 1 Nice Victor Cabinet Victrola
 - 1 Oak Dresser, extra good
 - 1 Flat Top Desk
- Also I have received the following brand new items which I will offer in this sale.
- 2 New Electric Refrigerators
 - 2 New Electric Water Heaters
 - 4 New Table Model Electric Radios
 - 1 New Electric Iron

OTHER THINGS TOO NUMEROUS TO MENTION
TERMS OF SALE: CASH
AUCTIONEER—JOHNNIE WAGONER

G. L. Fender

TWIN OAKS, N. C.

VOTE FOR Walter Johnson

Republican Candidate For State Representative



Capable
Conscientious
Consistent
Courageous

Your
Vote
Will
Be

Appreciated

You Can Depend On Him To Serve

Your County and State Honestly and Honorably

When is right wrong? When you are walking on a sidewalk, says the National Safety Council.