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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.

## This Newspaper Is Dedicated To Service

This newspaper, dedicated to serving the needs of this community at all times, reaffirms this policy in observance of National Newspaper Week, October 1-8. The slogan for this year's National Newspaper Week is "Your Newspaper Serves Freedom by Serving You," and the theme to run through the entire program is "The Newspaper As A Public Servant."

When we ask how a newspaper serves freedom, it must painfully be remembered that not so long ago a bloodthirsty leader drove his hordes across Europe and succeeded in plunging the world into history's most devastating war. He was able to do this because he knew that by controlling the press and communication facilities, he could control thought and when thought is controlled, the democratic way of life is abolished.

Never before have newspapers had such an important task of serving freedom. With all the social and economic upheavals and the rise of so many isms resulting from war, newspapers have a gigantic task to so imprint the ideals of the true American way of life upon everyone that the public will know that such ideals were not only worth fighting for in times of war, but standing back of in times of peace. It is not too much to presume that World Wars I and II might never have been if all of the people of this world had been privileged to be served by the newspapers serving freedom. World War III might also be prevented by this means.

Americans are particularly blessed with the freedom of the press, speech, religion and assembly. Even before our constitution was written and its first amendment guaranteeing these four freedoms, freedom of the press was recognized when such lawyers as Alexander Hamilton won the case of John Peter Zenger, who was bold enough to comment on the governor, in 1734. John Franklin, brother of Benjamin Franklin, was another of those pioneers willing to go to court to establish the right of the freedom of the press. It was not, however, until 1841 that reporters were freely admitted to congressional debates. Now there is little congress does, or does not do, that you cannot read about daily. The case of Sedley Lee vs. the Brooklyn Eagle in 1913 established the right of a newspaper to publish a full report of court proceedings.

The United States is an example of the fact that the right to criticize authority can only be permitted by a well established and popular government. Under any type of a dictatorship, the press is never free to print adverse comment. We have only to look around to see that whenever the press is controlled by government other fundamental freedoms also go. And for this reason, citizens must realize that freedom of the press is a protection for themselves rather than newspapers.

Nowhere else in the world except in America does the press have such a responsibility and opportunity for service. And service, like charity, begins at home, with the needs of home people.

This paper, has in the past, and will continue in the future, to devote itself to the progress of this community, State and nation. During the war years we were unceasing in our efforts toward victory and are today deeply concerned with the maintenance of peace, for which so many gave

their lives. Since the war we have been particularly concerned in aiding in the re-establishment of veterans in civilian life. We are concerned with the improvement of educational facilities, health conditions, continued improved farm practices, practices and opportunities including additional markets for farm products. There are many other goals toward which we are bending our efforts for the continual improvement of this community. This is your newspaper, your public servant.

## Teach The Children

Any long-range fire prevention program that is to produce maximum results must include fire instruction in the schools of America — both urban and rural.

Traffic safety has long been taught in thousands of schools. Fire safety deserves equal attention. As one authority said, "It is apparent that if safety education in the field of fire prevention had been adequately presented in the elementary schools during the past fifteen or twenty years, the loss of children's lives from this cause would be greatly reduced today."

The methods used to teach fire prevention may be of various kinds. Periods of time may be allotted to it, or it can, in many cases, be combined with subjects which are an established part of the curriculum. Regardless of method, the main thing is that the instruction be vivid and forceful — and really drive home the fundamentals of fire prevention in young minds.

Fire prevention study should begin in elementary schools, and consist of lessons which are easily understood by very young children. In higher grades, more advanced material may be used, including instruction in fire laws and ordinances. Finally, in university instruction, mature students may be given technical information dealing with the more complex aspects of the fire problem.

The responsibility of putting such a program into effect belongs to school authorities everywhere. It should be started now, on a national scale, as a positive and continuous effort to meet an emergency condition.

## Reaching Customers

The old saying that you must go away from home to learn the news has been traced down by a Los Angeles advertising manager who has told the world something that it should have known 50 years ago. Advertising agents, he says, tell their clients that there are so many dailies and so many weeklies and that when advertising is placed "it is on a snap-judgment consensus" that represents a distinct handicap to the weekly newspaper seeking to sell national advertising space.

The U. S. Bureau of Census reveals that 30 per cent of the Nation's sales originated in towns of 9,000 or less, where weeklies collaborate and furnish all the news in their territory.

## Business Opportunity

There is always a good deal of talk concerning the relative virtues of "big business" and "small business." One important and frequently overlooked aspect is that small business is often the training ground for big business executives—and that, conversely, training received in big business often enables a man to start a small business and make a go of it.

This is particularly well illustrated in retail merchandising. The "big businessmen" in retailing were almost all "little businessmen" in the past. The major chain systems all developed from small stores. And the largest department stores, for the most part, were once little outlets run by one or two people.

Again, many men and women have gone to work for large retail stores in minor capacities, have gained the desired experience, and then have opened their own stores and prospered. Of late, a legion of veterans have been learning in this fashion, and it is to the credit of the retail industry that established chains and independents willingly provided a training ground for men who will be their competitors in the future.

America has been a country where small business, under efficient and intelligent management, becomes big business — and where the big business that is too lethargic to move with the times gradually becomes small business and eventually goes out of business altogether. That kind of opportunity, and the economic system which makes it possible, must be perpetuated.

## In Memoriam

Mrs. Lora Jean Higgins Poole

On August 13, 1947, Lora Jean was called to her eternal home. For the almost nine weeks of her illness she had, with the exception of one week, been in a hospital. During this time every effort was put forth by the doctors, nurses, family and friends for her recovery. On one occasion, just before an operation she told her father, "Don't worry about me, I may not get well, but I'll be back in here all right." And another time she said, "Daddy, if I don't get well don't worry about me, I'm all right, the Lord will take care of me." She seemed to realize she would not get well, and told her mother she wanted her to have her watch and suggested the ministers she wished to speak at her funeral service. Lora Jean was a good student in school and graduated from Sparta high school in the spring of 1945. If anyone ever spoke unkindly of her, or she of anyone, I've never heard of it.

Her father has many times said, "We've never had one minute's worry over Lora Jean." She was a kind, attractive, obedient and loving daughter. She lived graciously and unselfishly. All her acquaintances were her friends and she was a friend to them. She enjoyed her school days, her school and class mates and she liked to go to church and Sunday school. She was born June 21, 1927, the daughter of Hurst and Ila Higgins and was married to Eugene Poole, January 20, 1947. Besides her parents, and husband, she is survived by a brother, Hurst Higgins, Jr., her maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Emmitt Murphy and untold numbers of relatives and friends. Friday afternoon, August 15, at Mount Vale Church, impressive funeral services were conducted by Elders Claude Bartley, Coy Anders, and Don Smith. The church could not accommodate the overflow congregation that had gathered to pay their last tributes of respect. The many beautiful flowers also spoke silent words of love and admiration of her friends and loved one. For these twenty short years she was grateful. Her ideals, her sweet personality, her kindness, strength of character, her loyalty to home and friends—will be a cherished memory.

"Sweet is the rest forever freed from earth's dire, cruel pain. Sweet is the blest assurance, our loss your priceless gain." Written by request of her family.

G. T. Toliver.

## More Phosphate, Lime Available

More lime and phosphate are now available for the farmers of Alleghany county, it was announced this week through the county AAA office.

However, a number of farmers have already reported this week for their additional allotments. Only those who have not reported this week are asked to come to the AAA office to get the additional allotment.

## R. E. RICHARDSON RESUMES DUTIES HERE

R. E. Richardson, supervisor of roads in Alleghany county, has resumed his duties after being away for several weeks on account of illness. He underwent a serious throat operation at Lakey Clinic in Boston, Mass.

## GRAND JURY HEARS SEVENTEEN CASES

(Continued from page 1) rock work is said to be on the verge of falling.

Sparta high school was inspected and reported to be antiquated and inadequate. At present, until other improvements can be made, suggestions for repairing the high school gymnasium were made.

Since the county has no home for the aged, they are being cared for in private home and the jurors reported that all inmates were being well cared for at this time.

J. K. Doughton served as foreman of the grand jury and serving with him were G. C. Reeves, Clyde Johnson, Claude Miles, Mrs. J. R. Hawthorne, Click Stoker, Chester Killon, Fred J. Halsey, Bruce Wagoner, John Reeves, Reid Poole, J. R. Wagoner, Elmer Edwards, Floyd Billings, Alph Joiner, George Sturgill, Glenn Miller and George Pugh.

Farmers received an average of 28.1 cents per pound live weight for chickens in mid-July compared with 29.4 cents a year ago and the 10-year average of 19.2 cents.

## Stock Car Race At Elkin Sunday

Elkin—Fresh from an impressive victory at the Greensboro Fairgrounds last week-end, Fonty Flock, now leading the national point standing over his brother, Bob, by 60 small points, will head a crack field of some 35 of the nation's foremost drivers in 110 laps of stock car racing at the Elkin Speedway, Sunday afternoon.

Scheduled for Elkin's final race of the 1947 season are three 10-lap heats, a 20-lap consolation and 60-lap feature, longest such program ever to be held here. Time trials will begin at 1 p. m. and the first race will get under way at 3 p. m.

It will be the next-to-the-last stock car race of the year in North Carolina.

## COUNTY HEALTH DEPT. TO HOLD CLINICS

(Continued from page 1) close contact with tuberculosis patients is asked to take the test.

Students from both Sparta and Piney Creek high school have already been given X-rays and the results are being determined by the nurse, it was pointed out.

## LAST OF SERIES TO BE PLAYED SAT.

(Continued from page 1) Sparta 2.

Sparta won a 14-5 victory over Elk Creek here last Sunday. Atwood was pitching, Holloway catching, for Sparta, Murray, Holbrook and Rhudy were of the mound for Elk Creek and L. Murray caught.

In the other two games of the play off, Sparta won a 5-3 victory and Elk Creek won a 10-4 victory.

## NEWSPAPERS ARE LAUDED BY TRUMAN

(Continued from page 1) it always, and we need now to do all that we can to extend the blessings of freedom throughout the world.

The newspapers have played a splendid part in this great cause and I know that they can be counted upon in the future."

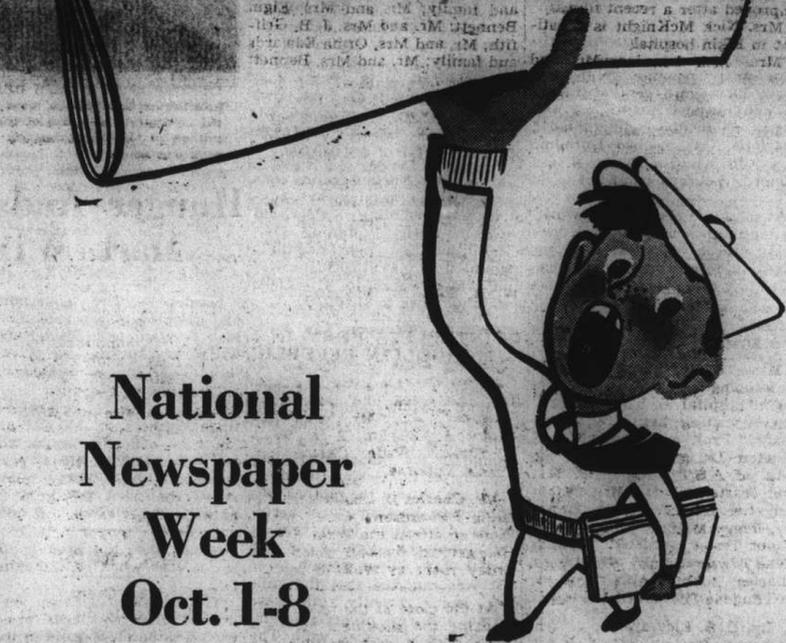
## RECORD NUMBER OF CASES ARE TRIED

(Continued from page 1) pended sentence upon payment of fine of \$125 and costs and good behavior; Samuel Trimble, \$125 and costs, 12 month's suspended sentence; speeding: Ray K. Felty, Jr., 90 days suspended sentence, \$50 and costs; Letcher Elmore Hash, \$25 and costs; James Miller, \$25 and costs; Ted Porter, \$25 and costs; Billy Hardin, \$25 and costs; no operator's license, Samuel Trimble, \$50 and costs costs, good behavior.

James H. Caudle, charged with abandonment and non-support, was ordered by the court to pay \$20 a week to the clerk of the court for Mrs. Stella Caudle and three minor children or serve a

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## 24 month's sentence of labor on the roads. Capias was issued for Clarence Cault, charged with non-support.

Prayer for judgment was continued in the case of State vs. R. D. Gentry, charged with assault, upon cost of action. The cases of Woodrow Cox, Junior Pope, Jack Cox and Clay Roberts, all charged with assault, were returned to justice's court for trial.

Cases continued until the spring term of court were Vernon and Lawrence Sprinkle, assault charge; Bledsoe Watson, operating car intoxicated; Reid White, bigamy, Fred Baugus, and Arlen Cole, both charged with assault and robbery; Holten Taylor, breaking an entering and carrying a concealed weapon; Clyde Murphy, assault; Coy Bobbitt, incest; Johnnie Spicer, receiving stolen property; Ivan B. Welborn and Giles K. Adams, both charged with drunken driving; Edwin Duncan, Jr., speeding.

Capias were issued for Bennie McMillan, assault charge; David Jarrell, secret assault; Will Spicer, cruelty to animals; Gilbert and Walter Johnson, surety, were fined cost of sci fa. Kemp Evans was found not guilty of a charge of cruelty to animals.

On the civil docket in the case of the will of William R. Anderson, deceased, the will was proved void. In the case of Zona Anders vs. B. M. Rutherford, et al, settlement was made.

The sugar confiscated by officers found on the property of Mrs. Ada Moxley was turned over to the school lunchrooms of Alleghany county. Two divorce cases were heard but were not completed. The case of R. T. Fender, charged with impersonating an officer, was not pressed.

Judge Frank M. Armstrong presided and Walter E. Johnston, Jr., served as solicitor.

## PLANS OF INSPECTION OF CARS ANNOUNCED

(Continued from Page 1) to the wheel alignment tester. Where the front wheels or the vehicle are driven across the tester and the reading recorded on the inspection card. Then the front end is jacked up to check the wheel bearing and steering mechanisms. After that the car is dropped from the jack and the rear wheel alignment is recorded.

The car is then driven 43 feet to the neaught tester, where the lights are checked for beam, candlepower, aim and lens. The reading on the tester is again recorded on the inspection card and the driver drives approximately 32 feet to the brake tester. There the hand brake, foot brake and pedal reserve are given a thorough test. Then after a 44-foot drive, the vehicle is ready for the final "grading." The inspector checks the reading on the inspection card and grades the vehicle accordingly. If it meets the minimum standard requirements set by the department, then a bright approval seal is stuck on the windshield.

If the vehicle passes through the inspection lane and is found to be in such defective condition that it is unsafe to operate, the owner will be given a red, diamond-shaped sticker, bearing in white letters these words: "This vehicle must be delivered to a N. C. mechanical inspection station on or before (date)." Printed on the back will be: "This motor vehicle after being inspected at a N. C. mechanical inspection was refused an approved safety inspection sticker. This motor vehicle must not be operated or parked on any street or highway after date shown, unless it carries an approved inspection sticker."

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