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Winners aren't born, and they don't grow on trees. Winners are made. Two winners from Red Boiling Springs High deserve praise. I salute Lacy Colter, a senior who just recently scored her two thousandth points while playing for R.B.S. High. Her keen eye and steady hand resulted in nine three pointers last week and five in the following game. Lacy is a great young lady and deserves to be complimented. So does Larry White, her coach. He won his five hundredth game recently while coaching at RBS. What most parents appreciate about Larry, and I share this same feeling, is the great way he takes care of their girls, whether at home, on the road, or away at camp, he can be trusted to watch out for his players.

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But winners, whether in RBS, Westmoreland, or Portland, must meet three requirements: VISION, CONFIDENCE, and HARD WORK. When one realizes the virtues of vision, the need for confidence and hard work, then he or she is on the way to the winners circle.

Soon after the completion of Disney World someone said. "Isn't it too bad that Walt Disney didn't live to see this?" Mike Vance, creative director of Disney Studios, replied, "He did see it, that's why it's here." Helen Keller was asked, "What is the greatest calamity?" She answered, "to have eyes and not see." Vision is a must, and it is to be followed by confidence and hardwork, and when the three are adopted, then winners will, occur.

Dwight D. Eisenhower once said, "There are no victories at bargain prices." He was so right, ball teams, communities, schools, churches and even character comes at a price: Vision, Confidence, and Hard Work.