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Clean-Up Week was not very generally observed in Ahoskie. Little signs of cleaning are in evidence.

The Herald regrets very much that it is unable to carry the pictures of more of Hertford County soldiers. However, the lack of pictures was due to the fact that they reached this office too late to have cuts made.

A glance at the Superior Court Calendar in the last section of this paper reveals some more interesting dope. Ahoskie will again come in for a goodly portion of the court's time. The school trustee case is on docket; also the land case of C. C. Hoggard vs. J. H. Mitchell, involving title to "Hell's Half Acre."

We are mailing out this week several hundred extra copies of the Herald. If you receive one and are not a subscriber consider this copy an invitation to you to join the ranks of subscribers to the most wide-awake, liveliest weekly newspaper published in eastern North Carolina.

The Herald expresses its deep appreciation to those who have been so generous with their advertising a feature of the Tenth Anniversary Edition that will help create a greater interest. To those who have contributed to this edition in every way, we extend our thanks.

The Daylight Saving Act is coming in for a goodly share of condemnation this year. Though, there may, and surely are disadvantages brought about by such an act, yet it is a case of personal suicide to attempt to keep your clock back. You'll "play the dickens" catching a train by "slow time."

That Ahoskie is "the best town between the Roanoke and Chowan rivers" is becoming more and more emphasized by the progressive attitude that is being taken by the younger generation. Almost to man, the young voters of Ahoskie are demanding a vote on bonds for waterworks and sewerage, and when the time for voting comes, it will be largely the young man's vote that will give these needed improvements to Ahoskie.

Every interested voter in Ahoskie and in the Ahoskie School District should by all means read the clipping contained in this paper, concerning a town election in another North Carolina town—Albermarle. The things set forth in this article are in no measure more true to the conditions of that town than they are to Ahoskie. Good citizens will take an interest in such things; and a livelier interest should be taken here than heretofore has been manifest. As yet, the voters do not know "Who's Who" in the race for Mayor, Town Commissioners, or School Trustees, unless it be by private caucus. We have no doubt that there are avowed candidates for all these positions; but, why keep the voters at large ignorant as to one's candidacy. Is it because the voters here are so much more intelligent here than elsewhere, meaning that they need no fore thought in selecting their officials? Or, do the candidates prefer to gain their goals by private lobbying?

MUNICIPAL POLITICS.

The following editorial appeared in the Albermarle News a thirce a week paper edited by former Judge Frank Carter. The facts set forth here can well be applied to Ahoskie, and we herewith publish it for the benefit of our voters who are soon to elect town officers and school trustees. It is as follows.

A municipal election is to be pulled off in Albermarle a few weeks hence that means more to the local population than the decisions of the Paris Conference or the outcome of the contest over the Democratic leadership in Congress. The League of Nations is important to the peace of future generations, but it is not going to butter any parsnips in Albermarle in 1919 or 1920. We've got to do that for ourselves oreat 'em "jes" so."

This paper regards it as foreign to its duty to itself orto the community to espouse the candidacy of any individual, but it has a public duty in this connection that cannot be evaded. As between individuals, where no party question is involved, our ordinary obligation is one of loyal neutrality, but in matters of principal, or public policy neutrality is altogether inconsistent with good citizenship.

Albermarle has been marking time since the war begun, and four and a half years is none too short a period to acquire a community habit of non-progressiveness. A town easily gets into a rut in that time, and the evidences are not wanting that that is just where Albermarle has gotten. This is a condition that individual initiative does not easily overcome—the community spirit needs to be aroused, organized and intelligently directed.

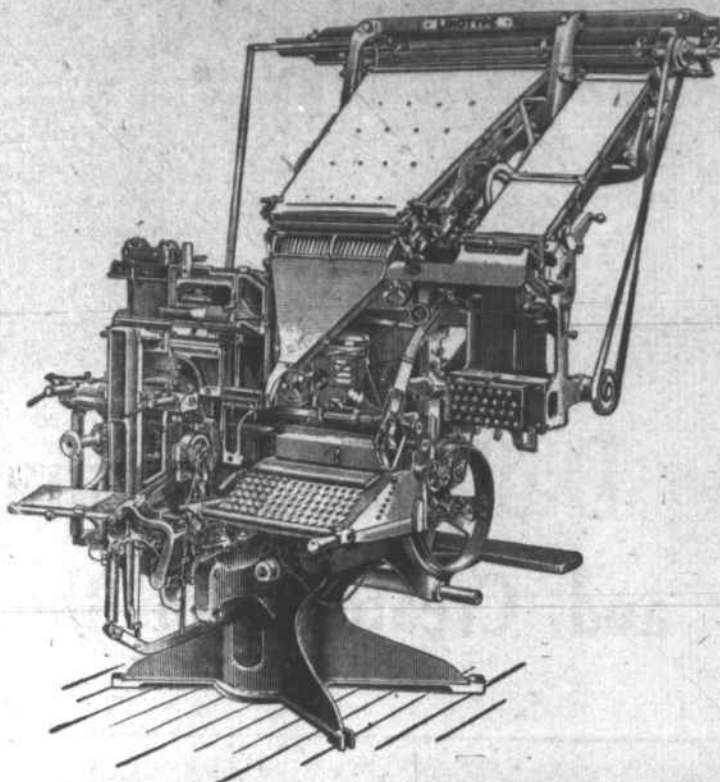
We know of no more effective than an active, widespread interest in theselection of community officials. We know of no surer indication of the vitality of a town than the degree of interest manifested by its citizenship in the personnel of the town government. It is perfectly natural for a community that has got all it wants in population, trade, industry, public improvements, law enforcement and humanitarian services to take little interest in municipal affairs. Why should anybody bother himself with the public business of a town that is satisfactorially completed?

Contentment is a good thing in its place, but it is no characteristic of a live town. A noble discontent is the indispensable condition of municipal progress—and of all other progress, for that matter.

We repeat: this town, like most other towns, is in a war-made rut, and there is small chance that it will ever get out except through the rousement of the people themselves. Real greatness can never come to a community that pats its toes in the ashes and waits for capital and enterprise to come in from the outside and help it. When help comes from the outside, and is rightly assimilated with self-help, it is a good thing—it lifts the community to higher levels of progress; when it is accepted as a substitute for self-help, it is more of a curse than a blessing. The community that is content to have its material prosperity or its political administration handed down to it from above forfeits much of its self-respect to say nothing of the respect of the outside world. It is an eminently wholesome practice in municipal administration that frankly accords full political representation to great business interest—to deny this would be sheer demagoguery—but it should never be overlooked that the paramount interest in every municipality is human welfare—the health and the happiness, the rights and the interest of men, women and children.

Shall we pull ourselves out of the rut or shall we idly wait for something to happen?

There is a full town government to be elected in a few weeks. If that doesn't interest us, what would?



The Herald's Linotype Machine, a Model 19 Mergenthaler, recently installed in this office.

Hertford Boy Returns To The States From The Front in France

Camp Jackson, Columbia, S. C., March 29, 1919.

Dear Mother and Father:

Just a few lines to let you hear from me this beautiful sun shined morning. I am well and all right, just feeling fine as a dandy, certainly hope you all are well and feeling good. Listen, just one year ago this morning I left my dear old home to be a soldier what a beautiful day it was, oh! how sad to leave the dear ones did not know whether I would ever see home again or not.

What a sad thought it was to me but I feel like now I will see home and the dear ones I left behind soon. You cannot imagine how happy I feel this morning to think I am back to the dear old camp which first trained me to be a soldier.

I feel like the Lord has heard and answered prayers, do'nt you, I ask him every day of my life to carry me through the dark ways of life, which I have been, and bring me safely back to the dear old U. S. A., this old pen just cannot express how good I feel.

But these are so many of my comrade cannot say for themselves, for they were left behind in France.

Guess you received my telegram I sent you all o. k.

Carle and I are still together.

Mother I don't know how long I will be here, but hope it wont be here long, we had a very pleasant trip coming across the pond when we landed at Charleston, S. C., the Y. M. C. A. and Red Cross gave us all kinds of good things to eat, believe me we all had some picnic on our way to camp. Say won't you to have all kinds of good things for me when I get home for you know I want something good to eat. Ha! Ha.

Will write again real soon with love and best wishes and a whole lots of kisses to all.

Sincerely your soldier boy,
TOMMIE.

Hertford Boy Passes Away "Over There"

Cecil A. Williams, Machine Gun Sergeant, 51st Company, U. S. Marine Corps, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Williams, of Ahoskie, North Carolina, aged 32 years and 10 months, died in France from a severe wound received on June 26, 1918, at Chateau-Thierry. Next day after receiving the wound he was taken to the American Red Cross Military Hospital, where all was done that was possible for his sufferings and for his comfort, but after four weeks it was known that he was growing worse, and on July 24th, he passed away.

He joined the Marine Corps at Norfolk four years ago last September, and had he lived two months longer his time would have been out,

but in April, 1918, he was sent to France, after having served on the Mexican border; and while in service there only two months, he and others of his company did many acts of bravery in driving back the Huns and every Nation is proud of the Marines.

He made the supreme sacrifice for God and for his country and Hertford County is proud to have such a noble and heroic young man to be the first one on the roll of honor. Still, his parents and brothers can not help but feel broken hearted over the loss of their loved one, tho they have the consolation to know such a brave young man as Cecil has only crossed the line and joined the heroes in Heaven.

He joined the Center Grove Baptist Church when quite a boy and ever since has lived a clean life. He was of the disposition to gather about himself many true friends, and was as gallantly brave and true as any man in the government's service, loyal to his country to the core, and won his laurels most becomingly. May his loved ones, especially his aged father, who has been so feeble since learning of the sad death of his son, not be weary overmuch, for yonder, at the last bugle call, their brave soldier boy, having given his life and spilled his blood for the cause of righteousness and of humanity, will be waiting to give them a hearty welcome to the Glory Land, where they will all be supremely happy forevermore, and may it be consoling to them to know their dear boy is among so many other brave boys who gave their lives in the greatest struggle the world has ever known.

The father received letters of condolence from the Red Cross nurse, the chaplain, and one of the directors, telling them of the lovely character of their son during his sufferings—how kind and lovable he was, and so appreciative of every kind deed done for him, though his sufferings were great, he was always cheerful and wonderfully patient and gentle.

He was laid to rest near Paris in the town of Suresne, on a beautiful hillside to await the Resurrection morn. May the good Lord richly bless all grieved ones with penitence of his Grace.

He heard humanity's clear call, And knew the voice divine. He gave his life, he gave his all In deadly battle line. The silent stars in love look down Where lies this loyal son; In frost and dew they weave a crown Of honor he has won.

OPERA CHAIRS AT AUCTION

On Saturday, April 19, I will offer for sale at public auction about 115 small folding opera chairs, formerly used by the moving picture hall here. Also two stoves will be offered for sale at the same time. Sale will take place in front of E. J. Bell & Co.'s store on Main street at 3 o'clock. Terms of sale cash.

J. T. PARKER,
Ahoskie, N. C.

Another Hertford Boy Still "Over There"

Private Thomas McDaniel, son of Mrs. S. R. McDaniel, who is still with the American Expeditionary Forces in France. He is a Hertford County boy and before entering service, resided with his mother near Aulander. He volunteered for military service soon after America entered the war, enlisting in the 4th Virginian Regiment, 112th Machine Gun Battalion, at Norfolk, Va., May 1917. In August 1917 he was transferred to Camp McCellan, Anniston, Alabama, where he received military training for service over sea. In the spring of 1918 he sailed for France.

He was in the 29th Division and saw actual fighting "there."

He tells of his first experience in battle north of Verdun. He was on the front twenty-two days and went over the top four times.

In this great drive the 29th Division advanced some eight kilometers through the enemy's trenches and

captured over 2100 prisoners, 7 cannons, about 200 machine guns and a large quantity of miscellaneous military property.

This division had the pleasure of seeing two hostile divisions with drawn from their front, one of which was of some of the best troops of the German army. On many occasions captured prisoners stated that their attack was so rapid that their attack was so rapid and fire so effective that they were overwhelmed and had nothing to do but to retire or surrender.

Praise has been bestowed this divisions by both American and French superior commanders.

MRS. ABE HARMAN.

NOTICE OF ELECTION

There will be held in the town of Ahoskie, Monday May 5th 1919, an election to elect all town officers also trustees for the Ahoskie graded school. Registration books are now open, D. L. Myers registrar.

A convention will be held Friday night April 25th 1919 for the purpose of nominating officers and trustees. Notice by order of the town council.

A WORD ABOUT CREDIT

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