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Community Service Day, the Community Fair and the County Commencement—all these are red letter days in any county and their value as agencies of social service is inestimable. Elizabeth City has had the first two. When may we look for the third. County Commencement at Raleigh last year brought to the town a crowd of children and grownups that overran the city. We ought not to be satisfied with one event in the year to show Elizabeth City's interest in its county neighbors and friends. Good Will Day is alright but County Commencement Day will be better.

EVERY LIVE COMMUNITY

The average local town paper is worth thousands of dollars annually to its community for the free service it renders. As a constant booster and promoter of local news and information it is indispensable.

Did you ever stop to think what you would do without your home paper? This is not an idle question. What would you do if your town paper should indefinitely suspend publication?

Having no newspaper would mean a return to the old Roman method of posting information on public bulletin boards. A call for teachers' examination would necessitate posting notices at dozens of places in the county at some expense. Farmer Smith could not announce a sale to all his neighbors except by laborious methods more costly than news paper space. Marriages and death notices most certainly would not fitly adorn public bulletin boards. Those who are interested in farm or town improvements would make progress but tedious without news paper support.

No; we just have to have our town newspaper. We want to know what other folks in the county are doing. The most interesting information in the world is knowledge of what other people are doing. Let's help our community by helping our local editor in his work. We cannot dispense with his service. On the other hand, he needs more of our moral and material support.—Geo. A. Starring

AMERICANS IN FRANCE

By J. W. PEGLER
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
Somewhere on the English Coast, Nov. 11. (By Mail)—Wearing the King's khaki and ready to die for Britain, a legion of American troops in Canada's army still wonder just why they "joined up."

"Why do Americans enlist?" was the question put to individuals of the Legion by the United Press Correspondent.

Bolled down, to two words, their answer is "Just because."

Captain F. H. Burr, of Columbus, Ohio, for all his ready fire of talk, developed as an automobile salesman in Los Angeles, is unable to say exactly what impulse made him take the step. He served two years in Cuba in the 17th U. S. Infantry.

Burr was discovered unpacking his trunk by candlelight shortly

after the Legion's arrival in a temporary camp. Gleaning through the dancing half-light were the Stars and Stripes, tucked inside the tilted trunk lid.

"The exact motive will always be a mystery to me," he said, pausing in his domestic labors. "There are lots of suggestions—hatred of Germany, admiration for France, the desire to avenge Belgium and the love of adventure. They don't exactly fit the case. Then there's the six-best-seller idea; domestic tragedies and scrambled love affairs. If any man in the outfit is suffering from a cracked heart he is guarding his secret mighty well."

"Mix all these elements together and add the big impulse and you'll have the answer. But don't ask me about that impulse."

"The question our men are asking is not 'Why am I here?' but 'When do we go to France.' Nearly 70 per cent have fought in the American army from China to Cuba and the remainder served with college cadet corps of State Militia."

A sergeant saluted and addressed the captain.

"I'd like to have an evening's leave, Sir," he said.

"How much pay did you draw today?"

"Five dollars—I mean a pound, Sir."

"Sergeant, why did you enlist?" Burr asked abruptly.

The soldier grinned and replied: "Excuse my French, but I'm damned if I know."

He departed with an evening's leave to spend the pound in a soldier's way.

"That's A. L. Hollenback, of Sparta, Wis., three years in Porto Rico with the Third Wisconsin." Burr went on, "he and an Indian pal, named Basset, from Pleasant Point, Maine, spent their leisure during the day searching for big woods. These cultivated forests don't fascinate them at all."

Major E. I. Harrington, also of Columbus, was vague about what caused him to join, but as fidgety to get to the front as an English Tommy with nine months in a training camp. Harrington won his football and baseball letters at Ohio State University where he was a class-mate of Burr, Lieut. C. E. Davis, also in the Legion, used to be their mathematics professor.

"Here is Captain H. C. Billing, Harvard '05, eleven years in the 47th New York Infantry," said Harrington.

ton. "He ought to be a good man to define impulses and things."

Billing, a stocky red-faced officer, got up from a cot where he was seated reading a letter.

"Tell it to Dr. Elliot," he said. "It's too much for me. If you do not get the answer, let me in on it. When does the next draft go to France?"

"It's the same all the way thru," Burr said. "We have college men salore in the outfit who have passed up careers in everything from movies to medicine. Not all are officers, either."

"Sergeant Lester Longlance, of Ashford, N. C., was graduated from Carle's and left the academy at West Point last March to join. Sergeant-Major W. C. Sapp is a graduate of West Virginia University. He gave up a position in Chicago when he heard the Legion was forming."

Captain E. B. Huatchinson, of Mound City, Montana, left a prosperous practice down in the 'Egypt' section. He studied medicine at Northwestern and is our medical officer."

**Live Little Locals
Many Minor Matters
Merely Mentioned**

Capt. W. H. Bañight of Manteo spent Monday in the city.

Mr. B. G. Crisp, of Manteo, was here on legal business Monday.

Miss Pocahontas Twiford, of Nags Head, is in the city for a few days visiting friends.

Mr. Charles Scarborough spent the weekend at his former home Manns Harbor.

Messrs. Atis and Horace Dough of Roanoke Island, passed through here Monday enroute to Norfolk.

Mr. J. H. LeRoy, who has been ill at his home on West Main street is now able to be out again.

Miss Christine Royall, who has been the guest of Miss Lottie Mae Bennett, returned today to her home at Gatesville accompanied by Miss Bennett.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Greenleaf returned Saturday night from Norfolk where they had been to see Maud Adams at the Colonial.

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Mr. and Mrs. Selby Harney of Edenton spent Sunday here the guests of Mrs. Mattie Harney on West Main street.

Mr. J. H. Newbern of Hertford was in the city Sunday.

Mr. Chas. F. Richardson, who has been hunting in Dare County at the Pea Island Club, passed thru the city Monday enroute to his home in Brownline, Mass.

Dr. Paul Faulhaber of Hertford spent Sunday here.

**Game Here
Thanksgiving**

The High School Foot Ball Team is putting in some hard practice for their game here on Thanksgiving Day, when they meet the Berkley Braves from Berkley, Virginia. The Berkley team has not been defeated this year and a good game is in prospect. Tickets for the game are now on sale and a good crowd is expected to witness the event.

**Jumps To Death
From Eight Story**

(By United Press)
New York, Nov. 27th. — Joseph Brooks, well known in theatrical circles here, either jumped or fell from an eighth story apartment and was instantly killed.

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"Mary B.", owned and to be driven by P. C. Harris.

"Dan Patch", owned and to be driven by J. J. Watson.

Other Horses will be driven for exhibition
Also a Running Race is expected but not yet made up