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Mr. C. D. Falls Talks Interestingly of Life in U. S. Navy.

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## TIME FLIES: *'We've come a long way'*

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writing but Martin loved it, because he said "I know what happened even though I wasn't at the game."

But as time went on I became more independent and a little less scared of messing up, and got away from that and developed my own style. I was never a Grantland Rice, but I think I improved a lot pretty quickly.

A change in writing style wasn't anything compared to the change in the newspaper industry over the years.

In 1964 and for many years after that, we wrote our stories on an old manual Underwood or Royal typewriter, then after proof reading handed it over to a linotype operator to type it all over again.

We later advanced to electric typewriters, but still turned the copy over to someone else to type it again and transfer the type to lead which was tightened in 8-column format into a huge metal plate and mounted on the printing press.

As time went on, linotype machines gave way to 'justawriters,' a machine that was a bit larger than typewriters but punched the words into tape. The tape was then fed through a terminal about the size of a refrigerator, fed through a stabilization processor and the words came out on paper which could be waxed and placed on the page by "paste-up" people.

Weekly papers always seemed to be about 10 years behind the dailies in moving to the new advances in technology.

My first "computer," which as I recall came into being around the mid-to-late 1980s, was about the size of a very big microwave oven. The disk was every bit as big as an old 45-rpm record. Even that disk had to go to someone in the graphics department to be fed into their "refrigerator."

Not long after Gary Greene purchased the Herald and its sister papers (Cherryville Eagle, Belmont Banner, Mount Holly News and Bessemer City Record) from Garland Atkins, he introduced us to a very small Apple computer. It would actually spell check our copy, instead of us having to proof it the old timey way of reading every

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