

REMINISCENCES OF AN OLD MAN

Judge R. E. Hill Writes of Things Long Ago in Abbeville County.

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The prospect of war with Mexico recalls the war between that country and this in 1846-7. South Carolina sent one regiment to Mexico known as the Palmetto Regiment. One of the companies belonging to that regiment was made up largely from Abbeville county and was commanded by Capt. J. Foster Marshall of this place, who was afterwards killed at the 2nd battle of Manassas in Virginia during the war between the States, while gallantly leading Orr's Rifles of which he was then colonel.

There is a monument to his memory which stands near the Episcopal church in this place, a fact which I dare say is unknown to a great many of our young people.

The members of the company met here the evening before they were to start on their long journey from which a large number of them were destined never to return, and went into camp just below town.

While there were only two or three of this company actually killed in battle, there were some thirty or more of them who died of disease of one kind and another.

John Donald Hill, my oldest brother, was member of Captain Marshall's company.

He died at a place called Jalappa, pronounced as if spelled Halappa, on the table land not far from the City of Mexico.

I well remember the last time I ever saw him; it was the evening that the company went into camp below town. I came with him from our home in the country, riding behind him on a young horse not thoroughly broken. When we reached the top of the hill just beyond where Mr. Pat Roche now lives, he dismounted and bid me good bye and turned the colts head homeward; but he refused to go forward and began backing; my brother then gave him a slap on the rump when the colt kicked him on the thigh, but being so close to him I don't think he was much hurt.

There were several young men from this town that went off in Marshall's company. Among whom was Samuel McGowan, afterwards General McGowan; F. W. Sellick, who it is said was the first to hoist the American flag on the walls of the City of Mexico; Ben Lane Posey, who shortly after their return home fought a duel with Dr. Warren Lomax, and several others whose names I have forgotten.

Fred Sellick and my uncle David L. Donald, who both became Lieutenants by promotion in Captain Marshall's company while in Mexico, became fast friends, so that on the marriage of my uncle, a short time after their return home, Lieutenant Sellick was one of his groomsmen.

The young lady with whom he stood was Miss Jane Barmore, who was considered one of the finest looking young women in Abbeville county at that time. She is still living near Shoals Junction on the Southern R. R.

It was customary in those days to have a grand reception the next day after a marriage called an infair, at the home of the parents of the groom.

I can well recall the appearance of Lieutenant Sellick and Miss Barmore as they entered the front gate at my grandfather's, and marched up the gravelled walk to the house. I thought they were the handsomest couple I had ever seen. Sellick had pinned on the left lapel of his coat, a red rose bud and seemed to realize that he was the cynosure of all eyes. I envied him his good looks and seeming happiness. There is a monumental shaft erected to his memory in Upper Long Camp cemetery by his friends, where his remains were buried, but it was broken off about midway of its height by some of the Yankee constabulary stationed here after the war and the broken part is still left lying there.

General McGowan was a young lawyer located here at the outbreak of the war, and of course when he volunteered it was as a private, which he continued to be for some time afterwards, but was finally made Quartermaster of the regiment.

I once heard him tell about how he was often exasperated at a little insignificant fellow by the name of Finoley. I believe, who came from over on the Savannah side. It seems that this little fellow had been accustomed to serving writs and other papers for the lawyers before volunteering and would always call around a month or so before court term and poke his head into the door of the different law offices and call out, "Any writs for the Savannah side?"

The General said that the regiment was in camp at some point, I don't recall, for some time before finally

reaching Mexico, and by some means this little fellow had gotten some minor appointment by reason of which he was not required to do any kind of camp duty, while he, McGowan, being nothing but a private, had to stand guard and do various other things not very pleasant. This fellow, whenever he would see McGowan thus engaged, in order to tantalize him and to remind him that the "bottom rail was on top" would sing out, "Squire, any writs for the Savannah Side?"

Ben Lane Posey, who I have stated was a member of Captain Marshall's company for some reason or other got into bad repute with most of the other men from this place, while in Mexico, and they all seemed to combine against him after their return home. They tabooed him on every occasion, and accused him of cowardice in that in a certain battle he got down into a ditch to shield himself from Mexican bullets. But later events showed they were mistaken when they took him for a coward.

Unfortunately for Posey, who was rather a bright young man, far surpassing, in that respect, many of those who were arrayed against him, he was not a man of first rate moral character and on that account was not admitted into the best society. This fact no doubt embittered him and perhaps caused him to be less guarded in his conduct than the otherwise would have been.

This condition of affairs went on for a considerable time, when Posey established a second paper in the town and called it the Independent Press—the other paper being the Abbeville Banner.

The Banner was owned and controlled by the avowed opponents of Posey, headed by Foster Marshall.

Lieutenant Sellick, of whom I have said was the first man to hoist the American flag on the walls of the City of Mexico, was a kind of protégé of Captain Marshall, and was put in charge of the Banner, ostensibly as its editor, but a good deal of the "hot stuff" that appeared in its columns was no doubt written by other parties.

Then began a regular warfare in the two papers, with Posey on one side and a lot of others, backed up by almost the whole town, on the other.

About this time there was to be a grand ball in town, and a number of the young men. Scions of the best families in town, composed the committee on invitations.

Mr. John A. Calhoun, who lived at his splendid country home near town, where now lives Mr. R. O. Hunter, and who had three or four single daughters with him at the time notified this committee that if Ben Lane Posey was suffered, to be present at the ball, his daughters shouldn't attend. Thereupon the committee made it a point to see that Posey should not be invited and besides communicated the information to him that he was not wanted at the ball.

Then came the eruption which had long been brewing.

The next morning after the ball, Posey armed himself with a cowhide, an instrument commonly used in those days by the overseers on large plantations to punish the negroes, when they didn't act to suit them, and strated out with the determination as he afterwards said to cowhide the first man of the invitations committee that he came across.

This man, it appeared, happened to be Dr. Warren Lomax, a young physician of the place, although it has always been believed by a great many that Posey made it a point to meet Lomax first, as he had an additional grievance against him.

On meeting with Lomax which took place at the upper corner of the Square about where the Red Racket store now is, he drew his cowhide and proceeded to chastise Lomax, giving him several severe blows before they were separated. Of course the next step was for Lomax to challenge Posey, which Posey as promptly accepted.

The time set for the meeting was some two or three weeks ahead, and the place was on a little island in the Savannah river near Moseley's Ferry, not far from Lowndesville.

Sellick was Lomax's second and a young fellow noted for his fighting propensities by the name of Styles, who I think lived in Augusta, was Posey's.

Lomax and his party spent the night before the duel with Mr. George McCalla and Posey and his friends stayed with Mr. John Moseley.

It is said that Posey was decidedly the coolest man in his party; that he played cards until eleven o'clock when Styles said to him that he must go to bed, which he did; that in a short time after he lay down, some one arrived with a message from him, and on going to his room found him lying on his back sound asleep, evidently not much concerned about what was to take place the next morning.

By sunup or before, the next morning, the parties were all present at the trying place and soon the arrangements were made for the battle. Just before the principals took their

respective positions, Sellick's pistol was discharged, which was claimed to be accidental. This circumstance caused considerable excitement for a while and liked to have resulted in a clash between the two Seconds, as Styly, Posey's Second, was disposed to regard it as intentional, and prearranged with the Lomax party, with the hope that it would unnerved Posey.

In a little while, however, the matter was amicably adjusted and the two men took their positions. Promptly upon the command being given they each brought down their weapon, and Posey being the quicker of the two, fired first, his ball striking Lomax on the wrist, completely shattering it, which ever afterwards rendered the right hand of little use to him.

It was fortunate for Lomax that he was struck where he was, as the range of the ball was on a direct line with his heart.

The only living witness of the duel, that I know of, is Mr. H. T. Tusten, of this place.

Of course the result of this duel did not tend to allay the bitterness of the feeling in the community against Posey, but rather to intensify it, but the warfare was confined to published articles in the Banner against Posey, of the most acrimonious character, to which he invariably replied in the same strain in the Press.

This was kept up for some considerable time when, on an occasion when Posey was absent in the city of New York where he had gone to get some material for his printing office, Sellick published an exceptionally bitter editorial article in the Banner about him.

At that time Sellick was afflicted with mania a potu, in fact was pretty far gone from the effects of it, and died suddenly a few days after writing the article noted.

I remember well an editorial in the Press by Posey the next day after his return home, in reference to the attack made upon him by Sellick during his absence. In it he said, "On reading this venomous attack made upon me in my absence which I did in the city of New York, I resolved to return home as fast as steam could bring me determined to seek personal satisfaction of my traducer, but on my reaching home I found mine adversary dead."

Posey remained in Abbeville not a great while longer when he sold his paper to a man by the name of Puckett, and removed to Mobile, Alabama.

The last I ever heard of him was that he raised a company for service in the Civil war, composed largely of the roughest elements to be found in a seaport town, such as Mobile was at that time; that before they had actually entered the service he and four or five of his men had a shooting scrape in which he killed one or two of them and was himself badly wounded.

The Press, after passing through several hands was finally bought by Messrs. Hugh Wilson and W. A. Lee, who later on bought the Banner, and the two papers were combined under the name of The Press and Banner, and as such has been known ever since.

As this installment concludes my reminiscences, I desire to extend my thanks to those of your readers who have expressed to me the pleasure which they have derived from reading what I have written of incidents of a more or less amusing character which occurred in the dim past, and also the expressed hope that I might continue the same indefinitely; this I would not hesitate to do, as I have an abundance of material not yet touched upon, but while no doubt there are a great many who have enjoyed reading these reminiscences, there are in all probability a good many who would much prefer reading an account of what Ty Cobb is doing on the diamond, a basket ball game between Antreville and Abbeville or a sensational murder trial; I therefore suspect that I had better stop least I weary some of this latter class.

While this is the final installment of my reminiscences, it, in all probability, will be my last appearance as a newspaper contributor, for in spite of my efforts to dispel the idea, I cannot lose sight of the fact that the sands of life in my case, are running distressingly low.

Not to have been a professional newspaper man, I have written for publication at sundry times and on a variety of subjects, a good deal. While I am aware that some things that I have written have for the time being at least, given offence to some, I am satisfied that the same met with the approval of a large majority of those who read them, and were eagerly sought after, even by those who were offended thereby,—but having strong faith in the charity and disposition, on the part of my fellowman to forget and to forgive, I feel confident that there are but few who cherish any ill will toward me now, for what I may have written in the past,—so—

"There's a consolation In the thought that when we're dead, If we have written something good Our efforts will be read; And friends will plant forget-me-nots,

And come and sit and sigh, And irrigate our graves with tears When we go off and die."

R. E. HILL

GIRLS' TOMATO CLUB

Will Meet on Saturday After Memorial Services in the Court House.

A meeting of the Abbeville County Girls' Tomato Club will be held in the Court House on Saturday May 9th, 1914, immediately after the conclusion of Memorial Day exercises.

Each member is requested to bring Bulletin No. 521 with paper and pencil.

"Club Requirements" will be discussed by the County organizer, Mrs. W. O. Cromer.

Miss Eugenia Coleman will talk upon "Bacteria and Yeasts" in their relation to canned goods.

Miss Claudia Bell, Due West, will extend this discussion by speaking on "Germs and Microbes."

"Mold, Spores, Ferment" will be treated by a member of the club from the Antreville High school.

It is hoped that all members will take part in the discussions.

Come to the Memorial Day exercises and hear the prize essays read and see the medals and crosses of honor delivered.

Mrs. W. O. Cromer, Co. Organizer. NO ELECTION SUPERINTENDENT

Of Education This Year.—Mr. Lawson Will Serve Unexpired Term.

There has been an impression throughout the county that there would be an election this year for Superintendent of Education to succeed Rev. J. M. Lawson. This is a mistake as Mr. Lawson will serve out the unexpired term of W. R. Bradley, who was elected for four years. Mr. Lawson was elected by the State Board of Education of which the Governor is a member. The law in reference to the matter is very plain and says "All vacancies in the office of County Superintendent of Education shall be filled by the State Board of Education for the unexpired term."

Had Mr. Bradley continued in office his term would have expired in January 1917, and therefore Mr. Lawson will hold until that time. An election for the office, however, will be held in August 1916, two years from now. The law is very plain and admits of no doubt. The Governor does not appoint the Superintendent, but the State Board elects, and the Governor only issues the commission.

THREATEN BURNS IN GEORGIA TOWN

Demonstration Against Detective at Marietta.—Once Victim's Home.

Marietta, Ga., May 2.—William J. Burns the detective, was the centre of an angry demonstration when he came here late today, presumably in connection with an investigation of the case of Leo M. Frank, the young factory superintendent of Atlanta, under sentence of death for the murder of 14-year-old Mary Phagan. One of a large crowd that surrounded the detectives as soon as his presence was discovered struck the detective in the face and threats of violence were made if Burns made any attempt to resist. The detective immediately went to a hotel, while another detective, C. W. Burke, who accompanied him here, summoned deputy sheriffs to guard Burns.

This was the home of the murdered factory girl and many of her relatives still live here. Much feeling has been aroused by the detective's declaration that Frank was not guilty and that James Conley, a negro factory sweeper, convicted as an accessory after the murder, alone was responsible for the crime.

An unusually large crowd was here today on account of a primary for the selection of candidates for county offices. Burns and Burke came here in an automobile and were at a garage having some repairs made on the car when they were discovered and the demonstration started. Mr. Burns left the city tonight and returned to Atlanta.

The crowd which had started the demonstration and which had been augmented by the arrival of other townpeople, had by this time gathered in front of the hotel. An automobile was summoned and the detective, accompanied by Deputy Sheriff Hicks and Judge Morris, quickly entered it.

Jeers and threats were shouted by the crowd and eggs thrown at Burns. One hit Judge Morris, but the detective was not struck. The automobile left the city at a high rate of speed.

Cheap Excursion Rates.

Cheap Excursion rates from Coupon Points via Charleston & Western Carolina Railway to Jacksonville, Fla., account U. V. C. Reunion, May 6-8, 1914. For rates, etc., call on Coupon Ticket Agents or write Ernest Williams, General Passenger Agent, 829 Broad St., Augusta, Ga.

Golden Wax and Stringless Green Pod Beans at C. A. Milford & Co.

And come and sit and sigh, And irrigate our graves with tears When we go off and die."

R. E. HILL

COUNTY CONVENTION HELD MONDAY

W. N. GRAYDON RE-ELECTED CHAIRMAN, AND DELEGATES TO STATE CONVENTION

PRESIDENT IS ENDORSED

The Meeting Was Perfectly Harmonious. Convention Went on Record Favoring Restrictions in Primary as Will Insure an Honest Election.

The Abbeville county Democratic convention was called to order at 12 o'clock on Monday, Hon. W. N. Graydon was re-elected County Chairman, A. F. Calvert, vice-chairman, and E. C. Horton, Secretary. R. E. Cox, W. F. Greene, J. Q. Stillwell, W. R. Dunn, G. N. Nickles, W. N. Graydon, E. W. Harper and E. C. Horton were elected delegates to the State Convention, with authority to appoint a substitute in case they cannot attend. A resolution was passed endorsing the administration of President Wilson, and one asking that a rule be passed prohibiting candidates from indulging in personalities and abuse. A resolution was also passed calling for such reforms in the Primary as will remove all suspicion of fraud in all elections.

W. W. Bradley was elected a member of the State Executive Committee as Mr. A. W. Jones declined to serve any longer. There were 23 clubs represented and 118 delegates enrolled. The Convention was perfectly harmonious throughout, nominations for delegates to the State Convention were made from the floor and a total of eleven were nominated with the result as shown above.

The following delegates were enrolled representing the clubs shown: Willington—A. B. Kennedy, W. D. Morrah and Dr. Tom Pennal.

McCormick—J. B. Holloway, J. U. Wardlaw, M. W. Cheatham, Press Finley, J. B. Dawson, T. J. Price, and L. N. Chamberlain.

Lebanon—Mott Gilliam, Wm. Bass, and J. B. Gilbert.

Mt. Carmel—E. A. Mars, J. D. Cade, T. W. Mars, P. H. McCaslan.

Lowndesville, No. 1—D. L. Barnes, S. S. Boles, S. B. Cook, R. H. Moseley, W. M. Nixon, R. C. Parnell.

Lowndesville, No. 2—W. C. Shaw, J. T. Drennan, J. M. Wright, Will Broadwell, L. T. Loftis, J. M. Simmons.

Rock Spring—J. A. Black, C. M. Kay, R. P. Jamison, and M. J. Ashley.

Keowee—F. K. Ashley, Hugh Simmons.

Due West—R. C. Brownlee, G. W. Sharp, G. N. Nickles, A. R. Ellis, A. D. Kennedy, O. Y. Brownlee, R. L. Robinson.

Donalds—R. L. Barmore, Furman Dodson, W. R. Dunn, J. C. Martin, E. C. Martin, J. W. Mattison, D. S. Kennedy, D. M. Humphreys.

Clatworthy X Roads—John Brown, Joe J. Link, W. F. Langley.

Cold Spring—D. E. Newell, Dr. P. B. Carville.

Abbeville No. 1—R. S. Owen, W. H. Long, T. P. Thomson, Wm. P. Greene, J. M. Nickles, J. L. Perrin, R. B. Cheatham and J. F. Miller.

Abbeville No. 2—A. F. Calvert, C. J. Lyon, J. H. Moore, P. A. Cheatham, M. E. Hollingsworth, R. E. Cox, W. A. Stevenson, J. M. Wham, G. A. Neuffer, M. T. Coleman, J. R. Lomax, and R. E. Hill.

Antreville—H. J. Power, Ernest Gordon, A. M. Erwin, W. D. Kay, S. J. Wakefield, Dr. J. A. Anderson, M. L. Alewine and Ernest McCarter.

Level Land—A. B. Young, A. F. Carville, W. Wilson, C. H. Pennal.

Means Chapel—B. F. Price, J. C. Coleman.

Mountain View—W. B. Mann, E. W. Nance, G. S. Lewis.

Young's School House—E. C. Young, W. K. Long.

Hillsville—J. R. Winn, J. D. Bowie, A. F. Seawright.

Central—A. B. Robinson, J. W. McKee, J. A. Wilson, E. R. Miller, W. E. Morrison.

Calhoun Falls—F. B. Milford, Joe Hicks, H. W. Lawson.

Bordeaux—W. M. McIntosh, Perry McKinney, T. L. Edmonds.

The following resolution offered by Mr. B. F. Price were adopted, as amended:

Be it resolved by the County Democratic Convention of Abbeville County: We think that some rule should be adopted by which candidates for public office should be confined to a discussion of the issues arising in the campaign, and that will absolutely forbid any candidate to indulge in personalities, or abuse of any other character.

II. That the Delegates to the State Convention be instructed to that effect.

III. That this Convention is in favor of such reforms in the conduct of Primary Elections, as will remove all suspicion of fraud in all elections, and our Delegates to the State Convention

are instructed to work with that end in view.

The following resolution offered by Hon. F. C. Robinson was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Abbeville County Democratic Committee hereby endorse the course President Woodrow Wilson, since his election to the presidency. His course has been firm, dignified and conducted with conspicuous ability, and we the Democrats of Abbeville County hereby extend to him our hearty support in his policies.

AFTERNOON IN ART.

The members of the Aid Society of the Presbyterian church of Abbeville, will have an afternoon in Art at the residence of Miss M. L. Smith from 5 to 7 o'clock, May the 7th. Genuine etchings, beautiful reproductions of some of the world's great paintings will be on exhibition and for sale. These pictures are educational and should be in every home. The public is cordially invited to see them and to spend a social afternoon with us.

Mrs. T. G. White, Pres. Mrs. E. R. Thomson, Sec. and Treas.

LOWNDESVILLE

Happenings of a Week In and About the Seven-Hilled City—Personals.

Lowndesville, May 2, 1914.

The last of the entertainments bargained for by our people for the season came off last Friday was a week ago, with Mr. Edward H. Frye of the Alkabeth Lyceum System, of Atlanta. A rather small crowd was in attendance, which seemed to be well pleased.

Mr. J. M. Huckabee went to Anderson last Saturday on business.

Mr. J. F. Lee, cashier of the bank of Royston, and Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Barnes and their three children (Mr. Barnes is assistant cashier of above-named bank) came over in an auto last Sunday and stayed till the next day with relatives and friends in this place.

At the call of 1st Vice President Dr. J. B. Moseley of the last Democratic Club of this place, quite a number of the voters of the Lowndesville Township met in this place last Saturday at 3 p. m. After the meeting was called to order, enrollment of members took place. First business was to reorganize the Club. Mr. E. W. Harper was nominated for and elected President. S. S. Boles first Vice President, D. L. Barnes second, S. B. Cook third; Mr. R. H. Moseley Secretary and Treasurer. Delegates (6) were then elected to the then coming County Convention, as follows: D. D. Broadwell, D. L. Barnes, S. S. Boles, S. B. Cook, R. C. Parnell, R. H. Moseley. As it was at some other places, we had a very quiet, pleasant meeting—nothing done nor said along factional or political lines, but all was peace and harmony, and it is hoped that no disturbing influences will arise to change our good feeling of one toward another.

Mr. J. H. Fanning and his mother, Mrs. W. B. Fanning of Washington, Ga., came over Monday in an auto to Mr. T. B. Bell's, who is the brother-in-law of the first and son-in-law of the last. The first returned to his home that evening; the other is still here and will be some time.

Sunday evening several young darters were gathered at the home of a negro on Mrs. I. H. McCalla's place near her home, and were playing in the yard, when a boy about twelve or fourteen years of age ran into the house and brought out an unloaded gun, but in playing with it it proved to be loaded and the load ignited was discharged and penetrated the liver of a young woman standing near, who died the next morning. Maj. J. G. Huckabee was sent for. He went down with Dr. J. D. Wilson as medical examiner, a jury was empanelled, and from all that could be learned it was believed to be an accident.

Dr. J. L. Martin came up from Abbeville last Saturday, and the next day at 11 a. m., preached a fine sermon in the Presbyterian (Providence) church.

Messrs. Arnon Wilson and Jas. Harvelly of Parkville, came Monday and stayed till Tuesday evening with the family of Mr. B. A. Wilson, father of the first.

Mrs. T. D. Cooley went to Anderson Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Spann Dowling, of Anderson, came Wednesday. Mrs. Dowling, whose maiden name was Miss Bertha Sharpe, several years ago had charge of one of the departments in the school here and was well known to all our people and stood high in their estimation, giving satisfaction alike to patrons and pupils. While here a few days ago they called to see some of the old friends of years gone by, and they, the friends, very much regret their absence from home and were much disappointed in not seeing them.

Mr. W. Broadwell in his auto on Thursday carried Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Thompson, their little son, Gamewell, Mrs. H. M. Schumpert and Miss Mozell Huckabee, to Anderson on a shopping tour.

Mrs. T. D. Cooley went to Anderson Wednesday and spent a day or two very pleasantly at the Chatanqua.

Mr. E. W. Harper and family, in part, including Miss Ella Nickles, took an auto outing Wednesday and Thursday evening in a trip to Anderson and back.

Yesterday the first of May gave us clear skies, but with a cool east wind which made warming fires comfortable to elderly people.

Watermelon Seed.

Branch's celebrated Rattlesnake Watermelon Seed, the very best, and Berkman's fruit trees for sale.

J. W. Rykard.

Landreth's seeds fresh at Milford's.

PREMIUMS FOR FAIR

To the Abbeville County Fair Association: "A committee appointed by the Chamber of Commerce" as you requested, canvassed the City for the purpose of raising premiums and funds to pay premiums, at our Annual County Fair this fall.

We are pleased to hand you the accompanying list amounting to nearly four hundred dollars (\$400.00). Some have promised to contribute later. The Abbeville Oil Mill Company contributed a ton of cotton seed meal, and we have asked the resident agents of the different Fertilizer Companies to see if they won't do the same. We would suggest that you appoint two or three men in different sections of the County to solicit premiums in either cash or Farm Produce, believing that thus you will develop much interest as well as practical support.

We also suggest that all premiums subscribed, as well as cash premiums from the Association, be put on exhibition at the Fair Ground, which will in itself be a fine exhibit and elicit more interest from contestants.

Very respectfully,
Amos B. Morse,
J. S. Cochran,
M. B. Hipp,
Committee.

May 1st, 1914.

Request to Oil Streets.

Editor Press and Banner.

There is a very important matter that I would like to call the attention of the local Civic Club to. It is the awful dusty street we have that ruin the curtains dim the windows, and walls and make painting and housecleaning a useless expenditure of time, money and energy. There is a remedy, and a very simple but effective: Of course it will cost a little money. But what housekeeper would not gladly pay a small sum, say a couple of dollars, to be free from this nuisance, of dust.

Instead of sprinkling a little water on a small part of the main thoroughfare that lasts but a couple of hours, suppose the Civic Club take up the matter of oiling all the streets, voluntary assessment, once each year, and lets do away with dust altogether.

While visiting in the north two years ago I was struck with the remarkable freedom from dusty streets, in all the towns I visited or passed through all the way from Cincinnati to Chicago. At Wilmington Ohio, I enquired about this matter and learned that it was due to the fact that each spring the Abutting property owners by a system of voluntary assessment under the direction of the Civic club, oiled the streets with crude oil. That not only keeps the dust down but prevents water standing in puddles or washing holes in streets.

This does not cost much, is good for a year, and is of inestimable value to the housekeeper, besides making life, during the summer months more endurable, and giving visitors a pleasant remembrance of a dustless city to carry home with them. It is also a sanitary measure that should not be overlooked.

Let the Civic Club get busy: It is easy to get all necessary information as to cost method, etc.

Mrs. T. J. Douthart.

Mr. Jno. L. Kennedy in Town.

Mr. Jno. L. Kennedy was in the City Monday on business. Mr. Kennedy is one of the largest farmers in the lower side of Abbeville County.

CROSSES OF HONOR

The following Veterans and descendants of Veterans will receive Crosses of Honor on Memorial Day, May 9th, 1914: