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Athens Boy Writes from China  
(Continued from page 1)

There is no spot on earth so dear to me (and I think it is the same with most people) as the place where we spent our boyhood days, and for me that spot is Charleston Lake and its vicinity. When I received the Reporter I at once left off business and seated myself with my eyes riveted to the print and did not stop until I had read everything even to the advertisements.

As I read I see the names of some young men who were small lads when I lived at Athens, also I see the names of some of my old playmates, and I begin to feel just a little homesick, and long to see the old place again and I was thankful that Athens could boast of a newspaper.

As my mind went back to my boyhood days I thought perhaps that some of my old schoolmates might be pleased to hear from me as I was to hear from them, so I decided to write to you and if you could spare the space perhaps you would print it and by this means I would be sure of it being read by those for whom I most intend it.

I am sure that many of my old chums will on reading this look back to the days we ran away from school to fish and swim and the nights we spent with spears and jacklights around the many creeks of good old Charleston Lake. Some of them will also remember that we did not always obey the for in our eagerness for the funny tribe we resorted to nets.

Some of them will remember one dark night six of us went out with ten nets and starting in at Alguire's island we strung the nets at intervals between there and the onion bed, when our nets were all out we went ashore for a couple of hours and when we came back to run our nets what a surprise we met with not a net could we find perhaps so many salmon got into them that they dragged the nets away. We went home feeling blue and the next day Inspector William Johnston got credit for making a large haul of nets and we realized that we had been lucky not to be taken along also.

Of course all this was wrong; but boys will be boys, and we had a lot of fun. How vividly all these things are stamped on my memory and how I would love to live those days over again but alas, time waits for no man, and we can have our days but once.

When I read the names of Lieut. Harold Wiltsie, Carman Culbert and others, it was hard for me to believe that those boys had grown to manhood and had families of their own, till I began to think, and remembered that I have a son of my own nearly twenty-two years of age. Oh, how the time fits—and now I begin to realize that I am growing old.

It was with pride that I read of the work of our gallant boys at the front, and knowing what the first to go have suffered others are enlisting every day, thus showing the determination of our young men to fight for what they believe to be a righteous cause.

I came here nearly two years ago to work for the Chinese government; my business is to manage a paper mill and teach the Chinese to make paper by machinery. The Chinese are the oldest paper-makers in the world; but until recently have made it all by hand not knowing anything about machinery. They are rather more quick to learn than you would expect, and it will not be long before they will have some fairly good mechanics here. As to how much longer I will stay here depends entirely on internal conditions of this country.

You all know before this how the late president Yuan Shin Kai tried to turn China back from a republic to a monarchy, and by so doing, threw the country into another revolution, and upset the country from one end to the other. Yuan completely failed in this matter and brought trouble on himself that caused him to worry so much that his heart failed and other troubles set in that caused his death. As dying was about the only thing that he ever did that was of any benefit to the common people, there was great rejoicing here over his last kind act. The country is far from quiet yet, but Yuan's death went a long way towards peace, and saved the country from being stained with much blood.

The new President seems to be a favorite with both parties, and it looks as though the country might become settled; but there is no telling yet what will happen next. The government is

dead broke therefore the President's hands are tied for lack of money.

They are trying to get a loan of \$30,000,000 from some foreign country; but no government wants to lend them money while the country is in the unsettled condition that it is at present. The country here is overrun with brigands and thieves. These are soldiers who have deserted and taken their guns with them, and are now back in the interior roving about and living on plunder. The authorities don't dare send other soldiers after them for fear that these also will desert and join the robbers. Chinese soldiers are a bad lot, and which ever side can show the best chance to get money (no matter how) that is the side the soldier is apt to go with. The government has no money to pay them with; so if they see a chance to get more by plunder, away they go. The trouble is that China has a Government that does not govern.

It they don't soon get one that does some foreign powers will certainly have to step in and govern for them, and herein lies a great difficulty, as the European powers are all having trouble enough at present looking after home affairs. There is none left to interfere here, only America and Japan and America has no desire to interfere. Therefore Japan is the only one power that is likely to take a hand in China's affairs. Japan is craving this very opportunity and the only thing that is holding her back is the fear that other powers would jump on her as soon as they were free of their home troubles.

There are great possibilities for trade here in China and there is a lot of jealousy amongst the powers as to who shall get the lion's share. Personally, I believe that the best thing that could happen to China would be for her to come under the control of the Japanese.

With all China's millions of population, the country is so vast that there is plenty of room for more. Japan is so small and over populated that it is absolutely necessary for her to stretch out and find some place for her people to live. China is the place that is nearest and offers the best results, and Japan is very anxious to use this country for a dumping ground.

The Chinese are very poor—business men; while the Japs are a very thrifty, thrifty and progressive people, and if they ever get control of China, this country will be much better off but you may be sure that other powers will loose a lot of trade.

I visited Japan for five days when on my way here and I would like to tell you a lot about that country but it will take up too much space so I will mention one thing—Education.

Japan has compulsory school laws and and 93 per cent of the people obey that law and the Japs are fast becoming a highly educated people, while the Chinese have no school laws and only a few are able to get any education.

I visited two schools in Japan and saw at least fifty girls from twelve to sixteen years old sitting in their seats with babies strapped to their backs. The parents of these girls are very poor and both parents have to work, and the girl takes care of her sister or brother and gets her schooling at the

same time. The Japs fully realize the benefit of education.

The Japanese are generally very poor but they are gaining all the time since they began to educate their people a few years ago, while the Chinese are becoming poorer every year.

Dear Editor, thanking you in advance, and with best wishes for the long life of the Athens Reporter and its editor, I beg to remain,

Respectfully yours

BENSON J. SMITH

## Athens Village Council

Regular meeting held Sept. 26th. Minutes of the previous meeting read and approved.

Jacob—Smith—That the communication from the British Red Cross Society and Order of St. John, asking through the Legislature, that Oct. 19 be set aside as contribution day, be received by this council, and that Reeve Holmes and Councillor Sheldon be appointed a committee to confer with the Women's Institute regarding arrangements for this occasion—carried.

Jacob—Smith—That the following account be paid:

A. Taylor hardware and wood \$ 2 30  
W. G. Parish, lumber & coal 38 31  
John Biglow, salary 1 mos... 6 25

Byron Derbyshire tuning piano..... 2 00  
F. Blancher, salary 2 mos... 31 26  
F. Blancher, lumber..... 3 77  
W. J. Nute & Son, Brockville, acct. steel plate..... 2 50  
F. Sheldon repairing cement walks..... 1 50  
D. L. Johnson, supplies..... 1 00  
John Ross drawing tank wagon..... 4 00  
Geo. E. Judson, funeral expenses of Geo. Mott..... 20 00  
A. E. McLean, constable work..... 1 50

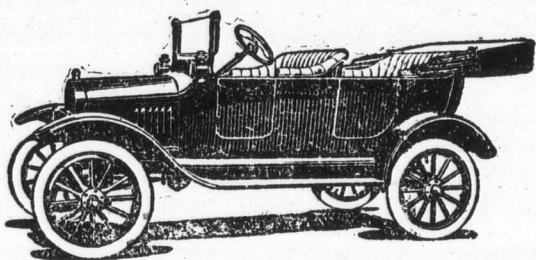
—carried

Jacob—Sheldon—That Messrs. M. B. Holmes and Elma Smith be a committee to arrange for the purchase of name plates for the various streets in the village and have the same properly erected.—carried

A by-law was duly passed levying the following amount for 1916.

County purposes including  
War Tax..... \$1074 89  
Village Purposes..... 2551 44  
Sidewalk Debentures..... 685 77  
Town Hall..... 809 40  
High School..... 136 29  
Public School..... 192 05  
High School maintenance..... 740 00  
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