

JULY 4th CELEBRATION HONORED BOYS WHO WENT TO WAR ^{fixed}
Editor saw it as time to bury the hatchet in County seat location ^(right)

July 4, 1919 was a big day in Pine City. It was the date of the homecoming celebration for all the "Boys" who had served in World War I.

A special edition of the Pine Poker published on that date was devoted entirely to stories of Pine county heroes.

Every soldier, sailor and marine from the county was listed. The names of thirty nine who lost their lives in the war were set off by a heavy black border. Their fathers name and place of residence were included and the layout succeeded in setting the tone for the entire issue.

Leon Heath, son of Sam Heath of Beroun was one of the first from the area to be killed. The American Legion post was later named after him.

Frank Novak, son of Casper Novak of Pine City was also on the list and the V.F.W. post bears his name.

The Brook Park Banner made reference to the Pine county homecoming celebration in the following editorial.

"We have always been a strong and consistent advocate of community spirit. Without harmonious cooperation much that is for the good and welfare of the community is lost, while discordant conditions can cloud the peace and prosperity of the home, community and state.

While we realize that conditions can oftentimes be greatly battered by a stiff fight we feel that when the fight is honorably lost, it is not best to continue a constant backing. This is often caused by a wish for personal betterment rather than a truly generous desire to benefit all.

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Celebration #2.

Our Soldiers, Sailors and Marines left their personal affairs, often to protect all. They have learned the great lesson of One for All which we must all learn if we are to get that which is really best in life.

"Now that these boys are coming home throughout the entire nation it is being made a point to honor them on the Fourth of July in the County seat, the place of their departure for the front.

This movement was started in Pine ~~County~~ City many weeks ago. We are all in Pine county--let us make our slogan A Better Pine County and steadily and consistently work to that end. Personal or community disagreements should not color our actions when by so doing the county is not benefited. The community spirit should extend in a constantly widening circle until all are embraced in a spirit of love."

Through his editorial the publisher of the Brook Park Banner was trying to smooth out the hard feelings among county residents that the county seat was located in Pine City. He saw the homecoming celebration honoring veterans from the entire county as an ideal time to bury the hatchet.

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