

WILLIAM PETERSON BROWN

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went in swimming in Chowan where now is Pleasure Beach, and in this village he continued to live until the guns at Fort Sumter had been heard around the world and the life and drum were making martial music, then young Brown bade the scenes of his childhood goodbye and turned his face southward and finally stopped in the State of Mississippi, the home state of Jefferson Davis, President of the Confederacy. But he did not tarry long there for in Cross County, Arkansas, lived Mr. William Barnes (brother of our late and lamented Judge David A. Barnes) who had married his sister, and to Wittsburg, Cross County, Arkansas, he went. He remained there till the next year when he enlisted in the Confederate Army in a company of Independent Rangers, in which he remained till the spring of 1863 when his Company was put in the 29th Arkansas Regiment, Co. A, 110 men, mostly boys.

His first engagement with the Federal Army was at Old Austin in White County, Ark., at which fight he was orderly for the Colonel, then he was elected Orderly Sergeant for his Company.

He is next in the fight around Helena, Ark., and in the summer of 1864, his regiment massacred a regiment of negro soldiers at Big Creek, Ark., about ten miles from Helena.

This lad had now reached his eighteenth year and his qualities as a soldier had attracted the attention of his comrades so that in 1864 he was placed in command of his company, for several days.

In October 1864 he went on a raid with General Sterling Price to Missouri, where he had hard fighting at Pilot Knob and Iron Mountain; and notwithstanding the hard fighting at Pilot Knob and Iron Mountain they pushed on through Missouri to West Port, near Kansas City, where his regiment charged a battery and lost about one-third of the men and were forced to retreat into Kansas and Nebraska, fighting every day for a week without drawing any rations and without salt for over ten days, when Brown, the soldier boy, who so nearly died from exposure, starvation and continuous fighting that he was compelled to go home to his sister's where he surrendered at Wittsburg, Cross County, Arkansas, May 25, 1865 and is now living within five miles of the place of his surrender. The South in the Building of the Nation, Vol. III, page 315 referring to General Price's raid in Missouri, I quote:

"Matters remained in this condition until September, when Price started from his camp in southern Arkansas on a raid into Missouri. He marched his army as far north as Kansas, fighting many battles, the principal of which was at Pilot Knob, in Missouri, where his forces were repulsed with great loss. The general result of the expedition was fruitless, and after having gone as far north as the Marais des Cygnes, in Kansas, they were met with a considerable reverse, the army turned back and returned to Arkansas.

"This was the end of operations in Arkansas, for the great war, having been fought out to the bitter end, was now drawing to a close. Sherman had marched through Georgia like a sword piercing the very vitals of the Confederacy. In Virginia the two Titans, Grant and Lee, had struggled until the latter fell, and the curtain was rung down upon the ghastly conflict of four years' duration by the sheathing of his sword at Appomattox and the Confederacy was no more."

After the war Mr. Brown continued to live in Cross County, Arkansas, until 1867, when he came back to Colerain, Bertie county, to settle up his father's estate and while on this visit he also visited the home of the late Mr. John Lewis Jenkins at the old Jenkins place about three miles from what is now Ahoskie. This was the parental roof of the late Sidney Jenkins, who died in Aulander, the late J. Ed. Jenkins, Mr. Paul E. Jenkins and Mrs. Mollie Hayes, of Ahoskie, Mrs. W. S. Tayloe of Powellsville, the late Mrs. S. M. Aumack, of near Harrelsville, Mrs. Lizzie Pruden of Windsor and Miss Laura Jenkins about whom we shall hear more. While on this visit, Dan Cupid was just as busy as now and no doubt there were many stolen chats between our young hero and Miss Laura and what promises and pledges, if any, I am unable to record, but on his return to his western home he found that his brother-in-law, Mr. Wm. Barnes, wanted a school teacher and the young veteran of many battles was not slow nominating Miss Laura Jenkins in Hertford County and on his highest recommendations Mr. or Mrs. Barnes communicated with her and I have a suspicion that young Mr. Brown communicated also for she accepted the position and we soon find her folks getting her ready for the journey to the west. By private conveyance she was placed on the train at Weldon, for that was the nearest railroad station and the next we hear from Miss Laura is, that she is teaching at Wittsburg and giving wonderful satisfaction and Mr. Brown seeing

how well she can "teach the young idea how to shoot," concludes that she would make him an ideal helpmeet and makes known his discovery to Miss Laura and in course of a short while Miss Laura Jenkin becomes the beautiful bride of Mr. William Peterson Brown.

Sons and daughters were born to this couple who live now in Cross County, Arkansas, who can proudly boast that their parents are tarheels of the full blood. Mrs. Brown died in November, 1911. Mr. Brown is very much alive in his 78th year and reads without glasses and like a lady reads without glasses and writes like a lady without the least sign of nervousness which we often notice with people of his age.

The Herald presents a picture of him on this favorite buggy horse. From the appearance of the wheels he must have just returned from a muddy drive.

After his return in 1867 he did not return again to Hertford County until the year 1898 but since then he has made several visits. His talks are interesting and full of local historical information. It would be so valuable to our people if they would save the information contained in the minds of our elders. The news of today is the history of tomorrow.

Mr. Brown's many friends or the children of his friends who are no longer in the land of the living would welcome him in our midst and would deem it a privilege to have him with them. Remember that the gates of Ahoskie swing wide through which you have a perennial pass.

NOTES

Cross County, Arkansas, was named in honor of David Cross who emigrated from Gates County and became one of the early settlers in Arkansas. He was an uncle of Mrs. Dora Askew Wood, of Winton and Mrs. Starkey Sharp, Sr., deceased, and Mrs. Agnes Askew, deceased, of Harrelsville.

Vandale, in Cross County, Arkansas, was named in honor of Ransalear Vann, an early settler from Hertford County. He was a brother of the late Jno. A. Vann, father of Hon. Jno. E. Vann, the present Nestor of the Hertford county bar.

Wynne, Cross County, Arkansas, was named in honor of an early settler who emigrated from Hertford County named Wynne, who possibly substituted the letter "e" for the letter "s".

TOBACCO IS COMING TO MARKET STRONG

Approximately 60,000 pounds of tobacco were sold on the floors of the two auction warehouses here on Wednesday morning. Tuesday's sale was almost as large as that of the previous day, and at one of the houses an average of \$30.64 per hundred was made on 20,358 pounds of tobacco. Wednesday's average also maintained its place among the high figures rung up here lately.

The averages made on this market stand out as the highest yet on record at any of the markets of the East, and farmers in this territory are taking no chances on losing an opportunity to bring their weed to market here.

The Basnight Warehouse will have its last sale on the 28th of November, while the Iron Warehouse will keep its doors open for a while longer, the exact date not having been announced.

KERR WAS GIVEN HIS OFFICIAL COMMISSION

Judge Jno. H. Kerr, of Warrenton, Democratic nominee for Congress to fill out the unexpired time of the late Congressman Claude Kitchin, got 3,780 votes out of the 3,781 cast in the Second district two weeks ago, according to the official tabulation made by the State Board of Elections on Wednesday. Adam Jones got the other one in Edgecombe county.

Judge Kerr was formally declared elected and his commission to represent his district in Congress was forwarded to him Wednesday. He will take his seat when Congress meets in regular session early in December. The term expires March 4, 1925. He has already resigned the judgeship and has been succeeded by T. H. Pittman.

CARLOAD APPLES WERE SOON DISTRIBUTED

Six hundred and fifty bushels of Virginia apples, which were shipped to Ahoskie through the efforts of Miss Myrtle Swindell, county home demonstrator, were quickly disposed of to Hertford County homes week before last. Little trouble was experienced in finding buyers at the close prices they were offered at.

Every person measured his own apples, and there was no complaint on the measure business.

NORFOLK COTTON MARKET

(Reported Thursday morning by Wintborne and Company cotton factors) "Market opened at thirty-two and even-eighths. Now same."

RED CROSS HELPS WAR'S SUFFERERS

Aids 200,000 Veterans Their Families—27,000 Disabled Still in Hospitals

SPENDS \$5,866,255 IN YEAR

Individual Attention Assured to All Physically Ailing or in Distress.

Washington. — War service five years after the armistice, which on November 11 the American Red Cross marks with the opening of the annual membership canvass, shows that during the past year assistance was extended by the Red Cross to some 300,000 ex-service men or their families. To 139 hospitals throughout the country approximately 75,000 ex-service men were admitted for treatment and to 68,398 of these men definite and specialized service was extended, the Red Cross annual report discloses. In all hospitals under government operation a total of nearly 27,000 disabled veterans were reported by the Surgeon General of the Army.

These facts of the aftermath of physical and mental disability five years after the World War, and the burden resting upon the relatives and dependents of the ex-service men, show conclusively the great need of the Red Cross to act as a supplementary arm of the government in service to these many thousands of men who wore the uniform of the United States. It should be emphasized that government assistance is necessarily standardized along specified lines affecting them as a whole. The Red Cross service is to the individual man and the solution of his problems. This the Red Cross designates "home service" for its aims to give the loving care and interest of the home to these men undergoing physical reconstitution far from their actual home influences.

Year's Expenditures \$5,866,255

In the year ended last June 30 the Red Cross reports \$5,866,255 spent by its Chapters in extending individual attention to the ex-service men and \$1,946,255 spent by National Headquarters of the Red Cross, a total of \$5,866,255. In behalf of the men called to duty in the World War the Red Cross since July 1, 1917, has spent nearly \$164,000,000. Today there are 2,608 Chapters in as many localities carrying on this work, aiding the individual veteran, assisting his family, furnishing creature comforts and funds to tide over troublesome periods. The strong connecting link between the Red Cross and the United States Veterans' Bureau takes the complications out of difficult cases of claims. The Red Cross in this work requiring personal representation of the ex-service man has acted in appeal cases, insurance matters, personal and family problems, camp and hospital activities, and in cases of death. This service handled nearly 12,000 compensation and insurance claims, and 2,235 allotment and other claims.

Solves Serious Problem

The financial problem of the ex-service man when traveling to and from hospitals is a serious one, and in meeting this constant demand the Red Cross expended \$138,334.17 during the year. For extra recreational equipment in Veterans' Bureau training centers \$14,306 was spent, and for the blinded veterans in the government school funds were supplied to enable some of these unfortunate men to enter business as storekeepers and poultry raisers.

In Veterans' Bureau hospitals the record of a single month illustrates the large service rendered by the Red Cross. For example, 15,594 new cases required attention, and a total of 26,007 cases were acted upon; 49,368 letters and 1,863 telegraph messages written, and more than 1,800 entertainments given in recreation houses for the benefit of the patients.

Authorities declare that the present is a critical time in the lives of many of the disabled ex-service men who during the five years since the armistice have developed misgivings of recovery.

Work Among the "Regulars"

Service to the enlisted men of the Army, Navy and Marine Corps is a charter obligation of the Red Cross, which in the last year recorded over 200,000 cases of assistance extended and 824,420 visits to the sick and disabled. Inquiries by the Red Cross at the request of Government authorities into the home conditions of soldiers, sailors and marines aggregated 17,714, and there were nearly 8,000 instances where the Red Cross located men for their families.

All these activities constituting a single responsibility of the American Red Cross demonstrated during the year that its "war service" in behalf of the veteran and the man enlisted in the nation's defensive arms must go forward unflinchingly and without stint of funds. The work of the last five years has welded a close bond of regard between the men who sacrificed and the Red Cross, whose efforts are praised and indorsed by the veterans' organizations. To do all that can be done to soften the consequences of the hard blows of war is the supreme duty of the Red Cross, to which it is the duty of the work and most liberal support.

For Dressing Table



The prettiest new lamp and candle shades are made of plain and picot edged ribbon, as shown in the illustration. Plain satin ribbon, in strips set together with narrow beading, and laid in shallow plaits, forms the shade, finished with ruffles of picot and plain ribbon. The lamp standard is also covered with the plain ribbon, scantily shirred and sewed row on row. This is a dainty and elegant gift suited to a boudoir reading stand or dressing table.

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