

## WILLIAM PENN WOOD

INTERESTING LIFE STORY OF ONE OF ASHEBORO'S DISTINGUISHED SONS.

When the war clouds in 1861 enveloped the nation with their dark wings and North Carolina cast its lot with the Southern Confederacy, there was on a farm in the Piedmont section of the State, to be more specific, in Randolph county, a youth of only 17 years old whose heart and soul were fired with patriotism for his native State and he at once enlisted in defense of the new born nation. Though young in years he was stout and brave of heart.

This youth was William Penn Wood, now the auditor of the State of North Carolina and though more than half a century has passed his patriotism has never waned nor his devotion to his State diminished.

A youthful and brave soldier through that great struggle, he has been no less faithful in his private and public life since that time and by his affability and genuine friendship has been successful in life and has surrounded himself with a host of friends, not only in the hills of Oconeechee, but throughout the commonwealth.

When young Wood enlisted in the cause of the Confederacy he came to Raleigh where he became a member of Co. I of the Twenty-second North Carolina Regiment. This regiment was drilled at Raleigh by Walter Clark, the drill master, who was a mere youth, and now the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of North Carolina. James Johnston Pettigrew, who afterwards became a general, was the first Colonel of the regiment, which when it left Raleigh was sent to Evansport on the Potomac, and it was there that Col. Wood got his first experience of real war. At this point the regiment had charge of a battery. From there the regiment was transferred to Yorktown.

Col. Wood was in the most serious fighting of the war and his war career furnished many thrilling incidents. The principal battles he was in were Seven Days fight around Richmond, second battle of Manassas, second battle of Bull Run, Chancellorsville, Fredericksburg, the Wilderness, Spotsylvania Court House and North Anna River.

He was wounded at the second battle of Manassas and he still carries the musket ball that entered his body on that occasion. He was near Stonewall Jackson, when that beloved chieftain of the South was killed at Chancellorsville. He witnessed the inspiring sight of President Davis under musket fire and rallying the men at Seven Pines. He beheld General Robert E. Lee, the South's greatest chieftain, under musket fire on numerous occasions. He was taken prisoner in 1864 and taken to Point Lookout where he was confined until the end of the war.

Col. Wood is a Democrat of the all wool and a yard wide type. He started voting earlier than the average voter. He cast his first vote for Zeb Vance for Governor before he was 21 years old. That was during the war. He acted on the principle that if he was old enough to be a soldier he was old enough to vote. Since that time he has never failed to vote in an election and has never scratched a Democratic ticket.

He has always taken a great interest in politics and in all campaigns he has canvassed his county in the interest of the Democratic ticket. At all State conventions of the party he was a conspicuous figure and was active in the councils of the party. At one time he was chairman of the congressional convention when Randolph was in the fourth district.

He represented Randolph and Moore counties in the State Senate in 1901. In 1905 and 1907 he represented Randolph in the General Assembly. He introduced the bill in the Legislature which established the Stonewall Jackson training School at Concord. He also took an active part in other progressive legislation.

When State Auditor Dixon died in 1910, Col. Wood was nominated in October of that year by the Democratic State Executive Committee to fill the vacancy, and he was elected in the general election in November, 1910, and he was re-elected in 1912, his term expiring in 1911. Thus it will be seen that he is serving his first elective term. His office, with its capable force, is in splendid shape and Col. Wood has a smile and a happy greeting for all callers. He is a typical gentleman of the old school.

Col. Wood was born in Asheboro, his present home, but he was reared on a farm. When he returned from the war, he went to clerking in a store, but soon he went in business for himself and since that time has been a successful merchant of that place. Being a business man of ability he has always been an active force in the commercial life of his native town and he is still a member of Randolph Business Men's Club. He was town treasurer from 1880 until 1888. He was county treasurer from 1890

## STATE AUDITOR WILLIAM PENN WOOD



### OUR BILL FOR IMPORTED FOOD AND FEED STUFFS

Mr. George W. Bradshaw, formerly principal of the Asheboro graded school, now studying at the State University, and president of the Randolph County Club, has prepared an interesting table for the University News Letter, showing the food and feed consumed by man and beast in such county more than the farms of the county produced in the census year. The figures are based upon food crops and animal products exhibited in the 13th census report, and upon the averages of per capita annual consumption announced by the Federal Department of Agriculture.

Neither the figures of the census nor Mr. Bradshaw's use of them can be understood as complete and final totals of food production; so, for manifest reasons. But in both alike the counties of the state and the states of the Union are figured upon the same basis and in this way they stand upon a level for comparison.

According to this table, Allegheny county imports less than any other. Randolph comes 37th in the list; Chatham, 50th; Alamance, 65th; Guilford, 96th; Davidson, 53rd; Montgomery, 39th; and Moore, 41st. Mecklenburg is at the bottom of the list, importing more food and feed than any other county.

### AN OLD FRIEND RETURNS

Baltimore Sun.  
We have been looking a long time for the arrival of everybody's friend, General Prosperity, but the General is undoubtedly here at last. He has come hand in hand with spring, and promises to grow as fast as the leaves and grass, and to increase and multiply in size every week. The stock markets always know when he has come back, and the way they have been "carrying on" for the last few days shows that financial nerve centers have recovered their confidence and their courage. People who deal in money and its equivalents are easy to frighten and hard to reassure, and when they come out of hiding and begin to grow enthusiastic, we can feel that everything is getting all right again. It has been a long lapse of doubt and depression, but we have passed the turning point and are on the high road to good times. The glad season of spring is doubly welcome this year in bringing us business health and activity as well as sunshine and flowers.

Washington, D. C., with 100,000 negroes, has the largest colored population of any city in the United States.

to 1894.  
He has always taken great interest in schools and has been a member of the school board of Asheboro for many years, giving up this position when he came to Raleigh.

Having been raised on the farm and owning a farm near Asheboro he has always taken a special interest in farming and those things which would advance the farming class of the S.

Being a Confederate veteran member of the North Carolina Veterans' Association, and a Colonel General Carr's staff, he has always taken a keen interest in every thing that would aid those old soldiers who need assistance in their declining days. He was one of the prime movers in the establishment of the Soldiers' Home at Raleigh, and as auditor, it gives him pleasure that he has an oversight over this institution. He is vice-president of the Home and was one of the members of the Soldiers' Home Board when it was first established.

Col. Wood was married on September 4, 1872, to Miss Henrietta Genter, of Durham, and three children blessed that union. These are Mrs. J. O. Redding, Mr. John Wood and Mrs. W. A. Underwood. Mrs. Wood died about 20 years ago.

He is a member of the Methodist church and has been a steward since 1866. He has always had a strong love for fraternal orders and is a member of the Knights of Pythias, Masons, Royal Arch Masons, Odd Fellows, Junior O. U. A. M.

### ASHEBORO SHOULD HAVE A PUBLIC LIBRARY

Every town, no matter how small, should have a public library as soon as possible. "It should be the town's best investment, paying the largest dividends in education, character, culture and development," says one writer.

Some of the advantages of a public library are summed up by the *Thomasville Times* as follows:  
A public library in our community would be an influence for good every day in the week.

It would make the town more attractive to the class of people we want as residents and neighbors.  
A library would be the center of our social and intellectual life and would stimulate the growth of clubs for study and debating.

We need a library to carry forward the education of the children who leave school at an early age; to give them a better chance for self-education.

To enable adults to get an education who have lacked or failed to make use of early opportunities.

To provide fresh, strong, wholesome books for young and old, rich and poor, for the teacher and the pupil, for the student and the working man.

We all want a library for ourselves, for our neighbors, for the good of our town. Why not establish it now and be getting the good out of it?

### IT MUST BE TRUE

Asheboro Readers Must Come to That Conclusion.

It is not the telling of a single case in Asheboro, but a number of citizens testify. Endorsement by people you know bears the stamp of truth. The following is one of the public statements made in this locality about Doan's Kidney Pills:

S. W. Pressnell, Iveryman, S. Fayetteville Street, Asheboro, N. C., says: "I used to have bad spells with my back and my kidneys acted so freely at times, then again they were congested. I felt restless and nervous and had dizzy spells. I have taken Doan's Kidney Pills off and on for ten years when I have had these attacks and have always found them just as represented, getting quick relief. When a cold affects my kidneys, Doan's Kidney Pills never fail to help me right away."

Price 50c., at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Pressnell had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

### FAITHFUL "BLACK MAMMY"

The old "black mammy" given to Mrs. J. M. Cole when she was married to Mr. Cole, in 1858, is still with them in the same capacity as in slavery days, having refused to leave the old home when the slaves were freed. This old colored woman is now 69 years of age, and looks after the chickens and cows as was her wont in the days before the war; and to say that she enjoys all the comforts is putting it mildly, for there is nothing too good for old "Mammy"—*Moore County News.*

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is a medicine given you will understand why it has become so popular for coughs, colds and croup. For sale by all dealers.

### DOCTORS MUST REPORT

A recent bulletin of the State Board of Health calls attention to the fact that doctors, midwives, and undertakers have been delinquent in reporting births and deaths to the local registrars as required by the vital statistics law. The law requires the doctors, midwives, and undertakers to report these matters without the registrar having to look them up and ask for the information.

"Leprosy is curable and there is little danger of contracting the disease, as I have shown by having none but leprosy servants in my house for years," says Dr. Adolph Bohner, who has recently arrived in this country from Siam.

### BORAX A FLY PREVENTIVE

The Bulletin of the United States Department of Agriculture speaking of the favorable results obtained by the use of borax on manure piles to cure fly larvae says: "It possesses a marked insecticidal action and appears to exert no permanent injury on the fertilizing value of the manure."

The Bulletin reckons the cost of borax treatment, using ordinary commercial borax costing 5 to 6 cents per pound to be one cent per horse per day, and recommends about a pound of borax to every 15 cubic feet or twelve bushels of manure immediately after its removal from the stable, or in other words, about a pound per horse per week. It further advises the sprinkling of the borax through any fine sieve over the manure especially around the outer edges if placed in a pile and that the whole be sprinkled with three to five gallons of water.

While the State Board of Health would not for a moment frown on the use of borax where borax is needed, or where for some reason prompt removal of manure seems out of the question, but attention should be called to the neglect of ordinary cleanliness. In other words, beware of perfumes where a bath is needed.

### CALOMEL DYNAMITES A SLUG-GISH LIVER

Crashes into Sour Bile, Making You Sick and You Lose a Day's Work. Calomel salivates! It's mercury. Calomel acts like dynamite on a slug-gish liver. When calomel comes into contact with sour bile it crashes into it, causing cramping and nausea.

If you feel bilious, headachy, constipated and all knocked out, just go to your druggist and get a 50-cent bottle of Dodson's Liver Tonic, which is a harmless vegetable substitute for dangerous calomel. Take a spoonful and if it doesn't start your liver and straighten you up better and quicker than nasty calomel and without making you sick, you just go back and get your money.

If you take calomel today you'll be sick and nauseated tomorrow; besides it may salivate you, while if you take Dodson's Liver Tonic you will wake up feeling great, full of ambition and ready for work or play. It's harmless, pleasant and safe to give to children; they like it.

### UTILIZE THE CORN

In these days of high-priced wheat, it is well to remember that corn meal, in many instances, is fitted to take the place of flour if properly handled. The United States Department of Agriculture has gotten out a most useful bulletin, telling all about corn meal and how to use it. The pamphlet contains 60 recipes ranging from corn meal mush to most elaborate confections prepared with corn meal as a base.

This bulletin, to which *The Courier* has referred in the past, may be had by anyone who will take the trouble to write the United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., and ask for Bulletin No. 565.

### SHOULD NOT FEEL DISCOURAGED

So many people troubled with indigestion and constipation have been benefited by taking Chamberlain's Tablets that no one should feel discouraged who has not given them a trial. They contain no poison or other digestive ferments but strengthen the stomach and enable it to perform its functions naturally. For sale by all dealers.

### VIRGINIA-CAROLINA BALL GAMES

Five thousand people attended the Virginia-Carolina ball game at Greensboro, April 19. It is said that 728 automobiles were counted at one time around the gates of the park and in the street. The greater part of these thousands were Carolinians, yet they had to see their teams go down in defeat, the score being 5 to 2 in favor of Virginia.

However, the Carolinians evened up the argument with their ancient rivals by a score of 8 to 5 at Durham, on Monday afternoon. This game was also attended by an immense crowd, and the Tar Heels celebrated their victory in great style.

### HOOVER HILL MINE

Hoover Hill gold mine, near Caraway, owned by Mr. Lee Briles, is now reported to be turning out rich ore. The mine was formerly worked by another company to a depth of 350 feet; and at this point in the bottom of the shaft, the ore was found to be very good. Another vein of rich ore ten feet wide has recently been found at a depth of 150 feet. The value of the ore in this mine varies from \$10 to \$500 per ton.

### NOTICE

Having qualified as administrator on the estate of Mrs. Swanna Dawkins, deceased, before J. M. Cavness, Clerk of the Superior Court of Randolph county.

All persons having claims against said estate are notified to present them to the undersigned, duly verified on or before the 8th day of April, 1916, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery; and all persons owing said estate will come forward and make immediate settlement. This 6th day of April, 1915. ARTHUR ROSS, Adm.

## GENERAL NEWS ITEMS

ITEMS OF LIVE NEWS GATHERED FROM OUR EXCHANGES AND CONDENSED IN BRIEF FORM FOR BUSY READERS.

The British government has decided against placing cotton on the contraband list.

General Julian S. Carr, of Durham, will be the principal speaker at Oak Ridge commencement, May 18.

John Gardner, aged 99, the oldest active banker in the United States, died in Norwalk, Ohio, last week.

General Huerta, the Mexican trouble maker, is in New York City, he says, for business and pleasure.

A St. Louis minister recently prayed for those of the congregation, who were too proud to kneel and too lazy to stand, says an exchange.

The total number of free seed packages sent out by the United States government this spring will amount to 75,000,000.

The solid silver gold-lined communion service was stolen from St. Timothy's Lutheran church, Wilson, last week.

The commissioners of Greensboro have awarded to R. G. Lassiter, of Oxford, the contract for laying approximately 75,000 square yards of paving, the cost to be \$87,350.

The death of fifteen persons, ten of whom are women, in the collision of a trolley car and a freight, in Detroit, last week, is charged to the inexperience of a student motorman.

Chief Gunner's Mate Crilley went 288 feet under the water last week, and walked along the top of the submarine F-4, which disappeared near Honolulu, March 25th. This is said to be the world's diving record.

After investigating under the food and drugs act, a large number of preparations advertised as consumption cures, the Department of Agriculture has not been able to discover any that can in any sense be regarded as "cures" for tuberculosis.

Great Britain has offered a "full and ample apology" to the Chilean government for the sinking on March 14th, in waters belonging to Chile of the German cruiser Dresden, the instrument of which had already been ordered when the British squadron attacked the German.

W. T. Mangum, superintendent of Durham county home, has resigned as the result of charges that have been made or were liable to be made against him because of a whipping administered young Wesley Perry, a prisoner at the home, for some slight breaking of the rules.

England experienced the second Zeppelin raid one night last week, when German airmen made an extensive flight over the northeast coast. Very little damage was done, owing to the fact that the cities and towns in that part of England were promptly thrown into darkness. One or two people were slightly injured.

Mrs. Martha E. Grissom, mother of the late Rev. W. L. Grissom, of Greensboro, died at the home of her son in Spencer, recently, at the age of 76 years. The deceased is survived by two sons and a daughter, H. B. Grissom, of Spencer; E. K. Grissom, of Montgomery county; and Mrs. Ida Boncraft, of Greensboro.

Ray L. Johnson, a Kinston machinist, has gone to Washington to exhibit to Secretary of War Garrison an infernal machine that he almost expects to revolutionize warfare. The machine, which he calls a "land torpedo," consists of a cylindrical tube, mounted on a small chassis, a motor in the rear end of the tube, and 200 pounds of dry explosive packed away in an inner receptacle.

Judge C. C. Lyon dissolved the order of restraint in the case of Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Turner, of High Point, vs. the city of High Point, the North Carolina Public Service Company, and the Carolina and Yadkin River Railway Co., one day last week. The injunction was granted by Judge T. J. Shaw recently, stopping the construction of connecting tracks by the two defendant companies at High Point, and the building of spur tracks to business houses for the delivery of freight.

### GIVE SKIN TO HELP CHARITY PATIENT

Six nurses, a physician, and the wife of one of the patients at St. Leo's Hospital, Greensboro, have recently volunteered to have skin grafted from their bodies to the body of a little boy of six or eight, a charity patient, who was accidentally burned in a serious manner a few days ago. Two brothers of the little patient refused to submit to the operation to help the little fellow, but the others responded and each was asked to give only a small piece of skin to hasten the healing process. It is now expected that the child will recover rapidly.

## A DAVIE REPUBLICAN FAVORS WILSON ADMINISTRATION

(From *Cherokee Observer*.)

The Republican newspapers are filled in recent magazines when they consider that business is getting better and better with every passing day. When the G. O. P. leaders killed the ship-purchase bill they thought they had put a quietus on prosperity for at least two years and they don't know what to make of the wonderful improvement in business now taking place.—*Winston-Salem Journal.*

The above was clipped from a Democratic paper published in North Carolina, and deserves more than a passing notice, for if it is a true indication of the Republican party, every honest, patriotic citizen of this country should join with the Democrats in 1916 and relegate the once "Grand Old Party" to utter oblivion. If Republican members of Congress (many of whom voted against the ship-purchase bill and are candidates for the Presidential nomination) are made of such stuff as described in the above clipping, the sooner the people know and realize who they are the better for all concerned. No political party deserves to win whose motives are so sordid and whose patriotism is of such a low standard.

Every citizen of this great nation should vie with each other in upholding the hands of "our President" in his laudable efforts in observing a strict neutrality while this terrible war is raging across the seas. Not only should we stand by him, and "our Government" so far as the European war is concerned, but we should cheerfully and wholeheartedly endorse his course with reference to Mexico. Why should any civilized and sane American want to see our country go to war in behalf of a lot of mongrel Mexican greasers? The life of one good American is worth a carload of Yaqui Indians and Yucatan half breeds. This is our country and our Government.

The peace, prosperity and happiness of our people is of far greater importance than the success of any political party either in 1916 or any other year. If the above clipping is a true indictment and the rank and file of the Republican party becomes convinced of the fact before the election in 1916, the Republican candidate won't make a black mark on the board. I cast my first Republican vote for William McKinley in 1896. I was an admirer and supporter of Mr. Taft in 1912, but like all the rest of the Taft followers in Davie was steam rolled in the county convention and sat in my seat, and heard a "grand eloquent supporter of Mr. Roosevelt (with a commission for a Federal office in his pocket signed by President Taft) paw up the dust and proclaim in the honor of his triumph that all the people of Davie county were for Roosevelt, except the Democrats, "niggers" and Federal officeholders. Clearing out himself, of course, for the duties of his office had expired, but when the election came on in November, Mr. Taft received over 800 votes and Mr. Roosevelt a few more than 300. Your scribe has felt ever since that he was in better company with the Democrats, "niggers" and Federal officeholders as alleged, than he would have been had he belonged to the gang that ran the 1912 Republican convention in Davie county.

Because I have voted the Republican ticket is no reason why I should endorse and uphold at this time all and every position taken by the party (to which I have given allegiance), whether right or wrong. The time has come in the life of this great Nation when all men should lay aside their prejudices and stand out boldly and unequivocally for the right as they see it. Fealty to party and party principles is all right as long as those principles are right and bear for our country and its people. We are now crossing a dangerous stream and it is no good time to even discuss swapping horses. One country, one people and one destiny.

E. H. MORRIS.  
Mocksville, April 15.

### AN OLD GOOSE

Mr. Editor:  
While in the vicinity of Glenola, my old friend and neighbor, Allen M. Kearns, showed me an old goose that was raised by Samuel H. Hale, formerly of Caraway, and was sold at his sale and bought by Cicero Spencer. Mr. Kearns bought her of Spencer 26 years ago. He says Spencer owned her for two years, making said goose 28 years old since sale. There is no one living that knows how old she was when first sold. She might have grown the quill the Declaration of Independence was written with. Mr. Kearns told me the old goose had laid every spring since purchased till this spring. She was out in the snow the 15th of March and it is supposed her feet froze, so she cannot walk. My friend showed me a flock of fine geese, that he said were her offspring. Besides, he had sold a great number of fat geese for Thanksgiving and birthday dinners. He could not approximate the number he had sold.