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Former Citizen's Son Praises Medics Work

The following story from a recent edition of the Charlotte Observer is being reprinted as of local interest to Herald readers.

Sgt. Norman Ross, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Ross of Bessemer City is a relative of a number of Kings Mountain citizens. His mother is the former Miss Blanche McGill of this city. He is a grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. T. J. McGill.

The story follows:
One of the things that added most to the morale of American soldiers under fire was the knowledge that, if wounded, the medics would get them back to a hospital station no matter how much "fire and brimstone" they had to go through to do it, according to Sgt. Norman Ross, back in Charlotte yesterday from long duty in the Pacific theater.

Sergeant Ross, a member of the 158th Regimental Combat team, saw most of his duty in evacuation hospitals just behind the front lines on Finnschaven, Sarmi, Nookfor and Luzon. It was to his hospital that the wounded in his area were first brought. After treatment there they were rushed by plane to base hospitals, and from the base hospitals the most seriously injured were sent to the States.

"When a man went into battle," said Sergeant Ross, "he could rest assured that, if he were hit, the medics would reach him. Which meant that he would soon be receiving the best medical treatment in the world. To give an example, we once lost 12 medics trying to bring one wounded soldier through a field of fire to our evacuation hospital. These 12 did not die in vain, for their courage lent added courage to the troops in battle and was a material factor in our winning the war."

JAPS INEFFICIENT

In contrast, the Japs had very poor field medical service, Sergeant Ross said. And to this fact was attributed a great deal of the enemy's ultimate demoralization on the battlefield. Where the Japs would let their wounded die on the field, the American medics would dash into the hottest sectors of the battle in order to rush the wounded back to station hospitals where prompt and efficient treatment saved thousands of lives.

Sergeant Ross' outfit was sent to Japan after the war ended. They remained there for two and a half months, taking care of soldiers who got sick.

Sergeant Ross wears the Purple Heart for wounds received in a line of duty. He also wears the Asiatic-Pacific ribbon with three bronze stars, the Philippines Liberation ribbon, Good Conduct medal and Victory medal.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Ross of Bessemer City. Before entering the service more than three years ago he was connected with the Blue Ribbon Sales company of Charlotte, now known as Best Brands, Inc.

Cotton Crop Set At 430,000 Bales

RALEIGH, Dec. 22.—The December cotton report release by the Federal State Crop Reporting Service points to a 1945 crop of 430,000 bales for North Carolina.

The 1945 crop of 430,000 bales is 30 per cent smaller than the 10-year average of 604,000 bales, according to Clyde Willis, State Agriculture Department statistician. He said that approximately 85 percent, or 367,000 bales, of the crop has been ginned.

The yields of lint cotton per acre is computed at 371 pounds—83 pounds less per acre than the all-time record yield of 454 pounds harvested in 1944, but 45 pounds per acre higher than the 10-year average of 326 pounds per acre.

The acreage of cotton for harvest in North Carolina from this year's crop, estimated at 550,000 acres, is less than for any year since 1932—only 74 per cent of the 750,000 acres harvested last year and 63 per cent of the 10-year average of 887,000 acres.

Willis said that abandonment of the 1945 crop is about 1.5 per cent of the 563,000 acres of cotton in cultivation on July 1.

Texas, devoting 6,237,000 acres to cotton this season, ranks first with position, and South Carolina, with his crop in the nation, and in second place is Mississippi with 2,290,000 acres.

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Report of Condition of The

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of Kings Mountain, in the State of North Carolina, at the close of business on December 31, 1945, published in response to call made by Comptroller of the Currency, under Section 5211, U. S. Revised Statutes.

ASSETS	
Loans and discounts (including \$ None overdrafts)	\$ 692,031.18
U. S. Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	1,770,810.00
Obligations of States and political subdivisions	132,000.00
Other bonds, notes, and debentures	111,575.00
Corporate stocks (including \$4,900.00 stock of Federal Reserve bank)	4,900.00
Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balance, and cash items in process of collection	722,513.74
Bank premises owned \$36,125.00, furniture and fixtures \$11,875.00	48,000.00
Other assets	1,747.07
TOTAL ASSETS	\$3,483,576.99

LIABILITIES	
Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	\$2,111,382.67
Time deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	519,105.85
Deposits of U. S. Government (including postal savings)	501,801.88
Deposits of States and political subdivisions	99,913.65
Other deposits (certified and cashier's checks, etc.)	48,703.24
TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$3,280,907.09
Other liabilities	1,569.22
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$3,282,476.31

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	
Capital Stock:	
Common stock, total par \$100,000	\$ 100,000.00
Surplus	67,500.00
Undivided profits	16,100.68
Reserves (and retirement account for preferred stock)	17,500.00
TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	\$ 201,100.68
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	\$3,483,576.99

MEMORANDA	
Pledged assets (and securities loaned) (book value):	
(a) United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed pledged to secure deposits and other liabilities	\$ 599,500.00
(b) Other assets pledged to secure deposits and other liabilities (including notes and bills rediscounted and securities sold under repurchase agreement)	32,650.00
TOTAL	\$ 632,150.00

Secured Liabilities:	
(a) Deposits secured by pledged assets pursuant to requirements of law	588,280.79
TOTAL	\$ 588,280.79

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF CLEVELAND, ss:

I, M. B. Winstead, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

M. B. WINSTRAED, Cashier.

Witness to and subscribed before me this 5th day of January, 1946.

William M. Wright, Notary Public
B. E. Neill
M. A. Ware
F. B. Summers

PATTERSON GROVE NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Seism were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lee Patterson last Sunday.

Those visiting Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Wright last Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bridges and children, Mr. and Mrs. Travis Wright and children, Mr. and Mrs. Thamer Wright and children, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Hicks and children and Miss Lidda Emma Hicks.

Mr. and Mrs. Vassie from Hickory have recently moved into this community.

Miss Ruth Hambricht spent last Saturday night with Mrs. Beulah Bridges.

The Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Putnam were Miss Betty Short, Miss Ruth Hambricht and Mrs. Bulah Bridges.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Moore visited Mr. and Mrs. Beam near Elizabeth church last Friday night.

Miss Ollie Mae Seism has been right sick for the past few days. Mr. Frank Moore and daughter, Lina, and Miss Eva Moore visited Mr. Roberts and family Friday night.

Mrs. Romey Beheler and children from Smyrna spent Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Hicks.

The church attendance has been very good for such bad weather. Preaching is the first and third Sundays at 11 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Moss and children spent last Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. Ben Graham.

Sugar allocations for the first quarter of 1946 are slightly lower than for the past quarter but civilian rationing can be maintained at current levels.

The interdependence of all economic groups and the need for coordinated, progressive action on all fronts to maintain and raise the American standard of living is a familiar time-tested philosophy, says Secretary Clinton P. Anderson.

Sunrise has proved to be the highest yielding strain of barley over a three-year period at the Piedmont Experiment Station.

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