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**BUSINESS NOTICE**  
We know exactly how much paper will be allowed to the publishers of The News during the coming months. During the next two weeks we must drop from the list about 200 subscribers, this being necessary to reduce the circulation to the 85 per cent required by the government. Subscribers who are a year or more behind with their subscription will be dropped first and then those who are farthest away where it cost most to pay the postage on papers will come next. The only sure way to get the Mount Airy News is to see that your paper is paid for in advance. The label on each paper shows the date to which it is paid.

**WANTED—AN ISSUE**  
The men who are leaders in the republican party, at this time, in this state are at a great disadvantage because of the lack of an issue. There is now no great question about which the two parties are not agreed. When one comes to think of it there is not a thing that the democratic party is putting into effect that republicans are not bound to endorse. Since Wilson was elected six years ago the country has seen legislation enacted that revolutionized the banking system, and this the republican party had been unwilling to do. It put the money power on a different basis and is supposed to have made conditions such that the rich men of the nation can no longer control the wealth of the country.  
The world went to war, and the nation has looked on while Mr. Wilson was abused and ridiculed by the republican party because he was a man of peace, and tried to keep the country out of the conflict. He was abused for not going to war with Mexico, and all the time he was trying to straighten out this tangle by conferences and notes, he was made a laughing stock for the country by leading republicans.  
Finally conditions became such that the honor of the nation was at stake, and we could remain out of the world conflict no longer. Leading men of all parties wanted the nation to fight, and congress enacted laws that placed the nation on a war footing almost without a dissenting voice.  
Now that we are at war Mr. Wilson and his party, aided by the great men of the republican party, are carrying on the war in the most satisfactory way. Never was such great undertakings put on foot with so little confusion and delay. Wise laws have been enacted that make conditions for the people at home as favorable as they can be.  
The men in the army are being cared for as well as it is possible, and the business conditions here at home are such that there is almost no room for complaint. Never have the farmers and business men of the nation had such opportunities to accumulate wealth, and while this is true of the farmer it is also true of the conditions that surround the laboring man. While living expenses have increased, labor has become in such demand that wages are high, and the man who works for low wages now is hard to find.  
In the light of all these conditions it is almost ridiculous to hear a republican politician clamor for a change of parties. For what reason should the party now in power be turned out? Now in fact there is no good reason why the party should be repudiated in this dark hour of the country. And all thinking men know this to be true. Looking back over our history now, suppose the nation had repudiated Lincoln and his party in the very heat of the struggle between the states. It would have been the most unreasonable act. Lincoln was overwhelmed with a task that involved the welfare of the nation, and to have complicated matters by taking the reins out of his hands and putting them in the hands of some other, possibly inexperienced man, might have been a calamity.  
And the same is true now. Mr. Wilson is able to carry on this war in a successful way, both in the field of action and here at home. He is able to do this because he has the ability, and he has a congress and senate back of him that will aid and follow his leadership. Now suppose the country should elect a congress and senate that are not in harmony with Mr. Wilson, it might prove to be a calamity to the country. And the thinking men of all parties must know this to be true.  
In the light of these facts republican leaders are without an issue. Some of them are resorting to abuse and slander of democrats, attacks on

personal character and other methods that are more likely to lose than to gain votes for them.  
Here in this state and here in this county all of this talk about stealing votes, and lawless men in politics, and such other personal abuse is being used because there is no live issue to go before the people with.  
Now, the truth is that this is a time when all men should be thoughtful and considerate of the welfare of the country. If there ever was a time when a man should weigh well his vote, this is the time. If there ever was a time when the questions at issue should be carefully and thoughtfully weighed by the voter, this is the time. If republican leaders want to carry on a campaign of abuse of democrats, using such terms as lying, stealing, rascality, thief, etc., that is their business, but in a time like this such a campaign is almost sure to injure the republican party, and especially the leaders, more than they will be able to profit by such methods of campaign.

**STEDMAN AND THE SOLDIER'S PAY.**  
Candidate Kurfess is hard up for an issue when he attempts to make it appear that Major Stedman wanted the private soldier to have less pay. He charges that Stedman voted to reduce the wages of our soldiers, while as a matter of fact, there has never been such a bill before the congress. There was a bill before congress to increase the pay of the private from \$15 to \$30, and Major Stedman worked for it and voted for it. It was sent to conference and when it came back, it put it down at \$25 per month, with twenty per cent increase for foreign service. Stedman also voted for that, and because President Wilson and the war department wanted the matter disposed of as quickly as possible, he voted against sending it back to the conference committee. It went back, however, and when it was again reported, increasing the soldier's allowance to \$30 the congressman from the fifth again voted for it. That is as plain as daylight and could be gathered from the records by an ordinary school boy. It proves conclusively that Mr. Kurfess is short on brains or long on imagination.  
Congressman Stedman has worked on every occasion for the betterment of the soldier's condition, and has vigorously supported every measure looking in that direction. In so doing he has been lined up with such eminent Republican leaders as Representative Khan of California; and when the Republican candidate in this district criticizes his opponent on this score, he is giving a black eye to his own party leaders.  
After Mr. Kurfess read his keynote essay at Dobson a few weeks ago which seemed so tame and mild, many were wondering what he would do for an issue. He has found one, or thinks he has, and is gloating over it like a hungry mastiff over a discarded soup bone. But so far little attention has been paid to him, and if this is a sample of his intellectual fitness to grace the halls of congress, there is not much chance for him to command much attention. It looks as though he will have to keep on peddling paint.

The public is most respectfully referred to the letter in this issue of The News by Fred Johnson wherein he tells of the treatment the folks in New York got who violated the request of the government about saving gasoline. Rotten eggs and potatoes were used on the folks up there who had no more patriotism than to joy ride on Sunday.  
The Times-Leader last week had a column article showing how democrats in other counties of this state are trying to steal the soldier vote. One man read it and said, That looks very much like camouflage, in the light of what has been going on here in Surry. Get that.  
If any one thinks the hearts of the farmers of this section are not with the country in this war he might change his opinion if he would watch the work of the Red Cross Girls as they gather in the tobacco at the ware houses these days.  
If good looks is any aid to making a good school we have a set of teachers here at Mount Airy who should be able to straighten out the tangles for the many youngsters in our town.  
Good Morning. Have you stolen any soldiers votes.  
**Giving the Gals Tobacco.**  
And old farmer with two sons in France was here with tobacco this week, and when the Red Cross Girls approached him for a small contribution the old fellow, roughly dressed and weatherbeaten, reached down into his pile and with two big paws got up—not a few hands, but a whole armful as much as the girl could carry. She went away and the old fellow said, I don't mind giving the gals tobacco, I have two sons in France and we must do all we can for them. That man has a heart inside his rough exterior.

**INFORMATION FOR MR. KURFEES.**  
If Mr. Kurfess wants to make attacks on Major Stedman and care to play the game of politics in the way he has gone at it, why not charge that the Major never heard a bullet in his life and knows nothing of the life of a soldier. Why not charge that he sent his son out of the country to keep him out of the war. Why not charge that he is a slacker and holds his title of Major conferred by newspaper editors as a joke. Why not tell the voters that Major Stedman never saw Lee or Jackson and never risked his life on any of the Virginia battle fields. Why not say he is strong for the war when with people of loyal spirit and awfully agin the whole democratic mess when with the slacker class. Why not charge that he bought just enough bonds to keep out of the criticism of his neighbors and has been dangerously near arrest all along because of his disloyal remarks. If Mr. Kurfess cares to go to making charges with so little regard for the real facts in the case why stop with the one charge of voting against soldiers? It is embarrassing for a gentleman to have to answer charges, even of they are false, and it is embarrassing to Major Stedman and his friends to have to carry on a campaign with men of the type of John W. Kurfess, for Major Stedman never cast a vote in his life that was not cast to better the condition of the soldier boys. He was a soldier himself when a boy, and knows the life of a soldier with all its hardships, and yet he must now answer to the charge of a man who poses as a patriot, and would cast stigmas on honorable men to carry his own point. Major Stedman voted every time he had the chance to raise the pay of the soldier boys, but Mr. Kurfess has twisted the facts so as to try to make it appear that the Major is anything but the friend of the Soldier.  
Kurfess' attack is sure to injure what little influence he ever had, for no thinking man will be misled by such political methods.

**WHAT WILL KAISER SAY.**  
Governor Bickett got on the toes of some republican politicians when he vividly drew a picture of what the kaiser will say if the nation changes officials at this time, and the democrats are repudiated in the coming election. Mr. Bickett thinks the kaiser would be pleased. Evidently Mr. Bickett is correct in his position, and why a republican can take offense at this, we are not able to see. In the light of reason does any one suppose the South would not have been delighted if the North had given a black eye to Lincoln during the civil war by putting him out of office and electing some man who held different views. Nothing could have pleased the South better.

**REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK**  
At Mt. Airy, in the state of North Carolina, at the close of business, Aug. 31, 1918.

| RESOURCES   |                     |
|---|---------------------|
| Loans and discounts                                 | \$607,852.52        |
| Overdrafts  | 6,439.16            |
| U. S. bonds to secure circ.                         | 75,000.00           |
| Liberty Loan Bonds                                  | 20,150.00           |
| Stocks other than Federal reserve bank stock        | 8,025.00            |
| Subscription to stock of Fed. Reserve bank          | 3,000.00            |
| Banking house                                       | 20,000.00           |
| Lawful money reserve in vault and with Reserve Bank | 27,641.82           |
| Cash in vault and due from national banks           | 34,284.53           |
| Due from banks and bankers (other than above)       | 2,000.84            |
| Checks on banks in same city as reporting bank      | 680.20              |
| Outside Checks and other cash items                 | 430.50              |
| Redemption fund with U. S. Treas. and due from same | 2,500.00            |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>\$808,010.57</b> |
| LIABILITIES   |                     |
| Capital stock paid in                               | \$ 75,000.00        |
| Surplus fund  | 25,000.00           |
| Undivided profits                                   | 16,744.93           |
| Circulating notes                                   | 50,000.00           |
| Due to National Banks                               | 942.79              |
| Due to banks and bankers                            | 5,795.93            |
| Individual deposits subject to check                | 262,563.48          |
| Cashiers checks outstanding                         | 2,974.44            |
| Certificates of deposit                             | 201,715.42          |
| Postal savings deposits                             | 373.58              |
| War Loan deposit account                            | 21,400.00           |
| Bills payable                                       | 42,000.00           |
| Rediscounts   | 103,500.00          |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>\$808,010.57</b> |

State of North Carolina, Surry Co., ss: I, T. G. Fawcett, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
T. G. Fawcett, Cash.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this Sept. 7 1918.  
P. L. Hawks, Notary Public.  
Correct—Attest:  
Geo. D. Fawcett, Thos. Fawcett, M. L. F. Armfield, Directors.

**Deferred Classification.**  
"Did Angela reject Sammy when he proposed?"  
"Not exactly, but she put him in Class 5, only to be used as a last resort."—Life.

**FARMERS AND RED CROSS.**  
The Red Cross workers have been doing splendid service on the local tobacco market this week. On all the markets of the country a campaign has been in progress endeavoring to raise \$100,000,000 but this form of giving was not started in Mount Airy until Monday morning. Rev. T. C. Bales, the chairman, has formed a working force during the last two weeks, has secured the co-operation of the Tobacco Board of Trade, and has advertised the movement as widely as possible. The farmers are asked for a voluntary contribution of tobacco from the wagon as they unload. The ladies on duty pin a red cross on every man who helps and put another on his tobacco when it is put on the floor for sale. The buyers see to it that the men who aid the Red Cross get the top of the market for their crop.  
The farmers have been very liberal in their contributions and the outlook is still better as the season advances. One man gave thirty pounds one day which sold for twelve dollars. Hardly a single man has refused to help. It is an easy task to secure a contribution from a man who has a son in the war. Every week the buyers and warehouse men will make a donation on a certain day.  
The part the ladies are taking in this work is real sacrifice. They are expected to be on the job by seven or seven-thirty, five mornings in the week, and remain until the sale is over. The only way this can be done without too great inconvenience is for everybody who can to volunteer their service. Two ladies are in charge of a warehouse and they call to their assistance as many as are needed from the list of substitutes. The four teams in charge are as follows: Mrs. T. H. Worrell and Miss Mary Hollingsworth, Mrs. T. N. Brock and Miss Virginia Moore, Mrs. Winston Fulton and Miss Lucy Hadley, Mrs. Charlie Ball and Mrs. John Willett. The following have promised to help when called: Misses Susan Ashby, Lucy Reece, Anna Reece, Mary Franklin Graves, Gertrude Smith, Margaret Ashby, Ruth Smith, Alice McCargo, Louise McCargo, Lillie Allred, Irene Smith, Myrtle Beamer, Annie Satterfield, Lola Woltz, Mary Hannah, Augusta Shelton; Mesdames N. H. Marion, O. H. Yokley, Ed. Banner, D. E. Hoffman, Lester Hawks, George Fawcette, D. C. Absher, W. B. Haymore, P. A. George, H. R. Hege, and H. B. Rowe.  
Thus far the amount of tobacco collected each day has sold for almost a hundred dollars, and the sales are yet light. All other citizens have been canvassed for the Red Cross more than has the farmer, and now that his day has come, he is responding in a most commendable way.

**Notice to Rural Primary School Teachers.**  
The institute for primary teachers will begin at Dobson on Wednesday morning October 2nd, at 9:00 a. m. and continue for one week. All who expect to teach and did not attend the institutelast year must attend this institute continuously.  
J. H. Allen Co. Supt.

**Democratic County Ticket.**  
For Solicitor—11th Judicial District  
S. PORTER GRAVES  
For Senator—27th Senatorial District  
CEBRON C. HUTCHENS  
For House of Representatives  
ROBERT A. FREEMAN  
For Clerk of Superior Court  
WILLIAM D. HAYNES  
For County Treasurer  
PRESTON H. SNOW  
For Register of Deeds  
MILLARD F. PATTERSON  
For Coroner  
DR. S. T. FLIPPIN  
For Sheriff  
R. CLEVELAND LEWELLYN  
For County Commissioners  
OLIVER N. SWANSON

**Women of America.**  
"You, too, Are Called to the Colors."  
The Government places in your hands a great responsibility in the full expectation and belief that you will let nothing weigh in the balance against the fact that  
**Your Country Needs You**  
Many thousands of graduate nurses have been withdrawn from civilian practice for military duty. There is urgent need for many more with our fighting forces overseas. Unless more nurses are released from duty here our wounded men over there suffer for want of nursing care. And they cannot be released without your help.  
The Nation must have 25,000 student nurses now if we are to fulfill our duty to our sons who offer their bodies as a bulwark between us and our enemies. Every young woman who enrolls in the United States Student Nurse Reserve will relieve a graduate nurse for war duty.  
We are fortunate in having a training School here in our Hospital.  
If you are interested write Miss Marjorie Snell or Dr. Moir S. Martin, Mt. Airy, N. C.

**Don't Forget The Fairs.**  
There will be three Community Fairs in this County next week and every farmer and his family should arrange to attend one of them. The Fair at Derron will be Tuesday, Sept. 17, and every one in Pilot township should try to attend. The White Plains Fair will be Thursday, Sept. 19th, and the Zephyr Fair will be Friday, Sept. 20th. Don't forget the dates. There will be good judges there that will explain their work and answer any questions you care to ask.

**Diarrhoea in Children.**  
For diarrhoea in children one year old or older you will find nothing better than Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy, followed by a dose of castor oil. It should be kept at hand and given as soon as the first unusual looseness of the bowels appears.  
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Mount Airy, North Carolina.