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The country having temporarily divided responsibility for the conduct of the government between the Democratic and Republican parties, the best test for future promises made by either party is record of past performance.

For six years, covering what was perhaps the most momentous period in the history of the world, the Democratic party, under the leadership of President Wilson, was in complete control of the government. During the first four years of that period the greatest constructive program of legislation ever enacted by any single administration was carried out for the benefit of the American people.

Let me summarize some of the notable things that were done before war deflected most of our energies from domestic to international problems:

The enactment of the income tax that reaches the swollen fortunes of the rich.

Perfection of election of United States Senators by popular vote, thus removing an ancient source of scandal and making the Upper House of Congress a truly popular legislative body.

Forcing complete publicity of campaign expenditures, to the end that politics may be clean and a poor man have chances equal with the rich man.

Establishment of the Federal Reserve Bank system—which supplants the miserable makeshift and panic-ridden currency system from which we suffered for 50 years.

An eight-hour day for workers—answering the call, for the first time, of millions of toilers.

Compelling railroads to employ safety appliances to preserve the lives of workers and travelers.

A workmen's compensation act, for the protection of those dependent on persons engaged in hazardous occupations.

The rural credits law by which, virtually without cost to the Federal government, farmers are relieved from the extortions that once made cumbersome mortgage a virtual synonym for farm.

Federal aid to good roads—embodying a program of inestimable benefit to rural sections.

Vocational education, by which every boy and girl in city or country may be afforded opportunity to acquire expert skill in his or her favorite occupation.

Agricultural extension act through which the benefits of science and research are carried into practically every farmer's home.

Justice to the veterans of former wars, including "dollar-a-day" pensions for Union veterans and the first relief provided by the government for widows of Spanish-American War veterans.

Under the Democratic administration the average pension paid men who suffered in war for their country or who left helpless dependents grew from \$183.73 under Roosevelt and \$177.88 under Taft to \$226.63 under Wilson.

The establishment of a Department of Labor to look after the general interest of workmen.

The establishment of a non-partisan tariff commission to relieve American business men of the damage to trade that is done by constant tinkering with the tariff, and to take that subject out of politics. The Republican party promised a tariff commission, but provided only a shadow which fell by its own weakness.

The enactment of legislation for the protection of honest and legitimate business enterprise against unfair and dishonest competition—and the establishment of the Federal Trade Commission to safeguard and help promote honest trade.

Steps toward establishing a great American merchant marine—steps that were of great value when we entered war and would have been of phenomenal value for the impediments put in the way by the Republicans.

The salient features of legislation enumerated are but a small part of the achievement of America under six years of Democratic rule; but glancing over it and pondering there can be but one verdict. It is this: The Democratic administration has been true to the laborer, true to the farmer, true to business, true to the soldier, true to the traditions of the country.

After all, the real test is—Will what was actually achieved stand. How can this be as well answered as to ask in all earnestness and in all seriousness—What ones of the laws enacted by the Democratic administration will the Republican seek to repeal; what ones will the American people induce them to repeal; what ones dare they even assert that they will repeal? No, in truth and in fact, the laws just enumerated, and many more omitted, are recognized by all as good laws; they are for the benefit of mankind; they are for the benefit of the Republic—they will not be repealed.

The Republican party, flushed with victory in the last election and looking ahead to the elections of 1920, has adopted in Congress a system of legislation which is designed to undo all that was done by the Democratic party.

tivity in partisan assaults against President Wilson and his cabinet concerning the conduct of the war, and the general administration of national affairs—all with a view of discrediting the Democratic party's achievements. These assaults have not flowed from lofty motives and are not without purpose, but are intended to arouse doubt, fear, and dissatisfaction in the minds of both soldier and civilian. They take the position that the Democrats deserve censure for every mistake, real or imaginary, made both in peace and in war. If one should adopt this theory and say that the Democrats are to blame for every error of omission or commission, surely, it must be true that the corresponding credit for achievement faithfully executed must likewise be ours.

I don't, for my own part, assert either one to be the fact, for it is my opinion that the war was the country's war, that the mistakes were the country's mistakes, that the victories were the country's victories, and that our success and achievements belong to all—with glory enough for all.

Nevertheless, analyze the situation as we may, philosophize about it as we will, during the conduct of the war, from its inception until long after the armistice, the Democratic party was in power from page-boy to President, and had most to do with the war's conduct. It is not, therefore, my purpose to avoid responsibility, to be overzealous and selfish for the claims made. I am, however, perfectly willing, insofar as I may properly have thoughts on the subject, to assume for my party full responsibility for such errors as were made and on the other hand, expect credit for achievements. The attitude of the Republicans in laying all blame for errors at our door and claiming full share for all achievement is so patently unfair that it will not begot approval either within or without Congress.

If history tells the truth, and we know it will, larger things incident to the conduct of the war have been intelligently, vigorously, valiantly, and properly handled. When we entered the war we were without an army, save and except some 82,000 regulars and some 220,000 partially trained guardsmen, making a total of approximately 300,000 men. It was incumbent upon President Wilson and the Democratic party to raise an army and raise it quickly—they did it. It was incumbent upon President Wilson and the Democratic party, who then enjoyed full responsibility, to build and acquire a life of ships sufficient to carry food, supplies, and the army itself, across the sea to aid our Allies who were struggling under a load too heavy for them to carry—they did it. They bought and built the ships—they furnished the men and munitions, they transported the horses, the food, the supplies; they reached the scene of action in time to be of decisive value.

It was incumbent upon the President and the Democratic party to increase the personnel of the navy, to increase the number of ships; and the navy was accordingly increased, and was raised from a fourth rate into a quick second in the navies of the world. It was incumbent upon President Wilson and the Democratic party hurriedly to build up the aircraft. This, too, was achieved. It was incumbent upon President Wilson and the Democratic party to establish a great War Risk Insurance Bureau, and furnish large quantities of food and money to our allies. All these things were promptly done, our Treasury aiding materially by loans aggregating more than eleven million dollars!

These are a few of the larger things which history must of necessity regard as the achievements of America while President Wilson was at the helm and the Democratic administration in control of every branch of the government.

I don't say honest mistakes have not been made. The raising of an army overnight, the increasing of a navy suitable to the needs of the nation, the construction and acquisition of a great merchant marine, the building up of a great airservice overnight, assuming the responsibility of feeding and financing the world; and entering the war across three thousand miles of sea, all make it manifest that the nation had to act speedily and without any one stopping to count the pennies or to observe the usual and beneficial rules of economy.

I don't defend the abandonment of economy or economic principles. I merely say that the people of a great Republic who have spent their sustenance in building homes and fortunes and the good things of the world and little or nothing for war-making purposes and destruction of the world, must of necessity draw themselves together and move quickly when under great stress and in times of great emergencies like the World War from which we are just emerging. I undertake to say that if history records the truth, as I know that it will, that the speed and the victory, and the results achieved in this great war, make an honest endeavor so conducted with the maximum of efficiency and a minimum of mistakes. While this may be or may not be the verdict of the hour, and of political exigency, it will and must of necessity be the verdict of the coming tomorrow and of the years that will follow.

It is believed in some instances that

ANNIVERSARY OF THE FAMOUS BATTLE OF ST. QUENTIN SEPTEMBER 29TH

On last Monday, September 29th, one year ago, the following members of Company K gave their lives in the battlefields of France for the sake of humanity. There are many hearts made sad on this anniversary date and The Courier, being unable to place a flower on the graves of these brave men of Randolph county, will pay the tribute of reciting their names.

Captain Ben F. Dixon.
Sergeant W. O. Forrester.
Private Earl Peole.
Private John Kivett.
Private Bennis Gatlin.
Corporal Clyde Frazier.
Sergeant Tom McDowell.
Private John Bean.
Private Hal Emery Richardson.

While the names of these brave men are here recorded there are others from different counties in North Carolina and different states in the Union whose names will be revered in the homes of our people because we loved them.

FIRST REUNION OF THE THIRTIETH DIVISION

Held in Greenville, South Carolina, September 29th and 30th

A large number of veterans of the Old Hickory or 30th division which broke the Hindenburg line a year ago and won imperishable glory, gathered in Greenville, South Carolina, on the 29th for the first annual reunion.

Lt. J. S. Lilley, commander of the 59th Infantry Brigade, was one of the principal speakers and won the hearts of the people when he said: "The 30th division broke the Hindenburg Line and broke it first." Governor Bickett and the governor of South Carolina were present and made thrilling speeches.

The people of Greenville opened the doors of their homes and entertained the men of the Old Hickory and showed them every possible courtesy. Extensive plans had been made for their entertainment.

A permanent organization which is known as the Old Hickory Association was organized. Colonel Holmes B. Springs as chairman and Sergeant Frank P. Bowers as secretary. The next meeting will be held in Asheville, North Carolina. Distinguished Crosses of Honor were presented to the men who had won distinction in the terrible fight and tributes were paid to many who sleep on the other side.

POPULAR ASHEBORO GIRL MARRIED

A pretty marriage was solemnized at the home of the bride's father Mr. W. W. Jones on last Sunday morning when Miss Laura Mildred Jones became the wife of Mr. John S. Lilley of Raleigh.

The home was beautifully decorated with ferns and golden Rod. As the clock struck ten Miss Lula Prichard played "To a wild Rose" afterwards beginning of Lohengrin's wedding march to which strains the bride and groom entered from the library. The ceremony was performed by Dr. C. L. Whitaker, pastor of the bride. The bride wore a midnight blue traveling suit with accessories to match and carried brides roses and ferns. The bride is the attractive daughter of Mr. W. W. Jones and has a host of friends who wish her much happiness. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Lilley of Fountain, N. C. and holds a position with the Norfolk Southern Railroad with headquarters in Raleigh.

Immediately after the ceremony the young couple motored to Gray's Chapel where they attended the reunion of the Lilley-Curtis family, the bride being a member of the prominent families of Randolph county.

It is of singular coincidence that the wedding day of the bride occurred on the same date of her parents and of Capt. and Mrs. W. S. Lineberry. The bride and groom after attending the family reunion left for Washington and other northern cities.

They will be at home to their many friends at Raleigh after October 10th. The out of town guests were: Mrs. A. J. Steed and son Boyd of Maxton Mr. and Mrs. Walter Curtis of Greenville, S. C. and Miss Cornie Curtis of High Point.

Miss Maude Shamburger, of Biscoe, Bride-To-Be

Invitations to the marriage of Miss Maude Shamburger, of Biscoe, to Mr. Stephen Woodward Anderson, of Wilson, have been received by relatives and friends in Asheville. Miss Shamburger is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Shamburger, of Biscoe, and is a most accomplished and popular young woman. She was educated at Randolph Macon College and has since that time taken courses at Columbia University and the University of N. C. She has taught for three years in the Wilson graded schools. Mr. Anderson is a prominent business man of Wilson.

Two Randolph Physicians Suffer Broken Arms

Dr. C. C. Hubbard, of Farmer, and Dr. W. R. Myers, of Tabernacle township, both sustained broken arms during last week, each having occurred while cranking their Ford cars. This is an unusual occurrence and the fact that it happened to members of the medical profession is out of the ordinary. It is to be hoped that these prominent physicians will soon regain use of their arms.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs. E. M. Spencer, of Waycross, Ga., has been visiting her parents, Captain and Mrs. W. S. Lineberry, of Millboro Route 1.

Mrs. M. L. McKinney, of Maxton, who has been visiting her brother Captain W. S. Lineberry, at Millboro Route 1, passed through Asheville yesterday on her way home.

Mrs. Sam Phillips and little daughter, Sammie, are visiting Mr. L. C. Phillips' family this week.

Captain W. S. Lineberry, of Millboro Route 1, was in Asheville yesterday. He tells us that all of his children and many of his grandchildren were present at his home for the Lineberry-Curtis reunion. They also celebrated Mrs. Lineberry's birthday on that day.

Mr. J. A. Martin and son, I. G. Martin, of Liberty, who are representing the Western Electric Company, of Richmond, Va., were in Asheville yesterday on business.

Mr. J. S. Lilley, who married Miss Laura Jones on last Sunday, suffered an acute attack of appendicitis yesterday afternoon. Mr. Lilley was with his wife who was in the High Point Hospital on account of a broken wrist when the attack came. He underwent an operation and is getting along nicely.

Mr. Britt Armfield left yesterday for On Chapel Hill where he will resume his studies at the University of N. C.

Mr. Grady Miller left yesterday for New York City where he will study music.

Mr. J. W. McGuinn is spending a few days in the city on business.

Miss Virtie Cavness has accepted a position in the Randleman graded school.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lackey, of Winston-Salem attended the reunion of the 30th Division, at Greenville, S. C. which was held the first of the week.

Rev. R. M. Andrews, President of Richland Conference of North Carolina will be at the following places and deliver addresses: Brokers Chapel, Sat. morning at 11:00 o'clock; Giles Chapel Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock; Cedar Falls, Saturday evening at 7:30 o'clock; Sunday morning, at 11:00 o'clock; at Charlotte; Old Union, 2:30 o'clock, Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. O. W. Rich, of Asheville spent the week end, at Star visiting relatives.

Mr. O. W. Rich has added a Franklin car to his livery.

Mrs. W. S. Crowson, of Caraway is visiting relatives in the city this week.

Clemroy Crowder, of Hickory rode his bike from Rochester, Minn. a distance of 1200 miles, where he had been visiting relatives. He left Rochester September 1st, and reached Hickory September 26th. He was only 14 or 15 years old.

Mr. H. D. Smith, of Connellsville, Pa., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Smith, on Asheville Route 1. Mr. Smith is with the Pittsburgh division of the Baltimore & Ohio Ry., with which company he has been for several years.

Mrs. J. E. Lanier, of High Point, a daughter of Mr. T. M. Crowson, of Trinity Route 1, was buried at Mount Vernon last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lebbeus Auman, of Panama, Visitors in Randolph County

Mr. and Mrs. Lebbeus Auman, of Carazol, Canal Zone, Panama, arrived in Randolph county last week for a visit to relatives. Mr. Auman will return to Panama where he expects to have a transfer within the next few months. Mr. Auman has been with the regular army since 1905. He enlisted at Wichita, Kansas, and was assigned to the 13th Company C. A. C. at Fort Monroe, Va. In this company he was appointed corporal and was transferred to the 165th Company in November of 1907. He has been transferred from one division of the army to another until April 27, 1916, when he was stationed at Fort— Canal Zone, where he was promoted to sergeant in October, 1917, and transferred to the Ordnance Department with duties in the Ordnance Department office. In February, 1918, Mr. Auman was stationed to duty at the Panama Arsenal, at which place he is now serving. He was married on July 12, 1918, to Miss Bertha Luck, daughter of Mr. C. T. Luck, of Seagrave Rt. 2. It was impossible for Mr. Auman to secure a furlough at this time, so Miss Luck went to Panama where the marriage ceremony was performed by Judge Blackburn. On their way home they encountered the tropical storm near Key West and their ship was sent back to Cuba where they remained until the storm passed.

ASHEBORO BRIDE AND GROOM IN AUTOMOBILE WRECK

Mr. and Mrs. John S. Lilley who were married at the home of the bride's father Mr. W. W. Jones on Sunday morning were in an automobile wreck at Star while motoring to Aberdeen where they expected to take a northbound train. Their car and a car going north ran together causing the car in which the bride and groom were riding to turn over. Mr. Henry Jones and Miss Lollie Jones, brother and sister of the bride were accompanying them to Aberdeen. None of the party were injured except the bride, who sustained a broken wrist and several cuts on one hand. A physician at Star who set the wrist advised that Mrs. Lilley have an X-ray picture made at once, whereupon they went immediately to High Point where she received the necessary medical attention. Mr. and Mrs. Lilley are in Asheville for a few days.

RANDOLPH HAS UP-TO-DATE POTTERY SHOP

Jacques Busbee, Famous Raleigh Artist, Designing Pottery

The old pottery shops which were so famous in Randolph county during the past century are not entirely a thing of the past. Mr. B. F. Brown, of Erect, has a pottery shop at which he is turning out some of the most up-to-date crockery. It will be a matter of much interest to know that Jacques Busbee, one of North Carolina's artists, is designing the crockery at this pottery shop. Mr. Busbee and Mr. Max Long, a son of Judge Ben Long, of Statesville, are North Carolina's two foremost portrait painters. Mr. Busbee has for the past year been in Randolph county studying and designing pottery and some of the pieces which are being turned out and shipped by Mr. Busbee are becoming famous. A great deal of the pottery is being shipped North and bringing handsome prices. Mr. Brown was in Asheville recently with a wagon load of pottery of different designs. In the lot were bowls, pitchers, vases, plates, cups and saucers and in fact everything in the crockery line. Mr. J. H. Owen, a son of Frank Owen, an old potter of Moore county, is the moulder at the pottery shop. He has been making a great deal of tiling as well as all kinds of crockery.

OMAHA SCENE OF ANOTHER RIOT

Sunday, September 28, at 11 o'clock at night a mob of probably four or five hundred people went to the county jail in Omaha, Neb., and dragged William Brown, colored, alleged to have assaulted a young white girl, and carried him out and lynched him. There were 100 persons in the jail, when the mob approached Sheriff Michael Clark, with his deputies held the mob back for nine hours, during which time the house was set on fire, and they were forced to submit. There was an attempt to lynch Mayor Ed. P. Smith, when he appealed to the mob to discontinue their work, but it seems there is a conflict in the report, but it is a fact that a rope was thrown around his neck, and before it could be pulled the policemen cut it.

Troops were ordered from both Omaha and Fort Crook to stop the riot. There was one man killed and two or three wounded during the exchange of shots, and the lives of all the 99 prisoners in the county jail were threatened by fire.

Announcement--Sturdivant-Mitchell

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kendall Sturdivant announce the marriage of their daughter, Mary Mina, to Mr. Henry G. Mitchell, on Wednesday, September the seventeenth, one thousand nine hundred and nineteen, Star, North Carolina.

Memorial Service To Be Held

There will be a memorial service held at Pleasant Hill church; the second Sunday in October, at 11 o'clock in the morning. This service is to be held in memory of Lieutenant Dalton E. Smith.

REV. T. B. JOHNSON, Pastor in Charge.

Business Men of High Point Will Erect Two Hundred Homes

On account of the need of houses in the city of High Point, the business men of the city have formed a corporation with a capital stock of \$250,000 and are to build immediately 200 houses.

The plans have been formed to buy 50 acres of land near the city limits, and to build four houses on each acre. The public service company is to build trolley car lines to take care of the commuters.

The housing condition has been very much congested, due to the war and the new impetus in business affairs.

Ramseur News

Mr. A. H. Thomas who has been spending some time in Oklahoma returned home Friday of last week.

Mr. J. A. Brady returned last Thursday from Hot Springs Arkansas where he has been taking treatment. We are glad to see Mr. Brady much improved in health.

Our old friend, Rev. H. C. Byrum, was in town a few minutes last Friday. Brother Byrum is located now at Besseme City.

Mr. J. C. Watkins, of Geenaboro, was here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Leonard and daughter, Louise, and Miss Sarah Steed attended a birthday dinner at Dr. Thompson's home near Snow Camp Sunday.

Mr. Edger Shields and family of Bennett spent Sunday here with friends.

Mr. Pickett P. Turner of Greensboro spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John T. Turner.

W. H. Watkins Jr. has recently purchased a new Chalmers.

A number of our folks attended the annual services at Gray's Chapel Sunday.

The Union Meeting we have been looking forward to began Sunday morning. There was a good attendance and fine interest at the first service. Bro. Browning who is to conduct the revival was unavoidably delayed but he came Monday. This is everybody's revival and the invitation is to all.

Last Tuesday night a car belonging to the Sapona Cotton Mills was stolen from the garage of Mr. Arch Briles, at Cedar Falls. The car had a Yale lock. The thieves returned the car.

CLYDE WILLIAMS ARRESTED FOR STORE BREAKING

Several weeks ago the store of Wood and Moring on Depot Street was broken into and considerable merchandise carried away. This is the third or fourth time the store has been broken into.

The defendant has made a confession that he entered the store through a window by prizing a rear window up and breaking the lock. Several days ago a suitcase was found in the McCrary-Redding Hardware Store. The lock was picked and a number of silk shirts and men's wearing apparel found and taken out. After waiting for several days Clyde Williams called for the suitcase, and after pointing it out and taking it away, he could not be found anymore during the day. He discovered that the goods were out of the suitcase, and it is believed he was making his arrangements to leave when he was found.

Chief of Police C. W. Steed and two other officers watched the Bulletin office on the night of the 30th, and at 2 o'clock in the morning the young man in the Bulletin office with one new suitcase and one new handbag. One of the officers gave the alarm and they hurried to the door and got him and found the suitcase and handbag full of merchandise. Williams first stated that he had bought the suitcase found in the hardware from a negro about two months ago at five o'clock in the morning from behind a box car and rushed into Winston-Salem. Later the young man confessed to the stealing of the suitcase, so Policeman Steed states as Mr. Moring informed him.

Young Williams is 19 years old, and is a son of Mr. Alson Williams, a good citizen of Asheville. This is his first offense and he is much humiliated over it. The young man has been for several weeks in charge of the Asheville Bulletin during the absence of Mr. Holloway, the editor.

Much Interest Taken in Sanitation in Asheville

Asheboro has for many years been a clean town. Clean up week has been observed with regularity and the people have taken pride in keeping their premises clean. Many of the people are now placing water and sewerage in their homes, and those who are not placing sewerage are arranging for sanitary closets. There is some delay on account of the scarcity of labor. These sanitary laws must be enforced this fall, and not wait until spring.

The principal streets in Asheville will be asphalted in the near future.

Confederate Reunion at Atlanta

There will be a Confederate Reunion at Atlanta Ga. from the 7th to 10th of October. The railroad fare from Asheville to Atlanta, Ga., and return trip will be \$7.46, with war tax of 8 percent, added, which makes the amount \$8.06

President Wilson's Last Address Before Ill Health

The last address of the President of the United States was delivered at San Diego, Cal., last week, to a crowd of over 60,000 people, gathered in the stadium. He spoke to this vast audience so all could clearly understand every word, by means of multiplex megaphones installed near him at several points over the stadium.

Dahlia Show at Randleman, October 4

Under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society of the M. P. Church, Randleman will give their annual dahlia show Saturday, October 4, at the graded school building. Doors will open promptly at 2 p. m. Public cordially invited.

New School Building at Seagrave

A new state high school building is under erection at Seagrave. It will have a nice auditorium, library, music room and four class rooms.

Mr. C. G. Frazier Receives Son's Belongings From France

On Monday morning, September 29, just one year from the date on which Clyde Frazier was killed in the famous battle of St. Quentin, his father, Mr. C. G. Frazier, received his belongings. This is a most singular occurrence, and while the parents have been anxiously awaiting for the effects of their son, their arrival brought a degree of sadness on this anniversary.

Watch (wrist) 10 francs in pocket book, whistle, pair gloves, machine gun telescope, letters, from friends, small bible.

DONATION PARTY

At Jackson Springs Saturday Night—Wm. C. Hammer to Make Address. On Saturday night, the 4th of October, there will be a donation party at Jackson Springs for the benefit of the new dormitory which is being built in connection with the State High School at that place. The people of Asheville who are interested in Jackson Springs have been asked to co-operate in this donation party with the assurance that anything that can be used in a home will be appreciated for the dormitory. A program has been arranged for Saturday evening, United States Attorney Wm. C. Hammer will make the principal address. Any person wanting to send contributions to the donation party may send them to The Courier office and they will be forwarded.