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REMARKS BY MRS. LYNDON B. JOHNSON
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Thank you for coming out to say hello.

Your own Secretary Hodges and Mrs. Hodges, who are so kindly acting as my escort on this whole tour of the South, tell me Wilson is one of the loveliest towns in the South. When they go on about the long tree shaded streets and comfortable homes, I want to get off the train and settle down.

I was fascinated to learn that this is the largest bright-leaf tobacco market in the world and that it has the world's biggest tobacco warehouse.

With all due respect to the remarkable commercial activity and farming in this area, being in Wilson also reminds me of something Ralph Waldo Emerson once said: "The true test of civilization is, not the census, nor the size of the cities, nor the crops -- no, but the kind of man the country turns out."

Measured by Emerson's standards, Wilson has done well to turn out men like Robert Connor, the first Archivist of the United States; Charles B. Aycock, North Carolina's famous educational governor; and Josephus Daniels, Secretary of the Navy who made our country a great naval power.

I'm sure Wilson is now rearing young who will make equal imprints on our nation's history.

No one has more faith in the young generation than the President and I do. After all, we have two lively examples and all their friends around us every day.

Like all parents, their future and the future of your children concern the President. It is because of them he has fought so hard to build what he likes to call the Great Society.

The experience my husband offers for the awesome job of the Presidency is 24 years in Congress, divided evenly between the House and Senate, three years as Vice President and these last ten arduous demanding months as your President.

I believe he has kept our country on a course of stability and progress and lifted our eyes to the expanding horizons of the free world.

I am proud of that record, I believe you approve of it and I hope you want it to continue.