

A TRIBUTE OF CONSECRATION

By John R. McQuigg, National Commander, The American Legion.

One hundred and fifty years ago the United States of America came into being.

Then thirteen sparsely settled colonies on the eastern fringe of this continent threw off the dominion of foreign power and took their place as a united and independent nation among the nations of the earth.

On July 4, 1776, the Continental Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence, that chief charter of American liberty, that inspiration to democracy, to "government of the people, by the people, for the people," among all nations.

Standing at this point of time amid a nation of 115 millions of people settled on rich continent and enjoying a power and prestige chief among the nations, it may be difficult for us to appreciate the dangers and hardships which faced the signers of the Declaration.

The bitter struggles of six years of war, ending with the hard-won triumph over Cornwallis and his troops at Yorktown in 1781, bear witness to the daring of the step which these fathers of the nation took that day in Independence Hall.

It is well that the nation should on his one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the first July Fourth celebrate the act which gave it birth and face among the nations. It is well that we should honor those who took the step, it is well that we should pay tribute to the people of that generation who at home and on the battlefield, in the face of discouragements and reverses of repeated and severe degree good the independence then promised.

The American Legion, we who fight in the greatest war of all time defend the nation ushered one hundred and fifty years ago into being to advance throughout the world the cause of liberty for which our fathers suffered and died, proudly and reverently in this memorial, Legion posts all over land are holding simultaneous exercises this day at the hour traditional for the adoption of the Declaration, 4 o'clock (Eastern Standard Time).

RECEIVED ON 121.4 MILES OF STATE HIGHWAYS

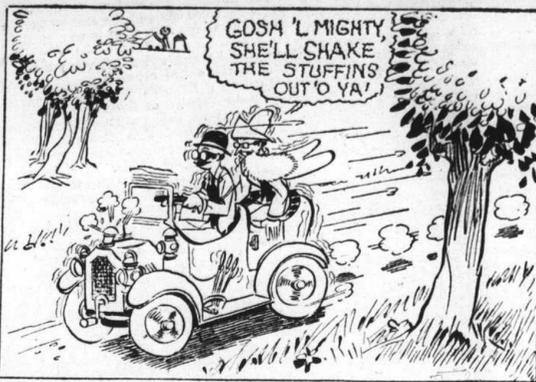
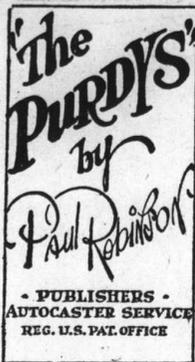
Bids on the 121.4 miles of highway totalling \$1,966,622.90 being held by the Highway Commission in Raleigh Tuesday, states and Observer. A large number of bids were received. The commission will meet Tuesday to consider the low bids.

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Smaller Cotton Crop Forecast This Year

Estimate Made of 15,635,000 Bales—Area in Cultivation 48,989,000 Acres.

Washington, July 2.—(AP)—Present indications point to a slightly smaller cotton crop this year than last, the department of agriculture announced today in its first quantitative report of the season.

A forecast of 15,635,000 bales, or about 450,000 bales less than last year, was made on the June 25 condition of the crop, which 75.4 per cent of a normal. The area in cultivation on that date was 48,989,000 acres, or 1.7 per cent more than a year ago.

Planting of the crop has been late except in the extreme western end of the cotton belt. Satisfactory stands have now been secured in most parts of the belt.

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Tells its Own Story.

The fact that the Federal Collector of Revenue collects more taxes in North Carolina than is collected in all the strictly Southern States speaks trumpet-tongued of the progress of this State.

In the last fiscal year there was collected in North Carolina in internal revenue taxes \$167,000,000. The standing of the five States paying the most is as follows:

Table with 2 columns: State, Amount. North Carolina: \$192,000,000; Michigan: 196,000,000; Illinois: 202,000,000; Pennsylvania: 246,000,000; New York: 658,000,000.

Of the payments in North Carolina, \$4,000,000 came from miscellaneous sources; \$18,000,000 from taxes on incomes, and \$170,000,000 from tobacco taxes.

Think of it! North Carolina paid \$192,000,000 whereas nine other Southern States combined paid \$161,000,000. This is evidence of the big development in North Carolina, particularly in manufacturing, industry and commerce.

THE RAW MATERIAL IN MAN. When one is inclined to swell up over the thought of one's importance in the world, it might be well to reflect on one's actual value on the market at the rate of 60 cents a hundred pounds.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATRIX. Having qualified as administratrix of the estate of A. H. Pittman, deceased, late of Robeson County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Lumberton, North Carolina, on or before the 28th day of June, 1926.

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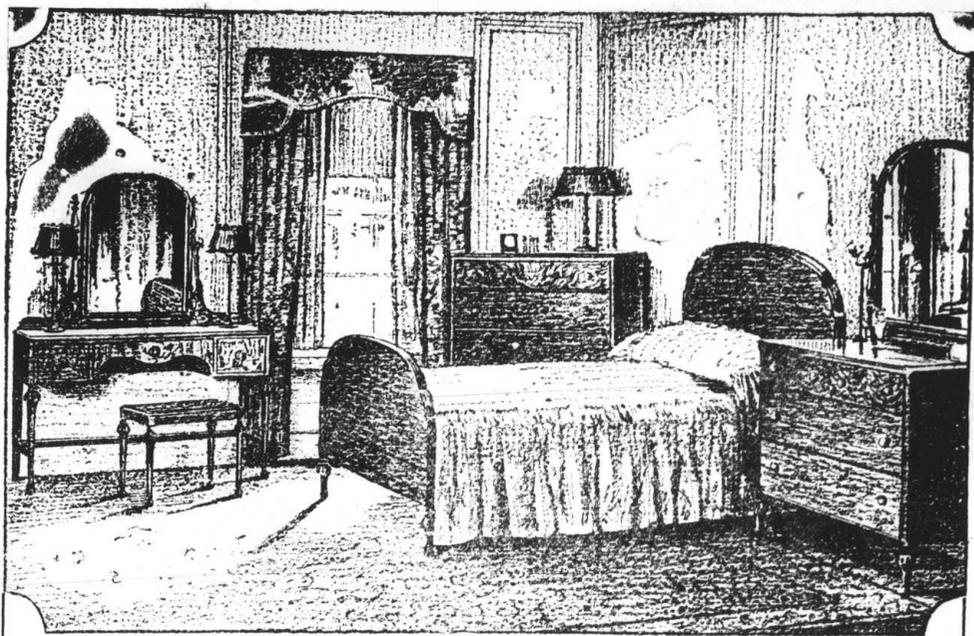
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