

**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. Perils of war confronted them. Punishment for treason, death awaited them if their efforts failed. And there were the sufferings and sacrifices which by their act they decreed for their compatriots.

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. Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty attained; death and privation, the Delaware and Valley Forge, the price of liberty as it is being won.

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, did 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 ceremonies this day at the hour traditional for the adoption of the Declaration of Independence at 4 o'clock (Eastern Standard Time).

The roll of the fifty six men who affixed their signatures to this document which has caught the imagination and fired the souls of men everywhere from that distant time to this day is called. At each of these ceremonies a name is called and the audience is joining in one great shout of approval, repeating the man's creed of pride in duty and era.

**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.

Consider the low bids. Road construction amounting to \$28,695. Bids for road straddling culverts and a bridge graham were \$137,927.65. The road surface roadway between and High Point from 18. The Hagedorn Construction made the lowest bid of \$1,000,000 on this project.

The largest project was \$192,000 bid made by Gregory and of Creedmoor, for 6.87 miles face from Waxhaw toward and far the other two projects the construction of highway were: \$134,721 miles between Laurinburg and South Carolina line on route 20 by P. R. Ashby; and for 3.92 miles on route 20 Buncombe county line and Parnell and Morley, Inc. objects are the lower type of grading.

Mr. J. G. Turlington of Benson, who has been spending some time here with his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Alexander, returned to his home Thursday.

Fifty girls and boys attended the recent club encampment held in Buncombe county by the home and farm agents.

**The Purdys**  
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**Smaller Cotton Crop Forecast This Year**

**Estimate Made of 15,635,000 Bales— Area in Cultivation 48,898,000 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 48,898,000 acres, or 1.7 per cent more than a year ago. Should abandonment of acreage equal the average of the last 10 years, the area remaining to be harvested would be 47,153,000 acres.

In announcing its forecast, the crop reporting board included two additional sets of potential production figures. Should unfavorable conditions prevail from now until time of picking, similar to conditions of 1921, 1922 and 1923, a total production of 13,726,000 bales might be expected, it stated. Should favorable conditions be experienced, such as prevailed in 1924 and 1925, a total crop of 16,294,000 bales might be expected.

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. Weather conditions, so far this season, have been fairly favorable. Weevils seem to be in number this year ago, except in Louisiana and Texas. Rather wide infestation by the hopper, especially in Texas, Louisiana and Georgia, combined with the lateness of the season in most states, leave the crop in an unfavorable position should the number of weevils increase materially later in the season.

**NORTH CAROLINA COTTON 14 POINT OFF FROM 1925**  
Washington, July 2. (Cor. Greensboro Daily News).—The condition of cotton in North Carolina fields on June 25 was 14 points below that of the same date of 1925, and 12 points below the five-year average, according to a report issued today by the crop reporting board of the department of agriculture. Only in the states of Virginia and South Carolina were conditions lower, Virginia reporting 62 per cent of normal and South Carolina 55 per cent, as compared with North Carolina's 63 per cent.

The area in cultivation June 25, according to a preliminary estimate, was 2,057,000 acres in North Carolina, an increase of 1 per cent over 1925. Virginia had but 93,000 acres, a drop of 8 per cent over last year, while South Carolina reported 2,789,000 acres, an increase of 3 per cent. A total of 4,928,000 acres is under cotton cultivation in Georgia, an increase of 10 per cent over 1925, while Florida also reported a 10 per cent increase, with 113,000 acres, these two states showing the greatest percentage increase of any state in the cotton belt.

On the basis of conditions existing June 25, the board estimates a possible cotton crop of 15,635,000, 500-pound bales from the 48,898,000 acres under cultivation. However, it is pointed out, if unfavorable conditions prevail during the remainder of the season the crop may drop to as low as 13,726,000 bales, while on the other hand, if later developments are favorable, a total production of 16,294,000 bales may result.

**Buie News Batch**

(By W. O. M. Brown)  
Buies, July 2.—Mrs. M. A. Bethune and daughter, Miss Ruth, are spending a few days here at the home of Mrs. Bethune's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Melvin.

Mr. Sanford Britt of St. Pauls was a visitor here Monday.

Mr. Woodrow Brown, who returned from Baker's sanatorium, continues to improve and is getting on nicely.

Mr. Richard Humphrey of the Saddle Tree section was a Buie visitor Tuesday.

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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. To be sure, the cigarette and other tobacco taxes are later shifted to the consumers who do the smoking, but the fact that this tax is paid in North Carolina shows the magnitude of the tobacco industry located in and built up by North Carolina brains and mainly by North Carolina money.

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:

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 in-

comes, 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.—Raleigh News and Observer.

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All creditors of Britt's Cash Store, Lumberton, North Carolina, are hereby notified and urged to file a duly itemized, verified claim with the undersigned receiver appointed under an order of the Superior Court of Robeson County, within sixty days from this date; otherwise such creditors will be barred from any participation in the distribution of the assets of this partnership.

Dated this 22nd day of June, 1926.  
D. D. FRENCH,  
Receiver Britt's Cash Store.

6,214, Thurs.

**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. A scientist has estimated the constituents of the average man whose weight is 150 pounds. In that body there is enough fat to make seven bars of soap, enough salt to fill a small shaker, iron to make two 2-penny nails, lime to whitewash two chicken coops, and enough sulphur to kill the fleas on the average dog. Thus the value of a human body ranges in value from approximately

60 cents to around \$180. In dollars and cents, then, a hog is worth a great deal more than most men. Consideration of one's bodily constituents convinces that man is made of pretty common material. Soap grease isn't pleasant stuff to handle, yet there is more of that volume than anything else. The scientist's analysis is not even so gratifying as the Biblical statement in regard to mud, for dust becomes mud when it is wet. The expenditure for raw material is not great; that much is clear. This is one side of the subject.

When we reflect on what that combination of soap grease, white-wash and other ingredients is able to do when mixed properly, however, we are forced to the conclusion that it was a remarkable job. Certainly there was little work when such material was used, and the result is all the more creditable when the output acts according to the original design and fulfills the purpose of his stay on earth; it demonstrates that a good product can be made from discouraging elements. Let it not be understood that we say everybody is good, but rather that the idea back of the product was good. How a person acts determines whether he is just a mixture or vastly more than that.

Of course, more goes into the real man than the chemist can find in his analysis, and that is what lifts man above the rest of creation and makes

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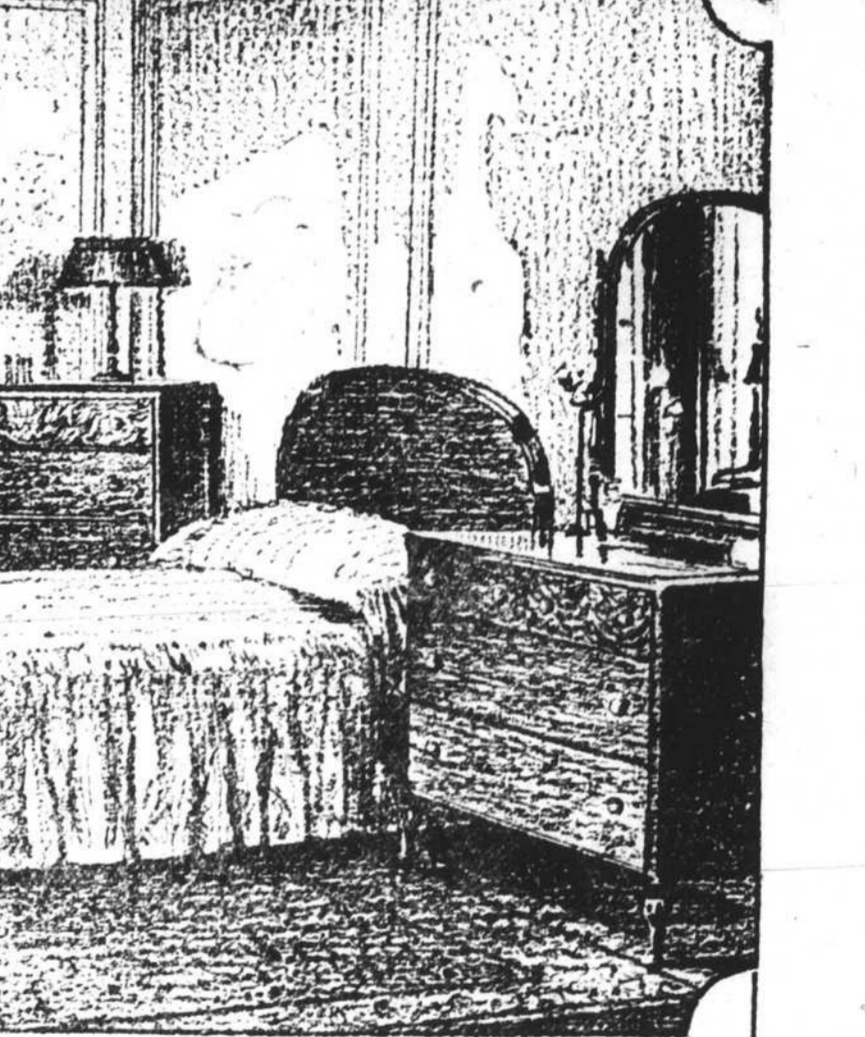
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