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## Liquor Stores Multiply

More than 800 retail liquor stores in the state have been issued licenses for the new year beginning July 1, when the tax on liquor was raised. It was predicted that there would be a substantial decrease in the number of stores. The opposite has been true—there are more today than ever before—there is big money in the liquor business for manufacturers, jobbers and retailers. So taxes on spirits should be high, except as we would say.

The state is in the liquor business for your revenue. It is not concerned with temperance. No effort is being made to decrease sales or to stop the liquor business. To the contrary the present tax on liquors should be high, except as we would say. Liquor money is being used for our public schools, but the opposition is heard, even from officials and teachers. Cities and counties are in the "pot" for the parts of the liquor tax distributed and are active at each session of the legislature for larger allocations from this huge fund. New liquor stores are being opened in many small towns and communities in despite of expressed opposition of the citizens. As a result, the liquor business is growing with crime, debauchery and immorality increasing at a corresponding rate. Thousands of young men and women are becoming prey to strong drink and being ruined, while fathers and mothers sit by helplessly, apparently blind to the horrible conditions that are daily going from bad to worse, and doing nothing to improve these conditions. There is nothing good that can be said in behalf of the liquor industry—it breeds crime, lawlessness and murder, and produces broken hearts and broken homes. Look at the court calendars, ask law enforcement officers if you are blind or unconcerned as to what is transpiring.

It was noted that the state's liquor stores were closed on Monday (a legal holiday) by the order of the governor. The same applies to certain other holidays and on election days. What does this admit? It is an admission their product is so degrading that they need to be closed on holidays to decrease drinking, law violation, and traffic fatalities.

Why should any business that will not be tolerated on holidays be allowed to remain open and flourish on other days? A timely and sensible question that will not be answered either by licenses or the legislature.

## Put the Broom to Work

Senator Harry Byrd, Democrat of Virginia, is our choice for president of the United States because a business man of his calibre, sound thinking and fearlessness is needed to head our nation during these uncertain and perilous times. He would be a great improvement, we think, over Truman, Eisenhower, or Douglas, who now hold the spotlight as prospective candidates to win the Democratic nomination at the big show next week in Philadelphia. General Eisenhower is a Maine Republican. Senator Ober Johnston is one of his principal drum-beaters.

Senator Byrd has fought New Deal bureaucracy the past sixteen years. He has waged a hard fight, almost single-handed, against government extravagance, waste and recklessness spending of taxpayers' money, and the enormous number of employees created on government payrolls at peacetime. Truman has been the greatest peacetime spender in history. The number has been greater he has known since the war ended than was true when we were in the middle of hostilities. That such as outrageous condition exists is due to "pull and politics" as every one not a moron knows. Had we had a sufficient number of Byrds in the senate we would not be loaded down today with such staggering debt. Neither would your winter long tax be so big. The Virginian has fought for a general "house-cleaning" and only lost because in the minority when lined up against the spenders and squanderers of your money.

It is encouraging to note that Governor Thomas E. Dewey, the Republican presidential nominee, stands on the same sound ground as Senator Byrd. "If I am elected president," Mr. Dewey said after his landslide nomination, "there'll be the finest house-cleaning Washington ever saw." The broom should have been at work long ago.

Take congress as an example. Without counting the members of the house and senate, all of whom are elected by the people, it has about 4,000 employees. They hold their jobs

SUNDAY WAS 172ND  
ANNIVERSARY OF  
U. S. INDEPENDENCE

The Declaration of Independence masterpiece of Thomas Jefferson, was adopted 172 years ago last Sunday.

Jefferson never made any speeches and, aside from his letters, left no other written work of outstanding importance. And yet, it has been written, "no other man's ideas have had anything like an equal influence upon the institutions of the country."

The Declaration is full of Jefferson's fervent spirit and personality, and its ideals were those to which his life was consecrated. By the Declaration a state for the first time in history founded its life on democratic idealism."

Jefferson had unlimited faith in the honesty of the people; a large faith in their common sense; believed that all is to be won by appealing to the reason of the voters; that by education their ignorance can be eliminated; that human nature is indefinitely perfectible; that majorities rule, therefore, not only by virtue of force, but of right.

His importance as a maker of modern America can scarcely be overstated, for the ideas he advocated have become the very foundations of American republicanism.

His frank and earnest address, his quick sympathy, his vivacious, varied, informing talk, gave him an engaging charm. Beneath a quiet surface he was aglow with intense convictions and an emotional temperament.

When he became president of the United States, Jefferson rejected all the pomp and ceremony of his high office.

His dress was of "plain cloth" on the day of his inauguration. Instead of opening Congress with a speech to which a formal reply was expected, he sent in a written message.

He would not have his birthday celebrated by state balls. Even such titles as "Excellency," "Honorable," "Mr." were distasteful to him.

Diplomatic grades were ignored in social precedence, and foreign relations were seriously compromised by dinner-table complications. One minister who appeared in gold lace and dress sword for his first official call on the president, was received by Jefferson in negligent and slippers at the heel.

Next to the Declaration of Independence, Jefferson's most famous service to his country is the Louisiana purchase.

The Louisiana Purchase gave the United States Louisiana, Missouri, Arkansas, Iowa, North and South Dakota, Nebraska and Oklahoma, as well as most of Kansas, Colorado, Wyoming, Montana and Minnesota—all at a total cost of four cents an acre!

This achievement, however, is not mentioned in the epitaph on Jefferson's tomb. By his own choice, it reads simply, "Here was buried Thomas Jefferson, author of the Declaration of American Independence, of the statute of Virginia for religious freedom, and father of the University of Virginia."

So incentive was limited and the human being simply will not willingly work as diligently for small reward as for large reward. This is a law of nature—not of man. It cannot be ignored.

It is said by many of the capitalistic system that the "bosses" receive infinitely more pay per person than the manual laborer, and that, in this respect, it resembles the old system under which the "ruling class" derived most of the benefits which the worker created. True, he must earn that enviable position today, not just be born to it. Truth is, there are few industrial leaders in our country who did not rise from the ranks, and as they pass on their places are constantly being refilled by men who start as laborers or in some tiny operation of their own.

This is as it should be. Every man who has brains, stamina and ambition should have the right to rise to the top. But as the result, principally, of the tampering of impractical New Deal theories, the non-union worker can become a Henry Ford while the union worker is not now granted an equal opportunity. For no matter how smart and ambitious the latter may be, he must, generally speaking, "keep in line" behind someone with half or less his qualifications.

Unions are said to be essential in our economic setup. They may be—it is debatable. But the law of seniority, and the rules which forbid a man to do more work than his fellow-members, are uneconomic, dangerous and destructive. Destructive because they tend to make automatons of potential leaders who might otherwise become important cogs in the system, destructive to the spirit of the normally ambitious human.

The much-abused Taft-Hartley law—if they would only recognize it—is the first decent break the union worker has had since the one-sided discriminatory and unfair Wagner Act made him completely subject to "bossism." And far worse still—the potential victim of Red "union kidnappers."

Incentive is life's mainspring. When it is destroyed by government and unionism—man has little left.

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So may we learn from him to consecrate our best unto God. If it be small in the sight of men, it will be large in the eyes of God. Many a Bezalel and many Oholiabs are urgently needed in the work of the kingdom in the present.

Marion B. Verden  
Dies At Home

Marion B. Verden, 77, died June 23 at his home near here after several years of declining health. He was a member of the A. R. P. church and was a native of Arkansas, but had made his home in Laurens county most of his life.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mary A. Verden, and eight step-children.

Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon at Hurricane Baptist church, with Dr. C. B. Betts in charge, assisted by the Rev. Hugh Hazel. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

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