

**JOHN ADAMS FIRST OF IRRECONCILABLES**

**Man Who Made Motion Which Put Washington at Head of U. S. Armies**

John Adams was the original irreconcilable and deserves a place next to George Washington as one of the founders of the country according to Mr. Frank P. Litschert, who writes in the current issue of the National Republic on the life and opinions of our second president.

After Concord and Lexington the army of "embattled farmers" was around Boston, besieging and harassing the British army, but without an official head and without official standing as an army. It was the courageous stand of John Adams who remedied this situation.

Adams was in the Continental congress at Washington and was discouraged and chagrined by the inaction of the congress, for in the congress were many weak kneed patriots who advised caution and further petitions to the king rather than a bold stroke for independence.

Finally, one morning on his way to congress, John Adams said to his kinsman, Samuel Adams, "I am determined to make congress declare for or against something. I am determined this morning to take a direct motion that congress should adopt the army before Boston and appoint Colonel Washington commander of it."

Adams did make the motion and it dropped like a bombshell in the congress. But after two days it was adopted and the united colonies had an army and a commander who was to lead it to final victory.

Concerning Mr. Adams as an irreconcilable, Mr. Litschert says:

"It was late in 1775 that the plan of sending diplomatic representatives to Europe was discussed. Mr. Adams advised caution, while others were in favor of making foreign alliances, even at the cost of some of our territory. To all this Adams vigorously objected. He desired no alliances, only treaties of commerce, asserting that 'we should separate ourselves as far as possible and as long as possible from all European politics and wars.' Adams was therefore the original American nationalist. His advice on foreign affairs antedated the famous Farewell address of George Washington. So the policy of 'no foreign entanglements' was born even before the republic."

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The College of Agriculture leads the other colleges in sponsoring these with a total of six. These are a conference for vocational agriculture teachers, two tractor schools, farmers week, school for extension workers and a dairy manufacturers short course.

The college of engineering gives five short courses under its auspices which are plumbing and heating and hydraulics, ceramic engineering, highway short course, short course for electric metermen, short course for gas metermen.

The conference for high school teachers in the fall has the largest attendance. At the same time the former conference is held one is held for high school journalists.

These meets range in length of time from 11 days to two days with

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"Property damage coverage is the least understood of all forms of insurance," says J. H. Braun, general counsel for the Chicago Motor club. "Motorists are prone to believe that this form of insurance operates similar to collision insurance. When a man carries property damage insurance he frequently is of the opinion that his insurance company will pay and all claims made because of damage he may do to some one else's car or other property. This, of course, is an erroneous opinion.

"Property damage insurance protects the holder of the policy against loss from liability imposed by law for damage the policy holder may cause to another's property moving or stationary. This does not mean that the owner of the other car or property is protected; it means that the policy holder is protected. If the policy holder is not liable under the law, no insurance company will pay for the damage done. The responsibility for settlement is turned over to the insurance company by the policy holder and it must be left to the company to determine the liability."

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