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RANDOM THOUGHT

The United Wholesale and Retail Employees of America, which, by the by, is the tenth largest organization in the CIO group, are busily engaged in negotiations with many of the commercial and chain stores in this section of the state, relative to union scale agreements, etc. The organization is fast becoming a powerful unit in the ranks of organized labor generally. It has so far, taken no stand on legislation affecting some of these stores.

Which, by the by, in these dread days (to some of the stores) of the Patman bill, and the other bills aimed at the chain stores, might help a bit, if the tenth largest CIO union happened to be in the same alley in this regard as the store owners. A satisfied employee (and union, too) usually has the employers interests at heart.

Leaders of the James Administration are discussing a proposal to separate the State Motor Police into the former State Police and Highway Patrol units, but retaining them under a single command. The proposal has considerable merit to it. Major Lynn Adams will head the state policing units, and he had built the former state police up to a high standard when he was in command of them, and he did make the state police a decidedly non-political unit. We hope he will continue that feature.

Moreover, separation would free the State police, consisting of highly trained criminal investigators, with a record of arrests and convictions that even the famed G-Men must envy, from highway patrol work, for which they are not trained, and leave them free to police the rural areas of the state. The Highway Patrol still would be available for road duties, which has always been its specialty. At present both forces are thrown together and perform all types of police duties. The result is that former state policemen are frequently handling traffic duties, while former highway patrolmen are making criminal investigations. And while the record of both is good, a division may be best.

Out in Ohio there regular h-1 to pay. The new Republican Governor, John W. Bricker, last week dropped 1,047 workers from the state payroll, and this week promises to add another 500 to the total. And all of these jobs will remain permanently on the "closed" list. They have for the most part, been Democrats who were fired—but they won't be replaced by Republicans, or anyone else. Republican legislative leaders feel badly, and they are informing all those seeking jobs, that there is nothing they can do about it. Bricker's campaign platform contended there were too many job holders in Ohio, and evidently he's "doing something about it. Well, relief rolls will go up in Ohio.

Look it up on the calendar—Last Friday was "Friday, the Thirteenth"—likewise it was the editor's birthday. Born on a "Friday, the thirteenth," we do somewhat believe in the "unlucky" aspect of the day—else why would we ever have doubted in the country newspaper business?

Passing on a couple of days, until January 15th, came the windup of seeing 1938 automobile license plates displayed. This date, too, by law, is the deadline for dog license tags, but there are still lots of dogs running about untagged. If the dog-catcher were to do his duty as the law provides, and impounded, or disposed of the unlicensed canines on January 15th, we would have an extra number of otherwise good citizens, who would never think of attempting to pass by on last year's car-licenses plates after the deadline, but who don't take so much interest in the punctuality of having their dogs protected by law. One reason why the state always has so much trouble with dogs, is because they have been lenient in enforcing the letter of the law. Along about next spring or summer the dog law officials will be about, and they will warn lots of folks they are coming. Even at that late date there will be some who have not yet put a 1939 tag on their canines.

Since it's licenses we're talking of,

we are reminded, too, that the new 1939 fishing licenses likewise are now available at the county treasurer's office. Last year we took out a fishing license, and did some strutting about various streams of Pennsylvania, got wet feet, caught a cold or two—but no fish. We may pass up that particular license this year, even though we do deem it essential to tag our car and our dog. After all, about all we've ever realized out of a fishing license is the tag you pin on yourself. That tag did us about as much good last year as wearing a Earle-Jones button.

According to what we read, the Hon. Daniel J. Shields, Mayor of Johnstown has either been wished-on, or wished himself upon, Cambria County's Republican leaders. In fact, the Hon. Danny has even made some demands. But because the Republicans leaders don't want Danny butting in, doesn't mean that the Democrats would give him any welcome. Wouldn't it be a joke if Mayor Shields did get the "ear" at Harrisburg?

We wouldn't say that all newspaper men make good officials, or that all newspaper men would make good officials, but we do believe that Governor James picked two sound members for his cabinet when he picked E. Arthur Sweeney, Greensburg editor, to be secretary of welfare, and G. Albert Stewart, Clearfield editor, to be secretary of forests and waters. Neither can be pushed about by politicians and both are clean, progressive and efficient.

Well, boys, the big show is on. The Democrats are now on the way out, and the Republicans are hoping to shortly be on the way "in" to the available jobs in the state highway department, health department and elsewhere. Having nothing personally at stake, we'll be content to watch. And we have already been listening—to some Republicans who already are sore—before the gravy is even passed out.

Governor Earle has left office with at least one major move for good, in the regulations made on motorists, reducing the maximum speed limit in the state to 50 miles per hour, and a consequent drop of 33.3 per cent in fatal accidents in 1938 as compared with 1937. Some motorists may think that 50 miles per hour is too slow, but it is fast enough. The stringent penalty of loss of license for 90 days has hit hundreds of motorists—and the Governor is to be congratulated all the more because no favoritism or "pull" has been instrumental in letting offenders off.

The Pennsylvania Motor Police have figured out that the average person, suddenly faced by glaring headlights is temporarily blinded for 6.7 seconds. It is also estimated that an automobile, driving at the state's speed limit of 50 miles an hour, would go between 500 and 600 feet during the period of temporary disability—far beyond what the department believes is the "measure of safety." A study of about 300 persons frequently involved in accidents showed that glaring headlights blinded them on an average of more than eight seconds—meaning a car would go more than 700 feet guided by a person unable to see. Thus a headlight reform may be on the way.

The distance required to stop a machine at fifty miles an hour, police records say, is 243 feet. Tests are made with a machine that flashes a sudden light into the eyes of the human "guinea pig", then confronts him with the figure of a pedestrian. When the person in the chair actually sees the human form, the test is over. Authorities look to the tests as the harbinger of new regulations for headlights, of which it is believed certain types now cause a major portion of pedestrian fatalities in the larger cities.

The average young man and woman don't need any instructions as to what course to follow to get tied up in matrimony, but this great state of ours thinks that lots of assistance is needed when the honeymoon is over—so now we have announced a course on marriage and its problems to be offered down at Penn State College next year.

Dr. Kingsley Davis, of the Division of sociology, will be the chief instructor in the matrimonial class, which will be answered in a course limited to seniors and juniors. Among other things, students will be given pointers on how to manage a family budget; emotional aspects of material adjustment; the relation between courtship adjustment and adjustment after marriage; the cost of children, and the parents' duties in rearing children.

A JUMBLE

Whoever tries to get a piece of legislation through the present session of the state senate will find his job cut out for him. This will apply whether the lobbyist—and all persons who seek to push or block legislation essentially are lobbyists—be it Governor Arthur H. James, a member of the senate, an oil stock promoter, a banker, a communist, or a labor unionist. The Senate gave a demonstration of what may happen on the day it organized—and the situation hasn't cleared any since. The senate really is divided into more blocks than two. Before the session is well advanced there may be half a dozen. The line-ups are not at all likely to hold from day to day, and perhaps not even from hour to hour. There will be political factions, economic factions, Administration and anti-Administration factions, factions based on personal likes and dislikes, even factions developed by trading. The political philosophies and the methods of operating run the full gamut in this session of the senate.

However, speaking generally, and not in terms of specific issues, two substantial blocs may be pointed out in the senate—the Old Guard bloc and what may be called the New Deal bloc for want of a better name. In the Old Guard bloc, which in effect represents a throw-back to the group which controlled the senate in the days before New Deal Governor Earle went to Harrisburg are 16 Senators. In the New Deal bloc, which represents most of the Democrats in the Senate, there are

20 senators. Between these two, likely to land in either camp, or both, are 13 others.

Presumably the most significant bloc among the several likely to develop in the senate is a group of younger Republicans who may be classified as the New Blood bloc. In this group are six Senators, five of them freshmen. In the initial tests they went along with the Old Guard, but only because they had no alternative. The Old Guard and the state will hear from these six be-

fore long. There are two other "wild" Republicans, and the Democrats have two members who are conservative at heart. The Democrats also have a couple of others who can't be relied upon to stick to party lines. In a word the State Senate is a jumble.

It will likely make lots of newspaper talk, and not accomplish so very much.

Iris and pansy flowers were sources of coloring material in the seventeenth century.

Geographically speaking, Sudeten applies to the short mountain range along the northern border of Czechoslovakia.

Parker dam in the Colorado river is said to have the deepest foundation of any dam in the world.

Japanese beetles eat nearly 300 species of plants, but they draw the line at cone bearing evergreens, rarely troubling them.

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