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RANDOM THOUGHT

We have been asked once again to take up the question of dogs running at large in both the Borough of Patton, and in adjacent areas. This time the request has come from two sources—State Investigator Ackerman of Altoona, and Chief of Police V. J. Bender. Ackerman has expressed his intention of shortly making a clean-up of all unlicensed dogs in this section, and has had numerous complaints of dogs, licensed as well as unlicensed running at large, particularly at night. Monday of this week Mr. Ackerman shot a canine after the dog had already disposed of 51 small chickens of a nearby farmer. Even if your dog has a license that doesn't give you any license to permit him to run at large, destroy animals and property, and may even put you on the "spot" for the payment of damages. Dog law enforcement officers and police officers may shoot dogs that are licensed if it is evident they are destructive, and the owner is making no attempt to keep the dog under control. If you don't have a license for your dog, you had better attend to it at once. If your dog is running at large and entirely out of control and there are many of them about—you had better tie him—or else!

Sometimes it seems to us that a rather substantial portion of the pop-

ulation is engaged in the business of soliciting funds for some charity or other, and in this connection it should interest our readers to peruse a news story issued by the Salvation Army, who in the future, will issue regular identification cards to their bonafide solicitors, and ask no others be given funds in the name of the Salvation Army. The reason is obvious. There have been impostors at work and the organization has suffered. Likewise, we have no doubt, some of the solicitors that come nearly daily to our office, in the guise of representing this or that organization, too, are impostors. We have heard a story told for many years of a man who resides in the north of the county who daily dons a uniform representing nothing in particular, and hies himself to points at some considerable distance and proceeds to "collect." We are rather sure he is still doing it. When you are approached by the charity solicitor, be sure you satisfy yourself that he is a bonafide representative of a real charity. You'll be doing the real charity organizations a favor by doing it, and you'll be helping put an end to all the Tom, Dick and Harry's who are out to make a little cash.

Well, it was our pleasure to put in considerable time the past week end up at the annual encampment of the Cambria county boy scouts at the Admiral Robert E. Peary Monument at Cresson, and the more time we spent there the more convinced we became that every community is a better community when it has one or several scout troops. The boys, about four hundred in all, from all over Cambria county, and from parts of Somerset county, set up their individual companies and patrols in pup tents, all through the woods across the highway from the monument grounds. Activities were such that they were kept interested and kept busy. They had a pleasant outing, although it did rain a bit hard to be in pup tent on Saturday night. They learned something. They went to church Sunday—the Protestant boys attending services at the Monument, the Catholic boys hearing mass in the gymnasium of Mt. Aloysius Academy across the road, where Rt. Rev. Bishop Guilfoyle of the Altoona diocese came to read the mass, and deliver an interesting sermon on scouting for which movement he has recently encouraged a troop at St. John's orphanage at Cresson. A pageant on Sunday afternoon was marred by a rain-fall, but the Scouts went through with it unflinching. Such is the foundation of true Americanism. And the Boy Scout of today will be our leading citizen of tomorrow.

It's funny the way the voters of the north of the county usually are prone to complain about the way the

South of the county, particularly the Johnstown community, manages to pretty well fill the court house with officials every four years, and this is true of both parties, with nothing at all partisan about it. Perhaps the north of the county is pretty much to blame for the criticism. In the past they have usually entered not one, but several rather strong candidates for the same offices at the primaries. The south of the county has had some knack of centering a bit on one candidate. Result: the north of the county gets the empty bag. This year will be no exception. Strong candidates here in the north have announced intention of being candidates for the same office at the primary. Final result, will be the south of the county will be given the nominations. It's the old, old, story of "united we stand, divided we fall", and this year we're getting all ready to "fall" again.

Before he was elected State Senator white haired Joseph P. Dando, father of seven children, and Democratic leader of Schuylkill county, was a WPA administrator. In the last session of the Senate he turned Republican and helped the Administration smash a lot of labor legislation and other legislation the Democratic party was opposed to. Last week, without much sympathy from either party, he stood in the dock of a federal court in Philadelphia and heard himself accused of conspiracy to divert WPA services to his own private use. After WPA workers had testified they had worked for several weeks building a swimming pool on Dando's amusement park property, at Lewistown, Pa., the jury heard a defense plea that Dando "loved children so" that he intended the park primarily for their use. The assistant U. S. attorney prosecuting the case scoffed, and the jury retired and returned after four hours with a verdict of guilty for Dando and four co-defendants. Dando face two years in jail, \$10,000 fine, the possible loss of his senate seat, and another trial on a conspiracy charge. The Republican state senate faces a much smaller margin of control if poor Mr. Dando does go to jail.

Chiefly at the instance of borough, township and school officials, the recent session of the state legislature passed, and Governor Arthur James has signed, a law reducing the filing fees for candidates. But the sponsors of the measure forgot to include an effective date and the cut prices for getting on the ballot will not prevail for the forthcoming primaries. All laws in which the Legislature does not fix a specific date, become effective Sept. 1. Petitions for a place on the ballot must be filed by July 24 so the candidates for most of the borough, township and school district offices must pay \$20 this year again, instead of the \$2 the legislature intended, which means that it will largely be a campaign of stickers for the smaller offices at the primaries.

War takes its toll—and it is a horrible toll. While wars and rumors of war continue in Europe and Asia, the United States of America is not without its share of war, as well. The World War of 20 years ago continues to claim the lives of middle aged men here at home, whose life span may have been much longer had it not been for the inhalation of the deadly gases of the German army in 1917-18. An average of 85 veterans daily in the United States are now succumbing from the direct and indirect results of the carnage called the War to Save Democracy. Weakened by the barbarian war methods of 20 years ago, its unpleasant to imagine what new inventions would present themselves in a war fought today in Europe. During this past week, a big robust-appearing friend of the writer's passed away in a neighboring town. Had it not been for the war of twenty years ago, he might be just as robust in fact as his personal appearance indicated. And the sorry part of it all is that a great majority of these middle-age and premature deaths are not compensable by the government. The soldier of 1917-18 dies, because his entire constitution has slowly been undermined by a barrage of poison back on a battlefield which to most is but a memory, and which to our younger generation is but a legend. But they are dying daily, and they are dying by the score here in Cambria county each year—men who should be in the prime of life—simply and only because of a service given their country in their youth. And only too often, they leave a string of dependent children and a widow to carry on through life as best they can. And because these men apparently were healthy at the time of their discharge from the warring army, our government does nothing. Never again should the United States of America send its armies to Europe to wreck and ruin its young manhood.

Many jobs will not be handed out in Pennsylvania counties by the James state administration until after the November election, if the views of some Republican state leaders prevail. That will come as a jolt to thousands who have been working for months to connect with the state pay roll and were told the patronage spigots would be opened wide after the adjournment of the Legislature. Practical politics is used as an argument by those who want to hold back a big percentage of the jobs until after November. They are willing to have a considerable number of jobs distributed during the next few weeks, especially in counties where hard fights at the polls in November are not anticipated, but they want to keep most of the job seekers dangling in those counties like Cambria where the Democrats are expected to provide hard battles.

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MAIN STREET GARAGE

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ers who have been referred to, is that enough voters would be made sore if all the jobs available were delivered in the next few months, to provide material assistance for the Democrats in the November voting. The number of applicants in our county alone outnumber by the hundreds the jobs can provide for them. If the jobs are held up, it is contended the disappointed Republican would be angered but could not go over to the Democrats without sacrificing entirely any opportunity to go on the state pay roll ultimately. Moreover, activity by a job seeker in behalf of the party ticket, showing results at the polls, might improve his chance of acquiring a berth after the election. A further argument made is that many of the Democrats holding state jobs, if not disturbed, probably would not be inclined to activity in behalf of the Democratic ticket in the fall, clinging to the hope that they might hang on indefinitely. But, anyway the Republican leaders handle the patronage problem, it is going to be a ticklish proposition.

And in the above connection, it already is evident that the Democrats in Cambria county have rather confident hopes of getting across a majority of the jobs in the county court house in the November election. Democratic candidates are appearing in the field in rather great numbers for the primary—much more so than the Republicans. Voiced anger by many of the Cambria county Republicans because of patronage—or rather the lack of it—no doubt is contributory to the rather slow movement of county Republicans to announce themselves as being county candidates. There seems to be an optimism among the Democrats, generally, that is not prevalent among Cambria county Republicans. Already it is evident that the party primary of the Democrats promises to be a much more spirited affair than that of the G. O. P. hosts. What will develop in the intervening months before election remains to be seen.

There is a great cause for encouragement in the reports made to the recent meeting of the executive board of the Congress of Industrial Organizations, and in the decisions of the assembled representatives of

the millions of workers organized in the progressive labor movement. The CIO board reviewed the accomplishments of a sound and growing movement which has survived all the problems of depression and all the attacks of its enemies, and which is now in a position to advance to new gains for American labor and American Democracy. The board gave the signal for this advance, by authorizing extensive organizing campaigns in a number of industries whose workers do not yet enjoy the full benefits of unionism which the CIO has already brought to many other mass production industries. The board also voted to take the lead in legislative campaigns for real security for the aged, for adequate provision for the unemployed, for civil liberties and for other pressing needs of the American people—besides intensifying its efforts in defense of the Wagner labor relations act and other existing social legislation. An examination of the actions of the board will show that American labor has in the CIO such a champion as it never had before, and that this champion has just begun to fight.

No country can call itself civilized which does not provide adequate care for its old people who can no longer care for themselves. The failure of the United States to provide proper pensions on which elderly Americans can live in decency and comfort, has led to pension movements which have aroused the enthusiastic support of millions of people of all ages. The advocates of the various plans advanced correctly point out that generous pensions will not only benefit the old people concerned, but will put into circulation purchasing power which will benefit the whole country. The CIO, at its recent board meeting, noted that the present government old age schemes are "utterly inadequate." It adopted a feasible pension program for security for our aged people upon the basis of a pension of \$60 per month at 60 year of age for individuals and \$90 per month for married people of 60 years of age. In launching a national campaign for this pension program, the CIO will seek the cooperation of existing old age and pension groups. It is natural that labor, representing millions who are in the most dire need of

adequate pensions, should be the backbone of such a movement. If other old age and progressive groups will join with it in a common campaign, the day soon should come when rich America will at last provide real security for its aged people.

RAYMOND DI BELLO WILL BE A CANDIDATE

Raymond DiBello of Patton has announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for the office of recorder of deeds in Cambria County. Having worked about nine months in this office, the aspirant believes he is qualified to fill the position.

FATHER ALFRED DOVE MARKS ANNIVERSARY

Twenty-fifth anniversary of Rev. Father Alfred I. M. Dove, TOR, chaplain of Mt. Aloysius Academy, Cresson, was observed last Friday with services in St. Rose of Lima Church, at Altoona. Father Alfred celebrated mass last Sunday in the chapel of the Cresson school. He was ordained June 18, 1914.

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