

Scouting's 21st Birthday

February 8th to 14th marks the 21st birthday of the Boy Scouts of America. Scouts all over the country are celebrating the occasion. In the local community many churches are bringing scouting into their February 8th Sunday service. During the week, schools and troops are giving special scouting demonstrations. Many troops are having fathers and sons banquets.

The big event of the celebration will be the scout mobilization conducted in each district by the district commissioners. This will be held sometime after 2:00 o'clock on Saturday afternoon, Feb. 7. The call will come from the district commissioners to all the scoutmasters, who will in turn call their boys. On assembling at the designated place there will be plenty of activity. Scouts are to wear their uniforms all during the anniversary week. Watch for the mobilization and other scouting activities.

URGE ACTIVITY IN CONSTRUCTION WORK

Report on Dist. of Columbia Is Taken as Sample of U. S.; Hope to Remedy

Upon the theory that each \$5,000 in construction work will afford year-around employment to at least one workman, as revealed in the preliminary report on the construction census for the District of Columbia just made public by the United States Census Bureau, Edward J. Harding, managing director of the Associated General Contractors of America, has announced that his association will vigorously push plans for increasing construction volume as an unemployment relief measure at its twelfth annual convention, January 26 to 30, at San Francisco.

Ratio Typical

If, as is believed probable, the ratio shown in the census for the National Capital is typical of the employment ratio in the industry at large, Mr. Harding points out that each million dollars worth of construction means steady employment for 200 workmen in the building trades alone.

On this basis, he states, the \$1,162,323,000 decrease in construction contracts during the first 11 months of 1930, as compared with the previous year, easily can be seen to account for more than 230,000 unemployed effected in the industries supplying building materials.

In the highway construction field the census returns indicate that an even smaller volume of construction is required to furnish steady employment to a workman and Mr. Harding estimates that the \$160,000,000 in unused Federal aid road funds now available to the various states through the bureau of public roads will give direct employment to approximately 40,000 men.

Not Indiscriminate

The Associated General Contractors feel that construction promotional efforts, however, should not be indiscriminate. Mr. Harding states. He points out that much of the decreased volume has been in

OUR OWN AMERICA BEST PLACE TO LIVE

Cincinnati Enquirer Points Out Advantages Despite Internationalist Howls

Our own America, with all its faults, economic, political and otherwise, is a better place in which to live than many other lands—China, Egypt, India and all Asia seethe with dread and trouble. Europe is an armed camp. For those who are, or who may be, intrigued by the glamour of Fascism the spectacle is presented of the Italian government's petty persecution of the wives and children of exiled anti-Fascists. They are made to suffer for the alleged crimes of their husbands. These wives and mothers do not make an easy living, cut off from their husbands. They are held prisoners of the government. They may not leave Italy, says the Cincinnati Enquirer.

There is violence and horror in Russia, where shooting of eminent men of science is charged in a strong protest just now signed by a number of distinguished Germans, which protest alleges that the facts "seem to prove that every scientific activity claiming even the most modest measure of intellectual freedom is becoming impossible in the Soviet Union."

Terror Abroad

There is terror in Poland. In Eastern Galicia, whose population is overwhelmingly Ukrainian, a reign of "pacification" by Polish troops goes merrily on, while at Warsaw the majority of the opponents of Marshal Pilsudski are either dead or are in prison. The "punitive" expeditions into Galicia have terrorized the inhabitants—floggings, killings of innocent Ukrainian peasant farmers are said to be the rule of the hour, the burning of private households a common pastime of brutal soldiery. In all Poland the politics of the people are influenced, it is said, not so much by persuasion as by intimidation. It is stated by an English authority that the arrests of opposition deputies have been continued recently until about 12 per cent of the members of the last parliament are now in prison on vague or unspecified charges.

Palestine is in turmoil. South America reeks and revels in revolution. In the United States is peace and swiftly coming prosperity, a steady crushing of "enthusiastic pessimism."

The lure of foreign propaganda should fall on deafened ears in our America, even where citizens have the right to complain of inept policies and disrupted economic conditions.

The Boy Scout program is a plan available for the use of the various churches and other institutions of their community, but scouting does not set itself up as a separate institution.

the field of speculative building construction, the lack of regulation of which has been a decided detriment to both the construction industry and business generally.

"Organized contractors want to see private construction go ahead," Mr. Harding explained, "but they do not desire to see a resumption of the speculative building fever that was so prominent during the past decade.

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