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LETNE SEJE

Butte, Mont.—Redna in letna seja dne 8. dec. se bo pričela ob 1.30 popoldne. Bratje se vabijo k obilni udeležbi, posebno pa se še vabijo sestre.

Letne seje, volitve in drugo

Leto se spet bliža svojemu koncu in pred nami je mesec december, ki je mesec glavnih ali letnih sej naših društev, na katerih imamo izvoliti odbornike ter narediti vse druge bolj važne sklepe za poslovanje društva za nastopno leto.

RACUN MED DRUŠTVI IN GLAVNI URADOM
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
For October, 1935
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San Francisco, Calif. — Društvo 304 je na svoji zadnji seja sklenilo, da bo imelo glavno sejo v nedeljo 8. dec. v Slovenskem naprednem domu na 2101 Mariposa st., ki se bo pričela točno ob 1.30 popoldne.

Los Angeles, Calif. — Društvo 462 poziva članstvo na godišnjo skupščino 8. dec. 9. soto u jutro. Biti će biranje odbora za godinu 1936.

Stockett, Mont. — Naznanjam vsem članom in članicam v Sand Coulee, Mont., da bo prihajna seja glavna za to leto. Zato se pozivate vsi, da ste gotovo navzoči.

Las Vegas, Nev. — Društvo 337 je na svoji zadnji mesečni seja 3. dec. 1.30 sklenilo, da bo imelo glavno sejo v nedeljo 12. dec. 1936.

Chicago, Ill. — Ujūdno vabim vse članice in članice društva 209, da se gotovo udeležite letne seja 1. dec. ob 2. pop. točno.

REKLAMA: ITALIAN ACCORDIONS, ZA BOZIC, etc.

Will Our Jubilee Campaign Be a Success?

Last Month of Campaign Work Must Bring Big Results. Active Lodges Out For New Members

HELP BRING THE CAMPAIGN TO A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION

Our Jubilee Membership campaign indeed is very rapidly drawing to a close. Only one more month remains of it, in which to secure new members under the special campaign concessions and offers of valuable prizes.

Will it be a success? Will the campaign be nearly as successful as was last year's?

It is almost impossible to repeat last year's success. To run two membership campaigns in two consecutive years is not an easy matter, but to duplicate the success of the first year in the second is even more difficult.

Yet, our youth must be prepared to do its share in its own campaign. This is our YOUTH campaign! Nothing should be left unturned in order that OUR JUBILEE membership campaign will spell SUCCESS!

Brothers and Sisters! It is up to you to exert your influence and to add many more new members to your lodge roster—NOW, during the last stage of the membership drive! The concessions are known to you, the prizes are indeed very liberal. All you need is—WILLINGNESS to work for your Society which is the most liberal Slovene fraternal organization on this continent. It is a workers' organization in PRINCIPLE and ACTION. You owe it to yourself and to your lodge as well as to our pioneers to work for its continued progress.

Every lodge should take advantage of the campaign offers and increase its membership to a great extent. The special concessions offer a splendid opportunity to increase our membership. Every lodge is expected to show some results during this campaign.

There are but five more weeks of this campaign. Let's do our duty during this period so that the campaign will be successful! Let us follow our active branches which have thus far shown remarkable progress.

The campaign will and must be successful if we want it to be successful!

L-I-N-K-S

By Ann and Ann Springfield, Ill.—The November meeting was the most interesting, peppiest and, perhaps we might add, the longest ever held by the Lincolns. Each member was called upon to give his or her idea on different questions, and we believe that if this practice is continued more members who now are a little backward about talking voluntarily will do so in the future.

Fall Dance Our Fall Dance was quite a success, and we thank all those who in any way helped to make it so. Up to the present writing Brother D. Lazar has turned in the most money for tickets. We request that all members turn in their money and unsold tickets as soon as possible in order that we may decide who is the winner of the cash prize.

Xmas Party Attention all juvenile members:—Santa Claus has sent us word that he will be at our Christmas party Sunday afternoon, Dec. 22, with a stocking filled to the top for each of you, so you had all better be good so that you can make a good report to him. Mother will receive a card advising them of the details of this party, regarding time someone will come to pick the kiddies up, etc. There will be separate entertainment for the adults—reservations to be made not later than the December meeting.

Newspaper Notes Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ushman are the proud parents of a bouncing baby-boy. Congratulations!—Brother Frank Collins is on the sick list suffering from a cold which has developed into flu. We send him our wishes for a speedy recovery.

E. S. Lodge in Bend It has been rumored that an attempt will be made to organize an English speaking lodge in Bend, Illinois. We wish the sponsors of this undertaking the best of luck, and will be willing to do anything within our power to assist them.

10th Anniversary Our 10th Anniversary will be celebrated on Sunday, Feb. 9, with a banquet, program and dance. A souvenir book will be published for this affair. Any lodge or individual wishing to place an ad in this book, kindly get in touch with the writers at 1824 North 9th Street—we will appreciate your co-operation. Brother Frank Zebert who is in Charge of the program, requests that anyone wishing to take part in same get in touch with him.

Friendly City News

Johnstown, Pa.—All members must attend the Dec. 12 meeting at the Moxham Slovene Home, as it is a duty of every good SNPJ member to attend at least one meeting a year. At this meeting we'll elect officers for the coming year.

Anna Bricelj, Sec'y., Lodge 684.

OFFICIAL NOTICE—WOLVERINES 677

DETROIT.—All members are requested to be present at our last meeting of the year which will be held on Sunday, December 1, at the Slovene Workers' Home, 437 So. Livernois avenue. All members should be present as the officers for the year 1936 will be elected. The meeting will begin promptly at 10 o'clock.

ALBIN, OHIO, Sec'y.

YOUNG AMERICANS' TENTH ANNIVERSARY

DETROIT, MICH. — The Young American Lodge 564, SNPJ, is cordially inviting all members of the SNPJ and friends to attend their Tenth Anniversary Banquet and Dance to be held on Saturday, Dec. 7, and Sunday, Dec. 8, respectively. The Banquet Sat., Dec. 7, at 7 p. m. will be held at the Slovene Workers' Home, 437 S. Livernois ave. Admission \$1. On Sunday, Dec. 8, the admission for dance will be 50c for men and 35c for ladies. The dance will also be held at the SWH on Livernois ave.

Herman Rugel.

'Hearts of America'

Kansas City, Kans.—The much awaited for dance and plays are nearing us. Our Brother Lukinac states that you can be assured of a splendid entertainment.

This dance and plays are given by 4 local lodges (Buducnost and Hearts of America, SNPJ, St. Joseph and Mary and St. Nicholas, HBZ) at the Croat, Slovene Nat'l. Home, 5th and Elizabeth. Each one of these lodges have a good membership, and hundreds of tickets have been sold.

The dance will be given on Saturday, Dec. 7, at 7:30 p. m. Refreshments will be served.

The following plays will be given Sunday, Dec. 8, at 7:30 p. m.: "Thousand Dollar Reward," "Mike from Old Country," and "Izborna Turbokolza." These plays are one-act comedies, and the parts are played by members from each lodge.

General admission for both nights will be 25c for adults and 10c for children under 14 years of age.

Now, members, the more tickets you sell the more your treasury will be increased. Every member is urged to attend. Your time will be well spent and two nights of good entertainment is assured you.

Mary Stoos, Lodge 690.

Buckeyes' Bits

By Oh

Barberton, O.—Another fall dance has passed and another success is added to the long list of successful affairs sponsored by the Buckeyes. The Domovina hall was packed with merry-makers. We wish to thank all those representatives from Massillon, Canton, Akron and Cleveland for their presence and their cooperation at their dance. We hope you all enjoyed yourselves, and may we see you all at our anniversary dance which will be held soon.

The Zippers of Akron were all present, and Pauline Spik and the other Comrades paid us a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. George Sonoff are to be congratulated upon the arrival of a new member in their family. A beautiful baby boy, Orchids to you, Theresa, from the Buckeyes! Members, stop in and pay them a visit.

Thanks to all those members who worked to make our dance a success. Especially those in the kitchen, bar and check desks, who worked all evening. (Now, don't the rest of you feel that you are slighted.)

Don't forget the next meeting! Everyone must be present unless they are ill or have to work. We have much to discuss and there are things we want to clear up before the end of the year.

Soap Chips: How many more of our girls are signing up for the bowling team?—Why don't the boys get together and do something?—Wonder if Pauline Spik and her party went to Pittsburgh after our dance?—Don't you think little Dolores Mistle (juvenile) is sweet? Don't you think I ask too many questions? And don't you think this is enough?

Little Fort News

Waukegan, Ill.—The Little Fort Lodge 508 wishes to announce their Tenth Anniversary celebration, which is to be held on February 1 and 2, 1936.

A banquet will be held on Saturday evening, Feb. 1. Further developments will be announced from time to time.

On Sunday afternoon a varied program will be presented consisting of speakers, musical selections and a one-act play under the capable direction of Sylvia Kirn and Louise Zelenik.

After the program accordion music will be furnished in the downstairs hall and a popular orchestra will play in the dance hall beginning at nine o'clock.

Sometime during the evening, three cash door prizes will be given away, first, second and third, respectively, \$5.00, \$3.00 and \$2.00.

Neighboring lodges, make your plans now to visit us on this happy occasion. Publicity Committee.

EDITOR'S NOTE

To Contributors:—Lack of space does not permit to print all communications sent in for this issue; will publish them as soon as possible.

Congratulations!

By Ivan Molek, Editor

In my article of last week I said that the arguments presented by some misguided young members of our Society against the Prosveta's labor policy are the same as those of our clerical opposition. A few days later this contention was fully substantiated by the Ameriška Domovina, a chief Slovene clerical journal of Cleveland, O.

This clerical journal, itself buried up to its neck in politics of a most revolting type, rejoices in what it calls an "awakening of the SNPJ youth" which is now arising and will soon sweep away "old guard of the SNPJ" (meaning the freethinkers and socialists) and take its place. It gives a hearty greeting to this "awakened youth" which is, according to its notion, bound to reorganize the SNPJ into a "good fraternal order" free from politics and damnable free thought principles! It also gives the silly impression that all SNPJ youth, one hundred per cent, is against the Prosveta's policy. Some calculation!

I am not in the least disturbed by this and similar vituperative outbursts of this miserable Cleveland sheet. It has been a peculiar and, for a quite a while, pronounced characteristic of this paper (fortunate for its opponents!) that nearly all its predictions have turned out to the contrary. So we may rest assured that its rejoicing in this case will also turn into a case of sour grapes.

In our long struggle we have grown accustomed to the barrages of dead cats laid down by demagogues and peanut-politicians of various types, especially by those who constantly exploit the ignorance of our laborers for the benefit of the bosses' politics and church rackets.

What I wish to point out to our young members is the fact that the Slovene clerical reactionaries are still at work, after three decades, pushing their plan to change the SNPJ into a "good fraternal order" or to destroy it. They think this is their most important business. When we say something about their societies we are called unscrupulous meddlers, but they consider themselves free to meddle anywhere they choose. What do they mean by "good fraternal order"? They mean a society that conforms entirely to their idea of holy racket, but if this idea cannot be sold outright, then the "good" society should impose upon itself a crust of deadly silence;—in short, it should consider itself dead to all matters except to those of sick and death benefits and certain entertainments under the watchful eyes of the "fathers" . . . Any step in that direction is the "right" step; any member of the SNPJ openly rebelling against the established ideals of the Society or its organ is, in clerical estimation, a "good" member, because he or she is their supporter. Are the clericals grateful to such members? See their papers!

Do you want the SNPJ degenerated into a kindergarten of this sort? I firmly believe that the great majority of the young men and women in our Society do not want the Society to fall so low. Furthermore, I firmly believe that many of the misguided group would turn away from the trouble-makers if they would realize that they are playing into the hands of clerical reaction.

Your duty, therefore, is not to try to turn the clock back but to help improve what we have and what the founders of this Society have established through long years of experience and hard toil. Our principles and policies are not dogmas, something fixed for "all eternity" like the holy superstitions. THESE PRINCIPLES AND POLICIES ARE HERE BECAUSE, UP TO THE PRESENT DAY, THERE IS NOTHING BETTER. And these principles and policies will stay with us until something SUBSTANTIALLY BETTER replaces them. Look for something better, if you want to be constructive, or leave it alone! Nobody can be a destroyer, but it takes somebody to be a builder!

Flood City

Johnstown, Pa.—All members are requested to attend the yearly meeting which will be held on Sunday, Dec. 8, at 2:30 p. m. in the Moxham Slovene hall. Important matters will be discussed and officers will be elected for 1936. Members failing to attend will be fined. Let's make the attendance 100%.

Our 5th annual New Year's Dance is coming closer and closer with the result that the plans are almost completed. This affair will be held in the Moxham Slovene hall on Dec. 28. Premo Bonfatti and his Blues Chasers (heard over WJAC) will provide music for dancing. This orchestra has made a hit wherever it played and we're sure you'll like them, too. According to reports, we're going to have quite a delegation of out-of-towners. How about it? If you want to have an enjoyable time, don't miss this dance. Don't forget Triglav's play and dance on Dec. 14. A popular orchestra will play for dancing.

In last week's issue of the Prosveta there were a number of interesting articles in reference to the ESL conference held in Chicago on Nov. 2. A member from Ambridge has taken it upon himself to defend (?) his fellow members. His defense is not needed inasmuch as his fellow members were the ones that did the attacking. If the progressive element of our Society would try to defend the Pennsylvanians by saying that they aren't as clerical as the Chicagoans claim, that would pass, but when our writer "blackens" us worse than we are—that doesn't mean that we are all under their command. Kosela evidently doesn't know that there are members in Penna who do not approve of the reactionary attacks on the SNPJ principles and are ashamed that most of the attacks come from their section.

I agree with the article "Let's Talk This Over" and I would advise Brothers Kosela, Becek and Lokar to study it, and also Bro. Garden's "Was It Worthwhile," in the hopes that they may learn something.

I attended the conference (but not as a delegate) and therefore know that it was not the Chicagoans that started the fireworks, as Bro. Kosela would have liked to say. In fact, the ones that are responsible for it are the fellow members who are now being defended by Bro. Kosela. They

were the ones that attacked the principles of the SNPJ and brought politics on the floor. And speaking of politics and the impression that the SNPJ is a Socialist Society, why are you and your fellow members so fearful of a workers' society? Why is it that the Pioneer lodge has a membership of over 500 in spite of the fact that many members are Socialists and preach working-class politics? Penna lodges would do well to follow in the footsteps of the Pioneer lodge and maybe their lodges would be stronger.

What do you fraternalists want published in the Prosveta? Propaganda for Hoover, Father Cox, Father Coughlin and others of the same caliber? Don't we get enough of that in the capitalist-controlled papers? We have enough of that here in Johnstown and I don't think there's a scarcity of it in Ambridge. If the organizers of the Society had that in mind, they would not have bothered to establish their own newspaper. They needed a labor paper and credit must be given them for their foresight in establishing one that is now a daily and edited on a labor policy.

As for Bro. Fleischhacker's statement that Bro. Becek had 50 delegates on his side—as I've stated before, I was there, and it certainly didn't seem that way to me. I can safely say that the two Johnstown delegates were not on his side and there are a lot of other delegates right here in Western Penna that can't be included in "the 50."

The truth is that the clerical and Democratic politicians were very loud in their denunciation of the Principles of the SNPJ and tried to drown out everyone else. And that does not mean that Bro. Becek had the majority. Delegates with sound reasoning knew that the Principles of the Society could not be altered at the conference which was composed only of delegates from English Speaking lodges and most of the delegates being inexperienced. They knew that kind of work was done at regular conventions where all the lodges are represented.

Can it be denied that a meeting was held the Sunday previous to the ESL conference and that the purpose was to formulate plans by which to attack the Supreme board and the

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MOHAWKS

La Salle, Ill.—On December 2, the Mohawk lodge will hold its final meeting of the year. It should be the paramount duty of all members to attend. Besides the election of officers, plans for our Tenth anniversary will be discussed. The meeting starts promptly at 8 p. m.

On Saturday, November 30, our friend, Lodge Edinost, will hold a Domacia Zabava in the lower hall of the Slovene Dom. We have always had a good time at their affairs, so we urge you to attend.

The Slovene program the Mohawks presented on Nov. 16 was a complete success. The program was well received, and to those who helped the committee takes this means to thank them. For fear of omitting someone, we will mention no names, but it can be said that all who were asked to help did their part.

Our own Gossip Corner:—Notes of Nov. 16, 1935. After the play everybody went to the lower hall, where Bro. Spelich furnished the music for dancing. First time everything sold out in the kitchen. We're getting better. How did you like our singing bartenders? . . . It looks like the girls won the ticket-selling contest and the boys will have to throw the party. Due to the pressing amount of business that is expected to take place at the December meeting, the party will be given in January. . . . Our thanks to non-members who helped us is hereby given; it was greatly appreciated. The new barroom is a great improvement over the old place, although it is my opinion that the rent is a trifle too high. . . . A regret of the Chicago conference. . . . That certain gal from Penna. We wish we had met her fore parting time. Do I go in for pen-pals? What say? Last line—Don't forget to come to the meeting.

Lud Vogrich, Lodge 573.

Keystonians

Hermine, Pa.—The first conference of E. S. L. as well as the Pioneer celebration has gone down in the history of the SNPJ and well it shall be remembered. From the opening of the conference and the closing of the program and dance, it was one thing after another, meeting friends and others, indulging in interesting conversations.

The conference really was interesting, although at times it did appear to be a little too personal. The topics submitted by members were well prepared and interesting. Most of the time was taken up by reading of topics, which made the time for discussion very short and, of course, the conference coming to a close with several topics without any discussion whatsoever.

The banquet and program was certainly something that will be remembered by all who attended the affair. I wish to compliment the Pioneers for the huge undertaking and the wonderful success they made of it. I also wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Gradisek for the wonderful hospitality during my stay in Chicago.

The Westmoreland County Federation is sponsoring a dance on Nov. 30 at the Slovene hall, Hermine. The dance is being held for the benefit of the dramatic club, and I urge all neighboring lodges to attend this dance. The music will be furnished by Leo Zornik and his orchestra.

I wish to remind you that this coming meeting is the last and general meeting of the year, and I urge you all to attend. Sis. Rose Batis' name was drawn last meeting and since she was absent, somebody is going to win \$2.00 this coming meeting.

Sis. Mary Rahne has been issued a transfer card to the Pioneer lodge of Chicago. On the sick list at present we have Rudolph Oonlik and Anton Zornik Jr. 'way out in Utah. Wishing you a speedy recovery.

Martin F. Urana Jr., Lodge 613.

OUR ANNUAL MEETING

Avella, Pa.—Members of Lodge 292, take notice. The next regular meeting will be held Sunday, December 1, and will begin at 10 o'clock sharp. Matters of special interest will be discussed, also the election of officers for the coming year. Members, it is your duty to attend the important meeting and select your leaders for 1936. Please do not fail to attend this meeting. Let's have 100% attendance.

Edward Potocna, Sec'y.

