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ZVEZNI DELAVSKI depart-  
ment je postal pod svojo seda-  
nico načelnico Miss Perkins bot-  
ničnega delavstva, kot je  
kaj poprej tekom svojega  
vrajetnatega obstanka. V sivo-  
mernem letnem poročilu se  
delavška tajnica Miss Perkins  
zavetuje za večje sodelovanje  
v Philadelphia je domača mač-  
ka prevrnila k steni prislonjeno  
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je ranil par mesecev starega  
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je bilo jagnje, okuženo z nevar-  
nimi bacili.

V neki restavraciji v Chicagu  
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Kolizije avtomobilov so se  
pripetile zaradi lajajočega psa,  
zaradi miške, zaradi kihanja,  
zaradi čebelnega pika itd.

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## KA SE VSE ZGODI NA SVETU

Nekaj nenavadnih dogodkov,  
ki so pripetili v preteklem  
letu, je bilo navedenih že v eni  
prejšnjih izdaj tega lista. V na-  
slednjem so navedeni še nekateri  
teh nenavadnih pripetljajev.

V hiši Mrs. Virginie Watson  
v Philadelphiji je domača mač-  
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## ZA HIŠNE POSESTNIKE

Po zadnjem ljudskem štetju  
je bilo v Združenih državah 5,-  
737,000 družin, katerih pogla-  
var je bil tujerodec. Izmed teh  
držav 51.8% je v aprilu 1930  
imelo svojo lastno hišo. Od  
tedaj so seveda mnogi izgubili  
jo. Banke, zavarovalne družbe  
in posojilnice so bile primorane  
odgovrediti svoje posojilo na hi-  
šo oziroma niso hoteli obnoviti  
hipoteko (mortgage) ob zapad-  
losti. Vsled depresije in dolge  
nezaposlenosti mnogi hišni last-  
niki ne morejo plačevati obre-  
sti, davke in še manj plačila na  
ob istem času v dveh daleč lo-  
čenih krajih.

Neki častnik Grace paro-  
brodne črte v Pacifiku je baje  
videl morsko kačo nedaleč od  
obrežja British Columbije. Bila  
je okrog 40 čevljev dolga in  
rjavke barve. Ze večkrat prej so  
ljudje različnih poklicev videli  
take ali slične morske pošasti v  
istem delu Pacifika.

Drugo poročilo o velikih  
morskih kačah je prišlo iz Škotske.  
Videlo jo je baje več ljudi v  
zalivu Loch Ness, ki sega daleč  
v deželo. V omenjenem zalivu  
so videli slične morske prikazni  
raznimi ljudje že večkrat prej.

Znanstveniki so mnenja, da  
ni izključeno, da v morju živijo  
velike, dosedaj neznane ži-  
vali, ki sličijo ogromnim kačam.

Pred milijoni let so take  
pošasti v resnicibh živale v mor-  
jih, kar dokazujejo okostja, ki  
jih najdemo v raznih muzejih.  
Morske kače, katerih okostja  
so shranjena v raznih muzejih,  
so bile do 60 čevljev dolge.  
Doljne sorodnice teh velikih  
morskih kač se zdaj živijo v  
morskih globinah.

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## Zmrznjena gotovina

Pomen izraza "zmrznjena gotovina" je znan vsakemu izmed nas. Prenogim je znan iz prav britkih izkušenj. Rojak je varčeval in nosil prihranke na banko, da bi v času brezdelja ali drugih potreb bil vsaj za silo preskrbljen. Naša krajevna društva so varčevala z mesečnimi društvenimi nakladami članov, da so imela na strani nekako rezerve, iz katere so se plačevala najemnine za zborovalne prostore, plače društvenih uradnikov, stroški, ki so nastali ob prilikli smrti kakšnega člena itd. V mnogih slučajih so društva iz svojih blagajn tudi zakladala asesmente za res potrebe člane. Nekatera društva so prirejala veselice in piknike, da so z dobičkom istih okrepila svoje blagajne. Taki društveni prihranki so bili navadno spravljeni na najbližjih bankah, da so bili vsak čas pri rokah.

Pa je nenadoma zapihala ledenomrzla burja v finančnem svetu in prihranki prenogli posameznikov in društev so zamrznili. Denarja, naloženega v raznih bankah, ni bilo mogoče več dvigniti. Nekatere trdne in solidne banke so k sreči to vihro brez posebne škode prestale ter so poslovale in poslujejo naprej. Vlagatelji, ki so imeli denar naložen v takih bankah, se lahko štejejo za srečne. Med srečnimi ustanovami, katerim denar na bankah ni zmrnil, je tudi naša J. S. K. Jednota. Njeni uradniki so pravočasno premestili jednotino gotovino s šibke banke, ki se je pozneje zrušila, v trdno in solidno banko, ki je takoj po znanem "bančnem prazniku" začela redno poslovali in redno posluje naprej.

Mnogim rojakom pa so prihranki na raznih bankah zmrznili. Morda so imeli vložene stotake ali celo tisočake, pa niso mogli dvigniti ničesar ali pa le kakšne majhne procente. Ni bilo denarja niti za plačanje stanarine, niti za živila, kurivo, obleko, čevlje, zavarovalnino, davke in društvene asesmente. Da je bila nesreča toliko večja, je bila brez posebnost prav takrat na višku. Zaslžka ni bilo in zmrznenih prihrankov ni bilo mogoče dvigniti. Mnogi so trpeli mraz in pomanjkanje, mnogi so morali pustiti svoja društva. Načrt "AA," katerega je vpeljala zadnja konvencija JSKJ, je ravno v tem hudem času marsikateremu članu zelo prav prisel, ker si je potom tega načrta mogel na svoj certifikat izposoditi vsaj toliko, da je plačal svoj asesment in da ni bil črtan iz Jednote.

Društva, katerih denar je bil zmrzen na bankah, niso mogla nič več zakladati asesmentov za potrebne člane, in v mnogih slučajih niso mogla pokriti niti regularnih društvenih stroškov. Mizerija je bila torej mnogostranska.

Nekatere banke so po nekaj mesecih sicer izplačale vlagateljem nekaj percentov njihovih vlog, toda to se je v splošnem malo poznalo. Druge zmrzljene banke so plačale od enega do pet percentov, nekatere pa sploh nič. Gleda mnogih zmrznenih bank se še zdaj nič gotovega ne ve, kdaj bodo kaj izplačale in koliko, dasi bo kmalu preteklo leto po finančnem polomu.

To je eno izmed najbolj žalostnih poglavij iz zgodovine večletne depresije, ki je pred letom dni dosegla najnižjo točko in se zdaj polagoma umika. Mnogo Slovencev in mnogo članov JSKJ je bilo v tem finančnem polomu prizadetih; nekatere izgube ne bodo nikdar poravnane in nekatere rane nikdar zacetljene. Za bodočnost je poskrbljeno nekoliko boljše, ker vse boljše banke od 1. januarja 1934 garantirajo vloge do \$2,500, potom od vlade kontrolirane korporacije.

Vlagatelji, katerim je gotovina na šibkih bankah zmrnila, v splošnem niso bili sami krivi te nesreče. Kriv je bil deloma celotni finančni sistem dežele, še več pa lahkomislina, nezmožna ali koruptna vodstva bank.

Ob prilikli te žalostne obletnice pa je priporočljivo, da se člani J. S. K. Jednote spomnijo, da vsak čas lahko "zmrzne" njihova gotovina, na katero računajo za slučaj nesreče in potrebe, če so brezbrinji ali malomarni glede plačevanja asesmentov.

Po določbah naših pravil mora član do 25. dne v mesecu plačati svoj asesment, ali pa se izpostavi nevarnosti suspendacije. Točka 501 določa, da v dobi suspendacije izgubi član vse pravice do bolniške, poškodninske in odškodninske podpore. Točka 507 pa dalje določa, da člana, ki je v dobi njegove suspendacije zbolel, se ne more ponovno uvrstiti med dobro stojče člane, dokler ni od bolezni popolnoma okreval.

Z drugimi besedami povedano, član, ki v dobi suspendacije zbolel, ne dobi za tisto bolezen nikake podpore. Samo zamuda platičila enomesecnega asesmenta mu lahko "zmrzne" njegovo gotovino, ki je zanj v jednotini blagajni pravljena za pomoč v bolezni. Člani in članice naj upoštevajo, da suspendacija je prav tako resna reč, kot je "zmrzljena bolniška podpora" v slučaju bolezni ali poškodbe.

## Zanimiva knjiga o Jugoslaviji

Od založništva Harper & Brothers v New Yorku je bila uredništvo Nove Dobe poslana na ogled kopija nove knjige "The Native's Return," ki jo je napisal naš rojak, ameriški pisatelj Mr. Louis Adamic, in katera bo postavljena na ameriški književni trg s 1. februarjem 1934. Kot je bilo že poročano, je "Book-of-the-Month-Club," največji ameriški književni klub izbral to knjigo za najboljšo izmed približno 1000 predloženih novih knjižnih del. Vsega tega bo 55,000 iztisov te knjige takoj začetkom februarja razpoloženo naročnikom tega kluba širom dežele. Poleg tega bo tiskan še 20,000 do 50,000 iztisov te knjige za razprodajo potom knjigarn.

Knjiga "The Native's Return" je nedvomno najbolj zanimiva knjiga o sodobni Jugoslaviji, izdana v angleškem jeziku. Jugoslavija še ni bila nikoli predstavljena Američanom na tak zanimiv in mikaven način. Slog spisa je tako privlačen, da skoraj ne moreš odložiti knjige, ko si jo enkrat začel čitati. Razne informacije o deželi, o ljudstvu, o zgodovini ali o sodobnih razmerah so v povprečnih knjigah navadno kolikor toliko suhoparne, v tej knjigi pa so tako umetniško vpletene v živ pripovedni slog, da zgube svojo običajno suhoparnost.

Ne vedeta izključeno, da bi morda ne bili tuintam kakšni podatki deloma netočni, dasi se vidi iz knjige, da je imel pisatelj zelo dobre vire informacij. Tudi je mogoče, da se kakšni čitatelj ne bo povsem strinjal z vsemi zaključki in domnevjanji pisatelja, toda privilegij vsakega pravega pisatelja je, da se izrazi kot vidi, misli in čuti. Na drugi strani pa ima vedeta tudi vsak čitatelj pravico, da se s posameznimi izvajanjimi pisatelja strinja ali pa ne.

V splošnem pa smatra pisek tega članka, da knjiga "The Native's Return" predstavlja Jugoslavijo in jugoslovansko ljudstvo Američanom na zelo lep način. Pisatelj ne pretirava, vendar pove o mikavnostih in naravnih krasotah dežele ter o slovenskem, hrvatskem in srbskem ljudstvu toliko lepega, da se bolj veruje v srečnejšo božanstvo Slovenstva in da se bolj simpatizira z vsemi, ki so zatrani, tlačeni in izkoriscani!

## RAZNO IZ AMERIKE IN INOZEMSTVA

(Nadaljevanje iz 1. strani) javljenih v Zedinjenih državah 513 oseb, katerih letni dohodki so presegali milijon dolarjev. V letu 1932 pa je bilo samo 20 oseb z dohodki več kot milijona dolarjev.

V ZVEZNEM KONGRESU v Washingtonu sedi več mož, ki so bili rojeni v raznih deželah in ozemstva. Večina teh sedanjih kongresnikov je prisla v Zedinjene države v zgodnjem mladosti. Izmed senatorjev je bil Couzens rojen v Canadi, Daves in Walesu, Wagner pa v Nemčiji. Izmed poslancev (representatives) je bil Koppleman rojen v Rusiji, Palmisano v Italiji, Magnus Johnson na Švedskem in Sabath na Češkoslovaškem. Samo kongresnikoma Johnsonu in Sabathu se v govoru pozna tujezemski naglas.

Američanom pove pisatelj na nevsih in prikupe način, koliko so priseljeni Slovenci, Hrvati in Srbi prispevali fizično in duševno k razvoju Zedinjenih držav. Med mislečimi Američani bo to nedvomno vzbudilo ugoden odmev, ki bo v kredit nam vsem. Pisce teh vrstic je za svojo osebo tudi prepričan, da bo jugoslovanska tu rojena mladina, ki bo čitala knjigo "The Native's Return," nevedoma postala bolj naša, ker bo ponosna na zdrav, krepak in pošten rod, iz katerega izhaja, in bo natihoma vzljubila rodno domovino svojih očetov in mater.

Mi priseljeni Slovenci smo se v teku let in desetletij vživelji v ameriško življenje, pridobili smo si ameriško državljanstvo in smo postali del te velike republike, katero smo si izbrali za svojo novo domovino. Ona nam je prva, ker z njo je zvezana naša usoda in usoda naših potomcev. Kljub temu pa menim, da ni med nami nobenega, ki bi ne ljubil naroda, iz katerega izhaja in ki bi ne imel vsaj tihih ali podzavestnih simpatij tudi za druge slovenske narode. V zvezi s tem naj bo pисец tega članka dovoljeno navesti končni vtip, ki mu ga je pustilo prečitanje knjige "The Native's Return." Zdi se mu, da je to mogoče, še bolj ljubi Ameriko in je se bolj ponosen na njeno državljanstvo, da še bolj ljubi dobro in pošteno slovensko, hravatsko in srbsko ljudstvo, da se bolj veruje v srečnejšo božanstvo Slovenstva in da se bolj simpatizira z vsemi, ki so zatrani, tlačeni in izkoriscani!

TRDITVE, da imajo povprečni Američani inteligenco 12-letnega ali 8-letnega otroka, po izjavi dr. D. Segala, eksperta za uradniško izobrazbo v departmantu notranjih zadev v Washingtonu, ne odgovarja resničnosti. Okrog 40 milijonov Američanov ima inteligenco 17.7-letnega mladeniča, nadaljnih 10 milijonov 23-letnega ali starejšega moža in le kakšne tri milijone jih je, ki imajo inteligenco 12-letnega fantiča.

DVA VELIKA DEMANTA sta bila nedavno najdena na demantnih poljih v Južni Afriki. Eden tehta 726 karatov, drugi pa 267 karatov. Sir Ernest Oppenheimer je kupil oba za vsoto \$465,000.

MONARHISTIČNA propaganda je postala v Nemčiji zadnje čase tako javna, da je Hitlerjeva vlada spoznala za potrebu strogo nastopiti proti njej. Izjavila je, da bo proti monarhistom nastopila tako odločno kot proti komunistom, če v kratkem ne postanejo bolj povhlevni in tihi. Monarhistična propaganda je bila posebno živa med starimi plemenitaši in vojnimi veterani.

NEMŠKA agresivnost pod Hitlerjevo vlado je prepirala Malo entito in še posebej balkanske narode o nevarnosti ponovnih nemških poskusov za ekspanzijo. Poljska, Rumunška, Češkoslovaška in Jugoslavija so se torej začele previdno približevati Rusiji, glede katere vedo, da si ne želi njihovega ozemja.

V Zagrebu se je pred tednom sestala ekonomski konferenca zastopnikov Male entente, na kateri je bilo dosegeno soglasje v zadevah gibanja za razorezitev, glede odnosov do Rusije in glede propagande za revizijo meje.

ZAHIŠČEVALNIKE (Nadaljevanje iz 1. strani) Sem lastnik male hišice, ali stanujem v najemniški hiši. Smem zaprositi za federalno pomoč?—Odgovor: Da, ako pričakujete, da se boste kedaj zopet priselili v kolono prinesem kakšno svežo idejo! A.J.T.

Povejte svojim prijateljem, da v tej deželi ni nobene boljše podporne organizacije kot je JSKJ.

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# Nova Doba

AMPLIFYING THE VOICE OF THE ENGLISH SPEAKING MEMBERS

## CURRENT THOUGHT

### Excellent Attendance

Members writing to the Nova Doba this month are jubilant over the excellent attendance record made by their lodges during December annual meetings.

One member writes: "For monthly attendance I believe that we can claim the percentage record for the South Slavonic Catholic Union. Out of the 53 members in our adult division, 46 members were present at our December meeting. A number of friends were also invited to take part in the after-meeting Christmas party. Approximately 75 persons were on hand to enjoy themselves."

For the benefit of those who failed to read the English section Jan. 10, 1934, issue of Nova Doba, the percentage record of attendance was made by Pathfinders, No. 222, SSCU, of Goleta, N. Y. Bro. Ernest Palic Jr., local secretary and public man, made the announcement.

The total number of Pathfinders enrolled only 13 per cent, seven members, failed to make their appearance at the December assembly. Perhaps these seven members fully intended to be present, but unforeseen circumstances over which we have no control, may have prevented them from being on hand at the meeting hall. Such a small percentage of absentees easily overlooked considering the possibility that sickness could keep seven members confined in their homes.

Favorable reports of unusually large attendance during December meetings also have been made by other SSCU branches. Writers expressed a desire to see as many present during majority of regular monthly meetings for the year 1934.

Majority of the Nova Doba contributors are officers of the branches—leaders who fully realize the importance and reaching effects that large attendances have upon the ultimate lodges of our South Slavonic Catholic Union.

When a majority is present, officers realize that future planning of activities is laid upon a firm foundation, from which can build up with the co-operation and assistance from the component members. When only a handful or a small minority of officers are dubious to make initial steps for fear the proposed ideas may lack support of its own group, the optimism displayed by the officers when they see a group, or a majority of members, in attendance.

It is heartening to note that our members exercised good judgment in electing brothers and sisters upon whom they can look forward for leadership and guidance. But our officers need the support of every member, if they are expected to bring out the best there is in them.

Our members can look upon attendance at meetings as an opportunity to show that they are behind their leaders, all of whom consider it a privilege and an honor to direct local lodge activities.

Our South Slavonic Catholic Union—a mutual benefit organization—is depended upon its members for its future progress and welfare, which can be best realized through the concerted efforts of each member. However, experience teaches us that organization with its manifold branches can accomplish much through local leadership—officers of the lodge.

Therefore, lend your assistance to the lodge officers.

### 35th Anniversary Celebration

#### Jefferson Collegians' Dance

Barberton, O.—The Slovene Club Slovenia of Barberton is rehearsing the play, "Kranjski," to be given Feb. 3. The purpose of this presentation is to aid the Ohio Chapter of SSCU Lodges to celebrate the 35th anniversary of our SSCU. Dancing will follow the play and we are preparing for a crowd. Come on, members, don't disappoint us. The play will begin at 7 p.m. Strabane, Pa.

The affair will begin at 8 o'clock and the admission will be 40 cents for the men and 25 cents for the ladies.

Joe Sciarrino and his eleven popular Royal Venetians are to provide the music for the evening. His music will make every one in attendance step around quite lively.

The dance that was held by the Collegians on Jan. 13 was a big success financially. The coming affair is expected to be even a greater success.

All neighboring lodges and their friends are invited to attend this dance Saturday, Feb. 3, is the date, lest you forget.

The Jefferson Collegians wish to send their hearty thanks to the groups of young members and their friends who journeyed from Imperial, Pa., to boost the crowd at our dance of Jan. 13.

The regular monthly meeting of this lodge will be held at the usual meeting place on Sunday morning, Feb. 4, at 11 o'clock. Every member is re-

#### Colorado Sunshine Again

Denver, Colo.—Hello, everybody! Again we are with you, and another great meeting is over. The initiation was great and the members went through the mill very nicely. Michael Smole was the first to go through the ceremony, doing it very bravely until the blindfold was removed. Even then when he discovered that he had been walking around the hall with a diaper on he said he didn't mind it because he wore them before.

Then came Mary Anzick, all excited as to what was in store for her. You soon heard screams and kicks. She doesn't like mice very much nor could she ride the goat because he kept her in the air too long.

Our cowboy, Frank Shabec, couldn't ride him either because he was a real bucking goat. The goat is given for this three daily meals, žgance and for desert kranjske klobase. Believe me, if anyone thinks they can ride a goat that eats that we are willing to give him a chance, free of charge. For further information ask Frank Sabec just how this goat, from a farm in Longmont, can buck. The goat's name is Frank Juddish.

There were also games of all sorts played by adults and juveniles as well. Delicious refreshments of all varieties were served. We had a large attendance at this meeting. I believe all enjoyed themselves by the expressions on their faces.

What kind of entertainment will we have for our Feb. 15 meeting? Well, we do not know yet, but our entertainment committee, Anna Smole, Helen Skull and George Hranchak, told us to be patient since they have to worry about it. But they will have a great surprise for us, so everyone is urged to attend.

I also wish to state that our former treasurer, Louis Maring, has been called away on business and for that reason cannot hold office as treasurer for this year. At our last meeting we elected Milly Zgajnar for this office.

I will now sign off, but keep following the Nova Doba and you will continue to hear from us. So, until then, keep smiling with Colorado Sunshine.

F. J. Smole, Sec'y,  
No. 201, SSCU.

#### Napredek Juniors' Dance

Euclid, O.—A dance given by the Napredek Juniors of Euclid will be held Saturday, Feb. 3, at the Slovenian Home on Recher Ave.

Admission is only 25 cents. The music will be furnished by Johnny Pecan and his boys. You can be sure of hearing some peppy music. Refreshments will be served at a nominal price. We hope to see everyone come and have a good time.

Mitz Korencic,  
No. 132, SSCU.

"So you think you have a forgiving nature?"

"Yes, I must have. I go back to the same dentist."

quested to attend this meeting, for matters of great importance are to be transacted for the good of the lodge. The social committee will also have some good news to bring to the members, so be there and encourage them with their work.

Louis Polaski Jr.

#### BRIEFS

A Valentine dance is being sponsored by the George Washington Lodge, No. 180, SSCU, of Cleveland, O., on the night of Feb. 10 at the Slovene National Home. Jack Nagel's Crusaders will be there to entertain those present with the latest tunes and good rhythm. It has been announced that something new and interesting will be in store for all. Your curiosity can be satisfied by attending this affair. It'll be worth it.

**Members of Pittsburgher Lodge**, No. 196, SSCU, have again put themselves into the limelight of the public. This time it is due to the Pep Rally Meeting which they will hold on Feb. 8 at the Slovene Auditorium in Pittsburgh. Supreme officers from Ohio and Pennsylvania have been invited to attend. Many neighboring SSCU lodges will be present, too. We wish them the best of luck and success.

**Joseph Kopler**, a member of National Star Lodge, No. 213, of Conemaugh, Pa., has been chosen to attend the Pennsylvania State School Directors' Convention at the Educational Forum Building at Hanesburg, Feb. 6, 7 and 8. Bro. Kopler had been serving only two months on the Board of Education when he was elected as delegate. When the SSCU Athletic Board was in force he was a member of the committee.

In seeking for the oldest immigrant settlers of Cleveland, O., many Slovene pioneers have been mentioned in the Cleveland Press. To date the honor goes to Mrs. Mary Mervar, 6108 Glass Ave., who came here 49 years ago, and another Slovene, Mr. Andrew Glavic, 3915 E. 97th St. Who is our oldest Slovene pioneer in Cleveland?

#### Louis Adamic to Broadcast

Louis Adamic will radio-broadcast over Station WOR at 8:15 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time) on Thursday, Feb. 1, on which day his book, "The Native's Return," will be published by Harper & Bros. He will talk under the auspices of Macy's Book Shop, New York. His subject will be Yugoslavia. WOR is one of the most powerful stations in the East, and Mr. Adamic will be heard all over the states of New York, New Jersey, Maryland, eastern Pennsylvania and the New England states. Yugoslavs in all these states are asked to listen in.

#### Good Time Dance

Walsenburg, Colo.—Young American Boosters Lodge, No. 216, SSCU, is having another good time dance Saturday, Feb. 10, at the Pavilion Hall in Walsenburg.

Joe Pechik and his orchestra from Pueblo will again furnish the music.

All neighboring lodges are cordially invited to attend. Everyone who will be present is assured a good time. Let's all be there!

Mary Dolenc, Sec'y.

Too many people view life through the wrong end of the telescope.

#### Just Jesting

Springdale, Pa.—Another week has rolled by, things have changed to the better and time has arrived for the Four Bachelors to express themselves. We are greeting you from our J. J. Studio, where important subjects are discussed by important people. (We wonder what Little Stan thinks about this?)

After a lot of careful consideration, a bit of worry and a great deal of skimping of our finances we are glad to be able to present to the SSCU audience an opportunity to get some easy money. We are giving all of you plenty of time to think and write your Funny Story. For an inspiration, think of the Four Bachelors.

Here are a few questions that we would like the SSCU audience help us answer. It is not often that the Four Bachelors are caught with their hands tied and need outside assistance, but there are exceptions to every rule.

- How many men can whistle while changing a flat tire on a muddy road during a cloud-burst?
- How would a vegetarian feel if invited to a banquet and was served duck. (We hear that Little Stan wants to buy a duck.)

- How would a Hebrew merchant feel after arriving at his place of business to see a large line of customers and then, reaching in his trousers pocket, discover that he left his key at home (Did his beard burn?)
- Last but not least, who would want to turn away \$2?

This is what you would be doing by not entering our contest. Again the poet of Ye Ole Country Store lets loose with a bang. When we walked in this is what he sang:

Sing a song of sixpence,  
A bottle full of rye;  
Four and twenty sailors  
Sitting parched and dry.  
When the rye was opened  
They all began to sing:  
"Oh, what a nifty gift,  
To set before a king."

One rainy night, while at a dance, the Four Bachelors overheard an argument between two brothers, and being as the Bachelors never miss anything, they hurried over and heard the following:

"Older Brother: How come you are wearing my new raincoat?"

"Younger Brother: Well, you wouldn't want your new suit wet, would you?"

Now that the rain has stopped, the Bachelors will leave their seats from around the cracker barrel, douse the lamp in the Ole Country Store and continue on their way to their happy homes.

So until our usual time next week we bid all members of the SSCU a pleasant week-end and much success in the Funny Story Contest.

Boost your local lodge!

The Four Bachelors:  
Stanley R. Progar,  
Charles Figile,  
George Trempus,

No. 203, SSCU.

"I dropped a nickel in front of a blind beggar today to see if he'd pick it up."

"Well, did he?"

"No. He said, 'Make it a quarter, boss, and I'll forget myself.'

#### Pittsburgher's Pep Rally Meeting

Ely, Minn.—Of special interest to me is the announcement that Pittsburgher Lodge, No. 196, SSCU, is to hold a Pep Rally Meeting, Thursday, Feb. 8, in the Slovene National Home of Pittsburgh, Pa.

As a former member of Pittsburgher Lodge and always an ardent booster and supporter of all activities sponsored by English-conducted lodges of our Union, it gives me great pleasure to know that the Pittsburgh English-speaking members are again seeking ways and means to stimulate a somewhat lagging spirit of the younger set in the work of our organization.

During the past three years all of our lodges have been handicapped more or less by the national unemployment situation, in that lodge activities purporting to start campaigns for new members and plans to bring about a closer contact between members, were exceedingly difficult to carry on with any degree of success. The national crisis, from which we all hope to have emerged permanently, placed a hardship on many of our members' resources with which to meet assessments. With such a condition existing it was even more difficult to incur expenses to carry on special work of the local branch.

The Pittsburgher Pep Rally Meeting is an excellent indication of the change in the attitude of our members brought about by improved economic conditions and their subsequent effect on the work of the subordinate lodges.

Pittsburgher Lodge has been very active in sports during the years 1930 and 1931. In functions of a social nature, such as dances and get-together meetings, Pittsburgher Lodge always was found among the leaders of the community to indulge in such undertakings.

And now Pittsburgher Lodge again comes to the front to gain back its former prominence in Pittsburgh.

Judging by its former undertakings, I am safe to assume in saying that the Pittsburgher's Pep Rally Meeting to be held Thursday, Feb. 8, will be successful—and one that will remain in Pittsburgher's history as an epoch of the recovery of 1934.

Louis J. Kompare,

Assistant Supreme Secretary, SSCU.

#### Pittsburgher's on Parade

#### Betsy Ross News

Pittsburgh, Pa.—Members of the Pittsburgher Lodge, No. 196, SSCU, at their annual meeting, held in December, planned the Pep Rally Meeting, which is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 8, at the Slovenian Auditorium at 8 p.m. The committee in charge has made plans to invite the supreme officers of our Union residing in Pennsylvania and Ohio to attend and speak to our members and friends.

All SSCU members and their friends are cordially invited to attend the Pep Rally Meeting. Invitations have been tendered to our neighboring lodges, which include St. Joseph's, No. 12; St. Stephen's, No. 26, and St. Mary of Assumption, No. 182, all of Pittsburgh; Jefferson Collegians, No. 205, of Canonsburg; Export Majestics, No. 218, of Export, and Center Ramblers, No. 221, of Center. Members of the lodge have pledged to bring along their friends. We hope our neighboring lodges will do likewise.

After the adjournment of Friday's meeting a social was held for the members and their friends. The affair turned out to be a very successful start for the year.

Music was furnished by the Petrich Orchestra. A very pleasant evening was had by all who attended our first social. A crowd estimated at around 200 attended.

In behalf of the lodge, I want to take this pleasure in thanking the various committees and their friends, who have given us their support in making our first social of the year a huge success. The committee is working in earnest in arranging another social for our next meeting. Further details will be given in a later edition of the Nova Doba.

On Dec. 16, 1933, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bogatin became the proud parents of a bouncing baby son. Mrs. Bogatin is a member of the Betsy Ross Lodge. Congratulations to both of you.

John P. Lunka, Sec'y,  
No. 186, SSCU.

Reilly: Did you hear about Pat O'Rourke gettin' drowned yesterday?

Flannigan: Drowned, no! I thought he was a first-rate long-distance swimmer.

Reilly: So he was, but you know what strong union principles he had. Just as he was about to reach the shore he heard the whistle blow and he quit work for the day.

## Vital Necessity of Maintaining Municipal Credit

Time and attention of fraternal leaders were devoted at the New York City meetings to the consideration of the famous or, as considered by many, the infamous "Wilcox Bill." Its purpose is to provide plans for municipal bankruptcy. The importance of this national measure is shown in the fact that over 50 per cent of the assets of the societies are invested in municipal securities. The maintenance of municipal credit and good faith is the foundation of such municipal obligations. The measure was passed by the House of Representatives as House Bill 5950. It will be acted upon by the United States Senate during the present session.

Such bodies as the American Bar Association, the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, the National Association of Credit Men and many other important organizations have felt that the adoption of this measure would be a real blow to the maintenance of municipal credit and would bring with it depreciation in values and lowered confidence which would be destructive. Its defeat was urged by the fraternal leaders at the New York meeting.

It is safe to maintain that the investor, be he either an individual or an organization, who had placed funds in municipal securities would not readily again become enthusiastic over this field, if the operation of municipal bankruptcy should bring with it the anticipated results. The Standing Committee on Commercial Law and Bankruptcy states: "The inevitable results of the operation of municipal bankruptcy must be to depress the market for municipal securities and seriously impair the credit of cities in sound financial position."

Officers of the United Mutual Life of Indianapolis, the successor to the insurance department of the Knights of Pythias, conferred with fraternal leaders and spoke on various features of the bill and its possible effects. Their review of the measure was presented in a brief. Among the explanatory documents was a story entitled "Honest People." It described an incident which occurred at the opening of the credit conference of the National Association of Credit Men. The meeting was welcomed by the mayor who made a highly inspirational address on the spiritual, moral and material advantages of the city. He hoped the delegates would inspect the wonderful parks and municipal properties in which all took a just pride. His address closed with the announcement that he was forced to leave immediately for Washington. He followed his altruistic address with the statement to the executive manager that his trip was to put through a bill which would permit municipalities to take advantage of bankruptcy!

Questions of taxation, municipal credit and other problems seem always to be considered by the politician of every political faith from the angle of providing additional demands, new sources of imposts and heavier future burdens, rather than from the viewpoint of living within our means. If we must dance the music must be paid for. Why not think whether the town can afford the municipal dance before that town provides improvements not absolutely necessary and which will later be provided through excessive taxes or repudiated obligations. This writer recently served on a committee seeking to postpone the erection of a lavish and ornate county home and hospital which the medical profession,

the taxpayers and the hospitals insisted was not necessary. The joint inquiry of these various bodies was met by the stubborn statements of the county supervisors that, regardless of public opinion, the institution would be erected. What was the result? The county was placed in debt for \$4,500,000. A heavy annual overhead will be with us for many years. The existing hospitals did not receive the income which otherwise would have been theirs. But of equal interest and importance to officials who contemplate a course contrary to sound thinking and contrary to the wishes of the taxpayers, the last election resulted in a complete local political upheaval for the first time in over thirty years. By stopping the leak in the faucet it will be easier to pay the water bill. But even if we have had a leaky faucet which has been repaired we do not want to be deprived of our future water supply by repudiating our obligations.

If one quarter of the thought were given to living within corporate income that is given to effort to find new ways of spending the taxpayers' money and presenting him, his children and his children's children with a mountain of debt, we would be a long distance down the road. There would be no occasion to consider plans of repudiation of just obligations. The politician will do well to listen to the voice of the taxpayer who has no desire to repudiate his obligations and destroy his town's credit.

Did you hear the story of the automobiles in Washington at a diplomatic reception? Between the magnificent machines of the various ambassadors was the modest and almost shabby little car of the ambassador of Finland. If you will look up the payments on foreign obligations due on Dec. 15 you will find that Finland was the only country which paid in full the amount that was due to this country on its debt. Which country would be liable to secure a loan in the future?

### Sound Proof Room to Help the Deaf

Sound proof rooms may help to improve the hearing of partly deaf people, according to a recent discovery accidentally made at the Colgate psychological laboratory while a deaf visitor was being shown through the institution.

When this person, who was so very hard of hearing that he could not always hear words that were shouted at him, came to a sound proof room, he and his conductors were all amazed by the fact that he could hear words spoken in an ordinary tone of voice.

The explanation of this seeming miracle, as given by an expert, is that the walls of the sound proof room, which were lined with a sound absorbing material made out of sugar cane waste, immediately took up all reverberations so that the deaf visitor heard only the words spoken to him because there was a total absence of all echoes.

### TWO WEEKS

"How long you in jail fo' Mose?"

"Two weeks."

"What am de ch'ge?"

"No ch'ge, everything am free."

"Ah mean, what has you did?"

"Done shot my wife."

"You killed yo' wife and only in jail fo' two weeks?"

"Dat's all—den Ah gits hung."

## Gophers Lose Two

Ely, Minn.—My, oh, my, how time flies! Yep, time goes too fast for Little Stan, so will someone please turn back the clock? O. K. The clock is turned back to Friday, Jan. 19, 1934. We are all about to witness a fast, fast basketball game between the two SSCU teams, the Gophers and the Arrowheads.

The players are already warming up, and it is now a matter of just a few minutes before game time. There goes the referee's whistle, the captains meet and the game is on! The Arrowheads get the tip-off and the mad scramble is on. The Gophers' five are small and shifty, but it seems that the boys just can't cope with the height of the Arrowhead boys. The Arrowheads are leading, and the first quarter is almost over. Sinky Prosen is dribbling the ball in fast—he stops, eludes a guard, takes a long shot—and it's good! The first quarter ends with the score: Arrowheads 6, Gophers 3.

During this next period, the game is beginning to get rough. Kuzma, our midget guard, is taken out with a banged-up hip. In a few minutes Chelesnik is out with a bad ankle. The Gopher team is now fighting all the jinx you can possibly think of. Both teams are working hard to bring that score up as the half ends with Arrowheads 15, Gophers 9.

Starting the second half we have the two Perushek boys, Joe and Stan, in place of Kuzma and Chelesnik. The second half starts and the Gopher boys connect with two beautiful long shots, which makes the score: Arrowheads 15, Gophers 13. The joy is short-lived, however, as the A's take advantage of a few breaks and spurt into a 23 to 15 lead as the third period ends.

The last period seemed dull and dismal, as the A's seem to just pepper the basket. The Gopher boys are in there working right along, but they just can't get rid of that Jinx as the game finally ends, with the score: Arrowheads 31, Gophers 15. But, say the Gopher boys, "No mercy on you, Arrowheads, next time!" Tsk!

On Tuesday, Jan. 23, the Gopher boys took a sound wallop at the hands of the powerful Swanson's Opera House aggregation. The score was 53 to 5. We'll let you guess whose favor that was in! Next week the Gophers will play two games, one with the Italians and the other with Ely Gas & Oil Company's team. Of course, I'll tell you all about that, too.

I almost forgot to tell you about that girls' game on Monday evening, when the Gopher girls meet the high school All-Stars. You know that little Stan will be right there, as always, and until then I'll say—So long!

Stanley Pechaver,  
No. 2, SSCU.

### NO MONKEY BUSINESS

Said the tourist with a stricken automobile to the farmer, apparently of foreign extraction: "Say, have you got a monkey wrench?"

The farmer gaped at him.

"Naw, I got no monkey wrench. My brother Nels, two mile opp de road, he got cattle wrench; my brother Ole, one mile down de road, he got sheep wrench, but it ban too damn cold for monkey wrench, mister!"

### POTATOES

Exposure to light causes potatoes to turn greenish in color. They are best preserved when kept as dark and cool as possible without permitting them to freeze.

## "The Native's Return" Sells for \$2.00

At the last meeting of the committee in charge of buying and distributing Louis Adamic's "The Native's Return," it was definitely decided that the book would sell for \$2.00 instead of \$1.65, as formerly announced. This increase in price is partly due to cover freight charges for the books from New York to Cleveland, O.

The committee at the same time decided to donate a number of copies of "The Native's Return" to the Cleveland Public Library, which is in great need of books. Since the fund for the upkeep of the libraries is very low and there is very little chance of the libraries buying this book, the committee thought this a worthy cause. This decision made it necessary to increase the price of the book also.

By doing this, "The Native's Return" will come before the more unfortunate Yugoslav group who are not able to possess their own copies.

With the exception of the few cents that will be used toward obtaining the books for the libraries we are still paying only for the cost of publishing and shipping of the books from New York to Cleveland.

There are few facts to keep in mind when ordering the book from the Enakopravost or Nova Doba. When the book is to be sent C. O. D. to the purchaser, he will have to pay in addition to the \$2.00 the freight charge of the book from Cleveland to its destination.

When a check or money order is inclosed in the order for "The Native's Return," upon receiving it, the purchaser need only pay freight charges from Cleveland to his home.

No additional charge is made outside of the \$2.00 for the book if it is called for at the Enakopravost office, 6231 St. Clair Ave., Cleveland, O.

### Red Cross Life Saving

Captain Paul W. Goss, life saving representative of the American Red Cross, will be in Cleveland from Feb. 5 to 9 to conduct the annual Red Cross Life Saving Institute for this district.

In two sessions daily during his stay, local Red Cross life saving examiners will be trained. Many of these will, later in the year, supervise life saving courses throughout the county in schools and during the summer camps. Some are swimming coaches now.

Swimming, diving, rescue and resuscitation are taught. As a result of this instructional work interest in water sports safety methods is being widely stimulated and a defense is being erected against the drownings which take a toll of 8,000 lives every year.

Information about the Life Saving Institute and other Red Cross safety work can be secured from the Cleveland Red Cross, 1900 Euclid Ave., John D. Cremer Jr., executive. Phone CHerry 6850.

### CLEARING THE LINE

Rastus was proudly sporting a new shirt when a friend asked: "How many yards do it take to make a shirt like that one, Rastus?"

"Well, sah," replied Rastus, "Ah got two shirts like this out'n one yard last night."

### DOG

It is supposed the dog was the first animal domesticated, although some scientists and historians think possibly pigs and sheep were partially domesticated about the same time.

## N. R. A.

Washington, D. C.—Donald R. Richberg, general counsel for the National Recovery Administration, issued the following statement:

"This seems to be an appropriate time to recall to the attention of the public and to those industries now operating under codes the fact that the provisions of the anti-trust laws of the United States are still in full force and effect and that monopolistic practices are not permitted even under the provisions of codes.

"The National Industrial Recovery Act does provide that any action complying with the provisions of a code shall be exempt from the provisions of the anti-trust laws of the United States. This does NOT mean two things:

"First—this does not mean that a code can be written so as to authorize monopolistic practices.

"Second—it does not mean that, under the protections of a code, industrial groups can organize and then, without regard to the requirements of the code, proceed to fix prices, or to carry out other operations in restraint of trade, free from the penalties of the anti-trust laws.

"It is necessary to call these matters to the attention of the public and of industry for two reasons.

"In the first place, there has been a widespread misunderstanding, even among public officials, that monopolistic practices might be sanctioned in the codes.

"In the second place, there have recently come to the attention of the administration instances in which industrial operators have been organized to carry out the provisions of codes or the restrictions upon them in the codes. Without singling out one group, it should be stated that during the meetings of the National Industrial Bituminous Coal Board it became evident that some groups of coal operators had the impression that they were now free to fix prices and otherwise to act in combination without obtaining the approval of the representatives of the NRA, which is designed to safeguard the public interest.

"It cannot be too strongly emphasized that no combinations of industrial operators are authorized to take concerted actions, except so far as explicitly authorized under the terms of the codes and the requirements of the NRA, without subjecting themselves to the penalties of the anti-trust laws wherever such laws would prohibit such combined action.

"A timely warning should be given that, wherever members of an industry have assumed mistakenly that they have been licensed by virtue of the adoption of a code to combine and to disregard the restrictions imposed by the NRA to protect the public interest, they are simply laying themselves open to prosecution under the anti-trust laws and that the provisions of Section 5 of Title I of the National Industrial Recovery Act do not exempt them from the penalties of those laws."

### NO SURFACE SCRATCH

Judge: Well, here you are again, Rastus.

Rastus: Yassuh, boss, I'se back afore you again, but dis time Ah got a cause.

Judge: Well, what is it, Rastus?

Rastus: Judge, what would you do if someone steal your gal?

Judge: I'd cut her company, Rastus.

Rastus: Dat's jes' what Ah did—and Ah cut him deep.

## "TENTH BROTHER"

By Josip Jurčič

Translated from the Slovene Text by Joseph L. Mihalek

(Continuation)

Just then lord Benjamin came and, seeing Marian, greeted him joyfully and sat down beside him, asking him about this and that. Manica was glad that she was no longer alone with Marian. However, she had noticed with joy that her young neighbor had changed somewhat after his illness. She availed herself of the first opportunity to leave her dad and Marian alone.

They did not talk long about the ordinary matters. Marian was worried about his father, and why he left home.

"Do you think that you have recovered completely?" asked the lord.

"Why do you ask?"

"I have a letter from your father to give you. He said that I shall give it to you when you have completely regained your health. I think that you may read it today, and I am sure that from it you will learn more than I can tell you. To tell you the truth, I, too, do not understand your father."

"Please give me the letter," said Marian eagerly.

"It is too cool here. Come with me to the room! There I shall give you the letter."

Both went to the castle.

Marian opened the large package with great anxiety. He found a large number of valuable papers which he laid aside. Next to these was a sealed letter, the address of which was like the outside, "To my son Marian."

The young man opened it quickly, and read it. What he found in it must not have been very consoling, because he laid the letter on the table, covered his face with his hands and leaned on the table with his elbows.

The lord thought that he was still weak from illness and that he was not feeling so well just then. He asked him if he needed anything. Instead of an answer, Marian arose, and walked up and down the room twice.

"Well, did you find anything from the letter? Where did your father go?" asked the landlord.

Marian sat back into the chair, covered the face, and began to cry.

"He is dead! I shall never see him again," replied Marian after a while.

The lord became frightened, he never thought about that possibility. Marian pushed the letter to him, and said, "Read!"

The content of the letter was:

"My Son!

"When you receive this in your hand, your father shall be no more. I lived long, too long. My life was not such as is of other people, nor like it shall yours. Of late I did not care for life at all; I lived because of you. But from this moment, as I am writing this, I do not care to live any longer because of you. I do not want that you shall remember your father in later years, as such, as the world will probably know him tomorrow. The evidence of my life is in other hands, although I am not certain, yet if it should be made public, I would be disgraced in my old age. Therefore, to prevent this, I am removing myself."

"The reason for my action you shall gather from the following. I think that I owe you an explanation of my past. Read and learn a little about the one who is your father. You can understand him only partly. You could understand him completely, only if you had the experience of life, as I had, already behind you. This, however, I do not wish to anyone, and least of all to you. To un-

derstand me, you would have to know the world, and yourself. But this you shall never do, and do not try to know it either if you wish to be happier than I was.

"Read! Know me, but do not judge me! Forget, and do not curse me!"

"I was born in poverty and want in a small village in the upper part of Carniola. My fortune was my misfortune, only by itself, but because of the des-

"It created in me the desire for wealth, not the ordinary wish, but the burning passion which does not choose means to attain the desire goal.

"I studied. With great difficulty I completed my learning and became a physician.

"Mine and your right name is Kaves, or as the family calls it, Kvas. Yet I wish you to retain the name which I had now. A name is empty sound, a person is ever

"I married soon. Not because of love for the woman, but because of her wealth. When I saw that I was taken, I left her in poverty and misfortune, and went from my homeland into the capital of the empire.

"From this first marriage you have

## DOPISI

## Finleyville, Pa.

Kot vsak dopisnik, tudi jaz tačnem z delavskimi razmerami, ki pa sploh niso imena medne. Tukaj sploh ni nikakega dela, New Deal nam še nizcesar koristil. Zato se ne izplača pisariti o tem, ker ne vidi nikakega napredka. Na društvenem polju nam v takih razmerah seveda ni mogoče napredovati, vendar imamo upanje v boljše čase, ki bodo prišeli tudi napredek v društvo.

V igri nastopijo tudi tihotapci, vaški norček, hlapec, dekle, kmetje in kmetice. Vseh igracev skupaj je 22. Režiserja igre sta Stanley Lautar in Antonija Moze.

Torej poleg pomembne slavnosti bomo imeli tudi priliko gledati lepo igro. Po igri bo ples in prosta zabava. Tako vidite, je poskrbljeno da bomo imeli vsega nekaj: Govornike, petje, igro, godbo in ples. Tudi za pod zob in suha grla bo poskrbljeno. Na slavnost se vabi članstvo naše Jednote, prijetljiv in znanci.

Anton Okolish,  
tajnik društva št. 44 JSKJ.

## Chisholm, Minn.

Tukaj je umrla 13. januarja Karolina Gerzin, rojena Kovach. Bila je članica društva Danica, št. 150 JSKJ, in par drugih društev; kakor tudi večletna tajnica društva Maccabee. Da je bila pokojnica daleč naokoli poznana in priljubljena je pokazal obilni spred na njeni zadnji poti.

Po novem letu je tu po želenjem okrožju mraz malo poenhal, toda ravno ko to pišem, poje zunaj sever svojo zimsko pesem tako tenko in presunljivo, da človeka kar zabe pri srcu.

Delavske razmere so tukaj prav slabe. Obratujejo trije rudniki po pet dni na teden in dela se v dveh partijah. Vsaka partija dobi deset dni na mesec. Poleg tega je pa še slab zasluzek. Tako zvana relifna dela so tudi pod ničlo. Gozdna dela so skrili na 15 ur na teden.

Da bomo pa malo pozabili na zimo in depresijo je društvo sv. Jožefa sklenilo na zadnji seji, prirediti v soboto 3. februarja malo zabave in plesa v Mahnetovi dvorani. Odbor bo dobro poskrbel, da ne bo kdo trpel prevelike žeje ali lakote. Prigrizek bo zastonj. Vstopnila bo 25 centov.

Ker je čas prekratek, da bi se razpolalo vabila drugim društvom, se jih tem potom vladljuno vabi, da se udeleže naše zabave. Posebno še želimo, da se udeleži društvo Danica, za kar se že v naprej zahvaljujemo in ob prilikah povrnemo.

Za odbor društva sv. Jožefa, št. 30 JSKJ:

Joseph Bovitz.

## Detroit, Mich.

Morda že kateri misli, da nas v Detroitu ni nič več članov J. S. K. J., ker se nihče ne oglaši v našem glasilu. Vsled tega sem se jaz namenil napisati par vrstic.

Kar se dela tiče, gre še vse bolj počasi. Nekateri so dobili delo pri CWA, tovarne pa še vedno bolj po malem obratujejo in je še tisoče in tisoče delavcev brez dela. Zato naj ne bo nihče tako nepreviden, da bi hodil v Detroit dela iskat.

Boljše pozno, kot nikoli, zato se tem potom zahvalim članstvu društva Triglav, št. 144 JSKJ, za zaupanje, katero so mi izkazali s poverjenjem najvišje "sarže" pri društву. Obljubim jim, da bom skušal moje delo točno, pravilno in po pravilih opravljati. Upam, da bo tudi lahko vzdržati red pri sejah našega društva, posebno, če bo tako, kot je bilo pri prvi seji v letu 1934, ko nas je prišlo na sejo komaj toliko, da smo jo mogli obdrževati. Še tisti niso vsi prišli, ki bi po pravilih morali biti navzoči.

Upam, da člani našega društva čitajo naše glasilo in vi-

nad vodo. V strahu da ne bi njegov greh prišel v javnost po njegovem sinu ga ustrelji. Ko se zave, kaj je naredil, blodi pozno v noč po gozdu in se zateče ob nevihti v neko hišo, kjer je ravno stara ženica Nosanka pripovedovala povest o Krivoprisežniku. Ko Krivoprisežnik čuje povest, misli da se ista tiče njega. Zakriči od groze, zadegne ga kap in na mestu umre.

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Anton Okolish,  
tajnik društva št. 44 JSKJ.

## Razprave o iniciativi

## Republic, Pa.

Društvo "Vsi za enega, eden za vse," št. 171 JSKJ, je občavalо svojo redno sejo dne 21. januarja. Poleg drugega društvenega dela je prišla na dnevni red tudi iniciativa društva št. 114 JSKJ, glede katere je društvo po daljši razpravi prislo do zaključka, da se jo zavrže. Ne zato, da bi v iniciativnem predlogu ne bilo nikakih dobrobiti točk, ampak zato, ker vsebuje iniciative tudi take točke, ki bi Jednote dosti več škodovale kot koristile.

Nekateri člani kažejo na gotove točke v iniciativi, češ, da so dobre in koristne. To je verjetno, kajti tisti, ki so sestavljeni iniciativni predlog, so morali v istega uvrstiti tudi nekaj sladkih in priljubljenih točk, da bi članstvo s tem posladkanjem tudi druga nesmiselne in škodljive točke pogoltnilo.

Iniciativni predlogi so začeli prihajati kmalu po 14. konvenciji. Ta konvencija ni gotovih članov zadovoljila in zato je bilo treba poseči po iniciativnih predlogih. Posebno društvo št. 114, se zdi, da je vedno v nekakem stanju upora. Vse to seveda izhaja iz časa, ko je bil neki član dotedenja prihajal na redni seji, da se ne bodo udeležili.

Vabljeni so vsi rojaki v Indianapolisu, da se omenjene igre udeleže, da se ne bodo pozneje kesali; ker zabave bo dovolj za vse. Veselični odbor bo pa poskrbel, da bo postrežba izvrstna.

Luka Česnik,  
preds. društva št. 166 JSKJ.

## Braddock, Pa.

Društvo sv. Alojzija, št. 31 JSKJ, je na svoji redni seji dne 21. januarja razpravljalo o iniciativnem predlogu društva št. 114 in je prislo do zaključka, da istega ne podpira. V predlogu ni nič koristnega in naprednega za članstvo in za Jednote. Lahko pa bi prislo do velikih sporov in stroškov. Ako bi bil ta iniciativni predlog sprejet, potem bi bilo po pravilih dovoljeno vsakemu članu, da bi katerikoli delovni dan šel v glavnih urad in tam zahteval, da mu razkazujejo knjige in poslovanje, pa če pri tem vse delo glavnega urada zaostane. Seveda, iz Pennsylvanije člani najbrž ne bi hodili sitnarit v glavnih urad v Minnesotu, toda poslužili bi se tega tamkajšnjimi člani, posebno taki, ki bi radi nagajali glavnemu tajniku in osobju v uradu. Kadarkoli bi se kak Minnesotčan domislil, da je treba malo pokritizirati in malo pogledati v glavnih urad, kako se Jednota "rona," prišel bi v urad in jednotno knjige rudo otresti. Glavni tajnik in pomožni tajnik bi mu pa služila za ministranta in otrsala sukno, da bi še več rude v knjige ne natresel. Dobro bi bilo, da se preneha z vlaganjem takih iniciativnih predlogov, ki pa našem mnenju izhajajo samo iz nevošljivosti in osebnega sovraštva gotovih članov napram nekatemer glavnim odbornikom.

Pravica stavljena iniciativnih predlogov ni zato, da bi se jo izrabljalo v maščevalne svrhe. Naše društvo apelira na druga-

dijo, kako se druga društva zanimajo za društvene in jednotne probleme. Ni dosti, da se doma pri peči malo pokritizirata ali pohvali, ampak potrebitno je, da se pride na sejo in se tam pove. Vabim člane našega društva, da se mnogoštevilno udeležijo naše prihodnje seje, ki se bo vršila 4. februarja. Na dnevnem redu omenjene seje bo tudi iniciativa društva št. 114 JSKJ. To je važna zadeva in pravilno bi bilo, da bili na seji vsi člani in članice, kadar je tako zadeva na dnevnem redu. Poleg tega bo treba na prihodnji seji rešiti še več drugih važnih točk.

Torej naj pridejo na sejo 4. februarja vsi člani in članice.

Seja se bo pričela točno ob dejeti urki dopoldne. Kogar ne bo na seji in bo potem pregovarjal, da to ali ono ni bilo pravilno rešeno, zaslubi, da se ga s polnim imenom navede v našem glasilu. Torej, na svodenje na seji 4. februarja!

John Klobuchar,  
13741 Keystone St.

v teh časih obdržimo organizacijo na zdravem in trdnem stališču in da ne bo izgub nit v finančnih niti v članstvu. Saj so ti glavni odborniki vendar tudi člani, ki prav tako plačujejo asesmente kot vse mi drugi, in samo par jih je, ki dobivajo stalne plače, od katerih lahko žive. Večina glavnih odbornikov, katerim smo izročili upravo in nadzorstvo Jednote, pa dobiva le nominalne plače. Poglejmo v pravila, pa bomo videli. Glavni odborniki se niso sami postavili na svoja mesta, ampak so jih izvolili delegati, to je zastopniki članstva, in izbrani so bili izmed članstva. Od nekaterih dopisnikov pa se nam hočajo glavni odborniki predstaviti, kot da nimajo s članstvom nič skupnega, in kot da bi jim ne bili interesi Jednote tako pri srcu, kot vsakemu drugemu dobremu članu. Pustimo na strani osebnosti. Ako nam kakšen posamezen glavni odbornik ni priljubljen, ne pojdimo v skrajnosti in ne škodujemo s tem celi organizaciji.

Kot omenjeno, je naše društvo iniciativni predlog društva št. 114 odklonilo. — Za društvo "Vsi za enega, eden za vse," št. 171 JSKJ: George Tomaševich,  
predsednik.

## Indianapolis, Ind.

Društvo Sloga, št. 166 JSKJ, je imelo svojo redno sejo dne 20. januarja, na kateri je vzel v pretes tudi iniciativni predlog društva Slovenec, št. 114 JSKJ. Naše društvo ta predlog ne podpira in ga enostavno odklanja.

Kar se tiče veselice, ki se bo vršila 3. februarja z veseloigro "Davek na samce," naznanim članom sledče: Društvo je sklenilo na redni seji, da ako se član ne udeleži veselice, bo moral prispevati dolar v društveno blagajno, bolniki pa 25 centov; to je cena vstopnine, katera je skoraj prenizka za tako zanimivo igro in veselico, dasi so slabci časi.

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preds. društva št. 166 JSKJ.

## Cleveland, O.

V soboto dne 3. februarja t. l. gremo v Barberton. Pa kaj mislite, da bo tam? Nekaj zelo pomembnega in posebnega. Praznovala se bode 35-letnica J. S. K. J. Barbertončani so se zavzeli, da bodo vsekakor na prvem mestu, da se proslava zavrsi po najbolj mogočem bogatem sporedu. V ta namen prirede slovensko ljudsko društvo "Krivoprisežnik," ki je mora že marsikateremu znana, vendar pa naj omenim tu na kratko njeni vsebino.

Bogat kmet se je polstil potom krive prisegje še drugega posestva, ki je pripadal njegovemu svakinji. Ko pa njegovi otroci dorastejo je pa prišla ta njegova udobjna na dan in krivoprisežnik umre sam in zapuščen od vsega sveta v majhnih gozdni koči. Na smrtni postelji pa še poravna storjeno krivico s skesanim priznanjem njegovega zločina.

Med drugimi odličnimi gosti bo tudi br. glavni predsednik J. S. K. J., g. Pavel Bartel iz Waukegan, Ill. Poleg njega pa je vabljeno tudi ves glavni odbor iz Ohio in Pennsylvania. Torej pozivam še enkrat vse člane in prijatelje J. S. K. J., da se udeleži naše proslave 35-letnice. Nihče naj se ne izgovarja, ker preskrbljeno bo za cenjen prevoz in stroški bodo malenkostni v primeru s tem, kar vam bodo nudili rojaki iz Barbertona.

Mike Šperhar,  
član društva št. 128 JSKJ.

Cleveland, O.  
NAZNANILO

Iz urada Federacije J. S. K. Jednote države Ohio, se tem potom naznana vsem onim, kateri grejo v soboto 3. februarja v Barberton, naj bodo ob 3:30 pri Slovenskem Domu na Holmes Ave. tako stanujejo v tisti bližini, ali pa ob 4:00 uri pred S. N. Domom na St. Clair Ave., kjer jih bo čakal bus. Bus odpelje izpred S. N. Domu ob 4:00 uri popoldne.

Anton Vehar, tajnik.

## Sharon, Pa.

Društvo "Sloga," št. 174 JSKJ, je na redni seji dne 21. januarja razpravljalo o iniciativnem predlogu društva št.

114, ter zaključilo, da omenjene iniciative ne bo podpiralo. Mi vemo, da nobena organizacija nima popolnoma perfektnih pravil, ki bi odgovarjala za vsakega člana, in jih tudi naša nima. Iniciativa društva št. 114 pa ne bi izboljšala naših pravil v biš izkoristila članstvo.

Za društvo Sloga, št. 174 JSKJ:

Frank Rupnik, predsednik; Anton Valentincič, blagajnik; Frank Kramar, tajnik.

## Milwaukee, Wis.

Društvo "Združeni Slovani," št. 225 J. S. K. Jednote priredi domačo zabavo dne 10. februarja v Mr. Sustarich-evih prostorih, 639 S. 6th Street. Ker je to društvo še novo ustanovljeno, ni dovolj poznano tukajnjim rojakom. Iz tega vzroka je priporočljivo, da bi nas posetila vsa tukajnja društva, da bi se medseboj bolje spoznali.

Drage volje vam bomo vrnili to prijaznost s proti uslužbo. Vsi vemo, da je začetek težaj pri vsakem novem društvu in takoj je tudi z nami in naša blagajna je tako suha, kakor puščava "Sahara."

Posebno so vabljeni vsi člani naše društva na ples in zabavo, da pričačati bo moral vsak ceno vstopnine, če bo navzoč ali ne.

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Frances Gradier,

dr. št. 225, JSKJ.

## 71-33

Priziv Charles Luzarja, člana društva Vitezzi sv. Jurija, št. 49 JSKJ, v Kansas City, Kansas, vsled odklonjene bolniške podpore od 1. julija do 15. avgusta 1933. Porotni odbor je prejel na zahtevo še dodatna in bolj podrobna zdravniška poročila in je na podlagi istih razloga kot povedano prej. 3.) Članici se ni zgodila krivica ker ji je bila odklonjena zahtevo za odškodnino in se potrdi izjava vrhovnega zdravnika v tej zadevi.

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Rado Murnik:

## NA BLEDU

(Nadalevanje)

II.

Drugo jutro sem sedel na Osojnikovem vrtu. Jezero, uganka večne lepote, je ležalo svečano-mirno v svojem pisanem okviru. Letintam so orale gladino lične ladje in vlekle sijajne brazde za sabo; nekatere so razpele jadra. V jezeru so se ogledovali beli poletni oblaki in višnjevo nebo, idilski otok in romantični grad. Solnce je veselo igralo na zelenih vodah in na peskovitem dnu. Krasen vodomec, svetega Martina ptiček, je švignil, krilat smagradi, bliskoma mimo mene!

Ure in ure bi sanjala duša, očarana po večno novi, premembri polni lepoti! Domišljija mi je kazala Bledu v pomladanju radosti. Zali ptiči opevajo srečno ljubem. Tisočeri vonjavci pisani cveti gledajo v vodo, tisočeri nežni šopki gledajo iz vode! Ali morda še lepše je na Bledu, kadar razlje velika umetnica jesen po obrežju in jezeru vse svoje prelestne boje, neznane vigredi in poletju. In pozimi! Zamrzlo jezero en sam lep velik opal! Pobožni otok več v prebelih čipkah! Koder so se poleti vozile ladje, zvončljajo sosedje, vesele sani, zvene svetle drsalice. Bledu v mladi vesni — v bozgatem poletnem čaru — v pestri jesenski obleki — v kristalnem in srebrnem zimskem plašču: koliko bajno divne krasote! Storilo se mi je inako; domislil sem se oslepeli...

Prihajala je Minka. Stopala je počasi, obotavlja se. Rdečo ruto si je potegnila na čelo.

Kako se je izpremenilo pri Osojnikovih, odkar je obolel sosedov Jaka! Vsak je tiko opravljal svoje delo. Nemo so hodili ko sence. Celo Janezek je tiko pestoval svojega črnega mucka, kadar ni delal napote v kuhinji ali na njivi. Kako se je izpremenila vkratkem zlasti Minka, prej tako vesela, poredna! Nožji je uigibala in sanjarja o ljubljjenem bolniku; vso dušo ji je navdajala obupna žalost. Kar ostrašil sem se, ko sem ji pogledal v otekle objekane oči.

"Obha—" je začela, ali glas ji je zastal v grlu. "Obhajali ga bodo!" je zamolklo izpregovorila z veliko muko. "Jaka je čisto onemogel, slab . . . tak . . . oh! Liza mu streže." Zahtela je.

"Kdo pa je Liza?"

"Njegova sestra. Liza pravi, da . . ." Zopet ji je vzel glas, dušila jo je težka toga. Uklonila je obrazek in dhnula komaj slišno: "Pravi, da bo — umrl!" Pretreslo ji je vse telo. "Umrl!" je začela.

Iz teh oči, ki so se prej zdale ustvarjene le za vesel smeh, so privrele solze, poleze početkom počasi, potem pa čimdalje hitrejo po licu in naposlед se je jokaia kakor otrok.

"Ne bo ne umrl, Minka, tako kmalu še ne! Kaj pa Liza ve? Zaupajte v Boga in bodite pogumnejši! Ne jokajte se, Minka!"

Obrnila se je v stran, si otrla solze in me pogledala plaho, prošče.

"Minka, kaj bi radi? Le povejte, veselilo bi me, če bi vam mogel ustreči!"

"Oh, gospod Kalan . . . Nemara se vam bo zdelo čudno . . . Ne zameri mi . . . Vsa sem tako narobe, da . . . Prav lepo bi vas prosila, pobarakajte še enkrat dohtarja! Prosrite ga, naj vam pove resnico!"

"Saj je že povedal!"

"Oh, to je koj tako rekel, da bi nas pomiril. Zdaj pa tako pobarakite, kakor bi hoteli vedeti vi sami zase! Vam bo rajši povedal pravo resnico kakor nam. Potlej pa meni povejte! Lepo prosim! Bod, kar bodi! Samo da bom vedela . . ."

"Takoj pojdem, Minka!"

"Bog vam povrni stokrat, gospod Kalan! Prikriti mi pa potlej ne smete nič!"

Tesno mi je bilo pri sreči, ko sem se bližal Jankovemu stanovanju. Ako mi prizna, da je bolnik izgubljen, ali bom res mogel tako strašno novico razdeti zdvajajočemu ubogemu dekleto?

Prestregel sem Janka, ravno odpravljajočega se z doma, in mu povedal, čemu sem prišel.

"Ne maram te moriti s popularno-znanstvenim predavanjem," mi je dejal z mirnim nasmehom. "Povem ti samo toliko: Pljužnica je sicer nevarna bolezen, toda pretežna večina bolnikov okreva popolnoma in primeroma kaj kmalu. Največja nevarnost preti bolniku, ki ima boino ali slabotno srečo, zakaj ubogo srce mora zdaj gnati kri skozi deloma zamašena vneta pljuča. Zatorej podpiraj zdravnik zlasti srce, pomagaj mu, da zmaga pomnoženo delo in da ne omaga posebno desni srčni prekat! Jaka je mlad, je krepak, ima močno, zdravo srce. Nič se ni bat! Peti, sedmi ali deveti dan se odloči, mrzlca poncha in bolniku odleže presestljivo hitro! Nenaden začetek, nenaden konec. Preiskal sem fanta natanko. Komplikacij ni nobenih. Že prihodnji teden se bo čutil čudovito olajšanega. Amen!"

Ves vesel sem se napotil na polje. V senci je prijetna jutranja vlaga držala prah na tleh, nad rumenimi poljanami pa je že migljal zrak od vročine. Ob čelu Triglava so se tajale nežne meglice. Po Stolu je polzela senca debelega lenega oblaka preko "sveče" in "monstrance." V stogih se je sušila pšenica in ječmen. Ženske z živobarnimi rutami na glavi so čepele na ječmenovih strniščih in pleke korenje. Na več kraju so s podkovanimi voli ali konji vozili polne koše, da pognajo repi ali "jedi" (ajdi). V žitu je petpedikal glasan prepeljak.

Ob kamenatem kolovozu so se pod hojo v senci hladili vrči s hrusevo vodo in studenčico, pokriti s svežo praprotjo. Zraven njih je sedel Osojnikov princ.

"Kaj pa delaš, sokočle moj?"

"Nič. Nebeškal bi se rad!"

Minka je z materjo skoraj dožela dolgo ječmenovo njivo. Delo ji ni šlo tako naglo, lahko in veselo od rok kakor predvčerajšnjim. Kadar je povezavala, se je zagledala bogve kam. Trdo sta rskala cesta srpa in včesi tožno zazvenela. Pred ženjicama so bežale zelenle kobilice skokoma proti še ne požetenemu koncu njive.

"Tibo!" Blizišči so se Osojnikov oča. "Tibo!" Pametna kobila je brez naglice vlekla prazne lestevane na desno, otrsala glavo in mahala z dolgim repom po nespodobnih muhah in brenljih. "Oha!" Oča Martin so ustavili pri ženjicah.

(Dalje prihodnjič)

A. Gatti:  
Moji afriški doživljaji

II.

Že dolgo sem se veselil povratka v deželo svojih črnih "bratov," v severno zuljusko pokrajino. Vozili smo se po ozki pešpoti, o kateri sem mislil, da nas bo pripeljala v bližino naših prijateljev. Ležal sem v poldnevni dremavici na strehi avtomobila, ko me nenadoma prebudi divje rjovenje, slično levjemu.

"Uuuuuuuuh!"

Nekaj korakov pred nami sem zagledal skupino Zulujcev, ki nam je zapira pot. V zraku so vihteli sulice in majhne sčite iz pisane volovske kože. Eden izmed njih je tako silno zarjavel in znova dokazal svojo umetnost.

Spoznal sem Silevo, mladega Zulujca, ki bi bil pred nekaj meseci skoraj izdihnil po smrtnimi sunki plesa s sulicami.

"Ohe, Silevo!" sem zaklical. "Kako kaj živiš?"

"Kakor mi pač Umkulum Kulu da," je odgovoril, očvidno ne preveč vnet za življence, ki mu ga je bil naklonil Umkulum Kulu, najvišji med bogovi.

"Ali si se že oženil z Mdabuli?" sem ga vprašal.

Zalostno je odkimal. "Ja baba," mi je dejal, "prišel sem, da ti povem in te naprosim za pomoč. Tebe, ki si moj oče in mojega očeta oče!"

"Nu, kaj pa se je zgodilo, Silevo?"

Začel je pripovedovati svojo povest. Bila je nekako tale: Želet se je oženiti z Mdabuli, Sukumbanovo hčerkko in tudi Mdabuli je imela slične želje. Zdaj je bil na Kipuzu, vrhovni glavar, njenemu očetu zaradi neposlušnosti prevedal opravljati obrede.

Zato je moralta trpeti Mdabuli, ker je šla klicat Kipuzu, da je rešil Silevo. Ceprav mu je ponujal Silevo svojo najboljšo kravo v zameno, se starci trdovratnež vendar ni dal pregovoriti.

Edine in zadnje besede so bile: "Dobiš Mdabuli za ženo, ko mi Kipuzu vrne čast čarovnika Bantu-Simbov!"

Silevo je potrežljivo čakal, da je minilo deset mesecov kazni, a vendar zmanj. Po tej dobi Kipuzu še vedno ni bil vrnit. Sukumbani časti — starci lisjak je že vedel za kaj!

"Pojdi in govoris s Kipuzom!" me je prosil Silevo. "Če hočeš, te bo poslušal in vrnit. Tu bova skrita opazovala Silevo," je rekel in me odvedel v globoko jamo.

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Majhna človeška postava je rastla in se začela vzpenjati na hrib. Zulujec se je bližal z enakomernim korakom in zdelo se je, kakor da bo zdaj pa zdaj stopil v najino skrivališče.

Brez glasu sva ga gledala, ko je šel naravnost proti mrvljijišču.

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"Vi vsi ste berači, ki imate vedno prazen lonec," je tulila Silevo skupina. "Sramota je, da se mora vojak, mlač, močan in lep kakor Sileva, poročiti s tako pokvečeno, ubogim in grdo babo, kakor je Mdabuli."

Preden je Silevo dosegel prav globino, je moral odstraniti velike kose zemlje, kakor goba preluknjane po neskončnem številu hodenkov in labirintov velikih mrvavelj.

Nato je začel gledati okoli,

kakor da bi podzavestno čutil težo najinih oči, le nazaj se ni ozrl. Ko je dal čarodejno korenino na mesto, kakor mu je bila ukazala čarovnica, je začel spet sestavljati mrvljijišče, dokler se mu ni to kolikor toliko posrečilo.

Nato je pobral lopato in asajaj ter se začel umikati po poti, po kateri je bil prišel.

Pogledal sem Kipuzu in presečen opazil, da je neprestano gledal Silevo in imel kopje pripravljeno za lučaj.

Silevo se nama je bližal in baš ko je bil nekaj korakov od starega kaktusa, je Kipuzu začel svoje orožje. Hitro in ostro je švignila morilna sulica skozi zrak. Silevo bo pribil na drevlo! Sapa mi je zastala. Toda kopje je pod večim gospodarskim vodstvom švignilo mimo Silevo in se zadrolo v drevlo.

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