

Out of the Mail Bag

By THE FOX

This column is dedicated to the Modern Crusaders on their grand Fifth Anniversary celebration held last Sunday at the Slovenian Workingmen's Home. Whatta vaudeville show! Whatta crowd! The writer was right when he predicted a record crowd. Incidentally, the Fox passed the entire evening unmolested and unrecognized.

Some Show

The one-act comedy, entitled "Poor Jim," played by "Doc" Mally, Frank Oblak and Miss Balish, was exceptionally good and Oblak's vivid portrayal of "Jim" had even this writer pinching himself to see whether or not he was alive. All three, however, showed exceptional dramatic talent and we guess that RKO isn't far from them.

Everybody There

Everybody, practically the whole town with but a few minor exceptions, was there. And well behaved, too. The speakers were accorded perfect attention, which is their due. Judge Frank J. Lausche was greeted with thunderous applause which could be heard as far away as Barberton, O. That is why a short while later Rudy Macek, Magic City Junior prexy, and a group of his fellow members came out in army style. His Honor's speech was great as were those made by Frank M. Surtz, Dr. Kern, Frank Cerne and James A. Perat. You know, if I could speak as well as these men, I would never work again. I may not, anyway.

Great Harmony

"Pink elephants on the table. Pink elephants on the wall," etc. You should have heard Mitzi Grdina, she was great among the greatest. And the Five-Foot Harmony Four stole the show with their melodies, while the Kmet Sisters made us feel like sweet 16. Louis Grdina—good ol' baritone Louis—rendered his selections in perfect, grand style.

Future Stars

It won't be long before we will be seeing the name of Joe "Banjo" Sodja, the Hill Billy Boys and little Lillian Oblak and the Cernelich Sisters in their bright lights of Broadway. Each and every act was the ha, cha, cha.

Radio Stimulants

With Ken Williams giving the audience laughing pains, the show moved along in double quick tempo. Jack Nagel's Crusaders did a splendid job as did maestro Matt J. Grdina behind the scenes.

Big Shots

The "Big shots" — Cerne, Okorn, Jaksic, Kacar, Lausche and Ballant of Lorain, O.—surely did go back to their more youthful days at the celebration. We're sorry more of the older folks weren't on hand to go back into their prime: "Smiles" of the Modern Knights worried about me—but thanks for the dance. Mickey Lah, past president of the Eastern Stars, graciously put his okay seal on the day's entertainment. "Lindy" Lokar, the big Crusader and Struggler man, passed many words of praise among the crowd. Thanks, Lindy. But how about giving this rag a line or two sometime?

Okay, Euclid

Say, "Smiles," won't you send the Fox a comp to your

Slovenian Young Men's Club to Sponsor First Social at Bathhouse Saturday, Feb. 18

Newly Elected Officers of Club Plan to Make Socials a Monthly Affair; Admission to First Party to Be Made by Invitation Only

By EDDIE BLATNIK

The first of the series of dance socials sponsored by the rejuvenated Slovenian Young Men's Club will be held Saturday evening, Feb. 18, at the St. Clair Ave. Bathhouse. This is a result of the new policy introduced by the recently elected officers of the lodge.

It is the plan of the group to sponsor such affairs each month so that the Young Men can again attain the reputation they once possessed. As an added inducement, a special feature will be held at each of these socials. These features are to be kept secret and will be in the nature of a welcome surprise to the guests.

The attraction for this first social was suggested by Frank "Twin" Yerse, and will certainly be worth while. "Twin," you know, has a reputation for picking winners.

Dancing, of course, will be the principal diversion of the evening. Trinko will uphold the musical end of the bill of fare Refreshments, too, will be in order.

Admission to the social will be by invitation only. Those planning on attending are urged to procure their invitations before the day of the party from any of the club members. Members who have not as yet received their share of invitations, are asked to get them as soon as possible at Blatnik's Confectionery, 6304 St. Clair Ave., one door east of the St. Clair Bathhouse.

St. Florian Booster Prexy Attends Revue

Frank Zisherle, president of the St. Florian Boosters, active Illinois K. S. K. J. lodge, was one of the many out-of-towners present for the Fifth Anniversary celebration of the Modern Crusaders.

Frank stopped over in Cleveland for the week-end, while en route on a business trip to the East. And while here, he decided to take advantage of the opportunity of seeing just what the Slovenian young folks of Cleveland were doing.

He, himself, admits that he was highly impressed and that the all-day affair gave him many ideas for his own lodge's affairs.

Hard Time Dance Saturday, Feb. 11? Do that and I'll let you in on a secret. Alright then, don't. We've made reservation for your affair, anyhow. And since we have not been recognized yet, we are raising the anti on the reward. Besides the July sleigh ride, we now offer—on the level—an airplane ride over the city. This offer good for girls only. Don't rush, boys.

Who Are You?

Who is this S. Y. M. C. guy, Eddie Blatnik? Though we've got Art Kushlan's number and know the rest of the boys rather well, this Eddie has us stumped. Looks like we'll have to do little checking up. We will see you all on Feb. 18 at your social. In the meantime, congratulations, all you Young Men officers and the best of luck during the coming year.

ENGLISH-CONDUCTED LODGE OFFICERS TO HOLD EXTRA SESSION

Francis M. Surtz, chairman of the Central Committee of S. D. Z. lodges, announces a special executive committee meeting, of only the presidents and secretaries of the various member branches which is to take place at his home, 6416 Carl Ave., this evening at 8 o'clock.

The object of this meeting was not definitely disclosed, but will undoubtedly deal with preparations for a program of activity which is to be projected during the Lenten season as well as means of distributing or disposing of Central Committee moneys which have accrued during their existence.

This, naturally, will be of vital importance to the various branches, therefore, each one of them should make it a point to have at least one of their major officers present.

CRUSADERS PLAN MONTHLY SOCIAL FOR FEBRUARY

The Modern Crusaders announce their social, which is to take place on Wednesday, Feb. 15, with only one change in their previous policy—that of admission price.

Heretofore, the price of admission was 10 cents, but due to requests, too numerous to mention, the entertainment committee after a great deal of deliberation and ever considering profit as a thing of minor importance, finally decided to raise this price to 15 cents. The reason given by persons making requests of the nature just mentioned was usually the same—that a crowd at such a low rate of admission was so large that dancing was no longer a pleasure.

This change should aid the entertainment committee materially for with each passing month the crowd increased, but the allotted space remained the same. The Crusaders' socials, however, even at this new rate of admission will be such bargains that none in the city will be able to surpass them. Think of it—dancing from 9 in the evening until 2 in the morning to the strains of Jack Nagel's Crusaders, the orchestra that won the hearts of all good dancers and music lovers at the Crusaders' Fifth Anniversary. Refreshments are only 5 cents. Remember, Wednesday, Feb. 15, at the Slovenian Workingmen's Home spells a good time at a moderate price with a moderate crowd.

Gay rags on the ladies and patched trousers on the gentlemen is what we are expecting to see at our Hard Time Dance on Feb. 11. There will be a door prize for some lucky person. Tickets can be obtained from any of the club members and cost only 25 cents. You can't go wrong for a quarter, especially when that quarter is for a Modern Knights' party.

When are the Comets and the Eastern Stars going to have another affair? We still haven't had our fill of dancing and we don't believe the rest have, either. What say, do we or don't we?

How about a little hand for Jack Nagel's Crusaders band. Those red tams and sashes surely made neat uniforms. And their music wasn't to be sneezed at either. Right?

Pioneers Edge Clairwoods by 22 to 20 Score in Interlodge Thriller at St. Clair Bathhouse

In one of the most torrid and thrilling encounters ever witnessed at the St. Clair Bathhouse, the Pioneers edged the Clairwoods, 22 to 20, last night in an overtime session, to once more rule the roost in the boys' Interlodge loop.

Jimmy Meehan, elongated center and the bespectacled Kavrán were the main reasons why the Pioneers were able to emerge victorious. During the course of the entire game, it was see-saw affair with both quints striving furiously, and exerting themselves to the utmost to obtain and then retain the lead.

With but a few minutes remain-

ing before the final gun, the Clairwoods were in front, 20 to 18. Meehan was fouled as he cut for the basket and was awarded two charity tosses. He potted both of them, tying the count at 20-all and forcing the issue into the overtime. That's where Kavrán came in for his share of the glory. All evening he tried unsuccessfully to convert his long shots into points. Then when it meant most he made good. A beautiful shot from mid-floor cut the cords cleanly and placed the Pioneers in the fore. And after that it was all over.

In the opening game on the evening's program, the Com-

Modern Crusaders Triumph Again as Huge Throng Packs Workingmen's Home for Party

Vaudeville Revue Presented in Afternoon to Capacity House, While Some 800 Guests Dance in Both Halls in Evening; Show Is Artistic Success

By MARTIN VALETICH JR.

A huge plume now adorns the already well-feathered hat of the Modern Crusaders, for their Fifth Anniversary program proved to be a smashing success and no one who was there can honestly say anything to the contrary.

Around the S. D. Z. Wheel

By LONE RIDER

Well, folks, it looks as if the Eastern Star bucketeers are about at the end of their rope—for the first half anyway. But we must give the boys a big hand for going down fighting like real he men. Better luck this next half.

But what the Stars are losing, those Clairwoods and Modern Crusaders are surely making up. Yes sirree, those S. D. Z. teams will have to be reckoned with when the Interlodge crown is being handed out.

The Eastern Stars are holding a dancing March 5, and primes you all a good time. You'll find further and more elaborate details of the coming affair in next week's issue.

By the way, have any of you seen "Red" lately? He doesn't seem to limp any more. "Red" sprained his ankle while practicing basketball with the Stars and was consequently laid up for quite some time.

The Blue Boys, Collinwood group, are holding another one of their dances March 4. They promise you the best of music and an exceptionally good time.

What has become of the famous Bachelors? Are they calming down or just plainly passing out of the picture?

Thanks, Mr. Fox, for your generous offer, but if you can pick me out at the Modern Knights' Dance, Feb. 11, I'll give a duck dinner for just you and me. You bring the ducks!

SDZ CONTRIBUTORS

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rades thoroughly walloped the Serbian A. C., 32 to 12. Kushlan tallied 13 points for the winners to pace their drive.

Butch Fisher and Max Malavasic led the Loyalties to a 33 to 19 triumph over the St. Josephs. Butch scored 10 points, and Max chalked up 11. Urbancic twinkled for the losers with six points.

Approximately 550 spectators viewed the games.

On the SDZ Soap Box

By JOE A. ROSA

Little more can be added to the countless words already written about the necessity of safeguarding the Sick Benefit Fund. At best one can only rehash previous arguments. But even though nothing new can be said about it, the necessity of being strict is becoming daily more apparent.

The responsibility rests directly on the individual member. Without your co-operation your lodge and the supreme board can do little to combat this new evil. Many will be prompted to say: "Well, let the secretary and the sick committee look out for that—it's their job." It is, insofar as they are capable of doing it. But their duties are restricted almost entirely to the mechanics of their positions. The secretary makes out the necessary forms and the committeemen visit the sick member, and, if in their opinion, he is conducting himself according to the by-laws, they attest their signatures to the forms. That is their job, and beyond that they are powerless. If the member happens to be simulating illness and a reputable physician has declared him ill, they can do little about it.

Therefore I say that the responsibility begins with and rests directly on the individual. Be fair. Don't declare yourself sick the moment you catch a little cold. And if you learn that any member has not been conducting himself according to the by-laws or that he has obviously been simulating illness, get up in your lodge meeting and tell about it. You are only protecting your own interests when you do so.

Correspondents

Week after week the same names appear in the S. D. Z. News. One might think that this handful of scribes held contracts to turn out this sheet, and that no one else has a chance to crash the gates. That isn't so.

What's the matter with the several hundred of you who read this page? Tired? Or don't you care? Maybe it's just that nothing ever happens in your little world. Bunk! Anything that is interesting to your lodge will prove to be of interest to others. Write about it. And don't let the fact that you never made a mark of over 80 in your grammar deter you from your newswriting. We have an editor, you know, and he's paid to correct those little mistakes. Even mine.

The S. D. Z. News and its staff are ready to begin the second year. Seeing as how we've had to face each other for one full year we're getting kinda tired of each other. We'd like to see some new names and new writing styles. Will you join us?

publicly to the above mentioned artists for their kindness in consenting to take part in this glorious Fifth Anniversary.

Each act helped to make a well proportioned whole. With any one act lacking, the program would have left the audience with a certain sense of incompleteness and loss. The man to whom the audience owes thanks for this unity and whom I also now thank, is Mr. Matt J. Grdina, probably one of the best Slovenian directors of the stage in the country.

