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MINUTES

OF THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN FRATERNAL UNION SUPREME BOARD, HELD AT THE HOME OFFICE IN ELY, MINN., JULY 30 AND JULY 31, 1945

First Session

The first session of the semi-annual meeting was opened on Monday, July 30 at 9 a. m. by the Supreme President J. N. Rogelj with the following address of welcome:

"Dear Supreme Officers:

"In the name of the American Fraternal Union I open the semi-annual meeting of our fraternal benefit organization. I greet you at this time and request of you that we start immediately with the work which must be done at this meeting. I am convinced that you are aware of your designated obligations and that you will also cooperate in that spirit at this meeting."

It was then ascertained that this meeting of the Supreme Board was changed from the month of August to the month of July on the basis of the unanimous decision of the Supreme Board, expressed in referendum No. 4—1945.

Present at this meeting are all those supreme officers who, according to the by-laws, have the right and obligation to attend the semi-annual meeting; namely: Janko N. Rogelj, Supreme President; Frank J. Kress, First Supreme Vice-President; Anton Krapenc, Second Supreme Vice-President; Anton Zbasnik, Supreme Secretary; Frank Tomisch Jr., Assistant Supreme Secretary; Louis Champa, Supreme Treasurer; Dr. F. J. Arch, Supreme Medical Examiner; Anton J. Terbovec, Editor-Manager of the Official Organ; John Kumse, President of the Auditing Committee; Frank E. Vranicar, First Supreme Auditor; Matt Anzelc, Second Supreme Auditor; Frank Okoren, Third Supreme Auditor; John Tomazic, Fourth Supreme Auditor.

Editor A. J. Terbovec is elected as recorder for this meeting for which he will receive the usual compensation for this special work.

The minutes of the annual Supreme Board meeting, which was held in February 1945, are read and accepted as read.

It is then decided that the meetings are to be held from 8:30 a. m. to 11:30 a. m. and from 1:30 p. m. to 5:30 p. m.

The reports of the Supreme Officers are presented and all are accepted as read. The consideration of matters which the Supreme Secretary has to present are then in order. They are decided upon as follows:

Joe Zobec, member of Lodge No. 1 and one of the founders of the organization, who has been ill a long time and has exhausted all benefits, requests some special benefit. He is granted \$25.00 to be used for payment of assessments and a check for the amount is to be made out to the lodge treasurer.

Frank Shepel, member of Lodge No. 2 and former employee in the Supreme Office, now serving in the armed forces, sends greetings from Brooklyn, N. Y., to the Supreme Board and wishes them a successful meeting. The letter is recorded.

The action of Lodge No. 30 in regard to the matter concerning Julia Ruparsic, who was confined to an institution, is approved and it is decided to pay the expenses in the sum of \$46.91 from part of the death benefit, which was left to her by her deceased husband, Louis Ruparsic. At the same time the Supreme Board appeals to the lodges in general that they ask the advice of the Supreme Office before they create any expenses at the cost of death benefits of deceased members.

In regard to the payment of operation and sick benefits of Frank Govednik, member of Lodge No. 30, a lengthy discussion takes place. Finally the Supreme Secretary is given complete authority to settle the matter in accordance to the instructions of the Supreme Board.

The matter of Paul Lavrencic, member of Lodge No. 31, who was sent to the infirmary, is turned over for investigation to the Supreme Medical Examiner.

The first session is concluded at 12 o'clock noon.

Second Session

Supreme President Janko N. Rogelj opens the second session of the semi-annual meeting of the Supreme Board on Monday, July 30th at 1:30 p. m. Present are all those Supreme Officers who were present at the first meeting. The consideration of matters which the Supreme Secretary has to present are then continued.

Frank Zitko, member of Lodge No. 75, exhausted all sick benefits and was paid in full for that illness but did not want to accept final settlement although he was entitled to same. According to the new by-laws he receives welfare benefits. Further sick benefits which he wishes to receive cannot be granted according to the by-laws. It is decided to advise him to accept the final settlement which was already offered to him by the Supreme Office.

The secretary of Lodge No. 66 recommends that restrictions on new female members be terminated, in regard to higher insurance which according to the decision of the convention are in effect for all new members during war time. In view of the situation which gives us the hope that the war will probably end soon, and that with the end of the war such restrictions will automatically be dropped, it is decided that they remain as of old.

The request of Mary Trojak, member of Lodge No. 84, for operation benefits and sick benefits had once already been denied by the Supreme Board and then by the Supreme Judiciary Committee for the reason that she was treated by an osteopath. The renewed request for the mentioned benefits is again denied.

The letter of greeting from Sister Katherine Penica, secretary of Lodge No. 88, who wishes the Supreme Board a successful meeting is recorded.

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News of AFU Yanks

This week Sgt. Steve Babich writes to all AFU members as follows:

"Dear Friends:

"I am back in the States again and have had a 30-day furlough, really enjoyed it with my mother and dad. I also went to visit my brother who is in the army too. I came there while he was on KP and did I laugh. Once upon a time he laughed at me too while I was doing KP. While I was laughing at him, his officer came by and because I was laughing at my brother, he told me he would put me on KP too. I then told him I didn't belong in that camp and he couldn't do anything to me. He then got angry and called the captain. The captain came down to see what was going on. When Captain Smith saw me he said, 'Hi Steve, when did you pull in?' I told him what happened and boy, was the other officer's face red. I told him I was visiting my kid brother. He then gave my brother the afternoon off and we spent the day together.

"I am now in Indian Town, Gap, Penn. I would like to tell you a little about my trip on the way home. First they sent me to a boat and after spending the night on it, I was sent to another camp. Here I saw some boys I worked with at Seattle, Wash. I told them I was going home on furlough and they wished me luck. I was then put on my boat and we had lots of fun. We had music on the boat and one boy from Cleveland, O., knew that I knew how to play in the band so he insisted I join the band. It sure reminded me of old times. I hope that soon those old times will come back so we can all dance together again. Now that I am here in this camp I would appreciate you folks writing to me. Drop me a card or letter in care of the address below. Your friend,

"Steve."

Sgt. Steve Babich 15322552
326th Army Postal Unit,
Co. C., 2nd Bn. A.S.F.T.C.,
Indian Town Gap, Penn.

NEXT OF KIN TO BE POLLED ON BURIALS

Atlanta, Ga.—Next of kin of American soldiers buried overseas will be polled after the war as to their wishes regarding final disposition of the bodies.

If more than 70 per cent of the requests in any one theater ask that the bodies be returned all of the soldiers dead in that area will be returned, according to Col. Robert P. Harbold, Director of War Department Memorial Division. If less than 70 per cent only the bodies requested will be returned.

Eager Beaver



American Fraternal Union Members Serving Our Country

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GOLD STAR MEMBERS

BRIEFS

The New York Committee of the American Slav Congress will hold its annual conference on Armistice Day, November 11, 1945, at the Hotel Commodore.

This will be the first peace time conference of the ASC since its inception.

The program will include nationally prominent speakers, guest artists and representatives from European Slav countries.

All organizations are urged to send delegates to this important conference.

Do you wear sun glasses when you drive against glaring lights at night? They do cut down the light but they also cut down your vision. But the smart thing to do when headlight glare bothers you, according to the Greater Cleveland Safety Council and the National Safety Council, is to slow down when approaching another car and focus your eyes on the right-hand edge of the road. Night driving has its own special technique.

ARE YOU DOING YOUR SHARE?

It takes the cooperation of many people to make a success of anything. This also holds true for our present Juvenile Membership Campaign. Every member should ask himself, "Am I doing my share to make this campaign a success?"

There is still time to reach the goal of 2,000 new juvenile members by Dec. 31st of this year. However, this will take the efforts of every member. Talk to your friends and neighbors about the benefits our Union has to offer for a comparatively small sum in assessments. Enroll those new juvenile members now!

"Are you doing your share?"

Lodge No. 88 Loses Faithful Member

Roundup, Mont.—Our Lodge No. 88, AFU again lost one of its faithful and long-time members. On July 4th death took Brother Joseph Planinsek who had been a member of our organization for 45 years. He was at Chico Hot Springs with his daughter, Mr. J. E. Hoell and her children. He was a good swimmer and was teaching his grandson and granddaughter to swim. He loved his grandchildren and often played with them. While swimming he had a heart attack and began to drown. There were people there but no one could help him for death struck instantly. The deceased was nearly 82 years old.

The death of her father was a terrible blow to Mrs. Hoell who with her children was present at the time of the misfortune. It happened only 50 miles from their home. They had gone to Chico Hot Springs to celebrate the Fourth of July; their home was on a farm in Bozeman, Mont. The deceased had lived with his daughter for several years. The entire family loved him, especially his grandchildren.

The deceased Joseph Planinsek suffered a stroke in 1943 when he was living with his daughter, Mrs. Alice Astesana in Grass Valley, Calif. Later he recuperated from it. For several years he was in the habit of visiting his daughter in California every winter, to get away from the cold Montana winter; and in spring he would return to Montana. The last two winters, since his stroke, he stayed at home. He was a pleasant and good man, respected and beloved by all who knew him. At the place where he lived there are not many Slovenians, but his family was respected by all as good and honest people. As secretary of Lodge No. 88, AFU I was happy to hear the people there say such nice things about him and his family at the time of his funeral.

At this time I would also like to add that the deceased had contributed \$5.00 during May for the Yugoslav Relief Fund, Slovene Section.

The deceased Joseph Planinsek was born in 1863 in the village of Repce at Trebnje, Dolensko, Slovenia. He came to America, to Cleveland, Ohio in 1888. From there he moved to Anaconda, Mont. in 1892 where he married Anna Udovic that year. He worked in the smelter at Anaconda for many years. Then he moved to Aldridge, Mont. where he worked in a coal mine for a number of years. In 1912 he moved with his family to a farm in Gallatin County, near the city of Bozeman. In 1936 his wife died, leaving him with two sons and six daughters, all grownup and some of them already married. His daughters and sons helped him work the farm. His life ended on July 4, 1945.

The funeral services were held on July 9 at 10 a. m. After the church service he was buried in the Bozeman City Cemetery, beside his deceased wife, Anne Planinsek.

His funeral was attended by: Rudy Planinsek, nephew; Anna Glancey, niece; and Katherine Penica of Roundup, Mont.; Mr. and Mrs. John Kambic; Mr. Geo. Stublar Jr.; and Mrs. Mary Stublar of Bozeman, Mont.; Mr. and Mrs. Petric of Livingston, Mont.

Last Call to Attend Chicago Bowlers' Social

Chicago, Ill.—I am today inviting all members of the Liberty Bell Lodge No. 70, AFU and other members of the AFU to the social which is being held by the Chicago AFU Bowling League this Saturday, Sept. 1st in Tomazin's Hall. I don't have to invite the bowlers for they will all be there; if any of them are out of town on their vacations or other business, they will surely return by plane in order to get here on time.

It is only right that the members attend this affair because the bowlers and bowlerettes in this campaign for the Juvenile Department were so active, that we have already received three awards from the Supreme Office and the fourth award is on its way.

Therefore, come one and all and you will see what fine fellows and girls they are! I'll be seeing you this Saturday at Tomazin's Hall. Fraternal regards to all.

John Gottlieb, Pres.,
Lodge No. 70, AFU,
Chicago, Ill.

Relatives: Mrs. Alice Astesana; Mrs. Anna Gliko and son-in-law, Mr. Martin Moneta all of Grass Valley, Cal.; Mr. and Mrs. Rose Krieger and family of Zillah, Wash.; Mr. and Mrs. Kezele and family of Tieton, Wash.; Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Hoell and family of Bozeman, Mont.; Mrs. Mary Moneta, daughter, did not attend the funeral for she had just visited her father and sister two weeks earlier but her husband came to the funeral. His sons, Tony and Joseph Planinsek Jr., of Grass Valley, Cal. did not attend the funeral because during these war times they could not get train tickets.

The daughters are: Alice Artesana, Anna Gliko, Mary Moneta, Rose Krieger, Josephine Kezele and Frances Hoell; sons: Tony and Joseph, and 21 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

The entire family and relatives sincerely thank Lodge No. 88, AFU for the wreath and the last tribute paid to the deceased. They also thank all others for their floral offerings and for attending the funeral.

May our deceased Brother Joseph Planinsek rest in peace in our American soil and to his family we offer our sincere sympathy.

Katherine Penica, Sec'y
Lodge No. 88, AFU
Roundup, Mont.

Amer. Slav Congress Hails Victory

August 15, 1945: Hailing the unconditional surrender of Japan, Leo Krzycki, President, and George Pirinsky, Executive Secretary, on behalf of the American Slav Congress today released the following statement:

The American Slav Congress, founded in Detroit on the very day of the Japanese attack at Pearl Harbor, rejoices with the entire nation and our Allies at the unconditional surrender of the Japanese war lords.

It was in answer to the cowardly Japanese attack that Slavic Americans throughout the country rallied their forces to help avenge Pearl Harbor and the crimes of the Nazis in Europe.

Defeated Japan must be treated the same way as Nazi Germany. All war criminals, large and small, should be wiped out. No mercy to the Japanese butchers who have committed countless crimes.

All those responsible for Japanese savagery and barbarism must be punished together with all other criminal aggressors who plunged the world into World War II and thus caused the death of tens of millions of men, women and children.

On behalf of millions of Slavic Americans throughout the country, we hail the end of World War II and call upon our government and our gallant Allies to take all necessary steps for wiping out the last vestiges of fascism. Only the complete destruction of fascism and the routing out of all of its American offshoots will assure the world a just and enduring peace.

The fighting alliance of the freedom-loving peoples which made the victory over Hitler and Hirohito possible must be maintained and strengthened in the post-war world for the preservation of the peace.

Schools Buy War Materials

As military leaders planned knockout blows for Japan, the Treasury Department paid tribute to U. S. school children, who since August, 1944 have bought \$107 million worth of military equipment through War Bonds and Stamps. Each marked with the name of the school financing it, the material includes 7,866 ambulances, 113 hospital planes and 249 fighter planes.



"NOW WHAT ARE YOU COMPLAINING ABOUT—YOU WANTED US TO GET OUR WINTER'S COAL IN EARLY, DIDN'T YOU?"

AMERICAN FRATERNAL UNION

Founded July 18, 1898
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A lengthy discussion follows regarding the present campaign for the enrollment of new members in the Juvenile Department. In connection with this all supreme officers are advised to do all within their power to make this campaign a success.

Discussed is also the advisability of changing old membership certificates plan "A" to certificate plans "AA," "B" and "C" which have a non-forfeiture value and which carry a comparatively smaller increase in assessment. According to a convention decision it is possible to change old certificates in the aforementioned way only until the end of this year. From Jan. 1, 1946 on, it will be possible to change old certificates to plans "D," "E," and "F," which will require a considerably higher assessment. Supreme and lodge officers are requested to remind members at every opportunity not to delay in the changing of old certificates. The second session is concluded at 6 p. m.

Third Session

The Supreme President Janko N. Rogelj opens the third session of the semi-annual meeting on Tuesday, July 31st at 8:30 a. m. The minutes of the first and second sessions are read and accepted as read.

The committee which was named for this purpose at the former meeting, presented the resolution, regarding the merger, which is to be sent to the Western Slavonic Association during their convention.

The resolution was unanimously accepted. It was further decided that the Supreme Secretary Anton Zbasnik, in the name of the American Fraternal Union, personally greet the delegation of the convention of the Western Slavonic Association, which will convene on Aug. 27th. In the event that the Supreme Secretary would be detained from attending, the Supreme President Janko N. Rogelj will act as alternate.

After a discussion regarding referendums or balloting by letter which often is necessary among the Supreme Officers, it is decided that the time limit for balloting is 15 days after the notice of the referendum. Any ballot received by the Supreme Office after this time limit will not be valid.

The Supreme President Janko N. Rogelj and the Second Supreme Vice-President Anton Krapenc give a lengthy report on the administration of the JPO,SS and SANC and a lively debate follows their reports. Then the following resolution was presented and unanimously accepted:

RESOLUTION

The American Fraternal Union is a member of the Slovenian Section of the Yugoslav Relief Committee of America, which was created April 19, 1941. JPO,SS has its own by-laws which were approved by all Slovenian fraternal organizations, ten in number. These by-laws are effective for all, and on the basis of these by-laws the time has also come for same to be carried out.

In the by-laws of the JPO,SS it is written: "JPO,SS is the tie between our organizations and the American Red Cross or some other legal and responsible institution, with whom our connections may be necessary."

"JPO,SS will collect cash donations and report about them in the official organs of our relief action. The committee must faithfully administer the relief fund within the limits of legal expenses and send the sums to the designated place, as soon as this is possible so help will be received by those for whom it is intended."

The war in Slovenia has ended. Aid from America has an open path to our people overseas. In Ljubljana the Slovenian Red Cross is operating, which is a section of the Yugoslav Red Cross.

About sixty-thousand dollars lies in the treasury of the JPO,SS, which was collected with the intention that for this sum would be bought goods and foodstuffs for the people of Slovenia who need it immediately and quickly.

The Supreme Board of the American Fraternal Union demands that the JPO,SS immediately call a meeting at which it would be immediately decided that the collected money be turned over to the leaders of the Slovenian Red Cross in Ljubljana, to buy the most necessary medicines, foodstuffs and items for our people in the homeland.

The Supreme Board of the AFU condemns any hindering which would hold up this money. That is why it appeals to all organizations who are members of this relief action to solve this problem in the shortest time possible.

He who gives now, gives twice!

With this was concluded the program of the third session and the semi-annual meeting of the Supreme Board and the Supreme President concluded the session and meeting at noon on Tuesday, July 31st with the following statement:

"We have finished our work. Thank you for all your attention and cooperation. When you return to your homes, do not forget that we are having a campaign for the Juvenile Department. That is why each of us should work to do our share."

"Finally I wish you all a safe return home, much good will and true regard for our American Fraternal Union."

"With this I conclude the semi-annual meeting of the Supreme Board of the AFU."

JANKO N. ROGELJ,
Supreme President

ANTON J. TERBOVEC,
Recorder

BOUQUET REFRESHERS

Cut flowers wilt because leaves and petals use water faster than stems can drink. For fresh bouquets, keep pores at the stem open, florists say.

The best time to cut flowers is early morning, when the stalks are water-filled. Don't close cells by using a dull knife or scissors. Slice off slantwise to give big drinking surface and put in water as you pick. Then, let them stand in water up to their heads two to six hours in a cool room before arranging.

If ends of milky-stemmed blossoms (poppies, dahlias, hollyhocks) are burned or rubbed in salt or wood ashes, stem decay will be delayed. Protect the heads of non-gummy flowers

CORRECTION

Last week, in the article written by Sister Frances Lukanich, your editor reported erroneously that she was busy at work in a factory. It should have read that she was busy at work in her tavern. My apologies to Mrs. Frances Lukanich.

Frances Erzen

Auntie: Well Johnny, how do you like school?
Johnny: Closed.

from steam, then plunge ends two inches into boiling water to open the pores. Pound woody stems, for the same effect. Scrub vases and refill daily. Use cool water with just a sprinkle of salt.

Schedule of Commissions or Awards Paid by the American Fraternal Union

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 1945
For New Adult Members

PLAN "D"	PLANS "E" AND "F"
For \$ 250.00 insurance \$ 1.50	For \$ 250.00 insurance \$ 2.00
For \$ 500.00 insurance \$ 2.50	For \$ 500.00 insurance \$ 3.00
For \$ 1,000.00 insurance \$ 5.00	For \$ 1,000.00 insurance \$ 6.00
For \$ 1,500.00 insurance \$ 7.50	For \$ 1,500.00 insurance \$ 9.00
For \$ 2,000.00 insurance \$ 10.00	For \$ 2,000.00 insurance \$ 12.00
For \$ 3,000.00 insurance \$ 15.00	For \$ 3,000.00 insurance \$ 18.00
For \$ 5,000.00 insurance \$ 25.00	For \$ 5,000.00 insurance \$ 30.00

For New Juvenile Members

For Each Plan "JA" Member \$1.00	For Each Plan "JB" Member \$3.00
PLAN "JC"	PLAN "JD"
For \$ 500.00 insurance \$3.00	For \$ 250.00 insurance \$1.50
For \$ 1,000.00 insurance \$5.00	For \$ 500.00 insurance \$3.00
	For \$ 1,000.00 insurance \$5.00

Commissions for new Adult or Juvenile members are due and payable after the new members have paid six monthly assessments and are to be turned over to the members who secured the applications.



Labor on Move Can Get Tires: Passenger car owners using their automobiles for a bona fide change of residence for which they were issued special gasoline rations will be eligible beginning July 16, 1945, for Grade I passenger tire purchase certificates, subject to quota and other restrictions, OPA announced. This extension of eligibility is particularly needed now that increasing numbers of persons are moving from one city to another, APO explained. It will allow the following groups to apply for new tires if they have a tire failure while making a permanent change of residence:

1. War workers moving from one city to another as production shifts from one type of war goods to another and to civilian commodities.
2. Members of the armed forces moving to a new post.
3. Discharged war veterans returning home or moving to another city to accept a job.

The agency also made it possible for a small number of passenger car owners to obtain purchase certificates for truck tires for use on their automobiles. In the future, truck tire certificates may be obtained for passenger cars operating on B or C rations if a suitable passenger tire is not available or if a passenger tire cannot be used on the automobile.

Where Your War Bond Money Goes:

It costs about \$500 to fly a wounded man from Okinawa to Pearl Harbor and another \$200 to fly him the additional 2,100 miles to San Francisco, the Navy Department informs the War Finance Division of the Treasury.

Veterans' Families Can Get War Housing:

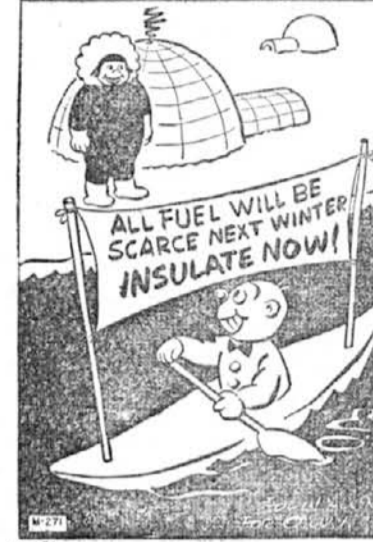
Distressed families of returning veterans and of men in service have been made eligible for vacant privately-financed war housing on the same terms as immigrant, essential civilian war workers, Administrator John B. Blandford, Jr., of the National Housing Agency, announced. Distressed families are those who cannot find suitable accommodations at rents they can afford in housing built without wartime priorities. Mr. Blandford said. Regulations were announced making available most vacant federally-owned war housing to distressed families of veterans and service men who cannot find suitable accommodations within their means in privately-owned housing.

Mr. Blandford emphasized that priority war housing hitherto restricted to war workers cannot be sold or rented "to any one," even families of veterans, if it means the eviction of essential war workers and their families. The new regulations apply only to vacant units or those that become vacant.

F. J. E.

Ernie Pyle, America's late beloved war correspondent, has a namesake in the form of a B-29 Superfortress. The big plane was paid for through purchases of War Bonds by the employees of the Wichita, Kansas, Division of Boeing Aircraft Co., where it was built.

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Eggs Preserved for Year by Flash Heat Treatment

Eggs remain in edible condition for as much as a year when given a flash heat treatment developed by Prof. Alexis L. Romanoff of Cornell University. The heat coagulates a very thin layer of outer albumen next to the shell, forming a thin inside coating that protects its contents.

Suitable for either home or commercial use and requiring only average kitchen equipment, the treatment consists of plunging the eggs into boiling water for five seconds, letting them cool, and putting them in the refrigerator. Prof. Romanoff found that eggs so treated still were in good condition a year later when kept in a refrigerator at 41 degrees F. Even when stored at room temperature of 70 degrees they stayed good for three months. In contrast, untreated cold-storage eggs as a rule remain edible for only about six months.

Fertile eggs hatch after the treatment, indicating that the nutritive value, flavor, and cooking characteristics are unimpaired. The stiffness of the albumen after beating, usually considered a criterion of storage eggs, is just about as good as that of fresh eggs.

—Popular Science Mag.

Stop, Look and Watch Your Speed! That's a good slogan for any motorist. — Maybe you don't know it, but the Greater Cleveland Safety Council and the National Safety Council say between 4,000 and 5,000 rural residents are killed each year in traffic accidents. So, whether we live in the city or on the farm — let's resolve today to drive safely every day in the year.

Waterproof Matches

Matches, which will light after being soaked in water for eight hours, have been developed by the Diamond Match Company for the use of our troops in rain-plagued tropics and for beachhead operations.

Production began on the second anniversary of Pearl Harbor, and more than 10,000,000 matches are being manufactured each day at Oswego, N. Y. The new matches have been in use in the southwest Pacific and in India since early 1944.

The matches look like the ordinary kitchen type. They will light when scratched on a stone or a shoe. The formula for the transparent, heat-resisting coating which makes them waterproof has not been made public.

Some folks claim safety shoes are too hot in the summer. Some claim they're too cold in the winter. But a 300 pound falling crate can smash an unprotected foot, in summer or winter. So, Mr. Worker, take the advice of the Greater Cleveland Safety Council and the National Safety Council and wear safety shoes whenever they are needed to protect your feet from heavy falling objects. That's sound advice for any season!



"MY, ISN'T IT NICE OF THEM TO SUPPLY A SANTA CLAUSE SO WE CAN FEEL THE YULE SPIRIT MONTHS BEFORE CHRISTMAS?"

Minutes of the Semi-Annual Session of the American Fraternal Union Supreme Board

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In answer to the question of Lodge No. 94 it is ascertained that soldier members, who before being called to service were not insured in the sick benefit fund, must undergo a physical examination after being discharged if they wish to be insured in the sick benefit fund.

Martha Kriegar, member of Lodge No. 99, requests some benefits for an operation which is not covered by the by-laws. She is granted \$25.00.

Edward Prevec, member of Lodge No. 108, requests some benefits to cover expenses of an operation which is not covered by the by-laws. He is granted \$25.00.

The secretary of Lodge No. 134 in Rock Springs, Wyo. thanks us for our praise for the successful enrolling of new juvenile members. She also adds that the assessments of juvenile members, enrolled last June and July, this year again paid for another year's assessments, some have assessments paid for three and five years in advance, and two of them are paid up to their 18th year. She states that our last year's convention in Rock Springs made a very good impression also among other nationalities. The letter is recorded.

A discussion is held regarding administrative problems of Lodge No. 127, and the Supreme President is given the authority to attempt to straighten the matter out to the satisfaction of the members.

Martin Tich, member of Lodge No. 180, whose operation and sick benefits were some time ago denied by the Supreme Board is now, on the basis of newly presented facts and explanations, to be paid the said withheld benefits.

A discussion is held regarding members who are discharged from the service and all concerned are advised not to delay in reporting to be reinstated in the sick and indemnity funds. If they report to their lodge secretary within 30 days after being discharged from the armed forces, they can be reinstated for insurance in said benefit funds without a physical examination only by signing a statement that they are healthy. After the expiration of 30 days, they must pass a successful physical examination in order to be accepted for insurance again in said funds. After the expiration of 90 days they may be accepted only as new members inasmuch as the sick and indemnity funds are concerned, which means that they have lost their former credits in the aforementioned funds.

On the recommendation of the Supreme Secretary and the Supreme Auditors it is decided that in the future the Supreme Office make only five copies of the annual and semi-annual reports instead of 22 copies which was customary up until the present, because such reports are also published in the official organ.

It is decided that Sister Anne Perovsek, the youngest assistant in the Supreme Office, be given a salary increase from \$75.00 to \$80.00 a month. The increase goes into effect on Aug. 1, 1945.

Decided that a one-page ad for \$60.00 be placed in the Družinski Koledar for the year 1946.

The Slovenian National Museum in the Slov. Nat'l Home in Cleveland, Ohio requests a donation. In view of the fact that this request came too late for the 17th regular convention, and that the museum will preserve a number of things also regarding the history of our organization, the said foundation is granted \$100.00 from the Sports Fund.

A discussion is held regarding the possibility of the merger of the American Fraternal Union and the Western Slavonic Association and a committee of five members is named to form an appropriate resolution which would be presented at the next session of this meeting of the Supreme Board. To this committee are named the following supreme officers: Rogelj, Vranicar, Kress, Krapenc and Okoren.

The following is decided in the case of transfer from the Juvenile Department to the Adult Department: If the juvenile member at the age of transfer into the Adult Department is serving in the armed forces of the United States, the father or mother have the right to sign the preliminary application for transfer, that is for not more than \$500.00 death benefit; in the meantime such application must also be sent to him for his signature.

