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čutili nobenih bolečin.

Will We Reach Our Goal of 2500 New Juveniles?

Eleven months of the juvenile campaign have slipped by and the twelfth month is well on its way to oblivion.

It is not out of line, therefore, to make an inquiry as to how your lodge is progressing in its task of adding its quota of new juvenile members to the total number of juveniles secured during the campaign.

The goal was set for 2500 new juvenile members by the end of the year.

In November the jubilee campaign of the Juvenile Department netted by far the greatest number of new members—254—for a single month, and the total number of new juveniles procured during the period of eleven months is 2061.

We are still 439 members short of the goal!

That is 69 less than double the number of members secured during November.

In order to reach the goal, therefore, our lodges must enroll during the current month—not less than 439 children for our juvenile department.

If we are to judge from previous campaigns, we can conclude that the last month of the drive will be the most productive, and it must be so if we want to reach our goal.

The goal of 2500 new members was set to fittingly celebrate with new members secured during the drive, the 25th anniversary of the Juvenile Department of our Society.

If that additional gain of 439 new juveniles is not made by the end of this month, it will be because your lodge has not been keeping up with the procession. But there is still time for your lodge to speed up during the remaining fifteen days of the drive.

Call upon your prospect so that your lodge may be listed among the active ones. Make an effort to show that everything is being done to make true the slogan of, "2500 by the end of the drive."

Golden Eagles' Annual Meeting Boasts Record Attendance; To Entertain Circle Members Dec. 23; Bowlers' Dance Dec. 17

GIRARD, OHIO.—Fortunately for us that we had the necessary space available for the forty-five (45) members who swarmed to Nagoda's hall for the final get-together of the year. It might be difficult to believe that 45 Eagles assembled in one room at one time, but they were there, take my word for it.

Wonder why such an attendance is not possible for each and every month of next year.

With the probable exceptions of the election of officers and discussion of by-laws the routine business is very similar to that which took place on Dec. 2. At the end of the business period the treasurer attempts to give someone the Bank Note award. Mind you, that takes place every month. Following this we have a social with eats, drinks and general merriment. Joe Umek always brings his "better half" with him (his accorderion—I'm just quoting him) and can be counted upon to play as long as you want to dance.

Come along to the January meeting and see for yourself. I know you have spent many less enjoyable hours than the ones you can pass at one of our meetings.

With the December meeting always comes a newly-elected executive board. You shouldn't have any trouble recognizing these faces as four of the five will occupy their former seats. Pres., Joe Chernie; Secretary, Frances Milavic; Treasurer, Edith Chernie; Recording Secretary, Rose Umek; Vice Pres., Frank Rozek. The Chernes now have two officers in their household. The auditors elected were Ray Juvancic, Frank Verbie and Frank Zitnik, and Mary Selak and

Yearly Meeting Dec. 18

SOUTH FORK, PA.—Just a last reminder, members of Lodge 345, of the yearly meeting which will be held on Sunday, Dec. 18, at 9:30 a. m. at the home of Marko Siverina. An election of officers will be held at this meeting. Those not attending will be dealt with according to lodge decisions. But we are more interested in having you present than having resort to lodge decisions. Why not all come to this meeting and end a GREAT year for Lodge 345 in a GREAT style.

GEORGE RESICK, Lodge 345.

Frances Milavic were unopposed as delegates to the Federation.

The crowded business session did not stop the flow of new members and three were proposed: Margaret Masle and juveniles Imogene and Thomas Smith. And before I hasten on to something else let me remind the Circle that a Christmas treat awaits them on Dec. 23. The youngsters have agreed to exchange gifts with the Eagles footing the bill for eats, refreshments, etc. Let the "kids" get better acquainted by bringing them to this holiday entertainment.

And fellow members, have you taken a look at Bro. Predika lately? Haven't you noticed his wrinkled brow? his silver-streaked hair? his stooped figure? Why, the poor fellow will soon be collecting his sick benefit at the rate he is going. He needs no doctor, needs no medicine, no trip to sunny Arizona—just return the dance tickets that you have hiding in your pockets and he will be as good as new! He wants to make a full report at the January meeting.

Nagoda's hall has been the scene of numerous activities ranging from Christmas parties to Socialist meetings. Countless dances have been held there, but never one sponsored by the bowling team. On Sat., Dec. 17, we will see that take place.

Rumors have it that some of our mischievous males intend to bring some mistletoe with them, which should keep things humming. Keep an eye on "Corrigan" Juvancic. As yet, nothing has been decided about the admission, but it won't be more than fifteen cents and then again, the door might be thrown open to everyone. A little thing like that shouldn't stop you—come along, anyway.

And speaking of bowling, I can report good news on behalf of Western Pa. The Golden Eagles will send two teams to the howling tournament at Carriek, Pa. The entry fees for the two will be paid by the lodge, and it is very likely that two additional teams will enter at their own expense.

OFF THE RECORD. Just to show you what sort of fellow our Joe Umek is—He will play without charge for our bowling dance on Dec.

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2 SENIOR LODGES TO OBSERVE 25TH JUNIOR BIRTHDAY

Outline New Year's Eve Program; To Stage Play, Dance

MADISON, ILL.—Commemorating the Silver Jubilee of the Juvenile Department of our SNPJ, the local Lodges "Gorska Vila" and "Rajski Glas" will present an interesting program on New Year's Eve, Dec. 31, at the Brnic hall, 14th and Madison ave., Madison, Ill.

The committee has prepared a program which should prove satisfactory to entertainment lovers of all ages, well worth the small admission price, notwithstanding the fact that the purpose is a worthy one.

Tickets are selling for the nominal sum of 30c in advance, and 35c at the door for adults, and 10c for children 12 years of age and under, for which the committee offers you: good, but short speaking, a colorful pageant, a snappy stage play, and dancing until the wee hours of the new year.

The celebration will get under way promptly at 8 p. m. with introductory salutations by the local lodges' presidents, after which our guest of honor, Brother Vincent Calkar, President of the SNPJ, will deliver the principal and only address.

You will next witness the colorful and educational dramatization of the 25 years of Progress of our Junior Order, portrayed by our own local youngsters.

A sparkling 2 act hilariously funny comedy, titled "Uncle's Will" will be enacted by the "Vila" Dramatic Club of Madison.

Dancing will begin at 9 o'clock, for which the committee has been fortunate in securing the services of the melodious music of Little Lou Reimler and his Rambling Rhythm Lads, the organization that made such a tremendous hit not so long ago at the Concordia Ballroom in St. Louis. This versatile band renders music for the enjoyment of lovers of polkas, straight dances, and also specializes in sending "jitterbugs" into ecstatic contortions of exhilarating and care-free joy.

Refreshments of all descriptions will be continuously served at popular prices, and a wholesomely good time is guaranteed all who attend. This invitation is extended to all our Slav friends on both sides of the River, so let's make this a date. Don't forget New Year's Eve at Brnic's hall in Madison.

JOSEPH POGORELEC, Lodge 309.

Annual Meeting For Commodores

CLEVELAND, O.—The Commodores' annual meeting will be held on Sunday, Dec. 18, at Sachsenheim hall (Music room) at 7 p. m.

The date of our meeting, which is usually on the third Friday, has been changed to enable more members to attend. If you have not attended the meetings regularly this year, be sure to attend this important meeting. Officers and various committees will be elected for the year 1939. The success or failure of a lodge depends a great deal on its officials. Elect capable officers and cooperate with them to the limit and our lodge will go a long way.

SYMPATHIES. The Commodores extend deepest sympathies to Sis. Rupnick on the loss of her husband, Vincent. Always an active and loyal member of lodge Strugglers, he will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

ILLNESS. The wife of Bro. Rudolph Konchan is now convalescing after a very serious illness. We hope she will soon recover.

FINAL REMINDER. Members! This is the last month in which you still have time to change your old form of policy to policies D or E. If you intend to do so, please contact your secretary at once.

BOWLING. The Commodores' bowling team bowls every Sunday at the St. Clair-Eddy alleys. Come out and root for your team. They are now in FIRST place. You can keep them there with your good spirit and support.

MEMBERS. Again I remind you to be sure to attend the annual meeting in full number. The Committee is planning on some entertainment and we'll have dancing after the elections. Remember the date—Sunday, Dec. 18; time—7 p. m.; place—Sachsenheim hall.

ANNE ZARNICK, Lodge 742.

Comments On This and That

By IVAN MOLEK, Editor

Seventy Years of Fraternalism

We are in the midst of many anniversaries. Just now we are concluding the twenty-fifth anniversary of our Juvenile Department and, with the advent of 1939, we shall enter the year of the thirty-fifth anniversary of the SNPJ. However, we cannot afford to pass up still another important anniversary without some consideration.

It is the seventieth anniversary of fraternalism in America. Undoubtedly, many readers will be surprised to hear that fraternalism in this country is so young. But such are the facts. It was on October 27, 1868, that the first American fraternal lodge, the "Ancient Order of United Workmen", was organized in Meadville, Pennsylvania, under the leadership of one John Jordan Upchurch. Thirteen members joined it at the beginning. This anniversary was made the occasion of special celebrations in different parts of the country. The Protected Home Circle local unit at Meadville, Pennsylvania, held an unusual meeting in the same room where the first meeting of the "Ancient Order of United Workmen" was held seventy years before. The feature of the meeting was the reading of the minutes of the original meeting and addresses by civic and fraternal celebrities.

The number "thirteen", signifying the number of members who started American fraternalism on its upward march seventy years ago, was — a lucky one; there is no doubt about it.

From that murky day in October, 1868, fraternalism has gone far. It has spread and flourished into every quarter of the land. Millions of homes have come under fraternal protection. And thirty-six years after its beginning, the Slovene National Benefit Society joined the great march of fraternal progress.

Today, seventy years later, there are several hundred fraternal societies totaling 100,268 lodges and 7,854,716 members in the United States and Canada; the assets of all the societies, as of January 1, 1938, totaled \$1,231,567,349.

The statistics further reveal that the fraternal societies collectively paid in benefits in 1937 a total of \$121,212,288. That is the total paid out in benefits of all the societies throughout the year 1937. This means that in every day of 1937 a sum of \$322,088 was paid out in benefits—or the payment of \$13,837 every hour or \$230 every minute.

As a total, five billion two hundred million dollars was paid out in benefits by all of the fraternal societies since the first American fraternal lodge was organized seventy years ago!

Think, if you can, of that enormous amount of money collected and paid out to the fraternal brothers all over the United States and Canada in seventy years!

And the Slovene National Benefit Society alone has paid out to its members more than TEN MILLION dollars in sick benefits only during the time of its existence. Think of it!

Truly, fraternalism is the great institution for "united workmen..."

Veronians' Plan Juvenile Yule Party, New Year's Eve Dance; Annual Meeting

VERONA, PA.—This being December, the final month of the year, the time is drawing near for the annual election of officers. Bear this in mind and come to the general meeting prepared to choose able officers for the coming year. Meeting takes place on Fri. nite, Dec. 16, at the National Home promptly at 7 o'clock. A 100% attendance requested!

Well, folks! Before many more days have passed the Veronians will help to usher in the New Year, and will celebrate its entry with a "Huge Dance." This happy event, to take place on Sat., Dec. 31, will be as hilarious as any New Year's eve dance ever staged in this vicinity. With the Slovene Commanders to render the tantalizing tunes and the all-girls committee to please your slightest whims, you may rest assured that yours will be a real New Year's Eve celebration. Noise-makers, confetti, paper streamers and everything else that spells merry-making will be in evidence. Get your ticket early and remember "you've got a date" for New Year's Eve—with the Veronians! For the benefit of the newcomers, the dance will be held as usual at the National Home and admission will be a mere 25 cent piece.

Last you forget, the Veronettes' final meeting of the year takes place Mon. nite, Dec. 19, at 8 o'clock. The attendance at these meetings has been fair we have yet to see a 100% attendance. Let's all be there and

surprise the officers by proving it really can be done!

The next regular meeting of the Juvenile Circle will be on Fri., Dec. 28, at which time a Yule Party will be given in honor of the Juveniles. The committee promise a grand time, so be sure to come early. A little assistance from the Girls' Club would be highly appreciated.

Well, folks, how are all the bruises? Better? Gee, that's fine! Now you can all go to the second Roller Skating Party to be sponsored by the Athletic club, Wed., Dec. 21, at National Park, with the admission only 30c. Please go—but be careful! You know we all just "gotta" bowl the next day. And with Xmas coming you can't afford to wear "patches."

Speaking of "patches" (accidents) brings to my mind the subject of automobiles. Tho' much has been said this past year about Safety in Driving, it all seems little enough. Despite lectures and "prevent accidents" posters, these accidents are occurring daily and the majority of them are caused by reckless drivers. So, when you start making your New Year's resolutions, head your list thus:

"I resolve to obey all traffic rules, I will keep my car in good running order. I will always drive at moderate speed. I will appreciate the use of the public highway and I will drive courteously."

CATHERINE ZOLET, Lodge 680.

Loyalites Plan 13th Anniversary Dance at Holmes Slovene Home Sun., Dec. 25

CLEVELAND, O.—We open our column with greetings and salutations for the coming yuletide season. Loyalites wish to extend to the sister lodges, their friends and ours, a hearty invitation for our coming Christmas Celebration which will be in the form of a Big 13th Anniversary Dance package from Santa. Remember to be at the Slovene Home on Holmes avenue Sunday, Dec. 25, at 8:30 p. m. to receive a sack of waiting, jitterbugging and polkaing to the strains of rippling rhythms furnished by our own Lodge Treasurer, Frankie Yankovic and his band.

As a special Christmas offering the Wards Jewelers have generously donated an elegant ladies' or gentlemen's wrist-watch valued at \$22.50. The watch will be given away at the dance. Tickets may be purchased from any Loyalite member for the mere sum of ten cents.

St. Clair Eddy's Bowling alleys have been the constant Sunday weekly meeting place of Loyalites and other sister lodges, competing for the trophy in the coming tournament to be held here in Cleveland next year. It is a close competition as all the teams are seeking to increase their scores to first place lead. Come down

FLASHES

CHICAGO.—This is going to be an extremely busy week for the Pioneers. The annual meeting is scheduled for Friday night, Dec. 16, at the SNPJ hall. It is very desirable that our members attend in full numbers and select a capable and energetic CREW to steer the good ship Pioneer thru the waves of 1939.

Whatever else can be said of the past 13 years of the Pioneer organization it can be said that the CREW has worked zealously for the benefit of the lodge and its members, and despite any shortcomings and misdeeds the record proves very conclusively that it can be done; meaning that cooperative efforts do bring success. This work must go on! Able advisers and pilots are still needed and desired!

We are hurrying about this week to scout up and recruit every possible youngster for a final thrust at that Juvenile Membership campaign goal because the meeting Friday affords us the final opportunity to initiate our last batch, before the campaign closes. Two weeks ago we mentioned that one of our members will give a full year's dues to her granddaughter for an Xmas present and thus bring the little one into the Pioneer ranks. Is there another who will duplicate that feat? We should have a juvenile membership of 250, at least. This is the season of good wishes. Our wish to all will be more prevailing if we bring in at least ten more youngsters at Friday's meeting. Help us in our efforts.

Then, the other important thing is to bring all of our juvenile members to their Christmas party Sunday, Dec. 18, at the SNPJ hall. (Those initiated at Friday's meeting will still be entitled to all the privileges just as other members.) The annual Xmas Juvenile Party is given in order to entice our youngsters for their Society and to get them acquainted with one another. It is sponsored by the Chicago District Federation for Lodges 1, 69, 102, 449, 559 and 631. It is a worthwhile undertaking and deserves the support of the adult members. What is nicer than a reunion of young folks who are full of pep, vigor, spirit and enthusiasm?

Sunday's program will begin at 3 p. m. A thirteen piece Hawaiian band will be featured number. The reliable Red Falcons, a unit of Branch No. 1, 35F, will put on another show for us and in between we'll have home-talent worthy to be heard. Santa Claus will be there in person with bags and loads of candy, toys and gifts for everyone of the children. Yes, to add to the Christmas spirit we'll have a tree decorated and lighted and "Jingle Bells" will be the theme song of the evening. A five piece band will play in the upper hall. Good old Slovene folksongs will warm your feet for the polka hops in the lower hall. A free supper will be served to the children. Admission is free to all children accompanied by

parent or guardian. Adults will be taxed 25c entry fee. Let's have a good attendance.

On Nov. 27, Bro. Maynard C. Krueger was called to Washington, D. C. to take part in the W. of C. round table discussion, a feature of the NBC, and again on Dec. 4 Bro. Krueger was on the round table broadcast. Prof. Krueger is a fluent speaker and a better than average analyst. They tell me that a good crowd saw the pictures on Spain at the Toman public library last Friday night. A catholic priest got up after the show to explain that the fascist side wasn't given a fair chance and when he tried to explain he enlivened the session by saying things everyone knew were not true. The result was that he ruptured his friendly relationship with many of his listeners and lost much of the respect which is shown the profession of his calling. Surprising enough was the furor of the women folks who were ready to call the lies.

In 1931, the League for Industrial Democracy published a magazine, titled "Disarm." A number of prominent people contributed to that magazine. All of them pointed out the fallacy of armament preparations. They can lead only to war. One article in particular pointed out that 99% of the people are opposed to wars, yet that 99% of the people are forced to wage wars and suffer most from them. But Paul Y. Anderson, who passed away only a week ago, struck the nail on the head when he said, "Let the Press Disarm." In those four words he told a mighty story. "No Congress is going to declare war until the press says 'shoot,'" he insisted. Paul Anderson was the Washington correspondent of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch for years and he often told the gruesome story of what intrigues were played behind the curtain.

All of the major powers of the world are now arming to the teeth and fabulous sums are spent to prepare. For what? WAR! Munitions makers and international bankers and capitalists have put Hitler into the saddle. What for? To arm and scare the rest into arming. Now our government has increased its armament appropriations tremendously, but the rich do not object. When that same government primed the pump and spent for relief, public works and WPA, the banks were constantly yelping. Out of every tax dollar 15c is for armaments, FOR WAR! All the other services get only 25c of the tax dollar. Isn't this insanity? What else can it lead to, but war? We must learn to stop this insanity or else we'll perish by it.

DONALD J. LOTRICH, 559.

Annual Meeting

SLICKVILLE, PA.—All members of Lodge 479 are expected to attend the annual meeting on Dec. 18 at 2 p. m. FRANK SLADICH, Secretary.

Yukon 'Silver Stars' Elect Officers and Plan Eighth Anniversary Dance

YUKON, PA.—Well, we had two more members attending our meeting since my plea for a bigger attendance at the meetings appeared in the Prosveita. Slowly but surely we will have a complete attendance (well, almost complete).

Silver Stars! Back up that statement of mine and attend those meetings.

Our annual meeting was held on Dec. 4 and the following officers were elected: Frank Podbesek, president; Frances Preseren, vice president; Bob Maughn, secretary; Joe Kravanja, recording secretary; and Bill Marvich, treasurer.

There have been some remarks previously about 1:30 being too early for meetings. But after conferring on it, it was agreed to let it remain 1:30. So—to make sure everyone will be there by 2 p. m. It was also agreed upon that hereafter, if the winner of the door prize is not present, that award money will be put aside in a fund for after-meeting parties.

A great loss to the SNPJ was the passing away of a very active and faithful member—Brother Vincent Rupnick, who was president of Strugglers Lodge 614. The Loyalites that were acquainted with him were deeply moved and grieved at his passing. To his family we extend our deep sympathy.

FRANK CHELIGOY, Sec'y, Lodge 590.

ties. Doesn't that appeal to you members? Eats and drinks and various entertainment, too.

The orchestra committee composed of the Jitterbugs Willie and Moe has signed up Art De Francis.

Girls! The scintillating music of Art De Francis will get the boys in the mood for that proposal you've been hankering for. And boys, it will put the girls in the mood to say "yes." (Ahem! Old Matchmaking Frances, that's me.)

Anniversary Dance

All SNPJ lodges are invited to attend our 8th anniversary dance on Jan. 14, 1939. We'll all be on our toes endeavoring to entertain you in the style of royalty. Of course, it won't be over at 12. After the orchestra departs there will be a party downstairs for all SNPJ-ESL members—go kako bomo pili in plesati!

It has been ages since you have had any Silver Star gossip. In that had any Silver Star Balok, our time, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Balok, former president and secretary, have become parents of a baby boy. Joe Kovatch has gone through the rites of matrimony. He now resides at of matrimony. Rumor has it that our treasurer has also intentions of taking the fatal step.—Ella Kovatch for the second time in the last couple months has won the door prize.—We extend our sympathies to the Balok family in the loss of their son-in-law and brother-in-law.

FRANCES PRESEREN, Lodge 729.

