

DRUSTVENE IN DRUGE SLOVENSKE VESTI

Društvo "Jutranja zvezda," št. 136 JSKJ v Kraynu, Pa., priredi pustno veselico na večer 14. februarja.

"Valentinov ples" priredi angleško poslušajoče društvo "George Washington," št. 180 JSKJ v Clevelandu na Valentinov večer, 14. februarja.

Tri društva J. S. K. Jednote, namreč št. 45, 166 in 194 v Indianapolisu, Ind., priredijo skupno zabavo na pustno soboto, to je 14. februarja zvečer. Vpriporočena bo igra "Na dan sodbe," kateri bo sledil ples in prosta zabava.

V Ennemclawu, Wash., ki se ponaša z napredno in uspevaljo slovensko farmersko naselbino, priredi 11. februarja večerno zabavo Slavic Farmers & Citizens Club. Na pustno soboto, to je 14. februarja zvečer pa priredijo skupno veselico vsa tri tamkajšnja slovenska podporni društva, katerih eno je društvo "Bratje svobode," št. 162 JSKJ.

Jugoslav (Slovene) Club Mednarodnega inštituta Y. W. C. A. v Clevelandu, ima za februar na programu sledeče: Na večer 12. februarja predava o slovenski umetnosti g. Božidar Jakac, naš znani umetnik; na večer 18. februarja predava o slovenski literaturi in glasi Mr. Ivan Zorman, ameriško-slovenski pesnik in skladatelj; na večer 27. februarja poje slovenske narodne pesmi baritonist g. Anton Subelj. Vsakokratni program se prične ob 8:15 zvečer; predavanju, oziroma petju, bo sledila čajanka. Omenjeni klub tvorijo agilne slovenske gospodinje in gospe.

Domača zabava samostojnega pevskega zbora "Zarja" v Clevelandu, ki se je vršila na večer 31. januarja v S. N. Domu, je bila zelo dobro obiskana. Razigrana dobra volja se je raztegnila skoro do jutranje zarje.

V Slovenskem Delavskem Domu v Clevelandu (na Waterloo Rd.), bo imela pevski koncert na nedeljo 1. marca Miss Jeanette Perdan, hčerka predsednika nadzornega odbora JSKJ, sobrata Rudolfa Perdana.

Vile rojenice so koncem januarja obdarile z živahnim fantičem družino sobrata Johna Zigmara v Strabane, Pa.

Slovenski Narodni Čitalnici v Clevelandu so poslala častno članarino sledeča društva: Društvo Ribnica, št. 12 SDZ, \$10; društvo sv. Ane, št. 4 SDZ, \$5; društvo Naprej, št. 5, SNPJ, \$5; društvo Lipa, št. 129, SNPJ, \$5; društvo Svobodomiselnice Slovenke, št. 2 SDZ, \$5.

Boljši sladkorni trs

Zvezni poljedelski departament je po večletnih poskusih vzgojil sladkorni trs, ki bujnejše raste in daje več sladkorja, poleg tega pa tudi ni dostopen nekim rastlinskim boleznim, ki so povzročale lastnikom sladkornih plantaž veliko škodo. Na poskusnih plantažah v Floridi je novi trs dal tri tone sladkorja na akro, medtem ko ga navadne vrste daje le tono in pol.

RAZNO IZ AMERIKE IN INOZEMSTVA

HUD POTRES, kateremu je sledil požar, je močno poškodoval mesto Napier v Novi Zelandiji. Koliko smrtnih žrtev je zahtevala katastrofa, se še ne ve, ker so vse komunikacije pretrgane. Zunanji svet je zvedel o katastrofi, ki se je pripetila 2. februarja, potem ladijskih brezžičnih brzojavov.

AVTOMOBILSKA INDUSTRIJA se je, glasom poročil v različnih ameriških listih, začela gibati. Poroča se, da je Hupp Motor Car korporacija pozvala zopet na delo 700 mož, katere je bila pred časom odslovila zaradi znižanja naročil. Graham Page družba je poklicala na delo 400 mož, ki so bili že nekaj mesecev brez dela. Fordove tovarne v Somerville, Mass., so pričele delati pet dni v tednu. Do sedaj se je delalo le po dva dni. Vpsilo se bo nad dva tisoč mož.

NAPOL SMEŠNA mednarodna afeta je nastala iz govora ameriškega generala Butlerja, ki si je dne 19. januarja v Philadelphiji privoščil italijanskega diktatorja Mussolinija. Med drugim je general dejal, da je Mussolini največja nevarnost za evropski mir in da je nekdo, vozeč se v družbi nekega Američana, povozil mlega dečka, pa ga je pustil obležati na cesti brez pomoči, češ, da so interesi države več kot življenje enega otroka. Ameriško časopisje temu govoru ni prispevalo nobene posebne važnosti, toda italijanski poslanik v Washingtonu, Nobile Giacomo de Martino, je takoj obvestil o tem Mussolinija, ob enem pa vložil protest v ameriškem državnem departamentu. Mussolini je obdolžilve takoj brzojavno zanikal.

Major general Smedley Darlington Butler je aktiven vojak v službi Zedinjenih držav, zato se je ameriški državni tajnik Henry L. Stimson takoj oprostil pri italijanskem poslaniku, češ, da Butler ni bil upravičen delati take opazke o Mussoliniju, ki je ministrski predsednik prijateljske vlade. Mornariški tajnik Adams pa je sporočil Butlerju, naj se smatra aretiranim, in je ukrenil vse potrebno, da se sestavi vojno sodišče, ki bo sodilo generala Butlerja. Sodili ga bodo admirali in pod-admirali.

Kaj hudega se generalu Butlerju pač ne bo pripetilo; najhujša kazen bi bila, če bi se ga odustilo iz vojaške službe. Do tega pa najbrž ne bo prišlo, ker je Smedley Butler priznan kot zelo zmogljiva vojaška avtoriteta. Naj dotična razprava izpade kakorkoli, gotovo je, da je ameriško ljudstvo na strani generala Butlerja in da bo afeta v tej deželi le znižala ugled rahločutne italijanske diplomacije, Mussolinija in Italije v splošnem. Jugoslovonom tu in onstran oceana to ne bo v škodo.

ZVEZNI SENAT je odglasoval, da se da Ameriškem Rdečemu Križu na razpolago 25 milijonov dolarjev v svrhu boljše pomoči brezposelnim in potrebnim v tej deželi. Zbornica reprezentantov je omenjeno predlogo odklonila. Vodstvo Rdečega Križa tudi že v naprej odklanja to svoto, pač pa skuša nabrati prostovoljnih prispevkov za svoto 10 milijonov dolarjev. Radi tega stališča je (Dalje na 2. strani)

VRTNARSKI NASVETI

Glavna vrtnarska dela se sicer pričenjajo šele v marcu in aprilu, toda nekatera vrtna opravila se lahko izvršujejo že zdaj. Sadna ali lepotična drevesa se lahko zdaj očistimo suhih, polomljenih ali pregozlih vej; istotako lahko že v tem času obrežemo razne grmiče. Za to delo pa si vedno izberimo suhe in solčne dneve.

Ako nam je na razpolago dober hlevski gnoj ali kompost, zamoremo z istim že zdaj pognojiti drevesa, grmiče in vrtno trato. Tudi če zemljo sneg pokriva se lahko na ta način že gnoji; gnoj se namreč raztrosi kar po vrhu snega. Ako želimo pognojiti drevesom in grmičem, pomnimo, da se korenine v zemlji raztezajo približno tako daleč kot veje; ni torej pravilno, da se gnoji samo pri deblu.

Kleti, v katerim imamo čez zimo spravljene gomoljike, endivje, olandre, geranije in druge manj občutljive cvetlice, je dobro v gorkih in solčnih zimskih dneh nekoliko odpreti in prezračiti. Nagnilo listje rastlin naj se odstrani. Rastline, ki jih imamo čez zimo v kleti ali v sobah, moramo zelo previdno zalivati, namreč samo toliko, da zemlja ni preveč suha. Ako preveč zalivamo začnejo rastline zelo rad gniti.

Ako imamo na vrtu grmičje, kateremu Slovenci pravimo nagnoj ali zlati dež, Američani pa yellow bells, napravimo si lahko z malim trudom lep zimski šopek. Nekaj vej tega grmičja, ki cvete na prostem med prvimi spomladi, narežemo in jih vtaknemo v vazo, katero postavimo kamorkoli v sobi. Če imajo vejice le dovolj vode in gorke, bodo se v kakih dveh tednih pokrile s priprostim rumenimi cvetci. Če hočemo, da bo ta zimski šopek bolj pester, dodajmo še par vejic forsitijske, ive ali mačice in leskovih vejic s cofki. V tednu ali dveh nas bodo iz vase pozdravljali simboli zgodnje pomladi.

VAŽEN POLJEDELSKI STROJ

Velikanska pšenična polja Zedinjenih držav in Canade se že vrsto let obdelujejo s stroji in si skoraj predstavljati ne moremo, kdaj bi bila ta polja požeta na roke. Stroji orjejo, sejejo, žanjejo, mlati, čistijo in spravljajo žito v vreče.

Naš srednji zapad pa pride tudi ogromne množine koruze, katero se pač sadi in okopava s stroji, spravljanje zrele koruze pa se je do zadnjih časov vršilo večinoma po starem primitivnem načinu. Zdaj je neki poljedelski ekspert izgotovil stroj, ki v eni operaciji koruzna stebila žanje, stroje očisti, da je primerno za spravilo v žitnico, steblovje pa razreže in raztrosi po polji, da je isto pripravno za preorati. Glasom poskušanj stane sprava enega bušlja koruze potom tega novega stroja tri cente, medtem ko je isto delo stalo dozdaj farmerja približno 12 centov. Stroj lahko operira en človek in se lepo vozi na traktorju po polju gori in doli.

Omenjeni stroj se lahko hitro tako spremeni, da je poraben za žetev in mlacev pšenice, ovsa, lanu, ječmena in drugih žit.

AVTOMOBILSKA INDUSTRIJA

Avtomobilska industrija Zedinjenih držav je tako razvita, da zaposluje direktno ali indirektno eno izmed vsakih deset oseb.

POSEBNO ŠETJE NEZAPOSLENCEV

Z dnem 15. januarja je federalni statistični urad (Census Bureau) začel posebno šetje nezaposlenцев (Census of Unemployment) v dvajsetih posebnih izbranih mest. Svaha tega šetja je, da se ugotovi, kako se je položaj nezaposlenja spremenil od minulega aprila, ko se je vršilo splošno ljudsko šetje. To šetje se bo vršilo na enak način, kot nabiranje podatkov povodom zadnjega ljudskega šetja. V to svrhu določeni uradniki bodo šli od hiše do hiše in ugotovili zaposlenost v vsaki družini. Mesta ki so bila izbrana v svrhu tega šetja so: Boston, New York, Brooklyn, Buffalo, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Dayton, Cleveland, Detroit, Chicago, Duluth, Minneapolis, St. Louis, Birmingham, New Orleans, Houston, Denver, Seattle, Los Angeles in San Francisco.

Nabrali se bodo podatki glede vsake osebe, ki navadno dela za zaslužek, ki pa ni delala na dan pred prihodom števnega uradnika, ako je bil ta dan delovni dan. "Delovni dan pred štetjem" je bil vzet za podlago, da se določi obseg nezaposlenosti, kajti v mnogih slučajih bi moral uradnik dobiti te podatke od ženske doma, ko so moški člani bržkone izven hiše. Ti utegnejo biti na delu oziroma na iskanju dela in ženska doma ne more vedeti, da-li so oni taisti dan dobili kako delo, pač pa navadno prav dobro ve, da-li so delali prejšnji dan.

Podatki bodo pokazali, da-li vsaka zaposlena oseba navadno dela za zaslužek, kak je ta posel in v kakki industriji, tudi da-li ima sploh kako delo sedaj. Ako ima kako stalno delo, ga bodo vprašali, koliko tednov že dela na istem, zakaj ni bil na delu predhodnega delovnega dne, da-li zgubi dnino, ker ni bil na delu, koliko dni je delal zadnji teden in koliko ur na teden dela, ako dela "full time." Ako dotičnik nima sploh nika kega dela, bo vprašan, da-li je v stanu delati, da-li išče dela, koliko tednov je že brez dela in zakaj je izgubil svoje zadnje delo.

Z nabiranjem teh podatkov bo Census Bureau imel informacije, ki bodo nudile jasno sliko o obstoječe nezaposlenosti, kajti ne bodo na razpolago le podatki glede števila nezaposlenih, marveč tudi glede drugih važnih okoliščin nezaposlenosti. Na podlagi tega šetja se bo doznalo, kako in v kakem obsegu se giblje nezaposlenost v raznih industrijah v tipičnih pokrajinah Zedinjenih držav. Razvidelo se bo, v kakem razmerju sedanja kriza prizadeva izurjene in navadne delavce, pisarniške delavce in druge poklice. Mogóče bo tudi tabulirati podatke po starosti; trdi se navadno, da človek, ki je dosegel srednjo starost, izgublja službo, oziroma ima težkoče v dobivanju dela. To je morda res, ali v kakem obsegu je to res, je težko reči. Nabrani podatki bodo pokazali jasno sliko.

Osebe, ki so nezaposlene, sposobne za delo in iščejo dela, brezdomno tvorijo pretežno večino skupnega števila nezaposlenih. Radi tega jih statistični urad postavlja na čelo liste. Podatki o nezaposlenosti bodo obsegali sledečih sedem vrst nezaposlenih:

Razred A: Osebe brez dela, (Dalje na 2. strani)

STROŠKI BELE HIŠE

Stroški vzdrževanja Bele hiše v Washingtonu, kjer biva predsednik s svojo družino in služabništvom, znašajo približno pol milijona dolarjev na leto. Na vsakega stanovaleca Zedinjenih držav pride torej nekaj manj kot pol centa teh stroškov na leto, če bi se namreč razdelili na vse enako. V teh izdatkih je seveda všteta plača predsednika, ki znaša \$75,000 letno, in plače kakšnih 100 služabnikov, ki znašajo od \$900 do \$1800 letno. Med služabništvo spada hišnik, kuharji ali kuharice, sobarice, mehaniki, vrtnarji, itd.

V posebni garaži Bele hiše se nahaja 27 avtomobilov, ki so na razpolago predsedniku. Šoferji teh avtomobilov so večinoma vojaki, ki so plačani iz vojaške blagajne. Izmed avtomobilov je največ Fordov, namreč 9; iz tega sledi, da se tudi nam navadnim plebejem ni treba sramovati, če se vozimo v Fordih, ki so celo v Beli hiši najštevilnejše zastopani. Osem avtomobilov je vrste Cadillac, 5 Pierce-Arrow, 3 Lincoln, 1 Packard in 1 La Salle.

Kot je bilo že omenjeno, dobiva predsednik letno \$75,000 plače, poleg tega pa mu je na razpolago še \$25,000 za potovalne in druge stroške. V te druge stroške spadajo državni banketi, ki se jih v Beli hiši vrši kakšnih šest na leto in ki stanejo približno 1000 dolarjev vsaki. Podpredsednik dobiva 15 tisoč dolarjev letne plače.

Med izdatke Bele hiše spadajo razne poplave in nakup novega pohištva, premog, elektrika, itd. Lani je stalo novo pohištvo in oprema \$5000, poplava poslopja \$3800, premog za kurjavo \$3600, obleke služabništva \$1400, gasolin \$1135, led \$215 in elektrika tudi \$215. Predsedniku in njegovi družini je na razpolago Bela hiša z vso opremo, toda o vsem se vodi inventar in vsa oprema in pohištvo mora biti izročeno nasledniku. Stroške za grocerije in obleko predsednika in njegove družine mora plačevati predsednik sam.

Prva Bela hiša ali bivališče predsednika Zedinjenih držav je stalo \$25,000. Sedanje poslopje se ceni na dva in četrt milijona dolarjev, zemljišče, na katerem stoji, pa na 20 milijonov. Bela hiša ni zavarovana, kakor niso zavarovana tudi druga vladna poslopja.

Stroški Bele hiše, ki znašajo skoro pol milijona dolarjev letno, se zdijo precej visoki, toda so znatno nižji, kakor so stroški vzdrževanja kakšne kraljevske hiše, tudi mlažararoda, in celo manjši kot vzdrževalni stroški privatnih domov različnih bogatašev.

Mogóče drevo

V Californiji in v delu Oregona rasto takozvana sequoia drevesa, ki dosežejo visokost 275 čevljev, deblu v premeru pa 25 čevljev in več. Nekatera te drevesa so po tri do štiri tisoč let stara. Eksperti so si nedavno ogledali eno teh dreves in preračunali, da bi dalo dovolj lesa za 500 petsočnih hiš. Drevo je še čvrsto in polno življenjske sile, dasi mu prisojajo že 4000 let starosti.

DALJŠE ŽIVLJENJE

Tekom zadnjega pol stoletja se je povprečno življenje človeka v Zedinjenih državah podaljšalo za 16 let. Otrok ob rojstvu lahko pričakuje povprečno starost 56.

ODMEVI IZ RODNIH KRAJEV

Ljubljanski župan dr. Puc in podžupan profesor Jarc sta nedavno intervenirala v Beogradu glede zgraditve modernega letališča v Ljubljani in priključitve Ljubljane na mednarodne zračne proge. Intervencija dr. Puca je imela uspeh in je Ljubljani letališče zagotovljeno. Ljubljana bo uvrščena v veliko mednarodno zračno progo Berlin-Praga-Dunaj-Ljubljana-Sušak-Split-Dubrovnik. Proga bo otvorena takoj, ko bodo zgrajena letališča s potrebnimi pripravi v Ljubljani, na Sušaku in v Dubrovniku; proga bo zlasti važna za tujski promet na Jadranu in v dravski banovini. Pozneje bo Ljubljana priključena tudi na mednarodno progo Dunaj-Benetke, obenem pa bo podaljšana dosedanja proga Beograd-Zagreb do Ljubljane, tako da bo Ljubljana v dogledni dobi priključena na vse važnejše zračne proge, obenem pa bodo možne najkrajše zveze z vsemi važnejšimi centri v državi, ker bo trajal polet iz Ljubljane do Skoplja preko Beograda največ sedem do osem ur.

Ljudsko šetje je v marcu. V oddelku za državno statistiko se vrše priprave za ljudsko šetje v Jugoslaviji. Šetje bi se imelo izvršiti v noči od 31. decembra na 1. januarja t. l., ker pa je bilo treba urediti še mnoga vprašanja, ki so potrebna za točno in dobro šetje, se je preložilo na marec 1931. Dan pa še ni določen. Šef državne statistike dr. Makso Birkovič bo v kratkem obiskal vsa večja mesta, da z zastopniki občin določi podrobnosti za popis prebivalstva. To bo prvo ljudsko šetje v Jugoslaviji, ki se bo izvršilo na podlagi enotnega zakona po istih metodah v vsej državi, dočim se je izvršil popis iz leta 1921. na podlagi pokrajinskih zakonov, ki so bili različni.

Iz Ribnice pišejo: Naše življenje se vedno bolj slabša. Cene kmetijskih pridelkov stalno padajo in navzile temu, da je vse že itak poceni, se težko prodajo. To se je tudi pokazalo na novoletnem sejmu. Prignano je bilo dosti živine, toda kupec ni. Sejmarjev je sicer bilo dosti, toda blaga se je malo prodalo, ker ljudje nimajo denarja. Sedaj je tudi prodajanje suhe robe poostreno. Krošnje ne bodo smeli nositi oni, ki niso dosegli 24. leta, in pa oni, ki imajo kaj zemlje. Prodajanje suhe robe je za Ribničane lep postranski zaslužek, ki drži ribniško dolino še kolikortoliko po konci. Zato pričakujemo, da se ne bodo izvršili ukrepi, ki bi bili tukajšnjemu ljudstvu v obutno škodo, posebno sedaj, ko je lesna kriza najhujša ter lesni trgovci zapored odpuščajo delavce.

Upravnik tiskarne "Edinost" in bivši vodja uprave ustavljene slovenskega dnevnika "Edinost" v Trstu Henrik Perot, ki je bil od konfinskijske komisije tržaške prefektore obsojen na petletno konfinacijo, je bil te dni po odloku notranjega ministrstva eskortiran v Leisi na Sardiniji, kjer bo živel v konfinaciji.

V drugi polovici januarja je sprejel ban savske banovine dr. Ivo Porović deputacijo iz Metulja, ki je zaprosila, da bi se (Dalje na 2. strani).

VSAK PO SVOJE

V mestu Ely se sneg drži svojih deviško belih principov od začetka do konca. Clevelandski ni tako značajan, ampak spreminja barvo vsak dan, toliko časa, da ga ni mogoče več ločiti od saj in pocestne kofedre.

Z letošnjo zimo se Minnesotčani nič kaj ne postavljajo, ker se je baje izneverila svojim principom. Nič več ni tako mrz, kot je bilo v dobrih starih časih—blag jim spomin! Zame je bilo zime dovolj, in nič bi mi ne bilo žal, če bi jo bilo še manj, saj je nekega jutra registrirala 20 pod ničlo. Domačini so to dejstvo konstatirali nekako posmehljivo, češ, da je "samo" 20 pod zero.

Dokler minnesotska zima ne pokaže 30 ali 40 stopinj pod ničlo, ni vredna državljskih pravic.

Neki elyški domoroдец mi je celo prav resno pripovedoval, da so radi mile zime v letošnjem predpustu prospekti za mnoge ohceti prav ugodni. Kadar pade temperatura pod 40 stopinj pod zero, baje celo lju bezen zmrzne.

Jaz sem seveda vzel to izjavo elyškega domorođca na znanje s precejšno rezervo, ugovarjal pa nisem, ker tudi take reči so mogoče. Saj je znano, na primer, da v državi Ohio, ki je gorkejša od Minnesote, večkrat zmrzne ljubezen celo o Kresu.

Minnesotčani so dobre, uslužne in gostoljubne duše, in jaz jim od srea privoščim vse, kar si sami želijo, tudi 40 profucov, če je po njihovem okusu. V državi Ohio je nimamo kaj dosti letos, pa še to bi jim poslal do zadnje snežinke, če bi mogel.

Edini spomin na poletne krasote Minnesote so zdaj sveže zelene, mestoma belo venčane skupine smrek, ki se dvigajo iz zasnežene pokrajine. Precej zanimivi so tudi štiri posekanih dreves, katerih vsak ima častljivo belo kapo, pa stoji med mladim drevjem kot mali Miklavžki.

Severnega sija to pot ni bilo nič na izpregled. Morda je zmrznil ali pa spi zimsko spanje s severnimi medvedi.

Takoj drugi dan mojega bivanja na Ely me je posetila neka vrtoglavica, in kar je bilo najbolj žalostno, brez kompetentnega vzroka. Za kompetentnega vzrok smatram krokanje z običajnimi pritlikinami. Potem me je začelo ščegetati v glru in še nižje doli, in ni trajalo dolgo, da sem začel prav glasno govoriti in kašljarskem esperantu.

Na sejah sem si kar sam je mal besedo, za kar priznam, da ni bilo lepo in po pravilih, toda, kogar nočanje zadeve sili, da se izraža v kašljarskem esperantu, ga ne ustavi niti predsednikovo klavido.

K sreči je bila na seji navzoča višja avtoriteta in instanca v osebi našega vrhovnega zdravnikarja. Ta je prinesel od nekod drobčkano stekleničico (brez prufov, prosim!) in z vsebino iste sem "panal" moj zimski esperanto. Bil je pa tudi skrajni čas za to, kajti nekateri cenjeni sobratje, vstevši (Dalje na 2. strani).

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Nova Doba

AMPLIFYING THE VOICE OF THE ENGLISH SPEAKING MEMBERS

Current Thought.

MORE ENGLISH-SPEAKING UNITS

Last week a telegram was received from Bro. F. J. Kress of Pittsburgh, Pa., chairman of our national athletic board, bearing glad tidings to the effect that a new English-conducted lodge had been organized in Center, Pa., Jan. 25, with forty members. It was further announced that the name of the latest English unit is Center Ramblers.

This is good news for our members, who undoubtedly hope to see the younger members continue to organize new English-speaking groups and continue to increase the membership. In this period of development by the younger set it is hoped, sincerely, that the members of senior lodges will extend their co-operation in the many activities sponsored.

Within the past two months two English-conducted lodges have been organized in the state of Pennsylvania; first the Export Majestics, No. 218, of Export, Pa., and now the Center Ramblers of Center, Pa. Incidentally, two members of the Athletic Board are residents of Pennsylvania, Bro. Joseph Kopler of Johnstown and Bro. F. J. Kress of Pittsburgh, both of whom have been instrumental in organizing lodges.

These members are to be commended for their good work. It is hoped that other members of our Union will follow the example set by these two leaders. Ohio, neighboring state, will feel that it is being outdone and perhaps attempt to organize English-speaking units, as will the other states.

All indications point to a greater regard in the work of our South Slavonic Catholic Union by the English-speaking members. A good sign, indicating that the solution to stimulate interest among the younger set, has been made in part. Sport activities have been a mighty factor and will dominate the lodge. This has been proved by our own members, the majority of whom are athletically inclined. Competition always will arouse the curiosity of outsiders who will find out the details of the lodge movement. Indirectly a number of candidates for membership to our Union are unconsciously interested in its fraternal work because of the sport program.

Of course, other lodge activities increase the many advantages enjoyed by the members. Social contact made possible through regular monthly meetings offer innumerable ways to promote a common undertaking to the delight and enjoyment of the members.

Members should take advantage of every opportunity offered to increase the activities of the lodge. They should allow no factor to hinder them in the expansion of the membership. And when a locality is found where no English-speaking units of our Union are organized, the matter should be investigated and reported to the lodge officers. Or they can write to the members of the Athletic Board and to the Supreme Office at Ely, which will be glad to assist them in such work.

Perfect Toastmaster

Masters of ceremonies and toastmasters will come and go, but few can compare with Stanley Kromar of 298 Bowling Lane.

Following the first elimination bowling tournament to determine the state of Ohio SSCU lodge championship that took place Sunday, Feb. 1, members of the four contesting lodges, Alloys of Lorain, O., Collinwood Boosters, Betsy Ross and George Washingtons of Cleveland, gathered at Turk's Hall for what would be termed an informal banquet and dance. Various speakers were called upon, chief of whom was Lindy Kotnik of the Cherry Tree Choppers, who explained to the crowd how he bowled 800 for the afternoon performance in the Inter-Lodge League and 745 in the elimination tournament held that same evening.

The chief attraction of the evening was the entertaining Stanley Kromar, toastmaster, who kept the guests continually in an uproar of laughter with his wit and humor. His version of an old-time Slovene about to introduce a speaker brought the biggest response, and especially the Slovenian pronunciation of the word championship (sham-ship-ship).

Stan's imitation of a siren was almost perfect, for the writer was startled on walking into the room for the first time to hear such perfect reproduction. (I thought that either the fire department or the flying squad was about to break up the party.)

A clever entertainer is Stan Kromar. Hope we see and hear more of him.

Over 100 people were present at the party. Excellent music was furnished by Jack Tomazic, Tony Trinko, Young Klun, Bill Zimmermann and John Tomisic. Refreshments were donated by the Cleveland English-conducted SSCU lodges. Cakes were made and donated by Jimmie and Sophie Drobnic. Mrs. Laurich, Mrs. Krall and the kitchen staff deserve a vote of thanks from the lodges for rendering such good service.

Jostling

Probably the man who finds life the most complicated is the one who clings to the idea that he must never give offense to anybody. He feels that peace is worth the price of convictions. He will differ with nobody for fear of seeming unpleasant. This is a good rule so long as it applies to trivial matters. There are so many things that are simply not worth bickering about, no matter what your opinion. On the other

Indians Start Drive for More Members

Saturday, Jan. 24, stands out as a high-light in the social life of the friends and members of the Indian Lodge, No. 220, SSCU. The occasion was their membership drive dance, held in the lobby of the New Market Hotel. It is needless to say that everybody had a grand time.

Bro. A. Spolar, the president, spoke briefly and effectively, outlining the aims, purpose and benefits of the lodge.

The officials of the lodge wish to express their thanks to all, particularly to Sister M. Loci, a new member, for her interpretation of two dance numbers, one an intricate tap dance and the other a brilliant Spanish number. They also extend their thanks to Henry Kohlman and Steve Seiler for their side-splitting parody on Mike and Herman, radio stars. Last but not least, they wish to thank Mrs. Spolar, who will be remembered by all for her wonderful foods.

The drive dance was a huge success and the Indian Lodge expects to increase materially as a result. The next dance, which will be held soon, will probably be a closed affair for members only.

G. W.'s Hold Valentine Dance Feb. 14

What's the latest talk about town? Why, the George Washington Valentine dance, of course. When? Saturday, Feb. 14. Where? At the Slovenian National Home on St. Clair Ave. And who's going to "boop-boop-a-doop" for us? Johnny Gribbons and his gang.

Sounds great, doesn't it? Well, it's going to be better than that. But don't take our word for it. Come and bring your friends. You can safely assure them of a good time. Don't you always have a good time at a Washington dance? Of course, you do, and this time won't be any exception. The G. W.'s are busier than bees, working to make this dance better than all the others, and to give you a real good time. Besides, what better way to spend Valentine Day, than attend a Valentine dance? Your girl friend and boy friend will enjoy it, and besides everybody knows that when Johnny Gribbons is there, the music is peppy and right up to the minute.

So come on, there, you Washingtons. Let's get going. Let's make this dance something to talk about. Bring all your friends. You know, the more the merrier. Everybody's welcome and everybody be ready for a good time.

Don't forget, the date is: Saturday, Feb. 14; the place, Slovenian National Home; orchestra, Johnny Gribbons and his gang.

Angela Hlabse,
No. 180, SSCU.

Boost Sports in Lodges

PROUD OWNER OF NEW CAR

Word has reached us that Bro. John L. Jevitz Jr., of Joliet, Ill., member of the SSCU National Athletic Board, and assistant supervisor of Joliet Township, is the proud owner of a new Ford. Very good, very good, for in this day of speedy transportation, there is nothing like having a real vehicle. We are sure that he will use it to good advantage in supervising the bowling and basketball tournaments of our lodges, to determine the state champions of Illinois. As a matter of fact Bro. Jevitz Jr. has taken every opportunity to further the work of our Union with the neighboring cities and promises us plenty more in the future. Hence, the need of a new Ford.

ATHLETIC BOARD OF S. S. C. U.

Chairman: F. J. Kress, 204 — 57th St., Pittsburgh, Pa.
Vice chairman: J. L. Zortz, 1657 E. 31st St., Lorain, O.
Joseph Kopler, R. D. 2, Johnstown, Pa.
J. L. Jevitz Jr., 1316 Elizabeth St., Joliet, Ill.
Anton Vesel, 2089 Carter Ave., St. Paul, Minn.
Louis M. Kolar, Athletic Commissioner and Editor of English Section, 6117 St. Clair Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

BRIEFS

Lindy Kotnik, star of the George Washington Lodge (SSCU) bowling team of Cleveland, O., hits 1544 pins in six games Sunday, Feb. 1; three in the afternoon with the Inter-Lodge League and three in the evening session during the Ohio state SSCU elimination series. Considered by some to be a world record. The team bowled over 1000 in each game during the afternoon series for a total of 3119.

Raymond Rebrovich is a member of Chisholm High School debate team of Chisholm, Minn., which recently won a debate from Deer River school.

Danica Lodge, No. 150, SSCU, of Chisholm, Minn., will hold a public dance at Mahne Hall on Feb. 15. All are invited to attend.

Miss Emily "Dodo" Fabian, popular dancer, appears at State Theater in Cleveland, O., with Chester Hale Girls.

Mr. Joe Sodja, Cleveland banjoist, left for Chicago, Ill., to appear at Uptown Theater with Paul Ash, noted master of ceremonies, beginning a three-year contract.

Submarine expedition to the North Pole, the most daring ever conceived in the history of polar exploration, will be on its way May 1 of this year. Scientific data will be sought and also to demonstrate that submarines may carry freight and passengers through the Hudson Bay route to Canada.

It cost Cleveland taxpayers nine times as much to educate a pupil in the Cleveland public schools in 1930 as it did in 1904. Money has been supplied lavishly and without question by the voters, proud of the schools, and the cost has mounted tremendously.

Notice St. George's Lodge

Reading, Pa.—All the young members of St. George's Lodge, No. 61, SSCU, should come to the meeting to be held next Sunday, Feb. 8, 1:30 p. m., at the home of Bro. Anthony Jaklic, 324 W. Buttonwood St.

Means and ways to stir more interest in our Sport Club will be discussed, as well as plans made for future activities. A drive for new members will be started in our membership campaign. Special committees will be elected to take care of the necessary detail work. All members should take notice of this article and be sure to attend. At the last meeting only a small number of younger members were present and prevented any discussion about our Sport Club. So be sure to attend next Sunday.

John Pezdire Jr.

Join the S. S. C. U.

New Lodge Organized in Pennsylvania

On Sunday, Jan. 25, 1931, a new SSCU English-conducted lodge was organized for the young Slovenes and other Yugoslavs located in and around Center, Pa. The organization meeting was held in the Slovenian Hall at Center, and was attended by forty young men and women, all of whom enrolled. The new lodge will be known as the Center Ramblers.

The results of the election of lodge officers for the year 1931 are particularly gratifying to the members. A strong directing force has been put into office and great results are expected. Frank Kalik, unanimous choice for president, is very active in fraternal affairs and has the interest of the organization at heart. Joseph Harvat, unanimous choice for vice president, will back Bro. Kalik in all of his movements. Antoinette Peternele, secretary; Henry Harvat, recording secretary, and Mary Peternele, treasurer, are alert, conscientious workers and will do their best to put the Center Ramblers Lodge over better than ever.

For trustees a powerful combination was chosen, namely: Mrs. Joseph Harvat, Anthony Oberch and Joseph Harvat.

The new lodge officers will be installed at the next meeting.

In behalf of the members of SSCU I wish to extend to the members of the new lodge good wishes for a very successful year. May the new lodge grow and prosper, in honor to its founders!

F. J. Kress, Chairman,
SSCU Athletic Board.

National Star Comes Through

Conemaugh, Pa.—Despite the defeat suffered by our National Star Lodge, No. 213, SSCU, at the hands of Pittsburgher Lodge, No. 196, SSCU, in basketball, we feel confident of turning victory against them in future games if such could be arranged later in the season.

On Jan. 23 the Sunnyside A. C. failed to muster a team together and thus forfeited the game to the National Star. On Jan. 27 the great St. Anthony's quintet of Johnstown turned a victory over us by a score of 48 to 33, on the Franklin floor. Buch of the Saints was high man.

Friday evening, Jan. 30, the National Star met the Koontz big five on the Franklin floor and gave them a great battle, coming on the long end of a 28-to-25 score. At the end of the first half score was 15 to 10. Phillips was high for the National Star, with Bauman and Deardorf starring for the losers.

Joseph Kopler.

Join the S. S. C. U.

CONDOLENCES

It was with the utmost regret that we received the news of the death of Mrs. Jennie Gorencic, mother of Jean Gorencic, a member of the George Washington Lodge, No. 180, SSCU, and star player of the basketball team. Mrs. Gorencic passed away early Thursday morning, Jan. 29.

The members of the George Washington Lodge and basketball team extend their deepest sympathy to Jean and her family.

Angela Hlabse.

SPORTING BITS

REASON FOR THE SPORT MOVEMENT

National Athletic Board Is Setting Example for Other Members to Follow

National Athletic Board of our South Slavonic Catholic Union has been doing notable work ever since it was formed at the first athletic conference, held in Cleveland, O., on Sept. 12 and 13. Promoting athletics within the lodges and arranging for contests with other lodges has been just some of the board's accomplishments, each board member doing his share in the respective territories.

The most striking work has been noticed in the zeal of the board to organize new English-conducted lodges together with increasing the membership, which is the primary idea underlying the sport movement. Hence, the Athletic Board has set an example for other members to follow.

Lodges Should Sponsor Activities for Members

Walsenburg, Colo.—Dance held recently by our Young American Boosters Lodge, No. 216, SSCU, was met with another big success. Financially it did not compare as good as our first dance, but this can be attributed partly to another dance held at the same time.

It is our belief that interest in the lodge can best be stimulated among the members by participation in various activities, of which dances constitute one. Provided a lodge meets expenses, the members should always try to engage themselves in some sort of affair and thus keep up the spirit of the group. Only in this way can a reputation be earned that will be of sufficient importance to attract outsiders at random.

Because of our last dance, our lodge expects to enroll four or five new members in a short time. Hence we are going to sponsor another dance soon. The Young American Boosters can pride themselves on its liveliness and willingness to be an active booster for our South Slavonic Catholic Union in its community.

Watch us grow.

Tony Just, Sec'y.

Annual Report Appears in Next Issue

Annual report of our Supreme Executive Committee will appear in next week's (Feb. 11) issue of the New Era. Minutes of the meeting held at Ely, Minn., headquarters of SSCU, during the week of Jan. 19, last, are included in this report.

Progress made by our Union, including the increase in membership and financial status, is of special interest to all members, and even more so, since but two reports appear annually in the New Era. For that reason all news and contributing articles are given secondary consideration, and only a limited number will appear due to lack of space.

It is important that all members give the annual report their special attention, and overlook the news value of the Feb. 11 issue.

All contributing articles not appearing in next week's issue will appear in subsequent publications.

Death Rate Cut in Half in 30 Years

So reports a committee of the American Medical Association. Deaths from diphtheria and from typhoid fever have been reduced 95 per cent. In the World War only 5 soldiers in every 100,000 died of typhoid, heretofore one of the great slayers of armies.

Cholera, yellow fever, typhus—three great world scourges—

A number of requests have been received for financial assistance from various lodges, the money to be taken from the Sport Fund. A few of our lodges have failed to realize that the original purpose for which the Sport Fund was established is to assist lodges in organizing athletic teams. Once they have been organized, it is reasonable to expect that the members will find ways and means to support the team financially. Some of our lodges have the impression that the S. S. C. U. will support teams indefinitely, with little or no assistance from the lodges themselves.

Our Sport Fund is subject to exhaustion, should such a procedure be followed. Of course, needy lodges will receive assistance to a certain extent, but as the number submitting requests increases, the Sport Fund decreases. Our membership should give this problem serious consideration.

When a lodge organizes a hardball team, which is probably the most expensive, the annual expense amounts to considerably more than a hundred dollars. In the event that such a lodge enters into other field of sports, such as basketball and bowling, the expenses increase. Such being the case, the lodge should endeavor to increase its membership as a result of maintaining different athletic teams. Lodges are active in athletics to help them advertise that particular branch and our Union.

To be active is the keynote of success of any organized group. The same applies to fraternal lodges. In this period of depression it must be realized that English-speaking units meet almost insurmountable obstacles. But this factor should not discourage them. When a lodge participates in athletics it is a good sign—for it shows that the members within are active in spite of adverse conditions. All these points are taken into consideration before recommendation for financial assistance to lodges is granted.

But let us try to follow the example set forth by our Athletic Board as much as possible.

Athletic Commissioner.

The best angle for getting at any problem is the try-angle. Apply the try-angle to your lodge activities.

have almost been wiped out. Thirty years ago 16 babies out of every 100 born died before reaching their first birthday. Now it is 7. Thirty years ago 194 persons out of 100,000 died of tuberculosis. Now less than 79.

The great enemies of life are the germ diseases. Medical science is defeating them one by one. Even then we have more than 700,000 persons physically disabled from earning a living.

GEORGE WASHINGTONS CRASH 3119 PINS TO SET RECORD IN INTER-LODGE LEAGUE

Lindy Kotnik Hits 800 Series, and Almost Takes City Record of 819; All Games Bowled Over 1000

Last Sunday, Feb. 1, the George Washington Lodge, No. 180, SSCU, bowling team put all existing records of the Inter-Lodge League into oblivion when they took three games from the Sokols, total scores being 3119 to 2806. It was the first time that any lodge team bowled three 1000 games in one contest. It was the first time any individual bowler hit 800 for a three-game series. And how Lindy Kotnik topped the pins was a work of art. Lindy threw perfect strikes all afternoon to hit scores of 258, 288 and 254.

Lindy was the big show. In the first game he made two spares followed by four strikes. In the seventh frame the 10th pin stuck even though the ball hit the 1-3 pocket. He then proceeded to make five more strikes. In the second game, with the crowd strongly cheering, Lindy made ten strikes in a row, and the fifteenth consecutive perfect hit, but on the eleventh ball thrown the 10 pin jinx worked again and robbed him of a perfect 300 game. But 288 is nothing to sneeze at. In the third game Lindy forgot the tough breaks and proceeded to make five consecutive strikes, followed by a spare, two more strikes, another spare. To complete the afternoon series, Lindy ended with two more strikes.

The whole George Washington team was on its toes. "Pugs" Opalek and Arko hitting series of 583 and 584, respectively, while "Samson" Drobnic, captain and manager, came through with 563, as "Ox" Kramer made 589, and the never-forgotten series of 800 made by Lindy.

Are the Cherry Tree Choppers going to fight hard to get the Ohio state championship title? Just watch this quintet perform. The boys have the national bowling SSCU lodge title as their goal, not to mention the Inter-Lodge League championship.

Sokols bowled games of 955, 903 and 948, for a total of 2806. Shuster had a nice series of 176, 226 and 216, for a total of 618, but to no avail, for the Cherry Tree Choppers were on their toes, and when this gang of pin murderers gets going, watch out.

Below are the scores:

GEORGE WASHINGTONS			
Opalek	203	205	175—583
Arko	201	188	195—584
Drobnic	167	186	210—563
Kotnik	258	288	254—800
Kramer	200	191	198—589
Totals	1029	1058	1032—3119

SOKOLS			
Rupnik	214	169	190
Bencina	183	169	220
F. Jereb	179	191	163
Shuster	176	226	216
T. Jereb	203	148	159
Totals	955	903	948

Collinwood Boosters Win Three From Orels

BETSY ROSS DROP THREE TO SPARTANS

While Lindy was making history among Slovenian bowlers, and for that matter a city-wide record, the Collinwood Boosters, No. 188, SSCU, were taking the scalp from the Orels to the tune of three games Sunday, Feb. 1, at the Inter-Lodge League. Some high scores were made by the Boosters, as shown by the figures below. It was just fate that robbed the Collinwood quintet from receiving front page news with such good scores.

COLLINWOOD BOOSTERS			
J. Laurich	201	221	187
M. Krall	202	192	186
T. Laurich	215	225	182
J. Elliott	187	171	140
F. Oberstar	201	188	176
Totals	1006	997	871

ORELS			
Lusin	165	157	141
Orazem	154	138	171
Hrovat	210	171	209
Kushlan	169	195	198
Andrey	130	184	134
Totals	828	845	853

Spartans, league leaders, proved too much for the Betsy Ross, No. 188, SSCU, taking all three games. But the Flagmakers did not lose without a struggle, as they bowled 2602. G. Kovitch, president and manager, was the big noise for the losers, with games of 194, 188 and 244, for a total of 626. Milavec for the Spartans hit 621.

BETSY ROSS			
G. Kovitch	194	188	244
Perdan	100	180	139
Riddle	145	147	123
F. Kovitch	156	190	201
Skufca	185	209	187
Totals	849	914	839

SPARTANS			
Peterlin	178	204	186
Urban	185	180	180
Wysopal	164	236	197
Wohlgamuth	178	190	225
Milavec	238	172	217
Totals	913	982	998

Believe It or Not

Our national wealth is now estimated at 300 billions.
Our National income is computed at 95 billions.
We have 110 billions of life insurance in force.
Our annual bank clearing reach astronomical figures.
Our total savings have passed 28 billions.
Our banking resources have reached 72 billions.
Our investments abroad approximate 17 billions.

Colorado Sunshine Will Promote Athletics

Forecast a Successful Year for 1931. Officers Installed

Denver, Colo.—At the last meeting of the Colorado Sunshine Lodge, No. 201, SSCU, installation of new officers for the year 1931 took place. Bro. John Susterich is the new president. We are sure of a greater increase in membership for the year 1931, as Bro. Susterich is bent on a membership campaign. He has attended all meetings and shows great interest in helping to make the Colorado Sunshine Lodge one of the greatest in our SSCU.

Sister Helen Posenik is the new vice president, having succeeded Bro. Louis Posenik. She is also a hard worker and much can be expected from her in the future. I was elected secretary, succeeding Bro. Frank J. Smole. Here's hoping that I can justify the members' confidence placed in me.

Colorado Sunshine Lodge has increased its membership since I transferred from St. Joseph's Lodge, No. 21, SSCU, with greater numbers attending our regular monthly meetings. All seem to be willing to help the lodge in all undertakings. I shall do everything within my power to make our English-speaking unit even a greater success than it has been in the past.

Sister Helen Skul was elected recording secretary, having held that position in 1929. She has been a great help to the lodge, and we expect her to be of invaluable assistance in the future.

Bro. Louis Maring was re-elected treasurer. Bro. Frank J. Smole was elected as chairman of the entertainment committee. Bro. Adolph Anzich and Sister Margaret Erjavec will cooperate with Bro. Smole, for all three comprise the committee. Word comes from him that a play will be given by our lodge in the near future. Parts have already been distributed to the players.

All members should make it their special effort to pay their dues each month, either at the meetings or before the twenty-fifth. Time, trouble and expense can be saved by having the cooperation of the members in this respect.

We have been following the articles in the New Era, and noticed that a number of English-conducted lodges are very active in sports. We expect to organize teams in various lines of sports, and thus the Colorado Sunshine Lodge will be heard from in the sport section. In the past very little has appeared in the New Era, but beginning with the year 1931 the Colorado Sunshine Lodge will make every effort to advertise itself through the medium of the official organ, the New Era.

MARY A. MODIC, Sec'y.,
Colorado Sunshine, No. 202, SSCU.

Collegians' Mere Facts

Canonsburg, Pa.—Happy days were here again. The orchestra was all tuned up again; The Jefferson Collegians held a dance again. Quite a few have sore feet again.

On Jan. 17, at the Alexander Hall, Strabane, the Jefferson Collegians held another dance, the first affair of the year 1931, and although we did not do as well financially as at some of the other dances, we have no complaints to make.

At the dance "General" Polaski, president, and who happened to be floor walker for the evening, met with one of the rarest and most exciting incidents of his career, when a pretty young dame came into the hall and asked him if he would mind playing "Post Office." Naturally, he said no. You can imagine his embarrassment when she took a pencil out of her purse and scribbled a few lines on a piece of paper, folded it up nicely, and then asked him to deliver the message to the drummer. Oh, well, some fellows get all the breaks.

Our lodge is seventeen months old and has a membership of 43. At the age of nine months our lodge began supporting a baseball team. This year will see another baseball nine on the diamond again, sponsored by the Jefferson Collegians.

Attention, Export Majesties Lodge, No. 218, SSCU. We still remember the defeat given us last summer to the tune of 8 to 7. The boys are rarin' to get back at you and think that your southpaw pitcher will need more than a big chew in his mouth to win the next game.

The girls of our lodge have organized a sewing circle. I believe this is the first of its kind in our Union. The girls are to be congratulated. Don't be surprised if you see a couple of male elements don't skirts and ask for admission at the next gathering. Sister Anna Retzel had to get a leave of absence at last month's meeting. It couldn't be a fellow, as Anna has her dates (dromedary) on Fridays.

STEPHEN LOMBARDI, Treas.,
Jefferson Collegians, SSCU

All Set for Inter-Frat Pin Series

Joliet, Ill.—Inter-frat bowling series, including lodges of JSKJ (SSCU), KSKJ, SNPJ and DSD, to take place Feb. 8 at Hub Recreation Alleys is all set, all necessary arrangements being taken care of.

An attractive event on the program will be the JSKJ No. 66 and St. Joseph KSKJ match, the second game on the list. Both teams presented the fans with a wonderful exhibition of bowling in their initial meet Sunday, Jan. 25. Other participating teams should also draw considerable attention, as they

Practice Fraternalism in a Practical Way

Keep Members Always Interested in the Lodge; Officers Are Directly Responsible for Lack of Enthusiasm

Members who read articles in the New Era will find a number of facts conducive to the betterment of the lodge, and especially to increase the membership. In some groups certain ones drop for several reasons, some of which are listed below. The problem for the officers is to keep the meetings and activities sufficiently interested to hold the members together at all times.

There are a few men and women who are unworthy of being members of our South Slavonic Catholic Union, and in fact any fraternal benefit organization of a similar character. Such people know little or nothing about brotherhood or sisterhood, or the power of achievement through an organized effort. The character of such members is to join a lodge one month and then drop out the next month for no reason at all. Hence the members soliciting outsiders into becoming candidates should keep this important factor in mind.

All candidates should be given thorough investigation. When you invite a friend over to your home to meet the folks, invariably you will make sure that this person is of the right type. Just as much prudence should be used when inviting prospective candidates for membership.

When a new candidate becomes a member double honor is given, one to the new member and the other to the member responsible for the invitation.

A member will drop out of the lodge shortly after being admitted for the following reasons: Failure of the lodge to live up to its reputation; poor leadership; irritation due to faulty members, and plain disgust. Just how many members stay away from your lodge meetings? This number can be appreciably reduced by eliminating the clownish acts of "guttersnipe mentalities," who have been responsible for more than one member to sever all connections within the respective lodge.

Perhaps your lodge has lost all semblance in serving your community and has failed in sponsoring athletic events. Perhaps your lodge does not express fraternalism in a practical way by sponsoring an active part to boost your community.

Perhaps your lodge has gained prominence in matter that made it notorious, in which the conduct at regular meetings was entirely out of harmony.

Perhaps your officers invited them to mingle with undesirable elements in your community that lacked the respect of a real lodge.

Perhaps your lodge is losing members because there was nothing to hold them together. The officers conducted the regular meetings listlessly, planning nothing to stimulate the interest of those who felt it their duty to attend these lodge meetings. Nothing was provided that would inspire members to begin working in any capacity in order to keep the lodge active in the community center.

By analyzing the above, officers of such lodges should not keep on wondering why the names of some of the active members appear on the roster no more. Personal responsibility shares its part.

Just think for a minute and see if you are responsible for the indifference manifested by any brother or sister toward your lodge. It is inexcusable to have any intelligent member become unconcerned over the future of his lodge.

Fraternalism should be practiced out of the lodge meetings as well. Should a brother member be in need of work, and if you are in a position to help him secure a position, then it is your moral duty to do so. Such favors are usually returned in the future, as one never knows what fate has in store for us.

JOSEPH KOPLER,
National Athletic Board.

Increase Lead in West Side Bowling League

Joliet, Ill.—Our leading JSKJ No. 66 major bowling team increased its lead in the West Side Bowling League by taking two out of three games from the Oriole A. C., while the Hinz Bakery Co. combine, holders of second place, dropped three to the Waysiders, Wednesday, Jan. 28, on Rival Club Alleys.

In the first stanza our bowlers topped the wood for 830, then 799 in the second and 923 for the final game. A rather wild night with such deviation in total pins. Bro. Kobe came through with scores of 201, 201 and 168, for an average of 190. Bro. Ramutta came through with a single high of 235.

JSKJ No. 66			
Ramutta	163	131	235
Gregorash	157	135	164
Kobe	201	201	168
Kubinski	139	166	169
Horwath	170	166	187
Totals	830	797	923

ORIOLE A. C.			
Podnar	146	200	186
Nosse	160	170	180
Perona	159	173	177
Mrozek	128	142	153
Riley	173	126	141
Totals	766	811	837

JOHN L. JEVITZ JR.,
National Athletic Board.

are active in their respective Unions and well matched for the meet.

The object of sponsoring the inter-frat series is to keep and continue the friendly and harmonious feeling now existing between the local lodges.

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Illinois Going Strong for Bowling Tourney

Crowd Sees No. 66 Come Through With 2827 Against 2793; Bowl 1008 in Second Game

How our lodges are taking bowling seriously, as a result of the Athletic Conference, held in Cleveland, O., on Sept. 12 and 13, in which a national champion lodge is to be determined, can best be illustrated by the enthusiasm of the member bowlers. In Joliet, Ill., our SS. Peter and Paul Society, No. 66, SSCU, is taking every opportunity to boost bowling and, incidentally, be in tip-top shape for the state tournament of Illinois, in which a state champion of SSCU lodges is to be determined.

Bro. John L. Jevitz Jr., member of the National Athletic Board, is working hard on the program outlined at the Athletic Conference. Games with lodges of other fraternal denominations than our own are scheduled. On Sunday, Jan. 25, the game between the No. 66, SSCU, and KSKJ No. 2 drew a large crowd of rooters, and merited sufficient importance to have the results of the game published on top of the page of the Joliet Evening Herald-News, daily newspaper. A reprint of the article is made below.

JSKJ. TEAM SCORES HIGH IN PIN CONTEST

Joliet J. S. K. J. No. 66 bowling team of the West Side League, contender for the national bowling honors in the J. S. K. J. organization, defeated the K. S. K. J. team No. 2 yesterday afternoon on the Alamo alleys.

A large crowd watched the contest, which was decided by the slender margin of 34 pins.

Gregorash led the winners to victory with a total of 627 maps to his credit. The next series will be rolled on the Hub alleys, Sunday, Feb. 8.

J. S. K. J. NO. 66			
Ramuta	186	212	155
Gregorash	196	229	202
Kobe	152	178	171
Kubinski	215	168	196
Horwath	167	221	179
Totals	916	1008	903

K. S. K. J. NO. 2			
Papush	195	192	202
Churnovich	136	178	142
Lilek	198	191	199
Borich	185	163	197
Kostelee	230	213	192
Totals	944	937	912

The Spirit of George Washington Lodge

VALENTINE DANCE FEB. 14

Cleveland, O.—Be sure you don't make a date for the big night Saturday, Feb. 14, as the George Washington Lodge, No. 180, SSCU, is sponsoring a Valentine dance. Preparations have been made by members who are always interested in the "Presidents" and their activities, and who are constantly trying to bring out a bigger and better appearance of the lodge and SSCU. This dance is going to be great.

Three outstanding members have planned for the Valentine dance weeks ahead and have rendered valuable service to our lodge on all occasions, and are as follows: Frank "Samson" Drobnic, vice president and manager of the powerful Tree Choppers' bowling quintet; Joseph Jaklich, president, and Angela Levstec, treasurer. Other members have done their part in carrying on the activities of our lodge.

Lower hall of the Slovenian National Home will be the scene of many a happy couple next Saturday. Music will be furnished by Johnny Gribbons and his radio broadcasters. Mr. Gribbons belongs to the staff of WJAY broadcasting station of Cleveland.

Decorations will be attractive, but why tell you about it. Just come and see for yourself.

A cordial invitation is extended to all SSCU members and friends of this vicinity. The date, lest you forget, is Feb. 14. I'll meet you there.

The Washington bowling team has done more than its share to advertise the lodge. They have managed to fight their way against fourteen lodge teams belonging to different denominations in the Inter-Lodge League, and are holding second place, separated by the Spartans, league leaders. The keggers, Sam Drobnic, Ox Kromar, Birch Kromar, Johnny Arko, Frank Opalek and Lindy Kotnik, are a combination that is hard to beat.

Sunday, Feb. 1, the Sokol bowlers bowled three times in defeat to our bowling team that made a record score of 3119. Lindy Kotnik led his teammates with a series of 800, consisting of 254, 258 and 288. These Presidents are certainly getting serious. Will they be at the dance? And how!

Likewise the spunky George Washington basketball lasses, with tough luck facing them, have pushed through obstacles big and small. They just refuse to get discouraged, even when all hope is against them. Bravely they have been cheering and encouraging one another. Such is the spirit of the Washington girls.

Jennie Gorencic, plucky forward and star player, is to be admired for her bravery and coolness as well as for her ability in sinking baskets. Twice she has fainted from fatigue and rough playing of the rival teams, but to no avail. She just refuses to be discouraged, and has made up her mind to score from two to six points in each game, at least. Her ability as a defensive player is excellent.

Leona Lukek, Angela Hlabse, Anna Jaklich, Lillie Shenk and Mary Kreble

LINDY KOTNIK SCORES 744 IN OHIO S. S. C. U. ELIMINATION SERIES BETSY ROSS WIN BY 2 PINS

Lindy Makes 1544 Pins in Six Games of Bowling, for What May Be World Record

To some Feb. 1, 1931, was just another day. But not to Lindy Kotnik, star bowler of the George Washington Lodge, No. 180, SSCU, bowling quintet. It was a red letter day for Lindy, as he SCORED 1544 PINS IN SIX GAMES, AN AVERAGE OF 257. This record will go far in the history of Slovenian bowlers, some of whom consider it a WORLD RECORD. Lindy will have something to talk about even to his grandchildren. In the six games rolled, three in the afternoon and three in the evening, he made 55 STRIKES, 9 SPARES, 4 SPLITS and 1 MISS.

The editorial staff of the New Era wishes to congratulate Lindy Kotnik on his great achievement.

G. W.'s Almost Snatch Victory From Flashes

GORENCIC STARS AGAIN IN INTER-FRAT TILT

Jean Gorencic starred again in the George Washington-Flashes bout of last Wednesday, Jan. 28, although the Cherry Tree Choppers were defeated, the score being 14 to 10 in favor of the Flashes. At the end of the half the score was 11 to 2 for the Flashes, but in the second half the George Washingtons (No. 180, SSCU) made a splendid rally, chalking up eight additional points, and the Flashes three. The Red and Blue kept playing a fast game through the last half, and had there been more time would undoubtedly have edged over the Flashes.

Julia Bouha and Anna Jaklich distinguished themselves again by their effective guarding of the fast Flash forwards, while Leona Lukek, center, held her own against Fran Malovrh. Jean Gorencic proved to be the thorn in the Flash side by running up six points for the Cherry Tree Choppers. Mary Kreble kept the Flash guard busy looking after her, while Tillie Shenk, our up-and-coming cager, displayed some neat floor work, besides contributing two points to the G. W.'s. The remaining two points were made by Leona Lukek.

Until now the Washingtons have been holding their weekly practice on Monday nights at the Willson Junior High School gym, but for the remaining part of the season they will practice at the St. Clair Bathhouse gym on Mondays from 6 to 7.

In the other games the Comrades got a last-minute victory over the Progressives, the score being 18 to 13.

The Spartans also gave in to the St. Ann Blonds, 17 to 13, while the Silver Masks took over the Sokols, the undefeated champs up to the present, in a thrilling game, ending in a victory for the Masks, the score being 17 to 13.

ANGELA HLABSE,
No. 180, SSCU.

Indians are Chicago S. S. C. U. Champions

The Indians beat the Illini Stars for the championship of Chicago in the S. S. C. U. Basketball League Monday, Jan. 26, by an overwhelming score of 22 to 8.

The thrills of the game occurred in the first half before the Indians got warmed to their work. The fray started out like a whirlwind, both teams scoring within the first few minutes of play. It was nip and tuck between the Redskins and the Twinklers during the first half, the daring plays and brilliant floorwork of both teams keeping the crowd in a frenzy of excitement. Mraz, the Illini center, dominated his team by ringing up three hoops, while A. Spolar and O. Spolar, the Indian forwards, registered two apiece. The half ended with the Indians leading, 8 to 6.

During the second period the Indians' defense tightened and as a result their opponents were able to break through for only one tally. The machine-like precision of the Redskins' passing enabled W. Hellwig, center, and J. Strand, left guard, to score two baskets apiece, while their teammates, L. Moore, right guard, and O. Spolar, were each credited with a bulleye.

Although the Illini Stars played their best, they were no match for the fast Indians, who made this game their third victory over their opponents, thus entitling them to the city championship.

The Chicago champs will play the Comrades of Waukegan for the championship of Illinois in the near future.

If you cannot trust wholly, trust not at all. Seemingly, this is a very harsh rule, but it has the advantage of being a very safe one.

constitute the rest of the Chopperettes basketball team. Of course, they will appear at the dance.

Sammy Richter and Frank Faltich, coach and manager, respectively, of the girls' combine, are also members of the boys' basketball team. Although the George Washington Lodge does not number an excess of members, still their interest in all lodge activities is hard to beat. A membership campaign is going on now that should swell the number considerably. Come and join us in the merry-making.

JULIA BOUHA,
Secretary.

Editor's note: Julia Bouha is captain of the G. W. girls' basketball team and, although too modest to say anything for herself, she plays the game clean and hard. As captain, Julia has put the right kind of spirit in the girls, and incidentally has greatly improved her basketball ability over that of last year.

* Amid all this excitement, the Cherry Tree Choppers took the first series from the Collinwood Boosters, No. 188, SSCU, by a score of 2815 to 2666. Kr

